

HEADQUARTERS
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

AP0 559.
18 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 16 August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Group (H), APO 559.

1. **GENERAL NARRATIVE:** The 95 "A" Group - flying as lead group in the 13th "B" Combat Wing, with 95 "B" (composite), high, and 95 "C", low, - took off at 0600 - 0618 hours and assembled over base at 18,000 feet by 0755 hours.

95 "B" Group took off at 0550 - 0558 hours and assembled over base at 19,000 feet - where the composite squadron from the 390th Group rendezvoused with them.

95 "C" Group took off at 0615 - 0627 hours and assembled over base at 17,000 feet.

After assembling, the groups joined in wing formation and left base, proceeding to Orfordness, and arriving there at 0815. Between Orfordness and Ipswich, 13 "B" wing fell in behind 13 "A" wing, but was forced to turn out to right when another wing crossed in front. However, Bun. 16 was out short and proper interval behind "A" wing regained.

The English coast was crossed at 0836 hours and climb to bombing altitude begun. The enemy coast was crossed at 0910 hours, altitude 22,000 feet, on course. Near Gotha, a 10 mile deviation to right of course was made in order to avoid flak, but other wise briefed course was followed. The I.P. was reached at 1124 hours, groups took proper intervals by fanning out, and "A" Group dropped bombs at 1133 hours from 22,000 feet. "B" Group bombs were away at 1134 and "C" Group bombed at 1136 hours. "C" Group lost three planes over target due to flak. Flak was intense and very accurate. Rally was not effected immediately, but "A" Group "S"ed and allowed the other two to rejoin formation. Briefed course out was followed, enemy coast crossed at 1316 hours, and let down to minimum altitude begun. English coast crossed at 1351 and base reached at 1400 hours.

Landing for the three groups was effected at 1401 - 1422 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Thirty-three A/C, including two pathfinders, and plus six ships from the 390th, left base in the formations shown in Diagrams "A". A/C # 7264 lost no. 4 engine and turned back but is credited with a sortie.

The remaining thirty-two A/C bombed the primary target and are credited with sorties.

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: 42-31589 - hit by flak over target. Seen to crash. 8 chutes.

42-31514 - hit by flak over target. Under control when last seen. No chutes.

42-97797 - hit by flak over target. Blew up. 4 chutes.

42-37879 - hit by # 7797. Burned. 9 chutes.

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"A"

A Brief

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 16-8-44

TIME

STREETON
79/89

FLESS
73/93

WALKER
73/34

Orndorff
24/50

Sheffer
78/01

Powell
70/47

HANSON
24/27

Baumgardner
70/84

Taylor
18/67

Schmidt
71/94

Collings
19/39

SEVERSON
15/14

ELLSWORTH
81/06

EXTRA

EXTRA A/C

ABORTIVE

MISSING

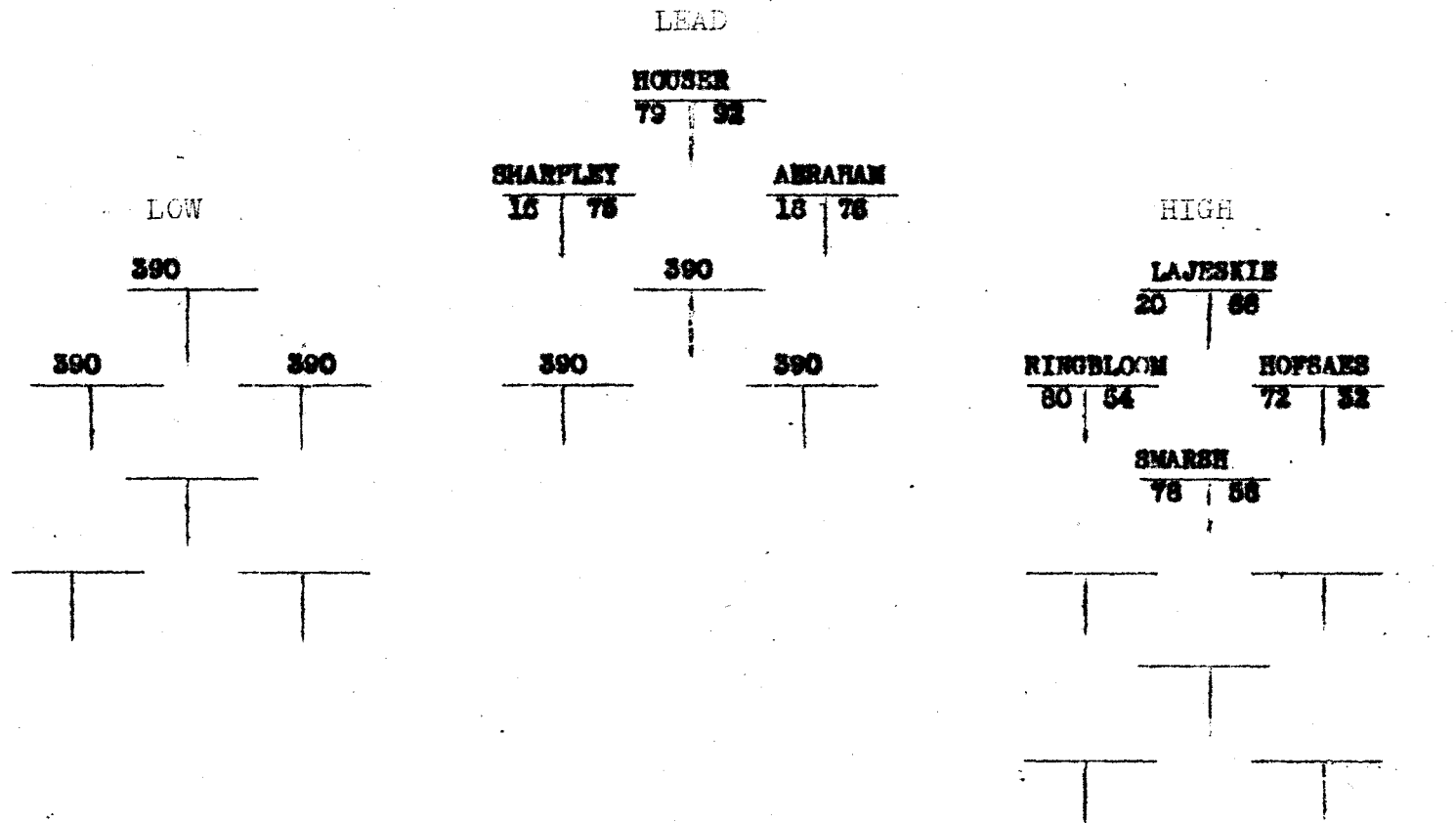
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95th "B" Group
 Assembly
 Diagram "A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 18 August 19 44



BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

DSG "C" Group
 Assembly
 Diagram "A"

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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 16 August 19 44

LEAD

MAYER
 28 | 78

LOW

NETZINGER
 73 | 78

AUSTIN
 78 | 98

SHEPARD
 81 | 40

LASH
 14 | 10

FERRISON
 71 | 84

HANNUM
 77 | 97

MC VAY
 72 | 84

WILLIAMS
 78 | 79

GREENWALD
 19 | 20

HIGH

BORDON
 29 | 51

PRICE
 15 | 89

CURLEY
 16 | 00

BRIEFING _____
 READINESS _____
 STATIONS _____
 TAXI _____
 TAKE-OFF _____
 RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

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STATISTICAL CONTROL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

16 AUGUST 1944

13TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING

DATE RENDERED _____

16 AUGUST 1944

PART I - TABULAR SUMMARY:

DATE OF MISSION _____

STRATEGICAL MISSION

COMBAT GROUP	SCHEDULED	AIRBORNE	AIRBORNE LESS RETURN* LESS SPARES	ATTACKING	NOT ATTACKING	SORTIES
"A"	12	12	12	12	0	12
"B"	6	6	6	6	0	6
"C"	13	13	13	12	1	13

PART II - REASONS WHY AIRCRAFT DID NOT ATTACK OR FAILED TO TAKE OFF:

Combat Grp A/C's/No	Category	Reason for Failure & Corrective Action	Sortie (Yes-No)
42-37284		Engine Failure	Yes

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A Group

FORM 3

STATION 119DATE 16 Aug 44

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
✓35	Y	7989 7878	Stoetson			0600		1414	
✓36	K	2450	Arndorff			0601		1406	
	S	7334	Walker			0602		1424	
	R	7844	Baumgardner			0603		1435	
	Z	1514	Severson			0612			
	J	1939	Collings			0606		1414	
	E	8106	Ellsworth			0609		1418	
	P	7801	Sheller Tel to			0610		1421	
	O	7194	Schmidt			0611		1422	
	B	1867	Taylor			0613		1420	
	F	7383	Friess Tel to			0604		1417	
	C	2427	Hanson			0605		1418	
✓34	M	7047	Powell			0608		1416	

C Group

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STATION 119

DATE 16 Aug. '44

LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
				EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
✓34	R 2678	Mayer			0615		1402	
✓	G 1920	Greenwald			0616		1400	
-	F 7154	Ferguson			0617			Woodbridge
✓H12	H 7797	Hannum			0618			
✓34	P 7879 P 7879	Williams			0619			
✓	H 7264	McKey			0620		1047	#4 Eng
✓	Q 2951	Banden Tol Hi			0621		1419	
✓	T 1600	Curley			0622		1401	
✓	C 1589	Price			0623			
✓H12	J 7376	Metzinger Tol Hi			0624		1404	
✓	C 8140	Shepard			0625		1405	
✓	A 7898	austin			0626		1353	
✓36	G 1410	Lash			0627		1403	

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 108

PERIOD: 0001 hours 16 August 1944 to 2400 hours 16 August 1944

A. STATISTICS

	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Disp.</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Atkg.</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Losses</u>				<u>Total</u>
							<u>E/A</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>N/E</u>	<u>OT</u>	
Heavy Bomber Atks.	11	1090+	1025	976	2412.9	6-4-6 A	6	13	3	2	24
Fighter Escort	16	692	612	0	0	32-1-4 A 0-0-3 G	0	0	1	2	3
Fighter Sweeps	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter-Bombing	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	18	18	17	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	17	17	17	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	18	18	18	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	111	1866	1720	976	2412.9	38-5-10A 0-0-3 G	6	13	4	4	27

+ Includes 26 spares - 14 used.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

23 combat wings (659 B-17s, 431 B-24s - 1090 a/c) dispatched against 11 oil refineries and aircraft plants in central Germany. Support by 16 fighter groups. All primaries attacked, 976 a/c dropped 2412.9 tons GP and IB on assigned targets and several T/Os. All bombing visual in generally CAVU weather. E/A opposition: 20 to 30 s/e e/a and three Me-163s attacked First Force. No attacks on other forces. Claims: 6-4-6 air. Losses: 24 a/c (16 B-17s, 8 B-24s).

First Force

11 combat wings (425 B-17s) dispatched against Delitzsch, Schkeuditz, Halle a/c assembly plants and Bohlen synthetic oil plant. 379 B-17s dropped 725.1 tons GP, 183.6 tons IB - 908.7 tons, on all primaries and several T/Os, at 1052 - 1135 hours from 23,400 - 27,800 feet. Leaflets also dropped at Bohlen and west of Eisenach. Weather: CAVU. All bombing visual. Flak: meager to

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moderate, accurate at Delitzsch; moderate to intense, accurate at other primary targets. Battle Damage: 163 B-17s minor, 71 B-17s major. E/A opposition: 20 - 30 s/c e/a attacked one combat wing in the Mulhausen area. Two jet-propelled e/a (Me-163s) attacked another combat wing at Bohlen. Another Me-163 attacked straggling B-17 in Kothen area. Claims: 6-4-6 air. Losses: 10 a/c (6 to e/a, 3 to AA, 1 to unknown causes).

Fighter Support: Six fighter groups (48 P-47s, 241 P-51s - 289 a/c) dispatched. Four groups furnished close support. Two other groups provided special support sweeping ahead of bomber formations. Up 0739 - 0815 hours, down 1150 - 1345 hours. 246 sorties. One group strafed e/a on Althorn A/F. E/A opposition: one group engaged 75 plus Me-109s and FW-190s near Eisenach. Another group encountered 15 plus e/a, evidently a part of larger e/a force in same area, four Me-109s and FW-190s ten miles southwest of Mehlis and eight FW-190s at Flauen. Third group had combat with four Me-109s at Mulhausen and with four jet-propelled a/c (flying wing type) near Gotha. Claims: 15-1-3, air; 0-0-3, ground. Losses: nil.

Details of attack as follows:

<u>Assigned Target</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-17</u>	<u>B-17</u>	<u>G.P.</u>	<u>I.B.</u>	
Delitzsch A/F (Me 109 Assembly)	117	102	182.5	77.3	Very Good
Halle (JU 88 and 188 Assembly)	74	60	114.0	34.3	Good
Bohlen Synthetic Oil Refinery	115	88	206.7		Fair
Schkeuditz (JU-88 and 188 Assem.)	119	92	155.4	62.0	Good-V.Good
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Naumburg Ordnance Depot(Secondary)		15	28.9		Poor
Halberstadt A/F		13	27.5		Fair
Osnabruck A/F		1		2.5	Unobserved
Gottingen		1	1.9		Unobserved
7 T/Os		7	8.2	7.5	Unobserved
TOTALS	425	379	725.1	183.6	

Second Force

Six combat wings (234 B-17s) dispatched against Rositz Oil Refinery, Zeitz Synthetic Oil Plant. 209 B-17s dropped 484.4 tons GP on both primaries and T/Os at 1130 - 1146 hours, from 21,000 - 23,000 feet. Leaflets also dropped on Rositz. Weather: CAVU with slight ground haze at both targets. All bombing visual. Flak: moderate to intense and very accurate at Gotha and Zeitz; meager, inaccurate at Rositz. Battle Damage: 50 B-17s minor, 38 B-17s major. E/A opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 6 B-17s - 5 to AA, 1 to collision over Zeitz.

Fighter Support: Four groups (42 P-47s, 147 P-51s - 189 a/c) dispatched. Up 0825 - 1040 hours, down 1330 - 1453 hours. 166 sorties. Two groups strafed.

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E/A opposition: combat with 20 plus Me-109s near Mulhausen and 10 Me-109s near Gotha. Claims: 5-0-1 air. Losses: 2 a/c (1 P-51 to mechanical failure, 1 P-51 to unknown causes).

Details of attack as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-17</u>	<u>B-17</u>			
Zeitz Oil Refinery	117	101	226.1		Very Good
Rositz Oil Refinery	117	105	250.8		Very Good
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Naumburg		1	2.5		Poor
Lingen A/F		1	2.5		Unobserved
T/O - (5238N-0717E)		1	2.5		Unobserved
TOTALS	234	209	484.4		

Third Force

Four combat wings (366 B-24s) dispatched against Magdeburg/Neustadt, Dessau, Kothen a/c engine plants and Magdeburg/Rothensee Synthetic Oil Plant. 326 a/c dropped 643.6 tons GP, 195.4 tons IB - 839.0 tons - on all assigned primaries and two T/Os at 1024 - 1107 hours from 17,000 - 25,000 feet. Leaflets also dropped on Dessau. Weather: OAVU with slight ground haze at all targets. All bombing visual. Flak: Intense, accurate at Magdeburg/Neustadt, moderate to intense, accurate at Magdeburg/Rothensee, moderate, accurate at Kothen. Battle damage: 163 B-24s minor, 10 B-24s major. E/A opposition: no attacks. Four Me-109s, three Me-410s, three u/i e/a seen at distance. Claims: nil. Losses: 7 B-24s - 5 to AA, 1 to accident over target, 1 to unknown reasons.

Fighter Support: Five groups (41 P-47s, 127 P-51s - 168 a/c) dispatched. Up 0820 - 0943 hours, down 1324 - 1432 hours. 158 sorties. E/A opposition: one group encountered five Me-109s and one Me-410 near Hildesheim. Another group encountered 20 Me-109s in same area. Claims: 12-0-0 air. Losses: 1 P-51 to unknown causes.

Details of attack as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-24</u>	<u>B-24</u>	<u>G.P.</u>	<u>I.B.</u>	
Dessau (JU Engine & Assembly)	108	99	182.8	50.6	Good
Kothen (JU Engine)	72	71	109.5	79.0	Good-V.Good
Magdeburg/Rothensee Oil Refinery	112	87	225.0		Very Good
Magdeburg/Neustadt (A/c engine)	74	67	123.3	65.8	Very Good
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Plantlunne A/F		1	2.5		Fair
Hamelin		1	.5		Poor
TOTALS	366	326	643.6	195.4	

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Fourth Force

Two combat wings (65 B-24s) dispatched against Halberstadt A/F, FW-190 Assembly Plant. 62 B-24s dropped 147 tons GP - 33.8 tons IB - 180.8 tons on assigned target and two T/Os at 1125 - 1130 hours from 21,000 - 21,500 feet. Weather: 2/10 - 4/10 over target. Bombing visual. Flak: meager, inaccurate. Battle damage: 8 B-24s minor. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: one B-24 crash-landed on return, crew safe.

Fighter Support: One group (46 P-38s) dispatched. Up 0851, down 1350 hours. 42 sorties, E/A opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Details of attack as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacked</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
	<u>B-24</u>	<u>B-24</u>	<u>G.P.</u>	<u>I.B.</u>	
Halberstadt A/F+	65	51	117.0	31.2	Fair - Good
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Quedlinburg A/F		10	30.0		Unobserved
T/O (5145N-1108E)		<u>1</u>		<u>2.6</u>	Unobserved
TOTALS	65	62	147.0	33.8	

+ (13 B-17s of force dispatched against Schkeuditz dropped 27.5 tons GP on Halberstadt A/F as T/O. Total tonnage on Halberstadt A/F - 144.5 tons G.P., 31.2 tons I.B. - 175.7 tons).

2. Fighter Escort

Sixteen fighter groups (131 P-47s, 46 P-38s, 515 P-51s - 692 a/c) dispatched to escort four forces attacking targets in Germany. Two of these groups furnished special support, sweeping ahead of the first force, to break up e/a forming up. Up 0739 - 1040 hours, down 1150 - 1453 hours. 612 sorties. Five groups strafed Althorn A/F and in Amsterdam, Apeldoorn, Leipzig-Kassel, and Hamel-Minden areas. E/A opposition: combat with approximately 150 e/a in Eisenach-Mulhausen area, over Gotha and near Hildesheim. Claims: 32-1-4 air; 0-0-3 ground. Losses: 3 a/c (2 P-51s to unknown causes, 1 P-51 to mechanical failure).

Strafing claims include:

<u>Destroyed</u>		<u>Damaged</u>	
Locomotives	16	Locomotives	2
RR cars	4	RR cars (all types)	90
Barrage Balloon	1	Automobile	1
Oil Tender	1	Barges	12
Barges	1		

3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

4. Fighter-Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

18 a/c (14 P-51s and 4 Mosquitoes) dispatched on photo reconnaissance. Photographs obtained of A/Fs, oil installations and a/c plants in central Germany; also of P/W camps at Drenan and Muhlberg. One Mosquito dispatched on special mission aborted due to mechanical failure. Three Mosquitoes completed photographic missions in central France. All a/c returned safely.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

17 a/c (9 P-51s, 2 B-17s and 6 Mosquitoes) dispatched on weather reconnaissance. Two B-17s flew weather reconnaissance over the Atlantic. Two Mosquitoes obtained weather information over Central France, North Sea and central Germany. One Mosquito obtained weather information over the Isle of Man. Eight P-51s and three Mosquitoes scouted for bomber forces. One Mosquito was intercepted by two e/a but evaded. All a/c returned safely.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

18 P-47s on Air/Sea Rescue missions. A/O participated in one incident - 5 men rescued. All a/c returned safely.

8. Special Operations

12 a/c on special operations. All a/c returned safely.

9 P-51s and 6 P-47s dispatched as radio relays. All a/c returned safely.

4 B-24s completed RCM patrols, jamming between 2100 and 0015 hours.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Today's heavy bomber attacks on oil refineries and aircraft production centers in central Germany evoked a considerable reaction from s/e e/a, but as a result of good fighter escort, effective opposition developed only in the case of one combat wing of the First Force.

Two combat wings of the First Force, reported e/a opposition. Supporting fighters, however, reported sighting a total of some 200 e/a, about two-thirds of which were engaged in the Eisenach-Muhlhausen area, over Gotha and near Hildesheim. Several jet-propelled e/a were encountered in the Gotha area, two of which attacked bombers dispatched against Bohlen.

One First Force combat wing of B-17s, dispatched against Halle, was attacked by 20 - 30 e/a, mostly FW-190s with a few Me-109s, about twelve miles

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west of Muhlhausen at 1002 hours, slightly over an hour before arriving in the target area. The attack was made from the tail and lasted from three to five minutes. E/a came in in pairs with one pulling off to the left, the other to the right and pressing attack from the rear and slightly above. This brief attack netted the enemy six bombers at a loss to himself of 22 fighters destroyed by bombers and escorting a/c. At 1050 hours, a straggling B-17 of this combat wing was attacked by a single Me-163 about five miles west of Kothen, but the bomber successfully evaded. The high group of a second combat wing, dispatched against Bohlen, was attacked by two of six jet-propelled a/c seen just after the turn from the target at 1059 hours. Two passes were made by these a/c, the first pass from 11 o'clock high, after which the e/a turned and came back on the tail of the formation from about 2,000 feet above. A/c came in with jets off and fired from cannon in wings. When they had approached to within 200 yards, they would turn on jets and break away so fast that it was impossible to trace them. Bombers from both combat wings claim 6-4-6.

Fighters supporting the First Force reported sighting about 110 e/a in the Eisenach, Gotha and Muhlhausen areas and near Flauen. At 0955 hours, a P-51 group sighted some 75 Me-109s and FW-190s climbing towards bombers which were on their way to targets. P-51s engaged e/a between 27,000 and 15,000 feet. E/a were very aggressive in attacking bombers and attempted to ignore fighters, which however destroyed seven and damaged one. Another P-51 group bounced 15 plus Me-109s and FW 190s at 1000 hours in the vicinity of Eisenach, claiming 1-0-1; two Me-109s and two FW-190s were bounced ten miles southwest of Mehliis at 1020 hours, and one destroyed; and out of eight FW-190s attacked at Flauen at 1025 hours, one was destroyed. A third P-51 group engaged four jet-propelled a/c attacking bombers in the Gotha area, claiming two destroyed and one damaged. One pilot described the e/a as "more like a flying wing than the published drawing of the Me-163, with a very blunt nose, sharp dihedral on swept-back mainplane, no horizontal tail plane, an extremely thick stubby tail, about one-third the size of a B-17 in span and much larger than a P-47". E/a were black or very dark brown in color and unwaxed. At 0955 hours the same group encountered four Me-109s in the Muhlhausen area and destroyed two of them. Total claims for fighters supporting First Force: 15-1-3.

Fighters supporting the Second Force encountered some 30 e/a in the Muhlhausen and Gotha areas. A P-51 group sighted two formations, 20 plus Me-109s west of Muhlhausen at 1025 hours, and 10 Me-109s over Gotha at about the same time. Fighters attacked both formations, claiming 5-0-1. One Me-163 was observed near Friedburg at 1100 hours flying over 400 M.p.h. at 26,000 to 27,000 feet.

Fighters supporting the Third Force reported sighting about 65 e/a and combats with about one-third of them. Five Me-109s and one Me-410 were sighted attacking a straggling B-24 in the vicinity of Hildesheim and shot down one Me-109. Climbing to 8,000 feet, the same group sighted some 40 e/a south of Hanover flying at 25,000 feet in two formations, but were unable to intercept them. Another P-51 group left the B-24s they were escorting in order to attack 20 Me-109s in the same area at 1030 hours. E/a were flying 17 a/c line-abreast with a flight of three a/c 1,000 feet above and behind the main formation. P-51s pressed attacks, destroying eleven. Total claims for fighters supporting Third Force: 12-0-0.

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2. Flak

Rositz - meager and accurate.
Zeitz - moderate to intense, very accurate.
Gotha - moderate to intense, accurate.
Eisenach - meager inaccurate.
Delitzsch - meager to moderate, accurate.
Schkeuditz - moderate to intense, accurate.
Halle - moderate to intense, accurate.
Bohlen - moderate to intense, accurate.
Halberstadt - meager, inaccurate.
Magdeburg/Neustadt - intense accurate.
Magdeburg/Rothensee - moderate to intense accurate.
Kothen - moderate accurate.

3. Observations

Airfield Activities

15 Me-109s on A/F east of Oschersleben which does not appear to have been bombed.

New A/F at 4 RV -0565. Much ground activity noted.
New A/F with 10,000 foot runway six miles northeast of Coeworden, 4RV-3858,
20 - 30 e/a on A/F at 5043N-1231E.

15 - 20 t/e e/a on Nordhausen A/F at 5130N-1047E.

8 - 9 fighters in open space in woods at 5234N-1030E.

13 e/a on ground at 5224N-1112E.

6 e/a on A/F on 5240N-0630E.

4 e/a on A/F at 5121N-1111E.

2 t/e e/a seen taking off from grass A/F at 5228N-1117E.

2 e/a on A/F at 5248N-1105E.

A/F under construction at 5247N-0622E.

New fighter field noted at 5244N-0617E.

Long new concrete ramp with nine hangars around it at 5249N-0605E.

20 t/e fighters parked on A/F at Rustenbirte (near Bernburg).

Several a/c on A/F at Oschatz.

Possible new A/F at Saarburg, 5250N-0715E.

23 e/a seen on A/F at 5101N-1101E.

Quedlinburg A/F (5145N-1108E), well camouflaged to appear like a plowed

field.
30 - 50 t/e a/c on field.

Many large a/c on Rusternbrite A/F.

4 u/i a/c on Wangerooge A/F.

Well camouflaged A/F at 5220N-1157E.

4 planes on camouflaged A/F at 5238N-0717E.

25 - 40 four-engine e/a on A/F at Burg (5217N-1155E).

7 e/a on A/F at 5211N-0957E.

Apparently new A/F at 5249N-0615E.

35 s/e a/c seen in dispersal area at Gardelegen A/F.

Approximately 30 a/c in open dispersal area at 5156N-1025E.

Well-camouflaged A/F at 5254N-0813E.

20 e/a on A/F six miles northeast of Magdeburg.

Camouflaged A/F with row of 20 a/c observed southeast of Ulzen.

12 large u/i a/c parked on A/F at Fassberg (5255N-1012E).

Factory and A/F at 5228N-1128E seen covered by smoke screen.

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Observations (continued)

Other

Concrete RR running east to west with camouflaged extension eight miles northeast of Meppel.

200 plus RR cars and locomotives in Hameln M/Y (5208N-0922E).

Heavy traffic on nearly all roads and railroads in Brunswick and Hanover areas.

Considerable RR activity at Nordhausen, Saalseld and Minden M/Ys.

Large well-camouflaged industrial plant at 5216N-0903E.

Large smoke stack in midst of wooded area at 5142N-1045E.

Long narrow camouflaged buildings observed at 5235N-0650E.

4. Damage to Enemy Installations

Delitzsch Me-109 Assembly Plant - Very Good Results

Five concentrations of GP bombs and three concentrations of IB's cover the entire installation area. All assembly hangars were well hit. Four buildings in the motor transport group and two large storage buildings were also well blanketed with bursts. Fires have started in the main installations. At least 33 of 48 a/c on the field have been destroyed. The main landing field is cratered by at least 150 bombs.

Halle JU-88 and 188 Assembly Plant - Good Results

Two of three major buildings were hit. Direct hits fell on the following: Components erecting shop, press shop, machine shops, flight hangar, final assembly hangar, sub-assembly hangar and three small unidentified buildings. IB's cover the entire plant area. Numerous fires were starting.

Schkeuditz JU-88 and 188 Assembly Plant - Good to Very Good Results

Seven concentrations of GP and IB bombs cover the target area. Direct hits fell on the large flight hangar and assembly shop. The repair hangar was set on fire in two places and the transport building was also seen burning. There were 18 t/e a/c and three s/e a/c visible on field at time of attack. At least eight a/c are destroyed and six others are damaged. IB's bursting late in the attack covered the entire plant and will probably add to the damage of the installations.

Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant - Fair Results

The power plant is hit with possible damage to the refinery. Some storage tanks have been set on fire. The L.T.C. plant is damaged. Intense explosions could be seen, and at least four fires started in the oil and tar storage area.

Naumburg Ordnance Depot - Poor Results

Two large ordnance sheds, two medium-sized ramp-type buildings, four large storage sheds and at least two railroad cars were hit.

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Halberstadt A/F (FW-190 Assembly) - Fair - Good Results

Patterns blanket most of hangar area and parts of barracks and dispersal areas on southwest side of field. One hitherto undamaged hangar was well hit. There is possible additional damage to others.

Rositz (Deutsch Petroleum Refinery) - Very Good Results

Bomb patterns cover entire plant area. Direct hits fell on the distillation and processing areas causing at least four explosions. Very large fires were seen to be burning on PRU cover.

Zeitz (Braun-Kohle Benzin A.G. Refinery) - Very Good Results

Strikes are well concentrated in the central part of the plant and cover all important parts with the possible exception of the boiler house. Six or seven oil storage tanks were hit with fires resulting. Fires started early in the attack obscure part of the area, making plotting of later strikes difficult.

Quedlinburg A/F - Poor Results

Bombed as T/O - pattern seen in open field.

Dessau (JU-88 and 188 Engine and Assembly Plant) - Good Results

One aiming point was not hit, but there is new damage to the assembly section and severe damage to the aero-engine area not previously hit. Direct hits are seen on the assembly shop, offices and stores buildings and other adjacent installations.

Kothen (Junkers Aero-Engine Plant) - Good to Very Good Results

One workshop and test beds not damaged. Other major installations are covered with a heavy pattern.

Magdeburg/Rothensee Refinery - Very Good Results

A very concentrated pattern of 500 lb. GP bombs was placed on the target area. Major installations are severely damaged.

Magdeburg/Neustadt Aero-Engine Plant - Very Good Results

Engine assembly shop, machine shop and other adjacent installations are well hit.

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