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ITALY

BROADCASTING STATION IS PROPOSED

720 PLANE

SETS RECORD

A group record was established by 720th plane 261, when it recently completed its fortieth mission without an early return or engine change.

The record was formerly held by 'Pistol Packin Mama' at 39 missions. "Mama" went down on her fortieth, however.

M/Sgt Homer Wilson, Sgt James Berg and Cpl Eugene Commeau the crew of 261, believe that she will go on to new heights. Wilson said, "The ship is in as good shape as ever. Some claim luck plays a great part in the life of a ship, but I think that good daily maintainance has the most influence."

261 was badly shot up on her fortieth mission but broke the jinx and returned safely to set the record.

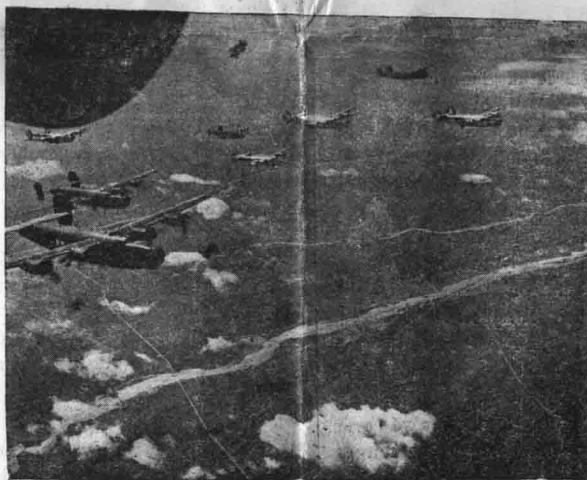
TWINING COMMENDS ACCURACY OF 450

A message of commendation from Major General Twining, 15th AAF, praised the 450th Bomb Group on the bombing attack on the Vesces Airdrome.

The commendation read "the results of the bombing attack..... by the 47th Wing created great destruction and is deserving of the highest praise.... in particular the bombing accuracy and concentrated bomb pattern of the 450 group is superior..... please pass my commendation all participating..."

This commendation was received with elation by the members of this group and is in keeping with the many other mentions the four five zero outfit has received on their bombing accuracy since their arrival in the Italian theatre.

WHITE TAILS AID NEW FRENCH INVASION



Col. Robert R. Gideon, Jr., C.O. of the 450th took his Cottontailed Liberators over the invasion area last Tuesday morning in a raid that made history. The White Tails hit the air at 0200 in pitch darkness on their first night formation for a mission.

McFADDEN PRAISES GROUP DAYROOMS

Dayrooms, clubs and mess halls of the 450th were the recipients of highest praise last week from Captain "Banks" McFadden, Wing Special Service officer.

Capt. McFadden made a tour of all groups under his supervision and was loud in his commendation of the "ingenuity in construction and luxury offered" in our dayrooms.

The inspection was made casually and no unit knew the Captain was coming..... he found everything in excellent shape and said he was proud to have an outfit such as the 450th in his Wing.

HITLER GIVES US FIVE MORE WEEKS AT MOST

Enjoy this war while you can, soldier. Hitler gives you five more weeks!

In five weeks the super-duper man will take his super-bunnies off the defensive and unleash his most "devastating attack" on the invaders of the soil that Germany must protect against "invading mad-men".

Nice of the egg-head to give us the warning...but he forgets that he shouldn't warn the Cottontails. He wiped us off the map way back in February.... at least he said he was going to....and as he admits that he has never told a lie....we are just "the little men who aren't here" we guess. (But this sure ain't heaven....so we must have gone to the other place).

WALSH - O'HARA COMPLETE PLANS

Lt Walsh announced today that, in co-operation with Capt. O'Hara, Group Communications, a radio station for broadcast to this base and surrounding area is being contemplated.

Lt Walsh said that the personnel and the site had been selected, that equipment was available and the assignment of a frequency was expected shortly.

CAPT JACKSON'S BOOKLET VALUABLE

One of the big reasons for the smoothness of operating procedure in the 450th Bomb Group is a small, mimeographed handbook distributed to all crew members by Capt. Thomas W. Jackson, group engineering officer.

This booklet, compiled by Capt. Jackson, sets forth the important procedures which crews must be familiar with to prevent the loss of life and equipment.

The conciseness of the booklet is its power. It does not attempt to tell the reader how to do something, but it does tell them what to learn to do. The knowledge of what to learn is of great importance.

If you are a member of a combat crew you should have this booklet, probably you already have it.... keep it around and look it over often... it will help you check yourself on the problems you should be able to answer.

Congratulations and praise is due Capt. Jackson for this booklet, which is undoubtedly responsible in many cases for the saving of life and equipment in this group.