

Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 300th Sq. 80th Bomb Gr. (H)Month of February 1943 Prepared by Capt. W.H. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
4	Seventeen of our W/C bombed the last resort target of Essen dropping their loads with fair results in the dock area where they encountered a smoke screen and heavy overcast. Weather was too thick to locate the primary, main, or secondary, concentration. Flak was encountered on this trip as well as a variety of types of E/A, including besides S/S fighters some Ju 88's and He 110's. A running fight lasting about forty five minutes took place. All of our W/C returned. Our score for the day was 3 E/A destroyed and 2 probably destroyed.
10	Nineteen of our W/C bombed the southwestern entrance to the sub-basin at St. Nazaire with excellent results. Just before reaching the target heavy intense flak was encountered. After bombing our group was engaged by enemy fighters and a running fight ensued in which we lost Lt. Bill Warner of the 429th Squadron and Lt. J.A. Downing of the 307th Squadron. We were credited with 3 E/A destroyed and 3 probably destroyed.
17	Col. Frank A. Armstrong, Jr. promoted to Brigadier General. Major Claude S. Putnam promoted to Lt. Col. and appointed Commanding Officer of the 300th Group. Maj. J.H. Mason appointed Group Executive Officer. Capt. J.L. Lambert appointed C.O. of the 429th Squadron.
21	Because of bad weather a raid aimed at German targets turned back at Texel. Since there were some encounters with E/A over enemy territory all of our crews participating were given credit for completing a mission.
	First Red Cross Aero Club in the British Isles was formally opened at this station. Maj. Gen. Ira C. Baker, Commander of the Eighth Air Force, accepted the club on behalf of the Gen. Ira Harvey D. Glendon, American Red Cross Commissioner.
	Group party held at 8 less from about 1900 hours until nearly break-fast time the next morning. Needless to say a rousing time was enjoyed by all, with possible exception of the orchestra, which had considerable difficulty in securing transportation for their return journey.
	T/Sgt. John W. Anderson appointed 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to 1st Wing.
23	Maj. Douglas R. Coleman promoted to Lt. Colonel. Capt. Robert Williams appointed Assistant Group Operations Officer.
25	Capt. Mack McRay promoted to Major.

Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 300th Explosive Bomb Sq. (H)

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DAY	EVENTS
26	Fourteen A/C endeavored to reach the primary target Bremen without escort but turned north because of heavy overcast and bombed the dock area of Wilhelmshaven with fair results. Flak and enemy fighters were encountered. All of our A/C returned.
27	Seventeen of our A/C bombed Brest. Due to heavy cloud cover only fair results were obtained. Some flak and E/A were encountered. Good fighter escort was maintained. All of our ships returned to base.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 306th ~~Group~~ Bomb Gr. (H)

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DAY

EVENING

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Seventeen of our A/C took off for Bams, because of extremely bad weather the formation turned for home when within about 30 miles of the Dutch coast. Some enemy A/C were seen. All of our planes returned home with their bombs and received credit for completing a mission.

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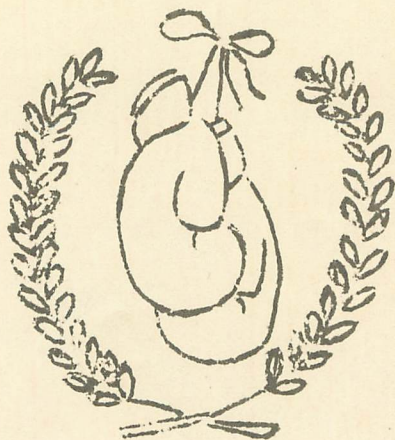
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| 1  | Lts Salitrnik and Yaussi awarded the Air Medal   |
| 13 | 1st Lt Hopper promoted to Captain.   |
| 17 | Colonel Armstrong promoted to Brigadier General. Major Putnam promoted to Lt Col and appointed Commanding Officer. Major J. J. Wilson appointed Group Executive Officer. |

**SECRET**

PROGRAM

INTER-POST BOXING MATCHES



THURLEIGH

VS

LITCHFIELD

AT THE  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
SNACK BAR

SPONSORED BY  
THE STARS & STRIPES ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

THE FIGHTERS

In the order of their appearance

THURLEIGH TEAM

LITCHFIELD TEAM

I

Lightweight

Pfc. Glenn D. Hoke - 134 lbs.  
Hershey, Penna. *Hot 1021*

vs.

Pvt. Odell Cosby - 138 lbs.  
Jacksonville, Fla.

II

Middleweight

*Doran*  
T-Sgt. "Tunk" Gillette - 169 lbs.  
Lewiston, Idaho *369*

vs.

Pvt. Ralph Simmons - 158 lbs.  
Cumberland, Md.

III

Lightweight

Pvt. Wade Dunn - 134 lbs.  
Parkersburg, W. Va. *449*

vs.

Pvt. George Soukup - 134 lbs.  
Cicero, Ill.

IV

Middleweight

M-Sgt. Waller J. Townsley - 161 lbs.  
Culpeper, Va. *369*

vs.

Pvt. Dave Feldman - 155 lbs.  
Pittsburg, Penna.

V

Jr. Welterweight

Sgt. Bill Fann - 144 lbs.  
San Rafael, Calif. *368*

vs.

Pvt. Fred Fisher - 141 lbs.  
Memphis, Tenn.

VI

Lt. Heavyweight

Pvt. Ernest Gilbert - 172 lbs.  
Columbus, Ga. *369*

vs.

Pvt. Bill Kingsland - 172 lbs.  
Redondo Beach, Calif.

VII

Sr. Welterweight

Sgt. Jim Weaver - 149 lbs.  
Roxana, Texas *369*

vs.

Pfc. Salvatore Vivencio - 146 lbs.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

VIII

Lt. Heavyweight

Cpl. Kirt Coburn - 168 lbs.  
San Francisco, Calif. *423*

vs.

Pvt. Gil DeGroat - 161 lbs.  
Paterson, N. J.

IX

Heavyweight

*Walter*  
Pvt. "Texas" Remm - 204 lbs.  
Houston, Texas *367/369*

vs.

Cpl. "Killer" Koch - 185 lbs.  
Ritzville, Wash.

ALTERNATES

Pfc. Herb Nelson *1024*

Pvt. Paul Verrastro

T-4 Tom McGinty *1628*

Pvt. Glenn Hammond

Cpl. Johnnie Wohhead *423*

# OFFICIALS

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mr. Harold "Scotty" Williams      American Red Cross Recreational  
Director

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Lt. Col. Claude E. Putnam      Station Commander

## MEDICAL OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE

Capt. Alfred W. Erb      Station Medical Detachment

## JUDGES

Lt. Col. D. R. Coleman      Group Executive  
Maj. H. C. Gray      Field Artillery  
Lt. H. G. Hodenfield      Stars and Stripes Staff

## REFeree

T-Sgt. "Tony" Grabowski      352nd Service Squadron

## TIME-KEEPER

*2* Cpl. Louis Cohen *369*      369th Bombardment Squadron

## COACHES

Capt. Seymour D. Ranby      for the home team

Lt. James E. Cook      for the visitors

## PROMOTER

Sgt. Mark T. Donchue *423*      423rd Bombardment Squadron

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To the Red Cross Aeroclub for the cigarettes.

To Rainbow Girls and the Stars & Stripes for the silver medals awarded to the winners.

To everyone who has worked on the show for their timely assistance and goodwill.

THANKS