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Sheet No. 1 War Diary. 306th THURLEIGHMonth of APRIL, 1943 Lt. Col. Wiley W. Glass

DAY	EVENT
April 2	Major James W. Wilson promoted to Lt. Col, AUS (AC)
4	Thirty of our A/C took off and 27 of them successfully bombed the primary, Renault Works at Billancourt, near Paris. Flak over the target was both moderate and inaccurate. No E/A were encountered on the way in, due perhaps to the feint we made over the Channel. Between the target area and Rouen about 75 E/A were encountered and aggressive attacks were made from tail above and below. A fighter escort of Spitfires was picked up at the French Coast and all of our A/C returned to base. The British press made the statement that the damage to this target was more extensive than that done by the RAF in their very successful raid 14 months previously. Our score for the day was 7 destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 0 damaged.
5	Twenty of our A/C took off, led by Major Lambert, and eighteen bombed the primary, the Erla military truck Works at Antwerp. After leaving our fighter escort at Ghent, we met fierce and determined attacks by about 100 E/A which lasted from the Dutch Coast in and out. On this raid FW 190's were seen to drop bombs on our formation. Four of our A/C were lost, Lts. Parker, Ross, and Fischer of the 367th and Lt. Seelos of the 368th. Group Navigator Capt. Saltrink, was wounded in the leg from which he died about ten days later. Our score against E/A for the day was---- 5-2-3-.
8	Major Mack McKay, relieved from assignment and duty.
11	S/Sgt. Ben F. Marcilonis and S/Sgt. James C. Green, Jr., of the 367th were awarded the Legion of Merit (Officer's Degree) for having designed and built the first mount for nose guns for heavy A/C.
16	Of the 20 A/C which took off only 12 bombed the Power Station, in our fifth raid on Lorient. 4 aborted, 1 could not open bomb bay doors and 3 jettisoned. Due to the lead Group overrunning the I.P. bombing results were poor in spite of the moderate enemy opposition and clear weather. A few aerial bombs were dropped. All of our A/C returned to base. Our score for the day was 3-0-0.
17	This was a most disastrous day for the Group. Of the 26 A/C taking off 2 aborted and ten of our A/C were lost due to the most determined flak and fighter opposition yet encountered. The target was the Focke Wulf plant at Bremen. In spite of intense flak and persistent attacks from about 100 E/A twenty four of our A/C bombed the target with good results. The 367th lost Lts. Casey, Fortin, Harwood and Watson, the 368th lost Gillogly, Jankowski, Lally, Miller and Smiley and the 423rd lost

Sheet No. 2

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Prepared by Capt. Wiley N. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
	(cont'd) Lt. George. The 367th also lost 2nd Lt. H. E. Lane, who was killed on Lt. Reecher's crew. Our score on E/A for the day was 8-0-1.
18	Because of our large recent losses, the Group were made non-operational and the bar at "B" Mess did a big business where the monthly Group party was held this evening.
20	<p>Today we received our first batch of two Squadrons from the 94th Group which have been attached to us for instruction and training.</p> <p>In the course of the month the following have escaped from France and visited our station. 2nd Lt. John S. Trost, bombardier for Lt. Nygaard, whose ship went down on the Romilly raid of 20/12/42, 2nd Lt. Howard W. Kelly, co-pilot for Lt. Joseph A. Downing, whose ship went down on the St. Nazaire raid of 16/2/43 and Capt. John L. Ryan, who went down on the Lorient raid of 6/3/43.</p> <p>A list of awards and decorations awarded during this month are attached-----</p>

AWARD OF MERITORIOUS DECORATIONS

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6/14/43	--	GO 42	Capt JOHN M. REGAN	DISS. FLYING CROSS	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	1st Lt WILLIAM J. CASEY	DISS. FLYING CROSS	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt CHESTER T. WIDLOSKI	DISS. FLYING CROSS	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	1st Lt MENDHAM C. ZERKOVICH	AIR MEDAL	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	1st Lt DAVID A. STEELE, JR.	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt ROBERT H. LUTCH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt LEROY C. JUGG	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt LEWIS H. UTLEY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt PAUL A. SPADOLZI	AIR MEDAL	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt BUREN C. WILLIAMS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt FRANCIS D. BOWLES	AIR MEDAL	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt CLINTON C. COLLINS	AIR MEDAL	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt JESSE E. WADE	AIR MEDAL	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt CARL L. FUCH	AIR MEDAL	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt FRANK T. LUSIC	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt WILLIAM H. MOUNTAIN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	Sgt WILLIAM T. MORGAN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	Sgt JACK C. WEBB	AIR MEDAL	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	Sgt RALPH D. G. WYKING	AIR MEDAL	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	Major HENRY W. TERRY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt ROBERT G. ADAMS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	Major HENRY W. TERRY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	Capt JOHN L. LAMBERT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	1st Lt EDWARD J. MALISZEWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	1st Lt FRED D. GILLOGLY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	1st Lt WALTER H. SMILEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	1st Lt EDWARD J. HENNESSY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt GEORGE S. HORNBER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt GLENN J. LALLY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt ROBERT C. MILLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	2nd Lt MILTON P. BLANCHETTE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt BENJAMIN GORDON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt JAMES E. GROSS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt LELY V. EDWARDS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt STANLEY P. SZCZOGSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt HAROLD F. LIGHTBOWN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	T/Sgt ANTHONY L. SAITFORO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt ROBERT G. ADAMS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt ROBERT D. DWIGGINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt HAROLD C. GREEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt JAMES S. CLARK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt MORRIS R. HILFER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt ROBERT J. McEMAGE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt JAMES B. STELZER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt ERNEST HIGHAM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt ALLAN F. MEAUX	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt CECIL B. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt JESS F. WILLIAMS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. BOREYMI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
6/14/43	--	GO 42	S/Sgt RICHARD W. TERNARY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
6/14/43	--	GO 42	Sgt ELDEN M. WESTFORTH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
8/14/43	--	GO 45	Capt ROBERT J. SALITRNIK	PURPLE HEART	Hq, 306th
8/14/43	--	GO 45	Capt JOHN M. REGAN	PURPLE HEART	368th
8/14/43	--	GO 45	S/Sgt ELWOOD H. BROTZMAN	PURPLE HEART	368th
8/14/43	--	GO 45	S/Sgt ORVILLE B. SCHULTZ	PURPLE HEART	369th

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10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt JOSEPH E. KOSAKOWSKI	SILVER STAR	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	Capt ROBERT J. SALITERNIK	DISC. FLYING CROSS	Hq, 366th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt CARROLL D. BRISCOE	AIR MEDAL	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt EUGENE G. HANES	AIR MEDAL	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt JOHN S. LUCAS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt EDWIN G. HIPP	AIR MEDAL	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt THURMAN H. RAY	AIR MEDAL	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt EARLEND J. WENWORTH	AIR MEDAL	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt FRED B. LAUER	AIR MEDAL	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt FRANK M. SILVA	AIR MEDAL	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	Capt ROBERT J. SALITERNIK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt WALLACE D. BORING	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt JOSEPH E. KOSAKOWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt GERALD D. ROTTER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt JOSEPH C. WILKINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt JOHN S. LUCAS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt HAROLD W. WHITMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt ELI C. ROGERS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt ANDREW BEZAK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt HARVEL E. COX	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt THOMAS H. RAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt LEE SANDERS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt PAUL PETKIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt WILLIAM S. BUCHANAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. COLLETTE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
10/14/43	GO 43	Major JAMES W. WILSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
10/14/43	GO 43	Capt HAROLD E. CASLIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	Capt ROBERT W. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	Capt JOHN M. REGAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	Capt FRANK D. YAUSSI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt JOSEPH E. KOSAKOWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt RALPH W. JONES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt RAYMOND J. CHECK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt MICHAEL C. ZINKOVICH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt LEWIS P. JOHNSON, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt FOSTER G. DANIELS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt HURVIS E. YORKE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	1st Lt CHARLES F. JONES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt THEODORE A. JANKOWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt DAVID A. STEELE, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt ERMESTE W. FORD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt ROBERT O. MALIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt MAXWELL V. JUDAS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	2nd Lt MARTIN M. STRAUSS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt MICHAEL ROSKOVICH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt ROBERT F. NELSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt FRANKLIN A. BLUM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	T/Sgt RAYMOND T. STYMACKS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt WALTER PIOTROWSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt JAMES E. SMOOT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt HAROLD F. STROM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt HOWARD V. WILSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	GO 43	S/Sgt MARK B. ARRIETA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th

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10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt JOSEPH M. SPIRO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt PETER W. PAPPAS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt THEODORE A. ROSATO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt JOHN K. CROWTHER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt CLIFFORD C. KEMBERLING	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt AUGUST J. KRAJCIK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt RAYMOND H. ERICKSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
10/14/43	-- GO 43	S/Sgt LEE SANDERS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
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10/14/43	-- GO 43	Sgt CHARLES W. RAIDLINE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	-- GO 43	Sgt FRED L. COLVARD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
10/14/43	-- GO 43	Sgt JAMES J. GARIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	S/Sgt RAYMOND J. HERR	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Capt GEORGE R. HUCKEY	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt CARROLL D. BRISCOE	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Capt FRANK D. YAUSSE	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt E. GENE J. POLLOCK	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt GEORGE J. SPELMAN	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt EARLY D. SMALL	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt ANDREW BEZAK	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	S/Sgt CHARLES M. COUNTS	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt CHARLES P. FEHR	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	S/Sgt REGINALD G. HARRIS	DIST. FLYING CROSS	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt GEORGE D. BENNETT	AIR MEDAL	367th
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17/14/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt KENNETH A. REEGER	AIR MEDAL	367th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt KEITH CONLEY	AIR MEDAL	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt CLARENCE R. FISHER	AIR MEDAL	367th
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17/14/43	-- GO 46	S/Sgt JOHN A. QUINN	AIR MEDAL	367th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Sgt MIKE J. KOZO	AIR MEDAL	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Sgt ABRAHAM L. COHEN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Sgt WILLIAM C. RHODES	AIR MEDAL	367th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Sgt MELVIN B. EDWARDS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Sgt WILLIAM W. FAHRENHOLD	AIR MEDAL	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Sgt RALPH W. WALLACE	AIR MEDAL	423rd
17/14/43	-- GO 46	Sgt FRANK C. LATTO	AIR MEDAL	369th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt CHARLES P. FEHR	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/14/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt ROBERT B. HERRMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th

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17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt ROBERT GUTHRIE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt GEORGE KLUGICK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt ROBERT L. STEVENSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt CHESTER W. WINDOLOSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	S/Sgt LEITH C. LEIBERHIRT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIS E. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM R. WILKINSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Capt GEORGE R. BUCKLEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Capt CHESTER H. MAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Capt WILLIAM S. RAUER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt WILLIAM J. MCGEARY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt WILLIAM H. RANIER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt JAMES E. HOPKINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt ARTHUR L. MILBOURN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt JOHN H. DEXTER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt KELLY G. ROSS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt BART WIGHTON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt ROBERT C. MILLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt HARLEN E. REBER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt WALTER H. COONS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt WILLIAM J. CASBY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
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17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt JOHN G. MAGOFFIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	1st Lt CRAIG J. HAWOOD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
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17/4/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt GERALD F. CLEVER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt WILLIAM W. SAUNDERS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt WILLIAM H. OWENS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt CLAUDE J. TRAVIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt ANDREW V. SIMONS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt HAROLD W. WHITEMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	2nd Lt LUTHER BERGEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
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17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt CHARLES A. SHEFFIELD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
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17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt JAMES H. THORNTON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt DAN L. HINEBAUGH, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
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17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt DONALD B. HEFLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
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17/4/43	-- GO 46	T/Sgt ROBERT G. ROBEL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th

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17/4/43	--	GO 46	T/Sgt HARVEY L. COX	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	T/Sgt WILSON C. ELLIOTT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	T/Sgt MORRIS J. GECOWETS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	T/Sgt GLEN R. WILY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt LENO OFF	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt ORVILLE B. SCHULZ	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM S. BUCHANAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt EUGENE E. KENNEDY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt EDWARD J. ZABAWA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM R. PATE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt EDWARD H. SMALL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt JESSE E. WADE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt ROBERT G. ADAMS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt CHARLES M. DAVIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt ROBERT D. DWIGGINS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt JAMES S. CLARK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt RAYMOND H. ERIKSEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt RICHARD E. HASETT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt EMIL J. MILLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt SIDNEY E. DAVIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt MORRIS R. PHIFER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt RICHARD L. BOHLAND	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt RUSSELL W. DYKE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. COLETTE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM G. HIGGS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. STAUDISH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt JOSEPH E. BORZOMI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt RAY D. MAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. McDONALD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt CLARENCE W. DURHAM	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt KENNETH N. McCLURE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM H. MOUNTAIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt FLORIAN S. YOST	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt CARL L. PUGH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt HENRY R. BEAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt JAMES A. BOBBETT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt HAROLD K. FOWLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt FEMER P. MOLASCO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt VICTOR L. ROSE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt PAUL FRINKIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt MATTHEW E. NELSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt RAY J. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt DELBERT W. SPACES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt JESS F. WILLIAMS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt BILLY J. LAIB	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt LEONARD H. O'BRIEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt GEORGE W. PEDERSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt JOHN E. CHILDAUD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt THOMAS P. McDONNELL, JR	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt ALBERT H. McMAHAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM V. BAKER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt DONALD J. BEVAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WALTER J. BIELOGA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	--	GO 46	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. HULL	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd

Award of Meritorious Decorations (Cont'd).

17/4/43	-- GO 46	Sgt RICHARD J. DALY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Sgt JOHN F. ELER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Sgt SELDEN M. WESTWORTH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Sgt CHARLES A. PATIGATI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Sgt FANK C. LATTO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
17/4/43	-- GO 46	Sgt PATRICK J. SPILLMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
19/4/43	-- GO 51	S/Sgt STEPHEN H. HOLLEMAN	PURPLE HEART	369th
19/4/43	-- GO 51	S/Sgt HARRY W. ROGER	PURPLE HEART	369th
19/4/43	-- GO 51	S/Sgt LEONARD J. KESSLER	PURPLE HEART	368th
19/4/43	-- GO 51	S/Sgt WILLIAM R. WILKINSON	PURPLE HEART	423rd
19/4/43	-- GO 51	S/Sgt EDWARD J. ZABAWA	PURPLE HEART	367th
22/4/43	-- GO 47	2nd Lt GEORGE S. MORNER	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
22/4/43	-- GO 47	S/Sgt JOSEPH B. COLLETTA	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th
22/4/43	-- GO 47	S/Sgt BILLY J. LOUB	DIST. FLYING CROSS	423rd
22/4/43	-- GO 47	S/Sgt LEITH C. LEESEHIRT	DIST. FLYING CROSS	368th
22/4/43	-- GO 47	S/Sgt LEONARD H. O'BRIEN	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th
22/4/43	-- GO 47	S/Sgt NORRIS A. PHIFER	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th
22/4/43	-- GO 47	Sgt WALTER C. MORGAN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
22/4/43	-- GO 47	T/Sgt LEON L. MAMFORTH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/4/43	-- GO 47	S/Sgt NORRIS R. PHIFER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
22/4/43	-- GO 47	1st Lt WARREN GEORGE, JR.	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/4/43	-- GO 47	2nd Lt RICHARD K. O'HARA	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
22/4/43	-- GO 47	2nd Lt LELAND J. FLOWER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/4/43	-- GO 47	2nd Lt ERIETTE W. FORD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/4/43	-- GO 47	2nd Lt LEROY C. SUGG	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
29/4/43	-- GO 50	Capt ROBERT J. SALITRNIK	SILVER STAR	Hq, 306th
29/4/43	-- GO 50	Brig Gen FRANK A. STRONG	OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO	
			DIST. FLYING CROSS	101st Prov Wg
29/4/43	-- GO 50	Capt ROBERT W. SMITH	DIST. FLYING CROSS	368th
29/4/43	-- GO 50	T/Sgt EDWARD H. SMALL	DIST. FLYING CROSS	368th
29/4/43	-- GO 50	Lt Col JAMES W. WILSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hq, 306th
29/4/43	-- GO 50	T/Sgt WILSON C. ELLIOTT	DIST. FLYING CROSS	367th
29/4/43	-- GO 50	T/Sgt JAMES B. STELZER	DIST. FLYING CROSS	368th



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DAY	EVENTS
6	On the attack on the Erie Military Truck Works Group Navigator Captain Salitrnik was wounded badly in the leg. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the first Headquarters Officer to receive this decoration.
10	Capt Salitrnik awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Major J. W. Wilson awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal.
12	Major J. W. Wilson promoted to Lt Colonel.
13	Capt Poletti assigned to organization as Catholic Chaplain.
16	Today Capt Salitrnik died from wounds received in action.
22	1st Lt William R. Cain assigned to organization as Group Armament Officer.
29	Capt Salitrnik posthumously awarded Silver Star. Major J. W. Wilson awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal

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