

Editor 306th Bomb Gp. Encls

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Russell A. Strong:

In regards to the map on Page #7 April issue.

These maps were drawn by Sgt. Gilbert Hawn and / or Sgt. Charles Kaelin, both assigned to Headquarters 306th Bomb Gp. as draftsmen - cartographers (with a M. O. S. #712.?? I believe) with the duty of making maps, training charts and compiling statistics.

After the briefing for the mission the lead navigator would give us the coordinates of the proposed route which we would draw in black on the milk paper forms provided by the 8th A.A.F. (digestable paper which the navigator was supposed to swallow in case of emergency, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the enemy.

Upon return from the mission, after debriefing and critique, we were given the coordinates of the actual route which we added on the form in red, along with the location of enemy flak batteries, fighter attacks plus any other significant information.

I trust this note will help answer your questions about the maps.

Sincerely
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