

324th SQUADRON MISSION REPORTS

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(1) Brest

7 Nov. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Lt. Morgan	None	None	None	None
515	Lt. Fischer	None	None	Minor	None
504	Lt. Gaitley	Abortive - Guns out			
503	Lt. Flanagan	Abortive - Followed ships ahead which aborted			

Target: Docks & port area

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: Two A/C reported direct hits. (14 A/C took off including 7 from the 324th & 7 from the 322nd. 8 bombed target & 6 were abortive. This was the debut mission for the 91st. This is the beginning, which was to become a brilliant record of combat success.

(2) Abbeville

8 Nov. 1942

A/C	PILOT	CLAIMS	CASUALTIES	BATTLE DAMAGE	REMARKS
504	Lt. Gaitley	None	None	Moderate	Sgt. Hudson 20 mm in leg
490	Lt. Crumm	None	None	Slight	None
506	Lt. Corman	Abortive - Ball turret out			
505	Lt. Cliburn	0-0-1	None	Minor	None

Target: Airdrome

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None (5 wounded)

Remarks: Capt. Aycock, acting squadron commander of 401st shot in foot.

(3) St. Nazaire

9 Nov. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
505	Lt. Cliburn	None	2	Considerable	Sgt. Richardson - Serious - flak
490	Lt. Crumm	None	2	Minor	T/Sgt. Wright - Slight - flak Cpl. Youngblood - Slight - flak
506	Lt. Corman	Nojne	None	Slight	None
515	Lt. Fischer	None	None	Slight	None
485	Lt. Morgan	None	None	Slight	None
503	Lt. Col. Laurence	None	None	None	None
	And Major Smelser				

Target: Dock gates to submarine basin.

Sq. Losses: None (4 wounded)

Gp. Losses: None (1 dead)

Remarks: Attacked one of best defended gun positions in Europe from altitudes of 8,000 to 10,000 feet. Casualties heavy but objective wiped out with fine precision bombing. Lt. Louis D. Briglia, 323rd, died from his wounds on 9 Nov. 1942 at 2040 hours, the first man to lose his life in combat with the 91st.

(4) St. Nazaire

14 Nov. 1942

A/C	PILOT	CLAIMS	CASUALTIES	BATTLE DAMAGE	REMARKS
506	Lt. McClellan	Abortive - Gun failure			
503	Lt. Garrett	Abortive - Gasoline leak in cockpit			

Target: Primary - LaPallice - Not attacked
Secondary - Warehouses and munitions buildings

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: Results of bombing were good. All A/C diverted to Davidstow because of weather at base. Flak inaccurate at 20,000 feet.

(5) St. Nazaire

17 Nov. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Lt. Morgan	0 - 0- 1	None	Minor	None
503	Lt. Gaitley		Abortive - Lost formation		
506	Lt. Corman		Abortive - Lost formation		
515	Lt. Fischer		Abortive - Ball turret out		
480	Maj. Smelser	1 - 0 - 0	None	Considerable	None

Target: Buildings 40 and 41.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None (2 wounded)

Remarks: Munition dump believed hit. Flak inaccurate, E/A persistent.

(6) La Pallice

18 Nov. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
506	Lt. Corman	None	None	None	Missed target
503	Lt. Garrett	None	None	None	No bombs dropped
515	Lt. Fischer	None	None	None	No bombs dropped

Target: Submarine pens

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: None

(7) Lorient

22 Nov. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
503	Lt. Garrett				Abortive - Heated suit malfunction for waist gunner
505	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	None
515	Lt. Fischer				Abortive - Solenoid out on ball turret

Target: Submarine pens

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: Target obscured by 10/10 undercast, so bombs brought back. Part of group landed Astcote because of fuel.

(8) St. Nazaire

23 Nov. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
503	Major Smelser Capt. Jones	None	11	Missing	Last seen badly crippled off Brest peninsula..
505	Lt. Cliburn	0 - 1 - 0	3	Major	Lt. Cliburn & two others(unreadable) wounded.
506	Lt. Corman	1 - 0 - 0	5 killed 5 wounded	Moderate	Crash landed on two engines.
485	Lt. Morgan		Abortive from over field - 2 engines failed.		

Target: Entrance to submarine basin.

Sq. Losses: 1 A/C missing, 1 destroyed, 11 men missing, 5 killed, 8 wounded.

Gp. Losses: 3 (22 missing, 5 killed, 9 wounded)

Remarks: First A/C lost in group. First disastrous mission. We lost our Sq. Commander, Sq. Navigator and A crew pilot. 322nd lost their squadron C. O. Corman got back but had to make a crash landing on 2 engines with a damaged A/C killing half the crew. No bombs dropped on target.

(9) Lille

6 Dec. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
490	Lt. Crumm	0 - 0 - 1	None	Slight	Lt. Leasure, 1 E/A damaged.
515	Lt. Fischer	1 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	S/Sgt. Justice, 1 E/A destroyed.
480	Major Putnam Lt. McClellan	None	None	None	None
485	Lt. Morgan	None	None	None	None

Target: Locomotive and carriage works.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None (2 wounded)

Remarks: Some hits on target and some misses.

(10) Rouen

12 Dec. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
515	Major Putnam Lt. Fischer		Abortive - Guns out		
480	Lt. Cliburn		Abortive - Guns out		
490	Lt. Crumm	2 - 1 - 0	None	Slight	S/Sgt. Markle - 1 E/A destroyed T/Sgt. Deboy - 1 E/A destroyed 1/Lt. Kleyla - 1 E/A probable

Target: Primary at Romilly - Not attacked - Weather.
Last Resort: Marshalling yards at Rouen.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: 15 of 19 A/C abortive. 4 A/C dropped bombs in target vicinity - results poor.

(11) Romilly

20 Dec. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
515	Maj. Putnam Lt. Fischer	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	Group leader
490	Lt. Crumm	1 - 1 - 0	None	Minor	Good bombing by 306 th Gp. E/A attacking in groups of 4 and 5 from nose.
480	Lt. Cliburn	2 - 0 - 0	None	Considerable	None

Target: Aircraft park (Aerodrome)

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: 2 A/C missing, 5 wounded, 20 missing.

Remarks: Target successfully attacked despite fierce attacks by E/A, which concentrated on nose. Many hits on target by 91st and 306th. 306th bombs were especially good. We lost Lt. Corson and Lt. English of the 401st.

(12) Lorient

30 Dec. 1942

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
490	Lt. Crumm	None	None	Moderate	Poor formation. Bad navigation. Took us back Over Brest peninsula.
485	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	None
069	Maj. Putnam Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	None
515	Lt. Fischer	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	E/A concentrating on cripples and stragglers.
480	Lt. Cliburn			Abortive - Cap Loose on tank - fuel dissipated.	

Target: Submarine installations.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: 1 A/C missing, 7 wounded, 1 killed.

Remarks: Bombing fair, casualties high. Major Meyers, C.O. of 401st, died as result of wounds. Lost A/C 449
Lt. Bloodgood of 401st.

(13) St. Nazaire

3 January 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Lt. Gaitley	None	None	Moderate	1 engine on fire at target. Lucky to get back. Sgt. Justice killed.
515	Lt. Fischer	3 - 0 - 0	1 - 1 - 0	Moderate	Lt. Bercu killed.
485	Maj. Putnam Capt. Morgan	1 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	E/A eager and persistent.
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	Minor	Enemy pilots experienced.
970	Lt. Flanagan		Abortive - Guns out.		

13 January

Target: Torpedo Store.

Sq. Losses: None (1 killed, 1 wounded)

Gp. Losses: 1 A/C, 2 killed, 9 wounded, 10 missing.

Remarks: F.R.U. photo revealed direct hits on target. No fighter support. Flak heaviest and most accurate to date.
Nose attacks continued. We lost A/C 804, Lt. Anderson of 323rd Squadron.

(14) Lille

13 January 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	Bombing by Group ahead was good.
485	Capt. Morgan Col. Wray	None	None	None	Lead ship
490	Capt. Gaitley Maj. Putnam	None	None	None	None
515	Lt. Fischer	None	None	None	None
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	Bombs hung up.

Target: Marshalling yards

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: 3 wounded

Remarks: Saw 9 hits on target - generally believed good. R.R. tracks seen hit - some dropped in field.

(15) Lorient - Keroman

23 January 1943

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<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Capt. Morgan	None	None	Moderate	Lead ship.
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	Minor	None
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	0 - 1 - 0	Moderate	Formation scattered.
504	Lt. Fischer	None	1 - 4 - 0	Considerable	Sgt. Richardson recommended for medal. Landed A/C at Little Horwood.
515	Capt. Gaitley	1 - 0 - 1	None	Minor	None
490	Capt. Crumm	None	None	None	E/A pressing in close.

Target: Submarine pens and installations.

Sq. Losses: None (1 killed, 5 wounded)

Gp. Losses: None (1 killed, 5 wounded)

Remarks: Estimation 15 to 20 hits in target area. Photos reveal heavy damage to warehouse next to slips. Sgt. James killed, Sgt. Richardson, Sgt. Mackenzie, Sgt. Kirkpatrick, Lt. Fischer and Lt. Dean wounded.

(16) Wilhelmshaven

27 January 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Lt. Cliburn	1 - 0 - 0	None	destination	None
490	Capt. Crumm	None	0 - 1 - 0	Slight	10 th and final mission - USA (Transcriber's note - Actually, their last mission was their 11 th on 4 Feb. When they were the first crew from the Eighth Bomber Command to be sent home to help prepare An Aircrew Combat Manual.)
970	Lt. Verinis	3 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None
480	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	Slight	None
527	Capt. Morgan	Abortive			

Target: Power House and submarine construction.

Sq. Losses: None (1 wounded slightly)

Gp. Losses: None (1 wounded)

Remarks: First mission into Germany. Results believed poor - undercast and smoke screen. Enemy pilots seemed inexperienced.

(17) Emden

4 February 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
527	Lt. Brill	None	None	Slight	None
480	Lt. Cliburn	0 - 1 - 0	0 - 1 - 0	Considerable	Smoke screen over area.
515	Capt. Morgan Col. Wray	None	None	Slight	Lead ship. Air to air bombing attempts.
970	Lt. Verinis	2 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	E/A attacked in formation.
490	Capt. Crumm	None	None	Slight	Few bombs go into center of city.

Target: Primary Hamm not attacked. Last resort at Emden attacked.

Sq. Losses: None (1 slightly wounded)

Gp. Losses: 2 A/C (3 wounded, 20 missing)

Remarks: Bombs into town but results unobserved . One A/C dropped on convoy near Zuider Zee scoring near misses. We lost 589, Lt. Ellis, and 544, Lt. Bobrow of 323rd.

(18) Hamm

14 February 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Capt. Morgan				None
069	Capt. Gaitley				
515	Lt. Cliburn				Abortive - 10/10 (Transcriber's note - Recalled because of weather)
490	Lt. Brill				
970	Lt. Verinis				

Target: Bottleneck in important marshalling yards.

(19) St. Nazaire

16 February 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
459	Lt. Jackson		Abortive - Guns out, plus engine trouble.		
515	Lt. Cliburn	1 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	Slight	None
490	Lt. Brill	0 - 1 - 0	1 - 0 - 0	Considerable	Sgt. Middleton killed.
485	Capt. Morgan	None	None	Slight	None

Target: Locks at entrance to basin.

Sq. Losses: None (1 killed)

Gp. Losses: None (1 killed)

Remarks: Saw many bombs hitting target. Also saw bombing of group ahead (306th and it looked perfect. Fires seen on both sides of basin. Air to air bombing attempted by FW 190's.

(20) Wilhelmshaven

26 February 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
480	Lt. Jackson		Abortive - 1 engine out.		
464	Lt. Brill	None	None	None	None
069	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	None
515	Capt. Morgan	None	None	None	Photographer: Major (unreadable) - Twin nose guns Work swell.

Target: Submarine construction.

Sq. Losses: - None

Gp. Losses:- 2 A/C (20 missing)

Remarks: Weather prevented attack on Bremen. A/C turned over Wilhelmshaven, bombs scattered all over N W Germany. We lost 2 401st A/C: 447- Capt. Swais, and 362 - Lt. Smith.

(21) Brest

27 February 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
639	Lt. Brill	None	None	None	None
515	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	None
970	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	None
069	Capt. Gaitley Col. Wray	None	None	None	Lead ship

Target: - Docks and port area.

Sq. Losses: - None

Gp. Losses: - None

Remarks: Results of bombing believed to have been good.

(22) Hamm

4 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
464	Lt.Brill	None	3 - 0 - 0	A/C Lost	Ditched in North Sea.
370	Lt. Henderson		Missing		
970	Lt. Verinis	1 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	Never go again alone with one group.
069	Capt. Gaitley	1 - 1 - 0	None	Moderate	Remarkable bombing.
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	Slight	None
515	Capt. Morgan	None	---- Abortive - Engine failure.		

Target: Marshaling Yards

Sq. Losses: 2 A/C (3 dead, 3 wounded, 10 missing).

Gp. Losses: 4 A/C (4 dead, 12 wounded, 30 missing).

Remarks: Famous attack on Hamm by 91st all alone after other groups had turned back. - Missing: Lt. Henderson and crew, on his first mission as a first pilot. Lt. Brill ditched: 7 of crew picked up in North Sea after Lt. Brill, Lt. Lowry and Sgt. Morgan drowned. - also missing: Capt. McCarty and crew of 323rd and Lt. Felton and crew of 322nd.

(23) Lorient

6 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Capt. Morgan	None	None	None	None
970	Lt. Jackson	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	None

Target: Submarine Pens.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: - Successful bombing. - A/C landed at Davidstow to refuel and for interrogation.

(24) Rennes

8 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Capt. Gaitley	None	----- Abortive: 1 engine out.		
480	Lt. Coen	None	None	None	None
515	Lt. Jackson	2 - 0 - 0	None	None	Good bomb pattern.
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	Bombing good for Group ahead.

Target: Marshaling Yard.

Sq. Losses; None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: Successful mission with good bombing results.

(25) Rouen

12 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
537	Lt. Coen	None	None	None	None
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	Excellent fighter support.
515	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	Huge explosion at target.
485	Capt. Morgan	None	None	None	None
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	Direct hits on engine shed.

Target: Engine sheds and Marshaling yards.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: Bombing results excellent. - Large orange fires seen in center of target. - No abortives. - Excellent Spitfire cover with weak E/A and flak opposition.

(26) Abbeville

13 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
537	Lt. Coen	None	None	None	None
487	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	None
485	Capt. Morgan	None	None	None	None
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	None
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	None
515	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	None

Target: Locomotive Depots (Amiens).

Secondary - Marshaling Yards, Abbeville.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: Collision of course on bomb run forced our Group away from target. Some of our A/C dropped at Abbeville airdrome and some dropped at other targets with poor accuracy.

(27) Vege sack

18 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Verinis	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
515	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	None
487	Capt. Gaitley	2 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
480	Lt. Coen	None	----- Abortive - Engine trouble.		

Target: Power house at Sub. - building yards
Sub. Slips and 18 Subs under construction.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: - Bombing results reported as very good. Large fires and billowing smoke were seen to rise from the target area. Crews report that nearly all our bombs were seen to burst squarely within the assigned target area. E/A opposition was intense and considerable but we were lucky.

(28) Wilhelmshaven

22 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Capt. Morgan	None	None	None	306 bombs looked good.
504	Lt. Cliburn	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	2 engines out.
537	Lt. Coen	None	None	None	Stayed with Cliburn.
487	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	None
970	Lt. Verinis	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	JU 88's, air -to-air bombing.
659	Capt. McClellan	2 - 1 - 0	10 missing	Missing A/C	None

Target: Dock area.

Sq Losses: One (10 missing)

Gp. Losses: One (10missing)

Remarks: - Bombing results good, aiming point hit. Large fires and smoke. We lost our Operations Officer, Capt. McClellan and crew. Cause unknown.

(29) Rouen

28 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
487	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Huge explosion at target.
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	Minor	Hit engine shops.
515	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	Smoke up to 20,000 ft.
480	Lt. Cliburn	0 - 1 - 0	None	None	Many guns out.
485	Capt. Morgan	1 - 0 - 0	0 - 1 - 0	Slight	All 3 groups hit 91 st aiming point.
537	Lt. Coen	None	10 missing	Missing A/C	5 chutes seen.

Target: Locomotive repair shops, Rouen

Sq. Losses: - 1 A/C (10 missing, 1 wounded)

Gp. Losses: - 1 A/C (10 missing, 3 wounded)

Remarks: - Good hits on target and in target area. Engine repair shops hit. Several large explosions observed by our crews. Marshaling yards and gasoline tank hit. Yards appeared to be jammed with freight. Tried a diversion feint by maneuvering in channel and were attacked by E/A on first leg of diversion. Our A/C 537 seen to hit water and explode about one mile north of Fecamp 5 parachutes seen to open over land. Destroyed by fighters.

(30) Rotterdam

31 March 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	10/10 No attack.
527	Major Alford				
	Lt. Campbell	None	None	None	“ ” “
515	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	“ ” “
485	Major Aycock	None	None	None	Lead ship.
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	None
487	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	Slight	None

Target: Port area of Rotterdam.

Sq. Losses: - None

Gp. Losses: - None

Remarks: No attack made, 10/10 clouds .Diversionary maneuver tried again but it prevented attack on target. Target was clear on feint, but covered on attack thrust.

(31) Paris

4 April 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
480	Lt. Cliburn	0 - 1 - 0	None	None	None
527	Major Alford				
	Lt. Currey	None	None	None	None
069	Lt. Anderson	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
053	Lt. Smith	Abortive - #1 engine failure.			
970	Lt. Verinis	Abortive - #4 engine vibrating.			
485	Capt. Morgan	Abortive - engine trouble.			

Target: Motor works.

Sq. Losses: None

Gp. Losses: None

Remarks: - Bombing results excellent. Many large fires around . Direct hit on fuel tank. Ford and GM plants demolished.

(32) Antwerp

5 April 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
480	Capt. Morgan	1 - 0 - 1	None	None	None
515	Lt. Anderson	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
970	Lt. Verinis	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
527	Major Alford				
	Capt. Bowen	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	Slight	None

Target: Aero engine repairs

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None (1 wounded)

Remarks: Target well hit. Spitfire cover only over channel. E/A aggressive over France and Belgium.

(33) Lorient

16 April 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Lead A/C
527	Major Alford				
	Lt. Gurney	None	None	None	None
487	Lt. Freschauf	None	None	None	None
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	Slight	None
480	Lt. Cliburn	None	None	None	None
485	Capt. Morgan	Abortive - Fuel pressure and oil pressure dropped.			
970	Lt. Verinis	Abortive - #3 supercharger blew up.			
515	Lt. Anderson	Abortive - #1 supercharger blew up.			

Target: - Power station.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (1 wounded).

Remarks: - Bombs believed to have been over target.

(34) Bremen

17 April 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
480	Lt. Anderson	1 - 0 - 0			
487	Lt. Freschauf	None			
527	Major Alford				
	Lt. Gurney	None		Records not available.	
053	Lt. Smith	None			
485	Capt. Morgan	None			
069	Lt. Verinis	None			

Target: - Assembly shops.

Squadron Losses:: - None

Group Losses: - 6 A/C (60 missing)

Remarks: - First disastrous mission. We lost 6 A/C of the 401st - Nothing known about them. (Beasley, Alkar, Stoffel, Wilson, Lindsey and O'Neill.

(35) St. Nazaire

1 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Capt. Morgan	None	None	None	German beam pointd us toward Brest.
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	None	Saw strange B17 - (enemy A/C ?).
487	Lt. Freschauf	None	None	Slight	None
069	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Saw 306 Group get about 6 E/A.
480	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	Strange B17 without markings.
970	Lt. Cox	None	None	Slight	None
515	Lt. Anderson	Did not take off.			

Target: - Shipbuilding and repair shops.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - One (10 missing, 4 wounded).

Remarks: - Abortive sortie. Collision of course on bomb run forced our Group away from target. Our load of 2000 pound bombs was jettisoned in the Bay of Biscay.

(36) Antwerp

4 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
487	Lt. Freschauf	Abortive - #4 supercharger out.			
857	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	Direct hits on target.
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	Fighter support excellent.
515	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	Large oil fires at target.
527	Capt. Morgan	None	None	None	All but one bldg. Demolished.
480	Capt. Cliburn	None	None	None	Some shooting at P47's.
069	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Air to air bombing.
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	None	None
031	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	Target completely demolished.

Target: - Ford Motor Co.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - One of most successful missions to date. Target well hit. Excellent fighter cover. Air to air bombing attempted by FW190's. Close but no hits.

(37) Meaulte

13 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Doubt success of bombing.
480	Capt. Cliburn	None	None	None	Target covered with smoke.
487	Lt. Freschauf	None	None	None	Yellow nosed FW190's were eager.
970	Lt. Verinis	None	None	None	Fighters attacking low squadron of low Group.
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	None	T/G saw 7 E/A shot down.
527	Lt. Jackson	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	Spit. Knocked down E/A at target.
485	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	Many bombs in target area.
857	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	Smoke obscured results, but some bombs went in Fields.

Target: - Airframe factory

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - 2 (21 missing)

Remarks: - Results difficult to judge because of smoke, however it is believed many bombs were on target. E/A concentrating on low squadron thereby avoiding fire from 2 higher squadrons. We lost Lt. Stark, A/C 642, 323rd and Lt. Biggs, A/C 406, 323rd Sq..

(38) Keil

14 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Very good bombing.
487	Lt. Freschauf	None	None	None	Bombing perfect.
527	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	Flames and smoke at target visible 50 miles away.
053	Lt. Smith	0 - 0 - 1	None	None	Target saturated.
480	Lt. DeBaun	None	None	None	Heavy smoke - good pattern.
485	Lt. Miller	None	None	None	Group ahead - beautiful bombing.
857	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	Target area covered - no wild bombs.
031	Lt. Anderson	None	Abortive - #3 engine feathered due to oil temperature .		

Target: - Electrical testing shop in dock area.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - One (10 missing, 1 wounded)

Remarks: - Primary reports indicate that this was probably the most spectacular and successful mission flown by 91st Group to date. The whole target seems to have been covered by our bombs. We lost Lt. Broley, A/C 481, 322nd Sq..

(39) Wihelmshaven (Heligoland)

15 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	None
485	Capt. Morgan	0 - 0 - 1	None	None	None
480	Lt. DeBaun	None	None	None	None
527	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Both islands plastered.
857	Lt. Miller	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	Lot of bombs on airfield.
487	Lt. Freschauf	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
515	Lt. Anderson	None	Abortive - #1 engine out.		
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	None	None

Target: - Not attacked 10/10 - Heligoland - target of opportunity

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - 10/10 weather covered N. Germany. Capt. Busman directed formation to Heligoland where both islands were well hit as photos show. Airdromes severely damaged and many direct hits on buildings. Considerable fighter competition was encountered. Over 100 E/A of all types were reported.

(40) Keroman

17 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
485	Capt. Morgan	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	Bombs on target.
480	Lt. DeBaum	None	None	None	Mostly in target area.
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	None	Hits on aiming point.
515	Capt. Gaitley	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	Perfect weather.
031	Lt. Jackson	1 - 0 - 1	None	Minor	Explosions in target area.
857	Lt. Freschauf	None	None	None	Hits on sub. Pens.
970	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	Bombed with 306 th Group.

Target: - Platform for pulling U-Boats out of water.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Practically all bombs of this Group fell in target area, beginning short of target and stringing through M.P.I.. Smoke and large fires visible long after leaving French coast.

(41) Kiel

19 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
480	Lt. DeBaum	Abortive- #3 engine fuel pump out.			
857	Lt. Miller	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
970	Capt. Gaitley	None	None	None	Smoke screen at target.
487	Lt. Freschauf	None	None	Slight	JU 88 out of range firing cannon.
031	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	Air to air bombing.
053	Lt. Smith	None	None	Slight	Bombs on target.
485	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	None

Target: - Turban engine workshop and engineering workshop.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - One (10 missing)

Remarks: - Results questionable - Much smoke in target area. Lt. Baxley, 322nd, lost.

(42) Wilhelshaven

.21 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
399	Lt. Smith	Abortive - 3 electric suites out.			
857	Lt. Miller	Missing			
053	Lt. Koll	Missing			
515	Lt. Fischer	Missing			
480	Lt. DeBaun	None	None	Minor	Vicious E/A attacks.
487	Jackson	0 - 1 - 0	2 wounded	Moderate	Pilot & Co-Pilot Budhart wounded.
527	Lt. Cox	1 - 0 - 2	None	Minor	None

Target: - 9 Sub slips

Squadron Losses: - 3 A/C (30 missing, 2 wounded)

Group Losses: - 4 A/C (40 missing, 9 wounded)

Remarks: - Especially vicious E/A attacks accounted for 4 of our A/C. We lost Lt. Retchin, A/C 657, 323rd in addition to above. Weather not too good. Bombing results unobserved - probably poor.

(43) St. Nazaire

29 May 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Lt. Smith	None	None	Slight	Fairly good bombing.
487	Lt. Anderson	None	None	Slight	Reported 50 trucks in 2 convoys headed S.E. in France.
921	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	3 groups ahead hit aiming point.
970	Lt. Jackson	None	None	Slight	One big oil fire.

Target: - West entrance to St. Nazaire basin.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (2wounded)

Remarks: - Results of bombing were good and our A/C reported a heavy pattern of explosions right on aiming point. Several large fires reported in target area.

(44) Bremen

11 June 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Lt. Smith	None	None	None	Dropped bombs on city of Hague.
970	Lt. Jackson	1 - 0 - 0	None	Minor	Dropped bombs on village of Kittmund.
921	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	Dropped bombs on village of Waterloo.
487	Lt. Anderson	None	None	Minor	Dropped bombs on city of Hague.
895	Lt. DeBaun	None	None	None	Brought bombs back.

Target: - Submarine slips.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (1 wounded)

Remarks: - The primary target was not bombed because of cloud cover and the secondary was abandoned because of a very effective smoke screen. Results of bombing are questionable and reports on targets bombed varied including such targets as Wilhelshaven, Aurich, Waterloo, Troorf and Hague. Some reports state that bombs were dropped at a small airport N. of Norden. One crew reports of bombs dropped along a highway, making several direct hits thereon.

(45) Bremen

13 June 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. DeBaun	Abortive- #4 prop runaway			
527	Lt. Jackson	Abortive - #4 prop runaway			
379	Lt. Smith Major Alford	None	None	None	Group Ldr. Maj. Alford recommended for Silver Star.
921	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	Heavy bomb pattern in target area going into center of smoke screen.
487	Lt. Anderson	None	None	Slight	FW's firing cannon from under wing.
763	Capt. Weitzenfeld	None	None	Slight	Quite a smoke screen at target.

Target: - Engineering tube works (1000 ton subs turned out here.)

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (1 wounded)

Remarks: - Results of bombing uncertain as to aiming point but heavy damage to city itself is assured. One B17 seen to hit water and ditch at 54 degrees 25 min. north by 05 degrees 45 Min. E, with no parachutes out, but two dinghies in water.

(46) Le Mans

15 June 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Lt. Smith	Abortive - #2 & #4 superchargers failed.			
487	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	None
920	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	None
527	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	None
895	Lt. DeBaun	Abortive - #1 & #4 superchargers out.			

Target: - Aero engine factory

Squadron Losses:- None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Abortive sortie, 10/10, cancelled by twx. Bombs jettisoned in channel or brought back.

(47) Huls

22 June 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Lt. Smith	(Records incomplete)			
998	Lt. Slattery	Missing in action			
527	Lt. Jackson	(Records incomplete)			
921	Lt. DeBaun	Abortive - malfunction of ball turret.			

Target: - Synthetic rubber factory

Squadron Losses: - one (10 missing)

Group Losses: - 5 (1 killed, 6 wounded, 50 missing)

Remarks: - One of the most accurate attacks of the war. Target completely washed out. Photographs of bombs bursting on target and billowing smoke one of the pictures of the war. Weather 5/10 to 8/10. Enemy air opposition was by far the worst yet experienced by this group, between 150 and 175 E/A attacked. Nearly all were FW 190 with a few ME 109's and two JU 88's reported. Encounters lasted one hour fifteen minutes and some crews reported as many as fifty attacks. Attacks from all sides. Flak at target was intense, accurate and a barrage type. Claims were 4 - 1 - 0.

(48) Hamburg

25 June 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Smith	None	None	Minor	None
527	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	None
921	Lt. Cox	None	None	None	None
487	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	None
111	Lt. DeBaun	None	Abortive - #1 engine out.		

Target: - Hamburg was target of opportunity.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (1 wounded).

Remarks: - This mission was all FU; 10/10 cloud - solid. Crews claimed a variety of targets bombed, including Orhana, Frieurichskoog, Papenburg and an enemy convoy. Most crews admitted they didn't know where the hell they dropped them. Two A/C bombed a convoy of 20 to 30 ships making a direct hit on a cruiser and near misses on two E/V. Bomb load was 10 x 500 lbs.

(49) Villacoublay

26 June 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
813	Lt. Parker	Abortive - Vibration #1 & #3 engines - oil pressure low.			
487	Lt. Anderson	None	None	Slight	None
527	Lt. Jackson	None	None	None	None
970	Lt. Smith	None	None	None	None

Target: - Aircraft Works

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Abortive sortie. 9/10 to 10/10 overcast made it impossible to see I.P. or target. Bombs brought back. 10 miles East of Dieppe, pilot baled out of E/A.

(51) Tricqueville

29 June 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Smith	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
111	Lt. Anderson	“	”	“	
031	Capt. Weitzenfeld	“	”	“	
837	Lt. Peterman	“	”	“	
527	Lt. Munger	“	”	“	
504	Lt. Parker	“	”	“	

Target: - Tricqueville Landing Ground (France).

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - All bombs were brought back. 10/10ths overcast (Abortive sortie). Friendly fighter support was excellent.

(52) Le Mans

4 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Smith	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	Target hit.
921	Capt. Weitzenfeld	“	”	Considerable flak & 20 mm holes.	First bomb bursts were slightly S.E. of road, just Short of buildings.
527	Lt. Munger	“	”	Minor	Much smoke observed in target area.
487	Lt. Anderson	“	”	None	Some bomb hits seen on buildings.
837	Lt. Peterman	“	”	“	Bombs of this group were little to right. Target hit by group behind us.

Target: - Le Mans, France (Aero engine works).

Squadron Losses: - Two wounded.

Group Losses: - Two wounded.

Remarks: - Bombing results were reported good, with several direct hits in immediate vicinity of target. Met Spitfire escort as briefed, but no P-47's were seen. Enemy fighter opposition was very aggressive by experienced men.

(53) Villacoublay

10 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Smith	1 - 0 - 0	None		
031	Lt. Randall	None	“		
527	Lt. Munger	1 - 0 - 0	“		
111	Lt. Anderson	None	“		
504	Lt. Parker	1 - 0 - 0	“		
837	Lt. Peterman	None	“		

Target: - Aircraft Works

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Abortive sortie because of weather. Fifty to seventy five enemy aircraft attacked near Rouen and continued for about 35 minutes concentrating on low flight. Bombs brought back.

(54) Amiens/Glisy. France

14 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Smith	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	
527	Lt. Munger	“	”	“	
497	Lt. Peterman	“	”	Minor	(322 nd A/C)
837	Lt. Anderson	“	”	None	
079	Lt. Berg	“	”	None	(323 rd A/C) A/C 079 returned early about five miles Off the Le Treport French coast due to two Superchargers running away. Plane did not have Enough power to stay in formation. Brought back Bombs. (Abortive sortie).
504	Lt. Parker	“	”	“	
031	Lt. Randall	“	”	“	

Target: - Amiens/Glisy Airfield

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Bombing results looked good, all hits being in the aiming point or the immediate target area. One very large explosion with column of black smoke 10,000 ft. high was reported believed from fuel or ammunition dump. Hits from other formations reported on runways and other aiming points.

(55) Hannover, Germany

17 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
487	Lt. Anderson	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	Turned back early due to oxygen malfunction.
527	Lt. Munger	“	”	“	
837	Lt. Peterman	“	”	“	Turned back because of oxygen malfunction and
#3					engine running rough.
504	Lt. Parker	“	”	“	Turned back because #2 and #3 superchargers failed
					and directional compass went out.
921	Lt. Berg	“	”	“	
031	Lt. Randall		Abortive		Aircraft returned early because of #1 supercharger
					failure.

Target: - Hannover, Germany (Synthetic rubber processing works).

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Formation was recalled before they reached target. All aircraft brought bombs back. 10/10ths cloud. This mission was an abortive sortie, all aircraft received sorties except A/C 031.

(56) Heroya

24 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. Parker	None	None	Slight	Reported hits on buildings S.E. of target area.
487	Lt. Berg	“	”		Crew felt very fatigued.
490	Lt. Nichols	“	”	None	
837	Lt. Peterman	“	”	“	Excellent bombing.
527	Lt. Dibble	“	”	“	Dropped leaflets. Many bomb hits in target area.
					Much smoke observed in target area.

Target: - Kiel, Germany (?) (Construction of naval craft, merchant ships, tankers and subs).

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - (1 wounded in A/c landing away).

Remarks: - Target was well covered with bombs. Direct hits observed at base of large slip. Building S.E. of target hit and also buildings West of dock. Billows of grayish-black smoke observed over target after hits, which could still be seen after formation left enemy coast. Leaflets were carried on this mission.

(57) Hamburg, Germany

25 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Capt. Weitzenfeld	None	None	Minor	
813	Lt. Pilert	- Missing-			An observer reports A/C 813 at 22000 ft. over target with #3 engine smoking and on fire going down.
					E/A were going after him. Six chutes seen.
921	Lt. Berg	1 - 0 - 0	None	Minor	
837	Lt. Peterman	None	"	Slight	
895	Lt. Nichols	"	"	None	
111	Lt. Randall	"	"	Slight	

Target: - Hamburg, Germany (Aero engine works).

Squadron Losses: - One A/C (10 missing)

Group Losses: - One A/C (10 missing)

Remarks: Bombing results good.

(58) Hamburg, Germany

26 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
921	Lt. Anderson	None	None	Minor	Bombing results unobserved because of E/A fire & flak.
031	Lt. Randall	— Missing —			Was seen over target area apparently hit by flak at 27000 ft.. Started to go into a dive and out of control, unable to follow A/C all way down due to haze.
487	Lt. Berg	None	None	None	Returned early due to technical failures.
111	Lt. Nichols	“	”	“	Brought bombs back.
527	Lt. Peterman	“	”	“	Jettisoned bombs in Sea near Heligoland.

Target: Construction shop

Squadron Losses: One A/C missing (10 crew members missing).

Group Losses: Two A/C (20 missing, 1 wounded).

Remarks: Lt. Nichols flying in A/C 111 originally took off in A/C 490 but due to technical failures shortly after take off returned & took off again in A/C 111 but was unable to catch up with formation. Bombing was said to be good. Dark brown smoke seen from target area. Good bombing observed in and around pens made by group ahead. Lt. Anderson, pilot of A/C 921 and Lt. Peterman, pilot of A/C 527 were the only ones to receive a sortie. One crew reported a FW 190 2000 ft. above our formation, dropped three aerial bombs on us. These left big white rings above and dead astern.

(59) Kassel, Germany

28 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
527	Lt. Munger	None	None	None	Jettisoned bombs in North Sea.
490	Lt. Nichols	None	None	None	Jettisoned bombs in North Sea.

Target: Kassel, Germany (Aero engine works).

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Both of our A/C were spares. This was an abortive sortie. No recall was received by any member of this group; turned back on Wing leader.

(61) Kassel, Germany

30 July 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
487	Lt. Berg	None	None	Considerable (20mm and flak holes).	None
639	Lt. Parker	None	None	Slight	Bombed 5 miles N.E. of target.
895	Lt. Nichols	None	None	Considerable (flak)	Reported excellent bombing.
837	Lt. Peterman	None	None	Minor	Over shot target.

Target: Kassel (Aircraft component works)

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Two Aircraft (3 wounded - 20 missing).

Remarks: Bombing results good. Fighter opposition was strong.

(62) Gelsenkirchen

12 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
069	Lt. Parker	None	None	None	Frost on windows obscured visibility.
504	Lt. Dibble	“	”	“	One passed out (Oxygen)
837	Lt. Peterman	“	”	“	
921	Lt. Berg	— Abortive—Manifold pressure dropped on #2 and #3 engines.			
527	Lt. Munger	— Abortive—Two superchargers malfunctioned.			

Target: Synthetic oil plant

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Four (2 dead, 1 wounded, 40 missing).

Remarks: All four aircraft lost , last seen near target. No parachutes seen. 32000 ft. seemed too high. Frosted windows made visibility a problem. Thirty to forty enemy aircraft pressed persistent attacks. Bombing results generally unobserved., but reported very poor to good. (Transcriber's note: Most of remarks impossible to decipher.)

(63) Vlissingen

15 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
921	Lt. Parker	None	None	None	Could not see bombing results due to haze and Smoke from fires set by preceding groups.
895	Lt. Berg	“	”	Minor	Bombs landed in target area.
490	Lt. Nichols	“	”	Slight	Bombs dropped in general area, West side of Airdrome .
837	Lt. Peterman	“	”	“	Very scattered bombing, some bombs hit on docks, Water, farmland.

Target: Primary Flushing, secondary Vlissingen airfield in Holland

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Three wounded.

Remarks: Bombed secondary target, Vlissingen - generally scattered hits on airdrome, fields and a few in the city. Bombs from this group thought to have centered in target area and walking from there across airdrome. 91st Gp. Lead, 101st Combat Wing. No fighter opposition was met.

(64) Le Bourget, France

16 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
837	Lt. Peterman	None	None	Slight	Excellent bombing. Smoke could be seen all the way back to the English coast.
895	Lt. Parker	“	”	“	Good bombing. Area well covered.
527	Lt. Munger	“	”	None	Other Wings bombs hit hangers.
487	Lt. Berg	“	”	“	
490	Lt. Nichols	“	”	“	

Target: Le Bourget Airfield and Air Depot.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: One wounded.

Remarks: A heavy concentration of bombs observed right on aiming point. Fighter support provided excellent cover.

(65) Schweinfurt, Germany

17 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
921	Lt. Col. Wurzbach Col. Gross	0 - 0 - 0	None	Considerable	Combat Wing leader.
895	Lt. Berg	0 - 0 - 1	None	None	Terrific encounters - 300 Enemy Aircraft.
527	Lt. Munger	----- Aircraft missing ----			Two engines smoking at Aldeschaff, 10 chutes out.
837	Lt. Peterman Maj. Weitzenfeld	None	None	Minor	Pattern covered buildings.
490	Lt. Nichols	1 - 0 - 0	One	Considerable	Rhine river full of barges in between Bonn & Coblanz.

Target: Ball Bearing Works

Squadron Losses: One A/C (10 missing, 1 wounded.)

Group Losses: 10 A/C (1 killed, five wounded, 97 missing.)

Remarks: Bombing results very good. Hits well concentrated on target and in marshaling yards. Heavy smoke from the target could be seen for many miles. A/C 712, Lt. Judy, pilot , crash landed at Manston Kent after 7 members of his crew had bailed out over enemy territory. Twenty four A/C took off. Between 200 and 300 enemy aircraft pressed home vicious attacks both going in and coming out. One of the sensational air battles of the war.

(Transcriber's Note: Pilots names are a complete blank on this microfiche. Names are merely a guess by transcriber. Also some of the 324th Sq. Crews such as Lt. Parker & Lt. Wheeler were flying with a 101st Composite Group not shown on this microfiche.)

(66) Gilze Rijen

19 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. Anderson	None	None	None	Made two bomb runs. Last one fairly good. Explosion and fires seen.
490	Lt. Nichols	“	”	“	None
504	Lt. Berg	“	”	“	All bombs hit on dispersal area of airport. Right on target. Many fires started.
487	Lt. Parker	“	”	“	Bombs all over target. Four big fires started.

Target: Gilze-Rijen Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: General results of the bombing were good, with many explosions in target area. Enemy fighter opposition was (?).

(Transcriber's note: Again the pilot names were blank on the microfiche. Therefor, the transcriber filled in his guess. Also the last word in the remarks was not readable.)

(67) Villacoublay, France

24 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. Parker	None	None	Slight	None
504	Lt. Christensen	“	”	“	
490	Lt. Nichols	“	”	None	
921	Lt. Berg	“	”	Slight	

Target: Villa Coublay, France Air Depot

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: All bombs were brought back. –The formation went south of the I.P. and from this point took briefed heading, followed lead group which brought it south of target and this heading made it impossible to bomb. Fighter cover was excellent.

(68) Watten, France

27 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
487	Lt. Christensen	None	None	Slight	None
504	Lt. Peterson	“	”	None	FW pilot bailed out of E/A.
895	Lt. Nichols	“	”	Slight	Bombs not on target.
921	Capt. Parker	“	One wounded	Minor	Altitude too low. Bomb run into sun is bad.

Target: Construction over (Mystery target). V-Weapon Site

Squadron Losses: None (1 wounded).

Group Losses: One (1 wounded, 10 missing).

Remarks: Bombing appeared to be poor. T/Sgt. James K. Osborne, 401st Sq., bailed out of his aircraft just East of St.Gaer. He came running out of radio room and hollered “bail out”. He ran to the waist gunner’s door and jumped. His parachute opened immediately.

(69) Amiens/Glisy

31 August 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
487	Lt. Christensen	----- Abortive -----		forced out of formation by collision of two aircraft ahead.	
490	Lt. Nichols	None	None	Slight	Good bomb pattern on target.
837	Lt. Berg	“	”	None	Many hits in dispersal area.
504	Lt. Peterson	“	”	Minor	Target on fire before we got there.

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Two (24 killed, 2 injured, 3 missing).

Remarks: A/C 816 and A/C 523 collided over channel. Only survivor, tail gunner Sgt. Allen of 401st Sq., picked up by Air-Sea Rescue. A/C 973 hit by flak. Pilot brought A/C back for crash landing, Three men bailed out over channel and are missing. A/C crashed and burned near Polegate. Two survivors both seriously burned. Bombing results excellent.

(70) Evereux

3 September 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Pegram	0 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None
490	Lt. Nichols	0 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None
111	Lt. Peterson	0 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None
895	Lt. Berg	0 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None
921	Lt. Peterman	0 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	Spotted huge truck convoy in France.
487	Lt. Christensen	0 - 0 - 0	None	Moderate	None

Target: Air Field

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: - ?

Remarks: - Lt. Peterman led Combat Wing. Results of bombing fair.

(71) Stuttgart

6 September 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
970	Lt. Pegram	0 - 0 - 0	All suffered bruises & strains In crash landing.	None - Damaged severely in landing.	Crashed landed at Pettmarsh, out of gas - 4 dead engines.
490	Lt. Nichols	0 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None
895	Lt. Berg	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	None
111	Lt. Christensen				Aborted - Cap loose on gas tank - lost fuel.
504	Lt. Dibble	0 - 0 - 0	None	Slight	None

Target: Electrical factory

Squadron Losses: None - Lt. Pegram's ship badly damaged but crew O.K.

Group Losses: - 3 A/C (1 to E/A over France, 2 A/C ditched, 17 men O.K.).

Remarks: - Bombed unknown marshaling yard, vicinity of Strasbourg. Primary covered 10/10's.

(72) Romilly

15 September 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
893	Lt. Berg	None	None	None	None
490	Lt. Nichols	None	None	None	None
504	Lt. Evans	None	None	None	None
487	Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	None
111	Lt. Pegram	None	None	None	None

Target: - Air Park and Airdrome

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Mission not very successful. Bombing results unknown.

(73) Nantes

16 September 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. Berg	None	None	Moderate	Lost 2 engines before target, came home on deck, around Brest peninsula.
921	Lt. Christensen	None	None	Moderate	None
111	Lt. Pegram	None	None	Minor	None
637	Lt. Evans	None	None	Minor	None

Target: - Port area (Sub supply ship).

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Bombing only fair.

(74) Nantes

23 September 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
837	Lt. Peterman	None	None	Minor	Lt. Vickary did a remarkably fine job of bombing under difficult circumstances. Group Leader.
505	Lt. Christensen	None	None	Moderate	None
487	Lt. Pegram	None	None	Minor	Observed beautiful bombing results.
490	Lt. Nichols	None	None	Moderate	None
504	Lt. Evans	None	None	None	Good bombing.

Target: - Port area (Sub Supply Ship).

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Successful mission. Bomb results good.

(75) Meulan

26 September 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
490	Capt. Nichols	None	None	None	None
504	Lt. Evans	None	None	None	None
505	Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	None
111	Lt. Pegram	None	None	None	None

Target: - A/C assembly plant.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Abortive sortie, All bombs brought back because of weather.

(76) Emden

27 September 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
921	Capt. Nichols	None	None	None	None
895	Lt. La Point	None	None	Slight	None
504	Lt. Evans	None	1 Slight	Moderate	Lt. Dean E/A fragment - wound left arm.
487	Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	None
111	Lt. Pegram				Missing in action.

Target: - City of Emden

Squadron Losses: - Lt. Pegram and crew A/C #111.

Group Losses: - 3 A/C (1 killed, 5 slightly wounded, 30 missing).

Remarks: - First PFF raid. Results unobserved, but believed good.

(77) Emden

2 October 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
505	Capt. Nichols	None	1	Minor	T/Sgt. Draegert - small wound left leg.
504	Lt. Evans	None	None	None	None
895	Lt. La Point	None	None	None	None
487	Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	Sortie - Lost # 1 engine, # 2 faulty.

Target: - City of Emden

Squadron Losses: - None (1 wounded slightly).

Group Losses: - None (1 wounded slightly).

Remarks: - Results unobserved, 10/10th's cloud cover.

(78) Frankfort

4 October 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
837	Capt. Peterman	0 - 0 - 1	None	Moderate	Group Leader. Sgt. Bayer damaged an E/A.
773	Lt. Christensen	1 - 1 - 0	None	Considerable	Landed Martlesham Heath Sgt. Shapire - 1 E/A destroyed Lt. Hasirjian - 1 E/A probable
504	Lt. Evans	0 - 0 - 0	1	Moderate	S/Sgt. Kent, Tail gunner - suffocated.
921	Capt. Nichols	0 - 0 - 0	None	Moderate	Enemy using rockets.
895	Lt. La Point	0 - 0 - 0	1	Considerable	S/Sgt. Burke, Tail gunner - 30 cal. In left arm.

Target: - City of Frankfort

Squadron Losses: - None (1 dead, 1 wounded)

Group Losses: - One (1 dead, 2 wounded, 10 missing)

Remarks: - Results believed to be good. Major Weitzenfeld noticed about 10 enemy fighters on tail of Group and called up the friendly escort to come and get them. They did and the P-47's had a field day.

(79) Bremen

8 October 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
487	Lt. Christensen	None	1	Considerable	S/Sgt. Shapire - flak wound - throat and chin.
505	Capt. Nichols	1 - 0 - 0	None	Minor	None
875	Lt. La Point	0 - 1 - 1	None	Considerable	Bursts seen in target area.
490	Lt. Evans	None	1	Moderate	S/Sgt. Hendrix - flak wound right calf.

Target: - Center of city.

Squadron Losses: - None (2 wounded).

Group Losses: - One (9 wounded, 10 missing).

Remarks: - Results good. Good weight of bombs on target.

(80) Anklam

9 October 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
837	Capt. Nichols	0 - 2 - 2	None	Minor	Flew "B" flight all alone when rest of flight was shot down. Lt. Becht - 1 E/A damaged. T/Sgt. Fee - 1 E/A damaged. S/Sgt. O'Connel - 1 E/A probable S/Sgt. Major - 1 E/A probable
736	Lt. Christensen	2 - 0 - 0	None	Minor	Heavy bomb smoke in target area. T/Sgt. Hooper - 1 E/A destroyed. S/Sgt. Magnier - 1 E/A destroyed.
921	Lt. La Point	0 - 0 - 1	None	Minor	T/Sgt. Perrone - 1 E/A damaged.

Target: - A/C parts factory

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - 5 (4 wounded, 50 missing).

Remarks: - Historic mission to target 50 miles North of Berlin. Bombing excellent. Losses heavy. Germans put up A/C of every description, apparently worried about Berlin.

(81) Munster

10 October 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
837	Capt. Nichols	None	None	None	Abortive Sortie - Oxygen failure.
504	Lt. La Point	None	None	Slight	None
803	Lt. Christensen	None	None	Slight	Excellent bombing.

Target: - City and Marshaling yards.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - One (10 missing).

Remarks: - Good bombing. Hits in center of city and on marshaling yards. Many fires.

(82) Schweinfurt

14 October 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
490	Capt. Nichols	None	None	Slight	Rockets used by enemy effectively, Landed at Kimbolton.
504	Lt. Davis	None	None	None	Aborted - Could not find formation.
741	Lt. Christensen	None	3	Moderate	Landed at Tangmere - Lt. Christensen died of Wounds. S/Sgt. Molzen - Flak in buttocks. S/Sgt. Swesly - Flak in chin and face.
712	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	Sortie

Target: - Ball bearing works

Squadron Losses: - None - (1 killed, 2 wounded).

Group Losses: - One (1 killed, 4 wounded, 10 missing).

Remarks: - Target practically destroyed. One of most successful missions to date. Lt. Christensen with 1 arm practically severed, piloted his A/C safely to Compligne, France, where Lt. Mendelshon took over. 741 came home on deck from target vicinity with one engine out - hit a tree - and Lt. Mendelshon made a perfect landing at Tangmere with engine on fire. Lt. Christensen died in the hospital the next day. 400 to 500 E/A reported.

(83) Duren

20 October 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Capt. Nichols	None	None	None	None
504	Lt. Davis	None	None	None	None

Target: -

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Bombs brought back, 9/10th's undercast.

(84) Wilhelmshaven

3 November 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
490	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	None
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	None	None
895	Lt. La Point	0 - 0 - 1	None	None	S/Sgt. Pappas 1 E/A damaged.
487	Lt. Dibble	None	None	Minor	FW's shooting rockets. E/A had belly tanks.
504	Lt. Davis	0 - 0 - 1	None	None	S/Sgt. Sterling 1 E/A damaged.
505	Lt. Close	None	None	None	None

Target: - Port area of city.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - 3 (4wounded - 30 missing).

Remarks: - Results unobserved. P.R.U. showed good results.

(85) Gelsenkirchen

5 November 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
803	Capt. Peterman	None	None	Slight	Group Leader
490	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	Sortie
505	Lt. Close	None	None	None	Sortie (Oxygen)
921	Lt. Dibble	None	None	Slight	None
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	Minor	None
504	Lt. Davis	None	None	Slight	None
837	Capt. Nichols	None	None	None	Good bombing.
895	Lt. La Point	None	None	None	None

Target: - City of Gelsenkirchen.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (1 wounded).

Remarks: - Fires seen in target area. Good bomb pattern.

(86) Wesel

7 November 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
921	Lt. Dibble	None	None	None	None
504	Lt. Westwood	None	None	None	None
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	None	None
505	Lt. Kerr	None	1	None	Sgt. Klemm died of oxygen failure.
487	Lt. Close	None	None	None	None
837	Lt. Davis	None	None	None	None

Target: - Railroad tracks center of town.

Squadron Losses: - None (1 died).

Group Losses: - None (1 died).

Remarks: - 10/10 cloud covered target.

(87) Knaben

16 November 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
921	Lt. Westwood	0 - 0 - 1	None	Slight	S/Sgt. Hays 1 E/A damaged
895	Lt. Davis	None	None	None	None
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	S/Sgt. Frans 1 E/A destroyed.
487	Lt. Close	None	None	None	None
837	Lt. De Mara	None	None	None	None

Target: - Molybdenum Mine

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Bombs jettisoned when target could not be located. Some other groups found target and good results were reported.

(88) Bremen

26 November 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. Davis	None	None	None	None
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	Minor	None
721	Lt. Kerr	None	None	Slight	None
487	Lt. Close	None	None	None	None
779	Lt. Westwood	None	None	None	Abortive - 2 engines out.
773	Lt. De Mare	None	None	Minor	None
837	Lt. Mc Gee	None	None	None	None

Target: - Center of city

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (1 A/C lost in ditching - crew safe).

Remarks: - Bombing results unobserved. Lt. Tibbetts and crew picked up out of channel.

(89) Leverkusen

1 Dec. 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
505	Capt. Peterman	0	0	0	Group Leader
895	Lt. Davis	0	0	Slight	Landed Manston (Gas).
921	Lt. Kerr	0	0	Slight	None
504	Lt. Westwood	0	0	0	None
773	Lt. De Mara	0	0	0	None
779	Lt. Mc Gee	0	0	Slight	None

Target: - Chemical works - Not attacked.

Secondary - Solingen - Bombed through 10/10 undercast on PFF - results unobserved.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - 5

8th A.F. Losses: - (radio) 27

Finished 25 - Capt. Peterman - Capt. Vickery - T/Sgt. Keplewski - S/Sgt. Nebst.

(90) Paris

5 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
505	Lt. Davis	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	
487	Lt. Kerr	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	
490	Lt. Hellman	0 - 0 - 0	None	None	

Target: - Ball bearing works

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Abortive sortie - 10/10 undercast prevented attack. Our field closed in after only 10 A/C had taken off and rest were grounded by fog. All A/C landed at Ridgewell.

(91) Emden

11 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
504	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Minor	None
895	Lt. Davis	None	None	Slight	25 th for Lt. Davis and Lt. Dawley.
505	Lt. Klets	None	None	Slight	None
487	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	None	None
837	Lt. Meese	None	None	Slight	Bomb Rack failure.
779	Lt. McGee	None	None	Slight	None
736	Lt. Dudley	None	None	None	Bomb Rack failure.

Target: - Center of city.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Good bombing reported by crews but pictures didn't show so well. 138 E/A destroyed for loss of 17 bombers and 2 P-47's. Lt. Davis and Lt. Dawley finished 25.

(92) Bremen

13 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
490	Lt. Meese	None	None	Slight	None
487	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	None
895	Knight	None	None	None	None
773	Lt. Le Mara	None	None	None	None
779	Lt. Dudley	None	None	Slight	None
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	None	None
803	Lt. McGee	None	None	Slight	None
504	Lt. McFarland	None	None	None	None
921	Lt. Klets	None	None	None	None

Target: - Center of city.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (2 wounded)

Remarks: - None. Bombed on PFF through 10/10th's undercast.

(93) Bremen

16 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
779	Lt. Dudley	None	None	None	Landed at (?).
895	Lt. Westwood	None	None	None	Landed at Foulsham.
504	Lt. McFarland	None	None	None	Landed at Tempsford.
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	None	None
773	Lt. Knight	None	None	None	None
487	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	None
921	Lt. Klets	None	None	None	None
490	Lt. Meese	None	None	None	None
803	Lt. McGee	None	None	None	None

Target: - Center of city.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - PFF bombing - not very good according to pictures. Flak defenses quite accurate.

(94) Bremen

20 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. Westwood	None	None	None	None
073	Lt. De Mara	None	None	Slight	None
505	Lt. Klets	Abortive - #2 supercharger ran away - Oxygen low in nose.			
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	Abortive - Runaway supercharger #2 engine.			
837	Lt. Knight	None	None	Major flak	None
504	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Slight	Hits seen in city.
921	Lt. Dudley	Abortive - Co-pilot sick.			
490	Lt. Meese	None	None	Slight	Bombs short.
487	Lt. Kerr	None	None	Slight	Smoke screen ineffective.
803	Lt. McGee	None	None	Slight	None
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	Slight	None

Target: - Center of city.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (1 killed, 1 wounded)

Remarks: - Results unobserved. General feeling most bombs short. Flak accurate. Eyewitnesses of attack report through Sweden, City is devastated.

(95) Osnabruck

22 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
504	Lt. McFarland	1 - 1 - 0	None	None	Sgt. Lowery - 1 E/A destroyed, S/Sgt. McCall - 1 probable
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	None	None
178	Lt. Dudley	1 - 0 - 0	None	Minor	Sgt. Adkins - 1 E/A destroyed
895	Lt. Westwood	None	None	None	None
736	Lt. Mendelsohn	1 - 0 - 1	None	None	Sgt. Hall - 1 E/A destroyed, Sgt. Beasley - 1 damaged.
490	Lt. Evans	0 - 1 - 0	None	None	Sgt. Williams - 1 E/A probable
773	Lt. De Mara	None	None	None	None
487	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	None
505	Lt. Hedglin	None	None	None	None
837	Lt. Knight	0 - 1 - 0	None	None	Sgt. Buck - 1 E/A probable

Target: - M.P.I. point where two main R.R. lines cross.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - 1 (2 wounded - 10 missing)

Remarks: - 10/10's undercast made results unobserved. Bombed on PFF A/C. Congestion at target due to large number of A/C.

(96) Andres, France

24 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
803	Lt. Clone	None	None	Minor	None
178	Lt. Hedglin	None	None	Minor	None
490	Lt. Meese	None	None	Minor	None
504	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Minor	None
487	Lt. Kerr	None	None	Minor	None
921	Lt. Dudley	None	None	Minor	None
761	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	None	Minor	None
505	Lt. De Mara	None	None	Minor	None
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	Minor	None
895	Lt. Westwood	None	None	Minor	None

Target: - # 68 Rocket gun emplacement.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None (3 wounded)

Remarks: - First attack on German Rocket gun (secret weapon) emplacements on French coast. Many near misses on target-150 yards by 200 yards - no hits. Moderate flak emphatically accurate. 28 out of 33 A/C with battle damage. No E/A reported.

(97) Ludwigshaven

30 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
178	Lt. Knight	None	None	None	Saw brown smoke up to 25,000 ft.
736	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	None
837	Lt. Clone	None	None	None	Group Leader
921	Lt. Dudley	None	None	None	None
803	Lt. De Mara	None	None	None	None
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	None	None
895	Lt. Westwood	None	None	None	None

Target: - Chemical Company

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Major Weitzenfeld was the Group Leader. Bombing accomplished on PFF through 10/10's undercast. Flak meager and inaccurate, fighters meager (15 to 20). Results unobserved. 1571 A/C were dispatched by the 8th and 9th Air Force - a new record. Claims for the day 17-11-16 and losses were 13 B-17's, 9 B-24's, 11 P-38's and 2 P-47's.

(98) Cognac

31 December 1943

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
895	Lt. Mendelsohn	None	10	Missing	Hit by flak, unable to keep up with formation.
505	Lt. Klotz	None	None	Moderate	Landed at Benson - Gas
178	Lt. Hedglin	0 - 1 - 0	None	Minor	Crash land - Windsor - fuel - weather
803	Lt. De Mara	None	None	Minor	Landed at Cheddington
487	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Minor	Landed at Benson - weather
921	Lt. Dudley	None	10	Missing	Blew up near I.P. (E/A)
837	Lt. Meese	None	None	Minor	Landed at Wing - weather
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	Minor	Landed at Wing

Target: - Chateaubernard A/D near Cognac.

Squadron Losses: - 2 A/C and crew.

Group Losses: - 2 (one wounded, 20 missing)

Remarks: - Primary at Bordeaux was covered by smoke and cloud so our A/C attacked the secondary. Bomb pattern was remarkable-right through aiming point. Only 1 of 32 A/C undamaged by flak. Weather closed in upon return and 20 A/C landed all over England.

(99) Kiel

4 January 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
739	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	None
779	Lt. Uskela		Abortive - could not find formation.		
773	Lt. De Mara		Abortive - Bad oil leak #2 engine.		
490	Lt. Meese	None	None	None	None
073	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Minor	Bursts seen on both sides of river.
230	Lt. Klotz		Abortive - Oxygen failure.		
837	Lt. Knight	None	None	None	None

Target: - Center of city.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - P.F.F. attack through 10/10ths undercast –results reported to have been good causing heavy damage to dock area and center of town.

Note: Sgt. Wallace J. Payne received the purple heart as a result of a cold injury of both feet and fingers of left hand, causing wounds as an indirect result of enemy action.

(100) Tours, France

5 January 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
230	Lt. Clone & Major Weitzenfeld	None	None	Moderate	20mm. Hit canopy over pilot's seat.
804	Lt. Klotz	None	None	None	Target wiped out.
773	Lt. De Mara	"	"	"	Eight to 10 S/E took off before our bombs hit.
837	Lt. McGee	"	"	Slight	All three aiming points hit by three different Groups.
487	Lt. Knight		Abortive – Lost #1 engine.		
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	None	Best P-47 support ever seen.
490	Lt. McFarland	"	"	"	Black smoke poured from target.

Target: - Parcay - Meslay Airdrome

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Bombing results were generally described as good. Concentration of bombs was observed covering the administration buildings and dispersal area to South. Hangers were enveloped in bomb bursts. Huge column of black smoke on NW corner. Three to eight E/A engaged our formation. Flak was meager and inaccurate. Three of our aircraft sustained slight damage. Fighter support excellent.

Special Note: Today our Group finished one-hundred operational missions against the enemy and became the first group in the European Theater of Operations to reach the century mark.

(101) Ludwigshaven

7 January 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
803	Lt. Westwood	None	None	Slight	10/10ths
000	Lt. Major	“	”	None	Spits coming in too close.
490	Lt. Uskela	“	”	Minor	None
487	Lt. McGee	“	”	Slight	Spits simulate E/A attacks
773	Lt. De Mara	2 - 0 - 0	“	None	None
779	Lt. Holman	1 - 0 - 0	“	Minor	None

Target: - Aiming point was power plant of I.G. Farbenindustrie.

Squadron Losses: - None

Group Losses: - None

Remarks: - Bombing results unobserved 10/10ths. Seventeen to 50 E/A made attacks. Cable bombing was attempted by a FW190 without effect. A/A fire was moderate and accurate and eleven of our aircraft sustained minor damage. Crews enthusiastic in their praise of the fighter escort.

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Lt. Major	None	None	Moderate	E/A aggressive and experienced.
803	Lt. McGee	0 - 0 - 2	None	"	No fighter support.
837	Lt. Kletz	None	"	Minor	Smoke over target - all colors of rainbow.
504	Lt. McFarland	5 - 0 - 0	"	"	Direct hits on target.
490	Lt. Knight	1 - 0 - 0	"	None	Aiming point well hit.
006	Lt. Kerr	1 - 0 - 0	"	Minor	Smoke column up to 10,000 feet.
487	Lt. Hedglin	— Missing	— Was seen to explode after being attacked by approximately twenty S/E fighters at 52:15 N - 09: 10 E. Three to four chutes were seen.		
230	Lt. Uskela	— Missing	— Last seen near Dummer Lake, Germany falling back out of formation.		

Target: - Aircraft Factory

Squadron Losses: Two aircraft (20 missing).

Group Losses: Five aircraft (3 wounded, 50 missing)

Remarks: Strike photos show target to be well covered by bomb bursts and smoke. Bombs from this group appear to have fallen short of target. Seventy-five to 100 E/A pressed aggressive attacks, often in formation, for about an hour. No fighter support was seen. A/A fire was inaccurate and meager to moderate, two of our A/C sustained slight damage from flak.

(103) Crossette, France

14 January 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
947	Lt. Close Maj. Weitzenfeld	None	None	None	Missed target.
779	Lt. Holman	“	”	“	Saw bursts in target.
736	Lt. Considine	“	”	“	Fighter support filled sky.
975	Lt. McGee	“	”	“	Bombs dropped accidentally - malfunction.
773	Lt. De Mara	“	”	“	Good support.
000	Lt. Major	“	”	“	Short of target.
490	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	
504	Lt. McFarland	“	”	“	Missed target.

Target: No-ball target.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Bombing was described as poor. Bursts seen between 500 and 1000 yards over and to right. No enemy aircraft seen. Fighter support was excellent. No anti-aircraft fire. Bombing altitude 12,000 feet.

(104) La Glacerie, France

21 January 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
803	Lt. Close	None	None	None	Made two runs on target, brought bombs back.
000	Lt. Major	“	”	“	Two runs - none dropped.
975	Lt. Considine	“	”	Minor	None
837	Lt. De Mara	— Abortive #3 engine on fire.			
504	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Minor	None
779	Lt. Holman	“	“	“	”
006	Lt. McGee	“	”	“	Could not identify target.
490	Lt. Knight	“	”	“	None
736	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	”

Target: No ball target.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None (two wounded)

Remarks: Sixteen aircraft identified target “B” and bombed same with fair results. Crews report bursts in target area.

Sixteen aircraft handicapped by cloud cover made two runs on target without being able to identify it. No enemy aircraft seen. Accurate, moderate anti-aircraft fire was encountered and 23 of our aircraft sustained flak damage. (One serious).

(105) Frankfurt, Germany

29 January 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
515	Lt. Westwood	None	None	None	Undercast
504	Lt. McFarland	“	”	“	None
490	Lt. Knight	“	”	“	Column of brown, reddish smoke came through undercast.
000	Lt. Meese	1 - 0 - 0	“	”	Lt. Hunt got an ME 410.
975	Lt. Considine	None	“	”	Smoke seen over target.
736	Lt. Klotz	0 - 1 - 0	“	”	Saw P-47 get two enemy aircraft.
803	Lt. McGee	None	“	”	Concentration good.
779	Lt. Holman	“	”	“	None

Target: Center of City

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None (one killed).

Remarks: Bombing results unobserved - 10/10ths. Enemy aircraft very aggressive. Enemy rockets accounted for some B-17's. Flak was moderate and inaccurate for our aircraft. Two of which were damaged slightly. Fighter cover was fair, many gaps without escort.

(106) Brunswick, Germany

30 January 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
736	Lt. Klotz	----	Abortive	– malfunction of #1 engine	
779	Lt. Holman	1 - 0 - 0	None	None	10/10ths.
006	Lt. Kerr	None	“	Slight	None
975	Lt. Considine	“	”	None	“
490	Lt. Knight	“	”	Minor	50 cal. Coming too close.
000	Lt. Hesse	2 - 0 - 1	“	None	None
504	Lt. McFarland	1 - 0 - 0	“	Minor	“

Target: Aircraft Components Factory

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None (Two wounded seriously)

Remarks: 10/10ths undercast. Bombing results unobserved. Thirty to fifty E/A attacked. Air to air bombing was reported and parachute bombs were described dropping ineffectively from enemy aircraft. Anti-Aircraft fire was meager to moderate and inaccurate. Soupy weather undoubtedly was the major factor in preventing good fighter support.

(107) Wilhelmshaven, Germany

3 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
504	Lt. Holman	None	None	Slight	Bombed primary.
006	Lt. Kerr	“	”	None	Believed to have bombed Emden.
803	Lt. McGee	“	”	“	Carried nickels.
967	Lt. Considine	“	”	“	Brought bombs back.
515	Lt. Major	“	”	“	Jettisoned bombs in channel.
736	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	Brought bombs back.

Target: City of Wilhelmshaven.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None (1 wounded)

Remarks: 10/10ths bombing, results unobserved. There was no fighter opposition. Returning crews unanimous in praise of fighter support, some saying it was the best so far. P-47's, P-38's and P-51's came in as briefed. Good close cover was maintained all along route and excellent area support was afforded at target. Flak was moderate and accurate, seven of our A/C sustaining minor damage and two severe damage.

(108) Frankfurt, Germany

4 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Lt. Close	None	None	Minor	None
837	Lt. Hesse	“	”	“	Jettisoned bombs in North Sea.
967	Lt. Major	“	”	None	Jettisoned bombs in Channel.
504	Lt. Kerr	“	1	Minor	T/Sgt. Bacho - Slight flak wound, left arm.
505	Lt. Considine	“	None	“	None
736	Lt. Klotz	“	”	None	Brought bombs back.
803	Lt. McGee	----	-----	----	Lost – Flak
515	Lt. Parsons	None	None	Minor	None
779	Lt. Holman	“	”	Major	Dropped bombs near Koblenz.

Target: Center of Industrial area.

Squadron Losses: One (10 men)

Group Losses: 23 missing - (2 wounded)

Remarks: This was the second heavy daylight attack on Frankfurt within a week. Over 800 bombers attacked. Enemy fighter opposition weak, but cross winds forced bombers to fly over flak concentrations with some casualties and considerable battle damage resulting. Bombing results were unobserved, dropping through 10/10 undercast on P.F.F. A/C 771 was last seen under control near Antwerp. No information on 803. Lt.Col. Alford and Capt. Williams (Group Op. Officer and Gp. Nav. Officer) missing on P.F.F. ship which was seen in distress but under control just West of Rhur. All of our A/C sustained flak damage.

(109) Avord A/D

5 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
006	Lt. Kerr	None	None	None	None
504	Lt. McFarland	“	”	“	”
505	Lt. Major	“	”	“	Jettisoned bombs off French coast.
637	Lt. Hesse	“	”	“	None
967	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	”
515	Lt. Consisine	“	”	“	”

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Crews report assigned M.P.I. was well hit. Also hits believed on parked airplanes on Eastern hanger line. Escort took care of the small number of E/A which appeared, 5 E/A believed to have been FW 200 K's took off during the attack, one crashing into a tree at one end of field and 3 others being shot down by P-38's. There was no battle damage from A/A fire. T/Sgt. Streets said, "No fighters - no hangers - no barracks." S/Sgt. Harper said, "our group blew up one side of their airport and the high group behind us took the other side. We kicked the stuffin out of that joint, and , brother , our fighter escort was beautiful."

(110) Nancy - Essey

6 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
857	Lt. Klotz	None	None	None	Bombs brought back.
967	Lt. Major	“	”	“	” “ ”
515	Lt. Parsons	“	”	“	Jettisoned (D.A.).
006	Capt. Dibble	“	”	“	Bombs brought back.
579	Lt. Holman	“	”	“	” “ ”
610	Lt. Considine	“	”	“	” “ ”

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Weather prevented identification of target and forced our bombers to bring their bombs back. There were no E/A attacks and A/A fire was meager and inaccurate. One A/C slightly damaged by flak. Fighter support was good.

(111) Frankfurt, Germany

11 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Lt. Close	None	None	None	Group Leader
579	Lt. Malvik	“	1	Minor	S/Sgt. Shanks cut and bruised by radio room door when bomb bay doors opened.
967	Lt. Theophilus	“	None	None	Bombed Ludwigshaven or Mannheim.
678	Lt. Major	“	”	Minor	Bombed primary.
515	Lt. Parsons	“	”	None	“ ”
610	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	” Ludwigshaven.

Target: City of Frankfurt (PFF)

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Returning crews were uncertain as to identity of city attacked. 9/10ths cloud cover prevented identification. The attack may have been made on Ludwigshaven. Fighter support gave the bombers excellent protection from 20 to 40 E/A. Flak was moderate and inaccurate, although six A/C received minor damage at the target.

(112) Leipzig - Aschersleben

20 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Lt. Close	None	None	None	Turned back - 50 cal. thru wing tank.
967	Lt. Theophilus	“	”	Minor	None
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	“	”
678	Lt. Major	“	”	None	“
975	Lt. Considine	“	”	Minor	“
610	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	”
006	Capt. Westwood	— turned back with bombs			
779	Lt. Holman	—	“	”	“ four bombs and jettisoned eight. (#3 and #4 engines failing).
515	Lt. Parsons	None	None	Major	Carried nickels.

Target: Aircraft Factory (“A” Group)
Motor Works (“B” Group)

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: One A/C (10 missing) four wounded.

Remarks: P.F.F. ships took our “B” formation to Oschersleben instead of Aschersleben, good bombing results reported with large fires and explosions. “A” Group reported direct hits in target area. Forty-nine of our A/C took off on what has been called the most successful day light operation ever flown. Col. Putman said at briefing, “For the first time since the war started, the rate of destruction of the G.A.F. is greater than his ability to replace losses. This was one of the best jobs of navigation to date. A credit to Lts. Borellis and Ryan. Borellis, “A” crew navigator, has been responsible for some outstanding work to date. Lt. Close was shot up by 50 cal. before he had reached altitude and he was forced to abort with 50 cal. slugs in his wing tank. Lt. Major took over the lead and did a fine job although it was his first experience in the lead.

Leipzig had been bombed the night before by about a thousand R.A.F. bombers of which they lost about eighty.

(113) Achmer, Germany

21 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
837	Capt. Kerr	None	None	None	Hit last resort (Loningen A/D)
610	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	Bombed last resort.
967	Lt. Theophilus	“	”	“	None
687	Lt. Major	“	”	“	”
579	Lt. Malvik	1 - 0 - 0	“	Minor	Jettisoned bombs 10 miles N. Osnabruck.
490	Lt. McFarland	None	“	None	“ ” over Germany.

Target: Achmer (Gutersloh)

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Four A/C (forty missing)

Remarks: Weather prevented attack on briefed target - Gutersloh A/D and our A/C dropped through 5/10ths undercast to blanket the southern dispersal areas of Achmer A/D with a good concentration of bombs. Enemy fighter opposition was intense and we lost four of our bombers which were unable to stay in formation. There seemed to be some confusion from our fighter support which further added to our difficulties. Flak was inaccurate.

(114) Bunde, Germany

22 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Lt. Close	None	None	Minor	Composite Group Leader
967	Lt. Theophilus	None	None	“	None
579	Lt. Malvik	None	None	“	”
678	Lt. Major	None	None	“	”
736	Lt. Parsons	_____	Not Dispatched	-----	
610	Lt. Klotz	2 - 0 - 0	None	Minor	None
505	Lt. McFarland	None	None	None	Abortive sortie
490	Lt. Considine	-----	Did not return		

Target: Oschersleben, Germany - AGO-FW 190 Plant – Producer of components and final assembly.

Squadron Losses: 1 A/C (#490, Lt. Considine, 10 personnel).

Group Losses: Four crews (Personnel 40) one crew ditched and rescued.

Remarks: Weather prevented attack on briefed target, Oschersleben. Bunde was discovered below the undercast and heavily hit, although crews believed at the time it was Bielefeld. Results were good and large fires were left burning on Western side of town. Fighter support while good on both ends, was lacking at the target. The weather was bad and there were too few B-17's. Two wings got caught in cross fire between Hamm in the Ruhr and Munster and many B-17's were seen to go down. Fighters jumped our formation and overwhelmed the meager support. One P-51 took on 8 E/A all by himself. Lt. Doyle said, “Three swarms of German fighters banged into us. Altogether there were 75 to 100 of them. One bunch of ME 109's took the right, a gang of FW 190's hit our center and some ME110's took the left corner of our formation.”

As the forts approached the field low on gas and with wounded men on board, they began calling over radio for permission to land first. The situation was tense until one pilot spoke up, “I’m low on gas and have wounded on board and I’m not bitching, so god dammit shut up.” The first five ships that landed fired flares and the first nine just pulled off the runway on the grass on alternate sides. Luckily the only open spot in the under cast was over the Base to enable the battered and low on fuel forts to slip through and land safely.

(115) Schweinfurt, Germany

24 February 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
(323 rd A/C)					
504	Lt. Hesse	None	1	None	Lt. Fox, casualty due to flak.
779	Lt. Holman	“	None	Major	Damage due to flak.
506	Lt. Parsons	“	”	Very slight	None
678	Lt. Major	“	”	Minor	“
610	Lt. Malvik	“	”	None	“
967	Lt. Theophilus	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak.

Target: Ball bearing factories

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The famous Schweinfurt target which had been successfully attacked last summer at such a high cost to our bombers was learned to have recovered to a point where it was operating at 75% of capacity. Germany, hard pressed for bearings strained to restore the plant and placed huge orders with Sweden and Switzerland. Bombing results today were excellent. Enemy opposition was meager; flak was moderate and accurate. Fighter support was superb. Said Lt. Gannon, bombardier who had made two previous attacks on Schweinfurt, “when they lifted the map curtain this morning, I had cold chills and a heavy heart. Once we dropped our bombs, we felt like new men. Orchids today go to our fighter support which went all the way with us.” (The R.A.F. followed up our attack at night with 733 heavy bombers of which they lost 33. When they reached Schweinfurt, smoke from our bombing was up to 22,000 ft. B-24's went to Gotha, 750 fighters covered both missions of which 10 were lost for claims of 37-5-13. Thirty-three B-24's lost and 11 Forts for claims of 60-11-27.

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
678	Lt. Major	None	None	Major	None
837	Lt. Klotz	-----	Dispatched – Aborted (Could not catch formation).		
513 (323 rd)	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Minor	None
006	Lt. Holman	“	”	“	”
579	Lt. Malvik	“	1	“	Piece of flak hit S/Sgt. John C. Breckenridge
967	Lt. Theophilus	“	None	None	None

Remarks: Bombing was done under perfect weather conditions and strike photos show all aiming points obliterated by bombs. This was no ordinary aircraft factory but the key plant and parent factory of entire Messerschmitt concern. It was here that new models were designed and old ones altered. Four pronged attack struck simultaneously at 4 targets within 75 miles (Augsburg, Stuttgart, furth and Regensburg) 850 fighters protected the bombers. Our A/C had no attacks. At the same time the 15th A.F. struck Regensburg in great strength from Italy. Results at Stuttgart were fair and at all other targets excellent. 1525 tons of bombs were dropped by 757 bombers of 8th A.F. of which 30 were lost against claims of 23-7-13. Three of our fighters were lost for claims of 26-4-13. A spoofer mission was run as a screen, up into North Sea to act as diversionary feint for main effort. These A/C were non-operational at the time, carried no bombs but guns were manned. This was the 5th mission in 6 days - all directed against German A/C production. Major McPartlin did an excellent job of leading our Group. Remembering the havoc heaped upon the ball bearing factories at Schweinfurt the day before, Mac said when E/A appeared, “Look at all those Focke Wulfs attacking our formation without ball bearings.”

Quotes: S/Sgt. Victor H. Clifford said, “When my radio man told me the electrical connections to my turret were on fire, I came out of the ball on the double. A fire on a ball turret at 20,000 feet is a prime mover for me. We put out the fire ok and went on to smash Jerry’s ME factory.”

2nd Lt. Charles M. Mooney said, “This makes five raids in six days for us, if this continues, we’ll soon blitz Germany out of existence.”

T/Sgt. George W. Sparks said, “We stopped production of Messerschmidts for a while at that factory. All our bombs impacted the targets.”

S/Sgt. Marvin McGraw said, “Our bombs hit right in the factory buildings. Then the smoke rolling up, hiding everything. We’ll have to wait till we see the photos before we’ll know how much damage was done. I don’t think Jerry will be making ME’s there for a while.

1st. Lt. Charles S. Hudson said, “Our group dropped bombs directly in a nest of main factory buildings. They melted away in a big stream of rolling smoke. Stuttgart was still burning brightly from last night’s R.A.F. attack — a band of fire from one end of the town to the other.”

S/Sgt. Ralph Liedtke said, “I saw the Alps today — but our P-51 escort was the prettiest sight.”

(117) Frankfurt

2 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Lt. Hesse	None	None	None	Lead ship - Unobserved bombing - P.F.F.
515	Lt. Parsons	“	”	“	
779	Lt. Holman	“	“	”	
006	Lt. McFarland	“	”	“	Fighter support fair.
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	“	
967	Lt. Theophilus	“	”	Minor	
678	Lt. Major	“	”	“	
610	Lt. Klotz	“	”	None	

Target: Main Works of Alfred Teves (Factory making A/C parts)

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: 10/10 cloud forced P.F.F. attack on Secondary - center of Frankfurt. E/A opposition nil. Results of bombing unobserved. No fighter escort at target but good the rest of way.

(118) Wilhelmshaven - Area

3 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Capt. Dibble Lt. Col. Weitzenfeld	None	None	None	Combat Wing leader. Fighter support - perfect.
006	Lt. McFarland	-----Turned back due to oxygen system.			
907	Lt. Theophilus	None	None	None	
678	Lt. Major	“	”	“	
515	Lt. Parsons	“	”	Minor	50 cal. In left wing.
779	Lt. Holman	“	”	None	
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	“	

Target: Believed to be Wilhelmshaven area.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None missing - 1 crew ditched at sea, five killed, five picked up. (Lt. Pickard's crew - 323rd Sq.).

Remarks: Weather caused abandonment of attack on Berlin and forced our A/C to drop bombs in Wilhelmshaven area with unobserved results. Am. Fighter planes flew over Berlin, however, to have the honor of being the first Am. Aircraft over Berlin in daylight. This station was alive with newspaper correspondents and photographers and we were alerted for a visit from Gen. Eisenhower. There was a state of excited tension in the air as most men on the station sensed an important operation.

(119) Cologne

4 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
006	Lt. McFarland	-----			Turned back at mid-channel – landing with bomb load.
515	Lt. Parsons	None	None	None	
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	Minor	
975	Lt. Holman	“	”	None	

Target: City of Cologne (Last resort)

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: For the second day in a row, weather forced the cancellation of our attack on Berlin and causes our A/C to bomb Cologne with results unobserved. The 3rd Division managed to reach Berlin and dropped the first American bombs on the German Capital. Enemy opposition for our A/C was nil.

(120) Hoppegarten (Berlin)

6 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
027	Capt. Dibble	None	2	Major	Capt. Dibble - wounded in right arm.- 20 m.m. Lt. Strain - 20 m.m. slight Injury in left knee. Composite Gp. Ldr.
579	Lt. Malvik	1 - 1 - 0	None	Minor	
515	Lt. Parsons	2 - 0 - 0	"	"	20 m.m. hit bomb bay door.
678	Lt. McFarland	1 - 0 - 0	1	"	Lt. Johnson hit in eye by glass - not serious.
610	Lt. Klotz	None	None	Major	Battle damage due to flak.
967	Lt. Theophilus	3 - 0 - 0	1	Minor	

Target: Ball Bearing Works

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 60 missing.

Remarks: Clouds covered primary target at Erkner and Lt. Col. Milton, leading the 8th A.F., made the attack upon Berlin itself - the bombs believed to have fallen in the Hoppegarten area. Up to 100 E/A attacked our group viciously. Fighter escort was excellent except in the target area. Crews praised our fighters who fought recklessly against an overpowering number of E/A in the target area.

(121) Erkner (Berlin)

8 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
610	Lt. Klotz	None	None	None	Fighter support - excellent.
579	Lt. Cater	“	”	“	
967	Lt. Mosley	“	”	“	
678	Lt. Major	“	”	“	Perfect pattern over target area.
975	Lt. Nichols	“	”	“	Observed ineffective smoke screen.
672	Lt. Hesse	“	”	“	

Target: Ball Bearing Works

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 10 missing.

Remarks: Bombing results were described as excellent and strike photos show this factory plastered with more bombs than any other pin point target has received heretofore. Weather and visibility was excellent all the way, yet our A/C encountered no E/A. Returning crews were jubilant and hailed this mission as the most perfect to date. Morale was never at a higher pitch nor crews more enthusiastic.

(122) Berlin

9 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
579	Lt. Cater	None	None	None	PFF - Procedure good.
006	Lt. Hesse	“	”	“	
610	Lt. Klotz	“	”	Minor	
678	Lt. Major	“	”	“	P-51's over target.
967	Lt. Mosley	“	”	“	
975	Lt. Nichols	“	”	“	Fighter support good.

Target: Heinke A/C Assembly Plant

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Unable to bomb primary because of weather, our A/C attacked the secondary, center of Berlin, with unobserved results.
E/A opposition was nil and our fighter cover which was then on the way in as we were behind schedule was excellent in target area.
A/A fire at the target was intense but inaccurate for our A/C at 25,000 ft..

(123) Lechfeld, Germany

16 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	Minor	
006	Lt. McFarland	“	”	None	Fighter support good.
967	Lt. Theophilus	“	”	“	
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	“	
128	Lt. Mosley	“	”	“	Fighter support wonderful.
610	Lt. Cater	“	”	“	
515	Lt. Parsons	“	”	“	

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 10 missing.

Remarks: Assigned targets obscured by under cast. Bombs were dropped on smoke from bombs of Wing ahead with unobserved results. Believed to be Augsburg or Munich. Considerable numbers of E/A were seen and although they attacked other formations, our A/C were not attacked. Fighter support was excellent.

(124) Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany

18 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
967	Lt. Theophilus	----- Missing -----			
515	Lt. Downing	---- Turned back at Coast - Brought bombs back.			
506	Lt. Swenumson	None	None	None	
000	Lt. Hesse	“	”	Minor	Fighter support as briefed.
678	Lt. Major	“	”	None	Hits on airfield.
128	Lt. Cater	“	”	“	
975	Lt. Nichols	“	”	Major	
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	Minor	
006	Lt. Knight	“	”	None	

Target: Dornier A/C Factory.

Squadron Losses: 10 missing.

Group Losses: 10 missing.

Remarks: Eleven A/C attacked primary visually with good results. Fighter opposition was meager. Fighter support was Excellent. P-38's were of great assistance in dispersing a formation of attacking E/A. Some A/C seen heading for Switzerland. (Later radio reported some 16 American bombers landing or shot down in Switzerland.) Col. Putnam required bombardiers who dropped early to write him a letter explaining why they should be given credit for the mission.

(125) Frankfurt

20 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
128	Lt. Cater	None	None	Minor	
506	Lt. Downing	“	”	“	
678	Lt. Major	“	”	“	
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	“	
736	Lt. Knight	“	”	None	
779	Lt. Holman	“	”	Minor	
975	Lt. Nichols	“	”	“	

Target: Component Works

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 10 missing.

Remarks: Adverse weather conditions caused our A/C to drop bombs on what was believed to be Manheim. 10/10 under cast with unobserved results. No E/A encountered but flak was accurate. Extreme weather and change in route made Fighter rendezvous impossible.

(126) Berlin

22 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
610	Lt. Klotz	None	None	Major	
975	Lt. Holman	None	None	Minor	
128	Lt. Cater	None	One	“	Sgt. Flowers injured by flak in right leg.
678	Lt. Downing	“	”	“	S/Sgt. Hrenkovich bruised by flak.
579	Lt. Malvik	“	None	“	
515	Lt. Mosley	“	”	“	

Target: Aircraft Assembly Factory - Oranienburg.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 10 missing.

Remarks: Weather obscured primary and our aircraft attacked the center of Berlin dropping bombs on PFF flares with unobserved results. Some crew members reported glimpses through the clouds of fires in city. No enemy air opposition but flak was accurate. Fighter escort was excellent all the way.

(127) Ahlen

23 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Lt. Malvik	None	None	None	
506	Lt. Cater	“	”	Minor	
779	Lt. Brennan	“	”	None	
678	Lt. Downing	“	”	“	
579	Lt. Holman	“	”	Minor	
006	Lt. McFarland	“	”	Major	
515	Lt. Mosley	“	”	None	

Target: City of Ahlen - Target of opportunity.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Broken clouds over primary and secondary forced our aircraft to attack targets of opportunity - Ahlen and Hamm - with unobserved results. (pictures show Ahlen well hit.) Fighter support was good. There were no encounters with E/A.

(128) Frankfurt

24 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
678	Lt. Downing	None	None	None	
736	Lt. McFarland	----- Aborted	- 5103N - 0303E.	Jettisoned 5 x 1000	- channel 5118 N - 0200E.
982	Lt. Mosley	None	None	Minor	
975	Lt. Nichols	None	None	Minor	
579	Lt. Holman	None	None	Minor	
128	Lt. Cater	None	None	Minor	
506	Lt. Brennan	None	None	Minor	

Target: City of Frankfurt.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Ten missing.

Remarks: 10/10ths all the way prevented attack on Schweinfurt. Bombs dropped on Frankfurt with unobserved results.
Enemy opposition nil. Fighter support fair.

(129) Marquis-Mimoyecques

26 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
128	Lt. Powell	None	None	None	
975	Lt. Nichols	None	None	Minor	Hits in target area.
506	Lt. Brennan	None	None	None	
678	Lt. Knight	None	None	Minor	B/D due to A/A fire.
579	Lt. Malvik	None	None	Minor	
779	Lt. Holman	None	None	None	
006	Lt. McFarland	None	None	Minor	

Target: Coast - Installations.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Target attacked visually with excellent results. No fighter opposition. Fighter support spotty at best.
Flak accurate.

(130) St. Jean D'angeley

27 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
515	Lt. Knight	None	None	None	
579	Lt. Swenumson	None	None	None	
678	Lt. Downing	None	None	None	
975	Lt. Nichols	None	None	None	
033	Lt. Brennan	None	None	None	
128	Lt. Cater	None	None	None	
006	Lt. McFarland	None	None	None	

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Crews reported all aiming points well hit as attack was made in clear weather without flak or fighter opposition.
Two runs were made on target. Fighter support was excellent.

(131) Reims-Champagne

28 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
678	Lt. Downing	None	None	Minor	Small flak holes.
006	Lt. Swenumson	None	None	None	Bombs fell 300 yds. To left of target.
515	Lt. Mosley	None	None	None	
033	Lt. Knight	None	None	Minor	B. Damage due to flak.
000	Capt. Close	None	None	Minor	“ ” “ ” “
	Lt. Col. Weitzenfeld				
579	Lt. Malvik	None	None	Major	Wing bracing and supercharger hit by flak.
975	Lt. Nichols	None	None	Minor	Damage due to A/A fire.
128	Lt. Cater	None	None	Minor	“ ” “ ” “

Target: Airdrome and Junkers aircraft assembly and repair works.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Reports indicate that main points of impact were just short of briefed M.P.I. with some bombs walking into the Hangars. A large explosion was observed in hangar area in the Northwestern section of the field. Enemy aircraft opposition nil, flak accurate, and fighter support good.

(132) Brunswick

29 March 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
506	Lt. Downing	-----	Missing	-----	
006	Lt. Swenumson	None	None	None	
128	Lt. Cater	None	None	None	
033	Lt. Klotz	None	None	None	
678	Lt. Major	None	None	None	
515	Lt. Mosley	2 - 0 - 1	None	Minor	20 mm. and .303 cal. holes in ship.
579	Lt. Knight	2 - 0 - 0	One	Major	S/Sgt. Robert E. Buck wounded - right side - 20 m.m.

Target: Secondary - City of Brunswick.

Squadron Losses: 10 missing.

Group Losses: 20 missing.

Remarks: Today's mission marked the 16th for our group this month - a new record. The best previous month accounted for but 10 missions. Weather caused our A/C to attack secondary target with unobserved results. The Luftwaffe reappeared today to press home aggressive attacks on our formation. They were hotly engaged by our excellent fighter support. Many dog fights were reported with P-51's chasing ME109's right through our formation. Flak accurate.

(133) Oldenburg

8 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
033	Lt. Brennan	None	None	Minor	Observed flooded areas in Holland.
515	Lt. Knight	“	”	“	Flak damage.
128	Lt. McFarland	“	Five	Major	Lt. McFarland - injured - flak. Lt. Burch - injured - flak. S/S Hendrix - injured - flak. T/S McCall - injured - flak. S/S Pitts - - injured - flak.
000	Lt. Hesse	“	None	Minor	Flak damage - composite leader.
975	Lt. Nichols	“	”	None	
006	Lt. Major	“	”	Minor	

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: Five wounded.

Group Losses: Seven wounded.

Remarks: Crews described bombing results as excellent. Much smoke and fire in target area. A/A fire was accurate but E/A opposition was nil.

(134) Brussels, Belgium

10 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
736	Lt. Powell	None	1	Minor	Bombing results good.
040	Lt. Knight	“	None	None	
975	Lt. Major	“	”	“	
033	Lt. Bilotta	“	”	Minor	Good hits reported.
515	Lt. Mosley	“	”	Major	Stabilizer hit by flak.
579	Lt. Gunn	“	”	None	Fighter support good.
610	Lt. Klotz	“	”	Minor	

Target: Coking and Chemical Plant.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Crews described bombing results as good with main concentration falling SE of briefed M.P.I.. Clouds obscured target causing our formation to make a 360 degree turn before attacking. 381st Group unable to locate primary continued on the secondary. Enemy opposition nil.

(135) Stettin, Germany

11 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
027	Lt. Bilotta	1 - 0 - 0	None	Major	
006	Lt. Swenumson	-----	Dispatched, but aborted -	Radio operator sick.	
975	Lt. Nichols	None	None	Minor	One flak hole.
069	Lt. Klotz	“	”	“	Couple flak holes.
515	Lt. Mosley	1 - 0 - 0	“	Major	Entire ship hit by flak.
033	Lt. Brennan	None	“	”	
519	Lt. Gunn	“	”	“	Flak holes.
779	Lt. Powell	“	”	None	
040	Lt. Malvik	“	”	Minor	

Target: Secondary - Aero-Engine Factory.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 2 wounded - 10 missing.

Remarks: Briefed target at Gottbus, Germany was not attacked because our Wing was crowded out of position at I.P.. Bombs were reported to have hit eastern part of town resulting in many fires and much smoke, some of which rose to 10,000 ft.. E/A attacked line abreast in up to 20 in number - approaching from 12 o'clock high and diving straight down as they came within effective range of our guns. Experienced crews reported this was most vicious attack they had seen.

(136) Schweinfurt, Germany

13 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Capt. Westwood	None	None	None	Group Leader
779	Lt. Bilotta	“	”	Minor	Flak damage.
515	Lt. Mosley	“	”	“	Fighter support very good.
975	Lt. Nichols	“	”	None	
040	Lt. Knight	“	”	“	
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	Minor	Bombing results reported good.
736	Lt. Powell	“	”	“	Three flak holes in ship.

Target: Ball Bearing Works.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Two wounded.

Remarks: Target reported well hit but strike photos show main concentration just off M.P.I.. Enemy opposition meager, flak accurate at the target. Fighter support good except for brief period just before target.

(137) Oranienburg, Germany

18 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
006	Lt. Swenumson	None	None	None	Fighter support excellent.
128	Lt. Gunn	-----Dispatched	-----Aborted	-----	#3 engine went out.
040	Lt. Holman	“	”		#3 generator went out.
033	Lt. Brennan	None	None	None	Good formation.
027	Lt. Bilotta	“	”	Minor	Carried leaflets.
975	Lt. Burch	“	”	“	Damage due to flak.
579	Lt. Malvik	“	”	“	” “ ” “

Target: Aircraft Components Factory.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Bombing results described as excellent. Much smoke and fires seen coming from entire target area. No enemy attacks on our A/C. Accurate flak was experienced at the target. Excellent fighter support.

(138) Eschwege, Germany

19 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
579	Lt. Malvik	None	None	Major	Damage due to 20 m.m.
975	Lt. Burch	“	”	None	None
027	Lt. Bilotta	2 - 0 - 0	“	”	
610	Lt. Cater	None	“	‘	Reported poor bombing results.
938	Lt. Gumm	2 - 0 - 0	Three	Major	Co-Pilot hit by 20m.m., Togglier burned by glass. Navigator injured on legs by splinters.
006	Lt. Swenumson	----- Missing in Action -----			
033	Lt. Brennan	None	None	None	Fighter support fair.

Target: GAF Station - Air Park and A/D.

Squadron Losses: Ten missing (Personnel)

Group Losses: Three wounded - Twenty-nine missing (Personnel).

Remarks: Bombing results unobserved but believed to be poor. Enemy opposition was severe. Fighter support was good.

(139) Croisette/ Beauvoir (No Ball)

20 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
610	Lt. Gunn	None	None	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
027	Lt. Bilotta	“	”	“	” “ ” “ ” Two runs made on target.
040	Lt. Malvik	“	1	“	
128	Lt. Cater	“	None	“	Fighter support very good.
000	Capt. Hesse	“	”	“	”A” Gp. Leader.
779	Lt. Burch	“	”	“	Two flak holes in ship.
033	Lt. Brennan	“	”	Major	None

Target: Rocket Installations.

Squadron Losses: None (1 wounded)

Group Losses: None

Remarks: “A” Group after two bomb runs was unable to bomb due to weather. “B” Group attacked a target of opportunity, an A/D south of primary target. “C” Group attacked primary target and some crews report good results. Cloud Cover prevented good observations. E/A opposition nil, but A/A fire was accurate.

(140) Hamm, Germany

22 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u> *	<u>REMARKS</u>
000	Capt. Hesse	—Gp. Leader	-	Lost to flak after bombs away.	A/C 579 took over lead position.
033	Lt. Holman	None		None	
975	Lt. Burch	“		”	
579	Lt. Malvik	-----		Took over Gp. Lead after A/C 000 went down.	
610	Lt. Coope	None		None	
027	Lt. Bilotta	None		None	
736	Lt. Powell	None		None	
128	Lt. Cater	None		None	

* Battle Damage - Presumed all A/C touched by flak. (Crews not interrogated individually).

Target: Railway Marshaling Yards.

Squadron Losses: Eight personnel missing.

Group Losses: Eleven personnel missing.

Remarks: Bombing believed good. Target obscured by smoke from heavy attack preceding our arrival, our bombs fell into smoke.

(141) Erding, Germany

24 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
975	Lt. Burch	-----Not dispatched	-----	Abortive – #2 engine feathered.	
736	Lt. Powell	-----Dispatched	—	Aborted	
610	Lt. Coope	None	None	None	Fighter support good.
128	Lt. Cater	“	”	“	
515	Lt. Gunn	“	”	“	
178	Capt. H:olman	“	”	“	
033	Lt. Brennan	“	”	“	

Target: Air Equipment Depot and Airfield.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Crews describe bombing results as good, no E/A attacked our formation. Flak was not directed at us.

(142) Metz-Frescaty

25 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
040	Capt. Westwood	None	None	None	Leader "B" Group
736	Lt. Powell	"	"	"	None
515	Lt. Mosley	"	"	"	"
610	Lt. Coope	"	"	"	Fighter support good.
178	Lt. Burch	"	"	Minor	Battle damage due to flak.
027	Lt. Bilotte	"	"	None	None
033	Lt. Brennan	"	"	"	N.E. section of target well hit.
128	Lt. Cater	"	One	"	Rad. Op. S/Sgt. Bagal - hurt - shoulder.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Grojuj Losses: None - five wounded.

Remarks: Both M.P.I.'s covered with hits. No E/A opposition. Near coast on way out, flak engaged our formation and scored many hits.

(143) Brunswick

26 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
975	Lt. Burch	None	None	None	
033	Lt. Maxwell	None	None	Minor	
128	Lt. Coope	None	None	None	Fighter support good.
736	Lt. Powell	None	None	None	
579	Lt. Malvik	None	None	Minor	Flak holes in ship.
027	Lt. Bilotta	None	None	None	Fighter support - excellent.

Target: GAF Station and Factory - Airfield.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None (1 wounded)

Remarks: Bombing was done on PFF with unobserved results. No enemy fighters interfered with our A/C, but flak was intense and accurate. Cloud prevented attack on primary, – Waggum A/D.

(144) La Glacerie, France

27 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
027	Lt. Bilotta	None	None	Minor	
128	Lt. Coope	None	None	Major	Hit by flak.
033	Capt. Holman	None	None	Minor	
178	Lt. Knight	None	None	Minor	Hit by flak.
579	Lt. Malvik	None	None	Major	
610	Lt. Maxwell	None	One	Major	Bombardier – cut below left eye by plexi-glass.
736	Lt. Powell	None	None	Major	#3 engine knocked out.

Target: Rocket Installation.

Squadron Losses: None (1 wounded).

Group Losses: 10 personnel missing - (4 wounded).

Remarks: Group leaders were unable to identify target. Some crews report that target does not look like photograph. Seven aircraft dropped bombs in target area but were unable to observe results. No enemy aircraft seen by this Group but flak was accurate and thick.

(145) Avord, France

28 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
779	Lt. Bilotta	None	None	None	Fighter support excellent.
199	Lt. Cater	-----	Lost to A/A fire.		
027	Lt. Gunn	None	None	Minor	
040	Lt. Knight	None	None	None	
515	Lt. Maxwell	None	None	None	
975	Lt. Powell	None	None	Minor	Three to four flak holes.

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: 10 personnel missing.

Group Losses: 10 personnel missing.

Remarks: Cloud shadows and ground haze obscured MPI of lead group. Bombs fell into hangar line at S/W side of field. The high Group had excellent results with a neat pattern on their aiming point, the hangar line on the East side of field. Twenty-five to thirty E/A made but one half hearted pass at our formation. Flak was accurate and in greater amount than crews had expected. Fighter support lacking near target and on both sides for a few minutes.

(146) Berlin

29 April 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
996	Lt. Bilotta	None	None	None	Poor visibility.
178	Lt. Coope	None	None	Minor	
883	Lt. Knight	None	None	None	
027	Lt. Gunn	None	None	Minor	One flak hole.

Target: Bridge - on Spree River.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 10 personnel missing in action (3 wounded).

Remarks: Bombing results unobserved but Berlin heavily attacked by a strong force. A/A fire accurate at target and leaving target to SW where formation got off course. Enemy opposition was nil for our aircraft. Our A/C were about 30 minutes late at target and fighter rendezvous suffered as a result.

(174) La Frilliere- Bridge

8 June 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
527 (322 A/C)	Capt. Burch Lt. Col. Weitzenfeld	None	None	None	Sqdn. Only having P.F.F. ships - 322nd A/C loaned to lead Group.

Target: R.R. bridge - East of Tours.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The target, a railroad bridge over the Lorre River about 6 miles East of Tours, was well hit as photographs showed. Three of our A/C having difficulty in assembly, joined the 381st and attacked the bridge assigned to the 381st also with good results.

(180) Hamburg, Germany

18 June 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
892	Capt. Westwood	None	None	Minor	Battle damage caused by A/A fire.
880	Lt. Bilotta	No interrogation form.			
879	Lt. Ryan	None	None	Minor	Battle damage due to flak.

Target: Oil Refineries.

Squadron Losses: None

jGroup Losses: None

Remarks: The synthetic oil installations could not be attacked because primary target was obscured by cloud forcing our A/C to make a PFF attack on the dock area of Hamburg where photographs show heavy fires and much smoke. Many enemy airdromes reported with silver A/C dispersed upon them. Enemy fighters failed to interfere With our bombers but flak was intense and accurate.

(182) Hamburg, Germany

20 June 1944

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892 Capt. Burch -----Lost to A/A fire.

Target: Oil Refinery

Squadron Losses: 1 A/C (No. Personnel - 9)

Group Losses: “ ” “ ” “

Remarks: Our target area had been attacked by 8 other C.B. Wings before our A/C arrived and the smoke and fires made observation of results difficult. Strike photos and PRU pictures, however, showed that the target had been attacked with excellent results. There was no enemy fighter opposition but the flak fire was accurate and intense causing considerable battle damage. Weather was clear. Our A/C # 892 received a direct hit from flak which knocked off the tail section from the waist door backward. This attack was coordinated with blows struck at other enemy oil centers by bombers from the 2nd & 3rd Divisions and the newspapers claim that the results have struck a sensational and crippling blow to the German War Machine.

(183) Berlin

21 June 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
613	Lt. Collins	None	None	Minor	Flak, cause of battle damage.
151	Lt. Brown	“	”	“	Flak, cause of battle damage.

Target: Center of City.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Four A/C (37 personnel).

Remarks: Over 1000 heavy U.S. bombers took part in what proved to be the war's heaviest daylight assault on Berlin and one of the most successful. The R.A.F. (possible prompted by the sting of Hitler's robot pilotless plane), at the last moment cancelled plans to send 900 Lancasters to Berlin in daylight. In spite of a promised heavy American fighter escort, the British evidently changed their plans when weather forecast was clear over Berlin. At the same time, 1000 heavy bombers from Italy struck SE of Berlin at Breslau, headquarters of many of the German Government agencies which had been bombed out of Berlin. Three Wings of the 3rd Div., after attacking Ruhland, shuttled on to Russia with their fighter escort. It was a big day. Sixteen A/C of our Group of the "B" CBW dropped early on the outskirts of Berlin when the intervelometer failed on A/C 061 causing his bombs to go away. The low Group of the "A" CBW dropped on the aiming point with excellent results. 50 to 75 T/E fighters attacked our low group in the vicinity of Muritz Lake during the absence of fighter escort and 4 of our bombers went down. The enemy suffered heavy losses during the engagement, however. Flak was accurate and intense although not as bad as at Hamburg. Weather was clear but our A/C left persistent con trails over the target. Fighter support was poor.

(184) Mazingarbe - Pont/A/Verdin

22 June 1944

A/C	PILOT	CLAIMS	CASUALTIES	BATTLE DAMAGE	REMARKS
879	Lt. Ryan	None	None	None	Two runs on target.
151	Lt. Crans	“	”	“	
880	F/O Bessolo	“	”	“	
542	Capt. Ranzoni	“	”	“	Fighter support reported none.
128	Lt. O'Brien	“	”	“	Good bomb pattern reported.
959	Lt. Collins	-----	Aborted - couldn't find formation		

Target: Transformer Station

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Clouds obscured target on first run by our low group so a second run was made. Failure of intervalometer causing A/C to drop bombs about 600 yards over M.P.I.. The lead group dropped its bombs about 250 yards NE of M.P.I.. Weather was good, flak was poor and no E/A was sighted.

(185) Fleury

23 June 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
959	Lt. O'Brien	None	None	None	10/10ths at target.
880	F/O Bessolo	"	"	"	10/10ths all the way.
879	Lt. Collins	"	"	"	
613	Capt. Ranzoni	"	"	Minor	Flak - in target area.

Target: Military Installations

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: 10/10ths under cast obscured target and failure of G.H. equipment prevented instrument attack.
All bombs brought back.

(186) Istre

24 June 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
151	Lt. Crans	None	1	Minor	Sgt. D.L. Groeper hurt by jolting of own A/C.
850	F/O Bessolo	“	None	“	Two flak holes in ship.
959	Capt. Westwood Lt. Col. Weitzenfeld	“	”	“	Flak damage to A/C.
128	Lt. O'Brien	“	”	“	” “ ” “
879	Lt. Ryan	“	”	“	Fighter support good.
515	Lt. Collins	“	”	“	

Target: R.R. bridge over Lorrie River.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our group put up 3 combat boxes to attack a 150 yards long R.R. bridge over the Lorrie River near Saumur, France. The three boxes had aiming points on each end and in the middle of the bridge. Photographs revealed excellent results with direct hits by all three groups on all three aiming points. The target was demolished. Lt. Hunt, lead bombardier, picked up the bridge at the I.P. and had it in his sight all the way. Weather was CAVU and the Luftwaffe failed to put in an appearance. Flak was rather accurate at the target.

(187) Toulouse, France

25 June 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
613	Lt. Crans	-----	Landed away from Base.		
151	Lt. Brown	None	None	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
880	F/O Bessolo	“	”	“	Flak cause of battle damage.
996	Lt. Carlson	-----	Aborted at Selsey Bill.		
959	Capt. Westwood	None	None	Minor	One flak hole in ship.
515	Lt. O'Brien	“	”	Major	Bomb bay doors hit by flak.
879	Lt. Ryan	“	”	None	

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Two A/C (18 personnel).

Remarks: Our group put up a combat wing of 3 boxes to attack the Toulouse/Blagnac A.D.. In CAVU weather all three boxes cracked their assigned M.P.I.'s for the second outstanding bombing achievement in as many days. The resulting enthusiasm has done much for the morale of the group because our bombing record of late had been somewhat indifferent. En route to the target, near Caen, our crews reported tank battle in progress between the British Canadians and the Germans. Flak was accurate but there was no enemy fighter opposition. Lt. Mikonis succeeded in bringing his crippled fortress back to England but despite his gallantry and fighting spirit his A/C crashed in landing and killed the entire crew.

(188) Anizy

28 June 1944

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
151	Lt. Brown	None	None	None	Attacked target of opportunity.
879	Lt. Ryan	“	”	“	
613	Lt. Crans	“	”	“	
880	F/O Bessolo	“	”	“	Fighter support good.
128	Lt. O’Brien	“	”	“	
515	Lt. Collins	“	”	“	Nothing exceptional.
959	Lt. Col. Weitzenfeld Capt. Ranzoni	“	”	“	Fighter support very good.

Target: Railroad Bridge

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The lead group was unable to attack the primary target because of misunderstanding between bombardier and pilot. Bombardier gave pilot true heading from I.P. to target but pilot flew Mag. Heading with the result that the bomb run took the group wide of target. When the mistake was discovered, it was too late to correct without colliding with another group which was on the bomb run. Both low and high groups attacked the primary but missed it. The lead Group dropped on a R.R. choke point target of opportunity and missed it, mission results very poor.

The 324th Squadron furnished PFF (Pathfinder) B-17's as lead and deputy lead crews and aircraft for Groups in the 1st Combat Wing during the months of May - June 1944. These missions were kept by different mission history numbers. Following are PFF missions

#1 through 24. PFF # 14 is missing.

During this time some 324th crews flew on 324th Squadron a/c with the 91st Bomb Group. These will appear as mission histories with the Group mission number and not in this area.

Squadron History		324 th P.F.F.	Mission #1	<u>Berlin</u>	4 May 1944	
<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>GROUP DISPAT.</u>
42-97625	1 st Lt. Tyson	None	None	None	Led 381 st B.G. which was lead 1 st CBW. Aborted 0955.	381 st Gp.
594	Capt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 381 st B.G., which led 1 st CBW. Aborted 0955.	381 st Gp.
601	1 st Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 351 st B.G. 94 th "B" CBW. Aborted 0953 by order of CBW Com.	351 st Gp. 381 st Gp. (S)
562	1 st Lt. Evers	None	None	None		
651	2 nd Lt. Grunow	None	None	None	Lead 351 st BG. 94 th B CBW. Aborted 0953 by order of CBW Com.	351 st Gp.
649	1 st Lt. Brannan	None	None	None		351 st Gp. (S)
632	Capt. Selwyn, R.M.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 401 st B.G. of 94 th A CBW. Aborted 1003, made visual run on Bergen/Alkmaar A/D.	401 st Gp(So.)
636	1 st Lt. Reigler, Wm.	None	None	None	Aborted 1003- but salvoed (visual) on Bergen/Alkmaar A/D.	401 st Gp (So.)
626	1 st Lt. Smith, J.W.	None	None	None		401 st Gp. (S)

Remarks: This was the first operation mission of the 324th P.F.F. Squadron. The results of the two attacking aircraft were reported as good while the remaining dispatched A/C turned back by order of their CBW Commander. Charles N. Tanton

2nd Lt. A.C. 5/25

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission #2

Berlin

7 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97625	1 st Lt. Tyson, J.T.	None	None	None	Led 381 st B.G., leading 1 st CBW; bombs were dropped through 10/10 clouds- results unobserved.	381 st BG
594	1 st Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 381 st B.G. leading 1 st CBW. P.F.F burned out at I.P. and bombed on leader.	
651	1 st Lt. Grunow, A.E.	None	None	Minor	Led 351 st B.G. 94 th CBW. Results unobserved.	
601	1 st Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 351 st B.G. 94 th CBW, but took over lead near I.P. (53:15 N-14:00E) returned to base.	
632	1 st Lt. Seley, R.M.	None	None	Minor	Led 401 st B.G. leading 94 th CBW. Believe bombs hit town of Eberswalde.	
600	1 st Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	Deputy lead 401 st B.G. 94 th CBW. Results unreported.	

Remarks: This mission proved more successful, all A/C reached the target area and dropped their bomb loads. Results reported as good.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission #3

Berlin

8 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97625	Capt. Evers, H.H.	None	None	None	Lead - 1 st CBW	91 st B.G.
626	1 st Lt. Smith, J.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st CBW	91 st B.G.
651	1 st Lt. Grunow, A.	None	None	None	Lead 94 th B CBW	351 st B.G.
636	1 st Lt. Christensen, M.J.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th B CBW	351 st B.G.
649	2 nd Lt. Brannar, C.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th A CBW - Good bombing Results. H2X went out at I.P..	457 th B.G.
638	1 st Lt. Selwyn, R.	None	Minor	None	Lead 94 th A CBW	457 th B.G.

Remarks: The results of this mission were reported by crews to be fair. Most of the bombs fell within 1 ½ of M.P.I..
The flak over the target area was moderate to intense but accurate. Fighter opposition was nil.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 4

Lutzkendorf

12 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97636P	Capt. Reigler, Wm.	None	None	None	Led 94 th A CBW, which was leading 1 st Div.	
625 K	1 st Lt. Christensen, J.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th A C.B.W.	
594 B	1 st Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None		381 st B.G.
651 C	2 nd Lt. Brannar, C.D.	None	None	None	Led 94 th B CBW	457 th B.G.
601 J	1 st Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	Minor	None	Deputy lead 94 th B CBW	457 th B.G.

Remarks: Ground rockets were observed around Frankfurt and Koblenz. Also moderate flak was encountered. The bombs were reported to have fallen short of the M.P.I..

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 5

Stettin & Stralsund

13 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97649	1 st Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	None	None	Led 94 th C.B.W.	351 st B.G.
594	1 st Lt. Grunow, A.E.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th C.B.W.	351 st B.G.
562	Capt. Evers, H.H.	None	None	None	Led 1 st C.B.W.- Lt. Col. Weitzenfeld flew as CBW Commander.	91 st B.G.
638	1 st Lt. Smith, J.W.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st C.B.W.	91 st B.G.

Remarks: The 1st C.B.W. attacked Stettin, Germany the results of which were not reported. Meanwhile the 94th C.B.W. bombed Stralsund with good results. The flak in the target areas was reported as being meager to moderate and no battle damage was reported.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 6

Kiel, Berlin

19 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97625	1 st Lt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	Minor	Led 1 st "A" C.B.W.	381 st B.G.
594	1 st Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 1 st "A" C.B.W.	381 st B.G.
562	Capt. Evers, H.H.	None	None	Minor	Led 1 st "B" C.B.W.	91 st B.G.
630	Capt. Westwood, J.R.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st "B" C.B.W.	91 st B.G.
638	1 st Lt. Selwyn, R.M.	None	None	None	Led 94 th "A" C.B.W.	457 th B.G.
649	2 nd Lt. Brannam, C.D.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th "A" C.B.W.	457 th B.G.
601	1 st Lt. Maginn, L.	None	None	None	Led 94 th "B" C.B.W.	401 st B.G.
626	1 st Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th "B" C.B.W.	401 st B.G.

Remarks: The 1st A & B C.B.W. along with the 94th B C.B.W. attacked Berlin and bombs were reported to have hit within 1 mile Radius of assigned M.P.I.. The 94th B C.B.W. under the direction of the wing commander, due to lack of fighter support attacked Kiel with good results. Charles N. Tanton

Squadron History 324th P.F.F. Mission # 7 Villacoublay 20 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group</u> <u>Dispatched</u>
42-97601	1 st Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 94 th CBW	351 st B.G.

Remarks: A/C 42-97601 was briefed to fly deputy lead of the 94th C.B.W., but due to an accidental explosion of a smoke bomb in A/C 42-97651 which was airborne, the deputy leader took over the lead and maintained that position throughout entire mission. Two of the crew were burned and the remaining members hospitalized in the A/C having the mishap.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 8

Kiel

22 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97562	Capt. Evers, H.H.	None	None	None	Led 1 st A CBW	91 st B.G.
42-97626	1 st Lt. Smith, J.W.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st A CBW	91 st B.G.
42-97638	1 st Lt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st B CBW	381 st B.G.
42-97594	1 st Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Lead 1 st B CBW	381 st B.G.
42-97649	2 nd Lt. Brannan, C.D.	None	None	None	Lead 94 th C.B.W.	457 th B.G.
42-97601	1 st Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th C.B.W.	457 th B.G.

Remarks: The flak at the target area was reported as meager and inaccurate and no battle damage was suffered.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.Mission # 9 Epinal, Saarbruden, Bayou, Neukirchen

23 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97562	Capt. Evers, H.H.	None	None	None	Led 1 st "B" C.B.W.	91 st
626	1/Lt. Smith, J.W.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st "B" CBW	91 st
594	1/Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Led 1 st "A" C.B.W.	381 st
600	2 nd Lt. Brannan, C.D.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st "A" C.B.W.	381 st
632	Capt. Reigler, Wm.	None	None	None	Led 94 th "A" C.B.W.	401 st
638	1/Lt. Selwyn, R.M.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th "A" CBW	401 st
601	1/Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	None	None	Led 94 th "B" C.B.W.	351 st

Remarks: The 1st "A" C.B.W. found the primary, Metz overcast so attacked a factory and marshaling yard on the edge of Neukirchen. The primary wasn't hit for the same reason by the 1st "B" CBW but they attacked the secondary target of Saarbruden on P.F.F. equipment. The 94th "A" CBW hit the marshaling yards at Bayou, visually. The 94th "B" CBW hit its assigned primary of Epinal, results were reported as good.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 10

Berlin

24 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97562	Capt. Evers, H.H.	None	None	None	Led 1 st "A" CBW. Col. Terry As CBW Commander	91 st
636	1/Lt. Smith, J.W.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 1 st "A" CBW	91 st
594	1/Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Led 1 st "B" CBW	381 st
601	Capt. Reigler, Wm.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 1 st "B" CBW	381 st
638	1/Lt. Selwyn, R.M.	None	None	Minor	Led 94 th CBW	457 th
600	1/Lt. Christensen, M.J.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 94 th CBW	457 th

Remarks: Flak was reported moderate to intense and accurate, our ships suffered minor damage. The 94th CBW lead ship's mickey equipment went out at I.P. so deputy took over for the run and retained lead until over the North Sea on the way out.
Charles N. Tanton, 2nd Lt., A.C.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 11

Fecamp

25 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97636	Capt. Riegler, Wm.	None	None	None	Led 94 th "C" CBW	401 st
649	1/Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	Deputy lead 94 th "C" CBW	401 st

Remarks: This was an experimental mission on bombing with P.F.F. on a pin point target. Results fair.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F. Squad.

Mission # 12

Ludwigshafen

27 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97649	2 nd Lt. Brannan, C.D.	None	None	Minor	Led 94 th "A" CBW	457 th
651	1 st Lt. Selwyn	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 94 th "A" CBW	457 th
594	1/ Lt. Christensen, M.	None	None	None	Led 94 th "B" CBW	401 st
636	1/Lt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	None	Deputy 94 th "B" CBW	401 st
562	Capt. Evers	None	None	None	Led 1 st CBW	91 st
626	1/Lt. Smith, J.W.	None	None	Minor	Deputy lead 1 st CBW	91 st

Remarks: For the most part the results of bombing were good. SAV photos show a good concentration of bombs at the North end of yard. And even the M/Y on the Mannheim side suffered an attack.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 13

Dessau, Leipzig, Toucha

28 May 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97630	2 nd Lt. Brannan, C.D.	None	1	Major	Led 94 th C.B.W.	457 th
686	1 st Lt. Maginn	None	2	Major	Deputy lead 94 th C.B.W.	457 th
562	1 st Lt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	None	Led 1 st C.B.W.	381 st
594	1 st Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Deputy lead 1 st C.B.W.	381 st

Remarks: The primary target was obscured and this couldn't be bombed but Brandis A/F East of Leipzig was hit with good results. The members of Lt. Maginn's crew had a red letter day, the waist gunner, S/Sgt. Fowler, and Navigator, Lt. Broderick, both claiming destroyed A/C. S/Sgt. Fowler's was later passed on by 1st Division as a destroyed A/C.

Squadron History

324th PFF

Mission # 15

Tactical targets - French coast

3 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97686	Capt. Reigler	None	None	None	Lead, 401 st Gp.	401 st
42-97601	1 st Lt. Maginn	None	None	None	Lead, 351 st Gp.	351 st
42-97626	1 st Lt. Smith	None	None	None	Lead, 91 st Gp.	91 st
42-97632	1 st Lt. Tyson	None	None	None	Lead, 398 th Gp.	398 th

Remarks: A/C 42-97???, just after becoming airborne struck a vehicle on the runway. No. 3 prop and the right landing gear were damaged. The crew remained in the air until the bulk of the gas had been utilized and made the normal crash landing procedure. No one was injured on either the obstructing vehicle or aircraft.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 16

Tactical targets on French coast

3 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched to</u>
42-97625	Lt. Christensen	None	None	None	Led 398 th Gp.	398 th
42-97638	Lt. Selwyn, R.M.	None	None	None	Led 457 th A Gp..	457 th
A 42-97649	Lt. Riser, Wm. W.	None	None	None	Led 457 th B Gp.	457 th B

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 17

Tactical targets on French coast

4 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Grp. Dispatched to</u>
42-97687	Lt. Riser, Wm. W.	None	None	None	Led 91 st Gp.	91 st
42-97694	Lt. Clark. C.M.	None	None	None	Led 398 th Gp.	398 th
42-97625	Lt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	None	Led 381 st Gp.	381 st

Remarks: Bombing results reported as good.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 18

Tactical target in Le Harve coastal area

5 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched</u>
42-97686	1 st Lt. Riser, Wm. W. Jr.	None	None	None	91 st Gp. Lead	91 st
42-97594	1 st Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	398 th Gp. Lead	398 th
42-97625	1 st Lt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	None	381 st Gp. Lead	381 st

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 19

French coastal targets in Le Harve area

6 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched to</u>
42-97686	Lt. Riser, Wm.W	None	None	None	Lead 91 st	91 st
42-97630	Capt. Westwood, J	None	None	None	Lead 91 st	91 st
42-97702	Capt. Geiwitz, C.P.	None	None	None	Lead 91 st	91 st
42-97625	Lt. Tyson. J.L.	None	None	None	Lead 381 st	381 st
42-97649	Lt. Brannan, C.D.	None	None	None	Lead 457 th	457 th
42-97638	Lt. Selwyn, R.M.	None	None	None	Lead 457 th	457 th
42-97708	Lt. Bensel P.P.	None	None	None	Deputy Lead 457 th	457 th
42-97651	Capt. Grunow, A.E.	None	None	None	Lead 351 st	351 st
42-97601	Lt. Maginn, L.J.	None	None	None	Lead 351 st	351 st
42-97707	Capt. Gibb, R.D.	None	None	None	Deputy Lead 351 st	351 st
42-97626	Lt. Rohrer, R.L.	None	None	None	Lead 398 th	398 th
42-97632	Capt. Burch, R.W.	None	None	None	Lead 398 th	398 th
42-97600	Lt. Christensen, M.J.	None	None	None	Lead 401 st	401 st
42-97656	Capt. Reigler, Wm.	None	None	None	Lead 401 st	401 st
42-97743	Capt. Girse, R.C.	None	None	None	Lead 401 st	401 st
42-97594	Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Lead 381 st	381 st

Remarks; This mission was our bit in the opening of the second front. PFF aircraft were used as lead ships in the 1st Division, aiding in bombing the French coast prior to the landing of troops. Results of the days work were reported as good.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 20

Kerlin - Bastard A/D

7 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u> <u>to</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group</u> <u>Dispatched</u>
42-97600	Lt. Rohrer	None	None	None	Lead Low Gp. 398 th	398 th
42-97626	Lt. Halter, R.L.	None	None	None	Lead, Lead Gp. 398 th	398 th
42-97636	Capt. Reigler, Wm.	None	None	None	Lead High Gp. 398 th	398 th
42-97625	Lt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	None	Lead, Lead Gp. 381 st	381 st
42-97594	Lt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Lead, High Gp. 381 st	381 st
42-97651	Capt. Grunow, A.E.	None	None	None	Lead, Low Gp. 381 st	381 st
42-97687	Lt. Riser, Wm. W.	None	None	None	Lead, Lead Gp. 91 st	91 st
42-97632	Capt. Burch, R.W.	None	None	None	Lead, Low Gp. 91 st	91 st

Remarks: Results of bombing were reported as good.

Squadron History

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Mission # 21

Tactical target South of Boulogne

10 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched to</u>
42-97686	Lt. Rohrer, R.L.	None	None	None	Led 1 st A CBW	398 th
42-97632	Lt. Halter, R.L.	None	None	None	Deputy Lead 1 st A CBW	398 th
42-97625	Capt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	None	Led 1 st B CBW	381 st
42-97594	Capt. Clark, C.M.	None	None	None	Deputy Lead 1 st B CBW	381 st
42-97687	Lt. Abbott	None	None	None	Led 1 st C CBW	91 st
42-97626	Lt. Heilig, G.	None	None	None	Deputy Lead 1 st C CBW	91 st

Remarks; Bombing results reported as fair by use of a Gee Fix.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 22

Hamburg, Germany

18 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched to</u>
42-97625	Capt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	Minor	1 st A CBW Lead	381 st
42-97594	Lt. Melomo, S.J.	None	None	None	1 st A CBW - Deputy Leader	381 st
42-97626	Lt. Halter, R.L.	Missing in Action			1 st B - Lead CBW	398 th
42-97686	Lt. Rohrer, R.L.	None	None	Minor	1 st B CBW Deputy Leader	398 th
42-97632	Capt. Burch, R.W.	None	None	None	1 st C CBW Lead	91 st
42-97630	Lt. Carlson, R.M.	None	None	None	1 st C CBW Deputy Leader	91 st

Remarks: Good bombing results reported - The missing A/C was hit with flak on #1 engine and wing broke off. The A/C rolled onto its back and went earthward, one chute reported by deputy leader.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 23

Berlin, Germany

21 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>Group Dispatched to</u>
42-97594	Capt. Tyson, J.L.	None	None	Major	1 st A CBW - Lead	381 st
42-97630	Lt. Melomo, S.J.	None	None	Major	1 st A CBW - Deputy Leader	381 st
42-97686	Lt. Rohrer	Missing in Action			1 st B CBW Leader	398 th

Remarks: Results reported as good. A/C missing in action was hit on the bomb run and #3 engine observed wind milling, but A/C remained in formation until "Bombs Away". Last observed under control with 4 to 5 chutes leaving A/C.

Squadron History

324th P.F.F.

Mission # 24

Hamburg, Germany

30 June 1944

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	BATTLE <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	Group <u>Dispatched to</u>
42-97686	Lt. Rohrer	None	None	None	1 st A CBW lead	
42-97594	Lt. Melomo, S.J.	None	None	None	1 st A CBW Deputy Leader	398 th
42-97632	Capt. Dibble, F.M.	None	None	Minor	1 st B CBW Lead	91 st
42-97625	Lt. Ludtke, E.C.	None	None	Minor	1 st B CBW Leader	91 st

Remarks: Excellent results were reported and verified by strike attack photos.

RETURN TO REGULAR SQUADRON MISSIONS FLOWN WITH THE GROUP

(189) Tours (Abortive - Sortie)

4 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Carlson	959	None	None	None	10/10th's over France
F/O Bessolo	880	“	”	“	
Capt. Ranzoni	613	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support.
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	“	Flak light, inaccurate.
Lt. O'Brien	679	“	”	“	
Lt. Crans	128	“	”	“	All ships carried 2 X 2000 M 34's.

Target: Railroad bridge over Loire River, W. of Tours.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: 10/10ths cloud over enemy territory with only isolated breaks prevented bombing of primary, secondary or targets of opportunity. Meager inaccurate flak from Le Havre on way in and from Abbeville on way out. No E/A opposition.

(190) Aire, France

6 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Collins	515	None	None	Minor	Five flak holes in ship.
F/O Bessolo	880	“	”	“	Flak reason for battle damage.
Lt. Crans	128	“	”	“	Flak holes in ship.
Capt. Ranzoni	061	“	”	Major	Bombing results- good concentration.
Lt. Ryan	959	“	”	“	B/D due to flak.
Lt. O'Brien	879	“	”	“	Carried 250 G.P.'s

Target: No Ball

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The 91st Gp. Flew lead, low and high (12 ship boxes) of the 1st “A” C.B.W.. Visibility in the target area was good. The lead group attacked the secondary visually with fair results. The high group attacked the primary visually with excellent results. The low group dropped short of the primary with poor results.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Crans	515	None	None	None	Fighter support good.
F/O Bessolo	880	“	“	Major	Flak damage to ship.
Lt. Ryan	613	“	”	None	Bombs hit short.
Lt. O'Brien	151	“	”	Minor	
Lt. Leslie	673	“	”	None	No observations.
Lt. Beasley	947	“	”	Minor	
Lt. Collins	812	“	”	None	Bombs fell short of M.P.I.

Target: A/C Factory (Two M.P.I.'s).

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The target was the important Mockau A/C factory located about 3 miles North of Leipzig. The importance of this target is indicated by the fact that it was the objective on numerous Leipzig missions throughout the month. Visibility in target area was good. However, “B” group bombs were accidentally released between I.P. and target with poor results. “A” group attacked target of opportunity, Kolleda A/D, with poor results.

(192) Etaples, France

8 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Ryan	879	None	None	None	Reported good bombing results.
F/O Bessolo	959	“	”	Major	B/D caused by flak.
Lt. Holmes	128	“	”	None	Fighter support fair.
Lt. Leslie	151	“	”	Minor	
Lt. Beasley	515	“	”	None	
Lt. Carlson	613	“	”	Minor	Few flak holes in ship.

Target: M/Y choke points.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 1 A/C (9 Personnel).

Remarks: The 91st Bomb Group flew the “C” and “D” groups in the 1st Combat Wing. The primary target, a no ball near Fleury was obscured by clouds, so the “D” group selected a last resort target at Etaples and dropped visually with excellent results. “C” group, unable to identify target through under cast, brought bombs back. No E/A opposition encountered.

(Abortive Sortie)

(193) Crepieul and Fleury, France

9 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Ryan	879	None	None	None	Brought back 18 X 250
Lt. O'Brien	151	"	"	Minor	" " " "
Lt. Collins	515	"	"	None	" " " "
F/O Bessolo	880	"	"	Major	" " " "
Capt. Holmes	128	"	"	None	Hit primary
Lt. Beasley	144	"	"	Minor	Fighter support not seen.

Target: No ball installations.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our A/C found the target area obscured by clouds and were forced to return to base with their bombs.

(194) Munich, Germany

11 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Leslie	938	None	None	None	
Lt. O'Brien	879	"	"	"	10/10ths over target.
Lt. Brown	151	"	"	"	Carried 42 M-47.
Capt. Holmes	515	"	"	"	Fighter support very good.
Lt. Beasley	128	"	"	"	
Lt. Crans	890	"	"	"	

Target: Industrial Area.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our A/C dropped through 10/10ths under cast on Munich by use of P.F.F. instruments. It is believed that the main concentration of bombs fell into the South central portion of the city. Fighter support was good and enemy opposition was nil.

(195) Munich, Germany

12 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Carlson	613	None	None	None	Report bombs short.
Lt. Crans	982	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	Minor	One flak hole in ship.
Capt. Holmes	999	“	”	None	Dropped on P.F.F.
Lt. Brown	151	“	”	“	Close fighter support.
Lt. Ryan	879	“	”	“	
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	Minor	Results - unobserved.
F/O Bessolo	880	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support.
Lt. Leslie	938	“	”	“	B/D due to flak.

Target: Industrial area.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Bombing was done on PFF equipment through 10/10ths under cast. Mickey operator reported that excellent results were expected as the equipment was working perfectly. No enemy fighters appeared and flak was generally ineffective.

(196) Munich, Germany

13 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
F/O Bessolo	880	None	None	Minor	Carried 4 X 500, 6 X M17.
Capt. Holmes	999	“	”	“	One flak hole in ship.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	None	Landed away.
Lt. Leslie	959	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	“	PFF unobserved.

Target: Industrial area.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Because of weather, bombing was again done on PFF equipment with unobserved results. There was no E/A opposition but our A/C reported that the Wing behind and Wing ahead were attacked after leaving target. Flak was intense but generally inaccurate.

(197) Munich (Augsburg)

16 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
F/O Bessolo	880	None	None	None	Very good fighter support.
Lt. Merz	844	“	”	“	
Lt. Carlson	613	“	”	“	Solid overcast.
Lt. O'Brien	879	“	”	“	Carried 4 X 500, 6 X M-17.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	
Lt. Beasley	959	“	”	“	

Target: Briefed on Eng. Factory at Allach.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None (1 wounded)

Remarks: Returning crews reported that they had bombed Munich on PFF equipment with unobserved results, but the Group Navigator believes Augsburg was attacked. A/C #610 ditched 25 miles off English coast due to battle damage causing gasoline failure (1 man wounded), all safe after being picked up by air sea rescue. A/C #540 lost one bomb on take off without incident. No E/C reported. A/A fire was moderate and inaccurate. Weather forced our A/C to bomb from above 27,000 ft..

(198) Peenemunde

18 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Beasley	128	None	None	None	
Lt. Merz	844	“	”	Minor	One flak hole.
Capt. Holmes	999	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	Believe bombs hit M.P.I..
Lt. Leslie	959	“	”	“	One flak hole.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	None	
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	Major	B/D due to flak.
Lt. Brown	151	“	One	“	Lt. Boyd - flak shot away part of left foot.

Target: Experimental - Establishment.

Squadron Losses: None (1 wounded).

Group Losses: Number of personnel - 9 (One A/C missing).

Remarks: Photos show that our “A” Group attacked target with some hits on M.P.I. , but with main concentration short on Eastern side. “B” Group had more hits on M.P.I.. Target was well hit and terrific fires and damage resulted. Our missing A/C 467 was last seen in the target area heading Southeast with one engine feathered, under control in a gradual descent. Flak was rather accurate. No E/A opposition.

(199) Lechfeld

19 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Carlson	613	None	None	None	Reported bombs on M.P.I..
Lt. Lesslie	959	“	”	Minor	Carried nickels.
Lt. Beasley	128	“	”	None	Carried 38 X 100 frags.
F/O Bessolo	844	“	”	Minor	Good fighter support.
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	None	Carried 10 X 500.
Lt. O'Brien	879	“	”	Major	Reported good formation.
Capt. Holmes	999	“	”	None	Flew route as briefed.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Two A/C (18 personnel).

Remarks: Photos show that lead and low groups obtained excellent results. No picture is available for high group, but results are claimed as good from visual observation. Our Group formed the “B” Combat Wing. Fighter support was described as fair going in and good coming out. At 0952 our crews reported seeing a B-17 from the Wing ahead explode from apparent direct hit by flak and in going down take at least two other Forts with it. No chutes seen. At 0947 hours we lost two A/C from our Group due to a mid-air collision near the I.P.. The wing of 075 knocked the tail off 542 causing it to go down in a tight spin with no chutes seen. A/C #075 was knocked out of formation and badly damaged. The last heard from it was a radio message that it was trying to reach Switzerland. There was no E/A opposition but flak was moderate and rather accurate.

(200) Leipzig, Germany

20 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Beasley	128	None	None	Major	#1 engine feathered.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	Minor	B/D due to flak.
F/O Bessolo	844	“	”	Major	Saw few dog fights.
Lt. O’Brien	085	“	”	Minor	Carried 10 X 500.
Lt. Brown	151	“	”	“	B/D due to flak & fighters.
Lt. Leslie	959	“	”	Major	Not sure what they hit.
Capt. Holmes	999	-----	Lost to A/A fire -----		

Target: A/C factory

Squadron Losses: One A/C (9 personnel).

Group Losses: Eight A/C (73 personnel). Four to E/A fire, 1 to A/A fire, 1 to E/A & A/A fire. Two to unknown.

Remarks: This mission marked another mile stone in the history of the 91st. We were the first Group in the E.T.O. to reach the 100 mark, but not the first at the 200. We were held back by the transfer of the 324th Sq. to P.F.F. and on days when other groups flew 2 missions we were able to fly but one, not having enough regular combat A/C to put up the second group for the day. Photographs show concentration of bombs falling in NE section of Leipzig. From the I.P. to within 6 miles of the target there was about 7/10 cloud cover. In the target area there appeared to be only about 2/10 to 3/10, but it caused confusion as to type of bombing which would be done, i.e. visual or P.F.F.. The high tried to locate A/D North of Leipzig without success and pulled over city to drop in northern part. The lead and low groups had already bombed Leipzig slightly more to the South. At 1100 hours just before I.P., after calls of bandits from Wings ahead, 55 to 60 S/E E/A hit our low Gp. in two waves of equal strength from 6 o'clock level to slightly high. The attacks came from cloud and E/A were stacked up to 4 high. Massed attack lasted about 5 & ½ minutes. Individual attacks continued thereafter on stragglers. E/A were ME 109's and FW 190's about equal in number. Some ME 109's had one orange stripe vertically around fuselage half way to tail. Low group was out of position and in loose formation at time of attack and fighter support had evidently been drawn to front of the Division. They came in later to take care of E/A, which used the old rolling tactics as they attacked. A/A fire was moderate and accurate.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Carlson	613	None	None	None	Brought back 37 X 100 and 1 S.M.
Lt. O'Brien	879	"	"	"	Brought back 38 X 100
F/O Bessolo	880	"	"	"	" " " "
Lt. Crans	890	"	"	"	" " " "
Lt. Merz	844	"	"	"	" " " "
Lt. Leslie	959	"	"	"	" " " "
Lt. Beasley	151	"	"	"	" " " "
Lt. McCombs	085	"	"	"	" " " "
Lt. Sherrill	988	"	"	"	Bombed primary.

Target: Enemy troop positions.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photos show good pattern in target area with main concentrations within the assigned area. "D" group was unable to drop because 306th Group flew directly beneath formation. This offensive was supposed to start a big American push, but most groups were unable to drop and the offensive did not take place until the next day.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Col. Milton	613	None	None	None	Dropped 37 X 100 plus 1 S.M.
F/O Bessolo	880	“	”	“	Report good bomb pattern.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	P-47 escort, P-51 escort.
Lt. Merz	844	“	”	“	
Lt. Leslie	959	“	”	“	Good bomb pattern.
Lt. O'Brien	879	“	”	“	
Lt. Sherrill	988	“	”	“	Dropped 38 X 100.
Lt. Beasley	151	“	”	“	Fighter support as briefed.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	“	

Target: Enemy troop positions.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photos show good concentrations at assigned points. Following this terrific air offensive on huge scale, the American push began. Apparently, however, the bombing did not produce the desired effects as the enemy was found to be well dug in. According to reports some bombs dropped short of the bomb release line causing casualties among our own troops. Only one burst of flak was observed in the target area.

(203) Taucha

28 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. McCombs	085	None	One	Major	Waist gunner, Sgt. Moree.
Lt. Merz	613	“	None	Minor	Ship hit by flak.
Lt. Carlson	844	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. Beasley	012	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. Leslie	959	“	One	“	
F/O Bessolo	880	“	None	“	Fighter support poor going in, good coming out.
Lt. Sherrill	988	“	”	“	Report good bomb pattern.

Target: Briefed on synthetic oil at Mersburg.

Squadron Losses: None (2 wounded)

Group Losses: None (2 wounded)

Remarks: Target of opportunity, Taucha, about 5 mi. NE of Leipzig was bombed with good results. Cloud cover prevented visual attack on primary target and failure of mickey set prevented P.F.F. attack. Most crews were disgusted at failure to bomb primary as they felt it could have been attacked visually. Battle damage was particularly heavy from flak, as course took formation over heaviest concentration. There were some 200 guns within range instead of the 64 which would have been in range at the primary.

(204) Mersburg

29 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Leslie	151	None	None	Minor	B/D due to flak.
Lt. Beasley	012	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. McCombs	988	“	”	None	
Lt. Merz	613	“	”	Minor	Bombed on P.F.F.
F/O Bessolo	880	“	”	“	
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	None	Landed away due to weather.

Target: Synthetic oil plant.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Having missed this important target the day before, most of the 8th A.F. went back again today. Clouds obscured the target but our crews bombed on PFF with what is believed to be good results. Oil smoke came up to 20,000 ft. in great clouds. The course was flown as briefed and flak was no where near as intense as the day before nor was it accurate. Fighter support was good. Weather over England caused great difficulty in landing and caused some crews to land away.

(205) Munich

31 July 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Figie	988	None	None	Minor	B/D due to flak.
Lt. Fonke	128	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. Leslie	959	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support.
Lt. Beasley	012	“	”	“	
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	“	Results unobserved.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: One A/C (9 personnel)

Remarks: Bombing was done on PFF with unobserved results. Fighter support was very good and no E/A were sighted. Flak was rather inaccurate and even though 22 A/C received damage, most of it was meager and superficial. A/C 304 (Supchak) left the formation at 1310 with 2 engines out reporting over VHF that he was headed for Switzerland.

(206) Chartres

1 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Beasley	128	None	None	None	Reported bombs short of M.P.I.
Lt. Merz	613	“	”	“	Fighter support - good.
Lt. Fonke	012	“	”	Minor	Flak cause of B/D.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	None	Reported good bomb pattern covering MPI.
Lt. Figie	151	“	”	“	
Lt. Leslie	959	“	”	“	Reported explosions.
Lt. Sherill	988	“	”	Minor	B/D caused by flak.
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	None	Fighter support good all way in and out.
Lt. Brown	490	“	”	“	Led the low Group.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 1 A/C (9 personnel).

Remarks: Photos show that the assigned MPI's on the field itself were not hit but hangars and dispersal areas were well covered. A/C #879 was hit by flak over target and was seen to spiral down and crash. Four chutes reported.

(207) Mulhouse and Toul

3 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Bessolo	880	None	None	Minor	One flak hole in nose of ship.
Lt. McCombs	515	“	”	None	Very good fighter support.
Lt. O'Brien	613	“	”	“	Flak in nose- damaged toggle switch.
Lt. Fonke	012	“	”	“	Bombs unobserved.
Lt. Brown	844	“	”	“	Carried 500 pounders.
Lt. Leslie	959	“	”	“	
Lt. Sherill	988	“	”	“	Crew observed smoke pots seemingly on R.R..
Lt. Figie	151	“	”	Minor	Flak was cause of B/D.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	None	7/10ths over target.

Target: Marshaling Yard.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Good results on primary (Mulhouse M/Y) and excellent results on secondary (Toul/Croix de Metz).
Lead group and part of low were unable to identify primary because of cloud cover and they held their bombs for the secondary. There was no E/A opposition and not a flak gun was fired at either target.
Fighter support was excellent.

(208) Peenemunde

4 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. McCombs	085	None	None	None	Carried 42 X M-47 bombs.
Lt. Sherill	988	“	”	Minor	Good fighter support.
Lt. Fonke	012	“	”	“	Shell hit wing just behind #1 engine.
Capt. Close	844	“	”	None	Reported good bombing results.
Lt. Bessolo	880	“	”	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
Lt. Caddis	959	“	”	Major	Battle damage caused by flak.
Lt. Collins	890	“	”	Minor	Hits reported on buildings.
Lt. O'Brien	613	“	”	None	Flew #1 ship - 1 st element high Sq.
Lt. Figie	513	“	”	“	Reported B-17 blowing up from Wing ahead.

Target: Electrolytic Hydrogen - Peroxide Plant

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: This second attack on the Peenemunde target was necessary because insufficient damage was caused on the previous attack. This target is complex and has numerous vulnerable parts. Our Group had the same assigned M.P.I. as before. Crews report excellent results. There was no fighter opposition and our own fighters furnished excellent cover.

(209) Nienburg

5 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Gaddie	613	None	None	None	Carried 6 X 1000 pounders
Lt. Sherill	988	“	”	“	Fair fighter support.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	Hit in target area.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	“	10/10ths under cast over North Sea.
Lt. Fonke	515	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Bessolo	880	“	”	“	Visual bombing.

Target: Underground oil storage depot

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photos show excellent results with MPI covered with hits. Crews were disappointed, however, they could see no black oil smoke billowing up from target after it was attacked. There was no flak or fighter opposition and the weather was CAVU.

(210) Brandenburg

6 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Bessolo	880	None	None	Minor	Claim bomb's little over target.
Lt. Merz	613	"	"	"	#1 engine and wing hit by flak.
Lt. Crans	890	"	"	"	Very good fighter support.
Lt. McCombs	085	"	"	None	Fighter support as briefed.
Lt. Manville	988	"	"	Minor	Target well hit before arriving.
Lt. Collins	515	"	"	"	Ship hit by flak.
Lt. Beasley	959	"	"	"	Bombs hit in target area.
Lt. Whitesell	012	"	"	"	7 flak holes in ship.
Lt. Figie	151	"	"	"	Carried 10 X 500
Lt. Gaddis	205	"	"	"	Observed shipping on enemy coast.

Target: Military vehicle factory

Squadron Losses; None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photos indicate very good results. Bomb bursts seen in target area. Heavy smoke prevents actual assessment. This Group furnished the 1st "A" Combat Wing. Weather was CAVU. Fighter support was described as excellent. At 1240 hours, 25000 ft., a B-17 from Wing ahead was hit by flak knocking off one wing. Ship burst into flames and blew up. One to 8 chutes reported.

(211) Sens and Bourron-Marlotte

7 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Manville	033	None	None	Minor	Flak caused battle damage.
Capt. Close	844	“	”	None	Reported good formation.
Lt. Beasley	151	“	”	“	Target clear at second run.
Lt. McDowell	085	“	”	“	Dropped bombs on edge of woods.
Lt. Figie	205	“	”	“	Reported a few of our own fighters.
Lt. O'Brien	988	“	”	“	Report hits by switching yards.
Lt. Leslie	012	“	”	“	No flak in target area.
Lt. Merz	889	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Collins	890	“	”	“	” “ ”

Target: Oil storage

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The lead and low Groups attacked Sens in perfect weather with lead Group dropping short. The low Group was forced to make a 360 degree turn and a second run because of collision course with lead Group. The results were fair but main concentration fell slightly beyond and to North of M.P.I.. No enemy fighters interfered. The lead Group of “C” Combat Wing attacked Bourron-Marlotte with poor results.

(212) S.E. of Bretteville-Sur Laize

8 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
F/O Marpil	151	None	None	Minor	Battle damage- flak. Brought bombs back.
Lt. Bessolo	880	“	”	“	Good fighter support. “ ” “
Lt. Beasley	911	“	”	None	Too much smoke to find target. Brought bombs back.
Lt. Gaddis	085	“	”	Minor	Saw few of our fighters. “ ” “
Lt. Figie	128	“	”	“	Saw some P-47's in distance. Brought bombs back.
Lt. Leslie	012	“	”	“	Moderate haze at target. “ ” “
Lt. Merz	613	“	”	None	
Lt. McCombs	205	“	”	Minor	Flak holes in ship. “ ” “
Lt. Whitesell	988	“	”	“	Saw 3 P-47's. “ ” “
Lt. Collins	610	“	”	“	Brought bombs back.
Lt. Crans	890	“	”	“	” “ ”
Lt. Brown	844	“	”	“	” “ ”

Target: Ground support for troops in the S.E. of Caen.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: One A/C (9 personnel).

Remarks: Our assignment today was to assist the troops on the British Canadian front near Caen in preparation for their offensive. Photos showed that our bombs fell in the assigned areas. Our low Group did not drop because of the smoke and haze which obscured target. The course took our A/C parallel to the German line for the entire bomb run and considerable flak damage was sustained. The bombers were exposed to accurate fire for 13 and ½ minutes. No enemy fighters were seen.

(213) Elsenborn

9 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Sherrill	988	None	None	None	Crew thought they bombed Saarbrucken. Uncertain - Tied on with 381 st Group.

Target: BMW aero engine factory 7 miles NW of Munich.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: This Group furnished the 1st "B" CBW. High cloud caused the high group to become separated from the lead and low groups at point of turn back, approximately 0800 E where the Division commander decided to abandon operation against the primary target (7 mi. N.W. of Munich). Low and lead groups bombed Elsenborn barracks with good results. Eight A/C of the high group jettisoned in the vicinity of 5040 N - 0600 E from 1025 to 1140 hours. One A/C bombed with the 381st Group reported to be Saarbrucken M/Y. Four A/C brought bombs back. A/A fire was accurate and caused damage.

(214) Brest (Port Area)

11 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Figie	151	None	None	None	Carried 12 X 500.
Lt. McDowell	128	“	”	“	Didn't see fighter cover.
Lt. Bessolo	540	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak.
Lt. O'Brien	844	“	”	None	Good bomb pattern.
Lt. Marpil	613	“	”	“	Didn't see fighter support.
Lt Beasley	890	“	”	“	
Lt. Sherrill	988	“	”	Major	Hit wing spar with flak.
Lt. Leslie	205	“	”	Minor	Report bombs hit O.K..
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	“	Hit by flak.
Lt. Fonke	012	“	”	“	” “ ”
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	” “ ” Bombs fell short.

Target: Troop or material concentrations.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: At the request of the ground forces attacking Brest Harbor, our bombers were assigned the task of attacking gun emplacements, troop and material concentrations in the harbor. Photos showed good results for all Groups.

(215) Buc near Versailles

12 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Carlson	844	None	None	None	Report hitting target.
Lt. Collins	890	“	”	“	Light fighter support.
Lt. McDowell	205	“	”	“	Report fighter support O.K.
Lt. Figie	880	“	”	“	Jettisoned one X 200 in channel/all clear.
Lt. Leslie	707	“	”	“	Hit with their bombs in the target area.
Lt. Sherrill	298	“	”	“	One third of bombs hit on MPI.
Lt. Bessolo	673	“	”	Minor	One flak hole in hip.
Lt. Fonke	012	“	”	None	Report good pattern of bombs.
F/O Marpil	613	“	”	“	Hit the target.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	Claim fair fighter support.
Lt. Whitesell	151	“	”	“	Target hit previous to arrival.
Lt. Beasley	128	“	”	“	Brought bombs back - aborted.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Weather over England made assembly extremely difficult with clouds to 30,000 ft.. Photos showed excellent results with all 3 groups placing their main concentration of bombs squarely upon the assigned M.P.I.'s. Target weather was CAVU, enemy opposition nil, flak meager but accurate.

(216) Le Manoir

13 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Collins	890	None	None	Minor	Bombs hit in target area.
Lt. Sherrill	069	“	”	None	Brought bombs back.
Lt. Fonke	012	“	”	“	Main concentration on bridge.
Lt. Leslie	613	“	”	“	Saw target from I.P.
Lt. Crans	085	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	Didn't observe bombs.
Lt. Beasley	128	“	”	“	” “ ”
Lt. Carlson	151	“	”	Minor	Ship hit by flak.
Lt. Whitesell	025	“	”	“	Area support by our fighters.
Lt. Gaddis	144	“	”	None	Meager flak.
Lt. Figie	552	“	”	“	Fair fighter support.
Lt. Manville	883	“	”	Minor	Ship hit by flak.

Target: Bridge

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: One A/C (9 personnel missing).

Remarks: Photos showed very good concentration on all MPI's, but smoke obscured accurate assessment.
Weather was CAVU. There was no fighter opposition. Flak was rather accurate.

(217) Metz/Frescaty

14 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Gaddis	613	None	None	Minor	Hole in nose of ship from burst of chaff.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photos showed good results except for low group which dropped slightly short of the briefed MPI.
Weather was CAVU. Our A/C experienced no A/A fire. Fighter support was excellent.

(218) Ostheim (Cologne)

15 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Figie	151	None	None	Major	Battle damage due to flak.
Lt. Beasley	128	“	”	Minor	Target well hit.
Lt. Sherrill	880	“	Two	Major	BTG - Sgt. Joseph Rodecki-Serious WG - Sgt. Woodrow Cornett-Minor
Lt. McDowell	887	“	None	Minor	Hit by flak at target.
Lt. Manville	012	“	”	“	Flak holes in ship.
Lt. Collins	563 (323 ship)	“	One	Major	Sgt. Carico, Luther - W.G. hit in back-serious-flak went under his flak vest. (KIA) *
F/O Marpil	613	“	None	Minor	Crew reported close fighter support.
Lt. Fonke	205	“	”	“	Hit by flak at target.
Lt. Leslie	890	“	”	Major	Observed ineffective smoke at Cologne.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	Minor	Also hit by flak at target.

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None (2 wounded, 1 killed) *

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photos indicate good results. The bombs of the low group smothered the MPI in a tightly packed concentration. Flak was moderate and rather accurate, weather was clear, there was no fighter opposition and our own fighters provided excellent support.

* Added by transcriber.

(219) Halle, Germany

16 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Lindsay	000	----	Aircraft didn't return.		
Lt. Leslie	126	“	”	“	
Lt. Sherrill	634	“	”	“	
Lt. Dunlap	996	“	”	“	
Lt. Fonke	012	“	”	“	
Lt. Figie	673	“	”	“	
F/O Marpil	613	None	1 - KIA - 2 WIA	Major	Flak and E/A cause of battle damage. A/C landed away from base- crash landed- 3 engines out.
Lt. Crans	890	“	None	None	Good fighter support, but not enough of them.
Lt. Witty	515	“	”	Major	Hit by 20 mm in fin.
Lt. McCombs	985	“	Two	Minor	Bombardier and navigator slightly wounded by flak.
Lt. Beasley	128	4-0-1	None	Major	Hit by fighters.
Lt. Manville	088	None	One	“	Radio operator Saxton hit by flak.
Lt. Gaddis	333	Pilot sick - aborted over field when assembling at 18,000.			

Target: Aircraft factory

Squadron Losses: A/C #613 - 1 man MIA, 1 KIA, 2WIA, A/C 000 - (9 personnel missing), A/C #126 - (9 Personnel missing), A/C# 634 - (9 personnel missing), A/C #996 - (9 personnel missing), A/C #012 - (9 personnel missing), A/C #673 -(9 personnel missing). Totals - 55 personnel Missing, 1 KIA, 2 WIA.

Group Losses: 55 MIA, 1 KIA, 5 WIA

Remarks: Today, Aug. 16th, marked the 14th mission this month of our bombers, which have been taking advantage of the unusually clear weather to keep up the pressure. Photographs show good results though main concentration is just over the M.P.I.. 20 to 30 E/A broke through the fighter cover and attacked our high group in one pass knocking down 6 of them. Fighters came out of sun and attacked from astern. Observers reported our A/C were not firing at them. This was the first fighter attack experienced by the majority of our crews. It is significant to note that in the claims made by our A/C, the gunners did not open fire until E/A were within 300 to 100 yards. Fighter support was good but not enough of it.

(220) Kolleda and Goslar

24 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Gaddis	220	----	Couldn't catch formation after stooging around.		Turned back at 5337-0120.
Capt. Arthur	515	None	None	None	Good fighter support for exception at target.
Lt. Bessolo	880	"	"	"	Claim center of concentration on field
Lt. O'Toole	959	"	"	"	Good fighter support.
Lt. Beasley	128	"	"	"	Bombs hit in front of buildings on N. edge..
Lt. Witty	027	"	"	"	Bombs hit in building area.
Lt. Brown	890	"	"	"	Bombed secondary (Goslar).
Lt. McCombs	069	"	"	"	" " "
Lt. Whitesell	205	"	"	"	" " "
Lt. McDowell	151	"	"	"	Report good bombing results on secondary.
Lt. Browne	988	"	"	"	Carried 10 X 500.
Lt. Flint	504	"	"	"	Bomb pattern on East portion of target area.

Target: Kolleda Airdrome and air equipment depot.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Lead group bombed primary with good results, Low group bombed secondary (Goslar A/D) with good results. High group bombed secondary with fair to good results. Low group failed to bomb primary because of malfunction of bomb bay doors on lead A/C. High group was unable to drop at primary because low group was directly beneath them. Experiencing the same difficulty at the secondary target they were forced to make a second run. No opposition was encountered from flak or fighters.

(221) Neubrandenburg - 324th Squadron stood down

(222) Gelsenkirchen

26 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Brown	844	None	None	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	“	” “ ” “ ”
Lt. Bessolo	880	“	”	Major	Good fighter support.
Lt. O’Toole	959	“	”	Minor	Results unobserved.
Lt. McDowell	988	“	”	“	Moderate, inaccurate flak at target.
Lt. Beasley	128	“	”	Major	Hit by flak at target.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	Minor	Fighter support as briefed.
Lt. Flint	202	“	”	“	Carried 8 X 500.
Lt. Whitesell	151	“	”	“	Unobserved results.
Lt. Witty	890	“	”	Major	Observed smoke screen in valley.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	Minor	Claim P-51's came in from difficult angles for recognition purpose.

Target: Synthetic oil plant.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Weather had no affect on mission except for dense haze which prevented accurate observation. Bombs fell from two to eight miles away from aiming point. Fighters gave our A/C good cover especially for crippled A/C. Flak was severe.

(223) Heligoland (Recalled from Berlin) 27 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Witty	308	None	None	None	Called back when in Flensburg area. Brought bombs back.
Lt. Smith	083	“	”	“	Fighter support O.K. Brought bombs back.
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	“	Recalled at 1345. Brought bombs back.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	No enemy A/C seen.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	Report meager & accurate flak.
Lt. Flint	988	“	”	“	Brought bombs back.
Lt. Beasley	202 (322 ship)	“	”	“	Carried 10 X M-17 which were brought back.
Lt. Whitesell	027 (322 Ship)				Brought bombs back
Lt. Manville	205	“	”	“	Carried nickles.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	“	Inaccurate flak at Heligoland.
Lt. Weeks	306 (322 ship)	“	”	“	Hit thick weather at enemy coast.
Lt. O’Toole	959	“	”	“	Nothing unusual to report.
Lt. O’Brien	151	“	”	“	” “ ” “

Target: JU88 assembly factory 10 miles S.E. of center of Berlin.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Formation ran into high clouds before reaching the Danish coast causing formation to become separated. High and low groups were unable to find a target but the lead group attacked Heligoland on PFF instruments with unobserved results. Mission was recalled.

(224) Kiel

30 August 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Crans	151	None	None	None	Good fighter support.
Lt. Smith	012	“	”	“	10/10th's overcast.
Lt. Weeks	890	“	”	“	Carried leaflets.
Lt. Browne	988	“	”	“	Carried 5 X 1000.
Lt. Collins	515	“	”	“	
Lt. Beasley	128	“	”	“	PFF - 10/10th's overcast.
Lt. Marlphil	887	“	”	“	Observed few chutes.
Lt. McDowell	205	“	”	“	Dropped on PFF.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	No E/A observed.
Lt. Manville	220	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. O'Toole	959	“	”	“	Nothing unusual to report.
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	“	Good fighter support.

Target: Submarine and ship building works.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Bombing results were unobserved. PFF equipment failed at I.P. and our group dropped on smoke bombs of CBW ahead. Fighter support excellent. Weather 10/10.

(225) Nickle targets to - Karlsruhe
 Saarbrucken
 Neunkirchen
 Hamburg
 Mainz
 Speyer
 Mannheim
 Frankenthal
 Luxemburg
 Trier

3 Sept. 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Collins	7632	None	None	None	Dropped nickles on Karlsruhe.
Lt. O'Brien	8135	"	"	"	" " " Saarbrucken Neunkirchen Hamburg

Target: Nickles dropped at ten different assigned cities.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Five of our A/C participated in today's mission, not as combat ships in the ordinary sense but as propaganda carriers. It was the first such assignment for the 91st Bomb Group. The assigned targets for our leaflets were: Karlsruhe, Saarbrucken, Neunkirchen, Hamburg, Mainz, Speyer, Mannheim, Frankenthal, Luxemburg, and Trier. Our A/C had no difficulty in finding assigned units and proceeded to their targets without incident. Fighter support excellent, no E/A seen. Weather 10/10th's caused dropping by PFF equipment.

(227) Ludwigshafen, Germany

8 Sept. 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Gaddis	880	-----Aborted-----			
Lt. Beasley	128	None	One	Major	Lt. Beasley hit on head by flak. Ball turret gunner sustained minor frost bite.
Lt. Marpil	151	“	None	Minor	Battle damage caused by flak. Fighter support poor.
Lt. Witty	993	“	One	Major	Bombardier hit in eye with minor injury.
Lt. Flint	040	“	None	“	Fair fighter support and good bombing results.
Lt. Browne	988	“	One	Minor	Lt. Browne received flesh wounds in right arm.
Lt. McDowell	515	“	None	Major	Report good fighter support.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	Minor	30 hits by flak in wings, fuselage & tail.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	Bombed on lead A/C, unobserved.
Lt. Weeks	205	-----Missing-----			

Target: Chemical Plant.

Squadron Losses: One A/C (9 personnel).

Group Losses: Two A/C (18 personnel).

(228) Ludwigshafen, Germany

9 Sept. 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Witty	887	None	None	Minor	Brought bombs back.
Lt. O'Brien	844	"	"	"	Lt. Blume observed what might have been a jet propelled plane.
Lt. Marpil	707	"	"	None	Carried 12 X M-17 bombs.
Lt. McCombs	085	"	"	"	Good fighter support.
Lt. Whitesell	088	"	"	"	Carried nickels.
Capt. Arthur	333	"	"	Minor	Battle damage caused by flak.
Lt. Flint	504	"	"	None	Very good fighter support.
Lt. Gaddis	959	"	"	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
Lt. Manville	212	"	"	None	Crew observations nil.
Lt. Collins	890	"	"	Minor	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Browne	027	"	"	"	Good fighter support.
Lt. McDowell	880	-----	Turned back after #2 engine failed.		

Target: Synthetic oil plant.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: One A/C (9 personnel).

Remarks: In spite of the rough reception at Ludwigshafen yesterday, our A/C returned today and again experienced accurate flak. Results unobserved on PFF. Our A/C 594 last seen at 1117 hours had been hit by flak and went into a flat spin with #4 engine on fire. It blew up at cloud level. Two chutes seen. No E/A opposition. Fighter support was good.

(229) Gaggenau

10 sept. 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Gaddis	308	-----	Aborted at 4934N-0435E.	-----	
Lt. Crans	844	None	None	None	Believe M.P.I. well hit.
Lt. Whitesell	887	“	”	Minor	Flak damage to A/C.
Lt. Browne	959	“	”	None	Good fighter support.
Lt. Witty	085	“	”	“	Observed several B-17's in distress and going down.
Lt. McDowell	890	“	”	“	Carried 12 X M-17 I.B.'s.
Capt. Arthur	298 (322 ship)	“	”	“	Report good fighter support.

Target: Daimler-Benz motor vehicle factory.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The 323rd and 401st Sq. were assigned as the high group of the 41st “C” CBW attacking the Daimler-Benz motor vehicle factory 10 mi. SW of Stuttgart. This C.B.W. never formed, no bombs were dropped and group was told to return to base. The 322nd and 324th Sq. were assigned as high group of the 1st “A” CBW to attack Daimler-Benz motor truck factory, 12 mi. S. of Karlsruhe. Bombing results very good with M.P.I. well covered. E/A opposition nil. Flak meager and inaccurate.

11 Sept. 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Crans	844	None	None	None	Low group leader.
Lt. Gaddis	959	“	”	“	Carried 10 X 500 M-64.
Lt. Flint	040	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
Lt. Marpil	293	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Witty	890	“	”	Minor	B/D due to flak.
Lt. Martin	151	“	”	None	Report weather as briefed.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	
Lt. Smith	887	“	”	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
Lt. Maplesden	851	“	”	None	Excellent fighter support.
Capt. Arthur	552	“	”	“	
Lt. Manville	035 (401 ship)	“	”	“	
Lt. Whitesell	085	“	”	“	Good fighter support.

Target: Synthetic oil plant.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photos revealed that bombs fell in target area close to but not upon the M.P.I.. 4/10 to 6/10 cover over target with a large cloud obscuring the MPI prevented accurate observation. No E/A seen. Flak rather accurate.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Whitesell	220	None	None	Minor	Hit by flak in target area.
Lt. Gaddis	880	“	”	“	” “ ” at target.
Lt. Browne	988	“	”	Major	Good fighter support.
Lt. Flint	040	“	”	Minor	Made two runs on target.
Lt. Laws	515	“	”	None	Carried 12 X 500's.
Lt. McCombs	085	“	”	Minor	Unobserved bombing.
Lt. Marpil	993	“	”	None	Observed balloons over Wessel.
Lt. Carberry	151	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak on 2 nd run.
Lt. Martin	311	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Maplesden	959	“	”	“	One bomb hung up.

Target: Marshaling Yards.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Photographs from low group showed bombs bursting in Southern end of M/Y. Lead and low made a second run over target when high cloud prevented identification on first run. Capt. Klette, group mission commander made a skillful left turn close to Ruhr to maneuver for second run when formation approaching target from right prevented the more favorable right turn. No E/A seen. Flak was moderately accurate.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. McDowell	880	None	None	Minor	Carried 6 X M-17, 6 X M-64.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	None	Report flak at target.
Lt. Flint	040	“	”	“	No fighter support on way in, O.K. coming out.
Capt. McCombs	085	“	”	Minor	Carried nickels.
Lt. Carberry	890	“	”	“	Flak damage to A/C.
Lt. Gould	959	“	”	None	Bombed at 27,500 ft..
Lt. Smith	887	“	”	“	Report good bombing results.
Lt. Laws	093	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak after target.
Lt. Maplesden	515	“	”	None	Weather 5/10's over Germany.
Lt. McGourty	311	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak at target.
Lt. Lindahl	993	“	”	None	
Lt. Browne	151	“	”	Minor	Poor fighter support.

Target: Marshaling Yards.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Bombs were concentrated squarely on marshaling yards although the main concentration was about 200 yards South of the assigned M.P.I.. No fighter support seen until after target was attacked. E/A opposition nil.

(234) Frankfurt, Germany

25 Sept. 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Crans	844	None	None	Minor	Report flak at target only.
Capt. McCombs	085	“	”	None	
Lt. Adams	890	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak at target.
Lt. Laws	993	“	”	None	Fighter support poor to very good.
Lt. Browne	988	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak at target.
Lt. Smith	887	“	”	None	Carried 12 X 500 M-64.
Lt. Martin	880	“	”	“	Bombing results unobserved.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	Minor	Flak at target.
Lt. Marpil	151	“	”	None	Good fighter support.
Lt. Carberry	311	“	”	“	
Lt. Flint	040	-----	Aborted at 5008N - 0732E.		
Lt. Maplesden	959	-----	Aborted over field.		

Target: Marshaling Yards

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Bombing done by PFF equipment with unobserved results. No E/A interfered and flak was not too accurate. 9/10 to 10/10 all the way. Fighter support only fair on way in but good on way out.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Browne	988	None	None	Minor	Brought bombs back because leader did not drop.
Lt. Laws	128	“	”	None	Same as A/C #988.
Lt. Maplesden	515	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	Minor	“ ” “ ”
Lt. Brubaker	311	“	”	None	“ ” “ ”
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. Flint	040	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. Adams	890	“	”	“	Dropped bombs on Dep. Lead.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak after target.
Lt. Martin	151	“	”	None	Fighter support poor on way in, good on way out.

Target: Lead Sqdn. - M/T factory of Ford Motor - Low Sqdn. - Plant making portable gas producers for wood and mineral fuels. High Sqdn. - Synthetic oil plant.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Weather prevented attack of visual targets (3 separate ones assigned to our group) and forced a PFF attack. Results were unobserved but mickey navigator was confident of good results. Malfunction of equipment in lead A/C made it necessary for deputy lead to assume leadership 19 miles from target. Seven A/C failed to drop on deputy lead and brought bombs back.

(237) Magdeburg, Germany

28 Sept. 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. Arthur	220	None	None	None	Bombed last resort.
Lt. Marpil	151	“	”	“	” secondary.
Lt. Adams	988	“	”	“	” “
					Carried nickels.
Lt. Gould	959	“	”	“	Target of opportunity.
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	“	Secondary - also had very good fighter support.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	“	Bombed secondary.
Lt. Martin	040	“	”	“	” “
Capt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	” “ by PFF.
Lt. Laws	095	“	”	“	” “
Lt. Maplesden	890	“	”	“	” last resort, report good fighter cover.
Lt. Whitesell	887	“	”	“	Bombed last resort.
Lt. Carberry	311	“	”	“	Uncertain as where bombed.
Lt. O'Brien	844	“	”	“	Bombed last resort - unobserved.

Target: Synthetic oil plant.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: PFF equipment in the lead ship was working intermittently. The lead bombardier saw target about 20 seconds before bombs away but visual attack was hurried and results were poor. The low squadron dropped in trail on lead squadron with unobserved results. The confusion at target prevented high squadron from bombing, they held their bombs and attacked Eschwege A/D. A last resort target, with a good PFF approach but results unobserved. Enemy opposition nil in the air and weak and inaccurate from A/A.

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Laws	128	-----Aborted over England-----			
Capt. Close	844	None	None	None	Dropped bombs on Rheine.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	“	
Lt. Witty	085	“	”	“	Fighter support O.K.
Lt. Carberry	311	“	”	“	Dropped bomb on leader.
Lt. Gould	959	“	”	“	Carried 6 X 1000.
Lt. Maplesden	890	“	”	“	
Lt. Manville	040	“	”	“	
Lt. Marpil	993	“	”	“	
Lt. Adams	988	“	”	“	Unobserved results.
Lt. Martin	515	“	”	“	Fighter support O.K..
Lt. McDowell	887	“	”	“	PFF unobserved results.

Target: Transportation system.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Attack was made through 10/10 cloud on PFF equipment which was working satisfactorily. Absence of flak and opinions of some navigators indicate that the assigned target was not attacked, however. No opposition.

(240) Nurnburg

3 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. McGourty	128	None	None	None	Dropped bombs with 398 th Bomb Group.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak while bombs away to rally.
Lt. Browne, G.M.	988	“	”	Major	Excellent fighter support.
Lt. Flint	040	“	”	Minor	Ship hit by flak.
Lt. Manville	887	“	”	None	Carried 5 X 1000 M-44's.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	
Lt. Brubaker	890	“	”	“	
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	“	Reported 6 to 8/10's clouds.
Lt. Gould	959	“	”	Minor	Bombed PFF, unobserved.
Capt. McCombs	085	“	”	“	Bombs seen in city by T/G.
Lt. Carberry	311	“	”	None	Bombing done from 25,900 ft.

Target: Tank and diesel engine factory.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

(241) Neubrandenburg

6 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Marpil	151	None	None	None	Report good bombing results.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	“	Fair fighter support.
Lt. Brubaker	890	“	”	“	Carried 10 X 500.
Lt. Smith, K.S.	085	“	”	“	Hits on M.P.I.
Lt. Martin	959	“	”	“	Reported good bombing results.
Lt. Laws	988	“	”	“	Bombing results “Really Dood It” speaks for itself.
Lt. Whitesell	880	“	”	“	Crew reports heavy black smoke at Stralsund.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	“	Bombing altitude 20,600 ft.
Capt. McCombs	844	“	”	“	Report hits on M.P.I..
Lt. Flint	887	“	”	“	Crew observed A/D at Anklam.
Lt. Manville	515	“	”	“	Altitude of bombing 20,800 ft..
Lt. Carberry	993	“	”	“	Received VHF message of bandits in target area.

Target: Air Drome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

(242) Ruhland - Freiburg/Wurzen

7 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Manville	880	None	None	Minor	Flew route as briefed.
Lt. Flint	959	“	”	“	Ground haze up to target, solid past target.
Lt. Adams	040	“	”	“	Report hits in M/Y.
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	None	Report good fighter support.
Lt. Maplesden	887	“	”	“	Carried 10 X 500's.
Lt. Whitesell	890	“	”	Major	Dropped bombs on secondary.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	None	“ ” “ last resort.
Lt. Marpil	151	“	”	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
Lt. Laws	988	“	”	“	Bombs hit in center of large town.
Lt. Carberry	311	“	”	“	Hit by flak on way home.
Lt. Smith	085	“	”	“	Bombed last resort - 2 bombs dropped 4 sec. Late.

Target: Briefed - Synthetic oil plant.
Attacked - Cities of Freiburg and Wurzen.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

(243) Schweinfurt

9 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. Arthur	220	None	None	Minor	Battle damage caused by flak.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Brubaker	890	“	”	None	Good fighter support.
Lt. Maplesden	128	“	”	“	
Lt. Whitesell	988	“	”	“	Overcast all way in and out.
Lt. Adams	993	“	”	“	Nothing unusual to report.
Lt. Witty	085	“	”	“	Reported flak at target.
Lt. Lindahl	040	“	”	“	” “ ” “
Lt. Marpil	151	“	”	“	Observed flak at various points.
Lt. Gould	959	-----Turned back over base-----			
Lt. Carberry	311	None	None	“	Carried 10 X 500's.

Target: Kugel Fischer bearing works.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

(245) Cologne

15 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. Tufty	040	None	4 MIA	Major	4 crew members bailed out after given order to prepare for bailing out. Men were: S/S. Howard, Sgt. Ecopomie, Sgt. Boxx & Sgt. Sidlowski.
Lt. McKee	515	None	None	None	Dropped bombs on primary.
Lt. Flint	959	“	”	Major	Brought back two I.B.'s.
Lt. Brubaker	887	“	”	“	Flak caused battle damage.
Lt. Browne	988	“	”	“	Bombed primary by PFF.
Lt. Manville	151	“	”	Minor	Good fighter support.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	“	Reported flak at target.
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	Major	Hit by flak on route from I.P. to bombs away.
Lt. Gould	311	“	”	“	
Capt. Arthur	220	“	”	None	Reported flak at various points.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	2	Major	Ball turret man, Edmund Abdo injured by flak on left foot & head, also frost bitten. W.G. Glenn L. Slaughter hit by flak on left foot, head and also broken ribs.

Target: Gremberg N/Y. .

Squadron Losses: (4 personnel MIA) 2 wounded.

Group Losses: (4 personnel MIA) 2 wounded.

(246) Cologne

17 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Manville	298	None	None	Minor	Lost #1 & #2 Eng. At I.P. Returned on #3 & #4.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	None	Bombing results unobserved.
Lt. Smith, K.S.	887	“	”	“	Observed E/A thought to be jet propelled.
Lt. Martin	707	“	”	“	Observed flak at various points.
Lt. Whitesell	890	“	”	“	Flew route as briefed.
Lt. Gould	308	“	”	“	Report good fighter support.
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	“	Carried 34 X M-30 & 2 X M-17.
Lt. Henderson	202	“	”	“	
Capt. Tufty	234	“	”	“	Flak barrage and tracking at target being inaccurate.
Lt. Brubaker	088	“	”	“	
Lt. Browne	360	“	”	“	Carried nickels 5 ea. Wg-9 & Wg-11.
Lt. Collins	085	“	”	“	

Target: Lead - Gereon goods yard and station.
Low - Kalk-nord marshaling yards.
High - Nippes railway marshaling yards.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

(247) Karlsruhe and Kreunach

19 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Smith, K.S.	844	This A/C landed at Brussels - Details unknown. Crew OK.			
Lt. Browne	911	None	None	Minor	Report poor fighter support.
Lt. Whitesell	293	“	”	None	Returned to England with 303 rd Group.
Lt. Adams	085	“	”	“	Bombing by PFF.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	Major	Carried 34 X M-30 & 2 X M-47.
Lt. Martin	959	“	”	Minor	Also reports poor fighter support.
Lt. Manville	311	“	”	“	
Lt. Gould	890	“	”	None	Report fighter support only on way back.
Lt. Henderson	220	“	”	“	
Lt. Laws	993	“	”	“	Crew says bombs hit unidentified buildings.
Lt. Brubaker	887	“	”	Major	Battle damage caused by flak. Brought back two M-17's.

Target: Briefed on oil storage depot at Ludwigshaven.
Attacked targets of opportunity.

Squadron Losses: 1 A/C # 844 (crew returned) force landed in Brussels. A/C transferred - reason unknown.

Group Losses: “ ” “ ” “ ” “ ” “ ” “ ”

(249) Hamburg

25 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Maplesden	220	None	None	Minor	Fighter support was beautiful.
Lt. Laws	887	“	”	“	A/C was hit by flak when on way from IP to bombs away.
Lt. McKee	988	“	”	“	Ship hit by flak.
Lt. Lindahl	360	“	”	None	Bombing PFF unobserved.
Lt. Whitesell	890	“	”	“	Dropped 2 x 500 GP's on primary and jettisoned rest 5345N-0843E.
Lt. McDowell	085	“	”	Minor	
Lt. Martin	311	“	”	“	A/A barrage at target.
Lt. Adams	540	“	”	“	10/10ths over target.
Capt. Tufty	959	“	”	“	
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	“	
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	“	Dropped 11 bombs on primary & 1 at Stade.

Target: Motor transport & armored vehicle factory.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

(250) Munster

26 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Manville	623	None	None	None	Unobserved bombing results.
Capt. Tufty	988	“	”	“	Fighter support was late.
Lt. Lindahl	088	“	”	“	Carried nickels # T-191.
Lt. Laws	360	“	”	“	Observed flak at target.
Lt. Witty	890	“	”	“	Bomb load was 1 x M-64 GP & 6 x M-17 I.B's.
Kt. Whitesell	095	“	”	“	
Lt. Smith, K.S.	887	“	”	“	Spotty fighter support.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	“	
Lt. McDowell	306	“	”	“	Dropped bombs from 26,000 ft.
Lt. Martin	993	“	”	“	Flak at target was low, meager and inaccurate.
Lt. Adams	959	“	”	“	10/10's cloud at target.
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	Nickels carried were 5 x ZQ-66 & 5 x WG-17.

Target: Aircraft repair works of Ludwig-Hanson 2 miles S. of Munster.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

(251) Hamm

30 October 1944

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Brubaker	027	None	None	None	Good fighter support.
Lt. Smith, K.S.	887	“	”	“	Crew reported 10/10's under cast.
Lt. Manville	311	“	”	“	Bombed by PFF.
Lt. McDowell	085	“	”	“	
Lt. Adams	959	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
Lt. Witty	993	“	”	“	Observed flak at target & Osnabruck.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	“	
Lt. Martin	083	“	”	“	Carried 18 x 250 GP's.
Lt. Laws	890	“	”	“	Observed flak at various points.
Lt. Browne, G.M.	988	“	”	“	
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	Low flak at target, Munster & Hamm.

Target: Briefed Primary - synthetic oil plant at Buer.
Attacked Secondary - R/R M/Y's at Hamm.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

5 November 1944

Offenbach

Squadron No. 237

Group No. 253

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	632	None	None	None	Group leader
Lt. Laws	220	“	”	Minor	Fighter support was o.k..
Lt Witty	993	“	”	None	Inaccurate flak barrage at target.
Lt. Browne, G.M.	988	“	”	“	
Lt. Martin	151	“	”	“	Carried 6 x An-M-59 bombs.
Lt. Smith, K.S.	887	“	”	“	Jettisoned bombs.
Lt. Adams, F.L.	959	“	”	Minor	Battle damage due to flak.
Lt. Whitesell	890	“	”	None	Observed smoke over city.
Lt. Brubaker	623	“	”	“	Crew could identify target.
Lt. McGourty	128	“	”	“	Observed flak and rockets.
Lt. Manville	311	“	”	Minor	Good fighter support.
Capt. Tufty	085	-----	Landed away from base due to weather.		

Target: Briefed - M/Y at Frankfurt - Attacked Offenbach.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: 1 killed - 2 wounded

Remarks: On this mission our squadron furnished the lead squadron of the group. Major I. J. Klette and Capt. Ray M. Brown lead the show. The briefed target was the M/Yds. at Frankfurt but the target attacked was the M/Yds. at Offenbach. Results of mission were just fair, bombs were seen bursting 5 miles East of assigned M.P.I. in the town of Offenbach.

6 November 1944

Hamburg

Squadron No. 238

Group No. 254

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. O'Brien	632	None	None	None	Lead ship - High sqdn.
Lt. Smith, K. S.	887	"	"	Minor	Ship hit by flak.
Lt. Martin	151	"	"	"	Dropped 6 x 1000's.
Lt. Maplesden	220	"	"	"	Reported smoke screen at 5040N-1130E.
Lt. Browne, G. M.	988	"	"	Major	Fighter support o.k..
Capt. Tufty	085	"	"	Minor	Intense and accurate flak at target.
Lt. Laws	993	"	"	None	Observed railway and boat movements, smoke screens & underground hangars.
Lt. Gaines	959	"	"	Minor	One flak hole in tail of ship.
Lt. Manville	311	"	"	"	Visibility 6-8/10's at target.
Lt. Whitesell	789	"	"	"	Ship hit by flak.
Lt. Brubaker	623	"	"	"	
Lt. McKee	128	"	"	"	Observed rocket contrails.
Lt. Lindahl	040	"	"	"	7/10's average visibility.

Target: Oil refineries

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: Two killed - 2 wounded.

Remarks: We furnished the high squadron for the group on this mission. The briefed target was Rhenania oil refineries, at Harburg. The results of the bombing were poor as plotted from photographs. The much respected flak was moderate and accurate.

9 November 1944

Metz - Area

Squadron No. 239
Group No. 255

<u>PILOT</u>		<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Lindahl	*	040	None	None	None	Did not bomb - Left bombs at Coulommiers A/D.
Capt. Tufty	*	085	“	”	“	Bombs overshot target.
Lt. Laws	*	993	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Whitesell	*	890	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Flint	*	144	“	”	“	Carried 6 x 1000 bombs.
Lt. Browne, G. M.	*	128	“	”	“	Brought bombs back.
Lt. Bowlan	*	959	“	”	“	” “ ”
Lt. Maplesden	*	220	“	”	“	” “ ”
Capt. Collins	*	623	“	”	“	” “ ”
						Low Squadron leader.
Lt. Martin		151	“	”	“	Brought bombs back.
Lt. Smith, K. S.		889	“	”	“	” “ ”
Lt. McDowell	*	311	-----	Was late in returning to England.		

Target: Fort 4 miles S.E. of Metz (155 mm guns).

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

* Designates that A/C landed in France - Made three runs on target - Did not bomb - Shortage of gas.

Remarks: This squadron furnished the low squadron of the group for this mission. This mission was done at the request of Lt.Gen. Patton in coordination with his drive on Metz. The briefed method was bombing on Gee H and our target was a fort 4 miles SE of Metz. Bombs were not dropped.

16 November 1944

Aachen - Area

Squadron No. 240
Group No. 256

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Lindahl	040	None	None	None	Weather 5-6/10's Good formation. Good fighter support.

Target: Ground support.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: This was a ground support job and the target was an area between Aachen and Eschweiler. Results were unknown, as bombing was done on PFF with a back bearing from Aachen.

21 November 1944

Merseburg

Squadron No. 241
Group No. 257

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	224	None	None	None	Group and Division leader.
Lt. Bowlan	311	“	”	“	Jettisoned bombs 5230N-0810E - unobserved.
Lt. Browne, G. M.	988	“	”	Major	Flak hit #2 and #3 engine.
Lt. Flint	040	“	”	Minor	Good fighter support, bombing 3 ½ min. late.
Capt. Tufty	844	“	”	“	Flak at target.
Lt. Brubaker	623	“	”	Major	“ ” “
Lt. Martin	151	“	”	“	Visual till last minute.
Lt. Vassar	889	“	”	Minor	Unobserved results.
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	Dropped 10 x 500.
Lt. Smith, K. S.	887	----	Landed at Brussels.		
Lt. Whitesell	890	----	Missing in action		
Lt. Laws	993	None	None	Major	Good fighter support.

Target: Synthetic oil

Squadron losses: 1 A/C and crew (Personnel - 9)

Group Losses: 1 A/C and crew, 9 personnel and one killed in action.

Remarks: Our squadron furnished the lead squadron for this group. Major Klette was leading and consequently led the Eighth Air Force on the mission. The formation was forced below briefed bombing altitude by cloud cover and thus bombed from 20,000 ft., instead of the briefed 24,500 ft.. Results were reported as good by mickey operator who's equipment was working well.

4 December 1944

Kassel

Squadron No. 246
Group No. 263

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	632	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	Salvo 4 bombs which hung up.
Lt. Emerson	988	“	”	“	
Lt. Brubaker	166	“	”	“	Bombing by PFF.
Lt. Boies	772	“	”	“	Carried 10 x 500 plus 2 x M-17.
Lt. Kimmel	220	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Bowlan	959	“	”	“	10/10th's at 18,000 at target.
Lt. Vassar	889	“	”	“	Under cast broke up at Rhine.
Lt. Martin	151	“	”	“	
Lt. Balaban	880	“	”	“	Dropped with high squadron.
Lt. Lindahl	040	“	”	“	Meager-inaccurate A/A fire at target.
Lt. Raisin	993	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.

Target: Briefed - R/R marshaling yards at Soest. Attacked - M/Y at Kassel.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We flew in the low squadron and bombed the secondary target at Kassel, Germany. Bombing was done by mickey methods and was unobserved. The low squadron took over the lead at I.P, and relinquished the same after the target. A good run was reported and operator believes there were good results. No pictures were available.

9 December 1944

Stuttgart

Squadron No. 247

Group No. 265

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	632	None	None	None	Group leader of 1 st "C" CBW.
Lt. Auth	988	"	"	Minor	
Lt. Spicer	568	"	"	"	Got all bombs away o.k..
Lt. Brubaker	623	"	"	None	Meager-inaccurate flak at target.
Lt. Kimmel	844	"	"	"	Carried 6 x 500 and 4 x M-17.
Lt. Lindahl	040	"	"	"	Sharp left turn by leader, shook up formation.
Lt. Bowlan	959	"	"	"	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Laws	993	"	"	"	Jettisoned 1 bomb 10 sec. Later.
Lt. Martin	151	"	"	"	
Lt. McDowell	880	"	"	Minor	Moderate tracking flak at target.
Lt. Vassar	889	"	"	None	Very good fighter support.
Lt. Mablesden	220	"	"	"	Observed flak at various points.

Target: Railway M/Y.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: It was our turn to fly lead squadron of this group and the target was Stuttgart, Germany. The mickey equipment in the lead ship failed and the high squadron took over. A plot of the strike photos show that bombs hit on Southern edge of M/Yds, South of the M.P.I..

11 December 1944

Frankfurt

Squadron No. 248
Group No. 266

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	632	None	None	None	High squadron leader.
Lt. Miller, G. F.	772	Aborted at 5027-0145 due to oxygen system being out.			
Lt. Emerson	844	None	None	None	Cut route short on way back.
Lt. Bowlan	959	“	”	“	10/10th's at 18,000 in target area.
Lt. Adams, M. A.	988	“	”	“	No observations.
Lt. Lindahl	040	“	”	“	Lost one engine over target.
Lt. Laws	993	“	”	“	Dropped all bombs o.k. on target.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	Ships carried 12 x 500's.
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	Report poor assembly.
Lt. Balaban	151	“	”	“	Bombed at 24,900 ft.
Lt. Raisin	623	“	”	Minor	Inaccurate flak at target.
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Vassar	889	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.

Target: Marshaling yards.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the high squadron for this mission to Frankfurt and bombing was done on pathfinder methods. Due to a malfunction of the PFF equipment in the lead ship of the group, Major Klette and Capt. Westwood assumed lead of group for the purpose of bombing but relinquished the lead after target. Bomb plot of PFF photo show that hits were in Eastern part of town, hitting the M/Yds on that side of the target.

12 December 1944

Merseburg

Squadron No. 249

Group No. 267

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Close	224	None	None	Minor	Low squadron leader.
Lt. Adams, M. B.	988	“	”	None	All bombs on target.
Lt. Emerson	205	“	”	“	Flak at Koblenz and target.
Lt. Bowlan	959	“	”	“	Dropped bombs on target of opportunity.
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	
Lt. Vassar	889	“	”	“	Flak at I. P. and target.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	Observed one break in cloud.
Lt. Lindahl	623	“	”	“	1147 ½ - time of bombs away.
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	Dropped 4 bombs 4 minutes after target.
Lt. Raisin	844	“	”	“	Bombed from 23,700 ft..
Lt. Laws	993	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Boies	151	“	”	“	Under cast to and from target.

Target: - (secondary) Synthetic oil.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The briefed primary target was Lutzkendorf, but due to cloud cover attacked secondary of Merseburg, Leuna, Germany. We flew in the low squadron position and Major Close lead. PFF bomb plot reports show bombs fell to the North and short of M.P.I., but some are believed to have fallen in target area.

18 December 1944

Luxembourg Area - (Screening Force) .Squadron No. 250
Group No. 269

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	224	None	None	None	Group leader - PFF A/C.
Lt. Maplesden	174	“	”	“	PFF A/C.
Lt. Raisin	889	“	”	“	Course slightly deviated.
Lt. Bowlan	205	“	”	“	
Lt. Boies	772	“	”	“	Uneventful
Lt. Emerson	946	“	”	“	
Lt. Gaines	568	“	”	“	Report good briefed course.
Lt. Kimmel	844	“	”	“	Fighter support as briefed.
Lt. Adams, M. B.	988	“	”	“	No flak encountered.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	No observations.
Lt. Laws	993	“	”	“	
Lt. Balaban	151	“	”	“	Altitude at target 29 to 31,000 ft.

Target: Dropping chaff in Luxembourg area. 5035N-0603E to 4935N-0625E.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The squadron put up a twelve ship formation to provide a screening force in the Luxembourg area. Chaff was dropped in approximately briefed area and fighter support was reported adequate.

24 December 1944

Kirch-Gons

Squadron No. 251
Group No. 270

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	174	None	None	None	1 st C.B.W. "C" Group leader.
Lt. Boies	772	"	"	"	Dropped all bombs on target o.k..
Lt. Auth	988	"	"	"	Two bombs hung up - dropped them at 5025N-0625E in woods and town, on A/C 568.
Lt. Spicer	568	"	"	"	Good bombing results.
Lt. Vassar	889	"	"	"	
Lt. Adams	623	"	"	"	Observed barges South of Koblenz.
Lt. Kimmel	844	"	"	"	Report excellent results.
Lt. Lindahl	040	"	"	"	Reported snow from 5 to 7 degrees East.
Lt. Martin, T. C.	151	"	"	"	Altitude of attack 21,700 ft.
Lt. Raisin	993	"	"	"	Jettisoned bombs in channel.
Lt. McDowell	880	"	"	"	3 bombs hung up, dropped 2 in Germany & 1 in channel.
Lt. Bowlan	946	"	1	"	Crashed landed near Shepworth, England, broken leg.
Lt. Maplesden	220	"	None	Minor	Flak at 5022-0550 and 5025-0635.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: 1 Group Losses: 1 A/C (9 personnel).

Remarks: We furnished the lead squadron of a composite group made up of a high squadron from the 381st Group and low squadron from the 398th Group. The target was a grass airfield behind German lines reported being used as a base for fighter A/C attacking our troops. The M.P.I. was the center of the landing area and strike photos showed excellent results. Enough craters were visible to make the A/F non-operational for a short time and thus hinder German air support to their troops. The returning A/C were diverted because of poor visibility prevailing at the base and landed at Bury St. Edmunds. During take off Lt. Bowlan's A/C crashed landed near Shepworth and the only injury was a broken leg. T/Sgt. Vivian R. Chowning being the only one hurt.

28 December 1944

Remagen

Squadron No. 252
Group No. 271

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	632	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
Lt. Emerson	205	“	”	“	Fighter support o.k..
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	8,000 ft. top under cast.
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	Bombing results - G.H. unobserved.
Lt. Adams, M. B.	988	“	”	“	10/10ths under cast.
Lt. Vassar	889	“	”	“	Observed parachute at 21,000 ft. 5023N-0532E at 1255 hours.
Lt. McDowell	080	“	”	“	No.3 engine failed-turning back at 5040N-0340E.
Lt. Lindahl	040	“	”	“	Hit primary by G.H.
Lt. Kimmel	844	“	”	“	No observations.
Lt. Raisin	623	“	”	“	Jettisoned 2 bombs at 5034N- 0716E.
Lt. Laws	993	“	”	“	Reported flak after target.
Lt. Boies	772	“	”	“	Dropped all bombs on target.

Target: Railway bridge.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: The briefed primary target was a railway bridge across the Rhine river at the town of Remagen. Our squadron furnished the low squadron of the group for the mission. The target was attacked by Gee H. means and later P.R.U. showed the main concentration fell on the approach to the bridge with good results. Major Klette & Capt. Collins lead the squadron and meager scattered flak was reported. No battle damage was received.

31 December 1944

Bitburg

Squadron No. 253

Group No. 273

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	155	None	None	None	Group leader
Lt. Maplesden	174	“	”	“	
Lt. Miller, G.F.	085	“	”	“	Dropped bombs on target o.k..
Lt. Bowlan	959	“	”	“	Observed flak before target.
Lt. Goldberg	205	“	”	“	Flak in target area.
Lt. Martin, T. C.	151	“	”	“	Fair fighter support.
Lt. McDowell	880	“	”	“	Bombing done by G.H..
Lt. Lindahl	040	“	”	“	Bombed by G.H. but report it could have been done visual.
Lt. Raisin	993	“	”	“	Report no hits observed in target area.
Lt. Gaines	889	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Auth	988	“	”	“	
Lt. Kimmel	844	“	”	“	Flak in target area.

Target: Communication center of Bitburg.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: This squadron supplied the lead squadron of the group on this mission which was briefed to attack the town of Bitburg, a communication center behind German lines. The target was attacked on Gee H. methods but not hit as later determined by cloud covered strike photos.

1 January 1945

Kassel

Squadron No. 254

Group No. 274

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Manville	174	None	None	Minor	Lead the high squadron.
Lt. Wallace	623	“	”	“	Dropped one bomb on T/O - 3 min. after target.
Lt. Goldberg	205	“	”	“	Bombed with lead squadron.
Lt. Bowlan	889	“	”	“	Observed fire burning in channel at 3 degrees E.
Lt. Auth	988	“	”	“	Fighter support was o.k..
Lt. Boies	772	“	”	“	Claim bombs fell in South part of M/Yds.
Lt. Kimmel	844	“	”	None	Reports hits in town & M/Yds.
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	Reported fighter support fair.
Lt. Miller	959	“	”	“	Observed flak before, at and after target.
Lt. Laws	993	“	”	“	In the 3 degrees area observed 7 chutes on water & dingy.
Lt. Martin	151	“	”	Minor	Average clouds 5/10ths in & out.
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	None	Bombing done from 26,900 ft.
Lt. Lindahl	040	“	”	“	Dropped 7 bombs 30 sec. late. Reason unknown.

Target: Briefed secondary PFF - Kassel locomotive works.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: 1 A/C and 9 crew members killed. (401st ship and crew) A/C crashed at Steeple Morden to reasons unknown.

Remarks: The attacked target for this date was the locomotive works at Kassel, now producing the Tiger and Panther tanks and other military equipment. It was the briefed secondary PFF target. 8/10's under cast at primary caused the formation to bomb secondary target. The high squadron which Lt. Manville lead, dropped its bombs considerably South of the aiming point. This squadron experienced meager, inaccurate A/A fire on first pass. No enemy fighters encountered.

2 January 1945

Prum

Squadron No. 255

Group No. 275

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette & Lt. Brubaker	174	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
Lt. Goldberg	993	“	”	“	Brought back one bomb.
Lt. Martin, J.	880	“	”	“	Jettisoned one and brought back one bomb.
Lt. Gaines	889	“	”	“	Report bombs in woods and right of town.
Lt. Auth	988	“	”	“	Report flak at target area.
Lt. Adams	623	“	”	“	Jettisoned 2 bombs.
Lt. Maplesden	220	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
Lt. Banta	568	“	”	“	Some E/A reported over radio.
Lt. Lindahl	040	“	”	“	Reports hit in town.
Lt. Martin, T.C.	151	“	”	“	Report bombs to right of target.
Lt. Kimmel	844	“	”	“	Carried 12 x 500 pound bombs.
Lt. Miller, G.F.	772	“	”	“	Good fighter support.

Target: Communications center of Prum.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Bombing was done by GH, Major Klette leading the low squadron of the 1st “A” Group. Strike attack photo shows bombs bursting South and West of the approximate M.P.I., which was a communications center on railroad on Southern outskirts of the town of Prum. All aircraft carried 12 x 500 pound AN-M64 bombs. Disposition of bombs were as follows: 139 on primary target, 3 jettisoned and 2 brought back. Flak for this mission was not too rough and the Luftwaffe stayed on the ground.

5 January 1945

Koblenz

Squadron No. 256
Group No. 277

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
174	Major Klette & Lt. Adams	None	None	None	Group leader.
772	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Report cirrus clouds at 27,000 ft.
889	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	10/10th's to the briefed I.P..
220	Lt, Maplesden	“	”	“	Carried 12 x 500 pounders.
959	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	Fighter support fair going in and good coming out.
085	Lt. Miller, G.F.	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
151	Lt. Martin, T.C.	“	”	“	Report flak at target & after.
988	Lt. Balaban	“	”	“	PFF - Unobserved results.
205	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	”	“	Bombed T/O, 5038-0618E, Flew with 381 st .
040	Lt. Lindahl	“	”	“	Flew left of course on way out.
993	Lt. Laws	-----Aborted over channel and brought bombs back, #4 engine trouble and couldn't catch formation.			
110 (GH)	Lt. Boies	None	None	None	Dropped 6 bombs on Koblenz and brought back 6.

Target: Secondary PFF - Marshaling yards at Koblenz.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Koblenz the target, with the M.P.I. in the center of the marshaling yards, was bombed by PFF in group formation. A/A. Fire was inaccurate, meager and scattered. Major Klette group leader, which was “B” Group of the “B” Force. Nickels carried on this mission were 10 x T-263 bombs, A/C carrying same furnished by the 401st Sqdn.. The operator of the PFF equipment of the lead ship thinks he had good results.

6 January 1945

Cologne

Squadron No. 257

Group No. 278

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
632	Lt. Manville	None	None	None	High squadron leader.
880	Lt. Balaban	“	”	Major	Landed in France - All safe.
844	Lt. Kimmel	“	”	None	Flew with low squadron.
205	Lt. Martin, J.	“	”	“	Bombing results unobserved.
085	Lt. Miller, G.F.	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Dropped all bombs on target.
623	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	”	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage.
998	Lt. Santos	“	”	None	Carried 6 x 1000 pounders.
040	Lt. Lindahl	“	”	“	Report 10/10ths clouds.
889	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	Carried nickels.
151	Lt. Martin, T.C.	“	”	Minor	Battle damage caused by flak.
772	Lt. Boies	“	”	“	” “ ” “ ”
220	Lt. Maplesden	“	”	None	Very good fighter support.

Target: Suspension bridge.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: 1 A/C (9 crew members).

Remarks: This target, more or less a milk run, was in the sights of our bombardiers again today, followed up with the toggaliars. The high squadron leader was Lt. Manville. Bombing was done in squadron formation by PFF methods and the mickey operators report excellent runs with the equipment working properly, with unobserved results. One more comment is that G-fixes taken at bombs away indicate that results will be good. Fighter support was good, especially in target area. Two contrails observed while en route in and out, and were described as rocket contrails.

10 January 1945

Ostheim

Squadron No. 258

Group No. 279

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
174	Lt. Brubaker & Lt. Gaines	None	None	None	Low Sqdn. Leader of "C" Group.
993	Lt. Laws	"	"	"	Claim bombs fell short of target.
623	Lt. Madsen	"	"	"	2 bombs hung up - brought back.
220	Lt. Maplesden	"	"	"	Fighter support no good.
988	Lt. Martin, J.	"	3 WIA, 2 KIA	A/C salvaged	
568	Lt. Miller	"	None	None	
151	Lt. Martin, T.C.	"	"	Damaged in landing	Landed in France, air strip A-83 Crew o.k..
889	Lt. Balaban	"	"	None	Observed flak 2-3 min. before target.
205	Lt. Emerson	"	"	"	Observed hits on airfield.
040	Lt. Lindahl	"	"	"	Fighter support poor.
844	Lt. Kimmel	"	"	"	Couldn't keep up with formation, but nevertheless dropped bombs on primary.
959	Lt. Spicer	"	"	"	10 minute opening at target made possible visual bombing.

Target: Airdrome - Aiming point being center of field.

Squadron Losses: 3 wounded - 2 killed - 1 A/C #988 salvaged.

Group Losses: Same as squadron.

Remarks: The 91st was required to furnish four squadrons for to-days mission and the 324th was assigned to fly the low squadron of the 1st "C" Group with Lt. Brubaker and Lt. Gaines leading the squadron. The object of this mission was to tear up the grass part of the airdrome and at the same time do what other damage possible and from strike attack photos this was done. Ostheim to a certain extent is a part of Cologne and affords an airdrome which defends Cologne together with others.

15 January 1945

Ingolstadt (secondary)

Squadron No. 259
Group No. 281

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
174	Major Close	None	None	None	1 st "C" Group leader.
623	Lt. Adams, M.B.	"	"	"	No flak reported.
844	Lt. Kimmel	"	"	"	Bombed on leader with 10/10ths cloud & ground haze.
959	Lt. Bowlan	"	"	"	Excellent fighter support.
889	Lt. Banta	"	"	"	Bombing results unobserved.
568	Lt. Balaban	"	"	"	
220	Lt. Maplesden	"	"	"	Observed V-2 contrails at 4945-0436.
772	Lt. Boies	"	"	"	10/10ths weather.
085	Lt. Wallace	"	"	"	Carried 10 x 500 pounders.
040	Lt. Lindahl	"	"	"	No flak.
993	Lt. Laws	"	"	"	Fighter support as briefed.
205	Lt. Emerson	"	"	"	Bombing done from 25,000 ft.

Target: Marshaling yards and railway workshops.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Squadron operations officer Major Close lead the 1st "C" Group to the marshaling yards and railway workshops at Ingolstadt which was our secondary or H2X target. PFF was the method by which they bombed with the high squadron following up on the smoke markers of the low squadron due to equipment failing. The crews report that the fighters afforded excellent support. Results were unobserved but claims were that they should be good.

17 January 1945

Paderborn

Squadron No. 260

Group No. 282

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
174	Lt. Manville	None	None	None	High squadron leader.
844	Lt. Kimmel	“	”	“	
889	Lt. Auth	“	”	“	Carried 10 x 500 pounders.
959	Lt. Bowlan	“	”	“	Had to do considerable Amount of “s-ing”.
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	V-2 observed at 5237-0308E.
623	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	”	“	Observations nil.
939	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	No flak.
790	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Fighter support was o.k..
772	Lt. Boies	“	”	“	
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Dropped bombs on Sqdn. Leader.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	Fighter support was as briefed.
205	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	8-9/10th's en route and at target.

Target: (secondary) Marshaling yards

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: 130 x 500 and 1 x M-17 bombs were dropped on the marshaling yards at Paderborn by PFF methods with good results. Lt. Manville led the squadron flying the high squadron. A/A fire was reported to be nil which goes for the enemy fighters also.

20 January 1945

Ludwigshaven

Squadron No. 261
Group No. 283

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
475	Major Klette & Lt. Brubaker	None	None	Minor	Low squadron leader.
085	Lt. Miller	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Flak at target.
959	Lt. Bowlan	“	”	“	Dropped all bombs on target.
772	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Flak cause of battle damage.
844	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	Weather 9/10th's - hole just after target.
889	Lt. Martin, T.C.	“	”	“	Received flak at target.
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	Flak on bomb run, cause of battle damage.
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	
623	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	”	“	Crew observations nil.
205	Lt. Laws	“	”	None	Bombing from 27,100 ft..
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	Minor	Report excellent fighter support.

Target: Marshaling yards.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Klette assisted by Lt. Brubaker lead this low squadron for to days mission, which took them to Ludwigshaven-Mannheim span bridge crossing the Rhine river connecting the two cities. Photo interpretation shows that most bombs fell on the Western approach to the bridge. Bombing altitude was 27,300 ft.. Majority of the A/C suffered minor battle damage, which applies to this squadron only. Fighter support in general was o.k..

22 January 1945

Sterkrade

Squadron No. 262
Group No. 285

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
478	Major Klette & Lt. Adams, F.L.	None	None	Major	Group leader.
205	Lt. Auth	“	”	“	Dropped all bombs on target.
085	Lt. Miller, G.F.	“	”	Minor	Good fighter support.
036	Lt. Bowlan	“	”	Major	
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Crew says it was visual all the way.
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	Minor	Jettisoned 3 bombs 1 ½ min. late - hung up.
889	Lt. Martin, T.C.	“	1	Major	Bombardier received slight eye lid injury.
678	Lt. Banta	“	None	“	
293	Lt. Johnson	“	”	Minor	Dropped 10 x 500 lb. Bombs.
429	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	“	”	Report Mosquito's chaff of no benefit.
993	Lt. Laws	“	”	“	Claim bombs to be in target area.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	Major	Received flak in target area.

Target: Synthetic oil plant

Squadron Losses: 1 casualty (injured) Group Losses: 2 casualties (injured) .

Remarks: The groups of 1st Division were called upon to furnish a group of 2 squadrons. The 91st (lead & low) being assigned the 1st “A” Group thereby making them Division leaders, and also of which privilege the 324th squadron held.. Major Klette together with his bombardiers put their bombs right in there, the synthetic oil plant two miles West of Sterkrade. The night target map bomb plot and strike photos indicate the results. Flak was observed and described being moderate, accurate and tracking.

28 January 1945

Cologne

Squadron No. 263

Group No. 286

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
357	Lt. Manville	None	None	None	High squadron leader.
085	Lt. Miller, G.F.	“	”	“	
772	Lt. Auth	“	”	“	Observed flak - meager - inaccurate at target.
844	Lt. Martin, T.C.	“	”	“	Fighter support was fair.
095	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	Carried nickels.
205	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	
623	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	”	“	Claim bombs to be a little short, but not sure.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	Minor	
889	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Report two direct hits on target.
959	Lt. Woolard	“	”	None	
993	Lt. Laws	“	”	“	Ground haze at target.
306	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	Minor	

Target: Hohenzollern road & railroad bridge over Rhine river.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The high squadron leader for this mission was Lt. Manville, A/C 357, bombing on the smoke markers of the lead squadron. Strike photos show hits on the West end of bridge with the main concentration of bombs short and slightly to the left. One A/C jettisoned its bombs at 5103-0628E giving him a sortie. No losses sustained.

29 January 1945

Niederlahnstein

Squadron No. 264

Group No. 287

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
471	Lt. Brubaker	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
959	Lt. Johnson	“	”	“	Fighter support was very good.
085	Lt. Miller, G.F.	“	”	Major	
568	Lt. Martin, T.C.	“	”	None	No observations.
144	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	Dropped all bombs on target.
844	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	24,900 ft. was bombing altitude.
623	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	”	“	Noticed flak at target.
678	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	Minor	Dropped 3 bombs late.
889	Lt. Santos	“	”	None	Report flak was high and wide.
722	Lt. Auth	“	”	“	
993	Lt. Woolard	“	”	Minor	Hit by flak after bombs away.
761	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	PFF bombing - unobserved.

Target: Railway center.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Twelve A/C, including one PFF, took off from 0748-0851 hours to form the low squadron of the 1st “C” Group. The assembly was accomplished without difficulty and the entire mission was flown in company with the lead squadron of this group. The leader of this squadron was Lt. Brubaker. The lead squadron bombing by G.H. with this squadron following up. One major and 3 minor battle damages sustained, with no injuries to personnel.

3 February 1945

Berlin

Squadron No. 265
Group No. 289

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
632	Lt. Col. Lord & Lt. Adams	None	Entire crew & ship lost over target.		Group leader.
959	Lt. Johnson, E.O.	“	One	Major	Flak at target.
085	Lt. Miller, G.F.	Missing in action,			
772	Lt. Martin, T.C.	None	None	Minor	Fighter support o.k. on way in.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	Weather reported - clear over target.
806	Lt. Woolard	“	”	None	Bombs carried - 6 x 500 & 4 M-17's.
844	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
623	Lt. Adams, M.B.	“	”	Minor	Report good hits on target.
205	Lt. Martin, J.(NMI)	“	”	“	Observed B-17's colliding.
889	Lt. Hickenbotham	“	”	“	Crew says smoke screen was ineffective.
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Report flak at Berlin only.
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	Bombing results unobserved.
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	Minor	Bombing altitude - 24,700 ft.

Target: Communications center.

Squadron Losses: 2 ships and 18 personnel.

Group Losses: 2 ships and 19 personnel.

Remarks: Our squadron furnished the lead squadron of the group in a great air assault against the Reich capital, Berlin, two A/C were lost in the group on this mission and both unfortunately were from our squadron. The lead ship was hit over the target by a direct burst of flak and was reported breaking into two pieces, the split coming about in the mid-section of the A/C. Four chutes were reported leaving the ship. This lead crew was a loss to the group and squadron of highly trained personnel. The second ship lost was piloted by Lt. Thomas C. Martin and no information, except that the A/C was hit over the target by flak.

Note by transcriber: Actually the second ship lost was piloted by Lt. G. F. Miller, not Lt. T. C. Martin.

6 February 1945

Gotha

Squadron No. 266
Group No. 290

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
651	Lt. Gaines	None	None	None	High squadron leader.
153	Lt. Hickenbotham	“	”	Minor	Carried 10 x 500 pounders.
889	Lt. Santos	“	”	None	Flak observed at various points.
707	Lt. Auth	“	”	“	
306	Lt. Woolard	(Ship carrying nickels - Aborted - Couldn't gain altitude).			
755	Lt. Emerson	None	None	Minor	Observed flak at target.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	None	No crew observations.
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Report flak at various points.
772	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	Minor	Battle damage caused by flak.
844	Lt. Banta	“	”	None	Bombing done from 25,000 ft..
623	Lt. Johnson, E.O.	-----	Aborted	----	
220	Lt. Madsen	None	None	“	Fighter support was good on way in, poor on way out.
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	Fighter support poor after target.

Target: Marshaling yards at Gotha (T/O)

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: We flew this mission in the high squadron and were led by Lt. G. E. Gaines. Due to 10/10ths cloud cover, bombing of the primary was abandoned and Gotha was selected as a target of opportunity. No strike photos are available for plotting accuracy of bombing.

9 February 1945

Altenbeken

Squadron No. 267
Group No. 291

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
588	Lt. Brubaker	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
959	Lt. Thompson	“	”	“	Report flak at Egmond only.
889	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Fighter support was spotty.
993	Lt. Auth	“	”	“	Bombing altitude was 22,500 ft.
153	Lt. Hickinbotham	“	”	“	Observed V-2.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Carried 6 x 1000 pounders.
772	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	“	No flak reported.
035	Lt. Woolard	“	”	“	Brought bombs back, switches on bomb bay not turned on.
844	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	Observed V-2 activity at approx. 6 degrees.
429	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Made 360 at I.P. to avoid collision with the 398 th Group.
205	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	

Target: Railway viaduct.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The 324th squadron was flying in the low sqdn. this mission. Bombing was done on G-H and fixes at bombs
away indicate possible good results. The flak was only observed and not near enough to cause any damage.

15 February 1945

Dresden

Squadron No. 268

Group No. 293

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
777	Major Klette & Capt. Manville	None	None	None	Group Leader
651	Lt. Auth	“	”	“	Deputy Group leader.
568	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	
844	Lt. Banta	“	”	“	Bombs carried were 18 x 250.
153	Lt. Hickinbotham	“	”	“	Observed flak at various points.
880	Lt. Thompson	“	”	“	Bombing results unobserved.
959	Lt. Woolard	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
889	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Crew reports 10/10ths weather.
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Bombing results unobserved.
772	Lt. Martin, J.	“	”	“	Carried nickels.
205	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	Altitude of bombing was 24,600 ft.

Target: City of Dresden (secondary H-2-X).

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Klette and Capt. Manville lead the group on the mission to Dresden. The assigned primary target was synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, 11 miles South of Leipzig. The secondary P.F.F. target was attacked and a PFF plot indicates good results. There wasn't any flak encountered in the target area.

16 February 1945

Gelsenkirchen

Squadron No. 269
Group No. 294

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
777	Capt. Brubaker	None	None	Minor	High squadron leader.
475	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Deputy leader of high squadron.
153	Lt. Santos	“	”	Major	Report flak moderate & accurate.
205	Lt. Emerson	“	”	Minor	Didn't see fighter support.
880	Lt. Thompson	“	”	Major	Flak was cause of battle damage.
889	Lt. Hickinbotham	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1351 hours.
959	Lt. Woolard	“	”	Minor	Carried 12 x 500 lb. bombs.
844	Lt. Falkenmayer	“	”	“	Saw B-17 go down in target area.
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Flak became worse after bombs away.
623	Lt. Meyer	“	”	None	Report fighter support inadequate.
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	Major	Brought bombs back.
772	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	None	Couldn't keep up with formation.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	Minor	Observations were nil.

Target: Benzol plant

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the high squadron for this mission and it was lead by Capt. Brubaker. The results of the mission were good as shown on photographs. Moderate, accurate flak was encountered in the target area.

19 February 1945

Dortmund

Squadron No. 270

Group No. 295

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
931	Major Klette & Lt. Gaines	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
153	Lt. Hickinbotham	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
959	Lt. Woolard	“	”	“	Observed an A/C blow up.
220	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	
880	Lt. Thompson	“	”	“	At 1447 hours an A-20 blew up.
205	Lt. Meyer	“	”	“	
844	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Report flak at target.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	Report compass wasn't working.
772	Lt. Banta	“	”	Minor	Lt. Banta hit in the hand by flak.
014	Lt. Emerson	“	”	None	No contrails observed.
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	Weather conditions was 10/10ths, tops at 10,000 ft.
568	Lt. Falkenmayer	“	”	Minor	Observed a rocket at the I.P..

Target: Synthetic oil.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The assigned and attacked target was a synthetic oil plant at Dortmund, and our squadron furnished the low squadron. Bombing was on Gee-H methods with unobserved results. Flak experienced at the target was nil.

21 February 1945

Nurnberg

Squadron No. 271
Group No. 297

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
777	Major Klette & Capt. Manville	None	None	None	Group leader.
540	Lt. Falkenmayer	“	”	“	Dropped 5 x 500 & 5 M-17's.
618	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	#2 engine feathered due to oil leak.
145	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Deputy leader.
568	Capt. Tufty	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
844	Lt. Pate	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
153	Lt. Hickenbotham	“	”	“	Flak at target.
880	Lt. Meyer	“	”	“	Bombed on squadron leader in squadron formation.
772	Lt. Martin	“	”	“	10/10 th's cloud at target.
959	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	Fighter support was as briefed.
116	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	
623	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Bombing altitude was 25,500 ft..

Target: Electrical equipment factory.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Klette and Capt. Manville lead the 1st “C” Group to attack the marshaling yards at Nurnberg. Bombing was accomplished on H2X methods with unobserved results. A plot made with pictures taken by lead mickey operator showed bombs to have fallen in target area. Flak in the target area was nil.

22 February 1945

Stendal

Squadron No. 272

Group No. 298

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
777	Lt. Gaines	None	None	None	High squadron leader.
153	Lt. Hickenbotham	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support.
880	Lt. Falkenmeyer	“	”	“	Report fire in Luneburg M/Y.
623	Capt. Tufty	“	”	“	Says MPI well hit, very good pattern.
959	Lt. Gladitsch	“	”	“	Carried nickels.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	Target attacked at 1229 hours.
844	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	
772	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	“	Bombing altitude was 12,500 ft..
993	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	
205	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	Flak was nil.
755	Lt. Moyer	“	”	“	Carried 12 x 500 pound bombs.
790	Lt. Pate	“	”	“	Reported smoke screen at Wittenburg.
598	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Flew route as briefed.

Target: Railway traffic center

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The high squadron was lead by Lt. Gaines and the target bombed was the marshaling yards at Stendal. The target was attacked visually and strike photos show that bombs from the high squadron fell partially on the marshaling yards near the assigned M.P.I..

23 February 1945

Meiningen

Squadron No. 273

Group No. 299

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
651	Capt. Manville & Capt. Tufty	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
959	Lt. Gladitsch	“	”	Minor	Battle damage caused by flak.
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	Landed at B-53 due to gas shortage.
844	Lt. Santos	“	”	None	
772	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1247 hours.
880	Lt. Hatfield	“	”	“	Saw flak at the lines on way out.
623	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
153	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	“	Landed away due to gas shortage.
036	Lt. Goldberg	“	”	“	Crew observations were nil.
205	Lt. Emerson	“	”	Minor	Good fighter support.
429	Lt. Moyer	“	”	“	Heard of bandits over VHF.
993	Lt. Pate	“	”	None	Bombed on lead A/C

Target: T/O (Meiningen)

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our squadron furnished the low squadron for this mission and attacked Meiningen. The primary target, Hof, Germany, was not attacked due to cloud cover. Flak in the target area was nil although some was observed en route. Strike photos taken show concentrations of bombs falling in the town.

26 February 1945

Berlin

Squadron No. 274
Group No. 301

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
651	Major Klette & Capt. Brubaker	None	None	None	Group leader
205	Lt. Falkenmayer	“	”	“	
880	Lt. Thompson	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
471	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Group deputy leader
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	24,900 ft. was bombing altitude.
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	
153	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	V-bombs seen at 5240-0730 at 1106 hours.
993	Lt. Gladitsch	“	”	“	Weather conditions were 10/10ths from Zuider Zee on in.
772	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	Minor	
959	Lt. Woolard	“	”	None	Observed flak at target.
626	Lt. Pate	“	”	“	
889	Lt. Hatfield	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.

Target: Railway station in Eastern section of Berlin.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Klette and Capt. Brubaker lead the second attack of the month by this group on the Reich capital, Berlin. Bombing was done by H2X methods with unobserved results. A plot made from scope photos showed bombs to have fallen near assigned M.P.I.'s. Moderate and inaccurate flak was encountered over target.

27 February 1945

Leipzig

Squadron No. 275
Group No. 302

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
651	Major Klette	None	None	None	High squadron leader
205	Lt. Falkenmeyer	“	”	“	
153	Lt. Johnson	“	”	“	No flak reported
993	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Altitude of attack was 26,700 feet.
880	Lt. Thompson	“	”	“	Carried nickels
772	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	“	
220	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	Report bombs hit in city.
623	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Very good fighter support
615	Lt. Hatfield	“	”	“	
040	Lt. Wallace	“	”	“	No contrails reported
959	Lt. Woolard	“	”	“	No crew observations.
889	Lt. Pate	“	”	“	Report 10/10's overcast.
308	Lt. Moyer	“	”	“	Bombing results unobserved
591 (323 A/C)	Lt. Gladitsch	“	”	“	Flew with 398 th Group

Target: Tank and Locomotive factory

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The squadron for this mission flew in the high squadron and bombed the secondary target of Leipzig with unobserved results. H2X photographs indicate good results. Meager and very inaccurate flak was experienced in the target area.

28 February 1945

Schwerte

Squadron No. 276

Group No. 303

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
588	Major Klette & Lt. Vassar	None	None	None	Leader of low squadron.
205	Lt. Falkenmayer	“	”	“	Carried 16 x 300 and 2 x 500 lb. Bombs.
959	Lt. Woolard	“	”	“	
993	Lt. Santos	“	”	“	Flak was meager & inaccurate.
040	Lt. Camp	“	”	“	10/10's with tops at 8,000 ft..
880	Lt. Thompson	“	”	“	
623	Lt. Spicer	“	”	“	Altitude of attack was 24,700 ft..
889	Lt. Hatfield	“	”	“	
772	Lt. Martin, John	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
153	Lt. Emerson	“	”	“	Fighter support was fair to good.
568	Lt. Madsen	“	”	“	
880	Lt. Moyer	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.

Target: Railway marshaling yards.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the low squadron for this mission. Bombing was done on Gee-H methods and a photo plot indicates good results. Meager & inaccurate flak observed on the bombing run, but no damage was received.

2 March 1945

Chemnitz & Jocketa

Squadron No. 277
Group No. 305

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette & Major Griffin	651	None	None	None	Group leader
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	Carried 10 x 500 pounders
Lt. Hatfield	889	“	”	“	
Lt. Spicer	630	“	”	“	Deputy Group leader
Lt. Martin, John	220	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results
Lt. Johnson	959	“	”	“	Report bombs hitting in built up area
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	“	Made a 360 before target
Lt. Goldberg	993	“	”	“	Landed in Brussels
Lt. Moyer	772	“	”	“	Attacked target from 25,500 ft.
Lt. Falkenmeyer	205	“	”	“	Fighter support reported good
Lt. Wallace	040	“	”	“	8 to 9/10 with a slight opening over city
Lt. Camp	7880	“	”	“	Brought back one bomb because station wasn't cocked

Target: Marshaling yards at Chemnitz.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Klette and Major Griffin lead the group on a H2X bombing mission to Chemnitz, Germany. The target at Chemnitz was the railway marshaling yards. Flak at the target was nil, but A/A fire was observed from Brux.

3 March 1945

Chemnitz

Squadron No. 278
Group No. 306

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	777	None	None	None	High squadron leader
Lt. Gladitsch	040	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results
Lt. Camp	772	“	”	“	
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	“	Good fighter support
Lt. Hatfield	623	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	“	Carried nickels
Lt. Falkenmeyer	205	“	”	“	Flying conditions were 8-10/10ths with unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Madsen	504	“	”	“	Altitude of attack was 25,900 ft.
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	”A” Group reported bandits
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Crew observed part of the town
Lt. Pate	889	“	”	“	10 x 500 pound bombs carried
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	Bandits reported but not seen by this Group.
Lt. McEwen	844	“	”	“	Fighter support was good

Target: Marshaling yards at Chemnitz.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our squadron flew in the high position and bombed the secondary target of Chemnitz. The high squadron due to malfunction of the P.F.F. equipment bombed on the smoke markers of the lead squadron who reported having a normal H2X bomb run.

4 March 1945

Ulm, Reutlingen and a last resort

Squadron No. 279

Group No. 307

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	357	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
Lt. Goldberg	959	Aborted over field			
Lt. Thompson	8880	None	None	“	Unobserved bombing results
Lt. Santos	889	“	”	“	Had plenty of fighter support at target
Lt. Martin, John (NMI)	772	“	”	“	Carried 8 X 500 pounders and 4 x M-17 I.B.
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	“	
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	Observed other groups
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	Reported weather to be soupie all the way to Germany.
Lt. Gladitsch	623	“	”	“	Flew route as briefed
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	“	
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Crew says they didn't have quite enough time at assembly.
Lt. McEwen	040	“	”	“	Fighter support was good

Target: Center of city of Ulm

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: We flew the low squadron for this mission and attacked the center of Ulm on H2X methods. Results on this mission as plotted from scope photos can be classified as good.

8 March 1945

Huls

Squadron No. 280

Group No. 309

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	588	None	None	None	Group leader
Lt. Goldberg	844	“	”	“	Flying conditions were 10/10th's.
Lt. Wallace	431	“	“	”	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Santos	777	“	”	“	Deputy Group leader.
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	
Lt. Hatfield	889	“	”	“	Bombing altitude was 25,300 ft..
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	“	Bomb bay doors burned out Resulting in cranking them up.
Lt. Pate	901	“	”	“	Carried 12 x 500's & 2 x M-47.
Lt. Camp	568	“	”	“	Fighter support was fair.
Lt. Gladitsch	959	“	”	“	
Lt. McEwen	263	“	”	“	Crew observations were nil.
Lt. Moyer	880	“	”	“	Flak at target and after bombs away.

Target: Benzol plant near Huls

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Griffin led the Group on a Gee H mission to Huls, Germany. The target at Huls was a Benzol plant. The Gee H bomb run was reported to be a good one and a plot made from scope photos taken by mickey operator show good results.

9 March 1945

Kassel

Squadron No. 281
Group No. 310

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	475	None	None	None	High squadron leader of 1 st "C" Group.
Lt. Gladitsch	578	"	"	"	
Lt. Wallace	959	"	"	Minor	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Spicer	568	"	"	"	Observed effective smoke screen.
Lt. Martin, John	772	"	"	Major	Report flak to be moderate and accurate.
Lt. Hatfield	790	"	"	Minor	Carried 34 x 100's & 2 x 500's.
Lt. Goldberg	755	"	"	None	
Lt. Santos	889	"	"	Minor	Good fighter support reported.
Lt. McEwen	8880	"	"	None	
Lt. Pate	844	"	"	Minor	Hit by flak at target.
Lt. Emerson	153	"	"	None	Claim good bombing results.
Lt. Madsen	220	"	"	"	Report bombs in target area.
Lt. Camp	7880	"	"	Minor	Good fighter support.

Target: Marshaling yards

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the high squadron for this mission to Kassel, Germany. The target at Kassel was the M/Yds in the Western edge of the town. Bombing was done visually, but due to clouds over the target strikes were not visible. A plot made by higher headquarters have the bombs plotted almost on the assigned M.P.I's.

10 March 1945

Sinsen

Squadron No. 282
Group No. 311

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. Tufty	651	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
Lt. Banta	568	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Goldberg	678	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Camp	880	“	”	“	Carried 34 x 100 & 2 x M-17's.
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	Observed flak at target.
Lt. Thompson	880	“	”	“	Altitude of attack 23,500 ft..
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Observed flak from 105's.
Lt. Martin, John	772	“	”	“	
Lt. Santos	889	“	”	“	Flak at target was scattered.
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	“	
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Wallace	205	“	”	“	Scattered flak at target.

Target: Railway center

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Capt. I.O.Tufty led the low squadron on a Gee H bombing mission to the rail center at Sinsen. The flak at the target was scattered, meager and inaccurate. The low squadron bombed on the smoke markers of the lead.

14 March 1945

Vlotho and Osnabruck

Squadron No. 283

Group No. 313

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Gen. Gross & Maj. Klette	588	None	None	None	Division leaders (Bomb. - Maj. Hudson & Capt. Homuth was Navigator).
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Bombed in squadron formation.
Lt. Wallace	205	“	”	“	Fighter support was fair.
Lt. Falkenmeyer	379	“	”	“	
Lt. Martin, John	772	“	”	“	Observations only were made of flak.
Lt. Goldberg	431	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	“	Observed hits in target area.
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	“	Made a 360 on first run.
Lt. McEwen	568	“	”	“	Target covered with smoke.
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Steffens	844	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	

Target: R.R. bridge over the Weser river by the town of Vlotho.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Brig. General Wm. Gross and Major Klette led the group on a visual bombing mission to the Vlotho bridge. The mission was reported to be a success after an assessment was made of P.R.U. photos. Maj. Hudson, Group bombardier, was also a member of the lead crew. The bridge could not be identified on the first run, therefore a second run was tried and proved successful.

15 March 1945

Oranienburg

Squadron No. 284
Group No. 314

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Vassar	777	None	None	None	High squadron leader.
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Fighter support was as briefed.
Lt. Goldberg	843	“	”	Minor	One bomb hung up & brought back.
Lt. Falkenmeyer	205	“	”	None	Excellent fighter support.
Lt. Steffens	568	“	”	“	
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	Observed vertical contrails at 5234 - 0617E.
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	Minor	Observed B-17 going down over target.
Lt. McEwen	636	“	”	“	Time target was attacked was 1530 hours.
Lt. Martin	772	“	”	Major	Carried nickels.
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	Minor	Carried 5 x 500 M-64's & 5 x 500 M-17's.
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	“	Observed 9 chutes from 398 th Group ship.
Lt. Pate	379	“	”	“	There was haze & bomb smoke at target.
Lt. Gladitsch	151	“	”	None	

Target: Marshaling yards.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: On the mission to the M/ds at Oranienburg, Germany our squadron furnished the high squadron. The mission was a visual attack and we had the best results of the Group. Flak at the target was meager to moderate and fairly accurate.

17 March 1945

Bohlen

Squadron No. 285
Group No. 315

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Col Smith & Capt. Tufty	777	None	None	None	Low squadron leader.
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Crew observations were nil.
Lt. Banta	568	“	”	“	
Lt. Santos	889	“	”	“	Very good fighter support.
Lt. McEwen	901	“	”	“	
Lt. Gladitsch	843	“	”	“	Carried 12 x 500 & 2 x M-47's.
Lt. Falkenmeyer	205	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1303 hours.
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	“	
Lt. Goldberg	504	“	”	“	Left dense and persistent contrails entire route.
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	Took evasive action off target.
Lt. Hatfield	333	“	”	“	Observed flak at target.
Lt. Pate	153	“	”	“	Bombing altitude was 27,700 ft.

Target: Synthetic oil plant

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our squadron flew the low position on a P.F.F. mission to the synthetic oil plant at Bohlen. Moderate and inaccurate flak was encountered at the target.

19 March 1945

Plauen

Squadron No. 286

Group No. 317

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	777	None	None	None	Group leader
Lt. Nichol	153	“	”	“	Report flak to be nil.
Lt. McEwen	225	“	”	“	
Lt. Santos	471	“	”	“	Deputy group leader.
Lt Pate	205	“	”	“	Fighter support as briefed.
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	Report poor fighter support.
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	“	
Lt. Goldberg	379	“	”	“	Bombed in squadron formation.
Lt. Camp	678	“	”	“	Carried 10 x 500 lb. bombs.
Lt. Banta	959	“	”	“	Flew route as briefed.
Lt. Steffens	889	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results.
Lt. Gladitsch	151	“	”	“	No crew observations.

Target: Town of Plauen

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our squadron led the Group on PFF attack on the center of the town of Plauen. The lead ship's mickey apparatus failed, but deputy was unable to take over due to the adverse weather conditions encountered.

21 March 1945

Rheine/Salzbergen A/F

Squadron No. 287

Group No. 318

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. Tufty	475	None	None	None	High squadron leader
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	
Lt. Goldberg	153	“	”	“	Bombing done from 22,500 feet.
Lt. Santos	889	“	”	“	Fighter support reported good.
Lt. Pate	205	“	”	“	Carried nickels #T-336 (10)
Lt. Steffens	333	“	”	“	#1 target attacked
Lt. Gladitsch	578	“	”	“	Visibility was very good.
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	Observed 16 to 18 ships in harbor near 5244N - 0533E.
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	Report bombs in M.P.I.
Lt. Martin	755	“	”	“	Crew reports that bombs hit middle of runway.
Lt. Banta	7880	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1000 hours.
Lt. Camp	095	“	”	“	
Lt. Hatfield	964	“	”	“	Claim bombs were on runway

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the high squadron and Capt. I.O. Tufty led the formation. The target was in the Rheine area and was reported being used as a base for jet planes. The target was well hit and the field would be of little use to the G.A.F.. No flak was encountered at the target.

22 March 1945

Dorsten

Squadron No. 288

Group No. 319

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	588	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Saw smoke screen over the Rhine
Lt. Falkenmeyer	205	“	”	“	
Lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	Poor fighter support
Lt. Camp	061	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1233 hours
Lt. Steffens	843	“	”	“	
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	Bombing altitude was 24,500 feet
Lt. Bullen	220	“	”	“	
Lt. Martin, John	889	“	”	“	Report good visibility
Lt. Banta	7880	“	”	“	
Lt. Averitt	153	“	”	“	Route flown as briefed
Lt. Hatfield	504	“	”	“	Carried 30 x 100 G.P. & 6 x 500 I.B.'s

Target: German military camp

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the low squadron for this mission to Dorsten, Germany. The results were shown on strike photos to be fair to good results. The flak for the low squadron was reported meager to moderate and generally inaccurate. No battle damage was suffered by the squadron.

24 March 1945

Vechta

Squadron No. 289
Group No. 321

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Col. Terry & Major Klette	651	None	None	None	Group leader
Lt. Martin, John	889	“	”	“	Bombing reported to be good
Lt. McEwen	263	“	”	“	Fighter support was o.k.
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Bombing was done from 25,000 ft.
lt. Spicer	568	“	”	“	
Lt. Goldberg	151	“	”	“	No flak encountered
Lt. Averitt	205	“	”	“	Bombed on squadron leader in squadron formation.
Lt. Nichol	153	“	”	“	Observed flak at coast
Lt. Banta	936	“	”	“	
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	Carried delayed action bombs
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	“	No clouds at target
Lt. Hatfield	844	“	”	“	Smoke obscured the hits on ;the field

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Col. Terry, Commanding Officer of the Group, and Major Klette led our squadron and the group on a mission to Vechta A/D. The flak encountered was nil. A second mission was flown on this day and the only squadron flying was the 323rd, who flew high squadron of a composite group from the 1st Combat Wing. Bombing results on Vechta were good.

28 March 1945

Spandau and Stendal

Squadron No. 290
Group No. 323

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. Gaines	651	None	None	Major	High squadron leader
Lt. Banta	936	“	”	Minor	Attacked #3 target
Lt. Smith, M.L. Jr.	205	“	”	Major	Carried 6 x 500 & 4 x M-17's.
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Saw bombs hit in yards
Lt. Barnes	889	“	”	None	Carried nickels
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	Minor	
Lt. McEwen	153	“	”	“	Flying conditions were 9/10th's.
Lt. Moyer	7880	“	”	None	Fighter support good all the time
Lt. Gladitsch	151	“	”	Minor	Fighter support was a little late
Lt. Nichol	772	“	”	None	
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	Minor	Observed lead ship with 2 engines out and the deputy with one gone.
Lt. Brooks	220	“	”	“	Fighter support was o.k.
Lt. Pugliese	568	“	”	None	Attacked #3 target.

Target: Spandau aero engine factory and Stendal marshaling yards.

Squadron Losses: None Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our squadron flew in the high position for the mission. The group was a little North of course on the way into the target, and the high squadron received some accurate flak and caused damage to a few A/C. Being unable to continue on route to the briefed #2 target, the squadron leader and six other A/C from the squadron attacked Stendal. The remaining A/C flew with the group formation and attacked Spandau.

30 March 1945

Bremen

Squadron No. 291
Group No. 324

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	777	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
Lt. Gladitsch	151	“	”	“	Altitude of attack was 25,000 ft.
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support.
Lt. Santos	889	“	”	Minor	Good formation at bombs away
Lt. Pugliese	568	“	”	None	Flew route as briefed
Lt. Steffens	623	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support
Lt. Emerson	153	“	”	Minor	Observed B-17 going down
Lt. Camp	220	“	”	“	5 to 7/10th's cloud cover in & out
Lt. Hatfield	772	“	”	None	Observed hits
Lt. Banta	936	-----Aborted at 5245N - 0433E (#4 engine went out) -----			
Lt. McEwen	8880	None	None	Minor	Weather condition at target was 5/10ths.
Lt. Brooks	7880	“	”	“	

Target: Shipbuilding yards

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We flew in the low squadron on this mission and attacked the submarine and shipbuilding yards at Bremen. Moderate and accurate A/A fire was encountered at the target. Bombing was done by visual methods with good results.

4 April 1945

Fassberg

Squadron No. 292

Group No. 326

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	651	None	None	None	Leader of 1 st "C" Group
Lt. Averitt	8880	"	"	"	Jets reported in target area but not seen.
Lt. Wallace	205	"	"	"	Bomb bay motor burned up.
Lt. Woolard	471	"	"	"	Deputy leader of 1 st "C" Group.
Lt. Hatfield	889	"	"	"	Cloud cover prevented observation.
Lt. Madsen	220	"	"	"	Got off course starting back.
Lt. Moyer	7880	----- Crashed on take off -----			
Lt. McEwen	151	None	None	"	38 x 150's dropped.
Lt. Martin, John	772	"	"	"	Fighter support was fair.
Lt. Banta	153	"	"	"	Route flown as briefed.
Lt. Brooks	844	"	"	"	Bombed on squadron leader in squadron formation.
Lt. Camp	568	"	"	"	Flak was nil.

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Klette and Capt. Brubaker lead the group on a visual mission to Fassberg A/D, Germany. The lead squadron was the only one able to identify the target in time to make a run, the remaining two squadrons returned with their bombs. Results of the mission were unobserved.

5 April 1945

Grafenwohr

Squadron No. 293

Group No. 327

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Vassar	651	None	None	None	High squadron leader
Lt. Nichol	151	“	”	“	Carried 34 x 150's & 2 x M-17's.
Lt. Averitt	205	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1123.
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	#1 target attacked.
Lt. Goldberg	889	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support.
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	Fighter support was as briefed.
Lt. Wallace	844	“	”	“	
Lt. Moyer	153	“	”	“	Bombing altitude 17,300 ft.
Lt. Pugliese	623	“	”	“	Flying conditions were 6/10's en route and 2/10's at target.
Lt. Martin	772	“	”	“	Claim bombs were on M.P.I.
Lt. Thompson	880	“	”	“	Flew route as briefed.
Lt. Steffens	225	“	”	“	Bombed in squadron formation.
Lt. Smith, M.L.	568	“	”	“	Flak observations were nil.

Target: Railway

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The target on this mission was an ordnance depot at Grafenwohr. Our squadron flew in the high position and bombed the target by PFF methods and strike photographs show fair results. The lead and low squadrons were able to bomb visually and photos showed good results.

7 April 1945

Kohlenbissen

Squadron No. 294
Group No. 328

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Griffin	651	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	“	Carried 38 x 150 lb. Bombs.
Lt. McEwen	568	“	”	“	Didn't observe any flak.
Lt. Emerson	205	“	”	“	
Lt. Averitt	772	“	”	“	Reports good bomb pattern.
Lt. Goldberg	151	“	”	“	
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	Target attacked from 15,000 ft.
Lt. Wallace	324	“	”	“	Good fighter support.
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Observed A/C in trees at 5200N-1003E
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	“	Claims bombs right on target.
Lt. Brooks	623	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1525 hours.
Lt. Pugliese	889	“	”	“	

Target: Landing ground

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The primary target was the A/D at Kohlenbissen. We flew the low squadron for this mission. Due to cloud cover on the bombing run, the lead squadron bombed Fassburg. The high and low squadrons bombed the primary target with good results.

9 April 1945

Oberhaffenhofen

Squadron No. 295

Group No. 330

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	792	None	None	None	Leader of 1 st "A" Group
Lt. Averitt	205	"	"	Minor	Had camera in ship
Lt. Wallace	220	"	"	None	Report good bombing
Lt. Emerson	651	"	"	"	Deputy Group leader
Lt. McEwen	772	"	"	"	Good fighter support
Lt. Gladitsch	151	"	"	"	Bandits reported at 1710 hours
Lt. Moyer	959	"	"	"	Fighter support was good
Lt. Goldberg	623	"	"	"	Altitude of attack was 25,600 ft.
Lt. Camp	568	"	"	"	Visibility was 10 miles
Lt. Banta	936	"	"	"	Report bombs on the hangars
Lt. Steffens	153	"	"	"	Carried 4 x 1000 & 4 x M-17's
Lt. Brooks	844	"	"	"	Report flak to be moderate & accurate in Munich area

Target: Airdrome

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Major Klette and Capt. Gaines lead the group on a visual mission to the assigned primary, Oberhaffenhofen A/D. Meager accurate flak was encountered near Freiburg on the way to the target.

10 April 1945

Oranienburg

Squadron No. 296
Group No. 331

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	651	None	None	None	High squadron leader
Lt. Smith, M.L. Jr.	568	“	”	“	Good fighter support
Lt. Martin, John	772	“	”	Minor	Flew #3 ship in #1 flight
Lt. Emerson	153	----- Aborted at 5148N-0623E and brought bombs back - Engine trouble			
Lt. Hatfield	205	None	None	None	Dropped nickels
Lt. Wallace	220	“	”	“	6 x 500's & 6 x M-17's dropped
Lt. Brooks	276	“	”	“	Altitude of attack was 25,500 ft.
Lt. Banta	936	“	”	“	Report good visibility
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Clusters carried by this ship
Lt. Camp	889	“	”	“	Report E/A hitting other groups
Lt. Gladitsch	151	“	”	“	Flak observations were nil
Lt. Steffens	623	“	”	“	Saw one B-17 going down from group behind
Lt. Pugliese	959	“	”	“	Bombing was done at approximately 1454 hours

Target: Ordnance and equipment depot of the SS forces.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The primary target was the ordnance and equipment depot at Oranienburg. This squadron furnished the high squadron for this mission. The lead and high squadron bombed Oranienburg with good results. The low squadron bombed Rechlin/Larz A/D with unobserved results.

11 April 1945

Freiham

Squadron No. 297

Group No. 332

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Capt. Gaines	651	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Carried 5 x 1000 pounders
Lt. Martin	772	“	”	“	Report good bomb pattern
Lt. Santos	889	“	”	“	
Lt. Moore	623	“	”	Minor	Flak cause of battle damage
Lt. Madsen	220	“	”	None	Carried 5 x 1000 pounders
Lt. Banta	936	“	”	“	24,100 ft. was bombing altitude
Lt. Stevens	205	“	”	“	Report bombs in North end of target.
Lt. Smith, M.L.	568	“	”	“	1247 ½ hours time of attack
Lt. Gladitsch	151	“	”	“	Good bombing results observed
Lt. Camp	959	“	”	“	Good fighter support
Lt. Steffens	931	“	”	“	Carried a K-21 camera flying #3 ship in 4 th flight.

Target: Underground oil storage depot

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the low squadron on this mission and bombed Freiham, an underground oil storage depot. Strike photographs show excellent results, but no oil fires were visible. No A/A fire was encountered at the target.

15 April 1945

Rochefort, France

Squadron No. 298
Group No. 334

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	651	None	None	None	1 st "C" Group leader
Lt. Santos	889	"	"	"	Carried 2 x 2000 G.P.'s & 2 x 1000 S.A.P.
Lt. Banta	936	"	"	"	Observed flak at 4615N-0141W.
Lt. Camp	623	"	"	"	
Lt. Madsen	220	"	"	"	Meager & inaccurate flak at channel islands
Lt. Smith, M.L.	568	"	"	"	No observations
Lt. Bartush	8880	"	"	"	Bombing altitude was 14,900 ft.
Lt. Hatfield	151	"	"	"	
Lt. Steffens	844	"	"	"	Attacked target at 1147 ½ hours
Lt. Martin, J.	772	"	"	"	
Lt. Moore, Q. H.	153	"	"	"	Bombed on squadron leader

Target: 4 x 220 mm guns in casements

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: In an effort to eliminate resistance in the Bordeaux area, this group was assigned gun positions to attack. The attack was coordinated with french Naval vessels who were bombarding the coast while standing off shore. Due to the smoke in the target area caused by previous bombing, the group was unable to identify assigned targets. Our squadron furnished the lead squadron for the mission.

16 April 1945

Regensburg

Squadron No. 299
Group No. 335

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	651	None	None	None	High squadron leader
Lt. Martin, J.	772	“	”	“	6 x 1000 lb. Bombs dropped
Lt. Smith, M.J. Jr.	568	“	”	“	Excellent fighter support
Lt. Santos	889	“	”	“	
Lt. Bullen	220	“	”	“	Bombed on squadron leader
Lt. McEwen	151	“	”	“	No observations
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	“	# 1 target attacked
Lt. Camp	623	“	”	“	Report bombs hit bridge
Lt. Stevens	690	“	”	“	Observed flak at target
Lt. Banta	936	“	”	“	Time of attack was 1601
Lt. Brooks	618	“	”	“	Had camera on ship
Lt. Moore	844	“	”	“	Meager inaccurate flak at target
Lt. Steffens	610	“	”	“	Report bombs on target

Target: Railroad bridge

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our squadron furnished the high squadron on a mission to Regensburg, Germany. The primary target was a railroad bridge on the Western edge of the town. Results of the visual bombing were excellent.

17 April 1945

Dresden

Squadron No. 300
Group No. 336

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	777	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
Lt. Thompson	8880	“	”	Minor	1353 hours was time of attack
Lt. McEwen	324	“	”	None	Observed 6 E/A in target area
Lt. Banta	844	“	”	“	# 1 target attacked
Lt. Camp	568	-----	Missing in action -----		
Lt. Moyer	205	None	2 - injured	Salvaged	T/gunner has fractured tibia and radio operator has shell fragments in his knee and leg.
Lt. Martin, J.	772	None	None	Minor	Hit by flak at target
Lt. Bullen	220	“	”	“	3 ME-410's made a pass at the low squadron
Lt. Moore	623	“	”	“	Altitude of attack was 20,400 ft.
Lt. Gladitsch	151	“	”	None	Report hits on marshaling yard
Lt. Stevens	153	“	”	Minor	Fighter support was high, but good
Lt. Pugliese	061	“	”	None	Carried 12 x 500 pounders

Target: Railroad round house in Southern most marshaling yard.

Squadron Losses: 1 A/C (9 personnel) Group Losses: 1 A/C (9 personnel)

Remarks: The primary target was the Southern marshaling yards in Dresden. Our squadron flew in the low position and strike photographs showed good to fair results. The group was attacked by 6 or 7 ME-262's while on the bomb run. The E/A made passes at the formation in three ship formations.

20 April 1945

Brandenburg

Squadron No. 301

Group No. 338

PILOT	A/C No.	CLAIMS	CASUALTIES	BATTLE DAMAGE	REMARKS
Major Klette	588	None	None	None	Group leader
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Time of attack 1102 ½ hours
Lt. Nichol	880	“	”	“	
Lt. Banta	777	“	”	“	Deputy leader
Lt. Darling	889	“	”	“	10 x 500 pounders carried
Lt. Moore	623	“	”	“	No observations
Lt. McEwen	959	“	”	“	No flak
Lt. Stevens	153	“	”	“	
Lt. Bullen	772	“	”	“	Good fighter support
Lt. Gladitsch	936	“	”	“	Report good results
Lt. Pugliese	276	“	”	“	
Lt. Hatfield	615	“	”	“	God results observed by ball-turret gunner

Target: Locomotive Depot

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: Our squadron lead the group on a visual mission to Brandenburg, Germany. The scope photographs show good to excellent results. The bomb run was accomplished by the assistance of Gee-H. Meager A/A fire was encountered from Rathenow.

21 April 1945

Munich

Squadron No. 302

Group No. 339

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Major Klette	588	None	None	None	High squadron leader
Lt. Nichol	220	“	”	“	# 4 target attacked
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Attacked target at 1040 hours
Lt. Banta	936	“	”	“	Good fighter support
Lt. Darling	889	“	”	“	Carried nickels
Lt. Moore	959	“	”	“	
Lt. McEwen	153	“	”	“	28,600 ft. was altitude of attack
Lt. Hatfield	993	“	”	“	
Lt. Thompson	880	“	”	“	Observed flak at target
Lt. Gladitsch	772	“	”	“	Bombed on squadron leader
Lt. Brooks	901	“	”	“	
Lt. Pugliese	596	“	”	“	Unobserved bombing results

Target: Road bridge over a marshaling yard in Western Munich.

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: The target was an overpass in the Western marshaling yards of Munich. The target was attacked by P.F.F. methods. Our squadron flew in the high position on this mission.

25 April 1945

Pilsen

Squadron No. 303

Group No. 340

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CASUALTIES</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Lt. Col. Klette	588	None	None	None	Low squadron leader
Lt. Nichol, J.F.	623	“	”	Major	Attacked # 1 target
Lt. Moyer	000	“	”	Minor	Bombs away at 1037 hours
Lt. Gladitsch	884	“	”	Major	Battle damage caused by flak
Lt. Corsa	889	“	”	“	7/10's cloud at target
Lt. Hatfield	061	“	”	Minor	Unobserved bombing results
Lt. Woolard	959	“	”	Major	Hit by flak at target
F/O Schafts	860	“	”	Minor	Observed 4 B-17's going down at target
Lt. Steffens	772	“	”	Major	Good fighter support
Lt. McEwen	153	“	”	“	9 bombs brought back-hung up
Lt. Pate	844	“	”	“	Flak was moderate and accurate
Lt. Darling	936	“	”	“	Bombing altitude was 21,100 ft.

Target: Airfield

Squadron Losses: None

Group Losses: None

Remarks: We furnished the low squadron for this mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. The target was an airfield on the South West outskirts of Pilsen. Bombing was done visually by this squadron with unobserved results. This was an area attack on the city of Pilsen and its industries.

