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Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_ War Diary, 306 Bomb Gr. (H) ~~EXXXX~~ R. A. F. Thurlleigh

(station)

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

(rank, name, unit.)

DAY	EVENTS
2	While in practice formation flight A/C piloted by Lt. Ely, 367th Bomb Squad (H) crashed over Spaulding, England, six <del>OFFICERS AND MEN</del> lost their lives, two men bailed out and landed safely.
9	Our first mission over enemy territory; The target Lille France, Four squadrons including 23 A/C took off, led by Col. Overacker in Capt. Janson's A/C, 39th Squadron. Lt. Col. Cleveland acted as top turret gunner in same plane. Majors Holt, 367th, Sanford 367th and Wilson 423rd Squadrons, led their squadrons. Lt. Col. Wilson piloted an A/C in the 423rd Squadron. Capt. Adams 39th forced to return before crossing the channel because of gun trouble, also Lt. Felts turned back because of turret trouble. Capt. Olson 367th and crew was shot down over the target. Intense heavy flack was encountered over the target, before and upon leaving target, F.V. 170's attacked in force. Tail gunner Lt. Arthur S. Chapman, 368th had one hand shot off and was critically wounded in the chest. Major Wilson's #3 engine was put out over the target and upon landing the prop. of this engine fell off. Many other A/C returned with engines out and riddled with flack and bullet holes. Lt. Stewart of the 367th landed safely at Lanston. Of the many encounters with E/A the Group was credited with 10 destroyed and 12 probables. 39th Service Group arrived at Thurlleigh commanded by Lt. Col. Henry D. Johnson. This Group consisted of 24 Officers and 191 enlisted men of Hq. & Hq. Sqd. 39th Service Group; 70 Officers, 1arrant Officer and 210 Enlisted men of the 352nd Service Sqd., and 4 Officers, 1arrant Officer and 60 enlisted men of the 705th Ordnance Company.
21	Crews were briefed to raid Lorient but mission was abortive as all A/C obliged to turn back at the channel because of heavy ground haze and cloud formations.
22	In order to experiment with the Fortress as hedge-hopper Capt. McKay, Lts Barnett, Brady and Warner of the 423rd Squad were ordered to fly to the Wash at under 500 feet. Upon completion such evidence was brought back in the way of tree branches and leaves to show the altitude had not been exceeded.
27	Another low altitude mission was ordered however, this time Lt. Check's A/C hit a tree and the plane was demolished, none of the members of the crew were severely injured.  Her Highness Princess Marie Louise, aunt of the King, accompanied by Mrs Claude Wilson, her lady in waiting and others visited the station. An informal reception was held at A Mess and Her Highness had luncheon with the Officers.



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

APO 634,  
11 October, 1942.

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 129 )

1. Under the provisions of par 3, a, AR 35-320, 1st Lt JOHN T. STANKO, O-325694, 369th Bomb Sq (H), 306th Bomb Gp (H), USAAF, APO 634, is hereby designated Class "A" Agent Finance Officer to A. H. MILLER, Major, FD, Finance Officer, Station No. 7000, APO 875, for the purpose of picking up per diem, and checks pertaining to personnel of the 306th Bomb Gp (H).
2. Captain RICHARD D. ADAMS, O-424871, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 12 October, 1942.
3. 2nd Lt CARL W. COOK, O-726193, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 12 October, 1942.
4. 2nd Lt JOHN A. LATCHFORD, JR., O-725998, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 12 October, 1942.
5. 2nd Lt JULIUS C. LANDERUM, O-726045, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 12 October, 1942.
6. 2nd Lt ROBERT L. WHITNEY, O-443363, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 12 October, 1942.
7. 1st Lt JACOB C. SHIVELY, O-724076, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.
8. Captain MAURICE V. SALADA, O-424394, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.
9. 2nd Lt ROY D. KELLEY, O-726252, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.
10. 1st Lt CHESTER H. MAY, O-443731, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.
11. Major WILLIAM A. LANFORD, O-25178, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 19 October, 1942.
12. 2nd Lt WILLIAM W. DICKEY, O-431917, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.
13. 2nd Lt JOSEPH E. CONSOLMAGNO, O-724020, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.

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14. 2nd Lt JAMES M. STEWART, O-435805, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.

15. 2nd Lt JOHN A. CRELMER, JR., O-724139, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.

16. 1st Lt ELBERT G. ODLE, O-437881, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.

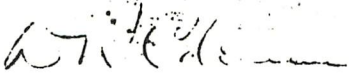
17. 1st Lt JOHN E. BENNETT, O-434104, AC, is hereby granted a leave of absence for three (3) days, effective on or about 13 October, 1942.

18. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 615-5 and upon recommendation of his orgn comdr, S/Sgt ALBEN N. McMAHON, 14003199, 369th Bomb Sq (H), 306th Bomb Gp (H), APO 634, is hereby reduced to the grade of Private, effective this date.

By order of Colonel OVERACKER:

DELMAR E. WILSON,  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps,  
Air Executive.

OFFICIAL:

  
D. R. COLEMAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group Adjutant.

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