

881st Chemical Company (Air Operations) War Diary

881st CHEMICAL COMPANY (AIR OPERATIONS)

Unit History 1942 - 1943

IN accordance with para #1 GO #89. Third Air Force Tampa, Florida, dated 19 April 1942, the 881st Chemical Company, Air Operations was activated at Jackson, Miss. It was transferred to Columbia AAB, South Carolina, without personnel or equipment per GO #28, HQ Jackson AAB, Miss. May 1942.

The unit was made up of men from numerous units throughout the United States who assembled at McDill Field, Fla. for training in August 1942, working their way through many courses prior to their overseas physical in April 1943. On May 17 the company received orders to move. and at 17.00hrs left Key Field, Miss. for Camp Shanks, NY, traveling 247 miles. Here old clothing was replaced with new and every member received the final overseas physical examination.

At 19.00hrs on May 19 the company left for Staten Island and boarded the S.S. Contessa at 23.00hrs, staying two days while being loaded with cargo. At noon on the 25th the ship sailed for England docking at Liverpool, assigned to the 1st Bombardment Wing by General Orders #70, HQ Eighth Bomber Command dated 18 June 1943.

The company arrived at AAF Station #167 Ridgewell, near Halstead, Essex Co., UK on 11 June 1943. Company HQ, first and third platoons were moved to Station # 117 Kimbolton, by Special Orders # 62, HQ 1st Bombardment Wing. The second and fourth platoons and Distributing Point Section became the Detachment A. 881st Chem. Co. and began functioning on 16 June 1943 with two officers and 65 enlisted men.

Primarily the duties of this unit are the handling of gases, incendiaries and smokes. The men are thoroughly trained in the handling of toxic agents for both spray tanks and bombs but their work has been confined to the handling of incendiaries and smokes. At present the personnel of the unit prepare incendiary bombs, smoke markers and bomb release markers for loading and work with the ordnance section on the loading of all types of bombs. Four incendiary areas are maintained at the bomb dump and a minimum of 200 M47 1001b incendiary bombs and 200 M17 incendiary clusters are kept worked out of the crates and boxes for each of the four squadrons. The incendiary areas are supervised by S/Sgt Donald E. Oik and S/Sgt Theodore F. Tapps.

A six-man distributing point section, under Sgt Robert L. Loach work and inspect the M138 and M126 fuses, making arming wires. Assemble and fill skymarkers, construct bomb release markers and distribute incendiary grenades to new aircraft. Two of these six men are on duty each night to distribute fuses to the loading crew, set the delay mechanism on the M138 fuses and load skymarkers and bomb release markers. A total of 24 men supervised by S/Sgt Edward C. Kollmann are detailed each night to load bombs with the squadron ordnance section. Men perform second echelon maintenance on the detachment's one jeep, nine chemical handling trucks and one M3AI power driven decontaminating apparatus. One man from each squadron ordnance section has been trained in the use of the decontaminating apparatus which is used by all squadron ordnance sections for washing vehicles and roads.

Administration of the detachment is handled by T/Sgt Wheeler, acting 1st Sgt, who is assisted by a clerk and supply man. Three men are permanently detailed to the airmens' mess, one man to the Post Exchange and one to the station personnel office. The detachment is also required to furnish two men for guard duty at the ammunition areas and this detail is handled on a duty roster basis.

The following list represents the original roster of the Detachment A, 881st Chem. Co.: 2nd Lt Juetta C. Renalds (0-1036093), officer commanding. 2nd Lt Edgar J. Gording (0-1036540)' adjutant.

Name	Grade	ASN	Class	Title
Albonese, Charles	T/4	36236108	060	Cook
Arnett, Wendle L.	Pvt	35314477	786	TGH
Arway, Steve.	Pvt	33264372	345	LEO
Barto1, Martin H.	Pfc	36170928	345	LEO
Beyer. Otis V.	Pvt	15077641	786	TGH
Bickell. George H.	Pvt	35314491	345	LEO
Binkley, Darrell W.	T/5	35314424	786	TGH
Bishop, Dwight W.	T/5	35381522	786	TGH
Bogdan, Paul A.	Pvt	32305959	786	TGH
Bottiglieri. James	Pvt	32353306	786	TGH
Breedlove, Edmund H.	Pvt	35528258	786	TGH
Cecchini, John B.	Pvt	33155772	060	Cook
Ciampi, Joseph S.	Pvt	12088605	521	Cook/helper
Cossello, Joseph F.	Pvt	32308632	786	TGH
Demkowski, Adam F.	Pvt	32302373	786	TGH
Dougan, Raymond F.	Pvt	12096146	786	TGH
Fagiani. Joseph	Pfc	12067450	786	TGH
Fedow, Michael J.	Pvt	12088366	786	TGH
Flaherty, Thomas B.	T/5	32269773	786	TGH
Ganski, Stanley J.	Pvt	11073314	786	TGH
Haines, Paul P.	T/5	35124115	786	TGH
Harris. George A.	T/5	12047595	186	R. & S.*
Hayes, James H.	Pvt	34259393	786	TGH
Hirsch, Albert W.	Pfc	31092137	186	R.& S.
Holt, Paul W.	Pvt	34274512	786	TGH
Hopper. John J.	T/5	32354143	786	TGH
Jacobowski, John J.	Pvt	32446559	786	TGH
Keith, Quellen M.	Pvt	35747789	786	TGH
Kennedy, Samuel B.	Pvt	12089585	786	TGH
Kollmann. Edward C.	S/Sgt	12088 ?	651	Platoon Sgt

Leahy, John D.	T/5	32308507	786	TGH
Litke, Robert T.	Pvt	37382722	786	TGH
Loach, Robert L.	Sgt	102335	786	Toxic Gas Handler
MacLellan, Donald	Pfc	31091801	186	R.& S.
Mann, Coral F.	Pvt	35382157	121	Utility repair
McCormick, Donald R.	Pvt	35308972	345	LEO
McCullough Walter A.	Cpl	32308583	786	TGH
Mulligan, Martin G.	Pfc	36079338	786	TGH
Olk, Donald N.	S/Sgt	049436	651	Platoon Sgt
Patrick, Michael W.	Pvt	32607763	786	TGH
Peckens, Howard A.	Pvt	35382211	786	TGH
Peterson, Virgil M.	Pvt	17157942	786	TGH
Petrisko, Andrew J.	Pvt	35536558	786	TGH
Pietrowski, Paul.	Pvt	31204746	786	TGH
Preston, Norman.	Pvt	35432379	786	TGH
Ridgway, Carl W.	Pvt	35382067	786	TGH
Rowan, William A.	Pvt	32488605	786	TGH
Sanders, Ralph A.	Pvt	33356646	786	TGH
Siceloff, Henry C.	Pvt	34598441	786	TGH
Simmons, Verlin O.	Pvt	35437050	786	TGH
Small, Raymond F.	Pvt	36345595	345	LEO
Stevens, Sam S.	Pvt	38464211	786	TGH
Stone, Richard T.	Pvt	36345601	345	LEO
Sweeney, John L.	Cpl	33004737	786	TGH
Tabbert, Walter C.	Pvt	36345512	121	Utility/Repair
Tapps, Theodore F.	Cpl	16033079	786	TGH
Trittipo, Paul K.	Pvt	35424021	121	Utility/Repair
Turner, Charlie L.	Pvt	34374600	121	Utility/Repair
Van De Genaste, Oscar.	Cpl	35327136	786	TGH
Van Ruland, Edward J.	Sgt	39802096	815	Motor Sgt
Welch Herman R.	Pvt	35451479	121	Utility/Repair
Wheeler, La George G.	T/Sgt	36213290	509	Section Chief
Whitely, Donald W.	Pvt	36344991	121	Utility/Repair
Wojtach, Bruno J.	Pvt	36345222	786	TGH

Wood, Willie D. Pfc 34122199 345 LEO

*** Receiving and Shipping Checker.**

2. T/Sgt LaGeorge G. Wheeler was designated 1st Sgt of Detachment A on June 16.
3. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties between June 16 and July 31.
4. There have been no personnel changes since the setting up of the unit.
5. There has been no participation in chemical missions June 16-July 31.

AUGUST 1943

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties throughout the month.
2. There were no changes in personnel during the month.
3. The following have been promoted: Pfc Donald MacLellan to T/5; Pvts Paul A. Bogdan and Walter C Tabbert to Pfc.
4. The Detachment did not participate in chemical missions during the month.

SEPTEMBER

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. There were no personnel changes during the month.
3. The following have been promoted: Pfs Paul A. Bogdan and Albert W. Hirsch to T/5, Pvts James Bottiglieri, John B. Cecchini, Joseph S. Ciampi, Quellen M. Keith, Robert T. Litke and Donald W. Whitely.
4. The unit loaded three incendiary missions during the month.

OCTOBER

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. Personnel changes during the month include: 2nd Lt Edgar I. Gording (0-1036540) absent sick in 2nd General Hospital, APO 647, transferred in grade to Dept. of Patients, 2nd General Hospital, APO 647; Pfc Martin H. Barte1 (36170923) absent sick 121st General Hospital, APO 560, is transferred in grade to Dept. of Patients, 2nd General Hospital, APO 647.
3. The following have been promoted: Pfc John B. Cecchini and Joseph S. Ciampi to T/5, Pvts Adam S. Denkowski, Norman Preston, Ralph W. Sanders, Bruno I. Wojtach to Pfc.
4. The Detachment loaded three incendiary missions during the month.
5. Pursuant to General Orders #3, Base HQ, dd 1 Oct. Under the provisions of AR- 600-68, May 41943, the Good Conduct Medal is been awarded to the following EM, who have demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results and whose behavior has been such as to deserve circulation: T/5s Paul A. Bogdan, Paul P. Haines, John I. Hopper, John D. Leahy, Donald MacLellan, Pvts Adam S. Denkowski, James M. Hayes, Norman Preston, Ralph W. Sanders and Bruno J. Wojtach.

NOVEMBER

1. The usual camp duties were performed by this unit during the month.
2. Four new men were assigned this unit from 82nd Service Group on the 18th: Sgt Edward M. Bates (31063077); Sgt Bob L. Thutin (36191119), Cpl August. A. Byron (19017679); Pvt Golden G. Sheffield (39310207).
3. The following have been promoted: Pfc Joseph Fagiani, Ralph W. Sanders, Donald W. Whitely and Bruno I. Wojtach; Pvts Otis V. Beyer, Stanley J. Ganski, James M. Hayes, Paul W. Holt, Andrew P. Petrisko and Carl W. Ridgway to Pfc.

4. This Detachment loaded nine incendiary missions during the month.
5. Pursuant. to General Orders #4, etc., the Good Conduct Medal was awarded to: T/Sgt LaGeorge G. Wheeler, S/Sgt Edward C. Kollman, S/Sgt Donald E. Olk, Sgt Edward J. Van Nuland, Cpl John L. Sweeney, T/5 George A. Harris, T/5 Albert W. Hirsch, Pvt Raymond F. Dougan, Pvt Charlie L. Turner, Sgt Robert L. Loach, Cpl Walter A. McCullough, Cpl Theodore F. Tapps, Cpl. Oscar J. VanDeGenaste, T/5 Darrell W. Binkley, T/5 Joseph Fagiani, T/5 Donald W. Whitely and Pvt Howard A. Peckens.

DECEMBER

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties throughout the month.
3. Assigned to this unit were: 2nd Lt David G. McAnemy (0-1038059) and 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley (0-1035679), both from HQ, 1st Bomb Division.
4. The following promotions were made: Pfc's Quellen M. Keith and Willie D. Wood to T/5; Pvc's Steve Arway, Raymond F. Dougan, Virgil E. Peterson and Richard T. Stone to Pfc's.
5. The unit loaded eight incendiary missions during the month.

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JANUARY 1944

1. The Detachment personnel the usual camp duties during the month.
2. There were no personnel changes during the month.
3. The following changes in classification were made, as per board action: T/Sgt LaGeorge G. Wheeler from 539 to 870; S/Sgts Edward C. Kollman and Donald E. Olk from 651 to 870; T/5 Willie D. Wood, Pfc Steve Arway, Pfc Donald McConnick, Pic Richard T. Stone, Pvt George H. Bickell and Raymond Small from 345 to 929.
4. Sgt Robert L. Loach (1.5102335) DS to Anti-Gas School. Rolleston Camp, Salisbury for 12 days.
5. The Detachment. loaded eight incendiary missions during the month.

FEBRUARY

1. The Detachment personnel performed the usual camp duties during February.
2. The following EM were transferred to HQ 881 Chem. Co. Station #117, Kimbolton: Sgt Edward M. Bates, Sgt Bob L. Thulin, Cpl August A. Byron. 2nd Lt David G. McAnemy (0-1038059) assigned to Eighth AF Replacement Depot, AAF Station #594.
3. The following personnel have been reclassified: Pvt Verlin O. Simmons from 062 to 521.; Pfc Walter C. Tabbert, Pvt Coral F. Mann, Pvt Paul K. Trittipio, Pvt Herman R. Welch from 121 to 521; T/5 Donald W. Whitely from 121 to 822; T/5 George A. .Harris, T/5 Albert W. Hirsch. T/5 Donald MacLellan from 186 to 835; T/5 Willie D.Wood, Pfc Steve Arway, Pfc Donald McConnick, Pfc Richard T. Stone, Pvt George .H. Bickell, Pvt Raymond F. Small from 929 to 345.
4. The following promotions and reductions have been made during the month: Pfc Martin G. Mulligan (36079338) reduced to Pvt; Pvt John F. Jacobowski (32446559) promoted to Pfc.
5. 1st Lt Juetta O. Renalds (0-1036693) to Anti-Gas School, Rolleston Camp, Salisbury for seven days, dated 27 Jan.

6. This Detachment loaded six incendiary missions throughout February.
7. A letter of commendation dated 28 Feb 1944, from Post Commander was received by Pfc Norman H. Preston for Meritorious Conduct on 22 Sept 1943 when an Allied aircraft crashed and exploded near this station.
8. The following EM received the Good Conduct Medal during the month: Sgt Edward M. Bates, T/5 Dwight W. Bishop (35381582), T/5 Thomas P. Flaherty (32269773) Pfc Otis V. Beyer, Pfc Paul W. Holt. Pfc Donald McCormick, Pvt Joseph F. Cossello, Pvt Verlin O. Sammons. Sgt Bob L. Thulin, T/5 Joseph S. Ciampi, T/5 Willie D. Wood, Pfc Stanley J. Ganski, Pfc Robert T. Litke, Pfc Walter C. Tabbert, Pvt Paul A Pietrowski, Pvt Paul K. Trittipio.

MARCH

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. The following personnel changes took place: Pfc Martin G. Mulligan and Pvt Raymond F. Small transferred in grade to HQ Sq, Det #5 ASC. to AAF Station #594; Pvt Verlin O. Sammons transferred in grade to Dept. of Patients. 121st General Hospital; T/Sgt Nathan Weissmann (12043139) of HQ 1st Bomb Div. is placed on TD for an indefinite period to this unit.
3. The following promotions and reductions were made during the month: T/5 Thomas P. Flaherty promoted to Cpl; Cpl Walter A. McCullough reduced to Pvt; Pfc John J. Jacobowski, Pfc Virgil E. Peterson, Pvt Walter A. McCollough promoted to T/5; Pvts Samuel B. Kennedy, Paul K. Trittipio, Charlie L. Turner promoted to Pfc.
4. 1st Lt Juetta O. Renalds to B-17 Armament School at RAF Kirkham, Preston, for two weeks.
5. T/5 Dwight W. Bishop to Anti-Gas School at Rolleston Camp. Salisbury. for 12 days; 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley to same school for seven days.
6. A letter of commendation dd 30 March from the Post Commander was received by Cpl John L. Sweeney, as a member of the station orchestra, for the excellent manner in which the orchestra has entertained and served to bolster the morale of the personnel of this station. The time and effort which he so generously donated to enhance the spirits of the officers and men are highly appreciated.
7. 1st Lt. Juetta O. Renalds is appointed Base Ordnance Officer in addition to other duties, vice 1st Lt John J. Connors (0-1036069) is released.

APRIL

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. The following personnel changes took place: Pvt Raymond V. Small transferred to Station #594 on TD; Pvts Alvin Silverman (12218992) and Albert Zdolchek (35915270) assigned from 881st Chem. Co. Detachment at Kimbolton.
3. There were no promotions or reductions during the month.
4. 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley appointed Station Chemical Officer vice 1st Lt Juetta O. Renalds.
5. The Detachment loaded 12 incendiary missions during April.

MAY

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. The following personnel changes took place: Cpl William S. Lott Jr (32345889) of HQ. 1st Bomb Div. released for TD with HQ 876th Chemical Co. for seven days; The following are released from duty and attached to. Alert Detachment' 1142nd MP Co, for quarters and rations: Pfc Raymond F. Dougan, Pvts Wend1e L. Arnett, Coral F. Mann, Michael F. Patrick, Paul A. Pietrowski; T/5 George A Harris (12047595) re- classified from 835 to 945.
3. There have been no promotions or .reductions during the month.

4. Special Order #116, from HQ, 381st BG dd 26 May, placed 881st Chem. Co. under direct control, for loading of aircraft only, of Capt Julius L. Eichenbaum (0-1551392), HQ, 381st BG.
5. The Detachment loaded six incendiary missions during the month.

JUNE

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. The following EM are released from m with 1.142nd MP Co. and returned to duty: Pfc Raymond F. Dougan, Pvts Wendle L. Arnett, Coral F. Mann, Michael F. Patrick, Paul A Pietrowski; T/5 Virgil E. Peterson re-classified from 786 to 502, T/5 Donald MacLellan from 835 to 821.
3. One officer and 33 enlisted men released from attachment to this unit.
4. 1st Lt Juetta O. Renalds to Bomb Recon. School for seven days, with 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley assuming command, dd 7 June.
5. 1st Lt Juetta O. Renalds on DS at RAF Anti-Gas School, Rolleston Camp, Salisbury for 12 days, 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley assuming command, dd 23 June.
6. There were no promotions or reductions during the month.
7. The Detachment loaded three incendiary missions during the month.
8. The Detachment loaded 163 skymarkers during the month.

JULY

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month. 2. The following personnel changes took place: Cpl Richard W. Brown (34505641) placed on DS with unit from HQ 1st Bomb Div.; Pfc Meredith C. Barron (17153976) transferred from HQ 381st BG; Pvt Albert F. Zdolshek transferred to 532nd Bomb Sqd, Pvt Coral F. Mann released from DS with HQ 881st Chem. Co., and returned to unit; Pfc Walter C. Tabbert, Pfc Paul K. Trittippo, Pvt Herman R. Welch all reclassified from 521 to 590; Sgt Edward Van Nuland re-classified from 813 to 014; T/4 Charles Albonesco re-classified from 060 to 824.
3. 1st Lt Juetta O. Renalds returned from Anti-Gas School, and 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley relieved of command.
4. Pfc Robert F. Litke promoted to T/5, Lts Renalds and Alley devised a bomb release marker which has been approved for use by this group. Specifications have been sent to higher HQ for approval. A modification for the fuse, bomb, M-127 developed by Lts Renalds and Alley have been submitted through channels for consideration and approval.
6. The Detachment loaded six incendiary missions during the month, and 76 skymarkers.

AUGUST

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month. 2. There have been no personnel changes in this period.
3. The following re-classifications took place: T/5 Donald W. Whitely from 822 to 345, Pfc Walter C. Tabbert, Pfc Paul K. Trittippo, Pfc Herman R. Welch from 590 to 786.
4. T/5 Donald MacLellan, T/5 Walter A. McCullough, Pfc Samuel B. Kennedy to Browning Machine Gun School at RAF Kirkham. Preston. Lancs for seven days, dd 10 Aug; T/5 Albert W. Hjrsh, T/5 John F. Jacobowski to same school for seven days. dd 24 Aug.
5. There were no promotions or reductions during the month.
6. During this period the detachment loaded 80 skymarkers and 93 bomb release markers.

SEPTEMBER

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. The following promotions and reductions took place: Sgt Edward J. Var Nuland and T/5 Joseph S. Ciampi reduced to Pvt; T/5 Donald MacLellan promoted to Sgt; Pfc Stanley A. Dymkowski and Pvt Edward J. VanNuland promoted to T /5.
3. The following changes to classification took place: Pfc Raymond F. Dougan from 786 to 405.
4. The following changes in personnel took place: Cpl Eugene C. Bytheway (33597272) of HQ 881st Chem. Co. is placed on DS with this unit; Pfc John S. Pekala (32480655) assigned from 533rd BS to this unit; Pfc Raymond F. Dougan (12096146) and Pvt Golden G. Sherfield (39310207) transferred to HQ 876th Chem. Co.
5. T/5 Albert W. Hirsch and T/5 J.ohn J. Jacobowski to Browning Machine Gun School at RAF Kirkham. Preston. Lancs for seven days.
6. 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley to Ammunition School for two weeks. dd 10 Sept; S/Sgt Edward C. Kollmann and Pvt Michael F. Patrick on same course for two weeks. dd 24 Sept.
7. Sgt Robert L. Loach to Bomb Recon. School for seven days. dd 24 Sept.
8. The Bomb Release Marker devised by Lt Renalds and Lt Alley has been approved by Combat Wing and 1st Bomb Division.
9. This Detachment loaded 72 bomb release markers and 59 skymarkers during the month as well as loading incendiaries and 12 missions.

OCTOBER

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. There were no promotions or reductions.
3. The following personnel changes took part: 1st Lt. Julette Renalds released from this unit and transferred to the 7th Station Complement Sqd. ; 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley is appointed commanding officer; 2nd Lt Gene S. Sarli (0-1038479) and Cp1 Edward K. Gliem (12056393) transferred to this unit from 7th Station Complement Sqd; T/5 George A. Harris transferred to 533rd BS; Sgt Donald MacLellan transferred to 70th Replacement Depot.
4. The following attended training schools during the month, 1st Lt Julette Renalds to Ammunition School for two weeks. dd 27 Sept.; 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley to Bomb Recon. School for one week; S/Sgt Donald E. Olk to Ammunition School for two weeks, dd 9 Oct.; Cpl Richard C. Brown to Bomb Recon. School for one week, dd 14 Oct; T/5 Virgil E. Peterson to Rocket & Grenade Launcher School, for two days, dd 26 Oct.; Pfc Norman W. Preston to Bomb Recon. School for one week, dd 20 Oct.
5. This Detachment loaded 130 Bomb Release Markers, 103 Skymarkers and incendiaries on 17 missions during the month.

NOVEMBER

1. The Detachment. performed the usual Camp duties during the month.
2. The following was promoted: Cpl Theodore F. Tapps (16033079) to Sgt.
3. The following changes took place: Pfc John P. St John (37197405) to this unit. from HQ, 881st Chem. Co. Kimbolton; Pvt Raymond F. Small transferred to 532nd BS; Pvt Raymond F. Roy (37317184) transferred to this unit from 532nd BS.
4. The following attended training schools: 2nd Lt Gene S. Sarli and Sgt Theodore F. Tapps, two weeks at Ammunition School; dd 10 and 17 Nov.
5. Pvt Paul A. Pietrowski on TD for 14 days to HQ 1 st Bomb Div.
6. The Detachment loaded 86 bomb release markers, 57 skymarkers and incendiaries on two missions during November.

DECEMBER

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. The following promotion took place: Pfc Paul K. Trittipio to Cpl.
3. The following personnel changes took place: 1st Lt Julette O Renalds returned from 7th Station Comp. Sqd. as assumed command from 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley transferred to 7th Sta. Comp Sqd.
4. The Detachment loaded 98 bomb release markers, 82 skymarkers and incendiaries on six missions during the month.

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1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
2. The following were promoted: Pvts Howard A. Peckens (35332211), William A. Rowan (32486605) and Sam S. Stevens (38464211) to Pfc; Pfc Paul K. Trittipio promoted to T/5 temporary.
3. Pfc John S. Pekala (34280655) reduced to Pvt.
4. The following changes took place among personnel: 2nd Lt Gene S. Sarli transferred to 535th Bomb Sqd; these EM were transferred to 12th Reinforcement Depot, APO 551: Pfc Steve Arway, Pvt Raymond F. Roy, Pvt Herman R. Welch.
5. This Detachment was re-organised and designated Detachment' A' " 881st Chem. Co. under TO and E 3-457 WD, dd 1 January.
6. Incendiaries were loaded on four missions during the month.
7. Three photographs of Detachment A with roster showing home addresses, were made available, along with three photographs of the previous assigned officers of the unit: L-R: 2nd Lt Gene S. Sarli, 1st Lt Julette O. Renalds (present CO) and 2nd Lt Roy L. Alley (present adjutant).

FEBRUARY

1. The usual camp duties were performed by this detachment.
2. The following were promoted: T/5s Albert W. Hirsch, John D. Leahy and Ralph W. Sanders to Cpl; Pvts Wendle L. Arnett, George H. Bickell, Edmund H. Breedlove, Paul A. Pietrowski, Henry C. Sicheloff to Pfc.
3. The following 7th Station Complement Sqd EM were assigned this detachment: Sgt (566) Anthony Baptist (13046815), Cpl Otho W. Whest (35479356), Pvt Hennis E. Hoffman (33566625).
4. The following were reclassified: Cpl Richard W. Brown, Cpl Edward K. Gliem, T/5 Donald Whitely, T/5 Willie D. Wood, Pfc Donald R. McCormick, Pvt John S. Pekala from 345 to 786; T/5 Darrell W. Binkley, T/5 Paul F. Hajnes from 786 to 050; Cpl Albert W. Hirsch from 835 to 786; T/5 John J. Hopper from 786 to 055; Pfc Meredith C. Barron from 405 to 786; Pfc John P. St John 590 to 786.
5. T/5 Darrell W. Binkley attended Ammunition School at AAF Station #590.
6. Incendiaries were loaded on eight missions during the month.

MARCH

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.

2. The following were promoted: Pvts Joseph S. Ciampi, Joseph F. Cossello, Michael Fedow, Herman E. Hoffman. John S. Pekala to Pfc.
3. The following were transferred from 381st BG to this unit: Sgt (055) Lott D. Tennant (16008389), Sgt (078) George J. Heinsen (19122003), Pfc (070) James A. Tucker (38264218), Pvt (590) Paul E. Stone (35247624), Pvt (590) Michael M. Storelli (42058801), Sgt (870) Frank C. Dawson (31097493).
4. The following were reclassified: T/5 Paul K. Trittipio, T/5 Quellen M. Keith.
5. T/5 Dwight W. Bishop and Cpl Richard W. Brown attended Ammunition School at AAF Station # 590; S/Sgt Edward C. Kollmann attended Army Information Education Course.
6. Incendiaries were loaded on 14 missions during the month.

APRIL

1. The Detachment performed the usual camp duties during the month.
 2. The following were promoted: Pvts Michael F. Patrick, Alvin N. Silverman, Paul E. Stone to Pfc.
 3. The following were transferred to 12th Reinforcement Depot, APO #557: Cpl Edward K. Gliem, Pfc Wendle L. Arnett, Pfc Stanley I Ganski, Pfc Donald R. McCormick. Pfc John S. Pekala. Pfc Paul A. Pietrowski, Pvt William A. Rowan (all 786).
 4. 1st Lt Gene S. Sarli and 1st Sgt Robert N. Norris (16011286) transferred from 534th BS back to this detachment
 5. Cpl Thomas P. Flaherty and T/5 Walter A. McCullough were killed in a B-17 crash on the Isle of Man while flying as furlough passengers to Belfast, N. Ireland.
 6. A formal inspection by the Base Commander, Lt Col Conway S. Hall with the presentation of the Bronze Star to T/Sgt LaGeorge G. Wheeler.
 7. Sgt Anthony Baptist attended Ammunition School for two weeks.
 8. Incendiaries were loaded on four missions during the month.
- 1st Lt Julette O. Renalds, Commanding Officer, Historian.