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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 368th THURLEIGH

Month of APRIL, 1943 of Capt. Wiley W. Glass

DAY	EVENT
April 2	Major James W. Wilson promoted to Lt. Col, AUS (AC)
4	Thirty of our A/C took off and of them successfully bombed the primary, Renault Works at Billancourt, near Paris. Flak over the target was both moderate and inaccurate. No E/A were encountered on the way in, due perhaps to the feint we made over the Channel. Between the target area and Rouen about 75 E/A were encountered and aggressive attacks were made from tail above and below. A fighter escort of Spitfires was picked up at the French Coast and all of our A/C returned to base. The British press made the statement that the damage to this target was more extensive than that done by the RAF in their very successful raid 14 months previously. Our score for the day was 7 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 0 damaged.
5	Twenty of our A/C took off, led by Major Lambert, and eighteen bombed the primary, the Erla military truck works at Antwerp. After leaving our fighter escort at Ghent, we met fierce and determined attacks by about 100 E/A which lasted from the Dutch Coast in and out. On this raid FW 190's were seen to drop bombs on our formation. Four of our A/C were lost, Lts. Parker, Ross, and Fischer of the 367th and Lt. Seelos of the 368th. Group Navigator Capt. Saltrinik, was wounded in the leg from which he died about ten days later. Our score against E/A for the day was---- 5-2-3-.
8	Major Mack McKay, relieved from assignment and duty.
11	S/Sgt. Ben F. Marcilonis and S/Sgt. James C. Green, Jr., of the 367th were awarded the Legion of Merit (Officer's Degree) for having designed and built the first mount for nose guns for heavy A/C.
16	Of the 20 A/C which took off only 12 bombed the Power Station, in our fifth raid on Lorient. 4 aborted, 1 could not open bomb bay doors and 3 jettisoned. Due to the lead Group overrunning the I.F. bombing results were poor in spite of the moderate enemy opposition and clear weather. A few aerial bombs were dropped. All of our A/C returned to base. Our score for the day was 3-0-0.
17	This was a most disastrous day for the Group. Of the 26 A/C taking off 2 aborted and ten of our A/C were lost due to the most determined flak and fighter opposition yet encountered. The target was the Focke Wulf plant at Bremen. In spite of intense flak and persistent attacks from about 100 E/A twenty four of our A/C bombed the target with good results. The 367th lost Lts. Casey, Fortin, Harwood and Watson, the 368th lost Gillogly, Jankowski, Lally, Miller and Smiley and the 423rd lost

*Command
Spitfire Base
& flanked "Spartan"
1st Plan - ETD 50
Planned.*

Sheet No. 2Wing 117, 306thSqn. CONFIDENTIAL
RELEIGHMonth of APRIL, 1943Prepared by Capt Wiley J. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
	(cont'd) Lt. George. The 367th also lost 2nd Lt. H. E. Lane, who was killed on Lt. Rescher's crew. Our score on E/A for the day was 8-0-1.
18	Because of our large recent losses, the Group were made non-operational and the bar at "B" Mess did a big business where the monthly Group party was held this evening.
20	Today we received our first batch of two Squadrons from the 94th Group which have been attached to us for instruction and training.
	In the course of the month the following have escaped from France and visited our station. 2nd Lt. John S. Trost, bombardier for Lt. Nygaard, whose ship went down on the Romilly raid of 20/12/42, 2nd Lt. Howard W. Kelly, co-pilot for Lt. Joseph A. Downing, whose ship went down on the St. Nazaire raid of 16/2/43 and Capt. John L. Ryan, who went down on the Lorient raid of 6/3/43.
	A list of awards and decorations awarded during this month are attached-----

DAY	EVENTS
6	On the attack on the aria <u>aria</u> Military Truck Works group Navigator Captain Salitrnik was wounded badly in the leg. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the first Headquarters Officer to receive this decoration.
10	Capt Salitrnik awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Major J. W. Wilson awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal.
12	Major J. W. Wilson promoted to Lt Colonel.
13	Capt Poletti assigned to organization as Catholic Chaplain.
16	Today Capt Salitrnik died from wounds received in action.
22	1st Lt William R. Cain assigned to organization as Group Armament Officer.
29	Capt Salitrnik posthumously awarded Silver Star. Major J. W. Wilson awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal.

SECRET

1 Apr 1943

1. PAC in AR 605-115, Capt RAYMOND J. CHECK, O-435856, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 2 Apr, 1943.

2. PAC in AR 605-115, 1st Lt EMMETTE W. FORD, O-726139, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 2 Apr, 1943.

3. PAC in AR 605-115, 1st Lt EUGENE G. HANES, O-442509, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 1 Apr, 1943.

4. PAC in AR 605-115, 1st Lt DEGLAND T. KENEALY, O-438456, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 2 Apr, 1943.

5. PAC in AR 605-115, 1st Lt ROBERT B. PHILLIPS, O-560223, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 2 Apr, 1943.

6. PAC in AR 605-115, 2nd Lt HILTON P. BLANCH, O-725939, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 2 Apr, 1943.

7. PAC in AR 605-115, 2nd Lt WILLIAM P. CASSEDY, O-739065, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 2 Apr, 1943.

8. PAC in AR 605-115, 2nd Lt DOUGLAS WINTERS, O-729397, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 1 Apr, 1943.

9. PAC in AR 615-5, and upon recommendation of their orgn condr, the fol named EM, orgns indicated, are hereby reduced to the grade of Private, eff this date:

368th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)

T/Sgt PHILLIP J. ZIMMERMAN 16045271

369th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)

1/2 Sgt EDWARD L. TRANNOR 59021728 S/Sgt WALTER HAGENBIELER, Jr. 15082283
Sgt JOSEPH E. CIVINSKI 11027549 Sgt GLENN E. TROMLY 20947420

10. UP of AR 615-5, and upon recommendation of their orgn condr, the fol named EM, orgns indicated, are hereby promoted to the NCO grades, indicated, eff this date:

367th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp

To be Staff Sergeants (Temporary)

Sgt REGINALD C. HARRIS 18061867 Sgt CHARLES W. RAIDLINE 6890620

368th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)

To be Technical Sergeants (Temporary)

Pvt JOSEPH R. GRAZIANO	33117703	S/Sgt JOHN K. CROWTHER	20949412
S/Sgt EDWARD H. SMALL	13038659	S/Sgt JOSEPH M. SPIRO	12029413

To be Staff Sergeants (Temporary)

Sgt GRANT L. HORROW	35038833	Sgt RAYMOND E. WALLS	15071583
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To be Sergeant (Temporary)

Pvt PHILLIP J. ZIMMERMAN -16045271

369th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)

To be Technical Sergeants (Temporary)

S/Sgt CHARLES M. DAVIS	34164790	S/Sgt BILLY H. DRENNAN	3710145
S/Sgt HAROLD C. GREENE	19059420	S/Sgt ROBERT E. MOORE	36301950

To be Staff Sergeants (Temporary)

Sgt JOHN T. DEETS, Jr.	6261428	Sgt JOHN F. E.	15074075
Sgt ROY PETERSON	39451518	Sgt JOHN E. O.	13034042
Sgt PATRICK J. SPELMAN	19063674	Sgt REAFORD G. JENKINS	13034317
Sgt CHARLES W. WETZNER	35264420		

To be Sergeant (Temporary)

Pvt EDWARD L. TRAYNOR -39021728

11. PAC in AR 605-115, 1st Lt RAYMOND W. FORTIN, O-789383, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 3 Apr, 1943.

12. PAC in AR 605-115, 1st Lt KENNETH A. REICHER, O-789405, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 3 Apr, 1943.

13. PAC in AR 605-115, 1st Lt THOMAS H. WALDEN, O-789838, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 3 Apr, 1943.

14. PAC in AR 605-115, 2nd Lt DAVID FARRELL, O-727200, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 3 Apr, 1943.

15. PAC in AR 605-115, 2nd Lt WILLIAM A. MOSES, O-726928, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 3 Apr, 1943.

16. In comp with par 4, SO 84, Hq, U.S.A.A.F., dd 1 Apr, 1943, the fol named EM, are atchd to 368th Bomb Sq (H), 306th Bomb Gp (H) for TD, and will rpt to Lt ROUTT, for dy:

Spl JUNIOR (N.I) MOLLOHAN	35290048	Pfc HERMAN A. GARVEY, Jr.	33266968
Pvt BERNARD C. DUMAS	12079278	Pvt MARVIN L. JONES	1635432
Pvt RUSSELL R. SUNSTRICK	13050190		

17. PAC in AR 605-115, 2nd Lt GEORGE F. MELTZER, O-729646, AC, is hereby granted a lv of abs for two days, eff o/a 1 Apr, 1943.

18. So much of par 7, SO 86, this Hq, c.s., dd 31 Mar, 1943 as amends so much of par 8, SO 80, this Hq, c.s., dd 21 Mar, 1943 as amends so much of par 9, SO 77, this Hq, c.s., dd 21 Mar, 1943 as amends so much of par 5, SO 75, this Hq, c.s., dd 18 Mar, 1943 as amends so much of par 7, SO 74, this Hq, c.s., dd 18 Mar, 1943 as amends so much of par 27, SO 63, this Hq, c.s., dd 6 Mar, 1943 as amends so much of par 10, SO 59, this Hq, c.s., dd 1 Mar, 1943 as reads:

"367th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)

Sgt WALTER R. CLARK 19066185 Aerial Gunner 1-31"

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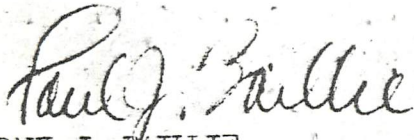
"367th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)

Sgt WALTER R. CLARK 19066185 Aerial Gunner 1-23"

By order of Lieutenant Colonel PUTNAM:

C. G. DUY, Jr.,
1st Lt., A.C.,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:



PAUL J. BAILLIE,
2nd Lt., A.C.,
Actg. Asst. Adj.