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GODMAN 45

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER

[[image: photograph of 14 soldiers]]

**COLONEL DAVIS AND STAFF** - First Negro in USAAF history to have command of an Army Air Force base, Col. B. O. Davis, Jr., Godman Field (Ky.) commander, is shown above with staff officers of the 477th Composite Group. In order given are Colonel Davis (in front). First row, left to right: Maj. Victor H. Marchbanks, flight surgeon, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Maj. Thomas J. Money, executive officer, Chicago; Maj. Andrew D. Turner, deputy commander, Washington, D.C.; Maj. Douglas L. T. Robinson, chaplain, Philadelphia. Second row: Capt. Charles I. Williams, commanding officer, 617th Bomb Squadron (M), Lima, Ohio; Maj. William A. Campbell, commanding officer, Ninety-ninth Fighter Squadron (SE), Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Capt. Elmore Kennedy, commanding officers, 618th Bomb Squadron (M), Philadelphia. Third row: Lieut. Henry V. Moore, ordnance officer, Chicago; Capt. William B. Thompson, armament officer, Pittsburgh; Capt. John R. Beverly, intelligence officer, Detroit, Mich.; Lieut. Carl B. Taylor, adjutant, Yonkers, N.Y.; Lieut. John D. Silvera, public relations officer, New York City.



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