Fuel oil was made available on a rationed plan to each tent or house so that everyone had enough heat to take the sting out of the penetrating cold winds of sunny Italy. Everybody was safety conscious and as a result there were not tents burned down this month. This was a good record when taking into consideration the increase of personnel in each squadron.

Squadron S-2 sections have been devoting special attention to news talks, and interest among the men is keen. Mess halls have maps showing the fronts, and there is daily comment on the Russian advances and the wiping out of the German bulge in our lines. The Pacific Campaign doesn’t suffer from neglect either in the news discussions.

Each squadron received new crews during the month so that the group was built up to its maximum strength. In spite of this, the new men were absorbed smoothly in the group. Orientation talks given by the different sections to these new crews impressed upon them our record and traditions, as well as operational policies. The strength of the group is now at its highest level, more than had been expected, but this group is functioning well against these expected demands.

824 Squadron Awards
Silver Star
T/Sgt. Joseph O’Connell

DFC
Capt. Frank E Oliver
1st Lt. Charles F Ness
1st Lt. Stanley V Olson
1st Lt. Theodore M Ewing
1st Lt. Joseph D Nelson
1st Lt. Wayne E Dack
1st Lt. Joseph Bachowicz *
1st Lt. Harry S Allen
2nd Lt. Jack B Raetz
2nd Lt. Robert W Kime

Bronze Star
MSgt. Chester L Coleman
S/Sgt. Louis A Guy
S/Sgt. James C Adcock

825th Squadron Awards
DFC
Maj. James C Langdon
Capt. Billie B Neel
Capt. Paul J Williams
Capt. John H Whitacre Jr
1st Lt. James T Chafin Jr
1st Lt. Sigurd V Moody (Oak leaf cluster)
1st Lt. Charles M Consey
1st Lt. D L Bilger
1st Lt. Howard Steinburg
1st Lt. Walter Samarevitz *
1st Lt. Daniel A Birnkrantz
1st Lt. Barney J Milner
1st Lt. Terton A Tenborg
1st Lt. Wallace E Lamay
1st Lt. Cloyd W Kerr
2nd Lt. Harold J Harve
2nd Lt. Richard F Hugo
2nd Lt. Ryan M O'Brien
2nd Lt. Robert F Anderson
2nd Lt. James C Ellis
2nd Lt. John H Gross Jr
2nd Lt. Paul R Willhide
2nd Lt. Lowell P Hayes *
2nd Lt. Robert J Swanson

826 Squadron Awards
DFC
1st Lt. Robert A Warn
1st Lt. Edward A Burns
1st Lt. George K Dickie Jr *
1st Lt. Edwin T Danowski
1st Lt. Frederick A Dierksmeier
1st Lt. Edward M Duke

827 Squadron Awards
DFC
Capt. Marion H Hammett
1st Lt. Carl K Williams
1st Lt. William J Jones
1st Lt. Kenneth C Rounds
1st Lt. John P Roedel
1st Lt. William H McWhirr
1st Lt. Michael B Goodman
2nd Lt. Russell K Bolton Jr
2nd Lt. Leo Frobom *
T/Sgt. Perry W Lounsbury
S/Sgt. Donald R Reiter
S/Sgt. Oliver E Seward
S/Sgt. James H Baysinger
S/Sgt. Loran L Conner

Operational History February 1945

During the month of February the 484th Bombardment Group flew a total of 17 missions, of these, eight were PFF, or instrument bombing missions, six were visual missions, and three were non-available missions. A total 443 sorties were flown with 808 tons of bombs dropped on enemy targets. 53 planes returned early during the month. Thirteen aircraft were lost, and 102 men were listed as missing, 12 killed, and 4 wounded.

Missions For February 1945

Mission No. 147. 1 February 1945, Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery.

A maximum effort mission was planned to attack this number one priority target in the 15th Air Force operational area. The Air Force was attempting to cripple the gasoline production of Germany in order to keep the German fighters out of action, and the motorized equipment from moving. The target was cloud covered, but 36.5