

HEADQUARTERS
FIRST AIR FORCE
Mitchel Field, New York

for arrest order Marsden & Shirley Clinton
23 July 1945.

General Court-Martial)
Orders Number 203)

Before a general court-martial which convened at Godman Field, Kentucky, pursuant to paragraph 5, Special Orders No. 175, Headquarters First Air Force, Mitchel Field, New York, 24 June 1945, were arraigned and tried:

Second Lieutenant Marsden A. Thompson, O579458, and Second Lieutenant Shirley R. Clinton, O577152, both Air Corps, E Squadron (Trainee), 118th Army Air Forces Base Unit (CCTS-M), Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana.

CHARGE I: Violation of the 64th Article of War.

Specification 1: In that Second Lieutenant Marsden A. Thompson and Second Lieutenant Shirley R. Clinton, both Air Corps, E Squadron (Trainee), 118th Army Air Forces Base Unit (CCTS-M), acting jointly and in pursuance of a common intent, having received a lawful command from First Lieutenant Joseph D. Rogers, Air Corps, their superior officer, not to enter Officers' Club and Mess Number Two, Building T-930, Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, did, at Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, on or about 5 April 1945, willfully disobey the same.

Specification 2: In that Second Lieutenant Marsden A. Thompson and Second Lieutenant Shirley R. Clinton, both Air Corps, E Squadron (Trainee), 118th Army Air Forces Base Unit (CCTS-M), acting jointly and in pursuance of a common intent, did, at Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, on or about 5 April 1945, offer violence against First Lieutenant Joseph D. Rogers, Air Corps, their superior officer, who was then in the execution of his office, in that they, the said Second Lieutenant Marsden A. Thompson and the said Second Lieutenant Shirley R. Clinton, did, by physical force push aside the said First Lieutenant Joseph D. Rogers and enter Officers' Club and Mess Number Two, Building T-930, Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, after the said First Lieutenant Joseph D. Rogers, acting in his capacity as Assistant Base Provost Marshal, had ordered them not to enter said building.

Specification 3: In that Second Lieutenant Marsden A. Thompson, Air Corps, E Squadron (Trainee), 118th Army Air Forces Base Unit (CCTS-M), having received a lawful command from Major Andrew M. White, Air Corps, his superior officer, to leave Officers' Club and Mess Number Two, Building T-930, Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, did, at Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, on or about 5 April 1945, willfully disobey the same.

CHARGE II: Violation of the 68th Article of War.

Specification: In that Second Lieutenant Marsden A. Thompson and Second Lieutenant Shirley R. Clinton, both Air Corps, E Squadron (Trainee), 118th Army Air Forces Base Unit (CCTS-M), acting jointly and in pursuance of a common intent, being engaged in a disorder among persons subject to military law, and having been ordered into arrest by First Lieutenant Joseph D. Rogers, Air Corps, Assistant Base Provost Marshal, did, at Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, on or about 5 April 1945, refuse to obey the said First Lieutenant Joseph D. Rogers.

GCMO #203, 23 July 1945.

PLEAS (As to each accused)

To all the Specifications and the Charges: Not Guilty.

FINDINGS (As to each accused)

Of all the Specifications and the Charges: Not Guilty.

The acquittal was announced in open court on 2 July 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HUNTER:

OFFICIAL:



CHARLES L. CARLSON,
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Acting Adjutant General.

EDGAR E. GLENN,
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