

Diseases

Disease	Unit	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Malaria	HQ	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	824TH SQ	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	825TH SQ	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
	826TH SQ	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	827TH SQ	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	TOTALS	1	1	2	9	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	4
Respiratory	HQ	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	0
	824TH SQ	5	3	6	4	2	15	7	5	7	7	18	4
	825TH SQ	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	2
	826TH SQ	1	3	3	3	4	4	15	20	18	11	16	4
	827TH SQ	2	7	1	4	2	5	1	6	6	7	2	6
	TOTALS	8	18	11	11	8	26	25	35	35	25	38	16
VD	HQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	824TH SQ	0	0	0	2	5	3	5	3	1	1	1	2
	825TH SQ	0	0	0	0	4	7	1	10	0	1	1	3
	826TH SQ	0	0	4	2	2	5	4	4	1	1	1	1
	827TH SQ	0	0	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	3
	TOTALS	0	0	6	7	13	17	13	19	3	7	5	10
Hepatitis	HQ	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	824TH SQ	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	3	0	0	1
	825TH SQ	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
	826TH SQ	0	2	5	1	3	3	10	5	4	1	0	1
	827TH SQ	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTALS	0	2	8	5	3	12	18	11	8	1	0	2

Venereal Disease

Unlike other communicable diseases, Venereal Diseases are not dependent entirely on the incidence, locations or winged carriers. It is chiefly a matter of personality. As most cases have acknowledged that they had been informed of dangers of VD, especially in this area, and that VD has been brought to their attention time and again; it can be said that Venereal education has been strict, but that individual discipline has been lax.

Combat Crews Gains and Losses

The information given here is a compilation of figures designated to show the corresponding gains and losses. As a result of enemy action which included killed, missing in action and wounded, the Group lost a total of 66 crews. Through transfer and return of personnel (those who have finished their tour of duty) to the United States, approximately 106 crews were lost. Combining the two figures we have a grand total of 172 crews under the category of losses. On the other side of the ledger, we have our replacements consisting of combat crews and staff personnel. In the Group composite a grand total of 174 crews reported. A Group orientation school was set up and SOP was that each new crew entering the organization went through a short period of indoctrination in the methods used in the 15th Air Force. The breakdown of losses and gains by position is shown at right. Unfortunately the records prior to July 15, 1944 were misplaced and figures have not been included in either loss or gain. However, the figures shown here, which represents a period of 9-1/2 months, give a good picture. The average mission experience of those crews who completed their tour of duty was 35 sorties or times over the target.

Gains and Losses by Duty Assignment

Duty	Tot Cas	Losses	Gains
P & CoP	126	209	340
B	63	106	140
N	71	106	171
748 (Eng)	69	221	196
757 (Radio Op)	67	114	176
612 (Arm Gun)	67	156	241
611 (Aerial Gun)	182	133	457
940 (Aer Photo)	2	7	
PFF Navigator	8	3	24
TOTAL	655	1055	1743