

Sheet No. 1 HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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January proved to be a conspicuous month in the opening of the new year. Developments on both eastern and western fronts were highly favorable to the Allies, and the enemy was definitely in a poorer position than at any time previously in the war. A powerful Russian offensive, launched by five mighty armies placed along the Polish frontier from the Baltic Sea to the Carpathian Mountains, gulped in hundreds of miles of territory and did not show signs of stopping. Furthest point of the drive put the Reds on the bank of the Oder, less than 40 miles from Berlin.

Best news on the Anglo-American side of the ledger was the elimination of the German salient in NW Luxembourg and southern Belgium.

The 306th aided the combined effort by flying 15 missions, 12 of which were to communication centers near the western front. 544 sorties were flown in January, 1369 1/4 tons of HE bombs were dropped, 18 tons of incendiaries, 116 leaflet bombs, at a cost of 2 aircraft. These figures brought the totals for the group to 7682 sorties, 15,398 1/10 tons of HE, 1,369 1/4 tons of incendiaries, and 171 planes lost.

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KASSEL AND LIMBURG

306th flew 36 A/C including 4 Pff as 40 "B" led by Major Hulings. After receiving call from Buckeye stating that target was clear, group followed "A" force in to primary at Magdeburg. However, a 10/10 undercast necessitated a turn off city to left. Both forces then made a second run still without dropping. Wing proceeded to secondary visual at Gottingen, but did not bomb due to clouds. Finally group attacked Kassel, the assigned PFF target. An H2X run was started by all three squadrons. Lead and low found visual conditions, and strike photos show patterns in north central marshalling yard and south central built-up area, respectively. High, with PFF equipment out, turned off early and bombed a communication target at Limburg visually. Because of the unexpected alteration in the route, seven a/c from the high were forced to land at Mesrenger on the continent in order to refuel. Crews who experienced this novelty reported much damage on the field which had been attacked by the Luftwaffe previously in the day.

Most of chaff was expended at Magdeburg, where A.A. fire was inaccurate. Moderate, accurate tracking and barrage flak over Kassel. On way in, meager, accurate tracking from Brunbuttelkoog. Damage: Lead, 5 slight; Low, 1 severe, 1 slight, 1 missing; High 2 severe, 1 slight.

Several jet a/c were seen in the Magdeburg area, all eagerly pursued by friendly escort.

A/C 185-J, pilot Lt. Ryder, of 369th, landed at Denain A/D because of fuel shortage and internal failure in #4 engine. Crew returned to base a few days later.

A/C 690-M, pilot 1st Lt. R.D. Stewart, also of 369th, was unaccounted for after low squadron broke up in clouds over North Sea going in. Other members on the crew include: 2nd Lt. K.H. Streun (CP), 2nd Lt. L.L. Wilson (N), T/Sgt. L.J. Peterson (B), T/Sgt. C.A. Maple (R), T/Sgt. A.R. Geere (TT), S/Sgt. W.J. McCue (BT), S/Sgt. D.F. Bohrer (RW), S/Sgt. R.L. Chancellor.

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Jan 2 KYLLBURG

Major Kesling led 306th as 40 "A" with 36 A/C including 3 PFF, 1 Gee-H, and 1 PFF/Gd, plus 3 spares. 20 minutes before the I.P., Buckeye reported a cloud covering the target, but that it might move off previous to the formation's arrival. This proved to be the case, and the group attacked avital communication center at Kyllburg visually. Lead pattern landed squarely on aiming point with low to SE. Due to the extreme difficulty in picking up target, high made second run, and bombs fell on top of lead. Results were described as excellent.

Route was approximately as briefed with the exception of the high's second run during which time the lead and low made two 360 degree turns.

Meager, fairly accurate tracking flak at scattered points throughout the target area kept the group under fire from 5 to 10 minutes. Damage: Lead, 2 slight; high, 1 severe. No report was received on low squadron which was flying 305th A/C. E/A opposition was nil.



306th bombs are shown blasting Kyllburg communication center, thereby neutralizing rail line vital to the Hun railroad.

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HERMULHEIM

Major Hulings led the 306th as 40 "B" with 39 A/C including 1 Pff/GH, 3 Pff and 3 spares. A complete cloud coverage over the target, marshalling yards at Hermulheim near Cologne, confirmed the previous Buckeye report. Formation followed briefed route into target and bombed by Gee-H, low and high dropping on lead.

No A.A. fire or E/A hampered this group. Flak was observed on other A/C in Cologne area.

4 1st Division stood down.

Lt. Col. LaVier led 36 crews on a gunnery mission over the Wash.

5 NIEDERMENDIG

39 A/C including 1 Pff/GeeH, 3 PFF, plus 3 spares from the 306th as 40 "A" were led by Lt. Col. Salada of the 40th Combat Wing. Great difficulty was experienced in assembly over England due to dense persistent contrails which necessitated several changes in altitude. 8 A/C, pilots Erne, Fowler, Hatch, Maenner, Patten, Morgan, Turner and Lissner bombed with other groups because they could not find the 306th formation. Remaining planes attacked the primary, Niedermendig A/F, near Cologne, on a Gee-H run after receiving a report from Buckeye that target was under a 10/10 coverage. Because of a rack malfunction in their lead ship, six A/C from low squadron brought back bombs.

Scattered bursts from St. With area inflicted no damage on the group. E/A opposition was nil.

6 COLOGNE

Lt. Col. Chalfant led the 306th as 40 "A" with 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H/Pff, 3 PFF and 3 spares at the head of 1st Division. After receiving a report from Buckeye stating that target was under 10/10 coverage, group started a Gee-H run on primary. However, 18 miles from the objective, technical difficulties forced lead to complete run by PFF on secondary, marshalling yards in eastern Cologne. Plotted scope photographs show probable hits in target area.

Meager tracking and barrage flak at Cologne inflicted no damage on formation. E/A opposition was nil.

7 LUSKIRCHEN

306th as 40 "B" flew 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H, 3 PFF and 3 spares led by Major McKinney. Having heard Buckeye report that bombing would be by instruments, Gee-H took over 5 minutes before I.P. Run was made on primary, a railway junction at Luskirchen, in group formation. PFF scope photographs show bombs to be in target area.

A.A. fire and E/A opposition were nil.

8 SPEYER

Major Kesling led 306th as 40 "A" with 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H/PFF, 3 PFF, and 3 spares. 5 minutes before I.P. Buckeye reported that a dense haze covered target area. Because deputy Gee-H failed to take off and Lead Gee-H was not operating, a Pff run was started on secondary at Landau. Equipment worked satisfactorily, but returns were weak, which fact forced Mickey operator to change aiming point to town of Speyer. High and low each made separate H2X runs. Indistinct ground detail on strike photos indicate all hits in Speyer vicinity.

Moderate, accurate tracking A.A. fire from Mannheim-Ludwigshafen area lasting about 3 minutes caused the following damage: Lead, 1 landed on the continent, 1 crashed in England, 1 severe, and 4 slight; Low, 1 crashed at base, 2 slight; High, 1 landed on continent, 4 severe, 4 slight. No E/A opposition.

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A/C 438-U, pilot Capt. Law, of 368th, crashed at Manston with 2 engines out. T/Sgt. W.S. Fant (TG) was killed while the pilot, 2nd Lt. K.A. Wait (CP), 1st Lt. G.T. Conway (B), T/Sgt. F.E. Sweet (RO), Sgt. W. C. Timmons (BT), were injured seriously.

A/C 376-F, pilot Lt. Nailum, of 423rd, landed at Messenger with fuel shortage.

A/C 819-A, pilot Lt. Young, of 369th, landed at Rosieres, France with fuel shortage.

A/C 715-V, pilot Lt. J.L. Davis, of 367th, crashed at base with 2 engines out. No one was hurt.

All crew members, who landed away, returned to base a few days later.

10 SYDNICH

Major McKinney led the 306th as 40 "B" with 38 A/C including 4 Pff, 1 Gee-H and 2 spares. Route was flown approximately as briefed except for the bomb run. Because of buckeye's report that it was 10/10 east of Rhine, Gee-H took over at I.P., preserving group formation. Interference from other A/C coming from the left forced the 306th formation north of course until finally into the Cologne flak area. Gee-H equipment went out at this time, and lead took over for visual run on primary, an airfield at Gynnich, southwest of Cologne. Low followed in trail, but since both lead and deputy in this squadron were hit, no run could be made. 6 A/C from the low brought bombs back. High dropped on lead. Strike photos, available only from the high, show pattern completely obscuring small town of Bliesheim, 6 miles southeast of primary.

Moderate to intense, accurate A.A. fire tracked group visually in the Cologne area. Damage: Lead, 1 MIA, 4 landed on continent, 5 severe, 2 slight; Low, 3 severe, 1 slight, 6 92nd A/C damage unknown; High, 1 severe, 4 slight. 2 spare 305th A/C damage unknown.

A/C 076-U, pilot Major McKinney of the 369th, was hit by flak 1 minute before bombs away. Entire electrical system went out, and waist gunner, S/Sgt. N.C. Sulser, was injured seriously in the left ankle. Left formation after target, and landed at Brussels A/D.

A/C 557-Y, pilot Lt. Meinhart of the 369th, was hit in the #2 and 4 engines over Cologne. At the same time the electrical system went out, and bombardier, 1st Lt. S.P. Lambert, was injured seriously in the leg. After leaving formation plane crash landed on a large field 4 miles north east of Leuesnoy, France.

A/C 287-V, pilot 2nd Lt. M.W. Pearce of the 369th, was also hit over Cologne. One large piece of flak inflicted very serious injury to the pilot's head. Crew, therefore, landed in France in order to obtain medical attention. However, Lt. Pearce died a few days later, his condition being beyond saving.

A/C 250-N, pilot Lt. Hathaway of the 368th, received damage to electrical system, oxygen, rudder controls, and #3 and 4 engines from a direct burst in the radio room. S/Sgt. H.C. Seaman (RO) was blown clear from the plane and is listed as MIA; S/Sgt. E.F. Danaher (BT) was seriously injured in both legs and an arm, while S/Sgt. H.E. Sohn (TG) received severe frost bite in his feet when the heating unit became inoperational. These men were given efficient first aid by S/Sgt. Feeney, waist gunner. A/C left formation immediately after being hit, and a gas leak forced pilot to land at nearest convenient field, which was Hombek.

Members of all crews with the exception of those who were injured or MIA returned to base within the following 2 weeks.

A/C 446-A, pilot 2nd Lt. H.C. Mattson of the 369th, was hit in #1 and 3 engines about 2 minutes before bombs away. Plane was last seen with left wing burning furiously but under control 3000' below formation. Other members on the crew included 2nd Lt. H.C. Kruger (CP), T/C L.G. Jones (B), and Lt. Jack Bryan (B), S/Sgt. J.T. Anderson (RO), S/Sgt. J.H. Jenkins (B), Sgt. J.E.

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Zymanek (BT), Sgt. V.T. Crowton (WG), Sgt. D.S. Kowbeck (TG), 2nd Lt. W. Mocharnuk (RN).



It can be done. (Left to right). T/Sgts. D.F. Offord, W.A. Lindsay, and C.H. Gillespie, tail gunner, radio operator, and waist gunner, respectively are shown after their fiftieth mission, which completed a second tour for each, in this theater. All flew with Capt. Butterfield today, leading the high squadron.

- 11 Russians launched five-pronged assault on eastern German front from Baltic Sea to Carpathian Mountains.
- 13 Officers of the 423rd held a squadron party in "B" Mess during the evening. Capt. B.H. Pool of S-2, acted as Master of Ceremonies for festivities, which included music by the Esquires, a dance, and selection of a "Squadron Sweetheart" from the young women guests.
- A christening of one of the new Squadron B-17s was held on the 16th with the "Sweetheart" doing the honors.

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C. LOGNE

306th flew 35 A/C including 3 Pff as 40 "A" led by Lt. Col. LaVier. Lead Gee-II/PFF, pilot Col. Sutton, who was to head the Division, did not take off because of internal engine failure. Clear weather at the target, the Hohenzollern R.R. bridge in the heart of Cologne, confirmed Buckeye's earlier statements. Each squadron made a separate visual run. Lead's bombs hit western approaches very near aiming point. Low fell on a marshalling yard in southwest part of city. Photos from 351st Group show high pattern straddling eastern half of bridge. Bombing for the day was described as very good.

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No E/A. However, moderate and accurate A.A. fire at the target, and meager accurate from the front lines inflicted the following damage: Lead, 1 severe, 9 slight; Low, 3 severe, 6 slight; High, 1 severe, 5 slight.  
J.R. Lewis, flight leader, 369th, was promoted to Capt.

15 FREIBURG

306th as 40th "C" flew 36 a/c including 3 PFF led by Capt. Hanson. 10/10 cloud coverage at primary, which fact was reported by Buckeye, caused lead to hit secondary, marshalling yards at Freiburg, on an H2A run. Low dropped on lead, while high made separate drop. Strike photos show bomb hits to northeast of aiming point.

Meager inaccurate flak at target caused no damage. There were no enemy fighters.

17 BIELEFELD

Lt. Col. LaVier led the 306th as 40th "B" with 39 a/c including 1 GeeH-PFF, 2 PFF, and 3 spares. Buckeye reported that the target, a large railway viaduct northeast of Bielefeld, was under a 10/10 coverage. A GeeH run was made in group formation with unobserved results.

A.A. fire and E/A were nil.

18 Mission scrubbed.

20 RHEINE

306th as 40th "B" flew 39 a/c including 4 Micro H-PFF and 3 spares led by Capt. Magee. Because key Micro H beacon stayed in normal navigation code instead of delay, group attacked secondary target, marshalling yard at Rheine. Results were unobserved.

A few scattered bursts from front lines was only A.A. fire encountered. No E/A harassed the formation.

a/c 600-G, pilot Lt. Erne of the 369th, had internal failure in #3 and 4 engines before getting into enemy territory. Plane landed in France with crew unharmed. Returned to base next day.

a/c 384-L, pilot Lt. McKinney of the 368th, also had internal engine failure. Trouble occurred near I.P., and Lt. McKinney proceeded on to the target with the formation. After bombs away, a/c headed for an emergency landing field. Finally found a spot in the Liege area, but one wheel failed to come down. Because of the overworked engines, pilot was forced to make a crash landing. 1st Lt. W. J. Beck (H) and Sgt. F. E. Newell (TG) were injured seriously and are still on the continent. Rest of crew returned to base a few days later.

21 SCHAFFENBURG

Major Grending led the 306th as 40th "L" with 36 a/c including 3 PFF, 1 GeeH, and 2 spares. The route was flown as briefed. Near I.P. operator indicated that a GeeH run was impossible since he could not get proper ground signals. Because lead bomb bay doors failed to open, deputy took over shortly after I.P. and made a PFF run on marshalling yards at Schaffenburg. Low and High dropped off lead.

A.A. fire and enemy fighter opposition was nil.

Crews observed two B-17s to have collided in group ahead. Both a/c spun in with no chutes seen. Later confirmation showed the planes to be from the 303rd.

26 B. W. Casseday, Squadron Operations Officer, 369th, was promoted to the rank of Major.

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- 27 Mission scrubbed.  
J. A. Murphy, flight leader, 423rd, was promoted to the rank of Capt.
- 28 COLOGNE  
306th flew 39 a/c as 40th "C" including 1 GeeH-PFF, 2 PFF, and 3 spares led by Major Hulings. Intense haze in the target area and severe frosting on the plexiglass forced formation to make Gee H run on primary, marshalling yards in southeastern Cologne. High and low dropped off lead. Interpretation of strike photos show probable hits to MA of target.  
Two predicted concentrations of A.A. fire were encountered over Cologne. Recovery of several casings and one intact pellet indicated that incendiary flak was being used by the enemy. Damage: 4 severe, 7 slight.
- 29 ROBLENZ  
306th as 40th "B" sent 36 a/c including 1 GeeH-PFF and 2 PFF led by Capt. Hanson. Early in the mission deputy took over when electrical system went out in lead ship which affected both GeeH and PFF. Because of the malfunction, the secondary, marshalling yards at Roblenz, was attacked in group formation by H2K. Results were unobserved.  
A/A opposition and A.A. fire were nil.
- 31 Mission scrubbed.

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- 5      1st Lt Peter J. Hopkins Jr., assigned and joined to organization as Medical Administrative Officer. This is the group's first A.M.O. and all flight surgeons seem very relieved to get the paper work off their hands.
- 7      Major James S. Cheney, group navigator and the only combat "Old Timer" left on the station has been lured away to Molesworth. We all hate to see "Zoot" Cheney leave. A fine navigator and a swell guy personally, Major Cheney arrived with the original air echelon and was well known on the station and throughout the First Air Division. We all wish him good luck and happy landings.
- 8      Captain John D. MacPherson, formerley squadron navigator for the "Fitin' Bitin'", assigned and joined to the organization as group navigator in the place of Major Cheney.
- 16      1st Lt Raymond J. Bruder, assistant Special Service Officer has been transferred to Cheadington as Special Service Officer. We will remember Lt Bruder for his fine work in improving our post theatre and the quality of pictures shown - also the wonderful soft theatre seats to relieve our aching backs.
- 19      Major Richard E. Walck, formerley ground executive for the "Clay Pigeons", now luckily on DS back in God's country at Staff and Command School, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas, is relieved from assignment with the organization and assigned to the Miami Beach, Florida, Redistribution Station.
- 24      Major Harold D. Munal Jr., hit the jack-pot by getting a 30 day temporary duty assignment at home. Hope our group surgeon has a nice time and comes back rested up. (Some guys have all the luck)
- 31      Aside from the usual amount of colds in the organization that about winds up the history for the month.

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1st KASSEL

This mission was briefed to go to Magdeburg to attack the synthetic oil refinery there. The target was obscured by clouds when our formation came up on the bombing run and a 360 degree turn was made for a second run and it was hoped that the target would be open. Clouds again prevented the bombardier from picking up the M.P.I. and we then followed the "Able" force to the visual secondary. It was then decided to make a PFF run on Kassel. While on the approach the lead found he could make a visual run which he did with good results, the low dropping on him. The high was making a separate PFF run, but the equipment failed and at this time no visual correction could be made. They then turned off to bomb the M/Y at Limburg visually.

The 306th sent 36 a/c as 40th "B" and our squadron flew 9 a/c in the high squadron, which bombed Limburg, with Lt. J. N. Hess leading. There was no attack by E/A but several jet E/A passed within a very close range of the formation. Our fighter escort was so hot on their trail that they had no opportunity to make an attack. Flak was inaccurate at Magdeburg, but at Kassel we were visual targets and our crews were looking down their guns. Most of our damage was sustained here. None of our men were injured.

Other pilots for the 367th were: Lts. R.B. Overstreet, J.L. Davis, R.L. Breed, S.D. Hodges, E.B. Sutherland, W.R. Fowler, who flew and bombed with the 92nd Group, and G.L. Hatch.

2nd KYLLBURG

The 306th flew 36 a/c and three spare a/c as 40th "A" Group to bomb the R.R. tunnel at Kyllburg, Germany. Our squadron sent 9 a/c as the lead flight and low element of the lead group. Capt. R.W. Cogswell, flying spare filled in the number 2 position, low element lead squadron, when Lt. J. L. Patton was forced to turn back just after take off due to engine failure and catching on fire. The fire was controlled and the a/c returned safely to base. The trip to the target was satisfactory and the weather gave us a break by opening up for visual run. Lt. E.F. Saythe, a Clay Pigeon man, was able to synchronize on the target for the perfect release. Photos show the M.P.I. completely covered by H.E. bursts. Scattered but accurate flak was encountered for about 10 minutes in the target area. One of our A/C received slight damage but no one was injured. Our fighters gave good area support and no E/A were seen. Other pilots for the 367th were: Maj. E.W. Kesling, our C.O. who led the C.B.W., and Lts. H.O. Balcom, J.T. Hatch, R.T. Breed, C.T. Sutton, W.B. Turner, E.B. Sutherland, and W.R. Fowler.

3rd HERMULHEIM

The 306th flew 36 A/C and 3 spares as 40th "B" Group to bomb the M/Y at Hermulheim, Germany. Our squadron sent 9 A/C as the three three A/C high elements of each squadron. Assembly was accomplished without incident and the entire mission was flown over heavy clouds with only an occasional glimpse of the ground through small holes. Buckeye called and said that the target was overcast, so a PFF run was made, all A/C dropping on the lead, with unobserved results. Our group received no flak although scattered bursts were seen. Pilots for the 367th were: Lts. C.T. Sutton, E.B. Sutherland, who landed at Manston with a runaway prop, S.D. Hodges, R.A. Lissner, J.W. Davis, W.B. Turner, J.L. Patten, J.L. Hatch, and W.R. Fowler. Lt. G.R. Rawlings, flying spare, filled for Lt. Wood when he was forced to abort due to the illness of his tail gunner.

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5th NIEDERMENDIG

The 306th Bomb Group flew 36 A/C as 40th "A" group to attack the A/F at Niedermendig, Germany. Our squadron sent 9 A/C as the lead flight and low element of the low group. Lt. W.B. Turner, flying spare, filled with the 385th Bomb Group to attack Kaiserlautern visually. Assembly was very difficult due to bad weather and many men were unable to locate their own formation, and were forced to fill with other groups. Other men from our squadron flying with other outfits were as follows: Lts. Fowler and Hatch with the 305th; Lt. Patten with the 398th; and Lt. Lissner with the 477th. Our target was covered by 10/10ths overcast and the bombs were dropped by Gee-H equipment with unobserved results. This was a rack malfunction in the lead of the low and six A/C in this squadron did not drop. This was not realized at the time and a second run was not made. The weather was clear over the continent until the I.P. was reached where it quickly built to a solid undercast. Our fighter support was very scant and fortunately no E/A were seen. The only flak observed came from the front lines and was not near our formation. All of the A/C returned safely. Other pilots for the 367th were: Lts. Balcom, leading the low, Overstreet, Rawlings, Hodges, and Davis.

6th Cologne

The 306th flew 39 A/C as the 40th "A" CBW to lead the first Division. Our target was a bridge over the Rhine in the southern part of the city. Due to a solid undercast and the Gee-H operator being unable to pick up the necessary returns the bombs were dropped PFF on the M/Y with unobserved results. Our squadron flew nine A/C in the lead squadron with Capt. H.E. Hanson leading. Lt. Col. Chalfant, Group Air Executive, rode with him as air commander. There were no E/A seen and our P-51s gave close support with P-47s operating in the target area. A few scattered bursts of flak were observed crossing the lines on the way out while a meager inaccurate barrage and tracking flak were encountered over the target. No damage was sustained by any of our A/C. Other pilots for the Clay pigeon A/F were: Lts. S.D. Hodges, S.B. Rawlings, J.N. Hess, R.A. Lissner flying spare and filling in high squadron, C.E. Cushing, C.T. Sutton, G.L. Hatch, W.R. Fowler, and W.B. Turner.

7th EUSKIRCHEN

The 306th flew 39 A/C as 40th "B" Group to bomb an embankment along the railroad line just outside Euskirchen, Germany. It was hoped that if this embankment could be hit it would fall on the tracks and render the line useless for several days while the earth was being cleared away. Our squadron sent 9 A/C as the three three plane high elements of each squadron. The bombing was done through 10/10ths cloud by Gee-H equipment and no results were observed. Our formation encountered no flak or E/A and P-51s gave excellent support throughout the mission. Pilots of the Clay Pigeon A/C were: Lts. Sutherland, Fowler, and Prokop with the lead; Hodges, Rawlings, and Turner with the low; Balcom, Cushing, and Lissner with the high.

8th SPERER

The 306th flew 40th "A" Group to bomb a communication center south of Landau. The deputy lead Gee-H A/C was unable to take off and the equipment in the lead A/C failed. Landau was the PFF secondary, but it gave a poor return on the tekey scope and slight ground detail on the visual photos seem to indicate that our bombs were dropped near Sporer. Our squadron sent seven A/C as the lead flight and lead A/C of the low element of the low group.

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Capt. R.W. Cogswell flew spare for this squadron and filled with the lead to bomb. The low was led by Lt. H. O. Balcom who was wounded in the left foot about one minute before his bombs were released. Maj. E.W. Kesling, our C.O., flew with Capt. B. W. Magee to lead the CW. Lt. G.L. Hatch was to have flown the deputy Gee-H A/C but was unable to take off due to engine trouble. No E/A were seen and our fighters gave good area support, appearing at the I.P. and in the target area. Lt. G.W. David, bombardier on Lt. J.N. Hess' A/C, was wounded by flak near the target but his recovery is assured. The only flak encounter came from Mannheim-Ludwigshaven area. Here it was moderate but accurate, lasting for about three minutes. Lt. J.L. Davis lost his # 2 engine just before reaching the I.P. and his # 1 engine went out just after the target. He returned alone on two engines to the Base. On landing his left wing stalled out just before the touch-down and hit the ground. The A/C spun around but he was able to keep it on an even keel and no one was injured. Other pilots for the 367th were: Lts. R.B. Overstreet, C.E. Cushing, E.B. Sutherland and W.J. Davis.

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GYMNICH

The 306th flew the 40th "B" Group to bomb Gymnich A/D just east of Koln. Our squadron flew 9 A/C in the high squadron as the lead flight and low element. Capt. W.B. Butterfield, our operations officer, led the squadron. The route from the I.P. to the target lay just to the south of Koln and on the bomb run our formation was crowded north over the city. The clouds had broken and we were visual targets for Jerry's flak guns. The lead caught the worst damage and our squadron got off comparatively lightly with 5 A/C damaged and no personnel injured. The bombing was done visually after the Gee-H equipment went out. The ground was covered with snow and made identification very difficult. Photos show our squadron's bombs on the near-by town of Bliesheim. There was no E/A opposition and no fighter support. Other pilots from the Clay Pigeon A/F were: Lts. J.L. Patten, R.B. Overstreet, J.N. Hess, S.D. Hodges, W.B. Turner, G.L. Hatch, R.A. Lissner who returned early due to engine failure, and Capt. R.W. Cogswell. Lt. C.E. Cushing filled with the low but was unable to drop.

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COLOGNE

The 306th flew the 40th "A" Group to bomb the Hohenzollern Bridge in Koln. Our squadron sent 12 A/C as the lead squadron. Capt. Hanson, the lead pilot with Col. Sutton, was unable to take off due to mechanical difficulty of the A/C. Lt. J.N. Hess, the deputy lead with Lt. Col. LaVier, assumed the lead from the start and flew in this position throughout the mission. The target was perfectly clear and each squadron made a separate run. The lead's strikes were on the west approach to the bridge and the high squadron's bombs straddled the center of the bridge. The low hit a N/Y in the city. Moderate accurate flak was encountered at the target for four minutes. Lt. W.B. Winslow's A/C was hit and Sgts. N.L. Russel, waist gunner, and A.C. Miller, tail gunner, were seriously injured. Meager, accurate flak was encountered over the front lines on the way to the target and meager inaccurate flak over the lines on the way out. There were no enemy fighters and our support consisted of a few P-51s giving area support around the target. Other pilots for the 367th were: Lts. S.D. Hodges, W.R. Fowler, W.W. Brasch, G.L. Hatch, G.B. Hamlinge, R.A. Lissner, C.E. Cushing, J.L. Patten and W.B. Turner.

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15th FREIBURG

The 306th flew 36 A/C as the 40th "C" Group to bomb Freiburg, Germany, PFF. Our squadron sent 9 A/C as the three three plane high elements for each squadron, and Capt. Hanson flew the lead A/C. There were only 10 - 12 bursts of flak at the target and this was low and inaccurate. No other flak was encountered and no damage was obtained by the group. Our strikes were later identified as over the target in a mountain pass in Germany. There were no E/A seen and our fighters gave good support from the I.P. until again over friendly territory. Other pilots for the 367th were: Lts. G.L. Hatch, C.E. Cushing, W.W. Brasch, W.R. Fowler, W.B. Turner, R.A. Lissner, S.D. Hodges, W.B. Minslow and J. Patten.

17th BIELFELD

The 306th Bomb Group flew 36 A/C and three spare A/C to bomb Bielefeld by Gee-H. Our squadron sent 9 A/C as the lead flight and low element of the low squadron with Capt. Donkin leading. Lt. V.F. Daley filled in the high squadron and flew the mission. No flak was encountered and no E/A were seen. Our fighters gave close support. The bombing was through 10/10ths cloud with unobserved results. All our A/C returned safely to the Base. Other Clay Pigeon pilots were: Lts. R.B. Overstreet, W.W. Brasch, R.L. Breed, W.B. Minslow, J.L. Patten, W.R. Fowler, R.A. Lissner and W.B. Turner.

20th RHEINE

The 306th flew the 40th "B" Group to bomb Rheine, Germany. After a malfunction of the ground station made micro-H bombing impossible. The run on rheine was made PFF and the bombs were dropped through 10/10ths cloud with no observed results. Our squadron flew nine A/C as the lead flight and low element of the high squadron. Lt. R.A. Lissner, flying spare, filled a vacancy in the high element of the high squadron and flew the mission. Capt. E.H.C. Magee led the mission. No flak was encountered at the target and only a few ineffective bursts were seen at the front lines. Our fighters gave close support over enemy territory. All A/C returned with no damage and no injured aboard. Other pilots for the 367th were: Lts. W.B. Minslow, J.N. Hess, leading the high, J.L. Patten, G.L. Hatch, V.F. Daley, W.W. Brasch, S.D. Hodges, R.B. Overstreet and W.R. Fowler.

21st ASCHOFFENBURG

The 306th flew 38 A/C to bomb the M/Y in Aschoffenburg, Germany by PFF. The target was completely overcast and no results were observed. Our squadron sent 9 A/C as the lead flight and low element of the lead squadron. Lt. H.C. Balcom lead, with Maj. Grending with him as the air commander. Lt. D.R. Lenn flying spare filled on the lead flight and flew the mission. No flak was encountered and no E/A were seen. The mission was flown over a solid undercast most of the time but gave no trouble on return. Other Clay Pigeon pilots were: Lts. R.B. Overstreet, R.D. Turner, S.D. Hodges, J.L. Patten, W.W. Brasch, G.L. Hatch, V.F. Daley, and W.R. Fowler.

28th COLOGNE

The 306th flew 39 A/C as the 40th "C" Group to bomb the M/Y at Cologne. A Gee-H run was made and hazy photos show strikes to the N.W. of the M.F.I. Our squadron flew 9 A/C in the three three plane high elements. accurate predicted concentrations of flak was encountered over the target and eleven of the Group's A/C were damaged. No personnel was injured. No E/A were seen and our P-51s, though scarce on the way in, appeared in strength at the target and gave excellent close support on the way out. Other pilots for the 367th were: Capt. R.W. Cogswell, and Lts. J.L. Patten, W.B. Minslow, S.D. Hodges, W.B. Turner, R.A. Lissner, G.L. Hatch, D.R. Lenn, and W.W. Brasch.

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29th KOBLENZ

The 306th flew 36 A/C as the 40th "B" Group to bomb Koblenz PFF. Our squadron flew 9 A/C as the lead flight and low element of the low squadron with Capt. Donkin leading, Capt. H.E. Hanson lead the group. However, he was forced to abandon the lead to Lt. R.H. Claeys of the 308th when his electrical system failed. The deputy had no Gee-H equipment and made his run on Koblenz, the briefed secondary. The target was completely overcast and the results were unobserved. No E/A were encountered and our fighters gave continuous support. Other pilots for the 367th were; Lts. R.B. Overstreet, W.W. Brasch, S.W. Hodges, J.L. Patten, D.R. Lenn, G.L. Hatch, V.F. Daley, and W.S. Winslow.

During January of this year we were able to fly 15 missions. This is a larger number than the combined fields of January 45 and January 44. We were very fortunate in having so many operational days. Most of all it is a tribute to the devotion of our blind bombing technique that has made these pulverizing attacks on Hitler's war machine possible. Today many of the pin-point targets that would be do credit to any bombardier under the best visual conditions are being attacked through a solid undercast. It might be said that the striking power of every A/C has been more than doubled by these developments.

Our good fortune has continued for January and we have not been challenged by the Luftwaffe. Our only near encounter came on the first when several jets passed very close to the formation but our fighter escort kept them at bay. We were very fortunate in losing no A/C during the month.



The Clay Pigeon Air Force men appearing in the above photo are (left to right) 1/Lts. D.F. Offord, W.A. Lindsay, and G.L. Gillespie, the first three men to complete their second combat tour with this group by flying 50 missions against the Hun in defense of the Four Freedoms. Berlin, Halberstadt, and many synthetic oil refineries, the life blood of Germany's Mechanized Army, are, to name only a few of the vital and heavily defended targets attacked, all familiar scenes to these men, that is from five miles up. The weight of their pulverizing raids has, also

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preceded the advance of the western front onto German soil. Each of these men is an experienced veteran of modern aerial warfare as is testified by the decorations they awarded them.

The following high awards were made during the month of December, 1944:

D.F.C.

1st Lt. Robert D. Breunig.  
2nd Lt. Louis F. Prokop  
Capt. Arthur Vann  
1st Lt. Paul H. Martin  
2nd Lt. Richard L. Townsend

1st Lt. Robert L. Gordon  
1st Lt. John P. Hearty  
~~1st Lt. Warren J. Doman~~  
1st Lt. Gordon A. Spencer

Purple Heart

Capt. Arthur Vann  
S/Cgt. Charles Walters

T/Sgt. Edwin R. Mc Neil

The following promotions were announced during January, 1945:

F/O to 2nd Lt.

R.D. Allen

Ervin R. Clark

2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.

J.L. Davis  
W.J. Davis, Jr.  
F.J. Fortman  
M.S. Hussthouse  
E.B. Sutherland  
R.L. Breed  
G.B. Rawlings  
C.E. Cushing  
D.L. Hatch, Jr.  
S.D. Hodges, Jr.  
P.A. Becker.

E.S. Smythe  
J.A. Stauber  
R.B. Overstreet  
R.L. Irvine  
J.K. Field  
V.S. Daley, Jr.  
J.N. Hess  
D.R. Lenn  
E.A. Skonieczny  
J.D. Snoddy

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LIMBURG AND KASSEL

306th flew 36 A/C including 4 Pff A/C as 40th "B". The primary target was Magdeburg but because it was covered with clouds we did not drop our bombs there. After making the run on Magdeburg the formation made a 360 degree turn to the left and passed over Magdeburg again. Finally made a run on Kassel, dropping our bombs at 1319. On this run the ~~lead and low~~ HIGH started it as Pff run but when Pff equipment went out abandoned the run and bombed Limburg M/Y at 1354. There were no E/A attacks on this group but north of Magdeburg two silver jet A/C, probably Me262s passed within 800 yards of our high squadron. 12-15 P51s were in pursuit. A Me163 was also reported seen in the same area by the high squadron. A.A. fire at Kassel was accurate, moderate, tracking and barrage. Most of the chaff had already been used up in the runs over Magdeburg where A.A. fire was inaccurate. No A.A. fire was met at Limburg.

Major Hulings led the group today. Lt. Risk was leader of the low squadron and other 368th pilots were Lts. Coyne, Swango, Olsen, McGahan, Martin, Jones and Maenner.

KYLLBURG

The mission today was very successful and is a good example of pin-point bombing. The target or aiming point was a communications center in a tunnel at Kyllburg. Photos show that the pattern was squarely on the target. The high squadron made a second run and dropped on top of the lead squadron's bombs while the low's bombs are slightly southeast of the aiming point. The 306th flew 39 A/C including 3 Pff, one Gee-H, and one Pff-Gee-H, and 3 spares as 40th "A". All A/C returned safely. All Pff equipment worked satisfactorily although the bombing was visual. No fighter opposition was encountered and P51s gave good area support. A.A. fire was meager, fairly accurate, tracking at scattered points in target area for about 5 to 10 minutes, although no single concentration of more than 4 bursts were seen. Capt. Matzke led the high squadron. Other 368th members of the high were: Lts. Schroeder, Claays, Eros, Jones, Martin, Olsen, Maenner, and Brown.

Lt. Joe Pavin departed for 70th Replacement Depot.

HERMULHEIM

306th flew 39 A/C including one Pff-GH A/C, 3 Pff A/C and three spares as 40th "B". Buckeye Blue reported that the entire area would be overcast and that all bombing would be by instruments. The lead dropped by Gee-H at 1053 hours and the high and low dropped on the lead. Photos show 10/10 clouds with no ground detail. The plotted Pff scope photos show the bomb strikes about 3 miles north of the target. There was no A.A. fire or enemy air opposition on this group. A few bursts of A.A. fire were seen to the left on the turn off the target and a barrage behind at the time when there were no A/C near the bursts. Major Hulings led the group; other pilots were Capt. Denny and Lts. Schroeder, Halliday, Swango, Olsen, Martin, Maenner, and McGahan. Lt. Jones who was flying as spare joined the 303rd group and bombed St. Vith. All A/C returned safely.

2nd Lt. Frank Seiford was relieved from assignment and departed for 70 R.D.

NIEDERWENDIG

5 The 306th flew 39 A/C including one Pff-Gee-H A/C, three Pff A/C and 3 spares, as 40th "A". Considerable difficulty was experienced in assembly over England due to dense persistent contrails. Eight A/C flew and bombed with other groups, pilot Maenner, the only one from the 368th, bombed with the 301st group. Bombing was done by Gee-H over 10/10 clouds. There was a rack malfunction in the lead A/C of the low group. The air commander, Lt. Col. Salado,

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thinking only 4 A/C did not drop felt a separate run was not justified and told them to bring their bombs back. Six brought bombs back in the low plus one in the high which could not release. The track obtained from plotted Pff scope photos show strikes about 1 mile N.W. of the target, which was the Niedermendig A/D. There was no E/A or A.A. fire on this group. Capt. Denny flew as deputy lead today. The 368th flew the 3 highs of lead, low and high squadrons and included Lts. Swango and Olsen, Hathaway and McCaulie and Martin, McGahan and Schroeder, respectively. Our executive officer, Major Edward Miazza, who came over to England with the 368th has been transferred to the 423rd squadron. His place has been taken by Major Willie Williams, Jr. from the 369th squadron.

COLOGNE

306th flew 39 A/C including one GH-Pff A/C, three Pff A/C and 3 spares as 40th "A". Buckeye Blue reported 10/10 at target and said bombing would be by instruments. A GH run was started on the primary but 18 miles from the target the operator was unable to pick up the tracking blip, and the run was completed by Pff on the secondary. Photos show no ground detail but plotted Pff photos show the main pattern to be just short of the M/V barrage A.A. fire at the target for two minutes, and a few scattered bursts crossing the front lines on the way out. There was no E/A opposition. Lt. Underwood led the low squadron. Other 368th members were Lts. Claeys, Swango, Maenner, Schroeder, Brown, Martin, Olsen and McCaulie. All A/C returned safely.

2nd Lts. Halliday, Miller, Townsend and Underwood were promoted to 1st Lt. effective 2 January, 1945.

EUSKIRCHEN

The 306th flew 39 A/C including one GH A/C, four Pff A/C and 3 spares as 40th "B". The target today was a R.R. intersection near Euskirchen. Bombing was by Gee-H and Pff photos indicate that the pattern was about 1 mile N.W. of the aiming point. There was no E/A opposition, and P51s provided excellent support throughout the mission. There was no A.A. gun fire. The weather was 10/10 over channel and continent with tops from 12000 to 17000 feet. Capt. Matzke led the high squadron. Other 368th members were: Lts. N.W. McKinney, Claeys, Halliday, Schroeder, Hartshorn, Brown, McGahan, and Capt. Law. Lt. Olsen, who was flying as a spare, joined and bombed with 305th Bomb Group. 1st Lts. Evans and Eros departed for the Casual Pool, 70th R.D.

SPEYER

306th flew 38 A/C including one Gee-H-Pff, three Pff A/C and 3 spares as 40th "A" group. The 306th leader discovered at rendezvous that his AFCE was out and that the Gee-H on which the mission depended was not operating. 30 minutes before the I.P. Buckeye Red reported that the weather was 10/10 in target area but that he couldn't find the primary which was just S.W. of Landau. 5 minutes before the I.P. he called again and said he could see the ground through heavy haze but wasn't sure he was over the target. The secondary was Landau and on the bomb run the lead Mickey operator could not locate the Landau blip and bombed Speyer. The high and low squadrons felt they bombed the secondary, Landau, but pictures indicate all 3 squadrons bombed in vicinity of Speyer. There was no E/A opposition and A.A. fire was moderate, accurate, tracking from the Mannheim, Ludwigshafen area immediately after bombs away and tracking the group around the turn off the target. Capt. Law was hit severely by flak and with two engines out crash landed in England. T/Sgt. W.S. Faust, tail gunner, was killed in the crash. Capt. Law, pilot, and 2nd Lt. Wait, co-pilot, 1st Lt. Q.T. Conway, bombardier, T/Sgt. F.A. Sweet, radio operator and Sgt. W.O. Timmons, ball turret, were all seriously injured. 1st Lt. P.V. Connally, navigator, T/Sgt. D.G. Leckhart, engineer, and Sgt. H. Trammell, waist gunner, were slightly injured. Lt. Claeys flew deputy lead

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for the group. Other 368th members were Lts. Halliday, McKinney, McGahan, Coyne, Jones, Maenner, Evans and Capt. Law.

2nd Lt. Robert Laden was promoted to 1st Lt. effective 3 January, 1945.  
1st Lt. Dorushkin departed for the 70th R.D.

GYMNICH

306th flew 38 A/C including 4 Pff, one Gee-H and 2 spares as 40th "B" group. The route was flown approximately as briefed except between the I.P. and the target where a wide sweeping turn was made three times over Cologne because of other formations forcing our group off its gee-H run. The A.A. gunfire was from moderate to intense, accurate, tracking, visual, in the Cologne area, and damage to the group's A/C was heavy. The deputy leader was knocked down, and the group leader was hit and did not return to base until a few days later. On the bomb run the Gee-H went out and the lead took over and made a visual run. The only photos available are from the high squadron and show strikes completely obscuring the small town of Bliesheim, six miles S.E. of the primary. There was no fighter opposition and no fighter support was seen. Members of the 368th were Lts. Hathaway, Evans, McCaulie, Jones, McKinney, Schroeder, Brown, Hartshorn, and McGahan. 1st Lts. E. Miller and D. Townsend departed for the 70th R.D.

Capt. Widlansky has left for TD with the 8th A.F.

1st Lts. Coyne and Laden departed for 70th R.D.

F/O J. Johnson accepted an appointment as 2nd Lt. effective 8 Jan., 1945.

COLOGNE

306th flew 35 A/C including 3 Pff A/C as 40th "A" group. The aiming point today was the Hohenzollern R.R. bridge in Cologne. It was bombed visually and photos show lead bombs on the western approaches to the bridge with near misses on the bridge itself. The low hit the small M/Y west of the bridge. The high had no photos but crews stated at the time that their pattern straddled the bridge. Subsequent reconnaissance has revealed only one direct hit by the high squadron. There was moderate and accurate A.A. fire at the target, and meager, accurate fire over the front lines. There was no enemy fighter opposition but the fighter support was scarce.

Colonel Suttan, Division leader, on this mission and pilot of Gee-H- Pff A/C 369-X, could not take off because of engine failure. Lt. Risk led the low squadron. Other 368th members of the low were Lts. Martin, Jones, Halliday, Swango, Brown, Claeys, Olsen, Maenner, McCaulie, McKinney and Evans. All A/C returned safely.

2nd Lt. Holscher was transferred to the 423rd Bomb Squadron.  
1st Lt. H. Edwards was transferred and left for the 70th R.D.

FREIBURG

The primary today was a R.R. bridge supplying troops in the Colmar pocket. However, because of 10/10 cloud conditions the bombing was done by Pff on the secondary, Freiburg. The 306th flew 36 A/C including 3 Pff A/C as 40th "C" group. All mickey equipment worked well. Strike attack photos show all the low ground hidden in clouds with only the tops of hills and mountains protruding. Fighter support was good and there wasn't any E/A opposition. There were only 10 or 12 bursts of A.A. fire before bombs came causing no damage. Capt. Matske led the high squadron. Other pilots were Lts. Maenner, Claeys, Jones, Whitcomb, McKinney, McCaulie, Brown and Swango.

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BIELEFELD

The 306th flew 39 A/C including one Gee-H-Pff, 2 Pff, and 3 spare A/C as 40th "B" group. The target today was the R.R. viaduct about 2 1/2 miles N.E. of the town. The bombing was accomplished by Gee-H technique, through 10/10 undercast, in group formation. The plot of the Pff scope photos reveals that strikes were made about 2 miles S.E. of the aiming point. Strike photos show no ground detail. There was no E/A opposition or A.A. gun fire on this group. Fighter support was good and particularly close in the target area. 368th members who flew today were Lt. Risk as lead pilot with Lt. Col. Lavier as air commander, Lts. Claeys, McCaulie, Maenner, Olsen, Brown, Martin, Jones, Whitcomb and McGahan.

Capt. Roy Buchanan departed for the 70th R.D.

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1st Lt. C. Halliday left for the 70th R.D.

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Capt. R. Denny departed for the 70th Replacement Depot.

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RHEINE

The 306th flew 39 A/C including 4 MH-Pff A/C and 3 spares as 40th "B". The primary today, either visual or Gee-H, was Stericrade synthetic oil plant, but because of 10/10 clouds the briefed secondary, Rheine, was bombed by Pff. It was intended to bomb the target by Micro-H but because the beacon stayed in normal navigation code undelayed instead of delayed, the operator decided that the bombs would fall nowhere near the target and decided to bomb Pff. Each squadron made its own bombing run. There was no fighter opposition and no A.A. gun fire at the target. Pilot McKinney, A/C 384-L, had to crash land on the continent about 3 miles S.W. of A-93. Number one engine went out before the I.P. He went into the target and dropped his bombs, lagging behind the formation. After the target his #2 engine went out also. He tried to make a landing on the field and couldn't complete the circle and crashed beyond. Lt. McKinney and Lt. Beck, Sgts. Opper and Newell were injured. The rest of the crew received only very minor injuries. 368th members who flew today were Lts. Brown, Olsen, Swango, McGahan, McKinney, McCaulie, Whitcomb, and Maenner.

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ASCHAFFENBURG

The 306th flew 38 A/C including 3 Pff, one Gee-H, and 2 spare A/C as 40th "A". The primary target was the marshalling yards in Aschaffenburg. A Gee-H run was ordered near the I.P. but because the operator couldn't get any signals from the ground at that time the leader tried to make a Pff run. However, he couldn't get his bomb bay doors open and the deputy took over and made the run. The low and high squadrons dropped on the lead. The high began its own Pff run but interference from another group forced it to abandon the run and drop on the lead. There was no E/A opposition on this group and no A.A. gunfire. The weather was 10/10 over most of the continent except for breaks before the I.P. Lt. Underwood led the low squadron. Other 368th members were Lts. McCaulie, Carder, Maenner, Olsen, McGahan, Jones, Hartshorn, Swango and Whitcomb. All A/C returned safely.

F/O L. Burley was assigned and joined the squadron from Hq. A.A.F.

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1st Lt. J. Brian departed for 70th R.D.

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2nd Lt. B. Martin and Capt. J. Jordan departed for 70th R.D.

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2nd Lts. Hathaway, Krsemien, McCaulie, J. Martin, Risco, Schroeder, Tomlinson, Weber and Wilf, were promoted to 1st Lts, effective 23 Jan, 1945.

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2nd Lts. Holt and Maenner were promoted to 1st Lts, effective 23 Jan, 1945.

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COLOGNE

The 306th flew 39 A/C including one Gee-H-Pff, 2 Pff and 3 spare A/C as 40th "C". The bombing was done by Gee-H in group formation. Strike photos show hits to the N.W. of the target. No enemy aircraft were seen. We encountered accurate predicted flak at bombs away, damaging 4 A/C severely and 7 slight. Incendiary A.A. shells were also fired at us. The weather was almost a solid undercast on the way in with clouds breaking at the target but with visibility poor due to an intense haze.

Major Hulings led the group today and Lt. Risk led the high squadron. Other members of the high were Lts. Martin, Whitcomb, Olsen, Swango, Hartshorn, Hathaway, McGahan, Evans, and Carder. All A/C returned safely. 1st Lts. Tomlinson, McCaulie, and Schroeder departed for 70th R.D.

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KOBLENZ

The 306th flew 36 A/C including one Gee-H/Pff and 2 Pff A/C as 40th "B". The deputy lead took over when the lead electrical equipment went out south of course in France causing the Gee-H set to become inoperative. Bombing was done by Pff with results unobserved as there was a 10/10 cloud cover. No enemy A/C were seen and there wasn't any A.A. gun fire. Friendly fighter escort was excellent, giving continuous support throughout the mission. 368th men who flew today's mission were Lts. Claeys as deputy lead, Evans, Swango, Whitcomb, Olsen, Jones, Rizzo and McGahan. All A/C returned safely.

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1st Lts. Maenner and Holt departed for 70th R.D.

The following high awards were presented during the month of December, 1944.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Capt. Robert T. Denry  
Capt. Edward Seifried  
1st Lt. Robert J. Curran  
1st Lt. Robert J. Chrisjohn  
T/Sgt. Sherman D. Bennett  
" Curtis N. Foster  
" Louis R. Gilbert  
S/Sgt. Lyle A. Brown  
" George L. Barber  
" Paul Brunetti  
" Roy C. Ficklin  
" John P. Lightheart  
" Lawrence F. Pesterfield

Purple Heart

S/Sgt. Robert W. Peatross  
S/Sgt. Haig Gadian

Bronze Star Medal

M/Sgt. George H. Allen  
S/Sgt. Byron W. Firtle

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1st LIMBURG AND KASSEL

The 306th flew 36 a/c including 4 PFF a/c as 40th "B" Group. The 309th flew 9 a/c as high flights of the lead, low and high squadrons. Lead and low squadrons bombed Kassel with visual sighting. PFF equipment of the high went out on the bomb run and high bombed Limburg 1/Y visually. There were no E./. attacks on the group although two T/T and one S/E E./. were seen with P-51s in close pursuit. At Kassel a.... fire was moderate, tracking and barrage. There was no flak at Limburg. Over the North Sea on the way out low squadron broke up in clouds and reformed. Lt. Stewart was unaccounted for from that time and did not return to base. Lt. Ryder landed in France at Denain airrome with one engine out and approximately 40 gallons of gas. He got 500 gallons on 2nd January and took off for Martini, but because of poor weather conditions landed at Lille/Vendeville. On 3rd January he flew to Martini but was grounded until the next afternoon when weather conditions permitted return to base. Lt. Pearce had two engines hit over the Kiel Canal but thought he could make the target; however, by the time he had reached the I.P. he was far behind the formation, had a windmill prop, and dropped on a target of opportunity. Pearce then came home alone without fighter support. Lts. Rozett and Erne landed at Messenger for refueling and returned to base the same day.

Lt. Wood took off late using spare a/c and when he was unable to catch the 306th Group joined on to the 457th and bombed Gottingen. Lts. Carle, Rogers, Cation and crews also flew 369th a/c.

Members of the 309th who did not return from the mission were:

1st Lt. R.D. Stewart	- Pilot	T/Sgt. A. R. Cecere	- Top Turret
2nd Lt. K. H. Streun	Co-pilot	S/Sgt. W. J. McCue	Ball Turret
2nd Lt. L. L. Wilson	Navigator	S/Sgt. D. F. Bohrer	Waist Gunner
T/Sgt. L. J. Peterson	Bombardier	S/Sgt. R. L. Chancellor	- Tail Gunner
T/Sgt. C. A. Maple	Radio operator		

2nd KYLLEBURG

The 306th flew 39 a/c including 3 PFF, one GH, and one PFF-GH and three spares as 40th "A" Group. The 369th flew 10 a/c in the low squadron including Capt. Haase as lead and Lt. Cation as a spare. Bombing was visual and excellent. Photos show the lead and high bombs squarely on the aiming point with the low S.E. of aiming point. There was no E/A opposition. Flak was meager, tracking, and fairly accurate at several points in the target area. Others flying from the 369th were Lts. Rozett, Carle, Rogers, Erne, Mattson, Wood, Pearce, Hubbell and crews.

3rd HERMULHEIM

The 306th group flew 39 a/c including one PFF-GH, three PFF a/c and three spares as the 40 "B" group. The 369th flew 9 a/c including lead of the high squadron. Capt. Laughlin flew lead with Lts. Wood, Mattson, Erne, Reinhart, Pearce, Hubbell, Carle, Cation and crews flying other 369th a/c. Bombing was by GH on Hermulheim M/Y through 10/10 clouds. Plotted scope photos show bombs north and west of the target. There was no AA gun fire on the group, and no E/A opposition. Lt. Wood returned early because of an ill gunner.

4th Maj. Willie S. Williams was relieved from assignment with the organization and took over as executive officer of the 368th squadron. Capt. Phil G. Kraft, formerly executive officer of the 423rd squadron, assumed duties as the new executive officer of the 369th.

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NEIDERMEINDIG

The 306th flew 39 a/c including one PFF-GH, three PFF a/c, and three spares, as the 40th "A" group. The 369th flew 10 a/c including Capt. Hasse in the lead a/c with Col. Salada from Wing, and a spare, all in the lead group. Dense persistent contrails above 15,500 feet over England made assembly very difficult and Lt. Lomar returned when unable to find the formation, and Lt. Erne, unable to find the group, joined and bombed with the 92nd group. Bombing was by Gee-H over 10/10 clouds. Plotted scope photos show a good track with bombs probably a little short of the A/F. There was no flak at the target. Several scattered bursts were reported near the lines but there was no damage. There was no E/A opposition. Lt. Carle returned early because of an oxygen failure. Others flying from the 369th were Lts. Mattson, Wood, Hubbell, Cation, Rogers and crews. Lt. Ryder flying spare turned back as briefed.

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COLOGNE

The 306th flew 39 a/c including one GH-PFF a/c, three PFF, and three spares as 40 "A" to bomb the M/Y at Cologne. Bombing was by PFF when the GH equipment did not work satisfactorily. Plotted scope photos show track across M/Y with bomb train starting just short of the briefed MPI so that the main concentration would have been on the yards. Meager tracking and barrage flak at the target did no damage. There was no E/A opposition. The 369th flew 9 a/c as high flights in the lead, low, and high squadrons. Lts. Rogers, Ryder, Lomar, Hubbell, Cation, Carle, Mattson, Erne, Wood, and crews flew 369th a/c.

7th

BUSKIRCHEN

The 306th flew 39 a/c including one GH a/c, four PFF and three spares as the 40 "B" group. The target was a RR embankment near Buskirchen. Bombing was by GH. Plotted scope photos indicate that bomb strikes were to the left and over the embankment. There was no AA fire on the group, and no E/A opposition. The 369th flew 10 a/c in the low with Lt. J.R. Lewis leading. Capt. B.B. Lewis, Lts. Mattson, Lomar, Reinhart, Ryder, Hubbell, Pearce, Young, Carle, and crews flew other 369th a/c.

8th

SPEYER

The 306th flew 38 a/c including one GH-PFF, three PFF, and three spares as the 40 "A". The 369th flew 9 a/c as lead section and low flight of the high squadron. Lt. Rozett flew the lead a/c with Lts. Hansen, Erne, Pearce, Young, Cation, Chancey, Ryder, Lomar, and crews flying other 369th a/c. The GH equipment went out over England and when the Mickey operator was unable to pick up Landou he bombed Speyer instead. Cloud cover was 10/10 with holes, but ground haze prevented visual corrections. There was no E/A opposition. Moderate accurate tracking flak from the Mannheim-Ludwigshafen area accounted for damage of 2 severe, 3 slight. Lt. Hansen returned early with #2 engine out and brought back his bombs. Lt. Young landed at Rosier, France and Lt. Ryder at Northol., England. Both were low on gas. Lt. Chancey landed at Farnborough with #4 engine out. Sgt. B.M. Brown, R.O. on Lt. Cation's crew received a hand injury from flak.

There was a squadron meeting in the post theatre for all personnel of the squadron. Capt. Kraft spoke on military courtesy and policies of the squadron. Maj. McKinney presented the D.F.C. to Lt. J.R. Lewis, and bronze stars to M/Sgt. Charles G. Sandford, armament chief, and T/Sgt. Vernon S. Kukes, bombight chief.

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GYMNICH

The 306th flew 38 a/c including 4 PFF, 1 Gee-H, and 2 spares as 40 "B". Maj. McKinney, C.O. of the squadron, flew group lead with 8 other 369th a/c in the lead squadron. Interference from other groups on the bombing run forced the formation over Cologne under visual conditions. The lead and deputy lead were severely hit on the bomb run as well as three other a/c from the lead squadron. These 5 a/c, 4 of which were from the 369th, did not return to base with the formation although crews of all except one have since returned. There was no E/A opposition. Maj. McKinney's a/c was hit one minute before the target at which time some bombs were dropped, probably due to a hit in the electrical system, and most of the a/c in the group dropped early on these bombs. Maj. McKinney retained the lead over the target but was unable to release the remaining bombs. The entire radio system was out and the only means of communication between crew members was by writing notes and passing them around. The deputy had been hit and had left the formation. When another a/c took over lead Maj. McKinney left the formation and started back to base, but icing in clouds was very bad, and Sgt. Sulser, waist gunner, had a shattered ankle, so he landed at Brussels. The crew, with the exception of Sgt. Sulser who was in the hospital, returned within three or four days. Lt. Mattson's a/c was hit in #1 and #2 engines two minutes before bombs away. He was last seen about 2000 feet below the formation burning and losing altitude, although crews report that the a/c seemed to be under control at that time. One chute was reported out.

Lt. Feinhart's a/c was hit over Cologne in the #2 and #4 engines injuring Lt. Lambert, the bombardier at the same time. The bombardier was knocked from his seat, had a serious leg injury and glass in his eye, but he crawled back and dropped bombs on the lead a/c. The #4 engine ran away, #2 lost oil and had to be feathered, the electrical system was out, and a/c lagged behind losing altitude, gas gauges were out, so pilot landed in friendly territory. The crew reported that the pilot made a very good landing in view of the condition of the plane.

Lt. Pearce's a/c was hit on the bomb run knocking out two engines and critically injuring the pilot in the head. The a/c left the formation and dropped on a T.O. about 4 miles west of Cologne. The navigator tried to give the pilot first aid but the head injury was too serious and the co-pilot landed in France. Lt. Pearce was carried to a hospital at St. Quentin but died 4 days later from the injuries received. The pilot could probably have saved his life if he had had on a flak helmet, but crew members say he seldom wore a helmet because he thought he could do a better job without one.

Capt. Lewis, Lts. Wood, Hubbell, Carle, Trne, and crews flew other 369th a/c. All Planes received slight to severe damage.

Members of the 369th who went down on Lt. Mattson's crew were:

2nd Lt. Harold C. Mattson - pilot	2nd Lt. Roy J. Kruger - co-pilot
F/O Lawrence C. Shaw, Jr. - nav.	2nd Lt. Jess A. Bryan - bomb.
S/Sgt. Richard Ramirez - r.o.	S/Sgt. James M. Jenkins - engr.
Sgt. Joseph F. Anek - b.t.	Sgt. Vernon L. Crowton - w.s.
Sgt. David J. Koubek - t.g.	2nd Lt. William Mocharnuk - ru. (369th)

14th

COLOGNE

The 306th flew 35 a/c including 3 PFF as 40 "B" leading 1st air division. The target was the Hohenzollern RR bridge at Cologne which was bombed visually. Photos show lead bombs on western approaches to the bridge, and, although no pictures are available, high squadron crews report

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their bombs straddled the bridge and claim 2 - 3 hits. The 369th flew high squadron with Lt. Rozett flying the lead a/c. Capt. B.H. Lewis, Lts. Trask, Lomar, Cation, Tinkham, Carakostos, Young, Ryder, Reinnart and crews flew other 369th a/c in the squadron. Lt. Denton returned early because of oxygen failure, and Lt. Wood returned early because of engine failure. Lt. Reinnart lost an engine over the target and came home on three engines. There was no A/A opposition. There was moderate but accurate flak at the target starting one minute before bombs away and lasting until three minutes after. Damage to the high squadron was 1 severe, 5 slight.

1st Lt. Jack H. Lewis was promoted to the rank of captain.

15th

FRIEBURG

The 306th flew 36 a/c including 3 PFF as 40 "C" group. The target was Frieberg which was bombed by PFF through 10/10 clouds with the low squadron dropping on the lead. The 369th flew 9 a/c including the lead of the low squadron. Lt. Rozett flew lead a/c and with him Capt. B.H. Lewis, Lts. Trask, Bowley, Wood, Tinkham, Cation, Denton, Carakostos, and crews flew other 369th a/c. There was no A/A opposition, and the only flak reported was 10 - 12 bursts low and behind before bombs away. There was no damage. Lt. Bowley brought his bombs back because of a switch malfunction. Lt. Trask and 5 members of his crew finished tours today.

17th

BILFELD

The 306th flew 39 a/c, including 1 Gee-H/PFF, 2 PFF and three spares. The target was a RR viaduct NE of Bielefeld. Bombing was Gee-H through 10/10 clouds with high and low dropping on the lead squadron. Plotted scope photos show bomb strikes to the left and over the viaduct. There was no flak on the group, and no A/A opposition. The 369th flew 9 a/c plus one spare in the high squadron. Capt. Laughlin flew high lead with Lts. Kearney, Denton, Wood, Bowley, Young, Reinnart, Tinkham and crews bombing with the formation. Lt. Erne returned early due to engine failure and Lt. Cation, flying spare, turned back as briefed.

Capt. Louis A. Lane squadron flight surgeon was transferred from the organization.

20th

RHEINE

The 306th flew 39 a/c including 4 MH-PFF a/c and three spares as 40 "B" group. The primary target was to have been bombed by MH (the first MH target for this group) but ground equipment failure made bombing by this method impossible. The PFF secondary target, Rheine A/Y, was attacked through 10/10 clouds. Strike pictures show no ground detail and strikes can not be plotted from scope photos. The 369th flew 3 a/c in the lead squadron plus one spare. Capt. Magee of the 369th flew lead a/c with Lts. Fitzsimmons and Shaw of the 369th flying as assistant navigator and tail gunner respectively. Lt. Erne landed in France on the way in with #3 engine out, #4 runaway, #1 turbo out, VHF out, and feathering system not working. No one was injured and crew returned to base the next day but a/c was left on the continent. Capt. B.H. Lewis, Lts. Denton, Hansen, Tinkham, Bowley, Ryder, Lomar, and crews flew other 369th a/c. Lt. Kearney flying spare returned as briefed.

21st

ASCHOFFENBURG

The 306th flew 38 a/c including 3 PFF, 1 OH, and two spares as 40th "A" Group. The target was the B/Y at Aschaffenburg which was bombed PFF through 10/10ths clouds. OH operator was unable to get ground signals. The 369th

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21st (cont'd) flew 8 a/c in high flights of the lead, low, and high squadrons. There was no E/A opposition and no A.A. fire on the group. Pictures plotted from scope photos show track across the target but no bombs away was plotted. Capt. E.B. Lewis, Lts. Reinhart, Hansen, Bowley, Ryder, Wood, Kearney, Tinkham and crews flew for the 369th.

26th Captain Billy W. Casseday, squadron operations officer, was promoted to the rank of Major.

28th COLOGNE  
The 306th flew 39 a/c including 1 GH-PFF a/c, 2 PFF a/c and three spares as 40th "C". The target was a M/Y southeast of Cologne which was bombed by Gee-H with no visual correction. Photos show bombs away, and although no strikes are available, pictures indicate that bombs fell short of the M/Y. The 369th flew Capt. Haase as low squadron lead with Lts. Rogers, Hansen, Ryder, Carle, Kearney, Wood, Lomar, Carakostas, Young and crews flying other 369th a/c in the low squadron. No E/A were seen. Flak encountered at the target was accurate, predicted concentration lasting for about 20 seconds. Damage to the 369th was one slight.

29th KOBLENZ  
The 306th flew 36 a/c including 1 Gee-H-PFF and 2 PFF as 40th "B" Group. Bombing was on Koblenz, the secondary, when Gee equipment went out in the lead a/c. The cloud cover was 10/10ths and no scope pictures are available for plotting. No E/A were seen and there was no flak. The 369th flew 9 a/c in the high squadron with Lt. Hubbell flying squadron lead. Lts. Young, Bowley, Wood, Kearney, Reinhart, Carakostas, Hansen, and crews flew other 369th a/c. Lt. Tinkham returned early because of oxygen failure.

Awards for the month of December.  
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

- Sgt. Sol Schnell
- S/Sgt. David C. DeBeauchamp
- T/Sgt. John W. Reese
- S/Sgt. Porter L. Snedd
- S/Sgt. Riley Beach
- 1st Lt. John P. Dillon
- 2nd Lt. Anthony P. Barulich
- 2nd Lt. Joseph R. Berman
- Capt. George C. Schneider
- 1st Lt. Irving I. Greenberg
- T/Sgt. Carl G. Barron
- 1st Lt. Lucien F. Peters
- 1st Lt. Paul K. Marshall
- 1st Lt. Raymond B. Braun

- PURPLE HEART
- S/Sgt. Clyde K. Ukele
  - S/Sgt. Elmer R. Wilke

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General

The 369th squadron took part in all 15 missions flown by the group during the month. Targets ranged from an isolated M/Y or R.R. viaduct to the Hohenzollern R.R. bridge in Cologne attacked visually. Four targets were attacked visually, 5 by Gee-H, and 6 by PFF. The squadron lost two crews and one pilot during the month's operations. Lt. Mattson and crew were lost over Cologne on 10 January, when the group was forced over the city on the route to Gynnich A/D. Lt. Stewart and crew were last seen over the North Sea and lost to unknown causes. Lt. Pearce died of head injuries received from flak over Cologne. There were no fighter attacks during the month, and only once or twice were E/L seen by the group.

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The 423rd Bombardment Squadron participated in a total of fifteen operational missions, dropping 310 tons of bombs, during the month of January, seven more missions than in January, 1944, with the main weight of attack directed against enemy communication centers. Due to unfavorable weather conditions visual bombing was possible on only four missions. Blind bombing techniques used were PFF and Gee H. No enemy air opposition was encountered during the month and P-51's gave excellent support. The availability of emergency landing strips in France and Belgium and by taking advantage of allied airfields in England the squadron lost no aircraft during the month.

The Red Cross Club dances at the Aero Club on the post continued to be the big night of the week for the enlisted men.

Led by Cpl. Fred Riggle, who tallied fifteen points, the Fiery Phantoms quintet nipped the Clay Pigeons (367th Sq.) five in an overtime period to win the 1st half Station League basketball championship. It was the sixth straight win for the Fiery Phantoms. The squadron leads the league with two wins in the 2nd half Station League contest. Members of the team are: Lts. D.J. Casey, D.C. Paisly, R.W. Daniel, F/O's D.H. Gorrell, Captain, W.F. Ross, G.L. Thomas, R.M. Bard, Sgts, D.A. Turner, J.W. Freel, Cpl's F.P. Riggle, H.F. Roberson, J.L. Melton, J.B. Clark, Joseph Kearns, H.V. Mansfield and PFC W.J. Sellen.

#### KASSEL

Taking off in the dark of early morning the squadron flew 9 a/c in the lead squadron of the 40th "B" Group, with the primary target the synthetic oil plant at Magdeburg and the secondary PFF target the locomotive factory of Henschel and Sohn at Kassel. On return to base crew members said that they had a Cook's tour of Germany for they made a run over Magdeburg but didn't drop due to clouds; they then made a 360 degree turn and passed over Magdeburg again but still did not drop their "cookies". The lead squadron then made a visual run on the secondary target, the railway workshops at Gottingen but did not bomb because of clouds. Then a PFF run was made on Kassel with visual correction and pictures show explosions in the target area. There was no enemy air opposition and P-51's gave good support. The flak over Magdeburg was inaccurate through 10/10ths cloud but at Kassel it was accurate and lasted for 6 minutes and several aircraft were damaged. Lt. Roth landed at Sudbury for gasoline but the weather closed in and he couldn't take off until the following day. Lt. Blackshaw, being low on gas, landed at Brussels, re-fueled and returned to base. He reported that that morning about 75 ME109's and FW190's strafed the field damaging many B-17's, Wellingtons, P-51's and Mosquitoes parked on the airfield. Captain W.W. Wood was co-pilot in the lead a/c with pilots: H. Quint, Jr., C.H. Gibson, W.D. Hallum, W.H. Morgun, N.G. Kirby, who led the low flight, K.D. Blackshaw, H.G. Roth, P. Horvey and crews.

S/Sgt. G.F. Ashell trfd 70th Repl. Depot.  
F/O Blahnik pr. to gr. of 2nd Lt.

#### KYLLBURG

Another take-off in the dark by 9 a/c of the squadron to bomb the communication center at Kyllburg, the destruction of which would materially aid our ground forces. Photos show that a good job was done by smothering the target with bombs. The high squadron bombardier was unable to identify the target on the first run and made a second run and was able to locate and

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bomb the target. Over the target the flak was meager and the squadron was lucky to be flying in the high flight of each squadron. There was no enemy opposition and P-51's gave good support and stayed with the high squadron while making a second run over the target. Lt. C.R. Toner led the high flight of the lead squadron of the 40th "A" Group with pilots W.H. Morgan, K.D. Blackshaw; Lt. C.P. Smythe who led the high flight of the high squadron, D.T. Schrack, H. Quint, Jr., who dropped nickels over the target; Capt. N.G. Kirby led the high flight of the low squadron, E.J. Lindsay, W.D. Hallum and crews.

1st Lts. B.P. Shapland and R.E. Griffin trfd to 70th Repl. Depot.

HERMULHEIM

The squadron flew 9 a/c in the low squadron of the 40th "B" Group to bomb the marshalling yard at Hermulheim, southwest of Cologne. There was no enemy opposition and P-51's were there all the way. Bombing was through 10/10ths cloud by Gee H and plotted strike photos show hits northwest of the target. Nickels were dropped over the target. Crews were happy to report that they saw no flak. Lt. F.J. Stewart, led the low squadron, Lt. C.R. Toner, led the low flight with pilots D.T. Schrack, C.H. Gibson, K.D. Blackshaw, E.J. Lindsay, H. Quint, Jr., H.G. Roth, H.E. Hutchinson and crews.

Lt. W.D. Hallum flying spare, turned back early when #2 engine went out due to an oil leak

1st Lt. Leslie Berry and T/Sgt. C.A. Fatica trfd 70th Repl. Depot.  
Cpl. D.F. Burden joined the squadron.

After three successive missions the crews were given a day of rest.

NIEDERMENDIG A/F

Today's target, requested by the Army, was the important landing ground at Niedermendig, near Koblenz, now in heavy use by the Luftwaffe. Lt. Col. E.C. LaVier flew deputy lead and bombing was by Gee H through 10/10ths cloud and plotted scope photos show hits in the target area. Nickels were dropped over the target. Heavy contrails interfered with rendezvous and Lt. H.G. Roth, who was flying spare, was unable to find the formation and returned early. There was no fighter opposition and fighter support was scant. The only flak seen was when crossing the front lines near St. Vith.

F/O C.H. <sup>Gibson</sup> lost the high squadron in the clouds and dense contrails and flew with the low squadron. The leader of the low squadron had a rack malfunction and bombs were returned. Lt. D.T. Schrack flew with the low squadron and returned all bombs. Lt. F.J. Stewart led the high squadron in the 40th "A" Group, Lt. C.R. Toner, led the low flight, but turned back over England due to a runaway prop; other pilots were H.E. Hutchinson, E.J. Lindsay, D.H. Spencer, W.H. Morgan, S.J. Magusiak and crews.

Captain Phil G. Kraft, Executive officer, trfd to 369th Bomb Sq  
Major Edward T. Miazza jnd sq and became Executive Officer.

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COLOGNE

The primary visual or Gee H target for today was an important railway bridge across which flows the troops and supplies to the Western front. The Gee H target was the crated marshalling yards at Cologne. Lt. Colonel E.C. LaVier flew as deputy lead in the 40th "B" Group and bombed the marshalling yard at Cologne by instruments through 10/10ths cloud. Crews reported no enemy fighters, good fighter support and meager flak but none on our squadron. Plotted scope photos show hits just short of the marshalling yards. Capt. P. Horvay and Major G.H. Grenching led the high squadron, Lt. H. Morgan led the low flight, with pilots D.R. Spencer, R.D. Lackshaw, C.H. Gibson, J.D. Hamlin, H. Quint Jr., S.J. Magusiak, H.G. Roth, who had one 1000 pound bomb and one two thousand bomb hang up and had to kick them out, W.W. Shafer, spare, who flew in the high squadron and their crews.

The regular weekly inspection was held this morning at the squadron site.

S/Sgt. R.D. Cox trfd 70th Repl. Depot.

EUSKIRCHEN

Today's "milk run" was to an important railroad junction at Euskirchen, southwest of Cologne. A Gee H run was made on the primary through 10/10ths cloud and contrails. Plotted photos show hits northwest of the target. Nickels were dropped over the target. There was no enemy opposition and P-51's gave excellent support. Crews reported "no flak on us today". Lt. Col. E.C. LaVier flew deputy in the lead squadron of the 40th "B" Group with pilots H.E. Hutchinson, F.J. Stewart, R.G. Kirby, W.D. Hallum, who had five bombs to hang up, D.R. Spencer, S.J. Lindsay, who led the low flight, S.J. Magusiak, H. Quint, Jr., A.J. Nahabedian, flying spare, filled in and their crews.

Lt. C.P. Skytne and S/Sgt. L.E. Smith trfd 70th Repl. Depot.

SPYER

Today's mission, expected to be a "milk run", turned out to be a rough mission due to unfavorable weather conditions. The primary target was to bomb communication centers to aid the front line troops on the Western front. 10/10ths cumulus over the continent plus haze and contrails made it impractical to bomb the primary and a target of opportunity

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at Speyer was bombed by FFF. Nickel were dropped over the target. There was no enemy opposition and there was good area support. There was moderate flak from the target area and from Mannheim/Ludwigsheim area. Lt. Col. J.C. LeVier flew deputy in the lead squadron of the 40th "A" Group. Lt. C.R. Toner who led the high flight in the lead squadron, had engine trouble on the way home but was able to keep up with the formation; Lt. J.D. Hallum left the formation and landed in France as he was low on gas. He had to wait until the 10th in order to get a sufficient supply to return to base. Lt. W.H. Morgan led the high flight in the low squadron and landed at Wing, England, when short of gas. Lt. H. Quint, Jr., had a bomb rack malfunction and returned two 500 pound bombs; the oxygen and heating systems went out and the temperature was 60 degrees below zero, so, he left the formation and returned to base alone. Lt. E.J. Lindsay led the high flight in the high squadron; Lt. H.G. Roth landed at Mt. Farm, England, as he was short of gas; Lt. A.J. Nahabedian said of the mission, "another rough one". Lt. D.R. Spencer, spare, filled in the high squadron; flak hit the #3 engine which couldn't be feathered and after windmilling for thirty minutes came off. Other pilots were: E.W. Schafer, D.T. Schrack and crews.

T/Sgt. V.R. Delair and E.R. Bell trfd 70th Repl. Depot. T/Sgt. D.J. Doncett reasgd from 70th Repl. Depot. 2nd Lts. Roth, Toner, Schrack and Hutchinson pr to gr of 1st Lts.

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After four successive missions the crews and heavies were allowed to sleep late and take it easy during the day.

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GYMNICH

The squadron flew 10 a/c in the low squadron of the 40th "B" Group to bomb one of the most important landing grounds, now being used by the German tactical Air Force in the Western drive, near Gymnich, southwest of Cologne. Between the I.P. and the target a wide turn was made over the center of Cologne, due to other formations forcing the Group off its bomb run. The weather was CAVU over Cologne and the boys agree that there are many guns there and they were all working. Lt. F.J. Stewart's a/c was hit on the bomb run and just as the deputy, Lt. Hutchinson took over, his bombardier was hit by flak, so, five a/c returned their bombs and five dropped on the leader of the high squadron. The bombardiers had a cold time putting the plugs back in the bombs. Plotted pictures show hits south of the target. There was no fighter opposition and no friendly support was seen. Lt. F.J. Stewart led the low squadron and when his #4 engine was hit and couldn't be feathered he left the formation and came back in the bomber stream. Lt. H.E. Hutchinson took over the lead and immediately Lt. N.W. Outcalt, bombardier, was hit by glass from a flak hit in the nose of the aircraft; Lt. W. Gunkel, navigator, went to the nose of the ship to help Lt. Outcalt and in so doing pulled out his oxygen plug. After getting back on oxygen he tried to get Lt. Outcalt warm, as wind and snow was blowing in the open nose of the aircraft. Both men were okay upon landing. T/Sgt. N.W. Schurmann, radio operator, passed out from anoxia but was soon revived and all men were pronounced okay after examinations at the hospital. Other pilots were: L.E. Smith, C.H. Gibson, E.J. Lindsay, H.W. Trense, S.J. Magusiak, who led the low flight, A.J. Nahabedian, D.R. Spencer, E.W. Schafer, spare, filled in the high squadron and their crews.

1st Lt. C.C. Triggs trfd to 70th Repl. Depot.

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Date of January 1, 1945 Lt. Joseph C. Brashares

- 11 Today weather conditions prevented operations and crews attended ground school.  
Capt. W. Wood, T/Sgt. E.L. Favors, R.A. Hill, Tony Thomas, S/Sgts. R.H. Beck, R.A. Prestidge trfd 70th Repl. Depot.  
2nd Lts. Larson and Guilfoyle pr to gr of 1st Lts.
- 12 Today the heavies were again weathered in.
- 13 Unfavorable weather conditions continued and the men in the squadron had an inspection in the morning and attended ground school in the afternoon.

One of the most interesting, enjoyable and unusual parties of the squadron was held this evening at the officer's "B" Club on the post. Capt. B.H. Pool acted as master of ceremonies when the officers of the squadron selected a "Squadron Sweetheart" from the young women from Bedford and neighborhood who were guests at the party. Miss Elizabeth Shapley, Bedford, was chosen "Squadron Sweetheart". Before a crowd of admiring airmen on Tuesday the 16th Elizabeth, in the company of her mother, performed her first duty as "Squadron Sweetheart". Carrying a bunch of red carnations, which the squadron presented to her, Elizabeth passed before a battery of cameras as she broke a bottle of champagne (they told us) over the guns of a Flying Fortress' chin turret and christened the bomber "Elizabeth's Own". Now the fort takes the air as "Elizabeth's Own" with a heart pierced by Cupid's dart painted boldly on the fuselage, just below the pilot's seat. Elizabeth was introduced to Lt. L.A. Wilke, who introduced her to each member of his crew and also the ground men who will keep "Elizabeth's Own" flying. The "Esquires" with Lt. K.E. Ballrup on the sax, Cpl. S.M. Spital, on the sax, and Sgt. Daniel Bastida, on the guitar, from the squadron, gave out with the "hot notes" for the dance.

#### 14 COLOGNE

The target today was the Hohenzollern Bridge, one of the three remaining bridges across the Rhine River at Cologne. Lt. Col. E.C. LaVier, flying in the deputy PFF aircraft, took over the lead of the 40th "A" Group when the lead aircraft didn't take-off due to mechanical difficulties. The weather was clear at the target and pictures show hits of 1000 pound "cookies" on the bridge but no sign of any major structural collapse. At the west end of the bridge is the famous Cologne cathedral and that night Lord Haw Haw reported, "The target for the Americans today was the famous cathedral at Cologne". Nickels were dropped over the target. There was no enemy opposition and P-51's gave area support. Flak was moderate and accurate at the target and crossing the front lines. The crews in the squadron were stood down to recuperate from a very enjoyable party the night before.

2nd Lts. Frank and Lindsay pr to gr of 1st Lts.

2nd Lts. W.H. Schultz, H.C. Minnick, L.A. Elrod, F/O G.T. Thomas, Cpls. S.R. Leavitt, G.W. Wlaczak, C.L. Love, R... Rubano, Ernest Uptergrove joined squadron. 2nd Lt. R.G. Holscher joined sq. F/O M.W. Leroy joined squadron.

#### 15 FRANKFURT

The squadron flew 3 a/c in the lead squadron of the 40th "C" Group and attacked the PFF secondary target, the crowded marshalling yard at Freiburg. En route a report was received stating that bombing would be by instruments. 10/10ths cloud covered the target and bombing was by PFF. Plotting of photos show bombs landing beyond the target area. There was no opposition and good support with a few bursts of flak at the target. Pilots were: L.S. Smith, K.D. Blackshaw, N.G. Kirby, C.R. Toner, W.H. Jorgan, Ed. L. Day, E.W. Schafer, H.W. Trease and crews. SECRET

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Squadron No. 9 ..... 423rd Bomb. ..... 306th Bomb. Group (H)

Month of January, 1945 ..... 1st Lt. J. C. Brashares

15th 1st Lt. W. S. Guilfoyle trfd 70th Repl. Dep.

16th Today air crews attended squadron ground school.  
T/Sgt. C. E. Schwock trfd 70th Repl. Depot.  
1/Sgt. R. L. Woodmansee and Cpl. W. B. King trfd Det. of Patients,  
4204. 2nd Lts. Hollerup, Dieter, German, Hounts, Outcalt, Tolley pr to gr  
of 1st Lts.

17th BIELEFELD

Today target was a railway viaduct, a communications center of top priority, at Bielefeld. 10/10ths clouds covered the target, bombing was by Gee H and photos plotted show bombs beyond the target area. There was no flak, no enemy opposition and fighter support was good. Lt. Col. S. C. LaVier led the 40th "B" Group, Lt. S. J. Lindsay led the high flight in the lead squadron, Lt. S. J. Magusiak led the high flight in the low squadron, Capt. N. G. Kirby led the high flight in the high squadron with pilots: W. D. Hallum, L. S. Smith, L. W. Trease, E. W. Schafer, H. G. Roth, A. J. Manabedian and crews.

1st Lt. R. S. Frank trfd 70th Repl. Dep.  
Capt. I. K. Sternberg trfd Det. of Pnts 4204.

18th Crew members were called at 0400 hours and just as they were slipping their left leg into their trousers they were told that the mission was scrubbed. They quietly folded the pants and stole into bed.  
In the evening many officers went to town and danced at the Red Cross club to music by the "Esquires".  
S/Sgt. A. H. Reeser trfd 70th Repl. Dep.

19th The squadron was stood down today but flew a practice formation in the morning. In the afternoon the weather was quite variable with both sunshine and rain.

20th RHEINE

Today's early morning takeoff into a clear sky by 9 a/c of the squadron flying in the low squadron of the 40th "B" Group was to attack a visual or Micro H primary target at Sterkrade or the PFF secondary target, the important railway marshalling yards at Rheine. Today's worst enemy was the unfavorable weather. Crews flew through snowstorms with the temperature 60 degrees below zero, with dense persistent contrails from 18,000 feet and on return found clouds over the Channel up to 24,000 feet. Bombing was by PFF through 10/10ths clouds and cameras did not work, probably due to the extremely low temperature. There was no flak, no enemy fighters and P-51s gave close support. Leaflets were dropped over the target. The group had four Micro H-PFF aircraft. The low squadron, led by Lt. I. A. Wilke, did not pick up the beacons for Micro H bombing and make a separate bomb run on the Rheine marshalling yard. Other pilots were: L. S. Smith, H. S. Hutchinson, C. H. Gibson, H. G. Roth, H. W. Trease, C. R. Toner, who led the low flight, W. D. Hallum, D. R. Spencer and crews. Toner's navigator, Lt. D. J. Casey passed out from anoxia but was soon revived. Lt. F. B. Leigh, flying spare, turned back five minutes after takeoff due to engine failure.

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Serial No. 10 of 423rd Bomb. Sqn., 306th Bomb. Group (H)Date of January, 1945 prepared by 1st Lt. J. C. Braschares21st ASCHAFFENBURG

Today's target was a communications center, railway marshalling yard at Aschaffenburg, southeast of Frankfurt. Bombing was by PFF through 10/10ths clouds and plotted photos show hits in the target area. There was no enemy opposition, no flak and P-51s gave close support. The squadron flew in the high squadron of the 40th "H" Group. Lt. Col. J. C. LaVier and Lt. L. ... like led the high squadron, Lt. J. E. Mallum led the low flight with pilots ... H. Miney, R. D. Plackshaw, W. H. Morgan, W. B. Schaefer, who returned early due to a runaway prop, F. P. Leigh, L. E. Smith, H. G. Roth, H. ... Trease, spare, who filled in. S/Lts. J. E. Luckley and ... D. Barker trfd 70th Repl. Depot. 2nd Lt. ... D. Nicholcoe jnd. squadron.

22nd The squadron was stood down today and crews took the day off.

23rd Today was cold with some snow and crews attended ground school. 1st Lt. ... Orenstein trfd 402nd Bomb. Group.

24th The cold weather continued, the heavies remain grounded, and ground school continued.

1st Lt. J. E. Seymour, 1. E. Toner, H. ... Dickinson, J. Lundberg, Jr., S. Larson, T/Lt. ... li Barneytt, S/Lts. ... I. Finch, H. W. Franklin trfd 70th Repl. Depot.

25th Cold weather continued, with snow and heavy ground fog. T/Lt. J. ... Mallum trfd 422nd Bomb. Group.

26th More snow and cold weather and crews attended ground school and saw pictures of the Me163 and Me262 taken by fighter pilots of the 4th Fighter Group on their missions over Germany. S/Sgt. L. C. Reno, ball turret gunner, showed pictures of training and formations on some of his recent missions to Germany. T/Lt. ... est trfd 70th Repl. Depot.

27th Cold and more snow, so, today's mission to industrial targets in ... ren was scrubbed after briefing. T/Lt. ... C. ... S/V. ... trfd 70th Repl. Depot. 1st Lt. ... agasian, ... nt, ... naway, ... pencer, ... ryan proposed to grade of 1st Lt.

28th COLOGNE

For the third time this month, a mission to Cologne. This time to bomb the packed Köln/Freiberg marshalling yard 4 miles southeast of Cologne, where there is considerable movement of German troops from the eastern front to the eastern front in an effort to slow down the Russian offensive. Capt. P. ... flew as co-pilot in the lead aircraft. A Geel run was made on the primary with 10/10ths cloud cover breaking at the target but visibility was very poor due to intense haze. Strike photos show hits probably north-west of the target with some hits seen on the Ostheim airfield, 2 1/2 miles north-east of the target. Nickels were dropped over the target. There was accurate predicted concentrations of flak at bombs away lasting 20 seconds. Incendiary ... fire was also fired at the target, several casings and one pellet being recovered intact. There was no enemy opposition and fighter support was good.

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Capt. H. A. Baker, head bombardier, wasn't too anxious to face the flak from Cologne on his last mission and was mighty pleased when he was back on terra firma, his tour completed.

Lt. Col. W. C. LeVier and Lt. H. D. Blackshaw flew deputy, with pilots: I. L. Hullen, who today flew his first mission as first pilot and said, "It was an interesting experience, with much responsibility but I enjoyed it". Sgt. W. Pothegrove, ball turret gunner, passed out from anoxia but was quickly revived by Sgt. C. B. Love, radio operator and S/Sgt. J. Odrowaz, waist gunner. W. C. Kirby, W. H. Morgan, D. Phillips, W. J. Lindsay, who led the low flight, E. H. Schafer, L. E. Smith, H. G. Roth, spare, who filled in, and their crews.

PVT. E. C. Trimble trfd to Ordnance.

Pvts. W. R. Lush, J. G. Davis, E. V. Hopkins, W. E. Parsa, T. L. Parish, Jr., W. H. Pitt trfd 12th Reinforcement Depot.

29th

KOBLENZ

The squadron flew 9 a/c in the 40th "B" Group with the visual and GeeH target, the railway center at Limburg and a secondary PFF target, the railway marshalling yards at Koblenz. Bombing was by PFF through 10/10ths cloud with unobserved results. No fighters or flak reported and P-51s gave excellent support. The squadron flew the high flights in the lead, low and high squadrons with pilots: E. J. Lindsay, D. W. Phillips, E. Schafer, W. H. Morgan, L. E. Smith, H. G. Trease, A. J. Nahabedian, D. T. Searack, D. R. Spencer and crews.

With today's mission Lt. Nahabedian completed his tour in the BTO. On the mission of July 20th to Kothen, when Lt. Nahabedian was co-pilot, flak knocked out two engines and on the way home a third engine was hit by flak and the a/c ditched 8 miles off the Belgian coast. On the 19th September, while over England, a smoke bomb exploded in the bomb bay. Lt. Nahabedian was forced to leave the aircraft. On many missions Lt. Nahabedian was forced to bring his ship home alone due to flak damage. He displayed great coolness and technical skill in all his troubles.

30th

The snow and cold continued and the B-17s kept to the ground. In the evening the FM attended a dance at the Aero club with the music by the "Esquires".

31st

A planned mission "deep into the Reich" was scrubbed after briefing. Warmer weather returned with a heavy fog. In the evening officers attended the 1st Anniversary party of the Red Cross Club in Bedford. The men enjoyed dancing, a floor show, a 50 pound birthday cake, punch and the English girls in their formals were quite attractive.

Capt. V. L. Cudger, Jr., trfd to 70th Repl. Depot.

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HEADQUARTERS  
40th COMBAT COMM BATT (H) and  
Office of the Communications Officer  
APO 557

J-A-1.

9 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Communications Report for the Mission of 6 January 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 557.

1. a. The bunchers at Mount Farm, Podinton and Honeybourne were used for I.C.P.'s and homing to a distance of thirty (30) miles. Mount Farm buncher was extremely unreliable from 1010 to 1040 hours. Continental bunchers C-1, 2 and 3 were used for I.C.P.'s and homing over the Continent. Buncher C-3 was five (5) Kcs. off frequency.  
b. Fixed I/F beacons 4, 5, and 6 were used for I.C.P.'s and fixes over England. All beacons gave strong and reliable signals.
2. Thirty one (31) A/C were equipped with "Gee" and the navigators reported reliable fixes to 5000N - 0000E.
3. The VHF was used to control the formations. Bomber to bomber VHF traffic was described as moderate. The 40th "ABLE" leader contacted "WIMBORNE 12" on "C" Channel and obtained fighter support.
4. Two (2) A/C received H/F I/F bearings from the base on the return journey. Four (4) A/C received VHF I/F bearings from the 40th CBW VHF I/F station.
5. There were no violations of radio security observed. Several pilots reported that A/C of the 40th "BAKER" force made several unnecessary transmissions during the rendezvous.
6. The group lead radio operator transmitted the "Bomber Strike" and three (3) "Control Points" as instructed. The high squadron leader sent a "Bomber Strike" after bombing separately from the leader.
7. a. Thirty (31) A/C dispersed 15,900 units of Type CHA-3 and CHA-2C "Chaff" on orders of the Group Commander.  
b. Thirty one (31) A/C were equipped with dual "Target" installations.  
c. Three (3) A/C were equipped with H2X and three (3) H2X equipped A/C arrived over the target. Three (3) H2X sets were usable for bombing.  
d. One (1) A/C was equipped with Gee-H and arrived at this group minus 40th CBW "A" Channel crystals in the H/F set.
8. The 40th CBW H/F I/F station was extremely weak from 1010 to 1040 hours. weather report sent at 1515 hours was encoded wrong.

BIELEFELD, GERMANY - 17 JANUARY 1945

Unit	Dispatched	Attacked	Failed to Bomb		Sorties	Percentage of Bombs		Loss
			A	B		Hit	W/C	
367	10	10	0	0	10	30	0	0
368	10	10	0	0	10	30	0	0
369	9	8	1	0	8	24	0	0
423	9	9	0	0	9	21	0	0
306	58	37	1	0	37	106	0	0

\* 2 W/C dropped 10 each leaflet bombs.

BRUNNEN, GERMANY - 20 JANUARY 1945

367	11	11	0	0	11	27 1/2	0	0
368	9	7	0	2	8	14 3/4	0	0
369	8	6	2	0	7	15	0	0
423	9	9	0	0	9	18 1/4	0	0
306	37	33	2	2	35	76 1/2	0	0

\* 1 W/C dropped 10 leaflet bombs.

ARCHANGELSDORF, GERMANY - 21 JANUARY 1945

367	10	9	0	1	10	22 1/2	4 1/2	0
368	10	10	0	0	10	23	5	0
369	8	8	0	0	8	20	4	0
423	10	9	0	1	9	22 1/2	4 1/2	0
306	38	36	0	2	37	90	18	0

KOLS, GERMANY - 23 JANUARY 1945

367	9	9	0	0	9	17 1/2	0	0
368	10	10	0	0	10	23	0	0
369	10	10	0	0	10	24 1/4	0	0
423	10	10	0	0	10	23	0	0
306	39	39	0	0	39	91 3/4	0	0

\* 2 W/C dropped 12 leaflet bombs.

KOBLENZ, GERMANY - 23 JANUARY 1945

367	10	10	0	0	10	27	0	0
368	8	8	0	0	8	24	0	0
369	9	8	1	0	8	24	0	0
423	9	9	0	0	9	24	0	0
306	36	35	1	0	35	99	0	0

\* 1 W/C dropped 10 leaflet bombs.

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 HINTERLAND, GERMANY - 17 JANUARY 1945

Unit	Dispatched	Attached	Failed To		Services	Percentage of Bombs		Lost
			Drop	B.			YMC	
367	0	0	0	0	0			
368	19	19	0	0	9	25 1/2	0	0
369	11	11	0	0	10	30	0	0
423	0	0	0	0	11	35	0	0
308	29	29	0	0	9	35 1/4	0	0
			0	0	39	114 5/4	0	0

\* 1 A/C dropped 8 leaflet bombs.

**SPYCKE, GERMANY - 8 JANUARY 1945**

367	9	9	0	0	0			
368	10	8	0	0	9	26 1/2	0	0
369	9	8	1	2	9	23 1/2	0	0
423	10	10	0	0	8	24	0	0
308	38	38	0	0	10	27	0	0
		35	1	2	36	101	0	0

\* 1 A/C dropped 20 leaflet bombs.

**QUENTZ, GERMANY - 10 JANUARY 1945**

367	10	0	1	1	6			
368	9	0	0	1	0	15 5/10	0	0
369	9	2	1	0	0	15 2/10	0	0
423	10	5	0	0	0	14 5/10	0	0
308	38	29	2	7	36	9 5/10	0	1
			2	7	36	54 1/5	0	1

**COLOGNE, GERMANY - 14 JANUARY 1945**

367	11	11	0	0	11	32		
368	12	12	0	0	12	36	0	0
369	12	10	1	1	10	34	0	0
423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
308	36	35	1	1	35	32	0	0

\* 2 A/C dropped 10 each leaflet bombs.

**FRIEDRICH, GERMANY - 15 JANUARY 1945**

367	10	10	0	0	10	22 1/2	0	0
368	9	9	0	0	9	21 1/2	0	0
369	9	8	1	0	9	20	0	0
423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
308	36	35	1	0	36	36	0	0

\* 1 A/C dropped 10 leaflet bombs.

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KASSEL, GERMANY - 1 JANUARY 1945

Unit	Dispatched	Attached	Failed To Bomb		Sorties	Tonnage of Bombs		Lost
			A.	B.		M	TIC	
367	9							
368	9	9	0	0	9	21 3/5	0	
369	9	9	0	1	8	19 1/5	0	0
423	9	9	0	1	9	21 3/5	0	0
			0	0	9	21 1/5	0	1
306	36	34	0	2	35	83 3/5	0	0

KYLLBURG, GERMANY - 2 JANUARY 1945

367	10	9	1	0	9	27	0	
368	10	9	0	1	9	27	0	0
369	10	10	0	0	10	30	0	0
423	9	9	0	0	9	25 1/2	0	0
			0	0	9	25 1/2	0	0
306	39	37	1	1	37	109 1/2	0	0

\* 1 A/C dropped 6 leaflet bombs.

HERMERSBURG, GERMANY - 3 JANUARY 1945

367	10	10	0	0	10	29 1/4	0	
368	10	10	0	0	10	30	0	0
369	9	8	0	1	8	22 3/4	0	0
423	9	9	0	0	9	25 3/4	0	0
			0	0	9	25 3/4	0	0
306	38	37	0	1	37	107 3/4	0	0

\* 1 A/C dropped 8 leaflet bombs.

HEIDENBERG, GERMANY - 5 JANUARY 1945

367	10	7	0	3	10	28 2/10	0	
368	9	7	1	1	9	11 4/10	0	0
369	9	7	1	1	7	22 1/10	0	0
423	9	8	1	1	8	11 4/10	0	0
			1	2	8	11 4/10	0	0
306	37	27	3	7	34	48 1/5	0	0

\* 1 A/C dropped 10 leaflet bombs.

COLOGNE, GERMANY - 6 JANUARY 1945

367	10	10	0	0	10	29	0	
368	9	9	0	0	9	27	0	0
369	9	9	0	0	9	27	0	0
423	10	10	0	0	10	29	0	0
			0	0	10	29	0	0
306	38	38	0	0	38	114	0	0

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CAF LEAF CLUSTERS

NAME	Serial	Date
1st Lt John R. Coyne	378	30 046, 1st AF, 28 Dec/44
2nd Lt Robert W. Schneider	"	"
2nd Lt Charles W. Greeninger	376	"
1st Lt William H. Rozett	"	"
2nd Lt Lloyd L. Burdick	"	"
2nd Lt Roy A. Frank	"	"
P/O Earl C. Rubin	483	"
Capt Willis G. Fry	"	"
S/Capt Jack G. Berch	377	"
S/Capt Warren J. Dansey	"	"
T/Capt Maxwell McLooff	"	"
T/Capt Barwood Offord	"	"
T/Capt Roger L. Fister	"	"
S/Capt Victor Vecchioli	"	"
T/Capt Edwin E. Collins	"	"
T/Capt Earl K. Milke	"	"
T/Capt Thomas W. Parker	"	"
Capt Joseph A. Cocher	487	"
T/Capt Henry C. West, Jr.	"	"
T/Capt George Schuster	380	"
T/Capt Sam Heron	"	"
T/Capt George Coker	"	"
T/Capt Jack M. Healey	"	"
S/Capt Russell H. Swellson	"	"
T/Capt Joseph Felker	"	"
S/Capt Charles C. Krone	"	"
1st Lt Bennett A. Carrigone	"	30 655, 1st AF, 28 Dec/44
1st Lt Paul K. ...	"	"
2nd Lt Richard H. Sleeps	372	"
1st Lt ...	"	"
1st Lt Richard Townsend	"	"
2nd Lt ...	"	"
T/Capt Charles Kelforte	"	"
T/Capt Lawrence B. Dillard	37	"
T/Capt Dennis W. McCarthy	"	"
S/Capt Roy C. Picklin	"	"
S/Capt Ayllett E. Jacobson	"	"
S/Capt Daniel F. Wiley	"	"
T/Capt Anthony A. ...	360	"
T/Capt ...	"	"
T/Capt ...	"	"
S/Capt Robert E. Cox	483	30 7, 1st AF, 2 Jan/45
1st Lt Stanley G. Hill	367	30 8, 1st AF, 3 Jan/45
2nd Lt ...	"	"
2nd Lt Fred Forsten	"	"
2nd Lt Earl F. Saythe	"	"
2nd Lt John Davis	"	"
1st Lt ...	"	"



1/C Lawrence Shaw	356	GO 8, 1st AD, 3 Jan/45.
1st Lt Arthur Lindsey	355	"
1st Lt Kenneth D. McCuskey	"	"
1st Lt James Boyman	"	"
1st Lt Wendell Leach	"	"
1st Lt Vernon Schmalzel	"	"
1st Lt Ralph Greenstein	"	"
2nd Lt William J. Davis	357	"
1st Lt James D. Spody	"	"
1st Lt Edward A. Freed	"	"
2nd Lt Aaron Demorey	"	"
2nd Lt Shelby Hodges	"	"
1st Lt William Turner	"	"
Col James C. Sutton	356	"
F/O Wendell Rodgers	357	"
2nd Lt Carl Saythe	358	GO 10, 1st AD, 4 Jan/45.
2nd Lt Raymond Allen	357	"
2nd Lt Edwin Clark	"	"
2nd Lt Theodore Lomishkin	358	"
2nd Lt Kenneth Sims	"	"
1st Lt Charles Greeninger	358	"
T/Sgt Roger Fistas	357	"
S/Sgt Charles Faine	"	"
S/Sgt James C. Lynch	"	"
1/Ct Sam Dietz	358	"
S/Sgt Robert Herble	"	"
S/Sgt Hanson Luthis	359	"
1/Ct Robert F. Beach	"	"
S/Sgt Edward Bell	353	"
1/Ct Jewel C. Moody	358	"
S/Sgt Carl Mizzi	"	"
S/Sgt L.W. Spraggins	"	"
S/Sgt Walter A. Diles	359	"
1/Ct Sam Keren	"	"
1/Ct Richard Mills	358	"
T/Sgt Paul Gallagher	357	"
1/Ct Robert Holtbrus	"	"
S/Sgt Holly A. Davis	"	"
S/Sgt Richard Tennant	358	"
S/Sgt Rufus V. Swindle	"	"
1/Ct Clyde S. Dunn	353	"
2nd Lt Marvin Mall	359	GO 11, 1st AD, 5 Jan/45.
2nd Lt James Collins	"	"
Sgt Victor Spevak	357	"
S/Sgt Benjamin Brown	359	"
S/Sgt Clifford Duggan	"	"
Sgt James A. Bowen	"	"
Sgt Walter Tolous	"	"

Sgt Lloyd C. Reno	37	30 15, 1st Lt. C. J. / 15.
1/2 Lt Joseph Anthony	"	"
Sgt Harry Barber	37	"
Sgt Harry Barber	37	"
Sgt George A. Ryksen	"	"
Sgt Paul Raymond	37	"
Sgt Albert J. Nelson	"	"
Sgt Louis L. Howell	"	"
Sgt Albert Markkoyit	37	"
Sgt John B. Adams	"	"
Sgt Edward L. Finch	"	"
Sgt Frank Besala	37	"
Sgt Henry Kumm	"	"
Sgt Robert Orsini	"	"
Sgt Clarence H. Sillescu	"	"
Sgt Leslie Smith	"	"
Sgt Louis Moore	"	"
Sgt Albert Peatzer	30	"
Sgt Robert Herlington	"	"
Sgt Leonard Levinson	"	"
Sgt Charles H. Crane	"	"
Sgt Cleant White	"	"
Sgt Eugene A. Luciani (?)	37	"
Sgt Glenn A. Waltersdorf	"	"
Sgt Elvie C. Hall	"	"
Sgt Vernon Crowder	"	"
1/2 Lt Nicholas DeSeve	37	"
1/2 Lt Edward Pearce	"	"
Sgt Charles Hagen	"	"
Sgt Casimer Odrowski	"	"
Sgt Charles H. Yeager	"	"
Sgt Eli Rocho	"	"
1/2 Lt Edward L. Lute	"	"
Sgt Henry Messer	37	"
Sgt Norman Tennin	"	"
Sgt Robert Red. Gillivray	"	"
Sgt Steele Hedges	"	"
1/2 Lt Albert Conroy	"	"
Sgt William Hove	"	"
Sgt W. S. Johnson	"	"
Sgt Frederick Galtz	37	"
Sgt Roy Patterson	"	"
Sgt David S. Kowack	"	"
Sgt James H. Jenkins	"	"
Sgt Joseph Lynsiek	"	"
Sgt Raymond Coetz	"	"
Sgt Edward J. Burke (?)	"	"
Sgt Charles Smith	37	"
Sgt Allan G. Husky	"	"
Sgt Joseph H. Hovey	"	"
Sgt Frederick Galtz	37	"



1/Sgt Robert G. Cole	356	X 16, 1st AF, 7 Jan/45.
1/Sgt Louis E. Brown	357	"
1/Sgt Edward M. Bell	358	"
1/Sgt Carl Bruner	359	"
1/Sgt James Brown	360	"
1/Lt William L. Cornell	361	X 16, 1st AF, 7 Jan/45.
1/Lt James C. Coyle	362	"
1/Lt Loren H. H. Bell	363	"
1/Lt William L. Olson	364	"
1/Sgt John F. Harrison	365	"
1/Sgt Charles H. Hill	366	"
1/Sgt Jesse A. Horn	367	X 70, 1st AF, 7 Jan/45.
1/Sgt Charles L. Kehler	368	"
1/Sgt Charles A. Kessler	369	"
1/Lt William A. Kinsale	370	"
1/Lt Harry Kuntz	371	"
1/Sgt Arthur H. Kessler	372	"
1/Sgt <i>Brunner</i>	373	"
1/Sgt Edwin Kuntz	374	"
1/Sgt William Lindsey	375	"
1/Sgt Robert M. Key	376	"
1/Sgt Joseph Grayson	377	"
1/Sgt George Kucharski	378	"
1/Sgt Clem Kiser	379	"
1/Sgt Oliver Kiser	380	"
1/Sgt Arthur Kiser	381	"
1/Sgt Robert Kiser	382	"
1/Sgt Roy L. Kiser	383	"
1/Sgt Forrest Yorgenson	384	"
1/Sgt Everett Kiser	385	"
1/Sgt Paul Kiser	386	"
1/Sgt Harold Kiser	387	"
1/Sgt William Kiser	388	"
1/Sgt Clyde K. Cresswell	389	"
1/Sgt Gordon Latham	390	"
1/Sgt Julius Coleman	391	"
1/Sgt Chester Sosnowski	392	"
1/Sgt Charles K. Givins	393	"
1/Sgt Clem Kiser	394	"
1/Sgt William Kiser (2)	395	"
1/Sgt Robert Lee Millvrey	396	"
1/Sgt Donald L. Goetz	397	"
1/Sgt Edward L. Favore	398	"
1/Sgt Richard A. Hill	399	"
1/Sgt John L. Hayes	400	"
1/Sgt Robert Beck	401	"
1/Lt Jerry L. Brown (3)	402	X 25, 1st AF, 9 Jan/45.
1/Lt Walter Brown	403	"
1/Lt John W. Kibwell	404	"
1/Lt John Field	405	"
1/Lt Edward Nelson	406	"
1/Lt George Hatch	407	"

1st Lt. Alfred L. Wheeler	307	30 3, 1st Lt., 9 Jan/45.
1st Lt. Joseph Burdette (1)	"	"
1st Lt. John Lewis	"	"
1st Lt. John W. Crane	307	"
1st Lt. Paul Becker	"	"
1st Lt. Eugene Bonebrake	"	"
1st Lt. William Leadlin	307	"
1st Lt. Carl <i>Bash</i>	"	"
1st Lt. John H. Christensen	"	"
1st Lt. James L. Cronin	"	"
1st Lt. Robert Gerberich	307	"
1st Lt. Robert W. Lamm	"	"
1st Lt. Harold McGowan	307	"
1st Lt. James M. Mich	"	"
1st Lt. Jerome Wolf	"	"
1st Lt. James Frederick	"	"
1st Lt. Oscar Goldberg	"	"
1st Lt. Arthur A. Miller	"	"
1st Lt. Walter H. Lamm	"	"
1st Lt. Harry Weistline	307	"
1st Lt. Julius Coleman	"	"
1st Lt. Lawrence Hooper	"	"
1st Lt. John Stockwick	"	"
1st Lt. Marshall K. Becker	307	"
1st Lt. Van A. Bennett	307	"
1st Lt. James Parker	"	"
1st Lt. Lawrence J. Now	"	"
1st Lt. Carl Barnett	307	"
1st Lt. James S. Noonan	"	"
1st Lt. Alfred L. Bone	"	"
1st Lt. Paul Bone	"	"
1st Lt. Walter Bishop	"	"
1st Lt. Raymond Johnson	307	"
1st Lt. James Abante	307	"
1st Lt. Edward A. Williams	307	"
1st Lt. James Lamm	"	"
1st Lt. Jack W. Borsari	"	"
1st Lt. Perkins A. Armiter	"	"
1st Lt. Leonard L. Smith	"	"
1st Lt. Walter Mitecek	307	"
1st Lt. Donald P. Pesti	307	"
1st Lt. Freeman Mitchell	"	"
1st Lt. Carl V. Clement	307	"
1st Lt. Charles A. Hoepel	"	"
1st Lt. William F. Povodnik	"	"
1st Lt. Lloyd G. Frazier	"	"
1st Lt. Robert A. Freidige	307	"
1st Lt. William A. Lynch	"	"

Sgt Donald S. Glad	30	30
Sgt John A. Giddin	"	"
Sgt Edward Richardson	"	"
Sgt Jack M. Callen	"	"
Sgt Earl Duncan	367	"
Sgt Joseph N. Daniels	"	"
Sgt Kathleen Krause	30	"
Sgt Jack L. Jordan	"	"
Sgt James Smith	"	"
Sgt Russell A. Becker	"	"
Sgt Daniel E. Anderson	367	"
Sgt James Thompson	"	"
Sgt George Pettillo	"	"
Sgt Edwin Hoover	"	"
Sgt Lawrence Hoover	"	"
Sgt Robert Hanley	"	"
Sgt W. Wickstar	"	"
1st Lt Robert Woods	30	30
1st Lt Roger Hanning	"	"
1st Lt Eric W. Johnson	"	"
1st Lt Allen F. Verardo	"	"
1st Lt Walter F. Hepp	"	"
1st Lt Walter Bremer	30	"
1st Lt Victor Lisec	"	"
1st Lt Harry S. Havel	"	"
1st Lt Paul Harvey	"	"
1st Lt Vincent L. Donahoe	30	"
1st Lt Albert Lovola	30	"
1st Lt Norman Sprad	30	"
1st Lt Robert W. Coywell	"	"
1st Lt Harold Christenson	"	"
1st Lt John A. Larie	30	"
1st Lt Robert Romlinson	"	"
1st Lt Howard L. Hall	"	"
1st Lt Herman D. Martin	30	"
1st Lt W. J. Kriger	"	"
1st Lt William Rogers	"	"
1st Lt William Clark	"	"
1st Lt William Gordon	30	"
1st Lt Robert Cheney	"	"
1st Lt Melvin Lundberg	"	"
1st Lt Charles A. Loner	"	"
1st Lt Douglas I. Schreck	"	"
1st Lt Walter A. Rosett	30	"
1st Lt Lloyd L. Strade	"	"
1st Lt Frank C. Oyle	"	"
1st Lt C.L. Beckinger	"	"
1st Lt Robert J. Moran	30	"
<del>1st Lt Robert J. Moran</del>	"	"
1st Lt Dwight Frisley	30	"
1st Lt John Wilson	"	"
1st Lt Robert Bentley	"	"
<del>1st Lt Robert Bentley</del>	30	"

1st Lt Frank A. Regalle	37	30 25, 10 Jan/44.
1st Lt Martin Larson	"	"
1st Lt Paul Fisher	"	"
1st Lt Donald Smith	"	"
1st Lt Gerald Bonner	"	"
1st Lt E.M. Gorrattine	"	"
1st Lt Richard W. Cooper	"	"
1st Lt Harold W. Bacon	"	"
1st Lt <i>Wheeler</i>	"	"
1st Lt Leslie Peterson	"	"
1st Lt William W. Littenau	"	"
1st Lt Steven W. Stofny	"	"
1st Lt Jacob Delano	"	"
1st Lt Robert Kerns	"	"
1st Lt Robert W. Schroeder	"	30 20, 10 Jan/44.
1st Lt James Hooper	"	30 21, 10 Jan/44.
1st Lt William Sterback	"	"
1st Lt Gerald H. Gardner	"	"
1st Lt John E. Dudley (2)	38	"
1st Lt Harold C. Lagrick	37	"
1st Lt Robert W. DeWeger	"	30 21, 10 Jan/44.
1st Lt Donald W. Sheneer	"	"
1st Lt Leroy Finell	"	"
1st Lt James A. Bryan	30	"
1st Lt Andrew C. Fano	30	"
1st Lt Dudley Hedges	"	"
1st Lt James D. Shoady	"	"
1st Lt William Turner	"	"
1st Lt Charles Holt	30	"
1st Lt James W. Morris	"	"
1st Lt Art A. Erne	30	"
1st Lt Eugene L. Smith	30	"
1st Lt Victor Sacchini	30	"
1st Lt Sidney Jones	30	"
1st Lt William Carrasco	"	"
1st Lt Raymond W. Roy	"	"
1st Lt Alfred W. Bertling	"	"
1st Lt William L. Bore	"	"
1st Lt William Miller	30	"
1st Lt George Coker	"	"
1st Lt Dan L. Ryan	30	"
1st Lt Edward G. Howald	"	"
1st Lt Maurice Westmoreland	"	"
1st Lt Joseph A. Sommer	"	"
1st Lt Henry C. West Jr.	"	"
1st Lt George Franklin Jr.	"	"
1st Lt Wallace W. Friesmann	"	"
1st Lt Joseph A. Jaskowski	"	"
1st Lt Edward L. Craig	"	"
1st Lt Lawrence McCormick	"	"
1st Lt William McNigle	"	"
1st Lt Frederick Black Jr.	"	"







1	Sgt George W. Jack	36	30 01, 1 0 0 0, 17 0 0 0 0.
1	Sgt Charles Benetz	"	"
1	Sgt Frank E. Hamerby	"	"
	Sgt Lloyd H. Miller	"	"
	Sgt Roy L. Stafford	"	"
2	Sgt William J. Schultz	38	"
	Sgt William T. Jones	"	"
	Sgt Richard K. Fiska	"	"
	Sgt William Bedeale	39	"
1	Sgt Renato Lefrere	"	"
	1st Lt Ralph Drenth in	40	"
	1st Lt Walter Rosen	48	"
	1st Lt William Gander	"	"
	1st Lt Joseph J. Bauer	"	"
	1st Lt Edward J. Glass	"	"
	S/C Joseph J. Johnson	"	"
	1st Lt Edward J. Haight	"	"
	1st Lt Joseph L. Vancay	30	"
	S/C Peter Butzack	"	"
	2nd Lt Leonard J. Overstreet	37	"
	1st Lt Carroll E. Putt	"	"
	1st Lt Louis J. Kuchman	"	"
	1st Lt Joseph Long	"	"
	1st Lt William McCallie	"	"
	S/C Wendell Rodgers	"	"
	1st Lt Donald D. Schertz	"	"
	Capt William J. Hesse	"	"
	1st Lt George E. Wood	"	"
	1st Lt Roy J. Kruger	"	"
	1st Lt Robert H. Hood	"	"
	1st Lt Edward H. Messler	43	"
	S/C John Ferreri	"	"
	S/C Robert Hartney	"	"
	S/C Joseph Watson	"	"
	Sgt Eugene J. Kerney	38	"
	Sgt John D. Ollihen	30	"
	S/C Bennett J. Gibson	"	"
	S/C Edward Donaher	39	"
	S/C Edward B. Parks	47	"
	Sgt Clarence Smith Jr	"	"
	Sgt Louis L. Bagwell	40	"
	Sgt Jack W. Callen	"	"
	Sgt Oscar Gilman	37	"
	S/C Billy J. McCormick	"	"
	S/C William T. Gillisnie	"	"
	Sgt Everett A. Munn	"	"
	Sgt Robert W. Searcy, Jr.	"	"
	Sgt Chester Schenck	"	"
	Sgt Lloyd Breden	36	"
	Sgt Leonard J. Davidson	"	"



1st Lt Robert A. Sney	308	30 51, 1st AD, 15 Jan/45.
1st Lt Robert B. Hurst	"	"
1st Lt Robert F. Circle	"	"
1st Lt Alex Houston	"	"
1st Lt Stanley M. King	"	"
1st Lt Ward L. Fowler	307	30 55, 1st AD, 22 Jan/45.
1st Lt John Bourne	308	"
1st Lt Arthur J. Koeniger	"	"
1st Lt William D. Martin	"	"
1st Lt William J. McCollie	"	"
1st Lt Robert Paulson	"	"
1st Lt Robert Bryson	307	"
1st Lt Joseph Daniels	"	"
1st Lt Leslie Smith	"	"
1st Lt Donald J. Perkins	308	"
1st Lt John C. West, Jr.	"	"
1st Lt John Hejar	307	"
1st Lt Martin Coffey	"	"
1st Lt Peter Sjevck	307	"
1st Lt Leonard L. Anderson	308	"
1st Lt Jack L. Gooden	"	"
1st Lt Robert Harrington	"	"
1st Lt Joseph H. Hoffman	"	"
1st Lt Arnold W. Roy	"	"
1st Lt Harold J. Hawkins	"	30 7, 1st AD, 13 Jan/45.
1st Lt Edward L. Hill	308	30 7, 1st AD, 27 Jan/45.
1st Lt Albert J. Tridder	"	"
1st Lt James Standler	308	"
1st Lt Curtis Heandler	308	"
1st Lt Roy A. Jones	"	"
1st Lt Donald G. Bloedel	"	"
1st Lt Charles J. Crowl	"	"
1st Lt John A. Dicklin	"	"
1st Lt James W. Noonan	"	"
1st Lt Harold W. Prose	308	30 55, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
1st Lt Charles R. Cannon	"	"
1st Lt Leon Smith	"	"
1st Lt Lowell W. Goldson	308	"
1st Lt William F. Smitlick	"	"
1st Lt Leon Madira	"	"
1st Lt Willis C. Holden	"	"
1st Lt Harold A. McMeiken	"	"
1st Lt Benjamin W. Olsen	"	"
1st Lt Donald L. Sandercock	"	"
1st Lt Keith L. Warner	"	"
1st Lt James E. Becker	308	"
1st Lt William E. Hartman	"	"
1st Lt Paul A. Becker	307	"
1st Lt Harold Gustafson	"	"
1st Lt Nathaniel Hoseney	"	"

2nd Lt Donald McDonald	387	30 75, 1st AD, 15 Dec 45.
2nd Lt Austin C. Bonwick	"	"
2nd Lt Fredrick S. Ford	"	"
2nd Lt William E. Turner	"	"
Capt Will Kiny	403	"
2nd Lt Fred C. Fortman	387	"
1/0 Wendell Rodgers	388	"
1st Lt Willie Israel	388	"
1st Lt Edward B. Hutchinson	388	"
1st Lt Melvin Lundberg	"	"
1st Lt Wendell C. Larson	"	"
1st Lt Charles H. Tiner	"	"
1/3rd Lt Mel H. Groover	387	"
1/3rd Lt Calvin Owens	"	"
S/3rd Lt Lloyd W. Madden	387	"
1/3rd Lt Ed Bennett	387	"
1st Lt John W. McCollum	"	"
S/3rd Lt George L. Franklin, Jr.	"	"
1/3rd Lt William L. Hickman	388	"
1/3rd Lt Joseph A. Winesler	"	"
1/3rd Lt James C. Fisher, Jr.	"	"
1/3rd Lt Edward J. Richards	"	"
1/3rd Lt James E. Tinsley	"	"
1/3rd Lt Wm. L. Harvey, Jr.	"	"
1/3rd Lt William H. Finch	"	"
1/3rd Lt Clifford A. Wilfong	"	"
1st Lt Walter W. Bensch	387	30 75, 1st AD, 15 Dec 45.
2nd Lt William Winslow	"	"
2nd Lt Melvin Nepper	"	"
2nd Lt George J. David	"	"
2nd Lt William H. Dawn	"	"
1/3rd Lt Edward McCaskey	"	"
1st Lt Robert L. Gillespie	388	"
1st Lt Curtis Bennett	"	"
1st Lt Charles W. Whitcomb	"	"
P/C Phil Corvo	388	"
1st Lt Clifford E. Ladden	"	"
2nd Lt William Blawie	"	"
2nd Lt James C. Gray	"	"
2nd Lt Lowell Hillee	"	"
2nd Lt Harvey Snyder	"	"
2nd Lt Donald Hanson	"	"
P/C George Key	403	"
2nd Lt Lloyd Jefferson	"	"
2nd Lt Harlan Wolfe	"	"
2nd Lt Franklin Lord	"	"
2nd Lt Leon Keough	"	"
2nd Lt John Brandle	"	"
2nd Lt Paul Greer	388	"
2nd Lt Jesse L. Patten	387	"
2nd Lt George R. Tedener	387	"
1st Lt Earl Brezler	"	"

1st Sgt <i>Medrano</i>	30	CO 75, 1st AB, 75 Jan/45.
1st Sgt J. Kelly	30	"
1st Sgt William H. Ford	30	"
1st Sgt William Jackson	30	"
1st Sgt Alfred C. Labjacky	30	"
1st Sgt Frank Adams	30	"
1st Sgt John W. Kellek	30	"
1st Sgt Charles Diepicke	30	"
1st Sgt Robert Weir	30	"
1st Sgt William Alcott	30	"
1st Lt Vernon Schimmel	30	"
1st Lt Richard Greig	30	"
1st Sgt Albert H. Hensley	30	"
1st Sgt Albert H. Hensley	30	"
1st Sgt Robert M. Snow	30	"
1st Sgt Roland Brown	30	"
1st Sgt Leander Krause	30	"
1st Sgt Chester Kogel	30	"
1st Sgt John Martine	30	"
1st Sgt Frank Koppich	30	"
1st Sgt Greiner Groyer	30	"
1st Sgt Kenneth J. Schumaker	30	"
1st Lt William Clark	30	CO 77, 1st AB, 75 Jan/45.
1st Lt Lester Harrison	30	"
1st Lt Keith Cerkovitas	30	"
1st Lt Charles Hunter	30	"
F/O Robert O. Gerberich	30	"
F/O Richard J. Swanger	30	"
1st Lt O. Arthur Campbell	30	"
1st Lt William Korman	30	"
1st Lt Verle E. Brown (P)	30	"
1st Lt Martin J. Heale	30	"
1st Lt Bruce L. Smith	30	"
F/O Russell Ulrich	30	"
1st Lt Alton F. Vanden	30	"
1st Lt George B. War	30	"
1st Lt Vernon F. Bailey	30	"
1st Lt Carroll Mills	30	"
1st Lt John E. Irvine	30	"
1st Lt Paul W. Bell	30	"
1st Lt Dale J. Kern	30	"
1st Lt Roland Lissner	30	"
1st Lt James L. Moody	30	"
1st Lt Edward J. Demeray	30	"
1st Lt George L. Mason	30	"
1st Lt Stanley Anderson	30	"
1st Sgt Adolph J. White	30	"
1st Sgt Fred McChesney	30	"
1st Lt Philip J. Robbins	30	"
F/O James L. Arlt	30	"
1st Sgt Arthur Voss	30	"
1st Lt George L. Smith	30	"

Sgt. Withrow Lewis 423  
 Sgt. Robert L. Raftery "  
 Sgt. Jeremiah J. Scannell "  
 Sgt. Benjamin Scribner "  
 Sgt. Richard C. Seegar "  
 SSgt Walter A. Liles 369

1st Lt Earl A. Krus	367	GO 77, 1st AD, 11/1/41.
1st Lt Carl A. Case	367	"
1st Lt Arthur S. Guff	"	"
1st Lt Albert Desrochers Jr.	"	"
Sgt J.W. Hill	"	"
1st Lt Orville W. Graham	"	"
1st Lt Porfirio Marquez	"	"
1st Lt Vance Lambos	"	"
1st Lt Leslie A. Geving	"	"
1st Lt James A. Martin	366	GO 77, 1st AD, 11/1/41.
1st Lt George W. Krieman	367	"
1st Lt Carl A. Lottman	367	"
1st Lt William L. Bere	367	"
1st Lt Leonard A. Davidson	368	"
1st Lt Henry C. Bricker	"	"
1st Lt J.A. Winora	"	"
1st Lt Henry C. Bricker	"	"
1st Lt Jerome Hill	367	GO 77, 1st AD, 11/1/41.
1st Lt Phillip Gorman	368	"
1st Lt William L. Rogers	368	"
1st Lt Elmer A. Samberg (P)	"	"
1st Lt William Misco	368	"
1st Lt Leo Bennett	368	"
1st Lt George H. Blahnik	368	"
1st Lt Aron J. Hanssonian	"	"
1st Lt Harry Quint, Jr.	"	"
1st Lt Donald Spencer	"	"
1st Lt Walter Butchek	"	"
1st Lt Paul W. Smith	"	"
1st Lt Norman C. Hansen	367	GO 90, 1st AD, 11/1/41.
1st Lt Robert A. Stetler	"	"
1st Lt Albert J. Dalli	"	"
1st Lt Harold L. Blake	368	"
1st Lt Louis Dorenbusch	"	"
1st Lt Francis Sheehy	"	"
1st Lt Raymond F. Dinger	"	"
1st Lt James Foley	"	"
1st Lt Leon Forby	"	"
1st Lt James W. Garpson	"	"
1st Lt J.E. DeLoach	"	"
1st Lt Frank K. Gentry	"	"
1st Lt Harry Rapp	"	"
1st Lt Gregory A. Ramowitz	"	"
1st Lt Byron H. Rance	366	"
1st Lt Richard L. Hesser	"	"
1st Lt Lee A. Ferrell	"	"
1st Lt James G. Vickroy	"	"
1st Lt Joe W. Stender	"	"

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Sgt. Harold F. Anderson 423  
 Sgt. Marvin Brown "  
 Sgt. Joe Dulworth "  
 Sgt. Ned Chestnut "  
 Sgt. Irwin Frank "  
 Sgt. Howard Langston "

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NAME	NO.	DATE
1st Lt Robert E. Stewart	366	GO 6 1st AD, 7 Jan/45.
1st Lt Genaro W. Corrazone	"	GO 9 1st AD, 7 Jan/45.
1st Lt Charles W. Smith	368	"
1st Lt Richard L. Wray	367	"
2nd Lt David O. Howe	423	GO 14, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
1st Lt Vernon A. DeLoir	"	GO 10, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
1st Lt Louis J. Smith	"	"
1st Lt Carl H. S. Terrell	"	GO 17, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
1st Lt Arma C. Schlederman	"	"
1st Lt Carl F. Sandlands	"	"
1st Lt Fredric J. Lyons	"	"
2nd Lt Larnie W. Hoyer	367	"
1st Lt Louis J. Peterson	367	"
1st Lt Lawrence E. Gilland	368	"
1st Lt R.G. Atwood	"	"
Sgt Robert A. Kreestige	103	GO 23, 1st AD, 9 Jan/45.
1st Lt John C. Soullier	367	GO 25, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
1st Lt Joe W. Irvin	367	"
2nd Lt Robert W. Loden	"	"
1st Lt Raymond C. Trubely	369	GO 30, 1st AD, 10 Jan/45.
1st Lt Fred A. Lewis	"	"
1st Lt Edward G. Petersen, Jr.,	"	"
1st Lt William F. Giglio	"	"
1st Lt Theodore W. Lee	363	"
1st Lt William A. Ruffin	366	"
1st Lt Billy D. Wagoner	"	"
1st Lt Jose H. C. Harlowitz	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth L. Kross	"	"
1st Lt James G. Seymour	365	GO 44, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.

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2nd Lt William J. Davis	367	GO 34, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
Sgt Carroll L. Meyer	"	"
Sgt Harold C. Schaefer	"	"

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1st Sgt James F. Shepherd	367	GO 25, 1st AD, 11 Jan/45.
1st Sgt Charles W. Bone	368	"
1st Sgt Vernon V. Hice	367	"
1st Sgt Bruce J. Keller	Hq	"