

Sheet No. 1 of 4 prepared by 367th Bomb. Group (H).

Month of May, 1944. Prepared by Capt. Wiley W. Glass

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DAY	EVENTS
1st	<p>Twenty one A/C led by Capt. McMahon took off to bomb targets in the Calais area. Extreme difficulty was encountered forming up due to clouds and darkness. No bombs were dropped due to weather conditions over the target, and all returned to base.</p> <p><u>Rheims, France.</u> The Eager Beavers, led by Lt. Reeder, formed the low squadron (7 A/C) of the lead group of the 40th CGW. Bombing was excellent with hits on the marshalling yards. No E/A were seen and only moderate accurate flak was encountered north of the target. All of our A/C returned to base.</p> <p>Major Husband appointed Group Operations Officer. Lt. Col. Williams transferred to 367th and made Commanding Officer. Capt. Witt transferred to Headquarters from 367th Squadron.</p>
4th	<p><u>Berlin (Recall).</u> Eighteen A/C led by Capt. Peterson, 369th, took off to bomb targets in the "Big Town". Heavy clouds and persistent contrails hindered assembly and made formation flying impossible. The group was recalled when they were over Holland. No E/A were seen and only moderate and inaccurate A.A. fire was met going in at the Dutch coast. All bombs were returned.</p> <p>Major Chalfant appointed Commanding Officer of the 423rd.</p>
7th	<p><u>Berlin.</u> Twenty five A/C were put on today. Capt. Peterson, 369th, led the low group with 18 ships, and an additional 6 flew high squadron of the composite group. Bombing was by PFF through 10/10 cloud. No E/A were seen. Flak was moderate and inaccurate at the target. Two of our A/C returned early.</p>
8th	<p><u>Berlin.</u> Thirty A/C took off and bombed the target through 10/10 cloud on PFF technique. No E/A were encountered and a flak barrage over the target was low on this CGW. Our A/C flew low group led by Capt. Grending, 368th, also lead and low squadrons of the high group, led by Capt. Peterson of the 369th. Heavy persistent contrails made visibility difficult. Lt. Lambert of the 369th, and Lt. Jacobs of the 368th, moving out of their respective formations to avoid prop wash, collided and fell, hitting Lt. Schlect's (369th) ship, all going down. Only one chute was observed. In addition to these three A/C, Lts. Matichka and D.A. Smith of the 367th failed to return. Friendly escort was good throughout.</p>
9th	<p><u>Thionville A/D, France.</u> Major Salada with 18 of our A/C, led this group and CGW. Bombing results were excellent as shown by strike photographs. No E/A were seen. Meager accurate flak was encountered at the enemy coast upon return. Friendly fighters were in sight at all times.</p> <p>Capt. Kenealy assigned to Hq. from 423rd Squadron.</p>

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11th	<p><u>Saarbrücken</u>. Today's target was the Railway Traffic Center. Weather was clear with a heavy ground haze at the target necessitating a second run by some formations. Twenty-four A/C were airborne and twenty-three attacked the target. No E/A were encountered and fighter support was good. Moderate accurate tracking flak at the target knocked out Lt. Mills, 369th, and he failed to return.</p>
12th	<p><u>Merseburg, Germany</u>. Twenty-five A/C took off and twenty-three attacked the synthetic oil plants with good results. No E/A were encountered and escort was good. A.A. fire was meager and inaccurate. All of our A/C returned to base.</p>
13th	<p><u>Stettin, Germany</u>. Lt. Col. Raper with twenty-two A/C of this Group led the CEM and twenty bombed the target on PFF. Pictures through a hole in the clouds show a good concentration in the city. About 100 E/A were seen but none attacked this CEM. Fighter support was good. Flak over Stettin was accurate and Lt. Hanson, 367th, was hit causing successive engines to go out enroute home. Sixty miles off the English coast Lt. Hanson called the Group leader that he was going to ditch. S.O.S. was sent out and position was reported to Air Sea Rescue. A plane was dispatched from our formation to circle and mark ditched A/C until arrival of A.S.R. All crew members were rescued after being in the water about one hour. Lt. Jarvis, navigator 423rd, was hit by flak over the target and died before reaching England.</p>
19th	<p><u>Berlin</u>. Twenty A/C led by Capt. Lund, 368th, flew low group of the 40th CEM. Nineteen A/C bombed the target on PFF through scattered cloud formation. No enemy fighters were seen. A.A. fire was intense but low at the target. Fighter support was good. Flak fragments came up Sgt. Parks' (waist gunner on Lt. McBride's A/C) trousers leg hitting his escape kit and he escaped being wounded.</p>
20th	<p><u>Orly A/D, France</u>. The 306th flew twelve A/C led by Maj. Flannagan, 369th, forming lead group heading the Wing, and twelve A/C led by Capt. Grending forming low group in the 40th "A" CEM. Strike photos show a good concentration on the hangar area which was our API. No E/A were encountered and support was satisfactory. Meager and low A.A. fire was seen at the target.</p>

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22nd	<p><u>Kiel.</u> The 306th flew twelve A/C as low group (Capt McMahon leading) and six A/C as lead and high elements of composite group (Capt Grending lead) of the 40th CBW. Bombing by PFF although clear channel through clouds appeared over target. A good concentration was noted southwest of Naval Arsenal and across harbor into Deutsche Werke. A.A. fire was moderate and accurate. Fighter support was excellent. E/A were seen but no attacks made on our formations. One of our A/C returned early.</p>
23rd	<p><u>Metz.</u> The 306th flew twelve A/C as low group (Lt. Raster, 367th, leading) and nine A/C in high composite group (Capt. Lund, 368th, leading) of 40th CBW. Bombing was on PFF with unobserved results. No E/A were seen and only four bursts of flak encountered on entire route. Lt. Troup, 423rd, was seen to leave formation early with engine trouble, he later crash landed on the English coast killing all the crew except Lt. Telfer, S/Sgt. Herritt and T/Sgt. Kerr who were seriously injured.</p>
24th	<p><u>Berlin.</u> The 306th flew eighteen A/C as lead group (Lt. Col. R.C. Williams leading in PFF ship) and six A/C as high squadron of high composite group in 40th CBW. Lt. Bennett of the 369th was hit by flak over enemy coast and dropped bombs through solid overcast at a point estimated to be Hamburg. Escort was good, no attacks were made on this Wing although a number of B-17's were seen to be knocked out of formations ahead by E/A. Bombing was by PFF. Lt. Anrlar, 368th, received flak burst in tail just after bombs away and went down in a flat spin and disappeared through the clouds at about 18000 feet. Two chutes were seen.</p>
25th	<p><u>Thionville M/Y.</u> The 306th flew twelve A/C as low and twelve A/C as high groups of the 40th "A" CBW. This mission was a near perfect as could be hoped for. No flak and no E/A were encountered. Strike photos show heavy and compact concentration completely covering briefed MPI. Continuous support was given to and from the target. All of our A/C returned safely to base.</p>
27th	<p><u>Mannheim M/Y.</u> The 306th flew seventeen A/C led by Major Husband forming lead group of 40th CBW. No E/A were seen and close continuous support was given. A.A. fire was seen only at the target. Bombing was visual and MPI was covered with smoke.</p>

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

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27th cont	<p><u>Peenamp/Tactical Target.</u> The 306th flew ten A/C plus two PFF as lead and low squadrons of 40th CG. This tactical target was identified visually but bombed on PFF according to order. Strike photos show main concentration in water one and a half miles west of target. No E/A or A.A. fire observed. Good area support was furnished.</p>
28th	<p><u>Rhuland, Synthetic Oil Plant.</u> The 306th flew sixteen A/C plus two PFF as lead and eighteen A/C as low groups of the 40th "B" CG. Capt. Lund led the wing and Capt. Mahon led the low group. Route I.P. was flown as briefed; as the formation was turning on the bomb run a malfunction occurred when the CG leader opened his bomb bay doors causing most of his bombs, including two smoke bombs to go away. Most of the lead and low groups dropped on him at this time. The run was continued and lead dropped remainder of his bombs squarely on the H.P.I. Accurate flak was encountered from Meissen damaging fifteen of our A/C. No E/A were seen. Fighter support was good excepting fifteen minute gap at the target. Two of our A/C returned early because of malfunction.</p>
29th	<p><u>Cottbus A/D, Germany.</u> Nineteen A/C led by Capt. Grending flew high group in the 40th CG and 16 A/C attacked this A/C assembly plant. Weather over the continent was CAVU. Flying straight toward Berlin via Hanover the formation turned S.W. beyond Magdeburg to I.P. and target, then skirting Berlin and out to the Baltic east of Stettin and return over Denmark. During a gap in fighter support three swift passes were made by E/A in the Meseritz-Driesen area but no losses were sustained by this Group. A.A. fire was met at Dummer Lake, Danish Coast, and Heligoland. Strike photos show aiming points well hit. Our score for the day was 2-2-2.</p>
31st	<p><u>Liege A/D.</u> The 306th flew three groups of twelve A/C each to form the 40th "A" CG with Col. Robinson leading the 1st Division. In an effort to dodge high cumulus clouds the formation climbed to 20,000 feet and went north of course in Ghent area thence to target. Clouds prevented lead and low groups from bombing in spite of a thorough search for a last resort target. Bombs of these two groups were returned. No E/A were seen. Moderate accurate tracking AA fire was encountered damaging eighteen of our A/C. Sgt. Jenkins on special duty here with 8th Air Force Photographic Section was killed when hit by flak.</p>

A new record for this Group was established this month, (twenty

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operations). A new high was set in sorties flown and bombs dropped while the proportionate losses and abortions per sortie were very low. During this period Berlin was attacked four times. Objectives were about evenly divided this month between airfields and marshalling yards. Enemy fighter interceptors were conspicuous by their absence. This Group was attacked on one mission during the month and lost no planes as a result while destroying four and damaging two of the enemy.

List of awards and decorations attached.

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Month of May 1944 prepared by Capt. William C. Von Norman

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- 2 Lt Col Williams relieved from organization and Major Husband appointed Group Operations Officer. Capt. Thomas F. Witt assigned to organization and appointed to Group as Group Gunnery Officer.
- 5 2nd Lt Daniel M. Spence relieved from organization and 2nd Lt William E. Foose assigned and appointed as Group Gunnery Officer.
- Captain Degland T. Knealy assigned to organization as Asst. Group Operations Officer.
- 16 Capt. Munal promoted to Major.
- 19 1st Lt Baille promoted to Captain.
- 20 Major Schmidt awarded the Legion of Merit.
- 25 Lt Col Coleman awarded the Legion of Merit.
- 27 2nd Lt Foose relieved from organization and ~~EXEX~~ 2nd Lt Robert S. Baird assigned.

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Unit	Parti- cipated	Attacked	Failed to Bomb		Sorties	Tonnage-Bombs		Lost
			A.	B.		HE	INC	
<u>NOBALL 100, FRANCE - 1 MAY 1944 (A.M.)</u>								
367	7	0	0	7	5	0	0	0
368	1	0	0	1	1	0	00	0
369	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	0
423	6	0	1	5	2	0	0	0
306	21	0	1	20	15	0	0	0
<u>REIMS, FRANCE - 1 MAY 1944 (P.M.)</u>								
367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
368	7	6	1	0	6	18	0	0
369	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
306	7	6	1	0	6	18	0	0
<u>BERLIN, GERMANY - 4 MAY 1944</u>								
367	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
368	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
369	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
306	18	0	0	18	18	0	0	0
<u>BERLIN, GERMANY 7 May 1944</u>								
367*	6	6	0	0	6	0	8.4	0
368	7	6	1	0	6	0	12.6	0
369	6	5	1	0	5	0	10.5	0
423	6	6	0	0	6	0	12.55	0
*2 A/C dropped leaflets								
306	25	23	2	0	23	0	44.05	0
<u>BERLIN, GERMANY - 8 MAY 1944</u>								
367	8	8	0	0	8	20	0	3
368	7	7	0	0	7	17.5	0	0
369	8	8	0	0	8	20	0	2
423	7	7	0	0	7	17.5	0	0
306	30	30	0	0	30	75	0	5
<u>THIONVILLE, FRANCE - 9 May 1944</u>								
367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
368	6	6	0	0	6	15	0	0
369	5	5	0	0	5	12.25	0	0
423	7	7	0	0	7	17.5	0	0
306	18	18	0	0	18	44.75	0	0

SAARBRUGENN, GERMANY - 11 MAY 1944

367	6	6	0	0	6	18	0	0
368	7	6	0	1	7	18	0	0
369*	6	6	0	0	6	12	0	1
423	5	5	0	0	5	15	0	0

* 2 A/C leaflets

306	24	23	0	1	24	63	0	1
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MERSEBURG, GERMANY - 12 MAY 1944

367*	7	7	0	0	7	12	0	0
368	5	4	1	0	5	9	0	0
369	7	6	0	1	6	14.4	0	0
423	6	6	0	0	6	14.4	0	0

* 2 A/C dropped leaflets

306	25	23	1	1	24	49.8	0	0
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STETTIN, GERMANY - 13 May 1944

367	4	4	0	0	4	10	0	1+
368	6	5	1	0	5	12.5	0	0
369*	6	5	1	0	5	0	8.4	0
423	6	6	0	0	6	15	0	0

* 1 A/C leaflets

+ A/C ditched, crew recovered

BERLIN, GERMANY - 19 MAY 1944

367	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
368	6	6	0	0	6	0	12.6	0
369	7	6	0	1	6	0	12.6	0
423*	6	6	0	0	6	0	8.4	0

* 2 A/C dropped leaflets

306	20	19	0	1	19	0	35.6	0
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ORLY, FRANCE - 20 MAY 1944

367	6	6	0	0	6	16.5	0	0
368	7	7	0	0	7	0	13.5	0
369	6	6	0	0	6	18	0	0
423	5	5	0	0	5	0	10.5	0

306	24	24	0	0	24	34.5	24	0
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KIEL, GERMANY - 22 MAY 1944

367	5	4	0	1	5	10	0	0
368	8	8	0	0	8	20	0	0
369*	5	5	0	0	5	10	0	0
423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

306	18	17	0	1	18	40	0	0
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METZ, FRANCE - 23 MAY 1944

367	7	7	0	0	7	21	0	0
368	7	7	0	0	7	21	0	0
369	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
423	6	5	0	1	5	15	0	0
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306	21	20	0	1	20	60	0	0

BERLIN, GERMANY - 24 MAY 1944

367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
368	7	7	0	0	7	3.5	10.5	1
369	9	9	0	0	9	4.5	14.5	0
423*	6	6	0	0	6	2	6.4	0
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* 2 A/C dropped leaflets								
306	22	22	0	0	22	10	31.8	1

THIONVILLE, FRANCE - 25 MAY 1944

367	8	8	0	0	8	19	0	0
368	1	1	0	0	1	2.5	0	0
369	7	7	0	0	7	17.5	0	0
423	8	8	0	0	8	20	0	0
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306	24	24	0	0	24	59	0	0

MANNHEIM, GERMANY - 27 MAY 1944

367	5	5	0	0	5	12.5	0	0
368*	6	6	0	0	6	10	0	0
369	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
423	6	5	1	0	5	12.5	0	0
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*2 A/C dropped leaflets								
306	17	16	1	0	16	35	0	0

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE - 27 MAY 1944

367	2	2	0	0	2	6	0	0
368	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
369	7	7	0	0	7	21	0	0
423	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
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306	10	10	0	0	10	30	0	0

RUHLAND, GERMANY - 28 MAY 1944

367	9	9	0	0	9	16.55	0	0
368	8	7	1	0	8	14.55	0	0
369*	9	8	1	0	8	12.55	0	0
423	8	8	0	0	8	14.55	0	0
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306	34	32	2	0	33	58.2	0	0

COTTBUS, GERMANY - 29 MAY 1944

367*	6	6	0	0	6	0	10.4	0
368	7	5	2	0	5	0	10.4	0
369	6	5	0	1	5	0	10.4	0
423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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*1 A/C dropped leaflets								
306	19	16	2	1	16	0	31.5	0

LEIGE, FRANCE - 31 MAY 1944

367	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	0
368	10	1	0	9	10	3	0	0
369	9	3	0	6	9	7.75	0	0
423	8	8	0	0	8	22.5	0	0
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306	36	12	0	24	36	33.25	0	0

HEADQUARTERS 306TH ENGINEER GROUP (H)

Month of May.

TITLE OF MEDAL Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit & Purple Heart.

DATE PRESENTED	SERIAL NO.	SPONSORING	ORG	CO NO. & DATE
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SILVER STAR
WILLIAM C. TARR, 1st Lt.

369th CO 337 Hq 8th AF,
3 May, 1944.

Legion of Merit
HENRY J. SCHMIDT, Major.
DOUGLAS R. COLEMAN, Lt. Col.

Hqs 306th CO 51 ETOUSA,
20 May, 1944.
Hqs 306th CO 52 ETOUSA,
23 May, 1944.

Bronze Star
COLVIN M. COOLEY, M/Sgt.

423rd CO 406 Hq 8th AF,
23 May, 1944.

Purple Heart
John W. Welch, S/Sgt.

367th CO 71 Hq 1st BD,
22 May, 1944.

HEADQUARTERS 300th ENGINEER GROUP (H)

TYPE OF MEDAL DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

DATE PRESENTED	SERIAL NO.	NAME	ORG	CO NO. & DATE
Presentations made at the Squadron Meeting	Unnumbered	Clifford E. Shakespeare, S/Sgt.	369th	GO 351 Hq 8th AF, 10 May, 1944.
	"	Charles (NMI) Fontane, 1st Lt.	368th	GO 363 Hq 8th AF, 13 May, 1944.
	"	Francis A. Weitzel, S/Sgt.	368th	"
	"	Paul F. Poulsen, 1st Lt. (O. L. C. to D. F. C.)	368th	"
	"	Avrum H. Rothenberg, 1st Lt.	367th	GO 397 Hq 8th AF, 20 May, 1944.
	"	Dennis A. Sharkey, Jr., 1st Lt.	369th	"
	"	Frank I. Endres, 1st Lt.	368th	GO 402 Hq 8th AF, 22 May, 1944.
	"	Kenneth F. Dowell, 1st Lt.	369th	"
	"	Ragnar L. Carlson, 1st Lt.	423rd	GO 404 Hq 8th AF, 23 May, 1944.
	"	Kenneth Yass, 2nd Lt.	423rd	"
	"	Ernest C. Smartt, Jr., T/Sgt.	368th	GO 409 Hq 8th AF, 24 May, 1944.
	"	Michael J. Harbud, T/Sgt.	368th	"
	"	William S. Bastain, S/Sgt.	368th	"
	"	Gilbert M. Roeder, 1st Lt.	368th	GO 424 Hq 8th AF, 29 May, 1944.
	"	Ian R. Elliot, Capt.	367th	GO 414 Hq 8th AF, 25 May, 1944.
	"	Burton C. Gustafson, 1st Lt.	368th	GO 415 Hq 8th AF, 26 May, 1944.
	"	Marcil W. Brage, 2nd Lt.	368th	GO 420 Hq 8th AF, 27 May, 1944.
	"	Harleth M. Haven, S/Sgt.	368th	GO 420 Hq 8th AF, 27 May, 1944.
	"	Henry J. Larwig, T/Sgt.	368th	"
	"	John M. Carolla, 1st Lt.	367th	GO 426 Hq 8th AF, 29 May, 1944.
	"	Paul V. Osburn, 1st Lt.	367th	"
	"	Henry E. Hanson, 1st Lt.	367th	"
	"	Edward W. Magee, 1st Lt.	367th	"
	"	Durwood P. Offord, S/Sgt.	367th	"
	"	Gene W. Holland, S/Sgt.	367th	"
	"	Harry (NMI) Yanke, S/Sgt.	369th	"
	"	Jack D. Subal, S/Sgt.	423rd	"
	"	Arthur S. Smith, S/Sgt.	367th	"
	"	Charles S. Smith, S/Sgt.	367th	"
	"	Clinton D. Swan, 1st Lt.	368th	GO 431 Hq 8th AF, 31 May, 1944.
	"	Abraham (NMI) Barlowe, 1st Lt.	423rd	"
	"	Edward L. Robinson, Jr., S/Sgt.	368th	"
"	George J. Allen, T/Sgt.	368th	GO 430 Hq 8th AF, 30 May, 1944.	

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Subject: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division (H), A.P.O. 557.

1. On 24 April 1944, the 41st Combat Wing, under your command, executed a highly successful attack on important enemy airfields at Oberpfaffenhofen and Landsberg in southeastern Germany. The 41st Wing was formed for this operation into two separate combat wings, the 41st "A" Combat Wing, comprised of two groups from the 79th Bomb Group and one from the 303rd Bomb Group; and the 41st "B" Combat Wing, comprised of the 384th, 306th and a composite of the 384th-303rd Bomb Groups. On this operation, despite heavy losses, the 41st Combat Wing, under the air leadership of Brigadier General ROBERT F. TRAVIS, distinguished itself by penetrating through unusually severe resistance from enemy fighters and anti-aircraft fire and bombing its objectives with excellent results.

2. In particular it is desired that Colonel DALE O. SMITH and the officers and men of the 41st "B" Combat Wing (384th, 306th and 384th-303rd Bomb Groups), who bore the brunt of the enemy attacks, receive special commendation for the exemplary manner in which their mission was accomplished. With its escort of P-51's outnumbered and drawn off in combat, this formation was left, for more than an hour, without fighter protection. Before and during this period, in addition to intense fire from ground defenses, the crews of the 41st "B" Combat Wing were exposed to repeated savage assaults from more than the fifty ME109's and FW190's, at one time remaining under unremitting attack for approximately forty minutes. Undiscouraged by these difficulties, and despite the loss of sixteen of its airplanes, the 41st "B" Combat Wing continued steadily on to the target at Oberpfaffenhofen, dropping its bombs with accuracy and inflicting severe damage on the enemy. Two instances serve to typify the spirit in which the crews of the 41st "B" Combat Wing carried out their assignment. Hit badly by one of the first enemy fighters encountered, Captain JOHN J. STOLZ, leader of the 306th (low) Group, with great courage and determination succeeded for three hours in holding his damaged plane in formation before a second enemy fighter attack knocked him out of position. The airplane of Captain ROBERT E. LANGLOIS, leading the high squadron of the 384th (lead) Group, was seriously struck by enemy fighters before the target was reached. With high skill and heroism, Captain LANGLOIS continued to fly his disabled ship with the formation until his bombs had been released on the target, after which his plane was seen to go down.

3. It is desired that this commendation be published to all personnel in your command.

/s/ J. H. DOOLITTLE
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 2 May 1944.

TO: All Combat Bombardment Wing and Group Commanders, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557

The fighting qualities demonstrated by these units plus their ability to put the bombs on the target, are vital factors in completing our job over here and are typical of the combat spirit of this Division.

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Robert B. Williams
ROBERT B. WILLIAMS
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding

27 May, 1944.

1. BLACKOUT TIME - Tuesday - 23 May, 1944 - 2208 hours to 0621 Hours.
Wednesday - 24 May, 1944 - 2209 hours to 0619 hours.

2. OFFICER OF THE DAY

23 May, 1944	- Capt ROBERT E. MICHELIS	O-855327
24 May, 1944	- 1st Lt JOHN H. KIMMEL	O-578133
25 May, 1944	- Capt DONALD H. BOKSTEIN	O-370101
26 May, 1944	- 2nd Lt FLOYD WILLIAMS, JR.	O-204006
27 May, 1944	- 1st Lt EARL W. RUDOLPH	O-1548301
28 May, 1944	- Capt ARNOLD SHERMAN	O-467154
29 May, 1944	- 1st Lt CHARLES B. MURPHY	O-549251

3. OFFICER IN CHARGE OF LIBERTY RUN

23 May, 1944	- 1st Lt DONALD F. SHERMAN	O-508963
24 May, 1944	- 1st Lt JEROME P. SWARTZ, JR.	O-1551113
25 May, 1944	- 1st Lt DAVID H. SPENCER	O-857806
25 May, 1944	- 2nd Lt MORRIS BUTLER (Red Cross)	O-1544078
26 May, 1944	- 2nd Lt WILLIAM A. LEATHERMAN	O-575316
27 May, 1944	- 2nd Lt WILLIAM E. FOSSE	O-2045151
28 May, 1944	- 2nd Lt WILLIAM COLLENS, JR.	O-1552648
29 May, 1944	- 2nd Lt HENRY L. P. MOORE	O-874893

4. NOTICE - The following Letter, Hq. 1st Bomb Division, dc 20 May, 1944, is quoted for the information of all.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : All Combat Wing and Group Commanders, 1st Bombardment Division.

1. An official report from Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, indicates that during April, 1944, the 1st Bombardment Division led all the divisions of the Air Force in inflicting damage on the enemy. Combined averages for February, March and April, 1944, show that the bombing results achieved by this Command were also the best in the Eighth Air Force for the entire three-month period. Both in April and for the three-month period the bombing average of each of the four Combat Wings of the Division was higher than the average of the Eighth Air Force as a whole.

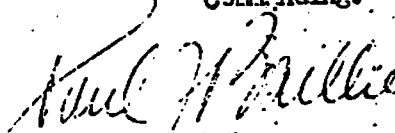
2. In addition to dealing these most effective blows to the German war machine, the 1st Bombardment Division excelled in all separate categories covered by the report. The Combat Wing with the best bombing record in the Eighth Air Force during April and during the combined months of February, March and April, 1944, was the 41st Combat Wing, of this Division. During April, the 1st Bombardment Division's record for gross errors was less than 75 percent of the general Air Force average. Superior maintenance work by the Division's ground crews resulted in our having a higher ratio of fully operational aircraft to aircraft on hand than any other Division. The statistics further show that the 1st Division has the greatest number of aircraft bombing targets, and achieved the highest percentage of aircraft bombing in relation to aircraft dispatched. The abortive rate for the 1st Division during this time was only 53 percent of the general abortive rate for the Air Force. Our loss rate was down to 2.8 percent of accredited sorties, which was by a considerable margin the lowest in the Eighth Air Force.

3. It is a matter for keen pride that this Command, whose original combat units blazed the trail for the Eighth Air Force, in Europe, and for many months fought the American air war against Germany alone, should continue to hold first place in the campaign. Due to the quality of your leadership, the skill and courage of our combat crews in battle and the tireless efforts of our supporting personnel on the ground, the 1st Division's curve of efficiency and accomplishment has been rising steadily for months. In the period immediately before us, which will be the most critical time of all, we must make it rise even faster.

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4. It is desired that this commendation be published to all members of your command.

s/ Robert D. Williams
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Commanding.



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