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March proved to be the most eventful month in the war's history to date. Greatest developments, of course, came on the highly publicized western Front where British and American troops broke through the Singfried Line and breaches the Bhine River. Allow forces sere still on the go at the close of the month with such cities as Cologne, Kassel, Frankfurt, and Hammhein being completely overrun. Threatened by further advancements of liberation turnsts were Hannover, Magdeburg, Leipzig: Uremen, and even Berlin.

While the drive in the West grabbed the headlines, news from the Eastern Front, too, was pleasing. Budapest fell and Vienna was due at the month's close. Even down in forgotten Italy the situation improved.

Gen. Hearthur gave Etosians the best mements by making large gains in his island to island campaign in the Southwest Pacific theater. Many men, speculating on the possibility of a trip to China et al, found relief in the f ct that U.S. and British forces are driving the Japs further and further into the inner ring.

The 306th again contributed its share to the supreme war effort by flying 21 missions. Most of the objectives were concerned with transportation, eight such targets being assigned. Others included oil, ordnance, naval, military camps, jet airfields, and abour works. Bombing by the group continued on the uptremi, and 10 visual missions were accomplianed with very good average results. PFF attacks also produced highly satisfactory accomplishments. During the month of March the 306th accumulated 765 effective sortics, dropped 1739 3/4 HE, 361 19/20 incendiaries, and 174 Leaflet bombs at a cost of no planes lost. The figures compare with the group totals of 8235 effective sorties, 19254 13/20 HE, 2721 13/20 incendiaries, and 170 Yortreases lost. The group received creait for the eveny fighter destroyed.

<u>HECKARSULM</u>: 300th flew 36 a/c including 1 PFF-Gow H, 1 Gew H, and 3 PFF as 40 "C" led by Capt. Haase. The target was a marshalling yard at Neckarsulm, used to transport troups to the Saar frontier. A 7/10 cloud coverage, through obscuring the daing point, allowed Lt. Oldenburg, lead Bombardier, a short visual correction 30 seconds before bombs away. Lead pattern fell alightly short with some hits in target area. Low, dropping off lead, also hit shorts. High Bombardier, Lt. Sayther, picked up target 2 clinutes before bombs away, and made a visual run. Clouds cover strikes, but make bombs indicate good results. PHU photos show much new dacage to target area.

No energy flighters more encountered. A few scattered bursts of flak demaged mone of the group's a/e.

BOHLEI: Maj. McKinney led the 306th as 40 "B" with 36 a/c including 4 FFF. The target was the high priority oil plant at Bohlen near Leipzig. Despite a 7/10 cloud coverage over the primary, the lend Bombardier, Gapt. Ross, used pin points around the briefed MFL, and thereby made a visual run. Strike photos show lead pattern completely obscuring aiming point. Low Bombardier, Lt. Frederick, also synchronised on available check points in the target area, and pictures show low bombs to have failed directly on top of leads

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Bombing by these two squadrons on Pohlon was described as excellent. High, in trail of lead and low, was making a visual run on the primary, but just before bosts away, a group passed underneath, thus preventing the drop. After following lead off Bohlen, High leader selected a marshalling yard at Penig as target of opportunity. Hits, seen on strike photos, completely blanket aiming point.

lie energ fighter opposition was encountered. Moderate to intense A.A. fire tracked the group for 5 minutes in the target area. Medger tracking bursts northwest of Frankfurt on route in. Dataget Lead, none; low, 1 severe, 2 slight; high, 3 slight.

367th a/c, pilot Lt. Mear, received much flak damage at target. O /gen system was shot out and #5 engine lost it: oil pressure, causing pilot to feather. A/c landed at kerville on the continent, and crew returned to base a few days later.



After German oil again, 305th bashs are seen haudering the highly productive plant at Bohlen. Gept. Ross, lend Benbardier, did an excellent job of obliterating the briefed siming point, seen just under the smoke in the picture.

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ULM: Lt. Col. Chal Sant les the 306th as 40 "." with 36 a/c including. 2 PFF-Gee H, 1 Gee H, and 2 PFF. The target was an ordnance depot in Ula, covered by 10/10 clouds. Less boabed by Use H with high aropping off snoke bombs. Low, separated from rost of "A" force, made an individual PFF run on the center of the site. Measur accurate A.A. fire from the front lines tracked the group

both on the route in and out. No WA opposition.

GISSEN and SIGEN: 306th flew 39 a/c including 1 Geo H-PFF, 3 PFF, and 3 spares as 40 "H" Led by Gant. Hisk. The targets for the day were marshalling gards in the area north of Frankfurt. Since a 10/10 undercast prevailed over enary territory, the group prepared to attack by Gee H. Nowever, equipment working unsatisfactorily, lead and high bombed tertiary, Giessen, FFF. Low attacked Siegen, the secondary, by the same settiod.

No flak, no fighters.

Azjrd a/c, pilot Lt. Steiger, and Bosth a/c, pilot Lt. Cohn, collided over the area southeast of mieine. Former dropped back from position in the high element of lead squadron and tail section ran into #1 prop of latter, flying in same formation. Sgt. H.W. Rial (TI) of It. Stelger's crew, was killed in the accident. It. Cohn's a/c returned to base from mission, but due to sorious damage, Lt. Steiger bailed his crow out over the continent near Laon. All nen except tail cunner landed safely.

GALSONYINCHEL: Maj. Hulings led the 306th as 40 "C" with 39 a/c including 1 Pfr-Gee H, 1 Gee B, 3 PFF, and 3 spares. The very productive synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen in the Ruhr Valley was the target. A 10/10 undercast forced the group to attack by Gee H. All 306th a/c dropped off load.

No E/A opposition. Leager to moderate inaccurate flak at target caused no dumage.

Maj. Buie led 36 a/c over the Wash on a gunnery mission. 367th a/c. pilot 2nd Lt. Miessler, left formation apparently under control seven miles north of Wells east of the Wash. Shortly afterwards, 8 chutes we seen, and then an explosion in the right wing. The Fortress, or fire, dove into the sea. An and position report were sont to Air Sea Rescue by Maj. Buis, and acknowled a ent received. Lt. Kingsley left formation at that time to give aid. His a/c dropped 3 dinghies on separate runs over the survivors, and shot all available flares in guiding rescue launches to proper place.

Only 2 men were picked up, those being Lt. Burns (CP) and Lt. Johnson (B). Remainder of Lt. Mesaler's crews 2nd Lt. W.E. Messler (P), 2nd Lt. J.S. Papras (N), Sgt. H.D. Baughman (E), Sgt. W.E. Seerice (RO), Sgt. C. Gasorth (BT), and Sgt. R.L. Harrison (TG).

DORTHAND: Maj. Mitt led the 306th with 39 w/c including 2 PFF-Gee H, 2 PFF, and 3 spares as 40 "A". The target: were rail centers in the area north of the Ruhr Valley. Load electrical system wint out, causing deputy to take over at IP. With 10/10 coverage prevailing, and since reception of Gee H rate beacon was faulty, the group attacked

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CRET DAY E-1 briefed target #4 at Dortmund. Each squadron nude separate PFF runs 10 cont. with unobserved results. No E/A opposition. Moderate low inaccurate tracking flak in target area. Meagor inaccurate scattores bursts from Reclinghausen vicinity. Damage: 1 severe in lead. **READER:** Col. Satton led the 306th as 40  $^{10}$  with 36 e/c including 4 PFF at the head of the 1st Division. The target was a submarine construction works located in Bremen. Due to a 10/10 cloud coverage, 11 the group attacked by PFF, each squadron cropping on incluidual runs. Plotted scope photos indicate excellent results by Capt. Spencer, lead mickey operator. No E/A opposition. Burrage type flak was inaccurate on this formation at Breman. Shown in the above picture are, loft to right, (standing) Capt. ".B. Butterfield, Capt. S.W. Magee, Maj. E.M. Keoling, Capt. F.E. McCullough, (kneeling) Capt. P.V. Osburn, Capt. H.S. Hanson, 1st Lt. G.L. Feltz, all of the 367th squadron. Each of these nen has either completed or is now on a second tour. Capts. Hunson and Osburn flew with Col. Sutton, leading the 1st Division to Branen as pilot and navigator, respectively. Number of missions of this group totals over 300. SWINNINDE: Maj. Buie led the 306th as 40 "C" with 36 a/c including 12 6 PFF. - A dock area used for transportation of deman troops across the

5 PFF. A dock area used for transportation of idenan troops across the Baltic to the Russian front was the target. 10/10 coverage forced the group to bomb by instruments, each suadron dropping individually. Pletted FVF pictures indicate good results. No K/A opposition. Meager to moderate barrage type A.A. fire from Swinsaunie was inaccurate.

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4	HILDESHITH: Major McKinney led the 306 L PFF. The highest priority Jet Compon Hildesheim was the target for local for itions allowed each squadron to make a the briefed aiming point while the low yard immediately south of the target, w dropped in smoke of previous 306th boah	ents Flant in Geran ces today. Excellen visual run. Lead pa bombs, starting on a alked across factory ing. Two explosions	t weather cond- ttern blanketed marshalling area. High
•	the plant. Results whe described as a No E/A oppesition. 1 A/C free low A/A fire near target area.		
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Jet Components Plant at Hildesheim is enached by 306th general purpose and incendiary bombs. This was reported to be the Reich's highest priority target of its kind in existence. Future production is doubtful.

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)a <b>y</b>	EVENTS	
1.5	208811: 306th flew 36 A/C including 4 PFF as 40th "B" led by Capt. Laughlin. The target was the German military headquarters at 20ssen south of Berlin. Smoke from previous bombing and very dense haze obscured the briefed aising point, obliging lead Bombardiers to synchronize on checks around barracks	
	area. Lead and High patterns fell to south of the Headquarters, but in the military camp. Low bombs fall on a small town west of the area. All runs were by visual methods. Encay fighter opposition was nil. No A.A. fire was encountered.	
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17	MOLDIS: Lt. Col. Conklin of the 40th Combat Wing Led the 306th as 40th "A" with 36 A/C including 6 PFF. The target was the Holbis Power Plant connected to the important German Oil industry in the area South of Leipzig. A 10/10 cloud coverage forced the Group to book by PFF, each Equadron making a separate run. Plotted scope photographs, confirmed by Division, indicate excellent results.	
	No fighter opposition. At Molbis moderate and inaccurate barrage of A.A. fire was low and to left of formation. Meager fairly accurate tracking flak from Frankfurt area was encountered both going in and coming out. Damage was 2 slight in lead s madron.	
LS	<b><u>BRLIN</u>:</b> 306th flew 36 $_{\rm n}/C$ including 4 PFF as 40th "C" led by Capt. Dodge. The Earshalling Yards in east central/Berlin was the <b>Group</b> 's target for the day. $_{\rm n}$ 3 - 6/10 cloud coverage and dense persistant contrails from previous formations in the target area made bombing conditions very difficult. However, Lt. Weber, led Bombardier, sapaged a 30 second visual correction after a PFF run had been initiated. Bulk of lead pattern hit slightly to north of target with several strikes on briefed along point. Low Squaron made straight fi2X drop, and Bombs fell in Southeastern paft of city.	
	Several energy aircraft were seen in the Borlin area. Near the H <sup>2</sup> 2 MB 262's attacked the formation behind. 306th gunners fired with no	
	observed results. However, shortly after the target, one ME 109, having made a pass at the lead, came in from 3 o'clock at high squadron. Sgt. George L. Sarver, of 369th, Ball Turret Gunner on Lt. Sandini's aircraft,	
	fired several bursts, and the B'A exploded after passing underneath the formation. The cluim was confirmed as destroyed. Moderate to intense barrage and tracking AsA. fire from Berlin, was	
	accurate. Group was under fire for 10 minutes. Dumage: 33 out of 36; lead, 4 severe, 8 slight; low, 6 severe, 5 slight; high, 2 severe, 7 slight.	
9	PLANE: 306th flew 36 A/C including 4 PFP as 40th "B" led by Capt. Matke. Due to considerable haze and dense persistant contrails, the Group attacked the secondary target, marshalling yards at Plauens. Each squadron made a separate PFP run, and the high lead Boabardier samaged a 5 second visual	
	correction. Indistinct strike photos showed lead and low bombs near briefed aiming point and in the industrial area of the town. No X/A. Meager flak was inaccurate from Plauen.	
21	RHEINE: Major Kesling led the 306th as 40th "A" with 36 A/C including 3	<u>.</u>
	Gee H-PFF, and 1 PFF. The Group carried frags and attacked the dispersal area on the Sheine M/D from which the Sun had been sending many fighters to operate on the Mestern Front. Lead pattern, though short of the briefed	

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High strikes were on administration and maintenance buildings in the northern section of the field. This group encountered no A.A. fire, and encoy fighter opposition was mil.

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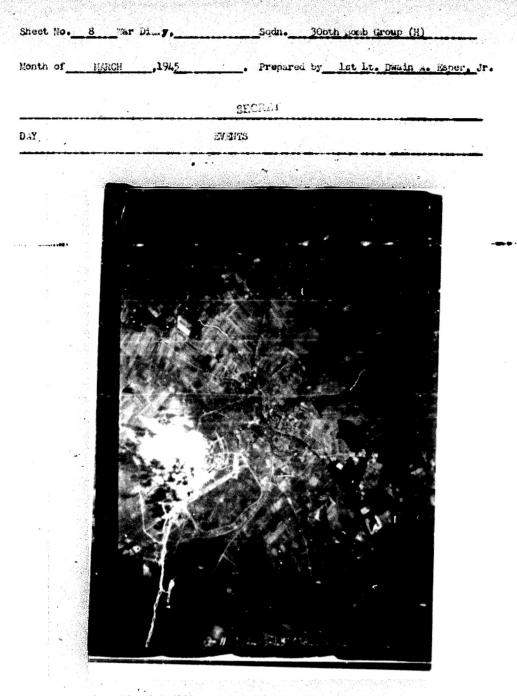
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22	<b>FALDHAUSTH:</b> 306th flem 39 A/C including 2 Gee H-PFF, 1 Gee H, 2 FFF, and 3 exares as 40th "B" led by Capt. Matake. A 15 but additory encamped in the small town of Feldhausen near <b>Dereten</b> morth of the Rahr, was the target. Heather proved to be satisfactory for visual conditions, and lead combardier, It. Dimter, picked up target area shortly after crossing the Rhine. Fattern hit mining point. Low, also on visual run, dropped
	overifter starting Gee H run, High, with 15 second visual correction, hit Gelsenkirchen-Buer power plant and oil refinery to cast of encampent. Heager inaccurate flak on lead and low in target area. Accurate, however, on the high, that s undron having 1 severe and 3 slightly damaged aircraft. One FW 190 was seen in the hunr are, but no attacks was made on the Group.
3	<u>CONSTID</u> : Hajor McKinney led the 306th with 36 A/C including 2 Gee H-PFF and 2 PFF as A0th "A". The target was the transportation center in Coesfeld, a small town morth of the Ruhr area. Weather was clear through- out the mission, and each squadron made a separate visual run. Lead pattern fell slightly short of the briefed aiming point, but hits were seen on the rail line running south out of the town. Though the bulk of the strikes were over, see low bombs were on the marshalling yard. Migh squadron dropped closer to the center of town in the smoke of previous bombing. No g/A opposition. Scattered inaccurate bursts of flak from Coesfeld caused no damage.
21,	VECHTA: Lt. Col. Chalfant led the 306th with 36 A/C including 6 PFF as ACth "A" in front of 1st Division. Target for this force was the operational air drame at Vechta, Clear weather allowed each squadron to make a separate visual run. Photos show all 3 patterns on the briefed aixing point in a display of excellent bosbing. No energy aircraft were seen. Neager inaccurate flak at target.
	HESPE: 306th flow 12 A/C including 1 PFF and 1 Gee H as the low squadram of 40th "D" led by Lt. Underwood. Objective of the mission was to post- hele the Airdrome at Hesepe. Lead and High banks hit the aiming point, but low pattern fell short. Sheny fighter opposition was mil. Heager A.A. "ire at Hinden and / Hesepe caused no damage.

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Operational buildings burn and smoke furiously on the Vechta Airdrome as all three Squaarons of the 306th nit sizing point. This served to be another blow to the once powerful Luftwaffe in the 3th Air Force's co-ordinated attack on the Hun's airfields.

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assembly altitude to 20,000 feet, 9,000 above briefed, on advise of weather Scout. Fiver 305th aircraft bonhed with other groups.

3/A opposition was nil. Heager to modeFate A.A. fire from Berlin was inaccurate. Meager accurate tracking flak from Stendal. No damage.

<u>BREAM</u>: 306th flew 37 A/C including o PFY as AOth "B" led by Capt. Surphy. The target was a highway bridge in Breach, as requested by the Admiralty. It. Dimter, lead Hombardier, concentrated his squadron's pattern directly on the briefed aiming point. Low and Hith bombs likewise hit target area. Results were described as excellent.

No E/A opposition. **Mederate** accurate tracking A.A. fire from Breasen was accurate for 5 minutes on the (aroup. Damage; load, 2 slight; low, 5 slight; high, 9 slight, 1 severe.

**EAGES** Major witt led the 306th as the lead squadron of 40th "D" with 12 Aircraft including 2 PFP. For the first time this group carried Disney borbs operationally, and attacked a subsarine pen at Fargo. 4-6/10 cloud coverage forced lead 6 plane formation (the squadron attacked in 2 flights) to make 4 runs. Then borbs were finally dropped, strike photos showed at least 3 hits on the briefed aiming point. Probable hits by second section dropping on third **Fem Were** to east of target.

Mederate tracking A.A. fire was very accurate on 306th A/C on all 4 runs. Damage; 1st section, . severe, 3 slight; and section, /4 slight.

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HALLE: 306th dispatched 30 Aircraft including 4 PFF as 40th aC<sup>24</sup> led by Lt. Glacys, and 10 A/C including 1 PFF as Squadron of 40th "B" led by Lt. Smith. The target was a marshalling yard in Halle, and the Group flew 10 plane squadrons in an unurual type of attack. Assembly in the dark over Chalgrove was difficult because of a considerable number of aircraft forming in the same area. 10/10 cloud coverage forced all 4 squadrons to bomb by PFF.

No fighter opposition. Heager flak in target area caused following tamage; 40 "B" low, Z slight; 40 "B" high, I slight.



Seen in the above picture is the remodelled E. H. club at Thurfeigh. Responsible for this great improvement on the base was Golonel Sutton, communding officer. During the afternoons light beveridges are served for those stationed on the post. In the evenings, however, the lounge is used exclusively by enlisted men, beer

List of promotions for March. 1 March - P. J. Baillis, Group Adjutant, to Bajor. 9 March - A. J. Bowley, 369th Flight Leader, to Captain. 9 March - L. E. Hubbell, 359th Flight Leader, to Captain. 10 March - H. O. Balcon, 367th Flight Leader, to Captain. 16 March - P. K. Kraft, 367th Squadron Executive, to Major. 16 March - C. E. Brock, 367th Squadron Communications, to Captain.

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE HOW BER STATION, MIGLARD, - Shown above are members of the "Gentury Club", an organization for crew chiefs of the veteram Bobth Bomb Group commanded by Colonel James 5. Sutton, of Finalay, Shio. There is only one initiation requirement - the crew chief's Flying Fortress must make 100 combat missions over energy territory.

Shown standing left to right are H/Sgt. Adolph Visconti, New York City, crew chief of B-17 "Skipper" 101 missions, H/Sgt. John A. Halsel, Freeport, Illinois, B-17 "Pretty Baby" 105 missions, H/Sgt. John A. Halsel, Freeport, Illinois, B-17 "Pretty Baby" 105 missions, H/Sgt. Jorest V. Deniel, Gliden, Jowa, B-17 "Steady Hody" 118 missions, Sgt. Jackson Vandever, Osburn, Idano, B-17 "We Franised" 104 missions, Anseling left to right are Sgt. Jaces ... Furay, Miagra Falls, H. Y., B-17 "Bouncing Baby" 108 missions, S/Sgt. Lawrence W. Faster, Sat Palestine, Chuo, B-17. "How Soon" 108 missions, M/Sgt. Joseph S. Terrana, Forest Fark, Illinois, B-17 "Solid Senger" 105 missions, T/Sgt. Barl Belbert, Horthampton, Pas, B-17 "Solid Senger" 106 missions, H/Sgt. Mussell Lawrnica, Reading, Pas, 2-17 "Skipper" 101 missions, M/Sgt. Donald .. Borgan, Collinguale, Fas, 1-27 "Beign The Beguine"

These crew chiefe are now in their thirty second months overseas with the pioneer dighth Air Porce. Their planes have a total of 951 missions and 9,845 flying hours.

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••• <b>•</b> •	March 45 Captain William C. Van Norman
3	Major Witt, Captain Murtha and Sergeant Covey on TD for 3 days to Station $A-78$ to inspect radar and Allied flak in action.
5	Captain Paul Baillie, station adjutant appointed to Major as of March 1, 1945.
6	lst Sgt Henry E. Bratcher, assigned on limited duty to this organi- 
8	Put John V. Anderson, Pvt Erwin L. Anderson, Pvt Maynard G. Christenson, Efc Deltoro Trino, T/5 Walter B. Carrigan and Pfc Sidney Leskowitz assigned to this organisation on limited duty from the Continent.
18	WOJG Lemberger and Pvt Tropeano to TD for approx 5 days to Scotland.
20	Lt Col Maurice V. Salada, oldest old timer of the original 306th combat men finally goes home. We all wish "doc" the best of luck and happy landings. Major Witt steps into Col Salada's shoes as the oldest old timer.
26	lst Lt Peter J. Hopkins on TD to 40th Gen Hos for approx 14 days.
29	WOJG Lemberger while in Ireland came down with appendicitis and was hosp? Alised.
	During the month of March, 1945, this group participated on 21 high altitude gradisions boghings without the loss of a single press.

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