

CONFIDENTIAL

Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 306 Bomb Gp. (H) Sqdn. ThurleighMonth of March 1943 Prepared by Capt. W. W. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
4/3/43	Twenty one planes took off for Hamm, Germany. Encountering bad weather, the formation turned for home at the Isle Texel at which point Capt. Friend and crew went down under control. 7 Chutes were seen to come out of his A/C. All remaining planes returned home with their bombs. Score for the day, one E/A destroyed.
5/3/43	Capt. John L. Ryan, by WCCO appointed Squadron Commander of the 367th. Squadron.
6/3/43	Twenty one of our A/C headed by Maj. Wilson, took off on 4th mission to Lorient, with the Power Station as their target. Heavy intense and accurate flak was encountered over the target where all bombs were dropped with excellent results. Lt. Tunnell, of the 367th. was hit by flak just before the target, two chutes were seen to come from his plane which went down under control. Capt Ryan, of the same Squadron, was hit by flak shortly after leaving the target. His ship went down under control and seven or eight Chutes were seen from this A/C. The remaining ships of our formation had a fifteen minute running fight with one of the Crack Squadrons of P.I 190's before returning to Exeter and Chivenor. Lt. Warner, of the 423rd., was wounded in face and neck when a 20 mm shell exploded in nose of his plane. Our score for the day was 6-2-1.
7/3/43	Published orders relieved Maj. Holt from duty and assignment with the 367th. and Capt. William S. Raper was appointed Squadron Commander as of 5/3/43.
8/3/43	Eighteen of our A/C took off to bomb the Marshalling Yards at Rennes, France. Flak and fighter opposition was light and our bombing excellent. Two of our A/C aborted and Lt. Buddenbaum was shot down near Dinan with eight seen to bail out of his ship. General Longfellow remarked of our days work, "Probably the most devastating raid of its kind in the war". Our score for the day was 3-0-1.
9/3/43	Sgt./Maj. Samuel J. Cobb commissioned 2nd. Lt. and assigned to Group Headquarters.
12/3/43	Nineteen of our A/C took off for the primary, Marshalling Yards at Rouen, France, our second mission here, with Maj. Terry leading the Group. The weather and fighter support was good and bombing results excellent. Only a few enemy A/C made half-hearted attacks and flak was light. All of our A/C returned safely. No claims and no losses.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sheet No. 2 War Diary 306 Bomb Gp. (H) Sqn. ThurleighMonth of March 1943 Prepared by Capt. W. W. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
13/3/43	Twenty of our A/C took off to bomb the primary target, Marshalling Yards at Amiens. Because of poor visibility and vapor trails from the lead group, we bombed a target of opportunity, the Railroad Junction at Pœux. Only a few E/A seen, and all of our A/C returned safely. No attacks, no claims.
16/3/43	Lt. Paul J. Bailie assigned to Group Headquarters as Statistical Officer and acting assistant Adjutant.
17/3/43	2nd. Lt. Samuel J. Cobb relieved from assignment as Statistical Officer and acting assistant Adjutant.
18/3/43	Twenty of our A/C, lead by Maj. Wilson, set off to bomb the Submarine Building Shops at Veggesack, Germany. Heavy flak and fighter opposition was encountered over the target and Heligoland. Definite evidence was seen of the E/A dropping time bombs toward our formation. Many twin engine E/A were seen, which followed our formation nearly to the English Coast without pressing home their attacks. All of our A/C returned to base. Score 7-0-0. Results of this mission have been commended and applauded by the Prime Minister of the U.K., Marshall of the RAF, the Secretary of State for Air of the UK, the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Air Forces, the Chief of Air Staff, RAF and the Commander-in-Chief, RAF Bomber Command. Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker wrote; "To my mind the Vegesack raid is the climax; it concludes the experiment. There should no longer be the slightest vestige of doubt that our heavy bombers, with their trained crews, can overcome any enemy opposition and destroy their targets".
19/3/43	Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commanding General of ETO, accompanied by Generals Eaker, Longfellow and Hansell made his first visit of inspection to this station.
21/3/43	Group dance was held in the "B" Mess. Festivities continued into the wee small hours of the morning.
22/3/43	Nineteen of our A/C, led by Maj. McKay, took off for the third raid on Wilhelmshaven. The pin point was the dock at which the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer was tied up. In spite of 7/10 clouds, heavy flak and persistent attacks by E/E and T/E fighters, the dock area was bombed with fair results. Further evidence of time bombs being dropped from above by the enemy was observed. All of our ships returned. Sgt. Powell, waist gunner on Lt. Johnson's plane of the 423rd was wounded and his teammate, Sgt. Henn, was killed by a 20mm shell on his twentieth mission. Our score for the day was 2-1-0.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 306 Bomb Group (M) THURLEIGHmonth of March 1943 Prepared by Capt. W.H. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
25/3/43	Capt. John L. Lambert was promoted to Major.
28/3/43	Twenty of our A/C took off on their third raid to Rouen marshalling yards. Heavy cloud formations were encountered enroute, but luckily a hole was found right over the target and excellent bombing resulted. Comparatively little flak and fighter opposition was encountered. A good escort was provided by "Spits". Lt. Millery of the 423rd was wounded in the chest from a 20mm. All of our A/C returned to base. Score for the day was 1-1-0.
31/3/43	Mission to Rotterdam. Nineteen of our A/C took off to bomb the shipyards at Scheidam. One aborted. Because of 10/10ths cloud all ships turned back at the Dutch Coast and brought their bombs home. Some 3/4 were encountered on the diversion. Good fighter support was reported. Our score was 0-1-0.
	This month has been most satisfactory, both from the standpoint of number of raids and bombing accuracy. Several congratulatory messages of praise were received from higher Headquarters concerning this month's results.
	A list of Awards and Decorations for the month is attached.

## AWARD OF MERITORIOUS DECORATIONS

CONFIDENTIAL

3/3/43	-- GO 27	1st Lt CHARLES F. JONES	AIR MEDAL	369th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	2nd Lt MILTON P. BLANCHETTE, JR.	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	2nd Lt RALPH W. JONES	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt WILBUR P. HOFFMANN	AIR MEDAL	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt ROBERT F. NELSON	AIR MEDAL	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt JAMES H. THORNTON	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt ROBERT T. MCK AGE	AIR MEDAL	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt WALTER FIDTROWSKI	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. HULL	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt JAMES S. CLARK	AIR MEDAL	367th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt JAMES E. GROSS	AIR MEDAL	367th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Sgt WILLIAM G. GEMETT	AIR MEDAL	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Sgt WILLIAM C. FANN	AIR MEDAL	369th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Sgt MORRIS J. GECOWETS	AIR MEDAL	369th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Sgt WILLIAM J. McDONNELL	AIR MEDAL	369th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Sgt NORRIS R. PHIFER	AIR MEDAL	367th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt FLORIAN S. YOST	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt BILLY J. LAMB	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Sgt GEORGE J. McGLENNAN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt CLIFFORD C. KEEGERLING	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt JAMES B. STELZER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Capt ROBERT W. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	1st Lt ROBERT J. SALTRINIK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	1st Lt FRANK D. YAUSSI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	1st Lt HUGH J. TOLAND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	1st Lt MARLEN E. REBER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	1st Lt GERALD D. ROTTER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	2nd Lt WARREN GEORGE JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	2nd Lt WILBUR W. BREUNIG	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	2nd Lt GLENN J. LAILY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	2nd Lt MARTIN M. STRAUSS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt MICHAEL ROSKOVICH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt CLAUDE W. WILSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt EDDIE F. ESPITALIER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt RAYMOND C. CLIFTON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	T/Sgt WAVENLY C. ORMOND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt ROY H. GIBSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
3/3/43	-- GO 27	S/Sgt RODERICK C. CLARK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
3/3/43	-- GO 27	Sgt ROBERT G. MULLAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
*****				
9/3/43	-- GO 31	2nd Lt MEAD J. WARNER	PURPLE HEART	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Capt JOHN L. KIAN	DIST. FLY. CROSS	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Major RALPH L. OLIVER	AIR MEDAL	Hq, 306th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt JOSEPH A. DOWLING	AIR MEDAL	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt WILLIAM COLAWTONI	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt RAYMOND J. CHECK	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt WILLIAM H. BARKER	AIR MEDAL	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt WILTON D. BIGGS	AIR MEDAL	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt AARON E. CUDEBACK	AIR MEDAL	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt WARREN P. EDRIS	AIR MEDAL	369th

## Award of Meritorious Decorations, Cont'd:

13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt RAYMOND W. FORTIN	AIR MEDAL	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt ROGERS D. LITTLEJOHN	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt ARNOLD R. CARLSON	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt LEON L. BANGFORTH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt RAYMOND T. STYRAK	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt FRANKLIN A. BLUM	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt RUSSELL W. DYKE	AIR MEDAL	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WALTER HAGENBER	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt RAY D. MAY	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt JAMES SMOOT	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt CLARENCE W. DURHAM	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt JAMES A. BOBBETT	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Sgt ROBERT E. ADAMS	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Sgt JESS F. WILLIAMS	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Sgt MARVIN H. GOSS	AIR MEDAL	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Sgt ROBERT D. WIGGINS	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Sgt HAROLD C. GREENE	AIR MEDAL	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Sgt RAY J. SMITH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt FRANK D. YAUSSE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Capt JOHN L. RYAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Capt WILLIAM E. FRIEND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Capt ROBERT P. RIORDAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt GEORGE J. SHELMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt ANDREW J. FRIEDRICH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt ROBERT B. HERTWANI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt EDWARD J. HENNESSY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt EDWARD P. MALIZIEWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt LEWIS P. JOHNSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt WALTER H. SMILEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	1st Lt FRED D. GILLOGLY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt GEORGE S. HORNER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt ROBERT E. KYLIUS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt ROBERT C. MILLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt GEORGE W. OWENS, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt LUTHER BERGEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	2nd Lt THEODORE A. JANKOWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt ANDREW BEZAK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt STALEY P. STAMKOSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt HARRY G. ALLEMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt CLYDE A. CHRISTIAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WILLIAM V. BAKER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt ROY E. KRUDSCH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt AUGUST J. KRAJCIK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt RAYMOND J. HENH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt JOHN E. OWEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt ARTHUR T. BEAUDOIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WILLIAM R. PAYNE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt EDWARD H. SMALL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt JAMES B. STELZER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. BAKER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt CHARLES M. DAVIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt ANTHONY L. SANTORO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th

## List of Meritorious Decorations, Cont'd:

13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt NICHOLAS M. SAWTICK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WILLIAM H. FORRESTER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt JOHN R. GEDDER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt CHESTER T. WEDLOSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt ELWOOD H. BROTZMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt HENRY E. WARREN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt HAROLD B. FIGHTBOWN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt GLENN R. WYLY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	Sgt LEITH C. LEDGERHIRT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	T/Sgt DONALD B. HEPLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WILLIAM ALLAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt RICHARD L. BOHLAND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt ROLAND MAGEE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt WAYNE H. HART	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt CHARLES M. COUNTS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
13/3/43	-- GO 30	S/Sgt ALLAN F. MEAUX	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
16/3/43	-- GO 31	1st Lt ROBERT J. SALITERNIK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
16/3/43	-- GO 31	1st Lt CHARLES F. JONES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
16/3/43	-- GO 31	S/Sgt JAMES S. CLARK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
16/3/43	-- GO 31	S/Sgt RAY J. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
16/3/43	-- GO 31	S/Sgt WALTER PIOTROWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 37	2nd Lt ANDREW V. SIMMONS	PURPLE HEART	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Capt JOHN W. HOWARD	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt FRANK K. WATSON	AIR MEDAL	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt JOSEPH E. COUSOMAGNO	AIR MEDAL	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt JAMES C. BROWN	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt ALBERT E. SCHULSTAD	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt ROBERT C. MALIN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt MEAD J. WARNER	AIR MEDAL	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt WILLIAM H. OWENS	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt HAROLD P. STROM	AIR MEDAL	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt WILLIAM S. BUCHANAN	AIR MEDAL	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt RAYMOND H. ERICKSEN	AIR MEDAL	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt LEE SAUNDERS	AIR MEDAL	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt ALBERT H. McMANAN	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. BROZIN	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt EUGENE E. KENNEDY	AIR MEDAL	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. COLETTA	AIR MEDAL	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt LENO OFF	AIR MEDAL	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt FRENCH L. WOLYARD	AIR MEDAL	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt JAMES J. GARRIS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt RICHARD J. DALY	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt SELDON M. WENTWORTH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt BILLY H. DRENNAN	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt CHARLES A. PATIGANI	AIR MEDAL	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt ERNEST T. MORLARTY	AIR MEDAL	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt PARLEY D. SMALL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt OTTO A. BUDDENBAHM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt ROBERT W. SEELOS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt WALTER H. COOBS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt EUGENE J. FOLLOCK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt POSTER G. DANIELS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th



## Awards of Meritorious Decorations, Cont'd:

20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt JOHN H. DENTON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt WALLACE D. BORING	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt JOSEPH E. KOSAKOWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt HAROLD E. GASLIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	1st Lt LEWIS P. JOHNSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt ROBERT GUTHRIE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt WILLIAM H. KESKEI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt GEORGE KLUGICK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt FRANCIS L. EASTMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt ERNEST F. GARLAND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt SYLVESTER L. HORSEMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt ALEXANDER KRAMARINIKO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt EILETTE W. FORD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt MAXWELL V. JUDAS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	2nd Lt WILLIAM W. SAUNDERS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt JOSEPH M. SPIRO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt WILLIAM T. JOHNSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	T/Sgt MAHLON E. SNOVER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt ELWOOD H. BROFZMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt JOHN K. CROWTHER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt EULIS E. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt GILBERT G. SHOEMAKER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt ARIZONA T. HARRIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt GEORGE A. TRACY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt DONALD TU. STALL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt HENRY R. BEAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt JAMES M. HOBBS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt RAYMOND J. HEIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt BILLY J. LAMB	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. STANDISH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt LEONARD H. O'BRIEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	S/Sgt CLIFFORD C. KEMBERLING	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
20/3/43	-- GO 34	Sgt GEORGE J. McCLENNAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
24/3/43	-- GO 39	1st Lt POSTER G. DANIELS	PURPLE HEART	368th
24/3/43	-- GO 39	S/Sgt FRED B. LANGER	PURPLE HEART	369th
24/3/43	-- GO 39	Sgt ROBERT J. POWELL	PURPLE HEART	423rd
26/3/43	-- GO 35	Lt Col CLAUDE E. FURNAM, JR.	SILVER STAR	Hq, 306th
27/3/43	-- GO 40	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. HULL	PURPLE HEART	423rd
30/3/43	-- GO 42	2nd Lt OTIS B. TILLEY	PURPLE HEART	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt ROY H. GIBSON	DIST. FLY. CROSS	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt CRAIG J. HARWOOD	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt OWEN C. LUBY	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt KELLY G. ROSS	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt ARTHUR L. MILBOURN	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt BART WIGGINGTON	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt RICHARD K. O'HARA	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt THOMAS H. WALDEN	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt GUSTAVE S. HOLMSTROM	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt JOHN G. MAGOFFIN	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt CLYDE J. TRAVIS	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt JAMES LAINE	AIR MEDAL	367th

## Award of Meritorious Decorations, Cont'd:

31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt GERALD F. CLYMER	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt JOHN K. HUCKEY	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt HUGH E. IRELAN	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt LELAND J. FLOWER	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt DAVID P. MACGHEE	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt OPIS B. TILLERY	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt HAROLD W. WHITFIELD	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt ROY A. VINEEDGE	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt BERNARD E. HORNSTEIN	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt CHARLES A. SHEPHERD	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt ELI C. ROGERS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt DAN L. HINEBAUGH	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt JOHN M. CREATORE	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt ROBERT G. ROBEL	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt LOUIS J. BILLOE	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt MAYNARD E. NELSON	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt PAUL PETKIN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JAMES MELLILLO	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt PETER P. NOLASCO	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt THEODORE A. ROSATO	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt AUGUST J. RETCOFSKY	AIR MEDAL	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt HAROLD K. FOWLER	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt DELBERT W. SPARKS	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt VICTOR L. ROSE	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt ENIL J. MILLER	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt CLYDE SMITH	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt ROBERT J. SPELLMAN	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WALTER L. BIELOGA	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt EDWARD J. ZABAWA	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt RICHARD E. HAEFT	AIR MEDAL	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt JOHN T. DEETS	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt LAWRENCE J. SLIFF	AIR MEDAL	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt JOHN F. ELEK	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt GLENN E. TRIMLY	AIR MEDAL	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt CHARLES W. RAIDLINE	AIR MEDAL	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt DONALD R. HUDDLE	AIR MEDAL	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JOHN E. CHINLUND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Lt Col CLAUDE E. FUJIM, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Major MACK MCKAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Capt JOHN M. REGAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Capt GEORGE R. BUCKEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Capt JOHN M. HOWARD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Capt CHESTER H. MAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Capt ROBERT P. RIORDAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Capt MAURICE W. SALADA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Capt ROBERT W. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt FRANK E. ROSS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt WILLIAM J. McKEARN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt CHARLES F. JONES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt GERALD D. ROTTER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt GEORGE J. SPELLMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt WILLIAM COLANTONI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th



## Award of Meritorious Decorations, Cont'd:

31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt FRANK K. WATSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt RAYMOND W. FORTIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt HUGH J. TOLAND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt WALLACE D. BORING	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt ROBERT W. SEELOS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt PERRIS E. YOURIE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt MARLEN E. REBER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt JOSEPH C. WILKINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt WILLIAM J. CASEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	1st Lt WARREN GEORGE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt GEORGE W. FREDERICK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt JAMES C. BROWN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt ROY D. KELLEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt ANDREW V. SIMONS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt JAMES E. HOPKINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt ROGERS D. LITTLEJOHN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt ALBERT E. SCHULSTAD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt ROBERT R. FRYER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt ALEXANDER KRAMARINCO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt WILBUR W. BREUNIG	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt CARL G. JONES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt MARTIN M. STRAUSS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	2nd Lt LUTHER BERGEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt JACOB K. HIRN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt WILLIAM E. CHERRY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt JAMES R. CURRY, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt WAVERLY C. ORMOID	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt HARRY M. BROWN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt WILLIAM H. KESKEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt WARREN A. MCGREGGOR	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt JAMES H. THORNTON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt HARVEY L. COX	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt MICHAEL ROMKOVICH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt CHESTER T. WEIDLOSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt PARLEY D. SMALL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt CHARLES E. PERRY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt ROBERT A. SLAVAGE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt NICHOLAS M. SAWTICE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt CLYDE A. CHRISTIAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt RAYMOND C. CLIFTON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt CHARLES F. FEHR	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt DONALD B. HEPLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt WILBUR F. HOFFMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt ANDREW BEZAK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt WILSON C. ELLIOT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt MORRIS J. GEOWETS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	T/Sgt GLEN R. WILY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt FLORIAN S. YOST	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. COLETTE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt CHARLES D. HILL, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WALTER R. KUCZYNSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt CHARLES M. DAVIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt RAY D. MAY, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th

## Award of Meritorious Decorations, Cont'd:

31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. McDONNELL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt ROBERT S. LISCAVAGE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt ROLAND MAGEE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WILLIAM R. PAYNE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt EDWARD H. SMALL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. BAKER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt ALBERT N. McMAHON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt BILLY H. DRINAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JAMES A. BOBBETT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt BILLY J. LAMB	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt HOWARD V. WILSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt RAY J. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JESSE R. DOWNARD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JAMES W. HAYWOOD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt HENRY E. WARREN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WILLIAM G. HICKS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt GEORGE W. PEDERSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. HULL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt GEORGE J. McCLENNAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt RAYMOND K. BANKS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JOHN E. CHELUND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt RICHARD L. BOHLAND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt RODERICK G. CLARK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WILLIAM G. GELNETT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt JOSEPH R. GRAZIANO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt LEITH C. LEETTERHIRT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt PETER W. PAPPAS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt ORVILLE B. SCHULZ	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt KENNETH N. McCLURE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt DONALD J. BEVAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt HENRY R. BEAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt CHARLES M. COUNTS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	S/Sgt WAYNE W. HART	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt REGINALD G. HARRIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
31/3/43	-- GO 38	Sgt RALEIGH W. HOLLOWAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th

END



## **March 1943-306<sup>th</sup> BG Headquarters Squadron Diary**

Note: this page is inserted by 306th BGHA in 2020 to help the researcher distinguish between the 306th BG War Diary and the diary kept by the 306th BG Headquarters Squadron.

Month of March, 1943. Prepared by Capt W. C. Van Norman

DAY	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">SECRET</p>
8	Major Coleman promoted to Lt Colonel. Lts Cassi and Salitnik awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal.
9	M/Sgt Samuel J. Cobb, appointed 2nd Lt and assigned to 1st Bombardment Division.
13	Major Oliver awarded Air Medal.
17	2nd Lt Paul J. Baillie assigned to organization as Personnel Officer.
19	Lt General Frank M. Andrews, Commanding General, European Theater of Operations accompanied by Generals Eaker, Longfellow and Hansell visited and inspected station. Major Oliver relieved from assignment as Operations Officer and Major J. W. Wilson appointed in his place.
26	Lt Col Putnam awarded the Silver Star.
29	Capt Duy promoted to Major.
30	Capt John A. Beirnsfather assigned to organization as Assistant S-2.
31	Lt Col Putnam awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal.

SECRET