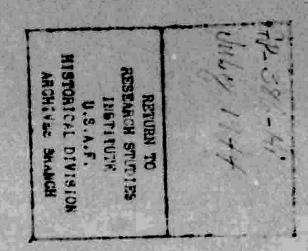


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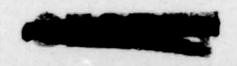


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386TH BONBARDMENT GROUP (M) USAAF
Installment VIII
July 1944

- 1. Organizational changes: Negative
- 2. Strength: 41 officers; 52 enlisted men.
- 3. Date of arrival at and departure from each station in ETO: Megative.
- h. Losses in action: Regative.
- 5. Awards and decorations:
 - a. Award of seventh Cak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal, per General Order 128, dated 17 July 1944. Colonel Joe W.Kelly Commanding Officer.
 - b. Award of eighth Oak Leef Cluster to Air Medal, per General Order 124, dated 11 July 1944. Captain John E.Miller Group Technical Inspector.
 - c. Award of minth Cak Leaf Cluster to Air Medel, per General Order 124, dated 11 July 1944. Major Leland D.Perry Group Operations Officer.
 - d. Award of fourth Cak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal, per General Order 139, dated 25 July 1944. Major Irvin A.Rodgers Assistant Group Operations Officer.

Administrative changes for the month included Major Leland D. Perry, assigned and joined from the 552nd Squadron; principal duty, Group Operations Officer vice Lt.Col. Harry G. Hankey, relieved. Lt.Col. Harry G. Hankey detailed to duty as Deputy Group Commander and Group Air Executive Officer, vice Lt.Col. Sherman R. Beaty relieved. Lt.Col. Sherman R. Beaty relieved of assignment and assigned to the 410th Bomb Group (L) as of July 2nd, 1944. Captain Albert E. Hill, assigned and joined from the 553rd Squadron, principal duty Group Bombardier, vice



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Major Simon Economidia relieved. First Lieutenant Arvil D. Mullins relieved from assignedent and assigned to the 553rd Squadron. Captain Milton Rubenstein (DC) - attabhed, assigned and joined from the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, IX Bomber Commend, principal duty Group Dental Officer. Major Simon Economidia relieved from assignment and assigned to Casual Pool, 12th RCD, Station 591 as of 10 July 1944. Major Charence H. Christian relieved from assignment and assigned to 12th RCD, Station 591. Captain Arthur L. Jacobs assigned and Joined from the 552nd Squadron as of July 29,1944 (Combat Intelligence officer.)

Weather continued bed during the entire month and air operations for the group was limited to seventeen days. The entire operation was tactical, either in direct support of the ground forces fighting in Normandy or in the destruction of the enemy supply dumps and lines of communication leading thereto.

Record of operations for July is as follows:

Twenty-nine bircraft bombed LaBarberie, France, but results were unobserved due to overcast. All ships returned safely.

Thirty six aircraft took off to bomb Senoches. Thirty-one were recalled and five bombed with good results. The target was supplies stored in a woods. All aircraft returned.

Thirty-five aircraft bombed the Foret de Conches where enemy supplies were said to be stored. Results were classified as good. All sircraft returned.

Thirty-six aircraft bombed enemy installations at Caen. Results of bombing by some flights were gross and others good. All aircraft returned.

Thirty-six eircraft took off for Orleans to bomb highway bridge.

First two flights (11 ships) bombed the bridge with excellent results and the remainder of the formation dropped on the railroad bridge at Vendome. Results on this target were also excellent. All ships returned.

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11 July 1944

Thirty aircraft bombed a fuel dump at Fleres. Results were unobserved due to overcast. All ships returned.

12 July 1944

Thirty sircraft bombed the Foret de Clinglais where enemy supplies were reported stored. Results of the bombing were unobserved due to overcest. All ships returned.

Twenty-three aircreft took off at 1800 hours; six bombed a railroad bridge at Nogent LeRoi with poor results; eleven bombed the rail tracks at Bonneval with fair to good results; six bombed the airdrome at Chateaudum with excellent results. One sircreft failed to return; All others landed safely.

15 July-1944

Thirty-six aircraft took off to bomb a target near St. Lo but failed to bomb due to bad weather conditions. All ships returned safely.

17 July 1944

Thirty-four aircraft bombed the large fuel storage tanks at Rennes with excellent results. Extremely heavy flak was encountered and fourteen of the ships suffered battle damage. All ships returned.

18 July 1944

Thirty-six sircraft bombed the German battle area in the Caen sector in direct support of the big British and Canadian push. Results were classified as poor as the bombs overshot the target area as prescribed as the effective area to bomb. One aircraft was shot down by heavy flak over the target area and caught fire and exploded. Two chutes were observed to come from the burning plane. All other planes returned safely.

23 July 1944

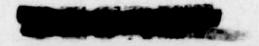
Thirty-nine aircraft took off to bomb the Forest de Conches, but no bombs were dromped due to bad weather conditions. All ships returned safely.

2h July 1944

Thirty-six aircraft bombed a railroad bridge at Sable Sur Forhte with good results. All aircraft returned safely.

25 July 19hh

Thirty-five aircraft bombed German troop consentrations two miles west of St.Lo in support of the push there by American group forces. Results



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bults were classified as excellent and all ships returned sefely.

26 July 1944

Thirty-five aircraft bombed enemy supplies in the Marigny area. Results were unobserved due to overcast. All ships landed safely.

28 July 1944

Thirty-two aircraft bombed a railroad bridge at Ecouche. Results of the bombing were unobserved due to overcast. Heavy flak was encountered and one aircraft failed to return. All others landed andely.

30 July 1944

Thirty-three sircraft took off to ball a target at Dahagnes but failed to bomb due to weather. All returned safely with their tombs. Thirty-three aircraft banked a supply dump at Damot. Results were unobserved due to overcast. All ships returned.

31 July 1944

Thirty-six circraft bombed the railroad bridge at LaRiche, Results were reported as excellent. Heavy accurate flak was encountered and one aircraft failed to return. All others landed safely.

30 July 1944 marked the anniversary of this bomb group. It completed its first year of combat operations with an outstanding record; leading all medium groups in this theatre in number of missions flown, tonnage of bombs dropped, enemy fighters shot down and bombing accuracy.