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GROUP HISTORY: 92nd BOMB GROUP (H)

February 1946

It had to come sooner or later — that day when "Fames' Favored Few" after a victorious conclusion to its participation in battle, would at last be homeward bound (in a "Paper envelope"). The final curtain had fallen on a glorious past and with most of its bemedaled warriors already at home, the few remaining, unsung personnel stay to tie the strings of history together in the compilation of it's records, slated for the national archives in Washington.

From its earliest conception, the 92nd was destined for greatness; from its first raid on the industrial target of Meaulte, France, to its citation awarded attack on Oschersleben. Its path of battle was ever studded with an endless stream of precision strikes that added to the Group's prestige and to the total defeat that is now Germany.

Now ... across the field , at old West Camp, are deserted barracks, the last mute testimony of what had once been. Paint peeling — windows bleak and empty and the doors shut tight to keep out an invading mistral wind that brought its gagging dust and turned all into complete desolation. The sullen buildings, alone remain ... the last citadel, as though to challenge the very elements that would detract ... obliterate the past, and the still trodden ground echos the sound of feet of men who fought and won. Now all is gone, but the written word.

Records. Dusty, grimed, or neat and compact, old and new, large and small, dull, exciting and often sad — all cover the span of war and give that certain touch of efficiency that is American. A drawer, stuffed with records of decorations awarded ... valor on the grand

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scale. Missions flown, men wounded, killed or even a pulse quickening, hope forming "missing in action". Where are these men now ... at home, the fields, factories, offices? Or buried under alien sod? The letters, photographs are all now that remain that give evidence in historic files, and tell of men who fought and proved a principle, that all men are created free and equal.

Yes, the final curtain has fallen on what a writer would call, "life's drama", the players have left the stage, the lights are dimmed, and all that remains to be done is the janitorial work. The records are encased, the door is closed and all is quiet. May never a return engagement be necessary, but if it needs be so ... let it be "Fames' Favored Few" to be recalled from the Famed Halls of Valhalla.

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On February 25th, 1946, the remaining 27 officers and enlisted men in the 92nd were transferred to the 308th Bomb Group and by General Order No.5, dated 24 February 1946, Headquarters, 40th Bomb Wing (H), both the 92nd Bomb Group and the 309th Air Service Group were officially inactivated.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 5)

24 February 1946

INACTIVATION OF CERTAIN ARMY AIR FORCES UNITS

1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq, U. S. Forces, European Theater, AG 322, OCT-AGO, subject: "Inactivation of Certain Air Forces Units", 14 Feb 1945, and General Orders No. 32, Hq, U. S. Air Forces in Europe, 19 Feb 1946, the following units will be inactivated effective 0001, 28 Feb 1946.

Hqs 92nd Bomb Gp (H)
Hqs 384th Bomb Gp (H)

325th Bomb Sq (H)
326th Bomb Sq (H)
327th Bomb Sq (H)
407th Bomb Sq (H)

544th Bomb Sq (H)
545th Bomb Sq (H)
546th Bomb Sq (H)
547th Bomb Sq (H)

Hq & Base Sv Sq 409th Air Sv Gp
Hq & Base Sv Sq 415th Air Sv Gp

835th Air Engineering Sq
853th Air Material Sq
841st Air Engineering Sq
865th Air Material Sq

2. The 306th Bomb Gp (H) and 414th Air Service Gp will absorb all personnel presently assigned to units listed in par 1 above. Personnel surplus to the needs of these two groups will be reported to this headquarters for disposition. No enlisted personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of this action.

3. Equipment rendered surplus will be turned in to the appropriate supply depots as outlined in messageform, USAFE, MP-16751, 23 Jan 1946, by units listed in par 1 above.

4. Records of inactivated units will be disposed of in accordance with Cir 60, U. S. Forces, European Theater, 25 Feb 1945, except that records shipments will be forwarded to "Adjutant General, Inactive Records Depot, c/o Adjutant General Publications Branch, P36- I. G. Farben, Hochst/Main, Germany". Report of action taken will be forwarded to "Adjutant General, Inactive Records Depot, APO 757, U. S. Army". Report will include date of shipment, number of containers, and specific agency to which records were delivered, together with inventories and receipts required in par 6 c (3) and (4) of the above cited circulars.

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5. Unit commanders will comply with the provisions of: AR 345-900, 22 May 45; par 38, AR 345-400, 3 Jan 45; AR 345-105, 18 Nov 29; par 8, WD Cir No 170, 1943; USFET Circulars No's 78 and 88, 1945; and USAFE Regulations No's 80-10 and 80-16.

6. Priority teletype report of inactivations will be made in accordance with USAFE Reg 15-6, 26 Dec 45.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL MUSICE:

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