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Only one man enlisted in the Regular Army, most others were waiting for redeployment. Most of the conversation, most of the rumors were on demobilization. However 5 Officers and 89 Enlisted Men were in the 'pipe line' to the ZI.

Very few promotions came through, however 6 Officers and 8 Enlisted Men were promoted one grade.

The first aircrews flying the Liberia courier run returned with stalks of green bananas. They were 'barracks' ripened and fresh bananas supplimented the mess hall diet.

The move to consolidate with the 384th Bombardment Group was begun in Supply, Engineering and Operations. Our planes were all shifted and the work of closing out the Squadron was on its way.

Flying time was still precious, most men had to be content with 4 hours, some were not able to get that.

The strength of the Squadron as of the 31st of January was 75 Officers and 106 Enlisted Men.

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