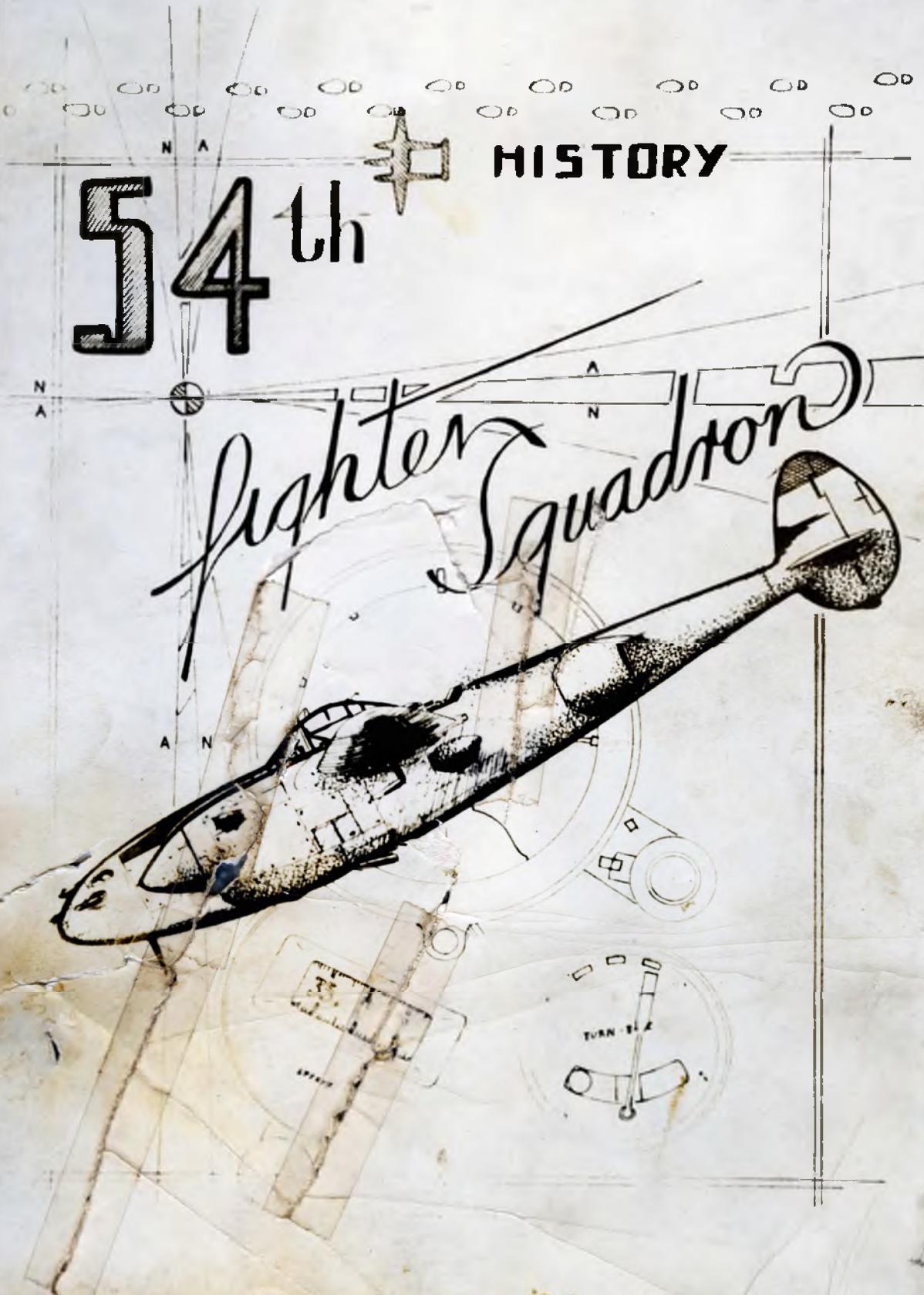


HISTORY

54th

fighter Squadron



The History of the 54th Fighter Squadron as sent each month to Headquarters, Army Air Forces, is by now quite voluminous. Necessarily a condensation of that history must eliminate many details. An attempt has been made to include only changes of station, changes in command, and, if not the most important, at least the most spectacular of the many dangerous and effective missions accomplished by the Squadron. Every effort has been made to include in the Photographic Section as many of the personnel and activities of the squadron as a somewhat limited file of pictures would permit. But the history of the squadron as well as that of the Aleutian Campaign, the latter being taken from an official Navy version, is as accurate and as complete as the present members of the 54th could make it.

THE 54TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

The 54th Pursuit Squadron, 55th Pursuit Group (on 12 May 1942 changed to 54th Fighter Squadron and on 11 September 1942 reassigned to the 343rd Fighter Group) was activated on 15 January 1941 at - ironically when one thinks where it later was to be stationed - Hamilton Field, California, then one of the "country clubs" of the Air Corps. The original cadre consisted of one officer and twenty-three enlisted men.

The squadron was later to be successively stationed at Portland Air Base, Portland, Oregon; Paine Field, Washington; Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, Alaska; Cold Bay, Alaska; Umnak Island, Alaska; Adak Island, Alaska; Anchitka Island, Alaska; Shemya Island, Alaska, and at the time of this writing on Attu Island, Alaska. Lieutenant (later Major) Thomas W. Jackson assumed command on 1 May 1941, and the squadron was thereafter successively commanded by First Lieutenant Victor E. Walton (14-20 September 1942), Major M. H. Ashkins (20 September 1942 to 27 October 1942), Captain Francis F. Pope (27 October 1942 to 9 January 1943), Captain Morgan A. Giffin (9 January 1943 to 2 April 1943), Captain Harley S. Tawks (2 April 1943 to 18 July 1943), Captain (later Lt. Colonel) William T. Samways (18 July 1943 to 25 July 1945), the present Commanding Officer being Major William H. Ardis who assumed command on the departure of Lt. Colonel Samways.

The move to Portland Air Base came on 21 May 1941 at which time the squadron consisted of four officers and eighty-three enlisted men. Eight months later - on 22 January 1942 - the entire squadron was sent to Paine Field, Washington, from which base the 54th left for overseas duty. Prior to 13 February 1942 our pilots were flying P-40s, P-36s, P-43s, and almost every other type of aircraft which were then being discarded by other units, but on that date dreams materialized, the much-discussed but unproven in battle P-38 had finally come to the 54th. It was this organization - the first P-38 Squadron to be sent overseas - that did as much-if not more-than any other unit in the United States Army Air Forces to prove the versatility and greatness of the graceful and powerful Lightning. Training had now become intensive, for it was now quite apparent that the 54th was definitely committed for almost immediate overseas duty.

The first step in our eventual assignment to combat was a secret reconnaissance mission led by our Commanding Officer to Elmendorf Field on 9 April 1942. By 31 May 1942 the entire squadron was based at that field, from which our first tactical missions were flown. While the most of these were only defensive alerts on which no enemy opposition was encountered, on 4 June 1942 eight 38s escorted B-26s to strike a Japanese carrier force which was reported to be in the area. Bad weather, however, turned the mission back with no success.

Inasmuch as our meager air strength in this theater had to be distributed over as large an area as possible, by the 5 June 1942 the 54th was divided into three elements - Headquarters and one flight at Elmendorf, one flight at Cold Bay, and one flight at Umnak Island. During the period from 21 to 31 July the second part of the Air Echelon departed from Cold Bay for Umnak, and it was while at this base that the squadron won its first tactical victories. On 4 August 1942 Lieutenants Long and Ambrose, two of a flight of six 38s, shot down two four-engine Japanese Flying Boats near Adak Island.

By the middle of September 1942 the squadron had completed its first permanent change of station - this time to Adak Island, the first part of the Air Echelon having arrived on the island on 31 August 1942, the first United States Army Air Forces troops to land there.

3 September 1942 marked the day of the squadrons first tactical mission to the Japanese stronghold at Kiska. Of the five 38s that took part in that mission (bomber escort) only two managed to reach Kiska Harbor, however - Lieutenants Walton and Laven. These two pilots wrought havoc on both Japanese fleet and land units and secured information which proved invaluable on later missions. The first major and coordinated attack against Kiska from our base at Adak was made on 14 September 1942 when fourteen 38s took off, four of which were to be used as top cover for bombers. Lieutenants Mills, Gardner, and Laven all received official victories of one Japanese zero each on that day, but the squadron had no reason for great rejoicing for on that day on the same mission Major Jackson and Lieutenant Crowe were killed when their planes collided in mid-air.

Anti-aircraft fire over Kiska was getting progressively heavier all the time, and on October 14, 1942 the squadron suffered its first casualty from that type of enemy fire. On that day Lieutenant Stockard's plane was hit on a strafing run. He managed to pull up to about 1500 feet and bailed out, but by the time a rescue PBV could get to him, the ice cold water of the North Pacific had taken its toll.

9 November 1942 marked a "field day" for the 54th, for on that day a flight of four 38s led by Captain Pope visited the Japs at Holtz Bay, Attu, setting fire to seven single float planes and one twin float plane, strafing ground targets in addition. None of our planes were damaged. The next squadron victory came on 13 February 1943 when Captain Giffin and Lieutenant Moore, two of a flight of four 38s, shot down a Mitsubishi Type "97" Bomber. On the same day Captain Laven and Lieutenant Evans, part of a flight of ten 38s that had gone out as bomber escort, each bagged a zero, Captain Laven getting an additional probable.

The Air Echelon of the 54th departed in C-47s and 38s on 11 March 1943 for the newly completed Amchitka strip, the rest of the squadron following on 30 April 1943.

In May of 1943 it became apparent that Attu would be retaken, and the 54th was ordered to cease all operations against Kiska, Attu becoming, from a fighter standpoint, "our baby". In the briefing for the campaign General Jones (Post Commanding General at Amchitka) told the squadron in effect: "Never before have United States Forces attempted this type of action. The employment of fighter aircraft under these conditions is new. Upon the successful completion of your missions may rest the reputation of the Air Forces - if not in the eyes of the world - certainly in the eyes of the infantry who will be looking to you for help." In six-plane flights we were to maintain a constant daylight patrol over Attu for the protection of our forces from enemy air action and to strafe any objective holding up the ground forces. A B-24 was assigned to each flight as a "mother" ship. The 4th, 5th, and 6th of May were devoted to pre-invasion bombings and strafings of Attu. On 26 May 1943 six 38s, led by the Group Commander, Lt. Colonel Watt, who was shot down in the action, were officially credited with five Betty-type Japanese bombers. Flights conducted against Attu were finally concluded on 4 June 1943 with a 45-minute patrol over the island. During the period of operations against Attu, a total of 282 sorties were flown by planes of this squadron, 30 missions reached the island itself (these missions ranging from 3½ hours to 6 hours), and nineteen tons of bombs were dropped by 38s of the 54th. A valuable victory had been won - though not without a price - and in helping to win it the 54th helped to establish the reputation which the United States Army Air Forces holds over the entire world today for its courage and skill.

Our attentions now reverted to Kiska. Ten missions were flown over that island in July with no aerial combat ensuing and with anti-aircraft fire falling off noticeably toward the end of the month. To avoid having all of our planes grounded by weather on invasion day, ten officers and nineteen enlisted men were sent to Shemya on DS with the 344th Fighter Squadron on 10 August 1943. The last tactical mission flown against Kiska from Amchitka was on 14 August, the day preceding the invasion by Canadian and United States Troops. During the entire Kiska operation 1098 sorties were flown and about 202 tons of bombs were dropped on targets there by this squadron.

On 30 September 1943 another part of the Air Echelon was sent on DS to Attu. In October of that year the squadron had detachments at Shemya and Attu, official headquarters being at Amchitka. On 18 October 1943 the remainder of the squadron embarked for Shemya, but the stay there was short. In November the entire squadron moved to Alexai Point, Attu Island and was firmly entrenched there by the first of the year. From that time on the mission of the 54th was twofold: (1) To defend the area assigned to us from enemy attack by land, sea, or air (2) To prepare ourselves for long range missions to the Kuriles, an offensive operation which was destined to be courageously and effectively carried out by the 25s and 24s of the 11th Air Force.

Alerts from dawn to dusk (20 hours in summer), practice scrambles, practice long range missions, practice gunnery, hour after hour of ground school, fog, rain, snow, Williwaws - - unending, unceasing, heartbreaking monotony and inactivity became the day-after-day routine for the 54th. Kataoka, Kashiwabara, Kakumabetsu, Kurabu Cape, Suribachi - - all important Kuriles targets - became familiar words in the squadron as we tried to make ourselves believe that the 54th would again be used offensively. Eight to ten hour flights in fighter aircraft over freezing water in which it is estimated a man can remain alive only twenty to thirty minutes is not an inviting picture - - inactivity on the part of capable, well-trained pilots who have confidence in their ground crews only seems to make it so. Even an occasional top-cover flight for our North Pacific Fleet returning from a strike at the Kuriles or the shooting down of five Japanese Balloons on one day (13 April 1945) did little to bolster morale - to interrupt the wearisome sameness of Alexai Point, of Attu Island, and of the entire Aleutians. Only after VE day did the squadron take on new life, for indications became strong that finally we would play an active part in the war on the Japanese Homeland. But such was not our destiny; for on the very day that fighter squadron intelligence officers received their briefings and materials from 11th Air Force Operational Headquarters the Japanese surrendered. And so on that 14th day of August 1945, the Fighting 54th - as we were once known - became a peacetime outfit of peace-loving men who had done well their wartime job. Because of the gallant and victorious battles waged with the enemy by some of our former members, because of those of the 54th who have given their lives in the service of their country, because every man of the 54th - no matter what his job - did his job cheerfully and well no organization can be more proud of its contribution to the overall war effort. It is certain that every man was ready - even eager - to carry on in the tradition our former members had left us. That knowledge will forever be a source of satisfaction to us all even though we do at the same time thank God that not all of the 54th had to suffer the privations and heartaches that were the lot of the men who preceded us.

The tribute we all pay to those men of the 54th who paid the supreme sacrifice can be best expressed in the words written into our history on 19 August 1943 by Chaplain Alfred A. Williams of the 343rd Group Headquarters:

"Kiska has fallen. The 54th has done its work and done it well -- tragic cost though that work has extorted. No officer now remains who came with the squadron from the states. Perhaps it will sound out of place, perhaps superfluous, to pay tribute to this squadron, to those men. Perhaps it will sound morose if we call to mind the heroes we speak of as they appeared to us in daily life, stripped of any aura of heroism and remembered as very ordinary men with the faults and idiosyncrasies of men. But precisely therein

lies their high merit - being ordinary Americans they did what every American would want to do - they fought with brave and courageous heart and to them must be given a large share in the certain victory that is ours today as we follow the occupation of our troops to Kiska Island. The waters of the North Pacific and of the Bering Sea meet and coningle once more in peace. The shroud of eternal fog is no longer rent asunder by the stealth of small men. The vast silence of this forbidding clime may yet again be broken by the crashing roar of battle. But we are vowed that never again shall alien foot rest triumphant upon our soil. For these Islands, these waters do not merely belong to us; now they are the graves of our comrades. We pay to the memory of these men our humble, silent, and never forgetting tribute, and as their living comrades depart our midst we bid them Godspeed. And we say to those who leave us "The memory of your deeds will ever inspire those who come to take your places."

Now we can add the conclusion to that great tribute paid by a Chaplain to his men. For now all waters - all lands - and all peoples meet in peace. "Those that came to take your places" have helped to keep the vow that "no alien foot shall rest triumphant upon our soil". The faith with those men of the 54th - and of all our Armed Forces - who gave their lives in this struggle has been kept.

And as we return to our peacetime pursuits - wherever we are in years to come - it is hoped that this memoir of our time in the 54th Fighter Squadron will bring to mind the most pleasant of our experiences - the friends we made - the spirit of comradeship and loyalty to each other that we uninterruptedly kept - and that those memories and others that we might have will make each of us strive to the end that our sons and theirs - without loss of honor - may spend their efforts in peaceful pursuits without a temporary suspension such as was forced upon us by the Germans, the Italians, and the Japanese.

THE ALEUTIAN CAMPAIGN

- 3 JUNE 1942: Simultaneously with their attack on Midway, the Japanese attacked Dutch Harbor and nearby Fort Mears, a total of about fifteen fighters and thirteen bombers participating in the raid.
- 4 JUNE 1942: Ten fighters and nineteen bombers again attacked Dutch Harbor. Shore installations at Fort Glenn, Unalak Island, were also strafed by Japanese fighters.
- 11 JUNE 1942: By this time it had become apparent that Attu and Kiska had been invaded by the Japanese.
- 14 JUNE 1942: Japanese bomb Nazan Bay, Atka.
- 30 JUNE 1942: It now became apparent that, probably because of their repulse at Midway, any major striking force which the Japanese had in the Western Aleutians had returned to its bases in the Empire.
- 7 AUG. 1942: United States Surface Fleet bombards Kiska.
- 30 AUG. 1942: United States Forces land on Adak. No enemy opposition encountered.
- 12 SEPT. 1942: Runway at Adak completed.
- 17 DEC. 1942: United States Reconnaissance Forces visit Amchitka. Evidence was found of previous Japanese visits to that island.
- 12 JAN. 1943: United States Forces occupy Amchitka. No enemy opposition encountered.
- 17 FEB. 1943: P-38s and F-40s start operating from strip on Amchitka, ending enemy light bombings of that island.
- 18 FEB. 1943: United States Surface Fleet shell Chicagof Harbor and Holtz Bay at Attu.
- 3 MARCH 1943: United States Theater Commander tables Kiska invasion plan, substituting the Attu invasion plan in its stead.
- 26 MAR. 1943: The Battle of the Komandorskis between units of the Japanese Fleet and units of the United States Fleet took place on this day. A superior, numerically speaking, Japanese Force was turned back although our units suffered extensive damage.
- 26 APR. 1943: Holtz Bay and Chicagof Harbor, Attu, bombarded by units of the United States Fleet.

11 MAY 1943: United States Forces land on Attu. The main forces landed in two thrusts in the Massacre Bay area and two thrusts west of the Holtz Bay area, one reconnaissance platoon landing near Alexai Point. The American northern and southern forces joined on 17 May, pushing the Japanese back into the Chicagoof Harbor area. The landing phase was completed on 19 May. On 20 May the Japanese launched a counter attack up Chicagoof Valley, proceeding as far south as Engineer Hill. This attack, though repulsed, resulted in numerous casualties on both sides. On the 21 May the capture of Attu was complete except for incidental mopping up operations. Casualties for the United States were Killed - 652, wounded - 1140; for the Japanese Killed - 2350, Prisoners - 24. It is interesting to note that the U. S. High Command's estimate of the Japanese Garrison, for planning purposes, on Attu was 1507. No enemy surface ships are thought to have run the gantlet to Attu after the Battle of the Komandorskis on 28 March. At the time of the United States invasion of the island, the Japanese were on half rations.

30 MAY 1943: Shemya occupied by United States Troops. No enemy opposition encountered.

9 JUNE 1943: One of what was later to be two airstrips at Alexai Point on Attu was completed, the United States Forces having decided to abandon the strip which the Japanese had partially completed in the Holtz Bay area.

15 AUG. 1943: Kiska invaded by United States forces. It was found to have been abandoned by the Japanese on or about what is believed to have been 22 July 1943.

"With the departure of the last Japanese from Kiska, the Aleutians Campaign may be said to have ended. But there was no cessation of the arduous, unspectacular effort which had brought success after nearly 15 months. The bitter battle against the weather went on as usual. Bases still had to be completed, and air facilities had to be improved and expanded for operations against the auriles. The antilimactic character of the invasion of Kiska, while disappointing because our forces, well-prepared at last, were prevented from coming to grips with the enemy, was compensated by lives saved and lessons learned under conditions which were nearly those of combat. The withdrawal of the Japanese without a fight was unfortunate in one sense, however. It presented us with a false picture of what might be expected from the enemy when the odds were hopelessly against him. Instead of fighting to the death, as at Attu, he had faded into the fog without a struggle. But Attu, and not Kiska, was to be the pacesetter of the future."

Note 1: Quote taken from a Combat Narrative of The Aleutians Campaign, published by the Office of Naval Intelligence, U. S. Navy.

ALBRIGHT, RALPH N.	1st Lt	Tipton, Indiana
ALFANO, GEORGE	1st Lt	Boulder Creek, California
ALLMAN, CONRAD, S.	1st Lt	Alexandria, Virginia
AMBROSE, KENNETH W.	1st Lt	Berkeley, California, (Air Medal)
ANDERSON, DELYNN E.	1st Lt	Stearns, Kentucky
ARCHER, THOMAS	2nd Lt	Middleboro, Massachusetts
ARDIS, WILLIAM, H.	Major	South Bend, Texas
ASHKINS, MILTON P.	Major	Not Available (DFC)
AXELSON, ALVIN L.	1st Lt	Virginia, Minnesota
BAKER, ROBERT N.	1st Lt	Washington, D.C. (DFC, Air Medal)
BANKS, WARREN B.	2nd Lt	Philadelphia, Pa. (DFC, OLC to DFC, Air Medal)
BEAN, LYLE, A.	Capt.	Forest, Illinois, (Air Medal, DFC)
BENEDICT, TRUL	2nd Lt	Anaheim, California
BELL, ELDERED N.	Capt	St. Louis, Missouri
BELL, PERRY H.	2nd Lt	Chattanooga, Tenn.
BIRD, RICHARD	2nd Lt	Los Angeles, California
BLOOM, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.	Drew, Mississippi
BISHOP, FREDRICK, ELMO.	2nd Lt.	Glenwood, Iowa
BLOMQUIST, RALPH L.	1st Lt	Sacramento, California
BOEYKENS, HENRY L.	2nd Lt	Chicago, Illinois
BOOZER, REX H.	2nd Lt	Valleyford, Washington
BRACEY, RICHARD M.	1st Lt	Thomasville, Georgia (DFC)
BRADLEY, THBO D.	Major	Beatrice, Nebraska
BRAUN, EDMUND M.	1st Lt	Kew Gardens, New York
BRENNAN, ARTHUR J.	2nd Lt	Minneapolis, Minn. (Air Medal)
BRIMHALL, PRESTON B.	2nd Lt	Idaho Falls, Idaho
BRITTON, WARREN A.	E/O	Brooklyn, New York
BRUTTOMESSO, VICENT J.	2nd Lt	Domarest, New Jersey
BRYSON, GUY L.	Capt.	Sulphur Springs, Texas
CAMP, HUMPHREY, W.	1st Lt	Long Beach, California (Air Medal)
CARISS, MELVIN, G.	2nd Lt	Granite City, Illinois
CARTER, ROGER M.	Capt.	Sherman, Texas (DFC)
CATLIN, WILLIAM R.	2nd Lt.	Morrisan, New York
CHESSMAN, DONALD J.	2nd Lt	Carson, Washington
CLARK, FRANK M.	1st Lt.	Highland Park, Michigan (DFC)
CLEMENS, MICHAEL L.	1st Lt.	San Francisco, Calif. (DFC, Air Medal)
COAPMAN, LINCOLN, A.	1st Lt.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
COTTEN, SAMUEL I.	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California
CRAWFORD, ROBERT G.	2nd Lt.	Ogden, Utah
CRITZ, JAMES, E.	1st Lt.	Fayetteville, Arkansas
CROWE, DEWEY E.	2nd Lt.	Johnson City, Tennessee
CRUTCHFIELD, JAMES F.	2nd Lt.	Gracerville, Fla. (Air Medal, DFC)
DAILEY, WAYNE	2nd Lt.	Huntington Park, Calif.
DANAHER, JAMES E.	1st Lt.	Wichita Falls, Texas
DAVIS, MARION M.	2nd Lt.	Nashville, Tenn. (Air Medal)
DONATELLO, DOMENIC G.	Capt.	E. Milton, Mass.
DOYLE, MATTHEW J. JR.	1st Lt.	Lawrence, Mass.
DRYSDALE, ALEXANDER T.	1st Lt.	Washington D.C.
DUEROCK, ROY A.	E/O	Meridian, Idaho
DUFFY, LAWRENCE W.	1st Lt.	Bishop, Calif. (DFC, OLC to DFC, Air Medal)
DUFFY, JAMES M.	1st Lt.	Bishop, Calif. (DFC, OLC to DFC, Air Medal)

ELSENER, BRYON, D.	2nd Lt.	Chicago, Illinois (Air Medal)
ESTEY, ELBERT S.	Capt.	West Union, Iowa
EVANS, CHARLES B.	2nd Lt.	Branford, Conn.
EVANS, ALMA F.	1st Lt.	Kansas City, Missouri (DFC)
EWING, CLAIR E.	Capt.	Blue Rapids, Kansas
FANYO, WILLIAM B. JR.	2nd Lt.	Peoria, Illinois
FARLEY, JOHN D.	2nd Lt.	So. Pasadena, California
FIEFIELD, GLEM E.	2nd Lt.	Norco, California
FISHER, STANLEY, F.	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California
FOSS, ROBERT W.	2nd Lt.	Fullerton, California
FRIEDMAN, FRANK N.	Capt.	University City, Missouri, (Air Medal, OLC to Air Medal)
GARCIA, LUIS	2nd Lt.	Seattle, Washington
GARDNER, RICHARD B.	1st Lt.	Salt Lake City, Utah. (Purple Heart, Air Medal)
GARVER, RICHARD M.	2nd Lt.	Phoenix, Arizona
GATES, JONATHAN, A.	F/O	Sedalia, Missouri.
GEDDES, JOHN K.	1st Lt.	Altadena, California, (Purple Heart, DFC, Air Medal, 2 OLC to Air Medal)
GEISS, FERDINAND, W.	Capt.	Cleveland, Ohio
GIFFIN, MORGAN A.	Major	San Antonio, Texas (Air Medal, DFC)
GILBERT, LEROY A.	1st Lt.	Ft. Worth, Texas
GOLIN, TED	F/O	Los Angeles, California
GORMAN, JOHN J.	2nd Lt.	El Paso, Texas
GREMAN, ROBERT W.	2nd Lt.	Sterling, Illinois (Air Medal, DFC)
HAFTERSON, BEN A.	2nd Lt.	Tacoma, Washington
HALGREN, DAVID A.	2nd Lt.	Salt Lake City, Utah.
HASENFUS, HERBERT W.	1st Lt.	Columbus, Wisconsin (DFC)
HAMNER, ALBERT P.	Capt.	Osola, Alabama
HEDLUND, CLIFFORD EARL	Capt.	Chappell, Nebraska, (Air Medal, DFC, OLC to Air Medal)
HELGESON, HAVLIN E.	2nd Lt.	Jonesville, Wisconsin.
HIGGINS, HARRY, C.	2nd Lt.	Santa Monica, California. (Air Medal, OLC to Air Medal)
HODGES, KENNETH S.	Capt.	Los Angeles, California (Air Medal)
HOLMES, MURRY, J.	2nd Lt.	Valentine, Nebraska.
HOWARD, ROBERT I.	2nd Lt.	Not available. (Air Medal)
HORNBERGER, JACOB	Capt.	San Antonio, Texas.
HUMPHREYS, HERMAN G.	1st Lt.	Parker, Idaho. (Air Medal, DFC)
HUSTEAD, ARTHUR P.	Capt.	Los Angeles, California (DFC)
HYDE, MARSHALL E.	1st Lt.	Royal Oak, Mich. (Air Medal, DFC)
JACKSON, JOHN S. JR.	Capt.	Chicago, Illinois.
JACKSON, THOMAS W.	Major	Sioux City, Iowa
JAMIESON, ALEX C.	2nd Lt.	Cleveland, Ohio
JENNINGS, RICHARD E.	Capt.	Dallas, Texas
JOHNSON, CLYDE, CONRAD	2nd Lt.	Littlerock, California
JOHNSON, ROBERT D.	1st Lt.	Jonesboro, Arkansas
JONES, HUBERT, A.	Capt.	Boise, Idaho
JUNGBAUER, EDWARD P.	Capt.	St. Paul, Minnesota.
KANE, WYATT F.	2nd Lt.	Alhambra, California
KAUFFMAN, DONALD G.	Capt.	Hillsboro, Wisconsin (OLC to Air Medal)
KYSER, ARTI L.	2nd Lt.	Elm Grove, W. Virginia (Silver

KEITH, ELMER L. JR.	2nd Lt.	Harrison, Ohio (Air Medal)
KELSEY, MAVIS, P.	F/O	Portland, Oregon
KERCHER, EDWARD A.	2nd Lt.	Lafayette, Ind.
KIDDER, ARTHUR W. JR.	Capt	Denver, Colorado
KRENYTSKY, STEPHEN N.	Capt	Butler, Pa. (Air Medal)
LAWLER, JOHN D.	Capt	Houston, Texas
LANNOME, ROBERT A.	Capt.	Green Bay, Wisconsin
LARSON, JOHN T.	2nd Lt.	Los Angeles, California. (DFC, Air Medal)
LEVINE, LLOYD, L.	2nd Lt.	Hollywood, California.
LAVEN, GEORGE, JR.	Capt.	San Antonio, Texas (DSC, DFC, Air Medal, OLC to Air Medal)
LEIGHTON, JOHN A.	2nd Lt.	Freeport, Long Island.
LEVINSON, ROBERT HARRY	2nd Lt.	San Leandro, California
LEVY, SIMON ELI.	2nd Lt.	Columbus, Georgia
LINEHAN, JOHN R.	Capt.	Spokane, Washington
LIVESAY, JOHN W.	2nd Lt.	Fort Worth, Texas.
LONG, STANLEY, A.	1st Lt.	Marquette, Michigan. (DFC, OLC to DFC, Air Medal, OLC to Air Medal.)
LYCAN, JOSEPH M.	Capt.	Houston, Texas.
MACDOUGALL, DAVID C.	2nd Lt.	Greeley, Colorado
MACGUIRE, PHILIP, F.	Capt.	New York, New York
MACKEY, JOHN S.	2nd Lt.	Ansley, Nebraska
MCLEAN, WALLACE B.	Capt.	Miles City, Montana.
MALOOF, RALPH P.	2nd Lt.	San Bernardino, California.
MARTIN, EDWARD J. JR.	2nd Lt.	E. Jarvis, Michigan.
MARTIN, GLEN B.	1st Lt.	Hayti, Missouri. (Air Medal).
MASON, WILLIAM H.	2nd Lt.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
MATTHEWS, RALPH D.	Capt.	Cando, North Dakota, (Silver Star)
MCCARTHY, EDWARD R.	1st Lt.	Eureka, California. (Air Medal, OLC to Air Medal)
MCCOY, FREDERICK	1st Lt.	Darlington, Oklahoma.
MCDONALD, ROBERT L.	Capt.	Reno, Nevada. (Air Medal, DFC).
MELMAN, SAMUEL	WOJG	St. Louis, Missouri
MICHAEL, ROBERT D.	2nd Lt.	Fort Dodge, Iowa
MIDDLETON, FREDERICK D.	2nd Lt.	Not Available.
MIGL, JOSEPH M.	Major.	Seguin, Texas. (Air Medal)
MILLARD, HOWARD W.	Capt.	Ypsilanti, Michigan. (Air Medal, DFC, OLC to Air Medal)
MILLER, DONALD E.	1st Lt.	Spokane, Washington
MILLS, HAWLEY, P.	1st Lt.	Seattle, Washington. (Air Medal)
MINTON, GLENN W.	1st Lt.	Muscataine, Iowa
MITCHELL, FINIS A.	1st Lt.	Sweetwater, Oklahoma
MOLLER, ROBERT W.	1st Lt.	Bremerton, Washington
MOLNER, ALBERT Y.	1st Lt.	Readenton, Florida.
MONAHAN, JOHN D.	Capt.	Superior, Arizona
MORSE, FREDERICK JR.	1st Lt.	Charlotte, N. C. (Air Medal, DFC, OLC to Air Medal, OLC to DFC.)
MOORE, ELDON, O.	2nd Lt.	Portland, Oregon.
MORGAN, JOHN K.	Capt.	Cumberland, Maryland.
MORRIS, NORMAN E.	F/O	Carlsbad, New Mexico.
MRLZEK, EMIL A.	1st Lt.	Lyons, Illinois. (Air Medal, DFC).
MURRAY, ROBERT H.	1st Lt.	Millwood, Georgia.

NAGLER, HERBERT J.	Capt.	Philadelphia, Pa.
NEEL, ROBERT W.	2nd Lt.	None available.
NEIGHBORS, ALVA S.	Capt.	Los Angeles, California.
NESCOTT, LEWIS J.	1st Lt.	Donora, Pennsylvania
NESMITH, ROBERT L.	2nd Lt.	Harvey, Illinois
NICHOLSON, GEORGE A.	Capt.	Pringhar, Iowa
NOCENTI, LEO J.	Capt.	Cliffside Park, New Jersey
NORDGREN, ORVILLE J.	1st Lt.	Scobey, Montana
NULTY, ROBERT F.	F/O	Santa Monica, California
O'HALLARON, ROBERT J.	1st Lt.	Webster, Missouri
OFFIDO, ANTONIO C.	Capt.	Newark, New Jersey
ORDWAY, FRANCIS, L.	1st Lt.	Los Angeles, California.
O'ROURKE, PHILIP F.	2nd Lt.	Belmont, Massachusetts
ORTALI, ALFANSO, L.	2nd Lt.	Youngstown, Ohio.
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PLATT, WILLIAM R.	PFC		
PLEAS, TOM J.	SGT	SAKSHAUG, LAWRENCE T.	S/SGT
POIRIER, WILLIAM E.	PVT	SALVADORI, GINO PL.	CPL
POLLMAN, ALFRED J.	S/SGT	SAMSON, SAM	SGT
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RANA, PETER R.	PFC	SEFCIK, WLATER H.	CPL
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REISCHL, CLARENCE F.	PFC		

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STOLAREK, VICTOR M.	SGT		
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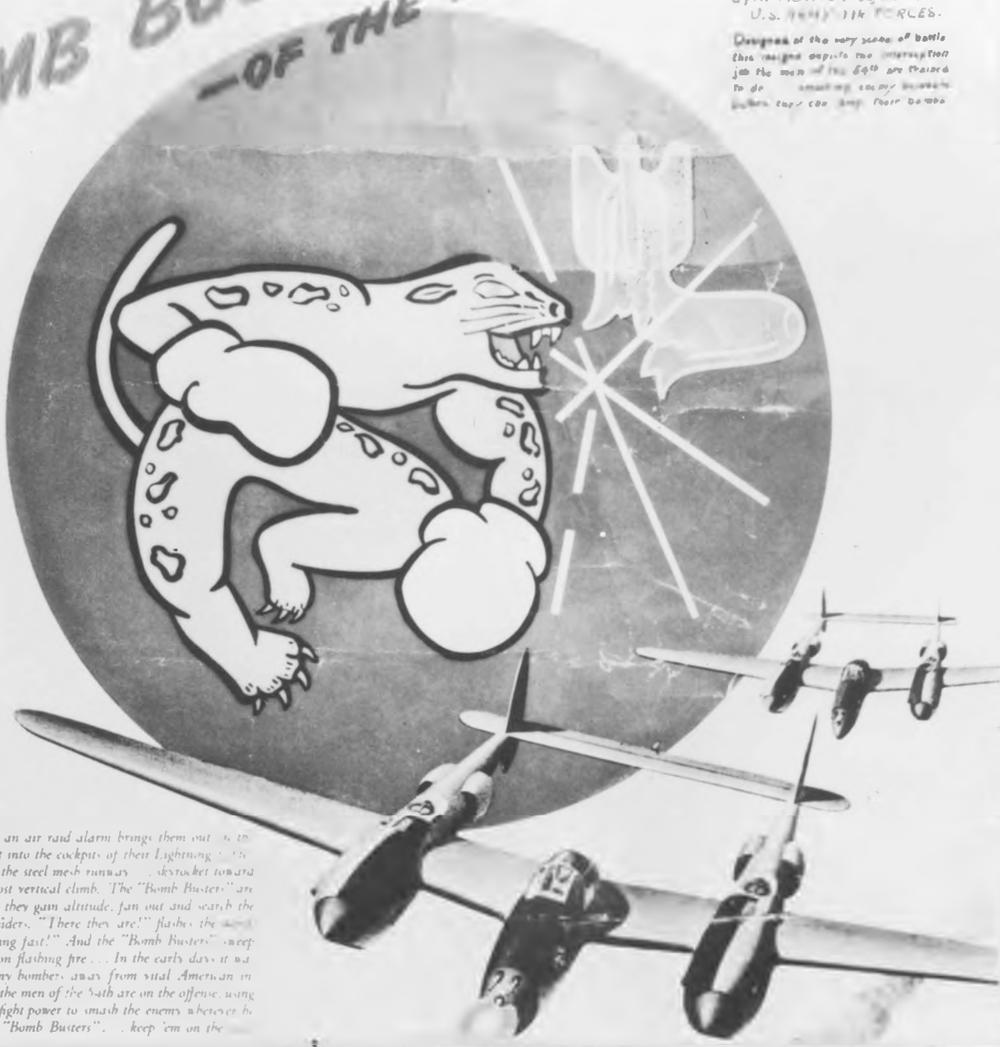
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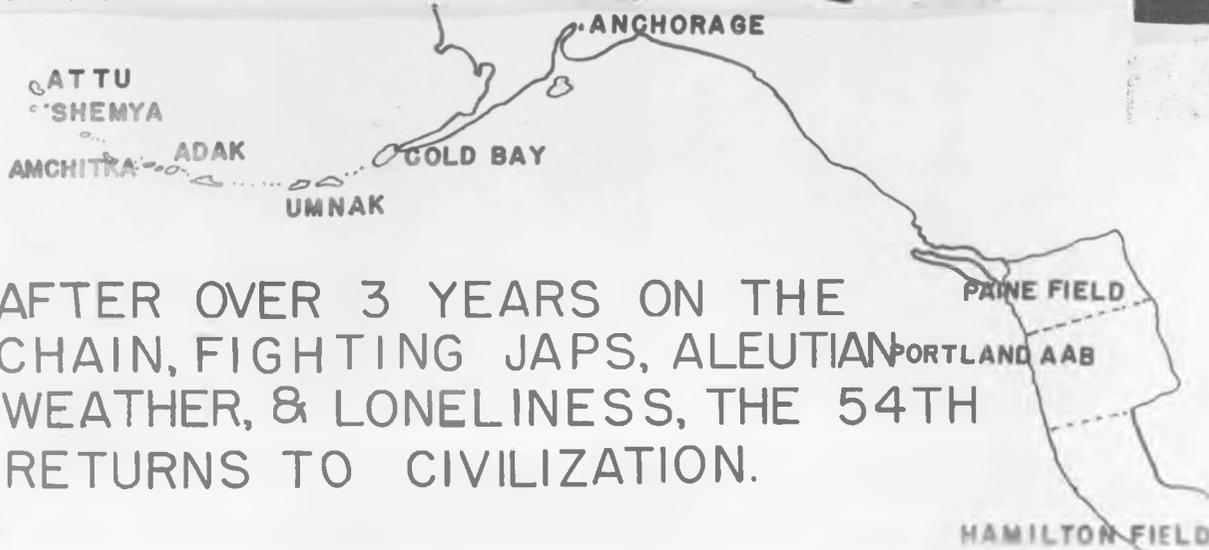
BOMB BUSTERS -OF THE AAF

OFFICIAL INSIGNIA
54TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES

Designed at the very scene of battle
this insignia depicts the interception
job the men of the 54th are trained
to do - smashing enemy bombers
before they can drop their bombs



The shrill screech of an air raid alarm brings them out in a dead run. They vault into the cockpits of their Lightning fighter planes... taxi down the steel mesh runway... skyrocket toward the clouds in an almost vertical climb. The "Bomb Busters" are at it again! Swiftly, they gain altitude, fan out and search the sky for the enemy raiders. "There they are!" flashes the word "Nine o'clock! Coming fast!" And the "Bomb Busters" sweep to attack, their cannon flashing fire... In the early days, it was defense, keeping enemy bombers away from vital American installations. Today, the men of the 54th are on the offense, using their fire power and fight power to smash the enemy wherever he digs in. Keep it up, "Bomb Busters"... keep 'em on the



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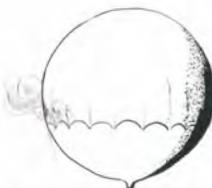
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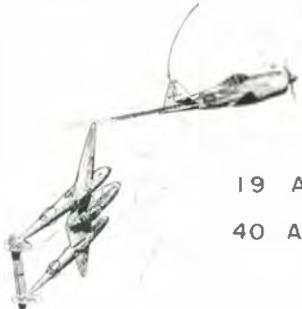
GUN EMPLACEMENTS
KNOCKED OUT



5 BALLOONS DESTROYED



9 PILOTS RESCUED FROM PACIFIC WATERS



19 A/C DESTROYED
40 A/C DAMAGED



10 VESSELS DAMAGED (Excluding smallcrafts)



26 AIRCRAFT LOST ON TACTICAL MISSIONS THROUGH ALL CAUSES

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
CROSS (ARMY)



2

SILVER STAR



2

DISTINGUISHED
FLYING CROSS



38

AIR MEDAL



56

SOLDIER'S MEDAL



2

PURPLE HEART



3

MEDALS WON BY BOMBUSTERS



ASIATIC-PACIFIC
CAMPAIGN



BRONZE (BATTLE) STAR



BRIG. GEN. W. E. DUNKELBERG
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MAJ. GEN. J. D. BROOKS
C.G. - IITH AIR FORCE



BRIG. GEN. H. A. JOHNSON
DEPUTY C.G. - OPERATIONS - IITH A F
C.G. - ADV. C.P. - IITH A F



COLONEL J. B. BUCK
C.O. - ATTU ARMY AIR BASE



LT. COL. W. T. SAMWAYS
C.O. - 54TH FIGHTER SQDN.
JULY, 1943 - JULY, 1945



COLONEL R. H. JONES
C.O. - 343RD FIGHTER GP



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RICHARDS SAMWAYS SCOTT SEGERBERG SHEARIN SHOLTZ SMITH



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BISHOP, BIRD, YOCUM, NESMITH, PREBLE,
SOLTIS, RECORDS, RANELS, TERRY,
BRITTON, RUMPLIK.



BENEDICT



HAMNER, LAWLER, TROUSDALE,
SMITH, O'HALLORAN, HORNBERGER
MELMAN, JENNINGS.



BLACK



TAYLOR, PETTERS, DOYLE, WITTER
KANE, SHEEHAN, WILSON, PALMER.



KIDDER



BRIMHALL



FARLEY, BOOZER, MACGUIRE, RANKIN, ZODY,
ROBINSON, REES, SPROUL, MORRIS.
"LADY & BONES"



BRUTTOMESSO



MAJOR W.A. ARDIS
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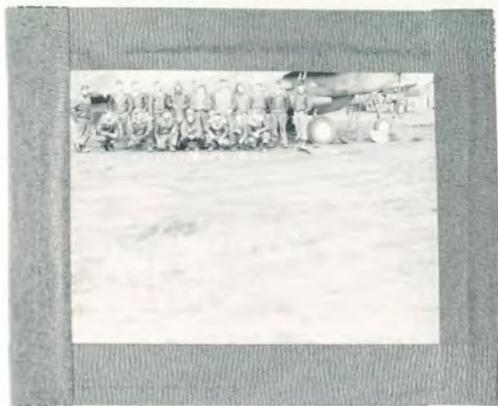
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FIRST SOLDIER



"A" FLIGHT



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MESS STAFF

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MEDICS



S-2 & OPERATIONS



SUPPLY



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"D" FLIGHT



"C" FLIGHT



TECH SUPPLY



"B" FLIGHT



CHELLEL, FLYNN, SZCZESNY,
KOSZEWNICK, ABRAHAMS



CASTILLO, FISHER, AVERINOS,
FRENCH, LE DUKE, CAMPOLONGO.



TIMMINS, REAGAN, DALE,
SMITH, McMULLIN.



WATKINS, PAUKSTIS, COLLINS,
STILWELL, MARINO, MAVES
ANDRICH, BEST.



YOUNG, ALTIS, FLEMING, LOGAN
HYDE, LACOUNT, CAVIOLO,
RHODES, AUSTIN.



WEIL NAU, PEDERSON, OLDFATHER,
KEMPSKI, PRATT, TEAGUE,
MAGPHAIL, FERRARA, MODEEN.



JACKSON, BURK, RINEHART,
LAMPKIN, PRUSKI, SALVADORI,
PETERS.



LAMBERT, MORRISON, YOUNG,
HARTLEY, SHANE.



MINTER, JONASON, WHEELER,
KELLY, RISTAU, GARNER,
ROBERTSON.



ALBER, HARCHER, JOHNSON,
MORRISON, ANDERSON, ALLEN,
HILDEBRAND.



FRIEDMAN, RENTSCH, JOZWICK,
CHLOPAK, ECHOLS, BLACKHAM,
ADAMS.



SEFCIK, PIGHINI, INGLE, WALSH,
SULLIVAN, MASTERSON, HECK,



NANCE, MACDONALD, BARBER,
CORL, LARSON, EASTWOOD, SAYLORS,
GILMAN



THURSTON, DALEGOWSKI,
MATHISON, PHILLIPS,
BALLANTONI, JACOBSEN,
BUNTING, NEWTON.



BRYANT, HAYES, NELSON, ECKMAN,
MORRELLI, JACKSON, WILLIAMS,
BARBER





LANOUX, ZACCAGNINI, HOFFMAN,
FISHER, SARENPA, CURRAN,
CROSS, SLENES.



BENGE, LINKOWSKI, MOSER, HOWE,
QUALLS, EPPERSON, WILSON,
LENINGTON.



WOOD, SCHOOLCRAFT, STUTZMAN,
LAREY, THOMPSON,
MACCUTCHION, ALGERS,
LACROIX



BOONE, NEIL, WHITTLE,
WEITERSHAUSEN, TRACY,
REDEMAN, WILSON,
GEDELL, MELLON.



VILLALBA, POIRIOR, OGDEN,
MILLEN, O'CONNOR.



MILLER, GLANDEN, ALMERGOTTI,
WILKINSON, DEARDORFF,
KINGSFATHER.



DANDENEAU, MCGEE, MARSH,
TULLY, MCDONALD, MARTIN,
MAUCH, BOLLES.



WILCOX, FOSTER, CARPIO, CASEY,
KOTOLOSKI, FRAIDENBURGH,
MARTINO.



MONICAL, WALSH, ELVE CROG,
CLARK, DANDREA, ALLEN, FOY.



LOVINE, WETZEL, STEWART, LUCAS,
QVERN, DUNSING, CROOK,
SMARZYNSKI, ARANDA.



BALDNER, LAMPA, BOWMAN,
HONKALA, COLLINS, ARBEGAST,
SNYDER, BELCHER.



SLATE, LIPKER, MICKLICH,
RIZA, STARR, BOZEMAN.



GLEESON, NANULA, ADAMS,
MILLER, MESTYANEK, ANDREWS.



THE BEST DAYROOM ON THE CHAIN





FILE NO. FPOO-COM UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 9 OCTOBER 1944
FLEET AIR WING FOUR

TOP SECRET

FROM: COMMITRON.
TO : SENIOR NAVAL COM
VIA : DEPUTY COMMANDER, FLEET AIR WING FOUR.
SUBJECT: DUTY - CHANGE OF.

1. UPON RECEIPT OF ORDERS YOU ARE HEREBY DETACHED WITHOUT RELIEF AS SENIOR NAVAL COM (FLEET AIR WING FOUR) AND FROM SUCH OTHER DUTY AS MAY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED, PROCEED VIA FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING AIR, TO NEAREST LOCALITY FIGHTER SQUADRON FIFTY FOUR, U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE MAY BE.

2. UPON ARRIVAL AT YOUR DESTINATION YOU WILL REPORT TO C.O. FIGHTER SQUADRON FIFTY FOUR, U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE FOR DUTY.

3. REPORT ALSO BY LETTER TO THE COMMANDER FIGHTER AIR GROUP FOR THIS DUTY.

4. THE STAFF FLEET AIR WING FOUR HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS EMPLOYMENT ON ABOVE DUTY WITH THE U.S.A.A.F. IS REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND ANTICIPATES YOUR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGH STANDARDS AND TRADITIONS OF THE U. S. NAVY AND THAT ANY FAILURE ON YOUR PART WILL BE A DIRECT RESULT OF IMPROPER CARE, NEGLIGENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE U.S.A.A.F.

5. AUTHORITY IS GRANTED HEREBY TO VISIT PAF-4 CHICKEN HEAD-QUARTERS IN THE EVENT OF HOME-SICKNESS WHICH MIGHT IMPAIR YOUR PRODUCTION EFFORTS.

6. FOR YOUR INFORMATION NO RELIEF FOR YOUR DUTIES WITH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ORDERED NOR IS ANY CONTINGENT AT THIS TIME.

7. YOUR EARNEST COOPERATION IN ASSISTING THE OPPOSITE PERSONNEL OF FIGHTER SQUADRON FIFTY FOUR TO MEET THE HIGHLY ADVANCED STATE OF HEALTH AND EFFICIENCY OF THE OFFICERS OF THE STAFF OF FLEET WING FOUR IS URGENTLY SOLICITED.

8. NO DELAY IN REPORTING IS AUTHORIZED.

(a) O. E. KERSHAW
(t) O. E. KERSHAW

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
FLEET AIR WING FOUR

TOP SECRET 10 OCTOBER 1944.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT TO
COMMITRON LTR. FPOO-COM
DATED 9 OCTOBER 1944.

FROM: DEPUTY, COMMANDER FLEET AIR WING FOUR.
TO : SENIOR NAVAL COM.
SUBJECT: DUTY - CHANGE OF.

1. FORWARDED, WITH REGRETS.

(a) J. J. UNDERHILL
(t) J. J. UNDERHILL.



WITH ALERT - 8 OCTOBER 1944

NO BULL AT ALEXAI

WHEN THE ARMY AND NAVY GET TOGETHER ON A BUSINESS DEAL, THAT'S NEWS. WHEN THE PROPOSITION CONCERNS BEAUFSTEAK, IT'S EVEN Bigger NEWS. FORTUNATELY, WHEN THE STEAKS ARE ON THE HOOP, IT'S ALMOST FANTASTIC. - - AND WHEN ALL OF THIS HAPPENS AT THE ISLANDS OF THE ALBATROSS, IT'S JUST GOT TO BE A LOT OF BULL. TRUTH, THOUGH, IS STRANGER THAN FICTION. THESE COLUMNS HAVE REPORTED ON THE PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT OF THE 54TH FIGHTER SQUADRON AT ALEXAI. THIS TIME THEY HAVE GONE ALL-OUT IN SETTING A NEW SIGN IN ACCOMPLISHING THE IMPOSSIBLE. YES, SIR, AND BROTHER, THEY'VE GOT A REAL, LIVE COW, AND THAT'S NO BULL! DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION CANNOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THE MOMENT, BUT BOSSIE'S TRANSFER HAS BEEN APPROVED, HER TRAVEL ORDERS OUT, AND NOW THEY'RE ESTABLISHING A MORNING MILK ROUTE. JUST LEAVE YOUR BOTTLE OUTSIDE THE DOOR AND THE MILKMAN WILL DO THE REST. . . . JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS, BUT A BARNYARD ATMOSPHERE IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO PREVAIL AT ALEXAI AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER, IT'S TAKING ON THE APPEARANCE OF A PEACEFUL, RUSTIC COMMUNITY. ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO NEGOTIATE A "PROTECTED" PASTURELAND UNDER A "PRO-PROTECT" OF THE CASTLE AND SAINT DEVELOPMENT.



J. B. LAMENT

AS THE YEARS ROLL BY AND FADE INTO THE PAST
THERE'S A PHRASE I'LL REMEMBER AS LONG AS I LAST
HAPPY TIMES AND OFT IT'S BEEN BAWLED IN MY EAR
MAN, YOU THINK IT'S ROUGH * YOU OUGHTA BEEN PRESENT WHEN I GOT HERE.

YOU DON'T DARE TO COMPLAIN OR YOUR NECK'LL BE OUT,
SOMEONE CROSS THE ROOM WILL SET UP A SHOUT
HELL, THINGS AIN'T AS BAD AS THEY SEEM TO APPEAR
YOU OUGHTA BEEN PRESENT WHEN I GOT UP HERE.

THIS SPAN IS REAL GOOD AND HOW 'BOUT THE RASH
SILENTLY YOU SIT THERE AND YOUR TEETH START TO GNAW
HEAT'S THAT BLACK STUFF THEY'VE POURED INTO YOUR CUP
THINK THAT'S BAD? YOU OUGHTA SEEM IT WHEN WE CAME UP.

THE BREAD'S SORTA HEAVY AND SQUEEZES WHEN YOU BITE
THE POTATOS ARE SOGGY AND THE BEANS ARE A FRIGHT
THOUGH YOU KEEP SILENT - IT'LL COME BEVER FEAR
THINK THIS IS ROUGH? - YOU OUGHTA BEEN PRESENT WHEN I GOT HERE.

THE MONTHS HAVE GONE BY NOW AND YOU'RE MOST READY TO GO
BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY AND DON'T MAKE IT SLOW
THE REPLACEMENTS HAVE COME AND ARE TAKING IT IN
THEIR STRATCH ON THE ISLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN
ONE OF THEM IS SHAKING HIS HEAD WITH DISGUST
A J.B. IT'S PLAIN AM. GAWD WHAT A CRUST
SO GRASPING HIM FIRMLY YOU TELL IN HIS EAR
THAT T IS BAD, MILTERT - TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T HERE WHEN I GOT HERE.





3RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY, JANUARY, 1944

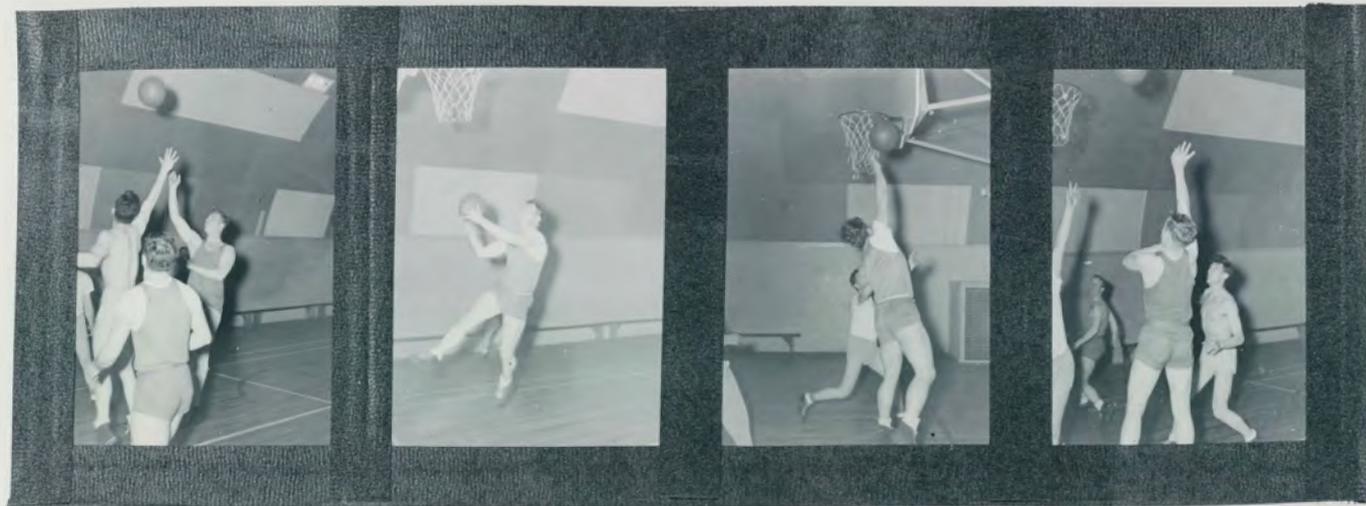
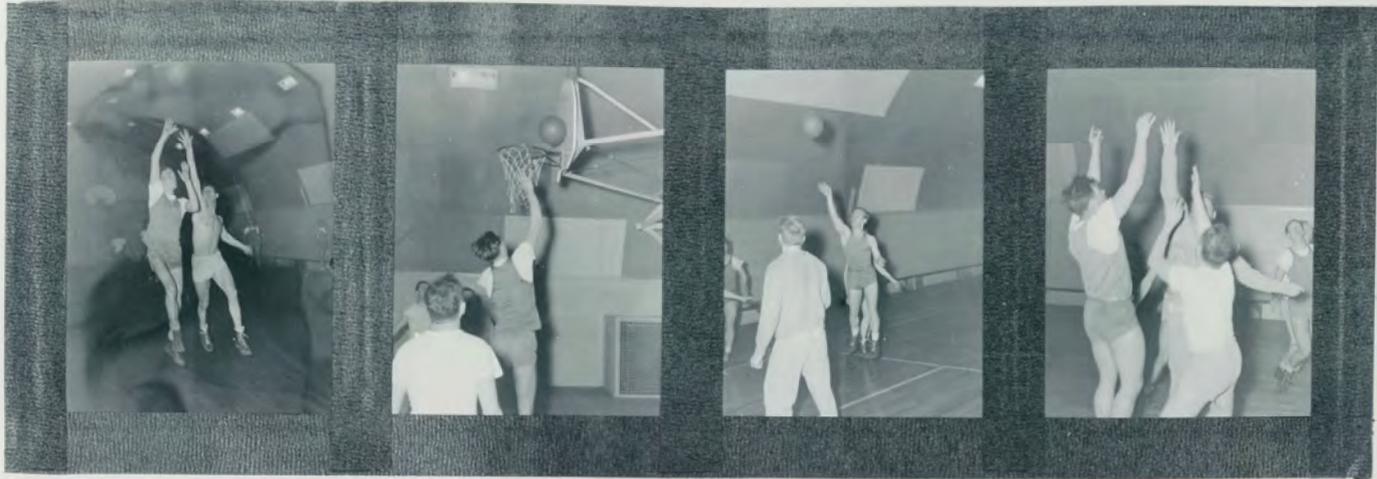




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AROUND THE SQUADRON



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TWIN BOOM BAR



ORDERLY ROOM



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HEALTH HUT OPENING



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POINTS OF INTEREST ON ATTU



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HORNBERGER, BLACK, BISHOP, SWENSON, BICKETT, BENEDICT,
BRUTTOMESSO, ZEMMATORE, MICHAEL, WORTH, NULTY,
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