

April 19, 1944

#1. Kassel, Germany (074)

Rough mission; had plenty of flak. No fighters.

Take off 6:45 AM.

LANDED 1:30 P.M.

ON OXYGEN 5 HRS.

Carried 10-500 PDRS.

Had excellent results.

Bombed visual & saw the hits.

Almost lost a ball turret gunner because of oxygen trouble.

Fixed him up O.K.

In the air 6 1/2 hrs.

APRIL 19, 1944

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LANDED 1:30PM

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HAD EXCELLENT RESULTS.

BOMBED VISUAL & SAW THE HITS.

ALMOST LOST A BALL TURRET GUNNER BECAUSE OF OXYGEN TROUBLE.

FIXED HIM UP OK.

IN THE AIR 6 1/2 HRS.



April 20, 1944. 776  
#2 - Cherbourg, France.  
Very rough trip, flak was  
very heavy & accurate.  
Picked up a few pieces.  
Carried 8 - 1000 pdrs. Six  
in bomb bay & two  
externals.

TAKE OFF. 3:00 P.M.

LANDED - 8:00 P.M.

ON OXYGEN. 3 HRS.

In the air 5 hrs.

APRIL 20, 1944 776

#2 - CHERBOURG, FRANCE  
VERY ROUGH TRIP, FLAK WAS  
VERY HEAVY & ACCURATE.  
PICKED UP A FEW PIECES.  
CARRIED 8 - 1000 PDRS. SIX  
IN BOMB BAY & TWO  
EXTERNALS.

TAKE OFF - 3:00PM

LANDED - 8:00PM

ON OXYGEN 3 HRS.

IN THE AIR 5 HRS



APRIL 22, 1944

April 22, 1944.  
#3. Hamm, Germany (074)  
Another one with heavy  
flak. But no fighters  
Carried 6-1000 pdrs.

TAKE OFF 0830 AM

LANDED. 1545 PM.

ON OXYGEN 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  HRS.

IN THE AIR 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  HRS.

Results were very  
good. Was very clear  
& you could easily see  
the marshaling yards  
we hit.

#3 HAMM, GERMANY (074)  
ANOTHER ONE WITH HEAVY  
FLAK BUT NO FIGHTERS.  
CARRIED 6 - 1000 PDRS.  
TAKE OFF 0830 AM  
LANDED 1525 PM  
ON OXYGEN 3 1/2 HRS  
IN THE AIR 6 3/4 HRS  
RESULTS WERE VERY  
GOOD. WAS VERY CLEAR  
& YOU COULD EASILY SEE  
THE MARSHALING YARDS  
WERE HIT.



#4 April 24, 1944.  
Oberphaffenhofen, Germany  
One of the worst missions

I ever want to see.  
Took off at 0915. Landed  
at 1815.

On oxygen 6 hours.

In the air 9 hours.

Just before we hit the  
target we got hit by  
German fighters. F.W's  
& M.E's, 109's & 209's.

Part of them engaged our own  
fighter escort & the rest hit  
us. Approximately 200 of them  
attacked us for 1 hour and  
30 minutes. They knocked  
down 6 B-17's from

#4 APRIL 24, 1944

074

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ONE OF THE WORST MISSIONS  
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OWN FIGHTER ESCORT & THE  
REST HIT US.

APPROXIMATELY 200 OF THEM  
ATTACKED US FOR 1 HOUR AND  
30 MINUTES. THEY KNOCKED  
DOWN 6 B-17'S FROM

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our group alone.

We had quite a few hits on our ship. One engine knocked out by 20 m.m.

Hydraulic system shot out. Picked up about 75-100 holes.

Got back by the skin of our neck. Somebody was praying for us that day, but hard.

Our ship knocked down two ME 209's.

Bombardier 1

Ball Turret 1

Hit a big airfield of DO 217's.

Results were excellent in spite of the attacks.

OUR GROUP ALONE.

WE HAD QUITE A FEW HITS ON OUR SHIP. ONE ENGINE KNOCKED OUT BY 20 M.M. HYDRAULIC SYSTEM SHOT OUT. PICKED UP ABOUT 75-100 HOLES.

GOT BACK BY THE SKIN OF OUR NECK SOMEBODY WAS PRAYING FOR US THAT DAY, BUT HARD.

OUR SHIP KNOCKED DOWN TWO ME 209'S.

BOMBARDIER 1

BALL TURRET 1

HIT BIG AIRFIELD OF DO 217'S.

RESULTS WERE EXCELLENT IN SPITE OF THE ATTACKS.



#5 April 29, 1944.  
Berlin, Germany. (251)  
Another one like the last  
one.  
Carried 2-1000 pdr. bombs  
incendiaries. Bombed thru  
an overcast, so we couldn't  
see the results.  
Had intense flak all the  
way in and out of Germany.  
Saw 3 B-17's get hit  
by flak & blow up.  
Saw enemy fighters pick  
off a couple more. Fighters  
made a couple passes & us  
then left us & hit the  
B-24's. Got a few of them  
too!  
Large piece of flak came

#5 APRIL 29, 1944  
BERLIN, GERMANY (256)  
ANOTHER ONE LIKE THE LAST  
ONE.

CARRIED 2-1000 PDRS. THE REST  
INCENDIARIES. BOMBED THRU  
AN OVERCAST SO WE COULDN'T  
SEE THE RESULTS.  
HAD INTENSE FLAK ALL THE  
WAY IN AND OUT OF GERMANY.  
SAW 3 B-17'S GET HIT  
BY FLAK & BLOW UP.  
SAW ENEMY FIGHTERS PICK  
OFF A COUPLE MORE. FIGHTERS  
MADE A COUPLE PASSES & US  
THEN LEFT US & HIT THE  
B-24'S. GOT A FEW OF THEM  
TOO!  
LARGE PIECE OF FLAK CAME

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THRU THE COPILOTS WINDOW.  
JUST MISSED HIM.  
FLAK THREW THE SHIP  
AROUND LIKE A LEAF.  
TAKE OFF 0730  
LANDED 1605  
ON OXYGEN 6 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 8 1/2 HRS.  
REALLY GLAD TO GET BACK.  
GOT THE AIR MEDAL FOR  
THAT ONE.

thru the Copilots window.

Just missed him.

Flak threw the ship  
around like a leaf.

TAKE OFF 0730

LANDED 1605

On oxygen 6 HRS.

In the air 8 1/2 HRS.

Really glad to get back.

Got the air medal for  
that one.



MAY 1, 1944

#6. Pas de Calais. #273

Supposed to hit Calais itself  
had to hit the secondary, an  
airfield. Carried 12-500's.

Couldn't see the results.  
Had a new system. Flew  
around England for 4 hrs.  
before we left for the target.  
Guess it was to fool

Jerris radar.

Take off 0400

Landed 1130

On Dippers 3 1/2 hrs.

In the air 7 1/2 hrs!

Not much flak. Saw a few  
German fighters. Didn't  
bother us.

MAY 1, 1944

#6 PAS DE CALAIS

#273

SUPPOSED TO HIT CALAIS ITSELF  
HAD TO HIT THE SECONDARY, AN  
AIRFIELD. CARRIED 12 - 500'S.  
COULDN'T SEE THE RESULTS.  
HAD A NEW SYSTEM. FLEW  
AROUND ENGLAND FOR 4 HRS  
BEFORE WE LEFT FOR THE TARGET.  
GUESS IT WAS TO FOOL  
JERRIES RADAR.

TAKE OFF 0400

LANDED 1130

ON OXYGEN 3 1/2 HRS.

IN THE AIR 7 1/2 HRS.

NOT MUCH FLAK SAW A FEW  
GERMAN FIGHTERS. DIDN'T  
BOTHER US.



MAY 1, 1944

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#7 Ehrang, Germany (500)  
Bombed marshalling yard.  
Carried 34-100 LB. INCENDIA.  
Hit the target good. EX.  
TAKE OFF. 1530.  
LANDED. 2100

ON OXYGEN. 3 1/2 HRS.

IN THE AIR 5 1/2 HRS.

No flak, no fighters.  
Beautiful fighter cover.  
No planes lost.

#7 EHRANG, GERMANY (500)  
BOMBED A MARSHALLING YARD.  
CARRIED 34-100 LB INCENDIA.  
HIT THE TARGET GOOD. EX.  
TAKE OFF 1530.  
LANDED 2100  
ON OXYGEN 3 1/2 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 5 1/2 HRS.  
NO FLAK, NO FIGHTERS.  
BEAUTIFUL FIGHTER COVER.  
NO PLANES LOST.



MAY 12, 1944

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#8 Mersberg, Germany (500)

Another pretty rough one.

In the Leipzig area.

Hit an ammonia & a

synthetic oil plant.

Did a very good job.

Saw smoke coming up

to 20,000 feet.

Flak was intense &

very accurate. We didn't

get hit by fighters.

Carried 34-100lb incendiaries

Visibility was excellent

Had beautiful fighter

escort.

TAKE OFF 0900

LANDED - 1730

ON OXYGEN - 6 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 8 1/2 HRS.

#8 MERSBERG, GERMANY (500)

ANOTHER PRETTY ROUGH ONE.

IN THE LEIPZIG AREA

HIT AN AMMONIA & A

SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT.

DID A VERY GOOD JOB.

SAW SMOKE COMING UP TO

20,000 FEET.

FLAK WAS INTENSE &

VERY ACCURATE. WE DIDN'T

GET HIT BY FIGHTERS.

CARRIED 34-100LB INCENDIARIES

VISIBILITY WAS EXCELLENT.

HAD BEAUTIFUL FIGHTER

ESCORT.

TAKE OFF 0900

LANDED 1730

ON OXYGEN 6 HRS.

IN THE AIR 8 1/2 HRS.



#9. Poznan, Poland. (500)  
Had to hit the secondary at  
Stetten, Germany  
Carried 34-100 lb incendiaries

TAKE OFF 0900

LANDED 2000

ON OXYGEN 4 HRS.

IN THE AIR 11 HRS.

Got hit by quite a few  
German fighters. About  
100 of them. P-51's took  
care of them all. Had  
beautiful escort.

4 P-51's broke up a  
formation of FW 190's (75)  
Came within 15 miles of  
Sweden.

#8 POZNAN, POLAND (500)

HAD TO HIT THE SECONDARY AT  
STETTEN, GERMANY.  
CARRIED 34-100 LB INCENDIARIES  
TAKE OFF 0900  
LANDED 2000  
ON OXYGEN 4 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 11 HRS.  
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BEAUTIFUL ESCORT.  
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FORMATION OF FW 190'S (75)  
CAME WITHIN 15 MILES OF  
SWEDEN.



MAY 21, 1944

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# 10. Paris de Calais (620)

Was an easy mission  
Coast of France.

TAKE OFF. 1130

LANDED 1630

ON OXYGEN 2 HRS.

IN THE AIR. 5 HRS.

HIT heavy accurate flak.

Pick up a big chunk in  
the hydraulic system.

Knock out the air speed  
indicator & the brakes.

# 10 PAIS DE CALAIS  
WAS AN EASY MISSION  
COAST OF FRANCE.

TAKE OFF 1130

LANDED 1630

ON OXYGEN 2 HRS.

IN THE AIR 5 HRS.

HIT HEAVY ACCURATE FLAK.

PICK UP A BIG CHUNK IN THE  
HYDRAULIC SYSTEM.

KNOCK OUT THE AIR SPEED  
INDICATOR & THE BRAKES.

(620)



MAY 24, 1944

MAY 24, 1944  
#11 Berlin, Germany (083)

Carried 18-100 lb. incendiaries

& 6-500 lb. incendiaries

Flak was intense over Berlin itself. Got some bad flak hits on the

plane. Got knocked out of formation. Went over the target all alone.

Coming off the target we got hit by enemy fighters. FW 190's. We were all by ourselves so they stayed & hit us for about 30 minutes. About 20 of them. They shot our controls away, scared

#11 BERLIN, GERMANY (083)

CARRIED 18-10 LB INCEND.

& 6-500 LB INCENDIARIES

FLAK WAS INTENSE OVER

BERLIN ITSELF. GOT SOME

BAD FLAK HITS ON THE

PLANE GOT KNOCKED OUT OF

FORMATION. WENT OVER

THE TARGET ALL ALONE.

COMING OFF THE TARGET

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MISSION # 11 CONTINUED

THREE DIRECT HITS ON THE  
TAIL WITH 20 M.M  
SIEVED UP OUR WINGS  
KNOCKED OUT ONE ENGINE  
PUNCTURED TWO GAS TANKS  
? TAIL GUNNER & BALL  
TURRET GUNNER EACH  
SHOT ONE DOWN. SAW  
THE PILOT BAIL OUT OF  
ONE BEFORE HE BLEW UP.  
THAT WAS UP TO THE  
PRESENT DATE, THE WORST  
ONE WE'VE HAD. HAD  
ALREADY GIVEN UP HOPE  
OF GETTING BACK.  
TAKE OFF 0800  
LANDED AT 1600  
IN THE AIR 8 HOURS  
HAD TO JUNK THE PLANE  
WHEN WE FINALLY GOT BACK.

three direct hits on the  
tail with 20 m.m.  
sieved up our wings  
knocked out one engine  
punctured two gas tanks  
? Tail gunner & ball  
turret gunner each  
shot one down. Saw  
the pilot bail out of  
one before he blew up.  
That was up to the  
present date, the worst  
one we've had. Had  
already given up hope  
of getting back.

TAKE OFF. 0800

LANDED AT. 1600

ON OXYGEN 5 HRS

IN THE AIR 8 HRS

HAD TO JUNK THE PLANE  
WHEN WE FINALLY GOT BACK.



MAY 27, 1944.

#12 Mannheim, Germany (501)  
Another really rough one.  
Carried 12-500 lbs.

Hit a marshalling yards  
with excellent results.

TAKE OFF. 0630 HRS.

Landed AT. 1400 HRS.

on oxygen. 4 1/2 HRS.

In the air 7 1/2 HRS.

Had worse than intense  
flak. I also got hit  
by many fighters. Saw  
7 B-17's go down as a  
result of flak & also  
fighters.  
Seems to be getting rougher  
instead of easier.

MAY 27, 1944

#12 MANHEIM, GERMANY (501)  
ANOTHER REALLY ROUGH ONE.  
CARRIED 12 - 500 LBS.  
HIT A MARSHALLING YARDS  
WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.  
TAKE OFF 0630 HRS.  
LANDED AT 1400 HRS.  
ON OXYGEN 4 1/2 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 7 1/2 HRS.  
HAD WORSE THAN INTENSE  
FLAK & ALSO GOT HIT  
BY MANY FIGHTERS. SAW  
7 - B-17'S GO DOWN AS A  
RESULT OF FLAK & ALSO  
FIGHTERS.  
SEEM TO BE GETTING ROUGHER  
INSTEAD OF EASIER.



MAY 30, 1944

#13. Halberstadt Germany (057)  
Carried 10-500 pounders.

TAKE OFF - 0720 HRS.

LANDED - 1430 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 5 HRS.

IN AIR 7 HRS. 10 MIN.

Was an air field used  
a component part factory  
for JU 88's. Very clean  
wx. Pictures showed  
direct hits by lead planes  
the factory. Got hit by  
enemy fighters but escort  
took care of them before  
they did too much damage.  
Lost 2-17's.

MAY 30, 1944

#13 HALBERSTADT, GERMANY (057)  
CARRIED 10 - 500 POUNDERS  
TAKEOFF - 0720 HRS.  
LANDED - 1430 HRS.  
ON OXYGEN 5 HRS.  
IN AIR 7 HRS 10 MIN.  
WAS AN AIRFIELD WITH  
A COMPONENT PARTS FACTORY  
FOR JU 88'S. VERY CLEAN  
WX. PICTURES SHOWED  
DIRECT HITS BY LEAD PLANE ON  
THE FACTORY. GOT HIT BY  
ENEMY FIGHTERS BUT ESCORT  
TOOK CARE OF THEM BEFORE  
THEY DID TOO MUCH DAMAGE.  
LOST 2 - B-17'S.



JUNE 2, 1944.

#14 Bologne France. (05)

Easy mission today.

Carried 12 - 500 lb. inc.

Did see big guns  
Got a bit of flak but  
not too bad. No fighters.

TAKE OFF. 1000 HRS

LANDED AT. 1420 HRS.

ON OXYGEN. 2 HRS.

IN THE AIR. 4 HRS. 15 MIN.

JUNE 2, 1944

#14 BOLOGNE, FRANCE (057)

CARRIED 12 - 500 LB INC.

HIT SOME BIG GUNS.

GOT A BIT OF FLAK BUT

NOT TOO BAD. NO FIGHTERS.

TAKE OFF 1000 HRS.

LANDED AT 1420 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 2 HRS.

IN THE AIR 4 HRS 15 MIN.



June 6, 1944.

D. DAY.

JUNE 6, 1944

D-DAY

*TSGT GROSBIER WAS PLACED ON DETACHED SERVICE WITH THE 305TH BOMB GROUP EFFECTIVE 4 JUNE, 1944.*

*TSGT GROSBIER DID NOT FLY A MISSION ON D-DAY.*

*THE 384TH BOMB GROUP FLEW THREE COMBAT MISSIONS ON THIS DAY. ALL THREE MISSIONS WERE HAMPERED BY BAD WEATHER.*

*NO AIRCRAFT WERE LOST.*



JUNE 20, 1944.

15) HAMBURG, Germany (574)

Hit a synthetic oil plant

Carried 12 - 500 lb Bombs

TAKE OFF 0445 HRS.

LANDED 1200 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 3 HRS.

IN THE AIR 8 HRS.

Really hit the place.

Smoke to 15000 ft.

Burned for about 3 days.

Flak was intense.

Got hit a couple

times. Had the liaison

antenna shot out

besides numerous hits

into bomb bay

Good mission.

No enemy fighters

JUNE 20, 1944

15 HAMBURG, GERMANY (574)

HIT A SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT

CARRIED 12 - 500 LBS BOMBS

TAKE OFF 0445 HRS.

LANDED 1200 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 3 HRS.

IN THE AIR 8 HRS.

REALLY HIT THE PLACE.

SMOKE TO 15000 FT.

BURNED FOR ABOUT 3 DAYS.

FLAK WAS INTENSE.

GOT HIT A COUPLE

TIMES. HAD THE LIAISON

ANTENNA SHOT OUT

BESIDES NUMEROUS HITS

IN THE BOMB BAY.

GOOD MISSION.

NO ENEMY FIGHTERS.



JUNE 24, 1944

June 24, 1944.

#16. Bremen, Germany (574)

Synthetic oil plant.

Carried 12-500's.

TAKE OFF. 0900 HRS.

LANDED. 1608 HRS.

ON OXYGEN. 3 1/2 HRS.

IN THE AIR 7 HRS.

Solid overcast. Didn't do  
a very good job. Pretty  
much scattered out  
formation. Lot of flak.

Flew Group Lead.

Capt. Sammons  
Comdr.

#16 BREMEN, GERMANY (574)

SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT

CARRIED 12 - 500'S.

TAKE OFF 0900 HRS.

LANDED 1608 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 3 1/2 HRS.

IN THE AIR 7 HRS.

SOLID OVERCAST. DIDN'T DO

A VERY GOOD JOB. PRETTY

MUCH SCATTERED OUT

FORMATION. LOT OF FLAK.

FLEW GROUP LEAD.

CAPT. SAMMONS

COMDR.



JULY 7. 1944

#17 LEIPZIG, GERMANY (574)  
CARRIED 10 - 500'S  
TAKE OFF 0525 HRS.  
LANDED 1330 HRS.  
ON OXYGEN 6 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 8 HRS.  
HIT THE TOWN OF LEIPZIG  
ITSELF. RESULTS APPEARED  
TO BE VERY GOOD. VERY  
HEAVY FLAK, WE DIDN'T  
GET ANY FIGHTERS BUT  
THE GROUPS BEHIND  
US GOT HIT HARD.  
FLEW DEPUTY WITH  
MOLESWORTH.

July 7, 1944

#17 - Leipzig, Germany (574)

Carried 10 - 500's

TAKE OFF 0525 HRS.

LANDED 1330 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 6 HRS.

IN THE AIR 8 HRS.

Hit the town of Leipzig  
itself. Results appeared  
to be very good. Very  
heavy flak, we didn't  
get any fighters but  
the groups behind  
us got hit hard.  
Flew deputy with  
Molesworth.



July 13, Munich Germany.

JULY 13, 1943 MUNICH, GERMANY

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

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

OTHER DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES INDICATE THAT HE DID RECEIVE CREDIT FOR A MISSION TO MUNICH ON THIS DATE.

JULY 13, 1943 WAS HIS 18TH MISSION.



SUNDAY JULY 16, 1944

Sunday July 16, 1944  
#18. Munich, Germany (574)  
Carried 10-500's.

TAKE OFF. 0530 HRS.

LANDED. 1430 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 7 HRS.

IN THE AIR. 9 HRS.

Hit a marshalling yard  
in the city itself. Had  
good results. Flak was  
intense or worse and  
very accurate. Got  
hit by fighters. But our  
escort took care of  
them.

Flew deputy lead.

#18 MUNICH, GERMANY (574)

CARRIED 10 - 500'S

TAKE OFF 0530 HRS.

LANDED 1430 HRS.

ON OXYGEN 7 HRS.

IN THE AIR 9 HRS.

HIT A MARSHALLING YARD

IN THE CITY ITSELF. HAD

GOOD RESULTS. FLAK WAS

INTENSE OR WORSE AND

VERY ACCURATE. GOT

HIT BY FIGHTERS BUT OUR

ESCORT TOOK CARE OF

THEM.

FLEW DEPUTY LEAD.



JULY 18, 1944

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July 18, 1944. (574)

#19 Peenemunde, Germany.  
Carried 10-500's.

TAKE OFF - 0445 HRS.

LANDED - 1345 HRS.

ON OXYGEN - 4 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 9 HRS.

Hit a chemical and  
experimental station. Had  
a very good day. Weather  
was clear so we had  
some good visual  
bombing. Really hit the  
target. Flak was  
moderate.

Flew Lead. (Molesworth)  
Col Smith Air Comdr.

#19 PEENEMUNDE, GERMANY  
CARRIED 10 - 500'S.  
TAKE OFF 0445 RS.  
LANDED 1345 HRS.  
ON OXYGEN 4 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 9 HRS.  
HIT A CHEMICAL AND  
EXPERIMENTAL STATION. HAD  
A VERY GOOD DAY. WEATHER  
WAS CLEAR SO WE HAD  
SOME GOOD VISUAL  
BOMBING. REALLY HIT THE  
TARGET. FLAK WAS  
MODERATE.  
FLEW LEAD. (MOLESWORTH)  
COL SMITH AIR COMDR.



JULY 19, 1944

(574)

July 19, 1944. (574)  
#20 Munich, Germany  
Carried 10-500's  
TAKE OFF - 0500 HRS.  
LANDED - 1345 HRS  
ON OXYGEN - 6 1/2 HRS.  
IN THE AIR - 8 3/4 HRS.  
Hit a Hydrogen Peroxide  
plant. Used for flying  
bombs. Got hit by  
fighters & flak was  
intense & very accurate.  
Top turret claimed &  
rec'd credit for one  
fighter. ME 109. Lost  
one engine. Had a  
windmilling prop 2 bad  
engines.  
Flew lead.

#20 MUNICH, GERMANY  
CARRIED 10 - 500'S  
TAKE OFF - 0500 HRS.  
LANDED - 1345 HRS.  
ON OXYGEN - 6 1/2 HRS.  
IN THE AIR - 8 3/4 HRS.  
HIT A HYDROGEN PEROXIDE  
PLANT USED FOR FLYING  
BOMBS. GOT HIT BY  
FIGHTERS & FLAK WAS  
INTENSE & VERY ACCURATE.  
TOP TURRET CLAIMED &  
REC'D CREDIT FOR ONE  
FIGHTER. ME 109: LOST  
ONE ENGINE. HAD A  
WINDMILLING PROP 2 BAD  
ENGINES.  
FLEW LEAD.



JULY 20, 1944

(574)

#21 DESSAU (LEIPZIG), GER.  
CARRIED 10 - 500'S  
TAKE OFF - 0610 HRS.  
LANDED - 1445 HRS.  
ON OXYGEN - 7 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 8 1/2.  
PRIMARY TARGET WAS AN  
ENGINE FACTORY AT DESSAU.  
HEAVY OVERCAST SO WE  
HIT THE P.F.F. TARGET. A  
LARGE AIRFIELD & PARTS FACTORY.  
SCORED DIRECT HITS ON THE  
HANGERS. EXCELLENT RESULTS.  
FLAK WAS HEAVY & ALSO  
WERE HIT BY FIGHTERS. LOST  
ABOUT 10 FORTS.  
WING LEAD. COL THACKER

July 20, 1944 (574)  
#21 Dessau (Leipzig) Ger.  
Carried 10-500's.  
TAKE OFF - 0610 HRS.  
LANDED - 1445 HRS.  
ON OXYGEN - 7 HRS.  
IN THE AIR 8 1/2.  
Primary target was an  
engine factory at Dessau.  
Heavy over cast so we  
hit the P.F.F. target. A  
large air field & parts factory.  
Scored direct hits on the  
hangers. Excellent results.  
Flak was heavy & also  
were hit by fighters lost  
about 10 forts.  
Wing lead. Col. Thacker.



JULY 28, 1944

574

July 28, 1944. 574.

#22 Mersberg (Leipzig) Germany

Carried 10-500 pounder

TAKE OFF - 0600 HRS.

LANDED - 1400 HRS.

ON OXYGEN - 5 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 8 HRS.

Hit a synthetic oil plant -  
Bombed PFF with very  
good results. Flak was  
worse than intense.

Quite a bit of damage  
to the ship - hit by fighters  
No ships lost in our  
wing. Good mission  
wing lead. Col. Thacker.

#22 MERSBERG (LEIPZIG)  
GERMANY

CARRIED 10- 500 POUNDER.

TAKE OFF - 0600 HRS.

LANDED - 1400 HRS.

ON OXYGEN - 5 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 8 HRS.

HIT A SYTHETIC OIL PLANT.

BOMBED PFF WITH VERY  
GOOD RESULTS. FLAK WAS  
WORSE THAN INTENSE.

QUITE A BIT OF DAMAGE  
TO THE SHIP HIT BY FIGHTERS  
NO SHIPS LOST IN OUR  
WING. GOOD MISSION.  
WING LEAD. COL THACKER



JULY 29, 1944

574

July 29, 1944:  
#23: Mersberg (Leipzig) Ger. 574

TAKE OFF - 0545 HRS.

LANDED - 1400 HRS.

ON OXYGEN - 5 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 6 1/4 HRS.

Back to Mersberg. Carried  
20 - 250'S. G.P.

Had a good clear day for  
some good visual bombing.  
Really hit the oil plant  
Smoke to 15,000 ft.

Heavy flak again & a  
lot of German fighters  
around. Didn't hit us.  
Hit the wing behind us  
for about 6 ships.

Wing lead. Col Smith.

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COL SMITH



JULY 31, 1944

#24 - MUNICH, GERMANY 574

July 31, 1944.  
#24. Munich, Germany. 574.

Carried 10-500's (Incendiaries)  
TAKE OFF - 0900 HRS.

LANDED - 1730 HRS

ON OXYGEN - 6 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 8 1/2 HRS.

Primary target was an  
aero engine plant making  
the new J\_P jobs -  
Had to hit the secondary.  
Bombed P.F.F. thro a  
heavy overcast. Hit a  
marshalling yard in the  
center of Munich. Could  
not see the results.  
Flak was very bad. Got  
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Wing lead. Col. Nuttall.

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WING LEAD

COL NUTTALL



August 5, 1944.

#25, Hannover, Germany. 699.

Carried 10-500's.

TAKE OFF - 0830 HRS.

LANDED - 1500 HRS

ON OXYGEN - 4 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 6 1/2 HRS.

Target was a large airfield.

Bombed visual. From all appearances we did a good job on it. Flak was

near the waist I've seen.

Picked up about 50 holes

mostly in the bottom of the fuselage. Knocked

out the hydraulic system,

and the A.F.C.E. had to land in the weeds.

Had a fire in the left

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COL BUCK

WING LEAD



(986) August 26, 1944

#26. Gelsenkirchen Ruhr Valley

Carried - 36 - 100's - G.P. (Frag's)

TAKE OFF - 0930 HRS.

LANDED - 1400 HRS.

ON OXYGEN - 3 HRS.

IN THE AIR - 5 1/2 HRS.

Hit an oil plant in the Ruhr Valley. Hit the target pretty fair.

Flak over the target was intense & very accurate.

Quite a bit of battle damage.

Wing Lead. Col. Buck.

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THIS WAS TSGT GROSBIER'S 27TH AND LAST COMBAT MISSION.

HE RETURNED TO THE USA IN SEPTEMBER 1944.