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**2974TH FINANCE DETACHMENT (CLASS B) PROVISIONAL  
AAF STATION 118, APO 558**

Unit History, 2974th Finance Detachment (Class B) Provisional, 392nd Bombardment Group (H), 14th Combat Wing, 2nd Bombardment Division, AAF Station 118, APO 558, Postmaster, New York City, New York.

Periods 1 September to 1 October (Unit dissolution) 1944.

I

There were no changes in personnel, either incoming or outgoing, of the 2974th Finance Detachment (Class B) Provisional during the month of September 1944.

II

The organizations paid by the Finance Detachment in September 1944 included:

2974th Finance Detachment (Class B) Provisional  
586th Army Postal Unit  
2101st Engineer Fire-Fighting Platoon (Avn)  
1287th MF Co., Detachment "A" (Avn)  
867th Chemical Co., AO (M & H)  
1217th QM Co., Service Group (AMN) (RS)  
1825th Ordnance S & M Co. (Avn)  
Group Headquarters, 392nd Bombardment Group  
576th Bomb Squadron, 392nd Bombardment Group  
577th Bomb Squadron, 392nd Bombardment Group  
578th Bomb Squadron, 392nd Bombardment Group  
579th Bomb Squadron, 392nd Bombardment Group  
10th Station Complement (Sp)  
465th Sub Depot, Class 1  
1220th QM Co., Detachment "B"  
1771st Ordnance S & M Co., Detachment "A"  
1077th Signal Co., Service Group, Detachment "B"  
1139th MF Co., Detachment "A"  
1st Gunnery and Tow Target Flight (Sp)  
Air Division Gunnery School

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A summary of the operations for the month by the 2974th Finance Detachment shows:

1. Total Number of Troops Paid.....4,132
  - a. Enlisted Men.....3,426
  - b. Officers..... 706
2. Total Number of Vouchers Paid..... 738
3. Total Amount Disbursed on Vouchers.....\$311,990.17

In September there were 30 more vouchers paid than in August, but total disbursements in September were \$13,155 less than the disbursing activities in August.

III

The Eighth Air Force war bond campaign came to an end on the 2nd of September. This Base, with a quota of \$89,783.81, had bond sales and pledges amounting to \$169,765, or 189% of assigned quota. The sales, which were made through orderly rooms, by payroll deductions, through Special Service, and by cash sales through the Finance Office were broken down by organizations on this field as follows:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>%</u>
2101st Fire Fighting Plat.	\$ 305.26	\$ 1360.00	446
1825th Ordnance	1,113.30	3,750 .00	337
1217th CM	817.02	2,400.00	294
577th Bomb Squadron	17,354.86	47,500.00	274
806th Chemical Co.	843.95	2,100.00	249
Group Headquarters	2,576.74	6,125.00	238
576th Bomb Squadron	17,884.57	38,150.00	213
2974th Finance Detachment	134.67	280.00	208
10th Station Complement	4,275.62	8,650.00	202
586th Army Postal Unit	206.50	395.00	191
1287th MP Co.	1,158.00	2,000.00	173
465th Sub Depot	5,261.23	8,060.00	153
578th Bomb Squadron	18,118.02	25,090.00	138
579th Bomb Squadron	19,734.08	23,905.00	121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,783.81</b>	<b>169,765.00</b>	<b>189</b>

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As can be seen from the above table, the 2974th Finance Detachment had a quota of \$134.67, and purchased bonds to the value of \$280.00, exceeding its assigned quota by 208%.

In casual cash sales, not including those within the unit itself, the Finance Office, during the course of the campaign, sold \$8,650.00 worth of bonds.

IV

Military organizations are creatures of exigency. When their functions come to an end they can be dissolved. And so, on the 30th of September 1944, Special Order 273, Headquarters, 2nd Bombardment Division, AAF Station 147, APO 558 was published, transferring the personnel of the 2974th Finance Detachment into another unit.

\*3. The following named O and EM are reld fr asgmt to 2974th Fin Det (Gl B) (Prov) AAF 118 and are asgd to 208th Fin Sec (ADO) (Avn) AAF 115 and will remain on DS to AAF 118 for an indefinite period effective o/a 1 Oct 1944:

1ST LT (6201) HAROLD GREENBERG	01280627	FD	Sgt (623) Odie E Malone	39607659
T/Sgt (502) Andrew L Hamrick	18128801		Sgt (623) Milton S Martin	39535930
S/Sgt (623) Ervin L Stensland	39163023		Opl (623) Morris D Glickfeld	39036862
S/Sgt (623) Donald D Tacy	37441548		Opl (623) Lee J Welson	39167098

This is a perm change of sta. No travel involved. (Auth: Ltr, Hq Eighth AF, Subj: "Disbandment of Certain Finance Detachments" 322, 26 Sep 1944)"

Further action in Section II, General Order 248, Hq, 2nd Bombardment Division, AAF 147, APO 558, dated 1 October 1944, resulted in the followings:

\*1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 322, subject: "Disbandment of Certain Finance Detachments, (No 11)", 16 September 1944 and letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, 322, subject: "Disbandment of certain Finance Detachments", 26 September 1944, the followjnf detachments are disbanded at stations indicated effective this date:

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"2. Personnel will be absorbed in other organizations under this command. No enlisted personnel will be reduced in grade because of this action.

"3. Equipment will be turned in to the nearest appropriate supply depot."  
The work of the 2974th Finance Detachment (Class B) Provisional has come to an end with its disbandment and the reassignment of its personnel.

*H. Greenberg*  
H. GREENBERG,  
1st Lt., F. D.  
Commanding.