

Month of November, 1944. Prepared by Captain Sam McNeely

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DAY

- 1st Captain McKinney was made C.O. of the 369th Bomb. Squadron, effective October 31st, 1944.
Operations consisted of a practice mission and ground school for remaining crews.
- 2nd The 306th flew 24 a/c as lead and low squadrons of the 40th "B" Group with Capt. McKinney flying lead to bomb the large and high priority synthetic oil plant at Barseburg, Germany. The mission was flown over a 4 to 5/10ths undercast over Holland which increased to 9/10ths over Germany and the target. There was no E/A opposition, however, some dog fights were reported over the target. Our fighters gave excellent support over the target and throughout the mission. The group made a PFF run after Buckeye Red had reported a cloud layer from 26,000 to 28,000 feet, and 10/10ths low clouds at the target. Flak was moderate to intense, resulting in battle damage of 8 severe and 3 slight. Chaff was dropped by all a/c. No visual corrections were possible and strike photos show hits southeast of target.
- 3rd Breakfast at 0400 hours, briefing at 0500 hours, mission scrubbed at 0600 hours.
- 4th The 306th flew 36 a/c of 40th "A" Group to bomb the oil refinery at Harburg, near Hamburg, Germany. Lt. Colonel J. S. Chalfant led. The target, Rhensia-Ossag Mineralwerke, A.G., is the largest crude oil refinery in Germany.
10/10ths cloud covered the target and bombing was by PFF, with two a/c dropping leaflets. No E/A were encountered and our P-51s gave close support all the way. Both wickey operators reported that their equipment worked well with good returns. It is felt that good results were obtained, even though strike photos show no ground details. Flak was low and inaccurate, and none of our a/c were damaged.
Several crews reported smoke trails in the sky in the target area which appeared like our smoke bombs. It was suggested that they may have been a deliberate attempt to mislead formations, getting them to drop on these spurious trails.
- 5th Lt. Colonel Eugene C. Lavier assigned group from 8th Air Force Headquarters.
36 a/c were flown as 40th "C" Group to bomb the marshalling yards at Frankfurt in a continuation of the round-the-clock attacks against war resources. Major Kesling, C.O. of the 367th, led with Major Thos. W. Hulings, C.O. of the 368th, as deputy. The bomb run was started on wickey 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 lead. Photos show positive identification and indicated 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 tracking 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.
- 6th An aircraft accident Board was named to supercede any previous one. It is composed of Lt. Col. J. S. Chalfant, pres., Capt. James A. McKinney, member, Capt. Geo. T. DeVack, recorder, Major J. A. Bairnsfather, ex-officio, Major H. D. Munn, Jr., ex-officio, and Major D. H. Wright, ex-officio.

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- 6th (cont'd) 34 a/c plus 2 PFF flew as 40th "A" Group. Buckeye Red reported 9/10ths at the target and bombing was PFF in group formation, with each squadron making visual corrections during the last few seconds of the run. Pictures show strikes in the main marshalling yards. Flak was encountered in the target area and the only damage was in the lead squadron. The weather over enemy territory was good with broken undercast at 14,000 feet. Light contrails were encountered at 22,000 feet, but did not interfere with the formation. There was no E/A opposition and P-51s gave close support while over enemy territory. All a/c returned safely.
- 7th Capt. David H. Spencer, Hq., 306th Bomb. Group, relieved from special duty with 368th Bomb. Squadron.
Crews were scheduled for a practice mission for testing and training in the use of SCS-51 radar locator for special employment in locating battle lines in giving support to ground troops. Bad weather caused mission to be cancelled before take off.
- 8th Colonel Sutton established an hourly bus service to and from Bedford, and this has been most greatly appreciated by all members of the command. Transportation has always been very poor and inadequate as well as extremely expensive, costing as much as \$4 for a single ride to Bedford, a distance of 6 1/2 miles.
36 A/C flew as 40th "B" Group to bomb Leuna at Herseburg. 12 A/C flew as 40th "C" screening force. During the climb through almost uninterrupted clouds and contrails to 19,000 feet, the lead and high squadrons lost the low and failed to pick up any other formation. They circled over the North Sea in search for the low, which eventually reported itself to be 8 minutes inside enemy territory and flying with the 92nd. The lead and low returned to base. The screening force dropped 25,920 units of chaff and was without fighter support all the way in and out. No E/A opposition was encountered by the low of 40th "B", but the screening force was attacked three times by a T/S, believed to be a ME 410. A ME 109 was seen, but did not press attack. Bombing was PFF through 10/10ths clouds. Flak was moderate to intense, mostly below the planes. Capt. N. G. Kirby, who completed a tour in the Pacific Theater, flew his first mission in the E.T.O. today. He said, "The flak compares to the flak at the more difficult targets in the Pacific; you are in it about the same length of time. The Pacific missions are longer but we seldom were on oxygen as we bombed from about 7,000 feet."
- 9th 36A/C were flown as the 40th "C" Group in direct support of the ground troops in the Metz area. The targets were forts housing guns of 155 mm. or greater. The roof over the guns was at least 9 feet of concrete and the sides a corresponding thickness. These positions were holding up the allied advance. There were several factors incorporated to assure the safety of our own ground personnel. A line of barrage balloons and friendly flak was used to mark the front lines. In addition the lead A/C were equipped with SCS-51 radar equipment to pick up the front line. As soon as the formation was over enemy territory, flares were fired so that all A/C would be advised. Bombing was by Gee-H technique through 8/10ths clouds. Pictures show strikes about 1 mile east of the target MFI, which was four miles from the front lines. No enemy flak was encountered. Results obtained by the Air Force were generally excellent. A commendation from General George S. Patton for the support is attached to the supporting papers under date line, 19 November, 1944. Capt. J. A. McKinney led the formation. There were no losses.

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- 10th A practice mission took off but was recalled before reaching target.
- 11th A practice mission was scrubbed before take-off.
In the evening the officers and guests attended a Group dance at the "B" Club. Music was furnished by the "Esquires".
- 12th Stood down.
- 13th Bad weather continued. A practice mission was scrubbed. Crews attended ground school.
Capt. R. J. Zimmerman was transferred from the 306th Headquarters to the 40th Combat Wing.
- 14th Ground school continued as bad weather continued unfavorable for flying.
- 15th Unfavorable weather continued, grounding operations.
- 16th Major Hulings led 36 A/C as 40th "B" Group and 1st Lt. McCollough led 12 A/C as low squadron of 40th "D" Group. Today the mission participated in one of the heaviest bomber operations in history against German strong points to the east of and in direct support of our army in the Eschweiler area. The same methods were used as in the Metz mission and special equipment operators report satisfactory results. Continental bunchers C-6 and C-10 were used with good results. Each A/C carried 30 x 260 frags. Bomb bay doors were opened over the Channel to preclude any malfunctions or loose bombs from dropping on our troops. Bombing was by Gee-II technique and navigation by PFF. No M/A opposition was encountered. P-51s gave excellent support. Extremely bad weather over the base on return caused 45 of our A/C to be diverted, mostly to Honeybourne A/D, an RAF training field.
- 17th Bad weather continued and our A/C were unable to return to Base.
- 18th Capt. J. A. McKinney, C. O. of the 369th, was promoted to the rank of Major.
Our A/C returned to Base late today. Crews report excellent treatment at Honeybourne - quarters, food, transportation to Stratford-on-Avon, drinks at the bar, etc., were "tops".
- 19th Our football team played Nuthemstead coming out on the short end 13 - 0.
- 20th Monthly dues of 10 shillings per officer were voted to be effective immediately at the Officers Club.
Capt. J. A. LaMotta is relieved of S D with the 367th Squadron to 306th Headquarters.
Capt. G. E. Cuberly is placed on S D with the 367th Squadron.
1st Lt. C. E. Murphy, 369th Squadron, is relieved of S D with the 306th.
- 21st 36 A/C flew as 40th "A" Group led by Col. J. S. Sutton and 12 A/C as 40th "D" screening force. The Group entered the Dutch Coast at 5232N - 0426E with Kerseburg as the primary target. The Group overran the first turn, then turned to 190° to avoid Dummer Lake, and then to 90° to avoid flak observed at Minden. At this point Buckeye Red informed the Group leader that there were solid clouds between his position and the target which reached from 20,000 ft. to 30,000 ft. The leader then turned back and started a run on Canabruck. On the run flak knocked out two engines of the lead A/C and knocked down the deputy, Lt. Schoenbacher, Jr.. The lead and low squadrons then bombed a bridge and railroad and Meppen. The high also started a run on Meppen, but the leader's bombsight went

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21st (Cont'd)	<p>out, so deputy took over and made a run on Leeuwarden A/D.</p> <p>The "D" Force dropped chaff in the Merseburg area. There was no E/A opposition and support was good. Flak was observed at the Dutch Coast, Dummer Lake, Koblenz, Merseburg, and Minden. The experience of this group indicates that the entry corridor at 5237N - 0437E and between Osnabruck and Dummer Lake have been blocked by flak. On the route, both in and out, this Group found meager but accurate flak. The original flak in the Dummer Lake area was probably railroad flak between Osnabruck and Bremen. Today our A/C found flak from Minden to Osnabruck, which could mean that the mobile flak, formerly working toward Bremen, had been switched to the west-east line to Minden, thereby blocking the Dummer Lake corridor used on recent operations.</p>
23rd	<p>Thanksgiving Day in the S.T.O. and everyone had the day off. Many attended the 4 PM church service at St. Paul's in Bedford. The Thanksgiving Proclamation was read by the Commanding General of the 8th Air Force, General Doolittle. Chaplain W. E. Dorre, senior Chaplain of the 8th Air Force gave the address. Chaplain Ralph E. Ciemster, the Protestant chaplain of the group, offered prayer. The service was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford, Lord Mayor of Luton, Lord Mayor of Dunstable and many other civil, political and religious leaders.</p> <p>On the base an excellent dinner was served and enough turkey was left over for the evening meal.</p> <p>Capt. J. A. LaBotta appointed Reclassification Officer.</p>
24th	<p>Today's mission was scrubbed just before take off time.</p>
25th	<p>A practice mission was flown to France testing new bunchers and bombing technique.</p>
26th	<p>36 a/c were flown as 40th "B" Group and 12 a/c as high squadron of 40th "C". The target is located at Misburg just east of Hannover and is the largest producer of lubricating oil and low grade fuels by the Gewerkschaft Deutsche Erdol-Raffinerie (Durag). Major Kesling was leading. Prior to the target a weather scouting force reported no clouds, but that a smoke screen covered the target. A PFF run was made with slight visual correction. Strike photos show hits in the target area. There were no fighter attacks but crews report violent dog fights between our escort and enemy fighters west of Dummer Lake. A moderate barrage was encountered while on the bomb run and accurate tracking on the turn off. Eight a/c were damaged, seven severely. S/Sgt. C. Walters, tail gunner was wounded. On take off Lt. Smythe ran into a flock of birds and damaged the nose and engines of his a/c. He landed, changed to a spare a/c and was able to rendezvous with the formation.</p> <p>The base football team, "Gronidin's Gremlins" played the undefeated and untied team from Station 571 to a tie score, 13-13.</p>
27th	<p>1st Lt. Earl W. Rudolph is appointed Station Bomb Dispersal Officer, vice Major Thurman E. Dawson relieved.</p> <p>Today's mission was scrubbed before take off.</p> <p>The combat men on the station voted to share their cigarette allowance with ground personnel immediately as the shortage and ban continues on sale of "butts" to the ground grippers.</p>

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A clipping of the Stars and Stripes, printed the next day, gives the story.

Fliers Share Their Smokes

Special to The Stars and Stripes
306TH BOMB GROUP, England,
 Nov. 28—In a voluntary "Share Your Smokes" move inspired by the current cigarette famine, combat airmen of this Fortress station, commanded by Col. James S. Sutton, of Findlay, Ohio, held a meeting today and unanimously voted to let noncombatants share in the limited cigarette ration.

Under the plan, which will go into

FDR's 30-a-Day Plenty Since He Cut Down

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (ANS)—
 Commenting on the cigarette situation from a personal standpoint, President Roosevelt declared yesterday he wasn't suffering because he had cut down on his customary daily quota.

The President said he used to smoke more than two packs a day but that since his illness last Spring he had smoked less than a pack daily.

effect immediately, combat fliers will get only three packages of smokes a week, while noncombatants will get one pack.

As has been the case throughout the Communications Zone for more than a week, combat fliers previously got five packs a week while noncombatants got none.

Following today's meeting, the fliers will voluntarily take only three packs of American butts when they visit the PX. As noncombatants outnumber the others about two to one, this will leave one package for every other man on the station.

Lt. Col. John S. Chalfant is transferred from 423rd Squadron to 306th Bomb Group as Air Executive and Deputy Commander, vice Lt. Col. H. V. Salada, relieved, and assigned to 40th Combat Wing.

Lt. Col. Eugene C. LaVier is transferred to 423rd Squadron as Commanding Officer.

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Unfavorable weather continued and the heavies remained grounded while crews attended ground school.

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Nov. 29

The 306th returned today to help finish off the big oil refinery at Misburg with 36 A/C flying as the 40th "B" Group. This mission was almost a repeat performance of the last one except for certain changes in the route and axis of attack to take advantage of weather conditions. Major J. A. McKinney led. The bombing was done through 10/10ths cloud and strike photos show no ground detail. PFF equipment worked satisfactorily and operators were able to identify the target "blip" quite easily. Flak, in sharp contrast to the last trip was meager and inaccurate. No E/A were seen and our fighters were picked up just off the English coast and gave close support throughout the mission. Leaflets were dropped over the city. No A/C in the group received damage.

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The briefed target today was the synthetic oil plant of Braunkohle Benzin A.G. at Bohlen, Germany, near Leipzig, which was operating at 75 per cent of capacity. 36 A/C were flown under the leadership of Major Thomas M. Hulings. The mission went very well until the formation approached the I.P. Here they were unable to contact Division Leader or Buckeye Red for weather at the target. When they arrived, they found the target completely obscured by a most effective smoke screen and heavy ground haze. The formation turned to the right (180°) to get out of and avoid a heavier flak concentration to the east and north. Due to the shortage of gasoline and probable interference of other formations Major Hulings decided to look for a target of opportunity. By this time the formation had become separated due to clouds and haze in this area. The lead, with 20 A/C, bombed the marshalling yards and Heinrich Leo Air Compressor plant at Gera. The high squadron bombed PFF, the town of Ohrdruf, Germany. Lt. Col. LaVier led this squadron. There was intense tracking flak at Zeitz. Fighter support was excellent. No E/A were seen.

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBING GROUP (H)

TYPE OF AWARD AIR MEDAL AND O.L. CLUSTER THEREON

FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944

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T/Sgt Thomas M. Mahoney	367	GO #474, 1st ED, 29 Oct/44.
2nd Lt Fred J. Foreman	"	GO #477, 1st ED, 30 Oct/44.
2nd Lt Raymond B. Overstreet	"	"
2nd Lt Louis J. Krczemian	368	"
F/O Earl C. Kuhn	423	"
2nd Lt Forrest J. Stewart	"	"
2nd Lt Eugene A. Skonienczny	367	"
1st Lt Reginald H. Thayer, Jr.,	368	"
F/O Russell C. Usich	368	"
2nd Lt Robert C. Cheney	423	"
Sgt Sidney J. Davis	367	"
T/Sgt William J. Porozinski	"	"
Sgt George W. Petrillo	"	"
S/Sgt Albert J. Stelder	368	"
S/Sgt Clarence E. Smith	369	"
2nd Lt Herbert E. Underwood	368	"
2nd Lt John G. Weber	"	"
1st Lt Keith L. Werner	"	"
1st Lt George C. Schneider	369	"
2nd Lt Cyril F. Bush	"	"
2nd Lt Frank C. Carle	"	"
2nd Lt Edward G. Peterson, Jr.,	"	"
1st Lt Raymond S. Birdwell	"	"
2nd Lt Stanley G. Mull	367	"
2nd Lt Monte S. Hawthorn	"	"
F/O Norman Strand	"	"
2nd Lt Clarence L. Halliday	368	"
2nd Lt Max J. Bruton	"	"
2nd Lt Richard H. Claeys	"	"
2nd Lt Hillis S. Israel	369	"
2nd Lt Joseph R. Bermen	"	"
Capt Edward W. Magee	367	"
2nd Lt Howard O. Helcon	"	"
2nd Lt Ralph L. Irvine	"	"
2nd Lt Richard E. Meley	"	"
2nd Lt Fred W. Anderson	"	"
2nd Lt Dale R. Lenn	"	"
1st Lt Fordie E. Lucas	368	"
2nd Lt Charles O. Hole	"	"
S/Sgt Lyle A. Brown	"	"
S/Sgt Burl V. Clement	"	"
T/Sgt Hardie M. Gardner	"	"
T/Sgt Richard D. Mills	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence T. Pesterfield	"	"

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AIR MEDALS

RECIPIENT	ORGN	GO NO. & DATE.
All Medals unnumbered and presented at Sq. Meeting.		
S/Sgt Rolly A. Davis, Jr.	369	GO #477, 1st ED, 30 Oct/44.
Sgt Michael C. Angillilli	"	"
S/Sgt Leon J. Persac, Jr.	423	"
S/Sgt Colvin W. Sheorn	"	"
S/Sgt Frederick M. Geitz	369	"
S/Sgt Raymond L. Goetz	"	"
T/Sgt Robert D. Gilmont	"	"
Sgt Jack W. Kehley	"	"
Sgt Walter A. Liles	"	"
T/Sgt Roy T. Patterson	"	"
T/Sgt Fred J. Keinke, Jr.	"	"
2nd Lt Theodore E. Pollard	368	GO #481, 1st ED, 31 Oct/44.
2nd Lt Richard T. Gregg	"	"
F/O Wendell F. Rodgers	"	"
F/O Milton Rosen	"	"
2nd Lt Joseph W. Long	"	"
Sgt Martin J. Dempsey	367	"
Sgt Leon E. Richards	"	"
S/Sgt Taylor H. Kinsey	423	"
2nd Lt Theodore W. Lee	"	"
2nd Lt Howard G. Roth	"	"
2nd Lt Vincent L. Triess	"	"
S/Sgt James E. Hughes	"	GO #483, 1st ED, 1 Nov/44.
Sgt Robert L. Appell	"	"
Sgt Leo E. Zych	368	"
Sgt John G. Holmes	423	"
2nd Lt Louis P. Prokop	367	"
2nd Lt Orlo J. Trude	368	"
2nd Lt Robert E. Leden	"	"
2nd Lt William F. Giglio	369	"
2nd Lt Elmer A. Sandberg	"	"
2nd Lt William F. Shaw	"	"
2nd Lt Anthony F. Barulich	"	"
S/Sgt Robert J. Boylson	367	"
T/Sgt Porfirio J. Marquez	"	"
S/Sgt Lowell F. Russell	"	"
S/Sgt Frank Zuzanski, Jr.	"	"
S/Sgt Wiley Beach	369	"
S/Sgt John C. Bunn	"	"
S/Sgt John T. Gorman	"	"
Sgt Robert J. Montague	"	"
2nd Lt Paul A. Becker	367	GO #486, 1st ED, 2 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Wilfred E. Heissler	"	"
2nd Lt Walter P. Rosett	369	"
2nd Lt Lloyd L. Strode	"	"
2nd Lt Maurice L. Mullen	423	"
F/O Edward S. Szulenski	"	"
2nd Lt Arthur G. Deely	"	"

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Sgt Wilson B. Bearden	367	OO #486, 1st ED, 2 Nov/44.
S/Sgt Freeman H. Mitchell	"	"
Sgt Joseph S. Regalls	"	"
Sgt Robert W. Search, Jr.,	"	"
Sgt James K. Young	"	"
T/Sgt Oliver E. Hobbs	423	"
2nd Lt Howard E. Hutchinson	"	"
2nd Lt Paul J. Reiox	"	"
T/Sgt James J. Cathey	"	"
S/Sgt Herman H. Kaye	"	"
S/Sgt John E. Price	"	"
S/Sgt Wallace W. Friemann	"	"
2nd Lt Wendell C. Larson	"	OO #486, 1st ED, 3 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Charles A. Toner	"	"
2nd Lt Raymond E. Mounts	"	"
2nd Lt Earl P. Shapland, Jr.,	"	"
T/Sgt Henry C. West, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt David G. Debesuchamp	369	"
S/Sgt Joseph A. Honesley	"	"
T/Sgt Robert L. Lynch	"	"
Sgt Charles C. Krone	"	"
Sgt Elmer H. Wilke	"	"
Sgt Emil R. Wilke	"	"
T/Sgt Thurmond K. Williams	"	"
Sgt Emil R. Wilke (2nd)	"	"
S/Sgt William J. Boyle	423	"
S/Sgt Joseph F. Bonen, Jr.,	"	"
T/Sgt Vernon R. De Lair	"	"
S/Sgt Norman D. Hall	"	"
S/Sgt Eli A. Koczko	"	"
S/Sgt Cassimer W. Carver	"	"
T/Sgt Alfred D. Sepe	"	"
T/Sgt Louis R. Gilbert	368	"
T/Sgt Howard Leventhal	"	"
S/Sgt Samuel E. Abdelnour	369	"
S/Sgt Norman P. Carlson	"	"
S/Sgt Norman P. Carlson	"	"
S/Sgt Euster R. Davis	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph S. Belker	"	"
T/Sgt Theodore F. Piechowaki	367	"
T/Sgt Jesse H. Bennett	368	"
T/Sgt Charles H. Crane	"	"
T/Sgt Alexander W. Chominski	"	"
T/Sgt Frank T. Davelli, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt Russell K. Decker	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence E. Edlund	"	"
T/Sgt Carl R. Chase	367	"
S/Sgt Tunis Dykstra	"	"
S/Sgt William T. Gillispie	"	"
T/Sgt Ralph T. Groover,	"	"

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T/Sgt Calvin H. Owens	367	GO #488, 1st Bd, 3 Nov/44.
S/Sgt Thomas L. Smith	"	"
S/Sgt Elmer Workman, Jr.	"	"
2nd Lt Richard L. Breed	"	GO #491, 1st Bd, 4 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Vernon F. Deley, Jr.	"	"
2nd Lt Robert J. Chrisjohn	368	"
2nd Lt William Risco	"	"
2nd Lt Frank M. Seiford	"	"
2nd Lt Ervin F. Miller, Jr.	"	"
2nd Lt William A. Ruffin	"	"
2nd Lt Berman D. Martin	"	"
2nd Lt Geo M. Pavin	"	"
2nd Lt Robert W. Schroeder	"	"
2nd Lt Paul C. Wagner	"	"
2nd Lt William L. Rogers	369	"
2nd Lt Harry W. Pearce, Jr.	"	"
2nd Lt Roy E. Trask	"	"
P/O Richard W. Sprunger	423	"
2nd Lt David O. Howe	369	"
1st Lt William M. Bendsell	"	"
2nd Lt Guy J. Leteano	"	"
2nd Lt Harry Quint, Jr.	423	"
2nd Lt Jack R. Lewis	366	"
2nd Lt Carl P. Smythe	423	"
2nd Lt Stanley J. Magusink	"	"
2nd Lt James A. Frederick	366	GO #499, 1st Bd, 6 Nov/44.
2nd Lt John H. Christenson	367	"
Sgt James E. Thwite	360	"
Sgt Harold G. Boker	423	"
Sgt Louis L. Egwell	"	"
S/Sgt Jack M. Gullen	"	"
Cpl Raymond A. Roy	366	"
Cpl Erskine G. Arbeiter	366	"
Cpl James E. Durham	"	"
S/Sgt Irwin H. Fitterman	"	"
Sgt Edward P. Richards	"	"
Cpl Russell H. Sheldon	"	"
Cpl Welton A. Shipley	"	"
Sgt Steven W. Stikov	"	"
1st Lt Albert G. Damico, Jr.	377	GO #502, 1st Bd, 7 Nov/44.
2nd Lt John C. Conlan, Jr.	"	"
1st Lt Paul H. Martin	"	"
2nd Lt Burns W. Roper	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth M. Eros	"	"
2nd Lt Robert S. Tomlinson	368	"
1st Lt Gennaro M. Carrasone	369	"
2nd Lt Keith E. Hollerup	423	"
2nd Lt William A. Guilfoyle	"	"

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S/Sgt Gilbert A. Maple	369	GO #502, 1st ED, 7 Nov/44.
T/Sgt Clyde S. Dunn	423	"
S/Sgt John J. Fattori	"	"
S/Sgt Anthony J. Immormino	"	"
T/Sgt John W. McCollum	"	"
2nd Lt Donald C. Haagenson	367	GO #505, 1st ED, 8 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Harold W. Morris	368	"
2nd Lt Michael F. Kramer	360	"
2nd Lt Vernon R. Schimmel	423	"
2nd Lt Norman E. Outcalt	"	"
2nd Lt Guy Burnett, Jr.,	"	GO #512, 1st ED, 9 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Vernon L. Reasmussen	"	"
F/O William B. Kaufman	367	"
F/O Raymond P. Allen	"	"
1st Lt Eldon J. Durrell	"	"
1st Lt John P. Heraty	"	"
2nd Lt Ralph E. Borden	368	"
2nd Lt John M. Coyne	"	"
2nd Lt Elain S. Gailey	369	"
2nd Lt Shelby D. Hodges	377	GO #514, 1st ED, 10 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Richard F. Fowelke	"	"
2nd Lt Nathaniel O. Hemenway	"	"
2nd Lt Donald M. Sandercock	368	"
2nd Lt Frederick K. Sheperd	367	"
2nd Lt Donald C. Schorts	368	"
2nd Lt Richard H. Weesler	423	"
S/Sgt Robert E. Crede	377	"
Sgt James Revis	"	"
S/Sgt Alton Rohinsky	"	"
S/Sgt Robert J. Condry	368	"
S/Sgt Robert E. Bently	423	"
2nd Lt Joseph L. Chancey	368	GO #515, 1st ED, 11 Nov/44.
Sgt Woodrow J. Becoteau	368	"
Sgt Marion Popovchak	"	"
Sgt Meade C. Seaman	"	"
S/Sgt Harry E. Sohn	"	"
2nd Lt Robert W. Daniel	423	GO #515, 1st ED, 11 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Jerome M. Will	368	"
1st Lt Joseph C. Marlovite	"	"
2nd Lt Harlily J. Morers	369	"
2nd Lt George T. Kerr, Jr.	"	"
2nd Lt William S. Denton	"	"
2nd Lt Paul E. Marshall	"	"
1st Lt Mathew I. Radnofsky	423	"
2nd Lt Robert M. Frank	"	"
2nd Lt Andrew J. Silvey	369	"
2nd Lt Marvin E. Traver	423	"

AIR MEDALS

RECIPIENT	ORGN	DATE
All Medals unnumbered and presented at Sq Meeting.		
2nd Lt Wilfred T. Kiedel	423	OO #515, 1st MD, 11 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Richard E. Griffin	"	"
F/O Charles H. Gibson	"	"
2nd Lt Will A. MacDonald	"	"
F/O George H. Blahnik	"	"
2nd Lt Joe D. Marsh	368	"
2nd Lt Joseph W. Long	"	"
2nd Lt Robert D. Gruenig	367	"
1st Lt Walter R. Siner	369	"
2nd Lt John Bodnaruk	"	"
2nd Lt William F. Shaw	"	"
2nd Lt James W. Barkwill	"	"
1st Lt Robert L. Cardon	397	"
2nd Lt Joseph A. Stauber	"	"
2nd Lt Kenneth H. Howlings	"	"
F/O Ervin R. Clark	"	"
1st Lt Robert L. Edwards	368	"
2nd Lt Willis C. Holder	"	"
1st Lt Warren M. Doman	369	"
2nd Lt William F. Giglio	"	"
2nd Lt Charles W. Greeninger	"	"
1st Lt Ralph Grenstein	423	"
2nd Lt Douglas T. Schrack	"	"
2nd Lt Melvin Lundbert, Jr.,	"	"
1st Lt Wallace W. Wood	"	"
2nd Lt Daniel J. Holland, Jr	367	"
2nd Lt Annette E. Sutherland	"	"
2nd Lt Carl B. Hathaway	368	"
2nd Lt Ire B. Holden	"	"
2nd Lt William T. McCaulie	"	"
F/O Wendell F. Rodgers	"	"
2nd Lt Dean S. Townsend	"	"
S/Sgt D.W. Spraggins	"	"
S/Sgt Jack A. Brennan	"	"
T/Sgt Dennis E. McCarthy	"	"
T/Sgt Robert E. Waldron	367	"
S/Sgt George L. Berger	368	"
Sgt Billy R. Fuller	"	"
Sgt Billy R. Fuller	"	"
S/Sgt Lucius D. Smithers, Jr.,	"	"
S/Sgt Arnold G. Trobaugh	"	"
Sgt Jack W. Bessel	369	"
S/Sgt Mack N. Farmer	"	"
T/Sgt William L. Hickman	"	"
T/Sgt Carl H. Nuessen	"	"
S/Sgt Joseph A. Mathews	"	"
S/Sgt Clyde K. Urele	"	"
S/Sgt Sam Keren	"	"
S/Sgt William J. McConicle	423	"

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S/Sgt Mervin C. Barker	423	GO #515, 1st ED, 11 Nov/44.
S/Sgt Robert H. Beck	"	"
S/Sgt Robert D. Cox	"	"
T/Sgt Charles A. Fatica	"	"
T/Sgt Richard A. Hill	"	"
S/Sgt Edward L. Finch	"	"
T/Sgt Tony P. Thomas	"	"
S/Sgt Charles E. Capaldi, Jr.	"	"
2nd Lt Donald R. Spencer	"	GO 517, 1st ED, 12 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Ralph S. Terrell	"	"
2nd Lt Charles F. Kimball	"	"
2nd Lt Isidore Dorushkin	368	"
F/O James W. Johnson	"	"
2nd Lt Theodore E. Pollard	"	"
F/O Milton Rosen	"	"
2nd Lt James B. Walden	368	"
2nd Lt Hillis S. Israel	"	"
2nd Lt Paul J. Reious	423	"
S/Sgt Cleo A. Ammer, Jr.	367	"
T/Sgt Julius Coleman	"	"
T/Sgt Lawrence R. Hooper	"	"
S/Sgt Vernon Ray	"	"
S/Sgt Harry H. Barber	"	"
T/Sgt Arthur S. Cruff	"	"
S/Sgt Everett E. Hulme	"	"
T/Sgt Orville J. Graham	"	"
T/Sgt Bernard F. Mummerlyn	"	"
S/Sgt Robert E. Snow	"	"
T/Sgt Frank G. Whitney, Jr.	"	"
S/Sgt Leonard T. Anderson	368	"
Sgt Tillman E. Bore	"	"
S/Sgt Calvin B. Gulp	"	"
T/Sgt Sam Dixon	"	"
T/Sgt Thomas C. Girardot	"	"
S/Sgt Karl W. Kreis	"	"
F/Sgt Clarence F. Gibbs	"	"
T/Sgt Joseph H. Hoffman	"	"
S/Sgt Daniel F. Riley	"	"
S/Sgt Eugene F. Luciani	368	"
S/Sgt Robert A. Holthaus	367	"
S/Sgt Lawrence E. McCormick	323	"
T/Sgt Delor O. Mondor	"	"
S/Sgt William F. Evans	368	"
T/Sgt George T. Keith	367	"
S/Sgt William J. McCue, Jr.	368	"
T/Sgt William Miller	"	"
T/Sgt George A. Schuster	"	"
S/Sgt Glenn A. Waltersdorff	"	"

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RECIPIENT	ORON	CO. NO. & DATE.
All medals unnumbered and presented at Sq meeting.		
Capt Joseph Couris	367	OO #472, 1st BD, 29 Oct/44.
1st Lt Arthur F. Glynn	369	"
1st Lt Edwin A. Schoenbacher, Jr.,	423	"
1st Lt David L. Stein	369	"
T/Sgt Seymour Szwedy	368	"
1st Lt Clifford J. Stanton	367	OO #475, 1st BD, 30 Oct/44.
2nd Lt Raymond A. Frazzino	369	"
2nd Lt Robert L. Mox	423	"
T/Sgt Leonard L. Cannon	"	"
T/Sgt Maxine Fontenot	369	"
S/Sgt Charles J. Bransteter	423	"
T/Sgt Theodore C. Hood	"	"
S/Sgt Roy F. Schubert, Jr.,	369	"
1st Lt Vernon L. Gudge, Jr.,	423	OO 482, 1 Nov/44, 1st BD.
1st Lt Earl W. Hastings	368	"
1st Lt Scott M. Owen	"	"
2nd Lt Warren Borgee	423	"
2nd Lt Erwin W. Keepman	369	"
P/O Stanley Goncher	423	"
S/Sgt Charles W. Thomas	369	"
1st Lt Charles W. Bryant	369	OO #485, 1st BD, 2 Nov/44.
1st Lt Alfred F. Johanson	"	"
Capt John J. Stols	367	OO #489, 1st BD, 3 Nov/44.
Capt Joseph L. Murphy	369	OO #495, 1st BD, 5 Nov/44.
Capt John G. Davis, Jr.,	"	OO #504, 1st BD, 7 Nov/44.
1st Lt David R. Siedenburg	367	"
Capt Joseph L. Murphy (O.L. Cluster)	369	"
1st Lt Samuel C. Jordan	423	OO #510, 1st BD, 9 Nov/44.
T/Sgt Gerald J. Coghlan	369	"
T/Sgt George W. Johnson	423	"
T/Sgt Norbert A. Lynch	"	"
T/Sgt Edward Marquet	"	"
T/Sgt Burwell A. Wilson	"	"
S/Sgt Charles R. Clark	369	"
S/Sgt James A. McCall	"	"
S/Sgt Daniel E. Sweeney	423	"
T/Sgt Richard A. Craig	"	OO #513, 1st BD, 10 Nov/44.
1st Lt Albert G. Danice, Jr.,	367	OO #520, 1st BD, 13 Nov/44.
1st Lt John F. Kanny	369	"
S/Sgt Roy L. Chabellor	"	"
T/Sgt Robert L. Lynch	"	OO #526, 1st BD, 16 Nov/44.
1st Lt Charles F. Donahue	368	OO #562, 1st BD, 27 Nov/44.
1st Lt John A. Wright	369	"
T/Sgt J. Calvin Soles	"	OO 551, 1st BD, 22 Nov/44.
T/Sgt Leslie J. Yearous	"	"
S/Sgt Philip Sutocky	423	"
1st Lt Charles E. Mueller	"	OO #550, 1st BD, 22 Nov/44.

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T/Sgt Gordon M. Ineley	423	GO #560, 1st ED, 25 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Charles W. Greeninger	366	GO #567, 1st ED, 30 Nov/44.
2nd Lt Walter F. Carroll	367	GO #567, 1st ED, 30 Nov/44.
S/Sgt Arthur D. Shapiro	#	GO #430, 1st ED, 31 Oct/44.

BRONZE STAR MEDALS

Major James M. Venable, Jr.	306th	GO 503, 1st ED, 7 Nov/44.
Capt Alfred C. Gailey	GO	
Major Frank B. Edelbrock	4th Sta.	Compliment GO 556, 1st ED, 12 Nov.
Capt Joseph A. LeMotte	366th	GO 557, 1st ED, 24 Nov/44.

SILVER STAR

Lt Col Robert P. Riordan	369	GO 520, 8th AF, 16 Nov/44.
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Note: this page is inserted to let the researcher know that an additional diary was compiled for this month that includes mostly public relations information and photographs of various events that took place at Thurleigh.

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Month of November, 1944. Prepared by Capt. Sam S. McNeely, Jr.

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Through the efforts and enterprise of Lts. Mattoon and Bruder of Special Service, a post football team has been organized. 1st Lt. Abe Grondin, commander of the CWS detachment, is mentor of "Grondin's Gremlins". His home is in Lowell, Mass. Grondin has developed a fine playing team, giving it the wealth of experience gained while playing four years at Lowell Textile Institute and then four years with the Lowell Pros - member of New England Pro-League. The team is managed by Sgt. John A. Savedge, Surrey, Va. Members of the team include both ground and flying personnel - LE, Cpl. R. Navinger, Phoenix, Arizona; LT, Pfc. Robert Yahn, New Brunswick, N.J.; LG, Cpl. Joe Ross, Nashville, Arkansas; C, 1/Sgt. Fat Patterson, Akron, Ohio; RG, S/Sgt. John E. Buckley, San Francisco, Cal; RT, Pfc. Walter B. Renn, Houston, Texas; RE, M/Sgt. Adolph Visconti, Fort Lee, N.J.; QB, Pfc. Burch, Meridian, Texas; HB, P/O William Kaufman, New York City; FB, 1st Lt. George Bowers, Boston, Mass.; HB, Pfc. Warren Sellen, Lyndhurst, N.J.; Substitutes, LE, S/Sgt. Wilbur Bowers, Kithanning, Penn.; LG, Pfc. Kirk Coburn, San Francisco, Cal.; FB, 2nd Lt. Donald MacDonald, Oakland, Cal.; HB, T/Sgt. George W. Johnson, Taylorsville, Ill.; HB, M/Sgt. Arundson.

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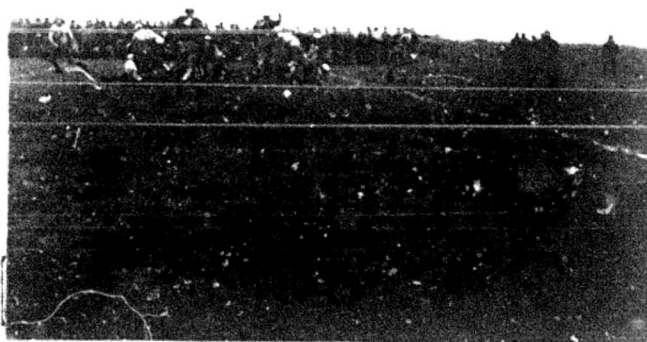
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Pictures above were snapped during the first home game, being played on the field in front of the control tower. The opponents were from Bassingbourne. The weather was clear but quite cold. Prominent

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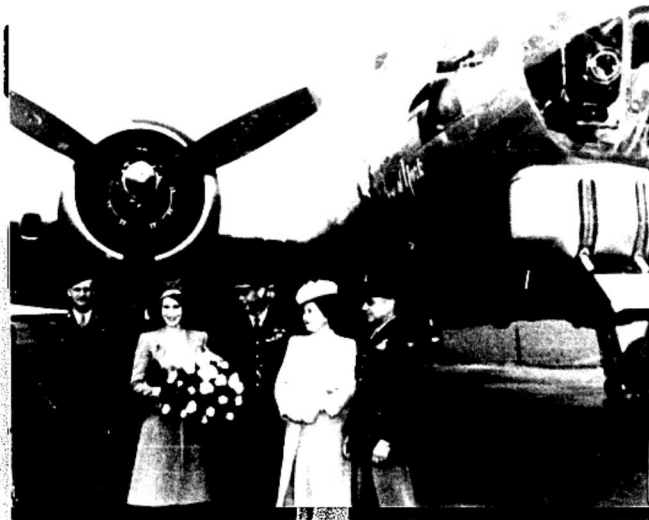
Among the on-lookers in picture No. 1 is Col. James S. Sutton, Group C.O., dressed for comfort in an "Eskimo parka". Picture No. 2 shows Pfc. Warren Sellen kicking and Tackle (23) Pfc. Bob Yahn, having broken through the line, going down to assist ends. Picture No. 3 shows a scrimmage (1) 1/Sgt. "Pat" Patterson (2) Pfc. Bob Yahn (3) Lt. Donald MacDonald (4) 1/Sgt. Dolph Visconti (5) Cpl. Joe Boss.

Touchdowns were made in 2nd and 3rd quarters. One try for the extra point was good, making the score 13-0 for "Grandin's Gremlins."

SUPPLEMENT TO JULY 6, 1944

The pictures below were taken on the occasion of the christening of the "Rose of York" B-17 at the base by HRH Princess Elizabeth, who was accompanied by HM King George VI and HM Queen Elizabeth. Full details of the royal visit appear under group history of 6 July, 1944.

Below appear HRH Princess Elizabeth, HM King George, HM Queen Elizabeth and Lt. Gen. Doolittle. In the background is the "Rose of York" and members of the crew.



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HRH Princess Elizabeth, Colonel Robinson and Capt. Raster, pilot of the "Rose of York"



HRH Princess Elizabeth, Colonel George L. Robinson and press representatives

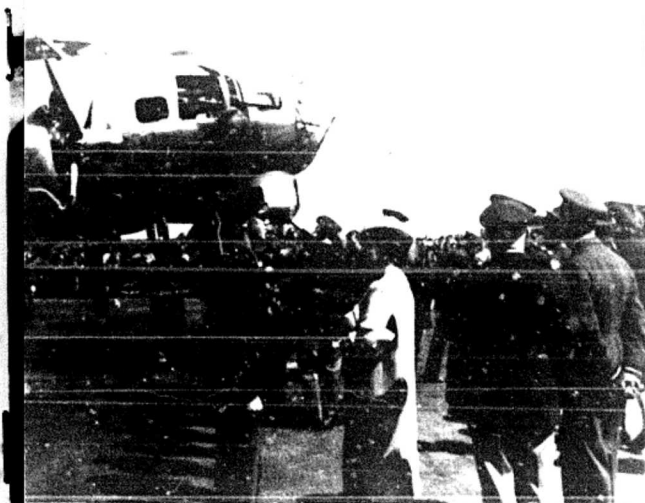


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Left to right: Lt. MacDonough, co-pilot, HM Queen Elizabeth, General Doolittle, HM King George VI



Capt. Rudolph Skalak, in charge of the Photo Lab, "scooped" the 8th Air Force on "D-Day" when he was the only one to get "shots" of crews being briefed on bombing the coast of Normandy prior to invasion by ground troops. These pictures reflect the many and varied attitudes of the men. These pictures also have been reproduced in September issue of "Impact".

Below, left to right: bottom row: Major D. Fuhrmeister (profile), Lt. Col. J.S. Chalfant, Major Charles Flannagan, Capt. Hill Casseday. Second row from bottom: Capt. Don Ross, Capt. Samway, Lt. Middleton, Capt. Buchanan, Lt. Bahr.





November 1944-306th BG Headquarters Squadron Diary

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- 1 Lt Col Salada assigned to organization as Air Executive.
- 6 Lt Col Eugene La Vier assigned to organization.
- 9 Major Golliday relieved from organization.
- 11 Capt Donald R. Roeber assigned to organization as Group communications Officer.
- 17 1st Lt Morris relieved from organization.
- 28 Lt Col La Vier relieved from organization. Lt Col Chalfant, John S., assigned to organization as Air Executive.

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