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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, Group Sqdn. 306th Bombardment Group (H)

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by Capt. W. W. Glass.

DAY	EVENTS
4th.	Thirty-three A/C led by Captain Schoofield and Captain Delsar took off and twenty-six bombed Kiel by P.F.F. through 8/10 cloud cover with good results. Good fighter support was again given and only a few N/A were met. No flak damage was sustained. Lt Tucker and crew of the 369th mysteriously failed to return.
5th.	Twenty-eight A/C led by Captain Fuhrmeister took off and twenty-five bombed Kiel. In spite of smoke screen and some clouds, ship yards and the center of town were hit, due to P.F.F. bombing. The fighter support did not show up as briefed and intense fighter attacks lasted for several minutes after the target. Flak was moderate at the target. Lt. Wolfe and Crew of the 369th failed to return. Our score for the day was 4-1-0.
7th.	Twenty-three A/C led by Captain Hubbard took off and twenty-two dropped their bombs by P.F.F. through 10/10 overcast on the vital Chemical Plants at Ludwigshafen. Fighter support was excellent and very few N/A were seen. Flak at the target was extremely accurate and more than half of our A/C suffered damage. All of our A/C returned to base.
11th.	Thirty-five A/C were airborne and thirty-one attacked the aircraft component plant at Ludberstadt. The 306th Regular Group received terrific enemy fighter attacks mostly Me 110's near the target, later on the route home vicious attacks were made by about 40 FW 190's which succeeded in knocking down five of our A/C. Lt. Tattershall of the 369th, Lts. Gavor, Guespert, and McCollum of the 367th and Lt. Red of the 368th are the missing. In addition several men who landed at various bases in England sustained serious wounds. The Composite Group led by Capt. Sharkey of the 369th had comparatively little opposition. Due to our own field being closed in all of our A/C landed away, some of the crews were interrogated at Bethel and Foulsham by members of our Intelligence Section. Bombing was visual and reports of good results were turned in. Our score for the day was 16-4-10. Also 10 no claims.
14th.	Pas-de-Calais: Thirty-four A/C took off led by Capt. Sharkey to bomb rocket emplacements. Our target being #12. Bombing was by squadrons. No flak or N/A were encountered and bombing results by strike photographs, were excellent.
16th.	Major Regan promoted to Lt. Col.
17th.	Capt. Coons promoted to Major (AUS-AC).
21st.	Thirty-four A/C took off to bomb two more rocket emplacements #85 and #15 in the Pas-de-Calais area. 8/10 overcast prevented these two forces from picking up their targets and all A/C returned to Base with their loads. Capt. Cheney promoted to Major (AUS-AC).
29th.	Forty-one A/C led by Major Riordan took off and thirty A/C attacked the important industrial center of Frankfurt by P.F.F. through 10/10 overcast. A gap in fighter support on the target run enabled about 25 S/E and T/E N/A to make attacks from the tail. Flak was intense and several cases of rocket flak were reported. All of our A/C returned to Base. Our score for the day was 5-1-1.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary, Squadron, 30th Bombardment Group (H)
Month of January, 1944. Prepared by Capt. W. D. Glass.

DAY	EVENTS
30th.	<p>Forty-one A/C took off and forty bombed by F.F.F. the important A/C production center of Brunswick. "A" force was led by Capt. Murphy and "B" force was led by Capt. Sharkey. Enemy opposition was slight and all of our A/C returned to base.</p> <p>Major Buckley promoted to Lt. Col. (AUS-AC).</p> <p>Major Riordan promoted to Lt. Col. (AUS-AC).</p>

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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 505th Bomb Sq (H)

Month of January, 1944. Prepared by Capt. W. C. Van Wyman

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16	1st Lt Ralph J. Zimmerman, Navigator, assigned to organization.
21	2nd Lt Raymond J. Bruler promoted to 1st Lt. Capt Walter H. Coons promoted to Major.
24	Captain James S. Crenoy promoted to Major.

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Awards and Decorations:

2nd Lt. Richard Wright	Purple Heart
2nd Lt. William Smith	Purple Heart
2nd Lt. Arthur Crapsey	Purple Heart
SSgt Donat Neon	Purple Heart
Sgt. Martin Kilcoyne	Purple Heart
SSgt Charles Dapra	Purple Heart
Sgt. Porfirio Marquez	Purple Heart

Capt. Dinwiddie Fuhrmeister	DFC
SSgt Harold K. Twing	DFC
Sgt Daniel J. Antonelli	DFC
TSgt Charles Vandrachek	DFC
1Lt Henry J. Engel, Jr.	DFC
Sgt. Grant Anderson	DFC
1Lt Clyde Cosper	Silver Star

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TYPE OF MEDAL Silver Star.

DATE PRESENTED	SERIAL NO.	RECIPIENT	ORG	CO NO & DATE
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1 t Lt Clyde W. Casper

307th GO 10, 8th AF,
13 Jan., 1944.

Awards and Decorations January 1944

Distinguished Flying Cross

1Lt Herschel F. Ezell Jr 368	T/Sgt Robert L. Long 368
S/Sgt Lynn W. Northcott 368	1Lt Robert L. Fallow 369
Capt. John H. Lewis 423	Capt. Maynard D. Dix 368
Capt. Dinwiddie Fuhrmeister 367	S/Sgt. Warren F. Day 423
S/Sgt. Harold K. Twing 367	Capt. Edwar M. Murphy 369
Capt. Donald A. R. Teller 423	1Lt William H. Dickenson 423
- T/Sgt Henry C. Cordery 423	S/Sgt. Gertram H. Perlmutter 369
Capt. C. T. Schoolfield 369	- S/Sgt. Joseph Peto 423
2Lt J. P. Toombs 423	Capt. James S. Cheney Hqs
S/Sgt. Marshall E. McDaniel 368	S/Sgt Joseph G. Mynatt 368
S/Sgt. Leonard Norman 368	T/Sgt. Charles E. Vondrachek 367
1Lt Henry J. Engel, Jr.	S/Sgt Grant R. Anderson 367
T/Sgt Herbert W. Hawkes 368	T/Sgt Eldo E. Spangenberg 368
1Lt Willard J. Clarida 368	

DFC-OLC

Capt. Kenneth R. Bickett 423	LtCol William S. Raper, Hqs
S/Sgt. Daniel J. Antonelli 367	Capt. George Reese 423
Capt. Joseph H. Belser 368	Capt. C. T. Schoolfield 369

Purple Heart

2Lt Richard D. Wright 367	- 2Lt William S. Smith 367
2Lt Arthur H. Crapsey 367	S/Sgt Donet A. Heon 367
Sgt. Martin J. Kilcoyne 367	- Sgt. Donald C. Werner 423
- Sgt. Eugene B. Steinmann 369	1Lt Billy W. Casseday 369
1Lt Charles Kinsey, Jr. 369	2Lt James E. Wirth 369
2Lt Robert F. Crowley 369	- S/Sgt John E. Mellyn 369
S/Sgt. Charles E. Dapra 367	S/Sgt. Hugo O. Honkonen 369
S/Sgt James E. Cannon 369	Sgt. Porfirio J. Marquez 367

Air Medal

- Sgt. Tom G. Overn 369	- Sgt. Raymond J. Kristoff 368
Sgt. Charles E. Dapra 367	Sgt. Farris R. Rashid 367
2Lt Richard L. Daniels 369	Sgt. Robert D. Hayes 369
Sgt. Frederick A. Hesser 369	Sgt. Alexander F. Markowski 369
- Sgt. LeRoy W. Johnson 369	Sgt. Myles F. Hannify 369
Sgt. Levitius G. Dillon 369	- S/Sgt. John C. Dilley 423
- Sgt. Harold L. Fogelson 367	- Sgt. Lemuel A. Glasscock 367
Sgt. Porfirio J. Marquez 367	S/Sgt. Lester F. Carter 368
- Sgt. Howard O. Granger 368	- Sgt. R. B. Trumble 368
S/Sgt Paul R. Wenrich 368	2Lt Howard L. Harmston 368
1Lt Donald R. Ross 368	F/O Marcil W. Brage 368
2Lt Robert G. Jobe 368	2Lt John W. Rodgers 369
2Lt Robert F. Procter 368	2Lt Anthony P. Baltunas 369
2Lt Lee F. Barrows 423	2Lt Nelson W. Hardin 423
1Lt Arthur O. Moseley 423	2Lt Robert K. Welter 423
S/Sgt. William S. Bastain 368	Sgt. Richard M. Bowman 368
Sgt. Michael J. Harbud 368	- Sgt. Karl G. Madsen 368
Sgt. Sidney M. Salupsky 368	- S/Sgt. Robert L. Semler 368
S/Sgt Paul H. Ward 368	S/Sgt. Kenneth H. Feltner 423
- Sgt John K. Hedberg 423	- S/Sgt Kendell W. May 423

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X	Sgt. Leon J. Currier 369	Sgt. Richard C. Donohue 369
-	S/Sgt. Joseph F. Strukel 369	Sgt. George G. McManus 369
	Sgt. Maxwell W. Williams 369	Sgt. James D. Stotts 369
	Sgt. Francis M. Vrabel 423 ✓	- S/Sgt Dohat A. Heon, Jr. 367
	Sgt. George B. Walker 369	1Lt William H. Peterson 367
	2Lt John M. Carella 367	2Lt David L. Claytor 367
-	2Lt Francis M. McCullagh 367	2Lt William D. Reeder 368
	2Lt Charles E. Berry 369	- S/Sgt David Burger 368 -
	Sgt. Donald S. Courson 368	S/Sgt Jay L. Hurley 368
	Sgt. Bennie L. Jeffries 368	- Sgt. Roy N. Nupen 368
	Sgt. Edward H. Dillinger 423	Sgt. Benjamin E. Ambler 369
	Sgt. Max H. Bergen 369	S/Sgt Michael Comarnisky 369
-	Sgt. William E. Dodson 369	S/Sgt Francis Driscoll 369
-	Sgt. James O. Simon 369	Sgt. Henry O. Ashley 369
	S/Sgt Joe A. Atchley 423	- S/Sgt Ralph E. Moulis 423
-	Sgt Robert M. Richardson 423	- Sgt Walter Schmidt 423
	S/Sgt James G. Brownell 368	S/Sgt Albert J. Daine 368
	Sgt. Fred T. Organ 368	- Sgt. Kenneth E. Willey 368
-	S/Sgt. Carl R. Ealbach 369	- Sgt. Frank J. Kappen 369
	Sgt. Gerald E. Weaver 369	1Lt William C. Quaintance 369
	2Lt John T. Whittle 369	2Lt Julius P. Shutz, Jr. 423
	2Lt Howard C. Taunton 423	2Lt Robert N. Muri 423
	2Lt Ragner L. Carlson 423	2Lt Thomas W. Symons III 368
	2Lt Charles W. Leake 368	- 2Lt Charles Fontane 368
	2Lt Carl N. Grending 368	2Lt Jack M. Hamilton 369
	2Lt Arnold W. Ostrow 369	- F/O Arnold W. Ostrow 369
	2Lt Oscar B. Bourn 368	2Lt Albert F. Rehn 368
	2Lt Glenn L. Feltz 367	2Lt Bernard J. McGuire 367
	2Lt Paul V. Osburn 367	2Lt Donald H. White 369
	Sgt. James B. Early 423	- Sgt. Victor R. Marcotte 368
	2Lt Kenneth F. Dowell 369	1Lt Malcolm A. Phillips, Jr. 369
	2Lt William E. Grisham 369	2Lt Oliver O. Young, Jr. 423 ✓
	2Lt Richard D. Wright 367	2Lt Arthur W. Mack 367
	2Lt James D. Welch 367	2Lt Stanley N. Buck 368
	2LT Raymond D. Tripp 368	- 1Lt John C. Wilson 368
-	S/Sgt Charles E. Weller 367	- S/Sgt. Fortunato V. Chicarrelli 423
	S/Sgt Oakland V. Bittikofer 368	Sgt. Wilbur S. Collier 368
-	S/Sgt Calvin G. Garrison 368	- Sgt. Arden J. Butler 367
-	S/Sgt Gerkin C. Norris Jr 367	Sgt Charles Walters 367
-	S/Sgt James A. Hobbs 369	S/Sgt William D. Jackson 368
-	Sgt. Hurl N. Millikin 368	S/Sgt John G. Milner, Jr. 367
	Sgt. James L. Mitchell 367	- Sgt. Charles T. Schroeder 423
	Sgt. Martin Cech 423	- Sgt. Michael W. Feiser 423
-	S/Sgt Harry E. McIntyre 423	- S/Sgt Cleo C. White 423
	T/Sgt Ralph H. Wheeler 423	- Sgt. Raymond R. Decker 369
-	Sgt. Philip Mundel 369	- T/Sgt Joseph Alvarez 368
	S/Sgt Zane C. Beal 369	Sgt. Kenneth D. Simpson 369
	S/Sgt Frederick M. Hawthorne 369	Sgt. Opal R. Hunter 369
	S/Sgt Lloyd B. Keene 423	T/Sgt. Patrick F. Murray 367
	S/Sgt Welton P. Teston 367	- S/Sgt George C. Vogt 367
-	S/Sgt Paul L. Wells 367	Sgt. John C. Hay 368
	S/Sgt LaMoyné W. Billheimer 367	- S/Sgt Perley E. Colburn 367
	S/Sgt Kneeland H. Hudson 367	T/Sgt Thomas A. Gold 367
	T/Sgt Thomas A. Gold 367	- S/Sgt Lee R. Laney 367
-	T/Sgt Dyril E. Lebert 367	Sgt. Everett L. Minto 367

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- S/Sgt Wayne E. Bartel 368
- S/Sgt Benjamin S. Mings 368
- Sgt. Marvin F. Burleson 367
- S/Sgt Adolph Graubart 367
- 2Lt Raymond F. Feilbach 423
- 2Lt James Crabtree Jr 369
- 2Lt Donald W. Tattershall 369
- 2Lt Leland E. Love 423 ✓
- 2Lt Charles B. Smith 367
- 2Lt Clarence L. Couch 367
- 2Lt Donald W. Baltzer 368
- 2Lt Burton C. Gustafson 368
- 2Lt John J. Stolz 367
- 2Lt Gerald R. Haywood Jr 369
- 2Lt William B. Hughes 423
- Sgt. Jack D. Subal 423
- Sgt. Alfred J. Fedorka 369
- S/Sgt. William V. Harris 423
- S/Sgt Rex L. Hayes 368
- S/Sgt Saul M. Kupferman 423
- Sgt. Robert J. Might 369
- Sgt. George G. Kessal 369
- S/Sgt Clarence R. Staats 369
- S/Sgt Charles Zubov 369
- S/Sgt Charles W. Hamby 423
- S/Sgt Ramon A. Powers 423
- Sgt. Clarence R. Harlow 367
- S/Sgt Theodore P. Piechowski 367
- Sgt. Robert G. Rockwell 367
- 1Lt Charles J. Kinsey Jr 369
- 1Lt Elmer L. Heap 423
- Sgt. Roy W. Grothe 368
- Sgt William C. Christian 368
- Sgt. Walter F. Olmsted Jr 369
- Sgt. Grover D. Barnett 369
- 2Lt Floyd H. Brunn 368
- 2Lt Carl M. Frantz 369
- 2Lt Paul C. Jorgenson 423
- 2Lt George W. Eike 369
- 2Lt Brian E. James 369
- 1Lt Fred J. Rector 367
- 2Lt Robert V. Stoll 367
- 2Lt Louis Rodriguez 368
- 2Lt Alvin G. Schuering 369
- f/O James R. Coleman 368
- 2Lt Norman J. Laux 369
- ~~2Lt Richard Daniels 368~~
- Sgt. Frederick A. Hesser 369
- Sgt. KeRoy J. Johnson 369
- Sgt. Levituous G. Dillon 369
- Sgt. Harold L. Fogelson 367
- Sgt. Porfirio *Margher* 367
- S/Sgt Carl E. Heuser 368
- S/Sgt William C. Vought 368
- S/Sgt Ted D. Dixon 367
- 2Lt Carl E. Thompson 368
- 2Lt Charles D. Oliver 423
- 2Lt Donald E. Currier Jr 369
- f/O Loren E. Page 367
- 2Lt Patrick J. Pierce Jr 367
- 2Lt Ernest H. Weiner Jr 367
- 2Lt Ray W. Hygher 367
- 2Lt Philip J. Field 368
- 2Lt Theodore J. Czechowski 369
- 2Lt Perry Cavos 367
- 2Lt Trygve C. Olsen 369
- 2Lt Geno DiBetts 423
- S/Sgt Donald F. Suhaysik 423
- Sgt. Robert H. Hogg 369
- S/Sgt Clyde E. Hewitt Jr 423
- S/Sgt John C. Dahler 423
- T/Sgt James A. Park 423
- Sgt. Joseph M. Ostrowski 369
- Sgt Raymond V. Sokolowski 369
- S/Sgt Leo D. Wells 369
- T/Sgt Matthew E. Palenica 423
- S/Sgt William J. Carroll 423
- S/Sgt Herman P. Gramelspacher 423
- Sgt. Harry E. Masle 367
- Sgt. Carl E. Pulcifer 367
- 1Lt Calven P. Conrey 369
- 2Lt Paul C. Coad 423
- 2Lt Richard P. Williams 423
- T/Sgt Ernest J. Smartt Jr 368
- Sgt. Charles Moxley 369
- Sgt. Charles T. Slappy 369
- 2Lt Joseph F. Tanella 367
- 2Lt Arnold J. Bugni 368
- 2Lt Ralph F. Clark 423
- 2Lt Richard Nickelhoff 423
- 2Lt Robert J. Flood 369
- 2Lt Gerald C. Coots 367
- 2Lt Avrum H. Rothenberg 367
- 2Lt Charles L. Stevenson 368
- 2Lt Herman F. Allen 368
- 1Lt Charles M. Bayless 368
- 2Lt Paul S. Jones 369
- 1Lt William D. Daniels 369
- ~~Sgt. Robert E. Hayer 369~~
- Sgt. Alexander F. Markowski 369
- Sgt. Myles F. Hannify 369
- S/Sgt John C. Dilley 423
- Sgt. Lemuel A. Glasscock 367

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- Sgt. Clinton E. Snyder 368
- Sgt. Geeland V. Bittikofer 368
- Sgt. George B. Richardson 369
- 1Lt Charles E. Berry 369
- 1Lt Frank M. Sovis 369
- 1Lt Albert A. Adams 423
- Maj. Kenneth A. Reeher 367
- 1Lt Donald W. Baltzer 368
- 1Lt Burton C. Gustafson 368
- 1Lt Paul C. Coad 423
- 1Lt Norwood L. Garrett 423
- 1Lt Donald W. Baltzer 368
- S/Sgt George G. Kessel 369
- Sgt. Clinton E. Snyder 368
- 1Lt Jack R. Samway 368
- 2Lt Leon S. Musselwhite 367
- S/Sgt George D. Roberts 367
- S/Sgt Alex A. Pecker 368
- S/Sgt Elmer W. Schmeckpeper 368
- S/Sgt Eugene R. Moody 367
- Sgt. Wm. A. Erickson 369
- S/Sgt., Charles F. Harry 369
- T/Sgt Eric J. Danielson 368
- Sgt. Raymond N. Gates 369
- S/Sgt Arthur J. LaBarge 423
- Sgt. Eugene B. Steinmann 369
- T/Sgt Patrick F. Murray 367
- S/Sgt Narry E. McIntyre 423
- S/Sgt Kelton P. Teston 367
- S/Sgt James A. Hobbs 369
- T/Sgt Charles A. Nichols 368
- S/Sgt John C. Hay, Jr. 368
- Sgt. Grover D. Barnett 369
- S/Sgt James W. Ferguson 369
- Sgt. Paul E. Morgan 369
- Sgt. Walter P. Olmsted, Jr 369
- Sgt. Earl R. Wynn 369
- S/Sgt Carl E. Hudson 368
- S/Sgt Joseph G. O'Connell 368
- T/Sgt Arthur R. Erickson 423
- S/Sgt Lawrence L. Yator 423
- 1Lt James S. Opdyke 367
- 1Lt Michael Borysoff 423
- 1Lt George Campert 367
- 1Lt Joseph M. Gay, Jr. 368
- T/Sgt Edgar E. Harbour 367
- S/Sgt Bertram H. Permutter 369
- 1Lt Ivan E. Glaze 368
- 1Lt Howard C. Sharkey 369
- Capt. Jerome J. Kostal 367
- S/Sgt Calvin T. Grend 423
- S/Sgt Olin O. Dobbs 367
- T/Sgt Henry J. Sommers 369
- 1Lt James D. McMahon 368
- Sgt. Geeland V. Bittikofer 368
- Sgt. Albert J., Doine 368
- 1Lt George M. Belknap 369
- 1Lt Malcolm A. Phillips Jr 369
- 1Lt Clarence L. Couch 369
- 2Lt Charles D. Oliver 423
- 1Lt John M. Kelly 368
- 1Lt Philip J. Field 368
- 1Lt William T. Hughes 368
- 1Lt Geno DiBetts 423
- 1Lt Robert J. Shurilla 423
- Sgt. Marvin F. Burlason 367
- S/Sgt Charles W. Hemby 423
- S/Sgt Paul R. Ward 368
- 1Lt Daniel McCauley 368
- S/Sgt Joseph Peto 423
- S/Sgt Harold K. Twing 367
- S/Sgt Louis Brofford 368
- S/Sgt Basil Margineau 367
- S/Sgt Harold M. Maron 369
- Sgt. Edward J. Gustafson 369
- S/Sgt Steve J. Krisko 368
- S/Sgt Bernard J. Nitte 368
- S/Sgt. William R. L. Jones 369
- Sgt. Donald C. Worner 423
- 2Lt George Boncic 423
- S/Sgt Bennett E. Ball 367
- T/Sgt Cyril E. Lebert 367
- S/Sgt Kneeland H. Hudson 367
- T/Sgt Drian G. Owens 368
- Sgt. Arnold D. Springer 367
- Sgt. Clinton E. Snyder 368
- Sgt. James R. Copeman 369
- Sgt. Albert J. Marenholz 369
- Sgt. Charles H. Moxley 369
- Sgt. Clifford E. Shakespeare 369
- Sgt. Raymond D. Yerak 369
- T/Sgt Paul F. Hughes 368
- S/Sgt Albert C. Schaeffler 368
- T/Sgt Joseph Vinciguerra 423
- 1Lt Joseph A. Sparks 367
- 1Lt Walter R. Wick 423
- Maj. Mauriee V. Salada 423
- 1Lt John L. Dougherty 367
- 1 Lt Russell S. Lund 368
- S/Sgt Floyd M. Shade 367
- 1Lt Romulus V. Houck, Jr 367
- 1Lt William D. Hilton, Jr 369
- 1Lt Herschell F. Ezell, Jr 368
- 1Lt Donald A. R. Teller 423
- S/Sgt Edlo C. Weseloh 423
- T/Sgt James R. Herson 367
- 1Lt Daniel A. Logan, Jr. 368
- 1Lt Arthur Isaac 369

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1Lt Joseph Elgin 423	1Lt Norwood L. Garrett 423
1Lt John H. Bryan 369	1Lt George Boncic 423
1Lt William R. Dickenson 423	1Lt Elmer L. Heap 423
2Lt Allen T. Ballard 367	1Lt Billy W. Casseday 369
1Lt Calven P. Conrey 369	- 2Lt Herald R. Heywood, Jr. 369
1Lt Loy F. Peterson 369	- Sgt James W. Bentley 369
Sgt. Charles W. Foley 369	S/Sgt Charles F. Hayes 369
- S/Sgt Albert Picarello 369	Sgt. George W. Richardson 369
1Lt John Gassler 368	1Lt Michael Kalish 368
2Lt Philip D. Lanyon 423	1Lt Richard B. Thompson 423
1Lt Willard D. Reed 368	1Lt Curtis L. Dunlap 369
2Lt Roy W. Howard 369	1Lt Martin Newstreet 369
1Lt George Boncic 423	1Lt Raymond F. Feilbach 423
1Lt Albert G. Pulver, Jr 423	1Lt Richard P. Williams 423
T/Sgt Anthony S. Cieri 368	- S/Sgt David E. Gollaher 368
S/Sgt Edward F. Gramm 368	- S/Sgt Theodore V. Lenoski 368
S/Sgt Thaddeus W. Hunter, Jr. 369	S/Sgt Charles T. Slappy 369
T/Sgt George A. Vogt 369	- T/Sgt Leo C. Capper 423
- Sgt Martin Cech 423	S/Sgt James H. Coleman 423
- T/Sgt Alvin E. Dilts 423	- S/Sgt Lester L. Lord 423
Sgt. Larence R. Stevenson 423	

The following letter received this Headquarters, is published for the information of all personnel this Station:

HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 634

6 January, 1944.

Colonel George L. Robinson, O-22362
Commanding Officer,
306th Bomb Group,
AAF Station 111.

Dear Colonel Robinson:

The VIII Bomber Command during 1943 has successfully accomplished that phase of the major directive issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff at Casablanca which required the forcing of Germany to concentrate her fighter strength on the Western Front to such a degree that Allied air superiority would be assured for the Russian and Mediterranean Fronts.

By hard work, unswerving perseverance and the resourceful and intelligent employment of technical skill and professional qualifications, the personnel of this Command - ground forces, maintenance men, combat crews and staff officers alike - have written a new chapter in the history of aerial bombardment. The crews of our bombers have, in broad daylight, fought their way through the strongest defence which the enemy could bring against them and have ranged over the length and breadth of Germany, striking with deadly accuracy many of the most important hostile industrial installations and ports.

To you, as Commanding Officer for the 306th Group goes a large share of the credit for this remarkable achievement. Your keen understanding of administrative problems and your superior tactical leadership has obviously been an inspiration to your officers and men. The 306th Group, which has now completed 98 combat missions, is one of the oldest veteran groups of this Command. On 25 September 1942, the 306th Group became operational in this Theater. Since that date, the 306th Group has repeatedly distinguished itself in combat, including such outstanding accomplishments as participating in the first mission to Lille, France, 9 October 1942; lead group of the first AAF attack on Germany, 17 January 1943. The solid foundation of esprit de corps and the high tradition prevailing the 306th Group is one of the most prized and elusive distinctions that any military organization can achieve.

I hope that you will convey to all your officers and men my unbounded admiration and appreciation for the manner in which they have executed their difficult assignments during the past year. Their courage, skill and resourcefulness have been of such character as to win credit and commendation for Americans in general and for the Air Force in particular.

I firmly believe that the VIII Bomber Command has now reached a state of indoctrination which, with the required quantity of equipment and qualified personnel now arriving, will enable it to destroy Germany's capacity to wage war or maintain an effective defence against invasion.

/s/ F. L. Robinson
/t/ F. L. ROBINSON
Major General, U.S.A.
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer
United States Forces

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110 634,
16 January, 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: All Personnel, AAF Station 111.

1. On January 14, 1944, this Group was called upon, on very short notice, to participate in a bombing mission against targets in Northern France. The Ordnance and Ammunition sections were called upon to do six (6) hours work in three (3) hours. The combat crews were called upon to fly without proper time to ready their equipment, get into their gear, or even have a proper meal. The mess halls were called upon for sandwiches, then meals, and then sandwiches again. The mechanics were called upon to change their plans at a very late date. The Intelligence Section was called upon to brief news items almost without preparation.

2. In spite of these difficulties, a large number of airplanes were put into the air at the appointed time, perfectly performed their bombing mission, and returned safely to base. The success of this mission was made possible by, and is directly attributable to, the complete co-operation and the total willingness to get the job done on the part of all members concerned on the Station.

3. I wish to congratulate all of you directly concerned with the successful completion of this mission, and to thank you for expending the extra effort to make it possible. It is only because you evidenced this splendid spirit of co-operation under adverse circumstances that your Group was commended by higher headquarters for work on this mission. It is this same spirit of co-operation that has enabled the 306th Bombardment Group (H) and AAF Station 111 to remain on top of the Eighth Air Force heap.

4. Again, congratulations, and keep up the good work!

George L. Robbins
GEORGE L. ROBBINS,
Colonel, A.C.,
Commanding.