

## 322nd Squadron Daily Reports

Capt. Wm. R. Thompson

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14 April, 1942 91st Bombardment Group (H) was organized at Harding Field Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Lt. Edward R. Akert, Commanding, Lt. Frank S. Kamykowski, Engineering, Lt. William M. Cornell Lt. William H. Biggs, Chaplain and Lt. Ben T. Stogner.

13 May, 1942 - 91st Bomb Group. (H) moved to Mac Dill Field, Tampa, Florida ; Lt. Col. Stanley T. Wray assumed command.

15 May 1942 - 322nd Bombardment Squadron was organized: Captain Victor B. Zienowicz, Commanding; Lt. William F. Genheimer, Acting Commanding Officer.

25 May 1942 - Captain Victor B. Zienowicz reported and assumed command of 322nd Bomb Sq. At that time squadron had three heavy bombardment type airplanes, B-17s; No. 41-2394 (Hangar Queen), No. 41-2577 and No. 41-2597.

22 June 1942 - 322nd Squadron departed MacDill Field, Tampa , Florida .

4 July 1942 Personnel of 322nd Squadron reported United States Army Air Base, Walla Walla , Washington for 16th Wing phase of training.

1 August 1942 - Entire personnel of 322nd Squadron departed Walla Walla and arrived United States Army Air Base, Pendleton , Oregon . During training period there, with 2 and 1/2 planes available, the squadron put in 530 hours flying time.

16 August 1942 -322nd Squadron departed Pendleton Air Base; returned same day to Walla Walla Air Base.

23 August 1942 -322nd Squadron received orders to pack for movement.

24 August 1942 Air echelon departed Walla Walla Air

Base, arrived Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho; ground echelon departed Walla Walla Air Base by Train, Capt. Theodore R. Parker, Commanding.

25 August 1942 - Ground echelon arrived in staging area at Fort Dix , New Jersey .

30 August 1942 - Air Echelon departed Gowen Field, Boise , Idaho ; arrived U.S. Arm Air Base, Selfridge Field , Michigan .

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### 322nd Squadron Dailies

Capt. William R. Thompson

1 Sept. 1942 - Air Echelon departed Selfridge Field, Michigan; arrived Dow Field, Bangor, Maine; ground echelon , under War Dept. orders, departed Fort Dix, New Jersey and boarded S.S. Queen Mary to serve as Gun crew aboard ship during passage to destination.

5 Sept. 1942 - Ground echelon departed Port of New York City and cleared Ambrose Lighthouse at 1615 hours.

6 Sept. 1942 - Air echelon received delivery of nine new B-17F airplanes: Nos. 41- 1942, 24453, 24439, 24481, 24482, 24483, 24479, 24499, 24512 and 24545.

11 Sept. 1942 - S.S. Queen Mary arrived Guroch, Firth of Clyde , Scotland 0015 hours.

12 Sept. 1942 - Ground echelon disembarked S.S. Queen Mary and entrained.

13 Sept. 1942 - Ground echelon arrived Kimbolton Air Field, Hunts, England at 0430 hours.

29 Sept. 1942 - Air echelon departed Dow Field, Bangor , Maine arrived Gandor Lake Newfoundland .

30 Sept. 1942 - Air echelon departed Gandor Lake , Newfoundland at 2330 hours flying nine planes in three ship elements.

1 Oct. 1942 - Air echelon arrived at Prestwick ,  
Scotland at 0930 hours.

2 Oct. 1942 - Air echelon departed Prestwick ,  
Scotland and arrived Kimbolton Air Field, Hunts,  
England at 1320 hours.

14 Oct. 1942 - Entire squadron departed Kimbolton  
Air Field and arrived Bassingbourn Airfield,  
Cambridgeshire , England .

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Headquarters  
322nd Bomb Squadron  
Pendleton, Ore,

August 6, 1942

Subject: Interference by illegal radio stations

To: Intelligence Officer, 91st Bomb Group, Walla  
Walla, Wash.

1. On August 4, 1942, reports from the radio operators of this squadron to the Squadron Communications Officer, Lt. Nelson, led him to suspect the presence of illegal radio stations in the vicinity of this Air Base. Upon questioning he became convinced that some action must be taken by way of investigating the reports.

2. Lt. Nelson immediately brought the matter to my attention, and to the attention of the Base Signal Officer, Lt. Guy, who informed him that the authorities at the Pendleton Air Base had been receiving signals from some radio station or stations which they believed might be operating in an illegal manner. Lt. Guy informed us that these signals had been heard first during December, 1941, and at irregular intervals since that time.

3. Upon receipt of this information I immediately visited the Intelligence Officer at the Pendleton Air Base in order to hear what if any steps had been taken to locate the owners of such stations. He very kindly showed me such information that he had collected on

the subject. From this I learned that the Intelligence Section of the Pendleton Air Base had been in communication with the G-2 of the Second Air Force, the F.B.I., the F.C.C., and other agencies which should have been interested in this situation. It also developed that Major Dauncy (?), Adjutant of the Walla Walla Air Base had assisted in the investigations that had been carried on. From all of this it appears that little real progress has been made in locating these people, due chiefly to the irregularity of their transmissions, and to the reluctance of the civilian bureaus toward sending their equipment out on a questionable case where it would probably be tied up for weeks or even longer without any assurance of finding these illegal station or stations.

4. The Intelligence Officer of Pendleton Air Base requested that this squadron arrange to photograph certain suspected areas in this vicinity. This has been accomplished, and the report of that mission is attached hereto, together with prints of the photographs taken.

5. This Squadron then arranged for a second reconnaissance over this suspected area. Lt. Nelson, who is an expert in this kind of work accompanied this mission, and reported that it was impossible to identify anything that looked like a probably radio transmitting station from the air. However, he did notice that the "T" shaped house mentioned in the report of the photographic mission (hereto attached), with the white roof, might be considered as suspicious inasmuch as it did parallel the radio beam leading into the Pendleton Air Port.

6. Upon further investigation yesterday, Lt. Nelson and I further learned that at one time during the month of March, 1942, this station transmitted continuously for a period of about two hours. During this period the transmitting station appeared to be fulfilling the function of a radio guiding device, and was distinctly heard transmitting over and over the letters "WR" (?) and several times the letters "?-5". At this time Lt. Guy made a determined effort to locate the station with some equipment which he had borrowed from civilian sources locally, but was not successful in doing so.

7. During the past 36 hours Lt. Nelson and I have interviewed individually all the radio operators of this squadron. Of the 18 men so interviewed, practically all of them stated that during the past month they have heard signals which could have been sent from another transmitting station. Many of them stated that it was their opinion that at times (at least) these signals seemed to be sent out with the intention of "jamming" the stations of the 91st Bomb Group. Several of these men also stated that they had heard voice transmission on their assigned wave-lengths, and wondered at the time who had been given authority to transmit in voice on the wave-lengths assigned to them.

8. We are attaching hereto brief statements as made by several of the radio operators of this squadron. These are self-explanatory.

9. All radio operators of this squadron have been ordered to listen in at the wave-lengths on which these strange signals have been heard at all times, and to report to me all such information as they are able to gather if they are heard again. Such reports will be forwarded to your office as soon as reported.

10. After this had been accomplished I learned that on July 3, a conversation between two stations (presumably illegal) had been picked up at the Pendleton Air Base. As the operators of these stations agreed to meet each other in the town of Pendleton some few hours after the conversation took place, we may assume that these people are located and operating at points within a radius of 50 to 75 miles of this Air Base. A report of this conversation is on file in the office of the Intelligence Officer, Pendleton Air Base.

11. When this information had been collated, Lt. Nelson applied to the base Signal Officer for any equipment which he might use as direction-finding devices, but was advised that no such equipment was available. Lt. Nelson and I then decided to try to manufacture some makeshift devices by which we will be able to identify the directions from which these signals are coming. We hope to have these arrangements in operation within a day or two, and when ready a continuous watch will be maintained in an effort to secure further information concerning those

supposed illegal stations. Any information secured in this manner will be forwarded to your office immediately upon receipt.

12. Upon reviewing all the evidence we have been able to collect, we have also found that the period during which these illegal stations were most active coincided with the period during which two other conditions existed: five B-17 planes were lost in this vicinity, and much of the submarine activity off the Pacific Coast. This may be purely accidental.

13. For the protection of the airplanes of this squadron, the following orders have been given to all radio operators.

a. That they are not to transmit to any radio station until that station has authenticated codes set up by the Second Air Force Headquarters at Spokane.

b. That no pilot shall under any conditions fly any radio beam under actual "instrument conditions", but will rely upon his other instruments, and at all times shall be extremely careful when flying in this part of the states of Oregon and Washington.

We are of the opinion that these measures should tend to negate any possible harmful intentions, if the above referred-to radio stations are actually being operated by enemy aliens.

For the Squadron Commander

TRP

Theodore R. Parker  
Capt., A.A.F.,  
S-2 322 Bomb Squadron

Enclosures:

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Headquarters  
322 Bomb Squadron  
Pendleton, Ore.

August 7, 1942

Special Photographic Mission, August 6, 1942.

## Briefing Notes:

1. Upon receipt of certain information concerning radio interference, received from the Base Signal Officer, Pendleton Air Force Base, and reported by Lt. Nelson, Squadron Communications Officer, a special photographic mission was dispatched to photograph the area from which the interference was supposed to originate..
2. Base signal unit furnished information that additional pictures of the vicinity of Holdman be taken, and the base photographic unit furnished the detail and equipment.
3. Pilots were instructed to fly up the valley in which this town is located, to reappear from another direction not sooner than thirty minutes later, and to fly across the town again about 45 minutes thereafter. This was intended to divert suspicion.
4. The photographers were instructed to take a complete "photo-strip" of the vicinity of the town during each flight.
5. The pilots were instructed to hold a straight and level course during each flight at an indicated altitude of 8000 feet, or somewhat lower if overcast or clouds might interfere with the object of taking pictures.
6. All members of the combat crew were instructed to make minute observations of everything in and about the town during the three runs over the town and surrounding territory.
7. The photographic unit was ordered to complete processing of their pictures as soon as possible, and return three prints of each to this headquarters as soon as finished.
8. All members of the flight were ordered to report individually to this headquarters for interrogation upon completion of the flight.
9. All members of the flight were ordered to maintain strict silence and secrecy concerning the nature of this mission.
10. Maps, photos, and other available information were given to the pilots and photographers just before the mission took off.

Theodore R. Parker, Capt.

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Headquarters  
322 Squadron  
Pendleton, Ore.

August 7, 1942

Special Photographic Mission, August 6, 1942

Interrogation Notes (condensed):.

1. The mission took off at 0925, and flew directly over the town of Holdman as ordered, taking its first photo-strip during this run.
2. They then flew to the north-east and returned thirty-five minutes later and took a second Photo-strip coming in from that direction.
3. They then flew in from a westwardly direction fifty minutes later and took their third photo-strip.
4. During these three flights, the following was observed:
  - a. The town appeared to be practically deserted, very little signs of activity were observed.
  - b. Three or four people were observed, apparently standing and looking up at the plane during its third flight over the town.
  - c. The navigator and one member of the combat crew thought they saw what might have been an antenna stretched along the roof of one of the houses.
  - d. All remarked upon a peculiarly shaped house, built in the shape of a "T". The roof of this house was painted a new white, whereas, most of the other roofs in the town were either unpainted or red in color.
  - e. Upon investigating the long wing of this white-roofed house was found to point directly parallel to the beam of the Pendleton Airport.
  - f. A very small landing field, or a place where very light planes could land, was observed just to the east of the center of the town.
5. As a result of this information, another photographic mission will be dispatched to



re-photograph the valley at a much lower altitude within a few days. Also, it is our intention to make a visual reconnaissance of this place at a very low altitude during the next 24 hours, making use of one of the LO5 planes now here.

Theodore R. Parker, Capt.

322nd Daily Reports, November, 1942

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7 Nov. 1942 Squadron went on its first  
,,(?)...mission. Target was the docks ...(?)...at Brest ,  
France . The following ships went on raid:

Ship 4499

Major Zienowicz

Lt. Baxley

Lt. Hampy (?)

Lt. Wechsler

Lt. Hubbard

Sgt. Hall

Sgt. Goldstein

Sgt. Steffens

Sgt. Tamsett (?)

Sgt. Hudjera (?)

Ship 4482

Lt. Bader

Lt. Humphries

Lt. Adkins

Lt. Hensley

Sgt. Pieph (?)

Sgt. Gray

Sgt. Kesslerwad

Sgt. Olaque

Sgt. Hansbury

Sgt. Buzisz

Ship 4479

Lt. McCormick  
Lt. Preibe  
Lt. Clinton  
Lt. Frazier  
Sgt. Pidgeon  
Sgt. Anderson  
Sgt. Ryder  
Sgt. Janor  
Sgt. Graddy  
Sgt. Hamrick

Ship 4545

Lt. Beasley  
Lt. Green  
Lt. Boccock  
Lt. Hawkins  
Sgt. Barreh  
Sgt. Hale  
Sgt. Lammers  
Sgt. Richardson  
Sgt. Ehrhardt  
Sgt. Perry (323rd) (Steve Perri)

Sgt. Graddy and Sgt. Hansbury received credit for shooting down a FW 190.

Ships 4481, 4453 and 4483 turned back due to gun failures.

9 Nov. 1942 Squadron left on second mission. Target was locks at St. Nazaire , France .

The following ships took part:

Ship 4481

Major Zienowicz  
Lt. Baird  
Lt. Moss (323)  
Lt. Bullock  
Lt. Bryant  
Sgt. Mika  
Sgt. Harger  
Sgt. Kiss  
Sgt. Bucholz

Sgt. Harrison

Ship 4483

Lt. Felton  
Lt. Kious  
Lt. Cochran  
Lt. Hylton  
Sgt. Traverso  
Sgt. Griffin  
Sgt. Welch  
Sgt. Paul  
Sgt. Burnett  
Sgt. Larson

Ship 4545

Lt. Beasley  
Lt. Green  
Lt. Bowcock  
Lt. Santoro  
S/Sgt. Ehrhardt  
Sgt. Barrett  
Sgt. Hale  
Sgt. Lammers  
Sgt. Richardson  
Sgt. Quarles

Lt. Cochran, Lt. Bowcock, Sgt. Burnett and Sgt. Richardson were wounded, also Lt. Bryant.

14 Nov. 1942 Target St. Nazaire , France sub pens and installations. Bomb loading 2 x 2000#. Take off 1045, landed at Davidson 1630.

Ship 4499 – Capt. Gillespie

Ship 4512 – Lt. Wallick

Ship 4479 – Lt. McCormick

Ship 4453 – Lt. Hardin

Height – 19,000 ft.

Weather clear over target.

Target attacked successfully.

17 Nov. 1942 – Target for this mission was St. Nazaire. Group furnished 20 A/C of which 6 were abortive. The squadron started 3 A/C of which two went over the target – #4545, 1st Lt. Beasley and #4481, 1st Lt. Baird.

Target was bombed successfully, each ship attacking at 20,000 ft. with bomb load of 10 x 500 HE. After leaving target, 20 – 30 E/A fighters attacked of which 5 were destroyed, 2 possibles and eight damaged. S/Sgt Ehrhardt of 545, tail gunner, was credited with one FW 190 destroyed. Both ships returned, no casualties.

18 Nov. 1942 – Target was submarine pens at La Pallice , France . Bomb load 10 x 500 GP. Altitude 18000 feet, group took off 17 A/C of which 11 were abortive. Squadron furnished 6 ships of which 4 attacked target at 1255 hours. Group was led by Major Victor S. Zienowicz. Several enemy A/A batteries were destroyed and target was hit. No E/A attacked. Squadron ships over target were 4499 Major Zienowicz – 4453, 1st Lt. John T. Hardin – 4479 1st Lt. Thomas B. McCormick – 4512, 1st Lt. Bruce D. Barton. On return, just over English coast, Major Zienowicz and Lt. Hardin collided in mid-air in cloud, Lt. Hardin made forced Landing at Vocvii (??) Maj. Zienowicz landed at Turweston. The later ship was salvaged. Other ships returned to base. No casualties.

22 Nov. 1942 – Group assigned 18 ships to attack Lorient , France , sub pens. Flight commanded by Major P. D. Brown of 323rd. Bomb load was 2 x 2000 lb. B M5s (?) and altitude was 19,000 ft. 322nd sent 4 A/C, 4482, Major Zienowisz 4512, Captain Kenneth K. Wallick (?) – 4?81 ast Lt. James D. Baird and 4439, 1st Lt. Bruce Barton. Owing to 10/10 cloud cover, target was not attacked. Maj. Zienowicz and Captain Wallick returned to base, Lt's Baird and Barton landed at Westcott. All safe, no casualties.

23 Nov. – Of ten ships assigned by group to attack St. Nazaire , France submarine pens, only 5 went over target at 19000 ft. under command of Major Harold C. Smelzer of 324th. Two of three from squadron got over target. 4479, Major Zienowicz – 4512, Captain Kenneth K. Wallick. Due to cloud conditions, the target was not attacked. At a point 55 miles inside France 1st Lt. McCarty and Major Zienowicz were at some distance from

the other four ships, Major Smelzer, Capt. Wallick and Lts. Cliburn 324 and Corman 324. Lt. McCarty returned from that point to base.

No further report has been received of Major Zienowicz and he and his crew reported missing in action. The other four, some ten miles off the target were attacked by from 20-40 E/A and turned out to sea.

In a running fight, an undetermined number of E/A were shot down and several casualties in our A/C were suffered. Captain Wallick safely landed his ship at Chivenor, with his tail gunner S/Sgt. John J. Hudjera suffering a fracture of his leg. Lt. Corman crash landed at Watford, England, five of his crew were killed. Major Smelzer was last seen at a point 20 miles west of Brest , France by Lt. Corman.

Following is a list of the crew 4479:

Pilot – Major Victor S. Zienowicz, copilot Captain Thomas B. McCormick, Navigator Capt. Herbert W. Hampy, Navig. 2nd Lt. Ralph L. Clinton, Bomb. 2nd Lt. Ross E. Frazier, Gun Lt. Arthur S. Applebaum, Eng T/S Doyce F. Hamrick, A.E Ssgt. Joseph G. Janor, Rad T/S Geo.A. Anderson, A/R S/S Wordon J. Ryder, Tail Gunner S/S William C. Grady

24 Nov. 1942 – Capt. Paul L. Fishburne reported and assumed charge of 322nd as acting Squadron Commander.

25 Nov. 1942 – The report of Capt. Wallick and his crew of the fight of the Nov. 23 raid was received and that ship is credited with the destruction of four FW 190's, enemy aircraft and one damaged. Following are the members credited with E/A.

S/Sgt. John J. Hudjera T.G. destroyed FW 190.

S/Sgt. Jarvis E. Hall T.T.G. destroyed FW 190.

Sgt. Frank S. Tamsett W.G. destroyed FW 190.

S/Sgt. Daniel (NMI) Goldstein R.G. destroyed FW 190.

Sgt. Delbert G. Steffens W.G. FW190 damaged.

This flight occurred from San Jachim (?) France to over the Atlantic Coast . It is believed this establishes record for E/A losses to a single crew in one fight.

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6 Dec. 19, 1942 - The target for today was the locomotive carriage works at Lille, France. The bomb load was 10 x 500 G.P. bombs, the take off at 1020, over target at 1210 and landing at 1329 hours. The group sent 22 A/C of which 18 went over target. 322nd Squadron had 4 of these - 453, Lt. John T. Hardin, 481, Capt. Paul L. Fishburne, 483, Lt. Ralph A. Felton and 545, Lt. Wm. D. Easley. Fighters, FW 190s were engaged 10 miles west of target on way in, S/Sgt. Bradin C. Griffin was credited with the destruction of one of them. The group got five destroyed and two damaged as their bag for the day. The weather over target was good and bomb results were fair. There were quite a few short. All of our ships as well as all of the group returned safely. No casualties in squadron.

12 Dec., 1942 - Target was Romilly-sur-Seine air depot, last resort was Rouens marshalling yards. Nineteen A/C took off 1020, rendezvous at Beachyhead at 1125 hours, with 303, 305 and 306 groups. Seventy eight planes attacked Rouens marshalling yards. Results were poor. Two B17's were lost to E/A, B17's destroyed 19, probable 10, damaged two. Six of 91st attacked target--two from 322nd, Capt. Paul L. Fishburne in 545 and Capt. Robert B. Campbell in 483. 91st Group was credited with 3 E/A destroyed and one probable. All ships returned, no casualties in squadron. Formations was poor.

13 Dec. 1942 - The following members of the squadron received the award of the Purple Heart on Dec. 7, 1942:  
Lt. Robert H. Bowcock  
Lt. Norman Bryant  
Lt. Linden W. Cochran

S/Sgt. Carson L. Richardson  
S/Sgt. Andrew N. Burnet

20 Dec. 1942 - Target for 1st Wing Groups, 306, 91st, 303rd, 305th was the airport at Romilly-sur-Seine, 80 miles, south east of Paris . Group furnished 17 A/C with 10 x 500 bombs, of which 322nd had four, Capt. Kenneth K. Wallick 512, Lt. Bruce D. Barton, 439, Lt. James D. Baird 483 and Lt. Don C. Bader, 545. Take off was at 1005 hours and return was 1433. Fighters were encountered 30 miles from coast and E/A attacked from there to target and back to coast. Group lost two A/C, Lt's English and Corson of 401st near Paris . Both were at end of formation and were lost to E/A. Capt. Wallick had his #3 engine hit, put on fire and was forced to leave flight on account of reduced speed. He was followed and covered by Lts. Baird and Barton. Barton's ship was hit several times - he crash landed 30 miles southeast of London . Other squadron A/C returned safely, Capt. Wallick losing his #3 propeller and cowl on landing at base. Lt. Paul C. Burnett and Pvt. Forrest E. Wise were injured, not seriously. The group got 19 E/A destroyed, 3 probably destroyed, and one damaged. Following are the ships bagged by squadron gunners:

Capt. Kenneth K. Wallick's crew #512 - Lt. John G. Hawkins, bombardier, destroyed FW190 - Sgt. Delbert Steffens, tail gunner, destroyed FW190 - T/Sgt. Harvis E. Hall, top turret, destroyed FW190 - Sgt. Vito Pugliese, waist gunner, destroyed FW190 - T/Sgt. Daniel Goldstein, radio gunner, destroyed FW190.  
Lt. James D. Baird's crew #482 - T/Sgt. Henry E. Mika, ball gunner, probable FW190 - S/Sgt. Martin A. Bucholz, tail gunner, destroyed FW190.  
Lt. Don C. Bader's crew #545 - Sgt. Walter C. Bedzisz, ball gunner, destroyed FW190 - T/Sgt. Ernest L. Pieples, waist gunner, destroyed FW190.  
Lt. Bruce D. Barton's crew - Lt. Stephen H. Lindley, bombardier, destroyed FW190 - S/Sgt. John H. Mitchell, waist gunner, destroyed FW190 - T/Sgt. R. L. Hare, top gunner, destroyed 2 FW190 - Sgt. Lester B. Snook, waist gunner, destroyed FW190 - S/Sgt. Myron (?) C. Sassen (?), ball gunner, destroyed FW190.

Score for entire USAAF raid: Lost (?) B17E's,

destroyed 50 FW 190's, of these 91st Group got 25 (?) FW190s and 322nd Squadron got 14 FW190s and one probably destroyed.

30 Dec. 1942 - Target for today was Lorient , France . An effort was to be made to knock out the submarine pens. 1st Wing sent four groups - 91st, 303rd, 305th, and 306th.

The latter turned back. The 91st dispatched 19 ships of which 17 attacked the target with 2 x 2000 G.P. bombs. The 322nd sent three ships - #481, Capt. Campbell, #453, Lt. Hardin, 482, Lt. Bader. All of squadron returned safely without casualties. The group lost Lt. Bloodgood and his crew, shot down by FW190s near Brest . The group lost one of its best officers when Maj. Edw. Pl Myers, commander of 401st Squadron, flying in #077 with Capt. Oscar O'Neil was hit by 20 mm shell and died from loss of blood. Capt. Joseph Jurovich of 323rd Squadron flying #523 was very badly wounded and his ship was brought back by Lt. Shaw, his co-pilot, and, himself, had been hit and his left arm broken. The group bagged 20 E/A destroyed and 3 probables. Of these the squadron got one destroyed and one probable: #482-S/Sgt. Thos. J. Hansbury-T.G. one FW190 probable - #481-2nd Lt. James R. Bullock-Nav., one ME109 destroyed. The bombing results were good.

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## JANUARY REPORTS

2 January 1943 - Capt. Clyde G. Gillespie of 322nd Squadron was appointed Squadron Commander of 401st Squadron and reported for duty.

3 January 1943 - Target for today was St. Nazaire, France. Aiming point was torpedo shed near sub pens,



bomb load was 5 x 1000 G. P. bombs. Take off was at 0912 hours and ETR was St. Eval at 1410 hours. Groups 303, 305 91st and 206 were to furnish maximum number of planes. 91st Group sent 14 A/C over target of which 5 were from 322nd Squadron. #481, Capt. Fishburne and Capt. Campbell; #482, Lt. Don C. Bader (?); #483, Lt. Ralph Felton; #453, Lt. John T. Hardin; #497, Lt. W. Genheimer.

E/A fighters hit us at target in large numbers. Heavy flack, at 21,000 feet was intense and accurate, many hits being scored. Bombing was good, pictures from Lt. Hardin's ship showing many hits on the target by 322nd. Coming off target Lt. Bader's A/C was hit by flack, one engine and wing catching fire. He was forced to lose speed and fell behind. He called the group leader over command set but Maj. Putnam did not hear. Capt. Campbell leading B Flight heard him and made a 360 degree circle to pick him up. As Campbell arrived on Bader's wing, Bader was being attacked by 5 E/A. Two were shot down and rest fled. E/A followed our A/C 80 miles to sea, shooting down our A/C piloted by Lt. Anderson of 401st Squadron. First Division (M) got 38 E/A of which 24 were bagged by 91st and of these the 322nd got 17 as follows:

#453, Lt. John T. Hardin; Sgt. Louis M. (?) Greenlee, T.G., destroyed FW 190.

S/Sgt. Robert L. Rupp R. W., destroyed 2 FW 190s.

T/Sgt. Henry J. Wallach, B.T.G. destroyed FW 190. 2nd Lt. John W. Beauchamp, Bomb., destroyed FW 190.

#497, Lt. Wm. Genheimer; S/Sgt. Arthur L. Berkowitz, L.W.G., destroyed FW 190. Sgt. Rowland E. Hale, T.T.G., damaged FW 190.

#481, Capt. Robert Campbell; Lt. Leonard V. Santoro, Comb., destroyed FW 190. S/Sgt. N. R. Pidgeon, R.W.G., destroyed FW 190. S/Sgt. Leonard A. Panaro, T.T.G., destroyed FW 190. S/Sgt. J. A. Arbison (?), T.G., destroyed FW 190.

#482, Lt. Don C. Bader; Lt. J. W. Hensley, Nav., destroyed FW 190. S/Sgt. T. J. Hansbury, T.G. destroyed 2 FW 190's. S/SSgt. J. E. Hall, T.T.G., destroyed 2 FW 190's.

S/Sgt. W. C. Budzisz, B.T.G., destroyed 1 FW 190.

#483, Lt. Ralph Felton; 2nd Lt. Wm. H. Hylton, Nav., destroyed FW 190. T/Sgt. Elio Traverso, T.T.G.,

possible FW 190.

Lt. Bader and Lt. Hensley were slightly wounded.

13 January 1943 - Target was the locomotive and carriage works at Lille, France. Bombs were 10 x 500, 91st Group sent 13 A/C of which 2 were from 322nd Squadron. Take off was 1233 hours. #453, Lt. Wm. Beasley, #483, Lt. Ralph Felton, went over target. Bombing was excellent. E/A were few and one FW 190 was claimed by the group. All safely returned.

23 January 1943 - Lorient, France was target. Take off was 1055 hours with bomb load of 10 x 500. Group sent 13 A/C of which one was of 322nd, Lt. Wm. Beasley in #453. Bombing was good. All ships returned safely. Flack was heavy, intense and accurate. Only one E/A was claimed by our group.

27 January 1943 - First raid on Germany by Americans. First Wing dispatched 25 A/C with bomb load of 5 x 1000 G. P. Group sent 17, of which 4 were 322nd. Capt. Campbell, #481; Lt. Felton, #511; Lt. Hardin, #453; Lt. Wm. Beasley, #362. Takeoff was 0830 led by Col. S.T. Wray. "\_\_\_\_" (?) had 10/10 cloud so naval yards at Wilhelmshaven, "\_\_\_\_" (?) was bombed with moderate success. Flack was intense over the whole peninsula but not accurate. The 91st had encounters with some 25 E/A which were ME-109's and claimed 20 destroyed. 322nd got six (6).

A/C #511, Lt. Felton (3). S/Sgt. Robert M Paul 1 destroyed -ME-109.

S/Sgt. Draden (?) C. Griffin destroyed - ME-109.

S/Sgt. Andrew H. Burnett destroyed - ME-109.

A/C #453 Lt. John T. Harding (2). S/Sgt. Arthur R. Cressman destroyed - ME-109.

All ships returned safely.

## FEBRUARY REPORTS

Capt. Wm. Thompson

February 4, 1943, group dispatched 17 A/C to attack yards at Hamm, Germany with 10/500 bombs. Take off was

at 08:30 hours. 10/10 cloud was found at target and Emden was attacked through 8/10. Results could not be observed. Lt. William Beasley, with ball turret out turned back at Dutch coast and attacked enemy convoy at 5320n (?), G45CE. At 1103 hours A/C #515, other ships from 322nd were, Lt. Ralph Felton #511, Capt's Fishburne, Barton A/C #139, Lt. W. Genheimer #497, Lt. James D. Baird #481, B-17's were attacked by 75-80 E/A for one hour and fifteen minutes, flak was moderately heavy and accurate. Group lost two A/C of 323rd Squadron, Lt. Ellis #589 Lt. Bogrow #544 both over Germany. Group credited with 5 E/A destroyed 2 probable. Of these S/Sgt E. Hale T.T.G. of Lt. Genheimer ship #497 was credited with destroying ME-109. Lt. Felton flying #3 position with Ellis and Bogrow had his control cables almost severed but his crew held them together until they were spliced. All 322nd returned safely.

February 16, 1943: Fifty-nine A/C of 1st Wing, 13 from 91st 3 from 322nd Squadron took off at 0830 hours with 5 x 1000 bomb load and attacked the U-boat base at St. Nazaire, France. The bombing was excellent, the flak accurate and E/A 50 or 60 in number. The group ships all returned safely but wing lost 6 fortresses. Radio operator 324th was killed for group's only casualty. Group was credited with the destruction of six E/A. The 322nd ships on the raid were #139-V, Capt. Bruce Barton, #990-R (?) Capt. R. Campbell, #543, Lt. William C. Beasley.

February 26, 1943 - Seventeen A/C of 91st Group under Lt. Col. Baskin L. Lawrence attacked the secondary target Wilhelmshaven, taking off at 0821. The lead of the group was assigned to the 322nd, leader of "A" Flight Captain Robert Campbell in #990. Five other squadron ships attacked: Capt. Bruce C. Barton #139, Lt. William D. Beasley #545, Lt. John T. Harding #453, Capt. Kenneth K. Wallick #481 (?), Lt. William Genheimer and their crews. Bombing results were fair, group lost 2 A/C. Capt. John S?ais #447 and Lt. Smith, both of 401st Squadron. Flak was heavy and intense. 20 E/A made cautious attacks. Group destroyed two.

February 27, 1943 - 16 A/C of 91st Group attacked Port Militaire, Brest, France at 1456 bombs with 5 x 10 G.P. bombs. Take off was at 1215 hours. Five of 322nd Squadron attacked - Capt. R. Campbell #990, Capt. Kenneth K. Wallick, #512 (?), Lt. William Genheimer #497, Lt. William D. Beasley #545, 2nd Lt. John J. Harding #453, bombing was poor, from 23,000. Flak was moderate heavy but inaccurate. Only two E/A were sighted but none attacked.

## MARCH REPORTS

Capt. Wm. R. Thompson

March 4, 1943 - The 1st Bomb Wing was ordered to attack the Marshalling Yards at Hamm , Germany . The 91st sent 17 A/C led by Maj. Paul L. Fishburne and 322nd Squadron with Capt. Bruce D. Barton #139, Lt. Ralph Felton #512, Lt. James Douglas Baird #481, Lt. William D. Beasley #990. 303rd, 305th and 306th groups aborted and 91st attacked ED as ordered. 75 E. A. made numerous skilled and vigorous attacks. Takeoff was at 0810 hours, and the target was accurately bombed at 1045 with 5 x 1060 of G.P. bombs. Group lost 4 A/C - Lt. Brill #549, Lt. Henderson #684, of the 324th Squadron, and Lt. Ralph Felton #512 of 322nd. Capt. Martin McCarty #549 of the 323rd Squadron

Following are ones missing in action from 322nd.

- Lt. Ralph Felton - Pilot
- Lt. Harold Kious - Co-pilot
- Lt. William Toole - Navigator
- Lt. William Hylton - Bombardier
- S/Sgt. Robert Paul - Radio
- T/Sgt Eliot Traverson - Top Turret
- S/Sgt Robert Larson - Ball Turret
- S/Sgt Braden Griffin - R. W.. gunner
- S/Sgt Walter Bliven - L. W.. gunner
- T/Sgt. Walter Burnett - Tail gunner

Group got 18-3-2 E/A. 322nd claims were as follows:

#481, Lt. James D. Baird

- Lt. Morgan (?) Boyary (?), bomb. dest. ME 109
- S/Sgt Henry Mika (?), T. T. prob. FW 190
- S/Sgt Martin Bucholz damaged ME 109

#990 Lt. William D. Geasley  
S/Sgt Robert Lammera (?), radio dest. FW 190  
S/Sgt. Clark (?) Ehrhardt dest. ME 110  
S/Sgt Robert Gonzalez, R.W.G., dest. ME 110  
S/Sgt Arthur Cressman, B. T. dest. ME 110  
Lt. Olan Hubbard, Bomb. dest. FW 190  
S/Sgt Clark Ehrhardt, T.G dest. ME 109  
T/Sgt John Barrett (?), T.T.G. dest FW 190  
,Seven of Lt. Brill's ship were rescued at sea by  
Naval Air Sea Rescue. The pilot, co-pilot and ball  
turret gunner (?) were drowned.

March 6 1943 - Target was “ \_\_\_?\_\_\_ ” at Lorient,  
France. and was attacked by 16 (?) A/C of 91st. -  
with 5 from 322nd Squadron. Lt. Robert Campbell #549  
(?), Capt. Kenneth K. Wallick #453, Lt. Wm. D.  
Beasley #545, Lt. James D. Baird #511 (?), Capt. Bruce  
D. Barton #179. Take off was at 1010 and target was  
hit successfully at 1101 hours and ships all landed  
safely without casualty at Davidstone Mod (?) at 1709.  
19 E/A sighted and one shot down. Flak was moderate  
but inaccurate.

March 8, 1943 - Thirteen A/C of 91st crossed French  
coast with 10 x 500 bombs to attack marshalling yards  
at Rennes, France at 1431 hours. Five of these were  
from the 322nd. Capt. Bruce D. Barton #139, Capt.  
Kenneth K. Wallick #545, Lt. James D. Baird #481, Lt.  
John T. Hardin # 453 (?), Lt. William C. (?) Genheimer  
#712. The flak was intense and heavy and other groups  
lost 6 A/C to it and shattered (scattered?) E/A. Lt.  
Genheimer turned back in France “ \_\_\_?\_\_\_ies” and was  
attacked by 2 FW's, one of which was destroyed by  
T/Sgt Roland Walleto (?) and the other left. Lt.  
Genheimer had lost #1 and #2 (?) engines and crossed  
channel at 50 feet and landed at Exeter. All our  
aircraft returned safely. No casualties.

March 12, 1943 - Target for today was marshalling  
yards at Rouen, France. 18 A/C of 91st Group took  
off at 1017 and all attacked target at 1242 with 5 x  
1000 bombs with excellent results. Flack was slight  
and only 5 E/A were seen, 2 attacks on group.  
Spitfires covered perfectly. All our ships returned  
safely. 322nd sent 4 ships: Capt. Robert Campbell

#545, Lt. James D. Baird #481, Capt. Kenneth K. Wallick #178, Lt. John Tyson Harden #453 (?). Major Paul L. Fishburne led group.

March 13, 1943 - Amiens (?) France railroad yards was target at 1450 (?) hours with 6 x 1000 G.P. bombs. 91st sent 19 A/C of which 5 were from 322nd. Capt. Robert B. Campbell #497, Capt. Bruce D. Barton #139, Capt. Kenneth K. Wallick #178, Lt. James D. Baird #481, Lt. Wm. D. Beasley #545. No flack except over Dieppe where we should not have been. Navigation of Wing was poor as was bombing. No losses of ships or of personnel. No E/A encountered.

March 18, 1943 - Group dispatched 16 A/C to attack the sub pens at Vegesack (?), Germany at 1530 hours with 5 x 1000 bombs. Three of these were from 322nd. Lt. W. D. Beasley #545, Lt. Don C. Bader #178, Lt. Wm. Genheimer #497. The attack was quite successful, the bombing excellent. 60 E/A attacked and 14 destroyed. We lost no A/C and suffered no casualties. Following 322nd E/A destroyed:

Lt. Don C. Bader #178;  
S/Sgt. W. C. Budcisz R.W.G. dest. FW 190  
T/Sgt. R.F. Dale (?) T.T.G. dest. FW 190  
Sgt. A. E. Berkowitz L.W.G. dest. FW 190  
Last two were \_\_\_?\_\_\_ #497 Lt. Wm. Genheimer

March 22, 1943 - 18 A/C of 91st Group bombed the dock area at Wilhelmshaven, Germany at 1?02 hours with 5 x 1000 bombs. Capt. Bruce D. Barton #159 (?) was only A/C of 322nd Squadron. Group lost one ship, Capt. Haskill McClellan of 324th Squadron but no other casualties. E/A were some 30 in number and group claims 3-1-?. Capt. K. K. Wallick had shaft on #3 engine to break when 40 miles from enemy coast. He could not feather prop. He salvoed bombs through bomb bay door and dove from 25,000 to at rate of 5000 feet per minute and crossed North Sea \_\_\_?\_\_\_ at 50 feet. He dropped off propeller just after making England and he landed safely at base.

March 23, 1943 - (???)There are three lines entered here which are totally illegible. Action for this

date is in the next entry. - F. Farr)

March 23, 1943 - 15 A/C of 91st Group attacked marshalling yards at Rouen (?), France with 6 x 1000 bombs at 1249 hours. E/A attacked \_\_\_?\_\_\_. 322nd Squadron sent 5 A/C. Lt. \_\_\_?\_ #453, Lt. Don C. Bader #712, Capt. Bruce D. Barton #712, Lt. Wm. Genheimer #497, Capt. \_\_\_?\_ #17?. Group was led by Major Paul Fishburne of 322nd. Group lost one A/C #537, Lt. Coen of 324th lost on the way home. E/A attacked in force . Flak was slight. Group was credited with 2 destroyed, 1 probable. Bombing was excellent.

March 31, 1943 - Target today was ?ilton shipyards at Rotterdam, Holland. 20 A/C of group took off of which 3 were of 322nd. Capt. Bruce D. Barton #497, Lt. Edwin D. Baxley (first as pilot) #453, Lt. Don C. Bader #712. Large numbers of E/A were sighted on both diversion and main legs of but no attacks. Flack in distance was intense. 10/10 clouds were encountered. 101st Combat Wing did not attack and returned with bomb load. 102nd Wing bombed with great degree of accuracy. Group had no losses.

#### APRIL 1943

April 4, 1943 - Target attacked today at 1417 hours was the Renault Motor Works at Paris , France , with 6 x 1000 bombs. 91st sent 20 A/C of which 5 A/C were from 322nd: Lt. W. D. Beasley #724, Lt. Don C. Bader #712, Capt. Bruce D. Barton #139, Capt. Robert W. Campbell #481, Lt. Edwin L. Baxley #483. Slight flak was encountered. After leaving the target, a large number of E/A attacked. 11 destroyed, 5 probables. Those from 322nd were as follows:  
Capt. Bruce D. Barton crew:  
S/Sgt. E. E. Stanczyk (TG) destroyed FW190.  
S/Sgt. Byron C. Srsen (UTG) destroyed FW190.

Capt. Robert S. Campbell crew:  
S/Sgt Bliven J. Hackwith (TG) destroyed FW190.

Bombing was excellent. All our A/C and crews returned safely.

April 5, 1943 - Sixteen A/C of 91st Group bombed the Eria Aero Engines Company at Antwerp, Belgium, with 6 . 1000 bombs at 1415 hours. Three of these were 322nd - Lt. Edwin L. Baxley #739, Capt. K. K. Wallick #178, Lt. John T. Hardin #139. Heavily engaged with 75 E/A of which group got 6-3-1. Only one of these was by 322nd. S/Sgt. B. C. Stanczyk damaged a FW190. Flak was moderate and inaccurate. All our A/C returned safely.

April 16, 1943 - Thirteen of group A/C bombed the Naval Poer Station at Lorient, France, with 5 x 1000 bombs at 1412 hours. Of 15 E/A seen none offered to attack our group. The flak was moderate and inaccurate. Three A/C of 322nd went - #139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton, #481 Lt. James D. Baird, #497 Lt. Wm. F. Genheimer. Bombing was fair. All our A/C returned safely. No casualties.

April 17, 1943 - Twenty-nine A/C of 91sst Group attacked Focke Wulf factory at Bremen, Germany, at 1259 hours, each A/C carrying 5 x 1000 bombs. Flak was heavy and accurate. Of 102 Forts attacking 16 are missing, 6 from 91st BG and 10 from the 305th BG. Those missing from this group are #070 Capt. Oscar O'Neill, #172 Lt. Harold Beasley, #391 Lt. R. Walker, #574, Lt. Stoffel, #459 Lt. Wilson, #337 Lt. Lindsey, all of 401st Squadron. About 150 E/A made heaviest attacks to date. Our Group destroyed 24 E/A of which this squadron got 13:

AC 178 - S/Sgt. H. H. Thompson (TG) destroyed  
A/C 178 - T/Sgt. J. E. Hall (TTG) destroyed  
A/C 712 - S/Sgt. W. C. Bray (TTG) probable  
A/C 712 - T/Sgt. E. L. Peipho (LWG) probable  
A/C 789 - T/Sgt. L.A. Dawson (TTG) damaged  
A/C 789 - K. T. Donovan (TG) damaged  
A/C 483 - T/Sgt. A. L. Ware (TTG) destroyed  
A/C 481 - S/Sgt. K. Pidgeon (RWG) damaged  
A/C 712 - T/Sgt. E. L. Peipho (LWG) destroyed  
A/C 483 - S/Sgt. M. C. Srsen (BTG) destroyed  
A/C 990 - S/Sgt. Alvin Hackwith (BTG) destroyed  
A/C 481 - S/Sgt. J. A. Harrison (TG) destroyed  
A/C 483 - Lt. M., Walli (N) destroyed  
A/C 712 - T/Sgt. E. L. Peipho (LWG) destroyed



A/C 712 - S/Sgt. D.C. Budzisz (BTG) destroyed  
A/C 712 - S/Sgt. A. L. Burton (RWG) destroyed  
A/C 712 - S/Sgt. Thos., Hansbury (TG) destroyed  
A/C 789 - T/Sgt. E. K. Clyne (RG) destroyed  
(Peipho is listed three times.)

322nd Squadron sent 6 ships:  
#990 Capt. Robert B. Campbell  
#178 Capt. K. K. Wallick  
#483 Capt. Bruce B. Barton  
#712 Lt. Don C. Bader  
#481 Lt. James D. Baird  
#789 Lt. W. H. Broley  
Squadron returned safely. Bombing was excellent.

(Ed. Note - Mike, in response to an earlier question of yours, nothing else for April is recorded after April 17. - FF)

#### 322nd DAILY REPORTS - PREPARED BY CAPT. WM. R. THOMPSON

May 1, 1943 - Fifteen A/C of this group took off at 0848 to attack the eastern locks of the basin at St. Nazaire, France. Bomb load was 2 x 2000 G.P. bombs. Four A/C were of 322nd: #990 Capt. Robert E. Campbell, #057 Lt. Wm. H. Broley, #178 Lt. James D. Baird, #139 Lt. John T. Hardin. Raid was led by Major Paul L. Fishburne. Impossible to attack target because of 10/10 cloud. Bombs were jettisoned. Planes of group were scattered, and Lt. Baird, while alone, was attacked by 7 FW's. He shook two in clouds, shot down 3 and outran last two at zero altitude. Only E/A destroyed were by Lt. Baird's crew:  
S/Sgt. H. E. Privett (LWG) destroyed  
S/Sgt. M. M. Eulokolz (BTG) destroyed  
S/Sgt. J. A. Harrison (TG) destroyed  
No flak.

May 4, 1943 - Nineteen A/C of the group bombed the Ford Motor Works at Antwerp, Belgium, at 1842 from 24,500 with 6 x 1000 bombs. Four were from 322nd: Capt. Robert Campbell #990, Lt. Wm. D. Beasley #724, Lt. Edwin L. Baxley #497, Lt. John T. Hardin #453. Flak was moderate and inaccurate. E/A were 15-20 but

did not press attacks. Fighter support was excellent.  
Bombing was good. No casualties, no losses. Group credited with 2 E/A destroyed.

(Transcriber's note: Capt. Thompson did not make the rest of this report. It is by 1/Lt. Ed G. Allen.)

May 13, 1943 - The following A/C B-17s were dispatched to assist in raid on Meaulte:

#139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton, #724 1/Lt. James D. Baird,  
#483 1/Lt. Don C. Bader, #990

Capt. Robert E. Campbell, #789 2/Lt. Paul D. Kahl,  
#497 1/Lt. Edwin L. Baxley, #511 1/Lt. William H. Broley.

Major John J. Surley, flying ship #727 with the 94th B.G.

Time: Takeoff 1329 - Target 1629 - Arrived Base 1808

Bomb Load: 10 x 500

Bombing altitude: 22,000

Results: Area well covered with bursts, results believed to be good. A/A Fire: Slight Enemy

Opposition: Two waves of 15/20 E/A, mostly FW190s and a few ME109s.

Casualties: None

Damage to A/C: Minor damage to three A/C.

Claims: Capt. L. Sanders (B) 1 FW190; S/Sgt. E.

Trimble (BTG) 1 FW190 probable.

(Transcriber's note - The author of these reports as been changed again to 1/Lt. Paul V. Smith.)

May 14, 1943 - The following A/C B-17's of the squadron were dispatched in a raid on the U-Boat Yards, Kiel, Germany:

#990 Capt. Robert B. Campbell

#057 2/Lt. Paul D. Kahl

#453 1/Lt. Edwin L. Baxley

#139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton

#724 1/Lt. Wm. D. Beasley

#712 1/Lt. Don C. Bader

#481 1/Lt., Wm. H. Broley

Time: Leave Base 0901 - Arrive at target 1203 -  
Arrive at base 1506.

Bomb Load 5 x 1000 Bomb - alt. 26,000' - Bomb results  
- Excellent

A/A Fire: Moderate and inaccurate. Enemy Opposition: 50 FW190s and Me109s attacked at 1146 and continued until 1234 hours.

Claims: S/Sgt. Clyde B. Burdick (TG), A/C 724, one Me109 destroyed.

Casualties:

Crew members of #481 as follows:

1/Lt. William H. Broley

2/Lt. Albert H. Davies

2/Lt. Joseph M. Darmiento

T/Sgt. Lowell A. Dawson

S/Sgt. Edward H. Jones

T/Sgt. Edward K. Clyne

S/Sgt. Kenneth S. Greer

S/Sgt. Kenneth T. Donovan

Sgt. Edward S. Caspariello

All of the above are members of A/C #481, which failed to return.

May 15, 1943 - The following A/C B-17's on this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on submarine construction yards at Wilhelmshaven, Germany:

#139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton, Col. Wm Reid, co-pilot,

#483 1/Lt. Edwin L. Baxley, #712 1/Lt. Don C., Bader,

#724 1/Lt. Wm. D. Beasley, #453 1/Lt. Paul D. Kahl.

Bomb Load 10 x 500 Bomb. Alt.: 2400 (Ed.: 24000? - FF)

Time: Leave Base: 0749 - Target: 1054 - Arrive Base - 1330

Enemy Opposition: Approximately 100 ME109s, Me110s, FW190s and JU88s attacked formation viciously at 1030 hours and continued to do so until 1050 hours.

AA Fire: Meager and inaccurate.

Claims: S/Sgt. A. L. Butler (BT) A/C #712 one ME109 damaged. T/Sgt. A. Paston (B) A/C E483 one ME109 destroyed. S/Sgt. Clark A. Ehrhardt (TG) A/C #724 one FW190 destroyed, T/Sgt. J. E. Hall (TTG) A/C 483, one ME109 destroyed.

Casualties: None

Damage to A/C: #483, #724, #990 slightly damaged by AA fire and 50 calibers.

Remarks: Target was obscured by 10/10 clouds;  
formation dropped bombs on naval base and airdrome on  
Heligoland.

The following officers assigned to this squadron:  
1/Lt. James E. Breeden (P), John C. Kaufman (CP),  
2/Lt's Herbert F. Egender (B) Morris L. Floyd (N).

May 16, 1943 -No Change.

May 17, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) of this  
squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on U-boat  
installation at Lorient (Keroman), France. #990  
Capt. R. B. Campbell, #511 2/Lt. Paul D. Kahl, #483  
1/Lt. Edwin L. Baxley, #139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton,  
#057 1/Lt. W. D. Beasley, #453 1/Lt. J. T. Hardin,  
#712 1/Lt. Don C. Bader.

Bomb Load: 5 x 1000 - Bombing Altitude: 22000 -  
Bombing Results: Good

Claims: S/S John M. Mitchell (RWG) A/C #139, one  
FW190 destroyed. S/Sgt. Clement M. Fuller (RWG) A/C  
#511, one FW190 destroyed.

A/A Fire: Moderate inaccurate. Enemy Opposition:  
25 FW190 and ME109 from 1200 to 1239 hours. Time:  
Leave Base 0914 - Arrive target 1213 - Arrive Base  
1430.

Remarks: A/C #453, #712 and #483 aborted.

May 18, 1943 - No change.

May 19, 1943 - The following A/C B-17s were dispatched  
to assist in a raid on the Deutsche Werke Kiel, A.G.,  
Kiel, Germany:  
#139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton, #511 1/Lt. John T. Hardin,  
#712 1/Lt. Don C. Bader, #724 1/Lt. Wm. D. Beasley,  
#483 1/Lt. Edwin L. Baxley.

Bomb load: 10 x 500 - Bombing altitude 25,500 - AA  
Fire Moderate & accurate  
Enemy Opposition: Encountered from 1311 to 1415  
hours.

Claims: None                      Casualties: None  
Damage to A/C: A/C #139, #724 and #511 damaged by flak.  
Time: Leave Base 1005 - Arrive target 132 - Arrive base 1632  
Remarks: Formation led by Col. Wm. M. Gross in A/C 139. A/C712 aborted.

A/C 483 crashed into Kiel fiord at 1334 hours, with 3 parachutes out.  
Following crew: 1/Lt. E. L. Baxley (P), 1/Lt. J. E. Breeden (CP), Lt. J. H. Fulmer (N), T/Sgt. A. L. Poston (B), T/Sgt. Peeler, W.W. (Radio) T/Sgt. Hall, J. E. (TT), S/Sgt. E. C. Trimble (BT), Sgt. A. E. Berkovitz (RW), Sgt. W. A. Rathgeber (LW), S/Sgt. H. H. Thompson (TG).

May 20, 1943 - Major Paul L. Fishburne relieved from duty as CO and Capt. Robert B. Campbell assigned as Squadron Commanding Officer.

May 21, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17) of this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on slips 1,2,3,4 at Wilhelmshaven , Germany :  
#139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton  
#724 1/Lt. William D. Beasley  
Bomb load: 10 x 500. Bombing results: Unobserved, target obscured by haze.  
Bombing altitude: 23,500 ft.  
Time: Leave base 1010 hrs - Target 1243 - Arrive Base 1522

Casualties: Lt. Hubbard received injury to left hand by flak.  
Damage to A/C: Both A/C were damaged by flak. Enemy Opposition: Vicious from 1235 to 1310 hrs by FW190s and JU88s. AA fire moderate to intense.  
Claims:  
T/Sgt. J. L. Barrett, (TTG), one ME109 destroyed.  
T/Sgt. R. W. Lammers, Radio Gunner, one FW190 destroyed.  
Lt. F. H. Bowcock (N), one FW190 damaged.  
S/Sgt. C. R. Burdick (LWG), three E/A damaged.  
S/Sgt. R. Gonzalez (RWG), one FW190 destroyed.  
Lt. O. L. Hubbard (B), one ME109 probable.

NOTE: All claimants were members of Lt. Beasley's crew A/C #724.

Remarks: 2nd Lt. Morris L. Floyd (N) flying with 323rd SQD. on mission over Wilhelmshaven , MIA  
Claim: Lt. Butler, E/A destroyed.

May 22, 1943 - 2/Lt's. Wilfred A. Boshard and William O. Deal (B) assigned to this squadron. (Ed. Note - The first-named officer is probably Bouchard misspelled - FF)

May 23, 1943 - Capt. Donald R. Corley (Operations Officer) transferred to Headquarters, 92nd BG.

May 24, 25, 1943 - No Change

May 26, 1943 - Capt. John W. Eanes assigned to squadron as Operations Officer. 1/Lt. D. L. Hubbard (B) transferred to Headquarters 91st BG. 1/Lt. Stephen Lindley transferred to Headquarters, 91st BG

May 27, 28, 1943 - No Change.

May 29, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) of this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the submarine base at St. Nazaire, France: #139 Capt. Bruce D. Barton, #511 1/Lt. William D. Beasley, #787 1/Lt. Don C. Bader, #453 1/Lt. John T. Hardin, #789 2/Lt. Paul D. Kahl, #225 1/Lt. Hilton A. Green, #497 1/Lt. James D. Baird.  
Bomb load: 2 x 20 - Bombing altitude - 24,000 ft. -  
Bombing results - Good  
Time Leave base 1355 - Target 1707 - Arrive Base 1916  
AA Fire: Moderate and accurate  
Enemy opposition: FW190s and Me109s were encountered from 1706 hrs. to 1740 hrs. E/A did not press home their attacks.  
Damage to A/C: Slight damage to A/Cs #787 and #453.  
Casualties: 1/Lt. Norman Bryant (B) of A/C #453 suffered eye injury and face cuts from shattered nose glass.

May 30, 1943 - No change.

May 31, 1943 - Strength: Officers, 54; E. M., 333.

(Ed. Note - Bomb load for May 29 is suspect. - FF)

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June 1, 1943 - Strength: Officers 54, E.M. 331

June 2, 1943 - 1/Lt. William D. Beasley (P) promoted  
to Captain

June 3,4, 1943 - No Change

June 5, 1943 - 1/Lt. Lawrence A. Wechsler (N)  
transferred to Dept. of Patients

June 6, 1943 - Capt. Bruce D. Barton (P), Capt. Harold  
Beasley, 1Lt. Henry L. Adkins  
(N) transferred to 91st BG.

June 7, 1943 - No change.

June 8, 1943 -1/Lt. Robert W. Schwartz (P), 2/Lt.  
Ely J. Cohen (N), 2/Lt. William R. Cox (CP), 2/Lt.  
James E. Harlow (B) assigned to this squadron,

June 9,, 10, 1943 - No change.

June 11, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) were  
dispatched by this squadron to assist in raid on slip  
#3 at Bremen , Germany (U-boat construction yards).  
#139 Col. W. A. Gross, Capt. John W. Eanes, #789 2nd  
Lt. Paul D. Kahl, #712 1st Lt. Don C. Bader, #057  
1/Lt. John T. Hardin, #724 1st Lt. Hilton A. Green,  
#176 1/Lt. James D. Baird.

Bomb load: 10 x 500

Bombing altitude: 27,000 ft.

Bombing results: Bombs dropped on targets of  
opportunity due to poor visibility.

Time: Leave base 1500 - Target 1800 - Arrive Base -  
2010

AA Fire: Meager and inaccurate. Enemy opposition:  
50 E/A attacked from 1745 hours until 1845 hours. E/A  
consisted of FW190s, ME109s and JU88s. Attacks were

not pressed. Claims: Lt. Hubert F. Egender (B), A/C 724, one ME109 destroyed. S/Sgt. L. C. Sheehan, LWG, A/C 057, is credited with destroying a FW190.

Casualties: Lt. Hubert F. Egender received an eye injury from flying glass.

Damage to A/C: Slight flak damage to A/Cs 057 and 724.

Remarks: Major C. G. Gillespie, group leader, A/C 178, aborted due to engine trouble. Major E.T.R.

Holmes, 1st Wing, flew in A/C057.

June 12, 1943 - No change.

June 13, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched by this squadron to assist in a raid on the naval shipbuilding yard at Bremen:

#139 Capt. Robert B. Campbell

#119 1/Lt. Hilton A. Green

#712 1/Lt. Don C. Bader

#178 1/Lt. John T. Hardin

#497 1/Lt. James D. Baird

#789 2/Lt. Paul D. Kahl

Bomb load: 10 x 500

Bombing altitude: 27,000

Bombing results - Good

A. A. Fire: Meager, inaccurate A/A fire experienced enroute to target and from target to base. At the target moderate and intense fire was encountered, which appeared to be directed at other groups in our formation.

Enemy opposition: Ten E/A made one attack without causing any damage.

Damage to A/C: None

Claims: None

Time: Leave base 0710 - Target: 0952 - Arrive base 1256.

Remarks: Major D. G. Lord led the group. A/C 497 aborted due to engine trouble. 1st Lt. John M. Pearce (P), 2/Lt. Joe L. McNeil (N), 2/Lt. Cloe S. Struble (CP), 2/Lt. William A. Lakeyh (B) assigned to squadron.

June 14, 1943 - No change.



June 15, 1943 - The following A/C and personnel were dispatched to assist on a raid on the aero engine factory at Lemans, France:

- #453 - 1/Lt. Hardin, John T. (P)
  - 1/Lt. Reynolds, Arthur J. (CP)
  - 2nd Lt. Bru, Robert L. (N)
  - 1/Lt. Beauchamp, John W. (B)
  - S/Sgt. Greenlee, Louis R. (E)
  - S/Sgt. Mikkelson, John M. (WG)
  - T/Sgt. Thompson, John (RO)
  - S/Sgt. Wallock, Henry J. (BT)
  - S/Sgt. Wright, James F. (TG)
  - S/Sgt. Sheehan, Leroy C. (WG)
  
- #119 - 1/Lt. Priebe, Bernard F. (P)
  - 1/Lt. Brodnax, Edward T. (CP)
  - 2/Lt. Cohen, Ely E. (N)
  - 2/Lt. Deal, William O. (B)
  - T/Sgt. Lund, Gustav J. (E)
  - S/Sgt. Parfitt, Thomas A. (AE)
  - T/Sgt. Dunbar, Kenneth C. (RG)
  - S/Sgt. Butler, Daniel J. (AR)
  - S/Sgt. Benecki, Wm. A. (G)
  - T/Sgt. Hackwith, Oliver J. (G)
  
- #057 - 1/Lt. Baird, James D. (P)
  - 1/Lt. Schweitzer, Robert M. J. (CP)
  - 1/Lt. Lalli, Michael (NMI) (N)
  - 1/Lt. Bryant, Norman (NMI) (B)
  - T/Sgt. Mika, Henry E. (E)
  - S/Sgt. Hill, Ben F. (AE)
  - T/Sgt. Kiss, Ernest J. (RO)
  - S/Sgt. Bucholz, Martin A. (AR)
  - S/Sgt. Harrison, James A. (G)
  - S/Sgt. Privett, Harry E. (G)
  
- #724 - 1/Lt. Green, Milton A. (P)
  - 2/Lt. Kaufman, John C. (CP)
  - 1/Lt. Bowcock, Robert H. (N)
  - 2/Lt. Egender, Herbert E. (B)
  - S/Sgt. Gonzalez, Roberto (E)
  - T/Sgt. Burdick, Clyde R. (A)
  - T/Sgt. Smallidge, Kerzio (RO)

S/Sgt. Smith, John J. (AR)  
S/Sgt. Ehrhardt, Clark A. (G)  
S/Sgt. Morgan, Delmar C. (G)

#712 - 1/Lt. Don C. Bader (P)  
2/Lt. Cox, William (CP)  
2/Lt. McNeil, Joe (N)  
2/Lt. Bouchard, Wilfred A. (B)  
T/Sgt. Gray, William C. (E)  
S/Sgt. Stellhorn, Bernard A. (AE)  
T/Sgt. Kessler, Glen L. (R)  
T/Sgt. Burton, Arnold L. (AR)  
T/Sgt. Budzisz, Walter C. (G)  
T/Sgt. Peipho, Ernest L. (G)

#789 - 2/Lt. Kahl, Paul D. (P)  
2/Lt. Hanthan, Sidney (CP)  
2/Lt. Ward, George P., (N)  
2/Lt. Corson, William L. (B)  
T/Sgt. Barnett, George V. (E)  
S/Sgt. Fuller, Clement L. (AE)  
T/Sgt. Wiedbusch, Earl E. (R)  
Sgt. Line, Harold S. (AR)  
S/Sgt. Ryan, Thomas P. (G)  
S/Sgt. Burkey, Boyd C. (G)

S/Sgt. Olague flew in A/C #524 of the 323rd Sq. (H) which participated in this mission. This mission was cancelled due to low temperature and 10/10 cloud in the target area. A/C No. 453, 72 (Ed. Note: 724? 712? - FF), 789 were credited with sorties due to A. A. fire and attacks by E/A over enemy occupied territory.

Bomb load: 10 x 500. Results of bombing: X  
A. A. Fire: Meager to moderate, continuous following.  
Casualties: X  
Weather 10/10  
Group Leader Major John Bishop (323rd) C.O.  
Remarks: Abortive sortie.  
Time: T.O. - 0524-0533. - Return - 0955-1030  
Remarks: Capt. John W. Eaves (Operations Officer) transferred to Headquarters, 91st BG, Capt. Donald E. Sheeler assigned to squadron as CO.

June 16, 1943 - Capt. James R. Bullock (N), 1/Lt.

Robert H. Bowcock (N), John S. Hawkins (B) transferred to Headquarters, 91st BG.

June 17, 1943 - 1/Lt. Robert H. Bennett (N) transferred to Headquarters, 91st B.G.; 1/Lt. Paul V. Smith assigned as intelligence officer.

June 18, 1943 - No change.

June 19, 1943 - 1/Lt. John T. Hardin (P) promoted to captain. 2/Lt. Paul D. Kahl (P) promoted to 1/Lt.

June 20, 1943 - 1/Lt. Horatio S. Walker, Intel and A/C Rec. Off., transferred to 1st SW.

June 21, 1943 - 1/Lt. Paul C. Burnett transferred to Dept. of Patients, 2nd General Hospital. APO 847

June 22, 1943 - The following A/C and personnel were assigned to assist on the raid to the Chemical Plant - Huls , Germany .

A/C #453

Capt. Hardin, John T.  
Capt. Campbell, Robert B.  
1/Lt. Lalli, Michael  
1/Lt. Beauchamp, John W.  
T/Sgt. Rupp, Robert L.  
T/Sgt. Thompson, John  
T/Sgt. Wallock, Henry J.  
S/Sgt. Sheehan  
1/Lt. Priebe, Bernard F.

A/C #712

1/Lt. Bader, Don C.  
1/Lt. Schweitzer, Robert  
2/Lt. Deal, William O.  
2/Lt. Bouchard, Wilfred A.  
T/Sgt. Peipho, Ernest L.  
S/Sgt. Stellhorn, Bernard A.  
T/Sgt. Kessler, Glen L.  
S/Sgt. Burton, Arnold L.  
S/Sgt. Rausch, Burdette H.

A/C 789

1/Lt. Kahl, Paul D.  
1/Lt. Pearce, John M.  
2/Lt. Cohen, Ely E.  
2/Lt. Corson, William L.  
T/Sgt. Barnett, George V.  
S/Sgt. Fuller, Clement L.  
T/Sgt. Goldstein, Daniel  
Sgt. Kline, Harold S.  
S/Sgt. Ryan, Thomas P.  
Sgt. Burkey, Boyd C.

A/C 724

1/Lt. Green, Milton  
2/Lt. Kaufman, John  
2/Lt., Rickley, John  
2/Lt. Egender, Herbert P.  
T/Sgt. Lund, Gustav  
T/Sgt. Gonzalez, Roberto  
T/Sgt. Smallidge, Kerzio A.  
S/Sgt. Smith, John J.  
S/Sgt. Morgan, Delmer C.  
S/Sgt. Ehrhardt, Clark A.

A/C 057

1/Lt. Baird, James D.  
Capt. Sheeler, Donald E.  
2/Lt. Ward, George P.  
1/Lt. Bryant, Norman  
T/Sgt. Mika, Henry E.  
S/Sgt. Hill, Ben F.  
T/Sgt. Kiss, Ernest J.  
S/Sgt. Bucholz, Martin A.  
S/Sgt. Harrison, James A.  
S/Sgt. Privett, Harry E.

A/C 119

1/Lt. Brodnax, Edward T.  
1/Lt. Chima, Cornelius P.  
2/Lt. Bru, Robert L.  
2/Lt. Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt. Panaro, Leonard A.  
T/Sgt. Deupser, Charles W.  
S/Sgt. Butler, Daniel J.  
T/Sgt. Hackwith, Oliver J.  
S/Sgt. Parfitt, Thomas A.

S/Sgt. Benecki, William A.

For positions of crew members see sheet 15 June, 1943.

Bomb load: 10 x 500

Bombing altitude: 24,000

Results of Bombing: Very good.

Anti Aircraft Fire: Intense in target area

Fighter Opposition: Between 1018 and 1026 hours our A/C encountered strong enemy attacks, crews estimated between 125 and 175 E/A participating.

Claims:

T/Sgt. Hackwith A/C #119 D 1 FW190

Lt. Bouchard A/C #712 DA 1 FW190

S/Sgt. Parfitt A/C #119 D 1 FW190

S/Sgt. Rausch A/C #712 D 1 FW190

T/Sgt. Mika A/C #057 D 1 FW190

S/Sgt. Stellhorn A/C #712 DA 1 FW190

T/Sgt. Greenlee A/C #453 DA 1 FW190

T/Sgt. A. L. Burton A/C #712 D 1 FW190

Casualties: A/C #789 piloted by Lt. Kahl failed to return. Was last seen at 945 hours about 5 minutes after target by A/C#119. #3 and #4 engines were out, plane was losing speed and altitude but under control.

Lt. G.P. Ward suffered injuries from explosion of 20mm.

Damage to A/C: The following A/C were damaged by A/A and E/A fire: #119, #057, #724, #712 and #453.

Weather 7/10 to 8/10

Group Leader: Capt. John T. Hardin

Remarks: Completed mission

Time: T.O. 0625 to 0627 - Rt. 1135 to 1145.

Capt. John T. Hardin (P), 1st Lt. Milton A. Green, 1/Lt. Michael Lalli (N), 1/Lt. Norman Bryant (B) transferred to Hq. 91st B.G.

June 23, 1943 - 2/Lt. Edward J. Ray (Photo Officer) promoted to 1/Lt. 1/Lt. Robert S. Gerald (P), 1/Lt. Robert E. Wine (P), 2/Lt. Henry J. Rudge (N), 2/Lt. James L. Holmes (CP), 2/Lt. Thomas J. Gonnaco (B), 2/Lt. Leonard S. Sallery (B), 2/Lt. Charles Degen (CP), 2/Lt. William S. Ryan (N) assigned to squadron.

June 24, 1943 - No change.

June 25, 1943 - The following A/C and personnel were dispatched to assist in a raid on Klockner Flugmotorenbau., Hamburg (Moorleth), Germany .

#453

1/Lt. Baird, James D.  
Capt. Sheeler, Donald E.  
2/Lt. Ward, George P.  
2/Lt. Lahey, William A.  
T/Sgt. Mika, Henry E.  
S/Sgt. Hill, Ben E.  
T/Sgt. Kiss, Ernest J.  
S/Sgt. Bucholz, Martin A.  
S/Sgt. Harrison, James A.  
S/Sgt. Privett, Harry E.

#497

1/Lt. Bader, Don C.  
1/Lt. Reynolds, Arthur J.  
2/Lt. Deal, Wm. O.  
2/Lt. Bouchard, Wilfred A.  
T/Sgt. Peipho, Ernest L.  
S/Sgt. Stellhorn, Bernard A.  
T/Sgt. Kessler, Glen L.  
T/Sgt. Budzisz, Walter C.  
S/Sgt. Sheehan, Leroy C.  
S/Sgt. Ehrhardt, Clark A.

#271

1/Lt. Brodnax, Edward T.  
2/Lt. Kaufman, John C.  
2/Lt. Bru, Robert L.  
2/Lt. Egender, Herbert F.  
T/Sgt. Lund, Gustav M.  
S/Sgt. Mikkelson, John M.  
T/Sgt. Smallidge, Kerrane A.  
S/Sgt. Smith, John J.  
S/Sgt. Morgan, Delmar C.  
S/Sgt. Bright, James F.

T/Sgt. Walloch flying in A/C916 of the 323rd. Sgt. Olague flying in A/C #916.

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 - Bombing Alt.: 27,000 - Bombing  
Results: None observed with the exception of convoy  
of 18 ships bombed by #453 and #497, one vessel  
smoking. Anti Aircraft Fire: Inaccurate, meager to  
moderate and continuous,, following Fighter  
Opposition. 50 to 60 E/A seen - #271 reports attacks.  
Claims: None  
Casualties: None  
Damage to A/C: None  
Weather: 9/10 to 10/10  
Group Leader: Riley  
Remarks: Sortie  
Time: 0635 (App.) to 1035 - A/C #271 landed at Bungay,  
refueled, returned to base 1500.

Positions of crew members in ships given on page for  
15 June.

June 26, 1943: The following A/C and personnel were  
furnished to assist in a raid on the aircraft works at  
Villa Coublay, Paris:

#497

Capt. Sheeler, Donald  
1/Lt. Priebe, Bernard F.  
2/Lt. Ward George P.  
2/Lt. Bouchard, Wilfred A.  
T/Sgt. Panaro, Leonard A.  
S/Sgt. Stevens, Francis A.  
S/Sgt. Butler, Daniel J.  
T/Sgt. Hackwith, Oliver J.  
S/Sgt. Rausch, Burdette H.  
S/Sgt. Benecki, William A.

#511

1/Lt. Bader, Don C.  
1/Lt. Reynolds, Arthur J.  
2/Lt. Mason, Albert L.  
2/Lt. Lahey, William A.  
T/Sgt. Piepho, Earnest L.  
T/Sgt. Gonzalez, Roberto  
T/Sgt. Kessler, Glen L.  
S/Sgt. Alford, Ralph H.  
S/Sgt. Ehrhardt, Clark A.  
S/Sgt. De Santo, Peter D.

#453

1/Lt. Chima, Cornelius P.  
1/Lt. Baird, James D.  
2/Lt. Deal, Warren O.  
2/Lt. Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt. Schlaich, Lester R.  
T/Sgt. Greenlee, Louis R.  
T/Sgt. Thompson, John W.  
T/Sgt. Walloch, Henry J.  
S/Sgt. Koger, Ernest J. Jr.  
S/Sgt. Salby, Glendon E.

Bomb Load: 10 x 500  
2 Bombing Altitude: NA  
3. Results of Bombing: NA. One A/C jettisoned bombs  
in channel  
4. A. A. Fire: A/C #497 met meager fire.  
5. Fighter Opposition: A/C 497 was attacked once by  
15-25 without causing damage.  
6. T/S Gonzalez, BTG, A/C#511, one FW190 destroyed or  
damaged, unconfirmed by Wing at this writing. (No  
claim)  
7. Casualties: NA  
8. Damage to A/C: NA  
9. Weather: 9/10 to 10/10  
10. Group Leader: Lt. Smith  
11. Remarks: Abortive sortie.  
12. Time: T.O. 1510 app. Return 1830 to 3030.

2/Lt. Jack A. Hargis (P), 2/Lt. Richard S. Martin (N),  
2/Lt. Carl N. Smith (CP), 2/Lt. Edward P. Winslow (B),  
2/Lt. Jesse D. Rogers (P), 2/Lt. Albert L. Mason (N),  
2/Lt. Robert E. Bravender (CP), 2nd Lt. Daniel Shakel  
(B) - All were assigned to squadron.

June 27, 1943 - No change.

June 28, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) were  
dispatched to assist in a raid on dock installations  
and submarine base at St. Nazaire , France .

#057

1/Lt. James D. Baird (P)  
2/Lt. Robert S. Gerald (CP)



2/Lt. Richard G. Martin (N)  
2/Lt. Edward P. Winslow (B)  
T/Sgt. Henry E. Mika (E)  
S/Sgt. Harry E. Privett (AE)  
T/Sgt. Ernest J. Kiss (R)  
S/Sgt. Martin A. Bucholz  
T/Sgt. James A. Harrison (G)  
S/Sgt. Ralph H. Alford (G)

#724

1/Lt. Edward T. Brodnax (P)  
2/Lt. John C. Kaufman (CP)  
2/Lt. William O. Deal (N)  
2/Lt. William A. Lahey (B)  
T/Sgt. Gustav J. Lund (E)  
S/Sgt. John M. Mikkelson (AE)  
T/Sgt. Kenneth C. Dunbar (R)  
S/Sgt. John J. Smith (AR)  
S/Sgt. James F. Wright (G)  
S/Sgt. Virgil R. Anderson (G)

#130

Capt. Donald E. Sheeler (P)  
1/Lt. Bernard F. Priebe (CP)  
2/Lt. George P. Ward (N)  
2/Lt. Herbert F. Egender (B)  
T/Sgt. Leonard A. Panaro (E)  
S/Sgt. William A. Benecki (AE)  
S/Sgt. Daniel J. Butler (R)  
T/Sgt. Henry J. Walloch (AR)  
S/Sgt. Burdette H. Rausch (G)  
S/Sgt. Walter S. French (G)

#497

1st Lt. Don C. Bader (P)  
1st Lt. Robert E. Wine (CP)  
2/Lt. Albert L. Mason (N)  
2/Lt. Wilfred A. Bouchard (B)  
T/Sgt. Earnest L. Piepho (E)  
S/Sgt. Bernard A. Stellhorn (AE)  
T/Sgt. Glen L. Kessler (R)  
T/Sgt. Carl E. Wiedebusch (AR)  
T/Sgt. Clark A. Ehrhardt (G)  
T/Sgt. Charles W. Deupser (G)

#453

1/Lt. Cornelius P. Chima (P)  
1/Lt. Robert M. Schweitzer (CP)  
2/Lt. James V. McAvoy (N)  
2/Lt. Louis R. Greenlee (E)  
T/Sgt. L. R. Schlaich (AE)  
T/Sgt. J. W. Thompson (R)  
S/Sgt. E. J. Koger Jr. (AR)  
S/Sgt. G. E. Salby (G)  
S/Sgt. L. C. Sheehan

Bomb Load: 2 x 2000 - Bombing Altitude: 24,000 ft. -  
Bombing Results: Good  
Time: Take Off - Target - AR Base - N.A. - - Fire:  
Moderate - Enemy Opposition: NA  
Claims: NA - Casualties: NA - Damage to A/C: NA

Submitted by 1st Lt. Paul V. Smith AG

JULY, 1943

July 1 - Strength: Officers 54, EM 343  
Capt. Robert E. Campbell (CO) promoted to major. Major  
Campbell and 1st Lt. John W. Beauchamp (B) transferred to 12  
SGD.

July 2 - 2nd Lt. Everett L. Kenner (P), 2nd Lt.  
Carlyle H. Darling (B), 2nd Lt. George M. Bryan (CP),  
2nd Lt. David C. Lee (B) asgd to squadron

July 3 - No change.

July 4 - The following A/C of this  
squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the  
aero engine factory and marshalling yards at Le Mans,  
France.:  
#093 Capt. D. E. Sheeler, #178 1/Lt. James D. Baird,  
#057 F/O Winston M. Cavaneau, #271 1/Lt Arthur J.  
Reynolds.  
Bomb load: 10 x 500  
Bombing altitude: 22,000 ft.  
Bombing results: Good  
Fighter opposition: 20 FW190s and Me109s engaged this  
formation from 1233 to 138 hours, without causing  
damage to our A/C.  
Claims: None

Casualties: None

Damage to A/C: None

Time: Leave base 955 hrs. Arrived tar. 1241 hours.

Arrive base 1432 hrs.

Remarks: Lt. Col. Clements K. Wursback and Major Clyde G. Gillespie led the formation. A/C 322 aborted because of supercharger trouble. A/C 176 aborted because of supercharger trouble.

July 5 - 1st Lt. Arthur J. Reynolds (CP) transferred to 92nd Bomb Group.

July 6 , 7, 8 - No change.

July 9 - 1st Lt. Jules L. Moreau (ADJ) and 1st Lt. Raymond Y. Kurtz (N) assigned to squadron.

July 10 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in raid over Villacoublay (aircraft works), Paris, France: #990 1st Lt. James D. Baird, #057 F/A Winston M. Caveneau, #153 1st Lt. Cornelius F. Chima, #119 1st Lt. Arthur J. Reynolds, #497 2nd Lt. Jess D. Rogers.

Bomb load: 16 x 300

Time: Takeoff 0537-0600. Arrive Base 0945-1035.

A/A Fire: Meager to moderate.

Enemy opposition: From 50 to 75 E/A were seen between 0805 and 0940 hrs, sustained attack on the tail from high, low and level.

Battle Damage: Minor

Casualties: None

Claims: T/Sgt. K. J. Kiss - one FW190 destroyed.

A/C #990, 1st Lt. James D. Baird, and A/C #453, 1st Lt. Cornelius F. Chima were credited with abortive sortie.

Bombs were brought back by all 5 A/C this squadron.

July 11 - 2nd Lt. Henry J. Rudge dropped from flying status as navigator and carried on ground echelon as supply off.

July 12, 13 - No change.

July 14 - The following A/C of this squadron were assigned to assist in raid on Amiens/Glisy Airfield, France: #947 1/Lt A. J. Reynolds, #973 1/Lt R. S. Gerald.

Bomb load: 24 x 100  
Bombing altitude: 24,000 ft.  
Bombing results: Good  
A. A. Fire: Moderate and fairly accurate fire from vicinity of Poix, Target and Abbeville.  
Fighters: 20-25 FW190s and ME) were encountered by our A/C.

Claims: None  
Casualties: None  
Time: Leave base 0815, Target 0742, Arrive Base 0850  
Remarks: 91st Group was led by Major J.C. Bishop.

2nd Lt. James D. Judge (P), 2nd Lt. Edward J. De Coster (N), 2nd Lt. Roger M. Lay (CP), 2nd Lt. Lewis W. Allen (B) were assigned to squadron.

July 15 - Capt. Donald E. Sheeler appointed acting CO

July 16 - Capt. Donald E. Sheeler (P) appointed squadron CO

July 17 - The following A/C, B-17s, were dispatched to assist in raid on the synthetic rubber plants of the Continental Guemiwerke A.G., Hanover, Germany:  
A/C #453 Capt. Sheeler, Donald E.; #057 2nd Lt. Hargis, Jack A.; #712 F/O Cavaneau, Winston M.; #990 1/Lt Chima, C. P.; #119 1/Lt Wine, R. E.; #973 2/Lt Gerald, R. S.; #947 1/Lt Reynolds, A. J.

Bomb load: 16 x 250  
Bombing altitude: 27,000 ft.  
Bombing results: Unknown  
A. A. Fire: Meager to moderate inaccurate

Fighter opposition: Thirty to forty ME109s, FW190s, a few JU88s and ME110s attacked formation at 1020 hours and left at 1105 hours.

Claims: None  
Casualties: None  
Damage to A/C: #057 by several 20 mm. shots

Remarks: Group was led by Major D. G. Alford of this Gp. A/C 119, 973 and 947 aborted.

Formation was recalled before reaching target.  
Impossible to locate target of opportunity. Bombs  
dropped in vicinity of Rhine.

Time: Leave base 0856; Target:....; Arrived base 1215

Remarks: 1st Lt. James D. Baird (P) promoted to Capt..

July 18 - The following officers, 2nd Lts. were  
assigned to Sqd: Joel W. Gatewood (P), Donald A.  
Downey (N), George E. Riegel (CP), Harold H. Hammond  
(B).

July 19 - 2nd Lt. George P. Ward (N) appointed to 1st  
Lt.

July 20 - No change

July 21 - 1st Lt. Leroy S. Everett (P), 2nd Lt.  
William H. Turcotte (N), 2nd Lt. Alexander E. Stewart  
(CP), 2nd Lt. Capen R. Simons (B) were asgd to  
squadron.

July 22 - No change

July 23 - No change

July 24 - Capt. Stewart McClendon (Executive Officer)  
trfd to Hq. Eighth Air Force, APO 033.

The following A/C B.17 (this Sqd) wee dispatched to  
assist in raid on the aluminum plant located in  
Heroya, Norway: A/C #178 Capt. James D. Baird, #973  
2nd Lt. Jess D. Rogers, #457 1/Lt Robert E. Wine, #453  
1/Lt Cornelius P. Chima, #119 2/Lt Jack A. Hargis,  
#511 2/Lt Robert S. Gerald.

Remarks: Entire squadron could not make contact with  
GP formation and returned to base. All other elements  
of group bombed target from 15-16000 ft with 10 x 500  
LB bombs with good results. Major Gillespie was Gp.  
leader.

July 25 - The following A/C B.17s this sq. were  
assigned to assist in raid on the aero engine works,  
Moorleth (Hamburg), Germany: #178 Capt. James D.  
Baird, #511 2/Lt Robert S. Gerald, #453 1/Lt C. P.  
Chima, #047 1/Lt A. J. Reynolds, #497 1/Lt R. E. Wine,

#119 2/Lt J. A. Hargis.

Bomb load: 10 x 500

Bombing altitude: 27,500 ft.

B. results: Good

A. A. Fire: Meager to moderate fairly accurate. A. A. fire was experienced from Cuxhaven to target. At the target the fire was intense and accurate. On the return inaccurate fire was observed at Meldorf and Helgoland.

Fighter opposition: About 20 E/A engaged our gunners from 1644 hrs to 1650 hrs and again at 1053 to 1740 hrs. Attacks were not pressed home.

Remarks: A/C 047 aborted due to illness of pilot.

Claims: None

Casualties: None

Damage to A/C: The following A/C were damaged by A/A fire: Nos. 453, 497, 119, 511.

Time: Leave base 1325. Arrive target: 1648. Arrive base: 2007.x

July 26 - The following A/C (B.17) this squadron were assigned to assist in raid on submarine construction base at Hamburg, Germany: #712 F/O Winston M. Cavaneau, #973 2/Lt Jess D. Rogers, #119 (spare) 2nd Lt. Jack A. Hargis, #947 1/Lt Arthur J. Reynolds.

Bomb load: 10 x 500

Bombing altitude: 17,000

Bombing results:

A. A. Fire: Meager and inaccurate.

Enemy opposition: Mediocre

Claims: S/Sgt Bronski is credited with damaging one FW190. Bronski is TG A/C 973.

Casualties: None

Damage to our A/C: One B.17 (119) lost at sea. Crew ditched and picked up Air-Sea rescue.

Weather: Good

Remarks: A/C 947 (spare) returned to base as there was no room in formation. A/C 973 did not drop bombs due to malfunction of bomb release mechanism. A/C 712 aborted because tail guns and top turret gun did not function properly at 26,000 ft. A/C 119, piloted by Lt. Jack A. Hargis, ran out of gas while over North Sea 40 miles off coast, Yarmouth, England. Picked up by Air Sea Rescue (British) shortly after ditching.

July 27 - No change.

July 28 - The following A/C B.17s this squadron were assigned to assist in raid on Henschel Flugmotorensan, G.M.B.H., Altenbauna (near Kassel) Germany: #453 Capt. Donald E. Sheeler, #947 2/Lt Robert S. Gerald, #712 F/O Winston M. Cavaneau, #178 Capt. James D. Baird, #497 2/Lt Everett L. Kenner, #973 2/Lt Jess D. Rogers, #057 1/Lt Robert E. Wine.

Bomb load: 15 x 250 incendiary. Bombing altitude 27,000. Bombing results

A. A. Fire: Meager, inaccurate fire from Ameland and Tersheiling islands.

Enemy opposition: No enemy fighter engagements. Sea craft in North Sea fired at our formation. No damage results.

Claims: None

Time: Leave base 0741, return base 1219

Gp leader: Capt. Donald E. Sheeler

Remarks: Formation did not go to target; turned back while over enemy territory because of poor visibility. Gps. of the 1st Bomb Wing furnished 172 A/C for this mission. 128 returned early, 32 dropped bombs on Rotterdam, 9 on the target of opportunity, and 8 unknown. Eight A/C are missing.

July 29 - The following A/C, B.17s of this squadron were assigned to assist in a raid on the IKriegemarine-Werft, Kiel, Germany: #453 Capt. James D. Baird, #973, 2/Lt Jess D. Rogers, #178 2/Lt Everett D. Kenner, #712 1/Lt Arthur J. Reynolds, #497 1/Lt Robert E. Wine, #947 1/Lt Robert S. Gerald.

Bomb load: 10 x 500

Bombing alt.: 27,000 ft.

Bombing results: Good

A. A. fire: intense, accurate fire at target, meager but accurate from Flensburg; meager and inaccurate fire from South Sylt Island and Amrum Island.

Fighter opposition: 30-40 ME109s, 4 FW190s, 3 JU88s met our formation at 0910 hours and left at 0955.

Fighters did not press home their attacks.

Claims: S/Sgt Edward Bronski, A/C 973, was credited with damaging one ME109. S/Sgt William Wolf A/C 973 was credited with destroying one FW190.

Casualties: Lt. Mason, Albert L., navigator A/C #973

was seriously injured by explosion of enemy shell fire. After receiving wounds, Lt. Mason continued to man nose guns until all danger of further enemy attack had passed.

Lt. Rogers landed at Oulton in order that Lt. Mason could receive medical attention.

Damage: A/C 947, 497 were damaged by enemy fighters and A/A fire.

Remarks: Major Gillespie led the 91st Gp. A/C 453 aborted due to illness of Capt. Baird, also 712 because Lt. Reynolds became ill.

Time: Leave base 0645 hrs. Target 0901. Arrived base 1211

2nd Lt. Gerald W. Brookman (Gunnery Officer) assigned to this squadron.

July 30 - The following A/C B.17s were dispatched to assist in raid on Fieseler Flugzeugbau, G.B.B.H., Kassel, Germany: #453 F/O Winston M. Cavaneau, #090 2/Lt Everett L. Kenner, #947 2/Lt Robert S. Gerald, #178 Capt. James D. Baird, #111 (324th Sq.) 2/Lt Wm. R. Cox, #497 1/Lt Robert E. Wine.

Bomb load: 10 x 500 G.P. 1/10 - 1/40

Bombing altitude: 24,000 to 25,000 ft.

Results: Good

A/A Fire: Sporadic inaccurate to accurate and meager to moderate enroute to and returning from target. At the target A/A fire was accurate and intense. All A/C of our sq. going over target were damaged to some extent by shell frags.

Enemy attacks: 125 -150 FW190s, Me109s, and 1 JU88 at 0810 to 0825 and from 0944 to 1050 hours.

Claims: 1 FW190 destroyed by S/S W. J. McCrea, BTG A/C947, 1 FW190 damaged by T/S B.A. Stellhorn, TTG, A/C453.

Casualties: S/S G. E. Salby, TG A/C 111 slight wound l. leg.

Damage to A/C: A/C 453, bullet hole through window nr pilot. A/C 111, #3 engine shot out, right wheel flat, hole in all parts of ship. A/C 947 seriously damaged. A/C 990 minor flak holes.

Weather: Visibility good - only slight haze.

Gp. leader: Capt. Richard W. Weitzenfeld (324)

Time: Leave base 0640. Target 0912. Return 1126

Remarks: The following message (teletype) was read



to all crews at briefing: "Bombs dead on the target in this mission, will knock out approximately 500 ME which is much easier than shooting them out of the air one at time. We realize that you have done a lot of fighting in the last week, and deserve a rest. However, with the prospects of excellent bombing weather we cannot afford to pass up this ripe target. When you land from this mission you can look forward to well-earned rest." - - Brig. Gen. Williams. Com. Bomb Wing One.

A/C 947 aborted due to illness of tail gunner, S/S Chas M. Steel - brought bombs back. A/C 178 returned early with bomb load because of vibration in control column during climb.

July 31 - No change.

322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS. AUGUST 1943  
Submitted by Paul V. Smith, 1/Lt, A.C.

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August 1 - Strength:: Officers 61, Enlisted Men 359

August 2, 3 - No Change

August 4 - Capt. James D. Baird (P) trfd to 92nd B.G.

August 5 - 1st Lt. Arthur J. Reynolds (CP) trfd to 92nd B.G.

August 6, 7, 8 - No Change

August 9 - 1st Lt. Jules L. Moreau (Adj.) and 1st Lt. Raymond Y. Kurtz (N) asgd to Squadron

August 10, 11 - No Change

August 12 - The following A/C (B17) were assigned to assist in raid on synthetic oil plant located in Gelsenkirchen, Germany:

#511 2nd Lt. Robert S. Gerald  
#990 (spare) 1st Lt. Everett L. Kemmer  
#973 (spare) 1/Lt. Jess D. Rogers  
#497 (spare) 1/Lt. Jack A. Hargis  
#178 1/Lt Joel W. Gatewood

Bomb Load: 10 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 30,000

Results of Bombing: Fair

A. A. Fire: Intense at target but altitude of our A/C prevented serious damage.

Enemy Attacks: E/A met group at 0829 hours and continued their intermittent attacks until 0940 hours when we enjoyed friendly fighter support.

Claims: None

Damage to A/C: None

Weather - 41 below, 5/10 cloud

Gp. leader - Major John C. Bishop

Time: Leave base 0651. Target 0857. Return 1117.

Remarks: Lt. R. S. Gerald, pilot of A/C 511 became ill enroute to target - returned to base 0635 hours. A/C 990 aborted due to faulty supercharger; brought bombs back. A/C 973 aborted over Holland because of oxygen system failure and interphone trouble, dropped bombs on airfield eight (8) miles north of the Hague.

Returned to base at 1015 hours. A/C 497 aborted at Weerden directly after S/Sgt R. A. Thegpen (ball turret) had been seriously injured as result of part of supercharger breaking loose and striking him in the head. #4 and #2 superchargers failed to function properly so this A/C brought bombs back.

Low temperatures at altitude (-44 degrees) resulted in freezing of oxygen masks - guns - turrets. Two men of group died due to lack of oxygen, one of which was

S/Sgt. F. F. Bryant of A/C178. Four other crew members of A/C178 suffered from freezing. They were S/Sgt Komimar, T/Sgt Schaffer, S/Sgt Pierce and Lt. Downey (N).

August 15, 1943 - The following A/C (B.17s) this squadron were assigned to assist on raid on Brussels, Evre Airfield (Belgium):

#639 - Capt. Donald E. Sheeler

#139 2/Lt Wm. R. Cox

#947 2/Lt Cleo Struble

#990 2/Lt Everett L. Kenner

#511 2/Lt Jack A. Hargis

#712 2/Lt James C. Judy

#973 1/Lt Jess D. Rogers

Bomb Load: 16 x 300

Bombing Altitude: 19,800

Bombing Results: Fair

A. A. Fire: Moderate accurate fire was experienced over target area.

Fighter Opposition: None; our fighter escort kept the E/A well engaged.

Claims: None

Casualties: S/Sgt Peter DeSanto, RWG, wounded right hand. S/Sgt Francis E. Stevens, LWG, wounded right arm. T/Sgt Carl E. Wiedebusch, wound near right eye.

Damage to A/C: The following were damaged by A/A fire: A/C Nos. 639, 947, 990, 511, 712

Remarks: Col. Gross, C.O. of 1st Bomb Wing, was Wing Leader and was accompanied by Lt. Col. Wursback, C.O. of 91st Bomb Gp., flying with Capt. Sheeler, C.O. of this squadron in A/C 639.

Time: Leave Base 1720. Arrive Target 1930. Arrive Base 2055

Major Nathan L. Roberts, ASN 0-204195, went on this mission as an observer, flying with A/C 139 piloted by 2/Lt W.R. Cox, as did Major Jackson (Med Corps) of Bomber Command who flew with 2/Lt J. A. Hargis.

The Primary target was not attacked due to weather, formation attacked the secondary target - Flushing (Vlissingau) Airfield, Holland, with fair results.

A/C 947 did not drop bombs due to malfunction of bomb release mechanism. By the time the trouble was corrected they were past target area and brought bombs back in preference to dropping them in town adjoining the secondary target.

F/O Winston Cavaneau (P) promoted to 2nd Lt.

August 15,(16) 1943 - (Ed. Note: This is the date as it appears in Lt. Smith's submission. However, the raid on Le Bourget airfield took place on Aug. 16, according to the "Ragged Irregular." - Frank F.) - - - The following A/C (B.17) of this Sq. were assigned to

assist in a raid on the airfield and hangars at Le Bourget, France:

#639 2/Lt Everett L. Kenner  
#139 2/Lt. Joel W. Gatewood  
#973 1/Lt Jess D. Rogers  
#990 2/Lt Jack A. Hargis  
#511 2/Lt Robert S. Gerald  
#057 1/Lt Robert E. Wine

Bomb Load: 16 x 300 G.P. 1/10 - 1/100

Bombing Altitude: 19,000 ft.

Bombing Results: Good

A. A. Fire - Meager to moderate but accurate - A/C 639, 973, 990

Enemy Opposition: Excellent fighter support kept such E/A as there were busy, with result that few attacks were made.

Claims: None

Casualties: None

Damage to A/C - Slight damage to A/C 639, 973, 990, 511 and 057 from flak.

Weather: Excellent

G. Leader: Major Gillespie, C. G.

Time: Leave base 0630, Over Target 0935, Return 1140

August 17, 1943 - The following A/C (B.17s) this Sq. were dispatched to assist in raid on one of Germany's most important manufacturers of ball bearings located in Schweinfurt, Germany:

#453 2/Lt Everett L. Kenner  
#511 1/Lt Leroy B. Everett  
#497 2/Lt Cleo C. Struble  
#139 2/Lt Joel W. Gatewood  
#973 1/Lt Jess D. Rogers  
#712 2/Lt James D. Judy  
#111 1/Lt Robert E. Wine  
#178 2/Lt Wm. R. Cox  
#990 2/Lt Jack A. Hargis

Bomb Load: 5 x 1000

Bombing Altitude: 21,000 ft.

Bombing Results: Good

A. A. Fire: Meager inaccurate fire from vicinity of Antwerp and Aachen and Bonn; at the target moderate but accurate.

Fighter Opposition: Approximately 25-350 FW190s and Me109s attacked about 1349 hours until 1425 hours and again from 1445 hours until 1750 hours.

Claims: (Ed. Note - No claims were typed in, although Lt. Graves left several spaces for them. - Frank F.)

Casualties: S/Sgt Leonard A. Waldron, LWG A/C 511, leg wound. S/Sgt. Edward J. Bronski, TG A/C 973, leg wound. S/Sgt. Wm. J. Wolf, LWG A/C 973, shoulder injury.,

The following crew members A/C 712 are missing having parachuted over enemy territory: 2/Lt Edward J. De Coster - Navigator, 2/Lt Lewis M., Allen, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Virgil G. Faust, RG, S/Sgt Charles A. Baiano, BTG, S/Sgt Ray C. Tarbell, WG, S/Sgt. Vincent Pl Lala, WG, S/Sgt. Paul F. Burton, Tail gunner.

The following A/C and crews are missing: A/C 453, Lt. Everett L. Kenner, pilot; Lt. George M., Bryan, copilot; 2nd Lt. Richard G. Martin, Navigator; Lt. Herbert F. Egender, Bombardier; T/Sgt. Chase, Engineer; T/Sgt. Vender, Radio Operator; S/Sgt O'Toole, Ball Turret Operator; S/Sgt. Gardner M. Moore, WG; S/Sgt. Wm. D. Nagin, WG; S/Sgt. James A. B....., Tail Gunner.

A/C 139 Missing:

- Lt. Gatewood, Pilot
- Lt. Riegel, Co-pilot
- Lt. Downey, Navigator
- Lt. Hammond, Bombardier
- T/Sgt. Canada, Top Turret
- T/Sgt Butler, Radio Op.
- S/Sgt Adams, Ball Turret
- Sgt. Hite, WG
- S/Sgt Parfitt, WG
- S/Sgt Pearce, TG

A/C 990 missing:

- Lt. Hargis, Pilot
- Lt. Smith, Co-pilot
- Lt. Darling, Navigator
- Lt. Winslow, Bombardier
- T/Sgt. Allen, Engineer
- T/Sgt Giganek, Radio Op.
- S/Sgt. Tecker, Ball Turret

S/Sgt Di Hinne, WG.  
S/Sgt. S. Tecker, WG  
S/Sgt. Judy, TG

Damage to A/C: All of the following were very seriously damaged: A/C 973, 712, 511, 497.

Remarks: This raid might very well be considered the most important date, not only because of the objective, but the fact that its location was deep into enemy territory.

The combat wing was led by A/C 921 of the 324th Squadron, piloted by Lt. Col. Clemens Barsbach, C.O. of the 91st Gp.; Co-pilot Col. Wm. H. Gross, C.O. 101st Combat Wing; Navigators Lt. David M. Williams and Lt. Peter P. Adams; Bombardier Lt. Sam M. Slayton and Lt. Fred F. Peterman in the tail.

General Robert B. Williams, Commanding General 1st Bomb Wing also went on this mission in the capacity of observer, but before leaving enemy territory he proved to the satisfaction of all crew members of A/C 3837 of the 324th Sq., piloted by Lt. Vernon A. Parker and Capt. Richard W. Weitzenfeld, in whose ship he flew, that he was a fearless, ....., and tough gunshooting general.

A/C #712, piloted by Lt. James D. Judy and Lt. Roger W. Layn, barely escaped a forced landing in enemy territory when a 20 mm. shell which entered the nose of this ship exploded and caused a fire to break out in the pilots' compartment. The smoke temporarily blinded the pilots. The navigator and bombardier, apparently fearful that the gas tanks would blow the ship up, opened their escape hatch and jumped. By doing so the sudden rush of fresh air cleared the ship of smoke, and at the same time gave a good draft to the fires. The pilots' compartment, now clear of smoke, found the ship going down in a wide spin. Lt. Judy managed to level off at 6000 ft. As all expected the ship to blow up, Lt. Layn went aft to check the chutes on his crew members before they jumped, while T/Sgt Cherry, TTG, who was already wounded in leg and chest, fought the fire in pilots' compartment. Although coolness prevailed among the crew members, there was a good chance of several crew members jumping without their harness being properly adjusted. Lt. Layn returned to the pilots' compartment and

found Cherry in his gun position firing on attacking enemy fighters, his parachute badly burned. Learning this, Judy quickly decided to try to make for home and chance that all fires would be brought under control and that they would successfully fight their way thru fighters and evade A. A. fire. Judy brought his ship down to 100 ft. so that enemy fighters could not attack from below and headed for England, taking a zigzag course. This A/C crash landed at Manston, England, badly damaged--over 500 shell holes.

A/C 111 aborted because of illness of Sgt., William Harvey, left waist gunner.

A/C 178 aborted at 51 degrees 30 min. N., 03 degrees 50 min. E. because of illness of S/Sgt. Harry E. Privett, LWG.

A total of 230 A/C from nine groups participated in this raid. Eleven (11) A/C returned early; 189 A/C attacked target and 36 A/C are missing. Total: 3 killed, 15 wounded, 371 missing.

A/C 712 reached a point 15-20 miles SE of Frankfurt. Three 20 mm. hits exploded in left wing directly under the pilots' compartment, setting fire to the A/C. Immediately the navigator and bombardier bailed out. Due to smoke and fire the pilot temporarily lost control of the A/C but was able to bring it out of slow spin at about 6000 feet. Bombs were released safe by the pilot pulling emergency release. The top turret gunner, who was already wounded in leg and chest, fought the fires in pilots' compartment while the co-pilot was aft directing the .....ing of the waist gunner, radio operator and tail gunner. Co-pilot saw to it that all harness adjustments were made before these men jumped. It was necessary to use force in some cases as the men would have jumped with their chutes improperly adjusted. Layn stated that all chutes opened properly. All during this time there were persistent enemy attacks. After learning that Cherry was wounded and burned and that Cherry's parachute had burned up, Lt. Judy decided to try to make home. Fires broke out intermittently but were brought under control by Cherry and Layn who in their spare time continued to fire at the enemy fighters. Layn burned out both waist guns. Judy immediately lost altitude until he was at 100 ft. and then came across enemy and enemy-occupied territory in a zigzag

course. Landing was made at Manston, England. T/Sgt Cherry was hospitalized at Manston.

TIME OUT FOR EDITORIAL COMMENT: One page of this report was exceedingly difficult to read--blurry, indistinct type--and as a result a couple of names may be misspelled. Wherever possible, I checked the "Ragged Irregular" and "Plane Names..." in an effort to get it all correct, but a couple of names I couldn't find. These were enlisted men's names. As Lt. Smith added new personnel to the squadron in his reports, he listed only the officers' names, so I had no backlog to refer to. One or two words were totally illegible, but they did not affect the impact of this tremendous story...It is curious that Lt. Smith told Lt. Judy's story twice. It seemed to me, as I tried to imagine this day, that Lt. Smith might have written his report the evening of the same day as the mission and may well have still been shocked and excited by the events of the day...The report raised a question in my mind: Was it standard practice for the officers to check enlisted men's chutes and harnesses as Lt. Layn did? This never occurred with any crew I was flying with a year later--of course, we only had to bail out once, and there wasn't time to check anything. - Frank F.)

August 24 - The following A/C (B.17) this Sq. were assigned to assist in a raid on hangars at Villa Coublay Airdrome, France. (ED. NOTE: For whatever reason, Lt. Smith did not list the crews on this mission. - Frank F.)

Time: Leave Base 1505. Target:....Arrive base 1951  
Bomb Load: Bombing altitude 21,000 ft.

Results: See remarks.

A. A. Fire: Moderate and inaccurate.

Enemy Opposition: 10-15 FW 190s and ME109s E/A attacked at 1803 and continued until 1840 hours, none were aggressive. Fighter support entertained them very well.

Casualties: None

Damage to A/C: A/C 497, 511 damaged by A. A. fire and shell fire.

REMARKS: All of our A/C were in low group and thru



error did not sight target, all bombs were brought back. Other Group in formation did bomb target. Fighter support was excellent.

August 18, 19, 20 - No change.

August 21 - Capt. Frank B. Kamykowski (Engineering Officer) trfd to 364th Service Group.

August 22 - 2nd Lt. Donald S. Knief (N) and 2nd Lt. Earl H. Clinton (N) were asgd to this Squadron.

August 23 - No Change

August 24 - The following A/C (B-17s) this squadron were assigned to assist in a raid on Airdrome at Villacoublay, France:

#591 Capt. Donald E. Sheeler

#057 1/Lt Jesse D. Rogers

#497 2/Lt., William R. Cox

#947 1/Lt Le Roy S. Everett

#511 2/Lt Robert S. Gerald.

Time: Leave base 1505. Target: Arrive Basde  
1951

Bomb Load:

Bombing Altitude: 21,000 ft.,

A. A. Fire: Moderate and accurate

Enemy Opposition: 10 to 15 FW190s and Me109s attacked at 1830 hours and continued until 1840 hrs. Attacks were not aggressive and fighter support was good.

Damage to A/C: #497 and #511 were damaged flak.

Remarks: All our A/C were in low group and thru error did not sight target. All bombs were brought back.

August 25, 26 - No Change,.

August 27 - The following A/C (B.17s) this Squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on a new construction project located on the south side of Eperleques Forest, one and one-half miles south of Natton, six and a half miles NNW of St. Caer and eleven miles south of Gravelines:

#947 1/Lt Leroy B. Everett

#511 1/Lt Robert E. Wine

#178 2/Lt Wm. R. Cox

Time: Left Base 1758. Arrive Target 1913. Arrive at Base 2031.

Bomb Load: 2 x 2000  
Bombing Altitude 16,000 ft.  
Bombing Results: Poor

A. A. Fire: Moderate and accurate from vicinities of St. Caer and target.

Enemy opposition: 20 to 30 FW190s and Me109s, one Heinkel, and one ME210 attacked at 1850 hours and intermittently until 1916 hours, causing some damage to A/C from this group.

Casualties: None

A/C Damage: A/C 178 damaged by A. A. fire, 20 mm. and 30 cal. fire.

Remarks: A/C 947 piloted by Lt. Everett aborted due to mechanical failure.

August 28, 29, 30 - No Change.

August 31 - The following A/C (B-17s) of this squadron were dispatched to assist in raid on airfields in France:

#947 1st Lt. Leroy S. Everett  
#778 2nd Lt. Cleo C. Struble  
#679 (401st Sq.) 2nd Lt. William R. Cox  
#973 1st Lt. Jess D. Rogers

Time: Take off 1510. Target 1824. Arrive Base 1955.  
Bomb Load 12 x 500  
Bombing Altitude: 23,000  
Bombing Results: Amien A/D hit with good pattern of bursts

A. A. Fire: Moderate and accurate

Casualties: See remarks

Damage to A/C: A/C #973 hit at target causing ship to crash later.

Remarks: A/C #778 and #679 returned early due to mechanical failures. A/C 511 was forced out of formation by explosion from collision of A/C's #523 and #816.

A/C #973, 1st Lt. Rogers (P) was hit just after bombing by A. A. fire; navigator was injured and one

motor knocked out. About 15 minutes before reaching the English coast Lt. Rogers gave crew opportunity to bale out. Sgt's Sparks, Malone and Wolf baled out. The ship crashed on Wooten Farm, Polegate, killing pilot, co-pilot, navigator and bombardier. The status of the crew is as follows: Injured and in hospital - Sgt's Bronski and McGovern. Killed: Lts. Rogers (P), Bravender (CP), Clinton (N) and Shakel (B). MIA: Sgt's Sparks, Malone, Wolf. T/Sgt. Paul M. Kelly succumbed to injuries sustained in crash.

Mike, here are the Sept., 1943, reports. I believe this is the first month in which I've noticed three officers and a sergeant listed in the top four positions. Would these have been our first toggliers?  
- Frank

322ND DAILY REPORTS, SEPTEMBER, 1943  
Submitted by 1st Lt. Ed C. Allen, I.O.

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September 1, 1943 - The total strength of the Squadron today: 53 officers and 351 Enlisted men

September 2, 1943 - 1st Lt. Jules L. Moreau (Adj.) and 1st Lt. Raymond, Earls (N) were trfd. to Hq. 1st B. W.

September 3, 1943 - The following A/C (B.17's) this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the A/C Romily, France:

A/C #947

1st Lt. Everett, Leroy S.  
2nd Lt. Stewart, Alexander W.  
2nd Lt. Turcotte, William H.  
2nd Lt. Simons, Capen R.  
T/Sgt Severson, Leo R.  
T/Sgt Smith, Robert J.  
S/Sgt Clayton, Durell  
S/Sgt Keefer, William J.  
S/Sgt Waldron, Leonard A.  
S/Sgt. Chase, Carl L.

A/C 057

1st Lt. Wine, Robert E.  
2nd Lt. Degen, Charles W.  
2nd Lt. Ryan, William C.  
2nd Lt. Salleng, Leonard S.  
S/Sgt Fair, Ellsworth (NMI)  
Sgt. Smith, Norville E.  
T/Sgt Corbiere, Ovila S.  
S/Sgt. Kerr, Joseph F.  
Sgt. Harvey, William (NMI)  
S/Sgt Steele, Charles H.

A/C 497

2nd Lt. Cox, William R.  
2nd Lt. James, William E (323rd)  
2nd Lt. Richardson, Edgar L. (323rd)  
2nd Lt. Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt Schlaich, Lester B.  
T/Sgt Smallidge, Kerrane A.  
S/Sgt. Witter, James H.  
S/Sgt Eager, Ernest J.  
S/Sgt DeMidio, Paul (NMI)  
S/Sgt Selby, Glendon E.

A/C 511

1st Lt. Gerald, Robert S.  
2nd Lt. Layn, Roger W.  
2nd Lt. Lee, David C.  
2nd Lt. Cannon, Thomas J.  
T/Sgt Swango, Buford C.  
T/Sgt O'Neill, Lawrence E.  
S/Sgt Ramsey, Ervin M.  
S/Sgt Milan, Carrel K.  
S/Sgt McCrea, William C.  
S/Sgt Stone, David A.

Time: Take Off 0540. Target 0955. Return 1142.  
Bomb Load: 12 x 500 G.P.  
Bombing Altitude: 21000 ft.  
Bombing Results: Fair  
Fighter Opposition: Up to 30 E/A were seen from 0941  
to ??? Hrs, mostly FW190s with a few ME109s and  
JU88s.

A. A. Fire: Moderate and very accurate at target.

Meager and inaccurate at Poix, Beauvais, Le Bourget, and Le Havre.

Claims: None  
Casualties: None

Remarks: A/C 057 turned back at 0815 due to #2 and #2 (sic) superchargers lagging.  
A/C 511 turned back at 0605 due to leak in pressure regulator line in #2 engine.  
A/C 497 jettisoned its bombs over channel. Bomb bay doors failed to open over the target. Primary target was not attacked due to cloud cover. The airdrome at Evreux (last resort) was attacked with fair results.

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The following promotions were made today:

1/Lt Cornelius P. Chima (P) promoted to Capt.  
1/Lt Donald A. Million (Bomb-sight maint.) promoted to Capt.  
2/Lt Wilfred A. Bouchard (b) promoted to 1/Lt  
2/Lt Nathan Serota (com.) transferred to 813th Bomb Sq.  
2/Lt Harlow promoted to 1st Lt.  
2/Lt Kenner promoted to 1st Lt.  
McMurty

September 4, 1943

2/Lt Alexander Lake asgd as communications.  
1/Lt Vincent P. Richards appointed Sq. Executive Officer as of 2 July, 1943.

September 5, 1943

Assignment of following officers was made:

Capt. Edward D. Gaitley, Jr.  
1/Lt Hartman (Co-pilot)  
2/Lt James L. Griffin (P)  
James E. McMurty (B)  
Donald L. Strunk (CP)  
Phillip O. Swanson (N)

September 6, 1943 - The following A/C (B17's) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Stuttgart, Germany:

#947 1st Lt. Everett, Leroy B.  
2nd Lt. Stewart, Alexander W.  
2nd Lt. Turcotte, William B.

2nd Lt. Simons, Capen R.  
T/Sgt Severson, Leo R.  
T/Sgt. Smith, Robert J.  
S/Sgt Clayton, Durell  
S/Sgt Keefer, William J.  
S/Sgt Waldron, Leonard A.  
S/Sgt. Chase, Carl I.

A/C #497

1st t. Cox, William R.  
2nd Lt. James, William R.  
2nd Lt. Richardson, Edgar L. (323rd)  
1st Lt. Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt Schlaich, Lester B.  
T/Sgt Smallidge, Kerrane A.  
S/Sgt. Witter, James N.  
Sgt. Griswold, Henry A. Jr.  
S/Sgt DeMidio, Paul (NMI)  
S/Sgt McCrea, William B.

A/C #750

1st Lt. Gerald, Robert S.  
2nd Lt. Griffin, James L.  
2nd Lt. Swanson, Donald L.  
2nd Lt. Cannon, Thomas J.  
T/Sgt Swango, Buford C.  
T/Sgt O'Neill, Lawrence E.  
S/Sgt. Ramsey, Ervin H.  
S/Sgt. Milan , Carrol K.  
S/Sgt McCrea, William C.  
S/Sgt Stone, David A.

A/C 505

1st Lt. Wine, Robert E.  
2nd Lt. Degen, Charles W.  
2nd Lt. Ryan, William C.  
2nd Lt. Salleng, Leonard S.  
S/Sgt Fair, Ellworth (NMI)  
Sgt. Smith, Norville E.  
T/Sgt Corbiere, Ovilla S.  
S/Sgt Kerr, Joseph F.  
Sgt. Harvey, William (NMI)  
S/Sgt Steele, Charles H.

A/C 778

2nd Lt. Struble, Cleo C.  
1st Lt. Schweitzer, Robert M.  
2nd Lt. Rolfe, Frank O. (323rd)  
2nd Lt. Lee, David C.  
S/Sgt Morgan, Delmar C.  
T/Sgt Wiedebusch, Carl E.  
S/Sgt Alford, Ralph H.  
S/Sgt De Santo, Peter D.  
Sgt. McGraw, Marvin C.  
S/Sgt Rausch, Burdette N.

Bomb Load: 10 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 24,500 ft.

Bombing Results: A/C 487 hit marshalling yard and RR junction at Karlsruhe with good pattern.

Time: Take Off 0600. Target 1010. At Base 1315.

A. A. Fire: Accurate and intense at primary, meager elsewhere.

Enemy Opposition: 20 to 35 E/A fighters seen, three persistent attacks were made on our formation.

Claims: S/Sgt. Alford - destroyed FW190

S/Sgt Morgan - destroyed ME109

S/Sgt Rausch - destroyed FW190

Casualties: None

Remarks: A/C 750, 323rd, aborted due to high gas consumption.

A/C 505, 324th, returned early due to oxygen equipment line of bombardier being pinched.

The following assignments were made:

Capt. Floyd M. Marshall (Sta. Fire Marshall)

2nd Lt. Charles P. Pinning (P)

2nd Lt. Walter V. Cavanaugh Jr. (N)

2nd Lt. Edward H. Tomer (CP)

2nd Lt. Albert L. Rolnick (B)

2nd Lt. William R. James (CP)

A/C 497, Lt. Cox, ditched in North Sea. All crew rescued.

September 7, 1943 - Capt. Gaitley promoted to Major.

2nd Lt. William R. Cox (P) promoted to 1st Lt.

No operations on this date.

September 8, 1943 - 1st Lt. Vincent P. Richards  
(Executive) promoted to Capt.

September 9, 1943 - 2nd Lt. Winston M. Cavaneau  
promoted to 1st Lt.

Major Gaitley transferred to Hq. 41 B.G.

September 10, 11, 12 - No Change.

September 13 - 1st Lt. Parsons assigned squadron.

September 14 - No Change.

September 15 - The following A/C (B-17) this squadron,  
were assigned to assist in a raid on Romily Sur  
Seine.

A/C 947

Major Donald E. Sheeler  
1/Lt Winston M. Cavaneau  
2/Lt Joe L. McNeill  
1/Lt Wilfred A. Bouchard  
T/Sgt John F. Robinson  
T/Sgt Eugene C. Evans  
S/Sgt Joseph (NMI) Bielecki  
S/Sgt Paul (NMI) De Midio  
S/Sgt Walter S. French  
1/Lt Sidney (NMI) Hartman

(ED. NOTE - At this point, 1st Lt. Paul V. Smith is  
writing the reports again.)

A/C 794

1st Lt. LeRoy B. Everett  
2nd Lt. Charles E. Pinning  
2nd Lt. William H. Turcotte  
2nd Lt. Capen R. Simons  
T/Sgt Leo R. Severson  
T/Sgt Robert J. Smith  
S/Sgt Durell (NMI) Clayton  
S/Sgt William J. Keefer  
S/Sgt Leonard A. Waldron  
S/Sgt Carl I. Chase



Bombing Altitude: 22,300 ft.

Bomb Load: 2 x 1000 lb. plus 39 x 100 IB's

Bombing Results:

Time: Take Off 1500. Target 1848. Return 2045.

A. A. Fire: Scattered meager and inaccurate fire from Poix, Consommés, Languet and the target.

Enemy Opposition: No attacks on our group, up to 10 E/A concentrated their attacks on low group of our wing.

Remarks: Major Donald E. Sheeler was group leader.

Claims: None

Casualties: None

September 16, 1943 - The following Aircraft B17's were dispatched to assist with a raid on the port at Nantes, France:

A/C 057

1st Lt. LeRoy B. Everett

2nd Lt. Alexander W. Stewart

2nd Lt. William H. Turcotte

2nd Lt. Capen R. Simons

T/Sgt Leo R. Severson

T/Sgt Robert J. Smith

S/Sgt Durell (NMI) Clayton

S/Sgt William J. Keefer

S/Sgt Leonard A. Waldron

S/Sgt Carl I. Chase

A/C 178

1st Lt. William R. Cox

2nd Lt. William R. James

2nd Lt. Philip O. Swanson

1st Lt. James E. Harlow

T/Sgt Lester B. Schlaich

T/Sgt Kerrane A. Smallidge

S/Sgt Ernest J. Koger

T/Sgt Harry E. Privett

Sgt. Linwood W. White

S/Sgt Glendon E. Salby

A/C 711

Capt. Cornelius P. Chima

2nd Lt. James L. Griffin

2nd Lt. Nicholas (NMI) Chima

2nd Lt. Albert L. Rolnick

T/Sgt John K. Callaway  
Sgt. Lloyd A. Johnson  
S/Sgt John V. Davis  
S/Sgt James H. Witter  
S/Sgt Charles R. Martin  
S/Sgt Alfred (NMI) Furtado

A/C 511

1st Lt. Robert S. Gerald  
2nd Lt. Donald L. Strunk  
2nd Lt. Quentin H. Ellis  
2nd Lt. Thomas J. Cannon  
T/Sgt Buford C. Swango  
T/Sgt Lawrence E. O'Neill  
S/Sgt William G. McCrea  
S/Sgt Carrol K. Milan  
S/Sgt Ervin H. Ramsey  
S/Sgt David A. Stone

A/C 778

2nd Lt. Struble, Cleo C.  
1st Lt. Robert M. Schweitzer  
2nd Lt. Walter V. Cavanaugh  
2nd Lt. David C. Lee  
S/Sgt Delmar C. Morgan  
T/Sgt Carl E. Wiedebusch  
S/Sgt Ralph H., Alford  
S/Sgt Peter D. De Santo  
S/Sgt Francis E. Stevens  
S/Sgt. Burdette H. Rausch

A/C 947

1st Lt. William R. Cox  
2nd Lt. Charles B. Pinning  
2nd Lt. Philip O. Swanson  
2nd Lt. James E. McMurty  
T/Sgt Lester B. Schlaich  
T/Sgt Kerrane A. Smallidge  
Sgt. Ernest J. Koger  
Sgt. Marvin C. McGraw  
Sgt. Linwood W. White  
Sgt. Glendon E. Salby

A/C 711

Capt. Cornelius P., Chima

2nd Lt. James L. Griffin  
2nd Lt. Nicholas (NMI) Chima (324th)  
2nd Lt. Albert L. Rolnick  
T/Sgt John K. Callaway  
S/Sgt Lloyd A. Johnson  
S/Sgt John V. Davis  
S/Sgt James H. Witter  
S/Sgt Charles R. Martin  
S/Sgt Alfred (NMI) Furtado

A/C511

1st Lt. Robert S. Gerald  
2nd Lt. Donald L. Strunk  
2nd Lt. Ralph A. Villanova (401st)  
2nd Lt. Thomas J. Cannon  
T/Sgt Buford C. Swango  
T/Sgt Lawrence E. O'Neill  
S/Sgt William C. McCrea  
S/Sgt Carrol K. Milan  
S/Sgt Ervin H. Ramsey  
S/Sgt David A. Stone

A/C505

2nd Lt., Cleo C. Struble  
1st Lt. Robert M. Schweitzer  
2nd Lt. Waller V. Cavanaugh  
2nd Lt. David C. Lee  
S/Sgt Delmar C. Morgan  
T/Sgt Carl E. Wiedebusch  
S/Sgt Ralph H. Alford  
S/Sgt Peter D. De Santo  
S/Sgt Francis E. Stevens  
S/Sgt Burdette H. Rausch

Bomb Load: 12 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 20,000 feet

A. A. Fire: Moderate and accurate fire from Rennes. At Nantes the A/A fire was inaccurate but moderate.

Enemy Opposition: Up to 45 E/A single engine fighters were encountered from 1440 hours to 1500 hours.

Damage to A/C: A/C 057 - slight flak damage

A/C 947 - bullet hole in left wing and tail assembly

A/C 511 - flak hit #2 engine oil pump. Right wing, nose and #3 engine

A/C 505 - holes in nose

Casualties: Sgt. Glendon E. Salby, Tail Gunner, 30 cal. round left foot (A/C 947).

Claims: None

September 17 - No Change.

September 18 - Cornelius P. Chima (P) transferred to Hq. 1st Combat Wing. 2nd Lts. Struble, Cleo C. (P) and McNeil, Joe L. (N) promoted to 1st Lts.

September 19 - 2nd Lt. Conroy promoted to 1st Lt.

September 20 - No Change.

September 21 - 1st Lt. Conroy transferred to HE. 8th A. F. 1st Lt. Donald R. Judge assigned to squadron.

September 22 - No Change

September 23 - The following A/C (B17s) were assigned to assist in a raid on a U-Boat supply ship moored on north bank of Fort Maritime, Nantes, France:

A/C 656

1st Lt. Cavanaugh, Winston M.

2nd Lt. Stewart, Alexander W.

2nd Lt. Turcotte, William H.

2nd Lt. McMurty, James E.

T/Sgt Severson, Leo R.

T/Sgt Smith, Robert J.

S/Sgt Keefer, William J.

S/Sgt Clayton, Durell (NMI)

S/Sgt Waldron, Leonard A.

S/Sgt Chase, Carl I.

A/C 718

1st Lt. Struble, Cleo C.

1st Lt. Schweitzer, Robert M.

2nd Lt. Lee, David C.

Sgt. Pidgeon, Norman R.

S/Sgt. Morgan, Delmar C.

T/Sgt Wiedebusch, Carl E.  
S/Sgt. Alford, Ralph H.  
S/Sgt De Santo, Peter D.  
S/Sgt Stevens, Francis E.  
S/SSgt. Rausch, Burdette M.

A/C 178

1st Lt. Cox, William R.  
2nd Lt. James, William R.  
S/Sgt. Landry, Jack J.  
1st Lt. Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt Schlaich, Lester H.  
T/Sgt Smallidge, Kerrane A.  
Sgt. Koger, Ernest J.  
S/Sgt Witter, James E.  
Sgt. Linnen, Benedict J.  
S/Sgt Macrae, William B.

A/C 511

1st Lt. Gerald, Robert S.  
2nd Lt. Layn, Roger W.  
2nd Lt. Cannon, Thomas J.  
S/Sgt Butler, William R. Jr.  
T/Sgt Swango, Buford C.  
T/Sgt O'Neill, Lawrence E.  
S/Sgt. McCrea, William G.  
S/Sgt. Hicks, Mack B.  
S/Sgt. Ramsey, Ervin H.  
S/Sgt Stone, David A.

A/C 711

2nd Lt. Pinning, Charles B.  
2nd Lt. Tomer, Edward H.  
2nd Lt. Cavanaugh, Walter V.  
2nd Lt. Kolnick, Albert L.  
T/Sgt Robinson, John F.  
S/Sgt Olague, Rudy L.  
S/Sgt Bielecki, Joseph (NMI)  
S/Sgt Wilson, Robert (NMI)  
S/Sgt Heaney, Arthur A.  
S/Sgt Carrasquillo, Joseph E.

A/C 057

1st Lt. Wine, Robert E.  
2nd Lt. Griffin, James I.

2nd Lt. Ryan, William G.  
2nd Lt. Salleng, Leonard S.  
S/Sgt Fair, Ellsworth (NMI)  
Sgt. Smith, Norville W.  
S/Sgt Kerr, Joseph M.  
T/Sgt. Corbiere, Ovila S.  
Sgt. Harvey, William (NMI)  
S/Sgt Steele, Charles H.

Time: Take Off 0500. Target 0818. Return 1200.

Bomb Load: 18 x 500 GP

Bombing Altitude: 21,000 feet

Bombing Results: No direct hits, area was well patterned.

A. A. Fire: Moderate and accurate fire at target causing some damage to our A/C.

Fighter Opposition: About 50 E/A mostly FW190s and a few JU88s and Me109s, were encountered.

Claims: T/Sgt John F. Robinson A/C 711 credited with destroying one E/A.

Damage to A/C: A/C 711 damaged by flak. Hole in nose, co-pilot's window cracked, 3 holes in left wing, gas tank punctured, and right elevator had hole.

A/C 057 slightly damaged by flak.

Remarks: A/C 656 turned back at 0732 hours after getting off late due to necessity of changing planes. Could not catch up with formation. A/C 178 turned back at 0715 hours when they failed to keep up with formation. A/C 778 turned back at 0721 due to oxygen system failure. #2 engine heated up. A/C 511 turned back at 0650 when #3 engine leaked oil. Ball Turret's electric suit not working. 2nd Lt. A. L. Rolnick, bombardier A/C 711 cut.....by flak. (ED. NOTE: Three or four words missing from this bottom line of the page.)

September 24, 1943 - 2nd Lt. Robert McElroy (CP) assigned to squadron.

September 25, 1943 - No Change.

September 26, 1943 - The following A/C (B17s) of this squadron were assigned to assist in a raid on the

assembly plant S.N.C.A. Du Nod at Meulan-Les Moreaux,  
France:

A/C 815 - 2nd Lt. C. B. Pinning  
A/C 778 - 1st Lt. C. C. Struble  
A/C 178 - 1st Lt. W. R. Cox  
A/C 656 - 2ND LT. J. L. Griffin  
A/C 794 - 1st Lt. J. D. Judy

Time: Takeoff 1430. Target:           Return:  
1930

Remarks: A/C 815 returned early due to oxygen  
shortage. Entire formation was recalled due to  
weather, turning back at St. Saens, France. All A/C  
except No. 815 were credited with an abortive sortie.

September 27, 1943 - The following A/C of this  
squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on port  
area, Emden, Germany:

A/C 624

1st Lt. Struble, Cleo C.  
1st Lt. Schweitzer, Robert M.  
2nd Lt. Lee, David C.  
Sgt. Pidgeon, Norman R.  
S/Sgt Morgan, Delmar C.  
T/Sgt Wiedebusch, Carl E.  
S/Sgt Alford, Ralph R.  
S/Sgt De Santo, Peter D.  
S/Sgt Stevens, Francis E.  
S/Sgt Rausch, Burdette H.

A/C 794

1st Lt. Cox, William R.  
2nd Lt. James, William R.  
S/Sgt Landry, Jack J.  
1st Lt. Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt Schlaich, Lester H.  
T/Sgt Smallidge, Kerrane A.  
Sgt. Koger, Ernest J.  
Sgt. Smith, Norville W.  
Sgt. Linnen, Benedict J.  
S/Sgt Macrae, William B.

A/C 656

2nd Lt. Griffin, James L.  
2nd Lt. McElroy, Robert W.  
2nd Lt. Swanson, Philip O.  
2nd Lt. McMurty, James E.  
T/Sgt Callaway, John K.  
T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.  
S/Sgt Davis, John V.  
S/Sgt Martin, Charles R.  
S/Sgt Hicks, Mack B.  
S/Sgt Furtado, Alfred (NMI)

A/C 8115

2nd Lt. Pinning, Charles B.  
2nd Lt. Gomer, Edward H.  
2nd Lt. Cavanaugh, Walter V.  
2nd Lt. Rolnick, Albert L.  
T/Sgt Robinson, John F.  
T/Sgt McNeill, Lawrence E.  
Sgt. Yatsko, John E.  
S/Sgt Wilson, Robert (NMI)  
S/Sgt Heaney, Arthur A.  
S/Sgt Carrasquillo, Jose Ph E.

A/C 604

1st Lt. Everett, LeRoy B.  
2nd Lt. Stewart, Alexander W.  
1st Lt. McNeill, Joe L.  
1st Lt. Bouchard, Wilfred A.  
T/Sgt Severson, Leo R.  
T/Sgt Evans, Eugene C.  
S/Sgt Griswold, Henry A. Jr.  
S/Sgt French, Walter S.  
S/Sgt De Midio, Paul (NMI)  
1st Lt. Slaton, S.

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 G.P.  
Bombing Altitude: 24,000 feet  
Bombing Results: Dropped bombs thru overcast with  
aid of PFF. Results unobserved due to cloud cover.

Time: Takeoff 0700. Target 1003. Return 1235.

A. A. Fire: Meager and inaccurate

Enemy Opposition: 65 E/A mostly ME109 and FW190 with



2 JU88s. First attack at 0945 and continued intermittently until 1020.

Claims: A/C 815, T/Sgt Le. O'Neill, Radio Gunner, one ME109 damaged.

A/C 794, T/Sgt L. E. Schlaich, top turret, one FW190 destroyed.

Casualties: A/C 624 with the following crew members failed to return:

- Pilot - 1st Lt. C.C. Struble
- Co-pilot - 1st Lt. R. Schweitzer
- Navigator - 2nd Lt. D.C. Lee
- Bombardier - Sgt. N. R. Pidgeon
- Top Turret - S/Sgt D.C. Morgan
- Radio Operator - T/Sgt C. E. Wiedebusch
- Ball Turret - S/Sgt R. R. Alford
- R.W. Gunner - S/Sgt P. D. De Santo
- L.W. Gunner - S/Sgt F. E. Stevins
- Tail Gunner - S/Sgt B. H. Rausch

Remarks: At approximately 1005 hours, 24,000 feet, at the target A/C 624 was seen with #3 engine on fire. When A/C opened its bomb bay doors flames enveloped radio room and pieces of the A/C began to fall. A/C went down from the left of the formation and blew up in mid-air. No less than 3 chutes were observed.

Major D. G. Alford (Gp. Operations Officer) rode as observer in A/C 909 - 913th Sq. of 482nd Gp. - PF.

P-47s provided excellent fighter support.

2nd Lt. Cannon promoted to 1st Lt.

September 28, 29, 30 - No Change

322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS, OCTOBER 1943  
Submitted by Paul V. Smith, 1st Lt.

Scanned by Don Freer  
Transcribed by Frank Farr

October 1, 1943 - (ED. NOTE - This entry and part of that for Oct. 2 are missing. FF)

Oct. 2 (Last part of the report for Oct. 2. The mission was flown to Emden)

Bomb Load: 12 x 300 lb. I. B's, 2 x 1000 lb. G.P.

Bombing Altitude: 22,500 ft.

Bombing Results: 10/10 cloud; unobserved.

A. A. Fire: Fire in the target area was moderate and inaccurate. En route to and home from the target, meager inaccurate fire was encountered in vicinity of (illegible) and Nordernay Islands.

Fighter Opposition: Up to 30 E/A engaged our Wing from 1608 hrs. to 1617 hrs. P-47s picked us up as briefed at 1602 hours. They provided excellent cover, leaving us at 1650, midway in North Sea.

Claims: A/C 794, Sgt. R. B. Wither, tail gunner, one ME109 damaged.

A/C 511, S/Sgt. E. H. Ramsey, LWG, one ME109 damaged.

Casualties: None

Damage to A/C: A/C794 damaged by 20 mm. in tail assembly and by .30 cal. in top turret. A/C 511, tail assembly damaged by 20 mm.

Remarks: Group Leader was Major Clyde O. Gillespie of 401st Sq. A/C 738, piloted by Lt. Cavaneau, turned back at 1435 hours in vicinity of St. Ives. This A/C is a B-17G and was on its first mission. Lt. Cavaneau complained that it was overloaded and that it was hard to handle on turns.

Time: Take Off: 1301. Over Target: 1610. Time Return: 1850.

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1st Lt. Bill H. Martin transferred to Hq. 91st B.G.

October 3, 1943 - The following officers and six (6) enlisted men were transferred to 482nd Bomb Group:

2nd Lt. Salleng, L. S. (B), 2nd Lt. Ryan, W. S. (N),  
1st Lt. Wine, R. E. (P), 2nd Lt. Degen, C. E. (P)

The following officers were promoted to 1st Lt.: 2nd  
Lt. Griffin, J. L. (P), 2nd Lt. Mason, A. L. (N) 2nd  
Lt. Pinning, C. B.

2nd Lt. (illegible) suspended from flying.

October 4, 1943: The following A/C of this squadron  
were dispatched to assist in a raid on Frankfurt,  
Germany:

A/C 511

1st Lt. Gerald, Robert S.  
2nd Lt. James, William R.  
2nd Lt. Cannon, Thomas J.  
2nd Lt. Rolnick, Albert L.  
T/Sgt Swango, Buford G.  
T/Sgt O'Neill, Lawrence E.  
S/Sgt McCrea, William B.  
S/Sgt Milan, Carrol K.  
S/Sgt Ramsey, Ervin H.  
S/Sgt Stone, David A.

A/C 656

2nd Lt. Griffin, James L.  
2nd Lt. McElroy, Robert W.  
2nd Lt., Swanson, Philip O.  
2nd Lt. McMurty, James E.  
T/Sgt Callaway, John K.  
T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.  
S/Sgt Davis, John V.  
S/Sgt Martin, Charles R.  
S/Sgt Hicks, Mack B.  
S/Sgt Furtado, Alfred

A/C 714

2nd Lt. Stewart, Alexander  
2nd Lt. Strunk, Donald L.  
2nd Lt. Turcotte, William R.  
S/Sgt Carlson, William J.  
T/Sgt Severson, Leo W.  
T/Sgt Smith, Robert J.  
S/Sgt Keefer, William J.  
S/Sgt Clayton, Durell

S/Sgt Waldron, Leonard  
S/Sgt Chase, Carl I.

A/C 711

1st Lt. Judy, James D.  
1st Lt. Hantman, Sidney  
2nd Lt. Simons, Capen R.  
S/Sgt O'Dea, George R.  
T/Sgt Cherry, Earl  
T/Sgt Johnson, Lloyd A.  
Sgt. Yatsko, John E.  
Sgt. Williams, William V.  
Sgt. (illegible.)  
Sgt. (illegible)

Bomb Load: 42 x 100 IBs  
Bombing Results: Good  
Bombing Altitude: 26,000  
Time: Takeoff 0730. Over target 1110. Landed 1620.  
A. A. Fire - Moderate accurate fire at target, meager  
inaccurate fire enroute and home from the target.

Enemy Opposition: Up to 150 S/E and 75 T/E A/C were  
encountered. Enemy employed rockets which were fired  
at our A/C at a distance beyond the range of our guns.  
Rockets might prove very effective unless we can  
increase the range of our fire or have long range  
escorts who are capable of keeping these rocket firing  
E/A entertained. Long range P-47 escort was very  
effective as was the Spit escort which covered  
stragglers from the Dutch coast.

Claims: A/C 714, T/Sgt Leo E. Severson, TTG, one  
ME110 damaged.

A/C 714 Lt. W.R. Turcotte, Navigator, one ME110  
damaged.

A/C 714, S/Sgt. L. Waldron, LWG, one ME110  
destroyed.

Casualties: S/Sgt C. I. Chase passed out from lack of  
oxygen, revived with aid furnished by Sgt. Waldron,  
who also suffered from frostbitten feet. S/Sgt. J. M.  
Yatso passed out from lack of oxygen.

Damage to A/C: A/C 714, 20 mm. and .303 hole in

wings, flak holes in nose, right waist and wings.

Remarks: A/C 511 turned back over base at 0745 when #3 engine ran away. A/C 656 turned back after reaching enemy coast at 0952 hours due to low manifold pressure in #2 engine. No. 1 engine heated up. Left waist gun and ball turret guns out. Gives credit for a sortie. A/C 711 turned back at 0954 hours due to oxygen failure in ball turret. Major R. W. Weitzenfeld of 324th Sq. was group leader flying with Capt. Fred F. Peterson of same squadron.

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The following officers and six (6) E/M were assigned to squadron:

2nd Lt. J. E. Carter (P)  
2nd Lt. R. E. Albright (N)  
2nd Lt. G. L. Harly (CP)  
2nd J. R. (illegible) (B)

October 5, 1943 - Training: Target identification. Gunnery. Combat Aircraft Recognition. Bomb training. Spotlight Training. Link Trainer.

October 7, 1943, - Training: Target identification; Aircraft Recognition; Camera Bombing; Spotlight Trainer; Shadowgraph; Link Trainer.

October 8, 1943 - The following aircraft of this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the Deutsche Schiff U. Michinsboau, A. G., Bremen, Germany:

A/C #738

2nd Lt. Alexander W. Stewart  
2nd Lt. Donald L. Strunk  
2nd Lt. William H. Turcotte  
2nd Lt. James R. Brown  
T/Sgt Leo E. Severson  
T/Sgt Robert J. Smith  
S/Sgt William J. Keefer  
S/Sgt Durell (NMI) Clayton  
S/Sgt Marvin C. McGraw

A/C #656

1st Lt. James L. Griffin  
2nd Lt. Robert W. McElroy  
2nd Lt. James E. McMurty  
2nd Lt. Philip O. Swanson  
T/Sgt John K. Callaway  
T/Sgt James L. Caldwell  
S/Sgt John V. Davis  
S/Sgt Charles R. Martin  
S/Sgt Alfred (NMI) Furtado  
S/Sgt Hicks, Mack B.

A/C #711

1st Lt. Charles B. Pinning  
2nd Lt. Edward H. Tomer  
2nd Lt. Walter V. Cavanaugh  
2nd Lt. Albert L. Rolnick  
T/Sgt John F. Robinson  
S/Sgt Rudy L. Olague  
S/Sgt Joseph Bielecki  
Sgt. Vincent A. White  
Sgt. Joseph J. Aramarnian  
S/Sgt Joseph E. Carrasquillo

A/C #778

1st Lt. Robert S. Gerald  
1st Lt. Winston M. Caveneau  
2nd Lt. Thomas J. Cannon  
2nd Lt. Roscoe R. Albright  
T/Sgt Buford C. Swango  
T/Sgt Lawrence E. O'Neill  
S/Sgt Ervin H. Ramsey  
S/Sgt William G. McCrea  
S/Sgt Carrol K. Milan  
S/Sgt David A. Stone

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 G.P.  
Bombing Altitude: 24,000 ft.  
Bombing Results: Unobserved

Time: Takeoff 1200. Over Target 1535. Return 1730.  
A. A. Fire: Accurate and intense at the target.  
Meager, inaccurate fire at .....(illegible) going in  
and coming out.

Fighter opposition: Between 100 and 200 E/A engaged

our formation, mostly FW190s, Me109s, Ju88s, Me110s and ME210s. Our fighter support P-47s were unable to accompany us all the way to the target. Consequently, the enemy attack took place when we were unaccompanied. While P47s were about no attacks were pressed home. Bomb boys can't wait for long range escorts. P-47s to date have done a remarkably good job - but their range is insufficient for long hops.

Claims: A/C711 2nd Lt. Walter V. Cavanaugh, navigator, one FW190 damaged. A/C#656 S/Sgt John V. Davis, BT, one FW190 damaged; A/C711 Sgt. Vincent A. White, W. G., one FW190 destroyed.

Casualties: S/Sgt Mack B. Hicks, RW gunner, flak in left ankle. T/Sgt J. L. Caldwell, Radio Gunner, flak or 20 mm. in right arm. 2nd Lt. Philip O. Swanson, 30 cal. in right cheek.

Damage to A/C: A/C 656 returned in bad shape, tail wheel shot off, No. 1 engine hit, interphone shot out. Oxygen shot out - ship full of holes. A/C 738 returned full of holes from flak and bullets as did A/C 711.

Remarks: Wing lead by Lt. Col. Clemens E. Wursback in A/C piloted by Capt. T. Gladstone of the 323rd Sq.

T/Sgt Caldwell, S/Sgt. Martin, and S/Sgt Hicks, wounded in today's raid, were taken to 49th Station hospital.

October 9, 1943 - The following aircraft of the squadron were dispatched to assist on a raid to the Arado Flugzeugwerke (aircraft components) Anklam, Germany:

A/C 604

1st Lt. LeRoy E. Everett, Jr.  
Major Donald E. Sheeler  
1st Lt. George P. Ward  
1st Lt. Samuel F. Slaton (91st Hq)  
S/Sgt Ellsworth (NMI) Fair  
T/Sgt Lawrence R. O'Neill  
S/Sgt Henry A. Griswold  
S/Sgt Walter S. French  
S/Sgt Paul (NMI) DeMidio

1st Lt. Sidney (NMI) Hantman

A/C #794

1st Lt. William P. Cox  
2nd Lt. William S. James  
S/Sgt Jack J. Landry  
1st Lt. James E. Harlow  
T/Sgt John K. Callaway  
T/Sgt Edward W. Keprovsko (324th Sq)  
S/Sgt John V. Davis  
Sgt. T. W. ....  
Sgt Joseph E. Linden  
S/Sgt Alfred (NMI) Furtado

A/C #778

2nd Lt. Alexander W. Stewart  
2nd Lt. Donald L. Strunk  
2nd Lt. William H. Turcotte  
2nd Lt. James M. Brown  
T/Sgt Leo R. Severson  
T/Sgt Robert J. Smith  
S/Sgt William J. Keefer  
S/Sgt Durell (NMI) Clayton  
S/Sgt Carl I. Chase  
S/Sgt Leonard E. Waldron

A/C #511

1st Lt. Robert S. Gerald  
2nd Lt. Charles L. Early  
2nd Lt. Thomas J. Cannon  
2nd Lt. Eugene E. Albright  
T/Sgt Buford C. Swango  
S/Sgt Paul E. Baker  
S/Sgt. William C. McCrea  
S/Sgt Carrol K. Milan  
S/Sgt Ervin H. Ramsey  
S/Sgt David A. Stone

A/C #711

1st Lt. Charles B. Pinning  
2nd Lt. Edward H. Tomer  
2nd Lt. Walter V. Cavanaugh  
2nd Lt. Dale C. Rogell (324th Sq.)  
T/Sgt John F. Robinson  
S/Sgt Rudy L. Olague



S/Sgt Joseph (NMI) Bielecki  
S/Sgt Joseph J. Aramarnian  
Sgt. Vincent A. White  
S/Sgt Joseph E. Carrasquillo

A/C #178

1st Lt. James D. Judy  
2nd Lt. John K. Carter  
2nd Lt. Capen R. Simons  
S/Sgt George R. O'Dea  
T/Sgt Earl W. Cherry  
T/Sgt Lloyd A. Johnson  
Sgt. John R. Yatso  
Sgt. William V. Williams  
S/Sgt Linwood W. White  
Sgt. Miles B. Withers

Bomb Load: 3 x 1000 G.P., 5 x 100 lb. I. B.'s  
Bombing Altitude: 13,000 ft.  
Bombing Results: Good

A/A Fire: No fire at target, meager to moderate fire from Madergale, Rostock, Warnestrude, Fehasian Island and Bad Sulms. All inaccurate. We were out of their range. (ED. NOTE: These place names were largely illegible and are certain, therefore, to be misspelled here.- FF)

Enemy Opposition: Up to 300 E/ A were encountered, mostly twin engine craft, some single engines - FW190, ME109, ME110, He111, Do217, JU87, JU88, FW189. First met E/A at 1032 hours and not until our remaining planes of the formation were well offshore at 1035 did the E/A cease their attacks. Enemy employed rockets which were fired by the Me110, Ju88 and FW190. Although fighter support was to have met us at point in the North Sea, our formation did not see them.

Claims: A/C 511, T/Sgt B. C. Swango, one (1) Me110 destroyed.

Casualties: The following A/C failed to return from this mission: 778, 711 and 178.  
1st Lt. Sidney Hantman (Ass't operations officer of

this sq.) while riding in the tail position of A/C 804 piloted by Lt. Everett and Major Donald Sheeler, was struck by a 20 mm. It cut his right arm off close to the shoulder, penetrated his thigh and went on through his leg. Hantman was hit just before the formation reached the target at about (blank here - FF) hours. Tourniquet could not be applied as arm was sheared off too close to body. S/Sgt . W. S. French, right waist gunner on A/C 804, was struck by flak or bullet in hand. Injury not serious although French was hospitalized. S/Sgt A. K. Baker, radio operator on A/C 511, struck in forehead by flak.

Damage to A/C - A/C 511, hit by 20 mm and flak, holes in the rudder, wings and stabilizer.  
A/C 804, holes all over - flaps would not work.

Time: Takeoff 0735. Target 1145. Return 1525.  
Extra gas tanks were carried in bomb bay. While we were attacking Anklam, the second A.T.F. were enroute to Marienburg, 3rd A.T.F. to Danzig, and the 4th A.T.F. to Gdynia. (ED. Note: This is a wild guess. The name was illegible. - FF) At Gdynia the largest concentration of the German fleet are at anchor and include the Emden, I\_\_\_\_, Leipzig, D\_\_\_\_, Hamburg, Schleswig, Echl\_\_\_\_, Holstein, Prince Eugen, 5 large depot ships, plus C-Boats (?) and possibly the Admiral Speer. (ED. Note - Most of these names were illegible, at least in part. - FF)

1st Lt. Hantman and S/Sgt French wounded in today's raid were taken to the 49th Station Hospital.

2nd Lt. B.G. Ponder (CP) assigned to Squadron.

October 10 - The following aircraft (B-17s) of this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on Munster, Germany:

A/C 743

1st Lt. Winston L. Cavaneau  
2nd Lt. Charles E. Early  
2nd Lt. Roscoe K. Albright  
2nd Lt. Albert L. Rolnick  
Sgt. Lawrence J. Moertle

S/Sgt Paul E. Baker  
S/Sgt Henry A. Griswold  
Sgt. T. W. Best  
Sgt. Marvin B. Britt  
Sgt. Robert Holton

A/C 705

1st Lt. William R. Cox  
2nd Lt. William B. James  
S/Sgt. Jack J. Landry  
1st Lt., Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt Lester B.. Schlaich  
T/Sgt Kerrane A. Smallidge  
S/Sgt Ernest J. Koger  
S/Sgt James H. Witter  
Sgt. Joseph N. Linnon  
S/Sgt William H. McCrea

Time: Takeoff 1130. Target 1508.  
Bomb Load: 2 x 1000 GP and 42 N47 I. B.'s  
Bombing Altitude: 25,000 ft.  
Results: Good  
Claims: S/Sgt. J. B. Linnon, A/C 815, one FW190  
destroyed.

Remarks: A/C 815 dropped bombs on a village north of  
Doreter as they were running low on gas. Encountered  
intense A. A. fire and received some hits. Landed at a  
field near Butlery at 1643 hours. A/C 741 returned  
shortly after taking off due to improper functioning  
of #2 and #3 superchargers. Pilot, co-pilot and radio  
operator intercom out.

Due to losses of previous day the Gp. (91st) were  
unable to send out only 11 planes, of which two  
aborted. One plane of the Sq. piloted by Lt. Merle R.  
Turrill, 401st, failed to return.

October 11, 1943 - Training: Target Identification,  
Gunnery, \_\_\_ Trainer, \_\_\_ Trainer, Spotlight Trainer,  
Shadowgraph, Link Trainer.

2nd Lt. Louis H. Dobbs assigned to Squadron.

October 12, 1943 - Training: Target Identification,  
Film, Radio, Aircraft Recognition, Skeet Range, Link

Trainer.

October 13, 1943 - The following A/C took off at 1120 hours for purpose of attacking Emden, Germany:

A/C #057 - 1st Lt. W. R. Cox

A/C #794 - 1st Lt. J. L. Griffin

A/C #511 - 1st Lt. R. S. Gerald

Mission was recalled due to weather and all returned to base at about 1300 hours.

October 14, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17's) of this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the ball-bearing manufacturing center located at Schweinfurt, Germany:

A/C #057

1st Lt. William R. Cox

2nd Lt. William James

S/Sgt Jack J. Landry

1st Lt. James E. Harlow

T/Sgt Lester B. Schlaich

T/Sgt Kerrane A. Smallidge

S/Sgt Ernest J. Koger

S/Sgt Paul (NMI) DeMidio

Sgt. William S. Evans

S/Sgt William McCrea

A/C #794

Lt., James L. Griffin

2nd Lt. Robert McElroy

2nd Lt. Philip O. Swanson

2nd Lt. Louis H. Dobbs

T/Sgt John K. Callaway

S/Sgt Paul E. Baker

Sgt. Marvin H Britt

S/Sgt John Davis

Sgt. Tabor W. Best

S/Sgt Alfred (NMI) Furtado

A/C #511

1st Lt. Robert S. Gerald

2nd Lt. Eldridge V. Greer

2nd Lt. Marvin D. Anderson

1st Lt. Thomas J. Cannon

T/Sgt Buford C. Swango

T/Sgt Lawrence E. O'Neill

S/Sgt Carrol N. Milan  
S/Sgt. William O. McCrea  
S/Sgt Ervin H. Ramsey  
S/Sgt David A. Stone

Time: Takeoff 1045. Target 1440. Return 1813.  
Bomb Load: 6 x 500 G.P.  
Bombing Altitude: 23,000 ft.  
Bombing Results: Good  
A/A Fire: At the target moderate and inaccurate.  
Meager and inaccurate at Turnout, Costmalle and  
Germerschein.

Fighter Support: Good on way to target - not seen on  
way home.

Fighter Opposition: Intermittent attacks took place  
from 1327 hours to 1606 hours. Up to 200 E/A were  
encountered, ME109s, FW190s, Me110s, Me210s, and  
JU88s. Rockets were fired from twin-engine E/A.

Claims: A/C 057 - Lt. J. Harlow, bombardier, one  
Me109 destroyed. A/C 057 - T/Sgt L. H. Schlaich, TTG,  
one FW190 destroyed.

Remarks: All aircraft carried one bomb-bay tank of  
gas. A/C 794 turned back at 1205 hours when fuel  
transfer from bomb-bay tank would not function  
properly. A/C 511 turned back at 1238 hours when both  
inboard superchargers lagged and their guns froze up.  
One A/C of this group failed to return. Group  
suffered one killed and four wounded.

Casualties: Sgt. W. N. Evans, A/C 057, seriously  
wounded in left leg by 20 mm and was removed to 49th  
Station Hospital.

October 15, 1943 - Training: Target identification,  
Navigation for Bombardiers, Gunnery, Spotlight  
Trainer, Shadowgraph, Link Trainer.

2nd Lt. Ponder (B) transferred to 401st Bomb Squadron.

October 16, 1943 - Training: Target Identification,  
Navigation for Bombardiers, A/C Recognition, Gunnery,

Radio, Skeet Range, Link Trainer, Bomb Trainer.

1st Lt. Sidney Hantman transferred to Dept. of Patients, 49th Station Hospital.

October 17, 1943 - Nothing to report.

October 18, 1943 - A/C 794 piloted by 1st Lt. James L. Griffin took off at 1706 hours and proceeded to Chelveston to join a formation which were to attack the marshalling yards at Duren, Germany. After taking off from Chelveston at 1114 Lt. Griffin failed to find the formation and returned to base at 1600. Due to poor weather the mission failed in its objective.

October 19, 1943 - Training: Target Identification, Navigation for Bombardiers, Aircraft Recognition, Radio, Gunnery, Spotlight Trainer, Shadowgraph, Link Trainer.

October 20, 1943 - A/C 947 piloted by 1st Lt. J. L. Griffin was dispatched to assist in a raid on Duren, Germany. Mission was recalled while over enemy territory. All returned safely.

Training; P/S Lecture, Target Identification, Navigation for Bombardiers, Aircraft Recognition, Gunnery, Harwell Trainer, Skeet Trainer, Link Trainer.

October 21: Target Identification, Navigation for Bombardiers, Gunnery Spotlight Trainer, Link Trainer.

October 22, 1943 - 1st Lt. W.F. Genheimer and 2nd Lt. W. J. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ were transferred to 2\_03 replacement and training center.

Training: Navigation for Bombardiers, Radio, Skeet Range, Link Trainer.

October 23, 1943 - The following officers and 18 enlisted men joined the organization today:

2nd Lt. (illegible)            2nd Lt. R. E. Emmick - N

2nd Lt. John T. Wennerberg- P   2nd Lt. E. S.

(illegible)

2nd Lt. J. W. Temple - CP   2nd Lt. J. R. Weyerts - B

2nd Lt. W. F. Myers - CP   2nd Lt. C. V. Copeland - B

2nd Lt. E. C. Conalan - N   2nd Lt. L. M. Duggan - CP

2nd Lt. E. M. Steel - P      2nd Lt. L. F. Anderson - P  
2nd Lt. S. Domladovic - N

(ED. Note - None of the above were entirely legible. I pieced in the names by looking ahead to later loading lists. I found nothing that looked like the two blanks above. - FF)

Training: Intelligence lecture, Flying Control for all pilots and co-pilots, Navigation for bombardiers, Radio, Spotlight Trainer, Shadowgraph, Link Trainer.

October 24, 1943 - Training: For new crews only, security lecture, aircraft recognition, oxygen lecture, first aid lecture, P/S instruction, tactics.

October 25, 1943 - Training: For new crews, intelligence lecture, aircraft recognition, bomb fuses for all bombardiers, gunnery, flying control, navigation, briefing procedure, First Aid, radio procedure.

Training (old crews): Intelligence lecture, gunnery, target identification, Gee trainer, navigation for bombardiers, spotlight trainer, link trainer, bomb (?) trainer.

October 26, 1943 - Training: Target identification, aircraft recognition, navigation for bombardiers, Harwell (?) trainer, skeet range, Link trainer. New crews received instruction as follows: Air-sea rescue, navigation, bomb fuses, gunnery, First Aid, flying control, bombing procedure and camera bombing, bomb racks and shackles, spotlight trainer.

October 27, 1943 - New crews received the following instruction: Navigation for bombardiers, aircraft recognition, radio, spotlight trainer, shadowgraph, Link trainer, bomb trainer. Old crews: Gee trainer, target identification, navigation for bombardiers, aircraft recognition, radio, spotlight trainer, shadowgraph, Link trainer, bomb trainer.

October 28, 1943 - Training: New crews received the following instruction: Gunnery, combat engine (?) operation, VIII Bomber Command examination, flying control, skeet range, radio procedure.

Training (old crews): Target identification, aircraft recognition, Harwell trainer, skeet range, Link trainer, bomb trainer.

October 29, 1943 - Training: P/R lecture, group bombardiers' meeting, GE trainer, spotlight trainer, shadowgraph.

1st Lt. L. G. Carnes, armament officer, was transferred to the 92nd Bomb Group.

October 30 - 1st Lt's G.P. Ward (N) and L. B. Everett (P) were promoted to captain. 2nd Lt. A .L. Rolnick (B) was transferred to 482nd Bomb Gp. Squadron strength, 54 officers and 348 E.M.

The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on the marshalling yards, Gelsenkirchen, Germany:

A/C #815 2nd Lt. W. R. James

A/C947 1st Lt. W. R. Cox

A/C 976 2nd Lt. E. V. Greer

A/C794 1st Lt. J. L. Griffin

The mission was recalled due to weather.

322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS - NOVEMBER, 1943  
Submitted by 1st Lt. Paul V. Smith  
Scanned by Don Freer Transcribed by Frank Farr

(Special thanks to Don Freer for going back to the reports for the first four days of November to try to fill in areas that were either blank or illegible on the scanned sheets.

There are still blank areas but not as many as before.  
- Frank F.)

November 1, 1943 - Briefing: Prisoner of War Lecture; Target Identification; Link Trainer.  
Squadron Strength - 54 Officers, 368 Enlisted Men.

November 2, 1943 - Briefing: Target identification. Gunnery for all Radio Operators; \_\_\_?\_\_\_ work for Radio Operators; Gee Trainer; Gunnery for Navigators and Bombardiers; Spotlight Trainer. Skeet Range allotted to squadron \_\_\_?\_\_\_. The Link Trainer for the day.



November 3, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) this Sq.  
were dispatched to assist in a raid on the port of  
Wilhelmshaven , Germany .

A/C#941

1st Lt. William Cox  
2nd Lt. Edward N. Steel  
TSgt Jack J. Landry  
1st Lt. Wilford A. Bouchard  
T/Sgt Lester B. Schlaich  
S/Sgt George R. Harris  
S/Sgt Ernest J. Koger  
S/Sgt James Witter  
Sgt. Benedict J. Linnen  
S/Sgt William B. McCrea

A/C#015

2nd Lt. James, William R.  
2nd Lt. Wennenberg, John T.  
1st Lt. Cannon, Thomas J.  
T/Sgt Butler, William  
T/Sgt Swango, Buford  
T/Sgt O'Neill, Lawrence T.  
S/Sgt Milan, Carroll E.  
S/Sgt McCrea, William  
S/Sgt Ramsey, Ervin  
S/Sgt Stone, David

A/C#476

2nd Lt. Greer, Eldridge V.  
2nd Lt. Wood, William  
2nd Lt. Anderson Marvin K.  
2nd Lt. Dobbs, Louis B..  
T/Sgt Lekowski, Cassmer  
T/Sgt Walters, Gardner  
S/Sgt Mouton, Oscar J.  
S/Sgt Wade, Woodrow  
S/Sgt Mueller, Robert A.  
S/Sgt Burton, James

A/C#738

1st Lt. Griffin, James  
2nd Lt. McElroy, Robert W.  
2nd Lt. Swanson, Philip O.

2nd Lt. McMurtry, James  
S/Sgt Moertle, Lawrence O.  
T/Sgt Caldwell, James  
S/Sgt Davis, John V.  
S/Sgt Webb, Albert  
S/Sgt Hefner, Buford  
S/Sgt Furtado, Alfred

Sgt. Davis flew on aircraft #741 of 323rd Q.

Takeoff 1763. Target 1311. Return 1533.

Bomb load 10 x 500 plus 14 x 100 I.P.S.

Altitude: 20,800 ft.

Results: Unobserved. Dropped on PFF.

Battle Damage: A/C #947 small caliber hole, right wing. A/C015 Right stabilizer and elevator damaged.

A/C #476 10 mm right wing, flak holes in elevator.

A/C #738 20mm in radio room, tire flat.

Fighter Support: 4 groups of P-47s and 1 group of P-38s for cover.

A/A fire: \_\_\_?\_\_\_ inaccurate at the target, meager and inaccurate at \_\_\_?\_\_\_ and from \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Joist Island ??.

Fighter Opposition: Up to 70 were reported, mostly FW190s and Me109s, Me110s and JU87s. Most of the attacks were made at 9 o'clock with a few at 6 o'clock.

Casualties: T/Sgt J. T. Caldwell of A/C987 struck in right thigh with 20 mm fragment.

Claims:

S/Sgt W. J. Koger, Jr., A/C#941 credited with FW190 destroyed.

S/Sgt J. Garrison A/C #738 with one Me109 confirmed ?

S/Sgt J. B. Davis A/C #738 with one FW190 damaged.

S/Sgt \_\_\_?\_\_\_ A/C#947 with one JU 87 destroyed. (This would have been either S/Sgt George R. Harris or S/Sgt Ernest J. Koger--impossible to read. - FF)

S/Sgt J. Witter A/C #947 with one FW190 destroyed.

S/Sgt. W. C. McCrea A/C #015 with FW 190 destroyed.

S/Sgt J. Caldwell A/C 738 with one FW190 destroyed.

S/Sgt W. Bouchard A/C #947 with one FW190 destroyed.

S/Sgt W. B. McCrea A/C 947 with one FW190 confirmed.

Remarks: We flew high box with 381st in lead and 351st low. A/C 815 turned back at 1147 hours when heated suits of S/Sgt. J. H. Milan and Tail Gunner and S/Sgt David Stone failed to warm up. A/C \_\_\_ turned back at 1212 hours when Sgt. B. J. Linnen became ill. A/C 057 turned back at 1201 when 1st Lt. Wilfred A. Bouchard became ill.

This effort \_\_\_?\_\_\_ which was largest to date, some 1000A/C were dispatched including 430 B-17s and 117 B-24s. Three A/C from the group failed to return; four more of this group were \_\_\_\_\_.

The following men were assigned to this organization:  
2nd Lt. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ and 2/Lt \_\_\_?\_\_\_, Robert L.

S/Sgt Goodell was taken to the Station Hospital .

November 4, 1943 - Field order called for attack on R.R. and industrial marshalling yards of Gelsenkirchen, Germany . Mission canceled prior to briefing crews.

Briefing: Target Identification for Navigators and Bombardiers; Spotlight Trainers, Harwell Trainer and Link Trainer.

November 5, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) of this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the marshalling yards of Gelsenkirchen, Germany:

A/C #015

2nd Lt. William James  
2nd Lt. Edward Steel  
1st Lt. Thomas G. Cannon  
T/Sgt William Butler  
T/Sgt Buford Swango  
T/Sgt Lawrence O'Neill  
S/Sgt Carroll Milan  
S/Sgt William C. McCrea  
S/Sgt Ervin Ramsey  
S/Sgt David A. Stone

A/C #???

1st Lt. William R. Cox

2nd Lt. Lester Duggan Jr.  
S/Sgt Jack J. Landry  
1st Lt. James E. Harlow  
TSgt Ellsworth Fair  
S/Sgt Robert Pendergast  
S/Sgt Ernest J. Koger  
S/Sgt James Witter  
S/Sgt Benedict J. Linnen  
S/Sgt William McCrea

A/C #?57 ?

2nd Lt. Charles L. Early  
2nd Lt. Leonard F. Anderson  
2nd Lt. Roscoe Albright  
1st Lt. William Bouchard  
T/Sgt Carl N. McVey  
TSgt Paul E. Baker  
T/Sgt Robert E. Buns  
Sgt Tabor W. Best  
Sgt. Marvin Britt  
Sgt. Robert R. Holton

A/C #076

2nd Lt. Eldridge V. Greer  
2nd Lt. Woodrow Wood  
2nd Lt. Marvin D. Anderson  
2nd Lt. Louie R. Dobbs  
T/Sgt Cassmer Lekowski  
T/Sgt Gardner Walters  
S/Sgt Oscar Wooten  
S/Sgt Woodrow Wade  
S/Sgt Robert Mueller  
S/Sgt James Burton

A/C #676

1st Lt. James L. Griffin  
2nd Lt. John T. Wennenberg  
2nd Lt. Philip Swanson  
2nd Lt. James McMurtry  
S/Sgt Lawrence J. Moertle  
S/Sgt George Harris  
S/Sgt John V. Davis  
Sgt. Albert Webb  
S/Sgt Norman Harper  
S/Sgt Alfred Furtado

Group Leader; Major Sheeler (C.O. 322nd Sqd.) led Group 1 in A/C #803 piloted by Capt. Fred F. Peterman of 324th Squadron.

Takeoff: 1001 hours. Target 1343 hrs. Return 1529 hrs.

Bomb Load 42 x 100 lbs.

Bombing altitude: 29,000 ft.

Bombing Results: Unknown due to haze.

Casualties: None in our Sqd. Lt. Marion Blake? Of 323rd Sqd. struck by flak in thigh.

Battle Damage: A/C #656 Flak #4 engine, minor.

Fighter Support: 3 groups of P-47s and 2 Sqd. of Spits gave excellent cover.

Enemy Opposition: 10-20 E/A including FW190s, Me109, Do217 and Me110s were seen. No direct attacks were made.

A/A fire: Intense but inaccurate for our group at the target. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ inaccurate fire from the vicinities of Kaldenkirk and Tellenberg.

Claims: None

November 6, 1943 - F.O. called for attack on rail center at Emden , Germany . Mission scrubbed before crews were briefed.

Training: All Navigators and Bombardiers attended Target Identification. Gunnery lecture to all gunners; Aircraft Recognition; Gee Trainer; Ring Net Work instruction; Shadowgraph; one Link Trainer assigned to Squadron.

Six (6) E/M and the following officers were assigned to this squadron for combat duty:

2nd Lt. A. J. Buchanans

2nd Lt. J.D. Mullens

2nd Lt. A. A. Bailey

November 7, 1943 - The following A/C (B17s) this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the R.R. Marshalling Yard at Wesel, Germany:

A/C 656

1st Lt. James L. Griffin

2nd Lt. Lester W. Duggan, Jr.  
2nd Lt. Philip O. Swanson  
2nd Lt. James E. McMurtry  
S/Sgt Lawrence J. Moertle  
S/Sgt Charles W. Grubb  
S/Sgt John V. Davis  
Sgt. Albert W. Webb  
S/Sgt Norman L. Harper  
Sgt. John J. Wheeler

A/C804

Capt. LeRoy B. Everett  
2nd Lt. Bryce S. Everston  
1st Lt. Joe L. McNeill  
1st Lt. James F. Goy  
T/Sgt Ellsworth (NMI) Fair  
T/Sgt Eugene H. Evans  
S/Sgt Henry A. Griswold  
S/Sgt Walter S. French  
S/Sgt Paul DeMidio  
Sgt. Marvin G. McCrea

A/C 794

2nd Lt. Leonard F. Anderson  
2nd Lt. Edward M. Steel  
2nd Lt. Clinton V. Copeland  
2nd Lt. Steve (NMI) Domladovic  
S/Sgt Everett S. Ross  
S/Sgt Robert L. Pendergast  
Sgt. Albert V. Rose  
Sgt. Charles F. Shelley  
Sgt. Wayne M. Houser  
Cantrell, Sgt. Joseph F.

A/C076

2nd Lt. Eldridge V. Greer  
2nd Lt. William D. Wood  
2nd Lt. Marvin D. Anderson  
S/Sgt William J. Carlson  
T/Sgt Cassmer W. Kekowski  
Sgt. Nelson A. Hillock  
S/Sgt Oscar J. Mouton  
S/Sgt Woodrow (NMI) Wade  
S/Sgt James E. Furton  
S/Sgt Robert A. Mueller

A/C 815

1st Lt. William R. Cox  
2nd Lt. John W. Wennerberg  
T/Sgt Jock J. Landry  
1st Lt. James E. Harlow  
T/Sgt Lester R. Schlaich  
S/Sgt George D. Harris  
S/Sgt Ernest J. Koger  
S/Sgt James H. Witter  
Sgt. Benedict J. Linnen  
S/Sgt William B. McCrae

Time: Takeoff 0807. Target 1124. Return 1400.  
Bomb Load: 10 x 500  
Bombing Altitude: 27,000  
Bombing Results: Unknown - 10/10 cloud.  
Battle Damage: None  
Fighter Support: P-47s gave excellent cover.  
Enemy Opposition: No E/A encountered.  
A/A Fire: Meager and inaccurate.  
Claims: None  
Remarks: A/C 794 turned back at 1043 hours when #2  
prop ran away.

November 8, 1943 - Field order called for attack on Neuss, France . (The rest illegible, but mission was cancelled. - FF)

Training: Target identification; Spotlight Trainer;  
Skeet Range ; \_\_\_?\_\_\_; Link Trainer; Bomb Trainer.

November 9, 1943 - Training: Target Identification;  
Aircraft Recognition; Gee Trainer; \_\_\_Trainer;  
Shadowgraph; Link Trainer; Bomb Trainer.

November 10, 1943 - Training: Target Identification;  
Spotlight Trainer; Skeet Range ; Link Trainer.

November 11, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) of this  
squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the  
city of Wesel, Germany:

A/C#650

1st Lt. James L. Griffin  
2nd Lt. Robert W. McElroy

T/Sgt Jack J. Landry  
2nd Lt. James E. McMurtry  
S/ Sgt. Lawrence J. Moertle  
T/Sgt Lawrence O'Neill  
S/Sgt John B. Davis  
Sgt. Albert W. Webb  
S/Sgt Norman L. Harper  
Sgt John J. Wheeler

A/C #076

2nd Lt. Edward M. Steel  
2nd Lt. Bryce S. Everston  
2nd Lt. Robert E. Emmick  
2nd Lt. Frederick D. Weyerts  
S/Sgt Henry G. Holderbach  
S/Sgt George D. Harris  
Sgt. Howard R. Thornley  
Sgt. James G. Lane  
Sgt. Gerald D. Glaze  
Sgt. Elmer E. Tobias

A/C #714

2nd Lt. Leonard F. Anderson  
2nd Lt. Lester N. Duggan  
2nd Lt. Steve (NMI) Domladovic  
2nd Lt. Clinton V. Copeland  
S/Sgt Everett M. Ross  
S/Sgt Robert L. Pendergast  
Sgt. Albert V. Rose  
Sgt. Charles F. Shelley  
Sgt. Wayne M. Houser  
Sgt. Joseph F. Campbell

A/C #511

2nd Lt. John T. Wennerberg  
2nd Lt. William F. Myers  
2nd Lt. Eugene C. Cohalah  
2nd Lt. John W. Temple  
S/Sgt Squire Baker  
Sgt. Nelson A. Hillock  
Sgt. William E. Heller  
Sgt. Stanley T. Knoprzyk  
Sgt. Morris (NMI) Schendelman  
Sgt. William C. Cole



A/C #076

2nd Lt. Charles L. Early  
2nd Lt. Billy G. Ponder  
2nd Lt. Roscoe (NMI) Albright  
2nd Lt. Wilfred A. Bouchard  
S/Sgt Carl N. McVey  
T/Sgt Paul R. Baker  
S/Sgt Robert Bums  
Sgt. Tabor W. Best  
Sgt. Marvin B. Britt  
Sgt. Robert R. Holton

Capt. Ward - flying with the 401st Sq. in ship #484

Time: Takeoff 1115 hours. Return 1525 hours.  
Bomb Load: 4,200 lbs. IB's

All A/C were recalled due to weather. Turned back before reaching enemy coast.

1st Lt. R. W. Gerald was transferred to 306th Bomb Group.

1st Lt. W. N. Cavaneau was transferred to 303rd Bomb Group

November 12, 1943 - Training: Gee Trainer; Target Identification; Aircraft Recognition; Shadowgraph; Harwell Trainer; Link Trainer.

2nd Lt. C.R. Reno (GP) transferred to 96th Bomb Gp.  
40 officers and 74 E/M of the 401st Bomb Gp. were attached for temporary duty.

November 13, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on the city of Bremen, Germany:

A/C #511

2nd Lt. John T. Wennerberg  
2nd Lt. William F. Myers  
2nd Lt. Eugene C. Cohalah  
2nd Lt. John W. Temple  
Sgt. Squire (NMI) Baker  
S/Sgt Stanley J. Cantrell  
Sgt. Morris Schendelman  
Sgt. Stanley T. Knoprzyk

Sgt. William C. Cole  
Sgt. William E. Heller

A/C 076

2nd Lt. Eldridge V. Greer  
2nd Lt. William D. Wood  
2nd Lt. Marvin D. Anderson  
2nd Lt. Louis R. Dobbs  
T/Sgt Cassmer W. Kekowski  
T/Sgt Gardner Walters  
S/Sgt Oscar J. Mouton  
S/Sgt Woodrow Wade  
S/Sgt James Purton  
S/Sgt Marvin C. McGraw

A/C #656

2nd Lt. Edward M. Steel  
2nd Lt Bryce S Everston  
2nd Lt. Robert E. Emmick  
2nd Lt. Frederick Weyerts  
T/Sgt Ellsworth (NMI) Fair  
S/Sgt George D. Harris  
Sgt. Gerald D. Glaze  
Sgt. Howard R. Thornley  
Sgt. John S. Weiddle (?)  
Sgt. James O. Lane

A/C #794

2nd Lt. Leonard F. Anderson  
2nd Lt. Lester N. Duggan  
2nd Lt. Steve (NMI) Domladovic  
2nd Lt. Clinton V. Copeland  
S/Sgt Everett N. Ross  
S/Sgt. Robert L. Pendergast  
Sgt. Albert V. Rose  
Sgt. Wayne M. Hooser  
Sgt. Joseph F. Campbell  
Sgt. Charles F. Shelly

A/C #815

2nd Lt. Charles L. Early  
2nd Lt. Billy G. Ponder  
2nd Lt. Roscoe Aldridge  
2nd Lt. Wilfred A. Bouchard

S/Sgt Carl H. McVey  
T/Sgt Paul E. Baker  
T/Sgt Robert E. Bums  
Sgt. Taylor W. Best  
Sgt. Marvin C. Britt  
Sgt. Robert R. Holton

Time: Takeoff 0730 hours. Return 0915 to 0930 hours.

Remarks: Group and Wing could not assemble. Mission recalled.

November 14, 1943 - No remarks.

November 15, 1943 - Training: Gee Trainer; Target Identification; Prisoner of War Lecture; Shadowgraph; Link Trainer; Bomb Trainer.

2nd Lt. Ray R. Ward, CP, transferred to this Squadron from 413 Bomb Sq., 96th Bomb Gp. Ray is a brother of Capt. Geo. Ward.

November 16, 1943 - The following A/C (B.17's) in this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the molybdenum mine located at Knaben, Norway.

A/C #656

1/Lt Griffin, James L (P)  
2/Lt McElroy, Robert W. (CP)  
2/Lt Swanson, Philip O. (Nav)  
2/Lt McMurtry, James E. (Bomb.)  
S/S Moertle, Lawrence J. (TT)  
Sgt. Hillock, Nelson A. (RB)  
S/S Davis, John B. (BT)  
Sgt Webb, Albert W. (RWG)  
Sgt. Wheeler, John J. (TG)  
S/S Harper, Norman L. (LWG)  
1/Lt Peek, J.C. (416 Sq. 401 Gp) was an observer.

A/C #047

2/Lt Early, Charles L. (P)  
2/Lt Gough, Robert L. (CP)  
2/Lt Albright, Roscoe (NMI)  
2/Lt Bouchard, Wilfred A.

S/S McVey, Carl H. (TT)  
T/S Baker, Paul E. (RG)  
S/S Bums, Robert E. (BT)  
Sgt. Best, Tabor W. (RWG)  
Sgt. Britt, Marvin  
Sgt. Holton, Robert R. (TG)

A/C #076

2/Lt Greer, Eldridge V. (P)  
2/Lt Wood, Wm. D. (CP)  
2/Lt Anderson, Marvin D. (N)  
2/Lt Dobbs, Louie R. (Bomb.)  
T/S Kekowski, Cassmer W. (TT)  
T/S Walters, Garner (NMI) (RG)  
S/S Mouton, Oscar J. (BT)  
S/S Wade, Woodrow (NMI) (RWG)  
S/S Purton, James E. (LWG)  
S/S McGraw, Marvin G.

A/C #515

2/Lt Wennenberg, John T. (P)  
2/Lt Myers, Wm. P. (CP)  
2/Lt Conalan, Eugene C. (N)  
2/Lt Temple, John W. (B)  
Sgt. Baker, Squire (NMI) (TT)  
S/S Cantrell, Stanley J. (RG)  
Sgt. Roller, Wm. E. (TG)  
Sgt. Kacprzyk, Stanley T. (RWG)  
Sgt. Schendelman, Morris (NMI) (BT)  
Sgt. Cole, William (LWG)

A/C794

2/Lt Anderson, Leonard F. (P)  
2/Lt Duggan, Lester W. Jr. (CP)  
2/Lt Domladovic, Steve (NMI) (N)  
2/Lt Copeland, Clinton V. (B)  
S/S Ross, Everett N. ((TT)  
S/S Pendergast, Robert L. (RG)  
Sgt. Rose, Albert J. (BT)  
Sgt. Shelley, Charles F. (RWG)  
Sgt. Houser, Wayne M. (LWG)  
Sgt. Campbell, Joseph F. (TG)

Time: Takeoff 0720. Return 1500.

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb. G.P.  
Fighter Opposition: Up to 15 Me109s, Me110s and FW190s were encountered and attacked with persistence between 1128 and 1155 hours.

A.A. Fire - Meager and inaccurate A.A. fire was observed from vicinities of Eigeroen, Epersund, Stapner and Beresford.

Remarks: Could not locate target, after making several ruins in what was supposed to be the area. Major Clyde G. Gillespie of the 401st squadron led the group. A/C #515 turned back at 1100 at 5723N - 0527E, because he could not find formation.

S/Sgt C. H. McVey A/C#047 credited with one E/A damaged. S/Sgt Marvin C. McGraw, A/C #076 credited with one E/A destroyed.

November 17, 1943 - Training: Aircraft Recognition; Spotlight Trainer; Harwell Trainer; Skeet Range ; Link Trainer.

November 18, 1943 - Training: Gee Trainer; Gunner fire for all gunners; Target Identification; Shadowgraph; Link Trainer; Bomb Trainer.

November 19, 1943 - Training: Gunners Critique; Target Identification; Wing Net Work; Aircraft Recognition; Spotlight Trainer; Skeet Range ; Link Trainer.

S/Sgt Albert T. DeMidio and S/Sgt Leland B. Judy returned to base after successfully evading capture after bailing out of their disabled A/C while over enemy territory.

1/Lt Elmer E.M. Warner was assigned to Sq. and appointed Ass't Engineering Officer. 2/Lt George Steidle was assigned to squadron and appointed Supply and Transportation Officer. Major Ray E. Swain assigned to squadron and carried as overage.

November 20, 1943 - Training: Gee Trainer; Target

Identification; Aircraft Recognition; Shadowgraph;  
Link Trainer; Bomb Trainer.

November 22, 1943 - Training: Target Identification;  
Skeet Range ; Link Trainer; Bomb Trainer; processed  
four new crews.

November 21, 1943 - All offices and enlisted men of the  
401st Bomb Gp. who were attached to us for temporary  
duty left for their own field.

November 23, 1943 - Training: Navigation; Gee Trainer;  
Prisoner of War Lecture; Target Identification; Wing  
Net Work; Aircraft Recognition; Shadowgraph; Link  
Trainer; Practice Mission which had been scheduled was  
cancelled because of weather.

November 24, 1943 - Training: Prisoner of War Lecture;  
Target Identification; Harwell Trainer; Skeet Range;  
Link Trainer; Finished processing new crews; seven (7)  
crews participated in a practice mission.

November 25, 1943 - Training: Prisoner of War Lecture;  
Target Identification; Gee Trainer; Shadowgraph; Link  
Trainer; Bomb Trainer; six (6) crews participated in a  
practice mission.

November 26, 1943 - The following A/C (B.17's) and crews  
were dispatched to assist in a raid on the city of  
Bremen, Germany:

A/C #636

Lt. Griffin, James L.  
Lt. McElroy, Robert W.  
Lt. Swanson, Philip O.  
Lt. McMurtry, James E.  
T/S Moertle, Lawrence J.  
T/S Caldwell, James L.  
S/S Davis, John B.  
Sgt. Webb, Albert W.  
S/S Harper, Norman L.  
Sgt. Wheeler, John J.  
Ob: Col Moore (8th AF)

A/C 076

Lt. Early, Charles L.

Lt. Ponder, Billy B.  
Lt. Albright, Roscoe (NMI)  
Lt. Dobbs, Lewis R.  
S/S McVey, Carl N.  
T/S Baker, Paul R.  
S/S Bums, Robert  
Sgt. Best, Tabor W.  
Sgt. Britt, Marvin B.  
Sgt. Holton, Robert W.

A/C #794

Lt. Anderson, Leonard F.  
Lt. Mullens, John E.  
Lt. Domladovic, Steve (NMI)  
Lt. Fox, Robert W.  
S/S Ross, Everett  
Sgt. Hillock, Nelson A.  
Sgt. Rose, Albert J.  
Sgt. Houser, Wayne M.  
Sgt. Shelly, Charles F.  
Sgt. Campbell, Joseph F.

A/C #738

Lt. Steel, Edward M.  
Lt. Jackson, Frank R.  
Lt. Emmick, Robert E.  
Lt. Weyerts, Frederick  
S/S Holdenbach, Henry G.  
S/S Harris, George D.  
Sgt. Glaze, Gerald D.  
Sgt. Thornley, Howard R.  
S/S French, Walter S.  
S/S McGraw, William B.

A/C #815

Lt. James, William R.  
Lt. Boyce, John J. Jr.  
Lt. Cannon, Thomas J.  
S/S Butler, Wm.  
T/S Swango, Buford C.  
T/S O'Neill, Lawrence E.  
S/S McCrea, Wm. G.  
S/S Ramsey, Ervin H.  
S/S Milam, Carroll E.  
S/S Stone, David A.

A/C #511

Lt. Wennerberg, John T.  
Lt. Myers, Wm. P.  
Lt. Cahalan, Eugene C.  
Lt. Temple, John W.  
Sgt. Baker, Squire (NMI)  
S/S Grubb (?), Charles W. Jr.  
Sgt. Schendelman, Morris (NMI)  
Sgt. Kacprzyk, Stanley T.  
Sgt. Cole, Wm. C.  
Sgt. Roller, Wm. E.

A/C #947

Lt. Roberts, Robert S. (401)  
Lt. Burton, Albert W.  
Lt. Walker, John (NMI)  
Sgt. Wright, Roy A.  
S/S Fr\_\_\_, Matthew (NMI)  
S/S Cantrell, Stanley J.  
SSgt. Cyr, Walter B.  
Sgt. Hicks, Theodore (NMI)  
Sgt. Linnen, Benedict J.  
S/S McGraw, Marvin C.

Time: Take Off 0822. Target 1020. Return 1520.

Bomb Load: 8 x 500 lb. G.P. & 20 x 100 lb. IB's.

Bombing Altitude: 27,000 ft.

Results : Unobserved due to haze and smoke.

Fighter Opposition: No direct attacks were made on our formation. E/A concentrated on other wings.

A/A Fire: From Heligoland, Duxhaven - meager to moderate and inaccurate. At the target, intense but inaccurate. Also meager and inaccurate fire was reported from Oldenburg and Leer.

Fighter Support: P-38's and P-47's gave excellent support.

Claims: None

Casualties: None

Remarks: A/C 656 turned back at 1158 hours at 5347N - 0730E after R.W. gunner Sgt. Albert W. Webb passed out due to malfunction of oxygen system. A/C #076



turned back at 1107 hours at 5405N - 0525E when #2 prop ran away. S/Sgt H. G. Holderback A/C #730 suffered from frost bitten fingers on left hand. A/C #815 P turned back at 1127 hours at 5410N - 0720E when S/Sgt W. C. McCrea in ball turret passed out due to puncture in oxygen line. A/C #511 turned back at 1130 hours at 5408N - 0543E after learning Sgt. Schendelman had passed out due to failure of oxygen system, as did Sgt. W. C. Cole. 2/Lt J. W. Temple suffered from frostbitten hands. Sgt. Eicke, Theodore A/C #947 suffered frostbitten face. T/Sgt Garner (NMI) Walters of this squadron rode in 401st A/C #785 piloted by Lt. Tibbets. It was necessary for them to ditch about 20 miles off English coast. - were picked up a half hour later by a friendly minesweeper.

Battle Damage: A/C #794 - flak hole in right wing. A/C #738 collided with A/C #079 of the 401st squadron just after leaving the target. Both A/C returned. A/C #738 had its #4 engine damaged, also had flak hole in fuselage.

November 27, 1943 - The weather was really socked in this morning. We cancelled the meeting to let the boys sleep. The new crews had Dimony Drill and Le C\_\_\_.

November 28, 1943 - Bad weather again today and because it is Sunday morning meeting was cancelled.

November 29, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17) was dispatched to assist in a raid on the city of Bremen, Germany:

A/C #076

Lt. Greer, Eldridge V.

Lt. Wood, William D.

Lt. Buchanan, Wm. J.

Lt. Dobbs, Louie R.

T/S Lekowski, Cassmer W.

Sgt Williams, Nelson A.

S/S Mouton, Oscar J.

S/S Furton, James E.

S/S Wade, Woodrow (NMI)

S/S Mueller, Robert A.

Took Off 1043 hours. Returned 1525 hours.  
Mission was abandoned due to weather.  
Lt. Griffin flew Lt. Steel over to Carrington (?)  
Station (RAF) to get his A/C. Capt. Everett made some  
bomb runs over \_\_\_est sands in A/C #794

November 30, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17's) were  
dispatched to assist in a raid on the Rudolph  
\_antenbach Aero-engine casting works, Soligen,  
Germany:

A/C	CREWS
804	1/Lt Cox
636	2/Lt C. L. Early
947	2/Lt E. M. Steel
746	1/Lt J. L. Griffin
794	2/Lt L. F. Anderson
511	2/Lt J. T. Wennenberg
615	2/Lt W. R. James
076	2/Lt E. V. Green

Took off at 0740 hours. Mission was abandoned at 1045  
hours at 5205N - 0300E by combat wing commander due to  
weather.

### 322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS, DECEMBER, 1943

Submitted by Paul V. Smith, 1st Lt.

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DECEMBER 1, 1943 - S/Sgt. Paul (NMI) DeMidio received the following  
commendation for his good work in helping Lt. Hantman who was injured  
on 9 Oct., '43.

From Lt. Gen'l Ira C. Eaker, C.O. VIII A. F.

1. I desire to commend you for the high devotion to duty displayed by  
you on 9 October, 1943.

2. Reports received in this Headquarters indicate that, while on a  
bombing mission, you showed great ability to think and act clearly and  
quickly in attending to a wounded officer, and that you further  
displayed this ability by the manner in which you adjusted the jammed  
tail guns and brought them to bear on the attacking enemy.

3. Your coolness and bravery on this occasion are deserving of high  
praise. I am pleased to notify you officially of my gratification at  
such outstanding conduct, which brings credit not only to you but to  
the Eighth Air Force and the Service as a whole.

/a/Ira C. Eaker  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army,  
Commanding

From Major Gen'l F. L. Anderson, C. G. VIII B.C.

I am pleased to note this expression of commendation from the Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, and desire to add my appreciation for such outstanding conduct and high devotion to duty as displayed by you on the bombing mission of 9 October, 1943.

/a/ F. L. Anderson  
Major General , U.S.A. ,  
Commanding

From Brigadier General Robert B. Williams. C. G. 1st Bomb Division

I note with pleasure the commendation from the Commanding General Eighth Air Force and the further expression of appreciation by the Commanding General, VIII Bomber Command. I am deploy gratified by your conduct on this occasion.

/a/Robert B. Williams  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,  
Commanding

From Col. Clemons K. Wurzbach, C.O. 91st Bomb Group (H)

The attached letter of commendation and endorsements thereto are self explanatory. I desire to add my congratulations for a job well done.

/a/Clemens K. Wurzbach,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding

The following A/C (B-17's) and crews were dispatched to assist in a raid of the chemical works of I. G. FarbenIndustrie A/C., Leverkusen, Germany

A/C #804

Lt. Cox, William R.  
Lt. Gough, Robert L.  
Lt. Cannon, Thomas J.  
Lt. Harlow, James E.  
T/Sgt Schlaich, Lester B.  
T/Sgt O'Neill, Lawrence E.  
T/Sgt Koger, Ernest J.

S/Sgt Witter, James H.  
Sgt. Linnen, Benedict J.  
S/Sgt Macrae, William B.

A/C #815

Lt. Burton, Albert W.  
Lt. Mullens, John D.  
Lt. Buchanan, William J.  
Lt. Ballay, August A.,  
S/Sgt Franko, Matthew  
S/Sgt Cantrell, Stanley J.  
Sgt. Cyr, Walter R.  
S/Sgt Pridgen, Selby B.  
Sgt. Schoefield, William J.

A/C #656

Lt. Griffin, James L.  
Lt. Boyce, John J.  
Lt. Swanson, Philip O.  
Lt. McMurtry, James E.  
T/Sgt Moertle, Lawrence J.  
T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.  
S/Sgt Martin, Charles R.  
S/Sgt Davis, John B.  
Sgt. Webb, Albert W.  
Sgt. Wheeler, John J.

A/C #947

Lt. Steel, Edward M.  
Lt. Jackson, Frank H.  
Lt. Emmick, Robert E.  
Lt. Weyerts, Frederick D.  
T/Sgt Fair, Ellsworth (NMI)  
S/Sgt Harris, George D.  
S/Sgt Thigpen, Rudolph A.  
S/Sgt Ramsey, Ervin M.  
Sgt. Wright, Roy A.  
S/Sgt McGraw, Marvin C.

A/C #794

Lt. Anderson, Leonard F.  
Lt. Hollinger, Harry L.  
Lt. Domladovic, Steve (NMI)  
Lt. Copeland, Clinton V.  
S/Sgt Ross, Everett N.

S/Sgt Pendergast, Robert L.  
Sgt. Rose, Albert V.  
Sgt. Houser, Wayne M.  
Sgt. Campbell, Joseph F.  
Sgt. Shelley, Charles F.

A/C #836

Lt. Early, Charles L.  
Lt. Ponder, Billy G.  
Lt. Albright, Roscoe (NMI)  
Lt. Bouchard, Wilfred A.  
S/Sgt McVey, Carl H.  
T/Sgt Baker,, Paul E.  
S/Sgt Bums, Robert E.  
Sgt. Best, Tabor W.  
Sgt. Britt, Marvin C.  
Sgt. Holton, Robert R.

A/C #076

Lt. Greer, Aldridge V.  
Lt. Wood, William D.  
Lt. Burkett, Wheeler M. (324)  
Lt. Dobbs, Louie R.  
T/Sgt Lekowski, Cassmer W.  
Sgt. Hillock, Nelson  
S/Sgt Houton, Oscar J.  
S/Sgt Purton, James E.  
S/Sgt Wade, Woodrow (NMI)  
S/Sgt Mueller, Robert A.

A/C #511

Lt. Wennenberg, John T.  
Lt. Dickson, Robert A.  
Lt. Cahalan, Eugene C.  
Lt. Temple, John W.  
Sgt. Baker, Squire (NMI)  
S/Sgt Nicoletti, Rick J.  
Sgt. Schendleman, Morris (NMI)  
Sgt. Kacprzyk, Stanley T.  
Sgt. Cole, William C.  
Sgt. Roller, William E.

Time: Take Off 0755. Target 1202. Return 1434.  
Bomb Load 8 x 500 G.P, 20 x 100 I.IB.'s

Bombing Altitude 26,000  
Results: Unobserved 9/10 cloud

Fighter Opposition: 40-50 E/A mostly FW190's and Me-109's with a few Me-100's and FW-189's. FW-190's were painted to look like out P-47's. Rocket firing E/A were in evidence. Between 1140 and 1200 hours our fighter support did not cover our formation. It was during this period of time that our group suffered its losses (5 A/C M.I.A.) also 4 A/C landing elsewhere in England .

A/A Fire: Meager inaccurate fire from vicinity of Antwerp Turn Hout, Eindhove, Aachen , Brussels , Ostender and Tilburg .

Fighter Support: Good except for a period of one half hour when they did not furnish support as briefed.

Claims: None

Remarks: The following A/C failed to return: A/C 794 piloted by Lt. L. J. Anderson, A/C 511 piloted by Lt. J. T. Wennenberg, A/C 836 piloted by Lt. Charles L. Early. Major H. W. Weitzenfeld, C.O. of the 401st, was group leader.

Squadron strength: 84 officers, 403 E.M. S/Sgts B.G. Judy and Albert T. Diminio who evaded capture and returned to base after being forced to bale out of their A/C over enemy territory on August 31, 1943, were transferred to Mitchell Field, Long Island .

Training: Target Identification, Spotlight Trainer, Link Trainer.  
Organization Strength: 45 officers, 338 E.M.

Five new crews were assigned to Squadron; officers are as follows:

Lt. E. Fandher (P)	Lt. J. W. Smith (P)
Lt. C. W. Wuest (CP)	Lt. W. T. Johnson (CP)
Lt. H. Hawkins (N)	Lt. P. W. Flournoy (N)
Lt. J. R. Mangold (B)	Lt. J. P. Smith
Lt. P. D. Jessop (P)	Lt. W. E. Murdoch (P)
Lt. J. A. Moeller (CP)	Lt. L. Manson (CP)
Lt. H. Lerner (N)	Lt. J. E. Martin (N)
F/O J. S. Gaghans (B)	Lt. R. R. Case (B)
Lt. J. C. Page (P)	Lt. T. C. Butler Jr. (CP)
Lt. L. J. Lynch Jr. (N)	Lt. W. Stevenson (B)

December 2, 1943 - Training: Target Identification, Shadowgraph, Link

Trainer, New Crews received S-2 lecture, Air Sea Rescue and Dinghy Instruction. Also First Aid Lecture. Weather closed in.

December 3, 1943 - Training: Target Identification, Gunnery, Skeet Range , Link Trainer, Spotlight Trainer. New crews received S-2 lecture, Air Sea Rescue lecture, and lecture on First Aid.....Very foggy.

December 4, 1943 - Lt. Roger W. Layn, Assistant Operations Officer, promoted to 1st Lt.

Training: Gee Trainer, Target Identification, Gunnery, Shadowgraph, Link Trainer, Bomb Trainer. New crews instructed in VHF, Flying Control, Combat Tactics, and Gun Sighting.

December 5, 1943 - Crews of this squadron were briefed on the ball bearing works of C.W.M. Paris, France . However, before they were able to take off, the weather closed in tight, making it impossible to take off. Ten A/C of the 91st Group were able to take off and proceeded with the wing as briefed, but were forced to turn back due to weather while over France . All the A/C landed at Ridgewell as our field was closed because of weather.

December 6, 1943 - Training: Target Identification, Skeet Range , Spotlight Trainer. New crews received Link Trainer, fuses for bombardiers, Target Identification, Gunnery, Navigation.

December 7, 1943 V. Greer (P) and P.O. Swanson (N) promoted to 1st Lt. Training: Target Identification, Link Trainer, Bomb Trainer, Gunnery, Gee Trainer for N. PW lecture, Shadowgraph

December 8, 1943 - Training: Target Identification for N and B, Aircraft Recognition.

December 9, 1943 - Training: Gunnery for all navigators and bombardiers. Target Identification, Aircraft Recognition.....Weather bad.

December 10, 1943 L. Newquist (P)

Lt. L. J. Bailey (BN)

Lt. H. W. West (BN)

Lt. G. Green (CP)

Lt. W. J. Burt (P)

Training: Gunnery for navigators and bombardiers, aircraft recognition. Weather cleared in afternoon.

A/C 815 piloted by Lt. Griffin flew practice mission with Major Berry's boys.  
A/C 076 piloted by Lt. Boyce went to high altitude.  
A/C 738 piloted by Lt. Sterle made a practice flight. (ED. NOTE: Steale? Steel?)

December 11, 1943 - Lt. Thomas Gannon (B) and Lt. William James (P)  
transferred to 323rd Bomb Squadron.  
Training: Lecture by DE Hewitt on Gunnery.

The following A/C (B-17's) and crews of this squadron were dispatched  
to assist in a raid on the Port Area of Emden, Germany:

A/C #804

Capt. Everett, Leroy B.  
Major Sheeler, Donald E.  
Lt. McNeill, Joe L.  
Lt. Guy, James F.  
T/Sgt Fair, Ellsworth (NMI)  
T/Sgt Evans, Eugene H.  
S/Sgt. Griswold, Henry A.  
S/Sgt French, Walter S.  
Sgt. Webb, Albert W.  
Lt. Layn, Roger W.

A/C #057

Lt. Boyce, John J.  
Lt. Johnson, Thomas E.  
Lt. Keyser, William R.  
Lt. Kennedy, Henry J.  
S/Sgt Lovely, Robert L.  
S/Sgt Weston, Morris (NMI)  
Sgt. Landis, Harvey G.  
Sgt. Coomes, John M.  
Sgt. White, Mickel D.  
Sgt. Penner, Melvin (NMI)

A/C #656

Lt. Jackson, Frank R.  
Lt. Gieger, Bruce H.  
Lt. Walker, John (NMI)  
Lt. Hovantz, Joseph P.  
S/Sgt Mitchell, Martin J.  
S/Sgt Bacon, Verdner E.  
Sgt. White, William E.



Sgt. Sparks, Clarence A.  
Sgt. Olszewski, Anthony J.  
Sgt. Karl, Robert J.

A/C #815

Lt. Burton , Albert W.  
Lt. Smith, John W.  
Lt. Buchanan, William J.,  
Lt. Ballay, August A.  
S/Sgt Fronko, Matthew (NMI)  
S/Sgt Cantrell, Stanley J.  
Sgt. Cyr, Walter R.  
Sgt. Tinsley, Scott E.  
S/Sgt Pridgen, Selby B.  
Sgt. Schofield, William J.

Time: Take Off 0846. Target 1241. Return 141`5.  
Bomb Load: 42 x 100 I.B.'s  
Bombing Altitude: 22,000 ft.  
Bombing Results: Unobserved - effective smoke screen at target

Fighter Opposition: Only 4 E/A were observed. Our fighter support furnished excellent cover.

A/A Fire: Meager inaccurate fire from vicinities of Baltrum and Langedoc Islands, moderate and accurate from Ems Basin and Groningan, also meager and inaccurate fire from Texel Island.

December 12, 1943 - Nothing to report.

December 13, 1943 1943 - Lt. John R. Parsons, Jr., Squadron Adjutant, promoted to captain.

Lt. James El. McMurtry (B) promoted to 1st Lt.  
Training Schedule: Target Identification, Aircraft Recognition.

December 14, 1943 - At 0330 hours the crews of this squadron were briefed for a raid on Berlin. Their briefing on this target was the first. All were told that the command had waited for the proper method to attack this target for over a year, and that in the event the weather turned unfavorable we would cancel same, officers of crews would return to be briefed on the alternation target, Bremen. At 0450 hours while crews were in their ships the code word canceling Berlin was radioed and officers returned for the briefing of Bremen. Bremen was also

cancelled before takeoff.

December 15, 1943 - No entry

December 16, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17's) were assigned to assist in a raid on the city of Bremen.

A/C #804

Capt. Everett, Leroy B.  
Major Sheeler, Donald E.  
Lt. McNeill, Joe L.  
Lt. Guy, James F.  
T/Sgt O'Neill, Lawrence E.  
T/Sgt Fair, Ellsworth (NMI)  
S/Sgt Griswold, Henry A.  
S/Sgt French, Walter S.  
Sgt. Brooke, Charles F.  
Lt. Brooks, George N. (323)

A/C #658

Lt. Griffin, James L.  
Lt. Gough, Robert L.  
Lt. Swanson, Phillip O.  
Lt. McMurtry, James E.  
T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.  
T/Sgt Moertle, Lawrence J.  
S/Sgt Davis, John B.  
S/Sgt Harper, Norman L.  
S/Sgt Elberling, Everard V.  
S/Sgt Furtado, Alfred (NMI)

A/C #076

Lt. Greer, Eldridge V.  
Lt. Wood, William D.  
Lt. Anderson, Marvin B.  
Lt. Dobbs, Lewis R.  
T/Sgt Walters, Gardner (NMI)  
T/Sgt Lekowski, Cassmer W.  
S/Sgt Mouton, Oscar J.  
S/Sgt Purton, James E.  
S/Sgt Wade, Woodrow  
S/Sgt Mueller, Robert A.

A/C #818

Lt. Burton, Albert W.

Lt. Ward, Ray R.  
Lt. Buchanan, William J.  
Lt. Ballay, August A.  
S/Sgt Cantrell, Stanley J.  
S/Sgt Fronko, Mathew (NMI)  
Sgt. Cyr, Walter E.  
S/Sgt Heller, Thomas W.  
Sgt. Schofield, William J.

A/C #738

Lt. Steel, Edward M.  
Lt. Everston, Bryce S.  
Lt. Emmick, Robert E.  
Lt. Weyerts, Frederick B.  
S/Sgt Harris, George D.  
S/Sgt Holderback, Henry G.  
Sgt. Ray, Victor (NMI)  
Sgt. Thornley, Howard R.  
Sgt. Tobias, Elmer E.  
Sgt. Lane, James G.

Bomb Load: 8 x 500  
Bombing Altitude: 25,000  
Results Unobserved 10/10 clouds  
Time: Take Off 0853. Land 1512. Target 1312.

A/A Fire: Meager from Heligoland, Wesermunde, Texel Island, Intense and accurate at the target.

Enemy fighters: Up to 30 E/A none encountered.  
Casualties: None  
Battle Damage: A/C 804, 815-P minor.

Remarks; A/C 738 failed to take off.  
Major Donald E. Sheeler.  
Our A/C 847 was flown by Lt. Reid of 323 Squadron.

December 20, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17's) were assigned to assist in attack on the city of Bremen, the 2nd target, seaport in Germany.

A/C #804

Capt. William B. Cox  
Lt. Ray R. Ward  
Lt. Robert E. Emmick

Lt. James E. Harlow  
T/Sgt George D. Harris  
T/Sgt Lester B. Schlaich  
T/Sgt Ernest J. Koger  
S/Sgt James M. Witter  
S/Sgt Colburn, Herbert R.  
S/Sgt Macrae, William B.

A/C #815 -P

Lt. Burton, Albert W.  
Lt. Everston, Bryce S.  
Lt. Buchanan, William J.  
Lt. Ballay, August A.  
S/Sgt Cantrell, Stanley J.  
S/Sgt Fronko, Mathew  
Sgt. Cyr, Walter E.  
S/Sgt Hutto, (?)Tillman F.  
S/Sgt Bridgen, Salby B.  
Sgt. Schofield, William J.

A/C #738

Lt. Griffin, James I.  
Lt. Gough, Robert L.  
Lt. Swanson, Philip O.  
Lt. McMurtry, James E.  
T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.  
T/Sgt Moertle, Lawrence J.  
S/Sgt Davis, John B.  
Sgt. Kirk, Robert P.  
S/Sgt Harper, Norman L.  
S/Sgt Furtado, Alfred (NMI)

A/C #947

Lt. Boyce, John J.  
Lt. Johnson, Thomas S.  
Lt. Keyser, William R.  
Lt. Kennedy, Henry J.  
S/Sgt Weston, Morris (NMI)  
S/Sgt Lovely, Robert L.  
S/Sgt Landis, Harvey C.  
Sgt. White, Michel D.  
Sgt Coomes, John N.  
Sgt. Penner, Melvin (NMI)

A/C #078

Lt. Greer, Eldridge, V.  
Lt. Jessup, Paul D.  
Lt. Anderson, Marvin D.  
Lt. Dobbs, Louie R.  
T/Sgt Walters, Gardner (NMI)  
T/Sgt Lekowski, Cassmer W.  
S/Sgt Mouton, Oscar J.  
S/Sgt Purton, James E.  
S/Sgt Wade, Woodrow (NMI)  
S/Sgt Mueller, Robert A.

Bomb Load:

Altitude: 27,000

Results: Unobserved at time of attack. Bombed on PFF.

A/A Fire: Meager, inaccurate A/A fire from southern tip of Texel Island to Aldeneues and Delmenhorst where it became rather accurate. A/A fire was intense and accurate at target. Barrage fire with continuous as A/C left target.

Enemy Fighter Opposition: Upwards of 15 E/A mostly S/E with few T/E seen, no combat by this squadron.

Casualties: S/Sgt Albert (NMI) Furtado, ASN31165091, tail gunner of A/C 738 froze to death.

Battle Damage: Minor to A/C's #076 and #815.

Remarks: (None)

December 22, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17's) were dispatched to assist in a raid on the marshalling yards at Osnabruck, Germany:

A/C #940

Lt. Greer, Eldridge V.  
Lt. Wood, William D.  
Lt. Anderson, Marvin D.  
Lt. Dobbs, Louie R.  
T/Sgt Gardner, Walter  
T/Sgt Lekowski, Cassmer  
S/Sgt Mouton, Oscar J.  
S/Sgt Purton, James E.  
S/Sgt Wade, Woodrow (NMI)  
S/Sgt Mueller, Robert A.

A/C #076

Lt. Jackson, Frank R.  
Lt. Murdock, Wayne E.  
Lt. Walker, John (NMI)  
Lt. Fox, Robert K.  
S/Sgt Bacon, Verdner C.  
S/Sgt Mitchell, Martin J.  
S/Sgt White, William E.  
Sgt. Sparks, Clarence A.  
Sgt. Olszewski, Anthony J.  
Sgt. Karl, Robert J.

A/C #947

Capt. Cox, William R.  
Lt. Ward, Ray R.  
Lt. Hawkins, Herston  
Lt. Harlow, James E.  
S/Sgt Hillock, Nelson A.  
T/Sgt Schlaich, Lester B.  
T/Sgt Koger, Ernest J.  
S/Sgt Clark, Robert H.  
S/Sgt Witter, James H.  
S/Sgt McCrea, William B.

A/C #656

Lt. Griffin, James L.  
Lt. McElroy, Robert W.  
Lt. Swanson, Philip O.  
Lt. McMurtry, James E.  
T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.  
T/Sgt Moertle, Lawrence E.  
S/Sgt Davis, John J.  
Sgt. Lewis, Clayton A.  
S/Sgt Harper, Norman L.  
S/Sgt McGraw, Marvin C.

A/C #070

Lt. Boyce, John J.  
Lt. Smith, John W.  
Lt. Keyser, William R.  
Lt. Kennedy, Henry J.  
S/Sgt Weston, Morris (NMI)  
S/Sgt Hutton, Tillman F.  
Sgt. Landis, Harvey G.  
Sgt. White, Michael D.

Sgt. Coomes, John N.  
Sgt. Penner, Melvin (NMI)

A/C #815

Lt. Burton, Albert W.  
Lt. Fransher, Robert E.  
Lt. Buchanan, William H.  
Lt. Ballay, August A.  
S/Sgt Cantrell, Stanley L.  
S/Sgt Fronko, Mathew  
Sgt. Cyr, Walter R.  
Sgt. Moody, Thomas E.  
S/Sgt. Pridgen, Selby B.  
Sgt. Schofield, William

Bomb Load: 16 x 250 INC

Bombing Altitude: 25,400

Bombing Results: Unobserved 10/10 cloud at target.

Enemy Opposition: Up to 35 E/A, FW190's and Me109's), none encountered.

A/A Fire: Meager and inaccurate from Rheine, Lingen, Swolle, Esmond and at target.

Battle Damage: A/C 656 suffered major damage.

Casualties: A/C 738 and crew failed to return.

Claims: T/Sgt Laverne J. Moertle, T. T. Gunner #656 credited with destroying 1 FW-190.

S/Sgt Marion C. McGraw, T.G. of A/C #656 credited with one FW190 destroyed.

Remarks: Lt. Col. Gillespie, C.O. of 401st Squadron was group leader.

A/C #738 piloted by Lt. Steel, failed to return to base after leaving the enemy coast.

(ED. NOTE: On this mission, according to Lt. Smith's report, A/C 738 did not fly. Lt. Griffin flew #738 on the previous mission. Lt.

Steel's last flight was Dec. 16, to Bremen. I'll check the "Ragged Irregular" and "Plane Names...." to see if I can straighten this out.

- FF) (I tried. I didn't find Lt. Steel in the index of either book.

- FF)

December 24, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17's) were assigned to assist in attack on enemy installations under construction just south of the village of Andres in France:

A/C 947

Lt. Griffin, James L.  
Lt. Murdock, Wayne E.  
Lt. Swanson, Philip O.  
Lt. McMurtry, James E.

T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.  
T/Sgt Moertle, Lawrence J.  
S/Sgt Davis, John D.  
Sgt. Elroy, Robert G.  
S/Sgt Harper, Norman L.  
S/Sgt McGraw, Marvin C.

A/C #940

Lt. Greer, Eldridge V.  
Lt. Jessop, Paul D.  
Lt. Lerner, Harry (NMI)  
Capt. Fisher, Jack A. (324)  
T/Sgt Walters, Gardner (NMI)  
T/S Lekowski, Cassmer W.  
S/S Mouton, Oscar Jr.  
S/S Wade, Woodrow (NMI)  
S/S Purton, James E.  
S/S Mueller, Robert S.

A/C #353

Lt. Smith John W.  
Lt. Johnson, Wilbert T.  
Lt. Smith, John P.  
Lt. Flournoy, Paul W.  
Sgt. Jackson, Frank H.  
Sgt Pritch, Nevin E.  
Sgt. Strickland, John T.  
Sgt Smith, Harold D.  
Sgt Headrick, Colmer R.  
Sgt Clark, Walter

A/C #076

Lt. Jackson, Frank R.  
Lt. Geiger, Bruce M.  
Lt. Walker, John (NMI)  
Lt. Fox, Robert  
S/Sgt Bacon, Verdner E.  
S/S Mitchell, Martin J.  
Sgt. White, William  
Sgt Sparks, Clarence A.  
Sgt Olszewski, Anthony J.  
Sgt. Karl, Robert J.

A/C #333

Lt. Gough, Robert L.



Lt. Hoff, Wilmer F.  
Lt. Young, George F.  
Lt. Hall, Frederick E.  
S/S Leavitt, Raymond F.  
S/S Hutton, Tillman F.  
Sgt. Ray, Victor (NMI)  
Sgt. Kelly, Morle H.  
Sgt. Colburn, Herbert P.  
Sgt. Kirk, Robert P.

A/C#615-P

Lt. Burton, Albert  
Lt. Fancher, Robert E.  
Lt. Buchanan, William J.  
Lt. Ballay, August A.  
S/S Cantrell, Stanley  
S/S Fronco, Matthew (NMI)  
Sgt. Cyr, Walter R.  
Sgt. Martin, Sidney D.  
S/S Pridgen, Salby E.  
Sgt. Schofield, William J.

A/C #070

Lt. Ward, Ray R.  
Lt. Duggan, Lester W.  
Lt. West, Robert L.  
Sgt. Wright, Roy A.  
Sgt. Shope, Serchel L.  
T/S Schlaich, Lester R.  
T/S Koger, Ernest J.  
Sgt. Southworth, Walden P.  
S/S Webb, Albert W.  
S/S Wheeler, John J.

A/C #804

Capt. Everett, Leroy B.  
Maj. Sheeler, Donald E.  
Lt. McNeill, Joe L.  
Lt. Anderson, Marvin D.  
Lt. Guy, James F.  
S/S Hillock, Nelson A.  
T/S Fair, Ellsworth (NMI)  
S/S Griswold, Henry A.  
S/S DeMidio, Paul (NMI)  
S/S French, Walter S.

Lt. Layn, Roger W.

Bomb Load: 16 x 300 G.P.

Altitude: 21,000 ft.

Results A.T.O.T.: Area well covered by bursts; results unknown determined due to poor visibility.

Time: Take Off 1112. Target 1341. R.T. Base 1436.

A/A Fire: Meager from coast developing to moderate and intense at target.

Enemy Fighter Opposition: No E/F observed.

Fighter support: As briefed.

Casualties: None

Battle Damage: Minor damage to A/C #847.

Remarks: Capt. Cox (pilot), 1st Lt. Harlow, James (Bomb.) transferred to Cab. Pool 12th R.C.D. AAF Sta. 591 (finished 25 missions)

December 30, 1943 - THE FOLLOWING A/C (B-17's) were assigned to assist in the attack on the chemical works of I.G. Farbenindustrie at Ludwigshaven, Germany:

A/C	A/C #070
1st Lt. Griffin, James L.	2nd Lt. Boyce, John
2nd Lt. Page, J.C. (IO)	2nd Lt. Johnson, Thomas E.
2nd Lt. Young, George F.	2nd Lt. Keyser, William R.
2nd Lt. Hovantz, Joseph P.	2nd Lt. Kennedy, Henry J.
T/Sgt Moertle, Lawrence J.	S/Sgt Lovely, Robert L.
S/Sgt Davis, John D.	Sgt. Landis, Harvey G.
T/Sgt Caldwell, James L.	S/Sgt Weston, Morris (NMI)
S/Sgt Martin, Charles R.	Sgt. Coomes, John M.
S/Sgt Harper, Norman L.	Sgt. White, Mickel D.
S/Sgt McGraw, Marvin C.	Sgt. Moore, Curtis M.

A/C #076	A/C #947
2nd Lt. Jackson, Frank R.	1st Lt. Greer, Eldridge V.
2nd Lt. Geiger, Bruce H.	2nd Lt. Wood, William D.
2nd Lt. Wolker, John (NMI)	2nd Lt. Anderson, Marvin D.
2nd Lt. Fox, Robert E.	2nd Lt. Dobbs, Louie R.
S/Sgt Mitchell, Martin J.	T/Sgt Lekowski, Cassmer W.
Sgt. White, William E.	T/Sgt Mouton, Oscar J.
S/Sgt Bacon, Verdner E.	T/Sgt Walters, Gardner (NMI)
Sgt. Sparks, Clarence A.	S/Sgt Wade, Woodrow (NMI)
Sgt. Olszewski, Anthony J.	S/Sgt. Purton, James E.
Sgt. Karl, Robert J.	S/Sgt Mueller, Robert A.

A/C #353                      A/C #815

Lt. Fancher, Robert E.	2nd Lt. Jessop, Paul D.
2nd Lt. Wuest, Carl W.	2nd Lt. Moeller, John K.
2nd Lt. Hawkins, Herston	2nd Lt. Lerner, Harry
2nd Lt. Mangold, Jack R.	F/O Caglino, Joseph S.
Sgt. Lewis, Clayton A.	Sgt. Southworth, Walden P.
Sgt. Taylor, Jack M.	Sgt. Martin, Sidney D.
Sgt. McLaren, Ken F.	Sgt. Shope, Berchel L.
Sgt. Moody, Thomas E.	Sgt. Kelly, Morele H.
Sgt. Clark, Robert H.	Sgt. Elroy, Robert G.
Sgt. Halter, Roman L.	Sgt. Zastenchik, Joseph F.

Bomb Load: 42 x M 47's

Altitude: 21,500 ft.

Results A.T.O.T.: Dropped on PFF 10/10 clouds. No Obs.

Time: Take Off 0815. Target 1158. R. T. Base 1535.

A/A Fire: Meager and moderate.

Enemy Fighter Opposition: 25/30 Me109's and FW190's - making attacks in formation of 5/C A/C from 12 to 2 o'clock, nose down instead of rolling over after attack. Me109's with wing guns.

Fighter Support: P-47's gave good support, Spits IX's were late, P-38's too far away.

Casualties: B/T Gunner Sgt Sidney D. Martin of A/C 815 received slight wound in face from exploding bullet. T/T Gunner Sgt. Clayton A. Lewis of A/C 353 received slight face wound from fragments from 20 mm in turret.

Battle Damage: A/C 656 received 20 mm in left wing and #2 gas tank, left stabilizer hit by 50 cal. A/C 353 major damage #3 engine shot out, electric cable in bomb bay, top turret damaged by 20 mm.

Claims: 1 Me109 destroyed by B/T gunner Sgt. Harvey G. Landis, ASN 33111912.

Remarks; No change in squadron personnel.

December 31, 1943 - The following A/C (B-17's) of this squadron were dispatched to assist in a raid on the Bordeaux-Merignac Airdrome located 5 miles west of Bordeaux, France,.

A/C #076                      A/C #947

1st Lt. Greer, Eldridge V.	2nd Lt. Jackson, Frank F.
2nd Lt. Newquist, Gerald L.	2nd Lt. Gieger, Bruce H.,

2nd Lt. Anderson, Marvin D.      2nd Lt. Walker, John (NMI)  
2nd Lt. Dobbs, Louis R.      2nd Lt. Fox, Robert E.  
S/Sgt Mouton, Oscar J.      S/Sgt Mitchell, Martin J.  
S/Sgt Wade, Woodrow (NMI)      Sgt. White, William E.  
T/Sgt Lekowski, Cassmer (NMI)      S/Sgt Bacon, Verdner E.  
T/Sgt Walters, Gardner (NMI)      Sgt. Olszewski, Anthony J.  
S/Sgt Purton, James E.      Sgt. Sparks, Clarence A.  
S/Sgt Mueller, Robert A.      Sgt. Karl, Robert J.

A/C #070      A/C #815

2nd Lt. Boyce, John J.      2nd Lt. Burton, Albert W.  
2nd Lt. Johnson, Thomas E.      2nd Lt. Page, J. C.  
2nd Lt. Keyser, William R.      2nd Lt. Buchanan, William J.  
2nd Lt. Kennedy, Henry J.      2nd Lt. Ballay, August A.  
S/Sgt Lovely, Robert L.      S/Sgt Fronko, Matthew (NMI)  
Sgt. Landis, Harvey G.      Sgt. Cyr, Walter R.  
S/Sgt Weston, Morris (NMI)      Sgt. Pridgen, Selby B.  
Sgt. Coomes, John H.      S/Sgt Cantrell, Stanley J.  
Sgt. White, Mickel D.      Sgt. Tinsley, Scott E.  
Sgt. Kirk, Robert P.      Sgt. Schofield, William J.

A/C #428      A/C #333

2nd Lt. Murdoch, Wayne E.      2nd Lt. Jessop, Paul D.  
2nd Lt. Manson, Kenneth L.      2nd Lt. Moeller, John A.  
2nd Lt. Lynch, Lawrence J.      2nd Lt. Lerner, Harry (NMI)  
2nd Lt. Case, Robert R.      F/O Gagaine, Joseph S.  
Sgt. Roswell, Arle L.      Sgt. Southworth, Walden P.  
Sgt. Rogers, Thomas H.      Sgt. Wotring, Arlie O.  
Sgt. Morris, Teddy J.      Sgt. Shope, Berchel L.  
Sgt. Ramofiski, Walter T.      Sgt. Kelly, Morele N.  
Sgt. Hoover      Sgt. Elroy, Robert C.  
Sgt. Sosiewki, Julius R.      Sgt. Zastenichik, Joseph F.

A/C #898

2nd Lt. Ward, Ray R.  
2nd Lt. Duggan, Lester W.  
2nd Lt. Young, George F.  
2nd Lt. Hovantz, Joseph G.  
S/Sgt Everling, Everard V.  
Sgt. Heller, Thomas W.  
S/Sgt Masters, William H.  
Sgt. Sabins, Wayne F.  
Sgt. Osowski, Henry F.  
Sgt. Moore, Curtis M.

Due to cloud cover at the primary target the formation attacked Cognac-Chateau-Bernard A/D located one mile south of Chateau-Bernard.

Bomb Load: 21 x M 47's  
Bombing Altitude: 18,000 ft.  
Bombing Results: Good  
Time: Take Off 1758. Target 1303. Return 1704.

A/A Fire: Meager and inaccurate from Brest; moderate and accurate at target, Royan and Pt de la Coubre.

Enemy Opposition: 15 to 25 E/A were encountered including JU 88's, FW190's, Me109's.

Claims: Sgt. R. G Elroy credited with destroying one FW190.  
A/C Damaged; 333, 078, 428, 815, 947, 898.

Casualties: Lt. A. A. Ballay, cuts about face due to flying glass after flak struck nose of A/C.

Remarks: A/C 070 turned back at 1029 hours at 4830N - 0340E due to illness of Lt. John J. Boyce. A/C 428 failed to bomb due to malfunction of bomb release mechanism.

Lt. Col. David G. Alford, Operations Officer, 91st Bomb Group, led the 1st Combat Wing.

The organization as of this date totaled 88 officers and 437 enlisted men.

I was on the Dec.31 1943 mission. I was navigating for Wayne Murdoch's crew. The mission was pretty much as described in the dailies-very long. However, coming out after the bomb run, we tried to jettison the bomb bay tank but it got caught in the bb doors. We were flying over the Brest peninsula tracking 90 knots, watching the formation get smaller & smaller. Finally, we approached England and I found a Brit helicopter field. Its dark now and we have about a mouthful of gas, so Wayne put down. There was no runway, so when he hit the brakes the plane started skidding; finally the tail dropped and the tank dug a furrow in the ground & also served as a brake. We stopped just short of the perimeter fence. We did not receive a rousing welcome from the Brits. Larry Lynch.

322ND DAILY REPORTS, JANUARY 1944  
Submitted by Ed C. Allen, 1st Lt., A.C.

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JANUARY 1 - Strength: Officers 88, Enlisted Men 436  
T/Sgt. Jarvis Allen trfd. to zone of interior.

JANUARY 2 - Practice mission (4) ships

JANUARY 3 - PFC Deanus Calhoun court martialled and  
trfd. to 1012 disciplinary training center (1 year).  
PFC Calhoun is the first man in this squadron to be  
sent to a D.T.C. and to be dishonorably discharged,  
terminating service....No flying today.

JANUARY 4 - The following A/C (B-17s) were  
dispatched to assist in raid on Kiel, Germany:

A/C # 804 - Capt. LeRoy B. Everett

076 - 2nd Lt. Frank R. Jackson

070 - 2nd Lt. John J. Boyce

940 - 1st Lt. Eldridge V. Greer

057 - 2nd Lt. Robert L. Gough

815 - 1st Lt. Albert W. Burton

898 - 2nd Lt. William E. Burdock

947 - 2nd Lt. John W. Smith

Bomb Load: 21 x I.B. and 42 x U47

Bomb Altitude: 24,200 - 27,500

Bombing Results: Generally unobserved due to smoke  
screen at target.

Time: Take off 0745-0756. Target 1137. Ar. Base  
1422 - 1504.

A.A. Fire: Moderate and accurate at target, meager  
elsewhere.

Damage to A/C: Minor damage was suffered by following  
A/C: 076, 070, 940, 815, 898.

Fighter Opposition: None

Casualties: Five men suffered slight frost bites.

Personnel: 2nd Lt. Carl N. Smith asgd. to squadron.  
(Lt. Smith escaped from occupied territory, shot down  
in Schweinfurt raid of 17 Aug. 43. ) 1st Lt. Ho?day  
trfd to 1096 Ord.

JANUARY 5 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched  
to assist in raid on Tours, France:

A/C # 940 - 1st Lt. Eldridge V. Greer

428 - 2nd Lt. Frank R. Jackson

057 - 2nd Lt. Robert L. Gough

815 - 1st Lt. Albert W. Burton  
898 - 2nd Lt. Robert E. Fancher

Bomb Load: 16 x 300  
Bombing Altitude: 19,800 - 21,000  
Bombing Results: Generally good  
Time: Take off 0852. Target:: 1144. Ar. Base:  
1420.  
A.A. Fire: Meager, inaccurate.  
Damage to A/C: None  
Fighter Opposition: Weak  
Claims: None  
Casualties: None

JANUARY 6 - The mission planned for Ardres, France  
was scrubbed, no flying.

JANUARY 7 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched  
to assist in raid on Ludwigshaven, Germany:

A/C # 940 - 1st Lt. Eldridge V. Greer  
898 - 2nd Lt. Frank R. Jackson  
057 - 2nd Lt. Robert L. Gough  
070 - 1st Lt. Albert W. Burton  
187 (401) - 2nd Lt. J.C. Page  
333 - 2nd Lt. Paul D. Jessop  
947 - 2nd Lt. John W. Smith

Bomb load: 16 x 250 I.B.'s  
Bombing altitude - 25,000  
Results - Unobserved due to 10/10 cloud  
Time: Take off: 0630, Target 1155. Ar. Base 1445  
A.A. Fire - Moderate and accurate  
Fighter Opposition: ??? in number.  
Claims: One FW190 damaged by S/S H. J. Mitcher,  
T/Turret  
Casualties - None

General - Personnel changes: 2nd Lt. Alexander Lake  
prmtd to 1st Lt. 1st Lt. Paul V. Smith (intl) prmtd  
to captain.

JANUARY 8, 9, 10 - No change. Practice mission 8th  
and 10th (3) ships each.

JANUARY 11 - The following A/C (B-17s) wee dispatched

to assist in raid on Oschersleben, Germany:

A/C # 804 - Capt. LeRoy B. Everett

Lt. Col. Milton

639 - 2nd Lt. John W. Smith

070 - 2nd Lt. Robert E. Fancher

940 - 1st Lt. Eldridge V. Greer

070 - 2nd Lt. J.C. Page

057 - 2nd Lt. Wayne E. Murdoch

815 - 2nd Lt. Albert W. Burton

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 - 6 x 500 and 21 x 247s

Bomb Altitude: 19,000

Bomb Results: Excellent

Time: Take off 0800. Target 1148. Ar. Base 1520.

A.A. Fire: Meager to moderate and intense.

Damage to A/C: Two ships suffered major flak damage.

A/C 815 and 940. Two more suffered minor damage A/C  
070 and 804.

Fighter Opposition: 75 to 100 E/A seen, E/A made  
aggressive attacks in groups of 3 to 20.

Claims: The following are credited with:

One FW190 destroyed by T/S Casmer Lakowski, T/T 940

One FW190 destroyed by 2/Lt Louie R. Doobs,  
bombardier 940.

One FW190 destroyed by 2/Lt Louie R. Dobbs,  
bombardier 940

One FW190 destroyed by 2/Lt Louie R. Dobbs,  
bombardier 940

One Me109 destroyed by Sgt. Theodore Eicke, RWG 815

One Me109 destroyed by Sgt. Jack M. Taylor, TG 070

One Me110 destroyed by S/S Robt. A. Mueller, TG 940

One FW190 damaged by T/S Cassmer W. Lakowski, TT 940

One Me110 damaged by S/S James Purton, RWG 940

One FW190 destroyed by T/S Ernest J. Koger Jr., 940

One Me109 destroyed by S/S Robt. N. Clark, BTG 070

Losses: Crews of 2nd Lt. Page, A/C 076, and 2nd Lt  
Murdoch, A/C057, failed to return.

HEADQUARTERS

EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS



UNITED STATES ARMY  
IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
16 JAN UARY 1944  
NUMBER 8274  
FORTRESS CREW BAGS 10 FIGHTERS, RETURNS FROM  
OSCHERSLEBEN AT TREE-TOP LEVEL

Coming back from Oschersleben on two engines, a bullet-ridden U.S. Eighth AAF flying fortress piloted by 1st Lt. Eldridged V. Greer, 29, of Houston, Texas, roared down the main streets of German towns, used trees as cover from pursuing enemy aircraft as it sped along at sometimes less than tree-top eight, strafed German soldiers on the ground, and finally crossed the enemy coast so low that Lt. Greer said, "The flak towers had to shoot down at us."

The fortress was the "Spirit of '44," and its crew claimed a bag of ten enemy fighters during the great Eighth AAF attack on the German fighter plant at Oschersleben last Tuesday.

When the ship landed in England its nose had been shot out, cannon shells had blown gaping holes in its wings and fuselage, and it was riddled from tail to nose with bullet holes, but none of the crew members were injured.

In a mad race that lasted about an hour and one-half, the fort was pursued by two twin-engined German planes for more than 200 miles. Lt. Greer alternately dived, climbed, and then dived again to skim along the ground, barely avoiding electric high-tension lines and other ground installations.

"Wherever possible, we would fly below tree-top level alongside a wooded area," said the pilot. "Every time we saw a village, we'd pull over and fly down the streets so the fighters would have to shoot into their own town to shoot at us."

Three times the exhausted crew prepared for a crash landing inside enemy territory. The bombardier saved his precious bomb-sight. The gunners took off flying boots and put on field shoes and divided up their cigarettes. But the "Spirit of '44" kept on going on its two remaining engines, with the enemy still chasing it. At one point they passed 25 feet above the crashed wreckage of another Fort, and the tail gunner, S/Sgt Robert A. Mueller, of Woodridge, N.J.,

strafed and killed a German soldier guarding the crashed Fort.

On the way to Oschersleben, "The Spirit of '44" has participated in what was probably the greatest air battle in history. German bombers flew at the bomber formations 25 at a time, firing everything they had. The bombardier on "The Spirit of '44", Lt. Louie R. Dobbs, of Katemacy, Texas, fired the new fortress chin turret throughout the battle and claimed the destruction of three Focke-Wulfe 190s. One was seen to crash, another exploded shortly after going into a dive, and the third disintegrated completely in the air.

Tech. Sgt. Casmer W. Lewowski, top turret gunner from Peninsula, Ohio, also claimed three enemy planes.

Sgt. Mueller, the tail gunner, destroyed two.

The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt. Ernest J. Koger, Jr., of Eau Claire, Wis., claimed one FW-190. When he reached England, he found three holes the size of baseballs in his ball turret, but he miraculously had escaped injury.

The crew's tenth fighter was claimed by S/Sgt. James E. Purton, waist gunner, from East Liverpool, Ohio.

"Over the target we lost the engines and our oxygen system," related 2nd Lt. William D. Wood, of Pleasureville, Ky., the co-pilot. "We dropped down on the deck, fighting all the way down, to begin the race with the two Messerschmitts that picked us up deep in Germany and stayed with us to the coast. Between attacks they flew along like a friendly escort, one on each side of us, about 1,000 yards away.

"When we landed in England, we had about 250 bullet holes criss-crossed all through the ship. The plastic nose was shot out; there was a hole 18 inches in diameter in the radio room; a 20 mm. shell had exploded in the wings; and the bomb bay doors, which had been hit over the target, were part-way open."

S/Sgt. Mueller, the tail gunner, declared, "I'm proud to be on that crew. The fellows all used their heads. If we had any pilot other than Lt. Greer, we probably never would have got home. As a matter of fact, I can't believe I'm home now."

Other members of the crew were: 2nd Lt. Marvin D. Anderson, navigator, of Kansas City, Mo.; T/Sgt. Garner Walters, radio operator, Broadway, N.J.; S/Sgt.

Woodrow Wade, waist gunner, Henderson, Tex.

JANUARY 12 - Personnel changes: 1/Lt Frank W. Jackson (P) pmtd to capt. 2/Lt Frank B. Alford asgd to squadron from 1st B.D.

JANUARY 13 - No change.

JANUARY 14 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in raid on construction works at Croisette, France:

A/C 656 - 1/Lt Albert W. Burton

428 - 2/Lt Paul D. Jessop

027 - 2/Lt Robert E. Fancher

898 - 2/Lt Robert L. Gough

Bomb Load: 12 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 11,000 to 17,000

Bombing Results: Fair

Time: Take off 1340. Target 1502. Ar. Base 1700.

A.A. Fire: None directed at our group.

Damge to A/C: None

Fighter Opposition: None

No Claims - No casualties.

JANUARY 15 - The mission planned for today was scrubbed.

JANUARY 16 - 1/Lt Albert Mason (N) trfd to Hq., 8th A.F.

JANUARY 17 - No change.

JANUARY 18 - Mission cancelled.

JANUARY 19-20 - No change (Mission scrubbed on 19th)

JANUARY 21 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in raid on constructional works in the Cherbourg Peninsula.

(from loading list

A/C 656 - 1/Lt James L. Griffin

353 - 2/Lt Ray R. Ward

047 - 2/Lt. Robert E. Fancher

027 - 1/Lt Albert W. Burton  
333 - 2/Lt Paul D. Jessop  
996 - 2/Lt Robert L. Gough  
898 - 1/Lt Eldridge V. Greer  
428 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

Bomb Load: 12 x 500  
Bombing Altitude: 20,000  
Bombing results: Cloud obscured target  
Time; Take off 1150. Target 1418. Ar. Base 1535.  
A.A. Fire: Meager to moderate and accurate.  
Battle damage to A/C: 7 A/C suffered minor damage.  
Fighter opposition: None  
Claims: None.  
Casualties: Lt. Dobbs (B), A/C 898, received face injuries.

1st Lt. Ed C. Allen asgd squadron as asst.  
intelligence officer.

JANUARY 22-23-24 - No personnel changes.

JANUARY 24 - The following A/C (B-17s) were  
dispatched to assist in raid on Frankfurt, Germany:  
A/C 027 - Capt. Everett, LeRoy B.  
987 - 2/Lt Burt, William S.  
353 - 2/Lt Fancher, Robert W.  
656 - 1/Lt Griffin, James L.  
947 - 2/Lt Smith, John W.  
815 - 1/Lt Burton, Albert W.  
333 - 2/Lt Jessop, Paul P.  
428 - 2/Lt Ward, Ray R.

Bomb Load: 12 x 500; 6 x 500.

Time: Take Off 0810. Recall 1025. Ar. Base: 1230.  
(Part of Sq. landed away from base.  
Crews returned (immediately).

Remarks: Weather closing in at base caused the recall  
of all our B-17s.

JANUARY 25 - 1st Lt. James L. Griffin (P) prmtd to  
capt.

JANUARY 26 - Mission scrubbed. Personnel: The following 2nd Lts. were promoted to 1st Lt.:

Marvin D. Anderson (N)

John J. Boyce, Jr. (P)

Louie R. Dobbs (B)

Robert E. Fancher (P)

Ray R. Ward (P)

Robert L. Gough (P)

Paul D. Jessop (P)

John W. Smith (P)

JANUARY 27-28 - No change.

JANUARY 29 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in raid on Frankfurt, Germany:

(loading list, Jan. 29, '44)

A/C 027 - Capt. James L. Griffin

967 - 2/Lt William E. Burt

353 - 2/Lt Robert E. Fancher

615 - 1/Lt Albert W. Burton

367 - 2/Lt. Jerrald L. Newquist

070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce

947 - 2/Lt John W. Smith

634 - 1/Lt. Ray W. Ward

996 .

- 2/Lt Robert L. Gough

Bomb Load: 12 x 500; 6 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 22-25,000

Bombing Results: Dropped on P.F.F., 10/10 cloud

Time: Take off 0800. Target 1125. Ar. Base 1430.

A.A. Fire: Moderate and inaccurate

Damage to A/C: 3 A/C., minor damage; 1 A/C major damage.

Fighter opposition: 30-40 E/A, mostly rocket-firing

A/C. Attacks were generally directed

toward other groups.

Claims: 1 FW-190 damaged - S/Sgt. Robert P. Kirk, A/C 996.

1 Me-110 destroyed - Sgt. Walter Clark, A/C 947.

Casualties: S/Sgt Roy A. Wright - K.I.A.. S/Sgt

Charles W. Grubb - I.I.A.

Remarks; A/C 353, Lt. Fancher, dropped 2 1/2 tons of nickels, # 6.50

In a continuous two-hour battle, beginning at Frankfurt, A/C 967 ("Man o' War"), piloted by Lt. Burtt, was crippled by direct hits that knocked out two motors.

Sgt. Wright was killed by a 20 mm. hit. His courage and spirit was an inspiration to the entire crew.

With the third motor out, "Man O' War" crashed in an English turnip field to fly no more.

S/Sgt. Grubb (R/O) injured by fragment from a 20 mm. explosion, was the only other casualty.

JANUARY 30 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in raid on Brunswick, Germany: (from loading list, 30 Jan. '44)

A/C 656 - Capt. James L. Griffin

333 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher

673 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

838 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward

815 - 2/Lt Clarence H. Pingel

333 - 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop

947 - 1/Lt John W. Smith

307 - 2/Lt Jerrald L. Newquist

070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce

Bomb Load: 12 x 500; 6 x 500; 42 x M 47.

Bombing Altitude: 22,500

Bombing Results: Good. P.F.F. procedure; 10/10 undercast.

Time: Take Off 0825. Target 1157. Ar. Base 1515.

A.A. Fire: Meager to moderate, inaccurate.

Damage to A/C: A/C 947, major; A/C 673, minor damage.

Fighter Opposition: 30-50 E/A seen. Two major attacks.

Claims: A/C 673 - S/Sgt Anthony J. Olszewski: One FW-190 destroyed.

947 - S/Sgt. R. L. Autry, one Me-110 destroyed.

947 - S/Sgt Nevin E. Friten: One Ju-88 destroyed.

070 - S/Sgt. Robert L. Lovely: One Me-109 destroyed.

Casualties: Sgt. Coomb, A/C 070, suffered cuts around the face from exploding 20 mm. fragments.

Remarks; 10 ships were furnished by 3???, A/C 498 flying with 323rd, with only two

ships suffering battle damage and only one slight casualty. 4 E/A destroyed and one damaged, the 3?? had a \_\_?\_\_.

JANUARY 31 - Mission planned for today was scrubbed.

Personnel: Strength: Officers - 79. E.M. - 423.

OPERATIONAL AND FLYING STATUS OF 322ND SQ.  
FOR MONTH OF JANUARY:

Staff officers - 4 Non-operational missions - 216

Pilots - 15 Non-operational flying hours - 433;15

Co-pilots - 16

Navigators - 14 Operational missions - 228

Bombardiers - 13 Operational flying hours 1289:20

Total - 52

Enlisted men:

Navigators - 1 Non-operational missions - 276

Bombardiers - 2 Non-operational flying hours: 426:35

Radio Operators - 18

Engineers - 17 Operational missions - 350

Ball Turrets - 17 Operational flying hours - 2062:50

Tail gunners - 16

Waist gunners - 35

Total - 106

494- crew members flying 859:30 hours on non-operational missions.

579 - crew members flying 3352:10 hours on operational missions

1073 - crew members flew a total of 4252:00 hours during the month.

322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS, FEBRUARY 1944  
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FEBRUARY 3 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Wilhelmshaven, Germany:

A/C 656 - Capt. James L. Griffin

898 - 2/Lt Paul O. Jessop

333 - 2/Lt Paul O. Jessop (sic)  
815 - 1/Lt Albert W. Burton  
428 - 2/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood  
070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
353 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
367 - 2/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist  
673 - 2/Lt William G. Burt

Bomb Load: 42x47 - 21x47 Inc.  
Bombing Altitude: 29,500  
Bombing Results: Unobserved - 10/10 undercast  
Time: Take off 0840. Target 1125. Ar. Base 1437  
A/A Fire: Meager to moderate and accurate following  
fire at the target.  
Damage to A/C: A/C 333 suffered major flak damage.  
Fighter Opposition: None  
Claims: None  
Casualties: Sgt. Osowski, Eng., A/C 333 was injured  
but not seriously.

Remarks: The excellent fighter support all along the  
route seemed to be the highlight of this mission.

Personnel: 1/Lt James E. McMurtey (B) trfd and asgd  
from Hq 91st B.Gp.

FEBRUARY 4 - The following A/C (B-17s) were  
dispatched to assist in a raid on Frankfurt, Germany:  
A/C 815 - 1/Lt Albert W. Burton  
898 - 2/Lt Ernest B. Kidd  
656 - 2/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood  
353 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
083 - 2/Lt William S. Burt  
634 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward  
996 - 1/Lt John W. Smith

Bomb Load: 12x500 and 6x500  
Bombing Altitude: 25,000  
Bombing Results: Unobserved, 10/10 undercast.  
Time: Take off 0810. Target 1205. Ar. Base 1500.  
A/A Fire: Meager to moderate and inaccurate at target.  
Intense flak encountered over the  
Ruhr.  
Damage to A/C: Four ships received minor damage. A/C  
634 was hit in tail assembly by



escape hatch of lead A/C.  
Fighter opposition: Nil.  
Claims: None  
Casualties; None

Remarks: A/C 815 aborted due to fuel transfer failure. A/C 996 aborted due to #3 engine failure. Lt. Col. Alford in lead PFF A/C failed to return. The entire group feels the loss of a fine leader. 1/Lt Roger W. Layn (asst. operations officer) who was flying with Lt. Col. Alford in lead PFF A/C, is also missing.

FEBRUARY 5 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Avord A.B., France:  
A/C 656 - Capt. James L. Griffin  
027 - 2/Lt Ernest B. Kidd  
353 - 2/Lt Paul D. Jessop  
083 - 2/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood  
070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
996 - 2/Lt John W. Smith  
367 - 2/Lt Gerald L. Newquist  
673 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

Bomb Load: 12x500  
Bombing Altitude: 15,000  
Bombing Results: Very good, hits seen in workshops, hangers, etc., good pattern in adjoining areas.  
Time: Take Off 0830. Target: 1110. Ar. Base 1410.  
A/A Fire: No A/A fire directed at our group, only meager, inaccurate A/A fire reported.  
Damage to A/C: None  
Fighter Opposition: Nil  
Claims: None  
Casualties: None  
Remarks: Excellent fighter support was enjoyed all the way to and from the target.

FEBRUARY 6 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Nancy-essey A/D, France:  
A/C 027 - Capt. James L. Griffin  
996 - 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop

083 - 2/Lt William S. Burt  
898 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson  
815 - 1/Lt John W. Smith  
Bomb Load: 12 x 500  
Bombing Results: Did not bomb. A/C's 353 and 070  
jettisoned delayed action bombs  
in the channel. All other A/C brought their bombs  
back.  
Time: Take off 0815. Ar. Base 1519 to 1546.  
A/A Fire: Meager to moderate and inaccurate.  
Damage to A/C: A/C 083 minor flak damage.  
Fighter Opposition: Nil  
Claims: None  
Casualties: None  
Remarks: Bomb run was made on target but due to  
weather conditions 10/10 cloud  
undercast. No bombs were dropped.  
Personnel: 1/Lt Joe L. McNeil (Sq. Nav.) promoted to  
captain.

FEBRUARY 10 - Personnel: 1/Lt Dude W. Doss asgd. as  
Sq. Ordnance officer.

FEBRUARY 11 - The following A/C (B-17s) were  
dispatched to assist in a raid on Frankfurt, Germany:  
A/C 898 - 1/Lt Eldridge V. Greer  
367 - 2/Lt Jerrald L. Newquist  
070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
673 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson  
736 (324) - 2/Lt Ernest B. Kidd  
428 - 2/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood  
634 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward  
353 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
996 - 1/Lt Robert L. Gough

Bomb Load: M-47s  
Bombing Altitude: 28,000  
Bombing Results: Generally unobserved due 4/6/10  
undercast  
Time: Take Off 0806. Target 1223. Ar. Base 1500.  
A/A Fire: No A/A fire reported en route to the  
target. At the target a rather intense barrage  
was maintained for about 45 seconds, but inaccurate  
for our A/C. Coming back  
meager and inaccurate A/A fire was reported from

several places.

Damage to A/C: A/C 673 sustained minor damage from 50 cal. bullets.

Fighter Opposition: Nil

Claims: Nil

Casualties, Nil

Remarks: A/C 428 aborted due to failure of #2 supercharger. A/C 996 turned back before reaching altitude due to #3 engine leaking oil and prop. governor out.

Personnel: 2/Lts August A. Balley (B) and William J. Buchanan (N) promoted to 1/Lts.

FEBRUARY 17 - 2/Lt. Carl N. Smith (P) who bailed out over Belgium on 17 Aug. '43 and escaped to return to the U.K. of 5 Dec. '43, was relieved from duty and assignment and returned to the States.

2/Lt Clarence H. Pingel (P), Jerrold L. Newquist (P), Jack R. Mangold (B), William S. Burt (P) promoted to 1/Lt.

FEBRUARY 18 - 2nd Lts. Louie LaHood (P) and Ernest B. Kidd (P) were promoted to 1/Lt.

FEBRUARY 19 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Leipzig, Germany:

A/C 996 - 1/Lt Robert L. Gough

333 - 1/Lt Clarence N. Pingel

083 - 1/Lt William S. Burt

070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce

353 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher

898 - 1/Lt Eldridge V. Greer

Bomb Load: 12 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 20,000

Bombing Results: Believed to be good, excellent concentration.

Time: Take off 0905. Target 1345. Ar. Base 1700.

A/A Fire: Moderate to intense and accurate A/A fire was experienced by our A/C. In addition, a large quantity of A/A fire at the target was inaccurate and low. On the way out only meager inaccurate A/A fire was observed coming from scattered points along the route.

Damage to A/C: A/C's 986, 333, 083 and 353 sustained minor damage.

Fighter Opposition: Few E/A seen. No pressed attacks were made on our formation.

Claims: Nil

Casualties: S/Sgt. Victor (NMI) Roy was injured in shoulder.

The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Aschersleben (Oschersleben was hit due to cloud cover over primary), Germany.

A/C 673 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

815 - 1/Lt John W. Smith

634 - 1/Lt Ray W. Ward

367 - 1/Lt Jerrald L. Newquist

656 - 2/Lt Ernest B. Kidd

428 - 1/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood

Bomb Load: 6 x 12 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 14,500

Bombing Results: Large explosion and fires started.

Time: Take Off 0925. Target 1326. Ar. Base 1710.

A/A Fire: At the target A/A fire was meager to moderate and accurate for altitude. Visibility was good. Kassel threw up moderate and inaccurate, otherwise only scattered

bursts were observed on the way home.

Damage to A/C: A/C's 673, 815 & 428 received minor damage.

Fighter opposition: 10/15 E/A were reported. Mostly FW-190s, Me110s and Me109s also seen. One B-17 observed shot down by 4 FW-190s flying (sic) a P-47 formation attacking from 1:00 high.

Claims: A/C 815 - T/Sgt. Clayton A. Lewis - one Me109 - destroyed.

Casualties: None

Remarks: A/C 656 with the following crew members were M.I.A.:

1/Lt Ernest B. Kidd

2/Lt Ben G. Beauclair

2/Lt Billy H. Huish

2/Lt Charles E. Betzel

Sgt. Ober L. Tarnik

Sgt. Rex (NMI) Wertman

T/A Ted J. Moyer

S/S Billy L. Ramsey  
Sgt. Ernest B. Seena  
Sgt. Francis A. Hentges

FEBRUARY 21 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on the Achmer A/B at Wutersloh, Germany:

A/C 333 - 1/Lt Clarence H. Pingel  
367 - 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist  
634 - 1/Lt Roy R. Ward  
425 - 1/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood  
898 - 1/Lt Eldridge V. Greer  
947 - 1/Lt John W. Smith  
815 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
673 - 1/Lt William B. Burt  
070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce

Bomb Load: 12 x 500  
Bombing Altitude: 20,500  
Bombing Results: Generally believed to be good.  
Time: Take off 1035. Target 1450. Ar. Base 1655.  
A/A Fire: No A/A fire was reported at the target.  
Meager, inaccurate A/A fire was observed from several places enroute to and from the target. Some ground rockets were reported, continuous following fire was used for the most part.  
Damage to A/C: A/Cs 428, 070 received minor damage.  
Fighter opposition: 20/50 E/A were seen, but no attacks were pressed home against our A/C.  
Claims: None  
Casualties: None

FEBRUARY 22 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Bunds. (Believe Bielsfeld was attacked.)

A/C 027 - 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop  
333 - 1/Lt Clarence H. Pingel  
996 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
634 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward  
070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
947 - 1/Lt John W. Smith  
815 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson  
898 - 2/Lt William D. Wood

367 - 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist

Bomb load: 12 x 500, A/C 815 - 6 x 500

Bombing Altitude: 20,000

Bombing Results: Reported as good.

Time: Take off 0855. Target 1410. Ar. Base 1650.

A/A Fire: Accurate A/A fire was encountered only between Osnabruck and Munster. An

intense barrage was observed over the Ruhr. Our formation avoided this area;

elsewhere only meager inaccurate A/A fire was encountered.

Damage to A/C; 3 A/C suffered major damage and 4 A/C minor damage.

Fighter opposition: Upwards of 50 E/A made two concentrated attacks followed by

intermittent attacks from all around the clock by varying members of E/A, both twin

and single-engine A/C.

Claims: Confirmed -

A/C 070 - Lt. N. J. Kennedy - one FW-190 destroyed.

A/C 070 - S/S John M. Coomes - one Me109 damaged.

A/C 996 - T/S Clayton A. Lewis - one Me109 destroyed.

A/C 947 - Sgt. L. D. Martin - one Me110 - damaged.

A/C 947 - T/S W. M. Fritch - one Me109 destroyed.

A/C 367 - T/S Joseph E. Buntzel - one Me110 destroyed.

A/C 367 - S/S Charles L. Muse - one Me109 destroyed.

A/C 367 - 2/Lt Lamond J. Bailey - one Me109 destroyed.

A/C 367 - S/S Roland N. Michel - one Me109 destroyed.

A/C 815 - S/S W.R. Cyr - one Me110 destroyed.

A/C 815 - T/S M. J. Mitchel - one FW-190 damaged.

Casualties: T/S William R. Butler, K.I.A.

Lt. Wood and crew of A/C 896 failed to return.

FEBRUARY 23 - T/Sgt Lester N. Schlaich appointed 2/Lt. The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Scheinfurt, Germany.

A/C 815 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

353 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher

634 - 1/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood

083 - 1/Lt William S. Burt

070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce

Bomb load: 12 (6) x 500

Bombing Altitude: 20,000 to 21,000  
Bombing Results: Unobserved due to heavy smoke in target area.  
Time: Take off 0850. Target 1338. Ar. Base 1603 to 1630.  
A/A fire: Moderate and accurate at target with meager to moderate at scattered points en route.  
Damage to A/C: A/C 815, 353 and 083 received minor damage.  
Fighter opposition: There were no attacks on our formation.  
No claims and no casualties.

FEBRUARY 25 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in raid on Augsburg, Germany:  
A/C 815 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson  
070 - 2/Lt Boyce M. Everston  
634 - 1/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood  
083 - 1/Lt William S. Burt  
947 - 1/Lt John W. Smith  
353 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher

745 - 1/Lt Clarence H. Pingel

Bomb load: 42 (&21) M-47s (A/C 947 - Leaflets)  
Bombing Altitude: 22,000  
Bombing Results: Believed to be good.  
Time: Take off 0937. Target 1409 1/2. Ar. Base 1751 - 1758  
A/A fire: Was moderate to intense and accurate at target, meager to moderate and out of range. A/A fire reported elsewhere.  
Damage to A/C: Only two A/C suffered minor damage.  
Fighter Opposition: No attacks on our formation.  
Claims: None  
Casualties: None

FEBRUARY 26 - The following officers of a new crew joined the squadron today.  
They were 2/Lt Elmer G. Loedtke (P)  
2/Lt Robert E. Gerber (CP)  
2/Lt Willis H. Lebo (Nav)  
2/Lt Philip T. Goldman (B)

Strength: Officers 83; E/M 427

No further change for the month of February.

332ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS MARCH, 1943  
Submitted by Paul V. Smith, Capt., A.C.

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March 1, 1944 - (Ed. Note: There are only four lines on this page, all of them completely illegible. No mission was flown on this date. Several pages following have some or many lines that are very hard, or impossible, to read. - FFarr)

March 2, 1944 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Frankfurt, Germany:

A/C 027 - 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop  
367 - 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist  
353 - 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
982 - 1/Lt Albert W. Burton  
947 - 1/Lt John W. Smith  
083 - 1/Lt Wm S. Burtt  
736 - 1/Lt Eldridge V. Greer  
128 - 2/Lt Bryce M. Evertson  
634 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward  
070 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

Eight of our A/C dropped 80 x 500 G.P. bombs on P.F.F. through 10/10 undercast at 1213 hours from 24,500 ft.

Aircraft #128, due to malfunction of oxygen equipment turned back at 1100 hours, jettisoning 10 x 500 G.P. bombs in the channel at 1120 hours. A/C #736 (324 ship), due to mechanical failures, turned back at 1114 hours and brought back 10 x 500 G.P. bombs. Moderate and accurate A/A fire at the target inflicted major damage and (sic) three of our aircraft. Minor damage to two others.

There were no direct attacks on our group by E/A. About ten to twenty E/A were sighted. Fighter support was good all the way, with the exception of the target area where our division was without support for thirty minutes.



All of our aircraft returned to base, making no claims.

March 3, 1944 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Wilhelmshaven, Germany. (Ed. Note - two lines illegible. - FF)

A/C# ??? 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

??? 1/Lt Paul V. Smith

??? 1/Lt Everett V. Greer (I think - FF)

634 1/Lt Ray R. Ward

083 1/Lt Wm. S. Burt

??? 2/Lt. Bryce M. Evertson

All five of our A/C dropped 80 x 500 (I think - FF)

G.P. bombs...?...from 26,500 ft. Lt. Elmer

Laedtke passed out due to lack of oxygen, was revived and finished the mission.

Complete undercast prevented identification of

...?...putting up A/A fire but all A/C ...?...

...however none of our A/C received battle damage. (I think - FF)

No E/A were sighted, and no claims were made. Fighter support was very good, and none of our A/C are missing.

Major Donald E. Sheeler, Sq. C.O., promoted to Lt. Col.

MARCH 4 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched in today's raid on Germany:

A/C 070 - 1/Lt Eldridge V. Greer

485 - 2/Lt Bryce M. Evertson

610 (324th Sq.) - 1/Lt Robert L. Gough

014 (?) - 1/Lt. Ray R. Ward

567 - 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist

078 (324th Sq.) - 1/Lt John W. Smith

982 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

083 - 1/Lt Wm. S. Burt

Adverse weather ..?...forced abandonment of attack on primary and secondary targets, which were in the Berlin area.

Seven of our A/C dropped 70 x ??? G.P. bombs on targets of opportunity believed to be Cologne at 1245 hours from altitudes of 23,000 to 27,000 feet. A/C 610 (324th ship) was late in taking off and could not catch our formation. The formation he joined turned back at 1045.

Undercast prevented identification of A/A fire ??..?? but crews reported that meager A/A fire was ??? from the vicinities of Calais, St. ???, ???, and ???. At the target intense and rather accurate A/A fire damaged four of our A/C. Also Lt. West (navigator of A/C 083) was hit in the right side of his jaw by flak fragment. The only other casualty was S/S Sarens (?) (A/C 483 (Lt. Evertson's crew) who suffered frost bite. No E/A were seen. No claims were made. Fighter support was very good on the way in and as long as the formation proceeded on the briefed route.

2/Lt Jesse L. Griffin was trfd to the 91st Bomb Group (Ed. Note - This line, along with the name, was impossible to read with confidence. - FF)

MARCH 5 - The following officers were transferred to the 15th Air Force: 1/Lt Robert L. Gough (P), 2/Lt Terry ??? (B), 2/Lt Wilbur L. Hoff (CP), 2/Lt Frederick Hall (N).

MARCH 6 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Hespegarten (?) (Berlin)

Germany:

A/C 634 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward

567 - 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist

083 - 1/Lt Wm. E. Burt

078 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson

483 - 2/Lt Bryce M. Evertson

383 - 1/Lt Lewis (NMI) LaHood

??? - Flown by 324th Squadron

??? - Flown by 324th Squadron

Six of our A/C dropped 60 x 500 G.P. bombs at 1315 hours from 21,000 ft. Results were unobserved due to enemy attacks.

Meager, accurate A/A fire damaged three of our

aircraft. E/A were reported to have made very savage attacks on a formation led by the 1st Division. Upwards of 100 E/A were seen, both T/E and S/E fighters. Sgt. J. N. Hall received credit for a damaged Me210, the only ?? claim for our squadron. 2/Lt Bryce M. Evertson, A/C 483, was hit by E/A fire before the target.

He stayed with the formation with his #1 engine smoking, and at 1318 hours dropped his bombs and headed down. Five chutes were seen to come from this aircraft.

Our casualties were the ten men of Lt. Evertson's crew as missing and S/S Roland B. ??? (A/C 367, Lt. Newquists' crew) was injured in the forehead by glass when flak struck his tail gun position.

T/S Buford C. Swango (engineer) completed his 25 operational missions over enemy territory.

MARCH 8 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Erkner, Germany:  
A/C 000 (324 ship) - Capt. Leroy B. Everett  
367 - 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist  
070 - 1/Lt Lewis (NMI) LaHood  
673 - 1/Lt William R. Jackson  
576 - 2/Lt Elmer Laedtke  
083 - 1/Lt Wm. E. Burt  
At 1440 hours our A/C dropped 218 x 100 ?? bombs from 25,000 ft. As the British say, "We pranged it."

The formation experienced no A/A fire from the target area, and only meager and ?? after the target. None of our A/C were damaged.

No E/A were encountered by our group. Fighter support was perfect. No claims - no casualties.

1/Lt Frank R. Jackson (pilot) finished twenty five operational missions today.

1/Lt Phillip O. Evanson (X) transferred to Cas. Pool, 12th W.C.B.

MARCH 9 - 2/Lt Lester B. Schlaich transferred to 305th Bomb Gp.

The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on

(Ed. Note: This page has significant gaps in its text, and I've had to make what I hope are educated guesses in several places. - FF)

A/C 128 1/Lt. Eldridge V. Greer

? 1/Lt John W. Smith

? 1/Lt Wm. E. Burt

? 1/Lt Albert W. Burton

? 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist

? 1/Lt Lewis (NMI) LaHood

Our six A/C dropped 72 x 500 G.P. bombs at 10??hours from 24,500 ft. on ??? of leaderf, up to 10/10 undercast, results were unobserved.

??? A/A fire was experienced ??? it was accurate.

Five of our A/C received minor damage. Lt. McElroy (?) was injured by flying glass.

No E/A were encountered. Fighter escort was good. No claims - no casualties.

1/Lt James E. ??? (Bombardier) and 1/Lt Mackey (?) completed their twenty fifth operational mission over enemy territory today.

MARCH 10 - 1/Lt Frank R. Jackson (P) transferred to ??? Pool, 12th W.C.B.

MARCH 11 - The following officers were assigned to this squadron: 2/Lt Howard L. Robertson (P), (Ed.Note - the other names are illegible - FF)

MARCH 12 - 1/Lt James C. McMurtry (?) and 1/Lt John Walker (N) transferred to 12th W.C.D.

MARCH 16 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Lechfeld A/D, Germany:

A/C ?96 - 1/Lt. Albert W. Burton

?67 - 2/Lt Elmer Laedtke

947 - 1/Lt. Robert E. Fancher

634 - 1/Lt Ray R. Ward  
673 - 2/Lt Arland F. Frazie (??)  
070 - 1/Lt John J. Boyce

Due to undercast covering our primary, Augsburg was hit by 100 x 100 G.P. bombs at 1216 rom 19,000 feet. Aircraft 070 dropped 50 bundles of 6-?8 leaflets.

??? and moderate and inaccurate A/A fire was experienced at the target. None of our A/C were damaged.

No attacks made on our formation by E/A. No claims, no losses.

T/Sgt William G. McCrea (ball turret gunner) today completed 25 operational missions over enemy territory.

#### 322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS

March 16-31

Submitted by Capt. Paul V. Smith

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MARCH 16 - Organization: Officers 73, F.O. 1, EM. 410 2/18.

Lamore (?) J. Smiley promoted to 1st Lt.

MARCH 17 - The following officers were assigned to this squadron: 2nd Lt. Chas. F. Hall (P) 2/Lt Hatcher R. Fast (CP), 2/Lt James P. Van Pelt (N), and F/O Alford L. Earhart. (ED. NOTE--All these officers names are illegible on the scanned sheet. What I have written are approximations based on the number of letters in a name, middle initial, and general configuration of the blurred type. CORRECTIONS will be appreciated.

March 18 - The following A/C (B17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany:

A/C 834 1/Lt Paul M. Jessop  
070 2/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke  
673 1/Lt Lewis (NMI) LaHood  
08? 1/Lt. W. S. Burt

?? 2/Lt James F. Purdy Jr.  
?? 1/Lt Robert L. Fancher  
947 1/Lt Ray R. Ward

Three of our A/C accidentally dropped 15 x 100 G.P. bombs at 1352 hours from 23,500 ft. near I.P. Four of our A/C dropped 20 x 100 G.P. bombs at 1403 hours from 24,000 ft. and -----?-----hangars. Eleven A/C of this group bombed --?-- with fair results.

At the target A.A. fire was meager to moderate and fairly accurate for our A/C with 5 receiving minor flak damage.

About 20/30 E/A were observed. Only one attack was made by 5/10 E.A. No claims - No losses.

T/Sgt J. D. McCrea (RWG) burnt his hand, being our only casualty.

Capt. James F. Guy today completed his twenty-fifth operational mission over enemy territory.

MARCH 19 - 1/Lt Eldridge V. Greer (P) promoted to Capt. 2/Lt's Robert K. Fox and M????? ?????ing promoted to 1st Lts.

MARCH 20 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on Frankfurt, Germany:

A/C 353 1/Lt Albert R. Barton  
?82 2/Lt Howard L. Robertson  
673 1/Lt Lewis (NMI) LaHood  
567 1/Lt. Jerrold L. Newquist  
070 2/Lt James F. Purdy Jr.  
996 2/Lt Arland F. Frazie  
947 1/Lt Ray R. Ward

At 1215 hours from about 20,000 ft. our A/C dropped ??-47 I.B.'s with unobserved results on what was believed to be Frankfurt. No PFF was with our formation which bombed through complete overcast.

A/A fire at the taarget was moderate to intense and accurate with six of our A/C receiving minor flak

damage.

No enemy aircraft were encountered - No claims. No Losses.

Fighter support was as briefed until our formation made a change in route.

1/Lt Ray R. Ward (pilot) and T/Sgt William S. ??? (tail gunner) completed their 25th operational mission over enemy territory today

The following officers were assigned to the 30th Bomb Gp. : 1/Lt John V. Smith (P), 2/Lt William T. Jackson (?) (CP), 2/Lt John S. White (N) (?) and 2/Lt Pete F. Flournoy (?) (B).

2/Lt ---?--- Green (?) (Ed.- the rest of the line is illegible. - FF)

MARCH 22 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the

---?--- ---?--- assembly plant at Oranienburg, Germany:

(The R.I. says Berlin - Ff)

A/C 2027 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop

2095 2/Lt. Howard L. Robertson

1353 1/Lt. Robert E. Fancher

6043 1/Lt. William Burtt

1762 (?) 2/Lt. James F. Purdy

1090 1/Lt John J. Boyce

1634 1/Lt Ray Ward

1673 1/Lt Lewis LaHood

Our aircraft Nos. 1947 and 1353 were flown by 323rd Sq. and both returned to base. Took off at 0600 and landed at 1700 hours. The secondary target (industrial area of Berlin) was attacked at 1314 hours from 26,500 ft. with good results. Aircraft dropped incend. bombs. Primary target was covered with clouds. A/C 353 piloted by Lt. Fancher turned back at 1350 (?) hours at ---?--- while at 24,300 ft. due to runaway prop #2 engine could not feather and was unable to stay with formation. Minor damage was sustained by 983, and A/C 634 suffered major damage.

Flak at the target was intense and accurate. From Brunswick to the Zuider Zee also from Eg???. There were no casualties.

MARCH 23 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the Yerl Airdrome, situated just north of Yerl, Germany:

A/C 815 1/Lt Albert W. Barton  
2095 2/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke  
6080 (?) 1/Lt William S. Burt  
1070 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
9996 2/Lt Arland J. Frazie  
1353 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
1982 1/Lt Howard L. Robertson  
1673 1/Lt Louis La Hood

Take off at 0650 and landed at 1305 hours.

The primary target was not attacked due to cloud cover. All aircraft attacked industrial target --??--north of Hamm, Germany, with 12 x 500 G.P. and 42 x 100 I.B.'s. A/C 996 and 353 sustained minor flak damage. Flak met along their route (several cities, illegible - FF) Munster, Hamm, Dordrecht and Rotterdam. Flak meager to moderate with accurate flak striking after bombs were away. The fighters encountered did not attack our group but concentrated on the group behind us. There were no casualties.

MARCH 24 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on the ball bearing plant at

Schweinfurt, Germany:  
A/C 9947 1/Lt Albert W. Barton  
1387 2/Lt Joseph Green  
1673 1/Lt Lewis LaHood  
1353 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
2095 2/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke  
1996 2/Lt Arland J. Frazie

The following aircraft of this squadron were loaned: ??? to 401st, ??? to 324th, 3070 to 323rd. All returned. Took off at 0555 and landed at 1309 hours. Primary target was not attacked due to cloud cover. The industrial area of Frankfurt was attacked at 1020



hours from \_\_ ship. Target was covered by 10/10 cloud. (Frankfurt) Major battle damage was sustained by A/C 387 and minor damage by 947 and 095. Meager and inaccurate flak was encountered from ???, ???, and ???. At Scheinfurt it was inaccurate for us and accurate for the high group. Moderate and accurate flak at \_\_?\_\_. No enemy aircraft were seen. AC 673 turned back at 08?4 hours at \_\_?\_\_ at 18,800 feet due to an engine spurting oil. Bombs were jettisoned at \_\_?\_\_ (position) as engine caught fire just before reaching the English coast. Lt. LaHood instructed the crew to bail out as soon as they made landfall. (Ed.: Crew members' names, illegible, follow) bailed out and landed safely. Immediately after the fourth man had left the ship, the fire was extinguished, and Lt. LaHood landed the ship and remaining crew members safely at the base. 2/Lt George , Det. \_\_?\_\_ promoted to 1/Lt.

MARCH 25 - The following 2/Lt's promoted to 1/Lts: (Ed.: Names illegible; wild guesses follow:) ??? Dayton Jr. (CP), ?? Jackson (or Johnson), Henry J. Kennedy, Bruce R. Kriger (CP).

MARCH 26 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing military installations located at (illegible. R/R says Bohlen and Marquis). A/C (The numbers are not legible; estimations follow:)  
9027 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop  
1582 2/Lt Howard L. Robertson  
2099 2/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke  
---7 2/Lt Joseph Green  
???? 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
9947 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher  
--5- 1/Lt James F. Purdy

Took off at 1350 hrs. Landed at ???hrs. Target was attacked at 1503 from 21,000 ft. \_\_?\_\_ 5 x 500 lb. G.P. The following suffered minor flak damage \_\_?\_\_. Moderate and accurate flak was encountered at the target. There were no enemy aircraft \_\_?\_\_. 2/Lts Elmer Laedtke and Joseph Green were promoted to 1/Lts.

MARCH 27 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on St. Jean d'Angely, France:

A/C (Ed.: Most of these numbers are illegible. I will make fairly reliable estimates of the pilots' names - FF)

\_34 1/Lt Jerrold E. Newquist

\_3 ??

??

\_7 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher

\_93 2/Lt Arland F. Frazie

\_070 1/Lt John J. Boyce

At 1714 ???from 21,500 ft \_\_\_??\_.

Dropped 71 ??? G.P. plus 1 ???\_??? precision bombing  
?\_.

Visibility was excellent.

All A/A fire was over \_\_\_???\_ A/C was out of range.

None of our A/C were damaged.

There were no encounters with enemy aircraft. No claims. No casualties.

Fighter support was excellent.

T/Sgt Benedict J. Linner and T/Sgt Clayton A. Lewis today finished their 25 operational missions over enemy territory.

The following 2/Lts were transferred from Hq. 1st ??? and assigned to our squadron: Edward Waters (P), Dean G. Brown (CP), Samuel C. \_\_\_, James C. \_\_\_, Bernard ? Bryan (P), Billy S. Baldwin (CP), Andrew ? \_\_\_(N), William C. Howard (?).

MARCH 28 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in a raid on the Rheims/Champagne airfield, France:

A/C 537 1/Lt Jerrold E. Newquist

?33 1/Lt Joseph (NMI) Green

673 1/Lt Lewis (NMI) LaHood

634 1/Lt Wm. S. Burt

3?3 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher

??5 1/Lt Elmer E. Laedtke

??? 2/Lt James F. Purdy Jr.

In good weather our A/C attacked from 22,000 ft. at  
???hours dropping ?? by 500 G.P. bombs. The ???  
concentration of hits were about 200 yards from of  
briefed ?P.I.

Meager but accurate A/A fire was experienced at the  
target by our A/C with five ships receiving minor  
damage and two major damage from A/A fire.

No E/A were encountered by our group. The only E/A  
seen were observed on the ground at the target.

S/S Kenneth E. Gaeiss (?) was injured as a result of  
flak.

1/Lt Hunter (NMI) Hawkins (???) completed his 25th  
mission over enemy territory.

MARCH 29 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched  
to assist in a raid on Brunswick, Germany:

A/C 027 1/Lt Wm. S. Burt

??? 2/Lt James F. Purdy Jr.

095 (?) 1/Lt. Elmer E. Laedtke

??? 1/Lt Robert E. Fancher

?30 1/Lt Joseph (NMI) Green

??? 1/Lt. John J. Boyce

?75) 324 ship) 1/Lt Louis (NMI) LaHood

(Ed.: three lines illegible except for "P.F.F." - FF)

\_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ P.F.F. \_\_\_ ? \_\_\_ with unobserved results.

Moderate accurate A/A fire was experienced. One of  
our A/C received minor flak damage.

About fifty S/E E/A attacked our formation immediately  
after bombs away. Our squadron, however, didn't make  
any claims against enemy aircraft.

Fighter support was excellent, especially was it  
effective in breaking up a large concentrated attack  
by E/A in the target area.

The following E/A today finished their 25th operational  
mission over enemy territory.

S/S John H. Coomes - waist gunner  
S/S Harvey Larkin (?) - ball turret  
T/S Kenneth Fl. MacLaren - radio gunner  
T/S Albert R. Webb - waist gunner

MARCH 30 - F.O. Joseph N. Gayleans (?) (N) promoted  
to 2/Lt.

MARCH 31 - 2/Lt Carl W. ????? (Hurst? Mundt?)  
promoted to 1st Lt.

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(Ed. Note: The group was scheduled to hit  
Oberpfaffenhofen April 6, 1944, and Oldenburg April  
7, 1944. The first was scrubbed, the second  
cancelled. I'm not sure what the difference is  
between "scrubbed" and "cancelled." This information  
comes from the "Ragged Irregulars." . The first page  
of April reports I have is for April 8, 1944 - FF)

APRIL 8, 1944 - The following A/C (B-17s) were  
dispatched to assist in a raid on the Oldenburg  
Airfield, Germany:  
A/C ??? Col. Gross (?) & 1/Lt Paul S. Jessop  
333 1Lt Edward Robertson  
080 1/LT Elmer C. Laedtke  
387 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist  
996 1/Lt Arland F. Frazie  
353 2/Lt James F. Purdy  
982 2/Lt Chas. T. Bell  
043 1/Lt Louis LaHood

Took off at 1100 hours Landed at 0615 hours.  
The target was attacked at 1417 hours from 30,000 (?)  
feet. A/C carried \_\_\_?\_\_\_ load of  
390 GPs of 100 lb. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Results good.

Lt. ??? Segal (?) A/C 996 was hit in shoulder by  
flak.,  
S/Sgt ??? A/C 387 was struck in left leg by flak.

Leg was broken.

F/O Alford Kramer (?), A/C 982, was hit in right hand  
- flak.

Lt. ??? A/C 982 was wounded - left hand and face.

Major battle damage: A/C 387, 982 and 353.

Minor battle damage: A/C 996, 673, 027, 080 and 333.

The flak at target was moderate and accurate.

Enroute, some meager, accurate flak was reported from  
vicinity of \_\_?\_\_.

No enemy fighters were seen.

APRIL 10 - The following A/C (B17s) were dispatched  
to assist in bombing the

\_\_?\_\_, \_\_?\_\_, and \_\_?\_\_ at Brussels, Belgium:

(Ed.Note: Although I made a list of squadron A/C to  
refer to, this list of numbers involves some guesswork  
and probably some errors. The numbers were almost  
indistinguishable., - FF)

A/C 634 1/Lt Albert Burton

073 2/Lt Chas. Bell

080 1/Lt Joseph Green

353 1/Lt William Burt

387 1/Lt Edward Robertson

095 1/Lt James F. Purdy

996 1/Lt Arland F. Frazie

Took off at ??? and landed at 1100 hours.

The target was attacked at 0915 hours from 20,300 ft.  
with good results. Bomb load either 10 x 500 GPs or  
42 x ???

A/C fire at target was meager and inaccurate. All  
other flak was out of range.

There were no enemy fighters sighted.

There were no casualties and no battle damage to our  
A/C.

APRIL 11 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched  
to assist in bombing the F/W A/C assembly plant at  
Gotthen, Germany:

A/C 634 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop

090 1/Lt Joseph Green

673 (?) 1/Lt Edward Robertson  
080 1/Lt William Burt  
333 2/Lt Bernard W. Hayen  
027 1/Lt Albert Burton  
073 2/Lt Edward Waters (?)  
070 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
095 2/Lt James F. Purdy  
996 2/Lt Arland D. Frazie

Took off at 0730 and landed at 1??? hours. Formation was led by Lt. Col. ?????.

Due to cloud cover at Gotthen, the port area of Stettin was attacked at 1030 hours from 15,000 feet. Bomb load 4 x 1000 ???.

Intense and accurate flak was encountered in vicinity of Hanover, ???, and Stettin.

35 to 100 E/A followed formation from 1105 to 1201 hours. Our formation was subjected to two (2) hard-pressed attacks, on the nose. Tail attacks were weak. The squadron ahead of us received most of the attacks.

There were no casualties.

Battle damage to A/C: Major - 027, 070, 080, 353, ???, 090

Minor - 996, 095, 673 and 634.

APRIL 13 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the Kogelflancher (?) Ball Bearing Works at Schweinfurt, Germany:

A/C 387 (?) 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist

353 1/Lt Joseph Green

095 1/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke

673 1/Lt Louis LaHood

027 2/Lt Edward Waters

982 2/Lt Chas T. Bell

A/C 353 turned back at 1335 at (location illegible), dropping its bombs at the same time. #2 engine blew up. A/C 982 turned back at 1235 hours at (location illegible) due to #3 prop running away.

Took off at 1030, landed at 1730 hours.

Target was attacked at 1430 hours from 26,000 (?) ft. with good results. Bomb load 5 x 1000 GPs.

Accurate and intense flak was experienced at the target. All other flak enroute was out of range for our A/C.

From 50 to 300 E/A concentrated \_\_\_?\_\_\_ attacks on the wing flying on our right. Only two FW190s made a weak pass at our formation.

A/C 673, 095 and 027 suffered minor flak damage.

There were no casualties.

APRIL 16 - 2/Lt James F. Purdy promoted to 1st Lt.

APRIL 18 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the

\_\_\_?\_\_\_ plant located 3 miles SSW (?) of Oranienburg, Germany:

A/C 634 1/Lt Albert W. Burton

947 1/Lt James F. Purdy

982 2/Lt Chas. T. Bell

095 1/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke

387 1/Lt Joseph Green

083 (401st) 2/Lt Edward Waters

591 (401st) 1/Lt William S. Burt

673 2/Lt Bernard W. Hayen

292 1/Lt Edward L. Robertson

Took off at 1000 and landed at 1840 hours.

A/C 083 turned back at 1220 hours at (location illegible) due to failure of oxygen system.

Target was attacked at 1443 hours from 26,000 ft. with good results.

Bomb load was 36 x 100 GPs.

Minor flak damage was suffered by A/C 095, 634, 519, 982, 947 and 387.

Flak at target was moderate and accurate.

Up to 40 E/A fighters attacked another formation, but no attacks were made on our group.

There were no casualties.

The following 2/Lt's were promoted to 1st Lt: Homer Glass Jr. (N), David R. ???

(B), Chas. T. Bell (P), William F. Kaymer (?) (N),

Joseph G. ??? (

CP), Robert M. McElroy (CP), William N. Marsh (B).

1/Lt Robert Fancher (P), having completed his tour, was transferred to HQ, 91st BG

APRIL 19 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the G.A.F. airdrome at Eschewege, situated just north of Kassel.

A/C 027 1/Lt Paul S. Jessop  
673 2/Lt Edward Waters  
947 1/Lt James F. Purdy  
083 1/Lt William S. Burt  
596 2/Lt Bernard H. Hayen  
095 1/Lt John J. Boyce

Took off at 0360 and landed at 1330 hours.  
Target was attacked at 1030 hours from 22,700 (?) ft. with good results.  
Bomb load: 10 x 500 GPs  
No flak, fighters or casualties.

APRIL 20 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing an enemy military installation at Beauvoir, France:

A/C 070 1/Lt Paul D Jessop  
292 1/Lt Edward L. Robertson  
??? 1/Lt James L. Purdy  
095 1/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke  
353 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
027 1/Lt Chas. T. Bell  
634 1/Lt Albert W. Burton  
734 (324) 2/Lt Bernard H. Hayen  
367 2/Lt Edward Waters

Took off at ??? hours. Target was attacked at ??? hours from 21,000 feet with results unobserved due to clouds. Bomb load 12 x 500 GP. Minor flak damage was suffered by A/C 027, 095. A/C 634 had major damage.

There were no casualties. Meager flak was encountered in the vicinity of Crecy, France. 1/Lt Albert W. Burton (P) was promoted to captain.

APRIL 22 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the railway marshalling yards at Hamm, Germany:

A/C 1634 Captain Albert W. Burton  
1292 1/Lt Howard L. Roberts  
2947 1/Lt James F. Purdy



2567 (?) 1/Lt Joseph Green  
1982 1/Lt Frank B. Alford  
2596 2/Lt Arland D. Frazie  
1673 1/Lt Louis LaHood

Took off at 1535 landed at 2230 hours. The target was attacked at 1920 hours from 22,800 feet with good results. Both 500 GPs and incendiaries were used. Major Charles D. Lee, Dist. B.G. operations officer, who was leading the wing, failed to return. The A/C in which he was riding had been hit by flak at 1920 hours. Ten chutes were observed (?? passengers in A/C). Moderate accurate flak was encountered at the target. Fighter support was excellent. There were no E/A seen. Captain Burton completed his tour of combat today.

APRIL 23 - 1/Lt Houston Hawkins (N) transferred to Hq 91st B.Gp.

APRIL 24 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the Erding Air Equipment Depot and Airfield, 20 miles NE of Munich, Germany:

A/C 083 (?) 1/Lt William S. Burt  
353 (?) 1/Lt John J. Boyce  
982 1/Lt Frank B. Alford  
947 1/Lt Joseph Green  
??? 1/Lt James F. Purdy  
?96 (?) 1/Lt Arland F. Frazie  
??? 1/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke

Took off at ???, landed at 17?? hours. A/C 353 turned back at ??? hours due to #2 engine oil pressure failure. The target was attacked at 1343 from 21,000 feet with good results. The above carried incendiary bombs while \_\_\_?\_\_\_ of the wing carried G.P. bombs. There was no flak at target. Moderate and ??? enroute with all bursts out of range. No E/A attacks were directed at the formation. There were no casualties. The following officers joined the organization (Ed.Note - These officers were second lieutenants, whose names were illegible. - FF)

APRIL 25 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the Metz airfield, ???used as

???? by the GAF:

A/C ??? Lt. Col. Donald E. Sheeler

1673 1/Lt. Paul D. Jessop

387 1/Lt Louis LaHood

353 1/Lt Wm. S. Burt

1982 1/Lt John J. Boyce

1027 2/Lt Edward Waters

1292 2/Lt Bernard H. Hayen

??? 1/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke

Took off at 0509 and landed at 1315 hours. Lt. Burt  
landed at Th?ey

Island on the way home with his #1 and #2 engines out.

The target was attacked at 0952 hours from 20,500  
feet with good results. Some aircraft carrying 10 x  
500 GP and others fragmentation bombs. There was no  
opposition from E/A. The only accurate flak came from  
the vicinity of 4950N 0140E. A/C 083 suffered major  
battle damage ??? 034, 982, 292, 027 and 095 had minor  
flak damage. Lt. Col. Donald E. Sheeler, Sq. C.O.  
transferred to Hq 91 B.G. as Group Operations  
Officer.. Capt. Leroy Everett ?? appointed Sq.  
Commander.

APRIL 26 - (Ed. - Unfortunately the first half of  
this page is totally illegible. According to the  
"Ragged Irregular," a mission to Brunswick was  
completed on this day. I cannot read either the A/C  
numbers nor the pilots' names. Toward the end I can  
make out the few lines that follow:)

Minor damage to A/C #353, 095, 333...

There were no casualties.

1/Lt. (name illegible) transferred to \_\_\_?\_\_\_.

APRIL 27 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched  
to assist in bombing (Ed. -next several words  
illegible. RR says La Glacrie.)

A/C ??? 1/Lt Arland P. Frazie

1353 2/Lt Edward Waters

??? 1/Lt Louis LaHood

1333 2/Lt Bernard H. Hayen

1947 (?) 1/Lt James F. Purdy

2070 (?) 1/Lt Elmer C. Laedtke

7634 (?) 1/Lt Joseph Green

A/C took off at ???, landed at 1315 (?) hours.  
Intense and accurate A/A fire was encountered in target area from \_\_\_?\_\_\_ the fire was accurate \_\_\_?\_\_\_. No E/A were seen. 2/All A/C dropped 16 x 500 ?? \_\_\_?\_\_\_ from 21,000 feet. Results unobserved due to heavy haze. A/C 095 and 947 suffered major battle damage. All others had minor damage. S/Sgt Allen W. Walters (?) was hit by flying glass. Capt. Burton having completed his combat tour transferred to O.G.K.G. (?) \_\_\_?\_\_\_ 112.

APRIL 28 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the Avord A/D, France:

A/C 2537 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop  
1353 2/Lt Edward Waters  
1982 1/Lt Frank B. Alford  
7292 1/Lt Elmer C Laedtke  
7030 (?) 1/Lt James F. Purdy  
1673 (?) 2/Lt Bernard H. Hayen  
9996 1/Lt Arland P. Frazie

A/C 353 turned back over English Channel due to failure of bomb ?? \_\_\_?\_\_\_ mechanism. All other A/C dropped bombs \_\_\_?\_\_\_ at 1159 hours from 16,500 (?) feet with good results. 25 to 40 E/A (Me109s and FW190s) made attack on the \_\_\_?\_\_\_ shortly after bombs away - did not press their attack. Our fighter support were out with \_\_\_?\_\_\_ attack. Meager to accurate A/A fire was encountered at the target. A/C 673, 537 and 292 suffered minor flak damage. There were no casualties. A/C took off at 0830 and landed at \_\_\_?\_\_\_ hours.

APRIL 29 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the industrial area of Berlin, Germany:

A/C 1387 1/Lt Jerrold L. Newquist  
7030 2/Lt Edward Waters  
1982 1/Lt. Chas. T. Bell  
1673 1/Lt Louis LaHood  
7292 1/Lt Frank B. Alford  
0353 1/Lt James F. Purdy

A/C 2027 and 9996 are flying with 324th squadron.

A/C 982 turned back early when intercom system went out. A/C 673 turned back just after crossing the enemy coast due to the #1 and #2 engine trouble. Four of the A/C dropped 50 x 100 G.P. bombs with results unobserved due to 7/10 cloud. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ the formation we were able to sight aiming point, and results are believed to be good.

Bombs were away at 11?? from 21,500 (?) feet. A/A fire was intense and accurate at the target. After leaving target a continuous succession of bursts were encountered ranging from moderate to intense and \_\_\_?\_\_\_ from Wittenburg, (Ed.: three other cities named, illegible.) There were no direct attacks on our formation. 15 to 20 Me109s and FW190s were stooging (?) around looking for stragglers in the Hanover and D??? \_?\_ area. A/C 353 was hit by flak at 1142 hours at the target. Wing caught fire, broke off and A/C exploded shortly afterward. Three (3) chutes were seen.

The following made up the crew of A/C 353:

Pilot 1/Lt James F. Purdy

Copilot 2/Lt J??? P. Garfield (Caulfield?)

Nav. 2/Lt ? P. Butcher (?)

Bomb. 2/Lt John (?) E. W????

Eng. S/Sgt William G. Fischer (?)

Ball T.G. S/Sgt Louis S. ????????

Radio S/Sgt Neils (MI) ????????

R.W.G. S/Sgt George Johnson

L.W.G. S/Sgt Gerald (?) Issotoner (??)

T.G. S/Sgt Raymond A. ?yberski

Lt. Patrick W. Kennedy (?), bombardier, received slight face wounds, and T/Sgt Arthur M. Geppalt (?), radio, flak wound in face. Both were flying in AC 292. A/C 030 and 292 had major damage and A/C 387 minor battle damage. A/C took off at 1645 and landed at 1800 hrs.

APRIL 30 - The following A/C (B-17s) were dispatched to assist in bombing the

Lyons-Bron airfield 3 miles E.S.E. of Lyons, France:

A/C 7030 1/Lt Joseph (NMI) Green

7027 1/Lt Lester K. (?) Duggan

Dropped bombs with good results at 1650 (?) hrs. from

25,000 (?) feet.

No A/A fire was \_\_\_?\_\_\_ at our formation, and no enemy fighters were encountered..

No battle damage and no casualties.

Squadron officers 72 (?), E.M. 308.

## 322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS

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BRIEFING # MISSION #DATE 1944 TARGET

DISPOSITION

256 148 1 May Troyes Completed

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#### MISSION SUMMARY

Troyes, 1 May, '44

#### A/C # PILOT DAMAGE

7027 Lt., Hayen Minor  
8027 Ritchie None  
634 Waters None  
673 Boyce None  
527 Leadtke Major  
610 Alford Major  
996 Mooney Major  
030 Green Minor

#### REMARKS:

Crews report good bombing results on marshalling  
Yards at Troyes with smoke to 5000 ft. Moderate A/A  
fire at coast on way out accounted for loss of A/C  
#392 from 401st Sq. with ten (10) MIA. No squadron  
casualties.

#### MISSION SUMMARY

Sottevast (No Ball) 6 May, 1944

027 Lt. Bilotta None  
996 Mooney None  
128 Boyce None  
610 Coope None

673 Alford None  
634 Jessop None  
367 Newquist None

REMARKS:

Mission aborted due to 8-10/10ths undercast in target area. Bombs brought back. No damage or casualties.

MISSION SUMMARY

Berlin, 7 May, '44

CASUALTIES

673 Lt. Alford Minor 0  
610 Coope Minor 1  
333 Masteller Major 0  
033 Laedtke Minor 0  
982 Bell Minor 0  
7027 Bilotta Minor 0  
527 Jessop Minor 0  
030 Burt Major 2

REMARKS: Freiderichstrasse Station was target for PFF bombing, but results unobserved due to 10/10ths undercast. Lts. Coope, McElroy and Gittes suffered flak wounds - none serious.

MISSION SUMMARY

Berlin, 8 May, '44

673 Lt. Mooney None None  
982 Bell None None  
033 Hayen None None  
625 Maj. Everett None None  
367 Lt. Newquist None None

REMARKS: Results of bombing unobserved due to 10/10ths undercast. No casualties or damage to group or squadron.

MISSION SUMMARY

St. Dizier, 9 May '44

030 Lt. Duggan None None  
027 Bilotta Minor None  
367 Robertson None None  
128 Boyce Minor None

996 Gerber None None  
673 Burt None None  
610 Masteller Minor None

REMARKS: Airdrome at St. Dizier bombed with excellent results. No casualties.

MISSION SUMMARY  
Konz Karthaus, 11 May '44

292 Lt. Robertson None None  
673 Alford None None  
128 Ritchey None None  
7027 Bilotta None None  
610 Abbott None None  
033 Hayen None None

REMARKS: Marshalling yard and workshops at Konz Karthaus bombed with good results. No casualties or damage. No E/A claims.

MISSION SUMMARY  
Lutzkendorf, 12 May '44

527 Lt. Jessop Minor None  
610 Masteller Major None  
982 Bell Minor None  
634 Laedtke Minor None  
030 Gerber Minor None  
128 Ritchey Minor None  
292 Robertson Major None  
033 Hayen Major None  
673 Abbott Minor None  
027 Burt Minor None

REMARKS: Due to heavy smoke over target which was the synthetic oil plant at Lutzkendorf, the marshalling yards two miles west were bombed with unobserved results. No casualties or E/A claims.

MISSION SUMMARY  
(Politz) Stralsund, 13 May, '44

030 Lt. Gerber None None  
128 Mooney Minor None



367 Laedtke Minor None  
982 Suther (?) Minor None  
673 Coope None None

REMARKS: Due to unfavorable conditions at Politz, the town of Stralsund was bombed by PFF methods with unobserved results believed to have been poor to fair. No casualties, no E/A claims.

#### MISSION SUMMARY

Berlin, 19 May, '44  
083 Lt. Burt None None  
527 Waters None None  
128 Hartman None None  
610 Coope None None  
033 Boyce Minor None  
996 Masteller None None  
292 Frey None None  
027 Suther Minor None  
673 LaHood Minor None  
030 Gerber None None  
982 Bell Minor None

REMARKS: Bombing done by PFF and results unobserved but bombs believed to be in city. One A/C and nine men MIA from group. No casualties or E/A claims in squadron.

#### MISSION SUMMARY

Villa Coublay, 20 May, '44  
367 Lt. Newquist Minor None  
292 Frey Minor None  
333 Mooney Minor None  
7027 Bilotta Major None

REMARKS: Aircraft works and airfield bombed with results reported to be good. No casualties in squadron and one minor wound for group. No E/A claims.

#### MISSION SUMMARY

Kiel, 22 May, '44  
527 Capt. Jessop None None  
673 Lt. LaHood Minor None  
033 Hayen None None

982 Bell None None  
610 Coope None None  
128 Harftman Minor None  
083 Masteller None None

REMARKS: PFF run was made, but bombing done visually with results believed to be good. No casualties or E/A claims.

#### MISSION SUMMARY

Nancy/Easey, 25 May, '44  
673 Lt. LaHood None None  
982 Abbott None None  
333 Mooney None None  
7027 Bilotta None None  
083 Masteller None None  
8027 Hanst None None  
292 Robertson None None  
128 Hayen None None  
095 Gerber None None

REMARKS: Airdrome installations bombed with results believed to be good to excellent. No casualties or E/A claims.

#### MISSION SUMMARY

Ludwigshaven, 27 May, '44

982 Lt. Bell None None  
367 Frey Minor None  
095 Gerber Minor None  
128 Hartman Minor None  
083 Masteller Minor None  
996 Robertson None None  
610 Hanst None None  
333 Abbott None None  
027 Bilotta None None  
033 Hayen None None

REMARKS: The marshalling yards at Ludwigshaven were bombed visually with strike photos indicating hits to the SE of assigned MPI. No squadron losses. Group casualties, 1 killed, 1 wounded and 9 MIA. No casualties or E/A claims.

MISSION SUMMARY

Posen, 29 May, '44

610 Lt. Coope Minor None  
033 Hayen None None  
292 Mooney Minor None  
030 Gerber Minor None  
128 Hartman Minor None  
367 Frey Minor None

REMARKS: Main concentration of bombs fell over and to the right of assigned MPI in FW190 factory, with much fire and smoke in target area. One A/C and 9 men MIA from gp. No squadron losses. No E/A claims.

MISSION SUMMARY

Dessau, 30 May, '44

527 Lt. Waters Minor None  
673 LaHood Minor None  
128 Hartman Minor None  
982 Hayen Minor None  
634 Bilotta Minor None  
083 Mooney None None  
095 Hanst Minor None  
610 Robertson Minor None  
030 Gerber Minor 1 wounded  
367 Frey Minor None  
A/C 083 aborted due to mech. failure. A/C 367  
aborted due to mech. difficulties.

REMARKS: Strike photographs of bombing on Junkers Factory indicate very poor results. Formation was attacked immediately after bombs away by fifty to sixty E/A with group ahead bearing the blunt of the attack. This group lost one A/C and nine men MIA. The squadron had one man wounded. No E/A claims.

MISSION SUMMARY

Mulhouse, 31 May, '44

367 Lt. Frey None None  
982 Bell None None  
292 Robertson None None  
083 Coope None None

128 Hartman None None  
095 Mooney None None  
7027 Bilotta None None  
996 Hanst None None  
527 Maj. Everett, Capt. Jessop None None

REMARKS: Due to adverse weather wing was ordered to attack last resort targets when they had reached Trieres. Two runs were made on Eames M/Yds (last resort) but visibility was insufficient to make visual bombing possible. No casualties or damage in Gp. No E/A claims.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS, MAY

29 May - Berlin S/Sgt Armondo H. Battista, T/G #982, Me109 destroyed.  
29 May - Berlin Lt. John M. Rogan, Bomb. #610, FW190 damaged  
29 May - Berlin S/Sgt Robt. L. Scarborough, TT/G #030 Me109 damaged.  
30 May - Dessau Lt. Homer A. Glass, Nav. #673 Me109 damaged  
30 May - Dessau S/Sgt Joseph C. Traylor T/G #634 Me109 Probable

#### CASUALTIES, MAY

On 7 May, 1944, on the Berlin Mission, Lt. Robert E. Gerber suffered a minor flak wound in the left leg.  
On the Dessau mission of 30 May, S/Sgt Joseph Romagnoli, radio operator on Gerber's crew, sustained wounds in leg, shoulder, and arm believed to be from .50 cal. ammunition.

#### FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF 322ND SQ. WERE REPORTED P/W DURING MAY, 1944:

DATE MIA  
S/Sgt. Oscar J. Mouton, RFD 2, Box 32, Lafayette, La.  
22-2-44  
T/Sgt Robert H. Mueller, 279 N. Ave., Woodbridge, N.J. 22-2-44  
2/Lt John D. Mullens, 5251 Beeman, Dallas, Texas  
22-2-44  
Sgt. Francis H. Hentges, 2610 S. Daggett St, Phila.,

Pa 20-2-44

S/Sgt Thomas W. Heller, 640 W. 57th St., Kansas City,  
Mo 6-3-44

Sgt. Ernest B. Serna, 383 E. "N" St. Coulton, Calif.  
20-2-44

T/Sgt Theodore J. Major, R.D. Strongstown, Pa.  
20-2-44

S/Sgt Billy L. Ramsey, R.R. #3, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
20-2-44

T/Sgt. James E. Purton, 941 Bank St. East Liverpool,  
Ohio 22-2-44

2/Lt Benjamin G. Beauclair, 225 Grant St. Buhl,  
Minnesota 20-2-44

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES - MAY, '44

1. 2/Lt Bernard N. Hayen promoted to 1st Lt. 2/Lt Waters, Edward, promoted to 1st Lt. Following officers assigned and joined from 324th Bomb. Sq: 1/Lt George F. Coope (P); 2/Lt Leonard N. Hedlund (CP); 1st Lt. Jossseph P. Bilotta (P); 2/Lt Paul W. McElroy, Jr. (N); 2/Lt Orville E. Hartman (CP); 2/Lt Patrick A. Obenhaus (B); 2/Lt. Joseph L. Ritchey (P); 2/Lt Wm. T. Kopando (N); 2/Lt James M. Mounts (B); F/O Frank (NMI) Haddick (CP); 2/Lt. Russell A. Masteller, Jr. (P); 2/Lt. Warren L. Mix (N); 2/Lt Eugene P. Emond (CP); 2/Lt Robert E. Mammoser (B). Strength: Officers 84, F/O 2, E/M 417.

2. 2/Lt William T. Koranda (N) jnd and assigned from 324th Bomb Sq.

3. 1/Lts Joseph Green (P) and August A. Ballay (B) trfd to Casual Pool 12 RCD Sta. 591.

4. No change.

5. Capt. Leroy B. Everett, Jr., Squadron C.O. promoted to Major.

6. Following officers jnd. and assigned from AAF 112: 1/Lt George A. Abbott (P), 2/Lt Earnest T. Austin (N), 2/Lt David McCarthy, Jr. (CP), 2/Lt Thomas W. Schalich (B),

2/Lt Fred L. Sujther Jr. (P); 2/Lt James N. Dye, Jr. (N), 2/Lt Charles Sherrill (B), F/O Walter R. Golubic (CP).

7. No change.

8. 1/Lt Paul D. Jessop (P) promoted to Capt.

9. 2/Lts Robert E. Gerber and Willis H. Lebo promoted to 1st Lts.

10. No change.

11. Following officers jnd. and assigned from Hq. AAF Sta. 112: 2/Lt David L. Hanst (P), 2/Lt Harry Rollinson, Jr. (CP), 2/Lt Edward E. Edwards (B), 2/Lt James B. Dailey (N).

12. 1/Lt Lester W. Dugan, Jr., (P) and 1st Lt. Thomas E. Johnson (CP), 1/Lt Henry J. Kennedy (B) trf'd to 27 Air Transport Gp.

13. No change.

14. 1/Lt Frank B. Alford, Jr. (P) trf'd to 27th Air Transport Gp. 1/Lt Lamond J. Bailey (N) trf'd to 12RCD AAF, Sta. 591.

15. No change. Strength: Officers - 89.  
F/O - 3. E/M - 433.

16. 2/Lts Phillip J. Goldman (B) and Patrick N. Kennedy (B) promoted to 1/Lts.

17. No change.

18. Cap't Paul V. Smith (Intelligence) trf'd to Det. "5" ASC, USSTAF Station 586.

19. Capt. Samuel Y. Gibbons (Intelligence) jnd. and asgd. from Hq. 91st Bomb Gp.

20. No change

21. 1/Lt John J. Boyce (P) trf'd to 12th

RCD, AAF Sta. 591.

22. 2/Lt John M. Rogan (P) jnd. and asgd.  
from 324th Bomb Gp.

23. No change.

24. No change.

25. 2/Lt Joseph L. Gagliano (B) trf'd to  
Casual Pool RCD.

25. No change.

27. 1/Lt Charles T. Walby (P) jnd. asgd.  
from Hfq. 1st B.D. 2/Lts Fred L. Suthers Jr. (P),  
James W. Depe Jr. (N), Charles Sherrill (B) trf'd to  
324th Bomb. Sq. F/O Walter H. Golubac

28. No change.

29. S/Sgt Isidne Rubenstein marries English  
girl.

30. Following 2/Lts promoted to 1/Lts:  
Edward L. Mooney (P), Leonard W. Hedlund (CP), Russell  
O. Masteller (P), Jack R. Payne (N), Nello F. Ripanti  
(CP), Joseph L. Ritchey (P).

31. 2/Lt Wm. T. Koranda trf'd to 324th Bomb.  
Sq.  
Strength: Officers - 89. F/O - 3. E/M -  
424.

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING TOUR OF OPERATIONS

1. Capt. Burt, William S. 12. Capt. Jessop, Paul D.  
2. Lt. Bailey, Lamond J. 13. Lt. Kennedy, Henry J.

3. Lt. Boyce, John J. Jr. 14. T/Sgt Lovely, Robert  
L

4. T/Sgt Bacon, Verdner E. 15. Lt. La Hood, Louis  
(NMI)

5. S/Sgt Breckenridge, John C. 16. S/Sgt McGraw,  
Marvin C.

6. T/Sgt. Cantrell, Stanley J. 17. Capt. McNeil, Joe L.
7. T/Sgt Callaway, John K. 18. T/Sgt Shriver, Chas. A. Jr.
8. S/Sgt Colman, Terrance R. 19. T/Sgt Thigpen, Rudolph A.
9. T/Sgt Fronko, Matthew (NMI) 20. T/SGT. Wheeler, John J.
10. Lt. Green, Joseph (NMI) 21. T/Sgt Weiss, Kenneth E.
11. Lt. Gagliano, Joseph J. 22. Lt. West, Robert L.

#### MISSING AIRCRAFT

This squadron had no A/C losses during the month of May.

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

This squadron had no combat crews missing in action during the month of May, 1944.

322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS FOR JUNE, 1944  
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VIII AIR FORCE  
VIII BOMBER COMMAND  
1ST BOMB DIVISION  
91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
HISTORY OF OPERATIONS FOR JUNE, 1944

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#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETE MISSIONS

Briefing #	Mission #	Date	Target	Disposition
280	167	2 June 1944	Boulogne	AM Completed
281	168	2 June 1944	Maissy-Palaiseau	PM Comp
282	169	3 June 1944	Hardelot	Completed
283	170	4 June 1944	Hardelot	Completed
284	171	5 June 1944	Houlgate	Completed
285	172	6 June 1944	La Riviere	Completed
286	173	7 June 1944	Kerlin Bastard	A/D Comp
287	174	8 June 1944	Tours	Completed
288	175	10 June 1944	Boulogne	Completed
289	176	11 June 1944	Beaumont Le Roger	A/D C.
290	177	12 June 1944	Cambrai-Niergnies	Comp.
291	178	13 June 1944	Beaumont-Sur-Oise	Comp.
292	179	15 June 1944	Bordeaux	A/D Completed
293	17	June 1944	Amiens	Scrubbed
294	180	18 June 1944	Hamburg	Completed
295	181	19 June 1944	Bordeaux	AM Completed
296	19	June 1944	Crepy	PM Scrubbed
297	182	20 June 1944	Hamburg	Completed
298	183	21 June 1944	Berline	Completed
299	184	22 June 1944	Mazingarbe-Pot	Comp.
300	185	23 June 1944	Fleury	Abortive Sortie
301	186	24 June 1944	Distre (Saumur)	Comp.
302	187	25 June 1944	Toulouse	Completed
303	26	June 1944	Munich	Scrubbed
304	188	28 June 1944	Anizy (Laon)	Completed
305	29	June 1944	Leipzig	Recalled

#### MISSION SUMMARY

Toulouse, 2 June 1944

A/C # PILOT

095 Laedtke

982 Bell

128 Stoiber

033 Mooney

083 Masteller  
030 Gerber

REMARKS: Target for this mission was 3 x 150 MM coastal gun emplacements about 2 1/2 miles S.E. of Boulogne. Bombing was done on PFF A/C leading formation with unobserved results due to 10/10 undercast. No casualties or damage were sustained by this squadron.

MISSION - Maisy/Palaiseau  
2 June 1944

527 Abbott  
292 Robertson  
367 Frey  
7027 Hartman  
610 Hayen

REMARKS: Primary target for this mission was a fly-over of two railway tracks in the south suburbs of Paris. Due to haze and consequent poor visibility in target area, the airfield at Beaumont-Sur-Oise was attacked as a last resort target, with good results. The 322nd Squadron sustained no casualties or damage.

MISSION - Hardelet  
3 June, 1944

610 Coope  
033 Hayen  
7027 Stoiber  
083 Masteller  
982 Bell  
333 Mooney

REMARKS: Target was 6 x 155 MM medium coastal gun emplacement. Bombing was done on PFF leader with unobserved results. No damage or casualties.

MISSION - Hardelet  
4 June 1944

128 Hartman  
095 Laedtke

601 Frey  
030 Gerber

REMARKS: A coastal defense position consisting of seven concrete fortifications was attacked about one mile south of Hardelot with poor results, bombs landing in water short and south of assigned MPI. No damage or casualties.

MISSION - Houlgate  
5 June 1944

673 Goodrich  
030 Hanst  
982 Mooney  
7027 Bilotta  
292 Robertson  
8027 Masteller  
095 Laedtke  
367 Frey  
610 Hartman  
033 Hayen  
527 Abbott

REMARKS: A/C 673 attacked with 381st Bomb Group. Landed at Kimbolton due to radio compass failure...A/C 030 flew with 389th Bomb Group, 3rd Div. which did not attack. Bombs brought back...A/C 982 flew with 381st Bomb Group but due to mechanical failure aborted, having jettisoned 8 x 500 GP bombs in channel and bringing 4 x 500 back...A/C 7027 started out with 381st but dropped out of formation due to failure of #4 supercharger. Salvoed 4 bombs in channel but continued alone in spite of loss of another engine to make an individual attack on an A/D south of Fecamp. Third engine feathered on way back, jettisoned all equipment and landed on one engine. All engine failures due to mechanical difficulties...A/C 292 attacked coastal target E. of Cherbourg with 384th Bomb Group...A/C 8027 attacked beach installation S. of Boulogne with 100th Bomb Group, 3rd Division...A/C 095 attacked primary target with a miscellaneous group...A/C 367 attacked primary with lead group...A/C 610 attacked primary with miscellaneous group...A/C 033 attacked primary with miscellaneous group...A/C527

attacked with 398th Group....Due to late takeoff over half of the A/C from this group flew with other groups. Results were unobserved to tood. No damage or casualties.

MISSION - La Riviere

610 Hartman  
095' Laedtke  
673 Bell  
030 Gerber  
333 Mooney  
527 Abbott  
947 Hanst  
8027 Goodrich  
033 Hayen  
367 Frey  
083 Masteller

REMARKS: The target this memorable day was three strong points on the invasion coast west of the village of Riviere on the Normandy coast about 20 miles SE of the town of Caen. Unfortunately 10/10 cloud cover prevented any observations of bombing results or of the invasion armada which hit the beaches about 20 minutes later. Bombing was done by PFF methods at 0708 hours. No casualties or damage.

MISSION - Kerlin Bastard  
7 June 1944

632 Robertson  
033 Hayen  
073 Hanst  
8027 Goodrich  
947 Walby  
333 Mooney

REMARKS: Lt. Robertson and Lt. Rodman, navigator, flew in 324th Squadron A/C #632. The Kerlin-Bastard A/D on the south side of the Brest peninsula was attacked visually with good results. No casualties or damage.

MISSION - La Frilliere

8 June 1944

128 Hartman  
982 Bell  
812 Follett  
095 Laedtke  
367 Frey  
083 Masteller  
333 Mooney  
030 Gerber  
033 Hayen  
673 Hanst

REMARKS: The target which was a railway bridge over the Loire River about 6 miles east of Tours was severely damaged. Lt. Mooney's A/C had minor flak damage. Lt. Frey flew with the 381st Group attacking the same target. Lt. Hayen brought his bombs back due to mechanical failure of bomb bay.

MISSION - Boulogne  
10 June 1944

367 Frey  
126 Hartman  
027 Goodrich  
030 Paskvan  
095 Laedtke  
687 Maj. Everett, Lt. Abbott

REMARKS: Target was a group of four steel and concrete troop shelters on the coast about 4 miles south of Boulogne. Major Everett, squadron commander, led the formation of 24 A/C bombing by PFF methods with unobserved results. No casualties or damage.

MISSION - Beaumont le Roger  
11 June 1944

083 Masteller  
033 Hayen  
673 Hanst  
095 Bilotta  
333 Mooney  
292 Robertson

REMARKS: Due to weather closing over this A/D after making one unsuccessful run, bombs were released by GEE fix with unobserved results. No casualties or damage.

MISSION - Cambrai/Niergnies  
12 June 1944

128 Hartman  
996 Walby  
634 Hayen  
8027 Goodrich  
333 Mooney  
673 Suther  
030 Paskvan  
083 Masteller  
527 Waters  
367 Frey  
982 Bell  
095 Bilotta

REMARKS: This airfield was apparently well covered by hits from this attack. No damage or casualties,.

MISSION - Beaumont Sur-Oise  
13 June 1944

527 Waters  
367 Frey  
128 Hartman  
610 Hanst  
096 Laedtke  
083 Masteller  
033 Hayen  
996 Suther  
333 Mooney  
292 Robertson  
027 Goodrich  
673 Walby  
982 Bell  
634 Bilotta  
030 Gerber  
947 Ripanti  
626 Paskvan

467 Kirby  
061 Major Everett

REMARKS: Due to 10/10 clouds at A/D at Beaujmont Sur-Oise which was the target, the lead and high groups bombed on GH equipment with unobserved results believed to have been poor. The low group did not attack. Maj. Everett lead the Bombat Wing in a GH A/C of the 379th Bomb. Gp. No casualties. 3 A/C minor damage....A/C 467, 401st Sq. flew with low Gp which did not attack...Major Everett flew lead A/C belonging to 379th Bomb Gp...A/C 982 aborted due to failure of #3 engine. Jettisoned bombs in channel.

MISSION - Bordeaux  
15 June 1944

527 Waters  
947 F/O Malone  
634 Laedtke  
610 Gerber  
367 Frey  
322 Pasksvan  
673 Walby  
027 Goodrich  
095 Pilotta  
117 Suther  
128 Hartman  
030 Ripanti  
515 Bell  
033 Mooney  
292 Robertson  
996 Masteller

REMARKS: The 91st Group flew three groups in the "A" CBW and low group in the 1st "B" CBW attacking Bordeaux Merignac Airfield, the home base of the bombardment groups operating against shipping with glider bombs. The A/D was attacked with good to excellent results. No casualties. 8 A/C minor damage. 2 major...A/C #634 aborted. #1 engine caught fire before leaving England. Due to late take-off #610 flew with 398th Bomb Group attacking same target.

MISSION - Hamburg

18 June 1944

626 Paskvan  
093 Frey  
982 Bell  
083 Masteller  
030 O'Bannon  
367 Ripanti  
151 Hartman  
333 Mooney  
117 Suther  
947 F/O Malone  
292 Hanst  
095 Laedtke  
8027 Goodrich  
033 Hayen  
527 Robertson

REMARKS: Synthetic oil plants and refineries in the Hamburg area were the targets for this mission. 7/10/10 clouds obscured assigned aiming point and an alternate aiming point was bombed with results believed to be good. No casualties. 5 A/C minor damage. 1 major.

MISSION - Bordeaux  
19 June 1944

033 Hayen  
8027 Goodrich  
626 Paskvan  
610 Hartman  
117 Suther  
030 Smith  
333 Mooney

REMARKS: The Merignac A/D was attacked for the second time within a week, this time with 100 pound G.P. bombs to render the runways unserviceable. Photographs showed very good results. No casualties, but Lt. Hayen and Lt Goodrich's A/C sustained minor flak damage.

MISSION - Hamburg  
20 June 1944



083 Masteller  
982 Bell  
610 Hartman  
117 Thompson  
8027 Goodrich  
367 Walby  
947 F/O Malone  
030 Smith  
7027 Hanst  
625 Laedtke  
996 O'Bannon

REMARKS: Oil plants in the Hamburg area were attacked with excellent results. Intense flak over the target resulted in major damage to 3 A/C and minor damage to 6 A/C this squadron. No casualties....A/C #7027 aborted shortly after take-off due to mechanical difficulties...A/C #996 aborted over England due to heavy gas fumes in A/C.

MISSION - Berlin  
21 June 1944

292 Bell  
8027 Goodrich  
117 O'Bannon  
527 Abbott and Waters  
626 Paskvan  
083 Masteller  
947 F/O Malone  
515 Hanst  
610 Hartman  
996 Thompson  
982 Mooney  
095 Walby

REMARKS: This squadron flew with the low group "A" CBW attacking center of city between the air ministry and Friederichstrasse Railway Station with good results. This group was attacked by 50-75 ME-410s at 0930 hours in the vicinity of Muritz Lake, coming in level at 6 o'clock passing through the formation and breaking up into elements of two and three to attack again from all directions. Claims for the group were

18-12-5 of which 17 were from  
A/C in this squadron. Flak at target was intense and  
accurate. Between 0932 and 0938 A/C #117, 527 and 626  
were observed damaged by enemy fighters and leaving  
the formation...A/C #947 aborted due to mechanical  
failure #4 engine...3 A/C minor damage.  
2 major by flak and E/A.

MISSION - Mazingarbe - Pont A Vendon  
22 June, 1944

367 Hanst  
292 Hartman  
8027 Goodrich  
085 Masteller  
947 F/O Malone  
7027 Smith

REMARKS: This squadron furnished the low squadron of  
the lead group which attacked a transformer station at  
Mazingarbe (near Lens). Photographs showed main  
concentration of bombs fell 100 to 400 yds NE of  
assigned MPI. No casualties and only A/C damaged was  
Lt. Smith's flying with 401st Group. Damage was  
minor. (Bombed with 401st Group - 5105N - 0240E)

MISSION - Fleury (Near St. Pol)  
23 June 1944

083 Masteller  
367 Thompson  
030 Ripanti  
982 Mooney  
292 Bell

REMARKS: The 91st Group led the 1st CBW to attack a  
nobball target at Fleury. Failure of GH equipment and  
10/10 cloud cover made bombing impossible, resulting  
in an abortive mission.

MISSION - Distre (Sanmur)  
24 June 1944

083 Masteller

996 Suther  
673 Mooney  
033 F/O Malone  
982 Bell  
292 Goodrich  
030 Smith  
027 Hanstg  
367 Thompson

REMARKS: Railway bridge over the Loire River just east of Saumur was attacked successfully by the 1st "A" CBW for which the 91st furnished lead and low groups. No casualties, but flak in the target area accounted for minor damage to 6 A/C and major damage to one A/C of this squadron.

MISSION - Toulouse  
25 June 1944

030 Smith  
673 Mooney  
033 F/O Malone  
027 Hanst  
083 Masteller  
367 Thompson  
292 Goodrich

REMARKS; The Toulouse - Balignac A/D was well covered by concentrations of hits in assigned MPI's. A/C #367, Lt. Thompson received minor flak damage and A/C #292 Lt. Goodrich is reported MIA.

MISSION - Anizy (Laon)  
28 June 1944

027 Hanst  
947 Strong  
333 Walton  
083 Masteller  
634 Mooney  
673 Walby  
033 F/O Malone  
030 Smith

REMARKS: The railway bridge over the Oise canal at Anizy Le Chateau (8 miles SW of Loan) was attacked with poor to fair results. The lead group failed to bomb primary and the main concentration of low and high groups' bombs fell about 1000 ft. over. No damage or casualties...A/C #333 turned back 30 miles inside enemy territory due to mechanical difficulties with two engines.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY A/C CLAIMS

S/Sgt A.T. Josefovicz, BTG, ME-210 damaged  
S/Sgt O.P. Strauss, TTG, ME-210 damaged.  
S/Sgt Kunst, TG, ME-410 damaged.  
Sgt. Thomas M. Ingram, BTG, ME-410 probable  
S/Sgt Byron J. Burgin, BTG, ME-410 destroyed  
S/Sgt John F. Coyne, LWG, ME-410 damaged  
S/Sgt Byron E. Burgin, BTG, ME-410 probable  
S/Sgt W.M. Hanych, Bombardier, ME-410 damaged  
Sgt. Warren D. Godsey, BTG, JU-88 destroyed

The above claims were allowed for 21 June, 1944 - Berlin, Germany.

(Ed.Note: S/Sgt Burgin's name is listed with two different middle initials. I don't know which is correct.. - FF)

#### CASUALTIES

No casualties were suffered during the month other than crews reported under section 9 "Crews Missing in Action."

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

During the month of June 1944, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

NAME POSITION LAST MISSION

T/Sgt Masters, William R., radio op., Hoppegarten, 6 March 44

Sgt. Toprvik, Ober L., TTG, Oschersleben 20 Feb. 44

S/Sgt Smith, John J., WG, St. Nazaire 28 June 43

S/Sgt O'Toole, John B., BTG, Schweinfurt 17 Aug. 43

T/Sgt Vender, George, Radio Op., Schweinfurt 17 Aug

43

2/Lt Welsch, John R., Bombardier, Berlin 29 April 44

2/Lt Hovantz, Joseph P., Bombardier, Hoppegarten 6  
Mar. 44

2/Lt Kidd, Ernest H., Pilot, Oschersleben 20 Feb. 44

T/Sgt Chase, Glen E., TTG, Schweinfurt 17 Aug. 43

2/Lt Darling, Carlyle H., Navigator, Schweinfurt 17  
Aug 43

2/lt Bunchuk, Paul P., Navigator, Berlin 29 April 44

S/Sgt Moore, Curtis M., TG, Hoppegarten 6 Mar. 44

2/lt Lerner, Harry (NMI), Navigator, Hoppegarten 6  
Mar. 44

2/Lt Gatfield, John P., Co-Pilot, Berlin 29 April 44

T/Sgt Eberling, Evard V., TTG, Hoppegarten 6 Mar. 44

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

JUNE 1944

1. Strength - Officers 89, F/O 3, E/M 424

2. 1st Lt. James D. Giloride 0-855082 Armament  
Officer trfd to AAF Station 121 RIFD AAF Station 5691.

3. 1st Lt.'s William S. Burt (P) and Jedrrold L.  
Newquist promoted to Captain.

2nd Lt.'s Andrew E. Germer (N), Robert L. Rodman (N),  
Samuel C. Sugg (N) promoted to 1st Lt.

5. 1st Lt. Glass (N) trfd to 12th RCD AAF Station  
591. Following officers assigned to squadron:

2/Lt Thomas P. Smith (P) - 0-759767

2/Lt Louis G. Stark (CP) - 0-705156

2/Lt Alexander W. Calder II (N) - 0-717592

2/Lt Raymond F. Retschel (N) - 0-685024

2/Lt Robert M. Shea (N) - 0-708572

2/Lt Oron E. Harper (CP) - 0-552166

2/Lt Milton Pl. Freiday - 0-706728

2/ILt Jack R. Thompsen (P)- 0-552172

2/Lt David J. Nelson (CP)- 0-552168

2/Lt Charles B. Bacigalupa (N) -0-716321

2/Lt Frank S. Bolen (IB) -0-706788

2/Lt Robert E. O'Bannon (P) -0-683763

2/Lt Thomas J Fitzgerald (CP) -0-706046

2/Lt Nathan L. Hartman (N) -0-716325

2/Lt Arnold J. Ostwold (N) -0-698596

F/O Louis W. Malone (P) -0-T-18778

6. 1st Lt.'s Gittes (B), Leonard W. Hedlund (CP),

Joseph G. Stohler (CP), trfd. to 12th RCD AAF  
Station 591...1st Lt. Coope (CP) trfd to 324th Bomb  
Sq...1st Lt.'s John P. Smith (N), Wilbert T. Johnson  
(CP), assigned from 324th Bomb Sq.  
7. 1st Lt. Wuest (P) trfd. to 12th RCD.  
8. No change.  
9. No change.  
10. 1st Lt. Commons (Armament Officer)  
assigned from 401st Bomb Sq.  
2nd Lt.'s Fred L Suther (P) 0-810069, Charles Sherrill  
(B) 0-757927, James W. Dye, Jr.,  
0-709316, and F/O Walter R. Golubic (CP) T-61910  
assigned from 324th Bomb. Sq.  
11. 2nd Lts. Frey (P), Gramling (B), Howard  
(B), P.W. McElroy (N) promoted to 1st Lt.  
12. No change.  
13. 1st Lt. Keyser (N) trfd. to 12th RCD.  
14. No change.  
15. Capt. Kenneth C. Homuth (N) 0-801069  
assigned to squadron.  
2nd Lt. McCarty (CP) wounded on raid to Bordeaux,  
France, today.  
16. No change.  
17. 2nd Lt. Hartman (P) promoted to 1st Lt.  
18. No change.  
19. No change.  
20. F/O Kovner (B) promoted to 2nd Lt.  
21. Following officers assigned to  
squadron: 2nd Lt. Lucian S. Strong (P) 0-759523,  
2nd Lt. Richard C. Lunt (CP) 0-764715, 2nd Lt.  
Walter K. Boyd, Jr., (N) 0-717167, 2nd Lt. Louis M.  
Walton (P) 0-759535, 2nd Lt. Donald H. Sparkman (CP)  
0-765419, 1st Lt. Oscar G. Hurst (B) 0-735956, 2nd Lt.  
Paul E. Cook (B) 0-769099, 2nd Lt. Donald W. Almon  
0-7198401  
22. Following officers trfd to 12th RCD: 1st Lt.'s  
Flournoy, Gerber, Payne, Lebo, Goldman, Gramling,  
Hayen, Kennedy and 2nd Lt. Brown D.G.  
23. No change.  
24. No change.  
25. Following officers assigned to  
squadron: 2nd Lt. John D. Longaker (P) 0-759756, 2nd  
Lt. Berl C. Baker (CP) 0-821140, Harry E. Stevens,  
Jr., (N) 0-712936, 2nd Lt. James King (B) 0-704220,  
2nd Lt. Edwin V. Kemp (B) 0-704212, 2nd Lt. John M.

Hamilton (P) 0-759597, 2nd Lt. Edward E. Fritz (P)  
0-706164, 2nd Lt. Ralph K. Caldwell (N) 0-716343  
26. Following officers, 2nd Lt.'s, promoted  
to 1st Lt. - Hanst, Baldwin Wneiss, Koeller, Emond.  
(Ed. Note: I wonder if this should be "Edmond." - FF)  
27. 1st Lt.'s. Robertson and Hartman trfd  
to 12th RCD.  
28. No change.  
29. No change.  
30. No change.

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS

1st Lt. Glass, Homer A. Jr., (N), June 2.  
T/Sgt Eicke, Theodore, Engr.Gunr., June 2  
T/Sgt Mansfield, James N. Jr., Rad.Op., June 2  
T/Sgt Nuse, Charles L., Rad.Op., June 2  
1st Lt. Coope, George P. Jr. (P) June 3  
1st Lt. Gittes, David H. (B) June 3  
1st Lt. Hedlund, Leonard W. (P) June 3  
T/Sgt Anding, John W., Engr., June 3  
T/Sgt Petruccelli, Fred J., Ass't Engr. June 3  
1st Lt. Joseph P. Billeta (P) June 5  
T/Sgt Megchelsen, Robert R., gunner, June 5  
1st Lt. Gerber, Robert E. (P), June 18  
1st Lt. Goldman, Philip T. (B) June 20  
1st Lt. Gremling, James C. (B) June 20  
1st Lt. Hayen, Bernard N. (P) June 19  
1st Lt., Kennedy, Patrick N. (B) June 18  
1st Lt. Laedtke, Elmer C. (P) June 20  
1st Lt. Lebo, Willis H. (N) June 20  
1st Lt. Payne, Jack R. (N) June 18  
1st Lt. Robertson, Howard L. (P) June 18  
2nd Lt. Brown, Dean C. (P) June 20  
T/Sgt Ellington, Ernest F., gunner, June 15  
T/Sgt Grubb, Charles W. RadioGunr June 15  
T/Sgt Jackson, Frank H. (Rad.Op) June 18  
T/Sgt Olszewski, Anthony J., Engr., June 8  
T/Sgt Pries, Richard J., Rad.Op., June 20  
T/Sgt Ryan, Thomas P., Engr. June 18  
T/Sgt Shope, Berchel L., Rad.Op., June 15  
T/Sgt Southworth, Walden P., Engr., June 15  
T/Sgt Taylor, Jack M., gunner, June 20  
T/Sgt Zastenchik, Joseph F., Engr., June 15  
S/Sgt Ockerman, Charles O., gunner, June 20  
Sgt. Anderson, Harvey J., gunner, June 18

T/Sgt Crist, Robert L., Rad.Op., June 21  
2nd Lt. Baldwin, Billy H. (P) June 22  
1st Lt. Hartman, Orville E. (P) June 22  
S/Sgt Beck, Theron F., gunner, June 22  
S/Sgt Kunst, Lawrence C., gunner, June 22  
S/Sgt Martin, Charles R., gunner, June 22  
1st Lt. Ripanti, Nello F. (P), June 23  
S/Sgt Leger, Alderic L., gunner, June 23  
1st Lt. Bell, Charles T. (P), June 24  
1st Lt. Howard, William C. (B) June 24  
1st Lt. Masteller, Russell O., (P) June 28  
1st Lt. Rodman, Robert L. (N) June 28  
T/Sgt Fritch, Nevin E., Engr., June 28

#### MISSING AIRCRAFT

Berlin 21 June, 1944

“Lt. O’Bannon flying A/C #44-6117 was last seen just prior to the I.P. at which time this A/C was attacked from the rear by approximately 50 enemy fighters. A/C 117 was hit by 20 mm.shell in the wing tip where fire started. This Aircraft immediately salvoed its bombs and peeled off and down to the left of the formation. The enemy fighter was hit by fire from A/C 117 and peeled off to the right, his left engine was on fire. Lt. O’Bannon’s aircraft was observed for several minutes and a total of six (6) parachutes were seen to leave the plane. When last seen A/C 117 was apparently under control at about 15,000 feet, but losing altitude.”

“Lt. Paskvan flying A/C #43-37626 was last sighted about 0932 hours at approximate location of 5330N - 1430E. On the first sweep made by enemy fighters A/C626 was hit in the left wing between #1 and #2 engines by 20 mm. shell. Fire immediately developed and aircraft peeled off to the left of the formation going down, apparently under control, and out of view. No parachutes were observed coming from this aircraft.”

“Lt. Abbott and Lt. Waters were leading the low group of the “  
A” CBW in A/C #42-102527 (Sleepy Time Gal). A/C appeared to have been hit in number 3 engine and in the trailing edge of left wing between #1 and #2



engines by fire (20 mm.) from enemy aircraft. Fire was building up as AC 527 peeled off to the right and was lost from view. This occurred at about 0930 hours and position 5330N - 1340E. No parachutes were seen to come from this A/C.”

Toulouse A/C 25 June, 1944

Lt. Goodrich flying A/C#420-97292 (Bachelor's Bride) lead position of high squadron was observed in difficulties by F/O Malone his deputy leader who reported as follows: About one-half hour after crossing the English Channel into enemy territory A/C #42-97292 appeared to be unable to gain altitude. Lt. Goodrich was flying as squadron leader, our A/C (F/O Malone) was flying as deputy leader. In answer to our inquiry if he was in trouble A/C292 replied in the affirmative and requested we take the lead. It is probably that A/C 292 had been hit during the flak encountered near the coast. A puff of smoke was seen from his #3 engine at that time. A/C 292 trailed the formation on up to and went around the target (north) at approximately 20,000 ft. At this point we were about 60 miles from the frontier of Spain, and an A/C possibly A/C 292 was last seen cutting under the formation, turning to the south, apparently headed for Spain. No chutes were seen during this observation.

1st Bomb Division advises entire crew landed at Bilbao, Spain, 29 June 1944.

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

June 1944

2nd Lt. O'Bannon, Robert E. (P) Berlin 21 June 44

2nd Lt. Fitzgerald, Thomas J. (CP) “

2nd Lt., Bartman, Nathan L. (N) “

2nd Lt. Ostwald, Arnold J. (B) “

S/Sgt Lewis, Irvin H. (TTG) “

S/Sgt McCutchan, Herbert S. (BTG) “

Sgt. Goldman, Benjamin (NMI) (RO) “

Sgt. Fioretti, Joe, Jr., (WG) “

Sgt. Estrada, Amos F. (TG)

2nd Lt. Paskvan, Joseph P. (P) Berlin 21 June 44

F/O Haddick, Frank (NMI) (CP) “  
1st Lt. Canter, Manuel (NMI) (N) “  
S/Sgt Ratter, William B. (B) “  
S/Sgt Hoose, Harry L. (TTG) “  
S/Sgt Quackenbush, Gerald G. (RO) “  
S/Sgt Bettis, James A. (BTG) “  
S/Sgt Raymond, Perry R. (WG) “  
S/Sgt Bradford, Joe W. (TG) “

1st Lt. Abbott, George J. (P) Berlin 21 June 44  
1st Lt. Waters, Edward (CP) “  
2nd Lt. Kovner, Alfred L. (N) “  
2nd Lt. Van Felt, James P. (B) “  
S/Sgt Miller, Louis T. (TTG) “  
S/Sgt Kolano, Chester A. (RG) “  
S/Sgt Hopkins, Claude P. (LWG) “  
T/Sgt Humm, Harold H. (BTG) “  
S/Sgt Hettinger, Robert W. (RWG) “  
Sgt. Shirley, Edward A. (TG) “

1st Lt. Goodrich, Ferrell K. (P) Toulouse 25 June 44  
2nd Lt. Spencer, Stanley T.J. (CP) “  
1st Lt., Smith, John P. (N) “  
F/O Kurrus, Harold R. (B) “  
Sgt., Zura, William V. (TTG) “  
S/Sgt Fann, William A. (BTG) “  
Sgt. Craghead, Jesse J., (RO) “  
S/Sgt Brann, Edwin G. (WG) “  
S/Sgt Callaghan, John F. (TG) “

Letter from 1st Bomb Division states that Lt. Goorich  
and crew are interned in Spain - 29 June, 1944.

## 322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS JULY 1944

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8TH AIR FORCE  
1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING  
322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
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## LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

### BRIEFING # MISSION # DATE TARGET DISPOSITION

306 189 4 July Tours Abt. Sortie  
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309 192 8 July Etaples Completed  
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"C" Fleury Abt.Sortie  
311 10 July "D" Cauchie D'Ecques  
"E" Flers Scrubbed  
312 10 July "A" Cauchie D'Ecques  
"B" Erny/St.Julien Scrubbed  
313 194 11 July Munich Completed  
314 195 12 July Munich Completed  
315 196 13 July Munich Completed  
316 15 July Mersburg Cancelled  
317 197 16 July Augsburg Completed  
318 198 18 July Peenemunde Completed  
319 199 19 July Lechfeld Completed  
320 200 20 July Leipzig Completed  
321 201 24 July NW of St.Lo Completed  
322 202 25 July NW of St.Lo Completed  
323 27 July Munich Scrubbed  
324 203 28 July (Merseburg) Taucha Com  
325 204 29 July Merseburg Completed  
326 205 31 July Munich Completed

## MISSION SUMMARIES

Tours, 4 July, 1944

A/C # Pilot  
033 F/O Malone  
634 Lt. Mooney  
982 Lt. Edmond  
367 Lt. Thompson  
027 Lt. Strong  
947 Lt. Walton

REMARKS: The railroad bridge over the Loire River just west of Tours, which was the primary target, was totally obscured by 10/10 cloud cover. The same condition prevailed over the Conches A/D, secondary target, prevented bombing, and the force returned without attacking.

Aire, 6 July 44  
(France, Noball)

673 Lt. Hamilton  
030 Lt. Smith  
033 Lt. Walton  
634 Lt. Mooney  
095 Lt. Edmond  
367 Lt. Thompson  
027 Lt. Strong  
707 Lt. Suther

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron flew the low group in the first "A" CBW, making three 360 degree turns in the target area, finally bombing last resort target at 5036N 0220E with fair results. 1st Lt. Oscar A. Kunst, bombardier on Lt Strong's crew, suffered superficial face wounds from flak. 5 A/C minor damage, 2 major.

Mockau A/D Leipzig  
7 July 44

982 Lt. Strong  
083 Lt. Edmond  
707 Lt. Suther  
367 Lt. Mooney  
030 Lt. Smith  
996 Lt. Hamilton

REMARKS: The 91st Group furnished the high group in the first "A" CBW. The first "A" CBW was unable to bomb the Messerschmidt plant at Mockau, the assigned primary target, due to smoke, but bombed marshalling yards at Kolleda with excellent results. The first "B" CBW accidentally dropped between IP and assigned target with poor results.

Etaples  
8 July 44

7027 Lt. Hanst  
030 Lt. Smith  
996 Lt. Hamilton  
333 Lt. Hammer  
083 Lt. Strong  
097 Lt. Longaker

REMARKS: The A/C of the 322nd Squadron flew with "C" group in the first CBW. As the assigned noball target near Fleury, France, was obscured by 10/10 clouds, a railroad bridge at Etaples was bombed as a target of opportunity with excellent results.

Crepieul & Fleury

707 Lt. Suther  
982 Lt. Longaker  
083 Lt. Edmond  
996 Lt. Walton  
333 Lt. Gordon  
030 Lt. Mooney

REMARKS: Assigned noball targets were obscured by 10/10 clouds and bombs were brought back.

Munich, 11, 12, 13, July, 1944

083 Lt. Emmons  
333 Lt. Hammer  
996 Lt. Hamilton  
610 Lt. Walton  
634 Lt. Mooney

12th

033 F/O Malone  
333 F/O Golubic  
367 Lt. Thompson  
610 Lt. Walton  
8027 Lt. Hamilton  
947 Lt. Gordon  
7027 Lt. Hanst  
083 Lt. Emmons

13th

707 Lt. Suther  
982 Lt. Hammer  
673 Lt. Longaker  
367 Lt. Hanst  
610 Lt. Walton  
9027 Lt. Hamilton  
634 F/O Golubic  
033 F/O Malone  
879 Lt. Gordon  
030 Lt. Smith

REMARKS: Results of all three missions, July 11, 12, 13, 1944. Due to 10/10 clouds at Munich bombing was accomplished with pathfinder equipment with unobserved results, on all three missions. The primary visual target for each mission was the Junkers Engine Factory at Allech just north of the city. No casualties were sustained and only minor damage from flak. A/C from this group were not attacked by enemy fighters, although other combat wings were hit near the target area.

Munich (Augsburg)  
16 July 44

126 Lt. Hanst  
333 Lt. Hammer  
8027 Lt. Strong  
673 Lt. Walby  
610 Lt. Delisle  
996 Lt. Russell  
095 Lt. Longaker  
634 F/O Golubic  
030 Lt. Smith

REMARKS: The assigned target for PFF bombing was the center of the city of Munich. Due to difficulty with Pathfinder equipment in the lead ship just before the I.P.1 the deputy leader took over, and it is believed that Augsburg was bombed although the observations were unknown due to 10/10 undercast. Lt. Walby turned back over North Sea and landed at Grafton Underwood due to insufficient fuel to complete mission. Lt. Delisle's waist gunner, Sgt. Horace W. Kingsley, was wounded in the knee by a flak burst which also damaged bomb bay mechanism. Further difficulties which culminated in a successful ditching and rescue are described in the following news account:

#### NEWS ACCOUNT OF A/C 610 "LIBERTY BELLE"

By Sgt. John H. Smelser

AN EIGHTH AF BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND - With a third of her crew suffering from lack of oxygen, one seriously wounded man aboard, two engines out, leaking gasoline tanks, damaged bomb bay doors, and a fuselage riddled by flak, the flying fortress "Liberty Belle" limped back from Munich, Germany, across the skies of Nazi Europe only to meet her end in the North Sea within sight of England.

"A flak burst smacked us pretty hard as we were nearing the target," says Sgt. John S. Smelser, tail gunner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smelser, McLouth, Kansas, "the force of the explosion knocked the waist gunner about 12 feet, slamming him into the top of the ball turret. The radio gunner, Sgt. Roy M. Tanner, Ruston, La., went to help him. He found the gunner with a badly torn kneecap. Sgt. Tanner gave him a shot of morphine, sprinkled sulfa powder on the gaping wound, and then bandaged him up. Then I noticed that the left wing had been hit, too, and gasoline was streaming from the punctured tanks."

In addition the bomb bay doors and bomb release mechanisms had been damaged. The bombardier, 2nd Lt. Robert S. Bell, Union City, Tenn., managed to get the doors and salvoed the bombs over the target, but he was not able to get the doors closed. The open doors constituted a drag on the aircraft, and along with the loss of gasoline from the wing tanks, would result in the ship running short of fuel before it could get

back..

The pilot, 2nd Lt. Don Delisle, Bucoda, Wash., ordered the engineer, Sgt. John D. Carlisle, Houston, Texas, to try and close the door manually. A few minutes later, Lt. Delisle tried to contact Sgt. Carlisle on the intercom. Receiving no reply, he told the co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Norman Kimmel, St. Louis, Mo., to see what the trouble was.

“Lt. Kimmel,” continues Sgt. Smelser, “found Sgt. Carlisle hanging halfway out of the open bomb bay, unconscious. Sgt. Carlisle’s oxygen mask had fallen off while he was working, and he’d been too busy to put it back on. Lt. Kimmel dragged the engineer back in. Then, ripping off his own mask, he put it on the sergeant. Lt. Kimmel came to, and refusing further aid, he went back to work trying to get the doors closed. Lt. Kimmel crawled back to his seat, but before he could make it, he, too, collapsed, sprawling across the throttles and controls. The “Belle” plunged from her spot in the formation and went careening through the sky, barely missing other planes. “

With one hand Lt. Delisle lifted the unconscious co-pilot off the controls, and with his other fought to gain control of the floundering Fortress.

“I don’t know how Lt. Delisle did it,” explains Sgt. Smelser, “A fort that’s out of control is tough enough to handle with two hands, let alone one hand. He shoved the throttles forward and we regained our air speed. At the same time he pulled the ship back on an even keel. I’m certain he saved our lives.” With the big ship under control again, Lt. Delisle continued to fly the airplane with one hand. Then he grabbed the oxygen tube and shoved it into the co-pilot’s mouth. Lt. Kimmel was getting blue from lack of oxygen, but the pilot’s quick work saved Kimmel’s life.

In the meantime, Sgt. Gene A. Capuis , Chicago, Ill., the ball turret gunner, was losing consciousness when his oxygen supply gave out due to flak damage. He managed to worm his way out of the ball turret before completely fainting away. He collapsed on the floor of the fortress. Sgt. Smelser, who had been helping the wounded waist gunner, rushed to the aid of the collapsed ball turret gunner. Grabbing an extra



oxygen bottle, he attached it to Sgt. Capuis' mask, reviving the gunner.

One engine was out now, and another was weakening.

The "Belle" began dropping back and down.

"Our little friends, the fighter escort, wouldn't leave us," recalls Sgt. Smelser. "They looked plenty good to us, too, for we were easy meat for Jerry fighters in our disabled condition."

As they neared the French coast, another engine quit.

Lt. Delisle, noting that the gas was almost gone, too, ordered the crew to prepare to ditch. We began jettisoning all loose and heavy equipment.

"The ship was losing air speed rapidly," continues Sgt. Smelser., but the English coast was in sight, and we thought we might be able to make it. Then the two remaining engines quit. We were out of gas. We went to our ditching positions. I expected a heavy jar when we hit the water, but Lt. Delisle set the ship down nice and easy. A Fort doesn't stay afloat very long, and with the bomb bay doors open, we expected her to sink immediately. We got the wounded man out and into a dinghy. Then the rest of us clambered out. We sat in our dinghies for about half an hour, when we were picked up by a friendly vessel. We were given brandy, hot food and dry clothing. Just as we were pulling away in the rescue craft, the "Belle" put her nose into the water, lifted her tail proudly, and plunged straight down, out of sight. I don't understand why she stayed afloat as long as she did . I like to think that she knew she was finished the moment she was hit, but fought her way along until she knew we would be able to get help. The she didn't leave us until she was certain that we were all OK. Nobody will ever tell me an airplane doesn't have a soul.

Pennemunde

July 18, 44

707 Lt. Suther

8027 Lt Strong

095 Lt. Longaker

673 Lt., Walby

834 F/W Golubic

947 Lt. Hamilton

7027 Lt. Hanst  
367 Lt. Walton  
333 Lt. Hammer

REMARKS: The hydrogen peroxide plant in the large establishment at Pennemunde was the primary target for this mission,. Lt. Suther and Lt, Malone led the high group of this "A" CBW which bombed slightly short but with several direct hits on the MPI.

Lechfeld  
19 July 44

982 Lt. Deslau  
083 Lt. Browne, G.M.  
095 Lt., Longaker  
634 Lt. Strong  
562 Maj. Everett, Lt. Malone  
032 Lt. Hanst  
367 Lt. Thompson  
333 Lt. Hamilton  
126 Lt. Smith

REMARKS: Major Everett flying with Lt. Malone led the "B" CBW attacking the A/C at Lechfeld (17 mi. south of Augsburg) which is being used as a training field for jet pilots on Me262s and 163s. Assigned MPIs were covered by good concentrations of bombs.

Leipzig  
20 July 44

033 Lt. Hamilton  
083 Lt. Walton  
819 Lt. Walby - MIA  
932 Lt. Deshaw - MIA  
030 Lt. Longaker  
8027 Lt. Strong - MIA  
634 F/O Golubic  
673 Lt. Browne, G. M.

REMARKS: The city of Leipzig was bombed by PFF methods due to poor visibility. At 1100 hours, just before the I.P. the low group was attacked by two waves of E/Z totalling approximately 55 to 60 A/C,

Me109s and FW190s. The fighter cover had apparently been drawn to the front of the formation and the attack was continued by individual E/A for about 5-6 minutes. Lt. Walby, Lt. DeShaw and Lt. Strong, forming the #4 element of the low group, received the brunt of the first attack which came from 6 o'clock and slightly high. Lt. Walby's ship was observed to be hit in the right wing root which caught on fire. It was last seen on fire and breaking up with no chutes observed, Lt. Deslaus's A/C was last seen diving with left wing on fire and section of right wing broken off. No chutes seen. No positive information could be obtained as to the fate of Lt. Strong's ship though it was known to have been lost as the result of E/A fire during the same attack. A total of 8 A/C were lost by the 91st Bomb Gp. on this mission.

Lt. Hamilton's A/C was hit by flak which knocked out his #2 engine forcing him to turn back at 1055 hours at 5005N 1130E. He returned with protection from one P-38.

St. Lo  
24 July 44

707 Lt. Suther, Lt, Malone  
000 Lt. Walton  
634 F/O Golubic  
7027 Lt.. Hanst  
095 Lt. Longaker  
996 Lt. Hamilton  
308 Lt. Browne, G. M.  
367 Lt. Thompson  
333 Lt. Hammer  
947 Lt. Gordon  
030 Lt. smith  
298 Lt. Brown, R. H.

REMARKS: Four 12 ship groups were dispatched by the 91st Bomb Group as "A" force of the 1st CBW on a ground support mission of the 9th AF in support of our forces in Normandy. The target was German troops and installations south of the St. Lo - Perriers Road 2 to 5 miles W. of St. Lo. The 322nd Squadron flew as "B":

group in this force, and bombed the assigned area.  
Subsequent wings were recalled before dropping their  
bombs.

St. Lo  
25 July 44

000 Lt. Walton  
333 Lt. Hammer  
673 Lt. Hamilton  
298 Lt. Brown, R. H.  
947 Lt. Gordon  
634 F/O Golubic  
7027 Lt. Hanst  
095 Lt., Longaker  
030 Lt. Smith  
367 Lt. Thompson  
308 Lt. Browne, G. M.  
707 Lt. Suther

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron flew #4 group in the 48  
A/C CBW put up by the 91st Bomb Group The mission was  
again in support of our ground troops in Normandy and  
the area to be attacked was the same as that of the  
previous day. The 8th AF was preceding by fighter  
bombers of the 9th AF and five minutes after the last  
8th AF A/C finished bombing the assault troops of the  
1st U.S. Army began their attack. During the bombing  
our artillery laid down shells along the northern  
boundary of the assigned area , and also shelled enemy  
AA positions.

Merseburg (Taucha)  
28 July 44

7027 Lt. Hanst  
333 Lt. Hammer  
000 Lt. Walton  
298 Lt. Brown, R.H.  
673 Lt. Gordon  
095 Lt. Longaker  
030 Lt. Malone  
308 Lt. Browne, G.M.  
707 Lt. Suther

REMARKS: The symthetic oil plant 3 miles south of Merseburg which was the assigned primary target was obscured by 10/10 undercast and due to the failure of PFF equipment a T.O. at Taucha 5 miles N.E. of Merseburg was bombed. Flak in the target area was intense and accurate, 33 out of 36 A/C in this group being hit. Lt. Suther and Lt. Gauthier led the low group which was composed of 3 A/C from the 401st Squadron and 9A/C from the 322nd Squadron.

Merseburg  
29 July 44

033 Lt. Hammer  
083 Lt. Walton  
128 Lt. Longaker  
634 Lt. McCarty  
851 Lt. Hamilton  
298 Lt. Brown, R.H.  
308 Lt. Browne, G.M.  
126 Lt. Smith  
367 Lt. Thompson  
879 Lt. Gordon  
633 Lt. Suther - Lt. Col. Milton  
771 Lt. Malone

REMARKS: The synthetic oil plant was again the target for this mission, and it was bombed visually through 3 to 5/10 cloud cover which prevented observations of results or assessment of strike photographs. Results were believed to have been good. the CBW was led by Lt. Col. Milton flying with Lt. Suther. Due to bad weather over home base, several A/C landed safely at other A/C's in England.

Munich  
31 July 44

(Ed.: No report was filed--or, in any case, microfilmed--of this mission to Munich. I remember it vividly, however. It was my first mission. Our A/C (Lt. Bruce Benton's) hit severe prop wash shortly after the bomb run which almost flipped our B-17 over. By the time Bruce had full control again we were five miles behind the group

and had to hurry to catch up, looking over our shoulders the whole time for bandits. - FF)

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY A/C CLAIMS

Sgt. Boss, Richard N., BTG, Me 109

#### PRISONERS OF WAR JULY 44

2nd Lt. Carlyle H. Darlling, Navigator  
Sgt. Wayne F. Sabins, W/G  
S/Sgt Donald R. Itschner, L.W.G.

The men listed above were reported Prisoners of War during the month of July, 1944

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. Strength - Officers 106; F/O's 2; Enlisted Men 471
2. Following officers joined squadron: 2nd Lt. Russell H. Brown (P), 2nd Lt. Donald H. Kitzman (CP), 2nd Lt. Gordon M. Browne (P), 2nd Lt. Robert H. Winterer (CP), 2nd Lt. James A. Hall, (N),
3. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lt. - Lt. Kinglo and Lt. Nix.
4. Capt. Robert E. Fancher assigned to Squadron as Operations Officer.
5. No change.
6. 1st Lt. Fatgeld (Squadron Bombardier) promoted to captain.
7. No change.
8. No change.
9. No change.
10. No change
11. No change
- 12., Following 2nd Lt.'s promoted to 1st Lt.: Thompson, Suther, Smith, J.P.; Hollinson, Mounts (?), Bender.
13. Following officers trfd to 12th RBO: 1st Lt. Bell, Masteller, Rodman Howard.
14. 2nd Lts. Austin and Hailey promoted to

- 1st Lt., 1st Lt., Ripanti trfd to casual pool 12 RCD.
15. No change.
16. 1st Lts. Garner, Kuryle and Mooney trfd to casual pool 12 RCD
17. 1st Lts. Baldwin and Edmond trfd to casual pool 12 RCD. Following officers asgnd to Squadron: 2nd Lt. Milzia E. Ellis (P), 2nd Lt. Merle Web (CP), 2nd Lt. Robert G. Dion (N), 2nd Lt. Joseph Campolong, Jr., (B).
18. F/O Malone promoted to 2nd lt.
19. No change.
20. Operational mission over Leipzig, Germany - 3 crews MIA. Officers were 1st Lt. Bender, 2nd Lt. Boyd, 2nd Lt. Christopher, 2nd Lt. DeShaw, 2nd Lt. Dye, 2nd Lt. Hanke, 1st Lt. Hurst, 2nd Lt. Keck, 2nd Lt. Lunt, 1st Lt., Mounts, 2nd Lt. Strong, 1st Lt. Walby. Following officers asgnd to squadron: 2nd Lts. Arthur L. Stevens, James Sways (?), Thomas J. Scheurell, Bruce M. Benton, Frank C. Farr Jr., Joseph G. Daigle, Gordon W. Dixon.
21. No change.
22. No change.
23. No change.
24. Following officers asgd to Squadron - 1st Lt. Frederick D. Ellis (P), 2nd Lts. Thomas P. Burne (P), John W. Keckler (CP), Louis J. Renault (N), Francis S. Golubski (B), Frederick C. Christopher (N), Ellis S. Alexander (CP), Thomas H. Ricker (B)
25. No change.
26. No change.
27. 2nd Lt. Thompson promoted to 1st Lt.  
Strength: Officers 109. F/O 1; E/M 496.

PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS  
JULY, 1944  
MISSIONS DATE COMPLETED

1st Lt. David L. Hanst 32-3 July 28  
T/Sgt Edward W. Lauro (?) 30-5 July 13  
S/Sgt Robert L. Autry 30-5 July 16  
T/Sgt Robert E. McWilliams 31-4 July 18  
S/Sgt Edward E. Mayka 31-4 July 20  
S/Sgt James B.M. Yewell 31-4 July 20  
T/Sgt Paul M. Ryan 31-4 July 19

T/Sgt Arthur M. Chappel 31-4 July 24  
T/Sgt Ammon H. Powell 32-3 July 25  
S/Sgt Gilmer M. Headrich 30-5 July 25  
S/Sgt Joseph J. Lancim 30-5 July 29

#### CREW MISSING IN ACTION

##### LAST MISSION, DATE

1/Lt Charles T. Walby (P) Leipzig, 20 July  
1/Lt Max E. Bender (CP) Leipzig, 20 July  
2/Lt James W. Dye, Jr. (N) Leipzig, 20 July  
1/Lt Mounts, James M. (B) Leipzig, 20 July  
T/Sgt Norman W. Ingram (TT) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Ernest C. Reene (RG) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Byron E. Burgin (BTG) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Karl P. Dziadula (WG) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Fred A. Cascono (TG) Leipzig, 20 July

2/Lt Albert G. DeShaw (P) Leipzig, 20 July  
2/Lt Wilbur H. Keck (P) Leipzig, 20 July  
2/Lt Raymond C. Hanke (N) Leipzig, 20 July  
2/Lt Robert W. Christophersen (B) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Arthur S. Wilborn (TT) Leipzig, 20 July  
T/Sgt Charles N. Harrist (RG) Leipzig, 20 July  
Sgt. Gene H. Walker (BTG) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Homer S. Norris (WG) Leipzig, 20 July  
Sgt. John R. Peterson (TG) Leipzig, 20 July

2/Lt Lucian S. Strong, Jr., (P) Leipzig, 20 July  
2/Lt Richard C. Lunt (CP) Leipzig, 20 July  
2/Lt Walter K. Boyd (N) Leipzig, 20 July  
2/Lt Oscar A. Hurst (B) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Jack R. Dallas (TT) Leipzig, 20 July  
Sgt. Fay F. Robert (BTG) Leipzig, 20 July  
S/Sgt Steve W. Bachur (RG) Leipzig, 20 July  
Sgt. Todd H. Patterson (WG) Leipzig, 20 July  
Sgt. Raymond C. Wiedemer (TG) Leipzig, 20 July

#### 8TH AIR FORCE

##### 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

##### 1ST COMBAT BARDMENT WING

##### 91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP

##### 322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

Period Covered: 1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944

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## MISSION SUMMARIES

Chartres A/F 1 Aug.

126 Lt. Malone  
000 Lt. Longaker  
673 Lt. Gordon  
030 Lt. Smith  
367 Lt. Rollinsson  
298 Lt. Brown

083 Lt. McCarty  
033 Lt. Benton  
879 Lt. Stevens  
634 F/O Golubic  
996 Lt. Hamilton  
308 Lt. Browne

REMARKS: This squadron furnished 12 crews which flew as the High Group of a 36 ship CBWE, attacking the A/F at Chartres. It is believed that the GAF is preparing this field for the use of jet-propelled ME-262's. Hangar and dispersal areas were well covered with hits and the landing field received numerous bursts. At the target the flak was meager to moderate but accurate for the high group. Lt. Arthur L. Stevens' A/C #879 was observed receiving a direct hit under the pilot's compartment. This A/C went down in a tight spin and was seen to crash. Four chutes were seen to open. Lt. Brown flying A/C 298 aborted over mid-channel due to failure of generators and vacuum system. Lt. Hamilton in A/C #996 jettisoned his bombs just before the I.P. due to mechanical failure of #3 engine, leaving the formation at that time and returning home.

(ED.Note: Lt. Benton's ship, which flew on the right wing of Stevens' had about 60 holes in the middle of the fuselage when we landed in Bassingbourne, and his navigator, ME, had one in his boot and right foot, which put him out of action for about three weeks.)

Mulhouse Toul/Croix de Metz  
3 Aug.

000 Lt. Walton  
367 Lt. Benton  
333 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
673 Lt. McCarty

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron put up four crews which in the High Group attacked the primary target in Mulhouse. Due to cloud over target it is believed that the M/yds. on the east of the town instead of those on the west were bombed. None of these were damaged.

Peenemunde

4 Aug.

333 Lt. Benton  
030 Ltr. Hamilton  
308 Lt. Browne  
033 Lt. McCarty  
673 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
083 Lt. Longaker  
000 Lt. Walton  
367 Lt. Gordon  
298 Lt. Rollinson  
632 PFF Lt. Malone  
562 PFF Lt. Smith

REMARKS: Lt. Malone with Capt. Thompson as CBW commander led the 1st "C" CBW, with the 322nd Squadron furnishing the entire lead group. This CBW was loaded with incendiaries and attacked two MPI's following other CBW's loaded with 1000 lb. GPs. Results were described as excellent. This target is in the center for experimental work on rocket and jet-propulsion and manufactures hydrogen-peroxide.

Nienburg, Germany

5 August, 1944

126 Lt. Malone  
093 Lt. Longaker  
000 Lt. Walton  
367 Lt. Thompson  
298 Lt. Rollinson  
083 Lt. Gordon  
033 F/O Golubic  
308 Lt. Browne  
996 Lt. Hamilton  
333 Lt. Ellis, M.G.

REMARKS: An underground oil storage depot with a capacity of 147,000 gallons at Nieburg 26 Miles N.W. of Hanover was very accurately bombed by the 1st "B" CBW of which the 322nd Squadron furnished 10 crews of the high group led by Lt. Malone. The pattern of bomb strikes completely covered the assigned MPI.

Brandenburg  
6 Aug. 1944

012 Lt. Malone  
096 Lt. Longaker  
000 Lt. Gordon  
367 Lt. Thompson  
030 Lt. Rollinson  
308 Lt. Browne  
033 Lt. Golubic  
298 Lt. Brown  
673 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
996 Lt. Hamilton  
333 Lt. Ellis, W.G.  
083 Lt. Burne

REMARKS: The entire low group of 12 A/C led by Lt. Malone was furnished by the 322nd Squadron. As part of the 1st "A" CBW the Adam Opel Vehicle Factory at Brandenburg was attacked with excellent results, bombs from the low group almost completely demolishing one of the main buildings.

"B" Sens "C" Bourron-Marlotte  
7 August 1944

333 Lt. Benton  
296 Lt. Brown  
083 Lt. DeLisle  
000 Lt. Walton

REMARKS: This Squadron put up 4 crews of the Lead Group of the 1st "C" CBW (24 A/C). The low group of this CBW was furnished by 381st Bomb Group. The primary target was an oil storage depot on the east bank of the Yonne River just north of the town of Sens. Bombs from this group fell short of the target area. Lt. DeLisle flying A/C #8083 as a spare filled in the 1st "B" CBW.

S.E. of Bretteville Sur-Laze  
8 August 1944

333 Lt. Benton  
298 Lt. Brown

367 Lt. Thompson  
126 Capt. Griffin  
000 Lt. Burne  
673 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
033 Lt. McCarty  
027 Lt. Rollinson  
083 Lt. DeLisle  
308 F/O Golubic  
093 Lt. Longaker  
996 Lt. Ellis, M.C.

REMARKS: The mission for this date was a ground support operation in preparation for a break-through by the Canadian 1st Army. The assigned bombing area which lay 1000 yds. in front of the allied troops was marked with red target indicators and the forward line of friendly troops was indicated by yellow smoke shells laid down by artillery. Major Everett flying with Capt. Griffin led the "C" CBW with the 322nd Squadron furnishing the lead group,. The lead and high groups did an excellent job of bombing and the low group brought its bombs back because of inability to positively identify target area. Moderate to intense flak was encountered from enemy ground positions for about 15-20 minutes (bombing altitude - 14,000 feet). Lt. Thompson's A/C #367 received a direct hit by flak and fell to the ground in two pieces. One chute seen.

Elsenborn, Belgium  
9 August, 1944

126 Lt. Hammer  
880 Lt. Walton  
095 Lt. Longaker  
030 Lt. Smith  
333 Lt. Benton  
515 Lt. Brown  
308 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
996 Lt. Ellis, W.G.  
028 Lt. Hamilton  
035 Lt. McCarty  
012 Lt. Burne

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron put up 11 A/C of the high group 1st "B" CBW. Due to the weather it was not possible to bomb either the visual or PFF primary targets, but on the return the military camp at Elsenborn, Belgium, was bombed with excellent results by the lead and low groups. Seven A/C of the high group jettisoned their bombs and four broought their bomb loads back..

Brest

11 Aug. 1944

562 PFF Lt. Hammer

095 Lt. Walton

707 Lt. Gordon

030 Lt. Smith

298 Lt. Brown

673 Lt. Ellis, F.D.

333 Lt. Trent

027 Lt. Hamilton

308 Lt. Browne

083 Lt. Burne

634 Lt. McCarty

996 Lt. Ellis, M.C.

REMARKS: This Squadron furnished the 12 A/C low group of the force put up by this group, attacking a heavy gun position on Pt. des Espagnoles opposite the city of Brest with excellent results. Lt. McCarty flying A/C 634 aborted due to engine failure before reaching enemy coast, jettisoning his bombs in the sea.

Buc A/D

12 August 1944

REMARKS: The Buc A/D just south of Versailles was bombed with very good results by this group baut the 322nd Bomb Squadron was stood down for the day.

Le Manoir - 13 August 1944

126 Capt. Suther

298 Lt. Walton

707 Lt. Gordon

030 Lt. Smith

673 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
308 Lt. Browne  
234 Lt. Burne  
634 Lt. McCarty  
027 Lt. Hamltton  
636 Lt. Longaker  
579 Lt. Towner  
911 Lt. Schuck

REMARKS: Extremely effective bombing of the bridge over the Seine River at Le Manoir was accomplished by this group flying as the 1st "B" CBW. 322nd Squadron furnished the lead group of 12 A/C with Capt. Suther flying the lead ship. Lt. Thomas P. Smith's A/C #030 apparently suffered a direct hit by flak in the target area. The A/C was seen to dive and then level off, apparently under control when last sighted. One and possibly three chutes were observed and from the apparent condition of the A/C when last seen it is possible that additional numbers of the crew could have bailed out.

Metz/Frescaty  
14 Aug. 1944

126 Lt. Malone  
673 Lt. Longaker  
707 Lt. Gordon  
634 Lt. McCarty  
012 Lt. Ernst  
128 Lt. Burne  
205 Lt. Browne  
027 Lt. Hamilton  
880 Lt. Brown  
000 Lt. Walton  
088 Lt Schuck  
996 Lt. Towner

REMARKS: The hangar line of the Metz-Frescaty A/D was successfully bombed by this group flying as 1st "B" CBW,. This squadron furnished the high group with Lt. Malone leading. No flak or enemy opposition of any kind was encountered.

Ostheim

15 August 1944

126 Lt. Hammer  
707 Lt. Gordon  
634 Lt. McCarty  
234 Lt. Ernst  
636 Lt. Browne  
027 Lt. Hamilton  
333 Lt. Brown  
996 Lt. Towner  
000 Lt.,. Walton  
673 Lt. Ellis, F.D  
083 Lt. Schuck  
040 Lt.. Burne

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron put up the low group of the 1st "A" CBW attacking the airfield at Ostheim just east of Cologne, Germany. Moderate accurate flak at the target resulted in minor battle damage to seven A/C of this group and three casualties among the other crews. Photographs indicated good bombing results.

Halle

16 Aug. 1944

REMARKS: The Seibel A/C factory north of Halle was bombed successfully by this group flying as the last "C" CBW. No crews of the 322nd Squadron were flying, but four A/C furnished by this Squadron for the high group were lost to enemy action east of Eisenach. The high group had dropped slightly behind the formation when they were bounced by 20-30 FW-190s and Me109s. As a result of this attack six of our A/C are missing and one crash landed at Boreham, England. Another A/C had an encounter with a jet-propelled Me163 on the way home, which made one attack from six o'clock high before being chased off by escorting P-51s.

Kolleda & Goslar

24 August 1944

632 PFF Capt. Suther  
754 PFF Lt. Hammer  
298 Lt. Brown



308 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
088 Lt. Schuck  
202 Lt. Towner  
095 Lt. Longaker  
083 Lt. Burne  
504 Lt. Ernst  
368 Lt. Walton  
333 Lt. Starks

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron furnished eleven crews of the lead group with Lt. Col. Ensigna and Capt. Suther in the lead A/C. The primary target was the air equipment depot at Kolleda and the secondary was Goslar A/D on the way back. The lead group bombed the primary with good results and the high and low groups attacked the secondary with fair to good results. Lt. Ernst flying A/C #504 attacked with the 381st Group, having been unable to assemble with this group,. His A/C was the only one to receive any battle damage on this mission. Lt. Schuck in A/C #088 aborted during assembly due to failure of oxygen system.

Neubrandenburg  
25 Aug. 1944

012 Lt. Malone  
083 Lt., Burne  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
348 Lt. Golubic  
027 Lt., Ernst  
088 Lt. Schuck  
234 Lt. Walton  
298 Lt. Brown  
202 Lt. Towner  
095 Lt. Longaker  
333 Lt. Starks

REMARKS; The FW-190 assembly plant at Neubrandenburg was bombed visually with excellent results. Eleven A/C of the high group were furnished by this squadron. Lt. Malone led the group. Major Wm. K. Commins of the 66th fighter wing flew with Lt. Golubic in A/C 8348. None of our A/C suffered battle damage.

Gelsenkirchen  
26 Aug. 1944

012 Lt., Hammer  
707 Lt. Gordon  
308 Lt. Ernst  
348 Lt., Golubic  
333 Lt. Starks  
298 Lt. Brown  
095 Lt. Longaker  
083 Lt., Burne  
234 Lt. Walton  
308 Lt. Ellis., M.C.  
027 Lt. Schuck

REMARKS: The primary target was the synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen about 6 miles N.E. of Essen. Lt. Hammer led the low group of which eleven A/C were furnished by this squadron. Ground haze and smoke in the target prevented target identification resulting in poor bombing results. Intense accurate flak in the target area resulted in minor battle damage to 5 A/C and major damage to 2 A/C of this squadron..

Heligoland  
27 Aug. 1944

REMARKS: Although this squadron furnished some A/C for this mission there were no crews participating. Adverse weather conditions prevented bombing of the primary target which was an A/C factory about 10 miles southeast of Berlin. The lead group bombed installations at Heligoland by pathfinder methods with unobserved results.

Kiel  
30 Aug. 1944

562 PFF Capt. Suther  
095 Lt. Longaker  
333 Lt. Starks  
632 PFF Lt. Golubic  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
083 Lt. Burne  
298 Lt. Brown

027 Lt. Hamilton  
234 Lt. Walton  
707 Lt. Gordon  
088 Lt. Schuck

REMARKS: The Krupp shipbuilding works at Kiel were bombed by instruments with unobserved results. Failure of pathfinder equipment at the I.P. in the lead ship of the group made it necessary for this wing to bomb on the smoke markers of the preceding Combat Wing. Capt. Suther flying with Lt. Delisle led the combat wing. This squadron furnished 11 crews of the lead group. Three A/C of this Squadron received battle damage from flak at the target. One major and two minor.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY A/C CLAIMS

The 322nd Squadron had no confirmed enemy aircraft for the month of August.

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

During the month of August, 1944, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

##### LAST MISSION

1/Lt George A. Abbott (P) Berlin, 21 June  
2/Lt Leslie E. Halcott (CP) Hoppegarten, 6 March  
Sgt. Joe Fiscetti (NMI) Jr. Berlin, 21 June

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. Strength: Officers 104. E/M 489. Following officers are MIA: 2nd.Lt .,Stevens, 2nd Lt. Dixon, 2nd Lt. Schewell, 2nd Lt. Minnik  
2. 1st Lt. David Hanst trfd to 12 RCD  
3. 2nd Lt. Joe Vukovich (1091 pilot) asgd to squadron  
4. 1st Lt. Wilbur J. Johnson trfd to 12 RCD. Following officers assigned to squadron: 2nd Lt. Francis Wl. Towner (P), 2nd Lt. Harold W. Lasch (N), 2nd Lt. James R. Fink (CP), 2nd Lt. Modesto

Olivo, 2nd Lt. Robert L. Schuck (P), 2nd Lt. Joseph M. Gallagher (CP), 2nd Lt. Howard F. Mahon (N), 2nd Lt. Robert N. Peterson (B).

5. 2nd Lt. Alfred J. Lanfear (?) (Intell. Officer) promoted to 1st Lt.

6. 1st Lt. Fred L. Suther Jr. promoted to captain. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lt.: John M. Hamilton, Louis M. Walton, Edward E. Edwards, Roy A. Hammer, Robert M. Permenter. Following officers assigned to squadron: 2nd Lt. Arthur Ernst, 2nd Lt. Donald R. Freer, 2nd Lt. Lewis Z. Strauss, Jr., F/O James H. Kovanda.

7. 2nd Lt. James Swaye trfd to 324th Bomb Squadron. 2nd Lt. Edwin V. Kemp (B) asgd from 91st Bomb Group.

8. No change,.

9. No change,

10. No change

11 F/O. Waler Rl. Golubic aptd 2nd Lt.

12. 1st Lts., Harold Rollinson, Samuel Sugg trfd to 12 RCD

13. 1st Lt. George Steidl (Engr. officer) trfd to 381st Bomb Group (N). 1st Lt. Frederick Weiss trfd to 12 RCD. Following officers - MIA: 1st Lt, Thomas P Smith, 2nd Lt. Joe Vukovich, 2nd Lt Alexander Calder, 2nd Lt. Robert E. Bell.

14. 2nd Lt. Louis Malone aptd 1st Lt. Following 2nd Lts. aptd 1st Lt: Russell H. Brown, Gordon M. Browne, Thomas R. Gordon, John D. Longaker.

15. No change

16. 1st Lt. William Hl. Delchamps asgd to Squadron (Ass't Engr. Officer). Capt. Kenneth C. Homuth trfd to Hq. 91st Bomb Op.

17,. No change

18. Capt. Jack R Mangold trfd to 8th AFRD.

19. Following officers trfd to 324th Bomb Squadron: 1st Lt. Gordon M. Browne, 2nd Lt. Norman Kimmel, John F. Moeller, James A. Wall. Following officers asgd to squadron: 2nd Lts. Roslyn W. Schroeder (P), John D. Hewlett (CP), David R. Lewis (N). Leroy B. Hare (P), Theodore P., Herrich, Jr., (N), Edmond H., Davidson (CP:), Ray R. Cook (B), Ernest R. Kelly (P), Robert P., Casey (CP), Alton R. Karoli (N), George Lancaster Jr. (B)

20. 2nd Lts. Almon, Brandsons, DeLisle, Shea, Starks promoted to 1st Lt.
  21. 2nd Lt. R.K. Caldwell promoted to 1st Lt.
  22. No change.
  23. No change
  24. 2nd Lts. Harold B. Reuhart (P), Neil M. Myon (CP) asgd to squadron.
  25. 2nd Lts. Friday, Stevens, Cook, P.E. McCarty promoted to 1st Lts. 2nd Lt. James King Jr.. promoted to 1st Lt.
  26. Major Everett (C.O.) trfd to 12 RCD. Captl. Fancher (Oper. Officer) trfd to 12 RCD. 1st Lt. Nix promoted to Capt. Capt. Karl W. Thompson aptd Commanding Officer.
  27. Capt. Griffin trfd to 91st B.G. 2nd Lt. Fair trfd to 323rd Bomb Sq. (ED.NOTE: This should be "Farr"--that's me. - FF). 1st. Lt. Elmer Laedtke trfd to 1st CW.
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- 28.. No change
  29. No change
  30. No change.
  31. 1st Lt. Fermenter trfd to 8th A.F.R.D. - 1st Lt. William T. Kovanda (N) asgd to squadron.

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERTIONAL TOURS DURING AUGUST

44

#### DATE COMPLETED

S/Sgt John H. Wagner 4 Aug. 44  
 S/Sgt Albert W. Brandt 4 Aug. 44  
 S/Sgt Charley L. Neal 4 Aug. 44  
 T/Sgt Paul T. Fahey 7 Aug. 44  
 Major Leroy B. Everett, Jr. 8 Aug. 44  
 1/Lt Harry Roollinson Jr. 8 Aug. 44  
 1/Lt Samuel C. Sugg 8 Aug. 44  
 S/Sgt. Armando N. Battista 8 Aug. 44  
 1Lt. Frederick S. Weiss 9 Aug. 44  
 S/Sgt Wesley Fiiman 9 Aug. 44  
 Capt. Jack R. Mangold 9 Aug. 44  
 T/Sgt Carl W. Fuller 6 Aug. 44  
 1/Lt Robert M. Permenter 6 Aug. 44  
 S/Sgt Lorcey J. Sonnier 6 Aug. 44

## CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

### A/C #030 (A/A fire) LAST MISSION

1/Lt Thomas P. Smith (P) Le Manoir 13 Aug. 44  
2/Lt Joe (NMI) Vukovich (CP) “  
2/Lt Alexander W. Calder II (N)\* “  
2/Lt Robert E. Bell Jr. (B) “  
T/Sgt Charles F. Sturgeon (TT) “  
S/Sgt Jeff W. Britton (BTG) “  
T/Sgt Delmar C. Speare (RG) “  
S/Sgt Calvin IK. Seiler (WG) “  
S/Sgt Leonard (NMI) Rogers (TG) “

### A/C #367 (A/A fire)

1/Lt. Jack R. Thompson (P) Bretteville 8 Aug. 44  
2/Lt David J. Nelson (CP) “  
2/Lt Charles F. Bacigalupa (N) “  
2/Lt Charles (NMI) Sherrill (B) “  
T/Sgt Henry F. Kortebein (TT) “  
T/Sgt Blake A. Treece, Jr. (RG) “  
Sgt. Warren D. Godsey (BTG) “  
Sgt. Richard R. Collins (WG) “  
Sgt. Gerald F. Gillies (TG) “

### A/C 879 (A/A fire)

2/Lt Arthur L. Stevens (P) Chartres 1 Aug. 44  
2/Lt Gordon W. Dixon (CP) “  
2/Lt Thomas J. Scheurell (N) “  
T/Sgt Thomas J. Minnick (B) “  
T/Sgt Eldred W. Baskin (TT) “  
S/Sgt John (NMI) Laskowicz (BTG) “  
S/Sgt Gordon E. Carrell (RG) “  
Sgt., Paul B. Taliafreo (WG) “  
Sgt. Laurance E. Doyle (TG) “

Lt. Alexander Calder W. II -A/C #030 missing in action  
13 August, 1944, Le Manoir, France, returned to this  
station on August 30, having been sent back from

France by the 9th Air Force on the 27th of August. He made a delayed jump when his A/C was hit by A/A fire. Opening his chute at about 3000 feet he managed to stay in friendly hands and made his way back through the lines to the American ground forces. He was not aware of the fate of the other members of his crew

8TH AIR FORCE  
1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
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91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
PERIOD: FROM 1 SEPT.1944, TO 30 SEPT. 1944  
PREPARED BY: Capt. S.Y.Gibben  
Sgt. A.F. Gentile

#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

Brief. #	Mission #	Date	Target	Outcome
348	225	3 Sept. 44	Nickels/Targets	Completed
349	226	5 Sept. 44	Ludwigshaven	Completed
350	6	6 Sept. 44	Berlin	Cancelled
351	6	6 Sept. 44	Bremen	Cancelled
352	227	8 Sept. 44	Ludwigshaven	Completed
353	228	9 Sept. 44	Ludwigshaven	Completed
354	229	10 Sept. 44	Gaggenhau	Completed
355	230	11 Sept. 44	Lutzendorf	Completed
356	231	13 Sept. 44	Lutzendorf/Eisenach Cpd.	
357	14	14 Sept., 44	Berlin	Scrubbed
358	16	16 Sept. 44	Eindhoven	Scrubbed
359	232	19 Sept. 44	Hamm	Completed
360	20	20 Sept. 44	Kassel	Scrubbed
361	233	21 Sept. 44	Mainz	Completed
362	234	25 Sept. 44	Frankfurt	Completed
363	235	26 Sept. 44	Osnabruch	Completed
364	236	27 Sept. 44	Koln	Completed
365	237	28 Sept. 44	Magdeburg	Completed
366	238	30 Sept. 44	Munster	Completed

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

A/C#

7562 Lt. Golubic

REMARKS: Targets: Karlsruhe, Saarbrucken, Hamburg, Neunkirchen, Mainz, Speyer, Mannheim, Luxembourg,

Frankenthal, Trier. This group furnished five A/C loaded with Nickels to be dropped on ten different targets in the same general areas being bombed by the 1st Division. 2nd Lt. Golubic and crew flying A/C 7562 dropped nickels on Speyer, Mannheim and Frankenthal from 29,850 feet through solid undercast by PFF methods with Lt. Sherriff as Mickey Operator.

Ludwigshaven  
5 Sept. 44

212 Capt. Newquist  
088 Lt. Schuck  
333 Lt. Starks  
027 Lt. Delisle  
202 Lt. Hare  
308 Lt. Ernst  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
298 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
234 Lt. Walton  
707 Lt. Gordon  
033 Lt. Kelley  
348 Lt. Golubic

REMARKS: This squadron furnished 13 A/C of the High Group for the 1st "A" CBW which attacked the Farbenindustrie chemical plant at Ludwigshaven with the aid of PFF with unobserved results. Capt. Newquist, Squadron Operations Officer, led the high group in A/C 8212. Lt. Ernest R. Kelley, flying A/C 7033 experienced difficulty in climbing above altitude 19,000 feet due to mechanical failure of one engine.. When trouble developed with two or more engines, Lt. Kelley took his ship out of formation down to 12,000 feet and gave the order to bail out. All of his crew except S/Sgt Richard E. Doyle who was injured and crashed with the A/C fell in France behind the German lines. Lt. Kelly was back at this station on 23 Sept. 1944 and from information available at the end of the month it is believed that Sgt. Ira L. Krammes, ASN 33624676 is a prisoner of war. S/Sgt Doyle was killed, and all the other members of the crew returned to England.



Ludwigshaven  
8 Sept. 44

562 Lt. Malone  
306 Lt. Ellis  
202 Lt. Hare  
348 Lt. McCarty  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
088 Lt. Schuck  
333 Lt. Starks  
308 Lt. Ernst  
579 Lt. Reichert  
234 Lt. DeLisle  
298 Lt. Brown  
083 Lt. Burne

REMARKS: The I.G. Farben plant at Ludwigshaven was again the target for this group flying as the 1st "B" CBW, with the 322nd Squadron furnishing the low group, led by Lt. Malone. Intense accurate flak with 6-8/10 cloud cover made visual bombing impossible and obscured results. Lt. McCarty flying A/C 348 was observed to have received a direct hit in the target area in his right wing. The wing caught fire and then exploded. The plane was last seen going down in a tight spin. One chute seen.

Ludwigshaven  
9 Sept. 44

202 Lt. Reichert

REMARKS: Again the I.G. Farben plant at Ludwigshaven was the target for the 1st "C" CBW furnished by this group. The 322nd Squadron furnished 9 A/C but only one crew, with Lt. Reichert as pilot. Bombing was done by PFF methods with unobserved results. Moderate to intense flak at the target resulted in the loss of 1 A/C from the formation.

Gaggenau/ Sindelfingen, Germany  
10 Sept. 44

212 Lt. Delisle  
333 Lt. Burne

202 Lt. Brant  
707 Lt. Starks  
088 Lt. Schroeder  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.

REMARKS: This group flew the high group of the 41st CBW whose target was a Daimler Benz motor vehicle factory at Sindelfingen 10 miles S.W. of Stuttgart and the high group of the 1st "A" CBW whose target was another Daimler Benz truck and diesel factory at Gaggenau about 12 miles south of Karlsruhe. This squadron furnished eight A/C and six crews for the latter formation, attacking their primary target with results described as very good . No damage was experienced.

Lutzkendorf, Germany  
11 Sept. 44

562 Capt. Newquist  
083 Lt. Burne  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
630 Lt. Golubic  
308 Lt. Reichert  
360 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
234 Lt. Hamilton  
088 Lt. Schuck  
202 Capt. Thompson  
707 Lt. Gordon  
333 Lt. Brant  
298 Lt. Brown

REMARKS: The synthetic oil plant at Lutzkendorf 13 miles S.W. of Halle was bombed by this group flying as 1st "A" CBW with poor results due to 4-6/10 cloud cover and large cloud formation directly over MPI. The 322nd Squadron furnished the lead group with Capt. Newquist, Squadron operations officer, piloting the lead ship and Capt. Thompson, Squadron C.O., acting as CBW commander.

Lutzkendorf, Germany  
13 Sept. 44

(Ed.: 1st five A/C numbers missing)

Lt. Hammer  
Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
Lt. Brown  
Lt. Delisle  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
308 Lt. Brant  
707 Lt. Gordon  
887 Lt. Starks  
220 Lt. Longaker  
012 Lt. Hamil  
398 Lt. Hare  
083 Lt. Burne

REMARKS: This synthetic oil plant was again attacked by this group flying as 1st "A" CBW, the 322nd Squadron furnishing 13 A/C for the high group. A visual run was made by the lead group with good results. The low group bombed on the lead with fair results, and high group, led by Lt. Hammer in a PFF A/C bombed with poor results due to the failure of Mickey equipment 20 miles before the I.P. Lt. Longaker was forced to turn back early because of a leak in the oxygen system.

Hamm, Germany  
19 September 44

202 Lt. Reichert  
083 Lt. Hare  
212 Lt. Malone  
088 Lt. Schuck  
012 Lt. Longaker  
333 Lt. Trent  
027 Lt. Golubic  
298 Lt. Brown  
308 Lt. Schroeder  
707 Lt. Gordon  
298 Lt. DeLisle  
234 Lt. Walton

REMARKS: Lt. Malone led the low group furnished by this Squadron in the 1st "B" CBW attacked the M/Yds at Hamm by PFF methods. Both the lead and the low groups made 360 degree turns for a second bombing run with fair results, bombs striking in the southern end of

the yards.

Mainz, Germany  
21 September 44

REMARKS: The marshaling yards at Mainz were attacked with good results by this group flying as 1st "A" CBW. This Squadron did not fly on this mission.

Frankfurt, Germany  
25 September 44

135 Capt. Suther  
308 Lt. Ernst  
360 Lt. Brant  
630 Lt. Longaker  
027 Lt. Schroeder  
234 Lt. Reichert  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
088 Lt. Schuck  
398 Lt. DeLisle  
202 Capt, Thompson  
333 Lt. Trent  
298 Lt. Brown

REMARKS: Flying the 1st "A" CBW this group bombed the M/Yds at Frankfurt by PFF methods with unobserved results. Capt. Suther flew as CBW commander and this Squadron furnished the entire lead group. S/Sgt Dennis J. Moore, tail gunner on Lt. Trent's crew, received a minor wound from flak in his left eye necessitating three stitches but without impairing his sight.

Cologne, Germany  
27 September 44

012 Lt. Hammer  
083 Lt. Burne  
360 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
202 Lt. Towner  
095 Lt. Schuck  
707 Lt., Starks  
308 Lt. Reichert

333 Lt. Mitchell  
027 Lt. Hamilton  
298 Lt. Brant  
398 Lt. DeLisle

REMARKS; The PFF target, the M/Yds at Cologne, was attacked by the 1st "C" Group with unobserved results. Lt. Hammer led the low Squadron which was furnished by the 322nd Squadron. (Note: Customary terminology for combat formations has been changed so that the following terms are now official: 12 A/C now called "Squadron" 36 or 24 A/C formation called "Group" an two or more "Groups" called CBW. Two or more CBW's are an "Air Division" and any number of CBW's assigned to the same garget are now designated a "Task Force,.")

Magdeburg  
28 September 44

REMARKS: While the 322nd Squadron was not flying, this group furnished by "B" group of the task force attacking a syntetic oil plant at Magdeburg with poor results due to failure of Mickey equipment and 6-10/10 cloud cover over target area.

Munster, Germany  
30 September 44

562 Capt. Thomphoon, K.W.  
298 Lt. Brown  
202 Lt. Towner  
754 Capt. Thompson, W.W.  
027 Lt. Mitchell  
083 Lt. Burne  
360 Lt Brant  
095 Lt. Longaker  
398 Lt. Hare  
306 Lt. Schroeder  
707 Lt. Starks  
234 Lt. Sparkman

REMARKS: The Marshalling Yard in the center of Munster was attacked by PFF methods through 10/10 cloud. Capt. Thompson, flying with Capt. Newquist,

acted as group commander. 322nd Squadron furnished the lead squadron. No damage was received by any A/C in the group.

322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON P-A-1  
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER  
APG 557  
3 September 1944

SUBJECT: Operational loading list

TO: S-2

A/C #7562 B-17G  
(P 2nd Lt. Golubic, Walter T. 0-095802  
(CP) 1st Lt. Starks, Louis G. 0-817789  
(N) 1st Lt. Edwards, Edward 0-762167  
(B) 1st Lt. MacComber (?), Robert E. 0-737888  
(TT) S/Sgt Welnowitz, David (NMI) 12156776  
RWG Sgt. Trim, Frank F. 38436518  
(RG) S/Sgt Hawes (?), George W. 14133878  
LWG Sgt. Page, Gordon C. 15136736  
(TG) S/Sgt Dillon, Gloyd F. 18216339  
Mickey Nav., Sheriff

Jerrold L. Newquist  
Capt., Air Corps  
Operations Officer

CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS  
The 322nd Squadron had no E/A claims for the month of September, 1944

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

During the month of September, 1944, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

Sgt. Krammes, Ira L. TTG  
S/Sgt Hoose, Harry L. TTG  
S/Sgt Johnson, George L. RWG

2/Lt Keck, Wilbur H. CP  
S/Sgt Hettinger, Robert W. RWG  
S/Sgt Raymond, Perry R. WG  
2/Lt Betzel, Charles N. B  
2/Lt Fitzgerald, Thomas J. CP  
Sgt. Goldman, Benjamin R.O.G.  
F/O Haddick, Frank CP  
S/Sgt Lewis, Irvin H. TTG  
S/Sgt McCutchen, Herbert S. BTG  
S/Sgt Osowski, Henry F. WG  
2/Lt Ostwald, Arnold J. B  
S/Sgt Quackenbush, Gerald G. ROG  
S/Sgt Ratter, William B. B  
2/Lt Van Pelt, James P. B  
S/Sgt Bianchi, Emi le ROG  
2/Lt Bell, Robert E., Jr. B  
S/Sgt Cascone, Fred A. TG  
2/Lt Bartman, Nathan L. N  
S/Sgt Bradford, Joe W. TG  
2/Lt OBannon, Robert E. P  
1/Lt Waters, Edward (NMI) CP

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES September 1944

1. Strength: Officers 114. E/M 498. F/O 1. 2nd.  
Lt. Schalich promoted to 1st Lt.
2. No change.
3. Following officers trfd to Cas. Pool 12th RCD  
AAF Station 591: 1st Lt. Ernest I. Austin; 1st Lt.  
James B. Bailey; 1st Lt. Clarence H. Pingel; 1st Lt.  
Robert Wl McElroy; 2nd Lt. John M. Rogan; 1st Lt.  
Bruce M. Benton.
4. 1st Lt. Alexander Lake (Communications Officer)  
promoted to captain. Capt. Vincent PI Richards  
(Executive Officer) promoted to major.
5. Following officers reported back from MIA - 1st  
Lt. Alexander Calder, 1st Lt. Ferrall Goodrich, 2nd  
Lt. Stanley Spencer, 1st Lt. John P. Smith.
6. No change
7. No change
8. 2nd Lt. Joe Vukovich assigned from MIA
9. No change
10. 2nd Lt. Chollas promoted to 1st Lt.

11. 2nd Lts. Schuck and Golubic promoted to 1st Lt.
12. 2nd Lt. Engel promoted to 1st Lt. F/O Quinn, Francis X. (CP) assigned Squadron.
13. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lt. - Czepkiewicz, Ellis, Fritz, Kitzman, Maged, Sparkman, Daigle, Harper, Towner.
14. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lt. - Winterer, Ernst, Nocitra, Rietschel, Swisher, Trent Baker, B.O.
15. No change
16. No change
17. No change
18. Capt. Burt - KIA 2nd Lt. Joseph A. Young (Bomb.-Nav.) assigned to Squadron.
19. 2nd Lt. Henry Rugge (Squadron Equip. Officer) promoted to 1st Lt.
20. 1st Lt. Golubic trfd to 27th ATC.
21. No change
22. 2nd Lts. Ernest R. Kelly (P) - Andrew J. Anderson (CP) - Alton B. Karolis (B) - George Lancaster (Nav.) from MIA to assigned back to Squadron.
23. No change.
24. No change
25. No change
26. No change
27. 2nd Lt. Hare promoted to 1st Lt.
28. No change
29. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lt. - Spencer, Schroeder, Oien, Campolong.
30. No change. Strength: Officers 106. F/O 3. E/M 446.

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS During September, 1944

T/Sgt DeMidio, Paul 30 Sept. 44  
T/Sgt Griswold, Henry A. 30 Sept. 44  
1/Lt Edwards, Edward E. 27 Sept. 44

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

Lost due to mechanical failure:  
\*2/Lt Ernest R. Kelley (P) Ludwigshaven 5 Sept. 44



\*2/Lt. Anderson, Andrew W. Jr. (CP) “  
\*2/Lt Karoli, Alton R. (N) “  
\*2/Lt Lancaster, George (NMI) Jr. (B) “  
#Sgt. Krammes, Ira T. (TTG) “  
%Sgt. Duenmer, Edward F. (BTG) “  
\*Sgt. Nordmen, Grover C., Jr. (RO) “  
\*Sgt. Mitchell, Zalma M. (WG) “  
&Sgt. Doyle, Richard E. (TG) “  
\* Returned to England  
# In German hospital with broken leg  
& Believed to be headed back to England.1  
& Reported by Pilot as Killed in Action.

Lost to A/A fire:

1/Lt David (NMI) Jr. (P) Ludwigshaven, 8 Sept. 44  
2/Lt Neil M. Mylin (CP) “  
1/Lt Bragdsons, Donald L. (N) “  
2/Lt Bolen, Frank S. (B) “  
T/Sgt Cangemi, John (NMI) (TTG) “  
Sgt. Trim, Frank F. Jr. (BTG) “  
S/Sgt Beebe, Charles E. (WG) “  
S/Sgt Dillon, Floyd Z., (TG) “  
T/Sgt Schulz, Henry R. (RO) “

REMARKS: At 4929N. 0828E. at approximately 25,000,  
aircraft #348 received a direct hit by flak, knocked  
off right wing. Last seen going down in flames in  
flat spin. One parachute observed.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)  
1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
Period Covered: 1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944  
Prepared by Samuel T. Gibbon, Capt. A.F.  
Sgt. A.F. Gentile

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#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

Brief#	Mission#	Date	Target	Disposition
367	239	2 Oct. 44	Kassel	Completed
368	240	3 Oct. 44	Nurnburg	Completed
369	4	Oct. 44	Koln	Scrubbed
370	241	6 Oct. 44	Neubrandenburg	Comp.
371	242	7 Oct. 44	Freiberg-Wurzen	Comp.
372	8	Oct. 44	Brux, Czec.	Scrubbed
373	243	9 Oct. 44	Schweinfurt	Completed
374	12	Oct., 44	Cologne	Scrubbed
375	13	Oct. 44	Cologne	Scrubbed
376	244	14 Oct. 44	Cologne	Completed
377	245	15 Oct. 44	Cologne	Completed
378	246	17 Oct. 44	Cologne	Completed
379	18	Oct. 44	Kassel	Scrubbed
380	247	19 Oct. 44	(Ludwigshaven Karlsruhe Krennach)	Completed
381	248	22 Oct. 44	Brunswicck	Completed
382	249	25 Oct. 44	Hamburg	Completed
383	250	26 Oct. 44	Munster	Completed
384	251	30 Oct. 44	Hamm	Completed
385	31	Oct. 44	Politz	Scrubbed

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

Kassel and Fritzlar  
 2 Oct. 1944  
 A/C No.  
 212 Lt. Hammer  
 398 Lt. DeLisle  
 083 Lt. Hare  
 707 Lt. Gordon  
 308 Lt. Schroeder  
 144 Lt. Reichert  
 035 Lt. Hamilton

360 Lt. Schuck  
234 Lt. Sparkman  
095 Lt. Longaker  
306 Lt. Brfant  
333 Lt. Mitchell  
298 Lt. Brown, R.H.

REMARKS: A tank and vehicle factory at Kassel was the target for this mission, on which the 322nd Squadron furnished the High Squadron with Capt. Walter W. Thompson flying with Lt. Hammer in the lead A/C. The lead and low squadrons bombed the primary target by PFF methods and the high squadron bombed Fritzlar A/C, a target of opportunity about 12 miles S.W. of Kassel, visually, with good results, incendiaries falling in the building area.

Nurnberg  
3 October 1944

630 Capt. Thompson  
398 Lt. Sparkman  
088 Lt. Schuck  
306 Lt. Longaker  
333 Lt. Mitchell  
083 Lt. Hare  
625 Lt. Sparks  
202 Lt. Reichert  
308 Lt. Schroeder  
298 Lt. Hamilton  
095 Lt. Burn e  
360 Lt. Ellis, F.D.

REMARKS: The tank and diesel engine factory at Nurnberg was attacked by PFF methods with what are believed to be good results. This Squadron furnished the low squadron, with Capt. Walter W. Thompson flying with Lt. DeLisle in the lead A/C.

Frieberg  
7 October 1944

562 Capt. Newquist  
333 Lt. Brant  
088 Lt. Schroeder

027 Lt. Hamilton  
360 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
234 Lt. Reichert  
095 Lt. Longaker  
306 Lt. Hare  
202 Lt. Towner  
707 Lt. Sparks  
398 Lt. DeLisle  
308 Lt. Ernst

REMARKS: This Squadron led the 1st "C" group, Capt. Newquist, Squadron Operations officer acted as air commander flying with Lt. Walton in the lead A/C. The "Buckeye" scouting force reported that the primary target, the oil plant at Brux, would be open, but the division later advised that it was not, and the lead and low squadrons went on to bomb the town of Frieberg, target of opportunity, with very good results.

Schweinfurt  
9 October 1944

630 Capt. Thompson, K.W.  
083 Lt. Hare  
234 Lt. Sparkman  
333 Lt. Trent  
088 Lt. Schuck  
212 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
306 Lt. Starks  
398 Lt. Reichert  
202 Lt. Mitchell  
360 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
308 Lt. Ernst

REMARKS: Again the 322nd led the group which flew as first "B" attacking the primary target, ball bearing plant at Schweinfurt, with PFF equipment with results believed to be good. Major Thompson, air commander, flew with Lt. Walton.

Cologne  
Oct. 14, 1944

145 Capt. Malone  
333 Lt. Mitchell  
083 Lt. Hare  
088 Lt. Ernst  
212 Lt. Longaker  
360 Lt. Brant  
398 Lt. DeLisle  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
234 Lt. Sparkman  
202 Lt. Towner  
095 Lt. Starks  
707 Lt. Burne  
880 Lt. Reichert

REMARKS: Capt. Malone in a 323rd aircraft with Lt. Harper led the high Squadron. The railroad choke plant just east of the Rhine was attacked by PFF methods, with unobserved results, but believed to be good as the Mickey navigator in the lead ship was able to pinpoint himself both before and after target.

208 Capt. Thompson, W.W.  
360 Lt. Reichert  
625 Lt. Schroeder  
027 Lt. Gordon  
398 Lt. DeLisle  
083 Lt. Hare  
333 Lt. Trent  
095 Lt. Longaker  
234 Lt. Sparkman  
088 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
298 Lt. Brant  
202 Lt. Burne

REMARKS: Capt. Walter W. Thompson led the low Squadron furnished by the 322nd, to attack railroad targets in Cologne for the second day in succession. Although bombing was done by instruments, strike photographs show hits in the S.E. part of the city on the east side of the river. Major Klette led the Group.

Cologne  
17 October 1944

REMARKS: This squadron furnished 7 A/C but no crews for this mission which was led by Major Taylor. PFF bombing--unobserved results.

Karlsruhe  
19 October 1944

632 Lt. Walton  
308 Lt. Ernst  
012 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
398 Lt. DeLisle  
095 Lt. Baker  
360 Lt. Brant  
027 Lt. Hamilton  
202 Lt. Mitchell  
333 Lt. Schroeder  
707 Lt. Gordon  
088 Lt. Schuck  
234 Lt. Sparkman

REMARKS: Major Thompson, air commander, flying with Capt. Suther, led the group on this mission for which the 322nd put up the 12 aircraft of the lead squadron. The Mickey equipment in the lead ship went out during the bomb run on Ludwigshaven (oil storage depot), the bombardier electing not to drop his bombs and try for another run. Following an accidental release by Lt. Ernst's A/C flying the #2 position, the rest of the Squadron dropped their bombs on Karlsruhe, as did the low squadron. Strike photographs show hits on the building area of the A/C at Karlsruhe. High Squadron dropped on the town of Bad Krueznach with unobserved results.

Brunswick  
22 October 1944

562 Capt. Thompson, W.W.  
083 Lt. DeLisle  
202 Lt. Towner  
707 Lt. Hamilton  
360 Lt. Reichert  
234 Lt. Mitchell  
088 Lt. Schuck  
212 Lt. Gordon

308 Lt. Ernst  
333 Lt. Trent  
027 Lt. Burne  
095 Lt. Baker  
306 Lt. Schroeder

REMARKS: Capt. Walter W. Thompson led the High Squadron furnished by the 322nd. The group flew as 1st "A," leading the "A" Task Force of 1st Division, which preceded the 2nd and 3rd Divisions. Before the I.P. the Mickey equipment of the lead and low squadrons went out of order and the high group took over, bombing with unobserved results.

Hamburg  
25 October 1944

212 Lt. Schroeder  
145 Capt. Thompson  
333 Lt. Trent  
083 Lt. Hare  
012 Lt. Gordon  
308 Lt. Ernst  
027 Lt. Hamilton  
298 Lt. Brown, R.H.  
095 Lt. Baker  
202 Lt. Towner  
088 Lt. Schuck  
234 Lt. Brant

REMARKS: The oil plant in the dock area was the target for this mission which was flown over solid undercast and bombing accomplished with pathfinder equipment, results unobserved. Lt. Hammer led the low squadron furnished by the 322nd. The group leader was Major Klette.

Munster  
26 October 1944

REMARKS: The M/Yds in the city of Munster were attacked with PFF methods, undercast preventing observation of results or photographic cover. The 322nd was stood down for this mission. Contrails from what are believed to be the "A-2" rocket bombs were

reported by various crews over the Zuider Zee area  
from 20,000 feet to 50,000 ft.

Hamm  
30 October 1944

562 Maj. Thompson, Capt. Walton  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
095 Lt. Baker  
202 Lt. Mitchell  
308 Lt. Ernst  
234 Lt. Brant  
298 Lt. Brown, R.H.  
212 Lt. Ellis, F.d.  
360 Lt. Reichert  
088 Lt. Sparkman  
707 Lt. Gordon  
333 Lt. Trent

REMARKS: The M/Yds at Hamm were attacked by PFF  
methods with unobserved results. Major Thompson was  
air commander, flying with Capt. Walton in the lead  
Squadron which was furnished by the 322nd. High  
clouds and dense persistent contrails created  
considerable difficulty and necessitated bombing at  
28,900 feet.

MISSION SUMMARY  
24 October 1944

On the 24th of October on a routine night training  
flight over England 1st Lt. Don NMI DeLisle was killed  
and his A/C #398 was destroyed in a crash. In  
conditions of poor visibility, with GEE box and radio  
compass not functioning, the radio operator obtained  
QDMs while DeLisle attempted to find the field.  
Letting town to 500 ft. the A/C struck a hill  
damaaging the right wing. The pilot and co-pilot were  
able to bring the A/C back to 2000 ft. and other four  
members of the crew bailed out on orders of Lt.  
DeLisle. The A/C crashed a few minutes later and Lt.  
DeLisle's body was found several hundred fee astern of  
the wreckage with his parachute unopened. T/Sgt John  
D. Carlisle, engineer, suffered a fractured leg.



## MISSION SUMMARY

CORRECTION: Mission summary for 13 September 1944, Lutzkendorf, under "Remarks" the second and third sentences should read:

"A visual run was made by the lead group with good results. The low group bombed on the lead with fair results and the high group, led by Lt. Hammer in a PFF A/C, bombed with the lead group with good results."

## CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS

The 322nd Bomb Squadron had no E/A claims for the month of October, 1944.

## PRISONERS OF WAR

During the month of October, 1944, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

Last Mission

Place & Date

2/Lt Deshaw, Albert G. (P) Leipzig 20 July 44

T/Sgt Harrist, Charles N. (RG) "

S/Sgt Norris, Homer S. (WG) "

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

October 1944

1. 2nd Lts. Brant (P) and Reichert (P) promoted to 1st Lts.  
Strength: Officers 106. F/O 3. E/M 446.
2. Capt. Nix (N) and 1st Lt. Edwards (B) trfd to Casual Pool 70th Repl. Depot.
3. 2nd Lt. Lancaster (CP) and 2nd Lt. Anderson (CP) trfd to Casual Pool 70th Repl. Depot.
4. No change
5. 1st Lt. Robert E. Mammoser (B) trfd to Casual Pool 70th Repl. Depot.
6. No change.
7. 2nd Lt. Warren Hl. Allen (CP) joined and assigned Squadron
8. No change
9. 1st Robert N. Roberts (N) joined and assigned squadron.
10. Capt. Karl W. Thompson (C.O.) promoted to Major.

2nd Lts. Francis F. Gobulski (B); John W. Keckler (CP); Louis C. Renoult (N); Merle Webb (CP) promoted to 1st Lts.

11. F/O Harold R. Kurrus (B) appointed 2nd Lt.

12. No change.

13. 2nd Lt. Howard Mitchell (P) promoted to 1st Lt.  
1st Lt. Roy Hammer promoted to Captain.

14. No change

15. No change

16. 2nd Lts. Frederick L. Christopher (N); Edwin V. Kemp (B); John A. Wallace (N) promoted to 1st Lt.

17. No change

18. No change

19. 1st Lt. Louis G. Starks (N) trfd to casual pool  
70th Repl Depot. (Ed.Note--I believe there's an error in this entry. Lt. Starks was a pilot, one I flew with at least once. -FF)

20. No change.

21. 1st Lt. Louis M. Walton (P) promoted to Capt.  
1st Lt. John D. Longaker (P) trfd to 70th Repl. Depot.

22. No change

23. 1st Lt. Donald W. Almon (N) trfd to 70th Repl. Depot.

24. Capt. Malone (P) and 1st Lt. Robert M. Shea (N) trfd to 70th Repl. Depot.

25. 1st Lt. Don DeLisle (P) killed on practice flight.

26. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lts. - Thomas Rieker (B); Modesto Olivo (B); Donald R. Freer (CP); James LO. Find (CP); Elias R. Alexander (CP).

27. F/O James H. Kovanda (N) appointed 2nd Lt.

28. Capt. Kenneth C. Homuth (N) assigned to Squadron.  
1st Lt. Harry E. Stevens (N) trfd to 70th Repl. Depot.

29. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lts. - Joseph M. Gallagher (CP); John F. Gustafson (N); Harold W. Lasch (N); Howard F. Mahan (N); Robert W. Peterson (B).

30. No change

31. 1st Lt. Paul H. Cook (B) trd to 70th Repl. Depot.  
Strength: Officers 98. F/O 5. E/M 440.

PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS  
DURING OCTOBER 1944  
Date Completed

1/Lt Donald W. Almon 19 Oct. 44  
T/Sgt George N. Cook “  
T/Sgt Emile R. Galinas “  
1/Lt Robert M. Shea “  
1/Lt John D. Longaker 14 Oct. 44  
1/Lt William H. Marsh Jr. 15 Oct. 44  
T/Sgt Roland R. Michel “  
Capt. Louis W. Malone 14 Oct. 44  
1/Lt Louis G. Starks “  
T/Sgt George W. Hawes “  
T/Sgt Carl E. Eklund 22 Oct. 44  
1/Lt Harry E. Stevens “  
1/Lt Paul E. Cook 19 Oct. 44  
S/Sgt Ken F. McLaren “  
T/Sgt Donald B. Levine “  
1/Lt Robert E. Mammoser 2 Oct. 44

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

The 322nd Bomb Squadron had no losses of personnel or A/C during the month of October

Hi, Mike. Although grieving over the Cardinals' elimination by Houston, I managed to complete the November dailies, which follow:

8TH AIR FORCE  
1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)  
1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
Period Covered: 1 Nov. 1944 to 30 Nov. 1944  
Prepared by Alfred J. Lanfear, 1st Lt. A.C.  
Sgt. Alfred F. Gentile

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During Nov. 44
8. Crews Missing in Action

#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

Brief #	Mission #	Date	Target	Disposition
386	252	2 Nov. 44	Merseburg	Completed
387	3	Nov. 44	Hamburg	Scrubbed
388	253	5 Nov. 44	Offenbach	Completed
389	254	6 Nov. 44	Hamburg	Completed
390	255	9 Nov. 44	S. of Metz	Completed
391	12	Nov. 44	Hamm	Scrubbed
392	14	Nov. 44	Bielsfeld	Scrubbed
393	256	16 Nov. 44	Aachen area	Completed
394	257	21 Nov. 44	Merseburg	Completed
395	258	25 Nov. 44	Merseburg	Completed
396	259	26 Nov. 44	Altenbeken	Completed
397	260	27 Nov. 44	Offenburg	Completed
398	261	29 Nov. 44	Misburg	Completed
399	262	30 Nov. 44	Zeitz	Completed

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

Merseburg

2 November 1944

A/C #

208 Capt. Hammer

360 Lt. Reichert

212 Lt. Burne

707 Lt. Gordon

333 Lt. Trent

298 Lt. Brown, R.H.

306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.

088 Lt. Ernst

083 Lt. Hare

012 Lt. Hamilton

234 Lt. Sparkman

095 Lt. Schroeder

202 Lt. Brant

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron furnished the high squadron of the Group, with Capt. Hammer in the lead ship. Lt. Col. Sheeler was air commander of the Group which attacked the oil refinery at Merseburg by PFF with unobserved results. This group flying as 1st "B"

was the last of six groups of the 1st Division attacking this target. After turning right off the target and turning west just beyond Naumburg the group was bounced by 50-75 E/A, mostly FW 190s, which attacked in elements of from 3 to 5 in line abreast, coming from the tail and level, firing 20 mm or larger caliber shells into the formation from maximum range and closing in from point blank range. The initial attacks were made on the high squadron with the E/A breaking off and attacking the lead and low squadrons. After the first pass the attack was continued by individual A/C and formations up to 5 A/C from all directions. The attacks covered a period of about 20-25 minutes. Friendly fighters were engaged at the time by large formations of E/A including a few ME-163s and ME-262s. The group lost 13 A/C to flak and fighter attacks, the worst loss suffered to date. Of these the 322nd lost six ships.

Capt. Hammer's A/C #208 was last seen off to the left of formation apparently under control but with fire observed in the radio room and behind #3 engine due to enemy action. Approx. position 5137 N 1121 E. Lt. Burne in A/C #212 flying on Capt. Hammer's left wing was observed peeling off from the formation at about 5120N 1150E, losing altitude but apparently under control with no visible damage. Lt. Brown, Russel H. in A/C #298 in the number three position of the high element was last seen lagging about 1000 ft. behind the formation under control and with no apparent damage at about 5110N, 1215E. Lt. Hare flying #3 of the low element in A/C #083 was last seen at about 5110N, 1214E, under control but with his left wing on fire and under persistent attack by 6-8 FW-190s. Lt. Brant in the flying spare #202 was lost at the time of the E/A attack but no observations were made of the circumstances. Lt. Hamilton, flying A/C #102 in the number four position of the low element, was last observed at about 5210E, 1120E, under control but losing altitude rapidly and burning fiercely in both wings at the #2 and #4 engines. The tail gunner, S/Sgt Wayne W. Ritchie, ball turret gunner, S/Sgt Thomas R. Giordano, and S/Sgt Joseph M. Wirtz, Jr., on Lt. Sparkman's crew, distinguished themselves during the attack by continuing to fire their guns in spite of severe damage to their A/C and wounds sustained by

them.

Offenbach  
5 Nov. 1944

027 Major Thompson, K.W.  
333 Lt. Trent  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
360 Lt. Reichert  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
707 Lt. Gordon  
308 Lt. Ernst  
951 Lt. Schuck

REMARKS: This squadron furnished nine crews of the low squadron led by Major Thompson. Maj. was group leader and the 91st furnished the first "B" group. The briefed target, both visual and PFF, was the railroad M/Yds at Frankfurt, located in the west suburbs. Squadron bombing was done by PFF methods as the weather was 8-10/10 up to the target area. Bomb strikes were photographed through broken cloud and strike photos show the bomb pattern for the low squadron in the western edge of the town of Offenbach, approx. 5 miles due east of the briefed target. Lt. Ernst in A/C #308 aborted at the English Channel due to mechanical failure in No. one engine. Bomb load was 6 x 1000 AN-M59.

Hamburg  
6 Nov. 1944

REMARKS: The 322nd furnished one A/C to the 401st Squadron but no crews for this mission. Briefed target was the Rhainia oil refinery at Hamburg. Bombing was done by PFF methods for lead and high squadrons and a partial visual run was made by the low squadron, whose bombs are believed to have fallen in the eastern edge of the target area.

Metz area  
9 Nov. 1944

562 Capt. Suther  
016 Lt. Gordon  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
088 Lt. Schuck  
360 Lt. Reichert  
095 Lt. Sparkman  
027 Lt. Towner  
591 Lt. Winterer  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
333 Lt. Trent  
596 Lt. Ernst

REMARKS: The target for this mission was a fort approx.. 4 miles SE of Metz in support of ground action. The 91st furnished the first "C" group, being the 12th group in the Division. Capt. Suther led the group with Capt. Walton as co-pilot, and the 322nd furnished 12 A/C and 11 crews for the lead squadron. Bombing was done by GH methods with unobserved results due to 9-10/10 cloud in the target area. GH operator reported equipment to be working intermittently, making his bomb run too short. Bomb bursts are shown on strike photos in a locality 6 1/2 miles on bearing 120 degrees from the assigned MPI. The low squadron landed in France due to shortage of gas after making 3 attempts to attack. Flak was meager, 10 bursts being observed 10 miles north of the formation in the target area.

Aachen  
16 Nov. 1944

145 Capt. Thompson, W.W.  
333 Lt. Trent  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
027 Lt. Towner  
596 F/O Roach  
088 Lt. Schuck  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
234 Lt. Sparkman  
707 Lt. Gordon  
308 Lt. Ernst  
742 Lt. Winterer

REMARKS: This mission was in direct support of ground troops fighting in the Aachen area. An area by 1400 yards, 7 1/2 miles NE of Aachen and Duren was the briefed target. The 91st furnished the first "A" group and the 322nd furnished 12 crews for the lead squadron. Squadron leader was Capt. Thompson, W.W. Bombing was done by PFF methods on a heading from Aachen through 7-9/10 cloud with poor results. SCS-51 radio beacons to indicate the front lines were reported to be working properly and meager flak was observed. Bomb load was 30 x M-81 fragmentation bombs.

Merseburg  
21 Nov. 1944

173 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
742 Lt. Winterer  
360 Lt. Reichert  
707 Lt. Gordon  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
308 Lt. Ernst  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
306 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
596 F/O Roach  
088 Lt. Schuck  
333 Lt. Trent

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron furnished 12 crews of the low squadron of the first "A" group flown by the 91st Bomb Gp. Lead and High Squadrons were briefed to attack the synthetic oil plant three miles south of Merseburg, with a boiler house as the MPI. The low squadron objective, Primary or Secondary (PFF), was a master flak site located about 6 miles west of the Merseburg Oil Target. Eliminating this flak site would reduce the flak at the main target by 25-30 percent. 3 PFF A/C were flown with the group to allow a PFF run to be made by the low squadron, since undercast was expected to be 10/10. Bomb load for the low squadron was 30 x 100 frags for nine of our A/C and 38 x 100 pound white phosphorus bombs for three A/C. Bombing was done by PFF on bearing from Halle, and the deputy leader claims to have seen the quarry



near the flak battery, though bomb sites were not seen. The low squadron leader, Lt. Ellis, F.D., was forced to land at Brussels because of flak damage received at the target. This crew with A/C later returned to base, all safe. A/C #333, Lt. Trent, pilot, aborted over this field due to mechanical failure. On this mission cloud conditions forced the group to attack the target from a very low altitude, 19,500 feet, the briefed altitude being 24,500 ft.

Merseburg  
25 Nov. 1944

REMARKS: This squadron furnished 5 A/C but no crews for this mission. The primary target was the Lutzendorf Oil Plant, and the secondary PFF target was Merseburg Oil Refinery. The secondary target was attacked PFF and results unobserved. None of the A/C of this squadron were damaged.

Altenbeken  
26 Nov. 1944

221 Capt. Newquist  
562 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
742 Lt. Sparkman  
596 F/O Roach  
901 Lt. Marsh  
360 Lt. Reichet  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
088 Lt. Schuck  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
308 Lt. Ernst  
027 Lt. Price  
333 Lt. Trent

REMARKS: The target attacked and briefed was a railway viaduct at Altenbeken, located 8 miles NE of Paderborn. The span is 560 yards long with 24 arches and was to be attacked either visually or by GH methods. The 91st Bomb Group furnished the first "B" group of the First Force, and the 322nd flew the lead squadron of 12 A/C, Capt. Newquist, Jerrald S., being the group leader. Before the target, at 1114 hours, 5240N, 0730E, 35-40 E/A, FW-190s and ME-109s attack

the group from the rear, level and low level. Two concentrated passes were made and attacks were, in general, broken off at approx. 600 yards. Gunners claim that the use of the new headlight tracer ammunition accounts for the E/A breaking off at such range. A few attacks were made by single E/A from the nose, which broke by diving below the formation. Although the group lost 4 A/C and 3 crews, this squadron suffered no casualties and only 4 A/C sustained minor damage. Group bombing was performed by GH methods with unobserved results through 10/10 cloud. Bomb load was 6 x 1000 GP bombs.

Offenburg  
27 Nov. 1944

061 Capt. Thompson, W.W.  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
333 Lt. Trent  
357 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
596 Lt. Blanton  
742 Lt. Winterer  
761 Lt. Price  
308 Lt. Ernst  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
901 Lt. Marsh  
088 Lt. Schuck  
306 Lt. Smoley  
360 Lt. Reichert

REMARKS: This squadron furnished 13 crews, led by Capt. Thompson, W.W. , and 11 A/C of the high squadron 91st "A" group, which was the fourth group in the 1st Division on this mission. The target briefed was a M/Y at Offenburg, an Army request target. MPI was the railroad bridge across the middle of the yard. Lead and Low Squadrons bombed GH, electing not to change to visual after committing themselves to an instrument run. High Squadron took advantage of the opening in the cloud at the target, and dropped visually. Strike photos show our squadron's bomb bursts 2 1/2 miles away at 340 degrees from the target. Bomb load was 10 x 500 and 2 M-17 incendiaries. One of our A/C carried leaflets.

Misburg  
29 Nov. 1944

761 Capt. Thompson, W.W.  
333 Lt. Trent  
027 Lt. Price  
901 Lt. Marsh  
036 Lt. Ernst  
306 Lt. Smoley  
596 Lt. Blanton  
116 Lt. Reichert  
742 Lt. Winterer  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
591 Lt. Schroeder  
234 Lt. Freer

REMARKS: Briefed visual target was Dollbergen Oil Refinery, with Misburg Oil Refinery as the PFF secondary. The 322nd furnished 12 crews and 10 A/C of the low squadron of the first "C" group, low squadron being led by Capt. Thompson, W.W. Bombs were dropped on the group leader by PFF with unobserved results through 10/10 cloud. One of our A/C received minor damage, the only A/C of the group with battle damage on this mission.

Zeitz  
30 Nov. 1944

Primary target was the synthetic oil plant at Zeitz. 5 A/C of the 322nd flew this mission with crews furnished by other squadrons. A visual run was made despite smoke screen and haze, but bombing results were poor. All A/C furnished by this squadron received minor flak damage, and A/C #742 was lost over the target after receiving a direct hit. This A/C was last seen in a steep fast dive, in the target area.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS

Name Position A/C# 2 November

Sgt. Harold C. Baker, TTG, #360 FW-190 destroyed  
T/Sgt F.C. Benicki, TTG, #095 FW-190 damaged  
S/Sgt V.B. Hinerman, BTG, #095 FW-190 damaged

S/Sgt V.B. Hinerman, BTG, #095 FW-190 damaged  
S/Sgt Russel L. Waggoner, TG, #306 FW-190 dmgd.  
S/Sgt Ryan Stavitsky, BTG, #306 FW-190 damaged

26 November

S/Sgt J.R. Reed, TG, #596 FW-190 destroyed  
T/Sgt A.Ol. Garner, TTG, #308 FW-190 destroyed  
T/Sgt Edward M. Shaw, TTG, FW-190 damaged  
S/Sgt Russell L. Waggoner, TG, #562 FW-190 dmgd  
S/Sgt Gilbert L. Elliott, TG, #693 FW-190 damaged  
Sgt. Orville A. Riley, TTG, #591 ME-109 probable

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

Last Mission, Date

1/Lt Max E. Bender, CP, Leipzig 20 July  
Sgt. Laurence E. Doyle, TG Chartres 1 Aug. 1944  
2/Lt Oscar A. Hurst, Bomb. Leipzig 20 July  
T/Sgt Norman W. Ingram, TTG “  
2/Lt. Richard C. Lunt, CP “  
Sgt. John E. Peterson, TG “  
2/Lt James W. Dye, Jr., Nav. “

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS DURING NOVEMBER 1944

Missions Date

1/Lt Arland F. Brazie (P) 27-3 27 Nov.  
1/Lt Robert N. Winterer (P) 35 29 Nov.  
T/Sgt Ivan H. Winters, (Eng.) 29-1 5 Nov.  
Capt. Fred L. Suthers jr. (P) 28-2 9 Nov.  
\*T/Sgt William J. Carlson, (G) 31-4 16 Nov.

\* Retained for 2nd Tour

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

Last Mission, Date

Lost to E/A fire Merseburg, Nov. 2  
1/Lt John M. Hamilton (P)  
1/Lt Elwood E. Fritz (CP)  
1/Lt Ralph K. Caldwell (Nav.)  
1/Lt James King, Jr. (Bomb.)  
T/Sgt Claude S. Mason (TTg)  
S/Sgt Robert S. Cunningham (BTG)  
T/Sgt Joseph A. Cereszewski (RG)  
S/Sgt Robert E. Memory (WG)  
S/Sgt Mayo L. Granlund (TG)

1/Lt. Leroy B Hare (P)  
2/Lt Robert P. Casey (CP)  
2/Lt Theodore P. Herrick, Jr. (Nav.)  
2/Lt Roy R. Cook (Bomb.)  
T/Sgt Thomas F. Harris (TTG)  
T/Sgt William K. Oxby (TTG)  
T/Sgt Frank W. Holman (RO)  
S/Sgt Floyd E. Callen (WG)  
S/Sgt George P. Hansen (TG)  
(Ed. Note: T/Sgt Oxby was probably BTG - FF)

1/Lt Dale N. Brant (P)  
2/Lt Charles R. Hackstock (CP)  
1/Lt John F. Gustafson (Nav.)  
2/Lt John L. Bunch, Jr. (Bomb.)  
T/Sgt John E. Ludwig, Jr. (TTG)  
S/Sgt Charles R. Hitchcock (BTG)  
T/Sgt John W. Paluse (RO)  
S/Sgt James W. Willey, Jr. (WG)  
S/Sgt Mikel D. White (TG)

1/Lt Russell R. Brown (P)  
1/Lt Donald H. Kitzman (CP)  
1/Lt William B. Marsh, Jr. (Nav.)  
1/Lt Raymond F. Rietschel (Bomb.)  
T/Sgt Fredrick G. Boettke, Jr. (TTG)  
S/Sgt Ernest T. Alvarez (BTG)  
T/Sgt John M. Lombardi (RG)  
S/Sgt Norville J. Strong (WG)  
S/Sgt Maxwell E. Newman (TG)

A/C #212

1/Lt Burne, Thomas P. (P)  
1/Lt Kockler, John W. (CP)  
1/Lt Renoult, Louis C. (Nav.)  
1/Lt Golubski, Francis F. (Bomb.)  
T/Sgt Wellington, Harry D. (TTG)  
S/Sgt Pierce, Willis S. (BTG)  
T/Sgt Hanson, Harry C. (RO)  
T/Sgt Spousel, Robertr C., Jr. (WG)  
S/Sgt Ross, Albert A. (TG)

A/C #208

Capt. Hammer, Roy A. (P)  
1/Lt Harper, Oren E. (CP)  
1/Lt Czepkiewicz, Ralphael H. (Nav.)  
1/Lt Olivo, Modesto (Bomb.)  
1/Lt Young, Joseph A. (Mickey Op.)  
T/Sgt Nagy, William (TTG)  
S/Sgt Duran, Mike (W.G.)  
T/Sgt Freeman, Emile G. (RO)  
S/Sgt Birch, Oliver K. (TG)

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

November 1944

1. Strength: Officers 98. F/O 5. E/M 440
2. 2nd Lt. Chollar, Glen A. (CP) trfd to 70th Repl Depot AAF Sta. 591
3. No change.
4. 1st Lt. Baker, Berl O. (P) trfd to 70th Repl Depot.
5. No change
6. 2nd Lt. Young, Robert F. (Mickey Oper.) assigned squadron.  
1st Lt. Keranda, William J., (Nav-Radar) promoted to Captain.
7. 1st Lt. Dobrowitz, Alfred J., (Bombardier) assigned to squadron.
8. No change
9. Following officers assigned squadron - 2nd Lt. Blanton, Ralph P. (P); 2nd Lt. Covington, Norval L. (CP); 2nd Lt. Burns, Roy W., (Nav.); 1st Lt. Marsh, Denver C (P);  
1st Lt. Wrighter, Paul S. (CP); Lt. Butler, Darrel O. (Nav.
10. No change
11. No change
12. No change
13. No change
14. 1st Lt. Roberts, Robert N. (Sq. Nav.) promoted to Capt.  
Following officers assigned to Squadron - 2nd Lt. Miller, Robert W. (P); 2nd Lt. Mayka, Daniel S. (CP); F/O Klebeck, Bernard S. (Nav.); 2nd Lt. Hudspeth, Robert E. (B); 1st Lt. Johnson, Harold D. (P); 2nd Lt. Kane, Jay J. (CP); 2nd Lt. Goldberg, Nathaniel E.

- (Nav.).
15. Capt. Rheam, Michael C. (Nav-Radar) assigned Squadron.
  16. Capt. Suther, Paul P., (P) trfd to 70th Repl Depot.  
Capt. Hendrick, Daniel H. (Engr. Off) trfd to 1st Bomb Division.
  17. 1/Sgt Robinson, John P., married to Cambridge girl.
  18. No change
  19. Capt. Parson, John R. (Adj.) trfd to U.S. Strategic Air Force, Europe
  20. No change
  21. Following 2nd Lts. promoted to 1st Lts.:  
Davidson, Edward H. (P); Hewlett, John D. (CP);  
Lewis, David R. (N); Strauss, Lewis Z. (B).
  22. No change
  23. No change
  24. No change
  25. No change
  26. No change
  27. No change
  28. No change
  29. No change
  30. No change

## 322ND SQUADRON DAILY REPORTS, DECEMBER 1944

EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
FIRST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)  
1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
Period Covered: 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944

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#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

Brief.#	Mission #	Date	Target	Disposition
400	263	4 December 44	Kassel	Completed
401	264	5 December 44	Berlin	Completed
402	7	December 44	Munster	Scrubbed
403	265	9 December 44	Stuttgart	Completed
404	266	11 December 44	Frankfurt	Completed
405	267	12 December 44	Merseburg	Completed
406	268	15 December 44	Kassel	Completed
407	269	18 Dec. 44	Luxembourg Area	Completed
408	19	December 44	Schwarte	Scrubbed
409	20	December 44	Cologne	Scrubbed
410	270	24 December 44	Moushausen Kirche Gons	Completed
411	271	28 December 44	Ludendorf	Completed
412	272	29 December 44	Wittlich	Completed
413	30	December 44	Boschotshelm	Scrubbed
414	273	31 December 44	Bitburg	Completed

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

A/C# Kassel  
4 December 1944

562 Maj. Thompson  
537 Lt. Schuck  
234 Lt. Sparkman  
901 Lt. Freer  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
308 Lt. Miller  
306 Lt. Smoley  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
596 F/O Roach  
707 Lt. Price  
693 Lt. Mitchell  
360 Lt. Johnson  
333 Lt. Trent

REMARKS: Major Thompson, K.W., with Capt. Walton,



L.M., as co-pilot, led the 1st "C" group furnished by the 91st Bomb Group. An attempt was made to bomb the primary target, Soest M/Y, but failure in the "GH" equipment caused a change in plan. After the lead mickey ships' mickey set went out, the Low Squadron leader took over, and bombs were dropped on his smoke markers with unobserved results. 8-10/10 cloud were encountered enroute, and a complete undercast at both targets, with winds much stronger than briefed. A/A fire was described as meager and inaccurate.

Berlin

5 December, 1944

754 Capt. Thompson

693 Lt. Mitchell

306 Lt. Smoley

707 Capt. Gordon

596 F/O Roach

360 Lt. Blaanton

901 Lt. Johnson

308 Lt. Ernst

234 Lt. Treer

591 Lt. Miller

095 Lt. Schroeder

027 Lt. Price

761 Lt. Alexander

REMARKS: This operation is the first one since 21 June for our group with target - Berlin. The Borsig Steel Works in the NW suburbs was the primary and PFF target, a plant producing guns, shell casings, tank parts and mines. The 322nd Squadron furnished 13 crews of the high squadron of the first "A" group which led the division. Lead and Low Squadrons made short visual runs, being able to see the target briefly through broken cloud. High Squadron bombed PFF, and results for all squadrons were unobserved. A/A fire was accurate for the high squadron only and consisted of both barrage and tracking fire.

Our A/C #693, Lt. Mitchell, pilot, was last observed at 1058 hours, 5236N-1315E, with #1 prop windmilling. 6 chutes reported. A/C #360, Lt. Blanton, pilot, was last seen at 5237N-1300E, at 1055 hours with #1 prop

feathered. No chutes seen.

A/C #234, Lt. Freer, pilot, was observed to have received a direct A/A hit in #3 engine; last seen at 1104 hours in the target area. 4 A/C received major damage, 5 A/C received minor damage, all due to A/A fire. Two crew members of A/C #306, Lt. Smoley, pilot, were injured by flak, Sgt. Higdon, D.A., and Sgt. Nowicki, H.M., ball turret and waist gunner respectively. This A/C landed away at Horton (?).

3 members of F/O Rosch's crew, F/O Alexander, Geo., navigator, Sgt. Larson, toggler, and Sgt. Faulkner, R.H., engineer, bailed out over the target, misunderstanding the pilot's order to "stand by to bail out," the A/C was hit by A/A fire just at bombs away, losing #1 and #2 engines and damaging the control surfaces. This A/C landed safely at base upon return.

Stuttgart  
9 December, 1944

224 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
707 Lt. Alexander  
761 Lt. Ellisk, M.C.  
540 Lt. Johnson  
909 Lt. Miller  
333 Lt. Schuck  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
901 Lt. Marsh  
027 Lt. Ernst  
939 F/O Roach  
855 F/O Reichert (Ed.Note: Should be "Lt. Reichert")

The 322nd Squadron furnished 12 crews of the low squadron of the 1st "C" group. Briefed target was the railway M/Y at Stuttgart. Bombing was done by squadrons, the low dropping visually with very good results; the high and lead squadrons dropping by PFF methods unobserved. At the target A/A fire was meager and accurate, 4 of our A/C sustaining minor damage. High cloud in the target area necessitated bombing from 27,000 feet rather than the briefed

altitude. Lt. Miller flew and bombed with the 304th Group.

Bomb plot, supplement to immediate interpretation report #213, shows the concentration for the low squadron in the southern end of the Marshalling yard.

Merseburg  
12 December 1944

562 Capt. Newquist  
790 Lt. Smoley  
027 Lt. Johnson  
761 Lt. Ellis, M.C.  
901 Lt. Marsh  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
843 Lt. Ernst  
578 Lt. Reichert  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
088 Lt. Schuck  
755 Lt. Price  
707 Lt. Alexander

REMARKS: On this mission, the 322nd Squadron furnished 11 A/C and 12 crews for the lead squadron with Capt. Newquist, J.L., as Group leader. The 91st Bomb Group flew the 1st "C" Group being third in the division formation. Briefed primary was Lutzkendorf Oil Plant with Merseburg Leuna as PFF secondary. Due to 10/10 cloud the secondary target was bombed with unobserved results, although mickey operator believes the bombs fell on the MPI. Moderate to intense, inaccurate, A/A fire was experienced at the target and none of our A/C were damaged.

Lt. Alexander, E.W., A/C #707, aborted in the vicinity of Ghent because of #2 engine failure.

Kassel  
15 December 1944

562 Lt. Ellis, F.D.  
027 Lt. Miller  
755 Lt. Price  
761 Lt. Ernst

591 Lt. Ashlock  
901 Lt. Marsh  
088 Lt. Schuck  
790 Lt. Smoley  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
205 F/O Roach  
308 Lt. Alexander  
578 Lt. Trent

REMARKS: 10/10 cloud necessitated an attack on the secondary target by PFF methods. The target was the Henschel Engineering Works located in the northern suburbs of the city, a plant producing heavy equipment for tanks for locomotives. A/A fire was reported as meager and inaccurate in the target area.

Lt. Ellis, F.D., led the high squadron composed of 12 crews of the 322nd Squadron of the 1st "A" group, being seventh in the Division formation.

Lt. Ashlock landed away at an airstrip near Brussels with #3 engine out and #2 engine not pulling. Mechanical failure in the engines made it necessary to jettison bombs on a T/O at 5157N-0738E.

F/O Roach flew with the 381st Group, weather conditions preventing him from making contact with the formation. At the Division break up point, Roach left this formation and proceeded to base alone.

Mershausen  
Kirch Gons  
24 December, 1944

630 Capt. Thompson, W.W.  
333 Lt. Trent  
027 Lt. Ashlock  
808 Lt. Ellis  
308 Lt. Miller  
901 Lt. Marsh  
790 Lt. Smoley  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
000 Lt. Johnson  
755 Lt. Price  
578 (No name entered--Ed. - FF)

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron flew high squadron with the 91st "D" Group, the primary target being Mershausen A/F, a small landing ground 15 miles NNW of Frankfurt, being used by the GAF in support of their ground forces. Visual sighting was done and good results obtained on the hangar line. Fog made takeoff hazardous and one A/C of the 324th Squadron crashed 6 miles from base. On return, persistent fog at base forced our A/C to land at Bury St. Edmonds.

Meager, accurate A/A fire was experienced enroute to the target at the troop line and 4 of our A/C were damaged, 3 minor and 1 major.

This mission was a maximum effort for the Group, 52 A/C being dispatched, 50 of which completed sorties.

Remagen Bridge  
28 December 1944

174 Lt. Col. Sheeler - Capt. Thornton, W.W.  
238 Capt. Ellis  
000 Lt. Johnson  
901 Lt. Marsh  
755 Lt. Price  
790 Lt. Marlow  
578 Lt. Miller  
308 Lt. Ernst  
596 F/O Roach  
333 Lt. Trent  
761 Lt. Schroeder  
707 Lt. Alexander

REMARKS; Capt. Thompson, W.W., led the 1st "A" Group and 12 crews of the 322nd Squadron composed the lead elements. The primary target, the rail bridge over the Rhine River at Remagen, south of Cologne, was bombed by "GH" with unobserved results. Bomb load was 2 x 2000 lb. GP bombs.

Meager, inaccurate A/A fire was reported from the target area and none of our A/C were damaged.

Capt. Ellis, M.C., piloting the "GH" A/C, took over

the bombing run at the IP, and the "GH" operator reports a very good run on the target.

Wittlich

29 December 1944

478 Capt. Elliis - Lt. Goodrich  
596 F/O Roach  
333 Lt. Trent  
790 Lt. Smoley  
761 Lt. Ernst  
308 Lt. Mathers  
578 Lt. Marlow  
095 Lt. Schroeder  
707 Lt. Ashlock  
088 Lt. Schuck  
000 Lt. Johnson  
293 Lt. Alexander  
901 Lt. Chase

REMARKS: Assigned target was Wittlich, communication center in the tactical area. Squadron bombing was done and three different targets were hit. Cloud conditions made identification of the primary target difficult. The Lead squadron dropped on Bergwiller; the Low Squadron made a 360 and dropped on Gross-Littgen(?), both in Germany; the High squadron, flown by the 322nd dropped on Wiltz, Luxemburg, after making a 360 and being crowded by another formation. Bomb load was 18 x 250 lb. GP.

A/A fire was accurate and moderate in the target area, 7 A/C receiving minor, and 6 major damage. 13 crews were furnished by the 322nd Squadron led by Capt. Ellis, F.D.

Bitburg

31 December 1944

475 Lt. Turner - Lt. Goodrich  
755 Lt. Price  
596 Lt. Smoley  
333 Lt. Ashlock  
761 Lt. Schuck  
578 Lt. Van Slarcom

308 Lt. Ernst  
618 Lt. Marsh  
772 Lt. Chase  
707 Lt. Schroeder  
083 Lt. Mathers  
116 Lt. Miller

REMARKS: An Army request target was briefed, a communication center at Bitburg, Germany. Bombing was done by "GH" methods with unobserved results due to cloud coverf.

This Squadron furnished 12 cres of the low squadron on the 1st "A" Group. Meager, inaccurate A/A fire was experienced in the target area, none of our A/C being hit.

From partially cloud covered strike photos, bombs are plotted to have fallen at 4942N - 0624E, very close to the tactical bomb line. Pilots and bombardiers express the opinion that bombing near the troop lines should be carried out, if in instrument conditions, on a West to East heading to prevent dropping on friendly troops if bombs are dropped late.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS

The 322nd Squadron had no E/A claims for the month of December, 1944.

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

During the month of December, 1944, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are Prisoners of War:

#### Last Mission, Date

2/Lt Frank S. Bolen (B) Ludwigshaven 8-9-44  
1/Lt Donald L. Bradzons (N) Ludwigshaven 8-9-44  
S/Sgt Byron F. Burgin (BTG) Leipzig 20-7-44  
1/Lt Manuel Center (N) Berlin 21-6-44  
S/Sgt Karl P. Dziadula (WG) Leipzig 20-7-44  
1/Lt. Younts, James M. (B) Leipzig 20-7-44  
T/Sgt Delmar C. Spears (RO) LeManoir, Fr. 13-8-44

T/Sgt Charles F. Sturgeon (TTG) LeManoir, Fr. 13-8-44

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

December 1944

1. Strength: Officers 88. F/O 6. E/Men 429.
2. No change
3. 1st Lt. Thomas W. Schlaich (Sq. Bomb.) promoted Capt.
4. 1st Lt. Thomas R. Gordon (P) promoted Capt.  
Following officers asgd. squadron: 2nd Lts. Robert Marlow (P) Seymour Rosenthal (CP), Melvin Dart (N), Walter J. Wypzynski (B), Dudley S. Mathers Jr. (P), Robert M. Millwee Jr. (CP), Ray E. Forsbacks (N), Stephen Lada (B), John Martin (P), Morris D. Lund (CP), Edwin C. Eldred Jr. (N), F/O Robertr Streuse (B).
5. 1st Lt. Freiday, Milton P. (B), 1st Lt. Winterer, Robet N (P), trfd to Cas Pool 70th Repl Depot.
6. No change
- 7 No change
8. 1st Lt. Arland F. Brazie (CP) trfd to 70th Repl Depot.
9. Capt. Louis M Walton (P), and 1st Lt. Donald W; Sparkman (P) trfd to 70th Repl Depot, 1st Lt. John E. Swisher (N) and 1st Lt. Mitchell Maged (B) trfd to 70th Repl Depot. Capt Gerald L. Newquist (Operations Officer) appointed acting Squadron Commander during temporary absence of Major Karl W. Thompson who was injured in a plane crash. Also Executive Officer Major Vincent Pl. Richards was injured in same plane crash.
10. 1st Lt. John A. O'Connor (N) asgd Squadron. Thomas R. Gordon, Captain (P), trfd to Cas Pool 70th Repl Depot..
11. No change
12. No change
13. No change
14. Following officers asgd squadron: 2nd Lts. Edward E. Chase (P), Dale S. Smith (CP), Willard M. Atman (B), Nelson D. Van Blarcom (P), Joseph L. Buydos (CP), James E. Connolly (N), Joseph J. Troccoli (P), Harvey B. Burkholder (CP), Vernon F. Carrie (N), Robert E. Fuller (P), Gerland G. Kranch (CP), Elmer H. Frederickson (N), Glen A. McClure (B),



F/O Allen K. Lillegard (N), F/O Donald L. Gratiias (B),  
F/O Robert D. Burnside (B)  
15. 1st Lt. Robert B. West (N) trfd 70th Repl  
Depot.  
16. Capt. John R. Westwood (P) trfd 70th Repl  
Depot. Pvt. Ray M. Smith (cook) killed in bicycle  
accident.  
17. No change  
18. No change  
19. Following 2nd Lts. prmtd 1st Lt.: James  
L. Ashlock Jr. (P), Robert P. Reese, Albert W. Price  
Jr.  
20. No change  
21. No change  
22. Following officers assigned squadron:  
2nd Lt. Harold P. Reinhart (P), F/O Barlton J. Eagle  
Jr. (P), 2nd Lt. Joseph D. Brodell (N), 2nd Lt.  
Bennett M. Fisher (B).  
23. No change  
24. No change  
25. No change  
26. 1st Lt. Frederick D. Ellis (P) pmtd Capt.  
Following 2nd Lts. prmtd 1st Lts.: Charles H. Bonner  
(CP), Robert H. Miller (P), Earl M. Smoley (P).  
27. Following officers asgd squadron: 2nd  
Lt. Wayne F. Swegle (P), 2nd Lt. Thomas H. Moulton Jr.  
(CP), Ralph L. Power (B), F/O Stuart K. Gilbertson  
(N).  
28. No change  
29. No change  
30. 1st Lt. Milzia C. Ellis (P) prmt. Capt.  
31. F/O Robert W. Roach Jr. (P) commissioned  
2nd Lt. Strength: Officers 98. F/O 9. E/Men 438.

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS During December, 1944

##### Date Compoleted

Capt. Walton, Louis M. 4 Dec. 1944  
1/Lt Sparkman, Donald W. 4 Dec. 1944  
S/Sgt Stronach, Leland 5 Dec. 1944  
S/Sgt Hofferter, Edward 5 Dec. 1944  
T/Sgt Malon, Howard F. 5 Dec. 1944

S/Sgt Schockley, Andie W. 5 Dec. 1944  
T/Sgt Blakely, Samuel B. 5 Dec. 1944  
S/Sgt King, Charles P. 5 Dec. 1944  
S/Sgt Waller, Edgar N., 5 Dec. 1944  
Capt. Gordon, Thomas H. 5 Dec. 1944  
1/Lt Swisher, John E. 5 Dec. 1944  
1/Lt Maged, Mitchell 5 Dec. 1944  
S/Sgt Kandior, John W. 24 Dec. 1944  
T/Sgt Cairns, Lee M. 24 Dec. 1944  
Capt. Schlaich, Thomas W. 12 Dec. 1944  
1/Lt Trent, William H. 29 Dec. 1944  
1/Lt Daigle, Joseph G. 29 Dec. 1944  
T/Sgt Sherk, Maurice D. 29 Dec. 1944

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

The "Crews Missing in Action" report for December, 1944, can be found in the history for the month of November, 1944, where they were listed incorrectly. The following crews were missing and are listed in the November history:

Lt. Blanton, Ralph (P) A/C #360  
Lt. Freer, Donald R. ((P) A/C #234  
Lt. Mitchell, Howad I. A/C #693

(Ed. Note - I caught the mistake while transcribing the November reports; and I have taken the liberty of placing them here, where they were meant to be. - FF)

Lost to A/A fire 5 Dec.  
Berlin

A/C #234  
1/Lt Freer, Donald R.  
1/Lt Gallagher, Joseph M. (CP)  
1/Lt Lasch, Harold W. (Nav.)  
T/Sgt Sanchez, Joe (Bomb.)  
S/Sgt Tacinelli, Anthony R. (BTG)  
T/Sgt Tanner, Roy M. (RO)  
S/Sgt Kellstrom, Borge O. (WG)  
S/Sgt Schank, Lawrence, Jr. (TG)

A/C #693

1/Lt Mitchell, Howard L. (P)  
2/Lt Miller, Irving E. (CP)  
1/Lt Rieker, Thomas H. (Nav.)  
S/Sgt Boutier, Eugene L. (Bomb.)  
T/Sgt Caudell, George W. (TTg)  
S/Sgt Lee, Trennie L. (BTG)  
T/Sgt Fugatt, Ralph J. (RO)  
S/Sgt Schnurstein, Frank E. (WG)  
S/Sgt Elliott, Gilbert L. (TG)

A/C 596

F/O Alexanger, George, Jr. (Nav.)  
Sgt. Larsen, Elden (Bomb.)  
Sgt. Faulkner, Robert H. (TTG)

REMARKS: Subject A/C received a direct burst of flak in #1 and #2 engines and fell 3000 ft. Pilot gave order to "stand by to bail out," but the plane came back under control. He then asked the navigator for a heading, and receiving no answer, checked his crew to find that three (3) men had bailed out, the navigator, bombardier and engineer. The location of the A/C at the time the men bailed out was 5247N 1318E. A/C #596 with other crew members returned to base.

Lost to A/A fire

Berlin

2/Lt Blanton, Ralph P., Jr. (P)  
2/Lt Covington, Norval L. (CP)  
2/Lt Burns, Roly W. (Nav.)  
Sgt. Stern, Allison M. (Bomb.)  
Sgt. Porter, Lauren N. (TTG)  
Sgt. Johnson, Arvid J. (BTG)  
Sgt. Minette, Kenneth L. (RO)  
Sgt. Salyards, Emery E. (WG)  
Sgt. Smith, Louis M. (TG)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

On the 9th of December, 1944, Major Thompson, Squadron C.O, with Major Richards, Squadron Executive Officer as a passenger, suffered injuries in a takoff crash in the A-35 assigned to the Squadron. Failure or malfunction of flaps or aileron controls caused the A/C to fall off on left wing shortly after becoming

airborne at an altitude of 40 to 50 feet. The left wing hit the ground causing the A/C to cartwheel to an upright position immediately catching fire. Both officers managed to extricate themselves from the wreckage without assistance despite injuries. Major Richards suffered an extensive scalp wound, and Major Thompson in addition to scalp wounds had a badly sprained left ankle, extensive burns about the face and hands and had several teeth knocked out of his upper jaw. Quick thinking and action on their part in getting out of the flaming wreck probably saved the lives of our two ranking officers.

8TH AIR FORCE

1ST AIR DIVISION (H)

1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Period Covered: 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945

Prepared by: SAMUEL Y. GIBBON, Capt. A.F.

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#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

Brief.# Mission # Date Target Disposition

415 274 1 Jan. '45 Kassel Completed  
416 275 2 Jan. '45 Prum Completed  
417 276 3 Jan. '45 Koln Completed  
418 277 5 Jan. '45 Koblenz Completed  
419 278 6 Jan. '45 Koln Completed  
420 279 10 Jan. '45 Ostheim Completed  
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422 281 15 Jan. '45 Ingolstadt Completed  
423 16 Jan. '45 Berlin Scrubbed  
424 282 17 Jan. '45 Paderborn Completed  
425 283 20 Jan. '45 Ludwigshaven Complete  
426 284 21 Jan. '45 Aschaffenburg Complete  
427 285 22 Jan. '45 Sterkrade Completed  
428 27 Jan. '45 Bremen Scrubbed  
429 286 28 Jan. '45 Koln Completed  
430 287 29 Jan. '45 Niederlahnstein Complete  
431 31 Jan. '45 "A" Berlin  
"B" Berlin Scrubbed

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

A/C# PILOT

Kassel 1 Jan. 1945

REMARKS: The group bombed Kassel with good results,  
but the 322nd Squadron was stood down for the day.

Cologne 3 Jan. 1945

745 PFF Lt. Towner

333 Lt. Marlow

889 Lt. Chase

088 Lt. Schuck

596 Lt. Fuller

790 Lt. Smoley

578 Lt. Troccoli

761 Lt. Johnson

707 Lt. Alexander

308 Lt. Mathers

755 Lt. Price

901 Lt. Reinhart

568 Lt. Miller

REMARKS: Ten tenths cloud cover over the entire route  
and the target area necessitated bombing the secondary  
target (industrial area of Cologne) by PFF equipment  
with unobserved results. Meager inaccurate A/A fire  
in the target area resulted in minor damage to only  
one A/C of the 322nd Squadron which was flying the  
high squadron with 1st Lt. Marsh leading.

Coblenz 5 Jan. 1945

630 PFF Lt. Goodrich

308 Lt. Mathers

755 Lt. Fuller  
088 Lt. Schuck  
707 Lt. Miller  
901 Lt. Reinhart  
333 Lt. Chase  
761 Lt. Price  
596 Lt. Roach  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
790 Lt. Smoley  
578 Lt. Troccoli

REMARKS: 1st Lt. (now Capt.) Goodrich led the low squadron which was furnished by the 322nd. 10/10ths cloud cover from 5 degrees to 8 degrees east made it necessary to bomb secondary PFF target which was the R/R Marshalling yards in Cologne. Bombing was done in group formation with what was believed to be good results. Meager and inaccurate A/A fire in the target area resulted in no damage to any of our A/C.

Cologne, 6 Jan. 1945

REMARKS: The Marshalling yards in the Northeast section of Cologne were bombed by PFF methods with what are believed to be good results. The 322nd Squadron was stood down for the day.

Ostheim, 10 Jan. 1945

630 PFF Capt. Newquist  
351 Lt. Schroeder  
707 Lt. Alexander  
027 Lt. Reinhart  
088 Lt. Marlow  
755 Lt. Van Blarcon  
308 Lt. Mathers  
578 Lt. Richert  
790 Lt. Smoley  
596 Lt. Roach  
333 Lt. Ashlock  
901 Lt. Chase

REMARKS: Capt. Newquist flying with Lt. Towner led the 1st "C" group in a visual attack on the Ostheim airdrome. Strike photographs from the lead squadron

show excellent results with the assigned WPI well covered with a good pattern of bursts. Accurate moderate flak at the target produced major damage to 6

A/C of this Squadron. Lt. Van Blarcom, in A/C #755, unable to make the group formation at assembly flew with the 303rd group of the 41st CBW attacking Bonn-Hangelar A/C with what appeared to be good results.

Cologne, 14 Jan. 1945

632 PFF Lt. Goodrich  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
790 Lt. Smoley  
761 Lt. Reichert  
596 Lt. Fuller  
707 Lt. Alexander  
308 Lt. Troccoli  
333 Lt. Ernst  
901 Lt. Marsh  
088 Lt. Miller  
755 Lt. Price  
000 Lt. Marlow  
578 Lt. Reinhart

REMARKS: The Deutsch bridge over the Rhine River in Cologne which was the assigned primary target was well covered by a good pattern of bursts from this group which flew as 1st "A." Dense smoke from bomb bursts make damage assessment impossible but the bombing was excellent. Capt. Goodrich flew the lead of the high squadron which was furnished by the 322nd Squadron. Five A/C of this Squadron received minor flak damage.

Ingolstadt, 15 Jan. 1945

632 FFF Capt. Goodrich  
027 Lt. Johnson  
707 Lt. Alexander  
761 Lt. Ernst  
308 Lt. Mathers  
790 Lt. Swegle  
095 Lt. Fuller  
578 Lt. Reichert

088 Lt. Miller  
000 Lt. Marsh  
333 Lt. Ashlock  
755 Lt. Roach

REMARKS: Capt. Goodrich again flew the lead position in the squadron which flew as the low of the 1st "C" group. The secondary target which was the marshalling yards and R/R workshops in Ingolstadt, was bombed by PFF methods with unobserved results.

Paderborn, 17 Jan. 1945

REMARKS: A Railroad target in Paderborn was bombed by the group with the aid of instruments with unobserved results. The 322nd Squadron was stood down.

Ludwigshafen, 20 Jan. 1945

083 PFF Capt. Thompson - Maj. Thompson  
755 Lt. Price  
630 Lt. Schroeder  
000 Lt. Johnson  
088 Lt. Miller  
027 Lt. Troccoli  
578 Lt. Chase  
761 Lt. Ernst  
333 Lt. Ashlock  
308 Lt. Mathers  
790 Lt. Roach  
901 Lt. Marlow  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom

RESULTS: Major Thompson flew as pilot in the lead A/C with Capt. Walter W. Thompson acting as Air Commander of the 1st "B" group. The Mannheim-Ludwigshafen bridge over the Rhine was the assigned target which was bombed with PFF with results that were unobserved. From plotting of "Mickey" scope photos and some strike photos of the area beyond the target it is believed that good results were obtained. The lead and high squadrons suffered no battle damage but the low squadron had 11 A/C with minor damage.

Aschaffenburg  
21 Jan. 1945



475 PFF Capt. Newquist  
333 Lt. Reinhart  
027 Lt. Marlow  
761 Lt. Ernst  
578 Lt. Troccoli  
790 Lt. Smoley  
755 Lt. Price  
000 Lt. Johnson  
088 Lt. Fuller  
558 Lt. Chase  
901 Lt. Marsh  
623 Lt. Van Blarcom  
040 Lt. Mathers

REMARKS: Capt. Newquist led the high squadron furnished by the 322nd. The Marshalling yards at Aschaffenburg were bombed by PFF methods with unobserved results in group formation with what are believed to be good results. No battle damage. Lt. Fuller in A/C #088 was unable to make the group formation and flew with the 305th Group bombing the same target.

Sterkrade, 22 Jan. 1945  
357 Lt. Towner  
707 Lt. Chase  
596 Lt. Davidson  
088 Lt. Schuck  
755 Lt. Marlow  
083 Lt. Van Blarcom  
324 Lt. Troccoli  
761 Lt. Ashlock  
578 Lt. Reinhart  
000 Lt. Johnson  
504 Lt. Miller  
790 Lt. Pearson

REMARKS: Lt. Towner led the low squadron of the 1st "A" group with Major Thompson flying as his pilot. The synthetic oil plant at Sterkrade was bombed visully with excellent results. Many hits to vital installations can be seen in the strike photos from each of the two squadrons. Lt. Van Blarcom's A/C #083 was hit by flak before and after bombs away in the target area, crippling #2 and #4 engines which could

not be feathered and continued to windmill. Co-pilot's oxygen system and all the system on the right side of the A/C was knocked out and he was forced to descend to 14,000 feet where he hoped to be able to stay under the formation. The electrical system was disabled and the Gee box and all instruments except the magnetic compass in the cockpit were inoperable. In spite of the lack of navigational equipment they were able to hit the English coast at Lowestoft, and endeavored to land at Woodbridge only to find that it was socked in. Going over to Metfield the wheels were cranked down by hand, the brake pressure built up manually and a landing was accomplished successfully, the A/C coming to a stop a few feet short of the end of the runway. During the trip back to England a fire in the left wing was extinguished by chopping a hole from the bomb bay into the wing and using a hand extinguisher.

Cologne, 28 Jan. 1945

REMARKS: While the 322nd Squadron was stood down for the day the group bombed the Hohenzollern bridge over the Rhine River at Cologne. The western end and the approaches to the bridge were well covered with bomb bursts.

Niederlahnstein, 29 Jan. 1945

478 PFF Capt. Newquist

578 Lt. Reichert

093 Lt. Van Blarcom

027 Lt. Fuller

088 Lt. Miller

306 Lt. Marlow

755 Lt. Swegle

596 Lt. Roach

000 Lt. Chase

901 Lt. Reinhart

294 Lt. Ashlock

707 Lt. Davidson

790 Lt. Troccoli

REMARKS: The railway center at Niederlahnstein, about three miles south of Coblenz, was bombed by GEE-H methods in group formation with what are believed to be good results as the equipment was working perfectly

and a good bomb run was made. Capt. Newquist flew as air commander with Capt. Towner as his pilot. Lt. Ashlock in A/C #294 had trouble with his #2 engine a few miles before the target. He had to feather the engine and could not keep up with the formation. Later reports state that he landed safely in friendly territory with all of his crew but with the A/C badly damaged.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS

The 322nd Bomb Squadron had no E/A claims for the month of January, 1945.

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

During the month of January, 1945, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

1/Lt Hammer, Roy A. (P)  
T/Sgt Dallas, Jack R. (TTG)  
1/Lt. Freer, Donald R. (P)  
2/Lt Rieker, Thomas H. (N)

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

January, 1945

1. Strength: Officers 98. F/O 9. E/M 438.
2. No change.
3. 2/Lt Robert T. Anderson (Mickey Oper.) assigned squadron.
4. Following officers transferred to 70th Repl Depot AAF Station 594: 1st Lt. Joseph G. Daigle, 1/Lt William H. Trent. 2nd Lt. Robert F. Sullivan (Mickey Oper.) promoted to 1st Lt.
5. No change.
6. No change.
7. No change.
8. Following officers trfd to 70th Repl Depot AAF Station 594: Capt. Milzia C. Ellis, 1/Lt Robert Oien, 1/Lt Murle Webb, 1/Lt Joseph Campolong. Following officers assigned to Squadron: 2/Lt Marvin L. Pearson (P), F/O Wallace J. Harpster (CP), 2/Lt John C. Bosworth (N), F/O George G. Burnett (B).

9. No change.
10. No change.
11. No change.
12. Capt. William T. Koranda (Mickey Oper.) transferred to 482nd Bomb Group (H).
13. Capt. Million, Donald A. (Bombsight Officer), trfd to Hq., 91st Bomb Group (H).
14. No change.
15. No change.
16. No change.
17. No change
18. No change.
19. No change.
20. No change.
21. Following 2/Lts promoted to 1/Lts - Darrell O. Butler, Edward E. Chase, Robert Marlow, Dudley B. Mathers Jr., Joseph J. Troccoli, Nelson D. Van Blarcom.
22. Following 2/Lts promoted to 1/Lts - Robert J. Bailey, Robert E. Fuller. 2/Lt Charles F. Hadd (Radar Observer) assigned squadron.
23. No change.
24. No change.
25. No change.
26. 1/Lt Elsmore C. Maney (Electronics Officer) assigned to Squadron.
27. 1/Lt Elias J. Alexander Jr. and Frederick L. Christopher trfd to 70th Repl Depot.
28. 1/Lt Ferrall K., Goodrich and 1/Lt Francis M. Towner promoted to captain.
29. No change.
30. Following officers trfd to 70th Repl Depot: 1/Lt John A. Wallace, 1/Lt Howard L. Mahan, 1/Lt Robert L. Schuck, F/O Francis X. Quinn. Major Ray E. Swain trfd to 127th Repl Bn. Station 791.
31. No change. Strength: Officers 88. F/O 10. E/M 423.

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS

Missions Date Completed

Capt. Milzia C. Ellis 35-0 2 Jan. 1945

1/Lt Murle Webb 35-0 “

1/Lt Robert G. Oien 35-0 “

1/Lt Joseph Campolong Jr. 35-0 “

T/Sgt Edward M. Shaw Jr. 35-0 “  
Cpl. Hyman Stavitsky 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Alfred P. Murphy 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Russell L. Waggoner 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Jimmie D. Mills Jr. 35-0 3 Jan. 1945  
T/Sgt Lee R. Schofield Jr. 35-0 3 Jan. 1945  
S/Sgt Dennis J. Moore 35-0 3 Jan. 1945  
T/Sgt Richard L. Carboneau 33-2 5 Jan. 1945 “  
Capt. William T. Koranda 29-1 “  
S/Sgt Anthony J. Baummer 35-0 20 Jan. 1945  
S/Sgt Thomas C. Lakos 35-0 “  
1/Lt John A. Wallace 30-0 22 Jan. 1945  
1/Lt Robert L. Schuck 35-0 “  
1F/O Francis X. Quinn 35-0 “  
1/Lt Howard F. Mahan 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Malcolm J. Tuohy 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Peter L. Pesoli 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Harold Gross 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Nick Sasyk 35-0 “  
1/Lt Edwin V. Kemp 35-0 28 Jan. 1945

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

January 1945

During the month of January, 1945, the 322nd Bomb Squadron had no losses of personnel or aircraft.

#### EIGHTH AIR FORCE

1ST AIR DIVISION (H)

1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Period

Covered: 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945

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#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

February 1945

Brief.#	Mission #	Date	Target	Disposition
432	288	1 Feb. 45	Mannheim	Completed
433	2	Feb. 45	"A" Berlin	Scrubbed
			"B" Dresden	Scrubbed
434	289	3 Feb. 45	Berlin	Completed
435	290	6 Feb. 45	Gotha	Completed
436	7	Feb. 45	Osterfeld	Recalled
437	8	Feb. 45	Wesel	Recalled
438	291	9 Feb. 45	Altenbeken	Completed
439		10 Feb. 45	Kassel	Scrubbed
440		11 Feb. 45	Munster	Scrubbed
441		13 Feb. 45	"A" Kassel	Scrubbed
			"B" Dresden	Scrubbed
442	292	14 Feb. 45	Lead U/I/T/O	Completed
			Hi & Lo Prague	Comptd.
443	293	15 Feb. 45	Dresden	Completed
444	294	16 Feb. 45	Gelsenkirchen	Compltd.
445		17 Feb. 45	Bohlen	Scrubbed
446		18 Feb. 45	Altenbeken	Scrubbed
447	295	19 Feb. 45	Dortmund	Completed
448	296	20 Feb. 45	Nurnberg	Completed
449	297	21 Feb. 45	Nurnberg	Completed
450	298	22 Feb. 45	Stendal	Completed
451	299	23 Feb. 45	Meiningen	Completed
			Hi-Hildburghausen	Cptd.
452	300	24 Feb. 45	Hamburg	Completed
453	301	26 Feb. 45	Berlin	Completed

454	302	27 Feb. 45	Leipzig	Completed
455	303	28 Feb. 45	Schwerte	Completed

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

A/C#	Target	Date
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Mannheim 1 February 1945

478	Capt. Goodrich
306	Lt. Marlow
596	Lt. Swegle
000	Lt. Ernst
308	Lt. Mathers
205	Lt. Price
088	Lt. Troccoli
095	Lt. Schroeder
578	Lt. Reinhart
333	Lt. Fuller
901	Lt. Marsh
707	Lt. Pearson
790	Lt. Smoley

REMARKS: Capt. Goodrich, flying with 1st Lt. Miller, led the high squadron which was furnished by the 322nd Squadron. The group flew as 1st "C" and attacked the marshalling yards at Mannheim through 10/10ths clouds by PFF methods. Bombing was done in group formation. Results were unobserved,. Meager and inaccurate flak at target produced no battle damage.

Berlin 3 February 1945

475	Capt. Ellis
308	Lt. Mathers
707	Lt. Pearson
000	Lt. Ernst
095	Lt. Van Blarcom
578	Lt. Chase

755 Lt. Reinhart  
901 Lt. Marsh  
333 Lt. Roach  
761 Lt. Marlow  
790 Lt. Smoley  
088 Lt. Swegle

REMARKS: Primary Target: Berlin, Communications Center.

A communications center in the heart of Berlin was bombed visually with very good results, although dense smoke from bombing by preceding formations made pinpointing of strikes impossible. The 322nd Squadron furnished low Sqdn. with Capt. Ellis and Maj. Thompson in the lead A/C. The group was subjected to moderate accurate flak over the target, the low sqdn. receiving minor damage to 8 A/C and major damage to 3 A/C. The group lead A/C with Lt. Col. Lord, Group Operations Officer, flying as air commander, was hit in the waist over the target and seen to break in half. Four parachutes were seen. One other A/C from the lead squadron is MIA from unknown causes.

Gotha - 6 February 1945

REMARKS: The marshalling yards at Gotha were bombed visually with fair results by this group flying as 1st "A." The 322nd Squadron was stood down for the day.

Altenbeken - 9 February 1945

357 Capt. Newquist  
000 Lt. Schroeder  
761 Lt. Chase  
707 Lt. Davidson  
088 Lt. Fuller  
308 Lt. Mathers



755 Lt. Troccoli  
598 Lt. Roach  
306 Lt. Swegle  
333 Lt. Pearson  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
790 Lt. Smoley

REMARKS: Primary Target: Altenbeken, Railway Viaduct  
Major Close, Air commander, and Capt. Newquist led the  
group on this mission to attack a R/R viaduct at  
Altenbeken near Paderborn. Bombing was done by Gee-H  
methods with all three squadrons reporting excellent  
runs and Gee-fixes at bombs away, confirming the  
accuracy of the bomb runs. On the bomb run just past  
the I.P. the leader was forced to make a 360 degree  
turn to avoid another group which was on a collision  
with this one. No flak was encountered on the mission  
and there was no enemy opposition in the air.

Prague - 14 February 1945

573 Capt. Ellis, F.D.  
761 Lt. Reichert  
306 Lt. Marlow  
901 Lt. Bonner  
333 Lt. Swegle  
595 Lt. Roach  
790 Lt. Smoley  
000 Lt. Miller  
308 Lt. Mathers  
578 Lt. Troccoli  
088 Lt. Reinhart  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
027 Lt. Fuller

REMARKS: "B" Plan Primary Target: Dresden  
"A" Plan Primary Target: Kassel Locomotive Works

The high squadron with Capt. Ellis and Lt. Johnson in the lead A/C was furnished by the lead A/C was furnished by the 322nd Squadron. The group flew as 1st "B" in the division lineup, and following the Division leader, who went West and South of course to avoid an unexpected front of bad weather, the city of Prague was bombed by PFF methods instead of Dresden, the assigned primary target. Meager inaccurate flak at the target did little or no damage, but moderate and accurate flak at Munster on the route out resulted in major damage to one A/C and minor damage to 6 A/C of this squadron were forced to land on the continent due to battle damage or gas shortage. Capt. Ellis made a wheels up crash landing at Jollett, Belgium, in a field. Due to the skillful handling no one on the A/C was injured but the plane is category "E." Lt. Robert E. Fuller, pilot of A/C #027, was wounded by flak over Munster, and due to severe damage to his A/C turned back at about 0700 degrees E. landing at A-83 after jettisoning ball turret. Lt. Fuller was left at a hospital on the continent with injuries that were not believed to be serious.

Dresden - 15 February 1945

Primary Target: Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant

630	Capt. Goodrich
095	Lt. Schroeder
707	Lt. Davidson
431	Lt. Van Blarcom
490	Lt. Pearson
901	Lt. Bonner
088	Lt. Reinhart
040	Lt. Swegle
755	Lt. Price
308	Lt. Mathers
000	Lt. Miller

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron furnished the lead A/C, with Capt. Goodrich and Lt. Marsh, plus ten other A/C of the low squadron for this composite group. The lead squadron was also furnished by the 91st with Major Klette as air commander, and the high squadron was furnished by the 398th Bomb Group. Due to solid undercast over the target areas the secondary target which was the city of Dresden was bombed by H2X equipment with unobserved results. The low squadron was forced to bomb on the smoke markers of the lead sqdn. due to a failure in their mickey equipment. No flak was encountered and no damage received.

Gelsenkirchen - 16 February 1945

Primary Target: Gelsenkirchen Benzol Plant

REMARKS: Major Taylor of the 323rd Squadron led this mission to attack a benzol plant at Gelsenkirchen visually with very good results. The 322nd Sqdn. was stood down for the day.

Dortmund - 19 February 1945

Primary Target: Dortmund Synthetic Oil Plant

357	Lt. Marsh
651	Lt. Price
333	Lt. Swegle
790	Lt. Reinhart
306	Lt. Marlow
596	Lt. Roach
755	Lt. Mathers
000	Lt. Miller
707	Lt. Chase
901	Lt. Bonner
591	Lt. Ashlock
095	Lt. Pearson

REMARKS: Major Thompson flying with Lt. Marsh was air commander for this mission which attacked a synthetic oil plant at Dortmund by Gee-H methods with unobserved results. Due to failure of the Gee-H equipment in the high squadron the bombing was done in group formation after what was considered an excellent Gee- run and the Mickey operator was able to confirm that bombs were away at the proper time. Outside of minor battle damage to the lead A/C no damage was received by A/C of this squadron which furnished the lead.

Nurnberg - 20 February 1945

Primary Target: Nurnberg R/R workshops

651	Capt. Towner
095	Lt. Van Blarcom
000	Lt. Miller
591	Lt. Ashlock
707	Lt. Pearson
308	Lt. Mathers
755	Lt. Chase
153	Lt. Price
306	Lt. Marlow
790	Lt. Reinhart
333	Lt. Swegle
596	Lt. Roach
901	Lt. Bonner

REMARKS: Capt. Towner led the squadron which was flying in the high position of the 1st "B" group attacking the marshalling yards in Nurnberg by H2X equipment with unobserved results. This squadron lost the lead and low squadrons while flying through clouds during the division assembly over the channel and flew the entire mission alone. No damage was received by any A/C of this squadron.

Nurnberg - 21 February 1945

Primary Target: Nurnberg Electrical

Equipment

Factory

651 Lt. Marsh  
000 Lt. Miller  
755 Lt. Price  
308 Lt. Chase  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
578 Lt. Pearson  
707 Lt. Davidson  
379 Lt. Ashlock  
901 Lt. Bonner  
306 Lt. Marlow  
333 Lt. Swegle  
596 Lt. Lein

REMARKS: Lt. Marsh and Lt. Schroeder flew the lead ship of the squadron on this mission in the low position. The Secondary target, the marshalling yards and R/R station in Nurnberg, were bombed through 10/10ths clouds by H2X methods with unobserved results. The mickey equipment of the low squadron failed to work properly and the squadron dropped on the smoke markers of the lead squadron. No damage was received.

Stendal - 22 February 1945

Primary Target: Stendal Railway Traffic Center

REMARKS: The R/R traffic center at Stendal was bombed visually with very good results by all three squadrons of the group. The 322nd Squadron was stood down for the day.

Lead and Low: Meiningen

High: Higdburghausen

Primary Target: Hof - Rail Center

777 Capt. Towner  
630 Lt. Price  
578 Lt. Mathers  
306 Lt. Chase  
790 Lt. Bonner  
308 Lt. Troccoli  
088 Lt. Marlow  
000 Lt. Miller  
707 Lt. Davidson  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
596 Lt. Lien

REMARKS: Major Newquist, Air Commander, and Capt.

Towner flew the lead A/C of the 1st "B" group for which the 322nd furnished the lead squadron. The assigned target at Hof was completely overcast and based on information furnished by Buckeye scouting force it was decided to bomb the R/R yards at Meiningen. The electrical equipment of the lead A/C was inoperative so the lead was assumed by the deputy group leader, Lt. Price, Pilot. Visual runs were made by the lead and low squadrons with results that cannot be properly assessed due to cloud and ground haze over the target, but believed to generally good. The high squadron bombed another unidentified rail target believed to be Hildburghausen. Accurate flak encountered over the front lines resulted in major battle damage to three A/C of this squadron and minor damage to five.

Hamburg - 24 February 1945

Primary Target: Hamburg U-Boat

Building Slips

475 Capt. Ellis, F.D.  
578 Lt. Reichert  
964 Lt. Marlow

790 Lt. Pearson  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
308 Lt. Troccoli  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
333 Lt. Miller  
959 Lt. Chase  
844 Lt. Johnson  
772 Lt. Hansen  
596 Lt. Roach

REMARKS: Capt. Ellis led the high squadron furnished by the 322nd. The group attacked an oil plant in Hamburg through overcast by H2X methods with results that are believed to be good. Meager to moderate and inaccurate flak at the target did not damage any A/C in the squadron.

Berlin - 26 February 1945

Primary Target: Berlin Schlesischer Station

630 Capt. Goodrich  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
790 Lt. Smoley  
615 Lt. Reichert  
088 Lt. Hansen  
431 Lt. Chase  
263 Lt. Lien  
806 Lt. Roach  
964 Lt. Reichert  
333 Lt. Pearson  
308 Lt. Pearson  
576 Lt. Troccoli

REMARKS: The Schlesischer R/R Station in Berlin was bombed with H2X equipment with unobserved results but plotting of mickey scope photos indicates very good results. The 322nd furnished the low squadron with Capt. Goodrich leading. The overcast plus radar

countermeasures resulted in very inaccurate over the target with no damage at all to this squadron and only one A/C in the entire group received minor damage.

Leipzig - 27 February 1945

Primary Target: Leipzig Locomotive Factory

REMARKS: The city of Leipzig was bombed with H2X equipment with unobserved results. This squadron was stood down for the day.

28 February 1945

Primary Target: Schwerte R/R Marshalling Yards

145	Capt. Towner
333	Lt. Van Blarcom
630	Lt. Reichert
588	Lt. Davidson
960	Lt. Reinhart
306	Lt. Troccoli
755	Lt. Hansen
790	Lt. Smoley
014	Lt. Chase
707	Lt. Pearson
591	Lt. Miller
901	Lt. Snipes

REMARKS: The 322nd Squadron furnished the lead squadron for this mission with Major Close as Air Commander and Capt. Towner lead pilot. The target which was the R/R yards in Schwerte was bombed by the low and high squadrons by Gee-H methods with what were believed to be very good results. The Gee-H equipment in the lead ship went out just after the I.P. and Major Close led the squadron in a 360 degree turn permitting the low and high to continue on their bombing run. The lead squadron returned to bomb the target with mickey equipment assisted by Gee-H equipment which



determined the rate. No battle damage.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS

February 1945

The 322nd Squadron had no E/A claims for the month of February 1945. Enemy Aircraft were seen on various missions but none attacked this group.

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

February 1945

During the month of February 1945, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

1/Lt Gallagher, Joseph M. (CP)

T/Sgt Paluse, John W. (RO)

T/Sgt Cereszewski, Joseph A. (RO)

T/Sgt Nagy, William (TTG)

S/Sgt Willey, James M. Jr. (WG)

1/Lt Rietschel, Raymond F. (B)

1/Lt Kitzman, Donald H. (CP)

Sgt. Smith, Louis M. (TG)

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

February 1945

Major Karl W. Thompson, Squadron C.O., was made 91st Group Operations Officer, succeeding Lt. Col. Lord, who is MIA from mission on 3 February 1945 to Berlin. Major Edwin F. Close was appointed Commanding Officer of the 322nd Bomb Squadron to succeed Major Thompson. As Squadron Commander, Major Thompson saw the 322nd Squadron through a period of considerable achievement, culminating with the record of being the leading squadron in the group for practically all operating records. While the transfer to the group will give

him greater scope for his abilities, the squadron will miss an able and conscientious Commanding Officer.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

February 1945

1. Strength: Officers 98. E/M 423
2. No change.
3. Capt. Rheem trfd to 482nd Bomb Squadron (H).
4. No change
5. 2nd Lts. Warren H. Allen and Eden H. Koch

promoted to 1st Lts.

Following officers assigned squadron: 2/Lt Woodrow A. Lien (P), F/O Michael H. Zabiaks (109), F/O Stephen E. Jordan (N). Major Karl W. Thompson (C.O.) trfd to Group Headquarters. Capt. Jerrald L. Newquist (Oper. Officer) trfd to Group Headquarters. Major Edwin F. Close assigned as new C.O.

6. 1/Lt Edwin V. Kemp trfd to 70th Repl Depot.

2/Lts Daniel S. Mayka and Jay J. Kane promoted to 1st Lts.

7. No change.

8. No change.

9. 1/Lts Lewis Z. Strauss and Arthur Ernst trfd to 70th Repl Depot.

10. Following 2/Lts promoted to 1/Lts: Thomas A. Norton, Harold L. Reinhart, William J. Rudy, James E. Connolly, Paul G. Wrighter.

11. Following officers assigned squadron: 2/Lt Leroy B. Jansen, F/O Robert B. Schlicker, Gerard F. Seifert.

12. No change.

13. 2/Lt William R. Snipes, 2/Lt Irac H. Henrickson, Jr., 2/Lt Otto A. Bremer, 2/Lt Glen W. Crumbliss, 2/Lt Milton J. Urla, 2/Lt Glennon J. Schoone, Arah J. Walks, 2/Lt Thomas P. Lennon, Jr.

14. No change.

15. No change.

16. No change.

17. Following officers assigned squadron: 2/Lt

William P.D. Wilson, Jr., F/O Edward F. Wasiuta, F/O  
John J. Tirpak, 2/Lt William L. Kicker.

18. No change

19. 1/Lt Heirlett trfd to 70th Repl Depot.

20. No change.

21. No change.

22. F/O Bernard S. Klebeck appointed 2/Lt.

23. No change.

24. No change.

25. 1/Lt Fink, James R. trd to 70th Repl Depot.

26. No change.

27. S/Sgt Hinerman died 1035 hrs. Inquest revealed  
coronary occlusion acute.

28. No change.

Strength: Officers 108. E/M 430

Following E/M were married this month: Sgt.

Francis J. Gibbon, Cpl. Walter Lafferty, Cpl. Gerald  
Moore.

#### PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS DURING FEBRUARY 1945

##### Missions

##### Date

1/Lt Arthur Ernst (P) 35-0 3 Feb.

1/Lt Lewis Z. Strauss (N/B) 35-0 “

T/Sgt Alvis O. Garner (E) 35-0 “

T/Sgt Alva E. Smith (RO) 35-0 “

S/Sgt Herbert L. Craft (G) 35-0 “

S/Sgt William E. Davis (G) 35-0 “

S/Sgt William A. Hogan (G) 35-0 “

S/Sgt Basil H. Hall (G) 35-0 “

1/Lt James R. Fink (P) 35-0 14 Feb.

S/Sgt Richard E. Hayes (E) 35-0 “

S/Sgt Paul R. Holeman (G) 35-0 “

1/Lt Rayolyn W. Schroeder (P) 35-0 15 Feb.

1/Lt John D. Hewlett (P) 35-0 “

1/Lt. David R. Lewis (Radar N.) 35-0 “

T/Sgt Raymond C. Banciki (E) 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Guthrie S. Kennard (E) 35-0 21 Feb.  
1/Lt Charles H. Bonner (P) 35-0 23 Feb.  
T/Sgt Andrew D. Suppo (RO) 35-0 24 Feb.  
1/Lt James H. Kovanda (N) 35-0 26 Feb.  
T/Sgt David Wolnowitz (E) 35-0 26 Feb.  
T/Sgt Frank F. Herczeg (G) 35-0 26 Feb.  
T/Sgt William G. Findlon Jr. (RO) 35-0 28 Feb.

#### CREWS MISSING IN ACTION

During the month of February 1945, the 322nd Bomb Squadron had no losses of personnel or aircraft.

8TH AIR FORCE  
1ST AIR DIVISION (H)  
1ST BOMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
322nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
Period covered: 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945  
Prepared by Samuel Y. Gibbon, Capt. A.C.  
Sgt. A. F. Gentile

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#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

March 1945

Brief #	Mission #	Date	Target	Disposition
456	304	1 Mar 1945	Heilbronn	Completed
457	305	2 Mar 1945	Ld & Lo Chemnitz	Cmpl.

Hi Jocketa Completed  
458 306 3 Mar 1945 Chemnitz Completed  
459 307 4 Mar 1945 Ld Reutlingen Completed  
Hi & Lo Ulm Completed  
460 308 7 Mar 1945 Ld,Hi Dortmund Cmpld.  
Lo Giessen Completed  
461 309 8 Mar 1945 Hals Completed  
462 310 9 Mar 1945 Kassel Completed  
463 311 10 Mar 1945 Sinsen Completed  
(ED.NOTE: From this point on, the typist of the  
report made a mistake, juxtaposing the Briefing number  
and the Mission number. I have placed them in the  
correct order. - FF)  
464 312 12 Mar. 1945 Dillenburg Completed  
465 313 14 Mar 1945 Vlotho Completed  
Hi-Osnabruck Completed  
466 315 15 Mar 1945 Oranienburg Completed  
467 16 Mar 1945 Leipzig Scrubbed  
468 315 17 Mar 1945 Bohlen Completed  
469 316 18 Mar 1945 Berlin Completed  
470 317 19 Mar 1945 Plauen Completed  
471 318 21 Mar 1945 Rheine/Salzbergen Ctd.  
472 319 22 Mar 1945 Dorsten Completed  
473 320 23 Mar 1945 Coesfeld Completed  
474 321 24 Mar 1945 Vechta Completed  
475 322 24 Mar 1945 Twente/Enschede Cmpd.  
476 25 Mar 1945 Zeitz Recalled  
477 26 Mar 1945 Ebrach Scrubbed  
478 27 Mar 1945 Fulda Scrubbed  
479 323 28 Mar 1945 Spanden Completed  
Stendal  
480 324 30 Mar 1945 Bremen Completed  
481 325 31 Mar 1945 Halle Completed  
Aschersleben

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

Heilbronn M/Y - 1 March 1945  
Primary Target: Heilbronn M/Y  
A/C# PILOT  
475 Capt. Goodrich  
755 Lt. Price  
901 Lt. Mathers  
596 Lt. Marlow  
707 Lt. Davidson

000 Lt. Hansen  
308 Lt. Snipes  
790 Lt. Smoley  
333 Lt. Swegle  
591 Lt. Pearson  
964 Lt. Van Blarcom  
306 Lt. Chase  
578 Lt. Troccoli

REMARKS: Capt. Goodrich led the high squadron on today's mission flying with F/O Hogle. The primary target - railway traffic center in Heilbronn - was bombed by Gee-H methods with unobserved results. Equipment was functioning properly and a good run was made. Three A/C received minor damage from flak enroute to target.

Chemnitz - 2 March 1945  
Target attacked: Railway M/Y  
Primary Target: Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant  
471 Capt. Ellis  
964 Lt. Reinhart  
333 Lt. Swegle  
755 Lt. Price  
578 Lt. Snipes  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
088 Lt. Hansen  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
000 Lt. Marlow  
707 Lt. Davidson  
790 Lt. Smoley  
901 Lt. Wrighter

REMARKS: Capt. Ellis, flying with Lt. Chase, led the low squadron, attacking the Railway M/Yds in Chemnitz by H2X methods with unobserved results. Flak was observed but not encountered. Due to difficulty with H2X equipment this squadron found it necessary to make a second run on the target.

Chemnitz  
3 March 1945  
Target Attacked: Chemnitz M/Y  
Primary Target: Ruhland Synthetic Oil Plant  
REMARKS: Again it was necessary to bomb the Secondary

Target due to cloud cover over the primary. The M/Yds at Chemnitz were attacked by H2X methods. The 322nd Squadron did not fly.

Reutlingen - 4 March 1945

Target attacked: Reutlingen Railway Junction

Primary Target: Ulm Tank and Vehicle Factory

588 Major Newquist, Capt. Towner

471 Lt. Reichert

000 Lt. Miller

596 Lt. Troccoli

707 Lt. Marlow

901 Lt. Wrighter

790 Lt. Smoley

333 Lt. Swegle

088 Lt. Lien

095 Lt. Ashlock

755 Lt. Snipes

308 Lt. Reinhart

REMARKS: Maj. Newquist flew with Capt. Towner as Group Air Commander of 1st "C" group. The primary target was the tank and vehicle factory at Ulm. The lead squadron was making a good Gee-H run on the target when another squadron of B-17s passed directly below them and prevented a bomb release. The railway junction at Reutlingen was attacked by H2X methods with unobserved results. This was the assigned last resort target. No flak was encountered.

Dortmund - 7 March 1945

Primary Target: Dortmund Coking Plant

475 Capt. Ellis

755 Lt. Price

901 Lt. Wrighter

095 Lt. Pearson

088 Lt. Chase

578 Lt. Schone

790 Lt. Hansen

000 Lt. Miller

964 Lt. Reinhart

308 Lt. Mathers

306 Lt. Marlow

596 Lt. Lien  
333 Lt. Swegle

Huls - 8 March 1945  
Primary Target: Hulz Synthetic Rubber Factory  
475 Capt. Goodrich  
755 Lt. Price  
790 Lt. Hansen  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
578 Lt. Troccoli  
591 Lt. Pearson  
308 Lt. Mathers  
000 Lt. Miller  
306 Lt. Marlow  
596 Lt. Lien  
964 Lt. Reinhart  
088 Lt. Schone

REMARKS: A benzol plant at Huls, the assigned target, was bombed by Gee-H methods with unobserved results, but it is reported that equipment was working perfectly and a good run was made by all three squadrons. Capt. Goodrich flying with Lt. D.S. Smith led the low squadron furnished by the 322nd. No damage from flak to any A/C. Lt. Schone flying A/C #088 brought his bombs back due to a bomb rack malfunction.

588 Maj. Close  
777 Lt. Price  
306 Lt. Swegle  
578 Lt. Mathers  
964 Lt. Chase  
755 Lt. Hansen  
790 Lt. Smoley  
596 Lt. Pearson  
308 Lt. Lien  
324 Lt. Ashlock  
707 Lt. Wrighter  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom

REMARKS: Maj. Close flew as Group Air Commander in the lead A/C with Lt. Schroeder as his pilot. The railway center at Sinsen, which was the assigned



target, was bombed by Gee-H methods with unobserved results. None of the A/C in this squadron suffered damage.

Dillenburg - 12 March 1945

Primary Target: Dillenburg M/Yds

588 Capt. Goodrich

880 Lt. Snipes

901 Lt. Lien

591 Lt. Ashlock

964 Lt. Reinhart

707 Lt. Pearson

755 Lt. Hansen

790 Lt. Smoley

578 Lt. Troccoli

306 Lt. Marlow

596 Lt. Roach

308 Lt. Mathers

095 Lt. Van Blarcom

REMARKS: Again bombing was done by Gee-H methods with unobserved results due to cloud cover. The target was the Railway M/Yds at Dillenburg about 40 miles northeast of Coblenz. Capt. Goodrich flew in the lead ship of the high squadron with Lt. Kranch as his pilot. No flak damage was suffered.

Vlotho - 14 March 1945

Primary Target: Vlotho R/R bridge

707 Lt. Pearson

790 Lt. Smoley

095 Lt. Van Blarcom

308 Lt. Snipes

306 Lt. Roach

000 Lt. Mayka

475 Capt. Ellis

591 Lt. Hansen

578 Lt. Troccoli

755 Lt. Price

964 Lt. Schone

901 Lt. Lien

REMARKS: Capt. Ellis with Lt. Swegle piloting, flew in the lead A/C of the low squadron. The R/R bridge

over the Weser River at Vlotho was attacked visually with excellent results as evidenced by the strike photographs. No A/C received any flak damage.

Oranienburg - 15 March 1945

Primary Target: Oranienburg M/Yds.

REMARKS: The M/Yds at Oranienburg, the home of the SS ordnance depot, was attacked by this group with good results. The 322nd Squadron stood down.

Bohlen - 17 March 1945

Primary Target: Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant

630 Maj. Close  
792 Lt. Price  
596 Lt. Roach  
306 Lt. Marlow  
095 Lt. Schone  
014 Lt. Chase  
000 Lt. Mayka  
790 Lt. Smoley  
308 Lt. Mathers  
578 Lt. Troccoli  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
707 Lt. Pearson

REMARKS: Maj. Close flew as Air Commander with Col. Merlin I. Carter of 1st CBW as his pilot. The synthetic oil plant at Bohlen was attacked by H2X methods with unobserved results. The equipment was working perfectly but considerable crowding by other formations caused difficulty on the bomb run. High cloud forced the formation to fly about 4000 ft. above briefed altitude, the lead squadron bombing from 29,000 ft. No flak was encountered.

Berlin - 18 March 1945

Primary Target: Berlin M/Yds

852 Capt. Goodrich  
790 Lt. Lien  
306 Lt. Marlow  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
578 Lt. Troccoli

707 Lt. Kranch  
035 Lt. Schone  
000 Lt. Miller  
964 Lt. Hansen  
308 Lt. Mathers  
596 Lt. Roach  
901 Lt. Wilson  
095 Lt. Snipes

REMARKS: The 322nd furnished the high squadron with Capt. Goodrich as Air Commander and Lt. Swegle pilot in the lead A/C. The target was the Schlesischer station and East Marshalling Yards in Berlin. This squadron made a PFF run but was able to bomb visually. Strike photos show hits in the M/Yds east of the assigned MPI. Moderate and very accurate A/A fire encountered at the target resulted in minor battle damage to seven A/C of this squadron and major damage to six. Damage to A/C #308 flown by Lt. Mathers made it necessary for him to land on the continent at Brussels.

Plauen - 19 March 1945  
Primary Target: Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant

651 Lt. Schroeder  
806 Lt. Troccoli  
431 Lt. Reinhart  
578 Lt. Price  
333 Lt. Hansen  
901 Lt. Wilson  
596 Lt. Roach  
116 Lt. Smoley  
095 Lt. Snipes  
636 Lt. Lien  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
707 Lt. Kranch

REMARKS: Flying the low squadron with Lt. Schroeder in the lead A/C this Sq. bombed the town of Plauen by H2X methods with unobserved results. No flak was encountered but high clouds and dense persistent contrails made formation flying extremely difficult.

Rheine/Salz. - 21 March 1945

Primary Target: Rheine/Salzbergen A/F

REMARKS: The airdrome at Rheine/Salzbergen was bombed visually with excellent results. The 322nd Squadron was stood down.

Dorsten - 22 March 1945

Primary Target: Dorsten. Tactical area

475 Maj. Newquist

591 Lt. Snipes

333 Lt. Kranch

707 Lt. Pearson

755 Lt. Lien

324 Lt. Price

964 Lt. Reinhart

578 Lt. Marlow

086 Lt. Wilson

596 Lt. Roach

552 Lt. Schone

096 Lt. Van Blarcom

REMARKS: A military camp near Dorsten was attacked with fair to good results. Major Newquist was group leader with Lt. Schroeder as his pilot. All three squadrons started Gee-H runs but were able to bomb visually. Flak in the target area which damaged 12 A/C in the high squadron was not accurate for the lead squadron and only damaged two ships.

Coesfeld - 23 March 1945

Primary Target: Coesfeld R/R Center

475 Lt. Marsh

707 Lt. Pearson

588 Lt. Schone

591 Lt. Ashlock

964 Lt. Wilson

095 Lt. Van Blarcom

333 Lt. Kranch

088 Lt. Chase

306 Lt. Hansen

429 Lt. Lien

755 Lt. Price

959 Lt. Wrighter

596 Lt. Roach

REMARKS: Lt. Marsh led the high squadron with Lt. Kane as his pilot. The R/R M/Yds at Coesfeld were bombed visually. Strike photographs show good results. No flak was encountered.

Vechta A/C - 24 March 1945  
Primary Target: Vechta A/D

852 Lt. Swegle  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
707 Lt. Hansen  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
790 Lt. Schone  
333 Lt. Troccoli  
095 Lt. Van Blarcom  
306 Lt. Marlow  
964 Lt. Reinhart  
755 Lt. Wilson  
596 Lt. Roach  
000 Lt. Barnsley

REMARKS: Lt. Swegle flew as Air Commander of the low squadron with Major Newquist as his pilot. The A/F at Vechta was bombed visually with excellent results. Strike photos show a good concentration of hits from this squadron covering the assigned aiming point. A good job of "post-holing" the field was accomplished. No flak was encountered.

Twente-Enschede A/D - 24 March 1945  
Primary Target: Twente-Enschede A/D

REMARKS: The group furnished the high squadrn of a composite group for the second mission on this day. Visual bombing of this A/D produced excellent results. The 322nd did not fly.

Spandau - 28 March 1945  
Primary Target: Spandau. Engine Factory.

REMARKS: An aircraft engine factory at Spandau was attacked by H2X methods with unobserved results. The 322nd was stood down.

Bremen - 30 March 1945

Primary Target: Bremen Ship Yards

852 Capt. Thompson

095 Lt. Hansen

027 Lt. Lien

754 Lt. Price

707 Lt. Pearson

964 Lt. Schone

000 Lt. Miller

578 Lt. Troccoli

088 Lt. Wilson

596 Lt. Roach

333 Lt. Fuller

901 Lt. Snipes

REMARKS: The submarine and ship building yards at Bremen were bombed visually with good to excellent results. Capt. Thompson was group leader with Lt. Schroeder as his pilot. Strike photos show an excellent concentration of hits from this squadron covering the aiming point. Moderate accurate A/A fire resulted in minor damage to seven A/C of this squadron and major damage to one.

Halle & Aschersleben - 31 March 1945

Primary Target: Merseburg (Leuna)

852 Maj. Newquist

901 Lt. Wrighter

333 Lt. Fuller

790 Lt. Smoley

306 Lt. Pearson

578 Lt. Troccoli

088 Lt. Chase

095 Lt. Hansen

153 Lt. Schone

000 Lt. Reinhart

755 Lt. Norton

844 Lt. Lien

REMARKS: The locomotive depot at Halle was attacked by the lead and high squadrons and five A/C of the low squadron by PFF methods with unobserved results. Seven A/C of the low squadron bombed the M/Yds at

Aschersleben visually with good results. Maj. Newquist led the high squadron with Lt. Moulton as his pilot. No damage was suffered by this squadron.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS March 1945

The 322nd Bomb Squadron had no E/A claims for the month of March 1945.

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

During the month of March 1945, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

F/O George Alexander, Jr. (N)  
T/Sgt Roy M. Tanner (RO)  
S/Sgt Oliver K. Birch (TG)  
2/Lt John L. Bunch, Jr. (B)  
2/Lt Robert P. Casey (CP)  
S/Sgt Robert E. Cunningham (BTG)  
S/Sgt Mike Duran (WG)  
1/Lt Modesto Olivo (B)  
1/Lt Joseph A. Young (Mickey Oper.)  
1/Lt Ralph K. Caldwell (N)  
2/Lt Robert W. Christophersen (B)  
2/Lt Charles R. Hackstock (CP)  
1/Lt Oren E. Harper (CP)  
2/Lt Theodore P. Herrick, Jr. (N)  
S/Sgt Charles R. Hitchcock (BTG)  
1/Lt John W. Keckler (CP)  
T/Sgt Claude S. Mason (TTG)  
S/Sgt Willis S. Pierce, Jr. (BTG)  
T/Sgt Harry D. Wellington (TTG)

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES March 1945

1. Strength: Officers 93. F/O 15. E/M 439
2. No change.
3. Following officers assigned to squadron: 1/Lts Frank D. Hentze (Nav.), 2/Lt Sidney O. Barnsley (P), 2/Lt Ralph D. Simon (CP), 2/Lt George R. Krasuli (B).
4. 1/Lt James H. Kovanda (N) trfd to 70th Repl Depot.
5. No change.

6. 1/Lt William H. Delchamps promoted to Capt.  
(Engineering Officer)
7. Following 2/Lts promoted to 1/Lts: Robert W.  
Roach (P), Wayne F. Swegle (P), Stephen Lada (B).
8. No change.
9. 1/Lt Dobrowitz, Alfred J. trfd to 70th Repl  
Dept.
10. 1/Lt. Harold B. Reichert (P) trfd to AAF Station  
590.
11. 2/Lt Robert E. Hudspeth promoted to 1/Lt.
12. Following officers trfd to 70th Repl Depot:  
Capt. Francis W. Towner, 1/Lt Edward H. Davidson, 1/Lt  
Robert N. Peterson.
13. No change.
14. No change.
15. No change.
16. No change.
17. No change.
18. F/O Jess V. Ziccarello appointed 2/Lt. 2/Lt.  
Charles F. Hadd promoted to 1/Lt.
19. No change.
20. No change.
21. No change.
22. Capt. Goodrich, Ferrell K., trfd to 70th Photo  
Group.
23. No change.
24. No change.
25. 2/Lts Ray E. Forsback and Elmer H. Fredrickson  
promoted to 1/Lt.
26. No change.
27. Capt. Ivor O. Tufty (P) assigned to squadron.
28. Capt. Floyd M. Marshall (PX Officer) trfd to  
323rd Squadron.
29. Capt. Frederick D. Ellis (P) trfd to 70th Repl  
Depot.
30. No change.
31. No change.

PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS  
DURING MARCH 1945

Missions/Date

T/Sgt Joseph Wirtz (RO) 35-0 1 March  
S/Sgt Wayne W. Ritchie (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
1/Lt Alfred J. Dobrowitz (Nav/B) 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Bernard J. Kajewski (Eng.G) 35-0 Mar 2



S/Sgt Clarence R. Hinz (G) 35-0 “  
Capt. Francis N. Towner (P) 30-0 4 March  
1/Lt Robert N. Peterson (Nav-B) 30-0 “  
1/Lt Harold B. Reichert (P) 35-0 “  
1/Lt Edward H. Davidson (P) 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Harold G. Baker (Eng.G) 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Lyle C. Holder (RO) 35-0 “  
T/Sgt Ellis C. Eskew (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Cletus L. Diss (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Thomas M. Challis (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Oren Knight (RO) 35-0 “  
Capt. Frederick D. Ellis (P) 30-0 14 Mar  
S/Sgt Donald A. Bradley (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
S/Sgt Earl E. Lussier (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
Capt. Ferral K. Goodrich (P) 28-2 18 Mar  
S/Sgt Robert E. Tyndall (Arm.G) 35-0 31 Mar  
S/Sgt Rene A. Chapius (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
S/Sgt John H. Smelser (Arm.G) 35-0 “  
Sgt. Martin A. Buckholz (Arm.G) 35-0 “

#### 8TH AIR FORCE

1ST AIR DIVISION (H)

1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

91ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Period Covered: 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945

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#### LIST OF BRIEFINGS AND COMPLETED MISSIONS

Brief.#	Mission #	Date	Target	Disposition
482	2	April 1945	Snrydstrutden	Recalled
483	3	April 1945	Kaltenkirchen	Scrubbed

484 3 April 1945 Baldrings Scrubbed  
485 326 4 April 1945 Falsberg Completed  
486 327 5 April 1945 Grafenwohr Completed  
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493 333 13 April 1945 Neumunster Completed  
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495 335 16 April 1945 Regensburg Completed  
496 336 17 April 1945 Dresden Completed  
497 337 18 April 1945 Roschheim Completed  
498 338 20 April 1945 Brandenburg Completed  
499 339 21 April 1945 Munich Completed  
500 340 25 April 1945 Pilsen Completed

#### MISSION SUMMARIES

Fassberg A/C 4 April 1945  
Primary Target: Reinschlen Landing Field

#### A/C#

832 Lt. Johnson  
088 Lt. Mathers  
225 Lt. Troccoli  
000 Lt. Miller  
333 Lt. Fuller  
755 Lt. Worton  
790 Lt. Smoley  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
027 Lt. Snipes  
964 Lt. Schone  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
707 Lt. Barnsley

REMARKS: The 322nd flew the low squadron off the group with Lt. Johnson as the squadron leader. The #1 and #2 targets were cloud covered and the leaders of the low and high squadrons were unable to make a visual run on any airdrome in the assigned area so in accordance with orders they brought their bombs back.

The lead squadron made a visual run on Fassberg A/C through 6/10 to 8/10 clouds with unobserved results. No enemy opposition was encountered.

Grafenwohr 5 April 1945

Primary Target: Grafenwohr Ordnance Depot

REMARKS: The railway sidings at Grafenwohr were bombed with poor to good results by the group flying 1st "A." The 322nd was stood down for the day.

Kohlenbissen & Faseberg 7 April 1945

Primary Target: Kohlenbissen Landing Ground

842 Maj. Close  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
790 Lt. Snipes  
027 Lt. Lien  
630 Lt. Price  
000 Lt. Mayka  
964 Lt. Reinhart  
333 Lt. Fuller  
591 Lt. Barnsley  
088 Lt. Roach  
014 Lt. Wilson  
755 Lt. Pearson

REMARKS: Maj. Close flew as Group Commander with Capt. Schroeder as his pilot. The lead squadron bombed Faseberg A/D with very good results, the bombardier having mistaken this field for Kohlenbissen which was the assigned #1 target. Bombing was accomplished from 15,000 ft. with no enemy opposition. The high and low squadrons bombed the number one target with excellent results.

Stendal 8 April 1945

Primary Target: Stendal Oil Storage

777 Lt. Johnson  
333 Lt. Fuller  
707 Lt. Pearson  
036 Lt. Ashlock  
964 Lt. Schone  
790 Lt. Snipes

000 Lt. Wilson  
088 Lt. Chase  
027 Lt. Kranch  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
596 Lt. Roach  
095 Lt. Barnsley  
755 Lt. Mathers

REMARKS: The #2 target which was the locomotive repair shops at Stendal was bombed with H2X methods plus a visual assist in the case of the lead and high squadrons. The high squadron was furnished by the 322nd, led by Lt. Johnson. Strike photographs for the high squadron's bombs show an excellent concentration of hits covering the aiming point. Almost the entire concentration lies within a 1000 ft. circle over the MPI. Meager to moderate tracking A/A fire on the bomb run which was extremely accurate resulted in minor damage to 13 A/C and major damage to 4 in the group. The high and lead squadrons each lost one A/C in the target area from flak damage. Lt. Fuller's A/C #333, "Wee Willie," flying its 129th mission, was seen to lose a wing from a direct hit by flak over the target and finally exploded. No chutes were observed.

Oberpfaffenhofen 9 April 1945  
Primary Target: Oberpfaffenhofen A/C

630 Lt. Swegle  
036 Lt. Barnsley  
540 Lt. Wilson  
939 Lt. Roach  
615 F/O Roach  
431 Lt. Marlow  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
000 Lt. Miller  
095 Lt. Hansen  
839 Lt. Mathers  
263 Lt. Ashlock  
790 Lt. Schone

REMARKS: The A/D at Oberpfaffenhofen was bombed visually by all three squadrons with excellent results. Strike photographs show that both assigned aiming points were all covered with good

concentrations of hits. Meager inaccurate flak from the Freiburg area enroute to the target resulted in minor damage to two A/C of this squadron which flew the low position with Lt. Swegle flying the lead A/C.

Oranienburg, Rechlin/Larz A/D 10 April 1945  
Primary Target Oranienburg Ordnance Depot

REMARKS: The 322nd squadron was stood down for the day. The main SS ordnance depot at Oranienburg was bombed visually with excellent results by the high and lead squadrons, and the low squadron bombed Rechlin/Larz A/D.

Neumunster R/R - 13 April 1945  
Primary Target: Gustrow M/Y

777 Capt. Marsh  
568 Lt. Snipes  
036 Lt. Troccoli  
591 Lt. Ashlock  
088 Lt. Rosenthal  
153 Lt. Pearson  
964 Lt. Wilson  
790 Lt. Smoley  
596 Lt. Mathers  
880 Lt. Kranch  
000 Lt. Miller  
901 Lt. Barnsley  
095 Lt. Hansen

REMARKS: Capt. Marsh led the high squadron furnished by the 322nd on this mission to the railway center in Neumunster. The target was bombed visually with excellent results. No enemy opposition was encountered.

4 x 220 mm Guns,  
mouth of Gironde River  
15 April 1945  
Primary Target: 4 x 220 mm Guns

471 Lt. Johnson  
596 Lt. Kranch  
095 Lt. Hansen

000 Lt. Miller  
618 Lt. Troccoli  
591 Lt. Snipes  
755 Lt. Mathers  
790 Lt. Smoley  
088 Lt. Pearson  
964 Lt. Wilson  
276 Lt. Marlow  
901 Lt. Schone

REMARKS: Lt. Johnson flew in the lead A/C of the squadron which furnished the low squadron of the group. Gun emplacements at the mouth of the Gironde estuary were attacked visually with excellent results as shown by the strike photographs. Assembly of the group was accomplished over France. No flak was encountered at the target.

Regensburg - 15 April 1945  
Primary Target: Regensburg R/R Bridge

REMARKS: The 322nd squadron was stood down for the day. The R/R bridge over the Danube River at Regensburg was attacked visually with excellent results.

Dresden - 17 April 1945  
Primary Target: Dresden M/Y

852 Lt. Close  
000 Lt. Pearson  
790 Lt. Rosenthal  
095 Lt. Hansen  
792 Lt. Smoley  
088 Lt. Wrighter  
901 Lt. Schone  
964 Lt. Reinhart  
036 Lt. Troccoli  
591 Lt. Snipes  
755 Lt. Mathers  
596 Lt. Kranch

RESULTS: Maj. Close as group Air Commander flew with Capt. Schroeder as his pilot. The R/R roundhouse in the M/Yds in the southern part of Dresden with good

to excellent results. Six or seven ME-262s were encountered on the bomb run a few minutes before bombs away. Three of these attacked low squadron, one of them pressing the attack to 100 yds. range. One ME-262 attacked the high squadron. Three of our A/C were damaged before our fighter escort was able to chase the enemy away from the formation. Moderate accurate tracking flak was encountered over the target area. This squadron had damage (ED.NOTE: Probably "no damage." - FF) or casualties but fifteen A/C in the low and high squadrons were damaged and a tail gunner wounded and a ball turret gunner killed.

Rosenheim - 18 April 1945

Primary Target: Rosenheim R/R Center

588 Lt. Johnson  
880 Lt. Schone  
591 Lt. Snipes  
755 Lt. Mathers  
790 Lt. Koch  
623 Lt. Barnsley  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
088 Lt. Chase  
596 Lt. Kranch  
095 Lt. Hansen  
964 Lt. Marlow  
036 Lt. Troccoli  
000 Lt. Pearson

REMARKS: Lt. Johnson led the high squadron on this mission to Rosenheim. The marshalling yards were bombed visually with good to excellent results. Mickey operators gave the bombardiers check points on the bomb run due to difficulty in pilotage because of a ground haze. No damage was suffered from enemy opposition.

Brandenburg - 20 April 1945

Primary Target: Brandenburg workshops

475 Capt. Marsh  
909 Lt. Barnsley  
596 Lt. Kranch  
841 Lt. Marlow

755 Lt. Naylor  
591 Lt. Snipes  
036 Lt. Troccoli  
088 Lt. Chase  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
790 Lt. Schone  
095 Lt. Hansen  
000 Lt. Shelhammer

REMARKS: The marshalling yards at Brandenburg were bombed visually with unobserved to excellent results. This squadron flew in the low position with Capt. March as air commander. No enemy opposition.

Munich M/Y - 21 April 1945  
Primary Target: Munich M/Y

REMARKS: The marshalling yards at Munich were bombed by H2X methods with unobserved results. The 322nd was stood down.

Pilsen A/F - 25 April 1945  
Primary Target: Pilsen A/F

852 Lt. Col. Sheeler  
792 Lt. Mathers  
901 Lt. Wrighter  
308 Lt. Wilson  
596 Lt. Kranch  
088 Lt. Smith  
591 Lt. Snipes  
095 Lt. Hansen  
036 Lt. Barnsley  
790 Lt. Schone  
306 Lt. Marlow  
755 Lt. Naylor

REMARKS: Lt. Col. Sheeler, with Capt. Schroeder as his co-pilot, flew in the lead A/c as group air commander. The airfield just SW of Pilsen was bombed visually. Results for the lead and low squadrons were unobserved but the high squadron strike photographs showed good results. Moderate but very accurate flak was encountered over the target just before bomb run for about three minutes, resulting in minor damage to



13 A/C and major damage to 11 A/C. Lt. Wilks, navigator on Lt. Schone's crew, was hit by flak in the right thigh. Lt. Marlow flying A/C #306 was forced to land on the continent due to damage from flak over the target.

#### CONFIRMED ENEMY AIRCRAFT CLAIMS

April 1945

The 322nd Bomb Squadron had no E/A claims for the month of April 1945.

#### PRISONERS OF WAR

April 1945

During the month of April 1945, notification has been received that the following personnel of the 322nd Bomb Squadron are prisoners of war:

2/Lt Blanton, Ralph J., Jr. (P)  
2/Lt Burns, Roy W. (N)  
T/Sgt Caudell, George (TT)  
2/Lt Cook, Roy R. (B)  
2/Lt Covington, Norval L. (CP)  
T/Sgt Fugatt, Ralph J. (RO)  
1/Lt Hare, Leroy B. (P)  
T/Sgt Porter, Lauren N. (TT)  
Sgt. Stern, Allison M. (B)  
2/Lt Miller, Irving K. (CP)

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

April 1945

1. Strength: Officers 90. F/O 14. E/M 436.
2. No change.
3. No change.
4. No change
5. 1/Lt Rayelyn W. Schroeder and 1/Lt. William Nocitre promoted Capt. Following 2/Lts to 1/Lts: Melvin Dart, Robert T. Anderson, Seymour L. Rosenthal.
6. Following Officers assigned squadron: 1/Lt Ardley H. Naylor (P), 2/Lt George L. Wood (CP), F/O Thomas A. Nelson (N), 1/Lt Frank J. Fusaro (B), 2/Lt Lloyd Shelhamer, Jr. (P), F/O Dewey F. Hartsell, Jr. (CP), 2/Lt John W. Krautkraemer (N), F/O Delbert P.

- Gomes, Jr. (B).
7. 1/Lt Desmer C. Marsh promoted Capt.
  8. No change.
  9. 2/Lts Charles M. Bratcher (P), 2/Lt Robert W. Crosley (CP), 2/Lt Edwin R. Szrgethy (N) asgd squadron.
  10. No change.
  11. 2/Lt. Joseph D. Brodell, 2/Lt Vernon F. Currie promoted 1/Lts.
  12. No change.
  13. 1/Lt Robert F. Sullivan promoted Capt., 2/Lt. Joseph L. Buyder promoted 1/Lt.  
1/Lt Jay J. Kane trfd 70th RD.
  14. 1/Lt. Thomas A. Norton trfd 7th Photo Op. Sta. 234.
  15. No change.
  16. 1/Lt William L. Mayor (P), 2/Lt Cornell S. Vangar (CP), 1/Lt Donald F. Franz (B), 2/Lt Giles F. Weher (N) asgd squadron
  17. Following officers assigned squadron: 1/Lt Leo H. McMillan (P), 2/Lt. Wiley C. Holland (CP), 2/Lt. Norman C. Cox(N), 2/Lt Joseph L. Alley (P), 2/Lt Alvin L. Mecuesen (CP), 2/Lt Edmund Woodruff (N), 2/Lt James W. Fleming, Jr. (B), 2/Lt Robert A. Isaacs (P), 2/Lt Eugene E. Kelly, Jr. (CP), F/O Naros K. Lawdermilk (N), 2/Lt James P. Nichols (N).
  18. No change.
  19. 1/Lt James F. Donovan (Adjutant) promoted to Capt.
  20. No change.
  21. 1/Lt Albert W. Price (P), 1/Lt William J. Rudy (N) trfd to 70th Repl Depot.  
Capt. Walter W. Thompson xpromoted to capt.
  22. No change.
  23. Capt. Robert N. Roberts (N), Robert W. Roach Jr. (P) trfd to 70th Repl Depot.  
1/Lt Elden H. Koch (P) trfd 38 sta. comp., sta. 595.
  24. 2/Lts Nathaniel Goldberg, Bernard S. Klebeck, Gerald G. Kranch, Robert W. Millwee, Jr., Willard J. Atman promoted to 1/Lts.
  25. No change.
  26. 1/Lt James L. Ashlock (P), 1/Lt K. Allen (P), trfd to 70th Repl Depot.
  27. 2/Lt Marvin L. Pearson promoted to 1st Lt. 1/Lt Robert H. Miller (P), 1/Lt Robert P. Reese (B-N), 1/Lt

Daniel S. Mayka (P) trfd to 70th Repl Depot.

28. No change.

29. 1/Lt David Mabberly (Obs.) asgd squadron. 2/Lt

Jess V. Zicarello promoted to 1st Lt.

30. No change

Strength: Officers 95. F/O 18. E/M 438.

## PERSONNEL COMPLETING OPERATIONAL TOURS

April 1945

### Missions Date

1/Lt Kane, Jay J. (P) 35-0 4 April

Capt. Roberts, Robert N.(N) “ 7 April

1/Lt Price, Albert W. (P) “ 7 April

1/Lt Norton, Thomas A. (P) “ 7 April

1/Lt. Ruby, William J. (P) “ 7 April

T/Sgt Baird, Vernon H. (Eng. ” 7 April

T/Sgt Cummings, James D. (RO) “ 7 April

S/Sgt Wilson, Leslie E. (G) “ 7 April

1/Lt Roach, Robert W. (P) “ 9 April

T/Sgt Bentley, Charles D. (G) “ 11 April

1/Lt. Ashlock, James L. (P) “ 13 April

1/Lt Allen, Warren H. (P) “ 13 April

T/Sgt Polinski, Joseph V. (Eng.G) “ 13 April

S/Sgt Zajac, John T., Jr. (G) “ 13 April

S/Sgt McGowan, Samuel R. (G) “ 13 April

1/Lt Reese, Robert F. (N-B) “ 15 April

1/Lt Miller, Robert H. (P) “ 15 April

1/Lt Mayka, Daniel S. (P) “ 15 April

2/Lt Klebeck, Bernard S. (N) “ 15 April

S/Sgt Shorb, Daniel M. (G) “ 15 April

T/Sgt Mantis (?), Augustus (RO) “ 15 April

T/Sgt Hine, William (RO) “ 17 April

T/Sgt Kearns, Martin F. (Eng.G) “ 17 April

S/Sgt. Cannellas, Joe, Jr. (Eng.G)” 17 April

1/Lt Smoley, Earl M. (P) “ 17 April

2/Lt Zicarello, Jess V. (N) “ 17 April

T/Sgt McMullen, Sterling E. (RO) “ 17 April

S/Sgt Montgomery, Carl L. (Eng.G)” 17 April

1/Lt Forsback, Roye E. (N) “ 17 April

1/Lt Koch, Eldon K. (P) “ 18 April

T/Sgt Lyall, Grady (RO) “ 18 April

T/Sgt Whitmore, J.L. Jr. (Eng.G) “ 18 April

1/Lt Troccoli, Joseph J. (P) “ 20 April

1/Lt. Curris, Vernon F. (N) “ 20 April  
1/Lt Buydon, Joseph L. (P) “ 20 April  
1/Lt Wrighter, Paul G. (P) “ 25 April  
1/Lt. Dart, Melvin (N) “ 25 April  
T/Sgt Stilson (?), Louis F. (G) “ 25 April

8TH AIR FORCE  
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1ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
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322ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
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#### MISSION SUMMARY

May 1945

No operational missions were flown by the group during the month of May 1945, but “Rubberneck” tours were flown over the Ruhr and other German target areas at low altitudes for the purpose of allowing ground and staff personnel to observe the results attained in cracking the German military and industrial machine. Also a series of “Revival” missions were flown to evacuate American, British, and French liberated prisoners of war from Germany to France and England.

“Rubberneck” - 8 May 1945

A/C#

562 Capt. Marsh

308 Lt. Barnsley

790 Lt. Schone

REMARKS: Capt. Marsh, Lt. Barnsley and Lt. Schone flew with nine other A/C from the group to Alconbury to take personnel from that base on a tour of the Ruhr.

“Rubberneck” - 9 May 1945

9000 Lt. Snipes

964 Capt. Hansen

088 Lt. Mathers

REMARKS: Lt. Snipes, Capt. Hansen and Lt. Mathers flew with nine other A/C again to Alconbury for the same purpose.

“Rubberneck” - 10 May 1945

575 ` Maj. Close  
596 Lt. Kranch  
000 Capt. Johnson  
964 Lt. Reinhart  
308 Lt. Wilson  
755 Lt. Pearson  
901 Lt. Major  
088 Lt. Shellhamer  
790 Lt. Van Blarcom  
095 Capt. Schroeder  
591 Lt. Naylor

REMARKS: Eleven personnel from this squadron took personnel from the 91st Bomb Group on a tour over Ostend, Brussels, Aachen, Dusseldorf, Cologne, Bonn, Coblenz, Bingen, Frankfurt, Schweinfurt, Mannheim, Strasbourg, Cape Gris Nez, and Dungeness.

“Rubberneck” - 11 May 1945

562 Maj. Close  
901 Lt. Isaacs  
755 Lt. Naylor

REMARKS: Lts. Chase, Isaacs and Naylor again flew to Alconbury to take their personnel on a Rubberneck tour.

“Revival” - 11 May 1945

964 Capt. Marsh  
095 Lt. Bratcher  
308 Lt. Mathers  
591 Lt. Snipes  
088 Lt. Smith  
596 Lt. Kranch  
790 Lt. Marlow

REMARKS: This squadron furnished seven A/C on an evacuation mission to Linz A/C (Austria). The group

brought back 120 French POWs to A-39 and 30 British POWs to For A/C England. Several A/C came back empty as there were no more POWs to be brought back.

“Revival” - 12 May 1945

Barth, Germany

308 Maj. Close  
901 Lt. Shellhamer  
755 Lt. Naylor  
000 Lt. Reinhart  
964 Lt. Van Blarcom  
591 Lt. Barnsley  
095 Lt. Wilson  
790 Lt. Mcmillan

REMARKS: Under the command of General Gross of the 1st Combat Wing, the 91st Group furnished A/C and crews to evacuate POWs from Stalag Luft #1 at Barth, Germany, over a period of three days. Many of the men evacuated were formerly assigned to squadrons of this group. A total of 2,032 POW's were evacuated by the group in the three days of operations.

#### MISSION SUMMARY

The following pilots participated on the “Revival” mission to Barth, Germany, 13 May 1945:

A/C#

088 Maj. W. W. Thompson  
036 Lt. Moulton  
964 Lt. Snipes  
596 Lt. Marlow  
901 Capt. Johnson  
591 Lt. Mathers  
000 Lt. Chase  
790 Lt. Marsh  
308 Lt. Pearson  
095 Capt. Schroeder

The following pilots participated on the “Revival” mission to Barth, Germany, 14 May 1945:

036 Capt. Schroeder  
755 Lt. Moulton

964 Lt. Van Blarcom  
901 Lt. Chase  
591 Lt. McMillan  
000 Lt. Alley

“Home-Run” - May 1945

REMARKS: Lt. Snipes, Reinhart, Isaacs, Barnsley and Alley with crews left here by truck for Burtonwood to fly A/C from that base to the Z of I. Unfortunately for the personnel involved the A/C were not sufficiently stripped down and five men from each crew were sent back on the following day.

“Home-Run” - May 26 1945

REMARKS: On the 26th May, Lts Wilson, Schone, Swegle and Bratcher with their crews took off the first leg of the trip home by the Northern Atlantic Route.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

May 1945

1. Strength: officers 95. F/O 18. E/M 438.  
Following officers trfd to 70th Repl Depot: 1/Lts Roy E. Forsback (N), Jess V. Ziccarello (P), Earl M. Smoley (P).
2. Following officers trfd to 70th Repl Depot:  
1/Lts Joseph L. Buydos (P), Joseph J. Troccoli (P), Vernon F. Curne (N). Following 2nd Lts promoted to 1st Lts: John C. Bosworth, Harvey B. Bunkholder, Thomas H. Moulton Jr., Walter J. Wyszynski.
3. 1/Lt Harold D. Johnson promoted to Captain.  
F/O Gratins, Donald L. and Llegard, Allen K., appointed 2/Lts.
4. 1/Lt Paul G. Wrighter trfd to 70th Repl Depot.
5. No change.
6. 2/Lt Leroy B. Hansen promoted to 1/Lt.
7. No change.
8. No change.
9. No change.
10. No change.
11. No change.
12. F/O John B. Temple and Robert D. Burnside appointed to 2/Lts. 1/Lt Gerald W. Brookman trfd to Z. of I.

13. No change.
  14. F/O Stephen D. Jordan (1034) trfd to Det of Patients, 4340 USAHP APO 228.
  15. No change.
  16. No change.
  17. No change.
  18. No change.
  19. No change.
  20. No change.
  21. No change.
  22. F/O Carleton J. Hogle appointed to 2/Lt.
  23. No change
  24. No change.
  25. F/O Stuart K. Gilbertson appointed to 2/Lt. F/O Wallace J. Harster appointed to 2/Lt. 2/Lt John B. Temple trfd to 1st CBW.
  26. Following officers trfd to 70th Repl Depot:  
Capt. Robert F. Sullivan, 1/Lt Robert J. Anderson,  
1/Lt Charles F. Hadd (?), 1/Lt Nathaniel Goldberg,  
1/Lt David G. Mobberly.
  27. No change.
  28. No change.
  29. No change.
  30. No change.
- Total strength of personnel for the 322nd Squadron at the end of May 1945 is as follows:  
Officers 92. F/O 10. E/M 441.