

Mission #1 Feb 15, 1945

Dresden, Germany

Mission 9 1/2 hr. No fighter opposition

Light Flak. Spent hrs. on oxygen

3 Flak holes in ship. Peeler and

Tail Gunner had difficulties due

to lack of oxygen.

Mission #2 Feb. 19, 1945

Munster, Germany

Light flak, no fighters. Mission
only Thru., 4 hrs on oxygen. Flak
with a different group dropped
bombs to early.

Mission #3 Feb. 20, 1905 -
Nuremberg
Nuremberg, Germany.

Flak moderate + accurate. Ship
off of left wing got direct hit
between one + two engine went
out + down. No one bailed out
as far as to the layer of clouds.
Used barrage + tracking ~~method~~
Got out with only 2 flak holes.
No fighter opp. Medium length
Mission about 8 hrs. 4 hrs. of gas.

Mission #9 Feb. 27, 1945

No flack and no fighter opp. Used
new battle tactics 12,000 bombing
altitude instead of the usual 26,000
to 31,000 area. Really hit the
target. The target was Uelzen
marshalling yards.

Mission #5 Feb. 23, 1945
Plauen, Germany

Used low bombing alt. again
13,500 bombing alt. No flak
no fighter opp. Shot up 2 rockets.
Mission 10 hrs. Oxygen 6 hrs.
Everything went smooth. Hope
we get by with little flak on
the rest of them. Really tired
this evening.

Mission #6 Feb. 24, 1945

Hamburg, Germany

No fighter opp. Bombing alt
26,500 ft. Flak Moderate level
& big barrage. Was really
scared. Death was very close
to me so it seemed. Str. Mission
of 9 or 4 hrs. Otherwise every-
thing went quite well.

Mission #7 Feb. 28, 1945

Hagen, Germany

No fighters. Bombing altitude
25,000 ft. Target flat &
inaccurate. Flying time about
7 hrs. Oxygen about 4 hrs. We
saw the ship "Big Dog" on its
100th mission today. Marshall
yards.

Mission 8, March 1, 1945

Bruchsal, Germany

No fighter opp. no flak.

Easy mission but as usual quite long. Thro. 3 hrs 1/2 approx.

Our fighter support did not show up until we were on our way home. No losses.

Marshalling yards again.

Bruchsal

Mission 9, March 1945 -
Rositz, Germany

No fighter opp. Saw an air
field with ships but they did
not come up to track. Talk
intense and accurate although
we received no flak hits. All
of the ships around us were
shot up pretty bad. They
started out with a barrage
with the flight like us &
started tracking us. Talk kept
bursting off of our right wing.
Never caught anything with
us.

Mission 10, March 9, 1945 -

Ulmer Germany

No fighter opp. Light flak
hit lead ship. Received one
flak hole in tail. 9 hr. mission
5 hr. oxygen. Nothing else out
of the way. Made 2 bomb runs.
Oil refinery plant. target.

Mission 11, March 8, 1945

Essen, Germany

20 fighter opposition. Light load

Mission 6 hrs. 3 hrs oxygen.

altitude 26,000 ft.

Mission 12A MARCH 10, 1945
Schwerte, Germany

Light and inaccurate flak. No
fighters opp. 6 hr. Mission, 3 hrs.
of gas. Weather 10/10. Easy
Mission. High Camera. Target.
Marshalling yards.

Mission 128. March 11, 1945

Bremen, Germany

No fighter opposition. Flak quite heavy but not accurate. Short mission 6 hrs. 3 hrs. oxygen. Lots of Rockets today. No planes missing. Had a little trouble with ~~no. 3~~ no. 3 engine supercharger. Everything O.K. as usual. No flak holes. 10/10 Cloud Coverage.

Mission # 14 March 12, 1945

Beitzdorf, Germany

No fighter opposition today, nor any
flak. But saw across two V-2's one
on the way in and one on the
way out. At first I mistook them
for rocket ships. About 7hr. Mission
4hr. oxygen. Nothing out of the
way. Flew # 459 on its 100th
Mission.

Mission 15, March 15, 1945

Possen, Germany

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No fighter opposition, no flak
at target but received flak on
way home meager, fairly accurate.
Saw a couple of V-2's today. Made
two bomb runs. Target Regia
headquarters. Heated suit went out
trench went out in elevation. Flow
459 on its 101 mission. Mission
about 9 hrs. 6 1/2 hrs. on ground at least.
Bombing altitude 23,500. Came home
7:30 P.M. Latest ever to land from
a mission. Lady Luck rides with
me so it seems.

Mission #18, March 19, 1945
Blumen Boulen, Germany
No fighter opposition. No flaks.
Rocket almost hit our ship.
The force from the explosion
rocked our ship. Mission was
10 1/2 hrs. 5 hrs of oxygen. Weather
real bad over base. But visual
over target. Saw Paris & the
Eiffel tower today. Also Bussat
on the way down hill from base.
Very good so far. My Barbier
went down with another crew
on this mission.

Mission 19, March 20, 1945

Hamburg, Germany

No picnic today, encountered heavy & moderately accurate flak today. Really had to do some dodging. First time enemy fighters attacked us. Saw two B-17's go down and another probable. Saw a fighter go down but not sure as to who's it was. Submarines came into port so we moved fast and bombed them. Airstack: Moving mission so far. Enemy fighters were Me-262's. Jet jobs. Cruising speed of about 500 m.p.h. Got back 8:30 this evening. This makes 4 straight days. One B-17 caught fire & blew up. Getting ruff!

Mission 20. March 22, 1945

Westerberg, Germany

^{westerberg}
Saw a jet today but no attack.

Flak was moderate but accurate.

We had a hole through the nose
plexiglass one near me that
went through the oxygen bottles.
Then one on the wing near the
plane. Target visual. 5 1/2 mission
4 hrs of op. Front line mission
P.W. Camp 1000 ft away from
target. Missions seem to be
getting harder all of the time.
Suck's still holding out though.
Flak don't scare me like it
used to. Hope it's not a bad sign.
No word of my Bomber yet.

Mission 21, March 23, 1945
Diedrich, Germany
High marching yards. Height
hood of yesterday. Bomb plate
was much more accurate. A
ship went down in our 1st
Group. Engine shot out soon two
parachutes. Mission 6 hrs. of 4
hrs. Post transporting depot.
Received plate in tail. Two enemy
fighter opposition. Dress lady
luck is holding out a little yet.

Mission 22, March 24, 1945
Inventell ~~State~~ Eschede

Meager but quite accurate
flak. A couple of boys wounded
on another plane. No fighter opp.

Target was a German Air Base
in Dollard. Target was hit with
good results. Mission 5 hrs. 3 hrs
of oxygen. ^{2 hrs} Bullet two Missions today.

We were on the second one.
No news of our Bombers.

Mission 23. March 26, 1945
Plauen, Germany, Meinden

No flak at target but a little
flak before we hit the T. P. 700
fighter opposition on our lead.
but there were fighters up, we
made 3 bomb runs hit no. 4
target Mission. 10 hrs. 5 hrs
oxygen. Easy but long mission
today.

Mission 25, ~~March~~ ^{April} 5, 1945

Ingolstadt, Germany

No flak today but fighters (Jab Jabs)
hit us. Long mission, 10 hrs ab
least. 4 hrs oxygen. We hit a
ammo + supply depot. Found
out that the English shot down
our Barbier over restricted area.
First mission since good Friday.
Kinda on edge.

Mission 26, ²⁰⁰⁰March 6, 1945

Stepping, Germany

Hard day today, three ships were
lost out of our sqd. and two more
that we know of in a group behind
us. One crashed & blew up outside of
this morning. Two had Fried-air
Collision right after bombs away. and
the two in behind us had a Collision
before bombs away. Five men out
of our barracks today. Four men
on their first mission and one man
on his 31st mission. Weather
was ruff today. Long mission today
same as yesterday. Fighters in area
but didn't attack us. Flak moderate
but inaccurate. After the mission on
Good Friday I sweat 10 yrs off my
life today.

Mission 27, April 7, 1945

Hitzacker, Germany.

Fighters in area but we encountered none. Flak Meager, none over the target. Mission easy but tiresome. I have been up for 20 hrs straight up to now. Got about 10 hrs sleep in the past 3 days. Dead on my feet. Bombed Meinhell's yards & underground oil storage. Results very good. Visual bombing. Fine for flying time. Bombing altitude 15,000 ft. Drysen 4 to 5 hrs. Didn't eat from 2:30 A.M. to 8 P.M. this evening.

Mission 28, April 10, 1945
^{Orientburg, Germany}
Hit flak 2 times today. But none
over the target. Ich Jabs hit us
today. ~~Had~~ a direct attack, Long
Mission. about 8 hrs. 4 hrs. of gun
seem to be getting harder. Hope that
they soften up. Some flak was quite
close but we only received one
hole. one plane in front of us
blow up after a wing blow off

Mission 29, ~~29~~ April 11, 1945

Munich, Germany, Treiber

Hit Underground Oil Storage

here. Right on the outskirts of the City. This is one of the heaviest flak areas in Germany. We didn't have to go through the flak but there was some that could reach us. Bursting right off of our right wing but never quite caught up with us. Fighters in area but didn't attack our sqd. altitude 25,000 ft. Visual target. Radar suff. Results were good we were the only sqd. that hit the target. Made 2 runs on the target.

Mission 30, April 14, 1945

Bordeaux, France.

Hit target with good results.

No flak, no fighters. This target
is at South Western France where
there are ^{German} troops hemmed in. Bombs
Gave installations on Coast. Mosquitoes
knocked out Flak guns for us.

Target Visual. Bombing alt. 18,000 ft.

Oxygen about 2 to 3 hrs. Mission 2 hrs.

Very good mission hope the rest
of them are like this one. Two
runs

Mission 31, April 15, 1945

Bordeaux, France, Royan

Target was three miles from yesterday. We bombed from 15,000 today Ball turret & Tail did not fly with us today. So most of the crew is one ahead of 3 of the men. Really a break. Hope the other 4 are in the same area. Just 4 more to go. The long road is beginning to finally end. Best of luck & may all of the Crew get finished. Am really sweating these last ones out. So close to the end yet so far.

Mission 32. April 16, 1945

Regensburg, Germany

Flak today but thank God it was
meager and inaccurate. Weather
was visual. Bombing altitude
24,000. Mission 8 hrs. about
3 hrs. oxygen. Flew a few ships
today 339449 (Full House). Fighters in
area but none attacked our
group. So close to the finish
yet so far. There was the
same since mission no. 24.

Mission 33, April 17, 1945

Dresden, Germany

Fighters in area but didn't hit
our Sqd. Flak was moderate
but quite accurate. 10hr. mission
today. About 3 to 4 hrs. oxygen.

was bombed by request of Ground
Forces. Target was Marshalling
yards. Weather was visual but
kind of blurry. Kinde Raff today.
Sweating out 2 more of them.

Mission 34, April 19, 1945

Cherwell, Germany.

Today was a really swell mission. There was a little flat but it was just a little out of our path. No fighters today. Weather was visual over target. Mission about 8 hrs. My gas about 3 1/2 hrs. Just one more mission and then a rest. Sounds good. Was a little tired today but not very much. Altitude 25,000 ft. Target was marshalling yards.