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1. Casualties in air catastrophes in the U.S. Army on non-combat flights during the first 9 months in the Pacific[a] killed 1700 pilots, January, February, March, and (in complete) April 1943[a] killed and wounded 5000 military pilots, which comes to about 5% of all

[22 groups unrecoverable]

[a] There could be a period at either or both of these points, but it seems better to relate the 1700 to "the first 9 months" and the 5000 to January-April 1943.