A HISTORY OF THE 30Sth BOABdRDNETT GROLP - EIC:TM AIR FORCE

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306th Record
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Squadron or other unit (3) $\qquad$

$\qquad$ missions Completed (and date of last) 25-26 JULY 43
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Other personal data:
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SOME SPECIAL ORDERS ALSO ENCLOSED

Description of Air Missions:
(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness: What events were there o: which you hare special knowledge?)
/ BELIEVE OUR GREW H 67-Y / SPEC, AIDER 148 ENCLOSED WAS ONE OF. THE FIRST REPLACEMENT CREWS TO ARRIVE AT THIRLE GU; WE WERE ONE OF IX CREWS PROCESSED AT UCKBURNY AF BASE COL UMBOS OHIO IN OCT NOV 42 ; IT TOOK GWEEKS TO GET U: BEADY, WE YEIBE ISSUED HEW B-IV-F SNH 42-5130 (HONEY BEE) \& POT H GOVT LOS HR, TESTING BEFORE LEAVING FAR ENGLAND VIA THE NORTHERN ROUTE. THREE OF THESE CHEWS WERE ASSIGNED TO $3 \%$ TH TWO TO THE 4OGRI,
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SUBJECT: Orders
30 July 1943.
TO : All concerned.

1. Pursuant to the instruction contained in WD Circular 127, 29 May 1943 and the VOTC the following personnel will proceed from their present stations in the U.K. to the U.B. reporting upon arrival to the CO, Port of Debarkation (or Airport of Debarkation) for further orders:

CAPT CLAYTON LE ANDERSON, 0-728805 AC, 91 st Bomb Gp
CAPT JOHN E, MMHOFFIN, O-417036 AC, 306 th Bomb Gp
$15 T$ LT. JABES C. BRONN, 0-790288 AC, 306th Bomb Gp
IST IT. RICHARD L. KRUSE, 0-661498 AC, 303rd Bomb Gp
15T IT: DAVD A. STEELE, JR., 0-725547 AC, 306th Bomb Gp
T/Sgt. Leon L. Bamfortr, 11016909, 306th Bomb Gp
T/Sgt. John R. Carlson, 36300425, 91st Bomb Gp
T/Sgt. Thurian H. Ray; 39080686, 306th Bomb Gp
S/Sgt. Marion J. Spagnc 10, 35461179, 91st Bomb Gp
S/Sgt. James J. Traban: 16041758, 303rd Bomb Gp
2. Travel by rail, surface vessel, belligerent vessel, and/or air in military or commercial aircraft is auth. If travel is performed by air a flat per diem of six. dollars ( $\$ 6.00$ ) is auth in accordance with existing law and regulations . If travel is performed by commercial aircraft, a maximum baggage allowance of fifty-five (55) pounds is auth.
3. TCNT. TDN. 1-5600 P 431-02 A 212/40425.
4. Attention is invited to Sec IV, Cir. 414, WD 1942,, regarding preparation and distribution of extract copies.

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COMBAT OPERATIONAL MISSIONS

NAME $\qquad$ STEELE, DAVID A., JR.
RANK 1st L.t., AC.

DUTY $\qquad$
SQUADRON_

| GROUP | 423rd Bomb Sq. (H) |
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| SERIAL NUMBER | 306th Bomb Gp. (H) |


| DATE | GROLP MISSION NuMbe | INDIVIDUAI MISSION NUMBER | R MARLS | time | TOTAL TIME |
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| Dec. 12 | 10 | 1 | Rouen | 5:00 | 5:00 |
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| Jan. 3 | 13 | 2 | St. Nazaire | 12:30 | 17:30 |
| 27 | 16 | 3 | Wilhelmshaven | 6:50 | 24:20 |
| Feb. 2 | 17 | 4 | Hamm | 3:30 | 27:50 |
| 4 | 18 | 5 | Emden | 5:30 | 33:20 |
| 14 | 19 | 6 | Bremen | 4:40 | 38:00 |
| 16 | 20 | 7 | St. Nazaire | 5:45 | 43:45 |
| Mar. 13 | 27 | 8 | Amiens | 4:25 | 48:10 |
| 22 | 29 | 9 | Wilhelmshaven | 6:15 | 54:25 |
| Apr. 4 | 32 | 10 | Paris | 5:15 | 59:40 |
| May 1 | 36 | 11 | St. Nazaite | 9:25 | 69:05 |
| 13 | 37 | 12 | Meaulte (Gunner) | 5:15 | 74:20 |
| 14 | 38 | 13 | Kiel | 6:30 | 80:50 |
| 15 | 39 | 14 | Heligoland | 6:00 | 86:50 |
| 19 | 41 | 15 | Kiel | 6:30 | 93:20 |
| 21 | 42 | 16 | Wilhelmshaven | 6:45 | 100:05 |
| 29 | 43 | 17 | St. Nazaire | 5:55 | 106:00 |
| June 11 | 44 | 18 | Wilhelmshaven | 5:50 | 111:50 |
| 13 | 45 | 19 | Bremen | 6:15 | 118:05 |
| 26 | 48 | 20 | Tricqueville | 3:30 | 121:35 |
| 29 | 50 | 21 | Paris | 4:30 | 126:05 |
| July 4 | 51 | 22 | Nantes | 7:20 | 133:25 |
| 10 | 52 | 23 | Caen-cat piquet | 5:00 | 138:25 |
| 17 | 54 | 24 | Holland | 4:45 | 143:10 |
| 26 | 56 | 25 | Hanovet (Tail Gunner) | 6:40 | 149:50 |

I hereby certify that DAVID A. STEDILE, Ir., Ist Lt., AC, Pilot, has completed the above combat mistions.

## CERTIFIED TRUE CQPY

Brigadier General, USA (Ret.)
/s/ Robert C. Williams, Major, AC. ROBERT C. W'ILIIAMS, Major, AC, Oprns, Officer. 306th Bomb. Gip. (H)

## COMFIDENTIAI

Nomth Amantic Ming
AIR TRATSFORT COMMID
pFESQUE ISIE, MEITE
November 21, 1942.
()PERATIONS OFDERS)
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1. The ollowing officers and enlisted men in aircraft as indicated below will proceed from Presque Isle Army Air Iield, Presque Isle, Maine, via the best available air roite to Iittle Pie anc report to the Comanding General, 8 th Air Forces, for duty. (A P.O. No. 88i).

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\mathrm{B}-17 \mathrm{~F}
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Pilot
Co-Pilot
Navigator
Bombardier
Engineer
Radio Operator
Gunner
Gunner
Gunner
(Crew No. 67-Y-1)
$42-5130$
2nd It. David A. Steele, Jr.
0-725547
2nd Lt. Arnold I.. Carlson
0-727172
and Lt. Orman L. Hamilton . 0-660871 and It. Gardner M. Reynolds fluber My $0-72607^{4}$ S/Set. Leon L. Banforth Dee, 11016909
S/Sgt. Carrol E. Eyer, Jr.
S/SEt. Walter (NMI. Piotrowski
11015988
31108689
S/Sgt. James E. Smcot
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S/Sgt. Nilliam Z. Full
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In lieu of subsistence, a flat per diom of six dollars ( $\$ 6.00$ ) is authorized for officers until arrival at final destination (Cir. 150, WD 1942). Enlisted men are authorized a flat per diom of six dollars ( $\$ 6.00$ ) for travel b, air and for periods of temp. duty enroute to finel destination. Duties to be peformed being excopticnal, a deley of not to exceed thirty (30) days is authorized where necessary. the CO of wech EM will, at the time claim is made for payment under this order, cortify to the FO making paymer that travel was perforned.

TDN. WD 31 P 131-01, 02, 03, 07, 08 A 0425-23. AUTH: Ltr. from the Adjutant General to the Commendine Generals, ell Armies, GHQ Air Forces, Department and Corps Arees, otcetera, dated June 5, 1941, File AG 320-2 ( $6-3-41$ ) MR-M Subject: "Constitution of the Air Corps Forrying Comnend, and pursuant to VO of the CG, AAF, of 13 th October 1942, supplemented by secret letter fro: Hq, AAF, to this Hq, dated 13 th Octobor 1942, subject: "Orders", Shipment No. 1665-A.
2. The following named 0 and EM's will proceed by air in Aps as indicatod opposito thoir namos, or tps that may be substituted at this station, at the propor tiso, fr Pronque Ia o Ar: Air Fiold, Frosque Islo, Mano, to Wildflowor for the prospo of delv $A_{j}$ s and will sheure tho usun rosotpts. Tho following Áps are on Project No. NK-3.

2nd Ferryine Group, 27th Forrying Squadron

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| B-1.7 F | Flight Mo. F-260 | 42-5069 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pilot | lst Lt. K. Callepr Tren or | 0.361649 |
| ComPilot | 1st Lt. Jnmus i. Rouse | 0.426699 |
| ITf vigator | 2nd It. Forbert I. Butier | 0-791542 |
| Engineer | T/SGt. Everett L. Osbo:n | 16009111 |
| fedio Operator | Cpl. Join K. Trylor | 36320929 |
| B-17 F | Flign: No. F-260 | 41-24639 |
| Pilot | Cept. C:yde A. Ray | 0.25199 |
| Co.Filot | 2nd Lt. Frank B. Nombnlais | 0.481830 |
| Narigator | 2nd It. Kichar T. Reid | 0.438233 |
| Enjincer | S/Sgt. Cohn in. Mcienlcy | 19002918 |
| Ralio Operator | S/SEt. icon Fofley | 1"026973 |

Upon ar:ival at Wildflower the Aps will be dely immidiatels to the Station Supply 0 thorent ind the noove named 0 and $2 M$ 's will thea retirn wi hout delay to $\mathrm{i} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{A} \mathrm{H} B$, Mimington, Dolawne.

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Tho duties to be perfo: mod in con:ection rith this mission being exceptionel will requi:e more than 72 hou's for theic performence; therefore a deley of not to exceed thi"t (30) dajs an ono plece is authorized.

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LOCKBOUNA ARMY AIR BASE
COLUMBUS, OHIO

November 16, 1942.
SPECIAL ORDER )
NO. . . . ....148)
EXTFACT
1.- The following named Officers and EM, HBB Crews, are hereby assigned to the Crews as indicated:


Pago 2, SO \#148, Hi, LAAB, Cols, 06, 11-16-42 Par-1 (cont'd)

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CRET $\# 67-\mathrm{Y} .4$ (cont C ).

| RINK | Serimi To. | ORGEIESTION | DUTY ASSIGMENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S/Spt | 15.071408. | R.C.C. | Radio Operator |
| s/sgt | 12022826 | R.C.c. | Gunner |
| $\mathrm{s} / \mathrm{sgt}$ | 12031167 | R.C.C. | Gumer |
| s/ssit | 16046483 | Roc.c. | Gunner |

## Pilot

Co-Filot
Navieator
Bombardier
Engineer Radio Operator Gumer Gunner Gunner

Tigsinton, Bartí DIA Malin, Robert 0 . Simnons, indrew $V$. Tharner, Mead J. induato MacGregor, Tarren $\ldots$ Thornton, James H: Gaffney, James P. Welch, Hoprison. $B$. Yost, Florian s .
2. In acoordance with the provisions of tIR 35-1430, thic following named enlisted man of ChF First Concentration Cormand Det. is announced on duty roquiring him to participate in regular and frequent gerial flights for the month of November, 1942, es indigated belor, beth dates inclusive:


By order of Colonel Fotrz:

OFFICIAL:

