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...". Route was as brief-
...P. 5328N x 0900E, 1137
..., 1230 hours; Groups

...-24's from Fridaln

...ching would be FFF.

...operator reported plot-
...about 6 miles; another
...0956. Returns were
...mushroom-shaped blip.

...enemy coast; also one-

...r and to left, with some
...plot merging; then with
...s. Few blips seen from

...hrough 10/10 cloude.
...at 1144. Fighter show

...ped ten T-196's on

...after crossing enemy
...and continued towards
...ailing other wings think
...feet.

The 305th Group flew 33 A/C plus 3 FFF as 40th
ed. Louth 1008; enemy coast 5347N x 0832E, 1125 hours; I.
hours; target Harburg 1145 hours; enemy coast 5345N x 083
1142 hours; Base 1534 hours.

Lead crews report persistent interference from
Islands to after I.P.

Buhoyo Blue reported 10/10 at target and that

All Mickey equipment worked satisfactorily. One
ing up returns at 1115 hours at 5355N x 0730E in radius of
operator reported position as 5359N to 5400N and 0802E to
three blips similar to ships or small islands and a long

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support
No F/A opposition.
...to first appeared at 1059 hours until before
...times support.

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire
...moderate to intense barrage at target, mostly in
...accurate bursting. No damage to ...
...with the 305th Bomb Group, and reported ...
Cuxhaven and Heligoland.

4. Bombing
...ing of FFF secondary, Harburg, at 1145 was
Low dropped on land. High made opposite FFF run, dropping
no ground detail.

5. A/C 300-Z dropped ten T-196's and A/C 129-L drop
Harburg.

6. Weather
...over channel 10/10, tops 20,000 feet, just
coast with front extending from the Danish peninsula in
the Baltic area. After leaving target, Buhoyo was heard
the target was thinned. Unpersistent contrails at 24,000

7. A/C In Distress
None.

306th GROUP DIARY - 5 November 1944

LTC Eugene C. Lavier assigned Group from 8th AF Headquarters.

36 A/C were flown as 40th "C" Group to bomb the marshalling yard at Frankfurt in the continuation of the round-the-clock attacks against war resources. Maj. Earl Kesling, c.o. of the 367th, led, with Maj. Thomas M. Hulings, c.o. of the 368th, as deputy.

The bomb run was started on mickey equipment, then a hole opened in the clouds which had been 10/10ths, and with a slight visual correction bombs went away, low and high dropping on the lead. Photos show positive identification and indicate excellent results, probably close to the middle of the old town.

After turn off the target, the wing behind called on VHF and said, "You Charlie boys really knocked hell out of that target." Flak was low tracing for about four minutes over target. A flak barrage over the city was avoided by a left turn just after bombs away. No E/A attacked this group, but two possible jet A/C were reported in the target area. Our fighters gave excellent support.