

Sheet No. 1 War Diary, Sqdn. 306th Bombardment Group (H)Month of November, 1943. Prepared by Capt. W. W. Glass.

DAY	EVENTS
2nd.	Major William S. Raper, promoted to Lt. Col.
3rd.	25 A/C led by Col. Turner took off and bombed Wilhelmshaven on Pathfinder aircraft through 10/10 cloud. PRU photographs revealed extensive damage to ship building facilities and other property in the main city. Later the flak was meager and this group received no attacks because of excellent cover given by P-47's and P-38's. Lt's. Goris and Madley of the 368th squadron were lost due to a mid-air collision.
5th.	21 A/C led by Capt. Cook took off and 18 A/C bombed the important industrial city of Gelsenkirchen in the Ruhr Valley with good results, in spite of haze and an excellent smoke-screen. Many fighters were seen but none attacked us, a real tribute to our formation flying and good cover by P-47's and P-38's. Intense A.A. Gun Fire both barrage and continuously pointed was encountered in the target area. All of our A/C returned to base.
12th.	Major John J. Manning, relieved from duty and transferred from Hq. 306th Bombardment Group (H). (Going home, "Lucky Devil").
13th.	21 A/C led by Capt. Wheeler took off to bomb Bremen. Poor visibility prevented the proper join-up of formation. 2 A/C (Lt. Scudder of 368th and Lt. Cospser of 367th) encountered extreme turbulence plus icing and crashed in England. All of Lt. Scudder's plane were killed. All except Lt. Cospser successfully bailed out of his. Before leaving the Coast, the mission was recalled, but 2 A/C (Lt. Milton 369th and Lt. Elliot 367th) unable to locate our formation after breaking through the overcast tacked on to the 95th Group and dropped their bombs on the group leader through 10/10 cloud.
15th.	Lt. General Sir Harold Anderson and staff visited our station, inspecting personnel and equipment.
16th.	23 A/C led by Capt. Wheeler took off and 20 A/C bombed the Molybdenum mining installations at Knaben Norway. Bombing results were excellent, strike photos show a good concentration in and around the target area. It is believed this chief source of Germany's vital steel hardening material will be closed down for a considerable length of time. Enemy defenses were practically nil and all of our A/C returned safely to base.

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DAY	EVENTS
26th.	29 A/C led by Capt. Fuhrmeister took off and 28 A/C dropped their bombs over Bremen on Pathfinders. The target was largely obscured by clouds and an effective smoke-screen, results as shown by strike photographs was fair. Enemy fighter opposition was strong with from 75 to 100 A/C attacking. Rocket attacks from T/S fighters was also reported. Flak was intense but low and inaccurate on this group. Lt's. Hooy, of 368th and Lt. Jeffries of the 423rd failed to return to base.
30th.	Major Hogn, Toland relieved from Hq. 306th Bombardment Group (H), and transferred to Hq. 1st Bomb Division.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS PRESENTED BY THE 305TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP DURING
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

5/11/43	GO 201	8 AF	S/Sgt. George S. Monser	DFC	368th
12/11/43	GO 208	8 AF	1st Lt. August Winters	Purple Heart	368th
12/11/43	GO 208	8 AF	1st Lt. August Winters	OLC to AM	368th
21/11/43	GO 213	8 AF	1st Lt. Henry Zaborsky	DFC	368th
21/11/43	GO 213	8 AF	2nd Lt. Raymond F. Feilbach	DFC	423rd
21/11/43	GO 213	8 AF	Col. George L. Robinson	DFC	305th
25/11/43	GO 214	8 AF	2nd Lt. Edward L. Maslanka	Purple Heart	368th
25/11/43	GO 214	8 AF	2nd Lt. Edward L. Maslanka	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 192	8 BC	1st Lt. William J. Tackmier	DFC	367th
7/11/43	GO 192	8 BC	1st Lt. Alfred E. Simmen	DFC	368th
7/11/43	GO 192	8 BC	1st Lt. Coyle K. Logue	DFC	368th
7/11/43	GO 192	8 BC	T/Sgt. John F. McCabe	DFC	369th
7/11/43	GO 192	8 BC	T/Sgt. James B. Kinball	DFC	367th
7/11/43	GO 192	8 BC	Captain Louis G. Cook	DFC	368th
7/11/43	GO 192	8 BC	1st Lt. Raymond L. Robinson	DFC	368th
8/11/43	GO 193	8 BC	1st Lt. Clark D. Moore	DFC	367th
8/11/43	GO 193	8 BC	1st Lt. Robert W. Porter	DFC	367th
8/11/43	GO 193	8 BC	S/Sgt. Lloyd A. Brandon	DFC	368th
8/11/43	GO 193	8 BC	T/Sgt. John J. Tobin	DFC	369th
8/11/43	GO 193	8 BC	T/Sgt. John E. Hodge	DFC	369th
8/11/43	GO 193	8 BC	T/Sgt. Richard L. Newport	DFC	369th
8/11/43	GO 193	8 BC	S/Sgt. Lester B. Parks	DFC	423rd
13/11/43	GO 200	8 BC	T/Sgt. Mervin A. Narum	DFC	369th
13/11/43	GO 200	8 BC	Sgt. Raymond L. Morris	DFC	369th
18/11/43	GO 203	8 BC	S/Sgt. Owen K. Nabors	DFC	367th
30/11/43	GO 213	8 BC	1st Lt. Joseph P. Ryan	DFC	367th
30/11/43	GO 213	8 BC	Captain Arthur F. Titus	DFC	367th
30/11/43	GO 213	8 BC	Captain Floyd A. Evans	DFC	369th
30/11/43	GO 213	8 BC	1st Lt. Virgil H. Jeffries	DFC	423rd
30/11/43	GO 213	8 BC	Sgt. Philip W. D. Mantor	DFC	368th
30/11/43	GO 213	8 BC	Captain David W. Wheeler	DFC	367th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	1st Lt. Leonard P. Blatnica	OLC to AM	368th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	2nd Lt. Dudley K. Fay, Jr.	OLC to AM	369th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	S/Sgt. Harry R. Shotts	OLC to AM	423rd
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	S/Sgt. Willard K. McQuarrie	OLC to AM	423rd
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	S/Sgt. Donald (JMI) Richardson	OLC to AM	423rd
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	Sgt. Emil W. Kristof	OLC to AM	367th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	Sgt. Duncan J. Williams	OLC to AM	369th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	Sgt. Bennett E. Ball	OLC to AM	367th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	Richard (JMI) Butler	OLC to AM	367th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	1st Lt. Carl A. Alexander	OLC to AM	367th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	2nd Lt. Ralph T. Peters	OLC to AM	369th
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	2nd Lt. Robert E. Partridge	OLC to AM	423rd
1/11/43	GO 19	1 BD	2nd Lt. Paul V. Manning	OLC to AM	423rd
7/11/43	GO 20	1 BD	2nd Lt. Thomas J. Brady	AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20	1 BD	2nd Lt. James B. McIner	AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20	1 BD	S/Sgt. Frank J. Wesner	AM	369th

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7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	Sgt. Walter W. Lastinger	AM	369th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Orville C. Hill	AM	369th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	Sgt. Howard M. Jack	AM	423rd
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	Sgt. Henry A. Steelsmith	AM	423rd
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	Sgt. Olin O. Dobbs	AM	367th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	2nd Lt. Robert L. Fallow	OLC to AM	369th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	2nd Lt. John P. Noack	OLC to AM	369th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	1st Lt. Kenneth R. Bickett	OLC to AM	423rd
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	2nd Lt. Saxe W. Mowers	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Gerald D. Burnt	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Neil H. Brennan	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Edward F. Gram	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. William J. Heade	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Othal (MHI) Woodall, Jr.	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Grant R. Anderson	OLC to AM	367th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Daniel J. Antonelli	OLC to AM	367th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. James (MHI) Argentos	OLC to AM	367th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. John P. Bloom, Jr.	OLC to AM	367th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. John E. Carcoran, Jr.	OLC to AM	367th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Arnold G. Coulter	OLC to AM	367th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Edwin L. Borlik	OLC to AM	423rd
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	T/Sgt. Leo C. Capper	OLC to AM	423rd
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	S/Sgt. Edward J. Heints	OLC to AM	368th
7/11/43	GO 20 1 BD	Sgt. Floyd K. Shade	OLC to AM	367th
12/11/43	GO 21 1 BD	Sgt. Edgar M. Johnson	OLC to AM AM	369th
12/11/43	GO 21 1 BD	S/Sgt. Harold H. Haron	AM	369th
12/11/43	GO 21 1 BD	S/Sgt. Basis (MHI) Margineau	AM	367th
12/11/43	GO 21 1 BD	Sgt. Denver A. McGinnis	AM	367th
12/11/43	GO 21 1 BD	S/Sgt. Michael J. Sgaj	AM	368th
14/11/43	GO 22 1 BD	1st Lt. Herbert C. Edelstein	OLC to AM	367th
14/11/43	GO 22 1 BD	1st Lt. William Katz	OLC to AM	368th
14/11/43	GO 22 1 BD	2nd Lt. Howard C. Sharkey	OLC to AM	369th
14/11/43	GO 22 1 BD	2nd Lt. Thomas R. McCalliard	OLC to AM	423rd
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	1st Lt. Ivan E. Glaze	AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	2nd Lt. Daniel (MHI) McCauley	AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	2nd Lt. Ralph C. K. Beach	AM	369th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	2nd Lt. William B. Milton Jr.	AM	369th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. Earl E. Wynn	AM	369th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. Otis F. Thomas	AM	367th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	Sgt. Ralph L. Whiteside	AM	367th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	S/Sgt. John J. Samborski	AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	S/Sgt. Bernard J. Matti	AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	S/Sgt. Joseph C. O'Connell	AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	1st Lt. Myron J. Dacichowski	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	1st Lt. Joseph M. Gay, Jr.	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	1st Lt. William S. Nally	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	1st Lt. Hyman H. Bittman	OLC to AM	369th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 ED	1st Lt. David B. Dash	OLC to AM	369th

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19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	1st Lt. Willard J. Clarida	OLC to AM	423rd
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. Kenneth H. Smith	OLC to AM	369th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	S/Sgt. Walter G. Rozanski	OLC to AM	367th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	S/Sgt. David M. Novis	OLC to AM	367th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. Alex A. Becker	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	T/Sgt. Eric G. Danielson	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	S/Sgt. Steve J. Krisko	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. Elmer W. Schaeckepfer	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. Duncan J. Williams	OLC to AM	368th
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. Almond A. Weed	OLC to AM	423rd
19/11/43	GO 24 1 BD	Sgt. David Axelrod	OLC to AM	423rd



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| 7 | Major Raper promoted to Lt Colonel. |
| 10 | Captain Dalton H. Wright assigned to organization as Group Weather Officer. |
| 12 | Major Manning relieved from organization and Captain Harold D. Minal, Jr. assigned as Group Flight Surgeon. |
| 15 | Lt General Sir Harold Anderson visited and inspected station. |
| 16 | 2nd Lt Murtha promoted to 1st Lt. |
| 18 | 2nd Lt Raymond J. Bruder assigned to organization as Physical Training Officer. |
| 22 | Major Thurman E. Dawson assigned to organization as Group Ordnance Officer. |
| 23 | 1st Lt Robert F. Harris assigned to organization as Personnel Officer. |

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