

Sheet No. 1 War Diary, Headquarters, ~~XXXX~~ 306th Bomb. Group (H)

Month of June 1944 Prepared by Capt. Wiley W. Glass

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2nd

St. Cecily, France

The 306th put up 28 a/c and 27 a/c bombed this tactical target on PFF through 10/10 cloud with unobserved results. 17 a/c plus one PFF led by Capt. Frazer, 423rd, formed the low Group and 10 a/c plus one PFF led by Capt. Lund, 368th, flew with the high composite 92nd Bomb. Group of the 40th C.B.W. No E/A or A.A. gun fire were seen.

Mass-Palaiseau, France

The 306th put up 15 a/c which completed bombing with good results. 12 a/c led by Lt. Master of the 367th formed the low Group and 3 a/c led by Lt. Saunders of the 369th led the low Squadron of the high composite Group of the 40th C.B.W. The low Group, first over the target, bombed the railway bridge and marshalling yards with excellent results. The high composite Group bombed the last resort, believed to be Conches A/D, and large fires were seen after bombing. Some accurate flak was met at Corneilles, North of Paris. Excellent fighter support was provided, no E/A were seen.

3rd

St. Cecily, France

The 306th put up 17 a/c, led by Capt. Frazer, Jr., 423rd, for a repeat performance on French coast heavy gun emplacements. Bombing was on PFF through 10/10 cloud. No A.A. gun fire or E/A were encountered.

4th

Equihen, France

The 306th put up 12 a/c led by Capt. McLahon of the 368th. 11 a/c bombed this coast gun emplacement with good results. No E/A or flak were encountered. All of our a/c returned to base.

6th

D-Day, 1st Mission, Arronanches, France

From this day forward the Second Front is a reality. Today we operated in direct support of ground troops. 24 a/c were assigned a 105mm Howitzer installation about one mile inland and 13 a/c attacked a defended locality at Asselles. Take-off was at 0430 hours. Targets were reached without incident. Due to heavy undercast bombing was by navigational equipment with unobserved results.

D-Day, 2nd Mission, Asselles, France

The 306th put up 12 a/c led by Capt. Hosking, 423rd, to bomb a road junction in Asselles. Take-off was at 0730 hours - a solid undercast was encountered over the target area and due to absence of PFF equipment all of our a/c returned to base with their bombs. No E/A or flak was seen en route.

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6th (cont'd)	<p><u>D-Day, 3rd Mission; Thury-Marcourt, France</u> 11 a/c plus one PFF flew high Group of 306th "B" CG; and 22 a/c plus 2 PFF flew lead and low groups of the 306th "B" CG to bomb a bridge over the River Orne. Takeoff was at 1730 hours. Due to most adverse weather conditions there was trouble in assembly with a/c from our group joining other groups and vice-versa. A large cloud over target made it necessary to use PFF equipment. All a/c, with the exception of one, which aborted, dropped bombs in the target area. No flak or enemy fighters were seen. Crews reported seeing great fires on land and the Channel to be filled with ships and landing craft.</p>
8th	<p><u>Rennes/St Jacques A/D</u> The 300th put up 36 a/c as lead and low Groups of 18 a/c each in the 40th "A" CG. Major Salada of the 368th acted as air commander. The lead Group was unable to bomb because of cloud cover and brought bombs back since clouds prevented bombing secondary targets. The low Group dropped its bombs on primary with only fair results. Heavier inaccurate flak was encountered at the target. No E/A were seen.</p>
10th	<p>Officers of "A" Mess and invited guests plus "wolves" enjoyed their monthly dance. Beer was the only refreshment served over the bar and the party broke up at a reasonable hour.</p>
11th	<p><u>Illiers L'Evêque, France</u> The 300th flew 50 a/c as the 40th "B" CG, led by Lt. Col. R. C. Williams, 307th; and 12 a/c as high Group of the 40th "C" CG. 10/10 cloud cover with tops up to 20,000 feet were encountered. No bombs were dropped because of other formations below in the cloud and because PFF equipment was out of order. All of our a/c returned to base with their bombs, having encountered neither nor enemy aircraft.</p>
12th	<p><u>Lille/Vendeville A/D, France.</u> Flak The 300th sent 30 a/c as the 40th "B" CG, led by Lt. Col. Williams, 307th; and 12 a/c as high Group of the 40th "C" CG. 10/10 cloud cover with tops up to 20,000 feet were encountered. No bombs were dropped because of other formations below in the cloud and because PFF equipment was out of order. All of our a/c returned to base with their bombs, having encountered neither nor enemy aircraft.</p>

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14th Bretigny and Etampes A/D, France
 The 306th sent 30 a/c led by Major Salada, 368th, as the 40th "A" CBG, and 18 a/c led by Major Flammagan, 369th, as the lead and high Squadrons of the composite Group of the 40th "D" CBG. Weather varied from 2/10 to 10/10 on the way in. Bombing was visual with strike photographs showing good concentrations on the IPI. Moderate accurate tracking; gun fire was encountered in the target area. No enemy fighters were seen, our fighters giving continuous cover. All a/c returned to base safely.

15th Nantes, France
 The 306th sent 54 a/c to destroy railway bridges across the river at Nantes. 36 a/c formed the 40th "A" CBG led by Lt. Col. McDonald of the 40th Combat Wing. 12 a/c formed the low Group and 6 a/c flew with the high composite Group of the 40th "D" CBG. Strike photographs show hits on railway viaducts and on the northern end of the bridge. The lead and low Groups of the 40th "A" CBG straddled the bridge while high Group hit the aiming point. Moderate accurate tracking; flak was encountered at the target knocking out 1st Lt. W. B. O'Brien of the 423rd who was last seen on deck with an engine smoking, but with the a/c under control. Three chutes were seen from this a/c. No E/A were seen and area support was furnished by P-51s.

17th Noyen, France
 Today's mission was a hurry-up job due to a change at the last minute. Because of bad weather conditions the assembly was never completed and 7 a/c not being able to find the Group returned to base. Several of our a/c boxed with other formations. The 306th was supposed to fly 34 a/c in lead and low Groups plus 6 a/c in high composite Group of the 40th "B" CBG. Lt. Col. Williams of the 307th led. The assigned primary was covered by a solid undercast. The PFF equipment was out and a bridge at Noyen was chosen as a target of opportunity and bombed through a break in the clouds with unobserved results. Moderate accurate tracking; flak was encountered at the French coast (point in, coordinates) out Lt. ... of the ... and was last seen with his ... on ... but under control; 3 chutes were seen from the ... Lt. ... of the ... was hit at the same time and ... at ... but ... of the formation to ... the ... On the way out ... one of the engines ... fire and ... in the ... line ... were observed from this a/c. No E/A were seen, P-51s giving ... support throughout the ...

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22nd	<p><u>Ghent, Belgium</u></p> <p>The 306th furnished 50 a/c to form the 40th "A" CBG led by Major Flanagan, 369th, and the low group of the 40th "B" CBG. On this beautiful summer afternoon our bombers took off at 1600 hours. Trip to the target was flown as briefed and only meager flak was met at the enemy coast, damaging three of our a/c. Bombing was excellent with good patterns squarely on the IPI. No E/A were seen and all of our planes landed safely at base.</p>
24th	<p><u>Bremen, Germany</u></p> <p>The 306th flew 40 a/c as lead and low Groups of the 40th "A" CBG led by Lt. Col. Williams, 367th. Six of these a/c were assigned the high squadron of high composite Group of the 40th "A" CBG. Bombing was PFF through 10/10 unforecast. PFI show that the Weser Flugzeugbau suffered severe damage with hits on 12 of its 14 buildings. Moderate low barrage flak at target accounted for minor battle damage. No E/A were seen and support was excellent.</p> <p>306th less celebrated with a party and no apparent casualties resulted.</p>
25th	<p><u>Jolify, France</u></p> <p>Another tactical target assigned; a railway bridge at Cheny. The 306th flew the complete 40th "A" CBG, plus 12 a/c in the high group of the 40th "B" CBG. Strike photos show the IPI completely blanketed by bombs of all Groups. Lt. Esper, bombardier, 359th, received slight leg injuries from flak at arrival, where 200 or 300 fire was met. There was no E/A opposition and escort was good.</p>
26th	<p><u>Don/Auilles a/c, France</u></p> <p>The 306th furnished 36 a/c to form the 40th "A" CBG led by Major Flanagan, 369th. On the first run the lead did not drop its bombs due to rack malfunction; however, the low and high Groups dropped with good results. The low came around for another run, saw other CBGs going in and as the IPI seemed to be well hit, proceeded to unambiguously target, as a/c at Don/Auilles, with good results. Flak was encountered in the area of the target, but was not a threat. No E/A were seen, and support was excellent.</p>

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Narrative

The 306th Bombardment Group (H) again posted the previous high record in every department during the month of June. With the advent of cross Channel operations, sorties were flown on an ever increasing scale. A greater tonnage was dropped in this month than in the first 8 months the Group operated in this theater. Despite the high tonnage and number of sorties, losses were among the lowest yet recorded over a thirty day period. Primarily, operations were against tactical targets in the occupied countries, supporting the ground offensive. PFF technique was employed on 7 missions, visual bombing on 11 and combs were returned 3 times. Visual bombing was very good for the month, with strikes on Hamburg oil plants proving to have been one of the best missions ever performed by the Group.

Enemy opposition was very weak from the Luftwaffe and friendly support was very good. No planes were lost to E/A during the month, the 5 losses being accounted to flak. One enemy fighter was destroyed during the month.

D-day saw the cancellation of the 30 mission tour of combat and after some delay this was lengthened to 35 missions now required by new combat Gen.

Five men are now used on a crew and some gunners are now finishing their tour of operations without having fired a shot at one E/A.

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TACTICAL TARGET, FRANCE - 2 JUNE 1944

Unit	Dispatched	Attacked	Failed to Bomb		Sorties	Tonnage of Bombs		Lost
			A.	R.		HE	INC	
367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
368	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
369	9	9	0	0	8	21	0	0
423	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	0	0	9	25 3/4	0	0
308	28	27	1	0	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>	0	0
					27	76 3/4	0	0

TASSY/PALATREAU, FRANCE - 2 JUNE 1944

367	12	12	0	0	12	36	0	0
368	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
369	1	1	0	0	1	1 1/2	0	0
423	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	0	0
308	15	15	0	0	15	43 1/2	0	0

4/3/308, FRANCE - 3 JUNE 1944

367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
368	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
369	8	8	0	0	8	24	0	0
423	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	0	0	<u>9</u>	<u>27</u>	0	0
308	17	17	0	0	17	61	0	0

4/3/209, FRANCE - 4 JUNE 1944

367	7	6	0	1	6	18	0	0
368	8	5	0	0	5	15	0	0
369	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
423	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	0
308	12	11	0	1	11	33	0	0

10/3/159, 10/3/33, FRANCE - 6 JUNE 1944

367	6	6	0	0	6	11 4/10	0	0
368	12	12	0	0	12	29 3/10	0	0
369	11	11	0	0	11	33	0	0
423	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	0	0	<u>10</u>	<u>28 5/10</u>	0	0
308	39	39	0	0	39	83 2/10	0	0

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13/0/7, FRANCE - 6 JUNE 1944

Unit	Dispatched	Attached	Failed to		Sorties	Tonnage of Bombs		Lost
			A	B		WT	LT	
307	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
308	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
423	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
308	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	0

450/1-16, C-1, 2, FRANCE - 6 JUNE 1944

307	8	8	0	0	8	15 1/2	0	0
• 308	9	8	0	1	8	21	0	0
• 309	10	10	0	0	10	30	0	0
• 423	2	8	0	0	8	21	0	0
	<u>29</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>87 1/2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

• 1 A/C dropped leaflets.

FRANCE, FRANCE - 8 JUNE 1944

307	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
• 308	12	8	2	4	11	18	0	0
• 309	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	0
• 423	12	12	0	0	12	36	0	0
	<u>37</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

• 1 A/C dropped leaflets.

ST. AVERTIN LAUNDRY & POLICE LAUNDRY, FRANCE - 11 JUNE 1944

307	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	0
• 308	13	0	0	13	12	0	0	0
• 309	12	0	0	12	10	0	0	0
• 423	11	20	0	8	11	36	0	0
	<u>48</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

• 2 A/C drop. of leaflets.

FRANCE, FRANCE - 12 JUNE 1944

307	12	0	0	12	12	23 1/2	0	0
• 308	13	0	0	13	12	24 1/2	0	0
• 309	12	0	0	12	10	24 1/2	0	0
• 423	12	1	0	11	11	24 1/2	0	0
	<u>49</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>96 1/2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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ST. SEVER, FRANCE - 14 JUNE 1944

Unit	Dispatched	Attacked	Failed to		Battles	Tonnage of Bombs		Lost
			A.	B.		HE	ERC	
367	13	13	0	0	13	24 7/10	0	0
368	14	12	1	1	13	21 2/10	0	0
369	15	15	0	0	15	29 4/10	0	0
423	12	12	0	0	12	34 9/10	0	0
306	54	52	1	1	53	110 3/10	0	0

ST/B/41, 31/3/10, HANTER, FRANCE - 15 JUNE 1944

367	14	14	0	0	14	41 3/4	0	0
368	12	9	3	0	10	28 1/4	0	0
369	13	13	0	0	13	37 1/4	0	0
423	15	15	0	0	15	44 1/2	0	1
306	54	51	3	0	52	143 3/4	0	1

NOTRE, FRANCE - 17 JUNE 1944

367	15	12	1	2	13	26 7/8	0	2
368	12	8	0	4	8	16 1/4	0	0
369	3	3	0	0	3	6 3/4	0	0
423	10	8	0	1	9	16 1/4	0	0
306	40	31	1	7	33	66 1/8	0	2

HANTER, FRANCE - 18 JUNE 1944

367	10	0	1	9	10	0	0	0
368	9	9	0	0	9	21	0	0
369	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
423	9	9	0	0	9	27	0	0
306	36	18	1	17	36	48	0	0

• 2 A/C dropped low-lets.

WALL, FRANCE - 19 JUNE 1944

367	13	0	0	13	13	0	0	0
368	14	0	0	14	14	0	0	0
369	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	0
423	12	0	1	11	10	0	0	0
306	54	0	1	53	52	0	0	0

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BRUNNEN, GERMANY - 29 JUNE 1944

Type	Distributed	Attached	Filed to		Series	Percentage of Copies		Lost
			A	B		HR	TRC	
367	12	12	0	0	12	36	0	0
• 368	13	12	1	0	12	33	0	0
369	16	15	0	0	15	45	0	0
423	12	12	0	0	12	36	0	0
306	52	51	1	0	51	150	0	1
• 1 A/C dropped leaflets.								

WOLFE, GERMANY - 31 JUNE 1944

• 367	13	13	0	0	13	24	6	0
368	14	14	0	0	14	28	7	0
369	14	14	0	0	14	28	7	0
423	12	10	2	0	10	20	5	0
306	53	51	2	0	51	100	25	0
• 1 A/C dropped leaflets.								

GRUNT, BELGIUM - 22 JUNE 1944

367	13	12	1	0	12	36	0	0
368	12	10	1	1	10	30	0	0
369	13	13	0	0	13	39	0	0
423	12	11	1	0	11	33	0	0
306	50	46	3	1	46	138	0	0

JEFFERS, GERMANY - 24 JUNE 1944

367	10	10	0	0	10	30	0	0
368	7	7	0	0	7	16 1/2	0	0
369	12	12	0	0	12	36	0	0
423	11	11	0	0	11	30 1/4	0	0
306	40	40	0	0	40	112 3/4	0	0

JOISNY, FRANCE - 25 JUNE 1944

367	12	12	0	0	12	24	0	0
368	12	11	0	1	11	22	0	0
369	12	12	0	0	12	24	0	0
423	12	12	0	0	12	24	0	0
306	48	47	0	1	47	94	0	0

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LACU, FRANCE - 28 JUNE 1944

<u>Total</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Failed to</u>		<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tonnage of Bombs</u>		<u>Lost</u>
			<u>A.</u>	<u>B.</u>		<u>KG</u>	<u>LCG</u>	
267	9	9	0	0	9	17 1/10	0	0
328	9	8	1	0	9	15 2/10	0	0
269	9	9	0	0	9	17 1/10	0	0
413	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17 1/10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
308	36	35	1	0	35	66 5/10	0	0

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TYPE OF MEDAL

NAME	ORG	DATE
<u>Purple Heart</u>		
1st Lt John H. Wenzon, Jr.	423rd Bomb Sq.	CO 115, 1st ED
1st Lt James W. Reeves	367th "	22 June, 1944
S/Sgt James A. Park	423rd "	"
1st Lt William L. Callan	367th "	CO 110, 1st ED
2nd Lt Robert G. Gorgert	" "	21 June, 1944
S/Sgt Vernon J. Wilson	" "	"
S/Sgt Donald V. Cookman	" "	"
1st Lt Henry R. Degowski	367th "	CO 101, 1st ED
S/Sgt Frank R. Mercurio	367th "	17 June, 1944
S/Sgt Lawrence H. Arnold	423rd "	CO 78, 1st ED
Sgt Sherman W. Harritt	" "	5 June, 1944
Sgt Joseph Kerr	" "	"
S/Sgt Epifanio Campos	" "	"
1st Lt Mitchell R. Antoon	368th "	"
1st Lt Leonard P. Platnick	" "	CO 73, 1st ED
2nd Lt Jack G. Marshall	" "	1 June, 1944
2nd Lt Robert A. Hallquist	423rd "	CO 76, 1st ED
2nd Lt Albert F. Burnett	367th "	5 June, 1944
2nd Lt Charles Cronican	367th "	"
S/Sgt Iven L. McCoolin	423rd "	"
S/Sgt Orval F. Klepper	423rd "	"
S/Sgt Michael W. Erickson	423rd "	"
1st Lt Joseph E. Mallock	423rd "	"
<u>BRONZE STAR MEDAL</u>		
M/Sgt James M. Kinney	367th Bomb Sq.	CO 422, 8th AF
M/Sgt Orval V. Clark	" "	11 June, 1944
M/Sgt Noble Motley	" "	CO 450, 8th AF
1st Sgt Leo H. Van Dourmen	367th "	24 June, 1944
M/Sgt Adalard E. Bergerson	423rd "	"
M/Sgt Michael L. Collins	" "	CO 449, 8th AF
M/Sgt Richard E. Hickey	367th Sq	8 June, 1944
M/Sgt Harry Szipovitz	" "	"
<u>SILVER STAR</u>		
Staff Sergeant Audrey F. Klepper	423rd Bomb Sq.	CO 449, 8th AF
		8 June, 1944

HEADQUARTERS SOUTH BORDER TROOP (H)

JUN. 1944.

TITLE OF MEDAL Decorated For Gallantry

CLASS OF CLASSIFICATION
 PREVIOUS SERVICE
 ORG
 DATE

No Official Presentation Made.

1st Lt Raymond A. Bunt	423rd Sq. CO 436, Hq 8th AF.
1st Lt Martin J. McCarthy	368th Sq. 2 June, 1944.
1st Lt Roy C. McDaniel	" " " "
Capt George D. Bennett	377th Sq. CO 442, Hq 8th AF.
1st Lt Bernard J. McAlaire	" " 7 June, 1944.
T/Sgt George J. Peterson	423rd Sq. " " " "
T/Sgt DeWitt A. Rockwell	368th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Richard K. Tully	367th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Charles O. Wilson	368th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt William D. Witt	" " " "
S/Sgt Carl C. Metz	" " " "
T/Sgt George R. Bates	423rd Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt James W. Bentley	368th Sq. CO 77, Hq 1st MD.
S/Sgt Raymond D. Kemp	" " 5 June, 1944.
S/Sgt Charles M. Comstock, Jr.	368th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Jesse E. Lambingham	423rd Sq. " " " "
2nd Lt Edward J. Magner	368th Sq. " " " "
T/Sgt Joseph J. Zappiello	367th Sq. CO 82, Hq 1st MD.
	" " 3 June, 1944.
	368th Sq. CO 25 Hq 1st MD.
	" " 3 June, 1944.
	CO 86, Hq 1st MD.
	" " 9 June, 1944.
Capt Russell S. Lund	" " " "
1st Lt Robert D. Beres	423rd Sq. " " " "
1st Lt George W. Tepper	368th Sq. " " " "
1st Lt Ted Boswell	368th Sq. " " " "
2nd Lt Salvatore Soscia	423rd Sq. " " " "
2nd Lt Taylor L. Leady	" " " "
2nd Lt Harold Green	" " " "
T/Sgt Robert M. Cole	368th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Ivan L. McCoppin	423rd Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Robert L. Seuler	368th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Elmer W. Schmiedpeter	" " " "
S/Sgt Howard C. Granger	" " " "
S/Sgt Wayne Bertel	" " " "
S/Sgt Ray Goldburst	" " " "
1st Lt Michael K. Antoon	368th Sq. CO 87, Hq 1st MD.
Capt John W. Frazer, Jr.	423rd Sq. 10 June, 1944.
Capt Malcolm A. Phillips, Jr.	368th Sq. CO 88, Hq 1st MD.
Capt Loy F. Peterson	" " 10 June, 1944.
Capt Norman M. Haas	" " " "
1st Lt Francis H. McCullough	368th Sq. " " " "
1st Lt Alfred D. Hawley, Jr.	" " " "
T/Sgt Mortimer Schofield	" " " "
T/Sgt Albert Picarello	369th Sq. " " " "
T/Sgt Paul W. Christensen	" " " "
S/Sgt Roy A. Helle	" " " "
S/Sgt Clin C. Hobbs	" " " "
S/Sgt Charles F. Meyer	367th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Ralph Brand	369th Sq. " " " "
S/Sgt Frederick R. Shadel	368th Sq. " " " "

