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Sheet No. 1 War Diary, 300th Squadron Bomb Gp. (H)Month of February 1943 Prepared by Capt. W.E. Glass

DAY	EVENTS
4	Seventeen of our A/C bombed the last resort target of Emden dropping their loads with fair results in the dock area where they encountered a smoke screen and heavy overcast. Weather was too thick to locate the primary, Hamn, or secondary, Usnabruck. Flak was encountered on this trip as well as a variety of types of E/A, including besides S/E fighters some Ju 88's and He 110's. A running fight lasting about forty five minutes took place. All of our A/C returned. Our score for the day was 5 E/A destroyed and 2 probably destroyed.
10	Nineteen of our A/C bombed the southwestern entrance to the sub-basin at St. Nazaire with excellent results. Just before reaching the target heavy intense flak was encountered. After bombing our Group was engaged by enemy fighters and a running fight ensued in which we lost Lt. Bill Warner of the 423rd Squadron and Lt. J.A. Downing of the 307th Squadron. We were credited with 3 E/A destroyed and 5 probably destroyed.
17	Col. Frank A. Armstrong, Jr. promoted to Brigadier General. Major Claude G. Putnam promoted to Lt. Col. and appointed Commanding Officer of the 300th Group. Maj. J.W. Wilson appointed Group Executive Officer. Capt. J.L. Lambert appointed C.O. of the 423rd Squadron.
21	<p>Because of bad weather a raid aimed at German targets turned back at Texel. Since there were some encounters with E/A over enemy territory all of our crews participating were given credit for completing a mission.</p> <p>First Red Cross Hero Club in the British Isles was formally opened at this station. Maj. Gen. Ira C. Baker, Commander of the Eighth Air Force, accepted the club on behalf of the men from Harvey D. Gloson, American Red Cross Commissioner.</p> <p>Group party held at B Mess from about 1900 hours until nearly breakfast time the next morning. Needless to say a rousing time was enjoyed by all, with possible exception of the orchestra, which had considerable difficulty in securing transportation for their return journey.</p> <p>T/Sgt. John W. Anderson appointed 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to 1st Wing.</p>
23	Maj. Douglas R. Coleman promoted to Lt. Colonel. Capt. Robert Williams appointed Assistant Group Operations Officer.
25	Capt. Mack McKay promoted to Major.

Sheet No. 2 War Diary, 306th ~~800th~~ Bomb Gp. (H)Month of February 1943, Prepared by Capt. W.H. Glass

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DAY	EVENTS
26	Fourteen A/C endeavored to reach the primary target Bremen without escort but turned north because of heavy overcast and bombed the dock area of Wilhelmshaven with fair results. Flak and enemy fighters were encountered. All of our A/C returned.
27	Seventeen of our A/C bombed Brest. Due to heavy cloud cover only fair results were obtained. Some flak and E/W were encountered. Good fighter escort was maintained. All of our ships returned to base.

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Sheet No. 3 War Diary, 306th ~~Squad~~ Bomb Gr. (H)

Month of February 1943. Prepared by Capt. W.W.Glass

DAY	EVENTS
2	Seventeen of our A/C took off for Hamn, because of extremely bad weather the formation turned for home when within about 30 miles of the Dutch coast. Some enemy A/C were seen. All of our planes returned home with their bombs and received credit for completing a mission.

AWARD OF MERITORIOUS DECORATIONS

1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt CHARLES M. GRIMES	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--GO 11	Major HARRY J. HOLT	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	Capt JOHN B. BRADY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	Capt WILLIAM E. FRIEND, JR.	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	Capt JAMES A. JOHNSTON	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	Capt MACK McKAY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	Capt JOHN L. RYAN	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	Capt HENRY W. TERRY	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt GEORGE R. BUCKEY	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt WALTER H. COONS,	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt FOSTER G. DANIELS	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt JOHN H. DEXTER	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt PETER J. FRYER	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt FRED D. GILLOGLY	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt CLAY M. ISBELL	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt SHEDRICK E. JONES	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt EDWARD P. MALISZEWSKI	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt ROBERT J. SALITRNIK	AIR MEDAL	Hqs
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt WALTER N. SMILEY	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt ROBERT W. SMITH	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt HUGH J. TOLAND	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt JOSEPH C. WILKINS	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	1st Lt FRANK D. YAUSSI	AIR MEDAL	Hqs
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt LUTHER BERGEN	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt ROBERT L. BRANDON	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt WILBUR W. BREUNIG	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt EMMETTE W. FORD	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt ANDREW J. FRIEDRICH	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt ROBERT B. HERMANN	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt THEODORE A. JANKOWSKI	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt LEWIS P. JOHNSON, JR.	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt CARL G. JONES	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt STANLEY N. KISSENBERTH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt ROBERT B. KYLIUS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt WARREN M. LEWIS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt WILLIAM J. McKEARN	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt ROBERT C. MILLER	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt GERALD D. ROTTER	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt GERALD L. SIMMONS	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt MARTIN W. STRAUSS	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt WARREN GEORGE, JR.	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	2nd Lt SHERWOOD W. OLDS	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	M/Sgt ROY I. FLOEGER	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt HARRY G. ALLEMAN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt ANDREW BRZAK	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt HARRY M. BROWN	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt JAMES L. CARBERRY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt RAYMOND C. CLIFTON	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt CHARLES A. EDINGER	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt LYLE V. EDWARDS	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt EDDIE F. ESPITALIER	AIR MEDAL	423rd

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1/2/43	GO	GO 11	T/Sgt CHARLES F. FEHR	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt ERNEST P. GARLAND	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt ERVIN GRENKE	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt ROBERT GUTHRIE	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt RICHARD G. HACKWORTH	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt DONALD B. HEPLER	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt WILLIAM H. KESKEY	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt GEORGE KLUGICK	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt WAVERLY C. ORMOND	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt CHARLES E. PERRY	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt MICHAEL ROSKOVICH	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt ROBERT T. SCHAMING	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	T/Sgt STANLEY P. STEMKOSKI	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM ALLAN	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt RUPERT W. ARNOLD	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. BAUMGARTNER	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt ARTHUR T. BEAUDOIN	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt ELWOOD H. BROTZMAN	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt RODERICK C. CLARK	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt CHARLES M. DAVIS	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt JOHN R. GEIMER	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt WAYNE W. HART	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt JAMES W. HAYWOOD	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM G. HECKS	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt GEORGE L. HOUX	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt JERROLD M. HOPKINS	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM B. KELLUM	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt EARL L. KERBOW	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt EDWARD KOSTECKI	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt ROLAND MAGES	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM R. PAYNE	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt RICHARD L. BOHLAND	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt ORVILLE B. SCHULZ	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt EDWARD H. SMALL	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt JOSEPH M. SPIRO	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM J. STANDISH	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt JAMES B. STELZER	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt HENRY E. WARREN	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt CHESTER T. WENDOLOSKI	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt CLAIBORNE W. WILSON	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	--	GO 11	S/Sgt GLEN R. WYLY	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	Sgt FRANCIS L. EASTHAM	AIR MEDAL	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	Sgt ROBERT S. KRIJAK	AIR MEDAL	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	Sgt ROBERT S. LISCAVAGE	AIR MEDAL	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	Sgt NICHOLAS M. SAWICKE	AIR MEDAL	423rd
1/2/43	--	GO 11	Major WILLIAM A. LANFORD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	1st Lt DONALD R. GREENE	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	1st Lt EUGENE J. POLLOCK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	--	GO 11	1st Lt ROBERT P. RIORDAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	1st Lt ROBERT W. SEELOS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	2nd Lt LEMUEL B. SMITH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
1/2/43	--	GO 11	2nd Lt GEORGE J. SPELMAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th

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1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt GERALD J. KRUSZYNSKI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	T/Sgt WILLIAM L. NISBETT	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt COLON E. NEELEY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt ANTHONY L. SANTORO	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt EUGENE H. STEIN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt LELAND J. KESSLER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt RAYMOND J. HENN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt JAMES M. HOBBS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt CHARLES M. COUNTS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM H. FORRESTER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt ROY H. GIBSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt WILLIAM E. BAKER	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt JOE BOWLES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
1/2/43	-- GO 11	S/Sgt JOHN J. VALLORANI	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
1/2/43	-- GO 11	Sgt THOMAS D. McMAHON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	Capt WILLIAM S. RAPER	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	T/Sgt JAMES R. CURRY, JR.	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt RAYMOND K. BANKS	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt JOHN K. CROWTHER	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt JESSE R. DOWNARD	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt CLIFFORD C. KEMBERLING	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	Sgt LEON C. LEMGERHIRT	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	Capt MAURICE V. SALADA	AIR MEDAL	423rd
16/2/43	-- GO 19	1st Lt PURVIS E. YOUREE	AIR MEDAL	423rd
16/2/43	-- GO 19	1st Lt HAROLD E. GASLIN	AIR MEDAL	423rd
16/2/43	-- GO 19	2nd Lt ROY B. KELLEY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
16/2/43	-- GO 19	T/Sgt WILLIAM T. JOHNSON	AIR MEDAL	423rd
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt RICHARD W. TREMARY	AIR MEDAL	423rd
16/2/43	-- GO 19	1st Lt EARL C. TUNNELL	AIR MEDAL	367th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	2nd Lt ROBERT E. BIGGS	AIR MEDAL	367th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	T/Sgt CHARLES K. KIRBY, JR.	AIR MEDAL	367th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	2nd Lt EDWARD J. HENNESSY, JR.	AIR MEDAL	369th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	1st Lt WILLIAM H. WARNER	AIR MEDAL	423rd
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt JOSEPH R. GRAZIANO	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	Sgt JOHN E. CHINLUND	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt MARK B. ARRIETA	AIR MEDAL	368th
16/2/43	-- GO 19	S/Sgt LEONARD H. O'BRIEN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	367th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	S/Sgt JAMES V. LOVING	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	S/Sgt ROBERT L. KINGEN	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	S/Sgt ROY E. KNUDSON	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	S/Sgt AUGUST J. KRAJCIK	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	S/Sgt SYLVESTER L. HORSTMANN	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	Sgt EULIS E. SMITH	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	2nd Lt MAXWELL V. JUDAS	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	2nd Lt GEORGE W. OWENS, JR.	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	2nd Lt GLENN J. LALLY	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	2nd Lt WILLIAM W. SAUNDERS	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	T/Sgt WILLIAM E. CHERRY	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	T/Sgt MAHLON E. SNOVER	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	T/Sgt CLYDE A. CHRISTIAN	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	S/Sgt GILBERT G. SHOEMAKER	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	1st Lt ROBERT T. LEVY	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	-- GO 21	1st Lt FRANK E. ROSS	AIR MEDAL	368th

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22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt JOSEPH E. KOSIKOWSKI	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt WALLACE D. BORING	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt OTTO A. BUDDENBAUM	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt WARLEN E. REBER	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt SIDNEY E. DAVIS	AIR MEDAL	367th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	Sgt GEORGE W. PEDERSON	AIR MEDAL	367th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	2nd Lt ALEXANDER KRAMARINKO	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	2nd Lt ROBERT R. FRYER	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt THOMAS P. McDONNELL, JR.	AIR MEDAL	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	T/Sgt HARVEY L. COX	AIR MEDAL	369th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt BENJAMIN GORDON	AIR MEDAL	369th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt ERNEST HIGHMAN	AIR MEDAL	369th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt CECIL B. SMITH	AIR MEDAL	369th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt JAMES E. HOPKINS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt ANDREW V. SIMMONS	AIR MEDAL	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt ROBERT D. KISLING	AIR MEDAL	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt WARREN H. McGREGGOR	AIR MEDAL	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt KENNETH N. McCLURE	AIR MEDAL	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	Capt JOHN L. LAMBERT	AIR MEDAL	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt JAMES M. FERGUSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	2nd Lt GEORGE W. FREDERICK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	T/Sgt LYLE V. EDWARDS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt JAMES W. HAYWOOD	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	Major JAMES W. WILSON	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	Hqs
22/2/43	--	GO 21	Capt MACK McKAY	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	2nd Lt CARL G. JONES	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	T/Sgt CHARLES F. FEHR	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	Capt JOHN M. REGAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	368th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt REGINALD G. HARRIS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	369th
22/2/43	--	GO 21	1st Lt EUGENE J. POLLOCK	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt JAMES M. HOBBS	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	2nd Lt STANLEY M. KISSERBERTH	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd
22/2/43	--	GO 21	S/Sgt DONALD J. BEVAN	OAK LEAF CLUSTER	423rd

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February 1943-306th BG Headquarters Squadron Diary

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EVENTS

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| 1 | Lts Selitrnik and Yaussi awarded the Air Medal |
| 13 | 1st Lt Hopper promoted to Captain. |
| 17 | Colonel Armstrong promoted to Brigadier General. Major Putnam promoted to Lt Col and appointed Commanding Officer. Major J. W. Wilson appointed Group Executive Officer. |

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