

*Mae*HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 244

PERIOD: 0001 hours 30 December 1944 to 2400 hours 30 December 1944.

A. STATISTICS

	Missions	Disp.	Sorties	Atkg.	Tonnage	Claims	Losses			OT	Totals
							E/A	AA	N/E		
Heavy Bomber Atks.	12	1309	1262	1251	3475.3	0-0-0	0	0	2	6	8
Fighter Escort	11	551	508	0	0	0-0-0	0	1	0	6	7 (a)
Fighter Sweeps	2	108	97	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.	1	1	1	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	8	32	31	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	3	13	13	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</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	41	2028	1926	1251	3475.3	0-0-0	0	1	2	12	15

(a) 4 believed safe on Continent.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY1. Bomber Attacks

1309 a/c (940 B-17s, 369 B-24s) from three divisions dispatched in three forces against six M/Ys and six RR bridges in western Germany. Two M/Ys not attacked. 1251 a/c dropped 3329.3 tons GP and 146 tons IB on ten assigned primaries, two secondaries and several targets of opportunity. All bombing on PFF with unobserved results. No E/A opposition. Claims: nil. Losses: 7 B-17s 1 B-24.

First Force

Fourteen group formations (526 B-17s - 3rd Division) dispatched against three M/Ys. 504 a/c dropped 1325.8 tons GP and 51.5 tons IB on two of the three assigned primaries, and several T/Os at 1213 - 1303 hours from 23,000 - 27,200 feet. Both targets bombed on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Kassel and Mannheim. Weather: 9/10 - 10/10 in target areas, Flak: generally meager to moderate, inaccurate. Battle damage: 35 minor, 2 major. E/a opposition: nil. 1 Me-163 sighted near Aachen and 2 Me-262s near Kassel, but no combat. Losses: 5 B-17s (3 to unknown causes, 2 to collision in target area).

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Fighter Support: six groups (325 P-51s) dispatched. Up 1026 - 1054 hours; down 1505 - 1550 hours. 301 sorties. E/a opposition: nil; 1 t/e a/c seen east of Coblenz. 25 goods cars damaged in strafing. E/a claims: nil. Losses: 7 P-51s (1 to AA, 2 to unknown causes, 4 believed safe on Continent).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			<u>GP</u>	<u>IB</u>	
Kassel M/Y	222	314	810.6	49.0	Unobserved
Eobra M/Y	114	Not Attacked			
Mannheim M/Y	190	181	486.8		Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
13 U/I T/Os	—	9	28.4	2.5	Unobserved
Totals	526	504	1325.8	51.5	

Second Force

Eleven group formations (414 B-17s - 1st Division) dispatched against two M/Ys and two RR bridges. One M/Y not attacked. 393 a/c dropped 1000.9 tons GP and 94.5 tons IB on three assigned primaries, two secondaries and one T/O at 1250 - 1316 hours from 25,000 - 27,900 feet. Primaries bombed on Gee-H, secondaries on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Bischoffsheim and Limburg. Weather: generally 10/10 in target area. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle damage: nil. E/a opposition: nil. Losses: 2 B-17s to unknown causes.

Fighter Support: three groups (154 P-51s) dispatched. Up 1027 - 1149 hours; down 1510 - 1558 hours. 144 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			<u>GP</u>	<u>IB</u>	
Bischoffsheim M/Y	108	35	74.0	11.5	Unobserved
Bullay RR Bridge	76	72	216.0		Unobserved
Limburg M/Y	153	Not Attacked			
Kaiserlautern RR Bridge	77	72	214.5		Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Kaiserslautern M/Y (Sec)		144	343.3	71.0	Unobserved
Mainz M/Y (Sec)		45	97.3	12.0	Unobserved
Kastel (city)		25	55.8		Unobserved
Totals	414	393	1000.9	94.5	

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Third Force

Twelve group formations (369 B-24s - 2nd Division) dispatched against four bridges and one M/Y. 354 a/c dropped 1002.6 tons GP on all assigned primaries at 1232 - 1249 hours from 20,000 - 23,000 feet. All bombing on Gee-H. Leaflets dropped on Altenahr, Euskirchen and Neuweid. Weather: 10/10 in target areas. Flak: meager, inaccurate. Battle damage: 1 minor. E/a opposition: nil. Losses: 1 B-24 to unknown causes.

Fighter Support: two groups (72 P-47s) dispatched. Up 0954 - 1005 hours down 1415 - 1420 hours. 63 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Results</u>
Altenahr RR Bridge	65	61	184.0	Unobserved
Bridge & RR Junction SW. of Euskirchen	94	91	243.0	Unobserved
Irlich RR Bridge	58	58	162.3	Unobserved
Remagen Bridge	59	57	173.0	Unobserved
Mechernich M/Y	<u>93</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>240.3</u>	Unobserved
Totals	369	354	1002.6	

2. Fighter Escort

Eleven groups (479 P-51s, 72 P-47s - 551 a/c) dispatched. Up 0954 - 1149 hours, down 1416 - 1558 hours. 508 sorties. E/a opposition: nil; 1 t/e jet a/c seen. 0-0-25 goods cars in strafing. E/a claims: nil. Losses: 7 P-51s (of which 4 are believed safe on Continent).

3. Fighter Sweeps

Two groups (108 P-51s) dispatched. Up 1010 - 1122 hours; down 1540 - 1545 hours. 97 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

One B-17 on scope reconnaissance mission over the battle area. Returned safely.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

32 a/c (4 B-17s, 7 Mosquitos, 21 P-51s) dispatched.

1 B-17 completed routine reconnaissance to the Azores.

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3 B-17s completed weather reconnaissance over sea to northwest of Land's End.

3 Mosquitos completed weather reconnaissance over Holland, west and west central Germany, also over Belgium.

1 Mosquito completed weather reconnaissance over North Sea to 5800N.

2 Mosquitos completed H2X night photography missions to Regensburg and Augsburg.

1 Mosquito on special operation.

21 P-51s as weather scouts for bombers. 20 sorties. No losses.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

13 P-47s on routine patrols. Three search missions. No rescues. No losses.

8. Special Operations

14 a/c (6 B-24s, 6 B-17s, 2 P-51s) dispatched as follows:

5 B-24s on RCM, jamming from 0712 - 1133 hours in support of AAF.

1 B-24 on RCM, jamming from 2000 - 2145 hours in support of RAF.

2 P-51s as radio relays.

6 B-17s as screening force to bombers.

All a/c successful. No losses.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Unfavorable weather conditions apparently grounded most of the GAF on the western front. The only indication of e/a activity was provided by a very few scattered sightings of jet a/c from the battle area to Coblenz and as far east as Kassel.

2. Flak

Kaiserslautern - scattered and inaccurate.

Euskirchen - meager, inaccurate.

Neuweid - nil to meager, inaccurate.

Kassel - meager to moderate, generally inaccurate.

Mannheim - meager to moderate, inaccurate.

Bischofsheim - nil to meager and inaccurate.

3. Observations

Nil.

4. Damage to Enemy Installations

Results unobserved except in case of one group which dropped in open fields and suburban area one mile southwest of MPI for Mannheim target. Cloud over all targets makes damage assessment impossible.

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

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By AL NARA Date 6/28/10

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NINETY-FIFTH BOMBMENT GROUP (H)

PFF and Micro-H Bombing Report

Target Briefed Kassel, Germany Date 30 December 1944

1. (a) Airplane # 230 Squadron 334 Group 95 C.W. 13
 (b) Radar Navigator Borch PFF Mission # 18
 (c) Pilot Parker Dr Nav Russel Bomb. Schultz
2. (a) Sqd. formation led over target: 95 "B" of 12 "D" C.W.
 (b) Bombing was done by: group no Squadron yes
 (c) Bombing technique used: H2X yes V/H no Visual no
 Combination (state) _____
3. (a) Cloud conditions over target: 10/10
 (b) Visual conditions over target: 10/10
4. Coordinates of IP used: As briefed x Other _____
5. (a) Name of target attacked: Kassel, Germany
 (b) Drift killed on bomb run: yes x No _____
 (c) At bombs away: Time 1313 hr. True Altitude
25,500 feet. True heading 010 degrees.
 Drift 5 L. Ground speed unknown MPH.
6. (a) Bombing results: Observed no Unobserved yes
 (b) RN's opinion of bombing: short _____
 over _____ right _____ left _____
 MPI _____ Other _____
7. Working status of PFF equipment:
 (a) Route in excellent Type of returns good till 1155 hrs.
 (b) On bomb run poor Type of returns weak
 (c) Route out poor Type of returns weak
8. Remarks: crystal current dropped from .8 to .3 during
route in.

Bombing By H2X Technique

1. Distance target first identified in scope 25 miles.
2. (a) Was bombsight coordination used yes (b) What
 ground checks were used 11-9-7-5
 (c) Did indices agree with checks ----
3. Did the radar navigator or bombardier set up (a) the
 course ---- (b) rate ----.
4. Were any visual corrections made by the bombardier no.
5. Did the RN follow through after the last check was
 given yes.
6. Remarks indication so poor that bombardier was told by
RN to be sure to follow lead squadron. Course turned out
same but bombardier estimates that these bombs hit 900

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PFF and Micro-H Bombing Report

Target Briefed Kassel Date Dec 30

- 1. (a) Airplane # 230 Squadron 334 Group 95 C.W. 13
- (b) Radar Navigator Borch, F.K. PFF Mission # 18
- (c) Pilot Parker, R.E. DR Nav Russel, E.T. Bomb. Schultz

- 2. (a) Sqd. formation led over target: High Lead
- (b) Bombing was done by: group _____ squadron ✓
- (c) Bombing technique used: H2X ✓ M/H Visual
Combination (state) _____

- 3. (a) Cloud conditions over target: 10/10
- (b) Visual conditions over target: O.K.

4. Coordinates of IP used: As briefed ✓ Other _____

- 5. (a) Name of target attacked: Kassel
- (b) Drift killed on bomb run: yes ✓ No _____
- (c) At bombs away: Time 1303 True Altitude 25500 feet. True heading 010 degrees. Drift -5. Ground speed _____ MPH.

- 6. (a) Bombing results: Observed _____ Unobserved ✓
- (b) RN's opinion of bombing: short _____ over _____ right _____ left _____ MPI _____ Other only wd. picked up in town

- 7. Working status of PFF equipment:
- (a) Route in Excellent Type of returns good til 1255
- (b) On bomb run poor Type of returns weak
- (c) Route out poor Type of returns weak

8. Remarks: XTAL current dropped from .8 to .2 during run in

Bombing By H2X Technique

1. Distance target first identified in scope 26 miles

- 2. (a) Was bombsight coordination used Yes (b) What ground checks were used 11-9-7-5
- (c) Did indices agree with checks _____

3. Did the radar navigator or bombardier set up (a) the course _____ (b) rate _____.

4. Were any visual corrections made by the bombardier No but he split the rate between 42 lead

5. Did the RN follow through after the last check was given Yes.

6. Remarks Indication so poor that I told bombs to be sure follow lead Sqdn ~~at~~ Course turned out same but

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PFF and Micro-H Bombing Report

Target Briefed KASSEL MIY Date DEC. 30-1944

1. (a) Airplane # 8260 Squadron 412 Group 95 C.W. 13
 (b) Radar Navigator SCHOLTE PFF Mission # 26
 (c) Pilot COLLINGS DR Nav HAZDREVENCH Bomb. GRIFFIN
2. (a) Sqd. formation led over target: 95 A LEAD 13 B
 (b) Bombing was done by: group _____ squadron _____
 (c) Bombing technique used: H2X M/H Visual
 _____ Combination (state) _____
3. (a) Cloud conditions over target: 10/10
 (b) Visual conditions over target: 10/10
4. Coordinates of IP used: As briefed No Other 5040
0900
5. (a) Name of target attacked: KASSEL
 (b) Drift killed on bomb run: yes No
 (c) At bombs away: Time 1302 True altitude 26000
26000 feet. True heading 006 degrees.
 Drift 10R. Ground speed 130 MPH.
6. (a) Bombing results: Observed _____ Unobserved
 (b) RN's opinion of bombing: short
over right left
 MPI _____ Other LAST TGT. INSIDE 7 MI. RANGE UNTIL
AFTER BOMBS AWAY IN HDG. TO 131P.
7. Working status of PFF equipment:
 (a) Route in FAIR Type of returns NOT CLEAR
 (b) On bomb run FAIR Type of returns " 700 "
 (c) Route out FAIR OK Type of returns NOT CLEAR
8. Remarks: SEEMED AS THOUGH PRESSURE SYSTEM
WASNT WORKING RIGHT

Bombing By H2X Technique

1. Distance target first identified in scope 30
2. (a) Was bombsight coordination used (b) What ground checks were used 11-19
 (c) Did indices agree with checks yes
3. Did the radar navigator or bombardier set up (a) the course yes (b) rate yes.
4. Were any visual corrections made by the bombardier No
5. Did the RN follow through after the last check was given ambly.
6. Remarks _____

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PFF and Micro-H Bombing Report

Target Briefed Kassel, Germany Date 30 December 1944

1. (a) Airplane # 8364 Squadron 334 Group 95 C.W. 13
 (b) Radar Navigator Desert PFF Mission # 8
 (c) Pilot Gilles DR Nav Bellatore Bomb. Lytle
2. (a) Sqd. formation led over target: "C" of 13 "B"
 (b) Bombing was done by: group no squadron yes
 (c) Bombing technique used: H2X yes M/H no Visual no
 Combination (state) _____
3. (a) Cloud conditions over target: 10/10
 (b) Visual conditions over target: 10/10
4. Coordinates of IP used: As briefed no Other 5041-0901
5. (a) Name of target attacked: Kassel, Germany
 (b) Drift killed on bomb run: yes yes No _____
 (c) At bombs away: Time 1303 hr True Altitude
24,500 feet. True heading 010 degrees.
 Drift 17. Ground speed 135 MPH.
6. (a) Bombing results: Observed _____ Unobserved X
 (b) RN's opinion of bombing: short _____
 over X right _____ left _____
 MPI _____ Other _____
7. Working status of PFF equipment:

(a) Route in _____	Type of returns _____	<u>fair</u>
(b) On bomb run _____	Type of returns _____	<u>poor</u>
(c) Route out _____	Type of returns _____	<u>fair</u>
8. Remarks: _____

Bombing By H2X Technique

1. Distance target first identified in scope 42 miles
2. (a) Was bombsight coordination used yes (b) What ground checks were used 11-9-8-5
 (c) Did indices agree with checks fairly well
3. Did the radar navigator or bombardier set up (a) the course no (b) rate no.
4. Were any visual corrections made by the bombardier no.
5. Did the RN follow through after the last check was given _____
Bombardier had to interpolate between 24,000
6. Remarks and 25,000 feet because he was not given data (tangents)
for 24,500 feet. Run was hindered by H2X being out.

95 B

A.T.F.

C.W.

FORMATION DIAGRAM

95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 30-12-44

TIME

PARKER
8230

WELLS
8525

SCOTT
7154

RYAN
8657

CORBIN
8640

GROSS
8333

MCALLISTER
7215

GRIFFIN
8776

REED
2447

KOEHLER
8551

BRAMLETT
6528

RUDKINS
7201

HAIL
1462

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95TH BOMB. GROUP (H)

DATE 30-12-44

TIME

GILLEN
8364

GARRISON
8106

LENOX
6583

ROSE
8272

100TH

ROSS
8617

BURNS
8469

THOMAS
8199

100TH

100TH

EARLEY
6993

→ DUNWOODY
1939

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B

S-2 FORM---A/C RETURNING EARLY FROM OPERATIONAL MISSIONS

(To be filled in by pilot and/or navigator immediately upon return to base)

PILOT'S NAME HAIL, G.R. 1ST LT A/C NUMBER 146 ✓ DATE 30-12-44

TIME AND PLACE OF TURN BACK 1215 P.M. AT 4956N 0733E.
 (Give exact coordinates)

REASON FOR TURN BACK #1 Engine failed

DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:

RETURNED NONE
 (Number, size, and type)

JETTISONED 12 - 500 G.P.
 (Number, size, type, time, and place)

JETTISONED STATE REASON ON ~~THE~~ T/O IN Germany & about 20 miles South of Coblenz. (4940N) 0737 E) ↗

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Authority NND745005

By AL NARA Date 6/28/10

S-2 FORM---A/C RETURNING EARLY FROM OPERATIONAL MISSIONS

(To be filled in by pilot and/or navigator immediately upon return to base)

PILOT'S NAME Thomas, H. B. A/C NUMBER 8199 DATE 30-12-49

TIME AND PLACE OF TURN BACK 10:01 at 52°13'N - 01°22'E
(Give exact coordinates)

REASON FOR TURN BACK #1 prop governor out.

DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:

RETURNED none

(Number, size, and type)

RETTISONED 12/500 GP 10:28 at 52°18'N - 02°45'E

(Number, size, type, time, and place)

RETTISONED STATE REASON

Jettisoned 40 mi. E of Southwold in accordance with BEZEL's instructions

PFF PHOTO FORM #1-95EG(1 June 1944)

1. A/C Number 230 2. Date Dec 30 3. Interrogating Officer _____

4. Single Exposures:

Time	Altitude	Heading of A/C True	Which Scan Employed	Coordinates of Position	Name of Position (if known)
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
(18)					
(19)					
(20)					

5. Runaway Operation:

(a) Time Camera started (to the nearest second) _____

Set was so poor during
 later part of course and
 bombing run that pictures will
 be poor. However during
 LANDFALL and shortly after
 I took 5 pictures that should
 be O.K.