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DAY	EVENTS
4	General Campbell, Chief of Ordnance and his staff escorted by Colonel Overacker visited and inspected the station.
6	Colonel Cleveland, and Captain Schmidt, first fly on operational mission with Col Cleveland as pilot, Capt Schmidt as Waist Gunner.
10	Capt Shuller promoted to Major.
13	His Majesty, King George VI and General Spaatz escorted by Colonel Overacker visited and inspected the station.
7	Colonel Overacker Leads mission to bomb docks at Brest, France.
9	Colonel Overacker leads low level bombing attack on sub pens at St. Nazaire. Three of our aircraft lost.
22	Colonel Overacker awarded Distinguished Flying Cross.

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- 4 Mission cancelled by reason of substitute mission. Substitute mission cancelled by bad weather.

Chief of Ordnance, General Campbell, and his staff visited Thurlough, inspecting bomb dumps, airplanes, and briefing room, etc.

- 7 After a series of briefings and scrubbing of prospective missions, because of unfavorable weather, the Group, led by Col. Overacker, took off to raid the docks at Brest. 21 of our a/c were over the target, but results were unobserved because of 10/10ths clouds. Some planes returned with their bombs. Three a/c returned early due to mechanical failure or illness of crew. E/a were up in force, and our score was 3 destroyed, 6 probables, and 10 damaged. All of our a/c returned safely.

- 8 Second Lille raid, with 15 planes over the target. 6 returned early because of mechanical failure. Most of bombs were dropped, with many bursts observed on target. Only 369th encountered e/a, after making second run over target, they were jumped by 30 FW190s, and after a 30 minute fight, we claimed 9 destroyed, 12 probables, and 5 damaged. Capt. Adams was shot out of formation on the second run over the target and was seen going down out of control. Lt. Riordan's plane was so badly damaged that had not the three remaining a/c of the squadron slowed down to protect him, he might have been lost. Missing in action were: Capt. Richard D. Adams, 2Lt Carl W. Cook, 2Lt Julius C. Landrum, 2Lt John A. Latchford, SSgt. Anthony J. Lacek, SSgt Peter Greyno, SSgt Jim T. McCloy, SSgt John S. Saunders, SSgt Ford L. Winchell, SSgt. Frank M. Zeck.

- 9 First raid on St. Nazaire, an experimental but costly, low altitude mission led by Col. Overacker. The target was effectively bombed in the face of intense and accurate flak. The attack was well executed, our a/c approaching from the sea at zero altitude and rising to 7500 feet before releasing bombs. Remaining a/c landed at Portreath.

Missing from the 367th were: 2Lt James M. Stewart, 2Lt John A. Creamer, Jr., 2Lt Joseph A. Creed, Jr., 2Lt William W. Dickey, SSgt Martin Barthe, Cpl. Hugh L. Langan, TSgt Thomas E. McMillan, TSgt Charles J. Meriwether, SSgt George R. Rumph, SSgt Raymond C. Schmoyer, SSgt Jack M. Wheeler.

Missing from the 423rd were: 1Lt John R. Barnett, 1Lt Loyal M. Felts, 2Lt Andrew L. Graham, Jr., 2Lt Thomas D. Hall, 2Lt Forrest D. Hardin, 2Lt Robert J. Jones, 2Lt Lowell E. Kinney, 2Lt Norman R. Nelson, TSgt Richard L. Beers, Sgt. George P. Bogumill, TSgt Francis M. Counselman, Pvt Walter Crawford, Sgt. Doane Hage, Jr., SSgt Jack W. Madison, TSgt Frederick Mannello, SSgt Bernard P. Papieka, TSgt John A. Westcott, SSgt Charles R. Wilson, Sgt. Eldon J. Wright, SSgt. Charles E. Vonderlieth.

- 13 1Lt John Brady and 1Lt Robert Williams of the 423rd promoted to captain.

General Carl Spaatz and King George VI visited the Station. The party toured the various sites, perimeter track, mess halls, and talked with combat crew members.

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Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 306th BOMB GP (H) AF Station #111, APO 634
(station)

Month of November, 1942. Prepared by Capt. W. W. Glass

14 First raid on sub pen at La Pallice. Our group had only
6 a/c participating. A heavy overcast obscured the
primary, so a turn was made to the secondary,
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14 (Cont'd) St. Nazaire, which was bombed effectively at high altitude. Again
intense and accurate flak was met, but no E/A. All our A/C returned
home safely.

17 Third raid on St. Nazaire. Eleven of our A/C bombed the target at
high altitude, two returned early because of mechanical failures.
Intense and accurate flak was encountered over the target as well
as strong fighter opposition. Capt. Regan's landing gear and one
engine were damaged, his return to the English coast was covered by
three of our A/C. He made a landing at Lornburg. Capt. Williams
was hit and forced out of formation and jumped by a swarm of FW 190s,
which riddled his ship, wounding several of the crew and starting a
fire in the radio compartment. Lt. Casey, seeing his plight, broke
formation and joined him for protective escort. With the assistance
of other A/C, these two ships, bullet-riddled and in bad shape, finally
made a safe landing at home base. Our score on the run was 2 E/A
destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 3 damaged.

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18 Second raid on La Pallice. Twelve A/C from this Group bombed the
target. On the way in with 10/10ths overcast, the clouds suddenly
parted over St. Nazaire, where intense heavy flak was encountered.
A considerable amount of flak was encountered over the target, but
not so intense or as accurate as St. Nazaire. Lt. Gaston and crew
missing in action, hit by flak after bombing target. Could not
feather No. 3 Engine, turned in direction of West Peninsula. Lt.
Grimes, navigator, was killed. Several members of crews were wound-
ed by flak. Two E/A destroyed, one probably destroyed, and five
damaged.

22 Abortive raid on submarine base at Lorient, due to 10/10ths cloud
over the target. Several of our A/C reached the target, one returned
early because of engine trouble.

23 Fourth St. Nazaire mission. Of the eight A/C starting, four returned
early. Lt. Isbell and crew were shot down just before reaching their
objective. After bombing the target the three remaining ships, Major
Holt in Lt. Lockenson's A/C, Lt. Turwell, and Lt. Casey were engaged
by a large number of E/A in a twenty minute encounter in which 9 FW 190s
were destroyed. Of the A/A destroyed, Lt. Casey's crew accounted for
7, the largest score yet for a single heavy bomber on a daylight mission.

List of awards and decorations for the month attached.