

FIVE YEAR  
DIARY



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JANUARY 16

1944 Flew 26,000 ft. formation - Hobbs  
to S. San Antonio. Instructor was lost  
Lt. Gray found where we were, Lt. York  
a very poor navigator. Other ship  
was rather angry (Capt. Walker)  
Went to town, later. Hobbs and  
the "V-Club" lousy! Mills & I  
home early.

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JANUARY 17

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HOBBS, N. MEX.

JANUARY 1920

19 Then flying 3 A.M. this morn.  
Waited in lines for clearance, inst.  
card not available yet. Finished  
packing, ~~took~~ bus to Amarillo at 10:00  
19 arrived - boarded G.I. train for Salt L.  
Called Nelson in Amarillo but he  
left for new station that morning

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JANUARY 20

19 G.I. pullman; not bad - dirty - had  
breakfast in Pueblo - stopped at  
Denver for three hours in afternoon  
train cold, picked up a diner.

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SALT LAKE CITY,  
UTAH.

JANUARY 22

19 Another night on G.I. pullman  
arrived Salt Lake noon - taxied  
to base, filled out more papers  
assigned sqdr. K very old barracks  
19 and crowded. 5 inches snow, lots  
of ice - coal heat very dirty.  
Went to town, dinner & show.  
Glad to hit sack.

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JANUARY 23

19 Up at 0600 - strictly G.I. Breakfast  
Was processed - sack time - 1700 -  
Went to town with Mills again  
dinner + shop. more sack time.

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JANUARY 23

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JANUARY 24

19 Up at 0730 - no breakfast - no  
lunch - hungry - Paid \$60.15 for  
travel pay - trying to catch up on  
letters.

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JANUARY 25

1944 Met Bertie + Mebla Grange  
Not Bad - Thinking of changing  
dates - I like Bertie the best.  
But it really makes no difference  
19 both seem like nice gals.

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FEBRUARY 29

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MARCH 1

19 LAST NIGHT IN SALT LAKE  
BERTIE AND I HAD HARD TIME  
SAVING GOOD BYE. SHE'S THE  
NICEST GIRL I'VE EVER KNOWN.

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MARCH 4

1944 ARRIVED ARDMORE, OKLA  
By TROOP TRAIN FROM SALT  
LAKE CITY.

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1944 GRAND SCHOOL NO DATE  
HOBDEY & I WITH MAC AND BILLY A.  
AT GLIDER ROOM - FAIR  
EVENING - NO DRINKING DAMN IT!

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MAY 5

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19 GRND SCHOOL - NO DATE  
MAC AND I HIT SACIK EARLY  
HOBDEY IN TOWN WITH HUGHSON  
GAL. I HAD TO CATCH UP ON  
SACIK TIME.

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MAY 6

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1944 GRND SCHOOL AGAIN - PASSED CODE  
CALLED PAT HUMPREYS - DATE CINCHED  
MAC, HOBDEY & I HEAD FOR TOWN ON  
BUS, LONG WAIT AS USUAL. PICKED UP  
19 THE "GREEN HORNET" (MAC'S CAR) (PARKED  
IN TOWN TO SAVE GAS) HAD LOUSY  
TIME, IN FACT IT WAS TERRIBLE  
PAT AND I DON'T GET ALONG. SPENT  
19 MOST THE TIME AT THE COUNTRY  
CLUB. DRANK VERY LITTLE. MAC'S  
GIRL - BILLY AKERS VERY NICE GAL.  
BUGS STARTING TO BITE.

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MAY 7

1944 FOUND DIARY - DECIDED TO USE IT  
ALMOST FINISHED HERE AT ARDMORE, OKLA  
8 HOURS GRND. SCHOOL - WROTE TO BETTIE -  
MEBS & FOLKS - S/SGT DELAURI RETURNED  
TO CLASS AFTER DENTAL APPOINTMENT -  
VERY UNUSAL IN ARMY - HE'S STRICTLY  
ON THE BALL. HOBDEY AND I HOME TO  
NITE ALONE MAC IN TOWN WITH DATE.  
WR<sup>19</sup>IED AT DENTON FOR MISSING  
GRND SCHOOL CLASSES.

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MAY 8

1944 LAST DAY OF GRND. SCHOOL  
HAD SEVERAL TESTS - NO TROUBLE  
MAC DID VERY WELL ON ENGR. TEST.  
AND OF COURSE SGT. DELAURI DID  
19 PERFECT - HE'S AN A-1 ENGINEER.  
WAS CALLED OUT OF GRND  
SCHOOL TO FLY IN AFTERNOON -  
WAITED ON FLIGHT LINE SEVERAL  
19 HOURS FOR SHIP - FINALLY  
WEATHER CLOSED IN. NO FLIGHT  
DAMN IT!

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MAY 9

1944 Hi Form to CARLSBAD &  
AMARILLO, TEX. MORE CAMERA ATTACKS  
FORMATION NAME GOOD - FLY OFF  
SQD. COMMANDERS (LT. MARSHALL)

19 WING - HIS FLY NOT SO HOT.  
MAC'S FLYING IMPROVING, FLIES  
FORMATION ALMOST AS WELL AS  
I DO. HAD BOMB TRAINING

19 HOBDEY & I DID FAIR - DENTON  
DID BEST. HOBDEY DOESN'T  
UNDERSTAND BOMB SIGHT TO  
WELL - JUST HASN'T HAD PROPER  
19 INSTRUCTION. OLSEN VERY EAGER  
AS USUAL.

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MAY 10

1944 Hi Form to GALVESTON, TEX.  
LANDED - THEN FIRED 3200 ROUNDS  
OUT OVER GULF AT TOW TARGET.  
WE WERE IN AIR OVER 8 HOURS

19 BACK AT HOME FIELD LATE  
VERY TIRED - SHOWER & SACK.  
DENTON WAS ON SICK CALL  
MISSED FLIGHT. CREW DID

19 PERFECT JOB ON RANGE  
HOBDEY REALLY PLEASED WITH  
GASTON ON RADIO COMPASS.  
KANIA PROVED VERY HELPFUL  
19 IN GREENHOUSE - HEARD FROM  
ANNABEL - SOUND SLIGHTLY TIED  
OFF BUT A LITTLE EAGER TOO!!

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MAY 11

1947 FLY HI-FORMATION 21000 CAMERON  
BOMBED LITTLE ROCK, ARK - FLY  
GOOD FORMATION - MAC'S FORMATION  
FLYING VERY GOOD CONSIDERING  
SHORT TIME HERE. HOBDEY ABSENT  
FROM H.B.C. FORMATION - PUT ME  
IN TIGHT SPOT - SHOWED UP FOR  
FLYING LATE - DENTON EASILY  
19191919 - FLY OFF YOUR HANDLE FOR  
THE FIRST TIME. NONE TO EAGER  
FOR COMBAT - SLIGHT CASE OF  
COMBATITIST. HOBDEY DID BEST  
19191919 TO FIX UP ABSENCE.

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MAY 12

1944 NO FLYING TODAY - HAD P.T.  
AND WE WERE PROCESSED - ISSUED  
MORE EQUIPMENT TO PACK AROUND  
- MESS KITS - BLANKETS - ETC.  
TURNED IN WINTER FLYING CLOTHING.  
CREW ON THE BALL - VERY COOPERATIVE  
DENTON, McNAMARA AND I UNEAGER  
SO WE SKIPPED BOMB TRAINING.  
HEAD STILL SORE FROM KICK  
IN HOT FOOTBALL GAME WITH  
NEWTON'S CREW - BEAT THEM  
AGAIN! WROTE A LETTER TO  
19191919 THE PARENTS - SACRIFICE TIME

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MAY 13

19 HAD C-1 CHECK TODAY -  
MAC, DENTON AND I PASSED O.K.  
FLEW WITH CAPT. ENGRAM - A BOMBARDIER  
INSTRUCTOR. FLUBBED AROUND  
REST OF TIME - P.O.'S AT  
THINGS IN GENERAL - STILL  
NO DAY OFF - BUT MAY GET  
THREE DAY PASS - TODAY LAST  
DAY OF FLYING. - FINISHED ALL  
REQUIRED MISSIONS - SACR TIME.

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MAY 14

19 HAD TO FLY FOR SIX HOURS TOOK  
A NICE RIDE OR TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS  
SAW MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR FIRST  
TIME - SAW SEVERAL FLAT TOPS  
WENT THROUGH VERY SMALL THUNDER  
STORM - SHOULD HAVE HAD DAY  
OFF - EVERYONE DAMN MAD -  
DELAURET & KANIA DAMN GOOD WITH  
PILGRAGE - IN NAVIGATING. MAC VERY  
EAGER - REALLY SURPRIZED ME  
HE FLEW MOST ON THE WAY. - STAYED  
ON BASE - WENT TO SHOW.

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MAY 15

1944 HAD TO FLY FOR SOME COL.  
FROM WASHINGTON - A DEMONSTRATION  
OR MODEL MISSION BY 12 SHIPS IN  
OUR GROUP. WE FLY FOR ONLY 2 HRS  
LOW ALT. BOMBED FORT WORTH - COL.  
WELL SATISFIED WITH OUR MISSION.  
GOT A FEW PICTURES OF THE  
CREW - TOOK OFF FOR TOWN  
GOT A 7 BED ROOM - HAD LOTS TO  
DRINK AT GLIDER ROOM WITH  
MAC, HOBBS, DENTON, FEURSTEIN  
AND BILLY & PAT. FAIRLY WELL OILED

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MAY 16

1944 OUR FIRST DAY OFF IN WEEKS -  
STAYED IN TOWN IN OUR 7 BED  
BARBAR SHOP HOTEL ROOM - SPENT  
MOST OF DAY AT COUNTRY CLUB  
BOUGHT A PAIR SHOES & NEW HAT.  
SWAM AND LAYED AROUND POOL  
WITH MAC, HOBBS & DENTON - AND  
BILLY, PAT AND COLLEEN - A VERY  
ENJOYABLE - LAZY AFTERNOON - LATER  
HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK - DENTON  
AND I STAGED IT AND NATURALLY  
MADE FOOLS OF OURSELVES. THE  
DIDN'T NICEST I'VE BEEN IN A LONG TIME.  
GOT A SLIGHT SUN BURN

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MAY 17

1944 RAN ALL OVER POST FOR CLEARANCE - HAD VERY LITTLE SLEEP NIGHT BEFORE - YES A HANG OVER - HAD TO PACK - MORE JUNK THROWN AWAY. LATEST RUMOR - GOING TO CHINA! SOUNDS INTERESTING IN A WAY - BUT NO NIGHT LIFE! TOUGH. MAC RATHER MAD AT LAST NIGHT - DENTON AND I SPOILED HIS LOVELIFE AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.

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ARDMOIRE, OKLA.

MAY 18

1944 UP FOR 7:40 FORMATION AFTER TWO HOURS OF SOLID SACK TIME - GOT RID OF BAGGAGE AND CLIMBED ABOARD TRAIN 19 AT 2:00 HAD G.I. MEAL ON TRAIN - ON FAIRLY CLEAN PULLMAN'S - DEST. UNKNOWN - BUT PROBABLY KEARNEY, NEBR.  
19 HAD BIG DRUNKEN PARTY LAST NIGHT AT COUNTRY CLUB HAD LONG PULL SESSION WITH LT. CLARKE AND THE USUAL 19 FAIRWELLS.

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MAY 19

1944 STILL ON TRAIN - BREAKFAST

IN BED, PASSED THRU TOPEKA, KAN.

THIS MORN. STOPPED AT MARYSVILLE,  
KAN. FOR HALF HOUR OF BEER

GIZZLING - ANOTHER G.I.

MEAL ON TRAIN - SURE IS

DIRTY AND RATHER WARM.

ARRIVED KEARNEY AIR BASE

AT 4:30 P.M. SIGNED IN

ASSIGNED B.O.Q. - TOOK

OFF FORTOWN. MAC, DENTON

AND I RENTED TWO ROOMS AT

MIDWAY HOTEL - A DUMP, AT

THAT - BOUGHT SOME TERRIBLE

GIN - ENDED UP AT DANCE

AND I PICKED UP WANDA

OLSON - TOOK HER HOME MADE

DATE FOR FOLLOWING NIGHT.

AND GOT MAC BLIND DATE TOO.

UNABLE TO LOCATE MELBA BRUCE

MAY 20

1944 UP EARLY - GO BACK TO

BASE - GOT MORNING REPORT IN

MET MELBA IN OFFICERS CLUB -

HAD LONG HEART TO HEART TALK

19 THING EVERYTHING OK IN SACT

LAKE NOW - WISH I'D HEAR

FROM BERTIE. LECTURE ON SET UP

HERE - ASSIGNED AIRPLANE

19 ONE OF THE FEW (ONLY 19

ALL TOGETHER.) MAC &amp; I

GO TO TOWN PICK UP DATES

LATE, AS PER USUAL, TAKE

19 THEM TO CLUB DANCE ON BASE

MAC GOT A BUM DEAL - MINE

NOT SO BAD - ENJOYABLE

EVENING. IN SACT AT 0300!!

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MAY 21

- 1944 UP AT 0730 - DRIVER  
PICKED UP CREW AND BAGGAGE  
FOR PROCESSING. PROCESSED  
ALL MORN. - VERY EFFICIENT  
19 PROCEDURE - BEST I'VE EVER  
SEEN. MORE EQUIPMENT ISSUED  
HEAVY FLYING, OXYGEN MASK, WHITE  
HEAD SETS, ETC. - STENCILED  
19 EQUIPMENT - BACK TO  
BARRACKS - AND OFF TO  
TOWN - LONG WAIT FOR BUS  
AS USUAL. WENT TO DINNER  
19 WITH WANDA AND THEN TOOK  
IN THREE BEAUTIFUL PARK!!!  
MORE DAMN MOSQUITOES! IN SACK  
AT 0300 AGAIN! SAW MELBA  
19 + BRUCE AGAIN.

MAY 22

- 1944 A SOLID DAY OF LECTURES  
ON DITCHING - BAIL OUT  
OVER WATER FLIGHTS. POOP BY  
BOEING REPRESENTATIVE ON  
19 SHIPS - LATE LECTURE  
ON PRISONER OF WAR - VERY  
ENLIGHTENING. STARTED TO  
RACIC - IN SACK EARLY.  
19 SENT WIRE TO BETTIE & FLOU.  
SAW MELBA & BRUCE - WEATHER  
IS KEEPING HIM HERE.  
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MAY 23

1944 DOWN ON FLIGHT LINE  
EARLY TOOK SHIP - "BURSHIP"  
2102951 - B-17-G STAGGERED  
WAIST WINDOWS - SEMI-TURRET IN  
T<sup>19</sup>AIL - Wow! What a ship! TEST  
HOPPED FOR TWO HRS - CALIBRATED  
FLUX GATE COMPASS. FLEW  
FINE ONLY MINOR DIFFICULTIES  
D<sup>19</sup>ENTON HAD HARD NIGHT - WAS  
RATHER P.O.'D AT THINGS IN  
GENERAL. HOBBERY DID NICE JOB  
ON FLUX GATE. NOTICE LACKINESS  
19 IN CREW. - NOT EAGER ENOUGH  
TO GET THINGS DONE. LATE  
LECTURE ON OUR ROUTE TO  
BANGOR, MAINE. - ASSUMED  
19 DESTINATION. ANOTHER DATE  
WITH WANDA - MY LAST I  
THINK. NO LETTER FROM BERTIE  
HEARD FROM FOURS & PAT.

MAY 24

19 FINISHED PACKING EARLY -  
ALLOWED ONLY 55¢ IN B & FOR  
PERSONAL CLOTHES. AND ALL  
FLYING EQUIPMENT IN A-3 BAG  
19 NOTHING ELSE - A REAL JOB  
OF PACKING. SENT FOOT LOCKER  
HOME. WEIGHED ALL BAGS AND  
LOADED THEM INTO BOMB BAY.  
19 MEDICAL BRIEFING AND THE USUAL.  
PETIX, MY RADIO OPERATOR, PUT  
IN HOSPITAL - ITALICED TO  
FLIGHT SURGEON WONT RELEASE  
19 HIM - SO I LOST - A DAMN GOOD  
RADIO OPER. WANTED GASTON MADE  
RADIO OPER. - BUT C.O. WOULDN'T  
LET ME DO IT SO REPLACEMENT  
19 IS 1ST RADIO OPER. - SURE HATED  
TO TELL GASTON THIS. HAD BRIEFING  
2500 IN SHIPS 2400 READY TO  
TAKE OFF WEATHER - WINDY AS HELL.



MAY 25

MAY 26

KEARNEY, NEBR. -  
CRENIER FLD., MANCHESTER  
N.H.

- 1944 0100 RAINED TO BEAT HELL  
WAITED FOR TRUCK AND BACK IN  
THE SACK - NO FUEL TO MAINE  
THIS MORN! UP AT 1100 BACK TO
- 19 CHECK SHIP - BEST WRITE LETTER  
TO RECEIVE I'VE DECIDED - NO LETTER  
FROM BERTIE YET! GOT A LITTLE  
SACK TIME THIS AFTERNOON -
- 19 CALLED FOLKS - SURE GLAD TO  
HEAR THEIR VOICES AGAIN. ALSO  
CALLED BERTIE SOUNDED A LITTLE  
INDIFFERENT HOPE EVERY THING'S O.K.
- 19 HAD BRIEFING AT 2300 ALL READY  
TO TAKE OFF - PETIX SAW GLOWAL  
AND CAN GO WITH US IF WE STAY ONE  
MORE DAY. NEW RADIO OPER. SEAS
- 19 O.K. VERY NICE FELLOW - O.M. Lay S/SGT.

- 1944 0045 TOOK OFF FOR UNKNOWN  
DESTINATION. - CREW VERY BLUE, HAD  
TO LEAVE PETIX BEHIND - HIT INSTRUMENT  
WEATHER AT OMAHA, NEBR. - LOTS OF
- 19 RAIN - LOST RADIO RECEPTION SEVERAL  
TIMES HOBDEY DID DAMN GOOD NAVIG.  
AND DENTON DID GOOD PILOTAGE  
WHERE POSSIBLE. RADIO MAN MADE
- 19 CONTACTS WHEN POSSIBLE. REST  
OF CREW SLEPT. I WAS ASLEEP  
FOR AN HOUR OUT OF CHICAGO. MAC  
AWAKIE WHOLE TRIP. MADE RADIO
- 19 CONTACT AT ALBANY, N.Y. INSTRUCTED  
TO LAND AT CRENIER FLD, MANCHESTER,  
N.H. LNDGD. AFTER 9 HRS FLYING. CREW  
PROCESSED QUICKLY AND ASSIGNED BARRACKS
- 19 DAMNED NICE FIELD - ISSUED MORE EQUIP.  
GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP. HAD LATE BRIEFING,  
TOO! FOR BOTH GOOSE BAY & GANDER  
DESTINATION UNDETERMINED AS YET.

GRANDER FLD, MANCOSTER, N. H.  
GANDER LAKE, NEW FOUNDLAND.  
MAY 27

GANDER

MAY 28

1944 Up at 0700 Briefing at 0800

HAD TO HAVE CAMERA SEALED SHIP SERVICED  
AND READED FOR T.O. MORE BRIEFING  
AND CLEARANCES TO GANDER LAKE,

19 NEW FOUNDLAND. 0930 T.O. FOR GANDER  
VIA PORTLAND, BANGOR, MAINE & SYDNEY.  
MAC AND I FORGOT TURBOS ON T.O.

MAC ON THE BALL, AND WAS QUICK TO

19 CATCH MISTAKE. MADE VERY LOW T.O.

COUNTRY HEAVILY WOODED, PILOTAGE IMPOSSIBLE  
DUE TO UNDERCAST AND LACK OF CIVILIZATION  
LANDED GANDER ABOUT 5 HRS LATER, HAVING

19 TROUBLE WITH TIME - CHANGING ZONES  
SO FAST! LOTS OF LAICES AND FLOW NO  
SNOW LEFT. BASE NOT BAD FOR EXISTING  
CONDITIONS. VERY NICE B.O. Q'S SAW BEVER  
BEFORE HE T.O. HAD FEW PECKING AT

19 CLUB AND SOME POOL WITH MAC & HOBDEY.  
NO. 1 ENG. HAD OIL LEAK - TO BE FIXED TOMORROW.

SHIP LOOKED OK FOR NIGHT. MORE SACRIFICE  
DELAURI & KAMIA STARTED REPAIRS. - GOOD BOYS!

1944. Up late 1100! Sloppy mess out

TO SHIP FOUND DELAURI & OLSEN WORKING  
BUT NEEDED HELP. I'LL HAVE TO GIVE  
HIM MORE HELP AFTER THIS. DELAURI

19A VERY GOOD WORKER - DAMN GOOD  
MAN. LAY IS ALSO VERY EAGER, SHOWS  
WILLINGNESS TO DO HIS PART. HAD BRIEFING  
FOR TRIP SHIP READED FOR T.O.

19 AT 2130 FOR ENGLAND. T.O. INTO

LOW STRATUS ABOUT IT AT 9000'  
FIRST FEW HOURS GAS CONSUMPTION  
VERY HIGH - HAD TROUBLE GETTING

19A, REAGED AT 29" - 2000 RPM - CROSSED  
A FRONT, PICKED UP A LITTLE TRIM ICE

SAW A FEW BOATS WHEN WATZETZ WAS  
MAY 29 VISIBLE. - FLEW AT 2000 11 HRS AND WE WERE

19 INSTRUCTED TO LAND AT NUTTS CORNER  
- GANDER. LOTS OF RCAF AND OF COURSE  
CARS ON WRONG SIDE OF STREET. WOULD LIKE  
TO STAY AROUND AWHILE. FISHING WOULD BE  
GOOD!



NUTTS CORNER, NORTHERN IRELAND

MAY 29.

1944 STILL FLYING LANDED AT  
NUTTS CORNER, IRELAND AROUND  
NOON TIME. INSTRUCTED TO UNLOAD  
SHIP AS IT IS NO LONGER OUR  
A. <sup>19</sup> PLANK - WHICH WAS DISAPPOINTING  
WE ARE TO BE SHIPPED FROM HERE  
TO ENGLAND IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.  
THE COUNTRY IS SUB GREEN  
AND <sup>19</sup> RATHER COOL - LIGHT UNTIL  
MIDNIGHT - LOTS OF WAAFS - BUT  
HARD TO UNDERSTAND THEIR LANGUAGE,  
THEY SAY IT'S ENGLISH - I DOUBT IT! OUR  
B.O. <sup>19</sup> ARE TIN HUTS LOOK LIKE IGLOOS!  
THE LATRINE IS IN ONE BUILDING - THEN  
THE SHOWER IN ANOTHER AND THEN  
THE PLACE TO SHAVE IN ANOTHER. REGULAR  
ORDERS COMING RUN TO GET ALL THREE! FOOD  
IS NONE TO GOOD. NO PLACE TO BUY ANY.  
AIR RAID SHELTERS EVERYWHERE!  
MORE SLEEP, WHICH WILL NEED PLENTY OF.

NUTTS CORNER -  
BEATTYHALL, STONE STAFFORDSHIRE,  
MAY 30  
ENGLAND.

1944 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0700  
NUTTS BAD - POWERED EGGS - UNPEELED,  
BLACK POTATOES, WEAK COFFEE(?) - COLD  
CEREAL & MILK AND BREAD (RYE) & BUTTER (LOTS  
<sup>19</sup> OF BUTTER!) - BUT NO MILK TO  
DRINK! CLOUDY WEATHER - TEMP.  
JUST RIGHT. HAD LONG WALK LAST  
NIGHT - CALS LOOK PLENTY FAGER.  
<sup>19</sup> MORE DAMN BICYCLES AND LITTLE  
BUGS FOR CARS - AND ON THE  
WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET! NARROW  
ROADS AND AN AIRPLANE IN EACH BACK  
<sup>19</sup> YARD! MAD AT HOBDEY FOR THE  
FIRST TIME - HAD TO PACK AND  
GET ON C-47 WITH CREW TO HOP  
OVER TO ENGLAND. LANDED AFTER  
<sup>19</sup> ABOUT 1 1/2 HRS. - THEN VIA G.I. TROOP  
(COUNTY)  
TO STONE STAFFORDSHIRE GREETED WITH OVER CROWDED  
B.O.'S AND RAIN. CHOW NOT TO BAD.  
LOTS OF MEN AT REPLACEMENT CENTER & WE ARE  
RESTRICTED FOR 48 HRS.



MAY 31

1944 UP AT 0730 - NOT TO GOOD OF  
 A BREAKFAST - HAVE MET LOTS OF  
 FELLOWS I LEFT IN CADETS. ALSO  
 MEE, BRUCE MILLS AGAIN - I'M RIGHT  
 BEHIND HIM ALL THE WAY. SENT ABUN-  
 GRAMS TO FOLKS & BERTIE - GUESS IT  
 BETTER WRITE SOME LETTERS LATER  
 TH. S EVENING. IT STAYS LIGHT HERE  
 UNTIL ALMOST MIDNIGHT! WE HAD  
 ORIENTATION LECTURES THIS AFTERNOON  
 GETTING MONEY SITUATION FAIRLY STRAIGHT.  
 FOUND BAGGAGE AGAIN - SUZE NEEDS PRESSING.  
 HAVE TO TAKE OWN TOOLS AND CUP TO CHOW  
 NO UTENSILS AVAILABLE. NO BUTTER  
 OR MILK HERE - EXCEPT FOR CAN OF POWDER.  
 MORE SACRIFICE TIME.

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JUNE 1

1944 UP FOR 0900 LECTURE ON  
 GAS MASKS - ELEGIBLE FOR PASS  
 TONIGHT - BUT OUR BARRACKS QUOTA  
 FILLED SO MAC PUT OUR NAMES ON  
 19 ANOTHER BARRACKS SHEET - I  
 HAD PHYSICAL EXAM - AND I SIGNED  
 PAY VOUCHER FOR MAY. HAD BLOUSE  
 PRESSED ONE PLACE & PINIC'S ANOTHER  
 19 EVEN PRESSING IS RATIONED! GOT  
 MY WEEKS RATION QUOTA FROM P.A.  
 AT 1800 WE WALKED OFF POST FOR  
 A MILE OR SO RAUGHT TAXI AND  
 19 MAC, DENTON & I WENT TO HANLEY  
 HOBBY DELAYED - NO PASS! WE WENT  
 TO A COUPLE OF PUBS AND THEN TO  
 A DANCE - GIRLS RATHER SAD AND  
 19 A RITCO FAGER. SAW ONLY ONE THAT  
 WAS REALLY STACKED! NONE OF US  
 PICKED UP ANYTHING - TOOK TAXI  
 BACK TO BASE TO BE BACK BY 2400!  
 CAN YOU IMAGINE 9 IN AUSTIN! AT  
 TWO DOLLARS A PIECE!!

JUNE 2

1944 UP FOR 0900 LECTURE - A REPEAT  
ON GAS MASICS - ISSUED MASIC - SOUNDS  
LIKE WE MAY BE USING THEM SOON.  
KINDA DISGUSTED WITH DENTON - HE  
HAS TO MORE OR LESS BE LEAD AROUND  
BY THE HAND - DOESN'T THINK FOR HIM  
SELF! - DAMN THESE BEDS ARE  
HARD - NO SHEETS - NO MATTRESS COVERS  
JUST DIRTY BLANKETS AND MATTRESSES.  
FOUR OF US IN A ROOM - KINDA CROWD -  
STANDING ROOM FOR THREE ONLY! WE  
ARE RATIONED TWO RAZOR BLADES PER  
WEEK! THE VOLTAGE IS 220 SO MY  
ELECTRIC RAZOR IS OF NO USE! WAS  
IN TOWN AGAIN - PICKED UP THIS  
NICE GAL I SAW LAST NIGHT  
DANCED WITH HER ALL EVENING  
MAC, HOBDEY & DENTON DID OK  
TOO - CAME BACK IN "OUR" TAXI.  
WROTE TO BERTIE.

JUNE 3

1944 UP LATE - PASS ROOM INSPECTION  
IN BED! GOT TO FINANCE OFFICE  
AFTER SWEATING OUT LINE  
FOUND OUT THAT I WOULD BE  
19 PAID MONDAY! TOOK OFF  
FOR TOWN - HANLEY - IN CAB - WENT  
TO DANCE AND SEVERAL PUBS -  
WAS CAUGHT WITH HOBDEY SO PICKED  
UP BAGS - BUT LOST THEM IN  
BLACK OUT. WE WERE SUPPOSE  
TO BE IN BY 2400 - HAD TO SNEAK  
IN AT 0200 - VIA ADJACENT FIELDS  
AND PASTURES, OVER FENCES - PLUS  
A FEW M.P.'S WE HAD TO DODGE. THE  
THREE OF US RUINED OUR PINKS -  
DAMN WET GRASS & MUD. - THESE  
BLACK OUTS ARE REALLY BLACK.  
BRUCE LEFT THIS MORN. THE INNS  
ARE SURE QUANT - NEVER TRAVEL  
MORE THAN 20 MILES.



JUNE 4

1944 UP LATE, IN BED AGAIN  
WHEN ROOMS INSPECTED - OUR NAMES  
ON LIST TO SHIP TOMORROW - PACKED  
BAGGAGE - BUT NOT READY TO GO - WE  
LIKED THE NIGHT LIFE IN HANLEY - VERY WELL.  
MORE CREWS CAME IN TODAY - SAW J.D. MILLS  
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PRIMARY - HE'S  
A NAVIGATOR ON A "17" - SURE GOOD TO  
TALK <sup>19</sup> OVER OLD TIMES AGAIN. NOE & HIS CREW  
FINALLY GOT HERE - THEY STAYED OVER AN ENTIRE  
DAY AT GRENER AND CAME ACROSS THE  
POND VIA SANDER - THE AZORES - VALLEY.  
MORE RAIN THIS AFTERNOON - AND IT'S REALLY  
COLD! WE ARE RESTRICTED TONITE - BUT  
MAC WENT OUT ANYWAY! WONDER WHERE  
WE'LL MOVE FROM HERE? THE CREW  
WILL BE TEMPORARILY SPLIT UP ONLY  
P.C.P. N.B.R. TO ONE SCHOOL THE BEST TO  
A GUNNERY SCHOOL.

JUNE

STONE TO  
BOX MOR.  
DOVINGTON)

1944 AWOKED AT 05:30 ENJOY BREAKFAST  
AND MET FORMATION TO LEAVE AT 0645  
HAD TO HIKE ABOUT TWO MILES TO TRAIN  
STATION - TRAINS ARE NOT BAD HERE.  
<sup>19</sup> THE STATIONS OR PLATFORMS ARE BUILT  
ON A LEVEL WITH THE CARS - NO CLIMBING  
ABROAD - VERY CONVENIENT! ARRIVED AT  
BOX MOR AT 1200 - HAD MY FIRST  
<sup>19</sup> "K" RATIONS ON TRAIN - NOT SO GOOD.  
TRAVELED 4 MI. ON G.I. TRUCKS TO FIELD  
THE FIELD HAS A VARIETY OF PLANES  
AND THE BUILDING AREA VERY WELL  
<sup>19</sup> DISPERSIED - GOT LOTS OF WALKING  
IN UNTIL I RENTED A BICYCLE - MORE  
PROCESSING - GOT PER VIEW FOR FLIGHT  
ACCESS POND FIXED UP. WE ARE TO  
<sup>19</sup> GET AROUND 10 DAYS OF GROUND SCHOOL  
BEFORE GOING TO OUR PERMANENT STATION  
AT 2350 WE HAD TO GO TO AIR RAID  
SHELTERS - PRACTICE ATTACK. SURR HAD  
TO GET OUT OF THE SARK TO GO TO SHELTER



C. S. ... INVASION DAY IN LONDON - THE GENS.  
TAKEN IT VERY CALMLY!  
JUNE 6

1944 UP AT @ 630 - GOING TO LONDON  
AT 800 ON PASS UNTIL 2400 TONIGHT.  
CLEANED UP WALKED TO X-ROADS - TOOK BUS  
TO CHESHAM - JUST MADE CONNECTIONS ON  
TRAIN TO LONDON - THE CARS ARE  
VERY DIFFERENT HERE - THERE ARE  
DOORS ALL ALONG THE SIDES OF THE CARS  
TO EACH COMPARTMENT - SO IT IS IMPOSSIBLE  
TO LEAVE COMP. WHILE TRAIN IN MOTION - EACH  
COMP. HOLDS 8-10 PEOPLE. WE ARRIVED BAKER  
ST. STATION AT 1100 - FIRST THING - WE  
FOUND A RESTAURANT ATR - THEN FOUND ANOTHER  
A19, ATR AGAIN! CAN'T BUY MORE THAN 5 SCHUNKS  
OF FOOD IN ANY ONE PLACE. LOTS OF BUILDINGS  
BOMBED - BUT BUSINESS AS USUAL - LOTS OF TAXIS  
AND BUSES, FEW PRIVATE CARS. SPENT MOST OF  
OUR TIME AROUND PICKADILLY CIRCUS - IN THE  
FREQUENT PUBS. GOT OILED - HOBBS & I PICKED UP  
A COUPLE OF EAGER WOMEN - GOT 2 KISS FOR  
BEYOND - DENTON DIDN'T MAKE TRAIN! AWOL!

JUNE 7

19 UP AT 1000 - DENTON ARRIVED AT 0600  
THIS MORN - FIXED PASS UP O.K. HAD TEETH  
LOOKED AT 1100 - DENTIST SAID THEY  
WERE PERFECT EXCEPT FOR TWO FRONT ONES  
19 STILL NO FILINGS!! HAD FAIRLY GOOD LUNCH  
AND STARTED GRAD SCHOOL AT 1300  
HAD SEVERAL LECTURES COVERING  
CENSORING, INTELLIGENCE, PARA. JUMPING,  
19 PRISONER OF WAR & ESCAPE, DITCHING -  
AND THEN ANOTHER ALERT - RED - PRACTICE.  
MISSED 1600 CLASS! DAMN COLD SWEATERS  
AND BY THE WAY WE HAVE TO CARRY OUR  
19 45 CAL AUTO. & GAS MASKS AT ALL  
TIMES NOW. HAD TO WAIT IN LINE  
FOR AN HOUR FOR CROW - MISSED MOST  
OF 1700 CLASS. UNPACKED A FEW  
19 MORE CLOTHES - LOTS & LOTS OF PLATES  
CAME OVER TODAY, AS USUAL - WEATHER  
POOR - NO SUN. GOT MY FIRST MAIL  
FROM STATES - MAM & BEETIE!!!  
WROTE A COVERLE, TOO! HAD A PURPLE ALERT  
AT 0100 - DAMN!

JUNE 8

19 UP FOR 0800 CLASSES - HAD HOT-  
CAKES & BACON (NO MILK HERE - OTHER  
THAN CAN-COW & POWDERED) OAT MEAL  
& COFFEE - NOT BAD AT ALL. WE HAD  
SEVERAL INTERESTING LECTURES - INCLUDING  
A LITTLE TALK ON THE SIDE BY AN ENGLISH  
MAN (R.A.F.) ON THE VIEW-POINT OF AN  
ENGLISHMAN WHO'S BEEN AROUND THE AMER.  
A WHILE - HE ADMITTED THAT OUR GOVT.  
WAS MUCH MORE DEMO. THAN THEIRS. LIKES  
OUR DRIVE - OR GO AHEAD - GET THINGS DONE  
ATTITUDE. FOR EXAMPLE - OUR PRODUCTION  
METHODS. ANOTHER POINT - OUR ABILITY TO  
GET ACQUAINTED WITH OTHER PEOPLE SO  
EASILY. OUR NON-RESERVED ATTITUDE. A VERY  
INTERESTING TALK. LEARNED JUST HOW  
GREAT THE "MOSQUITO" IS AS A FIGHTER-BOMBER.  
NO MAIL TODAY - WROTE A LETTER TO  
DICK ELLIOTT AFTER OUR 1900 CLASS. NO  
ALERT YET TODAY!

JUNE 9

19 UP FOR 0800 CLASSES - TERRIBLE  
BREAKFAST - REAL EGG - BUT VERY  
GREASY. MORE LECTURES - PRISONER  
OF WAR, OXYGEN, INVASION, & OTHER TACTICS  
IT'S BEEN RAINING OR MISTING NEARLY ALL  
DAY - KINDA COLD - SINCE WE HAVE NO  
HEAT IN THE BARRACKS. GOT A LETTER  
FROM BERTIE - I GUESS EVERYTHING IS  
OK NOW - I HOPE. BE GLAD WHEN  
WE GET TO OUR PERMANENT BASE, I'D  
LIKE TO UNPACK MY BAGGAGE. SURE  
GETS TIRESOME SWEATING OUT A VERY LONG  
LINE FOR EACH AND EVERY MEAL!!  
HOBBIE'S MUSTACH LOOKING A LITTLE BETTER  
BUT MAC, DENTON & I HAVE DECIDED TO  
SHOW HIM UP IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.  
19! GOT MY P.X. RATIONS FOR THE WK.  
3 CANDY BARS - 2 PACKAGES COOKIES, 1 GUM -  
A BAR OF SOAP - TWO RAZOR BLADES. MAC'S  
BIRTHDAY - HE'S 23. BOUGHT A PAIR OF PINKS -  
60¢ & 10¢ PER DIEM.



JUNE 10

1944 UJ FOR 0800 CLASSES AS USUAL  
HAD RECOGNITION FILMS - DINGHY DRILL,  
A COUPLE OF TESTS. GOT A LETTER FROM  
BERTIE & ANNABEL TOO! ANNABEL SOUNDS  
A LITTLE BORED - AND THE SAME OLD LINE  
ALL THE LOGIC, ETC. BERTIE - HAS ME  
PUZZLED - AT ONE TIME I THOUGHT SHE  
REALLY LOVED ME - BUT NOW - I'M NOT  
SURE - SHE'S LOST A LOT OF RESPECT  
FOR ME AND SHE'S HAD A RIGHT TO.  
I ONLY HOPE THAT I CAN REGAIN HER  
RESPECT. I DO BELIEVE THAT SHE IS  
THE GIRL FOR ME - SHE'S TOPS.  
AGAIN I'M MAD AT DENTON - ALL  
HE DOES IS JUST BEARLY ENOUGH TO  
GET BY - NO INTENTIVE AT ALL - SOMETIMES  
I THINK THAT, FOR THE GOOD OF THE CREW  
I SHOULD HAVE ASK FOR ANOTHER BOMBARDIER  
I HOPE HE CAN AT LEAST TAKE CARE & USE  
HIS GUNS. MAC & HOBDEY GIVE ME NO  
TROUBLE AT ALL - THEY HAVE THE RIGHT  
ATTITUDE & REALIZE WHAT'S WHAT.

JUNE 11

19 0800 CLASSES AGAIN - SOME  
POOP ON RADIO PROCEDURE AND  
D.F. FACILITIES AND ON NON-OPERATIONAL  
FLIGHTS. IT'S OFFICIAL NOW THAT  
THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS IS UNLIMITED,  
VERY ENCOURAGING. NO MAIL TODAY  
DAMN IT - OH WELL, MAYBE TOMORROW  
DENTON GOT SURPRIZINGLY EAGER  
TODAY ON THIS RADIO PROCEDURE.  
I THINK I'LL PUT IN A PREFERENCE  
FOR THE 91ST OR 92ND BOMB GROUP.  
SURE WOULD BE NICE TO BE ABLE TO  
GET OFF THIS BASE - THIS RESTRICTION  
GETS OLD AFTER AWHILE. THE INVASION  
IS COMING ALONG O.K. WE HAVE  
(?) CAEN & ISIGNY NOW. GENERAL  
19 MONTGOMERY IS A REAL MAN. SURE  
BE NICE TO SEE THE SUN AGAIN.  
I DID HAVE A SUNKIST ORANGE  
TODAY. THE MEALS ARE FAIR  
BUT I'M ALWAYS HUNGRY.



JUNE 12

1944 0800 CLASSES - HAD ONE  
FREE PERIOD TODAY - THEY  
HAVE A VERY COMPLETE WAR  
ROOM HERE - IT'S REALLY VERY  
19 INTERESTING. THE INVASION OF FRANCE  
IS COMING ALONG O.K. - THEY PUSHED  
FORWARD IN MOST OF THE PLACES  
BUT IN THE CAEN AREA THEY WERE  
19 SHED BACK. THE BEACHHEAD IS 51  
MILES LONG X 15 MILES DEEP. WROTE  
A LETTER TO DICK E. & HARRY BOGO.  
DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MAIL, DAMN IT!  
19 THEY SENT 1400 BOMBERS OVER LOST  
7 - VERY GOOD! THESE FIGHTER  
ESCORTS ARE DOING THE TRICK.  
BE GLAD WHEN WE CAN FLY AGAIN &  
619 GET THE REST OF THE CREW BACK.  
ABOUT 5 MORE DAYS HERE AND  
WE'LL HAVE FINISHED THIS GROUND  
SCHOOL. MAC & I HAD A LITTLE CHESS  
GAME - WE'RE STILL EVEN.

JUNE 13

1944 HAD A PURPLE & RED ALERT  
THIS MORN AROUND 0330 - SURVE  
NATED TO GET OUT OF SACK AND  
GET DRESSED - THESE SHELTERS  
19 ARE COLD! I GUESS THEY BOMBED  
LONDON - LOTS OF ACK-ACK FIRE  
DON NOE & CREW ARRIVED FROM STONE  
TODAY - GLAD TO SEE THE BOYS AGAIN.  
19 I PUT IN A PREFERENCE FOR THE  
94 GROUP & OR THE 92 GROUP. WE  
REALLY WANTED THE 91 GRP. BUT  
THERE'S NOT A CHANCE OF GETTING IT.  
19 NO MAIL AGAIN! THE NEWS IS VERY  
ENCOURAGING - WE MAY GET IN ON  
IT YET! OUR MUSTACHES ARE  
GETTING A LITTLE BETTER - MAC'S  
19 IS A NATURAL - HOBBIER IS NOT  
BAD, MINE IS MESSY & DENTON'S  
JUST ISN'T! MAC & I ARE STILL  
EVEN IN CHESS!

JUNE 14

1944 ANOTHER PURPLE ALERT AT 0200 LAST NIGHT - SURE IS HARD TO GET UP OUT OF A SOUND SLEEP! SAW A SHIP IN THE SEARCH LIGHTS BUT I THINK IT WAS FRIENDLY. THE LAST ALERT - THEY SHOT A SHIP DOWN - KILLED ONE CIVILIAN. - GUYS ARE SELLING NICKEL HERSEYS HERE FOR FOUR SCHILLINGS

194 PIECE THAT'S 80 CENTS!! I'M NOT THAT HUNGARY - YET! HAD CLASSES FROM 0800 - ON AGAIN - HOBIE UNDER THE WEATHER - HAS A

19 BAD COLD - ALL THE DOC'S SAY IS JUST TO GARLIC SALT WATER. HOPE HE'S O.K. IN A HURRY - I DON'T WANT TO LOOSE HIM!! MAC & I HAD AN ENGER.

19 TEST HE MADE 7941 - 88. DAMN I'M GETTING TIRED OF WRITING LETTERS AND NOT RECEIVING - NONE IN FOUR DAYS NOW! SUNSHINE, RAIN & HAIL TODAY!

JUNE 15

1944 AGAIN WE HAD CLASSES AT 0800 - HAD AN INTERESTING LECTURE BY A LT. FROM THE 94TH HOPE WE GO THERE. THIS LT. WAS THE ONLY SHIP OUT OF 18 TO RETURN FROM A BERLIN RAID! MAC & I HAD AN HOUR OF LINK THIS EVENING ON THE RUNWAY LOCALIZER. TODAY 18-29'S BOMBED JAPAN FOR THE FIRST TIME!! HOBIE STILL FEELING ROUGH - MAC & I HAVE PICKED UP HIS COLD - DO TO THESE DAMN OVER 19 BROWED BAERAKS! MY DEAD TOOTH IS Aching TOO! NO MALL AGAIN TODAY, DAMN IT!! OUR BLANKETS ARE ALIVE WITH VERY 19 SMALL BUGS - GUESSTHEY'RE BED BUGS! LOTS OF SUN BUT RAIN THIS EVENING. - WHAT WEATHER!



JUNE 16

1944 Up At 0800 For Classes

HAD A RED ALERT LAST NIGHT  
LASTED ABOUT 2 HOURS - SURGE WAS  
COLD IN THE SHELTERS - DAMN CONCRETE  
IS DAMP. HAVE THE BEGINNINGS OF  
A GOOD COLD. WE HAD TWO RED  
ALERTS DURING THE DAY TOO! THEREFORE  
WE MISSED A LITTLE GOND SCHOOL MAC  
& I FOUND THAT OLD BOMB CRATERS MAKE  
A GOOD SHELTER - PLENTY DEEP!  
RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ANNABEL - BUT  
NONE FROM BERTIE OR HOMIE!! KINDA  
DISCOURAGING AT TIMES - A HALF DOZEN OF  
THE BOYS FROM AEDMORE GOT 1ST LT.  
TODAY. OH - WELL SOME DAY, I HOPE!  
HAD LUNCHEON AWAY TONITE. TODAY -  
I'M 22 - GETTING OLD FAST FRYING  
THIS PAST YEAR! WONDER WHAT  
THE NEXT YEAR HAS FOR ME? HOBBIE  
SURE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO BE A PILOT -  
HE WAS IN A LINK TONIGHT.

JUNE 17

1944 Up For Last Day Classes

SAME OLD POOP - CLEARED POST  
IN AFTERNOON RENTED A BIKE A PIKE  
- THAT IS - MAC, HOBBIE, DENTON Y  
I DID - RODE ALL OVER THE  
COUNTRYSIDE - MAC & HOBBIE PICKED  
UP A COUPLE OF GALS & TOOK THEM  
HOME - THE LONG WAY OF COURSE!  
FINISHED OUR EXCURSION AT 10 PM  
AND HAD TO PARK. WHAT A JOB!  
LEAVING TOMORROW AT 0800 FOR THE  
384 BOMB GROUP. WE HAD ABOUT  
195 DIFFERENT RED ALERTS TODAY. THOSE  
PILOTLESS ROCKET PLANES ARE CAUSING  
A LITTLE TROUBLE FINALLY GOT A  
VERY ENCOURAGING LETTER FROM  
BERTIE - BOY I'M IN LOVE WITH THAT  
GAL FOR SURE! WE ARE ALL HOPING  
FOR NICE LIVING QUARTERS - IF NOTHING  
ELSE!

JUNE 18

1944 UP AT 0630!! BREAKFAST & LOADED  
ON TRUCKS FOR DEPOT AT 0800. CHANGED  
TRAINS 3 TIMES ARRIVED AT  
AROUND 1700 - TRUCKED 6 MILES TO  
19 FIELD - WE WERE ASSIGNED 547  
SQD. - THE ENLISTED MEN HAVEN'T  
ARRIVED YET - EXCEPT FOR LAY WHO  
CAME WITH US. - I GUESS THE BOYS  
ARE STILL AT THE GUNNERY SCHOOL  
UP BY THE "WASH". WE HAVE BEEN  
ASSIGNED REGULAR G.I. BARRACKS  
DIRTY & CROWDED AS HELL. THE  
FELLOWS ARE ALL FRIENDLY AS HELL  
REALLY MAKES IT EASY TO GET AROUND  
THE MESS HALL IS NICE BUT A LONG WALK  
AWAY - SANG WITH THE SHOWERS TO  
FAIR AWAY!! BOY WHAT A DAY, WE'VE  
BEEN PACKING BAGGAGE MOST OF  
THE TIME. WELL I'D BETTER HIT THE  
SACK, I GUESS!

GRAFTON - UNDERWOOD  
- NEAR KETTERING &  
JUNE 19 NORTHAMPTON.

19 SLEPT IN THIS MORNING - MISSED  
BREAKFAST. THE FIVE OF US - MAC, HOBIE,  
DENTON, LAY & MYSELF - WERE BRIEFED  
BY MAJOR THACKER OR C.O. - HE'S VERY  
19 EAGER - EXPECTS A LOT OUT OF  
THE CREWS. THE FIVE GUNNERS  
HAVEN'T ARRIVED AS YET. WE MADE  
THE ROUNDS - INFIRMERY - PERSONNEL  
19 OPERATIONS - PHOTO LAB - (GOT  
OUR PICTURES TAKEN IN CIVILIAN  
CLOTHING. WROTE A LETTER TO  
BERT<sup>5-3</sup> & MY FOLKS - PUT CHANGE  
19 OF ADDRESS IN MAIL - PLAYED  
A GAME OF SNOOKER - CLUB  
IS PRETTY NICE. MESS HALL  
IS FINE GOING TO TRY &  
19 GET A BIKE - THIS WALKING  
IS ROUGH AS HELL. THE REST  
OF THE CREW ARRIVED THIS  
AFTERNOON.



JUNE 20

1944 Up AT 0930 - MET THE BOYS - SENT THEM AROUND FIELD AS WE DID YESTERDAY. LAYED AROUND MOST OF THE DAY - PLAYED SNOOKER WITH MAC & HOBBIE AGAIN. - MEALS ARE STILL DAMN GOOD HERE. EVERY ONE SEEMS TO HAVE THE PROPER ATTITUDE. THE 6 P.M. HAD GUARD DUTY FROM 0100 - 0600!

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JUNE 21

19 Up AT 0700 FOR FIRST DAY OF GROUND SCHOOL - WHICH LASTED UNTIL 2100 TONIGHT. SOME GOOD POOP - BUT MOST OF IT IS REVIEW - AND A TRIFLE BORING. THE BOYS WENT TO BERLIN TODAY. I GUESS OUR 1ST MISSION WILL BE SUNDAY. THE E.M.'S HAD GUARD DUTY 0100 - 0600 AGAIN THAT'S ROUGH WITH A GROUND SCHOOL TOO. MORE SNOOKER WITH THE BOYS. BET THEM AGAIN. HEARD FROM FOLKS & PAT (V-MAIL WRITTEN THE 3RD & 6TH!)

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JUNE 22

1944. GRND SCHOOL AGAIN -  
MORE OF THE SAME OLD  
POOD - P.W., DINNY, MEDICAL,  
& WALKING OUT. SPENT MOST  
19 OF DAY PLAYING SNOOKER  
WITH MAC & HOBBIIE - THE F.M.S  
ARE DAMN MAD - HAVE GUARDED  
DUTY FROM 2100 TO 0100 AND  
19 THERE'S A BIG DANCE FOR THEM  
TONIGHT - I TRIED TO GET  
THEM RELIEVED - BUT NO  
LUCK, DAMN BUT THESE  
19 BARRACKS ARE SURE CROWDED  
BUT THE F.M.'S ARE IN A  
COLD TENT, SO I GUESS  
WERE DOING OK WERE  
19 A NICE SNACK BAR AT THE CLUB  
MAC BOUGHT A BICYCLE FOR  
12 POUNDS - SECOND HAND.

JUNE 23

- 1944 CLASSES AGAIN - RECON.  
CLASSES - HOBBIIE & DENTON  
NONE TO SHARP ON IDENTIFYING  
PLANES. MORE SNOOKER -  
19 SOME GOOD MEALS TODAY. NO  
MAIL AGAIN !! WROTE FOLKS  
& BERTIE - WISH I'D HEAR FROM  
HER. HOBBIIE BOUGHT A BIKE  
19 FOR 12 POUNDS TODAY. HAD PRETTY  
GOOD U.S.O. SHOW TONIGHT

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JUNE 24

1944 CLASSES MOST OF THE DAY.

SHOWERED - FINALLY! HAD TO  
CLEAN UP - TODAY IS SATURDAY  
AND WE HAD A BIG PARTY AT  
THE CLUB. OF COURSE THE BOYS +  
I HAD TO GO. MAC WAS THE DRUNKEST  
I'VE EVER SEEN HIM - SO I TOOK  
CARE OF HIM IN A MILD SORTA  
WAY - HOBBIER WAS WELL BEYOND  
CONTROL - HAD A BAD HABIT OF PINCHING  
THE WOMEN OF OTHER OFFICERS - DEVON  
ENDED UP IN TOWN SOMEHOW. NO DOUBT  
WE'LL ALL MAKE ASSES OF OURSELVES  
BUT WE WERE NOT ABOVE - EVERY  
ONE HAD A GOOD TIME. THERE  
WERE A FEW WOMEN FROM KETTERING  
THERE BUT I WASN'T INTERESTED.  
THE SCOTCH WAS PLENTY AND VERY  
HIGH PRICED. WE SPENT POUND NOTES  
LIKE DOLLAR BILLS!

JUNE 25

1944 OH - UNHAPPY DAY - CLASSES  
HOBBIER WAS READY TO DIE - HAD  
TO STAY IN BED ALL DAY. THE  
REST OF US WERE O.K. I  
FELT FINE FOR SOME REASON  
OR OTHER. WE HAD CLASSES THIS  
MORN AND WERE ISSUED SOME  
MORE FLYING EQUIPMENT. I  
WENT UP WITH MAJOR THACKER  
FOR AN INSTRUMENT CHECK,  
I GUESS I SATISFIED HIM -  
GET A NEW CARD SOON. FLEW  
FOR ABOUT 2:45 - COUNTRY  
LOOKS ALL THE SAME AROUND  
HERE - NO GOOD FOR PILOTAGE  
THESE BOYS OF MINE ARE  
STILL GETTING GUARD DUTY  
EVER SINGLE NIGHT AND  
I CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT.  
I REALLY LIKE THE CREW CHIEFS HERE!  
THEY TOOK A BRIDE OUT IN FRANCE TODAY

JUNE 26

1944. HAD LUNCHEON THIS MORNING  
S.B.A. AGAIN, HAD A LECTURE  
BY CAPT. BENNET ON FORMATION  
WE WERE SCHEDULED TO FLY HI-  
ALT. FORM. BUT IT RAIN FAIRLY  
HARD THIS AFTERNOON - SO  
WE DIDN'T FLY. HAD COUPLE OF  
GAMES OF SNOOKER WITH MAC.

19 GOT A FLAK HELMET. GUESS  
OUR FIRST MISSION WILL BE  
AFTER LAY GETS CHECKED  
OUT ON THE RADIO PROCEDURE

19 NO MAIL AGAIN TODAY, DAMN!  
LONDON IS TAKING A BEATING  
- THOSE ROBOT BOMBS ARE RAISING  
HELL - NONE TO GOOD FOR CIVILIAN

19 MORAL. THE BOYS WERE TO GO  
TO MUNICH TODAY BUT IT WAS SCRUBBED  
EVERY ONE WAS SURELY RELIEVED.  
EXPECT TO BE THRU 35 MISSIONS BY SEPT. 1.  
(I HOPE I'M RIGHT. XMAS AT HOME - WOW!!

JUNE 27

1944 UP FOR BREAKFAST - 1ST  
CLASS AT 0930. CALLED OUT  
OF CLASS TO BE CHECKED OUT  
ON FORMATION. ENDED UP

19 FLYING INST. WITH LT. ROTH &  
MAC. FLEW ABOUT AN HOUR.  
HAD A QUICK LUNCHEON BACK  
TO CLASS - CALLED OUT

19 AGAIN (MAC & I) HAD TO  
FLY 3 HRS. SLOW TIME ON  
A SHIP - AN OLD BEAT UP "F".  
LOTS OF RAIN WHILE WERE

19 FLYING - THE COUNTRY LOOKS  
ALL THE SAME AROUND  
HERE. THAT RADIO COMPASS  
IS SURE A DAMN GOOD NAVIG.

19 IN CLEAR WEATHER. DAMN  
NO MAIL AGAIN!!! THE BOYS WENT  
INTO FRANCE TODAY. MAJOR THACIER  
GOT PATHER P.O.D TODAY - MY OPINION  
OF HIM DROPS AS TIME PASSES.



JUNE 28

1944 Woke up at 0645 - suppose  
to have a practice mission -  
got out to the ship - and the  
mission was scrubbed. Rained  
like hell today - almost with  
out stopping - had class on  
radar & chaff. Got an A.F.C.E.  
check in link - what a joke!  
The people here really not  
very progressive. In kettering  
before the war - they had water  
only once every 2 weeks. The water  
for showers here on the field  
has been off for five days now.  
There's really no excuse with a  
couple dams in Scotland - but  
there's just too much red tape  
so nothing is done about it. Damn  
no mail again!!! Every one  
gets mail but me.

JUNE 29

1944 Up for breakfast - Mac  
was called out for his first  
mission - as copilot on some  
other crew. Was up for 4:00  
19 hrs. and the mission was scrub.  
I tried to fly - so I could  
get lay checked out in this  
air. Finally made it this  
afternoon - had Lt Bennett  
as co-pilot & Hobbie & Capt.  
Vivian (our flight surgeon) went  
along plus four radio operators  
19 Lay didn't go along, 'cause was  
checked this morn. Lay is really  
a smart boy made 97 in his radio exam.  
Major Thacker chewed on me for  
19 not saluting him. He's making  
us act like cadets again B.O.Q.  
inspections - I have to personally  
insp. the FM's barracks daily!! Our  
bed G.I. - side's shinbo etc.

JUNE 30

1944. BREAKFAST AGAIN - HAD  
DINGY DRILL WITH THE CREW  
TOOK THEM 25 SECONDS TO GET OUT  
WITH THE EQUIPMENT. DAMN GOOD.  
RANA PRACTICE MISSION TODAY ONLY  
TWO SHIPS - ABOUT 2:45 - SOME  
ALTITUDE TIME TOO. SO I GUESS I'M  
CHECKED OUT IN FORM. FLYING NOW.  
GOT FOUR LETTERS TODAY! BERTIE'S  
WAS RATHER RESERVED - CAN'T  
FIGURE OUT WHY. ANYWAY I WAS  
MIGHTY GLAD TO HEAR FROM HER.  
HEARD FROM ANNABEL - SOUNDED  
VERY CHEERFUL - WISH I COULD  
UNDERSTAND THAT GAL!! HEARD  
FROM BARB AT LAST. SHE'S THE  
SAME AS EVER. DAVID IS IN CHINA  
FLYING P-40's AND SHE'S BACK IN  
REDDING. GOT A CARD FROM A METH. CHURCH  
IN HUNTINGTON PARK - ADDRESSED TO PFC. H.N.

JULY 1

THIS DAMN ARMY!!!

1944 BREAKFAST - A CLASS  
ON RADAR & CHAFF - SACK  
TIME ALL AFTERNOON. FOUND  
OUT THAT I'M TO BE LT. GREGG  
19 CO-PILOT UNTIL HE FINISHES  
HIS MISSIONS (8) USING MY  
CREW!! I DON'T LIKE THE  
DEAL AT ALL - MAC WILL  
19 BE HERE A LOT LONGER  
THAN THE REST US. LT. GREGG  
CAME OVER HERE AS A COPILOT  
AND HAS BEEN CHECKED OUT  
19 SINCE - SO HE GETS MY CREW  
AND MYSELF FOR 8 MISSIONS.  
WHAT RAW DEAL THAT IS FOR  
ALL OF US - MAINLY MYSELF.  
19 HE DOES HAVE LOTS OF EXPERIENCE  
SO THAT IS A DEFINITE ADVANTAGE  
NO DOUBT IT'S SOME OF MAJOR THINGS  
DOINGS - SORTA GIVES ME A BLOW  
THAT'S ONE PLACE I WANTED TO DO  
THE FLYING AND BE IN COMMAND!!



JULY 2

1944 JUST MADE BREAKFAST  
THIS MORN. WAS CALLED TO  
SWING A COMPASS - SO SPENT  
THE MORNING TAKING A "17" IN  
CIRCLES FOR A COUPLE OF NAVIG.  
WHILE THEY COMPENSATED THE FLUX  
GATE COMPASS. THIS AFTERNOON  
WE HAD A LECTURE BY THE COLONEL  
OF THE POST - A SORTA REVIEW OF  
THE S.O.P.'S OF THE GROUP.  
SAID THIS IS THE BEST GROUP  
IN THE E.T.O. BY FACTS &  
FIGURES - AND OF OUR GROUP  
I'M IN THE BEST SQDN. SO I  
GUESS I'M IN THE TOP OR UPPER  
4 HUNDRED. NO MAIL TODAY, WROTE  
TO THE GALS AND SENT \$15.00  
HOME. NO FLYING AGAIN TODAY  
GUESS THIS DAMN RAIN IS IN  
TO STAY. THEY'VE FINALLY TURNED  
THE SHOWERS ON AGAIN.

JULY 3

19 MAJOR THACKER HAD EVERY  
ONE UP FOR BREAKFAST - LAST  
NIGHT SOME OF THE BOYS OPENED  
A COUPLE OF BOTTLES AND RAISED  
19 HELL IN THE BARRACKS -  
KEEPING THE MAJOR AWAKE - I GUESS  
HE DIDN'T APPRECIATE IT. WE HAD  
ONE CLASS ON V.H.F. - STAYED  
19 IN OUT OF THE RAIN THE REST  
OF THE DAY - DEVON & HOBIE  
WENT TO TOWN - BUT MARY I  
DONT GO FOR THE RAW. THE GROUP  
19 IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE BRONZE  
STAR ON THEIR E.T.O. RIBBONS. NO  
MAIL AGAIN. NO FLYING - RAIN.  
GUESS I'LL BUY A BIKE TOMORROW  
19 FOR 12<sup>#</sup>/10 HIGH AS HELL! WROTE  
TO DAVID & ANNABEL TODAY. WISH  
WE GET STARTED ON OUR MESSAGES!  
AND NO LAUNDRY YET! NONE SINCE  
A ZOOMER!!! I'M DIRTY AS HELL!

JULY 4

19 BREAKFAST AS USUAL - NO CLASSES TODAY - JUST FOR HOBBIE & DENTON. MAC WENT ON HIS FIRST MISSION TODAY AS COPILOT ON ANOTHER CREW.

IT WAS A MILK RUN OVER FRANCE - SOME AIRFIELD - WHICH THEY MISSED - BECAUSE

10 - AN UNDERCAST - NO FLAK. DIDN'T BUY THAT BICE YET. WENT UP WITH GRIGGS AS COPILOT FLEW AROUND SHOT A FEW

19 LANDINGS - REALLY A NICE FELLOW BUT I DON'T LIKE BEING COPILOT FOR "8" MISSIONS! THEY'RE TAKING GASTON AWAY FROM ME

19 GOING TO MAKE RADIO OPERATOR OUT OF HIM FOR SOME OTHER CREW! WE ARE ON THE FIGHT PLAN!! GOT A LETTER FROM BERTIE SHE SOUNDS LIKE SHE MAY HAVE CHANGED HER MIND ABOUT ME!! THESE WOMEN!!

JULY 5

1941 BREAKFAST - CLASSES AT 0830 TIL 1130 & 1330 TIL 1500 AMOBILE TRAINING UNIT - WITH ANOT OF MOCK UPS ON THE "17"

19 HAD MY 2ND SHOWER SINCE I'VE BEEN ON THE BASE!! BOY CLEAN LAUNDRY!! STILL TRYING TO GET THE PER DIEM FIXED UP

19 FOR THE BOYS - GUESS THEY'LL GET IT IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. SURE HATE THIS DEAL OF BEING COPILOT!!! NOBODY FLEW THIS

19 DAY - MAYBE TOMORROW. BE GLAD WHEN WE GET THESE 8 MISSIONS FINISHED SO I CAN GET BACK IN THE LEFT SEAT AGAIN.

19 MAC & DENTON WENT UP AND PRACTICE BOMBED. WROTE TO BERTIE - RECEIVED NO MAIL TODAY. CAN'T FIND MY WATCH!

Lost My Watch! Laundry in (Arland)



THE 1ST - AMILIKRUM!  
CALAIS JULY 6

5:45

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AND HOW  
IT WAS 0320! GOT US UP FOR  
OUR FIRST MISSION. HAD FRESH  
EGGS FOR CHOW. WAITED IN THE  
BRIEFING FOR AN HOUR OR SO - THEY  
SCUBED THE ORIGINAL MISSION TO  
BREMEN GAVE US A QUICKIE TO NEAR  
(NO BALL) (ROCKET INSTALLATIONS)  
LILLE A JUST ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

TOOK 10 MEN - W/ NLT. GRIGGS AS PILOT  
MAC FLEW COPILOT FOR LT. PRING. HAD  
INST. CONDITIONS AT 500' UP TO 2500'  
POOR ASSEMBLY - BUT ON TIME. CLEAR  
BELOW AT THE CHANNEL AND IN FRANCE  
THERE WAS FLAK IN THE DISTANCE  
BUT NONE DIRECTED AT US. NO FIGHTERS  
OTHER THAN P-38 ESCORT. WE HAD A FIRE

SOON AFTER T.O. IN THE WING OF THE  
CHIN TURBINE - PRACTICALLY SUFFOCATED HORSIE  
& DENTON BUT WITH A FIRE EXT. PUT IT OUT.  
DROPPED ONLY 7K 500'S OUT OF 18 DO TO RACK  
MALFUNCTIONS DENTON ALMOST PASSED OUT IN  
BOMB BAY - HIS OXYGEN HOSE CAME LOOSE.

THE 2ND ONE!!!  
LEIPZIG JULY 7

8:50

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0200  
BRIEFING TO LEIPZIG A HOT  
SPOT TO BE SURE. THE ASSEMBLY  
WAS FINE NO. 6 IN HIGH SPEED HIGH GRP.  
19 FLEW NEARLY ALL THE WAY AT  
38" - 23 RPM. - POOR FORM. ALL THE  
TOWNS WERE COVERED WITH SMOKE  
SCREEN. PASS 25 MI SOUTH OF BREMEN.

19 THEN OVER THE TARGET. SAW A  
LITTLE FLAK - BUT IT WAS ACCURATE  
ONE BURST GAVE US 9 HOLES IN WAIST  
TAIL & LEFT WING. TWO SHIPS COLLIDED

19 HERE IN ENGLAND & TWO ON THE WAY  
OUT OVER THE ZUIDER ZEEA - SOME TIME  
FELLOWS GOT OUT OF BOTH SHIPS. ONE  
OTHER SHIP HIT BY FLAK NEAR TARGET

19 LOST CONTROL - SAW 5 OR 6 CHUTES OPEN  
& SHIP CRASH INTO GROUND & BLOW UP.  
GOOD P-38 ESCORT - SAW ONE MAN BAIL  
OUT (BY MISTAKE) OVER HOLLAND! DREW NO  
MARK (GASTON STOOD DOWN!)



THE 3RD

CALAIS

JULY 8

4:45

19 UP AT 0100 BREAKFAST AND THEN BRIEFING FOR A NO-BALL NEAR PASDE CALAIS & ST. OMER. HAD A GOOD ASSEMBLY (125 HD GROUPS) - CLEAR UNTIL WAS HIT ENEMY COAST - TARGET COVERED SO WE BROUGHT THE LOAD BACK (500<sup>th</sup> DEMO) FLAK WAS DAMN ACCURATE - A COUPLE OF SHIPS WENT DOWN IN THE OTHER GROUPS. EXPECTED ANOTHER FLIGHT THIS AFTERNOON - BUT DIDN'T SO I SLEPT MOST THE TIME. RECD. TWO LETTERS FROM THE FOLKS - THEY WERE IN ANSWER TO MY FIRST LETTER THEY'VE RECD. SURE NICE TO HEAR FROM HOME. SINCE IT IS SAT. DENTON & I TOOK IN THE SHOW. THE RUSSIANS ARE SUBB GOING FAST AROUND MINSK! GUESS I'D BETTER HIT THE SACK PROBABLY GO OUT EARLY AGAIN. MAC SURE GETTING FAGER REALLY BEEN STUDYING LATELY.

STOOD DOWN! (JULY 9 WEATHER)

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT A REASONABLE HOUR 0730 - HAD AN ENGINEERING LECTURE AT 1030 - LUNCH AND A COUPLE OF GAMES OF SNOWER - 19 HOBIE SURE BEAT ME! RAINED MOST OF THE AFTERNOON - BY THE WAY THE DAMN SHOWERS HAVE BEEN TURNED OFF AGAIN! THEY FINALLY 19 ISSUED ME A BICYCLE - I HAD TO WORK IT OVER - GOT THE BRAKES WORKING FAIR. AFTER SUPPER WE FOUND OUT THAT WE 19 WERE STOOD DOWN UNTIL TOMORROW NOON SO - MAC, HOBIE, DENTON, GASTON AND HARPER I WENT TO BRISTOCK BY BICYCLE VERY CLEAN LITTLE TOWN - FOUR PUBS 19 MET A FEW IRISH GALS IN THE ATS MAC & I HAD A LITTLE TO MUCH GIN & WINE - HAD A LOT OF FUN TRYING TO PEDAL BACK - DAMN HILLS! THE ENGLISH GALS HAVE ONLY ONE THING IN MIND (IT SEEMS) THEIR MUCK TO FAGER!



JULY 10

<sup>19</sup> BREAKFAST AT 0800 - AND WE HAD FRESH EGGS - AS IF WE WERE GOING ON A MISSION. AT 0100 MAC & I HAD TO SEE A PICTURE ON <sup>19</sup> THE C-1 AUTOPILOT (WALT DISNEY'S) I'VE SEEN IT SO DAMN MANY TIMES. AFTER CENSORING LETTERS AWHILE MAC, HOBBS & I WENT TO BRISTOL FOR A <sup>19</sup> PIECE CLEAN BURG. A VERY TYPICAL OLD ENGLISH TOWN. WE MET A COUPLE OF A.T.S. GALS (ARMY TERRITORIAL SERVICE, I THINK!) MAC & I DID ONLY <sup>19</sup> SUPPOSE TO MEET THEM AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT. HAD SOME REALLY GOOD WINE. WE PEDALED BACK AND GOT IN BED BY <sup>19</sup> 2330 - SURE A LOT OF PROMOTIONS - OUR C.O. IS NOW LT. COL. THACKER; SEVERAL OF THE BOYS MADE 1ST & THE OLD TIME'S CAPT. OLSON, KANIA, GASTON & HARPER MADE 5th. GOT A "V" FROM ANNABAL.

THE FOURTH - A.D.P.!! 10:00  
MUNICH JULY 11

<sup>19</sup> UP AT 0530 - BREAKFAST & BRIEFING FOR A HOT SPOT THAT EVERYONE HAS HOPED WOULD NEVER COME. 1376 BOMBERS TO HIT A MUNICH <sup>19</sup> FACTORY & TOWN. WE HAD A LOW OVERCAST TO CLIMB THRU AFTER T.O. ASSEMBLY WAS GOOD - COL. THACKER LEADING. WE FLEW No. 2 <sup>19</sup> HIGH SQDN. LEAD GROUP. A GOOD POSITION! WAS OFF LT. HACE'S WING HE'S A DAMN GOOD PILOT. NEVER SAW THE GROUND THE WHOLE TRIP. <sup>19</sup> BOMBED P.F.F. FLAX WAS INTENSE BUT INACCURATE AND THAT WAS ONLY AT THE TARGET AREA. CHAFF MUST BE DOING THE TRICK. HAD <sup>19</sup> A FEW INACCURATE GROUND ROCKETS. THERE WERE ENEMY FIGHTERS BUT OUR GROUP SAW NONE. 38 & 51 & 47'S ALL THE WAY IN. TIRED TO - NIGHT SO I GUESS I'LL HIT THE SACK EARLY.

No. 5 A REPEAT ON  
MUNICH JULY 12

10:00

19 THEY GOT US UP AT 0430 BRIEFING  
AT 0530 - YES, WE HAD TO GO  
BACK TO MUNICH ABOUT 1100 OF  
US WERE TO HIT THE FACTORY AGAIN

19 BUT IT WAS UNDER CAST ALL  
THE WAY SO WE BOMBED BY P.F.F.  
ON THE TOWN ITSELF. NO FIGHTERS  
HAD DAMN GOOD ESCORT. FLAK WAS

19 INTENSE PLenty ACCURATE WE WERE  
NO. 5 HIGH SLOW LOW GR. - THE NO. 6 MAN  
LOST TWO ENGINES SO HE DROPPED  
WAY BEHIND BUT MADE IT BACK TO

19 E196 LAND WITH FIGHTER ESCORT.  
ANOTHER SMIT BLEW UP, BUT A  
COUPLE OF THE FELLOWS GOT OUT O.K.  
LANDED RIGHT ON THE TARGET!!

19 WE PICKED UP 3 FLAK HOLES - WING  
BOMB BAY AND BEHIND MY SEAT. HIT  
PROP WASH ONCE DID AN INETY DEGREE BANG  
BUT CAUGHT IT BEFORE WE WENT OVER ON  
OUR BACK. TIRED AS HELL - SACK TIME.

No. 6 - THREE TIMES A BARR  
MUNICH JULY 13

10:00

19 AFTER EXACTLY 2 1/2 HOURS OF SLEEP  
WE GOT UP (0200) FOR BREAKFAST  
BRIEFING AT 0300. EVERYONE SURE  
WAS TIRED THIS MORN. SURE HATED

19 TO GO BACK TO MUNICH AGAIN. HAD  
TO CLIMB THRU AN OVERCAST - FAIR  
ASSEMBLY - HAD A POOR LEAD  
AIRSR. 130 MOST OF THE TIME. WE WERE

19 NO. 5 HIGH SLOW. HIGH GR. - THE NAVIG.  
IN THE LEAD SHIP TOOK US OVER  
STUTTGART AND INTENSE FLAK - HAD  
A TOGGLER ALONG - HE DROPPED THE

19 BOMBS ABOUT 3 MIN. BEFORE THE TARGET!  
FLAK WAS INTENSE AND FAIRLY ACCURATE  
HAD ALONG RIDE HOME - THEN ACEILING  
ABOUT 700 FT - SURE A LOT OF SHIPS

19 DIDN'T EASY TO GET HIT BUT WE  
MADE IT O.K. HIT THE SACK  
AT 1500 - JUST ABOUT AS TIRED  
AS I EVER WANT TO BE. I DID HAVE  
THREE LETTERS WAITING. FOLKS, BARRAGE



JULY 14

1944 Up For Breakfast at a reasonable hour. Most of the fellows slept to rest up after those last three raids took it easy all day - about 1800 Hobbie, Mac, Denton & I cycled to Bigstock - since wine is my drink over here I drank a lot of it <sup>19</sup> and it took it's effects - Now! I came back alone early - but stopped at the club for a snack - and there were the boys from the barracks so I had to join in - we finally all made it back to the barracks then all hell broke loose - chairs, bells, tables thrown around. Bantson & Wortman were really high. I finally ended up in the wrong bunk. MacFarlane was in mine!

JULY 15

19 Woke up in MacFarlane's bed but made it to breakfast okay. We had to clean the mess in the barracks up for an inspection at 0900. Now what a mess! Mac & I decided to get a ship and shoot landings - so we shot 5 a piece and then it was time for lunch. Mac's landings are better but he still needs more practice. Has trouble in keeping it on the run way on T.O. We finally decided to head for Bigstock - found our usual pub "The Old Three Cocks". We met a family who owns a few horses used for the fox hunts - they took us in their home - the cleanest I've seen in a long time. Easy to clean polished perfectly they used their interior for over a hundred years.

JULY 16

19 WISH I HADNT OF DRANK ANYTHING  
LAST NIGHT! SLEPT IN FOR THE  
FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME. BOUGHT  
SOME CLOTHS AT THE MOBILE P.K. YESTER-  
DAY. SHEETS, SLIPPERS, PAJAMAS - EVERY  
THING FOR THE SACK! MAC WENT TO  
MUNICH AGAIN TODAY AS MULVERHILL'S  
COPILOT. THEY LOST AN ENGINE OVER  
THE TARGET A COULDN'T FEATHER IT  
SO THEY CAME HOME ALONE WITH A  
WINDMILLING PROP. - NO HYDRAULIC  
SYSTEM + LITTLE OXYGEN - THEY SALVO'D  
EVERYTHING AND CRASH LANDED WHEELS  
UP ON AN EMER. FIELD NEAR THE  
CHANNEL (WOOD BRIDGE) I FLEW DOWN TO  
PICK HIM UP WITH ANOTHER SH. G.  
GOT BACK ABOUT 2130 - SURF WAS  
GLAD TO SEE MAC ALL OKAY! THE  
SH. D WAS DEMOLISHED BUT NO ONE WAS  
HURT. FLAK WAS REALLY BAD - BUT,  
I KNOW WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK AGAIN.

No. 7 AMIAC RUN

5:30

NEAR SAN QUENTIN; FRANCE JULY 17

19 UP AT 0200 FOR BREAKFAST &  
THEN BRIEFING - THE TARGET A  
R.R. BRIDGE 10 MILES SW OF SAN QUENTIN  
FLAK WAS VERY MEAGER & INACCURATE  
IT WAS A VERY EASY MISSION. AND  
WE WERE HOT CAMERA SHIP SO WE  
GOT BACK EARLY. I THINK WE HIT THE  
WRONG BRIDGE BUT WE HIT ONE  
ANYWAY. HAD A BANQUET AT THE  
MESS HALL OF ALL THE OFFICERS.  
AWARD ST PROMOTIONS WERE  
GIVEN OUT. HAD A STEAK DINNER  
WITH ALL THE BEER WE WANTED -  
DAMN BEER - WISH I COULD DRINK  
THE STUFF. MAC, HOBBIET /  
WENT TO BRISTOCK FOR AN HOUR  
OR SO. THE PUB WERE CLOSED WHEN  
WE ARRIVED - BUT WE GOT ONE  
DRINK OF SCOTCH AT "THE BOCK"  
IN THEIR PRIVATE ROOM. REALLY ON  
THE INSIDE AT THAT PUB.



No. 8 ALONG LONG MILK RUN

NORTH OF BERLIN. JULY 18

10:00

19 UP AT 0200 FOR BREAKFAST - THEN BRIEFING - TARGET - A FACTORY BUILDING BUZZ BOMBS ON THE BALTIC SEA W/ NORTH OF BERLIN. WE REALLY HIT THAT TARGET! BUT HAD TO MAKE TWO PASSES AT IT. THERE WAS A LITTLE FLAK - BUT INACCURATE. IT WAS THE LONGEST RIDE I'VE EVER TAKEN.

AFTER ASSEMBLY OVER THE FIELD I GOT SICK - STARTED VOMITING. I DID JUST THAT FOR 10 HOURS ALL THE WAY OVER AND ALL THE WAY BACK - NEAR THE TARGET I GOT THE G.I.'S SO I HAD TO DO MY DUTY AT 21,000 FT. - KINDA COLD, TOO! I THINK THAT THIS IS THE SILENT LIFE I'VE EVER BEEN. GRIGGS HAD TO FLY MOST OF THE TIME & IT WAS HIS LAST MISSION, TOO. I WENT TO SICK CALL & CAPT. VIVIAN GROUNDED ME AND GAVE ME SOME MEDICINE. (I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO EAT ALL DAY. SOMETHING REALLY POISONED ME.)

JULY 19

19 UP AT 0930 - THE BOYS WENT TO MUNICH AGAIN - SINCE I WAS GROUNDED NONE OF THE CREW WENT EXCEPT MCNAMARA, A COPILOT FOR MULVERHILL (HIS LAST MISSION!) & GASTON AS RADIO OPERATOR FOR LT. HERZOK CREW IN THE 546 SQDN. OUR GROUP WAS FIRST OVER THE TARGET SO THEY GOT BOTH FLAK AND FIGHTERS - MAC'S SHIP WAS SHOT UP A LITTLE (MAC HAD A CLOSE ONE BESIDE HIS SEAT!) BIA GASTON DIDN'T FAIR SO WELL - HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG BY A 20MM I THINK - REALLY SERIOUS TOO. HIS SHIP WAS REALLY SHOT UP BY FIGHTERS.

ALTHO. THEY CLAIM THESE SHOT DOWN. HOSKEY GAVE A PINT OF BLOOD FOR GASTON ALL TOGETHER HE HAD 3 PINTS & 1 PLASMA GIVEN HIM. HE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL NEAR MOLESWORTH. SO WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM YET. I FEEL FAIRLY GOOD NOW - MY STOMACHS OKAY.

LONDON

JULY 20

19 UP AT 0730 FOR BREAKFAST - WE GET OUR FIRST 48 HR STARTING TODAY, SO THE CREW WAS ALL SLICKED UP - HOT FOR GOING TO LONDON. HAD OUR PICTURE TAKEN THIS MORN WITH GREGGS IN FRONT OF A "17" - SINCE IT WAS HIS CREW FOR OUR FIRST 8 MISSIONS. IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET THE PASSES MADE OUT BUT WE MADE THE 10:37 TRAIN FOR LONDON - HAD A G.I. TRUCK TAKE US TO KETTERING. THE 1ST SGT. TOLD ME WHILE WAS GETTING THE PASSES THAT GASTON WOULD PROBABLY LOOSE HIS LEG - I DECIDED IT BEST NOT TO TELL THE CREW UNTIL AFTER WE GOT BACK FROM PASS. WE ARRIVED IN LONDON AT 1230 - GOT ROOMS AT THE CUMBERLAND HOTEL ONE OF THE NICEST. MAC IS MORE OR LESS FINANCING THE TRIP CAUSE EVERYONE WAS BROKE. NATURALLY MAC, HOB, DENTON & I ENDED UP AT PICADILLY. - Wow!

LONDON

JULY 21

19 I GOT UP EARLY HAD A BATH IN A BIG BATH TUB - NICE SHAVE - BUT BREAKFAST CONSISTED OF WILSH RABBIT (CHEESE ON TOAST) (IDC.) + 190 CUPS OF COFFEE!! BOUGHT A PAIR OF PINKS AT THE ARMY P.K. THEN GOT DENTON UP AND WE WENT TO PICADILLY & ORDER OURSELVES A BATTLE JACKET (TALOR MADE) FOR 10/6/8!! OH WELL THEY'RE DAMN NICE! WE WON'T GET THEM FOR A MONTH OR SO! LAST NIGHT SEVERAL BUZZ BOMBS WENT OVER - ONE LANDED TWO BLOCKS AWAY AND REALLY RAISED HELL! - THERE'S ALL MOST A CONSTANT ALERT ON! BUT I NEVER NOTICED ANYONE GOING TO THE SHELTERS - LOTS OF DAMAGE AROUND - BUT THIS GERMAN CIVIL WAR SOUNDS ENCOURAGING! ENDED UP IN THE PALACE REGENT - BUT I DIDN'T DRINK MUCH. HAD GOOD TIME WITH MAC ON THE UNDERGROUND PEOPLE SLEEPING DOWN THERE BY THE THOUSANDS.



JULY 22

19 Woke up at 1030 Hobbiey I had  
 breakfast in bed - Boy what a bed  
 Nice + Big - Soft - A REAL Pillow  
 Wow! Suppose to be back of the  
 base at 1200 Noon! So we missed the  
 0830 train - the 1200 train - the 1500  
 train - We finally crowded on the  
 1530 train! Boy was it crowded -  
 E<sup>19</sup>veryone is evacuating London.

We found a place near Picadilly (The Victory  
 Restaurant) where they serve steak -  
 So during our stay we had five steaks.

N<sup>19</sup>ot bad at all! We sure did  
 spend the money I spent about  
 20£!! But we all had a good time.  
 Got back about 1930 - After poor

B<sup>19</sup>ig conventions - They wanted us  
 'at operations about 1400 - Guess  
 we'll get chewed on. Got in  
 the sack early. Gaston lost his  
 left leg just below the knee.

JULY 23

19 Up for 0800 breakfast - Spent  
 the morning in the Barracks  
 fooling around - Col. Thacker  
 came in and talked with us awhile  
 H<sup>19</sup>is didn't know about Gaston - !!!  
 Col. Smith (Post. C.O.) was over to  
 see Gaston. We got a G.I. truck  
 took the whole crew over to see  
 H<sup>19</sup>im - He's looking fairly well  
 - Really taking it like a  
 man - He's got what it takes.  
 When we arrived over there at  
 the 30320 station hosp. Mary (A.S.S.  
 Harpers Gal) was there - She had  
 pedaled all the way from Brigstock  
 (about 10 mi.) He had 14 pints of blood  
 stuck in him!! He's sure had a  
 rough break but a lot of the fellows  
 never come back wells - is down  
 He slept right across from me, and  
 was married too!



No. 9 A MILK RUN  
NEAR ST. LO, FRANCE

6:10

JULY 24  
FRANCE

19 UP AT 0200 FOR BREAKFAST

BRIEFING. DURING WHICH THE MISSION WAS PUSHED FORWARD FOUR HOURS SO WE CAME BACK TO THE BARRACKS FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS OF SACK TIME - AND I HAD BREAKFAST A SECOND TIME AT 0800. IT WAS MY FIRST MISSION AS PILOT - THERE WAS A LITTLE FLAK - BUT IT WAS ALL LOW. THE TARGET WAS NEAR ST. LO - 1500 YDS FROM OUR LINES - WE HAD ANTI-PERSONNEL (FRAG.) BOMBS - BUT DIDNT DROP THEM, HAD 5/10 UNDERCAST. SO WE TOOK A SCENIC TOUR OF FRANCE! GOT BACK ABOUT 1530 - TONIGHT IS THE SQDN. PARTY AT NORTHAMPTON BUT WE ARE ON THE FLIGHT PLAN SO WE DECIDED NOT TO GO - JUST GRND. OFFICERS WILL BE THERE DRINK OUR BEER!! ROUGH ALL OVER!

No. 10 THE BIGGEST, BEST  
MILK RUN FLOWN IN THE E.T.O. 5:35  
NEAR ST. LO, FRANCE 12,500 FT.

19 UP AT 0530 BREAKFAST BRIEFING

FOR A QUICKIE - ANOTHER TO ST. LO, FRANCE - NO FLAK - BOY, THAT'S THE KINDA MISSION I WANT!! FLEW OFF BANTEN'S WING - HE'S A DAMN GOOD PILOT. WE HAD LOTS OF DEEP WASH ON THE BOMB RUN - MAC REALLY HIT THE TARGET - FEELS GOOD FLEW IT - AND REALLY DID A NICE JOB - HE'S GOING TO GET HIS OWN CREW WITHOUT A DOUBT. HOBDEY IS REALLY A SHARP NAVIGATOR HOPE I DONT LOOSE HIM! THE CREW IS PRETTY WELL ON THE BALL. OLSON IS GETTING A LITTLE BETTER - HE'S SLEEPING AGAIN SINCE THESE LAST EASY RAIDS. GOT BACK TODAY AT 1730!! GOT A LETTER FROM THE FOLKS, BERTIE & BARR. BARR IS GOING TO STOCKTON COLLEGE NOW. BERTIE'S BEEN SICK - FOLKS ARE OKAY. SAW THE BEACH HEAD TODAY - LOTS OF ACTIVITY.



JULY 26

<sup>19</sup> UP AT 0730 - FOR BREAKFAST  
(HOT CAKES!) HAD A CRITIQUE  
AT 1030 ON THE LAST FEW  
MISSIONS. LAID IN THE SACK  
MOST OF THE DAY. GOT KINDA  
MAD AT DENTON FOR NOT GOING  
TO CLASS THIS AFTERNOON - SO  
I SORTA TOLD HIM OFF. LATER  
<sup>19</sup> HE GOT A CABLE - HE'S A FATHER  
OF A GIRL!! HE'S SURE NOT  
VERY EAGER - WISH HE WOULD  
GET OUT THE BALLY FOR HIS OWN  
GOOD, IF FOR NOTHING OR NO ONE  
ELSE. HAD A PARADE THIS  
EVENING - GAVE OUT SOME MORE  
AWARDS - RATHER TIRESOME. LT  
<sup>19</sup> GREGGS GOT 1ST LT. LOTS OF KNEW  
CREWS MOVING IN. WROTE TO  
BESSIE - GOT TO HIT SACK  
EARLY AGAIN - PROBABLY FLY  
TOMORROW.

JULY 27

<sup>19</sup> UP AT 0200 BREAKFAST &  
BRIEFING (FOR MUNICH!) GOT  
OUT TO THE SHIP ALL READY TO  
START ENGINES AND IT WAS  
<sup>19</sup> SCRUBBED SO WE CAME BACK  
& HIT THE SACK - WE'RE  
CALLED OUT AGAIN AT 0830  
STARTED BRIEFING FOR AN  
<sup>19</sup> AIRFIELD IN FRANCE AND IT  
WAS SCRUB SO BACK TO THE  
SACK - THE CREW WENT OUT TO  
THE SHIP AND CLEARED THE  
<sup>19</sup> GUNS - HOBBIED MACE I  
FIRED OUR 45 CAL. TODAY. DIDN'T  
HIT MUCH BUT HAD A LOT OF  
FUN. WENT TO A STAGE SHOW  
<sup>19</sup> AT THE THEATRE TONIGHT.  
WASN'T A BAD SHOW - GOT A  
LETTER FROM PAT. TRAINED  
OPENTON TODAY - BUT THE SUN WAS  
OUT TOO - WHAT A CUMMERS!

No. 11 ACCURATE FLAK  
MERSEBURG  
~~LEIPZIG~~ JULY 28  
25,000 FT

8:15

19 UP AT 0300 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING  
FOR AN OIL PLANT NEAR LEIPZIG  
WE BOMBED P.F.F. HAD DAMN  
ACCURATE FLAK & A FEW GRAND  
ROCKETS. WE PICKED UP SEVERAL  
HOLES - GUESS THEY'LL HAVE TO  
CHANGE THE RIGHT WING PANEL &  
THE LEFT ELEVATOR. ONE PIECE  
OF FLAK CAME MIGHTY CLOSE  
TO OXSON THE TAIL GUNNER. SO  
OUR SHIP WILL BE OUT OF COMMISSION  
FOR A DAY OR TWO. WE WERE IN  
RIPPLE HEARD CORNER TODAY - SOME  
OF THE CREW SAW TWO ENEMY FIGHTERS  
BUT THEY DIDN'T ATTACK US. WE HAD A  
VERY POOR ELEMENT LEAD - LT. PARKER, HE'S  
NO. 19 - SO HOT - ALL OVER THE SICK.  
NO MAIL TODAY - TIRED TONIGHT SO  
I'LL HIT THE SACK EARLY.

No. 12 - FIGHTERS!  
MERSEBURG  
~~LEIPZIG~~ AGAIN. JULY 29  
25,000 FT 8:30

19 UP AT 0230 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING  
FOR SAME TARGET (THE SYNTHETIC OIL  
PLANT) - REALLY HIT THE TARGET,  
VISUAL TOO! NO OIL FROM THERE  
FOR A LONG TIME. WE HAD FIGHTERS,  
THEY ATTACKED OUR GROUP BUT  
NOT OUR SHIP - THE GUNNERS  
GOT SOME SHOTS IN BUT NO  
HITS (FW 190 & ME 109) I SAW ONE  
109 SO CLOSE THAT I COULD PLAINLY  
SEE THE PILOT!! ONE SHIP WAS  
KNOCKED OUT BY FLAK - HIS LAST  
MISSION TOO (LT. SWEENEY)! WE PICKED  
UP ABOUT 5 OR 6 HOLES (FLAK) ONE VERY  
CLOSE TO DELAURI'S HEAD IN THE UPPER  
TURRET, IT KNOCKED HIM OUT OF THE TURRET  
TRIP AND HE SIGHT & INTERPHONE. HIT THE  
BALL BEGINS THE GLASS BUT MISSED  
KANIA. GOT SOME IN THE VEG. & HORN  
ST. AB. HAD A BRAND NEW SHIP TOO! FIRST  
MESSAG!



JULY 30

19 UP AT 0930 - HAD A MEETING AT  
 SQDN. OPERZ - WOW, WHAT A ROUGH  
 TIME I HAD WITH THE BOYS LAST  
 NIGHT - HAD OUR GROUP OFFICERS  
 CLUB PARTY. EVERYONE GOT  
 DRUNK, INCLUDING MY SELF. SO  
 THIS MORNING I HAD ONE OF MY FEW  
 HANG OVERS. THIS AFTERNOON THE  
 CREW AND I GOT A TRUCK AND WENT  
 TO SEE GASTON OVER AT THE  
 303 STA. HOSP. SEEMS TO BE DOING  
 FINIZ - LOOKS A LOT BETTER - BUT  
 IS GETTING TIRED OF BED. SURE  
 IS CHEERFUL AS HELL! (AME  
 BACK - HAD A LETTER FROM  
 ANNABEL - SHE'S SURE BEEN  
 WRITING A LOT LATELY, CAN'T  
 UNDERSTAND IT! WISH THEY'D  
 TURN THE SHOWERS ON - BEEN  
 OFF SINCE OUR 48HR IN LONDON

No. 13!! A MILK RUN

8:00

JULY 31  
MUNICH - FOURTH TIME!

19 UP AT 0600 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING  
 FOR THE ENGINE FACTORY IN MUNICH  
 AGAIN. WE HAD NOTHING BUT  
 TROUBLE THIS MORNING - GOT OUR  
 SLIP (149) AGAIN - THEY PUT A NEW  
 WING ON IT - SO EVERYONE WAS  
 HAPPY - TO START OUT WITH - MAC  
 DIDN'T FLY WITH US - A NEW PILOT  
 FLEW AS MY CO-PILOT - NOT A BAD  
 FELLOW. BUT WE MADE A RIGHT TURN  
 OUT OF THE HARD STAND AND I TAXIED  
 ONE WHEEL OFF THE STRIP UP TO  
 THE STRUT! SO WE GOT A REPLACEMENT  
 SHIP (788) TOOK OFF AN HOUR  
 LATE BUT CAUGHT THE FORMATION  
 O.KAY. FLEW NO. 4 POSITION IN LOW  
 GROUP LOW SQDN. (12 SHIP). IT'S  
 AN EASY POSITION TO FLY - DIDN'T  
 HAVE MUCH TROUBLE. I RAN MOST  
 OF THE WAY. BOMBAYS WOULDNT CLOSE  
 EJECT. NO HEATING BALL - NO INTERPHONE  
 TO DISTURB! WHAT A DAY - MISERABLE FEEL

THESE SHIP O.KAY

AUGUST 1

19 UP FOR 0800 BREAKFAST (HOTCAKES!)  
NICE CALIF. FOG! WE WERE STOOD  
DOWN THIS MORNING - BUT THE BOYS  
WENT TO A TARGET IN FRANCE. GUESS  
THEY THOUGHT WE NEEDED SOME  
REST - FOR THE TOUGH ONES, DAMN  
IT! WE LAYED AROUND MOST OF THE  
DAY - LOTS A SACK TIME. I WENT  
DOWN TO FINANCE & GOT MY PAY  
38 $\frac{1}{2}$  5/7. I'LL HAVE TO SEND 8 $\frac{1}{2}$   
TO LONDON FOR MY BATTLE JACKET.  
I WROTE A LETTER AND RECEIVED ONE  
FROM BERTIE - WON - WHAT A GAC!!  
WENT TO THE SHOW AND SAW "FOR WHOM  
THE BELL TOLLS" - PRETTY GOOD PICTURE!  
THE WATER WAS TURNED ON FINALLY  
SO I HAD GOOD HOT SHOWER MY  
FIRST (EXCEPT FOR BIRD BATHS) SINCE  
LONDON!! MAC & I HAVE BEEN STUDYING  
A LITTLE IN THE TECH. DEPT'S. MAC  
OUGHT TO DO OKAY AS PILOT.

AUGUST 2

19 0800 BREAKFAST - 1000 CRITIC  
(SP?) NEW POOP ON GERMAN ROCKET  
FIGHTERS - GUESS WE'LL BE  
SEEING THEM SOON. THEY TRAVEL  
WELL OVER 500 MPH. WITH 5,000 &  
10,000 FT/MIN. THIS COMBAT BUSINESS  
IS GETTING ROUGH. THE BOYS  
HAD TO CLEAN THE GUNS IN  
THE SHIP TODAY. I REALLY LIKE  
THE CEEB CHIEF - HE STOLE SOME  
ARMOR GLASS FROM COL. THACKER  
AND PUT IT IN MY SHIP - REALLY  
19 ON THE BALL - GOT TO GET  
HIM SOME SHIRTS FOR THAT.  
TODAY THEY WERE OUT CLEANING  
THE SHIP OFF FOR A LITTLE  
19 LESS DRAG. NONE BETTER



No. 14 - FEATHERED No. 2

4:45

FLEURS FRANCE AUGUST 3

19<sup>UP</sup> FOR 0800 BREAKFAST  
 THOUGHT WE WOULDN'T FLY. BUT  
 AT NOON WE HAD BRIEFING  
 FOR A NO-BALL IN FRANCE.  
 SOUNDED LIKE A MILK RUN  
 SAW ONLY A HALF DOZEN BURSTS  
 OF FLAK - BUT GOT ONE BURST.  
 A PIECE HIT NO. 2 ENG. BY THE  
 01. COOLER - USED THE ENG. FOR  
 AN HOUR MORE AND HAD TO FEATHER  
 IT. GOT ANOTHER HOLE THROUGH  
 WASTE & OVER THE BOMB BAY!  
 19<sup>LE</sup> D THE LOW SW. FOR THE FIRST  
 TIME - HAD A NEW ST. PILOT AS  
 COPILOT FOR HIS FIRST MISSION.  
 ALSO HAD PARKER AS BOMBARDIER  
 WHO HAS AROUND 20 MISSIONS IN.  
 ALSO HAD NO AIR SPD INDICATION  
 SO HAD TO FLY INSTRUMENTS & LANDING  
 WITHOUT. THREE ENGINES & NO AIR SPD.  
 WHAT A LANDING! RIPPED ONE IN  
 CRASH POSITIONS - BUT MADE IT OKAY

No. 15 - FLAK AS USUAL

9:20

PEENEMUNDE (NORTH OF BERLIN) AUGUST 4

19<sup>UP</sup> AT 05:30 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING  
 FOR EXPERIMENTAL PLANT NORTH  
 OF BERLIN (OUR SECOND TRIP TO  
 THAT TARGET) HAD A LOT OF FOG  
 19<sup>THIS</sup> MORN - PRACTICALLY A  
 INST. T.O. - I FLEW LOW SQDN LEAD  
 HAD PARKER AS BOMBARDIER AGAIN  
 GOT ABOUT 5 FLAK HOLES - ONE  
 19<sup>BIG</sup> ONE BY OLSON'S FOOT IN THE  
 TAIL - ANOTHER CRACKED THE ARMOR  
 GLASS IN THE BALL - HAD BROWN GLASS  
 ALL OVER KANIA. GOT ANOTHER  
 19<sup>IN</sup> NO. 2 MAIN FUEL TANK - PLUS  
 ONE IN THE RIGHT & LEFT WING  
 TIP & ONE IN THE TAIL FIN.  
 ANOTHER SHIP OUT OF COMMISSION  
 19<sup>THE</sup> FIFTH FOR US IN THE  
 LAST FOUR RAIDS. SAW SWEDEN  
 AGAIN TODAY! PICKED UP THE  
 FLAK CROSSING DENMARK. -  
 JACKIE TIME - NEW TACIC MASTER  
 IT WAS SCOTT'S (220) ALL OVER. HELL. LAST DAY.



AUGUST 5

19 AWAKENED AT 0900 - HAD TO GO UP TO SCARES ROCK AS COPILOT ON A PFF SHIP - FOR PRACTICE BOMBING WITH LT KOCH. HAD A LONG RIDE AT 20,000 FT. - WISH I'D GONE ON THE MISSION TODAY. DAMN PRACTICE MISSIONS! HAD A WONDERFUL SLEEP LAST NIGHT ON MY NEW WIRE PILL MATTRESS - OH - WHAT A SACK I'VE GOT NOW!! DIDN'T GET ANY BREAKFAST THIS MORN NOR ANY LUNCH SO ALL I HAD WAS JUST ONE MEAL TODAY! DENTON IS LEAVING FOR EGYPT MONDAY TO PRACTICE BOMB FOR A MONTH - MAKING A LEAD BOMBARDIER OUT OF HIM. GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM ANNABEL TODAY - CAN'T UNDERSTAND HER - I DON'T WRITE HER VERY OFTEN!! NONE FROM HOME OR BERTIE!!

AUGUST 6

19 UP AT 1100! NO BREAKFAST JUST SACK TIME. WE WERE STOOD DOWN SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY NEW CREWS. RECEIVED THE PICTURES FROM HOME OF THE CREW REALLY SWELL PIC'S. ALL THE FELLOWS WANT THEM. DENTON LEFT FOR EGYPT THIS AFTERNOON - TOOK THE CREW OVER TO SEE GASTON - SEEMS TO BE DOING FINE - SAID PETIX WAS OVER TO SEE HIM. HE'S IN THE 306TH B.G. GASTON MADE HIS & OF COURSE GOT THE PURPLE HEART. WENT TO BRISTOCK WITH THE BOYS - OILED AS USUAL - 'CAUSE TOMORROW NO BODIES FLYING - NO SHIPS IN COMMISSION - ALL SHOT UP ON TODAY'S RAID! STAGGERED BACK FROM BRISTOCK!



AUGUST 7

19 UP AT 10:00 - MAC HAD TO  
FLY AS COPILOT FOR SOMEBODY  
ON A MISSION AFTER BEING TOLD  
WE WERE STOOD DOWN. GOT A  
LETTER FROM BERTIE - HOPE  
I CAN LOVE THAT GAL LIKE SHE  
SAYS SHE LOVES ME. SHE'S SURE  
THE NICEST GAL I'VE EVER KNOWN.  
WROTE A LETTER TO THE FINEST  
BEITIE. WENT TO DRUGSTORE  
AGAIN LAST NIGHT - HAD A  
FAIR TIME - HOBBIE HAS FOUND  
HIS TRUE LOVE - HA! HA!  
DIDNT DRINK MUCH - HAVE TO FLY  
TOMORROW.

I GUESS I'VE LOST HOBBIE - HE'S  
NOW A GROUP LEAD NAV. - SO I WON'T  
FLY WITH HIM UNLESS I MAKE  
GROUP LEAD! DAMN GOOD MANHOOD.  
SURE PLEASED THIR WAY FELLOWS.  
HANDLED THE FIGHTERS TODAY.

No. 16 - FIGHTERS! 5:10

11 MI. NORTH CAEN, FRANCE. AUGUST 8

19 UP AT 0730 BREAKFAST &  
BRIEFING - A NICE SHORT RAID  
IN SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH  
GRND. FORCES - EXPECTED IT  
TO BE A MILK RUN - BUT FOUND  
OUT DIFFERENT. ON THE I.P.  
THE UPPER TURRET SAW THE  
FIRST ME.410 FIRED ON IT  
AND THEN THE BALL AND  
TAIL FIRED ON ANOTHER &  
THE BALL (KANIA) CLAIMS IT  
SAW THE KRAUT BAIL OUT & THE  
PLANE CRASH. SEVERAL BANDITS  
PASSED BY US AND WE SHOT AT  
THEM BUT NONE ACTUALLY ATTACK  
OUR SHIP, ALTHO THEY DID FIRE  
ON OUR FORMATION. WE LEAD THE  
LOW SPAN. HI. GROUP (105 HI GROUP) HOBBIE  
FLEW AS GROUP NAVIGATOR SO WE HAD ANOTHER  
NAVIG. & TOGGIAL - DIDNT DROP BOMBS  
COULDN'T SEE TARGET. ←

LONDON

AUGUST 9

19 UP FOR 0800 BREAKFAST - TODAY IS THE DAY WE GO ON OUR 2ND 48HR. PASS SO LONDON IT IS! RUSHED AROUND TO GET IN TOWN TO CATCH THE 10:37 TRAIN FROM KETTERING - BUT AFTER QUEUING UP FOR OUR TICKETS - WE WERE JUST A M. 19 MINUTE TO LATE. SO WE CAUGHT THE 12:15 AFTER TEA & TARTS. ON ARRIVING WE HEADED FOR THE CUMBERLAND, GOT ROOMS (TWO) (EXISTED MEN COULDN'T!) BATHED & WENT TO PICADILLY FOR A STEAK AND THEN TO THE AMER. MELODY BAR - JOINED THE CUBS & DRANK OUR FIRST AMER. SCOTCH (ANY BRAND!!) ON LEAVING (WITH A QUART FOR A SPARE) WE HAD DIFFICULTIES IN STANDING BUT PROCEEDED TO THE REGENTS PALACE

LONDON

AUGUST 10

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19 OF COURSE IT WAS ABOUT TO CLOSE - SO AS HOBIE'S GUESTS (MAY 1) WENT TO ONE OF HIS CLUBS "THE NEW PARADISE" (HE JOINED IT LAST TIME) PROCEEDED TO HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME - DANCING & DRINKING - NICE CLUB - BUT HOBIE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH HIS WAITERS - BUT NO FIGHT DEVELOPED - NEXT MORNING 1130 - BREAKFAST IN BED - BATH - RAN DOWN WITH MARY HOB TO ORDER THEIR BATTLE 19 JACKETS (MINE WASN'T FINISHED!!) BOUGHT SOME SHIRTS FOR OUR CREW CHIEF - JOE RUKAVINA M/S. THEN BACK TO OUR GREEK STEAK HOUSE & 19 BOUGHT TWO BOTTLES OF WINE (GRAVES) - DAMN GOOD! THEN AFTER DRINKING IT AT THE ROOM - DOWN TO PICADILLY AGAIN - BUT THIS TIME



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<sup>19</sup> INSTEAD OF A CAB - WE TOOK THE UNDERGROUND - DOWN STAIRS - ESCALATORS - THROUGH TUNNELS TRANSFERRED ONCE - UP AGAIN IN PICADILLY - BELIEVE IT WAS ACTUALLY FASTER THAN A HACK. LOTS OF PEOPLE SLEEPING DOWN THEIR! - I GOT SEPARATED FROM THE BOYS - SO I HIT THE LUXURIOUS SACK EARLY - UP AT 1000 - BREAKFAST IN BED CLEANED UP AND CAUGHT THE 1200 TRAIN BACK TO KETTERING FOOTED AROUND, CAUGHT A TRUCK OUT TO CAMP - CRAWLED IN THE SACK READ TWO LETTERS FROM BERTIE & ONE FROM HOME. NICE AND QUIET. THE BOYS ARE ON A MISSION. GUESS I'LL WRITE SOME LETTERS. WROTE ONE TO BERTIE'S

No. 17 A MILKRUN - Wow!! 8:40

ETANPS, FRANCE AUGUST 12 20,000 FT.

<sup>19</sup> UP AT 0315 BREAKFAST & BRIEFING - TO AN AIRFIELD SOUTH EAST OF PARIS. HAD A LITTLE WEATHER ON T.O. AND DURING ASSEMBLY SAW THE BEACHHEAD VERY CLEARLY FROM 20,000 FT. CHERBOURG HARBOR LOOKS AS IF IT MAY BE IN USE - ALL FRANCE IS PITTED WITH CRATERS WE DIDNT GET ANY FLAK - NONE. A FEW ROCKETS - BUT NOT AT US! WE LEAD THE HIGH ELEMENT, LEAD GROUP. BOBBIE DIDNT FLY WITH US - STOOD DOWN. HARPER FLEW AS TOGGLEIER FOR THE FIRST TIME - DID A DAMN GOOD JOB. REALLY HIT THE TARGET, <sup>12 x 500 LBS.</sup> TODAY!! LAID IN THE SUN THIS AFTERNOON - GOT A LETTER FROM HOME & BERTIE - OH! THAT BAL!!

No. 18 - ACCURATE FLAK 4:45

AUGUST 13  
NEAR BEAUMONT, FRANCE. 20,000 FT

19 UP AT 0730 BREAKFAST & PRE-BRIEFING FOR A "QUICKIE" THE TARGET A TRIANGULAR ROAD JUNCTION - NEAR AN AIRFIELD - OBJECT - TO STOP THE RETREAT

OF THE GERMANS IN THE FALAISE AREA. REALLY HIT THE TARGET (WITH 38X100 GP'S) HAD MODERATE

19 VERY ACCURATE FLAK - GOT ABOUT 15 HOLES IN THE SHIP!

SEVERAL IN THE WINGS (GOT A STAR!) & MANY CLOSE TO LAY IN THE RADIO

19 ROOM - A COUPLE IN THE WAIST CLOSE TO HARPER - ONE HIT THE ARMORE GLASS BY MAC - GOOD THING WE HAD THAT GLASS OR WE MAY

19 NOT HAVE HAD A CORKYOT - AFFEW IN THE TAIL TOO! FLEW AS DEPUTY LEAD OF THE LOW GROUP WITH MY WHOLE CREW - PLUS PARKER AS BOMBARDIER

"SURE LIKE TO FLY WITH WHOLE CREW!!"

No. 19 - A LONG MILK RUN!

8:00

AUGUST 14  
6 MI. SOUTH STUTTGART, GERMANY 25,500'

19 UP AT 0330 PRE BRIEFING FOR AN AIRFIELD SO. OF STUTTGART THEN BREAKFAST - BACK TO GENERAL BRIEFING - THEN INTO THE BLUE. FLEW HIGH GROUP DEPUTY LEAD.

WE HIT THE TARGET ON THE SECOND RUN OVER, WITH 10X500<sup>IB</sup> INCENDIARIES - HAD MEAGER TO MODERATE

19 FLAK OVER THE TARGET. DIDN'T GET ANY HOLES FOR A CHANGE. WAS

JUST A LONG RIDE. HAD CONN AS NAVIG. AND PARKER AS BOMB. LAST

19 NIGHT, FAIRLY LATE - OUR CREW CHIEF BROUGHT A LARGE PIECE OF FLAK OUT OF NO. 2 ENG. (A GUNDED) HAS A GERMAN \$ AND Wq A330 ON IT! WE DIDN'T

19 EVEN KNOW THE ENG. WAS HIT!! AS HOT CAMERA TODAY WE GOT IN EARLY!

19 GOT TWO LETTERS FROM BEGIE PLUS A COLOR FOTO OF HER. BOY WHAT A

NICE GAL - WOW!!



AUGUST 15

19 UP AT 0300 FOR PRE-BRIEFING  
& BREAKFAST BACK TO GENERAL  
BRIEFING FOR AN AIRFIELD NEAR  
FRANKFURT. GOT THE CREW OUT TO  
THE SHIP (P.F. SHIP) "AMICKEY OPERATOR"  
& MORRIS AS BOMBARDIER. TAXIED OUT  
FOR T.O. AND THE FOG ROLLED IN SO  
THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED. I WAS  
FLYING AS DEPUTY WING LEAD!!  
HAD ALL MY CREW EXCEPT FORDENON  
WHO'S STILL IN EGPT. COL. THACKER  
WAS WING LEADER. SOME OF THE WINGS  
WENT TO THE TARGET AND GOT LOTS  
OF FIGHTERS LOST 12 SHIPS IN OUR  
WING. WE HIT THE SACK MOST OF  
THE DAY - "PVT." PETIX CAME OVER  
TO SEE US - GOT BUSTED 'CAUSE HE  
WAS A W.O.L. WHILE SEEING GASTON.  
DOESN'T LIKE HIS PRESENT CREW. WROTE  
TO BERTIE - HOBBS'S FEELING ROUGH  
TO DAY. - HOPE HE'S OKAY TOMORROW.

No. 20 - Not BAD!

9:45

AUGUST 16

LEIPZIG - THAT IS NEAR THERE. 25,000'  
19 UP AT 0200 PRE-BRIEFING  
& BREAKFAST - THEN GEN. BRIEFING.  
THE TARGET, AN AIRFIELD NORTH  
OF LEIPZIG (DELITZKE) EXPECTED  
FIGHTERS - BUT HAD NONE. FLAK  
WASN'T BAD - GOT FIVE MINOR  
HOLES - ONE CLOSE TO THE DRAFT  
METER IN THE NOSE. WE FLEW  
DEPUTY WING LEAD - IN A P.F.F.  
SHIP, WE WERE THE ONLY GROUP  
TO HIT THE TARGET. WE HAD ONE  
BOMB HANG UP - SO THE "MICKEY"  
OPERATOR KICKED IT OUT WITH  
A SCREW DRIVER - WHICH IS A REAL  
JOB AT 25,000 FT.! OUR MECH. OR ELEC.  
SALVO WOULDN'T OPERATE. I HAD WHOLE  
19 CREW PLUS MORRIS BOMB & KAMPF  
AS "MICKEY" OPER. EVERYONE SURT TIED  
ON RETURN. HAD A LETTER FROM BERTIE,  
WHAT SWELL GAL NOW! HOBBS FEEL  
ROUGH TODAY - BUT FLEW WITH US ANYHOW.



AUGUST 17

19 Up at 0730 BREAKFAST - THEN  
MAC & I TRIED TO GET A SHIP  
TO SHOOT LANDINGS - BUT WE  
HAD A CHAFF LECTURE AT 1000  
S<sup>19</sup> COULDN'T GET A SHIP. JUST  
LAID AROUND ALL DAY - WROTE  
A LETTER TO BERTIE & RECEIVED  
TWO FROM HER. I'VE HAD A SORE  
THROAT ALL DAY TO DAY - SO  
I WENT TO THE HOSP. - GAVE  
ME SOME PILLS AND GARGLE.  
HOPE IT'S BETTER TOMORROW  
'CAUSE WE'RE FLYING GROUP  
LEAD ~~TO~~ AND I'M BEING CHECKED  
OUT BY CAPT. BOOSKA. HOBBS IS  
FAIRLY SICK - GOING TO BE  
S<sup>19</sup> DOWN TOMORROW. / DON'T  
WANT TO BE CHECKED OUT YET  
BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY  
ABOUT IT. HIT THE JACK EARLY  
FEELING ROUGH.

No. 21 A MILK RUN. 5:35  
NEAR LIÈGE, BELGIUM. AUGUST 18 24,000'

19 GOT UP AT 0730 BREAKFAST  
THEN THEY CALLED US FOR PREBRIEFING  
FOR A "QUICKIE" - THEN DURING  
BRIEFING THEY SET IT AHEAD  
FOUR HOURS - SO WE HAD ANOTHER  
BRIEFING FOUR HRS LATER - BUT  
NOT ALL THE POOP WAS IN - SO  
WE ATE LUNCH - BACK TO PREBRIEF  
THEN GENERAL BRIEFING FOR  
A R.R. BRIDGE (IN "VISE") / FLEW  
AS LEAD PILOT - BOOSKA AS AIR  
COMMANDER - AS LEAD OF THE  
LOW GROUP - HAD MORRIS AS  
BOMB., A COUPLE OF NAVIG. (HOBBS'S  
GROUNDED) AN OFFICER TAIL  
GUNNER - OLSON FLEW WITH  
ANOTHER CREW AS WELL AS MAC  
HIT THE TARGET WITH 6X1000 G.P.  
GOT BACK AT 2000 LAST NIGHT JUST  
IN TIME FOR BED. COL. THACKERT  
CAPT. BOOSKA PLEASE WITH MY FLYING  
AND MY CREW.



AUGUST 19

19 BREAKFAST AT 0800 -

CRITIQUE AT 1000 - REVIEWED THE PAST FEW MISSIONS - LUNCH AND THEN WE HAD A STAND BY INSPECTION BY COL THACKER. TOLD HARDER TO SEW ON HIS STRIPS OTHER THAN THAT EVERYTHING WAS OKAY. YESTERDAY CAPT. BOOSKA SAID THAT MY CREW WAS ONE OF THE BEST HE'S EVERY RIDDEN WITH. - BY THE WAY I FINALLY GOT MY SILVER BARS - YEP, I'M A FIRST LT. NOW! GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM BERTIE! ACRAB SHE'S GOT ME HOOKED!! GOT A BAD SORE THROAT - BEEN GARGLING & TAKING PILLS BUT DON'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANY GOOD. RAINED ALL DAY TYPICAL ENGLISH WEATHER

AUGUST 20

19 BREAKFAST 0800 SAME OLD

POWDERED EGGS, DISCUSSED HOBBI'S ANONYMOUS <sup>LETTER</sup> ALL MORNING - A REAL MYSTERY WHO WROTE IT? MY GUESS IS MOLLY - POSSIBLY MAURANNIE. MAC IS ACCUSED - BUT IT WASN'T HIM. WHAT A MESS! WENT TO AN AFTERNOON SNOW - NOT BAD! FIRST ONE IN A LONG TIME FOR ME. LATER THEY INFORMED MAC THAT HE WAS GOING ON FLAK LEAVE WITH DIENNETT & CREW TOMORROW SINCE HE IS ASSIGNED TO HIS CREW NOW. MAC & I ARGUED WITH CAPT. BOOSKA - FINALLY DECIDED THAT WE'D POSTPONE OUR FLAK LEAVE - AND MAC MAY BE ABLE TO GO WITH US AT THAT TIME. RAINED ALL DAY AGAIN. MAC & HOB - WENT TO BRISTOCK AGAIN TONIGHT - RAIN OR SNOW!!

AUGUST 21

19 UP FOR 0800 BREAKFAST,  
RAINY - COLD - DAMP WEATHER.  
SUPPOSE TO PRACTICE BOMB AT  
0830 - BUT THE WEATHER POSTPONED  
UNTIL 1300 - MAC, HOBBI<sup>5</sup> LAY,  
MORRIS & COUPLE OTHER FELLOWS  
WENT UP TO SCARCE ROCK TO  
BOMB. DAMP WEATHER MADE  
US GO DOWN TO 3000' TO  
DROP! AFTER 20 PICKLES WE  
BUZZED HOME - HAD A TOTAL  
O.F. 5:10 FLYING TIME. 149 WAS  
CRASHED OUT ASA LEAD SHIP  
TODAY BY COL. THACKER! HEARD FROM  
THE FOLKS TODAY. GUESS I'D BETTER  
WRITE A LETTER TONIGHT.  
TIP "LETTER" - HOBBI<sup>5</sup> SAID  
MA WROTE IT (OF MA & BLOVDIE)  
'CAUSE SHE CALLED MAC "MAT" AS  
IN THE LETTER!

AUGUST 22

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0730  
SUPPOSE TO FLY AT 0800 PRACTISE  
BUT WEATHER SAYS NO. SO WE  
LAID IN THE SACK UNTIL LUNCH  
SPENT MONEY TO LONDON FOR  
MY BATTLE JACKET - GOT MY RATIONS  
FOR THE WEEK - BACK TO THE SACK  
WROTE TO BERTIE - RECEIVED NO  
MAIL - DAMN IT! SURE GETTING  
COLD LATELY AND NO COAL UNLESS  
YOU STEAL IT. SO WE HAVE HEAT  
VERY SELDOM. RUMORS ARE  
GOING AROUND THAT WE'RE  
MOVING TO CHINA! GEN. PATTON'S  
GETTING CLOSE TO PARIS. (3-4 MI.)

19



AUGUST 23

<sup>19</sup> GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST 0800  
"FRESH EGGS"!! THEN I PLAYED  
CARDS ALL MORN. FOUND THAT  
GASTON HAS BEEN MOVED TO  
<sup>19</sup> ANOTHER HOSP. GOT A LETTER  
FROM CRAFT IN CHINA - HE'S STILL  
OPERATIONS OFFICER - DOESN'T  
LIKE CHINA AT ALL. WE'RE REALLY  
<sup>19</sup> GOING TO TOWN IN FRANCE, WE'LL  
HAVE PARIS SOON. LANDING IN  
SOUTHERN FRANCE IS REALLY GOING  
TO MOP THINGS UP. LAST NIGHT  
<sup>19</sup> WE WERE AWARDED THE AIR  
MEDAL BY COL. BUCK. WENT TO  
BRIG STOCK WITH MAC & HOBBIE  
DRANK A LITTLE WINE  
<sup>19</sup> HOME EARLY.

AUGUST 24

<sup>19</sup> NO BREAKFAST THIS MORN  
WENT OUT TO PRACTISE BOMB  
A. 1000 + HAD LT. CRISTO AS  
BOMB - & MAC, HOBBIE & JAY.  
<sup>19</sup> THE CEILING WAS DOWN TO  
3000 FT SOME DIDN'T  
BOMB. CAME BACK - TRIED  
TO GET A SHIP LATER  
<sup>19</sup> SHOOT LANDINGS - BUT  
NONE AVAILABLE UNTIL  
AFTER SUPPER AND BY  
THAT TIME IT WAS RAINING  
<sup>19</sup> BEAT HELL! SO MAC &  
HOBBIE AND I WENT TO THE  
SHOW. GOT A LETTER FROM  
DENTON. HE'S STILL OR  
<sup>19</sup> IN ITALY - DON'T KNOW  
WHAT HE'S DOING - EXCEPT  
FOR RAISING HELL.

LONDON

AUGUST 25

19 GOT UP EARLY - TO GET  
HEAD START FOR OUR 48 HR.  
PASS - CLEANED UP - HITCH  
HIKED TO TOWN - GOT A RIDE

WITH A ENGLISHMAN - IN HIS MIDGET  
CAR, CAUGHT THE 0945 TRAIN  
IN KETTERING. - GOT A COUPLE  
OF ROOMS AT THE CUMBERLAND

NICE AS HELL - BUT ON THE  
SEVENTH FLOOR. ONLY ONE  
FLOOR BETWEEN US AND THE  
BUZZ BOMBS! - AFTER SHAVING

WE HAD DINNER AT POP'S (VICTORY REST.)  
- NICE STEAKS! THEN OVER TO  
OUR CLUB - THE AMER. MELODY CLUB  
BOUGHT A QUART OF JOHN HAIG'S

AFTER SEVERAL DOUBLE-DOUBLES!  
LATER HOBIE DROPPED THE QUART  
IN A HOTEL LOBBY BEFORE WE  
EVEN OPENED IT. GOT FAIRLY HAPPY  
BUT WISHED I WAS WITH BERTIE.

LONDON.

AUGUST 26

19 UP AT 1000 AFTER BREAKFAST  
IN BED - LAYED AROUND MOST  
OF THE NOONDAY - THEN WE  
WENT TO "RED'S BAR" - STARTED

DRINKING - THEN HAD AN  
EXCELLENT MEAL AT RESTAURANT  
DES GOURMETS" - (CRISIS'S PLACE)  
REALLY NICE MEAL - VERY REASONABLE

EXCLUSIVE SERVICE! - WENT TO  
A DANCE HALL - COVENT GARDEN'S  
A LARGE PLACE - FAIR MUSIC.  
MAC MET HIS "TRUE LOVER"! THE

LEFT WITH HER - HOBIE & I  
SEPERATED - SO I PROCEEDED  
TO GET DRUNK - AND DID!  
MADE IT BACK TO THE

CUMBERLAND HOTEL SOME HOW  
BY MIDNIGHT, - PRACTICALLY  
BROKE!



LONDON

AUGUST 27

19 WOKE UP AT 0800 - DAMN BUZZ

BOMB EXPLODED KINDA CLOSE TO THE HOTEL - THEN FIVE MINUTES LATER ANOTHER ONE HIT AND

19 ABOUT KNOCKED ME OUT OF BED.

THOUGHT SURE IT WOULD BREAK THE WINDOWS BUT IT DIDN'T. THEY'VE SENT 5000 OF THEM OVER SO FAR!

19 AFTER BREAKFAST IN BED, WE

CLEANED UP PAID THE BILL (5-10)

FOUND A CAFE - HAD GRILLED HAM & CHIPS - THEN CAUGHT THE

19 1200 TRAIN. IN KETTERING WE FOUND

A BUS AND GOT BACK TO CAMP

AT 1530. THE BOYS HAD TWO

MISSIONS WHICH WE WERE AWAY

19 THE PEDEMUNDE & THE RUMER VALLEY.

OUR SQDN LOST ONE CREW MEMBER

OUR SHIP "149" HAD A TAIL GUNNER KILLED

BY FUEL TANK REALLY GOT SHOT UP!!

NO MAIL FROM BERTIE - ONE FROM ANNE.

AUGUST 28

19 GOT UP FOR CHOW - HAD

CRITIQUE AT 1000 ON THE LAST THREE MISSIONS - PEDEMUNDE, RUMER VALLEY & MERESBURG. - I DIDN'T

19 GO TO ANY OF THEM, BUT HAD TO GO TO THE MEETING ANYHOW.

HAD A PRACTISE MISSION THIS AFTERNOON - BUT I DIDN'T GO.

19 I WROTE SEVERAL LETTERS.

I'VE BEEN MADE A FLIGHT COMMANDER

- JUST A NAME - THAT'S ALL IT IS.

HOBBIE - IS A FLIGHT NAVIG. &

19 DENTON A FLIGHT BOMBARDIER.

NONE OF IT MEANS MUCH - JUST

SOME MORE ARMY PAPERWORK,

THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH.

19 SURE WISH I'D HEAR FROM

BERTIE. GOT A LETTER FROM

THE FOLKS!

AUGUST 29

AUGUST 30

19 HAD PAN-CAKES FOR BREAKFAST

THIS MORNING - MY FAVORITE ARMY CHOW! THEN MAC & I GOT A SHIP AND SHOT SOME LANDINGS - HOBBIE

WENT ALONG - LET HIM FLY AS CO-PILOT - GOT A HELLUNA BANG OUT OF IT! MAC NEEDS A LITTLE MORE PRACTICE IN THE LEFT

SEAT AND HE'LL BE OKAY. DENTON GOT BACK FROM ITALY TODAY.

HAS A NICE SUN TAN - SEEMS TO HAVE HAD A SWELL TIME. WAS IN

ROME, TUNISIA, CASABLANCA. FLEW ON THE SOUTHERN INVASION OF FRANCE. HE DROPPED ABOUT 60 PRACTICE BOMBS - FLEW BACK

OVER A NEW ROUTE OVER FRANCE. I FINALLY RECEIVED A LONG LETTER

FROM BERTIE - ABOUT 12 FEET LONG!! WHAT A GAL!!

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST - FRESH EGGS - (WHEN I SAY FRESH - I MEAN THEY'RE OUT A SHELL!) - THE WENT OUT THIS MORNING - OLSON

19 FLEW WITH LT. MOCK'S CREW - IT WAS A MILK RUN - EXCEPT FOR BAD WEATHER. FLYING BOMB SIGHT WAS THE TARGET. LAID AROUND

19 MOST OF THE DAY. TOOK A B-17 TEST WITH MAC AT SQDN. OPER.

WHAT THEY WONT THINK OF NEXT. PETIX WAS OVER FOR

19 A LITTLE WHILE - SAYS GASTON IS STILL AT THE HOSP. BUT DOUBT IT. HE'S BEEN MOVED FOR SURE. WELL I SUPPOSE

19 TO LEAD THE LOW GROUP WITH CAPT. BOSSICA SO TO BETTER

H. THE SACK.



AUGUST 31

19 HAD BREAKFAST - HAD TO FLY  
A PRACTICE MISSION - FLEW A P.F.F.  
SHIP MADE SEVERAL DRY RUNS AT  
15000 ON DIFFERENT TOWNS, MAC  
& 19 HOBBS & MORRIS FLEW WITH US  
AND A "MICKY OPERATOR" ONLY UP  
A LITTLE WHILE - CAME IN EARLY  
WHICH CAPT. BOOSKA DON'T LIKE.  
GOT A LETTER FROM BERTIE & PAT.  
SURE GOT TIRED WITH THIS SITTING  
AROUND & PRACTICE MISSION.

I EXPECTED TO BE THERE & WOULD HAVE  
IF 19 I WASN'T IN THE LEAD POSITION  
I'VE STILL 14 TO GO! → G.C. NELSON  
(BUCK) FLEW WITH US TODAY - ALSO  
FLEW WITH "MOCK" AGAIN. HOBBS  
DID 19 A SWELL JOB OF NAVIG. TODAY  
MORRIS WAS BOMB. MAC DIDN'T  
FLY. FLEW OVER THE NORTH OF PARIS -  
SAW THE EIFFEL TOWER THROUGH A  
BREAK IN THE CLOUDS.

NO CREDIT! NO FLARE! 8:45  
LUDWIGSHAFEN

SEPTEMBER 1

JUNE 26 - I EXPECT TO BE THROUGH MY MISSIONS  
ON THIS DAY. A TOTAL OF 35!!

THEY GOT US UP AT 0300 FOR REBRIEFING  
- THE TARGET - LUDWIGSHAFEN - I  
LEAD THE LOW GROUP WITH CAPT. BOOSKA  
19 WE FLEW OVER FRIENDLY TERRITORY  
MOST OF THE WAY - BUT WE WERE  
IN THE SMOG OVER FRANCE AT 26000  
WE LOST THE LEAD GROUP FOR AN  
HOUR - IN THE CLOUDS - REALLY WAS  
HARD TO SEE - FINALLY ABOUT 15  
MINUTES FROM THE I.P. THE MISSION  
WAS RECALLED SO STARTED BACK AND  
BY 19 LUCIE FOUND THE LEAD GROUP. WE  
WERE GOING TO BOMB NANCY, FRANCE  
BUT THE LEAD GROUP R.O.W.T. SO WE  
BROUGHT THE BOMBS BACK - CAPT. BOOSKA  
& 19 COL. THACKER WERE PLEASED WITH  
MY FLYING AND WERE VERY COMPLIMENTARY  
WE GOT 845 - BUT I GUESS NO CREDIT  
FOR A MISSION - EVEN THO IT WAS ABOUT  
AS RAUGH AS ANY I'VE HAD. WITHOUT FLARE!

SEPTEMBER 2

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0800  
CALLED DOWN TO OPERATIONS AT  
0900 TO PRACTICE BOMB SCARES  
ROCK - MAC, HOBBIE & I WAITED  
UNTIL 1100 FOR CLEARANCE  
BUT WEATHER WAS BAD SO  
WE ATE CHOW WENT BACK  
WAITED - FINALLY GOT OFF  
AT 1500 - THE WEATHER WAS  
PLENTY BAD BUT COL. THACKER  
IS SO DAMN EAGER - WE TOOK  
OFF ANYHOW. I LEAD A B SHIP  
SQ 19N - THEY ALL BANGS OF CLOUDS  
CLIMBED UP TO 24000 - BUT  
TARGET WAS COVERED, JUST AS  
THE WEATHER MAN SAID IT  
WOULD BE SO WE CAME HOME  
AT ABOUT 500 FT. ROUGH AS ALL  
HELL - AND RAINED MOST OF  
THE WAY - GOT 4.00 HRS OR  
USELESS TIME.

No. 22 - A MILK RUN

SEPTEMBER 3

9:00

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY 25,000'

19 UP AT 0300 FOR PRE-BRIEFING -  
TARGET SAME AS THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY  
THE ROUTE WAS MUCH THE SAME - ONLY  
IT WAS NORTH OF PARIS INSTEAD OF  
SOUTH. I FLEW WITH BOOSKA, LEAD  
OF THE LOW GROUP. FLEW A PFF  
SHIP WITH KAMPFL AS "MICKIE"  
OPERATOR - HOBBIE & MORRIS -  
WITH ZIEGLER AS TAIL GUNNER.  
OLEON & MAC WERE STOOD DOWN.  
THEY WENT OVER AND SAW GASTON.  
HE'S DOING OKAY - HAS A CAST ON  
HIS LEG NOW. - THE MISSION WAS  
EASY - LITTLE INACCURATE FLAK AT  
OUR WING. THE CHAFF DID WONDERS  
- BOMBED P.F.F. - 4-1000<sup>th</sup> & 4-500<sup>th</sup> INCAND.  
19 I DID FAIRLY WELL - BUT WE'RE  
ALL TIRED AS HELL - MAY GO TO  
THE FLAK HOUSE SOON. GOT A  
LETTER FROM BETTIE!!!



SEPTEMBER 4

19 HAD BREAKFAST - GOT WET  
GOING UP THERE IN THE RAIN.  
RAINED ALL MORNING - COLD TOO!  
WROTE TO BERTIE, LAD IN  
THE SACK MOST OF THE DAY,  
NOT MUCH TO DO. NO MORE NEWS  
ABOUT OUR FLAK LEAVE - SAW  
CAPT. VIVEN - THE FLIGHT SURGEON  
BUT HE COULDN'T TELL US ANYTHING  
DEFINITE. MAC, HOBBIE & I WENT  
TO BRIGSTOCK - BOUGHT A QUART  
OF WINE (\$2) AND DRANK IT - SAT  
AROUND "THE COCKS" PUB AND  
LISTENED TO THEIR MUSIC - A LOT  
OF AMERICAN RECORDS OVER THERE  
WENT TO THE SNACK BAR ON THE  
WAY BACK HAD A CUP OF COFFEE  
TO KEEP ME AWAKE - THEN HIT  
THE SACK - AFTER DISPOSING  
SOME MAIL.

SEPTEMBER 5

19 DIDN'T GET UP TILL 0800  
HAD REAL EGGS FOR BREAKFAST -  
THE BOYS WENT BACK TO LUDWIGSHAFEN  
TODAY - GOT SHOT UP PRETTY BAD  
19 EVERYONE CAN DO BIK - BROWN -  
PILOT WAS HIT BETWEEN THE EYES  
BY FLAK - PROBABLY BROKE HIS NOSE -  
BESIDES CUTTING IT BADLY. I'VE  
19 BEEN WRITING LETTERS - FINALLY  
GOT PAID \$34 11/3' - GOT A LETTER  
FROM THE FOLKS. WENT TO THE MOVIE  
AT THE CLUB THIS EVENING. SURE  
19 GETTING COLD LATELY - AND  
STILL NO FUEL. THE WAR NEWS  
IS SURE GOOD - WE'VE GOT  
BRUSSELS + ANTWERP NOW AS WELL  
19 AS ONE TOWN IN GERMANY ITSELF.  
AND HAVE ENTERED HOLLAND TOO!  
MAC & HOBBIE CYCLED TO CORBY THIS  
EVENING.

SEPTEMBER 6

19 GOT UP AT 0445 - BREAKFAST

& BRIEFING TO MERESBURG, GERMANY  
BUT NOT FOR US - WE WERE  
WEATHER SHIP FOR OVER ENGLAND

19 HERE - WE GOT OUT TO THE SHIP  
HOBBS, MACLAY & AND MISSION  
WAS SET BACK - SO WENT BACK  
HAD SOME MORE BREAKFAST

19 BACK TO THE SACIC UP AGAIN  
FOR BREAKFAST FOR THE THIRD  
TIME - BRIEFING - THE TARGET  
BREMEN, GERMANY - BUT NOT FOR

19 CAUSE WE ARE STILL WEATHER SHIP  
WE TAKE OFF AN HOUR AHEAD OF THE  
FORMATION, CLIMB TO 11,000 FT OVER  
THE FIELD GIVE THEM THE WEATHER

19 AND THEN CALLED US BACK - THE  
MISSION HAD BEEN SCRUBBED! SO  
BY THIS TIME IT WAS LATE IN THE  
AFTERNOON - THE WHOLE DAY RUINED!  
NO MAIL - WENT TO ASHOW #11, & SACIC.

SEPTEMBER 7

19 WAKE UP PRACTICALLY FROZEN AT  
0800 - WENT TO CHOW WITH SINE  
THEN BACK TO THE SACIC TO KEEP WARM.  
HOBBS, DEWENTY & DELAURI ARE RESTRICTED

19 BUT THEY LEFT SOME HEATED CLOTHES  
IN THEIR PARACHUTE BAGS!! MAC  
STARTED A MODEL AIRPLANE SO

19 I DECIDED TO BUILD A B-17 - I'M  
DRAWING PLANS, NOW, OUT OF  
THE TECH. ORDERS. FOUND SOME  
LIGHT WOOD - JUST TO KEEP  
BUSY. COL. THARKER TOLD ME

19 THAT I WAS DUTY OFFICER AT  
GROUP OPERATION FOR THIS  
EVENING FROM 1800 TO 0730!  
KEEP BUSY ON THE MISSION

19 THAT CAME IN ON THE  
TELETYPE - MADE OUT THE  
FLIGHT PLANS FOR THE LEAD  
TEAMS - DIDN'T SLEEP ANY!!



SEPTEMBER 8

19 GOT BACK THIS MORNING AT 0730 - AFTER A NIGHT OF NO SLEEP. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING THERE AT GROUP OPS. LOTS OF ACTIVITY AND PREPARATION FOR A MISSION. I SLEPT ALL MORNING - WORKED ON MY PLANS FOR A "17" WITH MAC H. 19 PLANE IS COMING ALONG FINE. I'VE GOT THE WING ABOUT FINISHED. (THE PLANS) HIT THE SACK EARLY - HAVE TO GET UP EARLY.

19

SEPTEMBER 9

19 HAD TO GET UP WITH THE BOYS AT 0345 FOR THE MISSION - I WAS OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR THE SQDN. BEFORE T.O. HE COULDN'T BUZZED AROUND TO ALL THE SHIPS TO SEE IF THE CREWS WERE ALL SET. COLD AS HELL! LATER THE COL. CALLED ME IN TO HEAR HOW THE MISSION GOT OFF. HE'S SICK IN BED - HAD A LONG BULL SESSION - HE SAID, HE DIDN'T THINK I'D FINISH MY TOUR HERE 19 IN THE E.T.O. MCCARTHEYM FINISHED UP TODAY. BRUCE MILLS CAME OVER THIS AFTERNOON FROM KIMBOLTON GOING TO STAY THIS EVENING. 19 HE'S GOT 25 NOW. WE BURNED FLARES IN THE STOVE - SMOOKED HELL OUT OF THE BARRACKS! DORRIS RAISED THE ROOF.

SEPTEMBER 10

19 GOT UP AT 0800 FOR  
BREAKFAST AFTER FREEZING  
ALL NIGHT. BRUCE, MAC & I  
WENT TO CROW AND CAMP  
BACK AND BUILT A FIRE.  
HAD A SHOWER - A GAME OF  
FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL IN  
THE FAIRLY WARM SUN. FOUND

19 THAT WE COULD LEAVE  
TOMORROW FOR THE FLAK  
HOUSE - WE GET NINE DAYS OFF!  
WE ARE GOING TO EYNHAM HALL  
NEAR OXFORD (CLOSE TO LONDON)

THE ENLISTED MEN ARE GOING TO  
KEYTHORPE HALL NEAR LEICESTER  
KANIA & DELAURI WALKED ACROSS

THE RUNWAY - AN M.P. PICKED  
THEM UP SO THEY'RE ON DETAIL  
AND MAYBE BUSTED! THERE'S REALLY  
NO EXCUSE. BRUCE CAUGHT A TRAIN  
BACK TO HIS BASE.

LONDON

SEPTEMBER 11

19 UP AT 0700 WITH MAC, HOBBS  
& MORRIS - BREAKFAST - PARKED  
GOT A TRUCK - TOOK US TO KETTERING  
TRAIN TO LONDON - HARDER

19 CAME ALONG - WE GOT SOME  
SIDE'S FOR HIM. HAD TROUBLE  
GETTING A ROOM - SO FINALLY  
GOT SOME AT THE OFFICERS

19 BILLETING OFFICE - AT THE  
STRAND PALACE HOTEL - FAIRLY  
NICE ROOMS - BUT NOT LIKE  
THE CUMBERLAND HAD SOME

19 DRINKS AT "RED'S PLACE" -  
GOT FEELING GOOD AND WE  
SPLIT UP AS USUAL. HARDER  
CAUGHT THE 1000 TRAIN

19 BACK TO JOIN THE REST  
OF THE E.M.S IN KETTERING.  
DIDN'T HIT THE SACK VERY  
EARLY - GOT CAUGHT IN THE  
BLACKOUT - SURE IS DARK!!



SEPTEMBER 12

19 Woke up at 0600 by two loud explosions - thought they were V-2 - but guess they weren't. Finally got up at 0830. No breakfast in bed at this hotel so we all went to Pops Place for a steak. After which we checked up on our battle jackets - Mine has been sent out - Mac & Hobbie picked theirs up. We checked out of the hotel and caught the 1345 train for Oxford - Arrived at 0830 transferred after a short wait to the small burg of Eynesham got some G.I. transportation to the hall. Arrived in time for supper - what a wonderful full place - all kinds of sports - lots of room - Not too formal!

SEPTEMBER 13

19 Louis the Butler, woke us up at 0900 - gave us some fruit juice in bed & then we got up for breakfast - good!

19 Had a game of football - then base ball - a round of horse shoes - a boat ride on the lake - time for lunch - another good meal then some archery with Mac - a game of back minton in which Morrie & I beat Mac & Hobbie. Mac & I had a game of pool - another boat ride - some pictures by that time we had to dress for dinner - have to take off our civies that we got this morn & put on our blouses for the evening meal - the only rule of the house had a party - got Failing Good which the boys

SEPTEMBER 14

19 GOT UP WITH A SLIGHT HEAD  
ACHE AT 0900 - AFTER FRUIT  
JUICE IN BED! HAD BREAKFAST  
PLAYED SOME POOL & THEN A  
FEW DARTS - MAC, HOBBIE & MORRIS  
FINALLY GOT UP. MAC & I WENT  
BOATING OUT ON THE LAKE -  
THEN CAME BACK FOR LUNCH.

AFTER LUNCH MAC, MORRIS  
& I WENT OUT A SHOT ARROWS  
(I'M GETTING BETTER - I ALMOST  
HIT THE TARGET NOW!) WHILE

HOBBIE CLEANED THE MESS UP  
IN THE ROOM (HE WAS SICK LAST  
NIGHT - TOO MUCH TO DRINK!)  
LATER MORRIS & I HAD A GAME

OF BAGMINTON & MORE BOATING  
FINALLY IT STARTED TO RAIN  
SO WE CAME INSIDE AND PLAYED  
A LITTLE CHESS - GOOD SUPPER  
EARLY TO BED!

SEPTEMBER 15

19 THE USUAL FRUIT JUICE &  
THEN BREAKFAST AT 0930 A  
GAME OF POOL WITH MAC & HOBBIE.  
SOME ROUGH GAMES OF

BAGMINTON - MORRIS & I BEAT  
HOBBIE & MAC - SEVERAL TIMES.  
A GOOD LUNCH - THEN MORRIS  
& I WENT BOATING - I REGGED

UP & SAIL AND CHASED A  
SWAN AROUND THE LAKE  
GOT SOME PICTURES OF IT  
STARTED TO RAIN SO WE HAD

TO COME IN DOORS - SAT AROUND  
THE FIRE PLACE - WITH SOME  
GOOD MUSIC. HAD SUPPER  
EARLY - WE ALL WENT TO

THE PUB - ENDED UP AT A  
CORNY DANCE - CAME BACK  
EARLY - LEFT MAC - GUESS  
HE MISSED THE TRUCK!



SEPTEMBER 16

19 AFTER FRUIT JUICE IN BED I GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0900 SHOT A FEW ARROWS (I'M GETTING BETTER!) I TOOK A FEW PICTURES

19 HOBBIE MORRIS PLAYING TENNIS - THEN MAC CAMING WANDERING BACK FROM OXFORD AFTER SPENDING A NIGHT AT THE RED CROSS IN TOWN. (HE MISSED THE TRUCK LAST NIGHT.)

WE HAD SOME GOOD APPLES FROM THE GARDEN - THEN A DELICIOUS

19 LUNCH AND THEN SOME GOLF (ABOUT 12 MILES FROM HERE) BEING MY FIRST GAME, I LOST 4 BALLS AND SHOT ONLY 5 HOLES - WHAT A

19 ROUGH COURSE!! MORRIS & HOBIE DID FAIR - BUT MAC & I SPENT MOST THE TIME HUNTING FOR THE BALLS! SAW THE SHOW HERE AT THE HOUSE - THEN TO BED.

SEPTEMBER 17

19 FRUIT JUICE AT 1000!! ACTUALLY IT WAS 0900 - 'CAUSE WE CHANGED OUR WATCHES AN HOUR BACK TO WAR TIME - SO WE GAINED 19 HOURS SLEEP!! MAC & I TRIED SOME TENNIS - BUT AS USUAL I SPENT TOO MUCH TIME HUNTING FOR THE BALL!!

19 MORRIS & HOBIE DO PRETTY WELL! BUT MORRIS IS THE BEST. WE LAID IN THE SUN - YES SUN FOR A CHANGE! GOT SOME

19 MORE PICTURES OF THE FELLOWS. MAC & I RAIDED THE GARDEN AGAIN - GOOD APPLES & PLUMS! LOTS OF

19 WILD BERRIES AROUND - GOOD EATING. HAD A GOOD CHICKEN DINNER - AND A LAZY EVENING BY THE FIRE PLACE. WROTE A COUPLE OF LETTERS

SEPTEMBER 18

19 LOUIS BROUGHT THE FRUIT JUICE AS USUAL - SO DOWN TO BREAKFAST - A QUICK LOOK AT THE NEWS PAPER - WENT OUT TO ARCH A LITTLE - MY ARM IS GETTING SKINNED UP - BUT I'M DOING BETTER. AT LEAST, MOST OF THE ARROWS

19 HIT THE TARGET, NOW. HAD A SMALL LUNCH - THEN WENT BOATING - MAC DECIDED TO SWIM - BUT FOUND THAT

19 WATER WAS PURETY COLD - I GOT SOME INTERESTING PICTURES OF HIM!! MAC & I BIKE TO WHITNEY IN OUR

19 CIVILS - PEOPLE THOUGHT IT ODD AMER. CIVILIANS - NOT IN THE ARMY! IT WAS A NICE TOWN BUT WE HAD TO PEDDLE BREADS WE WOULDN'T MISS TEA!!

SEPTEMBER 19

19 FRUIT JUICE AT 0900 - BREAKFAST - A GAME OF SNOOKER WITH MAC - LAYED AROUND - HAD LUNCH - THEN MAC, MORRIS & I WENT HUNTING - WE GOT 3 RABBITS AND A BIRD - SAW SOME PHEASANT BUT MISSED 'EM TODAY. HAD A LOT OF FUN RUNNING DOWN THE RABBITS. MY SHOULDER IS SORE & BLACK & BLUE FROM FIRING THOSE 12 GAUGE SHOT GUNS.

19 WE ALSO SHOT SOME SKREET - MAC IS DAMN GOOD, I'M NEXT & MORRIS LAST.

19 MORRIS HASN'T BEEN HUNTING WITH US YET. HAD A MOVIE TONIGHT - REALLY NICE - BIG FASHY CHAIRS - GOOD MUSIC - WHAT A LIFE!!!



SEPTEMBER 20

19 FRUIT-JUICE - AND BREAKFAST  
AS USUAL - WE SHOT SOME  
SKEET AND THEN A GAME OF  
CROWKETTE. AFTER PACKING

19 MORRIS, MAC & I HAD LUNCH  
AND WENT TO THE STATION. - CAUGHT  
A TRAIN TO OXFORD - HAD TO  
WAIT FOR ONE TO BLETCHLEY

19 THEN FROM THERE ANOTHER TRAIN  
TO NORTHAMPTON - THEN STILL  
ANOTHER TO WELLINGBOURNE -  
AND THE LAST TO KETTERING.

19 FIVE DIFFERENT TRAINS TO GO  
80 MILES. AND IT TOOK OVER 10 HRS!!  
WHAT A DAY!! GOT THE LIBERTY  
RUN BACK TO CAMP AT 2315.

19 THE BASE IS MUCH THE SAME.  
ONE LEAD CREW WENT DOWN (SOESTER)  
THEY'RE ALL BACK EXCEPT 4 OF THE  
CREW (PARKER THE BOMB WAS ONE THAT  
IS THOUGHT TO BE A.P.W.)

SEPTEMBER 21

19 WOKE UP AT 0830 - MISSED  
BREAKFAST - STARTED TO UNPACK  
AND GET THINGS BACK TO NORMAL  
HAD SEVEN LETTERS FROM BERTIE

19 & THREE FROM THE FOLKS - ALSO  
I GOT ONE FROM JOE MORGAN -  
IT HAD TRAVELED FOUR MONTHS  
ALL OVER THE STATES. HE'S A

19 PILOT ON A B-24 IN ITALY.  
HE'S PROBABLY HOME NOW. THE LAST  
LETTER FROM BERTIE WAS FROM  
THE HOSPITAL IN SALT LAKE - SHE

19 HAD HER APENDITIS REMOVED - I SURE  
HOPE SHE'S OKAY - WISH I'D HEAR  
FROM HER AGAIN SOON. I DID GET  
SOME GOOD NEWS - ALL LEAD TEAMS

19 JUST HAVE 30 MISSIONS TO PUT IN!!  
AS LONG AS THEY HAVE 7 LEADS!  
SO THAT MEANS I HAVE ONLY 8 MORE  
MISSIONS TO GO!! INSTEAD OF 13!!  
HAD CLASSES ALL AFTERNOON.

SEPTEMBER 22

19 DIDNT WAKE UP EARLY ENOUGH FOR BREAKFAST - SO I D.D WITH OUT. FINALLY GOT THINGS STRAIGHT OUT AROUND THE BARRACKS. SIGNED OUR PAY VOUCHERS - WE GET \$11.25 FOR OUR FLAK LEAVE! I REGISTERED MY BUICK - HAD A MEETING ON FROST BITE. ALSO FOUND THAT

19 AM A FLIGHT COMMANDER - WHICH MEANS - UNDER THE NEW DEAL - THAT I'VE A LOT TO KEEP ME BUSY. I HAVE 6 CREWS TO LOOK AFTER - ALL THEIR TRAINING PRACTICE BOMBING, CHECKING THEM OUT - ETC. THERE ARE THREE FLIGHTS IN OUR SQDN. I HAVE "A"

19 FLIGHT. OUR GROUP 200 MISSION PARTY IS TOMORROW AND WE ARE STOOD DOWN THE 24TH!! SO IT SHOULD BE A BIG TIME!!! WROTE TO BEERNTON.

SEPTEMBER 23

19 GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST - CLEANED UP MY BUNK A LITTLE. SUPPOSE TO HAVE AN INSPECTION. CALLED DOWN TO OPERATIONS. 19 PRACTICE BOMB. HOBBIE, MORRIS, DE LAURI, LAY & A COPILOT FLEW. WE DROPPED 20 BOMBS FROM 16,000' CAME BACK FROM THE "WASH" IN

19 AM FOR LUNCH. GOOD THING I WAS UP 'CAUSE THERE WAS A GROUP PRACTICE FORMATION THIS AFTERNOON - AND I WAS TO LEAD ONE OF THE GROUPS.

WE WERE SUPPOSE TO BE STOOD DOWN TOMORROW - BUT NOW WE ARE ALERTED MAX. EFFORT

19 I'M OUT OF LUCK FOR THE PARTY TOMIGHT, I GUESS. HAD TO CLEAN UP FOR THE DINNER - HAD A STEAK-COL. BUICK IS LEAVING - REALLY A SWELL GUY.



SEPTEMBER 24

19 Woke up at about noon time with a dreadful headache!!! NEVER AGAIN!! NEVER! At 2230 last night - it came in  
19 that we were stood down for today - so Morris / Proceeded to catch up with everyone else - we did - then went to  
19 got on by!! Mac / staggered home at 0100 - had a flak lecture and hit the sack. The party was one big drunk!!  
19 were one from the Coe. to rats. were plastered. Had three generals on the field! Gen. Williams said we were in the best  
W 19 C (41st) in the 8th Air Force!!  
Laid in the sack all day with one helluva headache! - Finally had dinner my first and last meal all day - cold as hell  
19 barracks saw the USO show tonight.

No. 23 - ROUGH ONE!

SEPTEMBER 25

8:00

FRANKFURT 28,000'

19 WE WERE AWAKEN AT 02:30 - PRE-BRIEFING, BREAKFAST  
GENERAL BRIEFING FOR THE THIRD LARGEST INLAND PORT IN  
19 GERMANY - FRANKFURT. THE VISUAL TARGET WAS THE MARSHALLING YARDS - PRE THE CENTRE OF THE CITY. WE HIT THE PRE  
19 TARGET (WE HOPE!) HAD 10/10  
19 I FLEW WITH BOOSKA - HIGH GROUP LEAD. REALLY HAD A ROUGH TIME. FLAK WAS MODERATE BUT ACCURATE  
19 (Two holes) saw a 17 from our field get a direct hit in the waist - it clipped off the entire tail and the ship went straight  
19 down. On the way back we ran head on into several B-24 groups one of our ships knocked a vert. fin off the "24" - Ripped the bottom of the wing on the "17" - But it flew →

SEPTEMBER 26

CONT. SEPT. 25.

<sup>19</sup> BARK OKAY. WE HAD SEVERAL CLOSE CALLS - OUR DEPUTY CAME PLENTY CLOSE QUOTE. I DIDN'T TRY TO WELL - EVERYTHING WAS A MESS. <sup>19</sup> BESSICA SAID I DID OKAY THO. I HAD MY WHOLE CREW PLUS LAFURICA IN THE TAIL - OLSON WAS A WAIST GUY. WOKE UP FOR BREAKFAST WHEN THEY CALLED THEM OUT FOR THE MISSION AT 0730. HOBBIET & MAC FLEW. HOBBIET WAS CHECKED OUT AS WING NAVIGATOR. MAC FLEW WITH KOB AS DEPUTY WING. I WENT TO BRIEFING - PICKED UP MY PEN AT THE P.X. FOR 216 - TURNED IN TWO ROLLS OF FILM TO BE DEVELOPED. WROTE TO BERTA. WE GATHERED WOOD & STOLE SOME COAL FOR A FIRE TONIGHT. BY THE WAY HOBBIET IS A 1ST LT. NOW!

SEPTEMBER 27

<sup>19</sup> GOT UP FOR BRIEFING TO <sup>0230</sup> SEE THE BOYS OFF. I WAS DUTY OFFICER. I CHECKED ALL THE CREWS - AT THE LAST MINUTE I <sup>19</sup> HAD TO GET HARDER AS TOGGLEZ FOR BILLS CREW. DANTON WAS DUTY BOMB. SO THE TWO OF US WERE RUNNING ALL OVER THE FIELD IN THE JEEP. FINALLY - BROWN WAS TAKEN INTO BY ANOTHER SHIP. KNOCKED THE NOSE RIGHT OFF HIS SHIP. A FELLOW WAS RUN OVER BY A TRUCK TOO. SO DAMN DARK THIS MORN. SAT AROUND IN OPERATIONS - GOT SOME MORE JOBS ON BEING A FLIGHT COM. I'M ASST. GROUP OPS. OFFICER TONIGHT FROM 0800 TILL 0730. GUESS I WON'T GET ANY SLEEP.



SEPTEMBER 28

SEPTEMBER 29

19 PICKED UP TWO HRS. SLEEP

DURING THE NIGHT. - THE REST  
OF THE TIME I WAS BUSY  
PREPARING THE AIR COMMANDERS  
FOLDERS FOR TODAY'S MISSION.  
I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT OPERATIONS.

AT 0730 I WAS FINISHED SO

HIT THE SACK ALL DAY.

THEN THIS AFTERNOON GASTON  
CAME IN ON CRUTCHES - SURR  
GLAD TO SEE HIM. HE'S AT  
A HOSPITAL AT LINCOLN - ABOUT

THE SHIP HOME HE HAD DINNER  
WITH COL. SMITH - AND HAS  
TRANSPORTATION WHEN HE WANTS  
IT. HE'S SURR IN HIGH SPIRITS!

WE RUSTLED SOME MORE  
WOOD TONIGHT - HAVE A GOOD  
FIRE FOR A CHANGE.

19 GOT UP EARLY! 0730 - BREAKFAST

- WENT DOWN TO OPS. ARRANGED  
FOR A SHIP (OUR SHIP - 149)  
TO TAKE GASTON BACK TO THE  
HOSPITAL UP BY LINCOLN. WE  
GOT OFF AT 1000 - LANDED  
AT SKELLINGTHORPE - ARRANGED  
WITH THE RAF. THERE TO HAVE  
HIM TAKEN TO HIS HOSP. THEY  
FURNISHED A LORRY - WITH A  
NICE RED-HEAD DRIVER (A WAAF)!  
HE WAS REALLY PLEASED - HIS LAST  
FLIGHT WITH US - THE WHOLE

CREW PLUS OUR CREW CHIEF -  
RUKAVINA - THE FIELD HAD LANCASTERS  
ON IT - REALLY LARGE SHIPS!

19 WITH MAX BOMB LOAD 14000#!!  
THEY'RE FIELDS ARE SURR ROUND!  
HAD A CRITIQUE LATER & THEN A  
PARADE IN HONOR OF COL. BUCK.  
WROTE TO BERNIE - NO LETTER FROM HER.

IN SIX DAYS.

SEPTEMBER 30

19 WOKE UP AT 0800 - THE BOYS  
WENT OUT ON A MISSION THIS  
MORNING - WENT TO BREAKFAST  
- WAS CALLED DOWN TO OPS. WITH  
MY CREW TO FLY COL. SMITH TO  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. TO PICK UP  
MAJOR FRANK WHO LANDED THERE  
A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. AFTER  
WE GOT DOWN THERE THE COL.  
DECIDED NOT TO TAKE A LEAD  
TEAM. SO WE DIDN'T GO!! PARKER  
IS BREAKING ME IN ON BEING  
OFF. OFFICER. I SPENT ALL AFTERNOON  
DOWN AT OPS. GETTING THE POOP.  
IF I WORK DOWN THERE DAILY I MAY  
GET CHECKED OUT IN ONE OF  
THE A-31'S WE HAVE DOWN HERE.  
GOT A LETTER FROM THE FOLKS -  
SAID DICK ELLIOTT JR. IS A PRISONER  
OF WAR IN JAPAN NOW!

OCTOBER 1

19 WOKE UP AT 0730 - HAD  
BREAKFAST - WENT DOWN TO  
OPERATIONS - THE COL. INFORMED  
ME TO GET ALL THE LEAD  
TEAMS IN THE AIR SO WE  
ALL FLEW. I WENT TO BREST  
SANDS IN A BRAND NEW SHIP  
AT 20,000 FT. THE HEATER DIDN'T  
WORK SO WE REALLY FROZE.  
MAG, HOBBIET & MORRIS WERE ALONG  
DROPPED SOME PRACTICE BOMBS CAME  
BACK FOR LUNCH. AFTER LUNCH  
(19 FLEW AGAIN - AS AIR COMMANDER  
OF A FOUR SHIP FORMATION - I  
FLEW WITH SMENAN'S CREW - GIVING  
HIM SOME POOP ON GOOD LEAD.  
19 PARKER SAID I MAY BE CHECKED  
OUT AS AIR COMMANDER SOON - WHAT  
NEXT? DARN NO LETTER FROM  
BERTIE IN 8 DAYS NOW!!



No. 24 ROUGH AS ALL HELL!

COLOGNE, GERMANY

OCTOBER 2

7:40

19 UP FOR PREBRIEFING - BREAKFAST  
OPEN BRIEFING ALL FOR THE RUMR  
VALLEY! I HAD MY COMPLETE CREW  
PLUS LT. GIBSON AS MICKEY OPERATOR  
I FLEW AS DEPUTY WING LEAD - UNTIL  
MAJOR BEAN ABORTED OVER THE  
FIELD DURING ASSEMBLY - THAT  
PUT ME AT THE LEAD OF THE  
WHOLE SHOW (36 SHIPS!) - THE  
BOMBING WAS TO BE G.H. AND I HAD  
A PFF SHIP SO I HAD THE HIGH  
GROUP TAKE OVER NEAR THE I.P.  
SINCE THE LOW GROUPS G.H. WAS OUT.  
WE STARTED OUR RUN HI. GDS. G.H. WENT  
OUT SO WE STARTED A 360 TO THE  
RIGHT. THE HI. GP. LEAD US ALL THE WAY  
TO 19 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. (LOST I THINK)  
SO I TOOK OVER THE LEAD - AND MADE  
A PFF RUN ON THE CITY OF COLOGNE  
(VISUAL WAS A FORD PLANT) - WE REALLY

CONT!

OCTOBER 3

19 HIT THE MARSHALLS YARDS! FLAK WAS  
REALLY INTENSE & ACCURATE. OUR MICKEY  
SET WAS KNOCKED OUT SO HOBBIE HAD  
TO D.R. U.S. BACK - DAMN GOOD JOB!!  
19 WE LOST 4 ENG. AND IT WOULDN'T  
FEATHER - CONTROL CABLES FOR ELEV.  
TAB WERE CUT. HARPER WAS HIT ON  
A KNUCKLE - HOBBIE WAS KNOCKED DOWN  
19 A HELLUVA HOLE ABOUT MORRIS'S HEAD.  
GOT BACK OKAY - FOUND THAT WE HAD  
OVER 60 HOLES IN THE OUTER LEFT  
WING PANEL PLUS 50 MORE IN THE  
19 REST OF THE SHIP! COL. SMITH &  
COL. THACKER SAID IT WAS A GOOD SHOW!!  
WHAT A DAY & A REAL WORK OUT!!  
OCT. 3. DOWN AT OPS. MOST OF THE DAY -  
THE FLIGHT COMMANDER STUFF IS RUNNING  
INTO WORK. HAVE TO MAKE INSPECTIONS TOO!  
I'M DUTY OFFICER AT GROUP TONIGHT  
FROM 1800' TILL 0730 TOMORROW. HOBBIE &  
MORRIS WERE ON DUTY TOO! FINALLY HEARD FROM  
BETTY!

OCTOBER 4

19 | GOT OFF DUTY AT 0730 THIS MORN. WORKED ALL NIGHT ON THE MISSION FOR TODAY - ALONG WITH HOBBIY & MORRIS - BUT AFTER ALL OUR WORLIE THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED AT ENGINE TIME!! RAIN A LITTLE - I SLEPT UNTIL NOON - GOT UP FOR LUNCH WENT DOWN TO OPS. GOT SOME MORE POOP - CAPT. BOOSKA IS NOW C.O. OF THE 544TH SQDN. - CAPT. VINNEDGE OF THE 546 IS OUR NEW OPS OFFICER. A NICE FELLOW SINCE THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED I'M ON DUTY AGAIN TONIGHT AT GROUP OPS. FROM 1800 TIL 0730!!

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OCTOBER 5

19 | GOT OFF DUTY EARLY THIS MORN AT 0630. WORKED AGAIN ALL NIGHT ON TODAY'S MISSION. AND HOBBIY & MORRIS DID THE SAME. ~~SCRUB!~~!  
19 SLEPT TILL NOON. HAD A QUICK SHOWER - GOT MY RATIONS FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. AND BACK DOWN TO OPS. HARDER FLEW WITH LEVINE AS TOGGLER ON THE MISSION TO COLOGNE TODAY. I FLEW SOME SLOW TIME FROM 2000 TIL 2300 TONIGHT.  
19 HAD WOODWORTH & DUDOCKS RADIO OPER. ALONG. SURE DARK HERE AT NIGHT!!

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OCTOBER 6

19 GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST - WENT DOWN TO OPS. - GOT SOME BOYS IN MY FLIGHT OUT TO ARMAMENT FOR SOME GUN CHECKS. HARPER FLEW AGAIN TODAY AS TOGGLER FOR OWENS TO A TARGET NORTH OF BERLIN. HAD A LECTURE ON G.H. BOMBING TODAY. ALSO SAID THAT THERE GOING TO PUT G.H. IN PEE SHIPS - WHICH IS A GOOD DEAL. NO SHIPS AVAILABLE SO NO PRACTICE BOMBING TODAY - TO MUCH BATTLE DAMAGE LATELY!!

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NO. 25 ALONG RIDE ON FLAK!

RUHLAND, GERMANY

OCTOBER 7

9:40

19 GOT UP AT 0230 FOR PEE BRIEFING - BREAKFAST - THEN GENERAL BRIEFING FOR A OIL PLANT 65 MILES BEYOND LEIPZIG. I FLEW LEAD OF THE LOW 19 GROUP WITH CAPT. VINNEDGER AS AIR COMMANDER. WE HAD FLAK ON THE WAY IN AND ON THE WAY OUT IN SEVERAL SPOTS. IT WASN'T TOO ACCURATE, HAD LITTLE BATTLE DAMAGE. WE LOST AN ENGINE OVER THE TARGET (MECH. FAILURE) SO WE CAME BACK ON THREE ENG. 19 EXPECTED BANDITS BUT GOT NONE! LOST ONE SHIP TO FLAK OUT OF THE LEAD GROUP. WE MISSED THE TARGET - HAD CLOUDS AT SMOKE SCREEN OVER TARGET. WAS SURE ALONG TRING MISSION! HARPER DIDN'T FLY WITH US - HAS A SORE BACK. LOST THE LEAD GROUP OVER TARGET SO CAME HOME WITH THE HQ THROCKED ONTO US.

OCTOBER 8

19 GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST  
SPENT THE MORNING AT OPS.  
ARRANGED FOR A PRACTICE FORM.  
AFTER THE MISSION WAS SCOUTED.  
19 FLEW AS AIR COMMANDER OF  
THE 12 SHIP FORMATION. I FLEW  
WITH ROWE - KINDA CHECKING  
HIM OUT FOR LEAD. WE HAD  
BAD WEATHER - ON RETURN WE  
HAD A 300 FT CEILING! SO IT  
WAS ROUGH FINDING THE  
FIELD. LAY CHECKED OUT A NEW  
RADIO OPERATOR. WE'RE GETTING  
A 48 HR. PASS TOMORROW. GUESS  
I'LL HIT THE JACK. STILL  
TIRED FROM YESTERDAY'S  
MISSION!

LONDON

OCTOBER 9

19 GOT UP EARLY - BREAKFAST  
CLEANED UP FOR TOWN. GOT A  
RIDE TO TOWN ALONG WITH HOBBS,  
MAC & MORRIS. CAUGHT THE 0905  
19 TRAIN FOR LONDON - NATURALLY  
IT HAD TO RAIN! WE HUNTED AROUND  
FOR A ROOM - FINALLY ENDED UP  
AT THE REINDEER RED CROSS CLUB.  
19 A FAIRLY NICE ROOM. BOY -  
LONDON - IS SURE CROWDED  
NOW!! WENT TO THE CINEMA  
- SAW A GOOD PICTURE! HAD A  
19 GOOD DINNER AT THE RED CROSS  
CLUB - HAD ANOTHER CHINESE  
DINNER LATER - WITH A FEW  
DRINKS ON THE SIDE. GOT IN  
19 BED FAIRLY EARLY. HEARD  
TWO BUZZ BOMBS - BUT THEY  
LANDED A MILE OR SO AWAY.



OCTOBER 10

19 UP FAIRLY EARLY - BREAKFAST  
AT THE REINDEER RED CROSS CLUB  
MAC & I WENT SHOPPING - BUT  
BOUGHT NOTHING - FOUND SOME

19 "DAMASK" LINEN - FOR \$65 FOR  
6 NAPKINS & A TABLE CLOTH - TOO  
MUCH MONEY! HAD A STEAK AT  
POP'S PLACE - SHOPPED A LITTLE  
MORE - ENDED UP AT THE NEW  
LYRIC CLUB DRINKING (CLOSE TO)  
THE AMER. TOM COLLINS. - FINALLY  
WENT DOWN FOR ANOTHER

19 STEAK AND THEN MAC, HOBBS &  
MORRIS & I WENT TO THE DUCHESSES  
THEATER SAW "BLITHE SPIRIT" - PRETTY  
GOOD! WANDERED AROUND IN THE

19 BLACK OUT FINALLY FOUND THE  
RED CROSS CLUB, HAD A SNACK AND  
TO BED.

OCTOBER 11

19 WE GOT UP AT 0730 - HAD BREAKFAST  
AT THE REINDEER RED CROSS CLUB -  
CAUGHT THE 0905 TRAIN BACK  
FOR KETTERING WITH HOBBS, MAC, &

19 MORRIS. MET HARDER, KANIA & DELAURE  
IN KETTERING - GOT A CAB OUT  
TO THE BASE BEFORE 1200.

HAD TWO LETTERS FROM BERTIE.

19 THE BOYS CAME BACK FROM A ROUGH  
ONE OVER COLONGE. LEVINE WENT  
DOWN - (IN MY SHIP, TOO) (149) DIRECT  
HITS BY FLAK!! LOST TWO OTHER

19 SHIPS AND SINE BROUGHT A DEAD  
GUNNER BACK ON HIS FIRST MISSION!  
I WROTE TO BERTIE & THE FOLKS  
HAD A SHOWER - AND IN THE SAC

19 EARLY.

OCTOBER 12

19 UP AT 0430 - BREAKFAST -  
HAD TO CHECK SHIPS WITH MORRIS  
FOR THE MISSION. AFTER STATIONS  
TIME I HAD TO GET OLSON UP  
TO<sup>19</sup> FLY FOR A WAIST GUNNER WHO  
REFUSED TO FLY. GOT HIM OUT  
THEIR BEFORE T.O. BUT HE DIDN'T  
GET ANY BREAKFAST. MAC FLEW  
WITH SINE. ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER  
T.O. THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED.  
HOBBS, MAC, LAY & I FLEW OVER  
TO A NEARBY FIELD TO PICK UP A  
CREW. I CHECKED MAC OUT ON  
THE LEFT SEAT & AURAL NULL.  
THE REST OF THE DAY I'VE BEEN  
DOWN AT OPERATIONS - WORKING!  
GOTTA FLY WITH KELLER TONIGHT  
TO SHOOT LANDINGS. I LANDED  
ABOUT 2230 - HIT THE SACK.  
MAJOR FRINK CHEWED ON MORRIS &  
I FOR NOT SALUTING H.M.

OCTOBER 13

19 | GOT UP AT 0830 FOR BREAKFAST  
- THEN DOWN TO OPS. THE MISSION  
HAD BRIEFING THEN IT WAS SCRUBBED  
I WAS BUSY IN OPS UNTIL  
19 1330 - THEN I WENT OUT  
TO SHOOT SKEET WITH THE  
CREW & CAPT. GARRISON & MARQUARD  
KANIA & HARPER WERE BEST -  
19 MORRIS & I WORSE. I PINCHED  
MY THUMB ON ONE OF THE  
GUNS - SUZE SORE TONIGHT.  
I WROTE TO BERTIE - I HUNG  
19 AROUND OPS THIS AFTERNOON  
- RAINED & COLD AS HELL!!

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OCTOBER 14

19 Up at 0730 Breakfast -  
Went down to Ops. At 0830 -  
Spent the whole day working  
down there. I thought I was  
Tired. At 1900 - Headed for  
the Barracks - And then  
Major Frank started raising  
hell because no one was  
flying at night - So - I had  
to get Howard Mac & Lay -  
and we went on a night  
X-Country - Down to Oxford  
up to Coventry and return.  
Landed at 2330 - Had a letter  
from Bertie No 51 - Boy I sure  
enjoy her letters - Wish I had  
time to write to her more often!

OCTOBER 15

19 Got up at 0230 to check  
ships on the mission with  
Morris. Nobody to relieve me  
so I had to stay at Ops. until  
noon! Didn't get but 3 hours  
sleep last night - And Ops.  
kept me busy as hell. After  
lunch I hit the sack - But  
they got me up at 1800  
to check Brown out on  
night landings. So I flew  
with Brown - shot some  
good landings - I didn't  
get back to the sack  
until midnight!

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OCTOBER 16

19 I SLEPT IN UNTIL 0900 -  
MISSED BREAKFAST - HAD A  
CRITIQUE AT 1000 OF THE PAST  
6 MISSIONS. COL. SMITH IS

19 LEAVING SOON - SO WE MET  
THE NEW C.O. IT RAINED MOST  
THE DAY - I STAYED CLEAR OF  
OPS. - HAD A MEETING OF THE

19 SQDN. MAJ. FRINK STATED  
THE POLICIES HE DESIRED.  
HE IS DEFINITELY VERY STRICT.  
I FINALLY ENDED UP FLYING WITH

19 MAC & LT. WILMUT (ANOTHER COPLOT)  
I CHECKED THEM BOTH OUT AS  
1ST PILOTS. WE HAD A MEETING  
ON P.W. PROCEDURE AT 2000

19 TONIGHT - I GUESS THE BOYS ARE  
GIVING TOO MUCH INFORMATION OUT  
IN DULAG LUFFE.

OCTOBER 17

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No. 26 KNOCKED OUT OF FORMATION!

COLOGNE, GERMANY OCTOBER 18 27,000' 7:05

19 GOT UP EARLY FOR PRE-BRIEFING AND BREAKFAST. - GOING BACK TO COLOGNE. MY FIRST WING LEAD - FLYING WITH MAJOR FRINK A1'S AIR COMMANDER. HAD LT. WASSER AS G.H. NAVIG. & LT. FURIGA AS TAIL OBSERVER. I DID FAIRLY WELL ON ASSEMBLY - WEATHER GAVE US A BAD TIME ASSEMBLED AT 26,000'. COPILOTS & BOMBARDIER'S OXYGEN DRAINED - SO THEY HAD TO USE WALK AROUNDS. WE STARTED ON THE G.H. BOMB RUN - LOST THE SIGNAL SO WE MADE A 180 STARTED UPWIND ON A PFF RUN WITH THE DEPUTY LEADING - DROPPED OUR BOMBS AND WE TOOK OVER AGAIN - DID LOTS OF EVASIVE ACTION - BUT WE WERE H.I.T IN NO. 3 & THE PROP RAN

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OCTOBER 18

19 AWAY AND THE RIGHT WHEEL DROPPED SO WE SLOWED UP AND THE FORMATION WENT ON BY US - JUST MISSED US TOO!  
19 COULDN'T FEATHER NO. 3 SO WE GOT 3 P-51'S TO ESCORT US HOME. OLSON CRANKED UP THE RIGHT WHEEL & WE FLEW AT 130 MPH TO CUT DOWN THE SPEED OF THE WIND MILLING PROP. WE DROPPED DOWN TO 3000' AND HEAD FOR FRIENDLY TERRITORY ON THE WAY DOWN. STARTED FOR THE NARROW PART OF THE CHANNEL BUT RAN INTO A BAD STORM NEAR CALAIS. OUR GAS WAS GETTING LOW SO WE TURNED AROUND AND HEAD FOR BRUSSELS - FOUND

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OCTOBER 21 18

19 AN AIRFIELD STARTED TO  
CIRCLE IT WHEN NO. 3 PROP  
FLEW OFF, TOOK A HUNK OUT  
OF THE FUSELAGE, BELOW THE  
19 COPILOTS FEET & LANDED ON  
SOME HOUSES. - THE ENG. WAS  
ON FIRE & ALL THE COWLING  
CAME OFF. SO I WHEELED  
19 AROUND AND LANDED PRONTO  
DIDN'T EXPECT THE RIGHT LANDING  
GEAR TO HOLD UP, BUT IT DID.  
HAD EVERY ONE IN THE RADIO ROOM  
IN 19 CRASH POSITIONS. A SMALL FIELD  
BUT WE MADE IT OKAY. AFTER  
UNLOADING THE SHIP (262) WE  
LOADED THE STUFF INTO A TRUCK  
19 AND WENT TO ANOTHER NEARBY  
FIELD (SAW AN ~~FW~~ FW. 190 & A  
JU 88 ON THE GROUND) MADE ARRANGE-  
MENTS AND LOADED INTO A C-47

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OCTOBER 21 18

19 AND HEAVED BACK TO ENGLAND  
LANDED AT HODDINGTON AND 3 HRS  
LATER A TRUCK FROM OUR FIELD  
PICKED US UP AND HAULED US  
HOME - FINALLY ARRIVED BACK  
AT THE FIELD AT MIDNIGHT  
ALL OF US DEAD TIRED. MAC  
WAS SWEARING US OUT. - TOLD  
19 ME THAT I WAS NOW A CAPT. !!  
WHAT A SURPRISE! EARLY IN  
THE EVENING HE AS COPILOT  
FOR HICKS LANDED & THE  
LEFT GEAR FOLDED UP ON  
LANDING. IT WAS A PERF SHIP  
AND THEY STOPPED JUST OUT  
SIDE OF OPERATIONS!!  
19 WHAT A LONG LONG DAY  
THAT WAS !!!



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OCTOBER 22

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OCTOBER 23

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NOVEMBER 19

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No. 27 BAD WEATHER 6:40

NOVEMBER 20  
MUNSTER GERMANY 25-30,000'

19 UP FOR PREBRIEFING AT 0430  
BREAKFAST (FROZEN EGGS) & GENERAL  
BRIEFING FOR GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY.

AS PRIMARY - MUNSTER SECONDARY &  
19 PFF. WE HAD A PFF SHIP OUR  
DEPUTY A G.H. SHIP. NO TROUBLE  
UNTIL WE HIT HOLLAND - AND

THEN A WALL OF SOLID CLOUD -  
19 WE CLIMBED TO GO OVER IT -  
GOT TO 30,000' & IT WAS STILL  
20-30,000' ABOVE US SO WE  
WENT ON IN THE SOUP - LOST

19 OUR DEPUTY AND THREE OTHER  
SHIPS DO TO POOR VISIBILITY.  
WE DROPPED PFF ON THE SECONDARY  
AND GOT THE HELL OUT OF THERE

19 SAW NO FLAK!! GOT BACK  
TO THE BASE & HAD DAMN POOR  
VIS. TO LAND IN BUT MADE IT  
OKAY. LOGGED 4:00 INSTRUMENTS  
OUT OF 640 TOTAL TIME! →



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NOVEMBER 21

19 FLEW WITH MAS. FEINK  
AS AIR COMMANDER - HOBBIE,  
MORRIS, DELAURI, LAY, HARPER  
& KANIA - PLUS MOJAO  
19 AS 2ND NAVIG. LUCYSHYN AS  
MICKEY OPER. & HORAN AS OBS.

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NOVEMBER 22

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No. 28 MILKRUN !!!

MERESBURG, GERMANY

NOVEMBER 25

9:25  
27,500

19 UP FOR PRE-BRIEFING - TWO  
FLIGHT PLANS A - MERESBURG B -  
FRANKFURT. WE FLEW WITH MAJ.  
HUTCHINSON - HAD LT. SAETO AS

19 MIKEY OPERATE - (KNOWN TO BE THE  
BEST IN THE 8TH AIRFORCE!) HAD  
LT. PETERSON AS OBSERVER - WITH  
ORSON & KANIA - IN THE WAIST.

19 AT TAKE OFF THEY TOLD US IT WAS  
PLAN "A" SO WE REALLY EXPECTED  
FIGHTERS - BUT SAW NONE EXCEPT  
FOR ONE SET "CON" TRAIL. WE

19 FLEW RIGHT ON TOP OF ANOTHER  
GROUP ON THE BOMB RUN SO WE  
GOT NO FLAK!! WE HIT THE  
TARGET PERF. REALLY A NICE

19 MISSION NOT TRICKLE TO SPEAK  
OF. WE LANDED AT ABBOTT'S RAPID  
DUE TO BAD WEATHER AT THE HOME  
FIELD. WE STAYED THERE THE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 26

19 NIGHT - INTENTS - FROZE  
TO DEATH - FOOD WAS OKAY. -  
WE FLEW ~~THE~~ BACK TO THE BASE  
THE NEXT DAY. MAJ. HUTCHINSON  
19 SEEMS LIKE A GOOD JOE.  
HE'S TO TAKE MAJ. FRANK'S  
PLACE - WHEN HE MOVES  
TO WING.

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