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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 306 Bomb Grp. (H) Sqn. THURLEIGHMonth of MAY 1943. Prepared by Capt. Wiley W. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
May 1	<p>Eighteen of our A/C led by Col. Putnam, took off on our seventh mission to St. Nazaire. Three A/C aborted and thirteen A/C released their bombs over the target with poor results due to heavy overcast and clouds. On the return trip, our Group, through error in navigation, mistook Brest for Lands End and at 500' altitude, absorbed violent barrage of heavy and light flak, with result that three ships; Lt. Luby, 307th, and Lts. Pipp and Wigginton, 423rd, were lost. Remaining ships, escaping from this mess, proceeded across Channel. Lt. Johnson, of 423rd, was attacked by several FW190's, which set fire to his plane. Three gunners bailed out in the Channel. Due to heroic effort of Sgt. E.H. Smith, the fire was brought under control and ship landed at S.W. England. Lt. Kassebert, who was aboard this ship, was wounded. Score for the day was 0 destroyed, 0 probably destroyed and 0 damaged.</p>
13	<p>Twenty-four A/C, led by Lt. Col. J.M. Wilson, took off for the airplane factory at Meaulte, France. Two A/C aborted. The remainder, with good weather, Spit and P4, cover throughout, bombed with excellent results. Score was 0-0-0.</p>
14	<p>Twenty-six A/C, led by Major Raper, took off and successfully bombed naval installations at Kiel, Germany. Light opposition over the target was probably due to fact that three other targets were attacked about the same time by U.S. Bombers. All ships returned to base safely. Daily score was 11-1-3.</p> <p>Following message received from Admiralty through 6th Air Force. "Please accept our congratulations on the heavy and remarkably accurate bombing of Kiel on 14th May."</p>
15	<p>Twenty-four A/C, led by Major Terry, took off to bomb docks at Wilhelmshaven. Heavy clouds covered the target, forcing our Group to drop their "eggs" on Heiligoland and adjoining Dune Islands, with hits registered on several good military targets. Heavy opposition was met from ground and more than 100 fighters attacked us around the clock with guns, cannon and bombs. Three of our A/C, Lts. Clements, Mann and Ritzland, from 307th, were lost and tail gunner, M.B. Stanaway, from 307th's crew of 307th, was killed. Our score for the day was 14-7-10.</p> <p>Commendation from our Group Commander, Col. C.E. Putnam, extending "warmest congratulations to every member of 306th Bomb Group for outstanding accomplishments achieved during the first fifteen days of May. During this period we have continued to deliver our full quota of heavy blows to the enemy, both in occupied territory and</p>

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	<p>in his homeland. In addition to this, we have made one half of a newly arrived Group fully operational and have carried them through their intensive training period and their first three operational missions without a single casualty. This feat is all the more remarkable when it is considered, that well over one half of all crews who have been lost in action in this theatre were lost before they completed their first five missions."</p>
17	<p>Twenty-four A/C, led by Col. Putnam, took off for the sub pens at Lorient. Two of our A/C aborted, putting 22 over the target with good bombing results. Flak and fighter opposition only moderate. Our score for the day 2-0-0.</p>
19	<p>Twenty-two out of 24 A/C dispatched, led by Major Lambert, bombed ship building yards at Kiel with incendiaries with fair results. Moderate flak and about 50 inexperienced fighters gave little trouble and all planes returned to base. Our score for the day was 3-0-1.</p> <p>Robert A. Lovett, U.S. Under-secretary of War for Air, Brig. Gen. H.S. Hansell and Newton Longfellow talked with crew members upon their return.</p>
21	<p>Seventeen out of 21 A/C dispatched, led by Lt. Col. J.W. Wilson, dropped bombs on Wilhelmshaven. Because of haze, a good smoke screen and fierce fighter opposition by about 100 E/A the bombing results were not good. Lts. Judas and Fields, 300th, went down in the target area. Lt. R.H. Smith, who was hit by flak over the target and had two engines out, was then jumped by enemy fighters continuously until well out to sea. With fares aboard and only one engine left Smith and crew had to ditch and were picked up after 30 hours by British Air-Sea Rescue. This crew was credited with destroying 1 E/A, a record for this theatre of operations. Our total score for the day was 23-1-3.</p>
22	<p>St. Nazaire, Trip No. 8. Twenty-four A/C took off, 2 aborted, and 22 bombed. This mission, winding up the busiest month of our stay in England, was led by Major Raper. Moderate flak and few E/A encountered. Bombing results fair. No losses, no casualties. Our score for the day --no claims.</p>
	<p>List of Awards and Decorations attached:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL</p>

AWARD OF MERITORIOUS DECORATIONS

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5/3/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt HOWARD W. KELLY	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/3/43	--	GO 56	Capt JOHN L. RYAN	PURPLE HEART	367th
5/4/43	--	GO 35	S/Sgt GLEN ROBERTS	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/4/43	--	GO 35	S/Sgt LASKOFF J. DORRIS	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/4/43	--	GO 35	2nd Lt JOHN K. HICKEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/4/43	--	GO 35	2nd Lt JOHN K. HICKEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/4/43	--	GO 35	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. HULL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/4/43	--	GO 35	Sgt RICHARD J. DALY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/6/43	--	GO 56	Capt JOHN H. HOWARD	DI. FLYING CROSS	369th
5/6/43	--	GO 56	Capt MERVIS S. YOUNG	DI. FLYING CROSS	423rd
5/6/43	--	GO 56	1st Lt JOHN G. MAGOFFIN	DI. FLYING CROSS	36 th
5/6/43	--	GO 56	2nd Lt LEROY C. JUGG	DI. FLYING CROSS	423rd
5/6/43	--	GO 56	1st Lt MAXWELL V. JUDAS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/6/43	--	GO 57	C/Sgt VICTOR L. ROSE	PURPLE HEART	369th
5/6/43	--	GO 57	S/Sgt RICHARD L. NEWPORT	PURPLE HEART	369th
5/6/43	--	GO 57	S/Sgt CHARLES V. VOJDRACHEK	PURPLE HEART	367th
5/6/43	--	GO 57	Sgt FRANK C. LATTO	PURPLE HEART	369th
5/6/43	--	GO 57	Sgt MIKE J. MOHO	PURPLE HEART	369th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	2nd Lt ROBERT C. PARKER	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	2nd Lt DAVID J. HORBURG	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	S/Sgt HARRY W. ROGER	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	Sgt JOSEPH A. BUKACIK, JR.	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	Sgt WILLIAM DYAKOVICH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	1st Lt CARROLL D. BRISCOE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	2nd Lt EUGENE J. HANES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	1st Lt GUSTAVE S. HOLSTROM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	2nd Lt CLYDE J. TRAVIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	2nd Lt MILTON P. BLANCHETTE, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	1st Lt STANLEY N. KISSBERGER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	2nd Lt JOHN LUCAS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	Capt CHESTER H. MAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	2nd Lt EDWIN G. KIPP	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	1st Lt MERVIS S. YOUNG	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	1st Lt FRANK D. ROSS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	S/Sgt EUGENE E. KERRINI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/7/43	--	GO 37	S/Sgt WALTER MICROWANI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	Sgt JAMES E. TROTT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/7/43	--	GO 37	1st Lt EDWIN G. KIPP	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/9/43	--	GO 58	2/Sgt LEONARD B. KAY	PURPLE HEART	367th
5/9/43	--	GO 58	S/Sgt JOHN R. ROLLER	PURPLE HEART	369th
5/9/43	--	GO 58	S/Sgt MARCEL J. ST. LOUIS	PURPLE HEART	367th
5/9/43	--	GO 58	S/Sgt ROY H. GIBSON	PURPLE HEART	423rd
5/11/43	--	GO 57	1st Lt GERALD D. ROTTER	DI. FLYING CROSS	369th
5/11/43	--	GO 57	1st Lt LEWIS P. JOHNSON, JR.	DI. FLYING CROSS	423rd
5/11/43	--	GO 57	T/Sgt GEORGE KLUCICK	DI. FLYING CROSS	367th
5/13/43	--	GO 58	Capt ROBERT W. SMITH	DI. FLYING CROSS	423rd
5/13/43	--	GO 58	1st Lt JOHN K. HICKEY	DI. FLYING CROSS	369th
5/13/43	--	GO 58	1st Lt IGNESETH A. REEBNER	DI. FLYING CROSS	367th
5/13/43	--	GO 58	T/Sgt LELAIND J. KESSLER	DI. FLYING CROSS	368th
5/13/43	--	GO 58	S/Sgt EDWARD J. ZABAWA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/19/43	--	GO 61	1st Lt GERALD D. ROTTER	PURPLE HEART	369th
5/19/43	--	GO 61	2nd Lt GEORGE M. ARNOLD	PURPLE HEART	368th
5/19/43	--	GO 61	T/Sgt DAVID B. STEWART	PURPLE HEART	368th

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5/20/43	-- GO 61	1st Lt LEWIS P. JOHNSON, JR.	SILVER STAR	423rd
5/20/43	-- GO 61	Sgt WILLIAM W. FARRERHOLD	SILVER STAR	423rd
5/20/43	-- GO 61	1st Lt ALDEN T. MANN	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th
5/20/43	-- GO 61	P/O LEO R. KISMORE	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt FERDINAND H. GREEN	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	Major ROBERT C. WILLIAMS	AIR MEDAL	Hq, 306th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt JAMES C. CHERLEY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt DAVID W. WHEELER	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	2nd Lt ROBERT McCALLUM	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt LEO S. McINTYRE	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	2nd Lt WESLEY D. PETERSON	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt FORTUNATO GELFO	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt STEVEN H. HOLLEMAN	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt RICHARD L. McHURST	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt FRANK H. PORCELLI	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt ROBERT R. FRYER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt FRED P. SHERMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt JOHN C. McGOFFIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt RALPH W. JONES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	Capt JOHN H. DENKER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	Capt WILLIAM J. RAUER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	2nd Lt ROY D. KELLEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	2nd Lt WILLIAM P. CASSEDY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	1st Lt WILLIAM J. McGRATH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt WILLIAM V. BAUER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	T/Sgt RAYMOND T. STYBACKS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/22/43	-- GO 48	T/Sgt DAN L. HIREBAUGH, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt PETER F. NOLASCO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt VICTOR L. ROSE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt DELBERT W. SPARKS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt PATRICK J. SPELLMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	T/Sgt JOHN K. CROWTHER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt AUGUST J. KRASOCH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt JAMES J. GARRIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	T/Sgt THOMAS H. RAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/22/43	-- GO 48	S/Sgt KENNETH H. McCLURE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	-- GO 50	2nd Lt ANDREW E. BYCOTT	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	T/Sgt JOHN W. WALLERHURST	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	Sgt TONY F. McHILLICH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/24/43	-- GO 50	S/Sgt MERLE CAUSEY	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	S/Sgt HARRY D. CROKER	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	S/Sgt MORTIMER C. MOODY	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	S/Sgt WOODROW T. MOSBARGER	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	2nd Lt ROBERT L. ALEXANDER	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	2nd Lt JOHN G. FOGARTY	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	2nd Lt JEROME J. KOSTAL	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	2nd Lt DUNN BOLLERBACH	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	1st Lt THOMAS P. LOGAN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/24/43	-- GO 50	2nd Lt LUTHER S. PIERCE	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/24/43	-- GO 50	Sgt PAUL R. LOUBETT	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	S/Sgt HERVIN A. HARMON	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	S/Sgt HARVEY L. NOYES, JR.	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	Sgt BERTRAM L. FASSIG	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/24/43	-- GO 50	Sgt BRUCE A. HAHN	AIR MEDAL	369th

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5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt JOHN T. ROSS	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt WILLIAM D. BRITAIN	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt EARL W. NORLEN	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	Sgt ARCHIE H. GARRETT	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt MILTON A. MCGIVLEY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt LOUIS J. HILVAC	AIR MEDAL	366th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. SMOOT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt MIKE J. KEMO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt WILLIAM W. BARNERHOLD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt JOHN J. ROLLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt MILTON B. EDWARDS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt LAUCH J. DUFFEE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt HARVARD B. NELSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt JAMES J. O'NEILL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt PETER P. MOLASCO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	1st Lt MILTON P. BLANCHETTE, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	Capt RICHARD J. JACK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	Major JOHN L. LAMBERT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	Capt MAURICE V. SALADA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	1st Lt FOSTER G. DANIELS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	2nd Lt BERNARD E. HOWENSTEIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	Capt RICHARD K. O'HARA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt WALTER J. BILLOGA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt CLARENCE W. BARNERHOLD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt WILLIAM W. BARNERHOLD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt HAROLD M. STROM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt RICHARD J. DUDY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt HAROLD H. FOWLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt HAROLD C. GREENE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt MIKE J. KEMO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	Sgt FRANK C. LATTO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. McDONALD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt ROBERT A. MOORE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt JESS F. WILLIAMS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. SWANDISH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt LEON L. BARTON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt JAMES A. BOBBETT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt MILTON B. EDWARDS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt WILLIAM T. JOHNSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
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5/24/43	--	GO 50	Sgt ALBERT H. MCMAHAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt JAMES J. O'NEILL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt HARVARD G. WATKINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	S/Sgt WILLIAM H. MOUNTAIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/24/43	--	GO 50	T/Sgt WILBUR F. HOFFMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/24/43	--	GO 63	T/Sgt HARVEY L. COX	PURPLE HEART	369th
5/24/43	--	GO 63	T/Sgt JAMES E. MINNER	PURPLE HEART	368th
5/24/43	--	GO 63	Sgt JOHN H. JESSUP	PURPLE HEART	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt MAURICE V. DAVIS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt STANLEY R. STEDY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	1st Lt ALPHONSE M. MARSH	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	1st Lt CHARLES T. SCHOOLFIELD	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt FLOYD A. SWANS	AIR MEDAL	369th

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5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt JOHN B. MAZANEK	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	1st Lt WILLIAM A. PACE	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	1st Lt TOY B. HUSBAND	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt EDUARDO M. MONTOYA	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt ROBERT W. SMITHLER	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt ARTHUR R. ADRIAN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt EDEE DASCOWLAS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt JOHN H. JESSUP	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt GLENN LOWLAND, JR.	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt ROBERT L. MULLIKOSKI	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt CARL SHELLEY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt ROBERT L. TAYLOR	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt LEO C. WESSLER	AIR MEDAL	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt JOSEPH C. STONER	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt VICTOR B. STEVENS	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt RALPH D. MORRIS	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt RYER W. MILLS	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt LORAN J. CUMMOLLY	AIR MEDAL	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt DANIEL B. WHEFF	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	T/Sgt WILLIAM J. SMITHAN	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	T/Sgt FRANKIS J. KILBRIDE	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt PAUL HADDIS	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt DONALD T. MCCANN	AIR MEDAL	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt PERRY J. PEDERSON	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt ROBERT G. SCHOLTZ	AIR MEDAL	367th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt HERBERT B. CAVEDO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt IRVING J. KLETT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt ROGER S. LEIDGAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt ALBERT E. SCHULSTAD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt ANDREW T. BACOTT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	2nd Lt LEROY C. SUGG	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	1st Lt JAMES B. HOPKINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	1st Lt DAVID A. SPEELS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	T/Sgt JACOB K. KIM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt ANTONIO ROMERO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt ORIN A. VAN CLEAVE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt CLARENCE W. BURNHAM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt PAUL FENLIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 52	T/Sgt BILLY S. BROWN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt ROBERT W. DWIGGINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt THEODORE A. ROSATO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt RAYE LE BLANCH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt AUGUST REICOWSKI, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	S/Sgt LAURENCE J. DUFFEE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
5/26/43	--	GO 52	Sgt TOMY F. MIEHELICH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 64	Sgt HENDRIK KATE, JR.	PURPLE HEART	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 64	S/Sgt BILLY J. LAUB	PURPLE HEART	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 64	S/Sgt BENJAMIN F. BUCHANAN	PURPLE HEART	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 64	Sgt WALTER J. GRAY	PURPLE HEART	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 64	Sgt ZYGMUND C. WARDINSKI	PURPLE HEART	423rd
5/26/43	--	GO 64	Sgt ARTHUR R. ADRIAN	PURPLE HEART	423rd

Award of Meritorious Decorations, Cont'd:

5/31/43 -- GO 66	1st Lt EMMETT W. FORD	OLC TO DFC	423rd
5/31/43 -- GO 66 1st Lt EMMETT W. FORD OLC TO DFC 423rd			
5/31/43 -- GO 66	S/Sgt JAMES M. HOBBS	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
5/31/43 -- GO 66	T/Sgt HARVEY L. COX	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
5/31/43 -- GO 66	S/Sgt ROBERT G. ADAMS	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
5/31/43 -- GO 66	S/Sgt ELWOOD H. BROTHMAN	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
5/31/43 -- GO 66	S/Sgt WALTER PIGOROWSKI	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
5/31/43 -- GO 66	S/Sgt JAMES B. SMOOT	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
5/31/43 -- GO 66	S/Sgt JAMES J. GARLES	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th



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DAY	LIST OF PROMOTIONS EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH EVENTS
May 3	Major John B. Wright promoted from Captain AUS to Major AUS this date
5	Capt. Robert C. Williams promoted from Captain AUS to Major AUS(AC) this date.
10	Lt. Col. Claude E. Putnam, Jr. promoted Captain (AUS) to Major (AUS) effective April, 1943. Lt. Col. Claude E. Putnam, Jr. promoted from Lt. Colonel AUS (AC) to Colonel AUS (AC) this date.
20	Major John M. Began promoted from Captain AUS (AC) to Major AUS (AC) this date.
23	Major James W. Wilson promoted from Captain AUS to Major AUS this date.
22	Lt. Howard W. Kelly promoted from 2nd Lt. AUS(AR) to 1st Lt. AUS this date.
25	Capt. Rex D. Stutznegger promoted from 1st Lt. (ORC) to Captain AUS this date.
27	Capt. William S. Raper promoted from Captain AUS to Major AUS (AC) this date.

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| 3 | 2nd Lt William W. Peterman assigned to organization as Assistant Flying Control Officer. |
| 11 | Lt Colonel Claude E. Putnam Promoted to Colonel. |
| 17 | Capt Robert C. Williams promoted to Major. |
| 19 | Mr. Robert A. Lovett, United States Under Secretary of War for Air, Brigadier General H. S. Hansell and Brigadier General Newton Longfellow visited and inspected the station. |
| 21 | Capt Frank D. Yaussi assigned to organization as Group Bombardier. |

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