

Wednesday, January 12, 1944

Clear
Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain
Snow

529

12th DAY—354 days to Come

Not much doing today. Stood by all day.  
Won a couple bucks playing poker.  
Looks like this rain will never stop.

NOT MUCH DOING TODAY. STOOD BY ALL DAY.  
WON A COUPLE BUCKS PLAYING POKER.  
LOOKS LIKE THIS RAIN WILL NEVER STOP.

ALTHOUGH NO LOCATION IS MENTIONED, THIS  
ENTRY WAS LIKELY MADE WHILE TSGT GROSBIER  
WAS IN B-17 CREW TRAINING AT GRAND ISLAND,  
NEBRASKA PRIOR TO DEPLOYING TO EUROPE.

January 13 — March 8, 1944

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Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

*Technical Sergeant Grosbier made no journal entries during this time.*

Thursday, March 9, 1944

69th DAY—297 days to Come

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

*Getting ready to leave G. I. Nebr.*

GETTING READY TO LEAVE G. I. NEBR

(GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA)

Friday, March 10, 1944

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

70th DAY—296 days to Come

Left Grand Island, Nebr. at  
5 A.M. Arrived Presque Isle, 6 P.M.  
11 Hour Ride - 1900 miles

LEFT GRAND ISLAND, NEBR. AT  
5 A.M. ARRIVED PRESQUE ISLE (MAINE), 6 P.M.  
11 HOUR RIDE- 1900 MILES

Saturday, March 11, 1944

71st DAY—295 days to Come

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

*Stayed at Presque Isle all day*

STAYED AT PRESQUE ISLE ALL DAY.



Sunday, March 12, 1944

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

72nd DAY—294 days to Come

Left Presque Isle, Maine at  
9:30 A.M. Arrived at Goose Bay,  
Labrador 12:20

LEFT PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE AT  
9:30 A.M. ARRIVED AT GOOSE BAY,  
LABRADOR 12:20

Monday, March 13, 1944

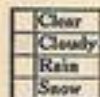
73rd DAY—293 days to Come

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Left Goose Bay, Labrador 1:00 A.M.  
Arrived Iceland, Meeks Field 9:15 A.M.  
8 Hour Ride - 1500 miles

LEFT GOOSE BAY, LABRADOR 1:00 A.M.  
ARRIVED ICELAND, MEEKS FIELD 9:15 A.M.  
8 HOUR RIDE - 1500 MILES

Tuesday, March 14, 1944



74th DAY—292 days to Come

*Stayed in Iceland all day.  
Bad weather. Went to the town  
of Kephlaavik. Iceland.*

STAYED IN ICELAND ALL DAY .  
BAD WEATHER. WENT TO THE TOWN  
OF KEPHLAVIK, ICELAND.



Wednesday, March 15, 1944

75th DAY—291 days to Come

*Still in Iceland on account of  
bad weather*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

STILL IN ICELAND ON ACCOUNT OF  
BAD WEATHER.

Thursday, March 16, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Snow

76th DAY—290 days to Come

*Still in Iceland. Bad weather.*

STILL IN ICELAND. BAD WEATHER

Friday, March 17, 1944

77th DAY—289 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Still in Iceland because of  
bad weather.*

STILL IN ICELAND BECAUSE OF  
BAD WEATHER.

Saturday, March 18, 1944



78th DAY—288 days to Come

Left Iceland at 10:42 A.M.  
Arrived in Stornoway at 4:30 P.M.  
Very rough ride.

LEFT ICELAND AT 10:42 A.M.  
ARRIVED IN STORNOWAY AT 4:30 P.M.  
VERY ROUGH RIDE.

(STORNOWAY, SCOTLAND)

Sunday, March 19, 1944

79th DAY—287 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Left Stornoway, Scotland 2 P.M.*  
*Arrived Nutts Corner, Ireland 4:30 P.M.*

LEFT STORNOWAY, SCOTLAND 2 P.M.  
ARRIVED NUTTS, CORNER, IRELAND 4:30 P.M.



Monday, March 20, 1944



80th DAY—286 days to Come

*Left Nutts, Corner 4:00 P.M.*

*Arrived Lauren, North Ireland 6:30 P.M.  
by train.*

LEFT NUTTS CORNER 4:00 P.M  
ARRIVED LAUREN, NORTH IRELAND 6:30 P.M.  
BY TRAIN.

Tuesday, March 21, 1944

81st DAY—285 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

Left Lauren, N. Ireland by  
boat at 10:00 A.M. Arrived  
Stranraer, Harbour, Scotland 12:00<sup>noon</sup>

LEFT LAUREN, N. IRELAND BY  
BOAT AT 10:00 A.M. ARRIVED  
STRANRAER HARBOUR, SCOTLAND 12:00  
NOON.

Wednesday, March 22, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

82nd DAY—284 days to Come

*Left British rest camp & proceeded  
by train Arrived in Stone, England.*

~~LEFT BRITISH REST CAMP & PROCEEDED  
BY TRAIN  
ARRIVED IN STONE, ENGLAND.~~

Thursday, March 23, 1944

83rd DAY—283 days to Come

*Waiting in Stone, England to  
be sent out.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

WAITING IN STONE, ENGLAND TO  
BE SENT OUT.

Friday, March 24, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

84th DAY—282 days to Come

*Still in Stone, England*

STILL IN STONE, ENGLAND



Saturday, March 25, 1944

85th DAY—281 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Still in Stone, waiting to be sent  
out*

STILL IN STONE , WAITING TO BE SENT  
OUT

Sunday, March 26, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

86th DAY—280 days to Come

*Were notified that we would be  
sent out the 27th.*

WERE NOTIFIED THAT WE WOULD BE  
SENT OUT THE 27TH.

Monday, March 27, 1944

87th DAY—279 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

Left Stone at 8:30, by train  
Arrived at Hemel Hempstead at 2:00 P.M.

LEFT STONE AT 8:30, BY TRAIN  
ARRIVED AT HEMEL HEMPSTEAD AT 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 28, 1944



88th DAY—278 days to Come

Still at Hemel Hempstead. Start  
school Thursday the 30th.

STILL AT HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. START  
SCHOOL THURSDAY THE 30TH.

Wednesday, March 29, 1944

L5  
19.00

89th DAY—277 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Still laying around at  
Hemel Hempstead School  
tomorrow.

L5

\$19.00

STILL LAYING AROUND AT  
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. SCHOOL  
TOMORROW.



Thursday, March 30, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

90th DAY—276 days to Come

*First day of school. all  
Lectures*

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. ALL  
LECTURES

Friday, March 31, 1944

91st DAY—275 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

2nd. Day of School. all  
routine

2ND DAY OF SCHOOL. ALL  
ROUTINE

Saturday, April 1, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

92nd DAY—274 days to Come

2nd Day of School. Same  
stuff.

2ND DAY OF SCHOOL, SAME  
STUFF.

Sunday, April 2, 1944

93rd DAY—273 days to Come

*4th Day of School*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

4TH DAY OF SCHOOL.

Monday, April 3, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

94th DAY—272 days to Come

*5th Day of School.*

5TH DAY OF SCHOOL.



Tuesday, April 4, 1944

95th DAY—271 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

6th Day of School. Pretty  
much the same.

6TH DAY OF SCHOOL. PRETTY  
MUCH THE SAME.

Wednesday, April 5, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

96th DAY—270 days to Come

7 Day of School. Final radio  
exam. Qualified 1st. Radio Opp.

7 DAY OF SCHOOL. FINAL RADIO  
EXAM. QUALIFIED 1ST RADIO OPP.

Thursday, April 6, 1944

97th DAY—269 days to Come

8th. Day of School. Gunnery.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

8TH DAY OF SCHOOL, GUNNERY

Friday, April 7, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

98th DAY—268 days to Come

*9th Day of School.*

9TH DAY OF SCHOOL.

Saturday, April 8, 1944

99th DAY—267 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

10th Day of School. Last  
day. Passed everything O.K.

10TH DAY OF SCHOOL. LAST  
DAY. PASSED EVERY TEST OK.



Sunday, April 9, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

100th DAY—266 days to Come

*Waiting to go out to a permanent  
squadron.*

WAITING TO GO OUT TO A PERMANENT  
SQUADRON.

Monday, April 10, 1944

101st DAY—265 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Arrived at Permanent Base.  
Grafton Underwood.*

ARRIVED AT PERMANENT BASE.  
GRAFTON UNDERWOOD.

Tuesday, April 11, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

102nd DAY—264 days to Come

*Laying around waiting for more  
school.*

LAYING AROUND WAITING FOR MORE  
SCHOOL.

Wednesday, April 12, 1944

103rd DAY—263 days to Come

*Still laying around here.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

STILL LAYING AROUND HERE.

Thursday, April 13, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

104th DAY—262 days to Come

*Started school again*

STARTED SCHOOL AGAIN.



Friday, April 14, 1944

105th DAY—261 days to Come

*School all day*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

SCHOOL ALL DAY.

Saturday, April 15, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

106th DAY—260 days to Come

*School all day.*

SCHOOL ALL DAY.

Sunday, April 16, 1944

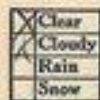
107th DAY—259 days to Come

*School all day again.*

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

SCHOOL ALL DAY AGAIN.

Monday, April 17, 1944



108th DAY—258 days to Come

*School part of the day. Went to  
church.*

SCHOOL PART OF THE DAY. WENT TO  
CHURCH.

Tuesday, April 18, 1944

109th DAY—257 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*I flew two flights.*

*Morning 1:20 min.*

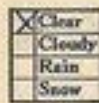
*Afternoon 2:30 min.*

FLEW TWO FLIGHTS.  
MORNING 1:20 MIN.  
AFTERNOON 2:20 MIN.



Wednesday, April 19, 1944

Ship 074



110th DAY—256 days to Come

Made the first mission today.  
Wasn't too rough. Went to  
Kassel, Germany. Had a bit of  
Flak. No fighters. Took off at 6:45 AM.  
Landed at 1:30 P.M. Total 6 1/2 hrs  
On oxygen 5 hours.  
Almost lost a ball turret gunner  
because of oxygen trouble. Waist  
gunner caught him in time.  
Dropped 10 - 500 pound bombs,  
with apparently good results.  
In low #2 position in lead  
squadron.

SHIP 074

MADE THE FIRST MISSION TODAY.  
WASN'T TOO ROUGH. WENT TO  
KASSEL, GERMANY. HAD A BIT OF  
FLAK, NO FIGHTERS. TOOK OFF AT 6:45 AM  
LANDED AT 1:30 P.M. TOTAL 6 1/2 HRS  
ON OXYGEN 5 HOURS.  
ALMOST LOST A BALL TURRET GUNNER  
BECAUSE OF OXYGEN TROUBLE. WAIST  
GUNNER CAUGHT HIM IN TIME.  
DROPPED 10 - 500 POUND BOMBS,  
WITH APPARENTLY GOOD RESULTS.  
FLEW LOW #2 POSITION IN LEAD  
SQUADRON.

Thursday, April 20, 1944

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Ship 776

111th DAY—255 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

2nd Mission

went to Valognes, France. Took off at 3:00 P.M. O'clock & landed at 8:00 P.M. on oxygen 3 hours.

Carried a load of 8000 pound. Six thousand in Bomb bay tanks and 2 - 1000 pounders externally on wings. Results—not to good. Heavy flak. Picked up a few pieces of it. Not a bad trip.

SHIP 776

2ND MISSION

WENT TO VALOGNES, FRANCE. TOOK OFF AT 3:00 P.M. O'CLOCK & LANDED AT 8:00 P.M.

ON OXYGEN 3 HOURS.

CARRIED A LOAD OF 8000 POUND. SIX THOUSAND IN BOMB BAY AND 2 - 1000 POUNDS EXTERNALLY ON WINGS. RESULTS NOT TO GOOD. HEAVY FLAK. PICKED UP A FEW PIECES OF IT. NOT A BAD TRIP.



Friday, April 21, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

112th DAY—254 days to Come

Mission was scrubbed.  
Went to school part of the day.

MISSION WAS SCRUBBED.  
WENT TO SCHOOL PART OF THE DAY.

Saturday, April 22, 1944

074

113th DAY—253 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

3rd Mission.

Went to Hamm, Germany.  
Not to bad. Carried 6000 lb. bomb  
load. 12 - 500 pound bombs.  
Bombed a marshalling yard.  
Appeared to be pretty accurate  
bombing. Whole 8th A.F. went out.  
Total time 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours. On oxygen  
3  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

074

### 3RD MISSION

WENT TO HAMM, GERMANY.  
NOT TO BAD. CARRIED 6000 LB BOMB  
LOAD. 12 - 500 POUND BOMBS.  
BOMBED A MARSHALLING YARD.  
APPEARED TO BE PRETTY ACCURATE  
BOMBING. WHOLE 8TH A.F. WENT OUT.  
TOTAL TIME 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  HOURS. ON OXYGEN  
3  $\frac{1}{2}$  HOURS.

Sunday, April 23, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

114th DAY—252 days to Come

No mission today. Was scrubbed.  
Flew 2 1/2 hours on practice  
bombing mission.

NO MISSION TODAY. WAS SCRUBBED.  
FLEW 2 1/2 HOURS ON PRACTICE  
BOMBING MISSION.



Monday, April 24, 1944

074

115th DAY—251 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

4th mission.  
Went to Oberpaffen.  
Oberpaffenlofen, Germany.  
One of the roughest missions  
I ever want to see. Took off at  
9:15 p.m. Landed at 6:15 P.M.  
9 hours in the air 6 hours on  
oxygen. Attacked by German  
fighters. J.W. 190's & ME 209's & 109's.  
Between 100 & 200 fighters. Lost  
7 ships. We got quite a few hits on  
our ship. Our crew got 2 ME 209's.  
Bombardier - 1 Ball Turret & R. Waist  
gunners got one between them.  
Never expected to get back from  
that one.

074

## 4TH MISSION

~~WENT TO OBERPAFFEN~~  
OBERPFAFFENHOFEN, GERMANY.  
ONE OF THE ROUGHEST MISSIONS  
I EVER WANT TO SEE. TOOK OFF AT  
9:15 A.M. LANDED AT 6:15 P.M.  
9 HOURS IN THE AIR 6 HOURS ON  
OXYGEN. ATTACKED BY GERMAN  
FIGHTERS F.W 190S & ME 209S & 109'S.  
BETWEEN 100 & 200 FIGHTERS. LOST  
7 SHIPS. WE GOT QUITE A FEW HITS ON  
OUR SHIP. OUR CREW GOT 2 ME 209'S.  
BOMBARDIER - 1 BALL TURRET & R. WAIST  
GUNNER GOT ONE BETWEEN THEM.  
NEVER EXPECTED TO GET BACK FROM THAT  
ONE.

Tuesday, April 25, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

116th DAY—250 days to Come

Started out on a mission but had  
to abort because of poor  
superchargers. 3 hours.  
Flew 2 hours in the evening testing  
a ship at altitude.

STARTED OUT ON A MISSION BUT HAD  
TO ABORT BECUSE OF POOR  
SUPERCHARGERS. 3 HOURS.  
FLEW 2 HOURS IN THE EVENING TESTING  
A SHIP AT ALTITUDE.

(ABORTED, B-17G 42-37788, HELL'S  
MESSENGER)



Wednesday, April 26, 1944

117th DAY—249 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

A few six hours on a practice bombing mission. Sweated it out for a while. Couldn't get rid of our bombs. Wouldn't drop. Had 2 - 1000 pound external bombs & 12 - 500 lb. bombs in bomb bay. Couldn't close the bomb bay doors. Pilot made a beautiful landing with 8000 pounds of bombs & bomb bay doors open.

FLEW SIX HOURS ON A PRACTICE BOMBING MISSION. SWEATED IT OUT FOR A WHILE. COULDN'T GET RID OF OUR BOMBS. WOULDN'T DROP. HAD 2 - 1000 POUND EXTERNAL BOMBS & 12 - 500 LB. BOMBS IN BOMB BAY. COULDN'T CLOSE THE BOMB BAY DOORS. PILOT MADE A BEAUTIFUL LANDING WITH 8000 POUNDS OF BOMBS & BOMB BAY DOORS OPEN.

Thursday, April 27, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

118th DAY—248 days to Come

*I flew as a spare. Was a  
short mission so nobody  
aborted. I flew 3 hours. 1 1/2 hours  
on a pygmy*

FLEW AS A SPARE. WAS A  
SHORT MISSION SO NOBODY  
ABORTED. FLEW 3 HOURS. 1 1/2 HOURS  
ON

(SPARE, B-17G 42-107074)

Friday, April 28, 1944

119th DAY—247 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*I flew practice mission today.  
Total of 3 1/2 hours flying. 1 1/2 hours  
on oxygen.*

FLEW PRACTICE MISSION TODAY.  
3 1/2 HOURS FLYING 1 1/2 HOURS ON  
OXYGEN.



Saturday, April 29, 1944

251

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

120th DAY—246 days to Come

5th Mission Today.  
Went to Berlin.

Today was one of the toughest missions I ever want to see. Had intense flak all the way in & out of Germany. Never thought we would get back. Could not see the results of the bombing. Had 3 - 1000 pounders & the rest incendiaries. Think we plastered them good though. Saw an ME 209 pick off a B-17 straggling. Went down burning. Didn't see any chutes come out. Flak made a direct hit on one more. Fighters made a pass at a 24 group & knocked one down. We were just luck. The Co-Pilot got a piece of flak thro his side window. The flak also hit the ship around quite a bit. Took off at 1:30 P.M. Landed at 4:05 P.M. Total of 8 1/2 hours in the air. 6 hours on oxygen. Never was so glad to see the North Sea. Got the Air Medal after this one.

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5TH MISSION TODAY.  
WENT TO BERLIN.

TODAY WAS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST MISSIONS I EVER WANT TO SEE. HAD INTENSE FLAK ALL THE WAY IN & OUT OF GERMANY. NEVER THOUGHT WE WOULD GET BACK. COULD NOT SEE THE RESULTS OF THE BOMBING. HAD 3 - 1000 POUNDS AND THE REST INCENDIARIES. THINK WE PLASTERED THEM GOOD THOUGH. SAW AN ME 209 PICK OFF A B-17 STRAGGLING. WENT DOWN BURNING. DIDN'T SEE ANY CHUTES COME OUT. FLAK MADE A DIRECT HIT ON ONE MORE. FIGHTERS MADE A PASS AT A 24 GROUP & KNOCKED ONE DOWN. WE WERE JUST LUCK. THE CO-PILOT GOT A PIECE OF FLAK THRU HIS SIDE WINDOW. THE FLAK THREW THE SHIP AROUND QUITE A BIT. TOOK OFF AT 7:30 AM. LANDED AT 4:05 PM. TOTAL OF 8 1/2 HOURS IN THE AIR. 6 HOURS ON OXYGEN. NEVER WAS SO GLAD TO SEE THE NORTH SEA. GOT THE AIR MEDAL FOR THIS ONE.



Sunday, April 30, 1944

121st DAY—245 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

No mission today. Went up for  
3 hours. Altitude checked a plane  
just a pleasure ride today. Went  
down to a P-47 base. Watched a  
formation take off on a mission.

NO MISSION TODAY. WENT UP FOR  
3 HOURS. ALTITUDE CHECKED A PLANE.  
JUST A PLEASURE RIDE TODAY. WENT  
DOWN TO A P-47 BASE. WATCHED A  
FORMATION TAKE OFF ON A MISSION.

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Monday, May 1, 1944



122nd DAY—244 days to Come

Mission #6.

Today we were supposed to go to  
 Pais de Calais. Went to a secondary  
 target, an air field. Carried 12 - 500 lb.  
 bombs. Couldn't see the results  
 very well. The wing started a new  
 system today. Flew around England  
 for 4 hours before we went to the  
 target. Can't figure it out. I guess I  
 can see, all it means is a lot more  
 flying. Must be a reason though.  
 Didn't see any flak today. Saw a  
 few fighters but they didn't bother us.  
 Took off at 4 A.M. & landed at 11:30 A.M.  
 3 1/2 hours on oxygen.  
 Total time 7 1/2 hours.  
 Had to get up at 12:30 A.M.

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## MISSION #6

TODAY WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO  
 PAIS DE CALAIS. WENT TO A SECONDARY  
 TARGET, AN AIRFIELD. CARRIED 12 - 500 LB  
 BOMBS. COULDN'T SEE THE RESULTS  
 VERY WELL. THE WING STARTED A NEW  
 SYSTEM TODAY. FLEW AROUND ENGLAND  
 FOR 4 HOURS BEFORE WE WENT TO THE  
 TARGET. CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT. FAR AS I  
 CAN SEE, ALL IT MEANS IS A LOT MORE  
 FLYING. MUST BE A REASON THOUGH.  
 DIDN'T SEE ANY FLAK TODAY. SAW A  
 FEW FIGHTERS BUT THEY DIDN'T BOTHER US.  
 TOOK OFF AT 4 AM. & LANDED AT 11:30 AM.  
 3 1/2 HOURS ON OXYGEN.  
 TOTAL TIME 7 1/2 HOURS.  
 HAD TO GET UP AT 12:30 AM.



Tuesday, May 2, 1944

123rd DAY—243 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

Stood down today. Flew a couple  
hours. 3 hour practice mission.

STOOD DOWN TODAY. FLEW A COUPLE  
HOURS. 3 HOUR PRACTICE MISSION.

Wednesday, May 3, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

124th DAY—242 days to Come

*Aborted from our mission. Bad  
superchargers. Couldn't get in  
formation. 3 hours flying*

ABORTED FROM OUR MISSION. BAD  
SUPERCHARGERS. COULDN'T GET IN  
FORMATION. 3 HOURS FLYING

THERE IS NO DOCUMENTATION IN OFFICIAL  
384TH BOMB GROUP RECORDS OF A MISSION  
ON 3 MAY 1944.  
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TSGT GROSBIER FLEW  
WITH A DIFFERENT BOMB GROUP ON THIS DAY.



Thursday, May 4, 1944

125th DAY—241 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Aborted again. Oxygen went  
out. Raid was Berlin. 2 hours.*

ABORTED AGAIN. OXYGEN WENT  
OUT. RAID WAS BERLIN. 2 HOURS.

TSGT GROSBIER WAS FLYING IN AIRCRAFT  
42-107083 ON THIS DAY.

Friday, May 5, 1944



126th DAY—240 days to Come

*No flying for us. Crew went to  
London on a 48 hour pass.  
Didn't go. Caught the flu.*

NO FLYING FOR US. CREW WENT TO  
LONDON ON A 48 HOUR PASS.  
DIDN'T GO. CAUGHT THE FLU.

Saturday, May 6, 1944

127th DAY—239 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Stayed in bed all day, with the flu.*

STAYED IN BED ALL DAY, WITH THE FLU.

Sunday, May 7, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

128th DAY—238 days to Come

No flying. Koda tooth filled.

NO FLYING. HAD A TOOTH FILLED.

Monday, May 8, 1944

129th DAY—237 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Supposed to go to Berlin.  
Came back because the Pilot  
got sick. 3 hours.*

SUPPOSED TO GO TO BERLIN.  
CAME BACK BECAUSE THE PILOT  
GOT SICK. 3 HOURS.

TSGT GROSBIER WAS FLYING IN  
AIRCRAFT 42-102402 ON THIS DATE.



Tuesday, May 9, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

130th DAY—236 days to Come

*Didn't do any thing No flying.*

DIDN'T DO ANYTHING NO FLYING.

Wednesday, May 10, 1944

131st DAY—235 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Started out for Berlin again but  
were recalled. 2 hours flying.*

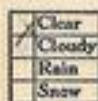
STARTED OUT FOR BERLIN AGAIN BUT  
WERE RECALLED. 2 HOURS FLYING.

THERE IS NO DOCUMENTATION IN OFFICIAL  
384TH BOMB GROUP RECORDS OF A MISSION  
ON 10 MAY 1944.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TSGT GROSBIER FLEW  
WITH A DIFFERENT BOMB GROUP ON THIS  
DAY.

Thursday, May 11, 1944

500



132nd DAY—234 days to Come

Mission #7

Went to Ehrang, Germany. Bombed a  
marshalling yard. Carried 34 - 100 lb.  
incendiaries. Hit the target good.  
took off at 3:30 P.M. Landed at 9 P.M.  
On oxygen 3 1/2 hours. Didn't hit any  
flak at all. No enemy fighters.  
Had beautiful fighter cover. P-38's - 51's  
and P-47's.  
Total time in air 5 1/2 hours.  
None of our planes lost.

500

MISSION #7

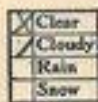
WENT TO EHRANG, GERMANY. BOMBED A  
MARSHALLING YARD. CARRIED 34 - 100 LB  
INCENDIARIES, HIT THE TARGET GOOD.  
TOOK OFF AT 3:30 P.M. LANDED AT 9 P.M.  
ON OXYGEN 3 1/2 HOURS. DIDN'T HIT ANY  
FLAK AT ALL. NO ENEMY FIGHTERS.  
HAD BEAUTIFUL FIGHTER COVER. P-38'S -  
P-51'S AND P-47'S.  
TOTAL TIME IN AIR 5 1/2 HOURS.  
NONE OF OUR PLANES LOST.



500

Friday, May 12, 1944

133rd DAY—233 days to Come



Mission # 8.

Had a tough one today. Went to Mersberg, Germany. Just south of Leipzig. Hit an ammonia & synthetic oil plant. Really did a good job on it. Smoke came to 20,000 feet. We bombed from 24,000 feet. Pretty heavy flak. No fighters. Carried 24 100 lb incendiaries. Took off at 9 o'clock AM. Landed at 5:30 PM. 8 1/2 hours in the air. We have an oxygen. We won't have to go back there for a while (I hope).

Didn't lose any ships today. Good fighter protection.

500

## MISSION #8

HAD A TOUGH ONE TODAY. WENT TO MERSBERG, GERMANY. JUST SOUTH OF LEIPZIG. HIT AN AMMONIA & SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT. REALLY DID A GOOD JOB ON IT. SMOKE CAME TO 20,000 FEET. WE BOMBED FROM 24,000 FEET. PRETTY HEAVY FLAK NO FIGHTERS. CARRIED 24 100 LB INCENDIARIES. TOOK OFF AT 9 O'CLOCK AM LANDED AT 5:30 PM. 8 1/2 HOURS IN THE AIR. 6 HOURS ON OXYGEN. WE WON'T HAVE TO GO BACK THERE FOR A WHILE. (I HOPE)

DIDN'T LOSE ANY SHIPS TODAY. GOOD FIGHTER PROTECTION.



Saturday, May 13, 1944

500



134th DAY—232 days to Come

Mission # 9

Went to Poznan, Poland. Couldn't bomb it so we took a secondary at Stettin, Germany. Carried 34 - 100 lb. incendiaries. Took off at 9:00 clock AM. Landed at 8:00 P.M. Total time 11 hours. On oxygen 4 hours. Met quite a few fighters but P-51's (our escort) took care of all of them. H-P-51's scattered a formation of 60-75 FW 190's. Was beautiful to see. Went over North Sea, Denmark, Germany, Poland & pretty close to Sweden. Was a temptation not to go to Sweden.

500

MISSION #9

WENT TO POZNAN, POLAND. COULDN'T BOMB IT SO WE WENT TO A SECONDARY AT STETTEN, GERMANY. CARRIED 34 - 100 LB INCENDIARIES. TOOK OFF AT 9 O'CLOCK AM. LANDED AT 8:00 PM. TOTAL TIME 11 HOURS. ON OXYGEN 4 HOURS. MET QUITE A FEW FIGHTERS BUT P-51'S (OUR ESCORT) TOOK CARE OF ALL OF THEM. 4 - P-51'S SCATTERED A FORMATION OF 60-75 FW 190'S. WAS BEAUTIFUL TO SEE. WENT OVER NORTH SEA, DENMARK, GERMANY, POLAND & PRETTY CLOSE TO SWEDEN. WAS A TEMPTATION NOT TO GO TO SWEDEN.



Sunday, May 14, 1944

135th DAY—231 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Stood down. Slept most of  
the day.*

SLEPT MOST OF  
THE DAY.

Monday, May 15, 1944

Clear
Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain
Snow

136th DAY—230 days to Come

Had the 100th mission festival  
ate in the field & almost froze.

WENT TO THE 100TH MISSION FESTIVAL.  
ATE IN THE FIELD & ALMOST FROZE.

Tuesday, May 16, 1944

137th DAY—229 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Stood down again. Rain all day*

STOOD DOWN AGAIN RAIN ALL DAY

Wednesday, May 17, 1944



138th DAY—228 days to Come

*Scheduled for a mission but  
it was scrubbed because of rain.  
Rec'd the Air Medal today.*

SCHEDULED FOR A MISSION BUT  
IT WAS SCRUBBED BECAUSE OF RAIN.  
REC'D THE AIR MEDAL TODAY.



Thursday, May 18, 1944

139th DAY—227 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Started out for Berlin again today.  
Had to come back because we could  
not find the formation. 2 hours flying*

STARTED OUT FOR BERLIN AGAIN TODAY.  
HAD TO COME BACK BECAUSE WE COULD  
NOT FIND THE FORMATION. 2 HOURS FLYING

384TH BOMB GROUP RECORDS INDICATE THAT  
THIS ABORTED MISSION TOOK PLACE ON 19 MAY  
1944 VICE 18 MAY 1944.  
THE AIRCRAFT WAS 42-102500.

Friday, May 19, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

140th DAY—226 days to Come

*Didn't fly today*

DIDN'T FLY TODAY.

Saturday, May 20, 1944

141st DAY—225 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

Had a practice mission today.  
Flew 2 1/2 hours.

HAD A PRACTICE MISSION TODAY.  
FLEW 2 1/2 HOURS.



Sunday, May 21, 1944

620



142nd DAY—224 days to Come

Mission #10.

Had an easy one today. Went to the coast of France. Pais de Calais. Took off at 11:30 AM. landed at 4:30 PM. On oxygen 2 hours. Total time in the air 5 hours. Wasn't too much flak, but what there was was really accurate. Got a hole in the bomb bay and one in the nose that you could put your fist through.

620

## MISSION #10

HAD AN EASY ONE TODAY. WENT TO THE COAST OF FRANCE. PAIS DE CALIS. TOOK OFF AT 11:30 AM. LANDED AT 4:30 PM. ON OXYGEN 2 HOURS. TOTAL TIME IN THE AIR 5 HOURS. WASN'T TOO MUCH FLAK, BUT WHAT THERE WAS WAS VERY ACCURATE. GOT A HOLE IN THE BOMB BAY AND ONE IN THE NOSE THAT YOU COULD PUT YOUR FIST THROUGH.



Monday, May 22, 1944

143rd DAY—223 days to Come

Clear
Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain
Snow

No mission today. Laid around most of the day. Flew a practice mission of bombing. Was up for 3 1/2 hours.

NO MISSION TODAY. LAID AROUND MOST OF THE DAY. FLEW A PRACTICE MISSION OF BOMBING. WAS UP FOR 3 1/2 HOURS.

Tuesday, May 23, 1944

083

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

144th DAY—222 days to Come

~~Had a practice mission today.~~  
~~Bombing. Flew about 3 1/2 hours.~~

~~Flew as a spare today. Nobody~~  
~~aborted so we had to come back.~~  
~~Flew 4 hours. They went to Kiel.~~

083

~~HAD A PRACTICE MISSION TODAY.~~  
~~BOMBING. FLEW ABOUT 3 1/2 HOURS.~~

FLEW AS A SPARE TODAY. NOBODY  
ABORTED SO WE HAD TO COME BACK.  
FLEW 4 HOURS. THE WENT TO KIEL.

384TH BOMB GROUP RECORDS INDICATE THAT  
THE AIRCRAFT NUMBER WAS  
42-102430 VICE 083 INDICATED AT THE TOP OF  
THE JOURNAL PAGE.



Wednesday, May 24, 1944

083

145th DAY—221 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Mission #11. Berlin.

Went to Berlin today. Carried 18-100 lb. & 6-500 lb. incendiaries. Didn't hit too much flak over Berlin. But we went over the city alone. Fighters attacked us when we left Berlin. They made about six passes at us. They were FW 190's. They shot part of our controls away. Shot the hell out of the tail. Almost got the tail gunner. Ball turret man got a ship & the tail gunner got one. Saw the pilot bail out of one. Flew at 26,000 feet. On oxygen about 5 hours. Total time about 8 hours. Was one of the roughest trips I've ever seen or want to see again. The reason we received all the attacks was because we were straggling. They were green pilots in the FW's or we would never have gotten back. We picked up about 50 shrapnel in the plane.

083

## MISSION #11 BERLIN

WENT TO BERLIN TODAY. CARRIED 18-100 LB & 6-500 LB INCENDIARIES. DIDN'T HIT TO MUCH FLAK OVER BERLIN BUT WE WENT OVER THE CITY ALONE. FIGHTERS ATTACKED US WHEN WE LEFT BERLIN. THEY MADE ABOUT SIX PASSES AT US. THEY WERE FW 190'S. THEY SHOT PART OF OUR CONTROLS AWAY. SHOT THE HELL OUT OF THE TAIL. ALMOST GOT THE TAIL GUNNER. BALL TURRET MAN GOT A SHIP & THE TAIL GUNNER GOT ONE SAW THE PILOT BAIL OUT OF ONE. FLEW AT 26,000 FEET. ON OXYGEN ABOUT 5 HOURS. TOTAL TIME ABOUT 8 HOURS. WAS ONE OF THE ROUGHEST TRIPS I'VE EVER SEEN OR WANT TO SEE AGAIN. THE REASON WE RECEIVED ALL THE ATTACKS WAS BECAUSE WE WERE STRAGGLING THEY WERE GREEN PILOTS IN THE FW'S OR WE WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN BACK. WE PICKED UP ABOUT 50 HOLES IN THE PLANE.

Thursday, May 25, 1944



146th DAY—220 days to Come

No mission for us today. Went  
to school for 4 hours. Being checked  
out as lead operator.

NO MISSION FOR US TODAY. WENT  
TO SCHOOL FOR 4 HOURS. BEING CHECKED  
OUT AS LEAD OPERATOR.



Friday, May 26, 1944

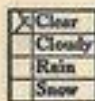
147th DAY—219 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

Flew for 1 1/2 hours on a practice formation. Weather was pretty rough.

FLEW FOR 1 1/2 HOURS ON A PRACTICE FORMATION. WEATHER WAS PRETTY ROUGH.

501  
Saturday, May 27, 1944



148th DAY—218 days to Come

Mission #12.

Went to Mannheim, Germany. Pretty rough. Had a lot of enemy fighters. FW 190's & ME 109's. Although our element didn't receive any attacks, the other boys weren't so lucky. Our escort took care of most of them but some of them came thro' anyway. Saw at least 7-10-11's go down. Hit our target (marshalling yards) with very good results. The flak was worse than intense. Worse, at least, just as bad as Berlin. Flew a total of 7 1/2 hrs. & 1/2 hour on oxygen. Missions seem to be getting rougher instead of easier. Went on guard duty at night.

501

MISSION #12

WENT TO MANNHEIM, GERMANY. PRETTY ROUGH. HAD A LOT OF ENEMY FIGHTERS. FW 190'S & ME 109'S. ALTHOUGH OUR ELEMENT DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY ATTACKS, THE OTHER BOYS WEREN'T SO LUCKY. OUR ESCORT TOOK CARE OF MOST OF THEM BUT SOME OF THEM CAME THRU ANYHOW. SAW AT LEAST 7 - B-17'S GO DOWN. HIT OUR TARGET (MARSHALLING YARDS) WITH VERY GOOD RESULTS. THE FLAK WAS WORSE THAN INTENSE. WORSE, OR AT BEST, JUST AS BAD AS BERLIN. FLEW A TOTAL OF 7 1/2 HRS. 4 1/2 HOURS ON OXYGEN. MISSIONS SEEM TO BE GETTING ROUGHER INSTEAD OF EASIER. WENT ON GUARD DUTY AT NIGHT.



Sunday, May 28, 1944

149th DAY—217 days to Come

Slept until 10:30 and got up and  
went to church & Communion.  
Supposed to have off all day.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

SLEPT UNTIL 10:30 AND GOT UP AND  
WENT TO CHURCH & COMMUNION.  
SUPPOSED TO HAVE OFF ALL DAY.

Monday, May 29, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

150th DAY—216 days to Come

*Didn't fly today.*

DIDN'T FLY TODAY



Tuesday, May 30, 1944

057

151st DAY—215 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

Mission #13.

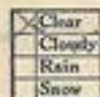
Went to Halberstadt, Germany. Carried 10-500 pound bombs. Was a nice trip. Took off at 7:20 A.M. Landed at 2:30 P.M. On oxygen 5 hours. Total time in air 7 hours 10 minutes. Didn't have much flak. Was quite a few enemy fighters around us, but our escort took care of them. Saw 2 - B-17's go down. Target was an airfield with factories on it for mfg. of component parts for JU 88's. Did a perfect job on it. Pictures showed direct hits on the hangers.

057

MISSION #13

WENT TO HALBERSTADT, GERMANY. CARRIED 10 - 500 POUND BOMBS. WAS A NICE TRIP. TOOK OFF AT 7:00 AM. LANDED AT 2:30 PM. ON OXYGEN 5 HOURS. TOTAL TIME IN AIR 7 HOURS 10 MINUTES. DIDN'T HAVE MUCH FLAK. WAS QUITE A FEW ENEMY FIGHTERS AROUND US BUT OUR ESCORT TOOK CARE OF THEM. SAW 2 - B-17'S GO DOWN. TARGET WAS AN AIRFIELD WITH FACTORIES ON IT FOR MFG. OF COMPONENT PARTS FOR JU 88'S. DID A PERFECT JOB ON IT. PICTURES SHOWED DIRECT HITS ON THE HANGERS.

Wednesday, May 31, 1944



152nd DAY—214 days to Come

*Stood down today.*

*Flew from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Test hopped  
014. 1 hour.*

STOOD DOWN TODAY.

FLEW FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 PM. TEST HOPPED  
014. 1 HOUR.

014 REFERS TO B-17G 42-38014, LITTLE  
AMERICA II.

Thursday, June 1, 1944

153rd DAY—213 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No flight today.*

NO FLIGHT TODAY.



Friday, June 2, 1944



154th DAY—212 days to Come

Mission #14. 051

Went to Bologne, France today. Very easy mission today. No flak, and no enemy fighters. Carried 12-500 pounders. Bombed P.F.F. so we couldn't see the results. Took off at 10:00 AM and landed at 2:20 P.M. In the air for 2 hours. In the air 4 hours 10 min. Would like to have ten more like today.

MISSION #14

057

WENT TO BOLOGNE, FRANCE TODAY. VERY EASY MISSION TODAY. NO FLAK, AND NO ENEMY FIGHTERS. CARRIED 12-500 POUNDERS. BOMBED P.F.F. SO WE COULDN'T SEE THE RESULTS. TOOK OFF AT 10:00 AM AND LANDED AT 2:20 P.M. ON OXYGEN FOR 2 HOURS. IN THE AIR 4 HOURS 10 MIN. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 10 MORE LIKE TODAY.



Saturday, June 3, 1944

155th DAY—211 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

No mission today. Flew  
2 1/2 hours. Checked out a navigator.  
Guard duty tonight.

NO MISSION TODAY. FLEW  
2 1/2 HOURS. CHECKED OUT A NAVIGATOR.  
GUARD DUTY TONIGHT

Sunday, June 4, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

156th DAY—210 days to Come

*Transferred from here to  
Chelveston. Don't like the place.*

TRANSFERRED FROM HERE TO  
CHELVESTON. DON'T LIKE THE PLACE.

TSGT GROSBIER WAS PLACED ON DETACHED  
SERVICE (DS) TO CHELVESTON, HOME OF THE  
305TH BOMB GROUP, EFFECTIVE 5 JUNE 1944.  
DETACHED SERVICE MEANS HE LIVED AND  
WORKED AT CHELVESTON BUT REMAINED  
ASSIGNED TO THE 384TH BOMB GROUP.

Monday, June 5, 1944

157th DAY—209 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Nothing doing all day*

NOTHING DOING ALL DAY.

Tuesday, June 6, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

158th DAY—208 days to Come

The day is finally here, Invasion  
has started. & ~~the day is finally here~~

Two raids. Both bombing around  
the lines & Caen. 12 hours in the  
air. Caught holy hell.

THE DAY IS FINALLY HERE, INVASION  
HAS STARTED &  
TWO RAIDS. BOTH BOMBING AROUND  
THE LINES & CAEN. 12 HOURS IN THE  
AIR. CAUGHT HOLY HELL.

NO RECORDS HAVE BEEN LOCATED AS TO  
WHICH AIRCRAFT TSGT GROSBIER MIGHT  
HAVE FLOWN ON THIS DATE.



Wednesday, June 7, 1944

159th DAY—207 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Flew for one hour today.  
No mission*

FLEW FOR ONE HOUR TODAY.  
NO MISSION

Thursday, June 8, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

160th DAY—206 days to Come

*No mission today. Flew 2 hours  
on practice for P.F.F.*

NO MISSION TODAY FLEW 2 HOURS  
ON PRACTICE FOR P.F.F.

Friday, June 9, 1944

161st DAY—205 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No flight on anything today*

NO FLIGHT ON ANYTHING TODAY

Saturday, June 10, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

162nd DAY—204 days to Come

*No mission yet.  
Flew 2 1/2 hours for a Mick check.*

NO MISSION YET.  
FLEW 2 1/2 HOURS FOR A MICH/K CHECK.

IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT HE MEANT BY "MICH/  
MICK CHECK".



Sunday, June 11, 1944

163rd DAY—203 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY

Monday, June 12, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

164th DAY—202 days to Come

*was supposed to go on a mission tonight. was going to fly P.F.F. for the old bunch. G. U.*

WAS SUPPOSED TO GO ON A MISSION TONIGHT. WAS GOING TO FLY P.F.F. FOR THE OLD BUNCH. G. U.

G. U. - GRAFTON UNDERWOOD - 384TH BOMB GROUP

Tuesday, June 13, 1944

165th DAY—201 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.

Wednesday, June 14, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

166th DAY—200 days to Come

*Flew P.F.F. practice today.  
2 1/2 hours.*

FLEW P.F.F. PRACTICE TODAY.  
2 1/2 HOURS.



Thursday, June 15, 1944

167th DAY—199 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.

Friday, June 16, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

168th DAY—198 days to Come

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.

Saturday, June 17, 1944

169th DAY—197 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Flew 45 min. Instrument  
Calibration*

FLEW 45 MIN. INSTRUMENT  
CALIBRATION

Sunday, June 18, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

170th DAY—196 days to Come

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.



Monday, June 19, 1944

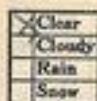
171st DAY—195 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.

574  
Tuesday, June 20, 1944



172nd DAY—194 days to Come

Mission #15.

Went to Hamburg, Germany.  
Synthetic oil plant. Carried 12 - 500 lb  
Bombs. Had very good results.  
Got a few flak hits in the ship.  
Had the Liaison antenna shot out.  
Smoke & fire completely filled the  
area around the target.  
Took off at 4:45 AM. Landed at  
12 noon. 8 hours in the air.  
3 hours on oxygen.  
Flew P.F.F. Deputy Lead.

574

### MISSION #15

WENT TO HAMBURG, GERMANY.  
SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT. CARRIED 12 - 500 LB  
BOMBS. HAD VERY GOOD RESULTS.  
GOT A FEW FLAK HITS IN THE SHIP.  
HAD THE LIASION ANTENNA SHOT OUT.  
SMOKE & FIRE COMPLETELY FILLED THE  
AREA AROUND THE TARGET. TOOK OFF AT  
4:15 AM. LANDED AT  
12 NOON. 8 HOURS IN THE AIR.  
3 HOURS ON OXYGEN.  
FLEW P.F.F. DEPUTY LEAD.

Wednesday, June 21, 1944

173rd DAY—193 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission today*

NO MISSION TODAY.

Thursday, June 22, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

174th DAY—192 days to Come

No mission today.

NO MISSION TODAY.



Friday, June 23, 1944

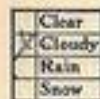
175th DAY—191 days to Come

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.

574  
Saturday, June 24, 1944



176th DAY—190 days to Come

Mission #16 Bremen, Germany.

Synthetic Oil plant. Carried 12 - 500'S.  
Flew P.F.F. Group Lead for G. U.  
Was quite a bit of flak. Not much  
near us though. Took off at  
9 o'clock A.M. Landed at 4:00 P.M.  
Total of seven hours. on oxygen  
for about 2 1/2 hours. I imagine  
we'll be going back there in  
a couple of days.

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MISSION #16 BREMEN, GERMANY

SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT. CARRIED 12 - 500'S.  
FLEW P.F.F. GROUP LEAD FOR G. U.  
WAS QUITE A BIT OF FLAK. NOT MUCH  
NEAR US THOUGH. TOOK OFF AT  
9 O'CLOCK A.M. LANDED AT 4:00 P.M.  
TOTAL OF SEVEN HOURS. ON OXYGEN  
FOR ABOUT 2 1/2 HOURS. I IMAGINE  
WE'LL BE GOING BACK THERE IN  
A COUPLE OF DAYS.

Sunday, June 25, 1944

177th DAY—189 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.

Monday, June 26, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

178th DAY—188 days to Come

*No Mission*

NO MISSION



Tuesday, June 27, 1944

179th DAY—187 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No Mission*

NO MISSION

Wednesday, June 28, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain
Snow

180th DAY—186 days to Come

*No Mission 48 hr Pass to London*

NO MISSION 48 HR PASS TO LONDON.

Thursday, June 29, 1944

181st DAY—185 days to Come

*In London.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

IN LONDON.

Friday, June 30, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

182nd DAY—184 days to Come

*In London.*

IN LONDON.



Saturday, July 1, 1944

183rd DAY—183 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

*No Mission*

NO MISSION

Sunday, July 2, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

184th DAY—182 days to Come

*No Mission*

NO MISSION

Monday, July 3, 1944

185th DAY—181 days to Come

*No Mission*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

NO MISSION

Tuesday, July 4, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

186th DAY—180 days to Come

*Practice mission. 2 hours.*

*P.F.F.*

PRACTICE MISSION. 2 HOURS  
P.F.F.



Wednesday, July 5, 1944

187th DAY—179 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

Practice mission. 2 hours.

P.F.F.

PRACTICE MISSION. 2 HOURS  
P.F.F.

Thursday, July 6, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

188th DAY—178 days to Come

*Supposed to go on a mission  
was scrubbed.*

SUPPOSED TO GO ON A MISSION  
WAS SCRUBBED.

Friday, July 7, 1944

189th DAY—177 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

#17. Leipzig, Germany.  
 Hit the town itself. 10 - 500 lbs.  
 hit the R.R. yards & station. Very  
 good bombing. Flew with  
 Molesworth as Deputy Lead. P.F.F.  
 took off at 5:25 AM & landed at  
 1:30. Total time 8 hours. 6 hours  
 on oxygen. Very successful raid  
 we didn't get any enemy fighters  
 but the other groups evidently  
 did.

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#17 LEIPZIG, GERMANY

HIT THE TOWN ITSELF. 10 - 500 LBS.  
 HIT THE R.R. YARDS & STATION. VERY  
 GOOD BOMBING. FLEW WITH  
 MOLESWORTH AS DEPUTY LEAD P.F.F.  
 TOOK OFF AT 5:25 AM LANDED AT 1:30.  
 TOTAL TIME 8 HOURS. 6 HOURS ON  
 OXYGEN. VERY SUCCESSFUL RAID.  
 WE DIDN'T GET ANY ENEMY FIGHTERS  
 BUT THE OTHER GROUPS EVIDENTLY  
 DID.

MOLESWORTH, AAF STATION 107, WAS THE  
 HOME BASE OF THE 303RD BOMB GROUP.

Saturday, July 8, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

190th DAY—176 days to Come

*No mission*

NO MISSION



Sunday, July 9, 1944

191st DAY—175 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Monday, July 10, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

192nd DAY—174 days to Come

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Tuesday, July 11, 1944

193rd DAY—173 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

NO MISSION

*No mission*

Wednesday, July 12, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

194th DAY—172 days to Come

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.



Thursday, July 13, 1944

195th DAY—171 days to Come

	Clear
	Cloudy
X	Rain
	Snow

*Started for Munich. Turned  
back.*

STARTED FOR MUNICH. TURNED  
BACK

TSGT GROSSBIER MADE THIS NOTE IN HIS DAILY JOURNAL STATING  
"STARTED FOR MUNICH. TURNED BACK".

APPARENTLY, HE FLEW WITH A DIFFERENT GROUP ON THIS DATE AND  
BELIEVED THAT HE DID NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE MISSION.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (TSGT  
GROSSBIER'S INDIVIDUAL SORTIE RECORD) INDICATE THAT HE DID  
RECEIVE CREDIT FOR A MISSION TO MUNICH ON THIS DATE.

13 JULY 1944 WAS HIS 18TH MISSION.

Friday, July 14, 1944

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

196th DAY—170 days to Come

*No Mission*

NO MISSION

Saturday, July 15, 1944

197th DAY—169 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

No Mission

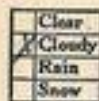
1 1/2 hours slow time

NO MISSION

1 1/2 HOURS SLOW TIME



574  
Sunday, July 16, 1944



198th DAY—168 days to Come

#18 Munich, Germany.

Hit a marshalling yard in the center of the city of Munich. Carried 10 - 500 pound bombs. Pretty fair raid. Hit the target. Flak was pretty accurate. Had a couple fighters, good escort. Took off at 5:30 AM. Landed 2:30 P.M. On oxygen about 7 hours. Flew P.F.F. Deputy Lead.

574

#18 MUNICH, GERMANY

HIT A MARSHALLING YARD IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY OF MUNICH. CARRIED 10 - 500 POUND BOMBS. PRETTY FAIR RAID. HIT THE TARGET. FLAK WAS PRETTY ACCURATE. HAD A COUPLE FIGHTERS GOOD ESCORT. TOOK OFF AT 5:30 AM. LANDED 2:30 P.M. ON OXYGEN ABOUT 7 HOURS. FLEW P.F.F. DEPUTY LEAD.



Monday, July 17, 1944

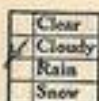
199th DAY—167 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

*No Mission*

NO MISSION.

574- Tuesday, July 18, 1944



200th DAY—166 days to Come

#19. Peedmont, Germany' Up on  
 the coast north of Stetten. An  
 experimental Hydrogen Peroxide plant.  
 Carried 10-500 pounders. Clear weather  
 for good visual bombing. Hit the  
 target good. Took off at 4:45 A.M.  
 Landed at 13:45 P.M. In oxygen for  
 4 hours. Flak was meager & wasn't  
 close to our group.  
 Lead Col. Stevens (Molesworth)

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#19 PEEDMONT, GERMANY  
 PEENEMUNDE UP ON  
 THE COAST NORTH OF STETTEN. AN  
 EXPERIMENTAL HYDROGEN PEROXIDE PLANT.  
 CARRIED 10 -500 POUNDERS. CLEAR WEATHER  
 FOR GOOD VISUAL BOMBING. HIT THE  
 TARGET GOOD. TOOK OFF AT 4:45 A.M.  
 LANDED AT 13:45 P.M. ON OXYGEN FOR  
 4 HOURS. FLAK WAS MEAGER & WASN'T  
 CLOSE TO OUR GROUP.

LEAD COL. STEVENS (MOLESWORTH)

MOLESWORTH WAS THE  
 HOME OF THE 303RD BOMB GROUP



574.  
Wednesday, July 19, 1944.

F20 201st DAY—165 days to Come



Munich, Germany  
Hit Hydrogen Peroxide Plant. Used  
for Robot or Buzz Bombs. Carried  
10-500 pounds. Bombed visual. Was  
really a rough job. Both flak  
and fighters. Flak was damn  
accurate. Knocked out #4 engine.  
Windmilling Prop. Top turret claimed  
one fighter. Got a few holes  
in the engines. Took off at  
5:00 AM. Landed 1:45 P.M. on  
oxygen 6 1/2 hours. 8 hours in the air.  
Deputy lead.

574

#20

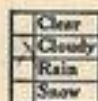
MUNICH, GERMANY

HIT A HYDROGEN PEROXIDE PLANT USED  
FOR ROBOT OR BUZZ BOMBS. CARRIED  
10 - 500 POUNDS. BOMBED VISUAL. WAS  
REALLY A ROUGH JOB BOTH FLAK AND  
FIGHTERS. FLAK WAS DAMN  
ACCURATE. KNOCKED OUT #4 ENGINE.  
WINDMILLING PROP. TOP TURRET CLAIMED  
ONE FIGHTER. GOT A FEW HOLES  
IN THE ENGINES. TOOK OFF AT  
5:00 AM. LANDED 1:45 P.M. ON  
OXYGEN 6 1/2 HOURS. 8 HOURS IN THE AIR.

DEPUTY LEAD

Thursday, July 20, 1944

574 P.F.F.



202nd DAY—164 days to Come

#21. Dessau (Leipzig, Germany)  
 Supposed to hit an engine factory  
 at Dessau. Couldn't see it so we  
 hit an air field with workshops.  
 Scored a couple of direct hits of  
 the hangers. Carried 10 - 500 pounders.  
 Flak was pretty rough for some of  
 the boys. Not too bad for us. Hit  
 a lot of fighters. Lost about 10 forts.  
 Took off at 0610. Landed at 1445.  
 on oxygen for close to 7 hours. In the  
 air 8 1/2 hours.  
 Flew wing lead Lt. Col. Thacker.

574 P.F.F.

#21 DESSAU (LEIPZIG, GERMANY)

SUPPOSED TO HIT AN ENGINE FACTORY  
 AT DESSAU. COULDN'T SEE IT SO WE  
 HIT AN AIRFIELD WITH WORKSHOPS.  
 SCORED A COUPLE OF DIRECT HITS OF  
 THE HANGERS. CARRIED 10 - 500 POUNDERS.  
 FLAK WAS PRETTY ROUGH FOR SOME OF  
 THE BOYS. NOT TOO BAD FOR US. GOT  
 A LOT OF FIGHTERS. LOST ABOUT 10 FORTS.  
 TOOK OFF AT 0610. LANDED AT 1445.  
 ON OXYGEN FOR CLOSE TO 7 HOURS. IN THE  
 AIR 8 1/2 HOURS.

FLEW WING LEAD LT COL. THACKER



Friday, July 21, 1944

203rd DAY—163 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Went to London.*

WENT TO LONDON.

Saturday, July 22, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

204th DAY—162 days to Come

*In London.*

IN LONDON.

Sunday, July 23, 1944

205th DAY—161 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

*In London.*  
*Back at noon.*  
*Flew 3 hours slow time.*

IN LONDON.  
BACK AT NOON.  
FLEW 3 HOURS SLOW TIME.

Monday, July 24, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

206th DAY—160 days to Come

*Flew 1 1/2 practice P.F.F.*

FLEW 1 1/2 PRACTICE P.F.F.



Tuesday, July 25, 1944

207th DAY—159 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*Flew 1 1/2 hrs.*

FLEW 1 1/2 HRS.

Wednesday, July 26, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

208th DAY—158 days to Come

*Flew 1 hour*

FLEW 1 HOUR.

Thursday, July 27, 1944

209th DAY—157 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

NO MISSION. SCRUBBED.

No mission - Scrubbed

574

Friday, July 28, 1944



210th DAY—156 days to Come

Mission #22 Leipzig (Mersberg)

HIT a synthetic oil plant. Bombed P.F.F.  
 Seemed to be a pretty good job.  
 Carried 10-500 pounders. Was a pretty  
 good mission. Was quite a bit of  
 flak. We didn't get hit by fighters  
 for a change. Took off at 0600 and  
 landed at 1400. On oxygen about  
 5 hours. Flew lead.  
 Col. L. Thacker.

574

MISSION #22 LEIPZIG (MERSBERG)  
GERMANY.

HIT A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT. BOMBED P.F.F.  
 SEEMED TO BE A PRETTY GOOD JOB.  
 CARRIED 10 - 500 POUNDERS. WAS A PRETTY  
 GOOD MISSION. WAS QUITE A BIT OF  
 FLAK. WE DIDN'T GET HIT BY FIGHTERS  
 FOR A CHANGE. TOOK OFF AT 0600 AND  
 LANDED AT 1400. ON OXYGEN ABOUT  
 5 HOURS. FLEW LEAD.

COL. THACKER



574. Saturday, July 29, 1944

211th DAY—155 days to Come

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

#23 Leipzig (Mersberg) Germany:  
Back to Leipzig today. Carried 20-250S G.P.  
Bombed visual today. Hit it pretty good.  
Smoke up to 15,000 feet. Flew lead.  
Had Col. Smith with us. Good  
mission. Took off at 0545. Landed  
at 1400. On oxygen 5 hours. Lot of  
fighters around. Didn't hit us, but  
the wing behind us lost six ships.

574

#23 LEIPZIG, (MERSBERG), GERMANY

BACK TO LEIPZIG TODAY. CARRIED 20-250S G.P.  
BOMBED VISUAL TODAY. HIT IT PRETTY GOOD.  
SMOKE UP TO 15,000 FEET. FLEW LEAD.  
HAD COL. SMITH WITH US. GOOD  
MISSION. TOOK OFF AT 0545. LANDED  
AT 1400. ON OXYGEN 5 HOURS. LOT OF  
FIGHTERS AROUND. DIDN'T HIT US, BUT THE  
WING BEHIND US LOST 6 SHIPS.

Sunday, July 30, 1944



212th DAY—154 days to Come

*No mission today.*

NO MISSION TODAY.



Monday, July 31, 1944

213h DAY—153 days to Come

Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
Rain
Snow

#24

Munich, Germany  
 Primary visual target was an aero  
 engine factory for jet propelled  
 planes. Had to hit the P.F.F. target, a  
 marshalling yard in the city of Munich.  
 We hit the target. Carried 10-500  
 aimable clusters, incendiaries  
 Took off at 0900 and landed at  
 1230. Six hours on oxygen. Pretty  
 good trip. Just a bit of flak over  
 the target. Were fighters around but  
 they didn't hit us.  
 Col. Nuttall wing leader with us.

574

MUNICH, GERMANY

PRIMARY VISUAL TARGET WAS AN AERO  
 ENGINE FACTORY FOR JET PROPELLED  
 PLANES. HAD TO HIT THE P.F.F. TARGET, A  
 MARSHALLING YARD IN THE CITY OF MUNICH.  
 WE HIT THE TARGET. CARRIED 10 - 500  
 AIMABLE CLUSTERS, INCENDIARIES.  
 TOOK OFF AT 0900 AND LANDED AT  
 1230. SIX HOURS ON OXYGEN. PRETTY  
 GOOD TRIP. JUST A BIT OF FLAK OVER  
 THE TARGET. WERE FIGHTERS AROUND BUT  
 THEY DIDN'T HIT US.

COL. NUTTALL, WING LEADER WITH US

Tuesday, August 1, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

214th DAY—152 days to Come

*Back to Grafton U.*

BACK TO GRAFTON U.

TSGT GROSBIER WAS RETURNED TO DUTY AT  
GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, AAF STATION 106,  
FROM DUTY AT CHELVESTON, AAF STATION 105,  
ON 1 AUGUST 1944.



Wednesday, August 2, 1944

215th DAY—151 days to Come

*No missions*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

NO MISSION

Thursday, August 3, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

216th DAY—150 days to Come

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Friday, August 4, 1944

217th DAY—149 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

No mission

NO MISSION



Saturday, August 5, 1944

699

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

218th DAY—148 days to Come

#25 Hannover, Germany

Target was a large airfield with a large amount of hangars & workshops. Possibility of jet prop. jobs also. Carried 10-500 pounds. From all the appearances the bombing was pretty good. Some good hits were scored. Flak was pretty rough. Picked up thirty or forty holes in the bottom and the wings. Had a fire in the wing that we didn't know about. Tokyo tanks were burning. We were pretty lucky. Took off at 0830. Landed at 1500. On oxygen 4 hours. Col. Buck leading.

699

#25 HANNOVER, GERMANY

TARGET WAS A LARGE AIRFIELD WITH A POSSIBILITY OF JET PROP. JOBS ALSO. CARRIED 10 - 500 POUNDERS. FROM ALL THE APPEARANCES THE BOMBING WAS PRETTY GOOD. SOME GOOD HITS WERE SCORED. FLAK WAS PRETTY ROUGH. PICKED UP THIRTY OR FORTY HOLES IN THE BOTTOM AND THE WINGS. HAD A FIRE IN THE WING THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT. TOKYO TANKS WERE BURNING. WE WERE PRETTY LUCKY. TOOK OFF AT 0830. LANDED AT 1500. ON OXYGEN 4 HOURS.

COL. BUCK LEADING



Sunday, August 6, 1944

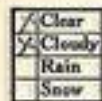
219th DAY—147 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission.*

NO MISSION.

Monday, August 7, 1944



220th DAY—146 days to Come

*Flew four hours slow time*

FLEW FOUR HOURS SLOW TIME

Tuesday, August 8, 1944

221st DAY—145 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Wednesday, August 9, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

222nd DAY—144 days to Come

*No mission*

NO MISSION



Thursday, August 10, 1944

223rd DAY—143 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*flew to Scotland for a 7 day leave.*

FLEW TO SCOTLAND FOR A 7 DAY LEAVE.

Friday, August 11, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

224th DAY—142 days to Come

*In Scotland*

IN SCOTLAND

Saturday, August 12, 1944

225th DAY—141 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

IN SCOTLAND

*In Scotland*

Sunday, August 13, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

226th DAY—140 days to Come

*In Scotland*

IN SCOTLAND



Monday, August 14, 1944

227th DAY—139 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

IN SCOTLAND

*In Scotland*

Tuesday, August 15, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

228th DAY—138 days to Come

*In Scotland*

IN SCOTLAND

Wednesday, August 16, 1944

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229th DAY—137 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*In Scotland*

IN SCOTLAND

Thursday, August 17, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

230th DAY—136 days to Come

*In Scotland*

IN SCOTLAND



Friday, August 18, 1944

231st DAY—135 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*In Scotland. Left for base today*

IN SCOTLAND. LEFT FOR BASE TODAY

Saturday, August 19, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

232nd DAY—134 days to Come

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Sunday, August 20, 1944

233rd DAY—133 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Monday, August 21, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

234th DAY—132 days to Come

*No mission*

NO MISSION



Tuesday, August 22, 1944

235th DAY—131 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Wednesday, August 23, 1944

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

236th DAY—130 days to Come

*No mission*

NO MISSION

Thursday, August 24, 1944

237th DAY—129 days to Come

<input type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

No mission

NO MISSION

Friday, August 25, 1944

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clear
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow

238th DAY—128 days to Come

*No mission.*

NO MISSION



1986  
Saturday, August 26, 1944

239th DAY—127 days to Come

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow

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THIS WAS TSGT GROSBIER'S 27TH AND FINAL  
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27 August — September 20, 1944

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*Technical Sergeant Grosbier made no  
Journal entries during these dates.*

Thursday, September 21, 1944

265th DAY—101 days to Come

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

*Capt. Kelsay  
Shot down Landed in Germany.  
Back in 3 days.*

**CAPT KELSAY  
SHOT DOWN LANDED IN GERMANY.  
BACK IN THREE DAYS**

**CAPTAIN OMAR F. KELSAY WAS SHOT DOWN ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1944. CAPTAIN KELSAY AND FOUR OTHER CREW MEMBERS BAILED OUT AND RETURNED TO ALLIED CONTROL. THREE CREW MEMBERS WHO BAILED OUT BECAME PRISONERS OF WAR (POW). ONE CREW MEMBER, THE BALL TURRET GUNNER, WAS KILLED IN ACTION (KIA). THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR LIEGE, BELGIUM.**



Monday, September 25, 1944

269th DAY—97 days to Come

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

*TECHNICAL SERGEANT GROSBIER WAS CREDITED WITH A COMPLETE COMBAT TOUR AND TRANSFERRED FROM GRAFTON UNDERWOOD TO THE 70TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT IN STONE, ENGLAND ON 25 SEPTEMBER 1944.*

*HE COMPLETED 27 COMBAT MISSIONS, EARNING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND THE AIR MEDAL WITH THREE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS.*