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HISTORICAL REPORT OF THE 2055th ENGINEER AVN FIRE FIGHTING PLATOON

13 June 1944

On the 5th of July 1943 under T/O & E 5-337, dtd 12 May 1943, and General Order # 256 Hqs. Third Air Force, Tampa, Florida, dtd 3 July 1943, the 2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon was activated at Harding Field, Baton Rouge, La. under the command of Major Hartz and Major Cranford. Lt Robert D Scott was assigned and joined this organization per par 11 SO 202, dtd 28 July 1943, Hqs Harding Field,

While stationed at Harding Field the unit received general engineering basis training which included close order drill, physical training, hikes and night problems, map reading, lectures on demolition and chemical warfare and also had practice in camouflage.

2d Lt Herbert W Blanchard assigned and joined this organization per par 16 SO 231 dtd 26 Aug.43, Hqs Harding Field, La.

2d Lt Robert D Scott transferred from this organization to 3rd E.A.U.T.C. McDill Field, Florida per par 2 SO 233, dtd 26 Aug.43 Hqs Harding Field, La.

2d Lt Mont R Anderson assigned and joined this organization per par 8 SO 233 dtd 28 Aug.43 Hqs Harding Field, La.

The following is a list of the enlisted personnel that has joined and been transferred from this unit, up until departure from the US. Indicating the source from which obtained and where they were transferred to: On 28 July 1943 the following EM were assigned and joined fr Hqs. Basic Training Center # 7, AAFTTC, Atlantic City, N.J. George L Hineman, Jack K Hiltibrand, James M Hotsenpiller, Sigal W Hughes, Norman W Ingraham., Kenneth B Justus, Vincent F Scobbo, and Charles J Taylor.

On 2 Aug.43 the following EM were assigned and joined from Hqs TS AAFTC Seymour Johnson Field, N.C.: David L Abstance, Dale A Bok, Kermit D Case, Edmund M Galicki, William A Gosse, Walter R Kaminski, Raymond F Kerlin, Frank J McKlosky, Harold E Nichols, Hershel S Pitts, Harold Quintiliani, Lloyd H Seelye and Charles J Taylor. 4 Aug.43 Milford A Montgomery and Steve A Szumski came from Hqs Sarasota ABAC, Sarasota, Florida, on 8 Aug.43 Harold L Lang and Robert B Purdy came from Hqs SC Unit # 1959 Ft. MacArthur, Calif. 10 Aug.43 Kyle Wood came from Hq BTC # 10 AAFTC, Greensboro, N.C. 11 Aug.43 Freeman Haynes came from Hq SCO 1909 Ft. Lewis, Washington. Lloyd Lovelace also reported this date from Hq AAFTS & BTC, Gulfport, Miss. 12 Aug.43 Roy H Sorensen rptd from Hq RC Ft Leavenworth, Kan. also Erwin T Patterson and Chester R Jones rptd same day from Hq RC Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

On 11 Aug.43 William A Gosse was trfd to 49th BHQ and AB Sqdn at Harding Field, La. on 18 Aug.43 Charles J Taylor and Vincent F Scobbo were trfd to 2040th EAFPP On 20 Aug.43 Harold J Severson rptd from Hq 1613th SU Camp Grant, Ill. On 22 Aug.43 Edmund F Galicki and James M Hotsenpiller trfd to 2039th EAFPP 24 Aug.43 Richard D Stover rptd fr Hq HOD Baltimore, Md.

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On 25 Aug.43 Ernest R Barrett, rptd to this organization fr Hq Denidder AAB, Denidder, La. 26 Aug.43 Robert E Carnes and James E Moneyhun rptd fr Hq AAB Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, Mich. 28 Aug.43 Carlos Lopez was trfd fr 2029th EAFPP Hq H/F, La. 2 Sep.43 Dominick J Faccadio came fr Hq Hunter Field, Ga. 3 Sep.43 Harold L Lang trfd to ACU, H/F, La. 6 Sep.43 Kenneth C Ellis came to this organization fr Hq AAB MacDill Field, Fla. 11 Sep.43 Kyle Wood trfd to 49th BHQ & AB Sqdn, H/F, La. 14 Sep.43 Kermit D Case trfd to 49th BHQ & AB Sqdn H/F, La. 22 Sep.43 Milford A Montgomery trfd to Shepperd Field, Texas, 23 Sep.43 Robert P Jacober came fr Hq 1544th SU AC Ft. Thomas, Ky. 27 Oct.43 Steve A Szumski trfd to 2063rd EAFPP, H/F, La. 27 Oct.43 Robert F Powers, Willie Martinez and Oscar L Holmstrom, came fr 2065th EAFPP, H/F, La. 13 Nov.43 Carlos Lopez trfd to 2061st EAFPP. 13 Nov.43 Martinez, Pitts, Carnes, Hughes, trfd to 3rd Repl. Depot, Plant Park, Fla. 18 Nov.43 Charles M Toole trfd fr 2064th EAFPP to 2055th EAFPP. and on 2 Dec.43 trfd to BPOE 27 Dec.43 Purdy trfd to BPOE.

On 13 Sep.43 the unit departed for Hammond, La., for the purpose of bivouac and qualification with the 30 cal. Carbine Rifle for a period of one week. During that period demonstrations in demolition were given and also problems in simulated attack of well fortified munition dumps and enemy lines. The stay there under field conditions proved very educational and successful. 85% of men qualified as Marksman or better.

On 20 Sep.43 the unit returned to Harding Field, La. After returning to the home station for further training, the unit departed for the Engineer Fire Suppression School at Camp Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La., on 2 Oct.43. this course lasted approximately six weeks and dealt with practical fire problems such as oil and gas fires, plane vrashes, domestic fires and oil tank fires. Instruction in care and maintenance of equipment was also given, This unit was rated one of the best which was proven by actual demonstration and witnessed by ranking officers from the 3rd Air Force. After completion the unit returned to Harding Field, La.

On 20 November 43 this unit departed for a port of Embarkation for movement overseas. At this staging area final processing took for overseas movement. Protective clothing was issued for protection against chemical warfare.

On 28 Dec.43 this unit left the States enroute to Secret Destination

On 11 Jan. 43 this unit disembarked at Glasgow, Scotland from there we were taken to our first station in the ETO. This was Station 489 at Cottesmore, Rutland. This was not a permanent Station.

The following Officer and EM were sent to a two weeks fire fighting school at RAF Station, Sutton-on-Hull. 2d Lt Mont R Anderson, S/Sgt James E Moneyhun, Cpl Erwin T Patterson, left organization 19 Jan.44 and returned 2 Feb.44.

On 5 Feb.44 this unit left Station 489 for Wethersfield, Essex County, Station 170. We moved by motor convoy and train. The motor convoy consisted of two trucks, one jeep, all loaded with supplies, and six enlisted men. Lt Anderson and 22 EM travelled by train. Upon arrival at this station it was learned the we were attached to the 416th Bomb Group of the Ninth Bomber Command. Lt Anderson was Appointed Fire Marshal also.

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On 6 Feb.44 Lt Anderson signed for fire equipment on the base and this unit assumed all fire fighting duties.

14 Feb.44 one of our planes crashed and burned near Gosfield. We did not take part as it was much closer to Gosfield, plane was a total loss and Pilot killed. Also on 14 Feb.44 Harold Quintiliani left this organization on DS to take RAF fire fighting training at Sutton-on-Hull, England.

15 Feb.44 a plane landed with no brakes, overshoot and crashed in ditch, one truck went to scene, no fire.

During this month flying consisted mostly of cross country and locals. One section was on the line at all times when flying was in progress.

1 Mar.44 to 31 Mar.44, Operational missions started:-2 Mar.44 We had operational missions on the following days in March; 2,3,6,7, 11, 18,19,20,22,23,25,26. Approximately 400 planes took off on these missions. On 4 Mar.44 a plane came back from operations and could not get its wheels down, it was sent to crash land in the sea, pilot and gunners bailed out and were safe.

Night flying started on the 26 Mar.44 the field was open 24 hours a day and as long as flying was in progress men were on the line.

1 Mar.44 Harold Quintiliani returned from DS to organization

15 Mar.44 Robert Jacober returned from DS to organization.

17 Mar.44 a fire was reported near the mess hall, it was an English truck. The tarpaulin burned off byt no other damage. Also James E Moneyhun was put in the guardhouse at Station.

14 Mar.44 Standley Ray, William Becker were on temporary duty to this organization for fire fighting instructions, from Station 165. On same day Quintiliani, Severson, Lovelace and Sorensen went to Station 165, for purpose of instructing fire fighting for a period of two weeks.

15 Mar.44 Jacober returned from Fire school at Sutton-on- Hull to his organization.

17 Mar.44 Moneyhun was reduced to grade of private.

20 Mar.44 Erwin T Patterson was transferred to Det. of Patients 121st Station Hospital.

28 Mar.44 Ray, Becker were relieved from attached. Also Quintiliani Severson, Lovelace and Sorensen returned from DS to duty.

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Period 1 April 1944 to 30 April 1944 incl.

During this period over 1000 planes flew on operational missions, average mission was 37 planes. Missions were flown on about 22 out of the 30 days. Often 3 Missions were flown in 24 hours. This combined with night flying and batseyes, kept the crash crews on the line an average of about 17 hours a day.

9 April 1944 one of our planes crashed at Finchingsfield, it was a total loss and the pilot and a passenger were killed. Two of our trucks went to this fire but plane was too far gone to be saved upon arrival of trucks.

10 April 1944 Unit reorganized in accordance with T/O & E 5-500 dated 31 July 1943 and per par 1 GO 16, Hq 9th Air Force.

15 April 1944 the following men were transferred to 2147th EAFPP Ellis, Faceadio, Hiltibrand, Quintiliani, MacDonald, McKlosky and Taylor. Powers transferred to 2145th EAFPP.

16 April 1944 Moneyhun transferred to Disciplinary Training Center #4

PERIOD 1 MAY 1944 TO 31 MAY 1944 INCL.

The following is a report of missions this month.

1 May 44 1 Mission of 38 planes
 3 May 44 36 planes took off all returned
 4th, 5th and 6th there were no missions.
 7 May 44 37 planes took off, 1 ship did not return, 42 planes took off all returned.
 10 May 44 37 planes took off, all returned
 11 May 44 38 planes took off, all returned
 12 May 44 38 planes took off, all returned, again 41 planes took off, all returned,
 13 May 44 41 planes took off, all returned
 14 May 44 36 planes took off, all returned
 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, no missions.
 19 May 44 38 planes took off, 36 returned
 20 May 44 38 planes took off, 32 returned
 21 May 44 no mission
 22 May 44 38 planes took off, all returned
 23 May 44 no mission
 24 May 44 38 planes took off, all returned, 42 took off, all returned
 25 May 44 37 planes took off, all returned
 26 May 44 43 planes took off, all returned
 27 May 44 41 planes took off, all returned
 27 May 44 41 planes took off, 37 returned
 28 May 44 42 planes took off, all returned, 38 took off, all returned
 29 May 44 36 planes took off, all returned
 30 May 44 38 planes took off, all returned, 32 took off, all returned
 31 May 44 32 planes took off on practice mission

4 May 44 Norman Ingraham went to Station 424 on DS for course in Camouflage, mines, booby traps. 19 May while awaiting a mission a fire broke out in the guard post at the exit to the bomb dump.

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One section reported to the fire and immediately put it out. About 30 gallons of water were used.

30 May 44 in the night a fire was reported. A plane on a hard stand had a small fire in the right engine. One section reported and found it had been put out by the crew, using foam extinguishers.

PERIOD 1 JUNE TO 30 JUNE 1944 INCL.

During this period this Unit was on the line for, 30 Missions which took place on 21 days, and four (4) nights of night flying/

On days that there were no missions there was a section on the line for local flying which was in progress.

No fire occurred during this month.

The following is a schedule of days with missions and nights with night flying.

1	June 44	Local flying
2	June 44	One mission
3	June 44	One mission
4	June 44	One mission
5	June 44	Local flying
6	June 44	Two missions
7	June 44	Two missions
8	June 44	Two missions
9	June 44	Local flying
10	June 44	Two missions
11	June 44	One mission
12	June 44	One mission and night flying
13	June 44	One mission
14	June 44	Two missions
15	June 44	Two missions
16	June 44	One mission
17	June 44	Local flying
18	June 44	Two missions
19	June 44	Local flying
20	June 44	One mission
21	June 44	Two missions and night flying
22	June 44	One mission
23	June 44	Local flying
24	June 44	Two missions
25	June 44	One mission
26	June 44	Local flying
27	June 44	Local flying
28	June 44	Local flying
29	June	One Mission
30	June 44	One mission

2d Lt M A Anderson's promotion to 1st Lt came through on the 10 June 1944 effective as of the 1 June 1944.

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PERIOD 1 JULY 1944 to 31 JULY 1944

During this period this Unit was on the line for 23 missions, which took place on 19 days and six nights of night flying.

On days that there were no missions there was on Section on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

11 July 1944 one of our planes crashed near Gosfield. ~~It~~ did not go as it was closer to Gosfield Base. Pilot was killed

15 July 1944 A Mosquito Bomber crashed near Steeple Bumstead, Upon arrival of our truck the NFS had the fire under control. Two were killed and plane was a total loss. Men at scene of fire were Lt Anderson, Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Nichols, Pvt Justus.

19 July 1944 were called out to Sqdn A for a fire in a plane, which was caused by a short in the wiring. Slight damage. Men at scene of fire were Sgt Severson, T/5 Bok, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Kaminski.

27 July 1944 were called for a C-47 which was coming in with a burning motor, upon arrival of truck, fire was out. There was slight damage. Men at scene were T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Kerlin.

The following is a schedule of days with missions and nights with night flying.

1 July 44 Local flying	24 July 44 Local flying
2 July 44 Local flying	25 July 44 One mission
3 July 44 Local flying	26 July 44 One mission
4 July 44 One mission	27 July 44 Local flying
5 July 44 One mission	28 July 44 One mission
6 July 44 Two missions	29 July 44 Local flying
7 July 44 One mission	30 July 44 One mission
8 July 44 Two missions	31 July 44 Two missions
9 July 44 Local flying	
10 July 44 Local flying	
11 July 44 One mission and night flying	
12 July 44 One mission	
13 July 44 One mission	
14 July 44 One mission and night flying	
15 July 44 Local and night flying	
16 July 44 One mission	
17 July 44 Local and night flying	
18 July 44 Two missions	
19 July 44 One mission	
20 July 44 Local and night flying	
21 July 44 Local flying	
22 July 44 One mission	
23 July 44 One mission	

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2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

APC 140, U.S. Army
14 Sep. 1944

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SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APC 140, U.S. Army
(Through) Commanding Officer, Station L70, APC 140, U.S. Army

Period 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944 incl. *slp 61C*

During this period this Unit was on the line for twenty four (24) missions which took place on seventeen (17) days and nights of which were thirteen (13) nights of night flying.

On days that there were no missions there was one section on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

2d Aug. One section went to Toppesfield to investigate smoke which was a rubbish fire.

4th Aug. we were called to Shalford at 1000 hours for a plane crash, plane was a B-17 Bomber, one gunner was killed. Upon arrival of fire truck the plane was a complete loss. Plane blew up upon hitting the ground, we stood by to protect surrounding area. Men at scene were Lt. Anderson, Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Pfc Nichols, Pfc Kaminski, Pvt Justus. We were also called to Finchfield for a bomb explosion, slight damage. At 1540 hours we were called to Hanger No. 1 for a fire in the steaming engine. slight damage. Men at scene were Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Nichols Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Justus.

10th Aug. called out to Kirby Hall for a plane crash which was from this field. No fire occurred but considerable damage resulted all three (3) of crew were injured. Men at scene were Lt. Anderson Sgt Secerson, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Stover, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom.

11th Aug. called to Hanger No. 1 for fire in steaming engine. Slight damage. Men at scene were Sgt Severson, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Justus, Pvt Barrett.

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12th Aug. called to Sible Hedingham for a plane crash which was from this field. Plane was a total loss and all three (3) of crew were injured. Men at scene were Lt. Anderson, Sgt Severson, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Barrett.

On 7th Aug. Capt. Anderson was here taking motion pictures of this organization putting out a large fire which was built for the purpose.

The following is a schedule of day with missions and nights with night flying.

1st Aug. Local flying and night flying, 2d Aug. One mission, 3rd Aug. Local flying, 4th Aug. One mission and night flying, 5th Aug. Two missions and night flying, 6th Aug. Two missions, 7th Aug. Local flying and night flying, 8th Aug. Two missions, 9th Aug. two missions and night flying, 10th Two missions, 11th Two missions, 12th One mission and night flying, 13th One mission and night flying, 14th Local flying, 15th Two missions and night flying, 16th One mission 17th One mission and night flying, 18th Local flying, 19th Local flying, 20th Local flying, 21st Local flying, 22d Local flying, 23rd Local flying and night flying, 24th Local flying, 25th One mission and night flying, 26th One mission, 27th One mission, 28th One mission and night flying, 29th Local flying, 30th Local flying, 31st Local flying and night flying.

On 13th Aug. 1944 the following enlisted men were assigned this organization from 79 th Station Compliment Squadron, per par 6 SO 226 Hq IX Bomber Command. John B Bentley, Ramon Fuentes, Harold I Solomon, John J Trapani, and joined this organization 15 Aug. 44

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2055TH ENGINEER AVIATION FIRE FIGHTING PLATOON AZ-M-10

APO 140, U. S. Army
10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division, APO 140,
U. S. Army

THRU : Commanding Officer, Station A-55, APO 140, U.S. Army

PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1944

During this period this unit was on the line for ten (10) missions which took place on seven (7) days, and three (3) nights of night flying.

On days that there were no missions there was one section on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which took place during this period.

10 September we were called out to investigate heavy smoke coming from near hangar no. 2 which caused by a rubbish fire. On the same day we were called to near Post No.3 for a grass fire.

12 September we were called out to the end of the runway where a plane had crashed but no fire occurred. There was slight damage. Men at scene were Lt Anderson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Stover, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Justus.

On the 15th September this organization ceased fire fighting duties at Station 170 for the purpose of preparing for overseas movement. Personnel of the 79th Station Compliment Squadron took over the fire fighting duties.

16 September this organization left Station 170 by convoy for far shore. The following left by motor convoy, Lt. Anderson T/5 Nichols, T/5 Lovelace, Pfc Abstance, Sgt Jones, T/5 Sorensen T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Bok, T/5 Haynes, Cpl Hineman, Pfc Stover

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Men who left by train were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Cpl Solomon, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Justus, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Bentley, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Trapani.

Men who were in motor convoy reached this Base on 20 September and immediately took over fire fighting duties. The remainder of this organization arrived by C-47 Transport on 23 September.

Motor convoy reached France 19 September, at 0400 hours.

Personnel convoy reached France 21 September, at 1620 hours.

During the period at this Base this unit was on the line for five (5) missions which took place on four (4) days.

On days that there were no missions there was one section on the line for local flying which was in progress.

1 September Sgt Severson was promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant, Pfc Nichols promoted to Tec.5, Pvt Justus to Pvt.1cl/

28 September Lt Mont R Anderson appointed Fire Marshal of AAF Station A-55 (prin dy).



MONT R ANDERSON
1st Lt CE
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2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

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APO 140, US Army
13 May 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M),
APO 140, US Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Sta
A-69, APO 140, US Army).

Period 1 October to 31 October 1944 inclusive.

During this period this unit was on the line for ten (10) missions which took place on ten (10) days and one night of night flying. On days that there were no missions one section was on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

6th at 1405 hours an A-20 type aircraft came in for a crash landing. The plane was fully loaded with bombs and made a belly landing, the plane was not from this Base. There was no fire and only slight damage, no one was injured. Men at the scene were, Lt. Anderson, S/Gt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, Tec.5 Ingraham, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec 5, Haynes, Cpl Solomon, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Justus, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Bentley.

7th this unit was sent to the 671st area to investigate dense smoke which was caused by rubbish burning. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Tec 5 Lovelace, Tec 5 Bok, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Trapani.

15th at 0930 hours this unit was called to the 4th Service Group Hqs, at the Chateau. The fire was caused by spilled gasoline in a field range, there was slight damage. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Tec 5 Haynes, Tec 5 Nichols, Tec 5 Sorensen, Cpl Solomon, Pfc Stover.

19th at 1710 hours this unit was called out on the run way to a crashed A-26 type aircraft, the tricycle landing gear collapsed causing the plane to slide on its nose, only slight damage occurred. Men at the scene were, Sgt Jones, Tec 5 Lovelace, Tec 5 Haynes, Cpl Solomon.

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1st Lt., CE
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2055TH ENGINEER AVIATION FIRE FIGHTING PLATOON

APO 140, U.S. Army
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140
US. Army

THRU : Commanding Officer, Station A-55, APO 140, US. Army *slip B*

Period 1 November to 30 November 1944 Incl.

During this period this Unit was on the line for six (6) missions which took place on five (5) days and three (3) nights of night flying.

On days that there were no missions one section was on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

1 Nov at 1950 hours this Unit was called to the firing pit for a roof fire. The fire was brought quickly under control. There was slight damage. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Haynes, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt. Barrett.

8 Nov at 2315 hours this Unit was called to the village of Poilly Le Fort where a large fire was raging in the adjoining building of a Distillery. Members of 2006th Fire Fighting Platoon and the French Fire Department of Melun assisted in getting the fire under control. The property belonged to Robert Benoist. This Unit worked until 0430 hours. There was considerable damage done to the buildings but many other buildings were saved. Men at the scene were Lt Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, Cpl Hineman, T/5 Lovelace, Pfc Justus, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Trapani.

10 Nov at 0730 hours this Unit was called to Sqdn D Operations building for a fire. Upon our arrival the entire building was on fire. Using all of this Units equipment we worked until 0945 hours. The entire building and contents were destroyed. Fire was caused by starting of fire with oil and gasoline which exploded. Men at scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, Cpl Solomon, T/5 Bok, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Haynes, Pfc Raminski, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Bentley, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Trapani.

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14 Nov this Unit went to Sqdn "D" Area for a fire which was in the gas dump alert crew hut. This Unit was not called but notified by members of this organization. We arrived at about 1610 hours and at 1618 hours the fire was completely extinguished. There was some personal equipment destroyed. Two(2) persons received first degree burns, the other two (2) received minor cuts. Fire was caused by spilled oil on a hot stove. Men at scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Cpl Solomon, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Bok, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Haynes, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Stover, Pfc Kaminski, Pvt Trapani, Pvt Holmstrom.

16 Nov at 1115 hours an A-26 type aircraft made a crash landing on this Base. Coming in on its belly, it started to catch on fire but was quickly put out with foam from two (2) of our crash trucks. There was slight damage. Men at scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, Cpl Solomon, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Justus, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Bentley, Pvt Barrett, Pvt. Trapani.

25 Nov at 1805 this Unit went to the village of Moissy, where an A-20 type aircraft crashed into a house setting it on fire. We arrived at 1840 hours and immediately started to save the house and its contents. The fire was out at 2040 hours. The aircraft was completely destroyed and all members of the crew perished. One (1) French lady residing in the house suffered first degree burns. The surrounding buildings were saved by this Unit. Men at scene were Lt Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Haynes, Pfc Justus, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt Bentley. Also on this day at about 1820 hours an A-20 type aircraft making an emergency landing on this Base crashed off the end of the runway. The tricycle landing wheel collapsed causing it to nose into the mud. No fire occurred. At about the same time another A-20 type aircraft ran into a pile of rocks damaging the propellers and wheel. No fire occurred. At about the same time another A-20 type aircraft ran off the end of the runway with part of another aircrafts wing lodged in its wing. No fire occurred. Men at these scenes were T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Trapani.

25 Nov at 1825 hours another A-20 type aircraft crashed a few miles off the Base. This Unit did not go there as all of its equipment was in use.

28 Nov at 0600 hours this Unit was called to the 4th Service Group Headquarters Area at the Cheateau. The fire was in the Finance building and upon our arrival at 0620 hours the roof and walls had collapsed. This Unit assisted by 2006th Fire Fighting Platoon worked till 0835 hours. The entire building and contents were destroyed. Cause of fire is undetermined. Men at scene were Lt Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Sorensen, Cpl Solomon, Pfc Kerlin.

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30 Nov at 1120 hours this Unit was called off Base to a gasoline truck which was on fire. Applying foam and water the fire was put out. This Unit saved the surrounding buildings and gasoline trailer. Men at scene were Lt Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, Cpl Solomon, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Bok, Pfc Kerlin Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Stover, Pvt Holmstrom.

Mont R. Anderson

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2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

APO 140, US Army

4 January 194

SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140
US Army

THRU : Commanding Officer, Station A-55, APO 140, US Army

Period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 incl.

During this period this Unit was on the line for 18 missions which took place on 14 days and 2 nights of night flying.

On days that there was no missions one section was on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

4th at 1425 hours an A-26 type aircraft crashed off the end of the runway causing considerable damage, but no fire occurred. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Haynes, Cpl Solomon, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Justus, Pfc Kaminski, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Bentley, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Trapani. On the same day at 2220 hours a B-17 flying Fortress made an emergency landing on this Base. Two of the engines were out, and the left tire was flat. The ship run off the side of the runway, but did not catch on fire. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Barrett.

9th at 1545 hours a B-17 Flying Fortress type aircraft made a crash landing at this Base. Coming in it developed a flat tire and went off the runway crashing into a bomb crater. There were five members of the crew wounded by flak and this Unit assisted in removing them from the ship. No fire occurred but there was considerable damage. On the same day at about 1600 hours an A-26 type aircraft made a belly landing on this Base. No fire occurred but considerable damage was done to the ship, no one was injured. Men at the above scenes were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Bok, Pfc Justus, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Bentley, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom.

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12th at 0645 hours this Unit was called to Sq "D" Area for an airplane fire. Upon our arrival at about 0652 hours the fire was out. There was no damage. Cause of the fire was due to spilled gasoline on the ground. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Kerlin.

14th at 0950 hours this Unit was called to Headquarters Motor Pool where a steam cleaner engine and two five gallon gasoline cans were on fire. Upon our arrival at about 0955 hours the fire was quickly put out with foam. There was slight damage. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Kaminski Pvt Barrett.

18th at 2155 hours this Unit went to the end of the East-West runway where an A-26 type aircraft had run off the runway. The ship crashed into a rock pile and bomb crater but no fire occurred, although there was a gasoline leak. No one was injured and there was slight damage done to the ship. Men at the scene were Sgt Jacober, T/5 Haynes T/5 Nichols, Pfc Kaminski.

22nd at 2000 hours this Unit was called to Sd "D" Area where there was a fire in the Ack Ack crews tent. Upon our arrival at 2005 hours the fire had been put out by one of the occupants. There was slight damage but one man was burned about the face and hands. Cause of the fire was due to unauthorized gasoline set close to the stove, which exploded. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Trapani.

25th at 1700 hours this Unit was out on the North end of the North and South runway where an A-20 type aircraft had crashed. The tricycle landing gear and right wheel collapsed, causing the ship to come in on its nose. The ship was fully loaded with bombs but they did not go off, and there was no fire. All members of the crew escaped with the assistance of this Unit. There was considerable damage, about the same time four other ships went off the runway as results of flat tires but no fire occurred. Men at the above scenes were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom.

26th at 0930 hours this Unit went to Sq "C" mess hall where there was a fire in one of the field ranges, upon our arrival at 0935 hours the fire had been put out by one of the CTC fire extinguishers formerly installed by this Unit. There was no damage. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, T/5 Ingraham, Pvt Holmstrom.

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27th at 1800 hours this Unit was called to off Base near the Village of Lissey where two large semi gasoline trailer trucks had collided. One truck and one trailer was badly damaged. 100 Octane gasoline was leaking out of one trailer but was stopped by putting chewing gum in the crack, there was no fire. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Ingraham, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Justus, Pvt Holmstrom.

28th at 1725 hours this Unit was called to the Parachute store for a fire, upon arrival of this Unit the fire had been put out by an extinguisher formerly installed by this Unit. Fire was caused by putting oil in the stove, there was no damage. Men who went to the fire were Lt. Anderson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Haynes, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Trapani.

29th at 1400 hours this Unit was on the runway where an A-26 type aircraft had crashed, the ship went off the runway and hit a soft spot causing the tricycle landing gear to collapsed there was slight damage and no fire occurred. This plane was fully loaded with bombs. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Ingraham, Pfc Justus, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Holmstrom.

30th at 1210 hours this Unit was called for a fire near the Motor Pool gas dump. The fire was in a cargo trailer loaded with five gallon gasoline cans belonging to the 199th Medical Det. Upon our arrival at 1215 hours the fire was quickly put out with the use of foam. The fire was caused by a battery becoming shorted which was carried in the trailer with the gasoline. There was slight damage. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Justus, Pfc Stover,

On the same day at 1900 hours this Unit was sent off Base to a Cheateau near the Village of Moissy. Upon our arrival the fire was confined to two large barns filled with straw, hay, sugar beets, and machinery. This Unit worked till 2245 hours bringing the fire under control. There was considerable damage. The fire was caused by enemy aircraft. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Nichols, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Justus, Pfc Kerlin.

Mont R. Anderson
MONT R ANDERSON
1st Lt., CE
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HEADQUARTERS
2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

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APO 140, U.S. Army,
7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station A-55, APO 140, U.S. Army.

Period 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945 incl.

During this period this Unit was on the line for sixteen (16) missions which took place on thirteen (13) days and two nights of night flying.

On days that there were no missions one Section was on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

2d at about 0830 hours this Unit went off the Base near the village of Corbiel where a plane had crashed upon taking off on a mission. Upon arrival of this Unit at about 0845 hours the plane was on fire. The fire was quickly put out by this Unit saving the ship an A-26 type aircraft. All members of the crew escaped. Men at the scene were Lt Anderson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Nichols, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Haynes, Pfc Stover, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt Barrett.

On the same day at about 0905 hours another A-26 type aircraft ran off the end of the North runway and caught on fire. After burning for about ten (10) minutes the ship blew up. All members of the crew escaped. Men at the above scene were SSgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Pfc Kerlin

On the same day at about 1015 hours this Unit was called to the end of the South runway where a bulldozer was on fire. There was no damage. Men at the scene was Sgt Jones.

On the same day at about 1320 hours this Unit went to an A-26 type aircraft which ran off the end of the North runway about three hundred (300) feet. There was no fire and only slight damage.

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On the same day at about 1330 hours an A-20 type aircraft went off the end of the North runway about two (2) hundred feet. There was no fire and only slight damage occurred. Men at the above scenes were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Nichols, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Justus, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Trapani.

11th at 0920 hours this Unit was called to the 79th Station Compliment Area for a tent fire. Upon our arrival at about 0928 hours the entire tent and contents were destroyed. The tent was formerly occupied by Major Britten. All of his personal belongings plus Government property and one dog belonging to 1st Sgt Tierman was destroyed. Cause of the fire was unknown. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Bok, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Ingraham.

13th at 0630 hours this Unit was called to Headquarters mess hall for a fire. Upon our arrival the fire was out. The fire was a rubbish fire and there was no damage. Men at the scene were Sgt Jacober, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Trapani.

On the same date at about 1220 hours this Unit was called to a B-26 type aircraft in the Flying Control Area for a fire. Upon our arrival the fire was out. This Unit stood by till both engines were started and warmed up in case fire started again. There was no damage.

On the same day at 1245 hours this Unit was on the line for a mission which was taken off, when an A-26 type aircraft crashed near the end of the runway. There was no fire and all members of the crew escaped. This plane was fully loaded with bombs. There was slight damage. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Stover, Pfc Fuentes.

On the same day at 1645 hours this Unit went to Sq "D" Area for an airplane fire. The ship was an A-26 type aircraft. Upon our arrival the entire left engine, bomb bay and tires were on fire. The fire was quickly put out by this Unit with the use of Foam. This Unit was not called as members who were on duty at the time saw the fire and proceeded to the scene. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Bok, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Justus, Pfc Kaminski, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Trapani.

14th at about 1015 hours an A-26 type aircraft taking off on a mission crashed and blew up in a nearby field. All members of the crew were lost. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Nichols, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Stover, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt. Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom.

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15th at 2145 hours this Unit was called to the Intelligence building for a roof fire. Upon arrival the fire had been put out. There was no damage. The fire was caused by sparks from the stove pipe which was too close to the wood. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Stover, Pfc Justus, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt Trapani.

19th at 1745 hours this Unit went out to the end of the runway where an A-26 type aircraft had skidded off the runway. The tricycle landing gear was broken off causing the ship to slide on its nose. No fire occurred but there was considerable damage to the ship. No one was injured. Men at the scene were Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Nichols, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom.

23rd at 1220 hours an A-26 type aircraft crashed upon landing. Both the tricycle wheel and left wheel were broken off causing the props to hit the runway. The ship was fully loaded with bombs but none exploded and there was no fire. There was considerable damage. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Bok, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Nichols, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Justus, Pvt Barrett.

25th at 1440 hours an A-26 type aircraft made a belly landing on this Base. There was slight damage and no fire occurred. The ship was not from this Base. On the same day at 1735 hours an A-26 type aircraft made a belly landing on this Base. There was no fire although there was a gasoline leak. This Unit applied Foam to cover the escaped gasoline. There was considerable damage. Men at the above scenes were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Bok, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Stover, Pfc Justus, Pfc Kaminski, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Trapani.

27th at about 0020 hours this Unit was called for a fire which was a distillery just off the Base. This place was located in the immediate vicinity of the old German ammunition dump. Upon our arrival at about 0030 hours the entire upper story of the large structure was on fire. This Unit after working for two (2) hours the fire was under control. Upon arrival of the French fire Dept. the fire was completely out. This Unit saved valuable machinery, the surrounding buildings and the distilled contents the were in the building. There was considerable damage. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Bok, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Justus, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Trapani.

29th at about 0135 hours this Unit was called to 3q "B" mess hall for a fire. Upon our arrival at 0144 hours the entire structure was on fire. The fire was quickly brought under control and was completely out at 0205 hours. The fire was caused by spilled gasoline while filling a Field range while in operation. This caused the gasoline can to become ignited and when dropped on the floor rapidly spread over the structure. This building was a German sectional wooden building.

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There was considerable damage to the building and the food that was being prepared at this time. No one was injured. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, T/5 Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Bok, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Stover, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt Trapani.

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2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

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Z-M-10

APC 140, US Army
9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APC 140,
US Army

THRU : Commanding Officer, Station A-69, APC 140, US Army

Period 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945 Incl.

During this period this Unit was on the line for seven(7) missions which took place on seven (7) days. There was no night flying during this period.

On days that there were no missions one section was on the line for local flying which was in progress.

1st Feb. Lloyd Lovelace was aptd Sgt from Tec.5 Platoon Order No. 1, this Headquarters.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

5th at about 1740 hours this Unit went to the 4th Service Group Area for a fire. The fire was confined to a Generator Light plant installation. Upon our arrival the entire plant was a mass of flames. This Unit applying Foam quickly put the fire out. Attempts were made by personnel around to put the fire out with the available extinguishers but the fire had too much start. This Unit was not called as members on duty noticed the fire and proceeded to the scene. The fire was caused by spilled gasoline which ignited while filling engine while motor was running. There was considerable damage but no personnel received any injury. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, Sgt Lovelace, T/5 Haynes, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Trapani.

9th at about 2230 hours this Unit was called to the Army Postal Unit in Melun for a fire. Upon arrival at about 2250 hours the fire was out. The fire was a chimney fire which was caused by soot. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Seelye, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Barrett.

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11th at about 0750 hours an A-26 type aircraft from Sq A caught on fire while taxiing for a mission. S/Sgt Severson seeing the fire when it started proceeded to the scene and assisted members of Sq D to extinguish the fire. The left engine was on fire due to a gasoline leak. The fire was put out with two (2) Foam and one (1) CO2 extinguishers. This ship was fully loaded with bombs. There was slight damage and no one injured.

12th a large number of ships left this base for new location at A-69 Laon, France.

13th This organization moved to new permanent Base at A-69, Laon, France. The move was made by truck convoy. Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, Cpl Hineman, T/5 Bok, T/5 Haynes, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Seelye, T/5 Sorensen, moved to A-69 this date. T/5 Nichols, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Justus, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Stover, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Trapani were left at A-55 to guard the equipment that could not be carried on the trucks and to finish policing the area. Two trucks were dispatched from A-69 as soon as they were unloaded. They remained overnight and on 14th the remaining equipment and men left at A-55 and proceeded to A-69 by trucks.

During the rest of the month at this Station this Unit was on the line for fourteen (14) missions which took place on twelve (12) days.

17th Homer H Hisey 35867575 (383) Tec.5 joined this organization from 2058th Platoon.

The following is a list of fire and crashes which took place at this Station.

14th at 0530 hours this Unit was called out on the runway where one RAF and one RCAF Bombers made forced landings. There was no fire although one bomber ran into a P-51 causing considerable damage. Men at the scene were Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, Cpl Hineman, T/5 Ingraham, T/5 Bok, T/5 Seelye.

15th at about 1740 hours three (3) A-26 type aircraft ran off the runway. One ship's right landing gear collapsed, the other two had flat tires. There was no fire and only slight damage occurred. These ships had been on a mission. Men at these crashes were Lt. Anderson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, T/5 Ingraham, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Stover, Pvt Holmstrom.

20th at about 1820 hours this Unit was called for a brush fire just off the Base. The fire was quickly put out by this Unit so as not to spread in the woods. Men at the scene were Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, T/5 Sorensen, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Stover, Pvt Holmstrom

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21st at 1700 hours an A-26 type aircraft crashed in Sq C Area. Upon crashing the ship hit a small wooden house formerly occupied by Officers, killing one officer and seriously wounding another. The gunner received serious cuts and bruises. This Unit worked for about thirty (30) minutes to remove the Pilot who was pinned under the wreckage. The Pilot was seriously injured but was carefully removed and rushed to the hospital. The ship was a total loss but there was no fire. Every man in this organization assisted at the scene.

22nd at about 1225 hours an A-26 type aircraft crashed upon taking off on a mission. There was no fire although there was a large gasoline leak. Members of this Unit covered the exposed gasoline and oil with Foam to prevent it from being ignited. All members of the crew escaped injury. There was considerable damage. Every man in this organization was at the scene of the crash.

Mont R. Anderson
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Fire Marshall

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2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

Z-M-10

APC-140, US Army
13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APC
140, US Army. (Thru: CO, Sta A-69, APC 140, US Army)

Period 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945 incl.

During this period this Unit was on the line for forty two (42) missions which took place on twenty seven (27) days. There was also six nights of night flying.

On days that there were no missions one Section was on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

5th at 0525 hours this Unit was called to the Engineer Supply Depot at Laon for a large fire. Upon our arrival at about 0545 hours two (2) of the large Warehouses were engulfed in flames. This Unit immediately removed valuable supplies away from the burning building and stood by to protect the surrounding Warehouses. Both Warehouses and their contents were completely destroyed. This Unit worked until 0745 hours. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, Tec.5 Sorensen, Pfc Kerlin.

On the same day at about 1340 hours a B-17 Flying Fortress type aircraft made an emergency landing at this Base. The ship came in on two (2) engines, Number 1 and 2 being out. There was no fire and no one was injured. Men on the line were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, Tec.5 Nichols, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec.5 Ingraham, Pfc Stover, Pfc Fuentes.

10th at about 0915 hours a P-51 type aircraft crashed upon landing on the runway. The landing gear collapsed causing the ship to come in on its belly. There was no fire although there was a gasoline leak. This was quickly covered by Foam. There was considerable damage but no one was injured. Men at the crash were Sgt Lovelace, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Ingraham, Pvt Trapani.

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12th At about 2217 hours an A-26 type aircraft crashed on the runway. The ship's tricycle landing gear collapsed causing the ship to slide on its nose at great speed. This Unit which was on the line for night flying proceeded to the crash and covered the escaped gasoline with Foam. There was no fire and only slight damages. No one was injured. Men at the crash were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Lovelace, Sgt Jacober, Tec.5 Bok, Tec.5 Nichols, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Trapani.

18th at about 1130 hours an A-26 type aircraft returning from a mission caught on fire while coming in for a landing. This Unit which was on the line proceeded to the ship and attacked the fire. The fire was quickly put out with CO₂ and Foam. The main gasoline tank and Radio compartment was on fire. This Unit had to cut a hole in the ship so as to get at the fire. This was done without much damage to the ship. No one was injured. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Lovelace, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Jones, Tec.5 Bok, Pfc Justus, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Trapani.

20th at about 1930 hours this Unit was called to the 937th Engineer cement works for a fire in a carbide lamp. The fire was quickly put out with the use of Foam. No one was injured and no damage occurred. Men at the scene were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Pfc Abstance.

21st at about 2240 hours an A-26 type aircraft crashed off the end of the runway. The ship hit a crater causing the right landing gear and part of the engine to snap off forcing the nose into the ground. There was no fire and no one was injured. Considerable damage occurred to the ship. Men at the crash were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, Sgt Jacober, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec.5 Seelye, Tec.5 Nichols, Tec.5 Hisey, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Kaminski, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt Holmstrom, Pvt Barrett, Pvt Ingraham, Pvt Trapani.

22nd at about 1000 hours two (2) P-51 type aircraft crashed together on the runway. There was no fire although there was a large gasoline leak which was covered by Foam by this Unit. Both Pilots escaped injury. Men at the crash were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Lovelace, Sgt Jacober, Tec.5 Hisey, Tec.5 Bok, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Fuentes, Pvt Trapani.

23rd at about 0100 hours this Unit was called to the Squadron "D" Area for a fire. The fire was confined to one large and two (2) small light generators. Upon arrival of this Unit the fire was quickly put out by the use of Foam. There was considerable damage but no one was injured. Fire was caused by filling gasoline tanks which overflowed onto the hot engine. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Lovelace, Sgt Jacober, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec.5 Seelye, Tec.5 Bok, Pfc Kerlin, Pfc Justus, Pvt Barrett.

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30th at about 1230 hours an A-26 type aircraft loosing flying speed cut both engines and applied the brakes. This caused a flat tire forcing the ship off the end of the runway. The right landing wheel caught on fire and was quickly put out by this Unit which was on the line. The ship was fully loaded with bombs but none exploded. No one was injured and only slight damage occurred. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, Tec.5 Haynes, Pfc Kerlin, Pvt Trapani.

During this period a shower room and an Orderly room was constructed. Material for the Orderly room was lumber which was procured from old buildings left on the Station. Construction of the Orderly room was started on 2 March 1945 and completed on 5 March 1945. The men who built this building were as follows, Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Lovelace, Cpl Hineman.

The Shower room was started on March 4th and completed on March the 11th. The material used in the construction was procured from both our present Station and the Station we left prior to coming here. An old German boiler furnace was repaired and is used to heat the water. This new shower unit is definitely a great aid for the men in this organization. It not only serves as a shower unit but is also used for filling of fire extinguishers which requires hot water. All the men enjoy and appreciate this new addition. Many Officers also use this convience. The men who constructed this project were Lt. Anderson, Tec.5 Seelye, Tec.5 Justus, Sgt Jacober, S/Sgt Severson.

Mont R. Anderson
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2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon

Z-M-10

AP0 140, US Army.

3 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, US Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Station A-69, APO 140, US Army).

Period 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945 inclusive.

During this period this Unit was on the Line for twenty seven (27) missions which took place on eighteen (18) days. There was also eleven (11) nights of night flying.

On days that there were no missions one Section was on the Line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

3rd at about 2005 hours an A-26 type aircraft returning from a mission, caught on fire. This Unit which was on duty on the line immediately proceeded to the ship and attacked the fire. The right engine was on fire due to a gasoline leak. Plates on the cowling had to be removed in order to get at the fire, which was done by this Unit. The fire was quickly put out and only slight damage occurred to the ship. No one was injured. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, Sgt Severson, Sgt Jones, Sgt Jacober, Sgt Lovelace, Tec.5 Haynes, Tec.5 Kerlin, Tec.5 Justus, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec.5 Bok, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pfc Holmstrom, Pvt. Trapani.

5th at about 1600 hours this Unit was sent off Base to an aircraft crash which was a B-26 type aircraft. Upon arrival of this Unit at about 1620 hours, the ship was a mass of flames. However the members of the crew escaped from the fire, but were seriously injured by the crash. Those most seriously injured were removed to an ambulance and first aid was applied. S/Sgt Severson rushed two (2) members of the crew to the 199th Med Disp while other members of the fire party attacked the fire. The ship was a total loss. No one was killed but all members were injured. Men at the scene were Lt. Anderson, S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec.5 Nichols, Tec.5 Bok, Tec.5 Kerlin, Tec.5 Justus, Tec.5 Hisey, Tec.5 Kaminski, Pfc Stover, Pfc Abstance, Pvt Trapani.

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13th at about 0705 hours this Unit was called to the 9th Weather Squadron Area for a tent fire. Upon our arrival at 0710 hours, the fire was partly put out. One pail of water completely extinguished the fire. The fire was caused by spilled hot grease on the stove which spread onto the wood floor. There was only slight damage and no one was injured. Men at the scene were Sgt Lovelace, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec. 5 Justus, Tec.5 Kerlin, Tec.5 Bok, Pfc Holmstrom, Pfc Barrett.

14th at about 1910 hours, an A-26 type aircraft returning from a mission developed two flat tires upon landing. This caused the ship to go off the runway but no fire occurred. No one was injured. Men on the line were S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Lovelace, Tec.5 Haynes, Tec.5 Kerlin, Pvt Trapani.

25th at about 1205 hours this Unit went to Squadron "C" mess hall for a fire. Upon our arrival at about 1209 hours, the fire was quickly put out with the use of foam. The fire was caused by spilled gasoline being used to heat water. The fire party was not called as men on the line noticed the fire and proceeded to the scene. No one was injured. Men at the scene were Sgt Lovelace, Tec.5 Sorensen, Tec.5 Haynes, Tec.5 Kerlin, Pvt Trapani.

On 1 April the following enlisted men were promoted from Private First Class to Tec.5. Justus, Kaminski, Kerlin, Pvts Barrett and Holmstrom were promoted to Privates First Class.

During this period a wooden structure was constructed. This building is now being used as a supply room and a day room for the men of this organization. The building measures 16 by 35 feet and is 8 feet high. Lumber for this building was procured on this station. The building was started on April 21st and completed April 28, 1945. The men who built this building was S/Sgt Severson, Sgt Jacober, Tec.5 Justus.

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2055th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon *MAY 1945*

APO 140, US Army
25 May 1945

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M),
APO 140, US Army. (Thru: Commanding Officer, Sta A-59
APO 140, US Army).

Period 1 May 1945 to 20 May 1945 inclusive.

During this period there was only two (2) missions and only two (2) nights of night flying.

On days there were no missions one section was on the line for local flying which was in progress.

The following is a list of fires and crashes which occurred during this period.

14th at about 2330 hours an A-26 caught fire on the runway. The left engine had stalled and upon restarting the engine backfired and set the overflowed gasoline on fire. Men who were on the line noticed the fire and immediately proceeded to the scene. The fire was quickly put out with one (1) CO2 fire extinguisher. There was no damage and no one was injured. Men at the scene were Sgt Jacober, Tec 5's, Bok, Nichols, Justus, Pfc Barrett.

16th at about 0935 hours a C-64 type aircraft crashed and caught fire near the end of the runway. This ship had run off the runway and hit a water tank which was used for fire fighting purposes and immediately caught fire. Men who were on the line proceeded to the scene followed by other members of this unit. Upon arrival of the second truck rescue work was accomplished and the fire attacked. Under intense heat and smoke one seriously injured and burned Officer was removed through a window. The door was so wedged that it could not be opened, hampering rescue work. Sgt Jones, Sgt Lovelace, Tec 5, Seelye and Tec 5 Kaminski removed the Officer from the ship backed by other members of this unit. The other Officer escaped unassisted but was seriously burned about the face and hands. The fire was quickly put out but the ship was almost a complete loss. Every man in this organization assisted at the scene.

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On the same day at about 2400 hours an A-26 crashed off the runway. This ship came in with the left wheel unlocked causing the ship to slide on the left wing and motor. The ship did not catch fire although there was a gasoline leak. Men who were on the line proceeded to the crash and covered the gasoline with foam. No one was injured but considerable damage occurred to the ship. Men on the line were Sgt Jones, Tec.5 Seelye, Tec 5, Kaminski, Pfc Stover, Pfc Fuentes, Pfc Holmstrom.

Upon hearing of the unconditional surrender of Germany this unit rejoiced and celebrated with a party in our Day room. Entertainment and refreshments was furnished by Lt Anderson and the members of this unit.

On the 20th this unit was disbanded ending almost two (2) years of service together, seventeen (17) months being over seas. Fifteen (15) members of this unit were transferred to Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, 467th Air Service Group. The other five (5) were transferred to 318th Station Compliment Squadron (Sp), 16th Air Depot Group. Lt Anderson was also transferred to Hq and Base Sv Sq, 467th Air Sv Gp.

This unit prepared to move to the new location at Station A-59, and sent six (6) members in advance to carry out fire fighting duties there.

This ends a brilliant career of fire fighting by this unit in both England and France. Many fires and crashes were attended by this unit and quite a few ships were saved through our efficient fire fighting methods. Also a few lives were saved by our heroic and quick action, although a few ship blew up near us this unit never lost a man through death or no one was injured in the many fires and crashes attended.

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