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AAF CENTER  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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The first demonstration for the month was flown over the Orlando Air Base on 5 September 1945. This demonstration was for the enlightenment of civilian personnel in and around the Orlando area, in that they would see the aircraft perform as it had against the enemy. This squadron furnished twelve P-47's. The other squadrons on the field furnished A-26's, P-51's and B-17's. Each P-47 pilot made two passes over the target, the passes were timed to coordinate with the bombing by the B-17's and A-26's. The twelve ship flight was led by the Squadron Commander, Lt Col Charles S. Gallup. The squadron was highly commended for the part performed in this demonstration.

On 14 September 1945, the squadron operations section was notified that our aircraft would have to be evacuated, due to a hurricane sweeping up toward Miami. Only a few hours after the storm warning nineteen P-47's and two AT-6's were dispatched to Meridian, Mississippi, Major William H. Ivey led the formation and all aircraft arrived as scheduled at the Mississippi Airport. On 17 September all the aircraft returned to PAAF.

The major demonstration of the month, the 3-13 was flown on 20 September 1945 at the Pinecastle Range. Lt Col Gallup led the first formation, which was a twelve ship escort for nine B-17's that were bombing the airstrip. This phase of the mission was well performed. Capt Clement M. Russell led the second mission in which eight P-47's straffed a truck convoy. Protection was given by Capt Gleason then with a flight of four P-47's. The straffers made a steeper pass than they normally do and it added speed across the target area which is an improvement in our tactics. This mission was highly commended. Capt Gleason then led eight P-47's