

PLANE 92
"LAST CARD LOWIE"

IN ITALY WITH 376TH Bomb. Gp.
515TH Bomb Sqd.

DATE
FEB. 8th 1944

15TH A.A.F. MISSION NUMBER ONE

TARGET = Viterbo MAIN AIRDROME

LOCATION = NORTH EAST OF ROME

TAKE OFF TIME = 0825

LANDING TIME = 1600

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 20,500 ft.

TEMPERATURE = 27° below Zero

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE (Two seen)

TACTICS USED BY ENEMY = "

FLAK CONCENTRATION = APPROX.

18 BURSTS AS

WE CAME BACK OFF
OF TARGET TO THE
SEA.

REMARKS

SUMMARY OF MISSION

RADIO = IFF TURNED ON AT BASE - OFF
AS WE HIT WATER - ON AGAIN
75 mi. FROM FRIENDLY LAND AGAIN

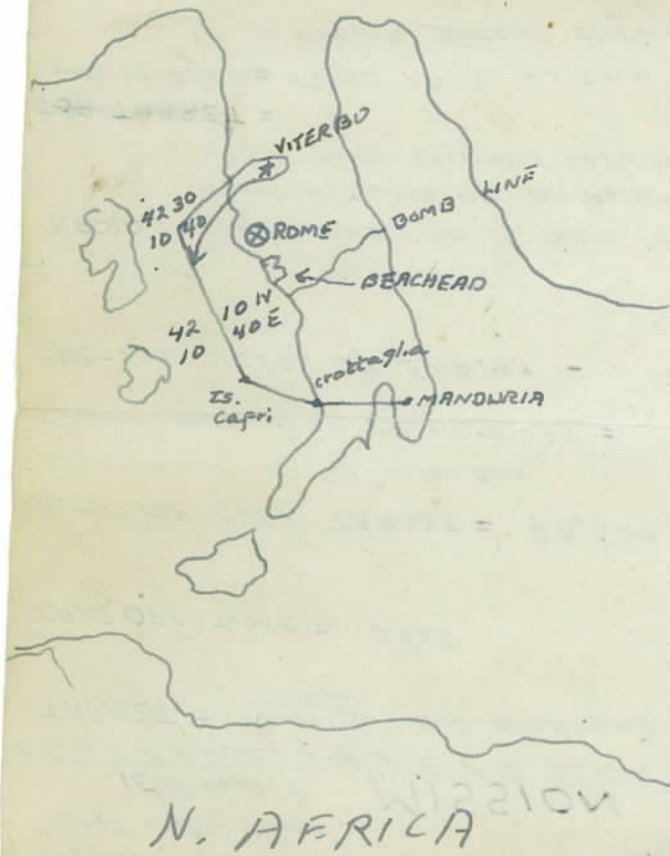
~~FOR TARGET~~ =

WASIST POS. = TEMP. 27° below Zero
NO FIRING EXCEPT CLEARING
GUNS.

Carried 6 Cluster Bombs on a Rack
20 racks = 120 FRAGMENTATION BOMBS

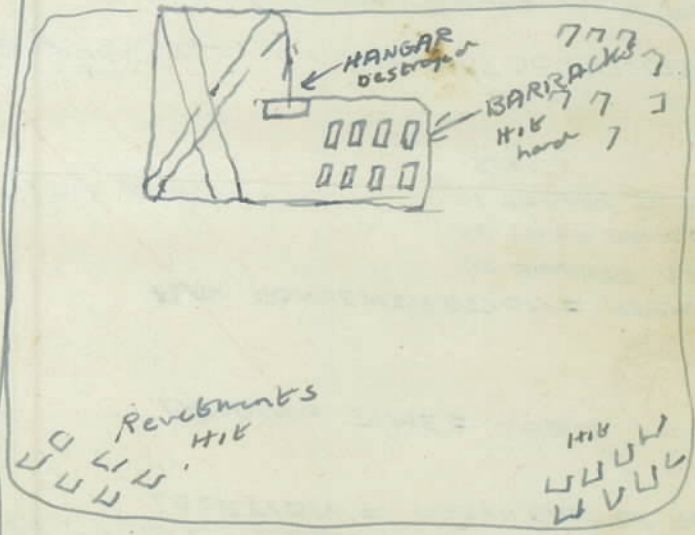
Made 360° turn around Target
Because of No opposition.

PURPOSE = TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON BEACHHEAD
(OVER) SOUTH OF ROME



TARGET

PLANES WERE ON FIELD - APPROX. 60
 18 PLANES DESTROYED
 7 " PROBABLES (DAMAGED)
 BARRACKS COMPLETELY DESTROYED



PLANE 94
HARRY THE HORSE

MISSION NUMBER TWO

DATE
FEB. 14, 1944

TARGET = VERONA MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = NORTHERN END OF ISLAND

TAKE OFF TIME = 0810

LANDING TIME = 1400

20,000 to 22,000 ft

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET =

FLAK CONCENTRATION = NONE
FOR US

TEMPERATURE = ?

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE FOR US

+ TACTICS USED

REMARKS SUMMARY OF MISSION

Flew with LT. WRIGHT
AS HIS Radioman 94
HARRY THE
HORSE

100 miles north of the Bomb line Tail Turret was unable to receive heat for heated suit. Two oxygen outlets wouldn't work. Left Formation of 36 planes at about 15,000 ft. Headed back alone praying we wouldn't encounter any enemy planes. I sent message back to Grn. Station stating we were returning. Found out I shouldn't have used procedure I did, wondering if I shall be called on it. ALSO WONDER IF I shall be credited with a mission.

(over)

Course we would have followed

AIPS

Verona

Left Formation
2 hrs.
before time
over target

100 miles

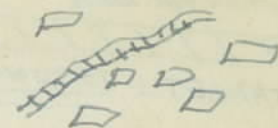
X Roma

Bomb Line

Capri

X Manduria

TARGET



BIG MARSHALLING
YARDS.

Bombs
Dropped
here.
Air speed
of Lead ship
wasn't fast
enough

DAYTON FLEW IN 91
NICK + Coplan Flew in 92
Encountered FW 190's
ME 109's. OUR P-38
Escort took care of
them. Only a few made
passes. 2 P-38's got
FW 190 in cross fire
and then wasn't
anything left

MISSION NUMBER THREE

DATE
FEB. 16th 1944

TARGET = PRATO MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = NORTH WEST OF FLORENCE

TAKE OFF TIME = 0820

LANDING TIME = 1545

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 17,500

FLAK CONCENTRATION = NONE

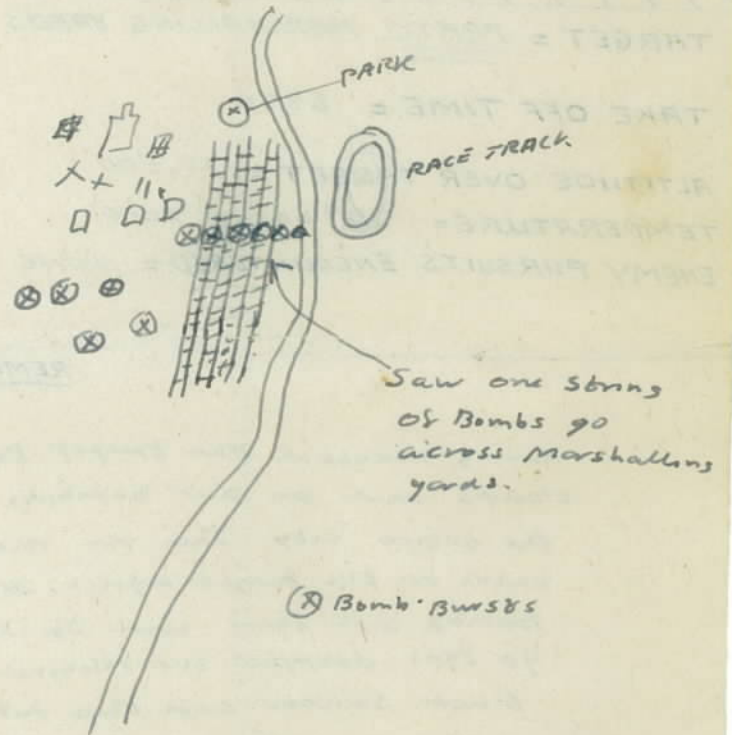
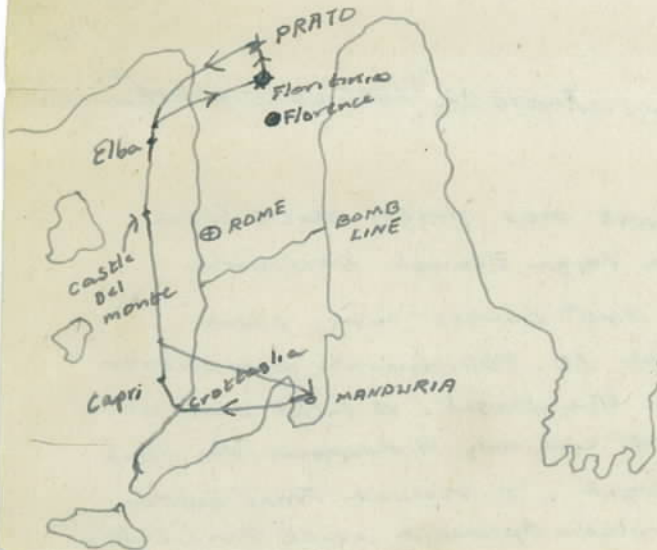
TEMPERATURE = 30° below zero

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

PLANE 92 "LAST CARD LADIE"

REMARKS

Having reached the target the overcast was pretty thick from clouds and on our bombing run a large cloud covered the entire city. Then we made a 360° course and came back on the target again. We carried 10 500 pound demolition bombs and there were 36 ships over the target. A total sum of 90 tons dropped. We released our bombs and only 4 dropped. The other 6 were salvaged and they hit the target. I received Frost bitten cheeks and upon returning was grounded operated waist gun (left).



PLANE. NO. "92"
LAST CARD LOWIE

MISSION NUMBER FOUR

DATE
FEB. 20, 1944

TARGET = ^{NORTHEAST}
ANZIO BEACHHEAD

LOCATION = Between Rome, ANZIO
+ Cisterna di Roma.

TAKE OFF TIME = 0910

LANDING TIME = 1415

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 21000

TEMPERATURE = 38° BELOW ZERO

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

FLAK CONCENTRATION = HEAVY
FAIRLY ACCURATE - UNABLE
TO NAME A SPECIFIC NUMBER
OF BURSTS.

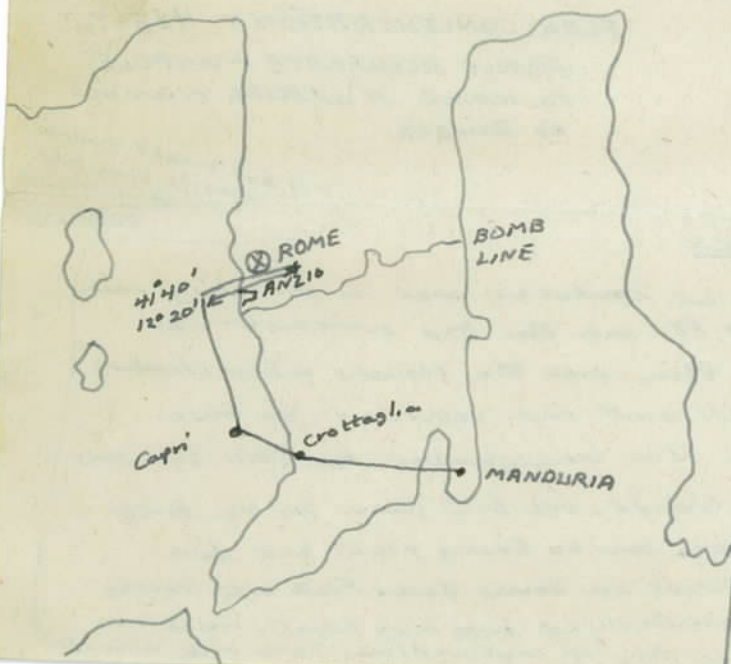
WORE FLAK SUIT + Helmet. NO
First Bite this time.

REMARKS

→ But wasn't gunned
wasn't there at
bomb. Thanks
Goodness

When we took off it was as cloudy as could be and a drizzling rain was falling. The overcast was 1200 ft. and the top overcast was 12000 ft. To the left of Capri we flew over the clouds after climbing through them. On the way 2 planes fell out and returned to base. One plane NO. 83. Failed to return and unaccounted for. Still searching him out. Over target there were 5/10 clouds. We saw Rome for the first time. Also saw 14 ships in Anzio harbor. Saw no enemy planes but did see 6 P-47's straggling enemy lines. Didn't see bombs fall. Flak was really heavy and quite a feeling to encounter. Received two very small holes in plane (Engine + Bomb bay). Top turret gunner shot up another plane. Fore out wasn't

A Railroad runs from Rome
down through "Cisterna Di Roma"
We bombed west of Railroad
Between Rome and Cisterna.



Personnel, tanks, guns, equipment
motor pool etc. The target was
approximately 1 1/4 miles from
our own front lines.

Dayton saw 6 guns out in
an open field that really set
up a barrage.

MISSION NUMBER "FIVE" + (SIX)

FEB. 22, 1944

TARGET = REGENSBURG (ME109 Factory)

LOCATION = S.E. GERMANY

TAKE OFF TIME = 0755

LANDING TIME = 1645

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 21000

FLAK CONCENTRATION = 3 Places

TEMPERATURE = 47° below ZERO

"Jugoslavia" = Light - Accurate

" " = Heavy - " "

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = 35 -

"REGENSBURG" = LIGHT - Accurate

Didn't make direct attacks - Layed for stragglers

One FW. 190 made attack on "83" but didn't

Shook 3 ME.109's abreast attacked stragglers one went to right - Left on top.

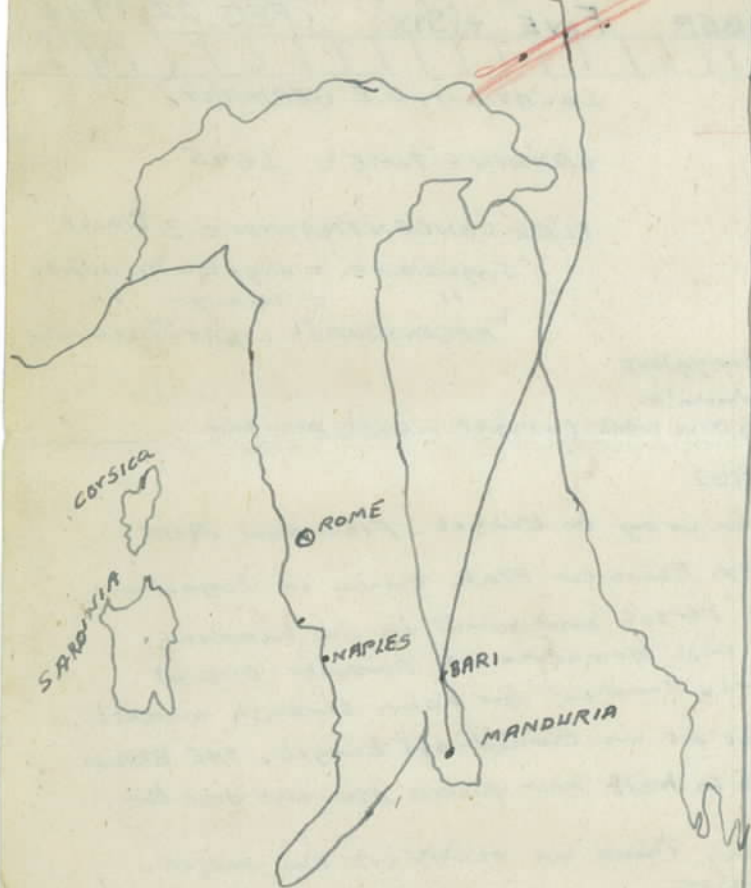
REMARKS

The overcast was heavy all the way to target. Flew over Alps and saw Yugoslavia and Germany. Received Flak twice in Yugoslavia and Flak over target. Reached target and went in on heading but couldn't bomb. made 3600 and bombed 35 pursuits out at 9 o'clock Just waiting for stragglers. Headed for home through overcast.

Two B-24's collided over target as we turned off target. THE BRAIN (99) slid over top of 54. 54 split in half and pieces flew all over the sky. one man got out.

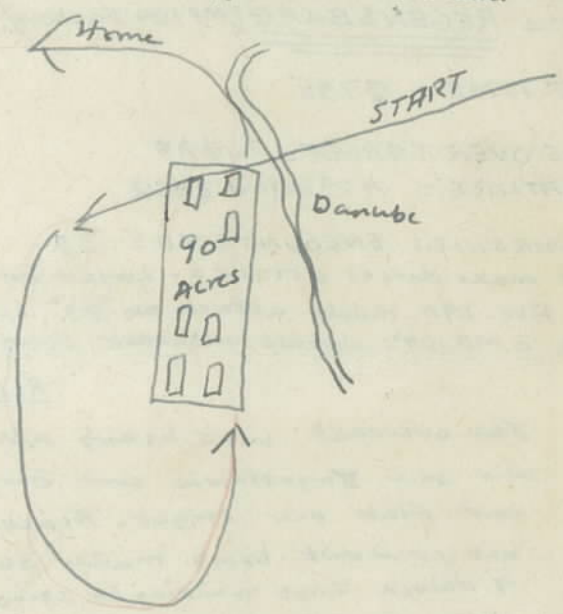
Our first real mission. Think we really hit the target we believe. 1/3 ME.109's made there.

MAP + COURSE Regensburg



TARGET

Carried 10 Demolition bombs 500 lbs
Dropped all of them.



Snow was all over target.
GOT FROSTBITTEN EAR
GROUNDED FEB. 24.

PLANE NO. 94

ANGIE Etc OR

MISSION NUMBER "SEVEN"

DATE

MARCH 2, 1944

TARGET = ANCIO BEACHHEAD

LOCATION = N.W. Cisterna di Roma

TAKE OFF TIME = 0806

LANDING TIME = 1220

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 20,500 ft.

TEMPERATURE = 30° Below Zero

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Fairly

Heavy - Accurate - BLACK -

Too many bursts to count.

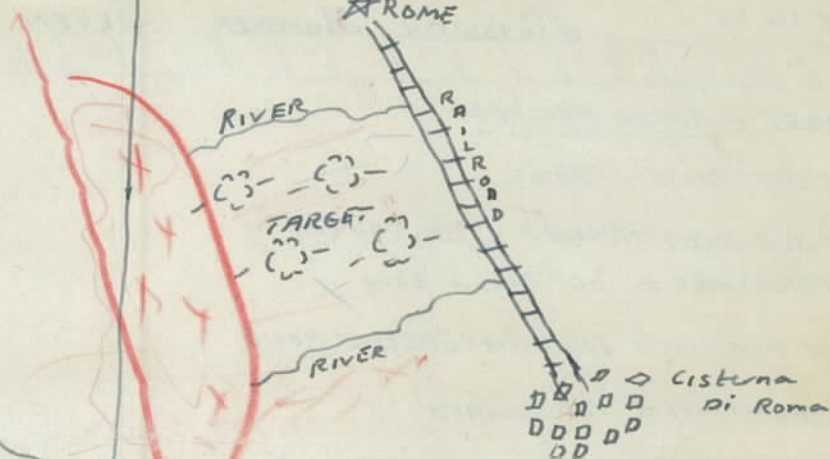
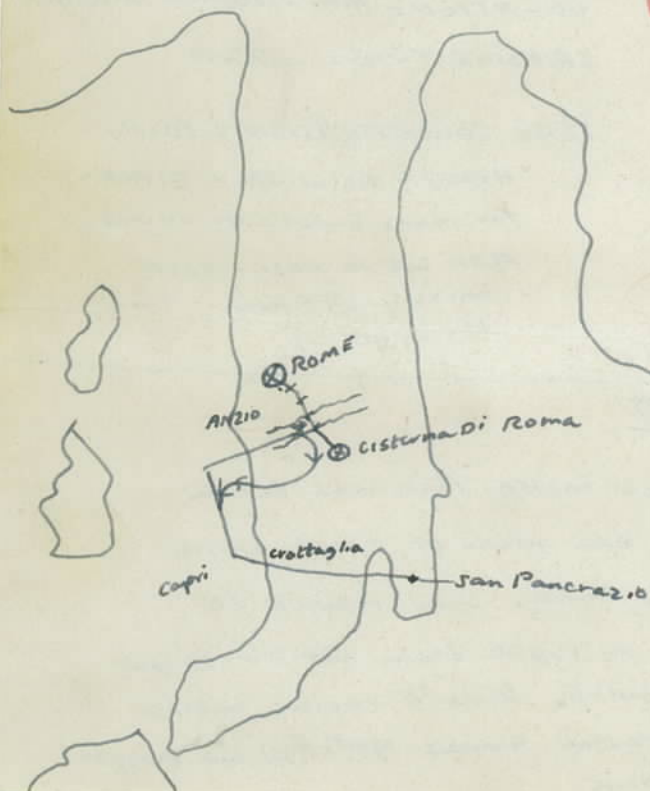
ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

FLAK hit in nose - just
missed Lt. Apter. - Tore
his maps up.

GUN POSITION = TOP TURRET.

REMARKS + SUMMARY

Took off in B-24 D. Reached Target at 10:40. Flak was really terrific. Received 23 holes in plane. One piece of shell came through catwalk and into Bomb bay tank. Saw about 10 Spitfires. Copelan saw p-38's, made a right turn off of target. Had Major Knapp with us as co-pilot. Didn't receive intense flak until after dropping fragmentation bombs. 98th (H) hit target 10 minutes before us. Copelan saw Red Flak.



carried 15 fragmentation bombs
containing 6 cluster to a bomb. = 90 total
Aim was to hit personnel - trucks -
barracks - tanks etc. of Herman
Goering's Divisions that were moved
into Italy. Situation at Beachhead was
critical. Target from what we saw
was hit well.

EXTRA = Lieutenant who + crew flew 92
on Styer race + didn't return

MISSION NUMBER " EIGHT "

DATE

MARCH 7, 1944

TARGET = PRATO MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = N.W. OF FLORENCE

TAKE OFF TIME = 0826

LANDING TIME = 1545

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 19000 FT.

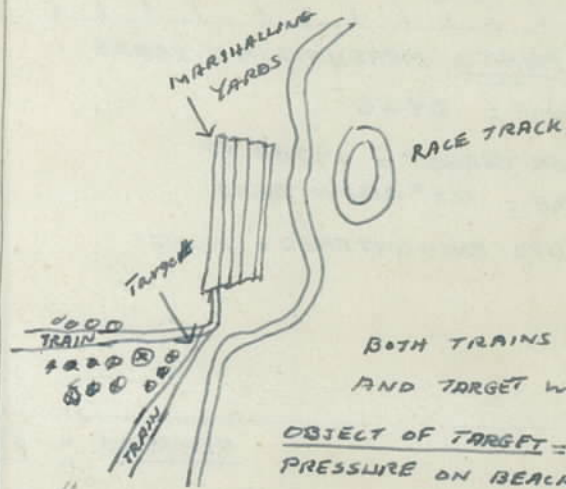
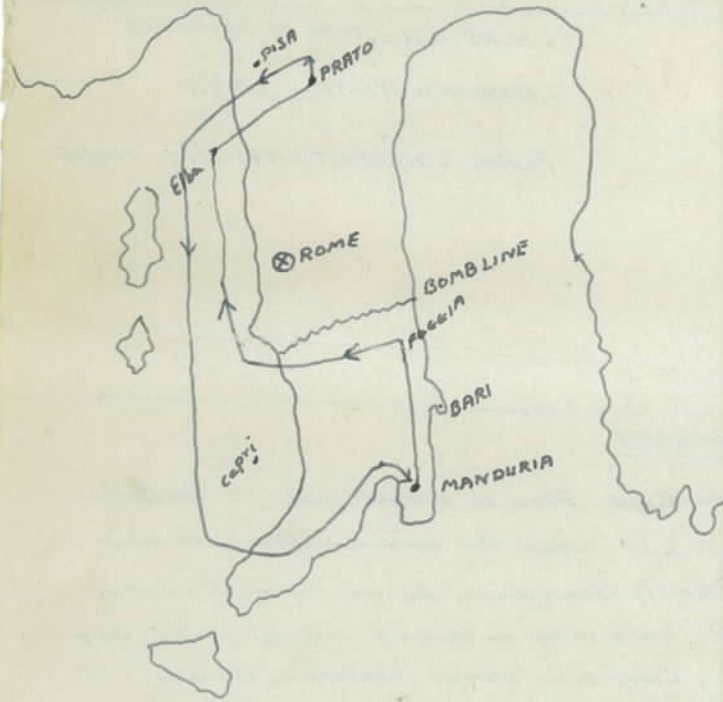
TEMPERATURE = 28° BELOW ZERO

FLAK CONCENTRATION = NONE

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

REMARKS + SUMMARY

TOOK OFF WITH SCATTERED clouds around field. Flew to target not as briefed. Expected 8/10 cloud coverage over target but when we arrived there it was clear. Saw Foggia and also passed ANZIO Beachhead. As we turned in on Z.P. 12 P-38's met us and guarded us half way to target. They would slip over top of us. Also saw many P-47's. Came over target. Watched Bombs drop and explode. Saw clouds of smoke rise from target. Turned off target and headed for Sea again. Was at right waist Guns. Saw no signs of life around target or from Sea into target. LT. Robson toggled them.



BOTH TRAINS WERE HIT
AND TARGET WELL HIT
OBJECT OF TARGET - TO RELIEVE
PRESSURE ON BEACHEAD!

Carried 10 - 500 lb. Demolition
bombs. Dropped in 50 foot train.

PLANE NO. 89 B-24 G
NO NAME

Mission Number "NINE"

DATE
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MARCH 11, 1944

TARGET = TOULON NAVAL BASE

LOCATION = S.E. FRANCE

TAKE OFF TIME = 0800

LANDING TIME = 1545

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,000 FT.

TEMPERATURE = 40° below zero

FLAK CONCENTRATION = FOR US IT
WAS LIGHT + INACCURATE.

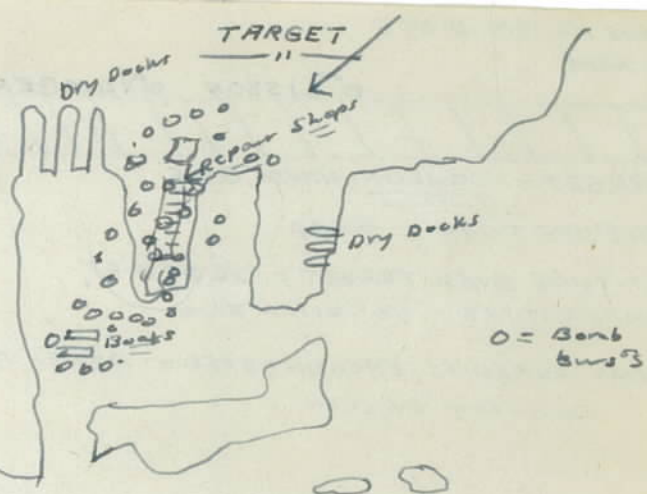
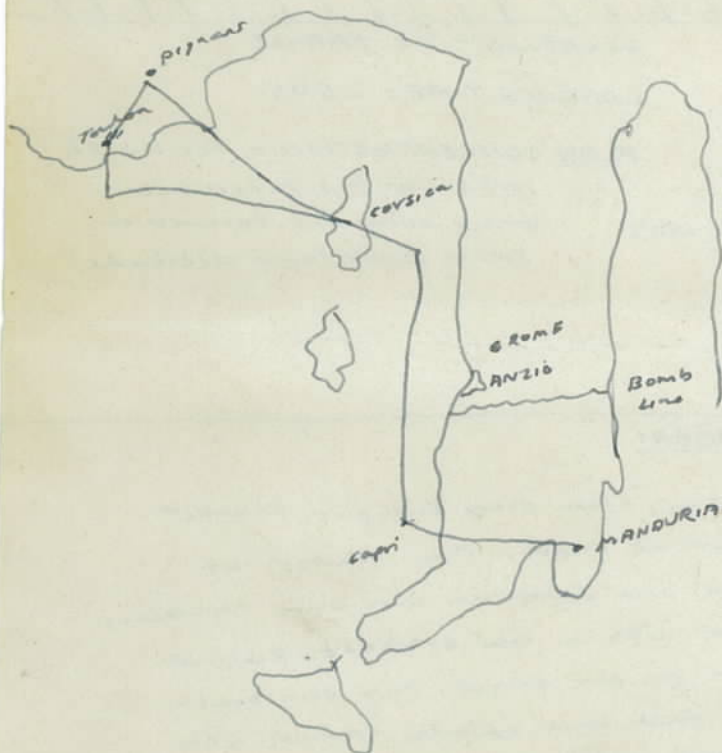
ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE - TWO FW. 190's
Seen over target

Group before us received a
lot of it at lower altitude

REMARKS + SUMMARY

Took off with a lot of clouds in sky. Clear day though. Reached 12000 ft. at Capri. Met P-38 escort at Capri. Then headed up coast of Italy. Passed over Corsica and Sardinia and saw emergency landing field. Headed across water with a low overcast. Reached I.P. at Pignone and then headed on our target. Saw two boats in Toulon harbor. Watched Bombs fall and explode caused 500 Pounds and 2700 gals. of gas. Had no engine trouble. Smooth ride and only a little flak. Had right waist gun.

MAP + COURSE



To hit repair shops for submarines and ships. 5 Subs reported in docks. 50 planes from our group took part in raid. 4 Groups bombed 1st Bomb hit well. Results of raid not well known. Believed to be well hit. Dry Docks used for subs in mediterranean. Carried 9 500 lb. Demolition bombs. Saw 62 ships in harbor of Naples on way up.

TARGET = CASSINO

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0840

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 18000 Feet

TEMPERATURE = 30° BELOW ZERO

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

LOCATION = NORTH OF BOMB LINE

LANDING TIME = 1245

FLAK CONCENTRATION = About

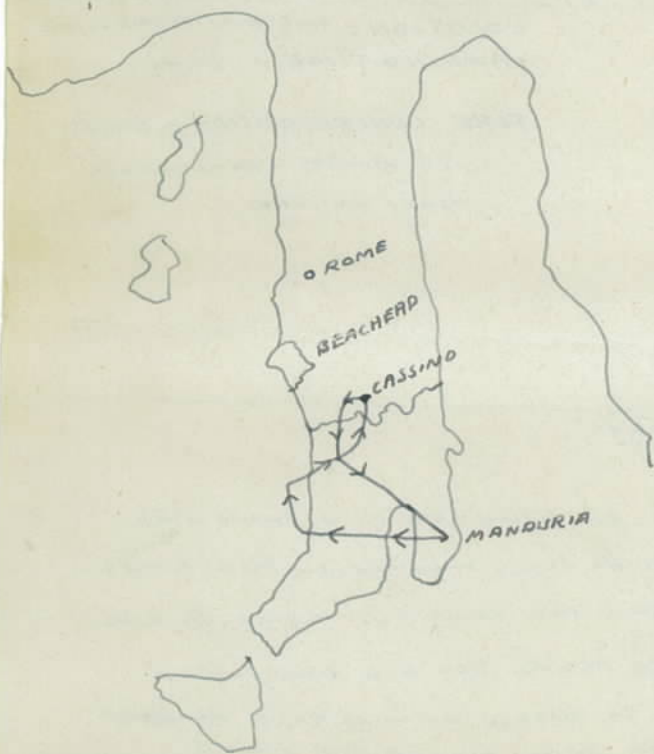
20 Bursts - inaccurate

Heavy Caliber

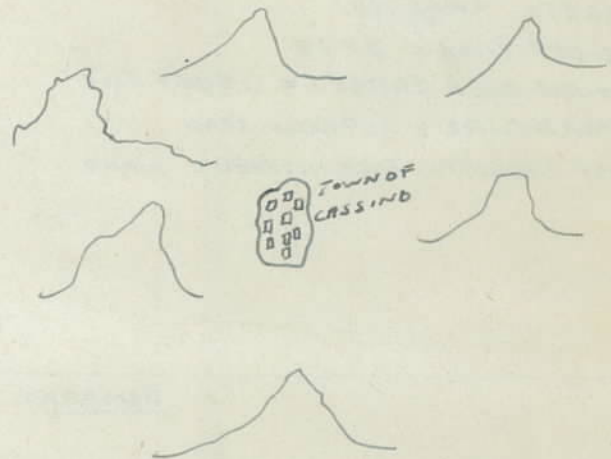
REMARKS + SUMMARY

Took off late after having trouble with one plane (89) in a spare ship No. 92. Caught up with formation in time to leave manduria. Flew across Italy to sea then hit place to cut in. Saw mt. Vesuvius again. Finally hit I.R. Saw about 30 P-38's near target made 360 over target then dropped our bombs. Had one bomb fail to release. on way back dropped it into sea after leaving formation. Was in upper turret over target. Didn't see bombs hit. Had look of gas in Bomb bay, wasn't serious. Co-pilot didn't see bombs. No more.

MAP + COURSE



TARGET



TO BE COMPLETELY DESTROYED - CORNELL 8
1000 lbs bombs. Dropped 7 out of 8. Dayton
said there wasn't much left of city. Americ was
evacuated town. 14 Groups of 400 planes
to hit 16. One Group bombed wrong town
and suppose to have hit our own men.

TARGET WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DESTROYED

PLANE NO. 99 B-24 W (Just came over from States)
NO NAME 3rd. steps thing we broke.

"TWELVE" $\frac{11}{12}$
ELEVEN + ~~ONE~~

DATE
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MARCH 17, 1944

MISSION NUMBER

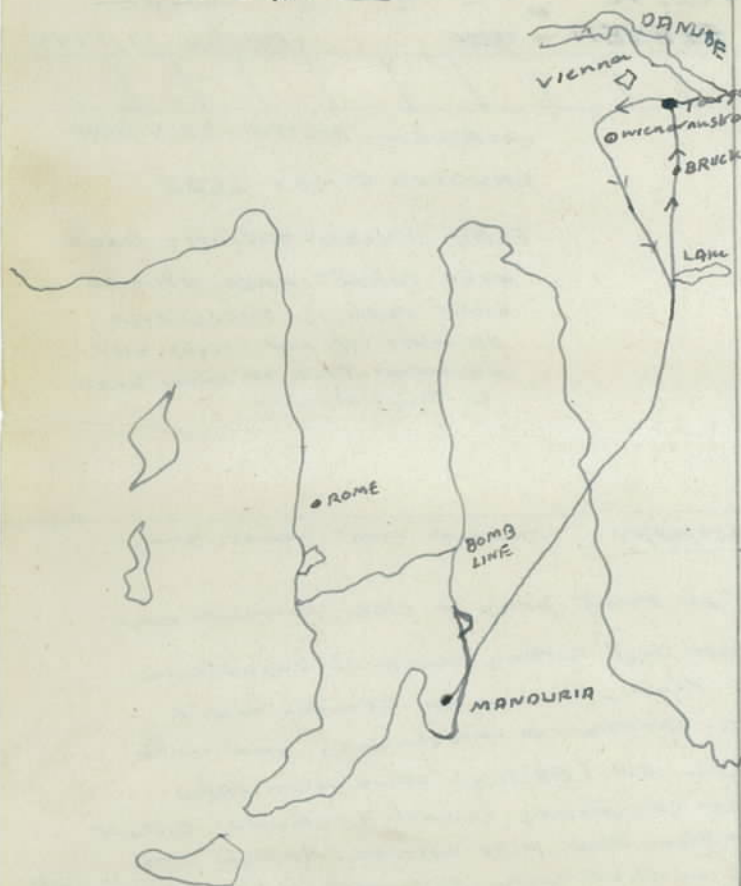
TARGET = Schwechat Airplane Factory
TAKE-OFF TIME = 0840
ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,000 feet
TEMPERATURE = APPROX. 50° Below zero
ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

LOCATION = AUSTRIA - S.E. VIENNA
LANDING TIME = 1605
FLAK CONCENTRATION = NONE
OVER TARGET AREA - RECEIVED
LIGHT FLAK IN JUGOSLAVIA
ON WAY UP and light but
accurate FLAK on way back
in Jugoslavia

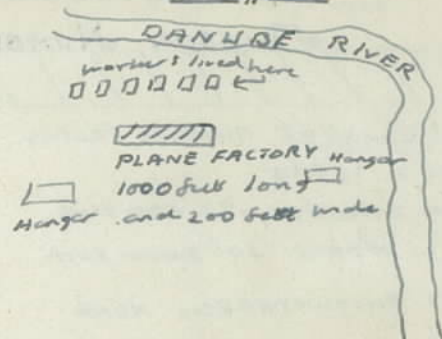
REMARKS + SUMMARY . Manned right waist gun

Took off with clear skies and report of targets being in clear. Formed over
Manduria and headed across sea. After just hitting coast of Jugoslavia
group of planes to our right received flak. On way up Beaudin and I
used field glasses to look over terrain. Spotted a marshalling yard with
25 box cars on sidings. As we reached our Z.P. (BRUCK) there were 10/10
clouds and thus we flew over target completely covered by clouds. Didn't
drop bombs and had no place to drop them. Had P-38 escorts. Approx. 700
planes from 15th Air Force on 3 targets in that area. Returned to base cold as hell.

MAP & COURSE



TARGET



Carried 12 500 lbs bombs to target
got back. Approximately 1300 miles round
trip. Never saw a glimpse of target

P-38's had red cowling with yellow
wing tips. Cam so close we could
see the pilots.

PLANE NO. 89 B-24 G
NO NAME.

MISSION NUMBER "THIRTEEN" (13)

DATE
" "
MARCH 18, 1944

TARGET = GORIZIA MAIN AIRDROME

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0720

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,000 FEET

TEMPERATURE = 35 degrees below zero

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

LOCATION = N.E. Italy near Jugoslavia

N.W. OF TRIESTE

LANDING TIME = 1330

FLAK CONCENTRATION = ONE

BURST OF HEAVY ACK ACK.

CAME CLOSE BY RIGHT

WAIST WINDOW

I.P. = Cervignano

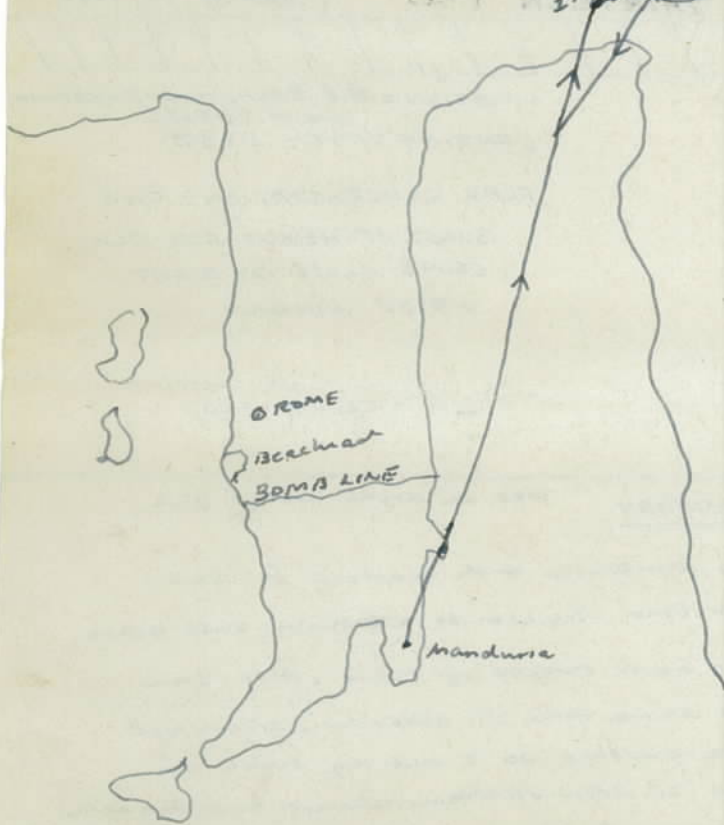
REMARKS & SUMMARY

was on right waist gun.

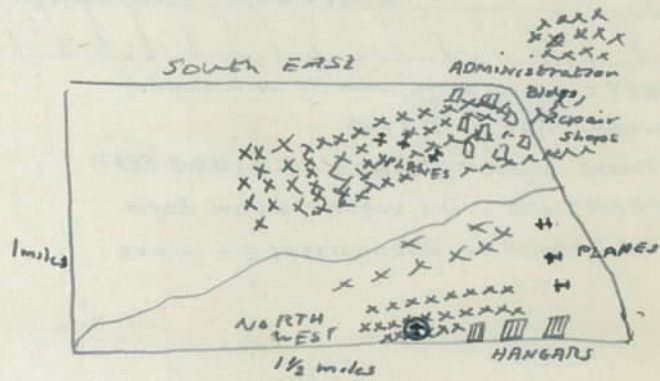
took off with clouds around. Formed over mandria and headed for sea. Remained at 10,000 ft. for awhile and then climbed to altitude. Just before reaching target we saw B-17's returning from targets up there. Also saw little islands before we hit the I.P. At same time LT. Schoeder called out a plane heading for us. It looked like a pursuit so I put my sight on him. Finally saw it was a B-17. Reached I.P. saw Airdrome ahead and finally dropped frags. Stuck head out window. saw Bombs hit. Returned safely.

MAP & COURSE

Cervignano
GORIZIA
Airstrome



TARGET



X = Bomb Bursts
O = Flame 100 FT. High plus Black smoke billowing up.

Carried 144 frags. 4 Groups hit the sector at the same time. 376 TH had to hit the S.E. Side of Sector Bombs really hit in the right places. We saw approx. 8 to 10 F.E fighters and bombers on field one tried to take off but it looked like it was hit. Completely hit the buildings repair shop etc. Visibility of target was good.

DATE

MISSION NUMBER "FOURTEEN ~~FIFTEEN~~"

MARCH 19, 1944

TARGET = KLAGENFORT AIRDROME FACTORY

LOCATION = S.W. 80 miles of STEYR

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1000

LANDING TIME = 1700

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 21000 FT.

TEMPERATURE = 35° Below Zero

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Moderate,

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

Heavy and Fairly Accurate

Received two holes in our

plane, one in Bomb bay

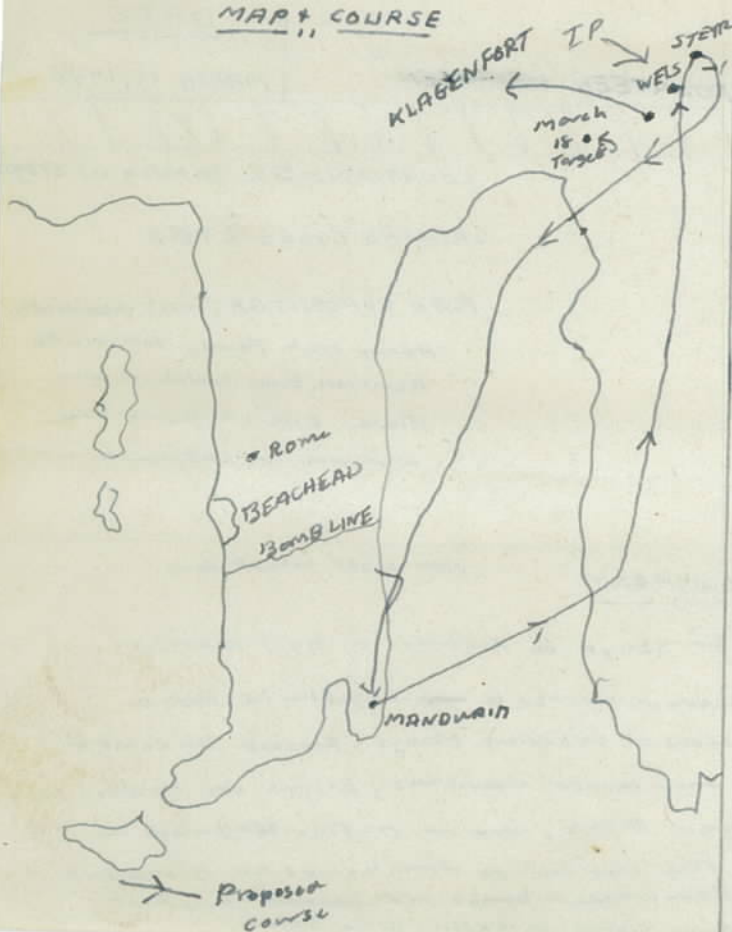
and one in catwalk

REMARKS + SUMMARY

HAD RIGHT WING GUN

Took off with good weather headed for Steyr to destroy a ball bearing factory. Formed over mandurian and headed across to ~~near~~ Yugoslavia. Had a camera aboard and Blandin took 20 shots of different things. Reached the coast of Tugo and then headed up to Steyr. Saw snow covered mountains, towns etc. Finally received P-47 escort and later received P-38's. When we passed Klagenfurt a low overcast lay before us for miles so they decided to drop bombs on Klagenfurt the alternates. Received quite a bit of Flak. Dropped bombs and headed home saw airfield we bombed yesterday. Had 8 planes sitting on the floor home safely.

MAP & COURSE



TARGET



Carried 12 500 lb. Demolition bombs
Saw means of B-17's B-24's all
up in that district. Saw no fighters
(Enemy). 450, 451, 98, 376 groups up
there.

Because Altitude was used I don't
have much information on the mission.
It is believed target was hit.

As B-17's passed over Klagenfort before
us our P-47's covered them and left us.

PLANE NO. 89
B-24 G

DATE

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MISSION NUMBER "FIFTEEN"

MARCH 28, 1944

TARGET = MESTRE MARSHALLING YARDS

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0830

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 21000 ft

TEMPERATURE = 36° Below Zero

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

LOCATION = 6 miles N.W. VENICE

LANDING TIME = 1445

FLAK CONCENTRATION = APPROX.

6 BUSES from Venice.

SAW P-38 SCRAP WITH A ME 109 (WE THINK)

ONE SHIP HAD SMOKE COME OUT OF IT

AND ~~WENT~~ BURNED THE CATCH. NEVER

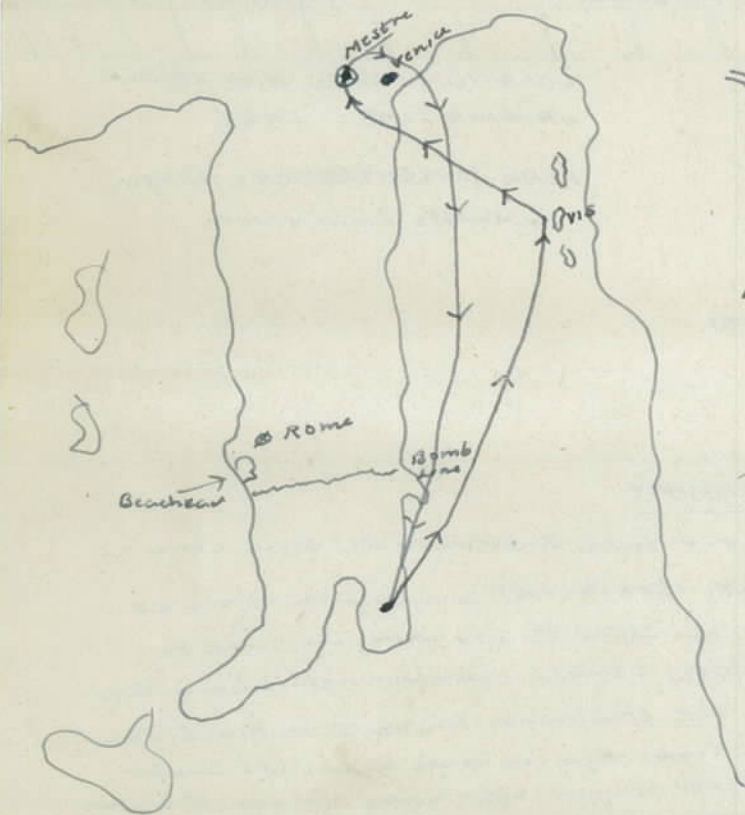
SAW IT PULL OUT OR HIT

REMARKS & SUMMARY

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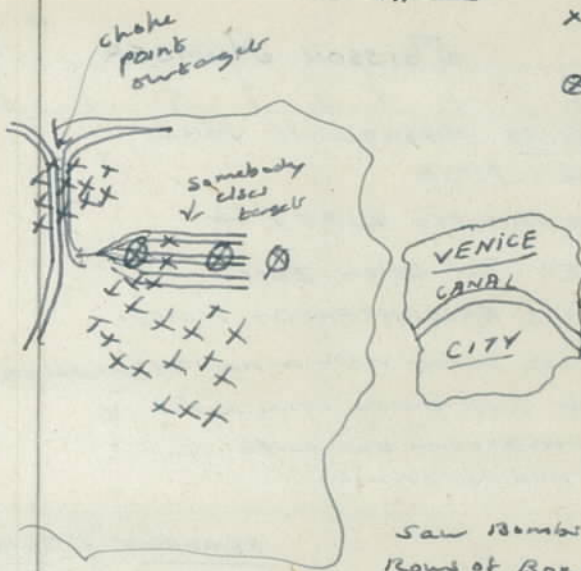
Went off with scattered overcast over field. Intermediate snow storm, and rain ground field. (Light). Formed at 1500 ft. Left mandarin on course at 907. Went up adnatic until we reached the island of Vis where we went to altitude. Saw our P-38 escort before hitting Italian mainland again. Some ships dropped bombs by mistake in adnatic. Hit coast and finally Z.P. PLOVE, Saw Venice which is really beautiful. Dropped bombs. Had one bomb bounce off another and then out. Hit Hydraulic tower. ~~Saw~~ ^{After} ~~dropped~~ other bombs are sea. Elevator limit force. Managed to get back into formation and come home. Saw fires when bombs hit. Mission successful.

MAP & COURSE



TARGET

X = Bomb
Bursts
⊗ = Fire
Station



we saw German
Battic cruiser
near Venice
anchored.
Beachhead says
2 Seaplanes.
I saw 8 ships
in harbor at
Venice.

Saw Bombs hit
Rows of Box cars
in yards. Fire Station
that we really could
see clearly.
Choke point was believed
to be well hit.
Bombing on the whole
was considered good.

MISSION NUMBER "SIXTEEN"

MARCH 29, 1944

TARGET = BOLZANO MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = N.E. ITALY - N.W. VENICE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0730

LANDING TIME = 1500

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 24000 ft

TEMPERATURE = 36° BELOW ZERO

FLAK CONCENTRATION = OVER

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = APPROX 15
 Came at us but were intercepted by P-38's.

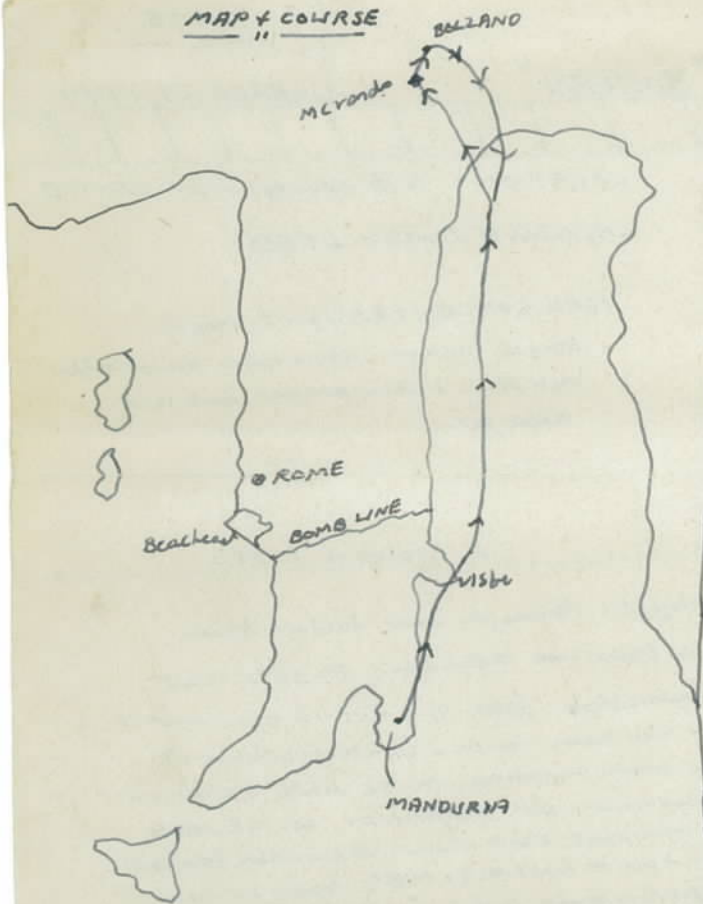
Target heavy - Accurate - Many calls
 met Flak 2 other places but not
 near us.

REMARKS

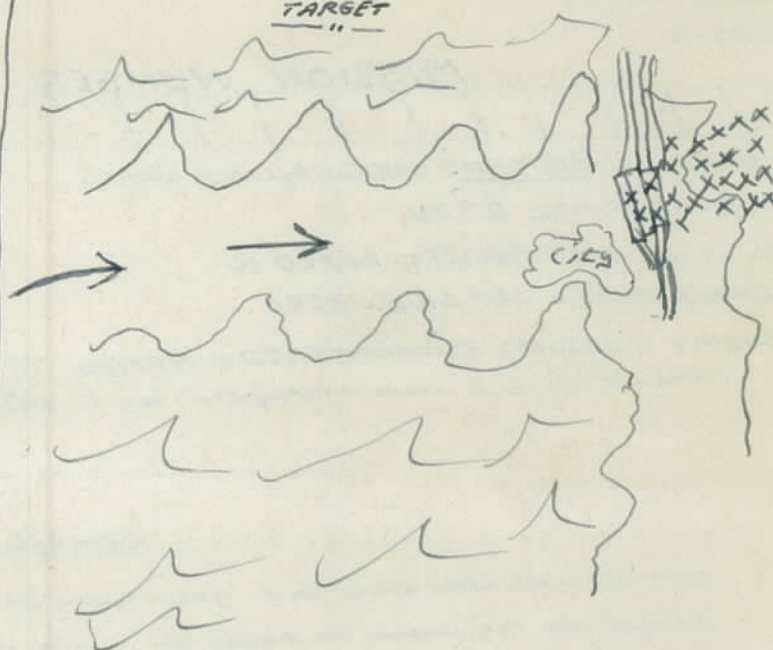
2 Groups of P-38's

Took off with clear skies and good hopes for target. Formed over Sicily then
 headed to rendezvous. On course for Viste and then up Adriatic. P-38's met
 us at Viste to escort us all the way. Approximately 300 B-24's in air and it
 was a beautiful sight. The overcast at 11000 ft. up near Venice. Circled around it
 and when we came out from it most of bombers were missing. Must have been
 alternate targets or returned to base. Reached ZP. MERANO. 15 ME 109's
 came at us when P-38's shot in for interception. One pursuit shot down. Beaudin looked
 at it with glasses. said it was P-38's. Pilot was seen to bail out. ME's beat it home.
 Came on target which lay in pass in mountains. Brenau pass led to it. Received Flak
 and headed for home. overshoot target. Hope other group hit target.

MAP & COURSE



TARGET



X = Bomb Burst

500 lb Demolition bombs

12 Bombs

300 cars on tracks. 60 guns
no overcast over target today.

Beaudin saw 28
planes on Airfield

Also saw Vlted
again and
big plane on run.

— " —

MISSION NUMBER "SEVENTEEN"

MARCH 30, 1944

TARGET = SOFIA MARSHALLING YARDS INDUS. SECT

LOCATION = CAPITAL OF BULGARIA

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0730

LANDING TIME = 1230

ALTITUDE OF TARGET = 19000 ft.

TEMPERATURE = 31° BELOW ZERO

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Heavy
 inaccurate for us Heavy calib. Saw
 Red Flak. One fellow suppose to
 have had his head cut off in
 nose burst. Another boy was
 injured. Also Flak going off 7-8
 coast. Pretty light

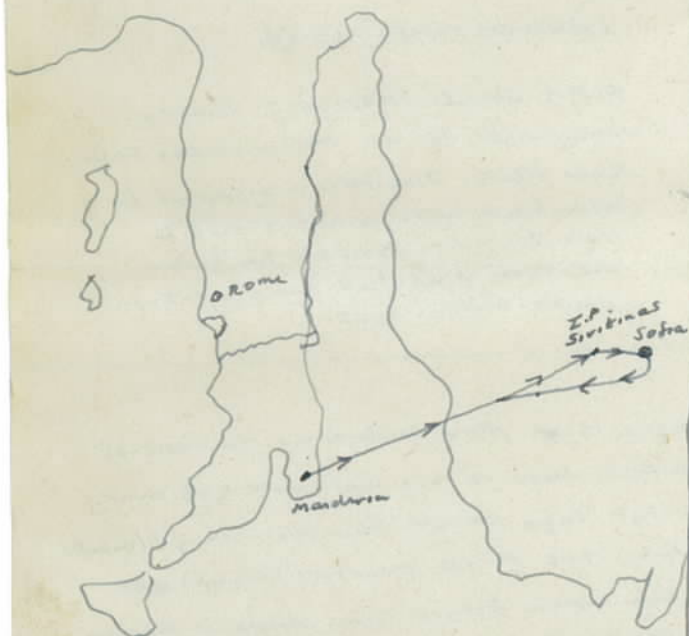
ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

I think I saw two of them but all
 the rest didn't think they were enemy.

REMARKS

Took off with overcast at 6000 ft. Formed over field. 3rd plane before us on take off
 had nose wheel collapse and two men were killed. Saw it as we took off over
 top of it. (No. 98). Headed out over Adriatic and hit 7-8 coast. Flew over heavy blankets
 of beautiful white clouds and mountains below. Met P-38 escort (1 group) over
 Albania. Finally saw Bulgaria cities below. Came upon target and dropped bombs
 on marshalling yards and city itself. Received Flak. As we came off target we saw
 explosion and cloud of smoke rise 2000 feet. Watched 2nd group bomb target.
 On return to base had P-38 disabled and unknown plane head for our tail and put away.

MAP + COURSE

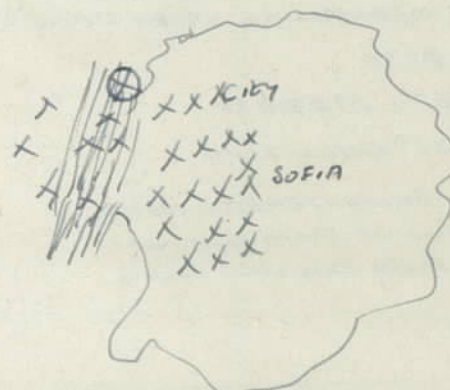


TARGET

Carried 12 500 lb.

Demolition Bombs

⊗ = Smoke 2000 feet
high seen



City very large - Beautifully located.
Idea of raid was not to only hit
marshalling yards but to work on
morale to try and get Bulgaria to
come over to allies side.

PLANE NO. 83

B-24 D

KITTY QUICK (old
Pilot)Flew with LT. Parker and LT. Schenck
as co-pilot - to catch up with LT. Osborn.

DATE

APRIL 2, 1944

MISSION NUMBER "EIGHTEEN NINETEEN"

TARGET = STYRE BALL BEARING WORKS

LOCATION = SE. GERMANY

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0700

LANDING TIME = 1530

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 23,000 feet

TEMPERATURE = 36° BELOW ZERO

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = APPROX. 20 to 25

FW 190's. ALSO SAW ME 110 make attack
on straggling B-24.FLAK CONCENTRATION = moderate
Heavy calb. and accurate over
target. Used Radar repeater and
it worked. Received Flak on
other place before target. It was
also accurate.

FLEW RIGHT WAIST. Had oxygen mask valve lumps of ice in it. Had a hard time breathing.

Blandin given with another pilot

REMARKS

Didn't fire at enemy at all. Had one
come at 12 o'clock but turned away.

went to briefing at 0515 and heard target was priority No. 1. Styre. Took off
with new crew and old pilots. Parker had 35 missions. Formed our field and
then on course. When we reached Rendezvous point for P-38's didn't pick
them up. At rendezvous point for P-47's we picked up FW 190's and they
really attacked all the formations except ours which really brighten up, saw
one man in white parachute. Two B-24's were shot down. One had 3 men
get out of it and the other none. FW's left us at our ZP when P-38's came
around. At ZP. threw out fuel and finally saw target. Covered by smoke
dropped beautiful pattern of bombs. Saw ME 110 on return.

MAP & COURSE

TARGET

x = where bombs
most likely
hit.

Entire Target
covered by smoke
left by other groups
before us.

376.2m
98"
430"
451"
449'

Carried 31 Incendiary
bombs and we were
to burn all that
was destroyed by
former groups going
over.

Saw P-38's over
targets

Received Flak in end of
run. Also hole above
knownest gunner's head.

Repeater
MILP
to

Flak bursts
here at
10,000 ft
caused by Tinter

MISSION NUMBER "TWENTY-ONE" APRIL 3, 1944

TARGET = BUDAPEST MAIN MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = Capital of HUNGARY

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0645

LANDING TIME = 1500

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,000 Feet

FLAK CONCENTRATION = over target
was Heavy Accurate and heavy
caliber. Window stuff caused
a great deal

TEMPERATURE = 32° BELOW ZERO

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = TWO ME-410

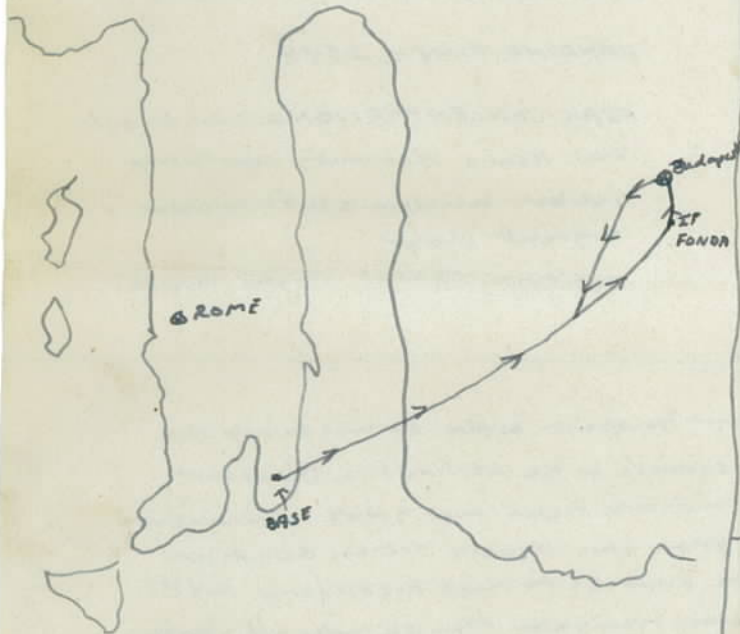
POSITION FLEW = Right wing.

And Two ME 109's. One ME-410 made
6 passes at our formation.

ME-109's made 6 pass at other formation
before targets

REMARKS

Went to briefing at 5 A.M. Told target was never bombed before. It was to help the
Russian front for the first time and there were supposed to be at least a thousand
cars in yards. Took off with own crew. Followed our field. met groups and headed
on course. Flew over Adriatic and then into Yugoslavia. Saw Hungary cities. Beautiful
churches etc. Finally saw Danube river. were supposed to meet P-38's (and P-47's
over target) then P-38's after targets. Our lead navigator then 50 miles off course.
Time over target was late. Made many observations. Finally came to yards and saw
Air field with at least 250 planes on it. Captain said it might be important. Dropped
bombs and then had ME-410 pass at us. No ships. Shot down. (some how saw Danube River



Saw many
cars with engines
running them away.
Also saw another
yard with at
least 1500 cars
in 15.50 locomotives
and 12 repair
sheds.

Small
yard

Main yards
were all
filled with
smoke
we lost South
End

Airfield
with
200
+ planes

carried 12 500 lb. Demolitions

Fired at enemy fighter. He came
in at 3 + 9 o'clock coming over
but did not want straight
out to 6 ft. All ships fired
at him but no success. Beaulieu
flew nose round. Another fellow
flew west. Wilhelm in Tail.

PLANE NO. 97
B-24 H

MARCH 4th WAS BUCAREST RAID - IT WAS REALLY
ROUGH. I DIDN'T GO WITH BEAUDEN UNIT.

DATE

MISSION NUMBER TWENTY-TWO + TWENTY THREE

APRIL 5, 1944

TARGET = PLOESTI M/Y.

LOCATION = 35 mi. N^W BUCAREST

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1115

LANDING TIME = 1750

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,000 Feet

FLAK CONCENTRATION = 144 Gns

TEMPERATURE = 36° Below Zero

Reported around PLOESTI - Received
Heavy flak - "accurate" - Heavy cal.

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = 30 to 50 Fw. 190

and a few ME 109's. Met us 20 minutes before
target and stayed with us 10 minutes after target.
Attacked mostly under ships and at their tails.

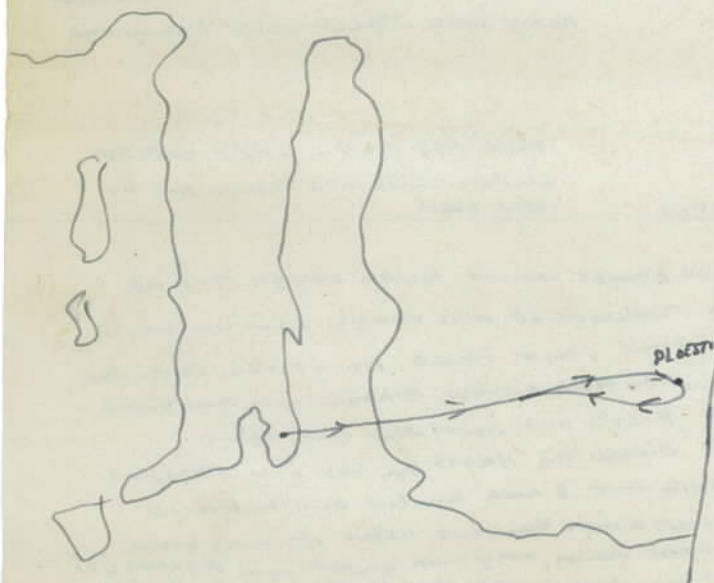
GUN POSITION = LEFT WAIST
window stuff was thrown out by
other ships.

REMARKS

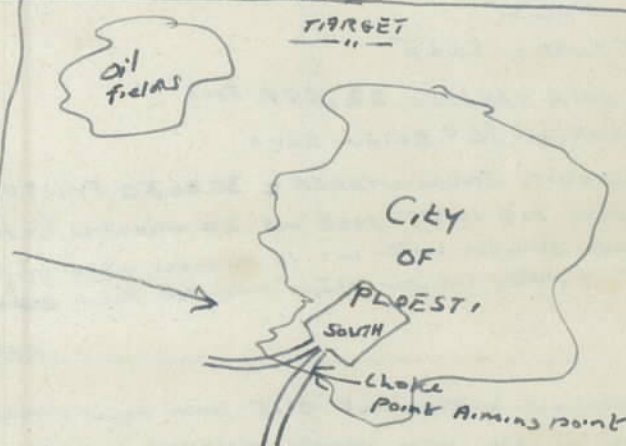
Received briefing at 9:15 and now dreamed target would be so rough. Out of
plane we all were really nervous because we realized it was rough and we were
in a poor position of formations. Took off, formed, and went on course. Beauden
flew Tail. Coplan grounded on account of cold. Flew across Albania and Hungary
really was doing a good job. Suppose to meet P-38's but never saw them before
target. Fw. 190's hit all of us 20 min before target. Picked on 449 Gns. Got two straggled
and knocked them down. Saw one B-24 go into spin and 3 men bailed out before it
broke up. Then saw B-24 start to loose altitude and 2 men bailed out before it was broken
off - burst in flames and blew up. Two other B-24 went down - no men bailed out. Right (6)
were shot down. Saw one B-24 get through them. 3 men bailed out over target and Beauden

saw one man go into oil smoke from target. Saw two pursuit pilots bail out. Dropped bombs and believed to hit goods. Turned off target. Still saw fighters. Red Flare sent up as signal to enemy fighters. Fired at fighters. Weble had many shots but no knockdowns met P. 38. Escort 15 minutes off target. Due to mileage unable to have escort over target. Got home pretty tired.

MAP + COURSE



TARGET



Carried 31 INCENDIARY BOMBS
 Large oil fires were seen in yards. Germans used smoke screens but wind burned them. Dropped few bombs but had to salvo most of them.
 All in whole a rough mission.

PLANE NO. 85
B-24D modified

- LAST MISSION OUT OF ITALY -

MISSION NUMBER "TWENTY-FOUR"

DATE
" "
APRIL 7, 1944

TARGET = MESTRE MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = 6 miles N.W. VENICE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0920

LANDING TIME = 1530

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,500 FEET

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Moderate
inaccurate and heavy calib.

TEMPERATURE = 20-25° Below Zerp.

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = BETWEEN 20 and 30

FW. 190's, ME 109's and Macchi 202.

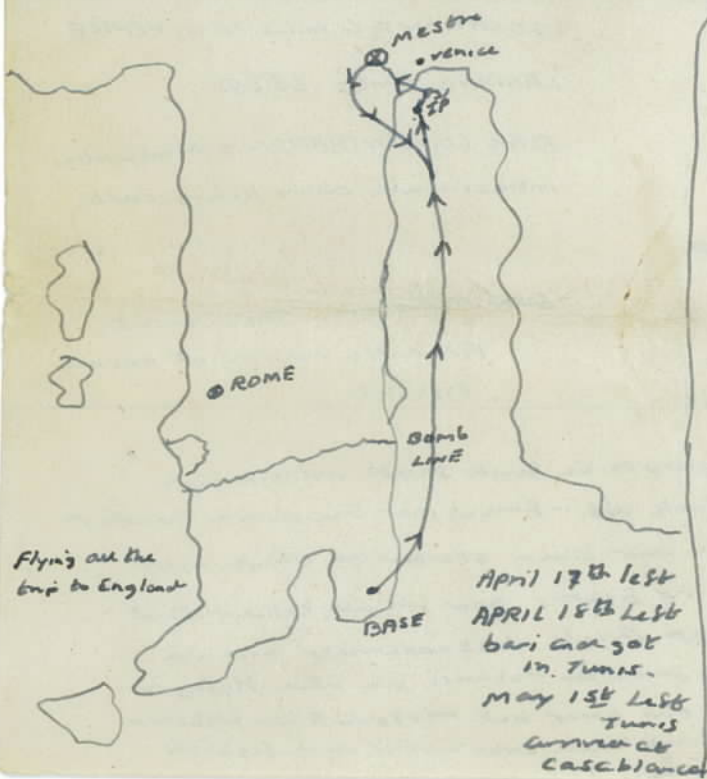
Shot 20 millimeters at us but didn't
succeed. One pursuit believed to be shot
down. Tail Gunner saw parachute.

GUN POSITION = Top Turret.

Fired 40 rounds at enemy
fighters.

REMARKS

Before this morning with idea that it was going to be buck shots. Wilhelm and
Caplan grounded. Had replacements with us. Took off - from over Manduria headed
on course at 10:17. Flew at 5000 for awhile and then started to climb. met
P-38 escort about 15 minutes before Z.P. Saw no fighter and we all believed that
it was going to be buckshots. When we hit Z.P. P-38's disappeared and we
received 20 to 30 fighters. They attacked our formation because we were flying in
poor formation. They fired 20 millimeters at our group but missed. A few fighters
might have gone down but I didn't see any. Came back over water and fighters
finally left. P-38's had dog fight with some.



Same as on my 15th mission. We carried 10 500 lb demolition bombs and dropped two by intervalometer and 8 by salvo. Target well hit by the way 13 and in spoke. I could hardly see target and was too busy watching fighters. Shot 40 rounds at enemy fighters. One machine 202 was only about 500 yards away. Didn't hit him though.

Tonight April 7th received Rumor that our crew (only) is going to go to England to finish missions. What a rumor!!!

APRIL 9th - Obtained clearance signatures. Still don't know when we shall leave for England

APRIL 10th - Still awaiting orders to leave

PLANE NO. 099 Silver B-24G IN ENGLAND WITH 453rd BOMB GR
733 BOMB SQD.

DATE

8th A.A.F. MISSION NUMBER "ONE"

MAY 28, 1944

TARGET = MERSEBURG SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT

LOCATION = N.W. GERMANY (S. NAVIG)

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1015

LANDING TIME = 1800

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,500 ft

TEMPERATURE = 20° Below Zero

FLAK CONCENTRATION = LIGHT,
INACCURATE, LIGHT CALIB

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

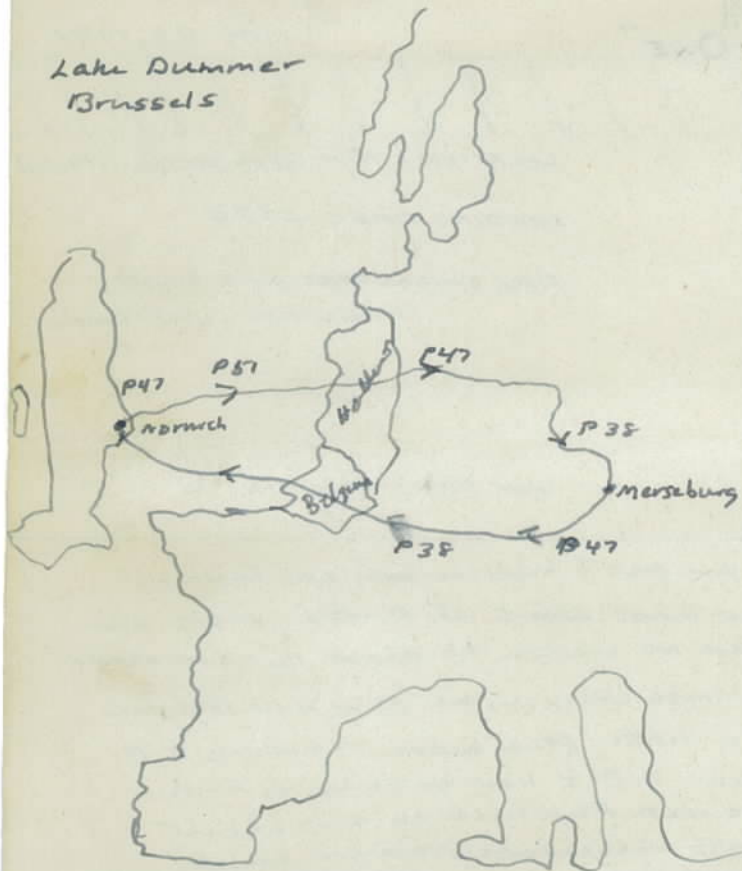
GUN POSITION = NONE

REMARKS

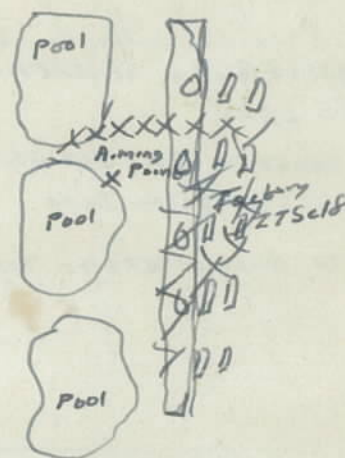
Took off from Attleboro (Old Buck) and took 2 hours to form over England. Had P-47 escort while forming and had escort of P-47's, P-51's and P-38's during entire mission. Headed on course at about 12 noon across Channel for first time. 41 minutes to cross Channel. We flew over Belgium, Latvia, Holland and Germany. Saw a little flak before reaching Z.P. and finally at 1435 we reached our Z.P. I had to stay by radio all the time from now on. Sat there with flak suit on and helmet as bombs were dropped. Received light inaccurate flak over target. Came back without any interception. Great feelings having escort. Saw Brussels Big C.B., All flat country and very fertile. On oxygen 5 hours.

MAP + COURSE

Lake Dummer
Brussels



TARGET



Carried 44 100 lbs. Bombs (demos)
LT. Robson said that they really hit
well and caused many fires.
Russians requested raids. Near
target we saw another plant that
had been hit and smoke from
furious explosions curled up to
at least 10000 feet.

PLANE NO. 085
B-24 J

DATE
" " "

MISSION NUMBER "Two" (14 TO GO!)

MAY 30, 1944

TARGET = OLDENBURG AIRDROME

LOCATION = N.W. GERMANY

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0745

LANDING TIME = 1330

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 21000

TEMPERATURE = 20° Below Zero

FLAK CONCENTRATION = HEAVY,
INACCURATE, MODERATE.

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

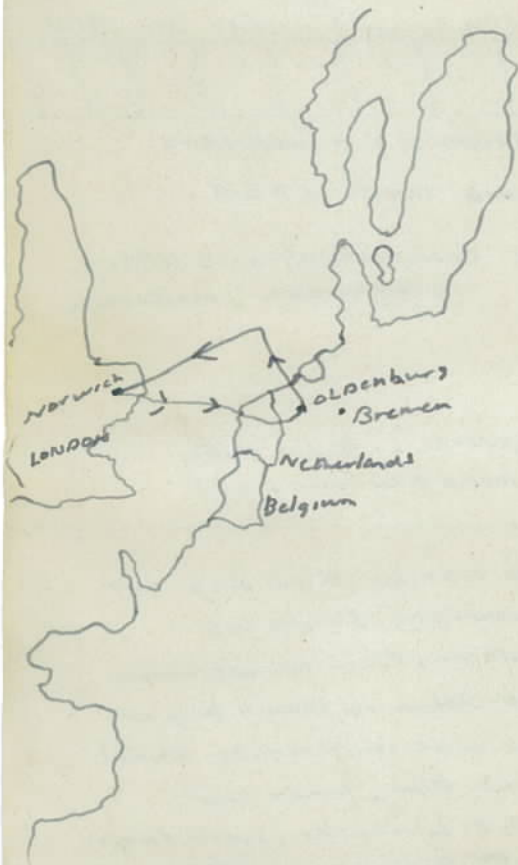
Beauden saw 3 Ju. 52's on Ground
and Webb saw one Single Engine
fighter on Ground

POSITION = Radio Table
Bomb bay over target

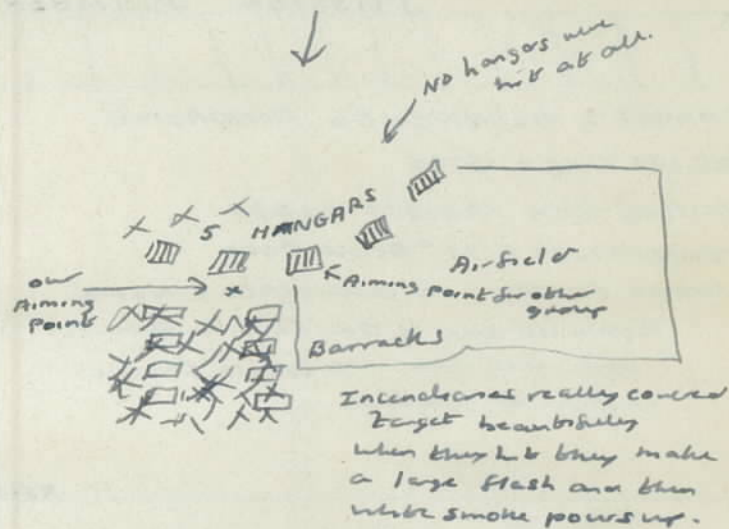
REMARKS

Took off and formed over field at 15,000 feet. Told to monitor SOS freq. over water. Went on course at about 9:30. Flew over water and finally hit Enemy territory. Helper pilot & co-pilot put Flak suits on. Flew across Enemy territory to I.P. Then went off watch and got down in Bomb bay as doors opened on Bomb Run. Flak was sent up but was inaccurate. Chaff helped a lot as we approached target land was flat, green and fertile. Dropped bombs and saw most of them hit barracks, work shops etc. Saw no fighters at all. Flew out over water and headed home. On oxygen 4 hours saw a couple German battleships that sent up flak.

MAP + COURSE



TARGET



Carried 2300 gal

" 52 incendiaries - all released from bomb bay. none had to be salvaged

"MISSION NUMBER" "THREE"

MAY 31, 1944

TARGET: SEDAN MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = N.W. FRANCE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0715

LANDING TIME = 1230

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = Supposed to be 15000

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Just

TEMPERATURE = 70 Below at 15000 ft.

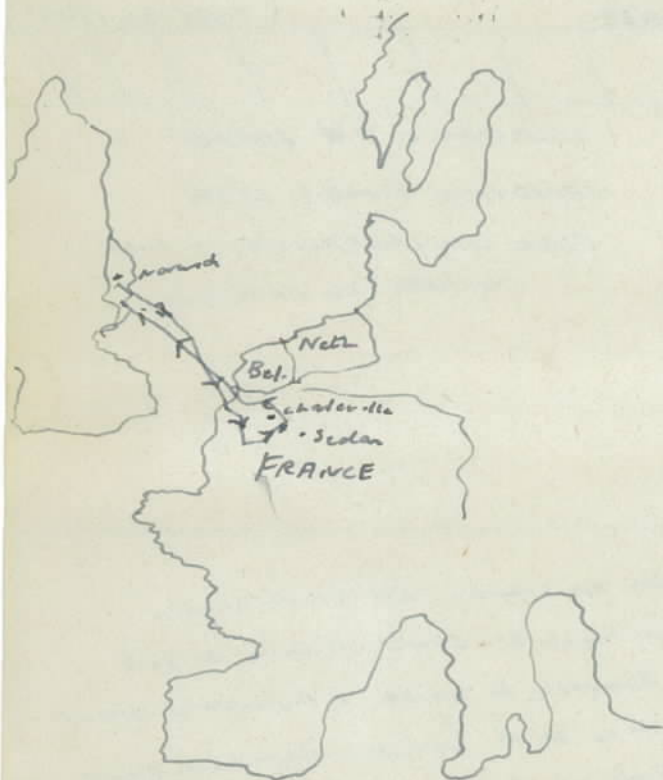
a little 20 miles away

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

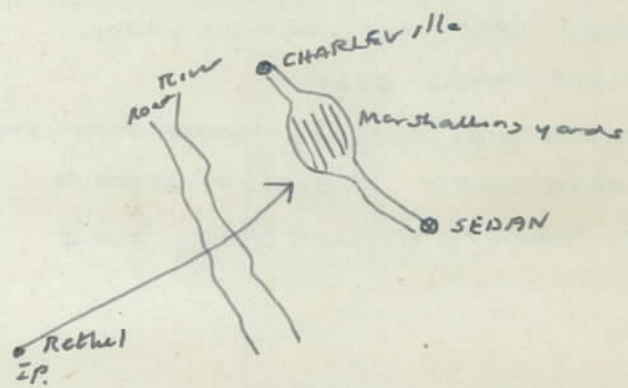
REMARKS

Took off and formed over field. Headed on course across channel and as we approached enemy territory we had to start climbing to get over clouds which rose to 20,000 feet. Supposed to bomb marshalling yards at 15000 feet. Got over enemy territory and leader decided that we couldn't bomb. Returned to Base Sat at Radio during entire flight. Carried 3 2000 lb. bombs for the first time. Enormous Bombs.

MAP + COURSE



TARGET



Carried 3 2000 lb. Bombs

JUNE 4, 1944

MISSION NUMBER "FOUR"

TARGET = ROMORTIN AIRDROME

LOCATION = S.E. FRANCE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1515

LANDING TIME = 2250

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 18000

FLAK CONCENTRATION = 4 GUNS

TEMPERATURE = 20° Below Zero

FIRED AT US Before hitting

target - Accurate fire but

we were out of range -

Had about 7 Rockets

Shot at us over target

Red and white streamers.

They didn't make enough

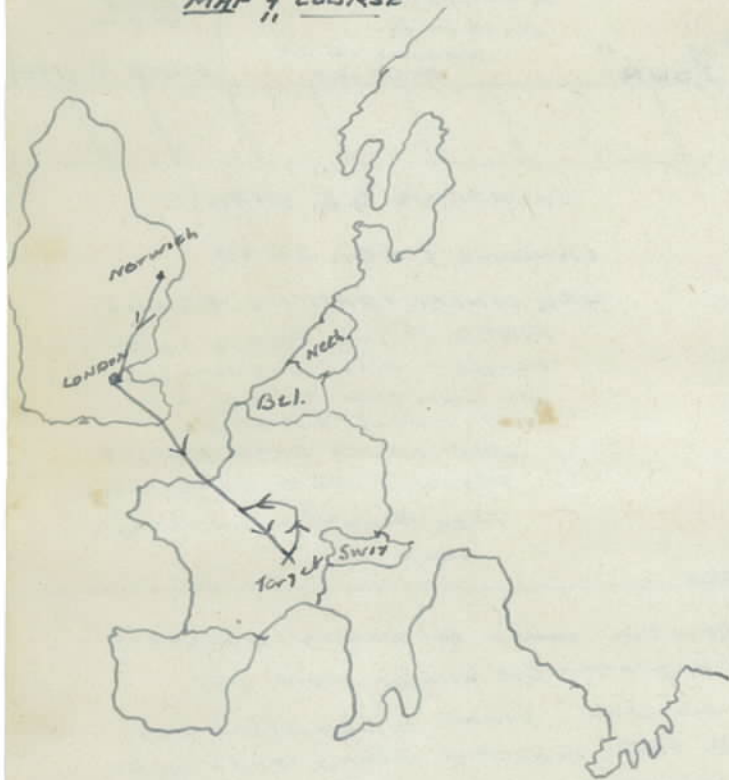
lead.

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

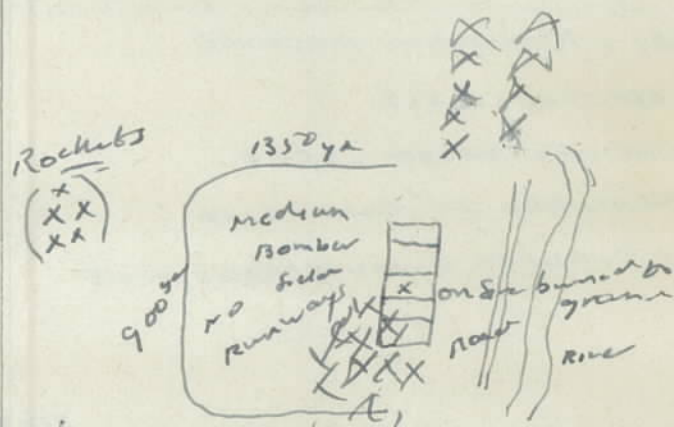
REMARKS

Mission in morning scratched - At 1 P.M. called for briefing. Thought it was short one but turned out to be long one. Got briefed - Took off. Climbed to 17000 feet. Went over London. What a beautiful city. Went across channel. 5 bases with Flak reported along coast but didn't see them. Reached target. Dropped bombs. One hangar burned to ground. Returned to channel. Reported clouds low to come in under them. Hit coast and clouds only 50 feet high. Lost our way - Climbed to 7000 - Try in vain for POW PTs - Couldn't get them. Shot flares by the boats. Finally landed at base. MISAPPAH.

MRP + COURSE



TARGET



carried 6 1050 lb. Herms.
All dropped nicely. Tapered
well but:

San Tierso

PLANE NO. 627 B-24 H ^{called}
^{HERMAN}

"D-DAY"

DATE

MISSION NUMBER "FIVE"

JUNE 6, 1944

TARGET - BEACH NEAR CHERBOURG PENINSULA

LOCATION = N.W. FRANCE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0245

LANDING TIME = 0700

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 16000 Feet

FLAK CONCENTRATION = LIGHT

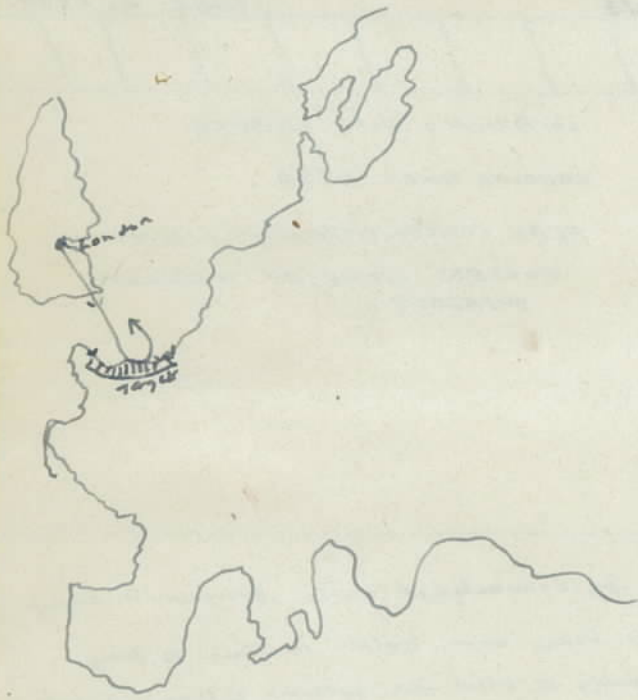
TEMPERATURE = 10° BELOW ZERO

ROCKETS CAME UP THROUGH
OVERCAST

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

REMARKS

Beauden and I were in town and decided to come back early. Arrived in camp and told them were briefing. Made briefing in time and told it was D Day and H-hour was 6:30 AM. June 6th. In January I told the fellows D Day would be June 6th and they all were amazed that I was correct. Took off at 0245 and formed by blinker light. On course and flew entire mission over clouds. Didn't see the biggest shower on Earth. Dropped bombs 25 minutes before landing of troops. Returned to base. Saw Rockets. Expect to fly twice a day. 24 hour bombing. 800 Lbs 1000 lbs - 1500 Medium bombers. 1500 8th fighters 800 9th fighters Bombing continuing.



Just a Beachhead.

Carried 52 100 lb. Bombs.

Some carried Frags.

Saw thousands of planes flying across channel. we couldn't find our formation so we just hooked on to any formation so we could drop our bombs.

It was a great feeling being one of the first to start the actual invasion. mission itself was nothing unusual. Know very little about what is going on. Probably fathers at home know more about what the ground boys are doing.

PLANE NO. 210 B-24 H.
originally came over
with group.

2ND DAY OF INVASION - ALLIES REALLY
MOVING IN

DATE

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"MISSION NUMBER SIX"

JUNE 7, 1944

TARGET = INLAND FROM THE BEACHHEAD (Bergenline)

LOCATION = NEAR VIRE FRANCE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1120

LANDING TIME = 1725

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 20,000 FEET

FLAK CONCENTRATION = NONE

TEMPERATURE = ABOUT 25° BELOW ZERO

BELIEVED 2 ROCKETS WERE
SENT UP.

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

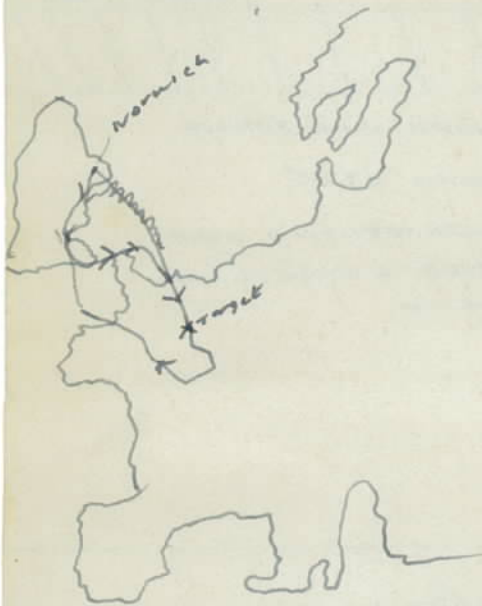
REMARKS

After starting from 1017.m. Tuesday until this morning (Abe says though) we
were told to go back at 9 A.M. Told target was close points of main highways
inland of beachhead. Took off climbed through terrific overcast, formed
and headed on course. Reached channel and went right over beachhead
in to target. Saw the most amazing sight of my life. Thousands of boats also
barges on the beaches and pursuits all over. Saw 4 depth charges explode
went on to target with no resistance at all. Dropped bombs by Pathfinder
and then went on further on course to home.

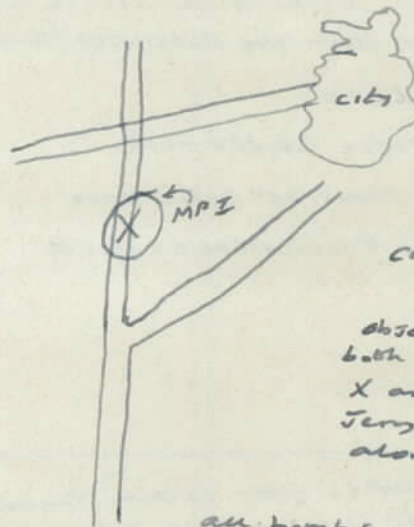
MILK
RUN.

NO
BALL

MAP + COURSE
11



TARGET
11



Carried 12,500
lb. bombs.
object to destroy
both choke points
X and Y so as
Jerry can't move
along those roads.

all bombs dropped right

Miscellaneous

Still wondering when Jerry will come
up to fight us, no resistance so far.
Made my 30th mission today including
the 24 I had in Italy. 10 to go
and then maybe more if necessary.
Up to the C.O.

MISSION NUMBER "SEVEN"

JUNE 10th, 1944

TARGET = Bouge Railroad Bridge

LOCATION = Just a little N.W. Paris

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0515

LANDING TIME = 1130

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 8,500 feet

TEMPERATURE = 20° Above Zero

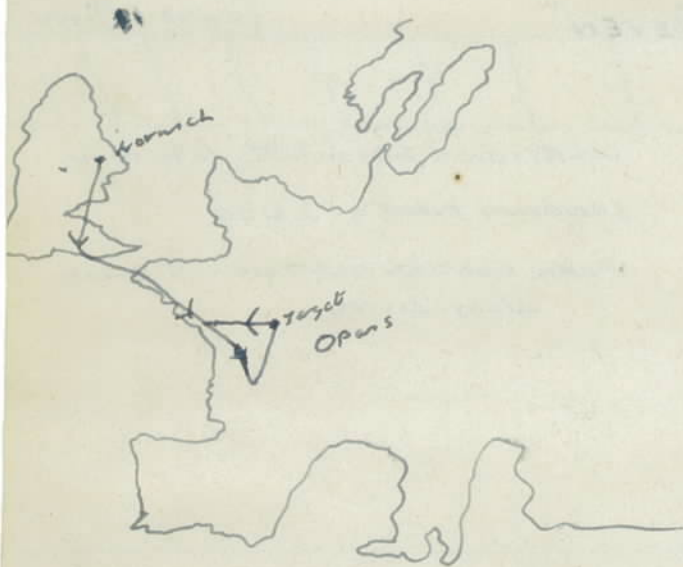
FLAK CONCENTRATION = 3 Bwbs
along course

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

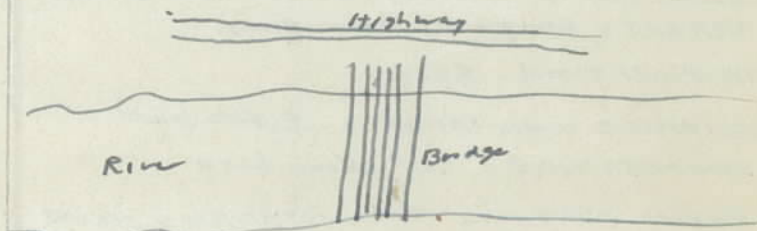
REMARKS

Took off to bomb important Railroad bridge with 2000 lb. Bombs. Formed and headed on course to bomb below clouds, if necessary to go to 3000 feet. Bomb. in Elements of three. Flew to target which was covered with clouds. Clouds too low to go under. Looked for any gaps of opportunity. Spotted Railroad bridge in turn of Samur, made 3 runs but didn't release bombs, flew all over France at 8500 ft. NO interception had the cover of P-47's. Amazing mission. Brought back bombs.

Map of course



Target



Carried 2000 pound bombs. On bomb
that I shot in Bomb bay. Really
wanted to see those bombs hit from
8500 feet it really would have
shown the real destruction.

Hope to see 2000 lb. bombs hit
before I complete tour.

MISSION NUMBER "EIGHT"

JUNE 12, 1944

TARGET = Montfort Railroad Bridge

Location: ^{DW} East of Brest France

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0616

LANDING TIME = 1116

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 20,000 ft

TEMPERATURE = 15° Below Zero

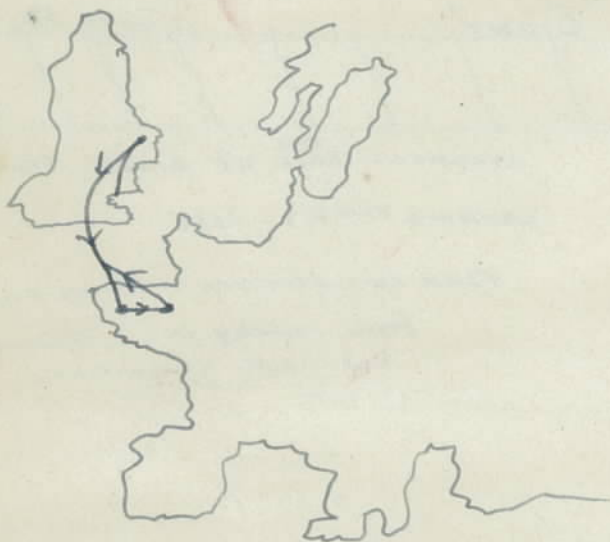
ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

Flak Concentration = Many bursts
from nearby town Rheims
but none came near
us.

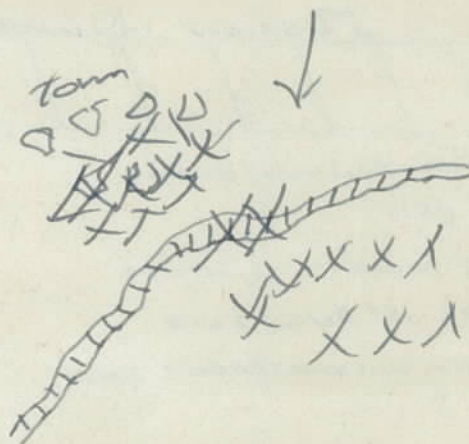
REMARKS

TOOK OFF. Formed over field at 20,000 ft on course over channel
and to Brest and then to Montfort where railroad bridge was.
carried 2000 pound bombs and made a 360. Dropped bombs on
first bridge but only two hits. Primary target was not visible.
Returned to base. Had one cover by fighters P-47's. En route
mission was just as smooth as could be. No resistance at all.

map & course



TARGET



Carried 4-2000 lb. bombs. Amazing,
Side to Sea Crab by beam, Enormous
Explosions occurred.

PLANE NO. 112

Our own assigned

Ship - Silver with yellow

propeller hub

DATE

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MISSION NUMBER "NINE"

JUNE 18, 1944

TARGET = HAMBURG SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0635

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 25,000 FEET

TEMPERATURE = 35° Below Zero

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

Copilot saw three and saw one

go down in flames he says.

LOCATION = N. W. GERMANY

LANDING TIME = 1230

FLAK CONCENTRATION = INTENSE

FLAK ALL AROUND TARGET

AREA. - ONE SQUADRON

REALLY GOT HIT HARD -

ONE FELLOW HAD ARM

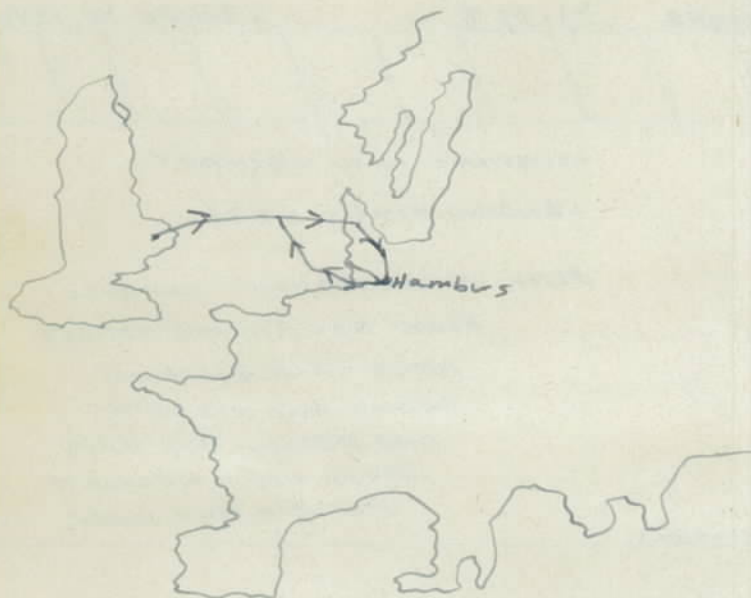
BLOWN OFF. - WE DIDN'T

RECEIVE ANY HOLES.

REMARKS

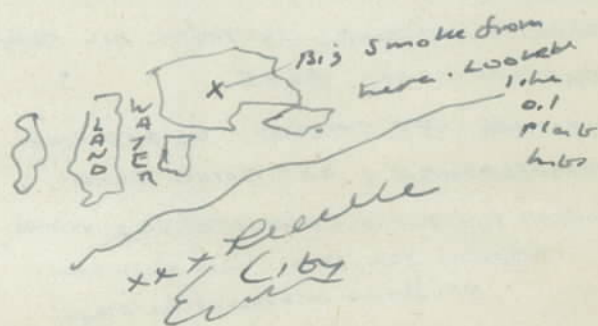
Came back from town at 11:30 Saturday night and was called for briefing at 12:15 Sunday morning. First target was an airfield near Hamburg. Weather was awful so they said to hit Hamburg if couldn't see Airfield. Took off. Formed over base - went on course over sea. Had P-38 escort. Beautiful sight. Reached target area. Couldn't see Airfield so hit Hamburg. Large city. Didn't see Bombs Hit. Suppose to be 200 Flak guns around there. Flak intense but we flew Hi Hi. Right we didn't get much close. Returned to base. NO Fighters.

Map + course



TARGET

Carried 500 lb. bombs. = 12 total



Had 48 hour pass between
June 12th + 18th - weather
bad so we had rest for
six days

7 Missions to go.

PLANE NO: 112
Silver B-24G.

DATE
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MISSION NUMBER "JEN"

JUNE 19, 1944

TARGET = FIENVILLER ROCKET - PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT

Location = N.W. FRANCE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1545

LANDING TIME = 1930

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 21,000 FEET.

FLAK CONCENTRATION = ABOUT

TEMPERATURE = 22° Below Zero

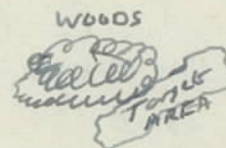
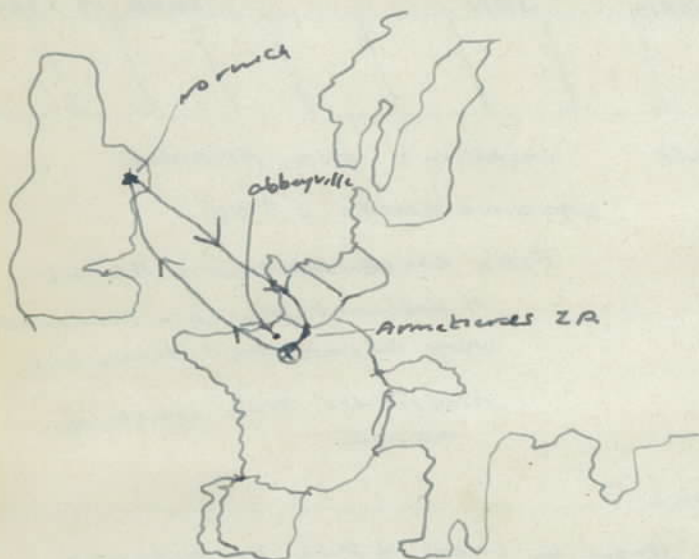
4 different places - Moderate
Very accurate - Heavy Cal.

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

Abbeyville Flak shot up
at us.

REMARKS

Got up at 5:30 A.M. to fly and stood by until 8 P.M. on account of weather. Finally received so called no ball target but turned out to be rough as for flak. Formed near field then on course across channel. Didn't hit all points we were supposed to. Dropped bombs by salvo on target. Received flak before target and after target. Went too close to Abbeyville and really received accurate flak. Received 6 holes in plane one plane had two men almost hit and hydraulics knocked out. Short mission but rough.



Carried 52 100 lb. bombs. didn't
See bomber hit. Had to salvo them.
Target had plane where Jerry is
Sending out pilotless aircraft
on London.

Rumor tonight Staber all beachcom
missions only count half. Instead
of 6 to 20 it might be more.

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JUNE 21, 1944

MISSION NUMBER "ELEVEN"

TARGET = Berlin Diesel Engine Works

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0530

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,500

TEMPERATURE = 20° Below Zero

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = Approximately,

50 fighters - ME 410, ME 109, FW 190.

Location = Capital of Germany

LANDING TIME = 1330

FLAK CONCENTRATION = ZIGZAG

Fairly accurate and heavy

caliber. Most guns that any

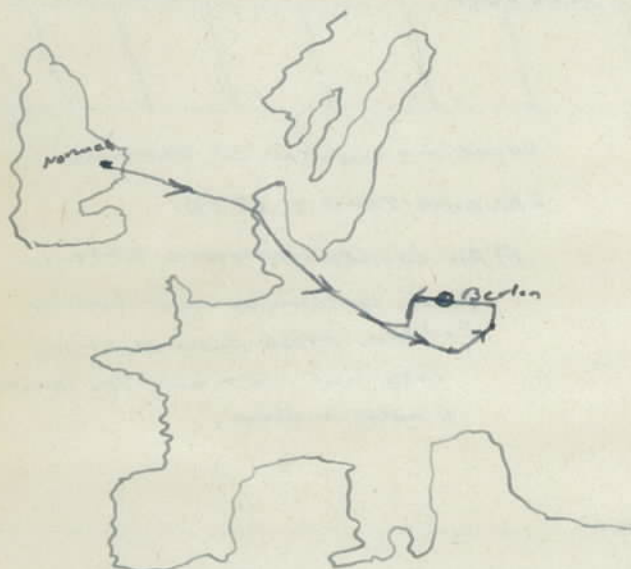
city has around its Reich

6 holes in ship.

REMARKS

Up at 1 A.M. - ate at 1:30 and briefing was at 2:30. New dreamed target was Berlin. Kind of amazed. Took off at 5:30 after engine was fixed and formed over Bu. 6. Headed on course. Took off in rain and climbed 3000 feet up into clear sky and most beautiful sunrise I have seen. Didn't see fighter fighters until the Z.P. All Hell broke out then. P-51's really kept fighters busy though they dropped bombs and had 8 minutes of fight continuously. Blandon and Webb saw fighters and bombers go down. Came back on all four engines.

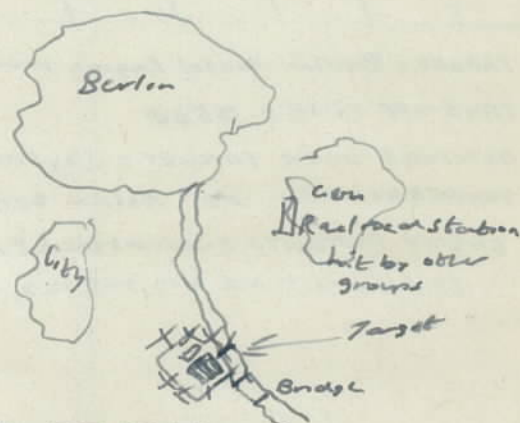
Map + course



3 B-24's missing from our group. One caught fire. - another 4 men bailed out one target. One was delayed for about 10,000 feet. I didn't see much at all. Just thousands of bombs burst all over Berlin.

One in navigators compartment

TARGET
Entire 8th air force
hit Berlin.



Carried 10 ~~500~~ 500 lb bombs.
Had to salvo. Target well into Belvedere
to be a pair of pilotless aircraft.
Berlin is really enormous. Flew towards
Beaudouin's life was saved by Webb. Webb
called him as he moved from window
flak came through. Nick was saved
because he leaned his head to the right
in upper turret and flak came in left.
Had 6 holes - one in vertical stabilizer.

PLANE NO. 112 B-24(M)
SILVER

DATE
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MISSION NUMBER "TWELVE"

JUNE 23, 1944

TARGET = JUVEN COURTS AIRDROME
DISPERSAL AREA

LOCATION = N.E. PARIS 10m; N.W. Reims

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1645

LANDING TIME = 2145

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,000 feet

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Over target

TEMPERATURE = 21° Below zero

LIGHT - INACCURATE - Heavy Cal

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

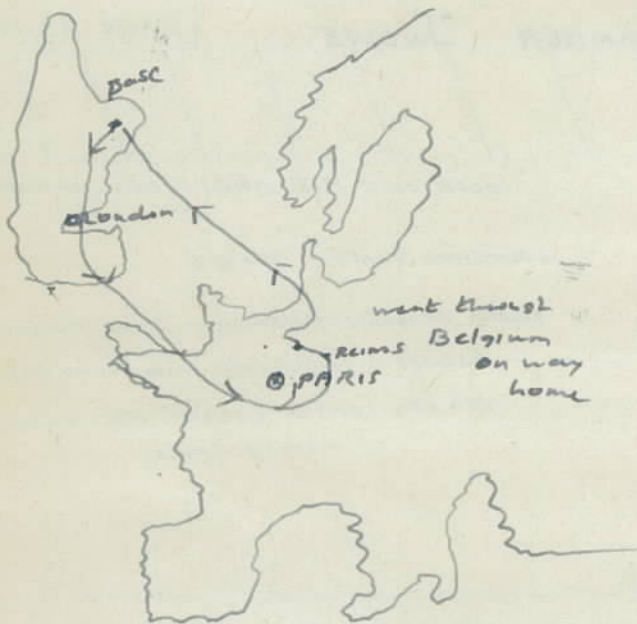
OFF THE COAST LIGHT - ACCURATE
Heavy Cal.

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS = 21 hrs 15 min
INCLUDING MISSION
12

REMARKS

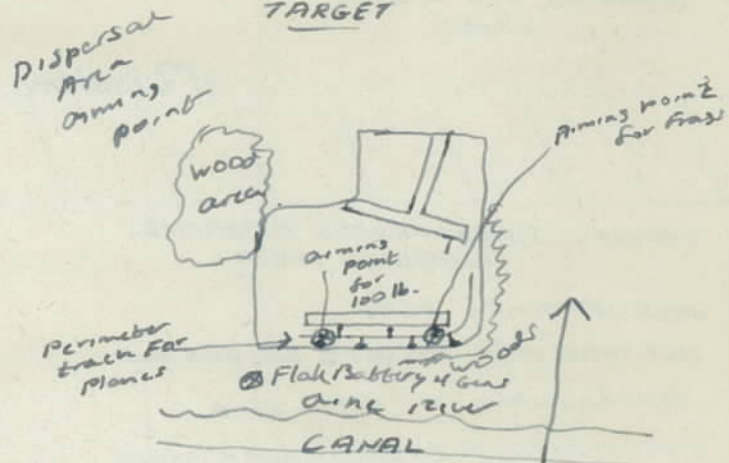
Hoping to go to dance Friday night was called to briefing at 3 P.M. Target in France. 7 Gps. of fighters as area over. One not us. Formed our fighter went on course. Flew over London across Channel - over beachhead. Saw boats again and fires in Deauville (town). Clouds were 10/10. Reached target - Had Flak - hit target well, started home. Got off course, went to close to Flak installation on coast. Two B-24 got direct hit. Both blew up. Only 3 shuttles out of engine. Crews I didn't see it. Thank God.

MAP + COURSE



Now have NINE missions to go
because we have to fly 35 short and
long ones or 30 long D.P. ones.
Getting tired of flying.

TARGET



Hit aiming points well. Carried 52 x 100
G.P. Bombs - other 500s carried
40 x frags & Carried 4500 rounds
of ammo & 2300 Calm Target
really well hit.

To help destroy fighter arm of
Germans.

Bearden and Webb saw Jerry fire 40
mm. at fellows in Chubase.

PLANE NO: = 276 0
B-24 (H) Just like
112

DATE

MISSION NUMBER "THIRTEEN"

JUNE 24, 1944

TARGET = SWITCHING AND POWER PLANT

LOCATION = S.E. OF LENS FRANCE

TAKE-OFF TIME = 1648

LANDING TIME = 2030

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 23,500 FEET

FLAK CONCENTRATION = LIGHT INACCURATE

TEMPERATURE = 27° BELOW ZERO

heavy cal before target - light

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

accurate Heavy cal when
off coast

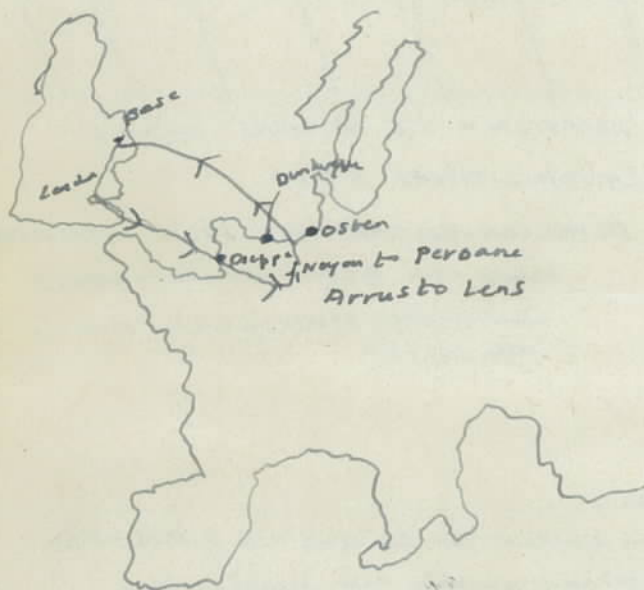
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3 45

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS = 216 HOURS

REMARKS

Didn't think we would fly today but were called for briefing at 2 P.M. - Easy target and only 4 hours flying time. Took off - formed quickly and headed for over London - then out over coast and across channel. Reached French coast started to receive flak turned away and we saw it went to target - made beautiful run - no clouds and dropped bombs. Not one bomb hit even near target. Headed for coast home. Had to go through Dunkerque and Ostend. We no flak was supposed to be. Received accurate flak ship to our left and front blew up. Beaudin saw one fellow fly out and cut in half. Also tail bomb boy trying to get out. He had no. 2 engine hit. Smoked - undamaged - finally got it feathered and got home.

Map & course
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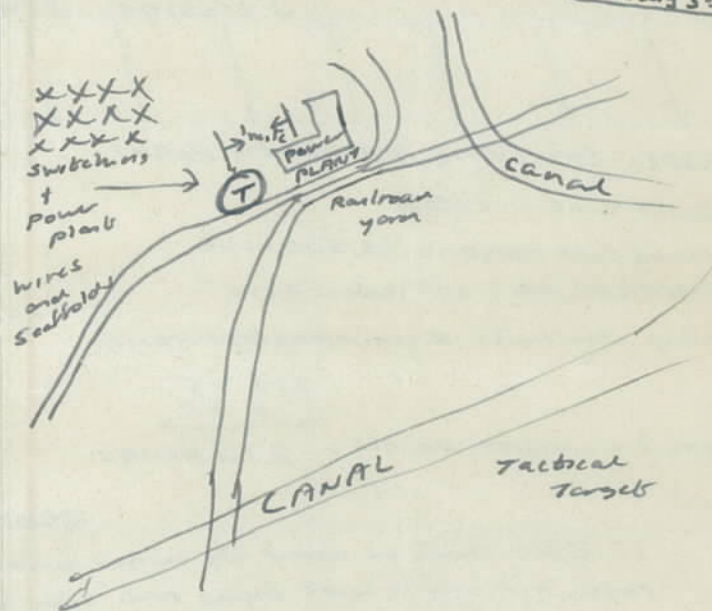


Now Have 8 missions to go. - going to
be and get leave tomorrow.

Fighter cover our area - To help destroy
Electric trains that Germans use.
Destroy power station main plant useless.

TARGET

Went on
leave from
June 27th to
July 5th



Canal 12 x 500 GP's
2300 Gal 4800 17mm

Dropped all bombs in field near
Target. Beautiful pattern but
no good. All bombs released.

Really had exciting time after but
Thought we would have out. Really scared (MIZPAH)

PLANE NO. 112
B-24 (H) SILVER

DATE

MISSION NUMBER "FOURTEEN"

JULY 7, 1944

TARGET = HALLE Aircraft Assembly Plant

LOCATION = N.W. LEIPZIG GERMANY

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0500

LANDING TIME = 1215

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 22,500

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Heavy INTENSE

TEMPERATURE = 22° Below Zero

Heavy Caliber over target - Jerry

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

got one direct hit on plane.

ESCORT ALL OVER GERMANY

A regular box barrage of flak

shot down 75 German planes

before us as we approached
target

Total Combat hours $\frac{216}{7} 15$

223hr. 15'

REMARKS

Got up at 1 A.M. - Briefed at 2:30 after eating. Saw target was in Germany. Funny feeling after having been on Furlough. Took off and burned over field. Combat 100 planes off to our right. Beautiful sight. Headed across channel. Had a little flak at coast - not near as tough. Headed on to Germany.

Fighter support was perfect to the north degree. Approached target. Saw

Wall of flak go up against 1st sqd over one ship blew up. Direct hit

in back end. Saw large piece of inferno. Just busting around gains down. Also

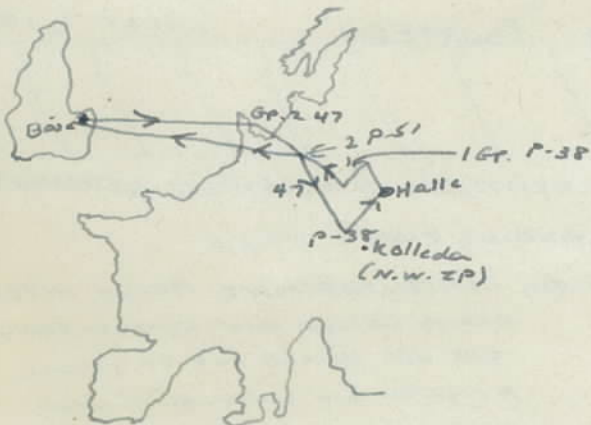
thousands of pieces. Didn't get hit by flak. Dropped incendiaries for nothing.

Two other planes are said to have collided. Our left wing man almost hit us. Dayton's

last mission. The boys were never so good. I didn't see so I wasn't scared.

Returned to
base, saw
no fighters.
75 shot down
by our escorts.
P38 51 47.

MAP & COURSE



Mother's Birthday

Dropped them for her

Know what is wrong with him. Went last night

TARGET



Smoke all about Target - Seemed
new but unable to observe.

159th carried 10x500 GP

US 2nd + 3rd Sqd M47 I B

Gr 5 load 2700 Ammo 24500

Time on oxygen 5 hours.

Now have two more missions to go.
Thought I had eight. Parents will be
surprised when I finish

Left wing men kept sliding on, Dayton
and Bacon almost bailed out what
a terrific strain on men in back Dayton
completed bow today. Beaudin in
hospital with 103 temperature. Don't

PLANE NO. 112
OW PLANE
13-24141

DATE

MISSION NUMBER "FIFTEEN"

JULY 11, 1944

TARGET = MUNICH AIRFIELD
STORAGE FIELD FOR OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT
TAKE-OFF TIME = 0825

LOCATION : S.E. GERMANY
5 1/2 miles EAST OF CITY
LANDING TIME = 1700

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 23000

TEMPERATURE = 21° Below Zero

FLAKE CONCENTRATION = LIGHT

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

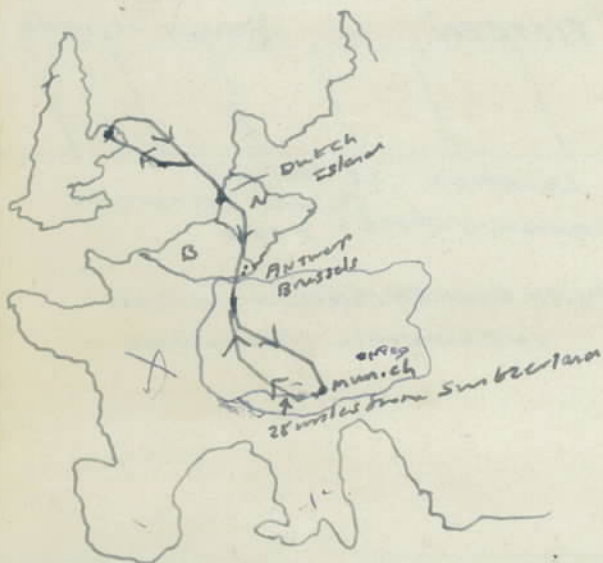
INACCURATE - Heavy Cal

TOTAL COMBAT HOURS 223 15
APPROXIMATELY 8 35
2311.50'

REMARKS

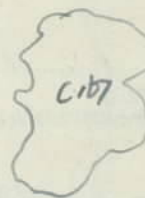
Got up at 4 A.M. - Ate chow - Briefing at 5:15 - Found target was Munich and almost direct - figured it was going to be like Berlin - went to plane, took off - Formed over field - Headed across channel with complete coverage by clouds - Entire trip all of Europe was covered - main reason why Luftwaffe didn't sense - Dropped bombs by PFF, a regular bucket of bolts mission - Very boring and dryer than 905 canyons, - were very happy when we returned Had 12 47's (2) 2 P-51 2 P-38 2 P-47's during trip - beautiful escorts Had about 5 bursts of flak - Last was over target. Suppose to have done a good job.

Map + Course



TARGET

Radio message
by German
interceptor
said really
hit hard



17LL
Grass
no
cement
runways

Carried 5 1000# bombs
with 12 hour delayed tail
fuses. Dangerous fuse. Very
effective.

Other Sqd carried 10 500# bombs

Hope to send telegram tomorrow
night telling folks I have finished.
Will really sweat No. 16 out.

2700 gals Topped after preflight
one of longest missions. Hope
tomorrow's is shorter by far.

PLANE NO. 112
B-24(H) JLV

LAST MISSION

DATE

MISSION NUMBER "SIXTEEN"

JULY 12, 1944

TARGET = MUNICH MARSHALLING YARDS

LOCATION = S.E. GERMANY

TAKE-OFF TIME = 0923

LANDING TIME = 1821

ALTITUDE OVER TARGET = 23,500'

TEMPERATURE = 28° Below Zero

FLAK CONCENTRATION = Moderate

ENEMY PURSUITS ENCOUNTERED = NONE

Fairly Accurate - Heavy cal

One state he saw 3 enemy ships

~~Heavy~~

Total Combat Hours = 231 50

Approximately

8 58
~~242 48~~ 246 46'

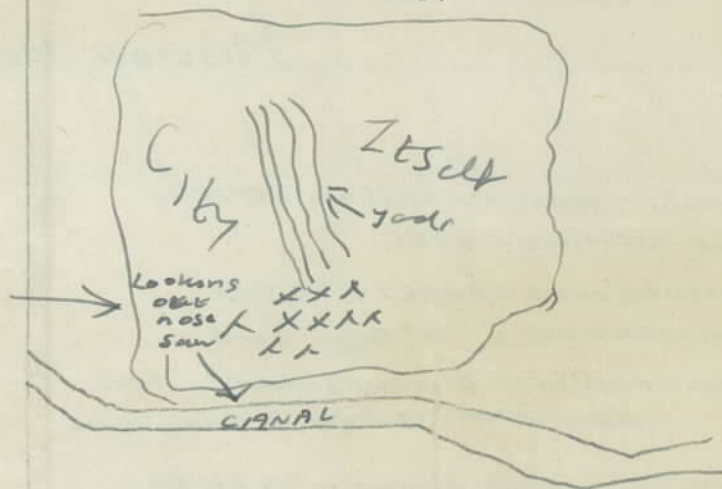
REMARKS

Got up at 5:30 A.M. - 19th crew had breakfast at 6:45. Almost dead
when we found out it was Munich we had a bit of a takeoff and
had same kind of weather as yesterday. Same as yesterday. I
went down in nose and pushed the toggle switch for the bomb
quite a feeling. Flak was heavy. How well we did.

Funny feeling being done at 10:00 MIZPAT

Same as yesterday
Mission #15

TARGET



Carried 2700 gals

Ammo 4800 rds

Bombs = 6-500 lb GP (Special fuel)
4- M17 ICB (Big container
containing hundreds
of small cluster
incendiaries)

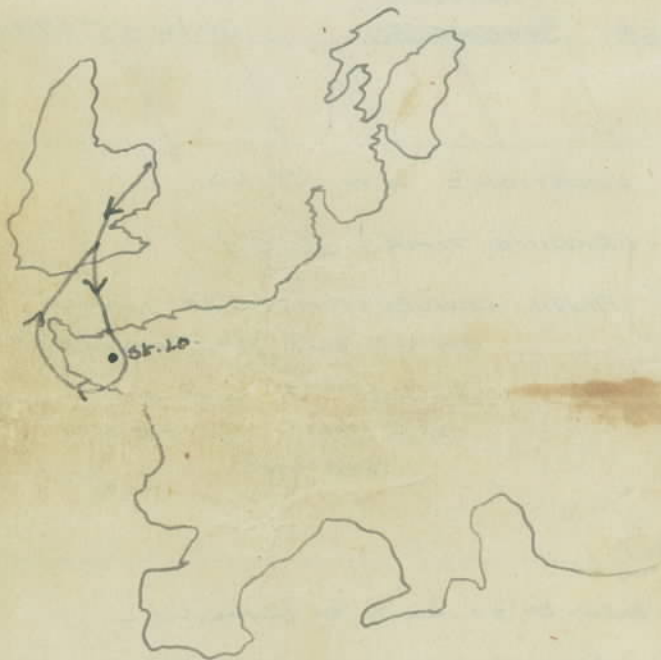
ALL covered by clouds - Bombed
by PFF

July 25 1944

905 out

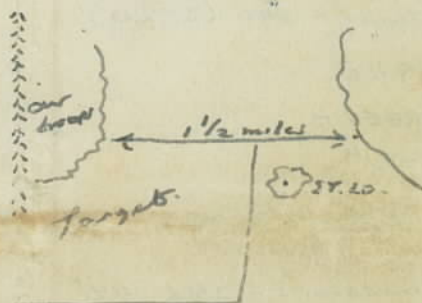
Briefed at 2 A.M. - went to ships - told to go back to barracks -
 Called to ships at 0815 - took off - formed our base - on course
 to Southern England - The entire eighth air force and much to
 hot around St. Lo. area. Saw the most beautiful sight - Approached
 targets - unable to bomb because of clouds and because M.P.I. was
 only 500 yds from our troops. On way out one group was shot at by Flaak
 and one ship taken up. Returned to base - saw charbons and red crosses on ground

MMP + COURSE



TARGET

carried 52 100 G.P's
2000 gal. gas.



To-day July 26th they hit
target again - 4 planes lost
13 men basted out all shot at
with 20 mm in chubers - Plan to
carry 45 from now on if we continue
to stay. Better to take targets with
me if you bail out

Fighters are a support