

My Bit for Victory
MISSIONS against Nazis

First Mission

JUNE 28, 44

JUVINCOURT

FRANCE

Our target was a
Luftwaffe Aerodrome.

We encountered Meager
Flak, thought it was pretty
tough then, but have changed
our minds now

Made 2 runs over the
target, but finally dropped
our bombs. Was I glad

850 Bombers

P-47s P-38s P-51s Escorts
Flew as waist Gunner

8 hrs. flying

Bombing Alt. 25,000 ft.

2nd Mission

Reims

July, 4th

France

Target was an airfield
Flak was Meager over
the target

Made 2 runs over target
but dropped our bombs

Flew as waist Gunner

P-47 Escort

5 hrs. flying

25,000 St.

3rd Mission

July 7

Leipzig

Germany

target was a Ball
bearing factory and a
ME-109 Assembly plant
Flak was intense, lots
of rockets were fired
at us

Two B-17s from our
group collided, and
blew up a little south
of Cambridge. The next
day I went to look for
dead bodies from the crash.
terrible sight. He parachuted
safe, others were killed - 14 -

Sky was full of Flak over
target. Lots of our planes
were hit. 8 hrs flying

1,134 Bombers 25,000 St

350 P-39s, P-47s, P-51s Escorts

Flew as waist Gunner

We knocked 114 enemy planes
out of the sky.

4th Mission July 17

ZINNOWITZ Germany
target was Flying
bomb, and Rocket experiment
Stations

Made two runs over
the target

No Flak was encountered
and no enemy opposition
~~was~~ very nice

Flew Ball Turret 1st

25,000 ft.

9 1/2 hrs. Flying

July 16

Formation Practice Mission

3 1/2 hrs. Flying

Ball turret

20,000 ft.

5th Mission July 19

Munich Germany
target was H₂O₂ Hydro-
gen peroxide factory

DON said we ruined
his supply of sex

lotion. Sorry DON

This is war kid

10 hrs. Flying

25,000 ft.

Attacked by Me-109s +

Fw-190s, got in a few

shots. Only thing I could

say was "Give EM hell

boys", was too scared to

think clearly

1150 Bombers

900 fighters Escorts

Flew Ball Turret

6th Mission July, 20

Bessau Germany

Forgot target

was attacked by

ENEMY Fighters "Bandits"

9 hrs. Flying

1,056 Bombers

200 Escorts for our

division

No escorts over target

Bandits really gave us hell

Flew Ball Turret

Altitude 25,000 ft.

7th Mission July, 21

Ludwigshafen Germany

Target was a rail

marshalling yards. Caught

A intense barrage of

KloK from Mannheim

9 hrs. Flying

25,000 ft.

Flew Ball Turret

8th Mission July 24

St. Lo France

We helped the Infantry
ON a push

Made 2 runs over

target and never dropped
our bombs, our lines
were too close to
take a chance

Sweated out landing
with bombs in bomb bay

550 Bombers

6 hrs. Flying

Ball turret

Altitude 16,500 ft.

3 tons Fragmentation
anti Personnel Clusters

9th Mission July 28

Merseburg

Germany

Target was a bunch
of oil tanks

Flak was intense over
target

ENEMY fighters hit
us.

We had escorts

Flew Ball turret
25,000 ft.

2 10th Mission
Merseburg July 29, 44
Germany

Target was synthetic oil
refineries. No. 1 priority
targets of Germany

Flak was very intense
sure sweated that one

we were attacked
by Bandits, 17 Bombers were
knocked down.

1,194 Bombers
240 fighter escorts for
our divisions 1st.

Flew ball turret
5 hrs. flying
25,000 ft.

11th Mission July 31, 44
Munich Germany

Target was an aircraft
engine factory.

Flak was intense --
as usual for Munich
no attacks by Bandits.

1,196 Bombers
1,136 fighters, escorts
Flew Ball turret
9 hrs. flying
25,000 ft.

12th Mission
Chartres

Aug. 1, 45
France

Target was an Airfield
occupied by the Luftwaffe
good bombing Material
Flak was Moderate
No Bandits

Flew Ball turret
5 1/2 hrs. flying

13th Mission
Floury

Aug. 3
France

Target was a flying
bomb site.
Flak was meager over
the target.

My oxygen regulator
froze right after we
left the target, sweated
out intense flak over
coast, before daring to
leave ball, ice was all
over my face. Temp. -34° cent.

No Bandits

Flew Ball Turret
4 hrs. flying
25,000 ft.

14th Mission Aug. 4
Peenemunde GERMANY

Target was hydrogen
Peroxide plant
Flak was intense
Whew!

1 plane blew up IN
the middle of flak just
one big puff of black
smoke, and then to the
earth, a ball of fire

Deputy wing lead
P.F.F. Ship

No Bandits

1,154 Bombers

4 hrs. P-51s Escort

Flew Ball turret ✓

22,000 ft.

Flew as Waist Gunner

10 Man crew

15th Mission Aug. 12, 44
Romilly Sur Seine, France

Target was a Airfield
Nazis again, but we
sure gave them hell
we were group lead
again.

No Flak, for a change,
a real Milk run just
what we always like

No Bandits

First time we never
saw either flak or fighters
France sure looks good
in our hands

Full area support from
our fighters

Flew Ball Turret

20,000 ft

7½ hrs. flying

16th Mission

Vise

Aug. 18

~~Belgium~~
Belgium

Target was a Bridge between two German occupied cities.

Made 2 runs over target never dropped our bombs, we found a target of opportunity a Nazi Airfield, we dropped our bombs on the living quarters, good results.

Flak was moderate over the target, pretty accurate we raised our altitude 2,000 ft. Hit Meeger tracking flak just as we lost our secondary target. Flak in different places almost coast.

P-51 Escorts all the way

Flew Ball Turret

27,000 ft.

10 man crew

5 1/2 hrs. flying

17th Mission

Merseburg

Aug 24,

Germany

Target was synthetic oil Refinery. My 3rd trip to dear old Merseburg.

Flak was very intense over target. Had flak all the way in.

Ball turret window froze up. Couldn't see very much get more afraid every mission

Flew as lead how Group caught helping flak A captured B-17 got in our formation, was trying to knock our ships out.

To smoky to see results of bombing.

Good Escort P-51 12rp.

Flew Ball Turret

22,500

9 hrs. flying

10 man crew

18th Mission

MUNSTER

Sept. 30

Germany

Target was Marshalling
Yard S.E. of the town
of Munster.

Flak was meager and
fairly accurate.

Vickers Motor on Mills
Turret burned out. Flew
with Dueseler's crew
Tail End Charlie High
Group.

I saw the winking of
the Flak guns. Mostly
sight.

Good Escort, P-51s P-47s

Flew Ball Turret

Alt. 27,000

6 hrs. flying

9 Man crew

19th Mission

Cologne

Oct. 5, 44

Germany

Target was Marshalling
Yards South East part
of the city.

Flak was meager at I.P.
increasing to intense.

No. 4 engine had to be
feathered. We had to leave the
formation. Let Deputy lead take
over. Dropped our bombs on
the bank of a river.

Ball Motor burned out
interphone didn't work. almost
passed out from anoxia.

White Flak, also lots
of Black.

Good Escort P-51s P-47s
Close Support

Alt. 26,000

6 1/2 hrs.

Flew Ball Turret

12 Man crew

Maj. Frank - co-pilot, A.C.

20th MISSION
Saarbrücken

Oct. 14,
Germany

Target was a Marshalling
yard North East section of
the city.

Was very surprised to
find Meager Flak so a
change. Got our Bombs away
on time, with good results

Flew with Duesler again,
Tom flew as Togoless.

Pretty cold -41°C .

AM not going to drink
any more while flying,
it don't work so good. Felt
terrible. Flak was pretty close
got some good pictures

DARN good Escort 100
P-51s For our wing

Flew Ball Turret
had no Element. Alt. 26,000

Flying 6 hrs 50 min.

Bomb load 9 Man crew
12-250 G.P.s 4-M17 incmd

21st Mission
Mannheim

Oct. 19, 44
Germany

Target was a TANK Factory
between the Rhine river
and main railroad thru the
city of Mannheim.

Flew P.F.F. Ship from
Kimbolton. Went over target
alone heading low Group.

Flak was Moderate over
target. Temp. -38°C . $+43^{\circ}$

Took a nice short run
over target. Bombs away in
good shape. Flak on Rhine
is pretty nasty. All kept
a good formation. ON LOOK
out for Bandits.

Good Escorts. P-51s
Flew as waist
with Henderson. Alt. 27,000
Flying hrs. 6'57" min.

10 Man crew
6-500 G.P.s Bomb load
8-500 M-17 incmd. | TOM ON LEFT
WING.

22nd Mission
HAMM

Oct. 25
Germany

Target was a Messing
yards west part of the
city. we were briefed
for Galzenkirchen. Bombed
P.F.F. so had to go to Hamm
instead.

First Mission as a
Toggolier. Got my bombs away
in good time and shape.

Flew with Duesler
again.

Flak was Moderate
to Intense at target.

Got quite a bit off
we set the target.

Don flew Tail with Britt
shire. Myrick finished up.

P-47s Darn good escort. Close
Alt. 28,000' Toggolier

Slinging hrs. 7'

Bomb load. 18-250 G.P.s.

9-Man crew

23rd Mission
HAMM

Oct. 26
Germany

Target was the same
as last time. Some
briefing. P.F.F. in

Bomb base must have
taken away 1255, would
go in. Train was in place.

Sealed to Soluo, pulled
everything I could get
aboard. Got Em away

then Walcott had to
crank hammer door up

Flak was Moderate, some
break. Had trouble

with our interceptors
121 is No damn good.

P-47s Close up
Alt. 28,000

Flew as Toggolier
Flying hrs. 6'

Bomb load 18-250 G.P.s.
9 Man crew

24th MISSION Nov. 1st
Belzen Kirschen GERMANY

Target was a large
synthetic oil refinery
N.W. part of city NO. 1
Priority.

Lots of Flak today
intense and very
accurate. DARN good
tracking. -44°C.

Ulrey didn't care very
much for my bombing today
He sure is a heel

Fred's doors broke down
on him.

P-51s P-47s Escort Cond

Alt. 26,500

Flown as Target

Flying 1000 ft

Bomb load 20,250 G.P.S

27 MAN crew

SOMEONE was Pilot

today

25th MISSION Nov. 2
Essen GERMANY

Target was a synthetic
oil plant 6 miles north
of Essen a little down
in the Rhine "Happy Valley"

Flak was intense and
usually pretty accurate
good tracking. Really had
to use evasive action
temp: -47°C.

Very good. The box
was pretty accurate
today, and on a target

P-51s P-47s Escort

Good cover

Alt. 27,000

Flown as Target

Flying 1000 ft

Bomb load 6-1000 SFR

27 MAN crew

Man was Pilot

today

27th Mission

Nov. 8, 47

Merseburg

Germans

Target was a Synthetic
oil refinery.

4th trip to the old city
wasn't so bad this time

Flak was intense and
accurate pretty long
trip this time too much
wind velocity

Bombs really went
away good. 7.3

Had the best escort
I've ever seen on a
operational mission

P-51s P-47s lovely

Alt. 26,500

Flew as Loggoler

Flying hrs. 9'30"

9 MAN crew

Hartness Pilot

Bomb load. 10 x 500 B.P.s

28th MISSION
Munster

NOV. 20, 44
Germany

Target was a Marshalling
yards in the center
of the city.

No flak due to our
altitude, and weather.

Pretty good mission
the I.P. was on our side
of the lines.

Flew with Causa, can't
say as I liked his very
unusual way of doing
things in a tight spot. He
gets too scared.

Good Escort 2 Grps. P-51s
Alt. 3,000'

Flew as toggeler

Flying hrs. 5'30"

90 Man crew

Bomb load - 20 x 250 lb. Ps.

1/10 x 1/40 T.

29th MISSION
Elsen Kirchen

NOV. 23, 44
Germany

Target was a Coke yards
7 miles N.N.E. of the city
on an island in the middle
of a canal. Supply for the
Nordstern Synthetic oil
plant we have hit a few
times before.

Flak was meager the
easiest run to this target
I've had

Flew with Hartness
today. Nice way to cele-
brate Thanksgiving.

That plant alone has an out-
put of 400,000 tons a year the
biggest in the Ruhr.

Good Escort. 1 Grp. P-51s.

Alt. 27,500

Flying hrs. 7'

9 Man crew

20 x 250 lb. Ps 1/10 x 1/40 T.

30th Mission
Biel Field

Nov. 26, 44
Germany

Target was a Viaduct
over the Main Line Rail
road coming from the
Ruhr (Happy) Valley

Flak was Meager, but
pretty accurate, all bursts
came from 105°.

Saw a plane blow up today
on the Bomb run.

Lovely dog fight. Jerries
took a big bite, but the Jaws
of our boys can bite also
Saw a fighter go straight
down.

2 grps. Darn good Escort P-51s

Flew as Taggerler

Alt. 22,000

Flying hrs. 5'40"

9 Man crew

6 x 1000 Bomb load

Hartness was Pilot.

Lustwaffe up in force.

31st Mission
Hanover

Nov. 29, 44
Germany

Target was one of
the Nazis No. 1 priority
lubricating oil plants.

Flak was Moderate
and inaccurate at the
target. Had some at the
coast, and some to the
left of us from Osnabruck

No Enemy attack, we
had too much Escort. 750

Duessler was leading
our Element. Sure was
a bumb job. Hartness
was the pilot.

1 Grp. P-51s for our Group.

Flew as Taggerler

Alt. 26,000

Flying hrs. 7'28"

9 Man crew

12 x 500 G.P.s 1/10 x 1/40 Tr. Bomb load

2 34th MISSION
Stuttgart.

Dec. 9, 44
Germany.

Target was an Airfield
11 mi. S.W. off the city
it was a experimental
field for new plane just
off the assembly line.

Flak was meager at
the target, darn nice run.

Plenty of snow in Nazi
land now day temp. at
bombing alt. was -52°C .

My bombs really went
away nice sent them
out in vain.

Had pretty good
Escort, P-51s P-47s

Flew as Toggelier
Flying hrs. 8'
9 MAN crew

Bomb load 38x100 G.P.

Flew with Cepits
pretty good crew
Alt. 23,500'

Finish of Tour.

35th MISSION
STUTTGART?
MANNHEIM

Dec. 11, 44
Germany

Target was a Railroad
bridge between the cities
of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen
it was requested by the
ground forces, it was a Main
line supply route to the
front lines.

Flak was meager over
the target. A nice one to
finish up on.

Really sweated this
last one out. Seemed like
a lifetime from take off
to E.T.R. -40°C .

P-51 Escorts

Flew as Toggelier
Flying hrs. 8'
9 MAN crew

Alt. 23,500'

Flew with Worthen
Bomb load, 2x2000^{B.B.} + 2x1000 G.P.

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First Abortion Sept. 6, 1944
Ludwigshaven Germany

Target was a Chemical
Plant, for war work

We started out, reached
France Altitude was 14,000
ft.

We hit overcast, tried
to go up thru it. Lost our
whole Low Element on first
burn in clouds, also lost the
Lead and Low groups. We lost
our high Element shortly after
wards leaving only our
Left and right wingmen.

We were 20 minutes from
F.P. when we decided to

burn back. I was very
glad. No credit for mission thro,
Flew Ball turret

10 man crew

6 1/2 hrs. Flying
reached 27,000 ft. Alt.