



417th NFS, Oran, No. Africa 1943/44

417th NFS Flying Personnel, Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in late 1943 or early 1944. Starting with back row, left side: Howard A. Kohrman-RO, Roy W. Hall-RO, William Henderson-RO, Herman A. Sternus-Pilot (Ops Off), Joe F. Draper-RO, Robell, Alexander L. McQueen-Pilot, Dan B. Corrdell-RO, **Raymond Christensen-RO**, Thaddeus Kulpinski-RO, Joseph M. **Van Laecken-RO ("X")**, Theodore K. Deakyne-Pilot, John F. (Jack) **Kirwan** (Joe's Pilot), Leonard R. Potter-RO, Larson-Pilot (Ops Off), McCray-Pilot; Middle row, from left: Jefferies-Pilot, Fuller-Pilot, Walter G. Groom-Pilot, Maj. Ehlinger C.O., Nelson-Pilot, Harold L. Roth-RO, Anthony A. Speier Jr-RO; Front row, from left: John F. Clemmons-RO, Lt. Lee-Pilot, Joe Leonard-Pilot, Samuel B. Hooten-Pilot, Robert C. Swift-Pilot, John J. Fenimore-RO, George F. Allen-RO



Eleven 417th enlisted ROs have just been commissioned and are on their way to London to get their new F/O uniforms. Standing, from left: Cpl John J.F. Fenimore, S/Sgt Ray W. Hall, Pvt Howard A. Kohrman, Cpl. Joe Van Laecken, S/Sgt Ray Christensen, Cpl Tello De Santis, front row-left, Pvt. Harold L. Roth, Cpl. Joe F. Draper, Pvt. Antony A. Speier Jr, Pvt. John F. Clemmens, Cpl. George F. Allen.



7 Flyers at Oran, Algeria; includes Ray Christensen, Joe Van Laecken, Herman Sternus.