

1944

~ MISSIONS ~

1. AUGUST 3RD, FRESSIN, FRANCE

4:00

ROBOT LAUNCHING RAMP — 20 X 250 LB. G.P.

"MILK RUN"

2. AUGUST 4TH, PEENEMÜNDE, GERMANY

9:10

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE MAN'GRNG & STEAM

GENERATING PLANT. 5 X 1000 LB. G.P.

MEDIUM FLAK & SOME ENEMY FIGHTERS (?)

3. AUGUST 6TH, GENSCHAGEN, GERMANY

8:50

MOTOR WORKS (SOUTH EDGE OF BERLIN)

38 X M47A2 (INCENDIARIES)

MEDIUM FLAK (ONE HOLE)

4. AUGUST 7TH, PARIS, FRANCE (ST. OMER)

5:40

OIL STORAGE — 38 X 100 LB. G.P.

MEDIUM FLAK (ACCURATE) (5 HOLES)

5. AUGUST 8TH, THIBOUTIERE, FRANCE
(COURTonne)

4:15

RAILWAY & HIGHWAY CROSSING

38 X 100 LB. G.P.

FLAK (OBSERVED)

6. AUGUST 9TH, PIRMASENS, GERMANY

SHOE FACTORY - 10 x m67 (INCENDIARIES)
500 LB.

7:20

FLAK (OBSERVED)

7. AUGUST 12TH, METZ, FRANCE

MARSHALLING YARDS (R.R.) - 12 x 500 LB. G.P.

9:10

FLAK (OBSERVED - BLACK & WHITE)

8. AUGUST 14TH, STUTTGART, GERMANY

WERDEN AIRDROME 10 x m17 (INCEND. CLUST.)
500 LB.

8:10

FLAK (OBSERVED) - *ACCIDENT WHILE TAXIING

9. AUGUST 24TH, MERSEBURG (LUENA), GERMANY

SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERIES, 38 x 100 LB. G.P.

ROUGH ONE !! FLAK TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

8:20

HOLES ALL OVER THE PLANE - WING TIP (RIGHT)

BLOWN OFF - TAIL GUNNER (HOLEN) SERIOUSLY

(PULLED THRU, BUT MED. DISCHARGE)
WOUNDED - FIGHTERS ATTACKED OTHER GROUPS!

10. AUGUST 27TH, ESBJERG, DENMARK

AIRDROME (ESBJERG) "ABORTIVE SORTIE"

10 x m17 (INCENDIARY AIMABLE CLUSTER) 500 LBS. NOT DROPPED

8:40

FLAK (OBSERVED) CLOSE BY

(POUCHE D'EQUES)

11. AUGUST 30TH, ECQUES (^{6 N.M. SOUTH} OF ST. OMER), FRANCE

5:00 "NO-BALL" ROBOT LAUNCHING RAMP - 20 X 250 LB G.P.
FLOWN WITH LT. DUBOSE'S CREW - "MILK RUN"

12. SEPTEMBER 3RD, LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

"I.G. FARBEN INDUSTRIES" CHEMICAL PLANT

8:20 4 X 1000 LBS. GP - 4 X M17 (500 LBS. INCEN)
FLAK OVER TARGET INTENSE (NOT TOO ACCURATE)

13. SEPTEMBER 8TH, LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

7:50 SAME TARGET AS ABOVE - 6 X 1000 LBS. GP.
FLAK OVER TARGET INTENSE (PRETTY CLOSE)

14. SEPTEMBER 9TH, LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

"I.G. FARBENINDUSTRIE" ONE OF GERMANY'S

LARGEST CHEMICAL PLANTS - 12 X 500 LB G.P.

7:40 FLAK OVER TARGET & LUXEMBURG INTENSIVE
AND FAIRLY ACCURATE !! A HOLE IN CHIN
TURRET - ABOUT TWO FEET FROM ME !!

15. SEPTEMBER 12TH, BRUX, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

9:20 SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERIES 10 X 500 LB. G.P.'S
FORMATION ATTACKED BY ME-109'S (14)
ON THE WAY TO TARGET - FLAK OVER TARGET

16. SEPTEMBER 19TH, HAMM, GERMANY

MARSHALLING YARDS (R.R.) 12 x 500 LB G.P.

MEDIUM FLAK ON TARGET - Bombed PFF
(446TH BG) B-24s

4:25 / RETURNED TO BUNRAY AIRDROME BECAUSE
≈ 15 miles SSE of NORWICH
OF BAD WEATHER AT THE HOME BASE

RETURNED TO HOME BASE ON TRUCKS (70 m)

0030 HRS SEPT 20TH - WHAT A "TRIP"!

17. SEPTEMBER 26TH, OSNABRÜCK, GERMANY

30 MARSHALLING YARDS (R.R.) 5 x 1000 LB. G.P.

6: / MODERATE FLAK ON TARGET

18. SEPTEMBER 27TH, KÖLN (COLOGNE), GERMANY

00 P.F.F. - RAILROAD DEPOT - FLAK ON TARGET
12 x 500 LB G.P.

6: / MODERATE TO INTENSE - 2 HOLES IN THE NOSE

19. SEPTEMBER 28TH, MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

PFF - BOMBED THE CITY - I GUESS! - 5 x 1000 LB. G.P.

30 FIGHTERS ON BOMB RUN FW-190's (25)

6: / FLAK OVER TARGET AND OVER COUPLE OTHER

POSITIONS MODERATE BUT FAIRLY ACCURATE

RADIO OPERATOR (MITTELL) WOUNDED IN THE ARM.

HAVE OBSERVED AT LEAST 6 B-17'S BLOW UP!

1:30

20. OCTOBER 2ND, COLOGNE (KÖLN), GERMANY

FORD MOTOR WORKS (NORTH OF KÖLN) = GH = 10 x M17

FEW BURSTS OF FLAK - OBSERVED... I LIKE !!

21. OCTOBER 3RD, COLOGNE (KÖLN), GERMANY

WESSELING SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT : GH : 10 x 500 LB. GP.

FLEW THIS ONE AS NAVIGATOR - (LT. OLSON - BOMBARDIER)

1:00 / FLAK OVER TARGET - MESSER + LOW - EAST OF TARGET

IT GOT PRETTY CLOSE, BUT NO BATTLE DAMAGE

22. OCTOBER 5TH, COLOGNE (KÖLN), GERMANY

FORD MOTOR WORKS (NORTH OF KÖLN) = GH = 12 x 500 LB. GP.

AGAIN FLEW AS NAVIGATOR - (LT. CAMPBELL - BOMBARDIER)

LEAD NAVIGATOR SURE LEAD US ON A MERRY CHASE

4:00 / ALMOST GOT INTO DEFENCES OF RUHR VALLEY - PLENTY

OF FLAK W & NW OF ESSEN - FLAK OVER TARGET

MESSER INACCURATE - RAN INTO FLAK OVER KOBLENZ

FIRST BURSTS WERE AWFULLY CLOSE - LOST FORMA-

TION AND CAME BACK TO THE BASE ALONE !!

23. OCTOBER 6TH, STRALSUND, GERMANY

POWER STATION - VISUAL - LAST RESORT. 10 x 500 LB. GP.

8:55

(23RD CONT'D)

FLEW AS NAVIGATOR WITH O'LEARY (GOOD
CREW)

NO FLAK OVER THE TARGET?! OUR SQDN (LO)

SURE DID A GOOD BOMBING JOB! OBSERVED FLAK

OVER KIEL & PEENEMÜNDE (POLITZ)

24. OCTOBER 11TH, WESSELING, GERMANY

SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT (G.H.) - 6 x 1000 LB. G.P.

FLEW WITH DU BOISE - FLOWERS LED THE

FORMATION & SURE GAVE US A THRILLING BOMB

7:25
RUN - PROBABLY THE LONGEST BOMB RUN EVER.

FLAK OVER THE TARGET INTENSE & ACCURATE

SAME DEAL WE'VE HAD OVER MERSEBURG -

NO ONE HURT THIS TIME ON THE CREW!

25. OCTOBER 14TH, SAARBRÜCKEN, GERMANY

BOMBED TOWN PFF - - 10 LEAFLET CONTAINERS

THREE BURSTS OF FLAK CAME AWFULLY CLOSE

ON THE BOMB RUN - FLAK OVER THE TARGET

MEAGER & INACCURATE - NICE P-51

ESCORT! 6:30 (LUDWIGSHAFEN)

26. OCTOBER 17TH, COLOGNE, GERMANY

MARSHALLING YARDS - PFF - 34 x 100 LB GP

2 x M17

7:20

(26TH CONTIN'D)

FLEW AS NAVIGATOR - IT'S A GOOD DEAL!

FLAK OVER TARGET MODERATE BUT INACCURATE - COUPLE ROCKETS. OBSERVED

P-51 ESCORT PRETTY GOOD!

27. OCTOBER, 19TH, MANNHEIM, GERMANY

TRACTOR & TANK FACTORY (PFF) ^{6 x 500 LB. G.P.} _{6 x M17 (INC)}

9:20 FLEW AS NAVIGATOR - FLAK OVER TARGET

MODERATE - NOT TOO ACCURATE - SMALL PIECE

OF FLAK HIT ME ON THE SHOULDER!
It did not penetrate the clothing!

28. OCTOBER, 26TH, MÜNSTER, GERMANY

MARSHALLING YARDS (PFF) 18 x 250 LB. G.P.

FLAK OVER TARGET MEAGER & INACCURATE (LOW)

P-51'S ESCORTING - THEY LOOK SWEET!

29. NOVEMBER 1ST, HAMM, GERMANY

MARSHALLING YARDS (R.R.) - PFF - 20 x 250 LB. G.P.

FLAK OVER TARGET MODERATE, BUT LOW!

ENEMY JET PROPELLED AIRCRAFT (3) OBSERVED

30. NOVEMBER 2ND STERKRADE HOLTEN, GERMANY
^{7 MILES NW OF ESSEN}

SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT - G.H. - 20 x 250 LB. G.P.

FLAK OVER TARGET MODERATE & FAIRLY

(30TH CONTINUED)

ACCURATE, NOT AS BAD THOUGH, AS WE
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE !!

31. NOVEMBER 4TH, BOTTRUP, GERMANY

SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY = GH = ^{5 MILES} NNW OF ESSEN

20 x 250 LB. GP. - LT. LYDA = BOMBARDIER

SIXTH MISSION AS A NAVIGATOR !!

FLAK OVER TARGET INTENSE, BUT NOT
TOO ACCURATE - 20 MINUTES IN FLAK

32. NOVEMBER 5TH, FRANKFURT, GERMANY

MARSHALLING YARDS - PFF - 6 x 1000 LB S.A.P.

FLEW AS A NAVIGATOR - LT. DREW = BOMBARDIER

FLAK OVER THE TARGET MODERATE ALL AROUND
LEADING HIGH FLIGHT OF LOW SQUADRON !!

33. NOVEMBER 6TH, BOTTRUP, GERMANY

SYNTHETIC OIL REFINERY = GH = 18 x 250 LB GP.

FLEW WITH LT. HAMILTON AS DEPUTY LEAD !!

FLAK OVER TARGET MODERATE & ACCURATE

RADIO ROOM HATCH IN A MESSY CONDITION

P-47 FIGHTER ESCORT !! Good!

34 = NOVEMBER 10TH, = KÖLN, GERMANY

OSTHEIM AIRDROME (EASTERN EDGE OF COLOGNE)

S/SCT. O.D. JOHNSON "TOGGLEER" = 38 x 100 LB G.P.

MY FIRST COMBAT MISSION AS NAVIGATOR!

FLAK OVER THE TARGET INTENSE & FAIRLY ACCURATE - BOMBER IN LEAD WENT DOWN.

35 = NOVEMBER 20TH, BUEY, GERM.

SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT (8 MILES N OF ESSEN

G.H. - LT. HAAKENSEN - BOMBARDIER

20 x 250 LB G.P. - NINTH MISSION AS

NAVIGATOR !!! AND THE LAST OF THE FIRST TOUR IN THE ETO !!!

FLAK OVER TARGET MODERATE

AND FAIRLY ACCURATE

THE END OF FIRST

TOUR !!

I ELECTED TO RETURN HOME

FOR XMAS AND I MADE IT!