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HEADQUARTERS
13TH COMBAT BOMB WING (H)
APO 559

D-A-2

27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Photographic Intelligence Report, Politz, Germany, 25-8-44.

TO : Commanding Officer, 13th Combat Bomb Wing, APO 559.

1. The 13th Combat Wing dispatched two Combat Wings, plus 2 groups from the 30th to fly with the 14th and 15th Wings respectively, to bomb the Synthetic Oil Plant at Politz, Germany. Order and Bomb Load of groups were as follows:

"A" Wing

| | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 95A | Lead | 196 x 250 Gp's. |
| 95B | High | 100 x 250 Gp's. |
| (95C plus 1 sq 390 Low | | 160 x 250 Gp's. |

"B" Wing

| | | |
|------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 100A | Lead | 110 x 500 Gp's. |
| 100B | High | 120 x 500 Gp's. |
| 100C | Low | 90 x 500 Gp's. |
| 390A | 14th Combat Wing | 130 x 500 S.B.'s. |
| 390B | 15th Combat Wing | 120 x 250 Gp's. 104 x 100 Gp's. |

A. - 95A Group - This group's bombs are seen to hit to the left of the M.P.I. but in the target area. The pattern starts about 800 ft left of the M.P.I. to about 2500' left of the M.P.I. The Lead Bombardiers interphone and the A.F.C.S. were shot out on the bomb run, he was unable to contact the pilot to ask for a manual run.

B. - 95B Group's bombs are seen to hit in a loose pattern mostly left of the M.P.I. the pattern begins about 200' and extends to about 2500'. There was a light smoke haze over the target area.

C. - 100A Group's bombs are seen to hit 2000' left of the M.P.I. out side of the target area. Evidently the bombardier was unable to pick up his target in time. It is suggested that the Lead Bombardiers get more study on the targets.

D. - 95C Group when finally assembled was composed of 3 ships, they did not sight but tagged onto another group dropping on their leader.

E. - 100B Group's bombs were not visible as the M.P.I. is obscured by smoke; no bombs are seen outside the target. Obviously the bombs landed in the target area.

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F. - 100C Group carried two cameras, one camera ship returned early, the other was flying with the 100A group over the target, thus there was no photo coverage for the 100C Group.

G. - 390A Group was dispatched to fly with the 44th Combat Wing to bomb the Airfield at Rechlin Germany. They carried incendiary Bombs. slight traces of bombs are seen coming up through the smoke that covered the M.P.I.

H. - 390B Group was dispatched to fly with the 45th Combat Wing bombing Politz, Germany. Bombs are seen to hit 1100' over the M.P.I. Most Bombs are outside the target area.

2. SUMMARY OF BOMBING. The bombing for the Wing was poor to Fair. The Wing feels that more study of the target would help very much in improving the bombing. Group Bombardiers should stress the fact that all bombardiers be alert and drop their bombs on the leader, as all stray bombs count against the bombing percentage. Complete destruction is the aim of every mission, where bombs are dropped in open fields, complete destruction is not obtained, consequently these targets must be bombed again, to finish a poor job.

For the Intelligence Officer:

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Asst. A - 3.

A.T.F.

C.W.

"C" Group
"B" - Brief

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 25-8-44

TIME

Sherwood
76/96

FEISS
78/01

HANSON
24/27

ELLSWORTH
24/50

Pomanchuk
24/55

MOORING
19/89

HAMILTON
69/93

HARVEY
72/57 ✓

DECKARD
78/82

PERRY
80/54

Taylor
78/44

HARRY
14/10 ✓

OLNEY
71/94

ABORTIVE

MISSING

CHANGES

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EXTRA A

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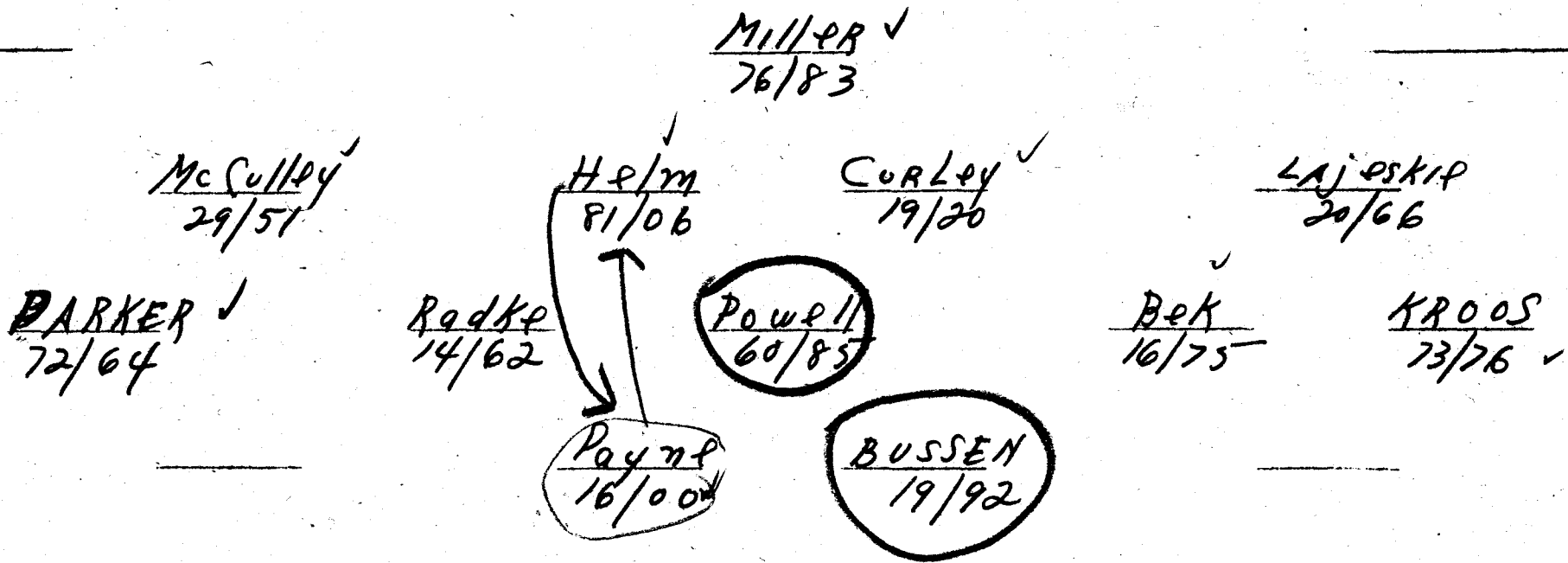
"A" Group
"B" Brief

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 25-8-48

TIME



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

APO 559.
27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Mission of 25 August 1944.

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

1. **GENERAL NARRATIVE:** The 95th "A" Group, flying as lead group in the 13th "A" combat wing with 95 "B" as high group and 95 "C" as low group in the wing formation - took off from base at 0805 - 0813 hours and assembled over the base at 3,000' by 0830 hours.

95 "B" Group took off at 0755 - 0758 hours and assembled over base at 4,000' by 0820 hours - being joined over the field by six ships from the 390th Group - which formed the low squadron and 2nd element of lead for 95 "B".

95 "C" Group took off at 0820 - 0829 hours and assembled over base at 2,000' by 0840 hours.

After the groups had assembled - they formed the wing formation over the field and left the base at 0845 hours climbing an additional 500' enroute to Ipswich. From Ipswich to Great Yarmouth, the wing descended to 2,000' of altitude for the lead group (95 "A") and left the English coast at Great Yarmouth at 0929½ hours on course.

Shortly after leaving the English coast - low cloud formations were encountered and the wing leader elected to begin the climb early and climb up through the clouds. The clouds were very thick and forced the pilots on instruments with the result that many of the ships were dispersed.

After breaking through the top of the cloud layer - the group leaders attempted to reassemble their formations while continuing on course. 95 "A" and 95 "B" groups were successful in bringing both their group and wing formation together again - but 95 "C" with only two of his original group, was unable to locate the wing formation, yet continued on course trying to contact or sight the formation. Four ships from 95 "C" returned early for sundry reasons and five ships of its low squadron and second element lead joined with 95 "A" soon after breaking through, and flew as second and third element in the 95 "A" low squadron.

In this manner, the formation continued to the enemy coast, climbing on course. The enemy coast was crossed at 1242 hours at an altitude of 25,000'.

Near the target, the 95 "C" group leader and his two

wing ships, joined with the 100th "A" Group of the 13th "B" Wing and bombed the target with them.

95 "A", with the five ships from "C" Group, bombed the primary target at 1305 hours from 25,000'.

95 "B", with the formation intact, followed "A" Group over the target and joined "A" Group after bombs were away.

At the rally point, 95 "C" leader sighted the 13 "A" wing formation and joined the high group.

Route out was as briefed, crossing the enemy coast at 1331 hours and the English coast at 1614 hours.

Landing for the three groups was effected at 1620 - 1643 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Eleven A/C, plus one PFF, left base in formation shown in Diagram "A" to form 95 "A" Group. All twelve A/C bombed the primary target and receive credit for sorties.

In 95 "B" Group, six A/C, plus one PFF, plus six ships from the 390th Group, left base in formation shown in Diagram "2A". Of these, A/C # 8067 turned back after becoming dispatched and receives a sortie. The remaining ships crossed target in formation shown in Diagram "2B".

95 "C" Group, consisting of twelve A/C, plus one PFF, left base in formation shown in Diagram "3A". Of these, A/C # 7882, 6993, and 1989 left formation before becoming dispatched and are not credited with sorties. A/C # 2450 returned after becoming dispatched and receives a sortie.

A/c 7697, 2427, and 7194 bombed the target in formation with 100th "A" Group, while A/C # 2455 bombed with the 365th Group. The remaining ships in 95 "C" bombed in formation with 95 "A" Group as shown in Diagram "1B".

3. AIRCRAFT LOST: A/C 42-6085 - lost two engines over target and exploded. 8 chutes.

A/C 42-31992 - hit by flak near 5425N - 1258E. No. 4 engine on fire and ship exploded. 2 chutes of which one caught fire.

A/C 42-38054 - hit by flak at 5422 - 1232 and exploded. 2 chutes.

A/C 42-37898 - hit by flak over target. Right wing broke off. 4 chutes.

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APO 559

STATISTICAL CONTROL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

13TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING

DATE RENDERED 25 AUGUST 1944

PART I - TABULAR SUMMARY:

DATE OF MISSION 25 AUGUST 1944

STRATEGICAL MISSION

| COMBAT GROUP | SCHEDULED | AIRBORNE | AIRBORNE LESS RETURNING SPARES | ATTACKING | NOT ATTACKING | SORTIES |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------|
| "A" | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| "B" | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| "C" | 12 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 9 |

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

| Combat Gp | A.C.S.N. | Category | Reason for Failure & Corrective Action | Sortie (Yes-No) |
|-----------|-----------|----------|--|-----------------|
| "B" | 42-33087 | F | Amplifier burned out on # 2 super-charger regulator. | Yes |
| "B" | 42-102450 | A | Lost formation, visibility poor. | Yes |
| "C" | 42-37852 | A | Lost formation, visibility poor. | No |
| "C" | 42-106993 | F | Oxygen leak. | No |
| "B" | 42-51989 | A | Lost formation, visibility poor. | No |

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

E-F-26

25 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of
25 August 1944, Politz, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H), A.A.F.

1. Bombing Approach and Run - At the I.P. we made a 95° right turn, fired flares and opened bomb bay doors. Target area, circular of 7 miles, was covered by heavy smoke screen. I killed course on target area when MPI came in sight through smoke screen. Ship sustained heavy flak barrage. Interphone and A.F.C.M. went out. We were left and short of target, but could not make any corrections, lost 30 sec. for course. Let indices ride and salvoed bombs on time. Bombing results were not observed. No change of tactics are suggested.

2. Disposition of Bombs - 11 A/C were dispatched from the 95th "A" Group. 10 A/C dropped 196 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs on the primary target. A/C #8106 dropped 20 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs on a target of opportunity at 5410N 1226E. A/C #7264 jettisoned 4 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs in Germany due to rack malfunction from battle damage. Fuzing was 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail.

3. Types of Release - All 196 x 250# G.P. AN-M57 bombs dropped on primary target, were salvoed and armed.

4. Tabular Summary - A/C

| Main Bombfall | Over Target | Bombing | No. | Size | Type | Nose | Tail |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Politz, Germany. | 11 | 10 | 196 | 250# | M-57 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| Total on Target. | | | 196 | 250# | M-57 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| Other Expenditures. | | | 24 | 250# | M-57 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| Bombs Returned. | | | None. | | | | |
| Total (loaded on A/C taking off). | | | 220 | 250# | M-57 | 1/10 | 1/40 |

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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
APO 559

D-C-11
August 25, 1944.

SUBJECT: S-2 Report, 95A, 95B, and 95C Groups, Politz, Germany.

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

1. Eleven A/C and one PFF formed 95A Group and took off to lead the 13A Combat Wing in an attack on the synthetic oil plant at Politz, Germany. Ten A/C attacked a target of opportunity at 5410-1226 with unobserved results. A/C 1462 piloted by Lt Radke landed at Woodbridge A/D with the hydraulic system out.

Six A/C and one PFF took off to form the lead elements of the High (95B) Group in 13A Combat Wing to attack the same target. Five A/C bombed the target. A/C 8067 piloted by Lt Dancisin returned early from 5440-0940 at 1132 hours with #2 supercharger out.

Twelve A/C and one Pff took off to form 95C Group, the low Group in the same Combat Wing, but attacked the oil plant attacked by the 13B Combat Wing (100th Group). Seven A/C bombed the target, and one A/C bombed Rechlin A/D with good results reported as the target of opportunity. Four A/C returned early: A/C 2450 piloted by Lt Ellsworth lost the formation due to weather and turned back at 1125 hours from 5435-0920; A/C 1989 piloted by Lt Mooring aborted from 5429-0812 at 1124 hours because of excessive cylinder head temperature in #2 and 1 trying to catch the formation after breaking thru the weather; A/C 6993 piloted by Lt Hamilton returned from 5251-0250 with half the oxygen system out; A/C 7882 piloted by Lt Deckard lost the formation in the overcast and came back at 0935 hours from 5323-0320.

2. No enemy fighters were seen.

3. An intense and accurate barrage was encountered at politz, as was a moderate barrage from Amrum Island.

4. Bombing results are shown in strike photos for 95A and B Groups, the 95A pattern was in the target area and slightly short of the MPI, the 95B pattern covered the MPI and fell beyond it in the target area. There are no photos for 95C Group which bombed with the 100th Group as 13B Combat Wing. Later photos taken by the 390th Group show huge oil fires caused by our bombs.

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August 25, 1944.

5. Three Combat personnel were wounded, but not too seriously. Four A/C failed to return from this mission though all of them bombed the primary target:
A/C 6085 piloted by Lt Powell, had #3 and 4 engines feathered went down and exploded after 8 parachutes left it and the pieces fell into the Stettin Lake. The parachutes seemed to fall to the land.
A/C 898 piloted by Lt Shepherd, was hit by flak and the right wing came off. Four parachutes were seen to leave the plane.
A/C 8054 piloted by Lt Perry, was hit by flak at 5422-1232, exploded and 2 parachutes were seen leaving plane.
A/C 1992 piloted by Lt Bussen, was hit by flak and it's #4 engine caught fire, it peeled out of formation and then it's #3 engine was seen smoking also. The A/C exploded after 2 parachutes left it. 1 of these parachutes caught fire.

For the Intelligence Officers:

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Assistant S-2 Officer.

First Force

Nine combat wings (435 B-24s) dispatched against four aircraft assembly and components installations. 409 a/c dropped 1021.9 tons G.P. and I.B. on all primaries and five T/Os at 1117 - 1231 hours from 19,000 - 25,000 feet. Leaflets dropped on Rostok, Lubeck and Schwerin. Weather: CAVU with slight haze in some target areas. Flak: moderate to intense, accurate at Rostok; moderate, inaccurate at Lubeck; nil at Schwerin, Wismar. Battle Damage: 54 minor, 1 major. E/A opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 6 B-24s (1 to AA, 4 to other causes, 1 crash-landed in U.K.).

Fighter Support: Six groups (98 P-47s, 168 P-51s - 266 a/c) dispatched, 243 sorties. Up 0840 - 1028 hours, down 1436 - 1539 hours. Three groups had combat with approximately 60 s/e e/a in Rostock area. One group strafed A/F in vicinity of Roddingen. Claims: 11-2-3 air. Losses: 1 P-51, cause unknown.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

| <u>Assigned Targets</u> | <u>Dispatched</u> | <u>Attacking</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | | <u>Results</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | <u>B-24s</u> | <u>B-24s</u> | <u>G.P.</u> | <u>I.B.</u> | |
| Rostock/Marienehe (A/C Assembly) | 130 | 116 | 147.0 | 164.5 | Very Good |
| Lubeck (FW 190 Components) | 86 | 81 | 139.0 | 57.5 | Very Good |
| Schwerin A/F (FW 190 Assembly) | 111 | 106 | 148.0 | 108.2 | Very Good |
| Wismar (FW 190 Components) | 108 | 91 | 136.7 | 82.5 | Very Good |

Other Targets

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Grozenbrode A/F | | 11 | 27.5 | 0 | Fair |
| 4 T/Os | — | <u>4</u> | <u>9.5</u> | <u>1.5</u> | Unobserved |
| Totals | 435 | 409 | 607.7 | 414.2 | |

Second Force

Ten combat wings (380 B-17s) dispatched against synthetic oil plant and a G.A.F. experimental station. 354 a/c dropped 834.8 tons G.P. and I.B. on both primaries and five T/Os at 1254 - 1313 hours from 20,000 - 26,000 feet. Leaflets dropped on Rechlin and Politz. Weather: clear with slight ground haze in target area. Effective smoke screen at Politz made target identification difficult. Flak: moderate to intense accurate at Politz; meager to moderate inaccurate to accurate at Rechlin. Battle Damage: 142 minor, 42 major. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 8 B-17s (6 to AA, 1 to other causes, 1 ditched in Chammel).

Fighter Support: Five groups (49 P-47s, 193 P-51s - 242 a/c) dispatched. 215 sorties. Up 0942 - 1222 hours, down 1540 - 1706 hours. E/a opposition: nil. One group strafed A/F at Anklam. Claims: 4-0-2 ground. Losses: 4 P-51s (2 to flak, 2 landed in Sweden).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

| <u>Assigned Targets</u> | <u>Dispatched</u> | <u>Attacking</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | | <u>Results</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | <u>B-17s</u> | <u>B-17s</u> | <u>G.P.</u> | <u>I.B.</u> | |
| Rechlin (Experimental Station) | 188 | 179 | 291.3 | 145.0 | Good |
| Politz (Synthetic Oil) | 192 | 169 | 384.5 | 0 | Good |
| <u>Other Targets</u> | | | | | |
| 5 T/Os | — | 6 | 14.0 | 0 | Unobserved |
| Totals | 380 | 354 | 689.8 | 145.0 | |

Third Force

Ten combat wings (376 B-17s) dispatched against experimental and production station, fighter assembly installation and fighter aircraft depot, 353 a/c dropped 879 tons G.P. and I.B. on all assigned primaries and six T/Os at 1249-1323 hours from 18,000-23,500 feet. Leaflets dropped on Anklam and Neubrandenburg. Weather CAVU. Flak: moderate, accurate at Peenemunde; nil at Neubrandenburg. Battle damage: 63 minor, 12 major. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 5-B-17s, all to AA.

Fighter Support: Four groups (46 P-47s, 154 P-51s - 200 a/c) dispatched. 171 Sorties. Up 0947-1207 hours, down 1540-1640 hours. E/a opposition: nil. Two groups strafed A/Fs near Neubrandenburg, Parow and the seaplane base on Kubitzer Bay. Claims: 36-0-28 ground. Losses: 2 P-51s, causes unknown.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

| <u>Assigned Targets</u> | <u>Disptached</u> | <u>Attacking</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | | <u>Results</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | <u>B-17s</u> | <u>B-17s</u> | <u>G.P.</u> | <u>I.B.</u> | |
| Peenemunde (Experimental Station) | 188 | 146 | 288.0 | 77.5 | Good to Very Good |
| Anklam A/F (A/C Depot) | 77 | 73 | 120.0 | 61.0 | Good |
| Neubrandenburg A/F (FW 190 Assembly) | 111 | 108 | 177.5 | 90.0 | Good |
| <u>Other Targets</u> | | | | | |
| Parow A/F | | 21 | 47.5 | 5.0 | Unobserved |
| 5 T/Os | — | 5 | 7.5 | 5.0 | Unobserved |
| Totals | 376 | 353 | 640.5 | 238.5 | |

b. Second Operation

Seven combat wings (38 B-17s, 69 B-24s - 107 a/c) dispatched in late afternoon against five liquid oxygen plants in Belgium and northern France, Support by six fighter groups. 92 a/c dropped 265.5 tons G.P. visually on all assigned primaries and two T/Os at 1832-1910 hours from 19,000-21,500 feet. Weather: CAVU to 5/10 with slight haze in some target areas. Flak: nil at Henin-Littard and Tertre; moderate, inaccurate at La Louviere; meager to moderate, accurate at Tilleur/Liege. Battle damage: 46 minor, 5 major, E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 B-24, crash-landed.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

| <u>Assigned Targets</u> | <u>Dispatched</u> | | <u>Attacking</u> | | <u>Tonnage</u> | | <u>Results</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | <u>B-17s</u> | <u>B-24s</u> | <u>B-17s</u> | <u>B-24s</u> | <u>G.P.</u> | <u>L.B.</u> | |
| Henin Littard | 38 | | 31 | | 89.0 | | Fair to Good |
| Tertre | | 17 | | 16 | 41.5 | | Good |
| Ia Louviere | | 16 | | 10 | 30.0 | | Poor |
| Willebroeck | | 18 | | 18 | 54.0 | | Fair |
| Tilleur/Liege | | 18 | | 12 | 36.0 | | Good |
| <u>Other Targets</u> | | | | | | | |
| St. Trond A/F | | | | 4 | 12.0 | | Unobserved |
| T/O | | | | 1 | 3.0 | | Unobserved |
| Totals | 38 | 69 | 31 | 61 | 265.5 | | |

2. Fighter Escort

First Operation

15 groups (193 P-47s, 515 P-51s - 708 a/c) dispatched to support bombers attacking targets in Germany. 629 sorties. Up 0840-1222 hours, down 1436-1706 hours. Four groups strafed. E/a opposition: combat with approximately 60 e/a in Rostock area. Claims: 11-2-3 air, 40-0-30 ground. Losses: 7 P-51s (2 to flak, 3 to unknown causes and 2 landed in Sweden).

Second Operation

Five groups (44 P-38s, 128 P-51s - 172 a/c) dispatched to support bombers attacking targets in Belgium and northern France. 152 sorties. Up 1610-1719 hours, down 1915-2012 hours. E/a opposition: nil. Uneventful escort. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

4. Fighter-Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

17 a/c dispatched (5 Spitfires, 12 F-5s). One a/c failed to obtain photos of assigned target. Damage assessment photos of Brux, targets in the Leipzig area, Politz, Peenemunde and other targets in northwest Germany photographed. Mapping assignments in eastern France and railroad activity near Lille covered. All a/c returned safely.

S E C R E T

6. Weather Reconnaissance

18 a/c dispatched (2 B-17s, 9 Mosquitoes, and 7 P-51s). Two B-17s complete routine weather flights, five Mosquitoes completed special weather flights over western Germany, Holland, central France and southwestern England. Seven P-51s and four Mosquitoes scouted for bombardment division operations. All a/c returned safely.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

49 a/c (34 P-47s, 15 P-51s) dispatched on air/sea rescue operations. One fighter pilot who had bailed out on 24 August rescued. Two incidents on 25 August: bomber ditched - entire crew rescued; fighter ditched - no results as yet. All a/c returned safely.

8. Special Operations

66 a/c dispatched on special operations as follows:

1 B-17 dispatched on night of 24/25 August to drop leaflets on Brest. A/c returned safely.

46 a/c (10 B-24s, escorted by 36 P-47s) dispatched on special bombing operation against target in Holland. 10 a/c dropped 20 tons G.P. with good results. No flak, no e/a. All a/c returned safely.

13 a/c (3 B-17s, 6 P-47s, and 4 P-51s) dispatched as radio relays. Two P-47s provided escort. All a/c completed mission. All a/c returned safely.

6 B-24s completed RCM patrols, jamming between 2125 and 0145 hours.

NOTE: Correction to Intops Summary No. 116 - 24 August 1944.

Under "Bomber attacks" - Fourth Force - Hemmingstedt A/F should be Hemmingstedt Oil Refinery.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Large scale heavy bomber attacks on multiple targets in northern and north-eastern Germany evoked no opposition from the GAF. Although a few sightings were reported, none of the bomber forces were attacked. Three FW-190s were sighted in the vicinity of Anklam, 25 s/e e/a in the vicinity of Rechlin and 9 Me-109s south-east of Schwerin. In each instance the e/a were reported as engaged by supporting fighters. One B-24 group reported two Me 110s circled formation north of Schlawig, but e/a dropped to rear without attacking.

Supporting fighters reported combats with approximately 60 e/a in the Rostock area. One squadron at 1140 hours engaged 40 Me 109s flying in 15 a/c V formation headed toward Rostock from direction of Palu Lake at 21,000 feet. A few e/a were aggressive, but majority split-essed away. Encounter lasted from 1140 to 1150 hours, from 21,000 feet to deck with claims of 8-2-1. One squadron engaged 10-12 e/a in vicinity of Rostock at 1145 with claims of 3-0-2. Another squadron chased six Me-109s from Gustrow to Muritz Lake but were unable to engage.

2. Flak

- Lubeck - moderate, inaccurate.
- Rostock - moderate, to intense, accurate. Ground rockets.
- Politz - moderate to intense, accurate.
- Rechlin - meager to moderate, inaccurate.
- Peenemunde - moderate, accurate.
- La Louviere - moderate, inaccurate.
- Liege - meager to moderate, accurate.

3. Observations

Airfields

- 5350N-1046E - 5 e/a on dispersal area around large runway and hangar.
- 5421N-1243E - large A/F which didn't appear to have been bombed.
- 5430N-0909E - A/F not on maps.
- 5433N-0857E - 15 to 20 white hangar type buildings along coast.
- 5423N-1232E - 50 e/a on field (probably Putnitz A/F)
- 5420N-1110E - 10 e/a on A/F (probably Travemunde/Priwall A/F)
- 5432N-1312E - 30 e/a, all types on A/F.
- 5355N-1582E - 4 multi-motored e/a and 12 e/a on A/F (probably Pinnow A/F)
- A/F observed at Barth, with 12 a/c on field, large number of buildings, runway with lake painted on it.
- A/F near Hagenow with long runways.
- 11 unidentified a/c observed on A/F at Flemsburg.

Other

- 5350N-1237E - large camouflaged building in woods.
- 5451N-1130E - what appeared to be a battleship camouflaged to resemble an island just off shore.
- 5426N-1236E - Army camp, large square shaped buildings with radio, near Barth.
- Vessel believed to be a/c carrier anchored at Weimer Bay.
- Construction going on in large filled-in lake SE of Oldenburg.

4. Damage to Enemy Installations

Schwerin A/F (FW 190 Assembly) - Very Good Results

All assigned MPIs are very well blanketed by bursts. It appears that any gross errors are still within limits of the A/F.

Lubeck (Component Factory) - Very Good Results

Majority of hits observed on target and fires seen burning. Errors appear to be in the adjacent canal and also on industrial buildings across the river.

Wismar (Assembly and Components) - Very Good Results

MPIs are very well blanketed by G.P.s and incendiaries. The A/F has received numerous hits along with many buildings which are adjacent to the target.

Rostock/Marienehe (Assembly and Components) - Very Good Results

Majority of hits appear on the components factories of the target. Most of the buildings have received hits. There is one error - 7,000 feet south of target, which appears to have started large oil fire.

Tilleur/Liege - Good Results. (Liquid Oxygen Plant)

Number of bursts on target and adjacent buildings.

Willebroeck - Fair Results (Liquid Oxygen Plant)

Number of bursts very close to target. However, none on target itself. Some nearby buildings very well hit.

Tertre - Good Results (Liquid Oxygen Plant)

Some bursts on target and number of adjacent buildings.

La Louviere - Poor Results (Liquid Oxygen Plant)

No bursts observed on target.

Peenemunde (Experimental and Production Station) - Good Results

Electrolytic Hydrogen Peroxide Plant - Four concentrations of HE, two concentrations of I.B. in and adjacent to plant. Direct hits on the following: production building - photos show four bays near center of building collapsed. Concentration building, two direct hits from HE, six direct hits from I.B., two fires seen burning. Direct hits on two small unidentified buildings in plant area. These buildings on fire. Direct hits on RR cars and in a storage area ad-

jaacent to production building. Four large fires burning. Incendiary bombs starting to cover area late in the attack. Photo coverage is not complete and prevents assessment of this concentration.

Electrostatics Hydrogen Peroxide Plant - Three concentrations of HE bombs, one concentration of I.B. in and adjacent to target area. 11 direct hits in the target area. At least six of these were in the confines of the Earth Works. One direct hit on a small building adjacent to the site and near misses on the installation in the center of the site.

Experimental Station - Three concentrations of HE in and adjacent to target area. 10 direct hits in this site. Main installation received at least one direct hit and is on fire. Near misses on three towers adjacent to the target.

Neubrandenburg A/F (FW 190 Assembly) - Good Results

Six concentrations of HE and three concentrations of I.B. in the target area. Direct hits on six large flight hangars, two of these hangars completely demolished, two at least 50% destroyed and the remaining two with damage on the roofs. At least six unidentified buildings in target area received direct hits and are severely damaged. There were approximately 43 aircraft on the field at the time of the attack, ten of which are seriously damaged.

Anklam A/F (Fighter A/C Depot) - Good Results

Four concentrations of RDX bombs and one concentration of I.B. in target area. Three flight hangars received direct hits - fires burning in two and photography shows them 60 to 80% destroyed. Two workshops received direct hits, one is on fire. Seven storage buildings received direct hits, two on fire. 28 a/c on field at time of attack, three damaged. All hangars on this airfield are now damaged severely.

Henin Littard (Liquid Oxygen Plant) - Fair to Good Results

One concentration of approximately 50 bombs in western portion of target area. Direct hits on coke oven. By-products plant and coal mine, explosions noted. Hits on synthetic ammonia and oxygen plants. Three unidentified buildings received hits. Two concentrations totaling approximately 100 bombs fell into a suburban area one-half mile northwest of the target.

Politz (Synthetic Oil) - Good Results

12 patterns landed in or partly in the area with probably 2/3 of the bursts

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on the target. The heaviest bombed area extends east and west across the plant through the central oil storage area. However, most of the plant was hit. There were no photos available for all groups. At least two large fires were started in the oil storage area.

A/F at Rechlin (Experimental Station) - Good Results

Each of the five MPIs located on hangars, workshop and control area were hit. Four or five fires were started in buildings and workshop. Of the 60 planes noted on the field, probably half were beneath the pattern.

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary reports and is not to be used for record purposes.