

Sheet No. 1 AF 5142 306th Bomb Group (H) 2nd.

Month of February 19 45 Prepared by 1st Lt. D.A. Esper, Jr.

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Great developments on all war fronts marked a very successful month for the Allies, the Germans receiving a terrific pounding from the west, east, south, and air. The 306th did its share by flying 16 missions, the most since August. High priority in the list of the month's targets was transportation. The group blasted nine such objectives along with four oil factories, one bridge, an administration area, and a target of opportunity. For the first time in several months, the 306th fell victim to enemy fighters, and as a result, 2 A/C failed to return, again indicating the menace of the Luftwaffe. In the renewal of the long hauls to "Big B" [redacted]

[redacted] however, [redacted] three aircraft were lost. [redacted] terrific damage was inflicted on the city by 306th bombs. Bombardiers had the opportunity to make four visual sightings during February, the rest of the dropping being done by instruments. Photo-reconnaissance units reported encouraging information in regard to bombing results all over the Reich.

Progress along the western front was initiated early in February when Field Marshall Montgomery made an attack in south Holland at the extremity of the Siegfried Line. This action was followed by General Hedges' breach of the German defenses on the Cologne plain. Then, as the month closed, Gen. Patton charged from the Ardennes area toward the Rhine. All these offensives were balanced in the east by Marshall Zhukov's Soviet forces hammering at the gates of Berlin. Too, on the little publicized Italian front, successes were made.

On the statistical side for February the 306th flew 597 sorties, dropped 1316 7/8 HE, 219 IB, and 145 leaflet bombs at a cost of 5 A/C. These figures compare with the group totals of 8728 sorties, 16714 9/10 HE, 2359 7/10<sup>6</sup>, and 176 losses. The group received credit for one fighter destroyed.

Feb. 1

MANNHEIM

306th flew 39 A/C including 3 Micro H-Pis, 1 Pif, and 3 spares led by Maj. Kessing as 40 "A". Buckeyes advised an instrument run, but the lead Micro-H equipment was unable to pick up the necessary beacons for a successful bombing. Therefore the deputy took over before the IP and proceeded to the target, a bridge on the Rhine River between Mannheim and Ludwigshaven. Low and High dropped off lead through 10/10 clouds on an H2X run. Interpretation of scope photographs show bomb pattern probably to the east of the bridge.

No E/A harassed the group. A meager low barrage at the target was the only A.A. fire encountered.

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Mission scrubbed.

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BERLIN

Lt. Col. LaVier led the 306th as 40 "C" with 36 A/C including 4 Pif, and Capt. Haase headed 6 A/C as the lead squadron of "D" screening force. "D" route was as ordered and the chaff was dispersed without mishap.

40 "A" relayed to "C" force the Buckeyes report that the target, center of Berlin's administrative section, would be clear except for a few low clouds. This proved to be the case, and the group attacked the German capital visually. 306th strikes cannot be seen in pictures due to smoke from previous bombs. However, there is certain indication that all three squadron patterns fell into the center of the crippled city. Damage was reported as most severe.

No enemy fighter opposition was encountered. Intense and accurate flak tracked the group for 8 minutes in the target area. Unusually large bursts were reported with the following damage: Lead, 3 missing, 4 serious, 2 slight;

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low, & slight; high, none.

306th A/C, pilot 2nd Lt. G.V. Luckett, received a direct hit in the left wing at bombs away. Wing broke off, and the a/c went down in flames. 2, possibly 4 chutes were seen. The rest of crew: 2nd Lt. G.W. Clark (CP), 2nd Lt. R.P. Foster (N), Sgt. V.J. Cunningham (B), Sgt. J.R. Boesel (RO), Sgt. W.L. Martin (E), Sgt. B.L. Whitman (B), Sgt. A.L. Spear (WG), S/Sgt. V.E. Spevak (TG).

306th A/C, pilot 2nd Lt. E.A. Lissner, was hit in the #3 engine over Berlin. A fire started, then went out. When last seen, the plane was under control. Later information showed that Lt. Lissner landed his a/c at Malmo, Sweden. Other members on the crew include: 2nd Lt. C.F. Britton (CP), 2nd Lt. F.G. Robbins (N), 2nd Lt. D.C. Haagenson (B), S/Sgt. V.L. Fannerty (RO), S/Sgt. L.M. Miller (E), Sgt. H.R. Bemets (WG), Sgt. G.W. Beck (TG) who received a slight shrapnel injury, and P/O J.G. White (RN).

306th A/C 547-F, the famed "Rose of York", pilot 1st Lt. V.F. Daley, lagged behind the formation and reported to that leader that one engine was out, another losing gas. A later message was heard from Lt. Daley when the group was 2/3 of the way across the North Sea, stating that he thought he could reach the English coast. No subsequent information has been received. Flying as an observer in this Fortress was the widely read BBC war correspondent, Guy Byam. Mr. Byam had equipped the "Rose", christened at this field last July 6 by HRH Princess Elizabeth, with a special recording machine to relate the events of the day. Others on the A/C: 2nd Lt. J.J. Carbine (CP), 1st Lt. P.A. Becker (N), S/Sgt. R.E. Crede (B), T/Sgt. P.J. Marquez (RO), T/Sgt. R.R. Horn (E), S/Sgt. G.W. Petrillo (BT), S/Sgt. S.P. DeZoit (WG), Sgt. O.R. Copian.



Lt. Lissner and crew (now in Sweden) in front of the "Rose of York", the last picture of the doomed Fortress.

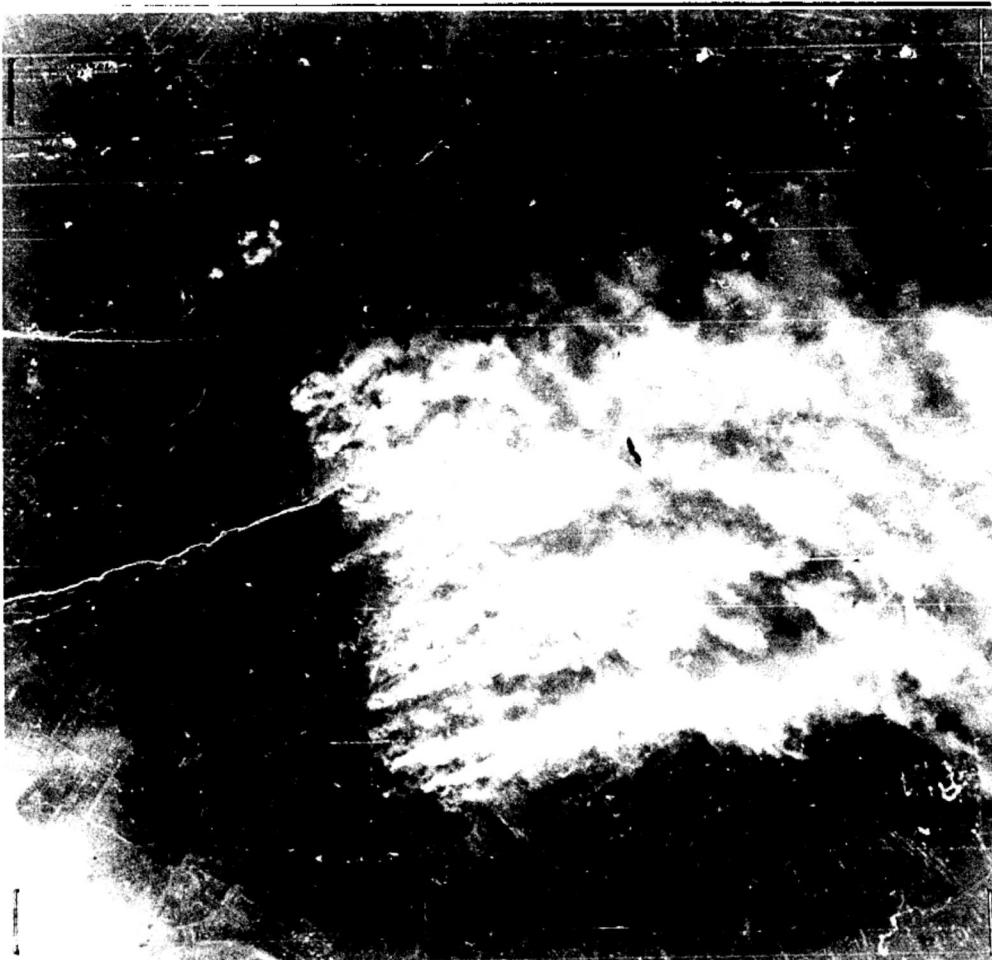
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Inferno rages in the heart of Berlin's administrative district. 306th smoke bombs are seen heading straight into the already flaming and battered city. This was one of the most destructive raids in the history of aerial warfare.

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**BBC Reporter MIA**

Guy Byam, a correspondent for the British Broadcasting Corporation, was reported yesterday missing in action following the heavy raid on Berlin by the 8th Air Force on Feb. 3. The Fort, in which Byam flew to record a BBC broadcast, was hit by flak over Berlin. The crippled plane did not return to its base.

Article taken from Stars and Stripes of Feb. 11.

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6 crews were sent out by the 300th as an Air Sea rescue unit. The trap passed without incident.

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Lt. Col. LaVier led the 300th with 36 A/C including 4 PFF as 40 "B". Because of very unfavorable weather conditions, thick clouds and haze to 20,000 feet, the group experienced much difficulty in assembly. The rendezvous was finally accomplished after 3 altitude changes. Poor weather continued to harass the group over enemy territory, and Buckeyes advised the formation to select a target of opportunity. Faulty PFF equipment of both the lead and deputy A/C in the lead squadron necessitated an H2X run on Fulda by the low mickey operator. Lead and high dropped off low. Results were unobserved, no photographs being available.

No E/A were encountered. Meager, accurate, tracking A.A. fire caught the group at the enemy coast near IJmuiden. Damage: Lead, 2 severe, 1 slight; high and low, none.

Low clouds and poor visibility forced the formation to break up over England on the return. 22 A/C landed away, but all came back during the night with the exception of 3 on the continent and 1 at Biccles.

369th A/C 1S1-B, "Steady Hedy" completed her 100th mission today, and thereby became the group's first plane to pass the century mark. M/Sgt. E. V. Daniels, crew-chief, is to be highly commended for the aircraft's performance of never having aborted because of technical failure.



1st Lt. A. J. Bowley, pilot, and M/Sgt. E. V. Daniels, crew-chief, fill out form #1 after the former brought 369th A/C "Steady Hedy" back to base from 100th mission.

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Feb. 8	Mission scrubbed.
9	<p><u>LUTZKENDORF</u></p> <p>306th, as 40 "A", flew 36 A/C including 4 PFF led by Major McKinney, Buckeye reported the target, oil refinery at Lutzkendorf, to be open enough for a visual run. Although 7/10 cloud coverage and a moderate to intense smoke screen obscured the bombing point, lead bombardier managed to effect a sighting from checks around the target area. Lead pattern fell to the north-west. Low squadron, with its lead A/C unable to open bomb bay doors on approach to primary, attacked a target of opportunity at Menterode, the town being solidly hit. High bombardier, finding Lutzkendorf covered by clouds, made a visual run on Eiselenben, a briefed last resort, and strikes were seen to the east of town.</p> <p>Enemy fighter opposition was nil. A moderate inaccurate predicted concentration of A.A. fire was encountered at Lutzkendorf. No flak at other targets. Damage: Lead, 1 slight, 1 landed on continent; Low, 3 severe; High, 1 severe, 1 slight.</p>
	<p>423rd A/C, pilot Lt. Riedel, was hit over the primary in the #2 engine. Defective wiring prevented feathering, and as a consequence the prop finally ran away. The latter action occurred near Liege. Pilot ordered his crew to bail out, and all landed safely. They returned to base a few days later.</p>
10	<p><u>DULMEN:</u></p> <p>Col. Sutton led the 306th as 40 "C" with 39 A/C including 4 Micro-H/PFF and 3 spares. Because of Buckeye's suggestion that weather might clear over target, marshalling yards at Dulmen, the group made two 360 degree turns. Lead PFF and Micro-H equipment failed to function properly, and therefore deputy took over at I.P. 10/10 coverage still persisted, forcing the formation off target without dropping. With mickey set again working, lead resumed its position, and made a Micro-H run. Plotter scope photos show probable hits on or very near the aimin; point.</p> <p>Meager to moderate inaccurate A.A. fire tracked the group while on the bomb run. Inaccurate flak was encountered at Munster. Damage: Lead, 1 slight; low, 1 severe, 1 slight; high, none.</p> <p>Due to a fuel shortage, 369th A/C, pilot Callahan, landing on the continent. Crew returned to base the next day.</p> <p>Officers of the 367th held a stag party at "A" mess from 2000 hours to "?". Two skits, American hot dogs, and robust singing featured the evening.</p>
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14	<p><u>DRESDEN:</u></p> <p>306th, as 40 "C", flew 39 A/C including 4 PFF and 3 spares, led by Lt. Col. LaVier. 10/10 cloud coverage made it necessary for blind bombing on the primary, M/Y at Dresden. Each squadron made its own separate run. Low, failing to pick up target on scope on first run, dropped on a reciprocal heading out of group formation. Undefinable photos showed no 306th strikes.</p> <p>Meager inaccurate A.A. fire at various places along the route slightly damaged 2 A/C. Shortly after the low squadron made its second run on Dresden, 3 FW 190's in line abreast attacked 2 straggling Fortresses in the lone formation. Because of alert gunners, the enemy fighters were dispersed and soon after were driven off by P-51's. Damage caused by this, the first attack on the group in many weeks, was 1 missing, 2 severe. Claims: 1-0-0.</p>

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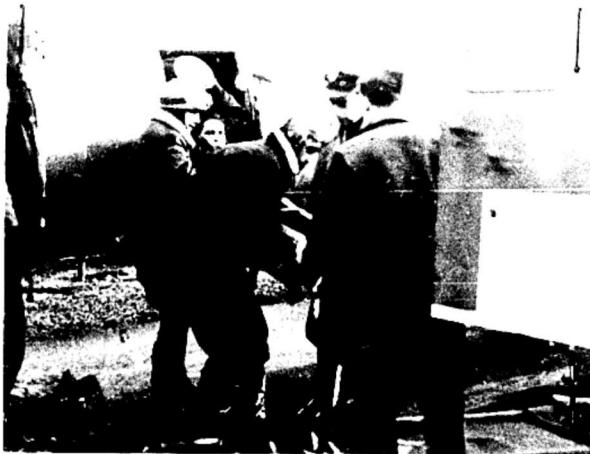
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367th A/C, pilot Lt. Higginbotham, landed on the continent because of fuel shortage. 369th A/C, pilot Lt. Carakostas, also landed on the continent because of fuel shortage.

367th A/C, pilot Capt. H.B. Lewis, left low squadron shortly after fighter attack. One chute, possibly not from this plane was reported. The a/c was heading east when last seen in the Chemnitz-Dresden area. Others on the crew: 2nd Lt. R.B. Whitelaw (CP), 2nd Lt. L.A. Harrison (N), F/O J.R. Sicard (B), Sgt. H.F. McChesney (RO), T/Sgt. J.F. Standee (E), Sgt. A.S. Luonjacky (BT), Sgt. F.L. McDonough (WG), Sgt. L. Nannine (TG).

367th A/C, pilot 2nd Lt. J.E. Henley, was reported to have sent a message to 1st Air Division stating that the plane would land at an airstrip in France. Subsequent reports show no such landing to have been made. The rest of the crew, now assessed as MIA, include: 2nd Lt. R.H. Stewart (CP) F/O W.A. Becker (N), Sgt. R. Whitaker, Sgt. D.F. McCarthy (RO), Sgt. V.J. Coppa (E), Sgt. H.C. Hanson (BT), Sgt. A. Marcarick (WG), S/Sgt. F. Piespenbrink (TG).



The cost of bombing Dresden is high. Capt. H. Fink, M.C., and Pfc. H. Snyder, M.P. help an injured crew member from a Fortress after its return from deep in the Reich. The 306th Medics rank high in efficiency in the 8th Air Force. Many times wounded men have been saved by the expert care given them in the critical moments upon reaching the ground.

On a 5 week tour of American air bases in the United Kingdom, the famed Lancaster, "S" for Sugar, made its appearance at the 306th today. The pilot Wing Commander Osborn, and crew led more than 200 officers and men through the A/C, veteran of 126 missions to Germany and German occupied territory. Lt. Col. Chalfant, group Air Executive, met the crew and conducted them around the field, while Special Services arranged several other functions.

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Base Public Relations Officer, Capt. W.C. Van Norman, inspects "S" for Sugar's decorations. The quotation by Hermann Goering coupled with 126 bombs, each indicating a slap in the Reich-Marshal's face, adds a touch of sardonic humor to the occasion.

15 Mission scrubbed.

16 DORTMUND

Lt. Col. LaVier led the 306th as 40 "B" with 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H/Pif, 3 Pif, and 3 spares. A satisfactory rendezvous and a briefed route put the group in the Dortmund area without incident. Lead found the target, a coking plant, unobscured and made a visual run. Low and high followed suit, and all 3 patterns obliterated the aiming point. Results were described as very good.

Moderate A.A. fire tracked the group for 5 minutes in the target area. Damage: Lead, 2 slight, 1 severe; Low, 2 slight; High, 1 slight, 2 severe. No enemy fighters were encountered.

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Dortmund coking plant smokes furiously after 306th attack. Bombing by this group was described as excellent.

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Recall: The 306th, as 40 "G", flew 36 A/C including 4 Pff led by Maj. Hullings. After a poor assembly which was caused by layers of cumulus and stratus clouds to 2700 feet, the group left the English coast and headed for enemy territory. However, while over the Channel, 1st Division sent out a recall. Most A/C returned immediately to base.

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Mission scrubbed. Lt. Claeys led SCS 51 practice formation.

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19 BOCHUM AND MUNSTER

Maj. Hulings led the 306th as 40 "C" with 39 A/C including 1 Gee-H/Pif, 3 Pff, and 3 spares. Buckeye reported that the primary target, a coking plant near Bochum in the Ruhr Valley, was 10/10, which fact necessitated a Gee-H run by the lead. High dropped off lead, but low, too far in the rear, held up bombs and attacked the secondary, marshalling yards at Munster, by Pif. Piloted scope photos show Bochum area probably hit. Indistinct strikes were identified on Munster from visual pictures.

Moderate but inaccurate A.A. fire was encountered at the primary. Meager flak was inaccurate at Munster. Total damage to all 306th A/C was 2 slight. No E/A were seen.

20 NURNBERG

Lt. Col. Chaffant led the 306th as 40 "A" with 36 A/C including 4 Pff. Although the rendezvous was satisfactory, multi-layer cloud up to 22,000 feet and dense persistent contrails from previous formations forced the group to break up over the North Sea. Each Squadron went into the target, the high priority marshalling yards in Nurnberg, individually on the briefed route. All made separate H2X runs through 9-10/10ths clouds with possibly very good results. Indistinct visual pictures show strafes to be near or on the aiming point. Because of the poor weather conditions 4 306th A/C returned early and 2 others bombed with a different group. As a result of the spirit shown by those who were able to accomplish the mission, Lt. Gen. J. Doolittle sent a notice through Brig. Gen. H. Turner, commanding 1st Division aerober for the day.

Moderate flak was encountered at Nurnberg, being accurate on the high and low. Meager and inaccurate in Freiburg area and at front lines. Damage: Lead, none; low, 3 slight, 1 severe; high & slight, 3 severe. No enemy fighters attacked.

21 NURNBERG

306th flew 36 A/C including 4 Pif as 40 "B" led by Capt. Magee. As in Buckeye's statement, the target, again the marshalling yards at Nurnberg, was under a 10/10 coverage. Each squadron made a separate H2X run with unobserved results.

Though meager inaccurate flak was encountered at the target, most of the damage sustained by 306th a/c was received in the Frankfurt area, where A.A. fire was tracking and accurate. Lead 4 slight, 2 severe; low 1 severe; high, 2 slight. No E/A harassed the group.

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22 WITTSTOCK AND LUDWIGSLUST

Col. Sutton led the 306th on its 300th mission with 36 A/C including 4 Pif as 40 "A" at the head of 1st Division. No trouble was experienced during assembly or on the route to their I.P. However, while making the bomb run at Wittstock, the primary target, lead bombardier was forced to drop short due to a malfunction. Bombs fell on the small town of Grabow, south of Wittstock. Low followed lead into primary, and bombed it visually with strike photos showing hits short of aiming point. Because of a misunderstanding on interphone, high lead pilot turned off target before bombs away. Squadron attacked a briefed last resort, railway junction at Ludwigslust, with excellent results as confirmed by strike photos. All bombing was done by visual sightings and weather was very good throughout the trip. In a revolutionary attempt to obtain maximum good results, the group was ordered to attack at 12,000 feet. This was done, and the hazards brought about by the low altitude were successfully avoided by meticulous navigation.

No. A.A. fire was encountered. 2 Me262s made one pass on the group from 12 o'clock high without firing. The action happened near the I.P.

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300th A/C return from 300th mission in an awe-inspiring display of perfect formation. Col. Sutton's plane can be seen in the upper left central part of picture.



Brig. Gen. B.S. Beaman, Chief of Staff 1st Division, Brig. Gen. H.W. Turner, Commanding General 1st Division, and Col. J.S. Sutton, Commanding Officer 300th Bomb Group (left to right) are seen discussing the operations of the day after the latter had returned to base.

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23 PLAUE

306th flew 39 A/C including 4 Pff and 3 spares as 40 "C", led by Lt. Rieck. As in Buckeye's previous report, the target, marshalling yards at Plauen, was under a 10/10 cloud coverage. Lead Mickey equipment went out shortly before I.P., causing deputy to take over for the bomb run. Each squadron made a separate H2X drop. Plotted scope photos indicate possible hits in target area.

E/A opposition was nil. The group encountered no A.A. fire along the route.

24 HAMBURG

306th flew 30 A/C including 4 Pff as 40 "B" led by Capt. Laughlin. In a new type formation of 10 plane squadrons, the group attacked an oil depot in southern Hamburg under 10/10 coverage. Lead made a Pif run, and low with ineffective Mickey equipment dropped oil lead. High lead A/C lost an engine before the I.P. and left formation at that time. Since the high deputy had no Pff set, the rest of squadron dropped oil lead. Plotted scope photos show possible hits in target area.

A moderate inaccurate barrage of A.A. fire at target slightly damaged 1 A/C in the low squadron. No enemy fighters were observed.

Officers of the 306th held a party in B mess during the evening. Requires furnished music for a rather gay affair.

25 BERLIN

Capt. Magee, led the 306th as 40 "B" with 39 A/C including 4 Pff and 3 spares. The trip went without consequence since a 10/10 undercast prevailed most of the way. Lead bombed the target, marshalling yards in the heart of Berlin, by Pff. Low made a separate run, but high, because of malfunction in Mickey equipment, dropped oil lead. Plotted scope photos indicate probable hits near the aiming point.

No enemy aircraft harrassed the group. Magee, with nine missions to "Big B" claimed this was the easiest of the lot. A moderate, low, and inaccurate barrage of A.A. fire at the target caused the following damage: Low, 2 slight, 1 severe.

27 LEIPZIG

Major Kessling led the 306th as 40 "A" with 36 A/C including 4 Pff. Buckeye's report that the target, large railway station in Leipzig, was under a 10/10 coverage, prepared the group for a Pif run. Lead bombed the target by means of instruments, and high, with equipment working unsatisfactorily, dropped oil smoke bombs. Low made separate H2X run. All results were unobserved.

No E/A harrassed the group. A.A. fire was nil, indicating the very great effectiveness of spot jamming used by the group for the last 6 missions.

28 HAGEN

306th flew 36 A/C including 3 Pff-Gee-H and 1 Pif as 40 "B" led by Major Buie. 10/10 clouds in target area forced the group to make instrument run, on primary, M/Y at Hagen. Lead and high attacked by Gee-H separately but low, without the necessary equipment, dropped oil smoke bombs.

Heavy fighter opposition and A.A. fire were nil.

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Promotions for February:

- > Feb. L.A. Wilke, Flight Leader 423rd, to Capt.
- > Feb. W.D. Hallum, Flight Leader 423rd, to Capt.
- > Feb. F.J. Stewart, Flight Leader 423rd, to Capt.
- > Feb. C.C. Olenix, Squadron Navigator 423rd, to Capt.
- 5 Feb. R.E. Borner, Squadron Bombardier 308th, to Capt.
- 5 Feb. R.J. Curran, Squadron Electronics, 308th, to Capt.
- 13 Feb. J.B. Dalapoor, Flight Leader 423rd, to Capt.
- 16 Feb. H.R. Jones, Group Ordnance, to Capt.
- 22 Feb. LaA. Risk, Flight Leader 308th, to Capt.
- 22 Feb. K.L. Warner, Squadron Navigator 308th, to Capt.
- 25 Feb. R.F. Morris, Squadron Adjutant 423rd, to Capt.

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**OAK LEAF CLUSTERS**

NAME	ORGN	GO. NO. & DATE
2nd Lt Royce Hopkins	367	GO 95, 1st AD, 2 Feb/45.
F/O Robert Grunski	"	"
2nd Lt Richard W. Weishar	"	"
1st Lt Lester A. Evans	368	"
2nd Lt Fred Dales	"	"
2nd Lt Richard Hartshorn	"	"
2nd Lt Arthur Mura	"	"
1st Lt Robert G. Wilson	"	"
F/O George C. Bickerson	369	"
F/O Joseph R. Sicard	"	"
2nd Lt Wallace Young	"	"
F/O William Murray	423	"
1st Lt Gordon L. Donkin	367	GO 101, 1st AD, 3 Feb/45
1st Lt Walter Guy	"	"
2nd Lt William J. Johnson	"	"
2nd Lt Walter Quan	"	"
2nd Lt Roger W. Haining	368	"
2nd Lt Carl E. Hathaway	"	"
2nd Lt Lyle R. Dorman	"	"
2nd Lt Joseph M. Jaeger	"	"
2nd Lt Louis Krzemien	"	"
2nd Lt James L. Cation	369	"
2nd Lt James Barkwill	"	"
2nd Lt Lawrence Carroll	"	"
1st Lt Loren Hubbard	"	"
1st Lt Alton Kester	"	"
2nd Lt Guy J. Lateano	"	"
Captain Hollis Baker	423	"
2nd Lt LeRoy Finnell	"	"
Captain Paul Horvay	"	"
2nd Lt Earle Schaefer	"	"
S/Sgt Walter A. Liles	369	Unknown
1st Lt William Rizzo	368	---
1st Lt Leo Reinhardt	369	---
1st Lt George Blahnik	423	---
1st Lt Aram Nahabedian	"	---
1st Lt Harry Quint	"	---
1st Lt Donald Spencer	"	---
1st Lt Elmer A. Sandberg	"	---
T/Sgt Walter Butschek	"	---
S/Sgt Paul H. Wehunt	"	---
S/Sgt Oscar Gibson	367	GO 95, 1st AD, 2 Feb/45.
S/Sgt George Petrillo	"	"
T/Sgt Frank Whitney	"	"
Sgt Louis Brown	368	"
Sgt Joseph Garkovich	"	"

Sgt Sheldon Beigel	369	GO 93, 1st AD, 1 Feb/45.
Sgt Leonard L. Smith	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Bentley	423	"
T/Sgt Harold Boker	"	GO 95, 1st AD, 2 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Norman Hall	"	"
T/Sgt Edward Tutun	"	"
S/Sgt Forrest Morgason	"	GO 93, 1st AD, 1 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Columbus Whitener	"	"
S/Sgt Harry Kelso	"	"
T/Sgt Wilson Bearden	367	GO 101, 1st AD, 3 Feb/45.
Sgt Harold Benetz	"	"
T/Sgt Sidney J. Davis	"	"
S/Sgt Paul Fisher	"	"
S/Sgt Forrest Menzie	(2)	"
S/Sgt Victor Facchioni	"	"
S/Sgt Leon A. Richards	"	"
T/Sgt Harry Vitale	"	GO 103, 1st AD, 4 Feb/45.
Sgt Ernest P. Conrod	368	"
S/Sgt Alfred Dearing	"	"
S/Sgt Clifford Rasmussen	"	"
S/Sgt Lloyd E. Morgenroth	369	"
T/Sgt Victor L. Siebert	"	"
Sgt Herbert Whitaker	"	"
S/Sgt David W. Dillon	423	GO 101, 1st AD, 3 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Edward Craig	"	"
Sgt Jason Hard, Jr.,	"	"
Sgt Ira W. Scott	367	GO 95, 1st AD 2 Feb/45.
Sgt Andrew Yehoda	"	"
Sgt Walter Litka	368	"
Sgt Cecil Crook	369	"
Sgt Vincent Frederick	"	"
Sgt Warren L. Lynch	"	"
Sgt Ben Moody	"	"
Sgt Hardin F. McChesney Jr.,	"	"
Sgt Charlie Odstrcil	"	"
Sgt Ernest Trixton	"	"
Sgt Clayton West	"	"
Sgt Clarence Wiley	"	"
Sgt Jack Stokoe	"	"
Sgt Herbert Bellet	423	"
1st Lt James D. Snoody	367	--
1st Lt George L. Hatch	"	--
1st Lt Shelby D. Hodges	"	--
1st Lt Howard Roth	423	--
1st Lt Stanley G. Megusiaik	"	--
S/Sgt John Kieffer	"	--
2nd Lt James Shook	368	GO 104, 1st AD, 4 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Benjamin Grumbles	369	"
2nd Lt Alfred Norman	"	"
2nd Lt Bernard Burwick	"	"
2nd Lt Hugh Hostetter	423	"

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2nd Lt Harold Morris	368	GO 107, 1st AD, 5 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Leslie Campbell	"	"
2nd Lt Joseph Long	"	"
1st Lt Blair Gailey	368	"
2nd Lt Marvin Null	"	"
2nd Lt Oliver Minihane	"	"
Major John Baile	423	"
1st Lt Edward Lindsay	"	"
F/O Clayton Meyer	"	"
2nd Lt Paul Becker	367	GO
2nd Lt James W. Johnson	368	--
1st Lt Keith Bollerup	123	--
1st Lt Raymond Mants	"	--
1st Lt Douglas Schrack	"	--
T/Sgt Reiszel Horn	567	--
T/Sgt Stanley Mathes	368	--
S/Sgt Burl Clement	"	--
S/Sgt Clement White	"	--
T/Sgt James Noonan	123	--
S/Sgt John J. Ferrari	"	--
S/Sgt William Lynch	"	--
Sgt Ralph Niznik	367	GO 104, 4 Feb/45.
Sgt Edgar Rommeiss	"	"
Sgt Shadley Rile	"	"
Sgt Robert H. Templeton	"	"
Sgt Alvin C. Miller	"	"
S/Sgt Leo A. Itle	368	"
Sgt Lloyd Conner	369	"
Sgt Charles Hitchcock	"	"
Sgt David Guttenberg	"	"
Sgt William R. McKillop	"	"
Sgt George Stephens Jr.	"	"
Sgt Lloyd P. White	"	"
Sgt Wymond Wilson	"	"
Sgt Woodrow Pomylak	"	"
Sgt Gerald Weber	"	"
Sgt George Beck	367	GO 107, 1st AD, 5 Feb/45.
T/Sgt William Herman	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Crede	"	"
S/Sgt Robert J. Condrey	368	"
Sgt Albert Dumenigo, Jr.,	"	"
T/Sgt Ronald John	"	"
Sgt Julius Minnucci	"	"
Sgt James Bowman	369	"
T/Sgt Warren Cain	"	"
S/Sgt Clifford Dugan	"	"
T/Sgt Elvie Hall	"	"
T/Sgt Eugene Luciani	"	"
S/Sgt John Adams	423	"
T/Sgt James J. Cathey	"	"
S/Sgt Urban J. Lewis	"	"
S/Sgt Albert Masters Jr	"	"

Sgt Russell Schuetzelz	423	GO 105, 1st AD, 5 Feb/45.
1st Lt Hardie K. Lucas	368	
Sgt Ckey Coplin	367	GO 113, 7 Feb/45, 1st AD,
Sgt Silvio Dezolt	"	"
Sgt Lloyd M. Miller	"	"
T/Sgt Bernard F. Munnerlyn	"	"
T/Sgt Vilmar A. Nelson	"	"
T/Sgt William Porozinski	"	"
S/Sgt William T. Moss	368	"
T/Sgt Marion Popovichak	"	"
Sgt Richard Pekofske	"	"
T/Sgt William J. Schultz	"	"
Sgt Raymond Hanson	369	"
Sgt Renato Lafrate	"	"
Sgt Dennis F. McCarthy	"	"
S/Sgt Louis Tagwell	423	"
S/Sgt Joseph Bowen	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph Coomer	"	"
T/Sgt Jack Cullen	"	"
S/Sgt Ned Chestnut	"	"
T/Sgt Herman Keye	"	"
Sgt Howard Langston	"	"
S/Sgt Leon Persac, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt Wilmer Strawn	"	"
Sgt Jacob Wabeke	367	"
Sgt Linton McDonald	368	"
Sgt Harold Williams	"	"
S/Sgt Wallace M. Williams	"	"
Sgt Donald Crayou	369	"
Sgt Frank L. Motisi	"	"
Sgt Marvin Gilmore	"	"
Sgt James V. Dowd	423	"
Sgt Russell C. Shafer	"	"
T/Sgt Arnold Trobaugh	368	--
S/Sgt Martin Dempsey	367	--
2nd Lt Thomas D. Nedley	423	GO 113, 1st AD, 7 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Erick Heitman	"	"
F/O William Rose	"	"
2nd Lt Harold Christensen	367	"
2nd Lt Gilbert Clark	"	"
2nd Lt Chester Britton	"	"
1st Lt Glenn L. Feltz	"	"
Captain Paul Osburn	"	"
2nd Lt William G. Davenport	368	"
2nd Lt James Frederick	"	"
2nd Lt Harold McGahan	"	"
2nd Lt Jack Henley	369	"
2nd Lt Arthur Miller	"	"
F/O Henry Sopinski	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Daniel	423	"
2nd Lt Dwight Paisley	"	"
2nd Lt Lemmon Smith	"	"
Lt Col Eugene C. La Vier	"	"

S/Sgt Eli Kopcho	423	
S/Sgt Lloyd Reno	"	
2nd Lt Dale R. Lenn	367	
2nd Lt Orlo Trude	368	
1st Lt Raymond Overstreet	369	
1st Lt Howard Hall	368	
T/Sgt John A. Hicklin	423	
T/Sgt Lawrence McCormick	"	
S/Sgt John Perry	"	
T/Sgt Frank Whitney	367	
T/Sgt Raymond Roy	368	
T/Sgt Barney Parker Jr.	369	
T/Sgt Gordon M. Maddock	367	GO 137, 1st AD, 14 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Samuel Robinson	"	
S/Sgt Chasie Sosnowski	"	
S/Sgt James N. Thompson	"	
S/Sgt James K. Young	"	
S/Sgt Vincend Donohoe	"	
S/Sgt Freeman Mitchell	"	
S/Sgt Richard G. Atwood	368	
S/Sgt Roland Socian	"	
S/Sgt Ernest Crawford (2)	"	
Sgt Lowell Oldman	"	
Sgt Jack L. Gooden	"	
Sgt William Jacobson	"	
Sgt Juan Martinez	"	
S/Sgt Frank Pospiech	"	
S/Sgt Erskine G. Arteiter	369	GO 147, 17 Feb/45, 1st AD.
Sgt Victor Coppa	"	
Sgt Melvin J. Loes	"	
S/Sgt Frederick Riepenbrink	"	
S/Sgt Herbert Bellet	425	
S/Sgt Elmer L. Bishop	"	
T/Sgt Marvin Brown	"	
T/Sgt Nicholas Deseve	"	
T/Sgt Irwin Frank	"	GO 137, 14 Feb/45, 1st AD.
S/Sgt Edward C. Herald	"	
S/Sgt Edmund Limke	"	
T/Sgt John E. Price	"	
S/Sgt Frederick Tieck	"	
S/Sgt Jeremiah Scannell	"	
S/Sgt Charles Yeager	"	
S/Sgt Robert L. Reftory	"	
S/Sgt Elmond Richardson	"	
S/Sgt Colvin Sheorn	"	
S/Sgt Benjamin Scribner, Jr.,	"	
S/Sgt Kenneth Morrison	"	
T/Sgt Joseph Jablonski	"	
S/Sgt Robert Burkhardt	"	
S/Sgt John C. Bunn	369	
Sgt Albert Harcerik	"	

Sgt Andrew Ross, Jr.	360	
Sgt John Stright	"	
Sgt William Smalick	368	--
S/Sgt Roscoe Bradley	367	GO 137, 1st AD, 14 Feb/45.
Sgt Anthony Conroy	368	"
Sgt Merlin Ernest	369	"
T/Sgt George D. Carey	"	"
Sgt James Ement	423	"
Sgt George Conetskey	"	"
Sgt Richard Rubano	"	"
S/Sgt Gerald Walczak	"	"
Sgt Aaron Swire	"	"
S/Sgt Jack L. Anderson	"	"
Sgt Adrian Collart	"	"
Sgt Sidney Leavitt	"	"
Sgt Ernest Upthegrove	"	"
Sgt Donald F. Burden	"	"
S/Sgt Charles J. Kruger	360	"
T/Sgt Verle K. Geving	367	--
S/Sgt Clifford Rasmussen	368	--
1st Lt Daryl Phillips	423	--
1st Lt William Morgan	"	--
F/O Lou Kurrasch	369	GO 137, 1st AD, 14 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Shirley Ross	367	"
F/O Leonard P. Ianzito	"	"
F/O Isidore Zukowski	"	"
1st Lt William H. Wear	"	"
1st Lt Albert J. Bowley	369	"
2nd Lt Robert Powers	"	"
2nd Lt Horace Corgiliano	"	"
2nd Lt Lester Kearney	"	"
2nd Lt Victor Moore	"	"
1st Lt Charles F. Pettit	"	"
2nd Lt Alton B. Blaire	"	"
2nd Lt Warren Hiney	423	"
2nd Lt Donald J. Casey	"	"
2nd Lt Wilmer Schultz	"	"
2nd Lt Lloyd Elrod	"	"
F/O Robert M. Hard	"	"
2nd Lt Francis Leigh	"	"
F/O Howard Lecompte	367	"
2nd Lt William D. Turner	"	"
1st Lt John K. Field	"	"
2nd Lt Jesse Fatten	"	"
2nd Lt Nathaniel Hemenway	"	"
2nd Lt George Purnell	368	"
1st Lt Charles Witcomb	"	"
1st Lt Wyatt Gillaspie	"	"
2nd Lt Raymond L. LeKashmen	"	"
2nd Lt Benjamin Olsen	"	"
Capt Robert Matzke	"	"
1st Lt Richard Claeys	"	"
2nd Lt Edward Huelat	"	"
2nd Lt Donald C. Schertz	"	"

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2nd Lt Richard Jones	368	GO 137, 1st AD, 14 Feb/45.
1st Lt Cyrus Rubenstein	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Woods	369	"
2nd Lt Victor Liseck	"	"
1st Lt Leo Oldenburg	"	"
1st Lt James J. Fitzsimmons	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Huf	"	"
2nd Lt Donald Hansen	"	"
2nd Lt Harlan Wolffe	423	"
2nd Lt Wesley Gunkel	"	"
1st Lt Norman Butchart	"	"
1st Lt John Delapoer	"	"
2nd Lt Lloyd Jefferson	"	"
F/O Richard Sprunger	"	"
2nd Lt Harold Trease	"	"
F/C George Key	"	"
2nd Lt Charles Cannon	"	"
2nd Lt Richard Hillstrand	"	"
F/O Merton LeRoy	"	"
1st Lt Wilfred T. Riedel	"	"
2nd Lt John D. Wilson	"	"
2nd Lt Roy T. Atherton	"	"
1st Lt John Ruegger	"	"
Captain James S. Law	368	U
1st Lt William Winslow	367	GO 137, 1st AD, 14 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Walton Beasch	"	"
2nd Lt Randolph Lomas	"	"
1st Lt Irving Smith	"	"
2nd Lt Paul Greer	368	"
2nd Lt William Gardner	"	"
2nd Lt Bruce L. Swango	"	"
1st Lt Lester Evans	"	"
2nd Lt William F. Shaw	369	"
2nd Lt Alfred Lomar	"	"
F/O Irving Sandler	"	"
Capt Forrest Stewart	423	"
2nd Lt Bruce Merrill	"	"
2nd Lt Franklin Lord Jr.,	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth Blackshaw	"	"
1st Lt Maurice Mullen	"	"
2nd Lt John K. Snobule	"	"
S/Sgt George Bachmann, Jr.,	367	"
Sgt Earl L. Breckler	"	"
T/Sgt Norman McConaughy	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Regalla	"	"
S/Sgt Wilbur Bowers	368	"
Sgt Eli Nelson	"	"
Sgt John J. Reilly, Jr	"	"
Sgt Gregory Ringwald	"	"

T/Sgt Albert Stalden	368	GO 147, 1st AD, 17 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Raymond Norheim	"	"
S/Sgt Jacob Galyath	369	"
Pvt John T. Gorman	"	"
Sgt Byron E. Harkness	"	"
Sgt Wilbert Leopold	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph Mathews	"	"
S/Sgt Clyde Ukele	"	GO 137, "1st AD, 17 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Melvin D. Wood	"	"
S/Sgt Harold E. Anderson	423	"
S/Sgt Duane J. Brunner	"	"
S/Sgt Maurice Westmoreland	"	"
Sgt John A. Rutledge	367	"
Sgt Samuel H. Eaton	368	"
T/Sgt Denison Lockhart, Jr.,	"	"
Sgt Clarence Hunter	369	"
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T/Sgt Bernard Munnerlyn	367	---
S/Sgt John Kieffer	423	---
S/Sgt Russell Schuettpelz	"	---
1st Lt Carl Hathaway	369	---
Cpl Clarence Allard	362	GO 137, 1st AD, 17 Feb/45.
Sgt Stanley Kwienciewski	"	"
Sgt Howard Wertz	"	"
Sgt Murphy Elder	"	"
Sgt Roland Payette	368	"
Sgt Alvin Rieder	"	"
Sgt Edsel Trammell	"	"
Sgt Lewis Warren	"	"
Sgt Arthur Ousiamy	423	"
S/Sgt Edwin F. Heyer	367	"
T/Sgt Norman Henson	"	"
Sgt Robert F. Stetler	"	"
S/Sgt Dick Bresheer	"	"
S/Sgt Henry Meszar	368	"
Sgt James Gerlach	"	"
Sgt Henry Reppu	"	"
Sgt Thomas Foley	"	"
T/Sgt Raymond Yoder	"	"
S/Sgt William Dugard	"	"
S/Sgt Leo Itle	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence Jagow	369	"
S/Sgt Clarence Smith Jr.,	"	"
T/Sgt Dan D. Erwin	423	"
T/Sgt Joseph Hathaway	"	"
S/Sgt Loren Baker	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph N. Watson	"	"
T/Sgt Harold Boker	"	"
2nd Lt Harold Altschuler	368	"
2nd Lt Frank Jones, Jr.,	423	"
F/C James L. Avitt	367	"
2nd Lt John Kidwell	"	"
F/O Robert Grunsko	"	"

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2nd Lt Frank Ballish	367	GO 147, 1st AD, 17 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Frederick Shepard	"	"
2nd Lt Melvin Brecher	"	"
2nd Lt Alton Varnado	368	"
1st Lt Hubert Underwood	"	"
2nd Lt Roger W. Haining	"	"
1st Lt John Norris	"	"
2nd Lt Donald Sandcock	"	"
2nd Lt Murray Hepple	"	"
1st Lt William W. Clark	369	"
1st Lt Robert C. Cheney	423	"
F/O Roger Murphy	"	"
2nd Lt Robert Holscher	"	"
F/O Charles Gibson	"	"
F/O Thomas E. Streeter	367	GO 148, 1st AD, 18 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Louis F. Thompson	368	"
F/O Alfred J. Benal	"	"
2nd Lt John Callahan	369	"
F/O Robert E. Kane	"	"
2nd Lt Richard Pawelke	367	GO 152, 1st AD, 20 Feb/45.
1st Lt Eugene Skonisczny	"	"
2nd Lt Joyce Hopkins	"	"
2nd Lt Richard T. Hartshorn	368	"
2nd Lt Joseph Long	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth Carakostas	369	"
2nd Lt William Ogen	"	"
2nd Lt Harvey Ryder	"	"
2nd Lt Horace Corigliano	"	"
1st Lt Lloyd L. Strode	"	GO 149, 1st AD, 19 Feb/45.
2nd Lt James E. Collins	"	"
2nd Lt Kinkham, Clifford	"	"
1st Lt Le Roy Finnell	423	"
1st Lt Will Mac Donald	"	"
F/O Clayton Meyer	"	"
1st Lt John Hrnclar	"	"
2nd Lt David Gorrell	"	"
1st Lt James Frederick	368	-- --
Captain Ralph Borner	"	-- --
1st Lt Walter Lenius Jr.,	369	-- --
1st Lt Edward J. Lindsey	423	-- --
T/Sgt Alton Rohinsky	367	-- --
S/Sgt William Carrasco	368	-- --
S/Sgt Richard E. Cooper	"	-- --
S/Sgt Buster R. Davis	369	-- --
S/Sgt Jack Keheley	"	-- --
T/Sgt Jack M. Cullen	423	-- --
T/Sgt Gordon Madiock	367	-- --
S/Sgt William T. Gillispie	"	-- --
S/Sgt Forrest D. Menzie	"	-- * -
S/Sgt Louis L. Bagwell	423	-- --
S/Sgt Joseph Bonem, Jr.,	"	-- --

Sgt Albert F. Bulli	367	GO 155, 1st AD, 21 Feb/45.
S/Sgt J.W. Hall	"	"
Sgt Ralph Niznik	"	"
S/Sgt Robert Search	"	"
Sgt Roy L. Stafford	"	"
Sgt Andrew Yehoda	"	"
Sgt Francis Dusenberry	368	
S/Sgt Eugene Feeney	"	"
S/Sgt Patrick J. Hannum	"	GO 152, 1st AD, 20 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Charles Alvitre (2)	369	"
S/Sgt Michael Angelilli	"	"
Sgt Lee Farrell	"	"
Sgt Richard Hesser	"	"
Sgt Ben S. Moody	"	"
T/Sgt Lloyd E. Morgenroth	"	"
S/Sgt Stanley G. Parton	"	GO 155, 1st AD, 22 Feb/45.
Sgt Jack Stokoe	"	"
S/Sgt Walter Tulous	"	"
Sgt James Vickroy	"	"
S/Sgt Joe Wurtzberger	"	"
S/Sgt Clayton West	"	"
S/Sgt Raymond J. Tiff	"	"
T/Sgt Robert V. Circle	368	"
S/Sgt Samuel Counte, Jr.	423	GO 155, 1st AD, 21 Feb/45.
T/Sgt Elvina W. Courtright	"	"
S/Sgt Columbus A. Whitener	"	"
Sgt Charles D. Petitjean	367	GO 152, 1st AD, 20 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Frank A. Alston, Jr.	368	"
Sgt Donald J. Bonnell	369	"
Sgt Lloyd V. Biles	"	"
Sgt William C. Eldridge	"	"
Sgt Grant Lippert/Jt. Nelson	"	"
Sgt Fred G. Lucas, Jr.	"	"
Sgt Francis L. Shattery	"	"
Sgt Harold V. Carter	423	"
Sgt William H. Olson	"	"
2nd Lt Roy Stewart	369	GO 156, 1st AD, 22 Feb/45.
Capt Robert W. Cogswell	367	GO 163, 1st AD, 24 Feb/45.
F/O Leonard Ianzito	"	"
2nd Lt Richard Weisner	"	"
2nd Lt Leslie F. Campbell	368	"
2nd Lt Fred N. Bales	"	"
2nd Lt Bernard Burwick	369	"
2nd Lt Alfred J. Norman	"	"
F/O Peter J. Butucal	"	"
F/O Warren Becker	"	"
Capt Boylston A. Lewis	"	"
2nd Lt Earle W. Schafer	423	"
F/O William Murray	"	"
Capt William D. Hallam	"	"
F/O Robert C. Gangerich	"	"

Sgt. Richard Arlidge	367	GO 156, 1st AD, 22 Feb/45.
Sgt. Vincent McCarthy	"	
Sgt. Joseph O'Brien	368	"
S/Sgt. Connie Stewart	"	"
S/Sgt. Robert K. Zach	423	"
Sgt. Herbert Moreland	"	"
Sgt. Elwood Mennenga	367	GO 163, 1st AD, 24 Feb/45.
S/Sgt. Alfred Dearing	368	"
Cpl. Raymond F. Dinger	"	"
Sgt. Louis F. Morenbush	"	"
Sgt. Albert P. Dumenigo	"	"
Sgt. Raymond Litka	"	"
S/Sgt. Frank Ramsey	"	"
S/Sgt. Norman Tanno	"	"
Sgt. Vincent Frederick	369	"
S/Sgt. Rob M. Gattis	"	"
S/Sgt. Louis A. Marchese	"	"
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T/Sgt. Howard Parks	"	"
Sgt. Ernest Thixton	"	"
Sgt. Clarence Wiley	"	"
S/Sgt. Robert K. Bentley	423	"
S/Sgt. Jason C. Hard, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt. James L. Harper	"	"
S/Sgt. Harry Kelso	"	"
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S/Sgt. Withrow I. Lewis	"	"
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S/Sgt. Lester S. Sosnowski (2)	"	---
S/Sgt. Samuel D. Robinson	"	---
Sgt. Edgar G. Ronneiss	"	"
Sgt. Robert R. Templeton	"	"
S/Sgt. James N. Thompson	"	"
S/Sgt. Leonard B. Davison	368	---
T/Sgt. Donald F. John	"	GO 156, 1st AD, 12 Feb/45.
Sgt. Julius L. Minucci	"	"
S/Sgt. Irwin H. Fitterman	369	"
Sgt. David E. Gummere	"	"
Sgt. Leonard L. Smith	"	"
T/Sgt. James H. Thwaite	"	"
T/Sgt. Eugene Rovey	423	GO 163, 1st AD, 24 Feb/45.
Sgt. Roy Hokes	"	"
S/Sgt. Russell Schafer	"	"
S/Sgt. Leon Opper	368	GO 156, 1st AD, 22 Feb/45.
Sgt. Philip Swift	"	"
Sgt. George Johnson	369	"
Sgt. Donald L. O'Neill	423	"
Sgt. Lawrence Jaworski	369	---
S/Sgt. Frederick Geitz	"	---
T/Sgt. Joseph Jablonski	423	---
Sgt. Norman Hall	"	---
S/Sgt. Elmon Richardson	"	---
S/Sgt. Oscar Gibson	367	---
1st Lt. John W. Field	"	---

1st Lt William A. Turner, Jr.	367	
1st Lt Nathaniel Remeney	"	
2nd Lt Bernard R. Schwartz	368	
2nd Lt Verlin Higginbotham	367	
F/C Lionel Levinsone	"	
2nd Lt Larry Casey	"	
Capt Henry Hanson	"	
2nd Lt Walter Sprach	"	
2nd Lt Anthony V. Mara, Jr.	368	
2nd Lt Frederick Halton	369	
2nd Lt Jo eph Chance	"	
2nd Lt James Catlin	"	
2nd Lt Marvin Null	"	
1st Lt John H. Christensen	"	
2nd Lt Lowell Middle	"	
2nd Lt Benjamin Grumblies	"	
Capt Paul Harvey	423	
1st Lt Thomas Bentley	"	
Capt Neill Kirby	"	
1st Lt Donald J. Casey	"	
S/Sgt Charles L. Colander	367	DO 156, 1st AD, 22 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Vincent Doughoe	"	
Sgt Anthony J. Donroy	"	
Sgt Arville Leavel (2)	"	
S/Sgt Linton McDonald	"	
T/Sgt Simpson McJilberry	"	
Sgt Harold Williams	"	
S/Sgt Wallace Williams	"	
Sgt Lloyd D. Conner	"	
Sgt Marvin Gilmore	"	
Sgt Marvin L. Lynch	"	
Sgt Woodrow Powkiet	"	
Sgt William H. Crawford	367	DO 157, 1st AD, 23 Feb/45.
Sgt Guy E. Bosworth	368	
Sgt Billy J. Hendley	"	
Sgt Robert Justafson	"	
Sgt George Klein	"	
Sgt Charles M. White	"	
Sgt Edward L. Rine	423	
1st Lt Irving D. Smith Jr.	367	
1st Lt Earl McCahan	368	
2nd Lt Edward Hielst	"	
1st Lt Louis Kraemien	"	
1st Lt Richard T. Gregg	"	
T/Sgt Norman McCunnagh	367	
T/Sgt Joseph Legalle	"	
S/Sgt Franklin Mitchell	"	
T/Sgt Albert Stidler	368	
S/Sgt Charles E. Alvitre	369	
T/Sgt James J. Cuthay	367	
T/Sgt Joseph N. Hoffren	368	
Sgt Wilson V. Berden	367	

2nd Lt Robert Wood	366	
S/Sgt Leon Curry	368	GO 167, 25 Feb/45, 1st AD,
Sgt Vitus T. Fecht, Jr.,	369	"
S/Sgt Robert Maphis	423	"
Sgt Thomas N. Ryan	"	"
Sgt Vern Allen	"	"
S/Sgt Cloyd Cresswell	367	GO 170, 1st AD, 26 Feb/45.
T/Sgt William Porozinski	"	"
Sgt Ira W. Scott	"	"
Cpl John A. Rutledge	"	"
Sgt Jacob Wabeke	"	"
T/Sgt William T. Ross	368	"
T/Sgt William J. Schultz	"	"
Sgt Richard Pekofske	"	"
S/Sgt Millard Blakely	"	"
Sgt Ernest P. Conrad	"	GO 177, 1st AD, 28 Feb 45.
Sgt Charles Slepicksa	369	"
Sgt Renato Lafrate	"	"
Sgt John W. Stright	"	"
S/Sgt Sheldon Reidel	"	"
Sgt Ronald C. Crayou	"	"
S/Sgt John S. Adam	423	"
S/Sgt Taylor B. Kimsey	"	"
S/Sgt Edward Craig	"	"
S/Sgt Kenneth Morrison	423	GO 170, 1st AD, 26 Feb/45.
S/Sgt Wilmer L. Strawn	"	"
S/Sgt Urban J. Lewis	"	"
1st Lt Eugene Skonieczny	367	---
T/Sgt Carl Chase	"	---
T/Sgt Howard E. Parks	369	---
T/Sgt Harold Loker	423	---
1st Lt Kenneth Howley	367	---
1st Lt Sam J. Hatton	368	---
2nd Lt Francis Specht	367	GO 163, 1st AD, 24 Feb/45.
2nd Lt Herbert B. Cohn	368	"
2nd Lt James Butler	"	"
2nd Lt Elmer Hunt	"	"
F/O Richard F. Geyser	369	"
2nd Lt Solomon D. David	"	"
F/O Ladore Zukowski	"	"
2nd Lt Theodore N. Kichincoe	423	"
2nd Lt William Rich	"	"
F/O George Eggleston	"	"
2nd Lt Robert S. Kimball	"	"
2nd Lt Henry Wills	"	"
2nd Lt Stuart Manthey	"	"
2nd Lt Clifford Orr	"	"
F/O Howard F. LeCompte	367	GO 167, 1st AD, 25 Feb/45.
Capt Henry Henson	"	"
2nd Lt Wilfred Mieseler	"	"
1st Lt William H. Wear	"	"
2nd Lt Walter Quen	"	"

2nd Lt Gene Howe	368	60 157, 1st AD, 25 Feb 45.
1st Lt Cyrus Rubenstein	"	"
1st Lt Robert Wilson	"	"
2nd Lt Raymond L. LeKashman	"	"
2nd Lt C.L. Sechinger	369	"
Major James A. McKinney	"	"
2nd Lt Oliver F. Minihane	"	"
2nd Lt Arthur Miller	"	"
2nd Lt Lester Kearney	"	"
F.I George Dickerson	"	"
2nd Lt Donald Hanson	"	"
Capt Leon A. Wilke	423	"
2nd Lt Lemon Smith	"	"
2nd Lt Earl Kuhn	"	"
2nd Lt Leon McGough	"	"
2nd Lt Richard Hillbrand	"	"



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- 2 Colonel Sutton departed from the station for a five day temporary duty to U.S.T.A.A.F. Lt. Col. Chalfant assumed command of the station during Colonel Sutton's absence. Private Maynard "Snuffy" Smith, Congressional Medal winner, sent to Casual Replacement Pool, probably on his way home, good luck Snuffy!
- 5 Captain Seymour D. Hamby, P.X. officer, assigned to organization.
- 23 Major Munal, group flight surgeon returned after 30 days in the good old United States of America. Says he had a wonderful time, is he kidding?
- 25 1st Lt Hubert R. Jones, Station Ordnance Officer, is now Captain Jones.
- 27 Captain Hamby sent to replacement pool, probably on way home - how do these guys do it? Major Bailliefather, Station S-2, takes a well earned seven-day leave of absence. Captain Paul J. Baillie, Station Adjutant, appointed Major.
- During the month, this group ran 16 missions in quick succession. It was tough on everyone, combat and administrative but the job was done and done well.

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