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INTERPRETATION REPORT No. B.573(R)

Damage assessment on target in ROYAN area.

I. This report covers damage on targets up to 1200 hrs., 15 Apr. 45.
TOT. 1051 hrs to 1154 hrs., 15 Apr. 45.

1. TARGET No. 28. ROYAL ... la Coubre
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 214835
Spec. Ill. No. 739

Two coastal guns, casemated, and supporting flak comprise the target.

A few more craters are seen on the NORTHERN edge of the target area and extending to the beach. As a result of both attacks of the 14th, 15th APRIL, 45, every installation has suffered at least one near miss. The only structural damage apparent is slight damage to one flak emplacement. Three of the flak positions are occupied.

(3013,4021 of US7/142B of 15 Apr.45).
(Ref. 3080,1 of US7/124D of 10 Mar 45)

2. TARGET No. 27 ROYAN ... la Coubre
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 229839
Spec. Ill. No. 731

The target for this attack is a four position casemated battery. The main concentration of craters is centred in the target area and extending North. A direct hit and two near misses on No.3 casemates, reported after the first strike, are clearly seen in this cover, however, the casemate is still intact. A blast walled shelter to the rear of No.1 casemate has suffered a direct hit on the corner, and two near misses have partially buried it with soil. There is a crater at the entrance to an underground shelter to the rear of No.4 casemate. There are two craters within fifty feet of No.1 casemate. A concentration of craters in the area of several small sheds to the rear of the battery is seen but no structural damage is evident.

(3015,16 of US7GR/142B)
Ref.(3033 to 5 of US7GR/127D).

3. TARGET No. 26 ROYAN ... la Coubre
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 239840
Spec. Ill. No. 731

The target of the attack is a four position casemated battery. The weight of the second attack is concentrated at the North side of the target area and extending into the adjacent wood. Near misses on No.2 and No.3 casemates from the first attack are discernable but no further structural damage to the elements of the battery is evident. One near miss has probably damaged an underground shelter to the rear of No.2 casemate. There is a concentration of craters in the wood North of the target area in the vicinity of several small sheds which have suffered probable damage.

(4018,19 of US7GR/142B)
Ref.(3004,5 of US7GR/127D)

4. TARGET No. 24 ROYAN ... le Fort
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 382785
Spec. Ill. No. 743

The target for the attack is a battery of three casemated positions. The main concentration of the second attack is directly on the target area. Several hits have destroyed a large building in the target area and probably damaged an adjoining shed. A near miss has heaved soil up on the rear of one casemate but no structural damage is evident. One hit has severely damaged one of four open emplacements in the battery and a near miss has probably damaged the gun in another open emplacement. Blast from several near misses has shattered a large building East of the target area.

(4034,35 of US7GR/142B)
Ref. (3010,11 of US7GR/127D)

5. TARGET No. 17 ROYAL ... Pte de Grave
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 343693
Spec. Ill. No. 733

The target of the attack is a four position casemated coastal battery. There are concentrations of craters South and East of the area but none on the target. Seven craters are seen in the vicinity of personnel shelters East of the target which are probably damaged.

(3085,86 of US7GR/142B)
Ref. (3120, 1 of US7GR/128D)

6. TARGET No. 38 ROYAN ... Pte de Grave
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 340691
Spec. Ill. No. 733

The target of the attack is a six gun casemated coastal battery. There is a heavy concentration of craters in the Northern part of the battery area and extending East through the adjacent wood. There are two near misses on casemates No.1 and No.2 but no structural damage is evident. A near miss on an open emplacement between casemates No.1 and No.2 has damaged the wall and probably damaged the gun. In the rear of the battery two underground shelters are blanketed with craters, one direct hit and three near misses. A near miss has probably damaged a personnel shelter East of the battery.

(3085,86 of US7GR/142B)
Ref. (3120,21 of US7GR/128D)

7. TARGET No. 19 ROYAN ... Pte de Grave
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 308651
Spec. Ill. No. 740

The target is a four gun casemated coastal battery. There is a good concentration of craters over the target area. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 casemates each suffered one near miss. An occupied emplacement in front of No.4 casemate received a direct hit which destroyed part of the emplacement wall and probably damaged the gun. The observation post between No.2 and No.3 casemates suffered two near misses and immediately to the rear an underground shelter suffered a direct hit and a near miss, the blast removed the sand from one side. To the rear of the battery, three wooden personnel buildings were destroyed, all lines of a rail siding were cut and two occupied flak emplacements were destroyed or severely damaged.

(4066,7 of US7/142B of 15 Apr. 45)
Ref. (3116,7 of 106G/5124 of 27 May 45)

8. TARGET No. 18 ROYAN ... Pte de Grave
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 342628
Spec. Ill. No. 742

Three casemated coastal guns and heavy A.A. comprise the target. The target area is completely blanketed with craters, some of which are on the sea wall. The craters are water filled and an area to the rear of the battery is partially flooded. A great amount of spoil has been blown up by the bombs. The casemates appear not to have been damaged but there is a hole approximately 10 ft. in diameter in the roof of a large shelter casemate in the centre of the battery. Only one flak position remains.

(4094,5 of US7/124B of 15 Apr. 45)
Ref. (3110,1 of 106G/5124 of 27 Mar 45)

9. TARGET No. 1 ROYAN AREA ... Belmont
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 408753
Spec. Ill. No. 734

A very heavy concentration of craters is spread over the whole of this defence area covering the entire area with a layer of sand. The only remaining elements of defence installations are a few sections of trench on the far South and on the North. Two direct hits have caved in an underground shelter and one building within the area is severely shattered. There are three guns in open emplacements near the highway at the North of the area but their condition cannot be determined. Several small fires were still burning at the time of these photographs.

(3148-3150 of US7GR/142B)
Ref. (3085, 86 of US7GR/127D)

10. ROYAN
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 391752
Spec. Ill. No. 728/4 - 100018

Target at 100018 of Spec. Ill. No. 728/4.

An area of 110 yds. radius about the pinpoint is completely blanketed with craters. No land forms or structures in the area are discernable.

(3152,3 of US7/142B of 15 Apr. 45)
Ref. (3046,7 of 106G/5283 of 11 Apr. 45)

11. TARGET No. 33 ROYAN ... Font de Royan
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 365744
Spec. Ill. No. 738

The target is smothered with a heavy concentration of craters - no area being missed. All emplacements are destroyed or heavily damaged. The roof of the shelter in the centre of the fort has been caved in. Two guns remain in open emplacements but their condition cannot be determined. The area of crater concentration extends N.E. blanketing point 036030 where all installations are destroyed or heavily damaged.

(3156,57 of US7GR/142B of 15 Apr. 45)
Ref. (3040, 3016 of US7GR/127D 14 Apr. 45)

- II. The batteries and targets were covered on good quality photographs of scale 1/6,200.

- III. Damage assessment photographs for targets 19 and 18 were flown before the final attack ending 1327 hrs. and this report on these targets covers only damage prior to the last attack.

- IV. This report is prepared from photographic evidence and includes only information from sorties interpreted at A.C.I.U. Photograph for Target No. 33 accompanies this report (3156 of US7GR/142B of 15 Apr. 45).

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INTERPRETATION REPORT S.A. 3578

ATTACK ON TACTICAL TARGETS IN THE ROYAN AREA ON 15 APR 1945

1. INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE ATTACK;

(a) No. of aircraft	:	1277
(b) Command	:	U.S. 8th AIR FORCE.
(c) Time	:	1013 - 1327B hrs.
(d) Bombs	:	795 x 2000 lb. G.P. 1016 x 1000 lb. G.P. 7 x 500 lb. G.P. 1452 x 570 lb. Napalm. 801 x 550 lb. Napalm. 2421 x 500 lb. Napalm 5945 x 100 lb. I.B.

2. STATEMENT ON THE TARGET;

This report includes attacks on ground installations in the ROYAN area on 15 APR 1945.

3. DETAILS OF THE ATTACKS; (Target numbers refer to annotations on bomb plot).

TARGET NO. 1 (Strong Point).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 734; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 408755.

Fire bombs completely blanket the entire target area and a concentration of incendiaries is seen across the West side. Scattered fire bombs are seen in open fields 1200 yards Northwest, 3000 yards South, and incendiaries are seen 1500 yards North, of the center of the target area.

SAV 34/842,843	15 APR 1945	1030B hrs.	1/26,500 (F.L.7")	15,500'	'B'
SAV 44/1784,1785	"	1110B "	1/25,700 "	15,000'	'B'
SAV 94/1670,1672	"	1028B "	1/25,300 "	14,600'	'B'
SAV 95/1768	"	1035B "	1/24,800 "	14,500'	'B'
SAV 100/1590	"	Unknown	1/26,500 "	15,600'	'B'
SAV 385/1253,1254	"	1018B "	1/27,400 "	16,000'	'B'
SAV 447/1241-1242 1245-1246	"	1013B "	1/25,700 "	15,000'	'B'
SAV 467/1353	"	1117B "	1/25,700 "	15,000'	'B'
SAV 466/1199	"	1114B "	1/24,000 "	14,000'	'B'
SAV 486/1110-1114	"	1016B "	1/25,700 "	15,000'	'B'
SAV 487/1084-1087	"	1020B "	1/25,700 "	15,000'	'B'
SAV 491/1031	"	1111B "	1/25,700 "	15,000'	'B'
O 486/1421	"	Unknown	Oblique(F.L.6-3/8")	15,000'	'B'

TARGET NO. 7 (3 x 155 mm Guns in Casemates)*

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 736; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 355771.

Smoke obscures the target area and no bursts are visible but bombs are seen falling toward the general area of the objective.

SAV 93/1638	15 APR 1945	1121B hrs.	1/26,600 (F.L.7")	15,500'	'C'
SAV 446/1340	"	1123B "	1/17,000 (F.L.12")	17,000'	'C'

TARGET NO. 8 (Strong Point)

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 729; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 349779.

Approximately ten scattered bursts are seen in open fields, 1000 yards East and 1700 yards North-Northwest, on smoke obscured photographs.

SAV 458/1139	15 APR 1945	1120B hrs.	1/26,800 (F.L.7")	15,700'	'B & C'
SAV 467/1350	"	1116B "	1/16,000 (F.L.12")	16,000'	"
SAV 467/1354	"	1117B "	1/25,700 (F.L.7")	15,000'	"

TARGET NO. 10 (Strong Point).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 736; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 348771.

No bursts are visible on smoke obscured photographs but falling bombs may be estimated to strike in the immediate vicinity of the target and also at a point 2600 yards West-Northwest.

SAV 93/1635	15 APR 1945	1121B hrs.	1/24,800 (F.L.7")	14,500' 'C'
SAV 392/1714,1715	"	1108B "	1/25,700 "	15,000' 'C'
SAV 446/1343	"	1123B "	1/29,200 "	17,000' 'C'

TARGET NO. 11 (6 x 155 mm Guns and 3 x 75 mm Guns in Casemates)

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 736; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 344760.

At least ten fire bombs are seen striking the Northern third of the target area with one hit visible on a 155 mm casemate. At least 15 bursts can be seen along the beach, starting fires in woods and a lightly built-up area 1500 yards Northwest.

SAV 100/1595	15 APR 1945	1046B hrs.	1/25,700 (F.L.7")	14,900' 'C'
SAV 389/1445,1446,1449	"	1108B "	1/25,800' (F.L.7")	15,000' 'B'
SAV 445/1256	"	1127B "	1/25,800 (F.L.7")	15,000' 'B'
SAV 448/1448,1450	"	1126B "	1/26,800 (F.L.7")	15,600' 'B'

TARGET NO. 12 (Strong Point).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 736; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 348767.

Bombs are seen falling toward the general area of the target but no bursts are visible on smoke obscured photographs.

SAV 93/1636	15 APR 1945	1121B hrs.	1/25,800 (F.L.7")	15,000' 'C'
SAV 458/1138,1142	"	1120B "	1/25,800 "	" 'C'

TARGET NO. 17 (4x 155 mm Guns and 4 x 105 mm guns in Casemates)

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 733; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 343693.

Six groups and a concentration totalling more than 225 H.E. bursts are seen extending across the target area, an unidentified group of building, TARGET NO. 16, the shore line, and into the water. At least three of the casemates have received very near hits and a fire is seen on another. One group of approximately 35 H.E. bursts is seen extending across the woods, railway sidings, TARGET NO. 16, and into the harbor. A group of at least 20 H.E. bursts is seen extending across TARGET NO. 14, and the two jettys, with one burst in the harbor. In woods just Southwest of the target is seen a group of approximately 20 H.E. bursts. A string of approximately 12 bursts is seen extending from the water just across the shore line.

SAV 91/1265,1266	15 APR 1945	1145B hrs.	1/25,700 (F.L.7")	15,000' 'A'
SAV 306/1609,1612	"	1147B "	1/28,200 "	16,500' 'A'
SAV 379/1250	"	1128B "	1/15,000 (F.L.12")	15,000' 'A'
SAV 379/1252,1254	"	1134B "	1/27,800 (F.L.7")	16,300' 'A'
SAV 457/1191,1193,1194,1196"	"	1256B "	1/29,100 (F.L.7")	17,000' 'A'
SAV 457/1195	"	1259B "	1/15,900 (F.L.12")	15,900' 'A'

TARGET NO. 18 (3 x 77 mm Guns in Casemates)

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 742; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 342628.

Four groups totalling at least 150 bursts are seen blanketing the target and adjacent areas. On photographs taken late in the attack all three casemates are seen to be badly damaged.

One section of a sea wall has been hit by at least three bursts and numerous bursts blanket a road. Six bursts are seen in open area 2000 yards West of the target.

SAV 91/1264	15 APR 1945	Unknown	hrs. 1/24,800 (F.L.7")	14,500'	'A'
SAV 351/1256,1260,1261	"	1310B	" 1/25,700 "	15,000'	'A'
SAV 351/1257-1259	"	1314B	" 1/15,000 (F.L.12")	15,000'	'A'
SAV 381/1372,1373	"	1130B	" 1/25,300 (F.L.7")	14,750'	'A'
SAV 381/1375	"	1131B	" 1/15,500 (F.L.12")	15,500'	'A'

TARGET NO. 19 (4 x 165 mm and 2 x 77 mm Guns in Casemates).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 740; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 308650.

The center of the target area was hit by successive groups of H.E. bursts totalling at least 80, with definite near hits and possible direct hits on at least three casemates. Approximately 50 H.E. bursts are visible in the water and along the shore immediately West and Northwest of the target, while a group of bursts is seen in an open area as well as a partially built-up area of Soulaoc-Les-Bains, one mile South-Southwest of the target.

SAV 303/1965,1966	15 APR 1945	1129-1158B	hrs. 1/15,500 (F.L.12")	15,500'	'A'
SAV 303/1967	"	1130B	" 1/24,800 (F.L.7")	14,500'	'A'
SAV 401/1351,52,57	"	1320B	" 1/25,700 (F.L.7")	15,000'	'A'
SAV 401/1353,1354	"	1327B	" 1/15,000' (F.L.12")	15,000'	'A'

TARGET NO. 24 (2 x 105 mm Guns in Casemates).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 743; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 302785.

Two compact concentrations of at least 50 H.E. bursts are seen directly on the target area, scoring probable hits and near hits on both guns. Two H.E. bursts are visible on the beach 1300 yards East-Southeast. A scattered group of 11 fire bomb bursts can be seen in a wooded area 1700 yards Northeast.

A group of 50 H.E. bursts is noted in the ocean 700 yards West of the target.

SAV 34/844	15 APR 1945	1034B	hrs. 1/27,500 (F.L.7")	16,000'	'A'
SAV 392/1713	"	1035B	" 1/25,800 (F.L.7")	15,000'	'B'
SAV 398/953	"	1149B	" 1/15,500 (F.L.12")	15,500'	'B'
SAV 398/957,958	"	1140B	" 1/27,500' (F.L.7")	16,000'	'A'
SAV 445/1259,1263	"	1129B	" 1/25,800 (F.L.7")	15,000'	'A'
SAV 446/1341,1342	"	1123B	" 1/29,500 (F.L.7")	17,000'	'B'
SAV 491/1032	"	1111B	" 1/25,800 (F.L.7")	15,000'	'B'

TARGET NO. 26 (4 x 138 mm Guns in Casemates).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 731; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 239840.

The target is not visible on cloud and haze obscured photographs. Scattered I.B. bursts are seen in an open and wooded area four miles East-Northeast of the target, and although Napalm bombs are seen falling no resulting bursts are visible.

SAV 466/1141	15 APR 1945	1125B	hrs. 1/24,800 (F.L.7")	14,500'	'B'
SAV 466/1197,1202,1203	"	1115B	" 1/24,000 (F.L.7")	14,000'	'B'

TARGET NO. 27 (4 x 150 mm Guns in Casemates).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 731; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 229839 .

Approximately 40 H.E. bursts are seen across the central and Northern portion of the target area with possible hits, or at least near hits, visible on three of the four casemates. Other hits are seen on roads serving the installations.

SAV 305/1387,1388	15 APR 1945	1147B	hrs. 1/15,000 (F.L.12")	15,000'	'A & B'
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TARGET NO. 28 (2x230 mm Guns and four medium flak guns)

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 739; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/3 - 214835.

The target and immediate area is heavily blanketed by four concentrations of H.E. bursts with probable hits on gun positions.

SAV 92/1076	15 APR 1945	1154B	hrs.	1/7,500	(F.L.24")	15,000'	'B'
SAV 92/1079	"	1155B	"	1/15,500	(F.L.12")	15,500'	'B'
SAV 92/1081	"	1155B	"	1/14,000	(F.L.12")	14,000'	'B'
SAV 306/1610	"	1142B	"	1/26,100	(F.L.7")	15,400'	'B'
SAV 306/1614	"	1142B	"	1/15,400	(F.L.12")	15,400'	'B'

TARGET NO. 29 (4 x 240 mm Guns in Casemates)

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 732; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/3 - 229847.

No bursts are visible on the target or adjoining area on the photographs received.

TARGET NO. 32 (6 x 75 mm Guns and 2 x 120 mm Guns)

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 741; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 401699.

A concentration of at least 60 H.E. bursts is seen blanketing the target area with several probable hits on the gun emplacements. Smoke prevents accurate pin-pointing of the bursts.

SAV 384/1659-1661	15 APR 1945	1123B	hrs.	1/26,500	(F.L.7")	15,250'	'A'
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TARGET NO. 33 (FORT de ROYAN).

SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION NO. 730; G.S.G.S. 4250/6M/5 - 365744.

Approximately ten fire bombs are seen on the target area.

Two large concentrations of bursts are seen immediately Northwest of the target area and extend approximately 1000 yards across the residential area. Another large concentration of bursts is seen on a residential area approximately 1800 yards East-Northeast of the target area. Several scattered bursts are seen in the water immediately Southwest of the target area and also along the coast and port facilities 700 yards to the East.

SAV 44/1788	15 APR 1945	1110B	hrs.	1/24,000	(F.L.12")	14,000'	'A'
SAV 94/1673	"	1026B	"	1/26,200	(F.L.7")	15,300'	'A'
SAV 95/1765-1767	"	1035B	"	1/26,600	(F.L.7")	15,600'	'A'
SAV 96/1124-1123	"	1104B	"	1/14,400	(F.L.12")	14,400'	'A'
SAV 100/1591-1592	"	1049B	"	1/14,000	(F.L.12")	14,000'	'A'
SAV 388/1202,1204,1207	"	1059B	"	1/24,000	(F.L.7")	14,000'	'A'
SAV 390/1694-1697	"	1041B	"	1/26,500	(F.L.7")	15,500'	'A'
SAV 392/1715	"	1109B	"	1/25,700	(F.L.7")	15,000'	'A'
SAV 452/1230,1232,1235	"	1100B	"	1/26,900	(F.L.7")	15,700'	'A'
SAV 448/1452	"	1126B	"	1/27,200	(F.L.7")	15,900'	'A'
SAV 490/963	"	1050B	"	1/15,100	(F.L.12")	15,100'	'A'
SAV 490/964	"	1050B	"	1/26,300	(F.L.7")	15,400'	'A'
SAV 491/1030	"	1111B	"	1/25,700	(F.L.7")	15,000'	'A'
SAV 493/912-914	"	1103B	"	1/25,200	(F.L.7")	14,700'	'A'
SAV 385/1256	"	1049B	"	1/24,000	(F.L.7")	14,000'	'A'

4. ANNOTATED PRINT; None issued.

5. BOMB PLOT: Two diagrammatic bomb plots covering the ROYAN area have been prepared and will be distributed.

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INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. B. 577 (R)

Damage Assessment on targets in ROYAN area.

I This report covers damage on target No. 19 up to 1700 hours, 17 Apr 45., and damage on Target No. 29 up to 1200 hours, 18 Apr. 45. T.O.T. 1201 hours to 1327 hours 15 Apr 45.

Target No. 19
4249/6M - 308650

ROYAN/Pte de Grave
Spec. Ill. 742

The target for the attack is a four gun casemated coastal battery and supporting A.A. The weight of attack is concentrated directly in the area. Several direct hits on casemate No. 3 have burst in the roof and side walls; only the front wall remains standing. No. 2 casemate has suffered three near misses and is probably damaged though no structural damage is discernable. An open emplacement in front of No. 4 casemate has been hit on the perimeter wall probably damaging the gun. There are craters near the entrance of three underground shelters in the rear of the battery area. Hits have also caused moderate damage to several small shelters in the area.

Ref. (4011, 12 of US7GR/302A - 17 Apr. 45)
(4066, 67 of US7GR/142B - 15 Apr. 45)

Target No. 29
4249/6M - 239847

ROYAN Area - la Goubre
Spec. Ill No. 752

The target for the attack is a battery of four emplaced guns. The weight of attack is concentrated near the centre of the battery area, and extending east into the adjacent wood. No. 3 position has suffered a hit on the edge of the emplacement which has probably damaged the gun. Spoil from several bursts in the vicinity of positions No. 1 and No. 2 has been thrown up into these emplacements, but the extent of damage is not evident. Communication line between the emplacements of the battery have been cut by craters in at least eight places. Hits in the adjacent wood have probably damaged personnel shelters located there.

Ref (3016, 17 of US7GR/303A - 18 Apr 45)
(4056, 57 of US7GR/127D - 14 Apr 45)

II 10,000 The batteries were covered on good quality photographs of scale 1/

III This report is prepared from photographic evidence and includes only information from sorties interpreted at A.C.I.U. Photograph for Target No. 19 accompanies this report (4011 of US7GR/302A of 17 Apr. 45)

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Damage assessment on targets in Royan area.

I. This report covers damage on targets up to 1700, 16 Apr 45. T.O.T. 1051 hrs. to 1327 hrs. 15 Apr 45.

II. Reference SA No. 3578 which covers these targets.

1. TARGET NO. 7 ROYAN
G. S. G. S. 4249/6M -353771 Sp. Ill. No736

The target of the attack was three emplaced heavy flak guns. The attack is concentrated on the centre of the target and extended to the highway N. Two of three emplacements have received direct hits, one being destroyed and the other heavily damaged. Several near misses in the vicinity of the remaining emplacement have partially filled it with spool and probably damaged the gun. A shelter in the target area shattered by a hit on one corner and two near misses. Bombs falling East and north of the target have heavily damaged two strong points in these areas.

(3096,97 of US7GR/101C - 16 Apr 45.)
Ref(3044,45 of US7GR/1270 - 14 Apr 45)

2. TARGET NO. 8 ROYAN Vaux-sur-Mer
G. S. G. S 4249/6M - 349779 Sp. Ill. No729

The target for the attack is a strong point. There are five craters in the target area, the weight of attack falling south of the strong point in the adjacent town. Three weapons, pits and part of a connecting trench have been filled with spoil from three near misses. A hit has shattered a small shed and probably damaged the house to the rear of the target.

(3097,98 of US7GR/101C - 16 Apr 45)
(3044,45 of US7GR/1270 - 14 Apr 45)

3. TARGET No. 10 ROYAN AREA
G. S. G. S. 4249/6M -348771 Sp. Ill. No. 736

The target of the attack is a strong point. The attack is concentrated directly on the target and craters have rendered the outlines of the strongpoint unrecognizable. Several craters, two direct hits and three near misses, are seen on a possible underground shelter. The only discernable elements of the target remaining are three short sections of fire trench.

(3096,97 of US7GR/101C - 16 Apr 45)
Ref(3044,5 of US7GR/127D - 14 Apr 45)

4. TARGET NO. 11 ROYAN AREA
G. S. G. S 4249/6M -344760 Sp. Ill. No. 736

The target of the attack is a six gun casemated coastal battery. Bomb craters are concentrated throughout the target area. Casemated are still intact but all have suffered near misses and are probably damaged. Only three of seven open emplacements in the battery are still visible after the attack. The wooded area to the rear of the battery containing ammunition stores and personnel, housing, has been completely blanketed by craters which have obliterated all installations in the area.

(3095,96 of US7GR/101C - 16 Apr 45)
Ref(3014,15 of US7GR/127D - 14 Apr 45)

TARGET NO.12 ROYAN AREA
G.S.G.S/4249/6M - 348767

Sp, Ill. No 736

- 5. The target of the attack is a four gun flak battery. There are craters scattered throughout the target area with the main concentration in the South. One emplacement in South area has been demolished by a direct hit, and another is severely damaged by a hit on the perimeter of the emplacement which has probably damaged the gun. There are four hits on the perimeter firing trench of a small strong point. A near miss has probably damaged a small shelter in the centre of the target.

(3096, 97 of US7GR/1010 - 16 Apr 45)
Ref (3044, 45 of US7GR/127D - 14 Apr 45)

TARGET NO.18 ROYAN Pt.de Grave
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M 342628

Spec. Ill. No 742.

- 6. The target is composed of 3 casemated coastal guns and heavy A.A. Further damage is noted and a new group of coasters extends across the target and to the rear. One edge of the No.1 casemate appear now to have been chipped by a direct hit. The large shelter casemate referred to in No. 10 of B.573 (R) of 16 Apr 45 has received another direct hit. There are now two holes approx. 10 ft in diameter in the roof. No other damage is noted.

(3051, 2 of US7/101C of 16 Apr 45)
Ref. (4094, 5 of US7/124B of 15 Apr 45)

TARGET NO 32 ROYAN Pte-de-Susac
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M - 401699

Sp. Ill. No 741

- 7. The target of the attack is a six gun casemated coaster battery. Weight of the second attack is concentrated directly in the target area and spoil from numerous craters has been cast up around the enemy defence element in the battery. No.3 casemate has been obliterated by several direct hits and near misses. No.1 and No2 casemate are probably damaged from three near misses. No.4 casemate has received a hit on one side but no structural damage is evident. Spoil from several craters is piled up around No.5 casemate so as to almost extinguish its outline. No.6 casemate has suffered probably damage from a hit on the West side but is still intact. Several direct hits have caved in the roof of an underground shelter in the rear of the area. One open emplacement to the rear of No.4 casemate has been partially filled with spoil but the gun is still visible. A network of trenches N.W. of the battery have suffered heavy damage in the attack, only one section of trench being visible on these photographs.

(3083, 4 of US7GR/101C - 16 Apr 45)
Ref (3034, 5 of US7GR/127D - 14 Apr 45.

- 8. ROYAN
G.S.G.S. 4249/6M - 368748 Sp. Ill. No. 730 -043039

The area within a hundred foot radius of the pinpoint designated as the target has received a heavy concentration of hits. All buildings on the actual site have been flattened. Damage extends over a wide radius, no building within four hundred feet of the pinpoint has escaped damage - being either gutted or roofless.

(4089, 90 of US7GR/101C - 16 Apr 45)
Ref (3016, 3040 of US7GR/127D - 14 Apr 45)

III. The batteries and targets were covered on good quality photographs of scale 1/9,500.

IV. This report is prepared from photographic evidence and includes only information from sorties interpreted at A.C.I.U. Photograph for Target No32 accompanies this report (3084 of US7GR/101C - 16 Apr 45)

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 APO 559

Date 15 April 1945
 13 CBW FO 99
 13 CBW OPS 319
 3 AD FO 642

SUBJECT: Tactical Report (ROYAN, FRANCE)

TO : Colonel Shuck. 90

1. Information Concerning the Targets: a. The first priority target (visual) for all Groups was one of three targets representing heavy concentrations of Fortifications, Emplacements and Strong Points 2300 yds E of ROYAN, FRANCE.

b. There was no second priority target assigned; however, in the event the first priority target could not be attacked, any other target assigned to units of the Eighth Air Force could be bombed.

2. Planning and Execution:

a. Order:	Bomb Load:	Force:	Assigned Target:
(1) 4 A,B,C,D:			Royan Area
(a) 447	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(b) 486	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(c) 487	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(d) 94	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(2) 93 A:			Royan Area
(a) 34	42 x M-47	36 A/C	
(3) 13 A,B,C:			Royan Area
(a) 95	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(b) 390	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(c) 100	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(4) 93 B,C:			Royan Area
(a) 385	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(b) 490	42 x M-47	36 A/C	
(5) 45 A,B,C:			Royan Area
(a) 388	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(b) 452	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(c) 96	6 NAPALM Bombs	36 A/C	
(6) 93 D:			Royan Area
(a) 493	42 x M-47	30 A/C	

b. Availability:

	Reg:	Lead:	Airborne:
(1) 95:	48 A/C	55 C/C	34 A/C
	12 A/C	7 C/C	4 A/C
(2) 100:	44 A/C	47 C/C	34 A/C
	14 A/C	9 C/C	4 A/C

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(3) 390: Reg: 48 A/G 56 G/C 34 A/G
 Lead: 12 A/G 11 G/C 4 A/G

c. Malfunctions and Failures:

(1) 95:

(a) Lead A/G: None

(b) Regular A/G:

95G: A/G 8441, jettisoned 2 bombs because of a rack malfunction.

(2) 100:

(a) Lead A/G:

100A: A/G 8719, Radio Compass out and Gee inoperative because of signal interference.

100B: A/G 908, Entire bomb load hung up because of a rack malfunction.

(b) Regular A/G:

100A: A/G 166, all bombs hung up and would not release in train or select and had to be kicked out.

100A: A/G 608, one bomb hung up and had to be jettisoned because of a rack malfunction.

100C: A/G 514"R", Bombardier turned intervalometer up and bombs were away early.

(3) 390:

(a) Lead A/G:

390G: A/G 837, H2X equipment inoperative because a high voltage plug jarred loose in flight and no pictures were taken.

Regular A/G: None

(4) Other:

95G: A/G 9177 (Regular A/G), Carpet failure.

d. A/G Outstanding: None.

e. A/G Landing Away From Base: None.

3. Navigation:

Position	Flight Plan	Altitude	13A (95) AL: Col. Shuck N: Lt. Ballatore	13B (390) Capt. Jones Capt. McNerney	13C (100) Col. Sutterlin Lt. Andria
A-80	9000'	9000'	9000' on time on course	9100' on time on course	11000' on time on course
A-60	9000'	9000'	9000' 2 min. early 12 mi. SW	9200' 5 min. early on course	10000' 4 min. early 10 mi. south

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C.P. 1	10750'	9000' 2 min. early 4 mi. left	10000' 4 min. early 2 mi. North	10500' 3 min. early 4 mi. Right
I.P.	15000'	15000' 4 min. late 1 mi. south	15000' 7 min. late 1 mi. south	15000' 8 min. late on course
TGT	15000'	15000' 3 min. late (1st P)	15000' 5½ min. late (1st P)	15000' 7 min. late (1st P)
RP	10000'	15000' 2 min. late on course	14500' 5 min. late on course	15000' 6½ min. late on course
CP 2	2000'	4000' 17 min. early 1 mi. left	5000' 19 min. early on course	5300' 19 min. early on course
ENG COAST	2000'	2700' 18 min. early on course	5000' 20½ min. early on course	2000' 21 min. early on course

a. Assembly: 13A assembled over Buncher C-3, 13B over Buncher A-80 and 13C also over Buncher A-80. Assembly altitude was 9000' for 13A and 13B while 13C was to assemble at 12000' and then let down to 9000' for Wing assembly. Wing assembly was completed at Buncher A-60. Division Assembly was completed at CPl, after "S"ing in order to gain proper interval in Division column.

b. Route: The route was flown essentially as briefed except for slight "S"ing along route in order to maintain interval in bomber stream. To avoid interference with Groups ahead, which were to the right, a wide sweeping turn to the left of the briefed IP was made. This made it necessary to make a SE approach on to the IP which was made good. Bombing altitude was reached approximately 20 minutes prior to IP. After bombs away the Groups were reassembled at the briefed RP. Descent to minimum altitude was started at this point. The return route was flown essentially as briefed.

c. Weather: Bases at take off, 10/10 strata-cumulus at 700-1000' and 7-8000'. Visibility was 2500-3500 yds. Cumulus activity began to break up over continent, and was completely dissipated as mission progressed to target. A ground haze persisted from 50N to 49N, then CAVU for remainder of route. CAVU conditions prevailed in target area. On return, CAVU conditions prevailed to Southern England, then 3-5/10 cumulus at 3-4000/5-6000' from London area to bases with scattered residual medium cloud above 7000' were encountered. At bases on return, 3-5/1 cumulus at 3000/5-6000, and 3-5/10 alto-cumulus at 7000' was noted. Visibility was 5-10 miles.

4. Flak: None encountered or observed.

5. Bombing:

a.	Attacking:	Jettisoning:	Returning
95	1st P 28 A/C 162 NAPALM bombs 2nd P 10 A/C 56 NAPALM bombs	3 A/C 10 NAPALM bombs	
100	1st P 27 A/C 161 NAPALM bombs 2nd P 8 A/C 47 NAPALM bombs	3 A/C 20 NAPALM bombs	
390	1st P 19 A/C 112 NAPALM bombs 2nd P 19 A/C 109 NAPALM bombs	1 A/C 4 NAPALM bombs	

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b. 13A (95 Group)

Squadrons:	A(8709)	B(8548)	C(8210)	D(8667)
Target:	2nd P	1st P	1st P	1st P
A.P.	Assigned	Assigned	Assigned	Assigned
A/C Releasing:	10	10	9	9
Bomb Load:	all A/C loaded with 6 Napalm bombs.			
Method of Release:	100'	100'	100'	100'
Altitude: True:	15500	15600	15000	14500
Ind:	15000	15500	14500	14000
Briefed Track (285)				
True Heading:	273	281	282	290
Drift:	3L	0	1L	4L
Trail Change:	none	none	none	none
Ground Speed:	160	174	164	188
Tan. D.A.	-not reported-			
Time of Release:	1034	1034	1035	1035
C-1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pattern:	Length:			
	Width:			
Errors:	Range:			
	Def:			
	Radial:			
Percent:	1000'			
	2000'			
Crew:	AL:	Maj. Shuck	Maj. Swinney	Maj. Aldendifer
	P:	Capt. Gillen	Lt. Newman	Lt. Parrish
	TG:	Lt. Krien	Sgt. Lee	Sgt. Demet
	N:	Lt. Ballatore	Lt. Beyer	F/O Manzier
(No. of Leads)	AN:	Maj. Magnass	F/O (9)	Capt. (27)
	B:	Lt. (22)	Messenger	Lt. (4)
		Lt. (26)	Lt. (24)	Seregina
(Missions)RN:		Dement	Schuster	Lt. Sullivan
			Urunker	Lt. (20)
				Feely

C O N F I D E N T I A L

(1) Narrative: 95A: Bomb bay doors were opened 2 minutes prior to the IP. The attack was initiated on a true heading of 290 degrees. Because of smoke from preceding Squadrons bombs obscured the assigned MPI, the bombardier was forced to use a different AP which was on the 2nd priority target. A normal run was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be good.

PI: No bursts are visible in A's photographs. In B's, however, there are approximately 20 bursts and burning bombs in the water, and about 9 on the land in the Fort de Royan area. One bomb is visible burating within the boundaries of the Fort, on which the run was made.

95B: After the maneuver at the IP, the bombardier took over and began the attack on a true heading of 285 degrees. The bombardier proceeded to set up course by pin point pilotage and 18 miles from the BRL he identified the assigned MPI. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be good.

PI: There are approximately 15 scattered burning bombs dropped by B that are visible in C's & D's pictures, and these are about 3900' short of the assigned MPI in fields and in a farm yard.

95C: Bomb bay doors were opened after the maneuver at the IP. Beginning the run on a true heading of 284 degrees the bombardier picked up the target immediately after the turn at the IP and proceeded to kill course. 20 miles from the BRL the bombardier identified the assigned MPI. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be good.

PI: C's BRL was approximately 6300' beyond B's. No bursts are visible in the smoke over the area, but according to the trajectory of the bombs and the location of the Squadron at the BRL, the bombs probably fell about 2300' beyond the MPI. In D's pictures there are six bombs visible in this area.

95D: The IP was overshot to allow proper spacing between 95D and 95C. After the turn at the IP the bombardier took over and began to set up course. Because smoke obscured the assigned MPI the bombardier positioned the cross hairs on the smoke using check points outside the target area. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be good.

PI: The BRL was approximately 3000' short of the MPI. No bursts are visible, but according to the trajectory of the bombs, they should fall about 1300' short of the MPI.

(2) Bombing Malfunctions:

95A: A/C 8657: Jettisoned 4 bombs in the channel because of excessive leakage from the bombs.

95C: A/C 9177: Jettisoned 4 bombs in the channel because of excessive leakage from the bombs.

A/C 8441: Jettisoned 2 bombs in the Bay of Biscay because of rack malfunction over the target.

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e. 13B (390)

Squadrons:	A (#784)	B (#447)	C (#837)	D (#660)
Target:	1st P	2nd P	1st P	2nd P
A.P.	Assigned	Selected	Assigned	Assigned
A/C Releasing:	10	9	9	10
Bomb Load:	All A/C loaded with 6 NAPADM bombs			
Method of Release:	100°	100°	100°	100°
Altitude: True:	15500	15460	16100	16470
Ind:	15000	15100	15600	15900
(Briefed Track: 285)				
True Heading:	282	287	286	291
Drift:	1 L	2 L	1 L	3 L
Trail Change:	None	None	None	None
Ground Speed:	198	180	178	189
Tan. D.A.	.42	.32	.33	.375
Time of Release:	1039½	1040½	1040½	1041
C-1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pattern: Length:				
Width:				
Errors: Range:				
Def:				
Radial:				
Percent: 1000°				
2000°				
Crew:	AL: Capt. Jones	Lt. Ellis	Capt. Maxwell	Maj. Black
	Lt. Babbitt	Lt. Allen	Lt. Donald	Lt. McKinney
	TG: Lt. Riele	Sgt. Lambrecht	Sgt. Bass	Sgt. Geste
	Lt. Stevens	Lt. Donahue	Lt. Hilker	Lt. Barrett
	AN: Capt. McInerney			
(No. of Leads)	B: Lt. (14) Guekes	Lt. (14) Smith	Lt. (10) Strickland	Lt. (5) Goldstein
(Missions)	RN: Lt. (13) Groves	Lt. (12) Anderson	F/O (11) Zebell	Lt. (6) Wolfert

C O N F I D E N T I A L

(1) Narrative: 390A: Bomb bay doors were opened after the maneuver at the IP. Initiating the attack on a true heading of 284 degrees, the bombardier proceeded to kill course by pin-point piloting. Although the target area was picked up, the bombardier was unable to locate his MPI because of smoke until 10 seconds from the BRL. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization was good.

PI: No bursts are visible. The BRL was approximately 4250' over and right of the assigned MPI. According to H2X scope photo interpretation the bombfall was approximately 7000' W of the MPI.

390B: After the maneuver at the IP the bombardier took over and picked up the target, beginning the attack on a true heading of 300 degrees. Because of smoke from preceding Squadrons bombs obscuring the target, the bombardier was forced to use a different AP, which was near the assigned MPI of the 2nd priority target. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be good.

PI: No bursts are visible. The BRL was approximately 1200' over and right of the selected AP, which was about 5400' beyond the assigned MPI. According to H2X scope photo interpretation the bombfall was approximately 7000' W of the MPI.

390C: Initiating the attack on a true heading of 301 degrees, the bombardier picked up the target area immediately after the IP maneuver. Smoke from preceding Squadrons bombs obscured the assigned MPI. This necessitated the bombardier to use reference check points outside the target area in order to position his cross-hairs on the smoke. However, 45 seconds from the BRL the MPI became discernable. Synchronization at bombs away was good.

PI: No bursts are visible. The BRL was approximately 5300' short of the assigned MPI.

390D: After the maneuver at the IP, the bombardier began to set up course, initiating the attack on a true heading of 288 degrees. Because smoke from preceding Squadrons bombs obscured the MPI the bombardier was forced to use a selected AP, which was the 45 CBW's assigned MPI. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be good.

PI: No bursts are visible. The BRL was approximately 6600' short and right of the selected AP, which was approximately 8700' beyond and to the left of the assigned MPI. According to H2X scope photo interpretation the bombfall was approximately 7000' W of the MPI.

(2) Bombing Malfunctions:

390B: A/C 505: jettisoned 4 HAPAIN bombs, which were leaking badly, at 5206-0258.

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d. 130 (100)

Squadrons:	A (#719)	B (#908)	C (#696)	D (#209)
Target:	2nd P	1st P	1st P	1st P
A.P.	Assigned	Assigned	Assigned	Assigned
A/C Releasing:	8	9	8	10
Bomb Load:	All A/C loaded with 6 NAPALM Bombs			
Method of Release:	100°	100°	100°	100°
Altitude: True:	15530	15950	15300	14900
Ind:	15000	15400	14700	14400
(Briefed Track: 285)				
True Heading:	279	280	282	280
Drift:	1 R	3 R	2 R	1 R
Trail Change:	None	None	None	None
Ground Speed:	182	180	182	185
Tan. D.A.	.345	.340	.350	.371
Time of Release:	1043½	1044	1046	1045
C-1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pattern: Length:				
Width:				
Errors: Range:				
Def:				
Radial:				
Percent: 1000°				
2000°				
Crew:	AL:	Lt. Kadas		
	Capt. Sutterlin	Lt. Dawson	Capt. Ralford	Lt. Hellerich
	P:	Sgt. Henien	Sgt. DeBaree	Sgt. Platzner
	TG:	Lt. Browning	Lt. Cheney	Lt. Duncan
	N:	Lt. Dussault		
	AN:	Lt. (12) Silva	Lt. (8) Ruth	Lt. (10) Shiurba
(No. of Leads)	B:	Lt. (27) Rawland	Lt. (16) Pivenka	Lt. (10) Clinton
(Missions)	RN:	Lt. Gault		

C O N F I D E N T I A L

(1) Narrative: 100A: The attack was initiated on a true heading of 284 degrees. After the turn at the IP the bombardier picked up the target area at 30 miles. The MPI, however, was completely obscured by smoke. The bombardier proceeded with synchronization but shortly before the BRL the target became so obliterated that the bombardier was forced to shift his AP to a 2nd priority target. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be fair.

PI: The BRL was approximately 5000° beyond and 3700° left of the assigned MPI. There are 7 visible bursts in the ocean and approximately 7 on land near Fort de Royan. B's photographs show black smoke arising from the bombs in the Fort de Royan area. The amount of smoke here and the bombs visible in A's pictures indicate that A's bombs all probably fell in this area 9000° NW (beyond) the assigned MPI.

100B: Initiating the attack on a true heading of 284 degrees, the bombardier began to set up course by pilotage. The target area was picked up at 30 miles, but because smoke obscured the assigned MPI the bombardier was not able to discern it until 30 seconds from the BRL. Because bombs in lead A/C hung up the Squadron had to release on a VHF and Flare signal from the lead.

PI: The BRL was approximately the same as that for 100A, so it is reasonable to assume that the bombs probably fell in the Fort de Royan area. There are 7 bombs visible in the ocean beside the Fort, 2 more in the Fort de Royan area in the water, and 8 farther out in the ocean. C's photographs show an increase in the amount of fresh streamers of black smoke in the Fort de Royan area, indicative, undoubtedly, of a portion of B's bombfall.

100C: Initiating the run on a true heading of 284 degrees, the bombardier picked up the target area 40 miles from the BRL and began to kill course. Because smoke obscured the assigned MPI the bombardier employed the hot plate to help discern the MPI. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be fair. 100C "S"ed at the beginning of the run which resulted in 100D bombing third in 130.

PI: The BRL was approximately 1500° short of the assigned MPI. No bursts are visible. According to the trajectory of the bombs, however, they should burst in close proximity to the MPI.

100D: After the maneuver at the IP the bombardier took over and proceeded to set up course, beginning the run on a true heading of 284 degrees. The target area was picked up after the turn on the IP. Because smoke from preceding Squadrons obscured the MPI, the bombardier employed the hot plate to help discern the assigned MPI. A normal sighting operation was completed and at bombs away synchronization appeared to be fair. 100D had to "S" at the beginning of the run to maintain proper interval.

PI: The BRL was approximately 4500° beyond the assigned MPI. According to the trajectory of the bombs, they should burst in close proximity to this point, which is in sight. Smoke over the area obscures the bursts.

(2) Bombing Malfunctions:

100A: A/C 166: entire lead hung up, because of rack malfunctions, and were jettisoned at 4540N-0150W. A/C 680: one bomb hung up because of a rack malfunction and was jettisoned at 4539N-0157W.

100B: A/C 908: (Lead A/C) all bombs hung up because of a rack malfunction and were jettisoned in the Bay of Biscay.

100C: A/C 514: entire lead was jettisoned at 4515-0012W when intervalometer was turned up. A/C was later checked and no malfunctions were found by armament section. A/C 602: jettisoned one bomb in channel at 5116-0227 because of excessive leakage.

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AT BOMB WING (H)

**ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS, EMBLACEMENTS & STRONG POINTS
ROYAN, FRANCE**

15 APRIL 1944

In this mission the Napalm Bomb was used and only a few bursts were visible. This type of bomb has an unusual trajectory; consequently, in cases where a Squadron's bombs are unobserved, the Heading at bombs away and Bomb Release Line is shown.

95A - 273
B - 281
C - 282
D - 290

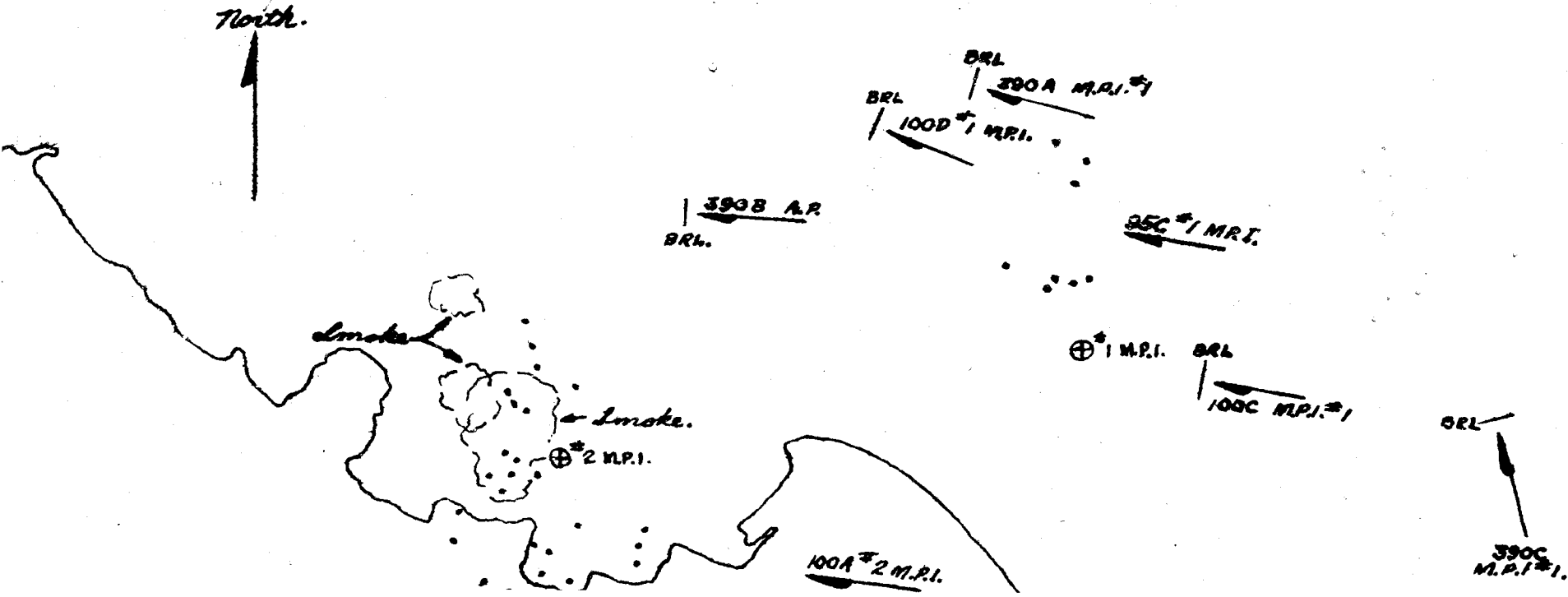
100A - 279
B - 280
C - 282
D - 280

390A - 282
B - 287
C - 286
D - 291

SCALE - 1:26,623

MPI No. 1 - 1st Priority Target.

MPI No. 2 - 2nd Priority Target.



"B"

FORM 3

STATION 119DATE 15 April - 1945

	LET	SHIP	PILOT	TARGET	TIME OFF		LANDING		REMARKS
					EST	ACT	EST	ACT	
36	K	8548	Murman		✓	0512		1327	
36	T	9037	Coleman		✓	0513		1320	
"	E	8106	Sutton		✓	0518		1326	
"	V	8676	Millepaugh		✓	0519		1328	
"	L	6475	Gibson		✓	0544		1327	
"	Z	2455	Lundin		✓	0521		1328	
"	U	8469	Nelson, R.W.		✓	0522		1330	
"	S	8333	Lippitt		✓	0523		1329	
"	Q	8617	Jackson		✓	0525		1329	
34	T	8996	Simpson	(Spare)	✓	0524		1331	
412	H	6522	Murphy, D.W.	(Spare)	✓	0527		1335	

HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
"J" FORM

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Authority VND 745005
By WS NARA Date 6/30/10

1. DATE 15/4/44 TARGET _____ DUTY OFFICERS _____

2. GBW 13A GROUP 95A GP. LEADER Col. Shuck A/C ⁸⁷⁰⁹336-F W/T TGB
POSITION Lead DEPUTY LDR. Lt. Scherffius A/C ⁹¹⁵²334-P W/T SOQ

3. EST. TAXI TIME 0500 EST. T.O. 1ST A/C 0510 EST. BASE _____
ETR BASE 1347

4. NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 9 NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED _____
INCLUDED _____

5. TIME 1ST T.O. _____ LAST T.O. _____ TIME 1ST LANDING _____
LAST LANDING _____

6. SQUADRON 334 NO. OF A/C 8 CALL SIGNS; W/T SOQ

9152 8525 8640 8657 8776 9175 8990 837

A/C	: P	: U	: D	: Y	: B	: L	: X	: K	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0511	: 0528	: 0530	: 0532	: 0535	: 0537	: 0539	: 0541	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 1320	: 1326	: 1334	: 1331	: 1333	: 1336	: 1332	: 1332	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 336 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS; W/T TGB

8709

A/C	: F	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0510	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 1312	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
"J" FORM

- DATE / / 44 TARGET DUTY OFFICERS
- CBW 13A GROUP 950 GP. LEADER Maj. Swinney A/C 336-K W/T TGB
 POSITION H1 DEPUTY LDR. Lt. Coleman A/C 336-T W/T TGB
- LST. TAXI TIME 0455 LST. T.O. 1ST A/C 0505 ETD BASE
 ETR BASE 1347
- NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 9 + 2 spares NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED
 INCLUDED
- TIME 1ST T.O. LAST T.O. TIME 1ST LANDING
 LAST LANDING
- SQUADRON 336 NO. OF A/C 9 CALL SIGNS; W/T TGB

8548 9037 8106 8676 6475 2455 8469 8335 8617

A/C	: K	: T	: E	: Y	: L	: Z	: U	: S	: Q	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0512	: 0513	: 0518	: 0519	: 0544	: 0521	: 0522	: 0523	: 0525	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 1327	: 1320	: 1326	: 1328	: 1327	: 1329	: 1330	: 1329	: 1329	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 334 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS: W/T 50Q

8916 spare

A/C	: T	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0524	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 1331	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 412 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS: W/T KMN

652 Spare

A/C	: H	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0527	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 1332	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON NO. OF A/C CALL SIGNS: W/T

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"J" FORM

1. DATE / / 44 TARGET DUTY OFFICERS
2. CBW 13A GROUP 95C GP. LEADER Lt. Parrish A/C 8210-335-J W/T URT
POSITION Lo DEPUTY LDR. Lt. Willis A/C 9177-412-Y W/T KMN
3. 1ST. TAXI TIME 0505 1ST. T.O. 1ST A/C 0515 LTD BASE
RTR BASE 1347
4. NUMBER A/C ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 9 NUMBER OF SPARES INCLUDED
INCLUDED
5. TIME 1ST T.O. LAST T.O. TIME 1ST LANDING
LAST LANDING
6. SQUADRON 335 NO. OF A/C 1 CALL SIGNS; W/T URT

8210

A/C	: J	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0514	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 1339	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON 412 NO. OF A/C 8 CALL SIGNS: W/T KMN

9177 6946 8724 8441 6901 8774 8788 7992

A/C	: Y	: F	: M	: P	: A	: B	: Y	: Q	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.O.	: 0517	: 0529	: 0531	: 0533	: 0536	: 0538	: 0540	: 0543	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
A.T.R.	: 1340	: 1331	: 1341	: 1351	: 1341	: 1342	: 1344	: 1343	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
REMARKS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

SQUADRON NO. OF A/C CALL SIGNS: W/T

95 "A"

GILLEN* (COL. SHUCK)
 8709 L-F
 ROY SCHERFFIUS*
 8525 N-U 9152 N-P
 MOZLEY
 3640 N-D
 RIVET ADDISON
 8776 N-B 8657 N-V
 BROWN
 9175 N-L
 CRIDER HELGESON
 8317 N-K 8990 N-X

95 "B"

NEWMAN * (MAJ. SWINNEY)
 8548 L-K
 SUTTON COLEMAN*
 8106 L-E 9037 L-T SIMPSON
 MILLSPAUGH 8996 N-T
 8676 L-V
 SUNDIN GIBSON MURPHY
 2455 L-Z 6475 L-L 6522 A-H
 NELSON, R.W.
 8469 L-U
 JACKMAN LIPPITT
 8617 L-Q 8333 L-S

95 "C"

PARRISH *
 8210 I-J
 YOUNG WILLIS*
 6946 A-F 9177 A-Y
 FLIGOR
 8741 A-M
 BEARD CRIDLIN
 6801 A-A 8441 A-P
 MOEHRING
 8774 A-B
 DURHAM GI RAY
 7992 A-Q 8288 A-V

95 "D"

SCHULZ* (MAJ. ALDENDIFER)
 8260 A-X
 FABINIAK RICHARDSON*
 6838 I-E 6902 I-G
 PALMER
 7783 I-R
 DETLEFS BRUMBAUGH
 8255 I-A 9052 I-S
 CRAWFORD
 8942 I-Y
 MANSFIELD LEGG
 8269 I-K 6598 I-N

R/T COLLECTIVE CALLSIGNS AND FLARE COLORS:

	13A - 95TH	13B - 390TH	13C - 100TH
A SQ.	FIREBALL LEADER - RR	FIREBALL JOHNNY - GG	FIREBALL DOG - YY
B SQ.	FIREBALL BAKER 2 - RR	FIREBALL JOHNNY 2 - GG	FIREBALL DOG 2 - YY
C SQ.	FIREBALL BAKER 3 - RR	FIREBALL JOHNNY 3 - GG	FIREBALL DOG 3 - YY
D SQ.	FIREBALL BAKER 4 - RR	FIREBALL JOHNNY 4 - GG	FIREBALL DOG 4 - YY

SHIPS TO MONITOR:	"A" SQ.	"B" SQ.	"C" SQ.	"D" SQ.
CHANNEL B	HELGESON N-X	LIPPITT L-S		
CHANNEL C 8TH AF	ADDISON N-V	GIBSON L-L		
CHANNEL C 66TH WG	RIVET N-B	SUNDIN L-Z		
COMMAND #2 (5295)	CRIDER N-K	JACKMAN L-Q	DURHAM A-Q	MANSFIELD I-K
M/F D/F		JACKMAN L-Q	DURHAM A-Q	MANSFIELD I-K

CONTROL POINTS: GILLEN L-F
 SCHERFFIUS N-P
 HELGESON N-X

STRIKE MESSAGES: GILLEN L-F NEWMAN L-K PARRISH I-J SCHULZ A-X
 SCHERFFIUS N-P COLEMAN L-T WILLIS A-Y RICHARDSON I-G
 HELGESON N-X LIPPITT L-S GI RAY A-V LEGG I-N

	LEADERS	"A" SQ.	"B" SQ.	"C" SQ.	"D" SQ.	EXTRA AIRCRAFT:
READINESS		0355	0350	0400	0405	PF- 4 -8667 I-L
STATIONS		0455	0450	0500	0505	WING-----7154 N-F
TAXI	0500	0500	0505	0505	0520	7194 I-O
TAKE-OFF	0510	0520	0515	0525	0530	
RENDEZVOUS		0740	0740	0740	0740	ZERO HOUR 0730
OVER		C-3	C-3	C-3	C-3	LAST TAKE-OFF TIME 0605
AT		9,000	9,500	8,500	8,000	
BOMB. A.T.		15,000	15,500	14,500	14,000	

VHF AUTHENTICATOR--LIPSTICK
DIVISION RECALL--LOVE CONQUERS ALL
WING RECALL--SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK
INDIVIDUAL ABORTION--SUNSET AND VINE
REFERENCE BASE ALTITUDE--15,000
REFERENCE BASE WIND--240 Degrees
30 Knots

COLORS OF THE DAY*

TIME	FLARE	CHALL.
0200-0800	YY	Y-YOKE
0800-1400	RRR	S-SUGAR
1400-2000	RR	G-GEORGE

J-JIG
P-PETER

KODAK AUTHENTICATOR

BAKER	46
CHARLIE	01
WILLIE	16
TOMMY	81
JASON	12
RONALD	02
FREDDIE	11
KARLO	04
GEORGE	93
MICKEY	73

VHF CALLSIGNS:

BOMBERS----VINEGROVE ONE-SIX

FIGHTERS----BALANCE

GROUND 66TH FTRWG----OILSKIN

8TH AF-----COLGATE

3RD DIV-----ARROWSWIFT

13TH DBW-----RANDOLPH

SCOUTING FORCE:

2 P-51'S KODAK CONTROL IN ASSEMBLY AREA AND W/X IF POSSIBLE.

4 P-51'S KODAK RED TARGET WEATHER 30 MINS PRIOR TO BOMBERS. -

IP POINT "8" TGT POINT "9"

1 B-17 DROWSEY "D" ASSEMBLY AREA WEATHER 1 HOUR PRIOR TO FIRST A/C. REMAINING IN AREA UNTIL ASSEMBLY IS COMPLETED AND ASSISTING LEADERS ON CHANNEL "B".

EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS:

ST AVORD (4703-0238E) c/s CARDIGAN

COGNAC (4539-0019W) c/s BROCCOLI

BORDEAUX (4449-0042W) c/s GULLIVER

CONTROL POINTS:

CP 1 - 4755-0153

CP 2 - 4940-0115 (OUT)

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN LANDING ON THE CONTINENT:

1. Whenever possible, land at a field at which 8th AF Service Command Service Center facilities are located.
2. Have radio operator contact base giving necessary information. Pilot can contact groundstation on VHF.
3. After landing, pilot will (a) arrange for medical assistance, if necessary, (b) fill out "Forced Landing Card" from Form 1 Pad, (c) safeguard all secret and confidential items on ship, (d) contact nearest 8th AF Service Command Service Center representative if one isn't on the field and (e) contact home base.
4. Crew members will be responsible for individual flying equipment.

HEAVY BOMBERS WILL NOT LAND AT THE FOLLOWING AIRFIELDS:

CHARLERIO (5027-1426)	GILZE-RIJEN (5134-0456)	ASCH (5058-0535)
LE CULOT (5045-0446)	EINDHOVEN (5127-0524)	OPHOVEN (5102-0532)
LE CULOT/EAST (5046-0448)	VOLKEL (5139-0542)	THIONVILLE (4922-0532)
SANDWELLER (4938-0612)	SCHIUNDEL (5138-0530)	(extreme emergency only)
COURTRAI (5049-0512)	HELMOND (5130-0534)	LAON/COURVON (4938-0332)
MAUBEUGE (5019-0404)	HEESCH (0538-5145)	(OK except for fuel)
CONFIENS (4909-0656)	MILL (0548-5142)	
METZ (4909-0608)	PETIT BROGEL (5111-0529)	

Hospitals are located close to the following airfields:

LAON/ATHIES (4936-0343) BEAUVAIS/TILLE (4928-0207)

DENAIN/PROUVY (5020-0328)

(extreme emergency only)

OPERATIONS BRIEFING CHECK LIST

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Field Order No. _____ Date _____

I. Force of Mission

1. 8th Air Force Strength

Division & Strength	Point of Leaving Coast	Time Leaving Eng. Coast	Time at Cont. Coast	Targets
<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>2</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. 3rd Division Force

Wing Strength and Order	Interval Between Groups	Interval Between Wings	Targets
<u>4 - A, B, C, D</u>	<u>2 min</u>	<u>3 min</u>	_____
<u>93 - A</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>13 - A, B, C</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>93 - BC</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>93 - D</u> <u>13 "A"</u>	<u>13 "B"</u>	<u>13 "C"</u>	_____

95 390 100

4. Fighter Support.

C/S BALANCE BOMB. C/S VINEGROVE

1st Division	_____
2nd Division	_____
3rd Division	_____
13th Wing	_____
Area Support	_____

NONE

DISMISS NAVIGATORS AND BOMBARDIERS. HAND OUT FORMATION SHEETS TO PILOTS.

II. Take off.

	Leaders	"A" sqdn.	"B" sqdn.	"C" sqdn.	"D" sqdn.
Stations	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Taxi	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Take off	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Assemble over	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Altitude	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
By Time	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

LATEST TIME OFF TAKEOFF TO JOIN FORMATION AT COAST 0605

- ADDITIONAL BRIEFING NOTES:
- Elements will fly echeloned to side of lead and at same altitude on Bomb Run. 100 ft apart.
 - Fireball leader will burn a modified M-50 flare at 1st point of wing assembly.
 - 6 to 8 tanker P-51s in Tgt area
 - Circle with C-3 on New Mexico. C-12 aux. aid
 - Ships will be in level flight at Bomb Run
 - Emergency airfields - Y-50 Y-36 Y-37. (No landing) ✓
 - Do not pull pins 'til after 1st assembly.
 - Bombs will be dropped on brief heading. will not be salvaged.
 - No second runs - special area for jettisoning.
 - Approach accounts Bombs at 7,500 ft
 - urgents Red Blue - maybe 3- etc.
 - open Bomb Bay doors to check for faulty releases

deputy Capt. [unclear]

By 10 Nov. Yux on cont aids used [Tgt must be pos. aids]

1353

III. Route.

Wing Assembly	Direction	Division	Assembly Order	Direction
13A		4th	1	N
13B	<u>E</u>	13th	3	E
13C	<u>E</u>	45th	4	NE
		93rd	2	NE

3. Route.

Coordinates	Time	Altitude	C.P.	Remarks
<u>Southwell</u>		<u>2000'</u>		
<u>Optland</u>				
<u>A-83</u>				
<u>C-12</u>				
<u>C-3</u>	<u>0758</u>	<u>9000 ft</u>		
<u>A-80</u>	<u>0802</u>			
<u>4910-0201 E (A-6)</u>	<u>0839</u>			
<u>4755-0153 E</u>	<u>0911</u>		<u>IP</u>	
<u>4528-0009 W</u>	<u>1016</u>		<u>IP</u>	
<u>Tgt</u>	<u>1031</u>	<u>15000 ft</u>	<u>Tgt</u>	<u>Descent to my alt</u>
<u>4540-0140 W</u>	<u>1041</u>		<u>RP</u>	
<u>4630-0148 W</u>	<u>1100</u>			
<u>4940-0116 W</u>	<u>1226</u>		<u>R</u>	
<u>Jesse Ball</u>	<u>1255</u>			
<u>Babe</u>	<u>1343</u>			

at. climb 0904

Time over Enemy Territory 0
 Time on Oxygen 1 hr.

	Time	Distance	Heading
From IP to Target	<u>15</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>285°</u>
From Target to RP	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>275°</u>

IV. Miscellaneous Data.

- Zero hour 0730
- Bombing Data,
 - Bomb Load 6 Napalm Bombs per Mc
 - Intervalometer Setting 100 ft.
 - Bombing Altitude 15000 ft
 - Minimum Bombing Alt. 10000 ft
 - Bomb by Squad. or Group Squadron
- Gas Load 2700
- Reference Base Altitude 15000
- Reference Base Wind 240° @ 30'
- Take off interval See 1 min.
- Scouting Force.
 - Kodak Red 30 min prior to
 - Kodak
 - Kodak
 - Pts. IP 8 Tgt. 9

No second time.

Drawings B channels
1 hr prior to 1st Mc

8. Time Hack.

COMMUNICATION BRIEFING
 FLYING CONTROL

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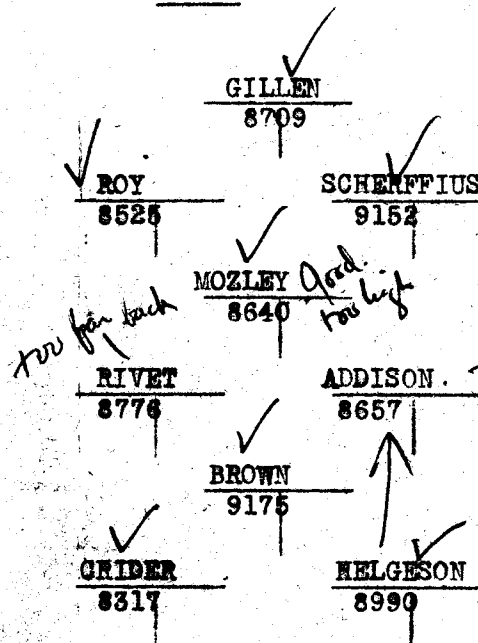
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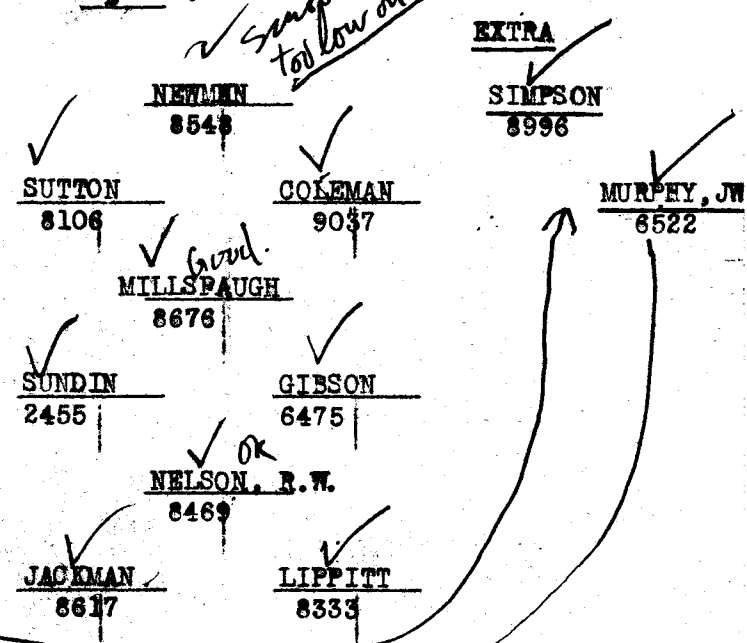
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Office of the Operations Officer

DATE 15 April 1945

A SQUADRON



B SQUADRON



OBS: NELSON, R.A.

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

EXTRA SHIPS
 334 _____
 335 _____
 336 _____
 412 _____

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

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C SQUADRON

✓ PARRISH
8210

Good. Erratic

✓ YOUNG
6946

✓ WILLIS
9177

✓ FLIGOR *OK*
8741

✓ BEARD
6801

✓ GRIDLIN
8441

✓ MOERING *OK*
8774

✓ DURHAM
7992

✓ G.I. RAY
8288

D SQUADRON

OK too high

✓ SCHULZ
8667

✓ FABINIAK
6838

✓ RICHARDSON
6902

✓ PALMER *OK*
7783

✓ DETLERS
8255

✓ BRUMBAUGH
9052

✓ CRATFORD
8942

✓ MANFIELD
8269

✓ LEGG
6598

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

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

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

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

E-A-20

APO 559.
15 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Lead Crew Officers.

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

1. The following is a list of Officers flying on lead crews on the mission of 15 April 1945.

95 "A" SQUADRON

Command Pilot	- Col. Shuck
Pilot	- Capt. Gillen
Co-Pilot	- 1st Lt. Krien
Command Navigator	- Maj. Magness
Navigator	- 1st Lt. Ballatore
Bombardier	- 1st Lt. Lytle
Radar Navigator	- 1st Lt. Dement

95 "B" SQUADRON

Command Pilot	- Maj. Swimney
Pilot	- 1st Lt. Newman
Co-Pilot	- 1st Lt. Munson
Navigator	- 1st Lt. Boyes
Bombardier	- F/O Messenger
Radar Navigator	- 1st Lt. Shuster

95 "C" SQUADRON

Pilot	- 1st Lt. Parrish
Co-Pilot	- 1st Lt. Balser
Navigator	- F/O Mansler
Bombardier	- Capt. Seroggins
Radar Navigator	- 2nd Lt. Urankar

95 "D" SQUADRON

Command Pilot	- Maj. Aldendifer
Pilot	- 1st Lt. Schulz
Navigator	- 2nd Lt. Knight
Bombardier	- 2nd Lt. Sullivan
Radar Navigator	- 2nd Lt. Feeley

**HOWL T. CUMBAE,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.**

STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 119
APO 559

T-A-1

16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Meteorological Interrogation Summary for Mission of 15 April 1945.

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

1. Base at take-off: Time was 0530 hours. 10/10 stratocumulus in broken layers, base 800-1000, tops 7500-8000 feet. Visibility was 2-3 miles.

2. Route to target: As bases to continental coast then cloud broke gradually to clear with ground haze in Rheims area and clear with unlimited visibility from Paris area to target.

3. Target area: Rayon, France. Time was 1035 hours. CAVU.

4. Return route: CAVU to southern England then scattered cumulus from London area to bases, base 3-4000, tops 5-6000 feet and trace of residual high stratocumulus or altocumulus above 7000 feet.

5. Base on return: Time was 1530 hours. 3/10 cumulus base 3000, tops 5-6000 feet, and scattered altocumulus above 7000 feet. Visibility was 5-10 miles.

6. Remarks: None.

Walter S. Mills, Jr.

WALTER S. MILLS, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Staff Weather Officer.

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By WS NARA Date 6/30/10

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

F-A-1

APO 559
15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission of 15 April 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H), Attention:
Operations Officer.

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission of 15 April 1945.

a. Thirty-eight (38) B-17 aircraft took-off as scheduled.

b. Thirty-eight (38) B-17 aircraft returned to base after completion of combat mission.

2. There were no abortive aircraft.

3. There was no battle damage.



GORDON O. MULLIN
Capt., Air Corps
Ass't S-4 Officer

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

APO 559
15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Mission Expenditure Report for 15 April 1945.

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

1. Following are the expenditures for the mission of 15 April 1945.

- A. Station AAF 119
- B. Unit 95th Bombardment Group (H)
- C. Type of Ammunition- No ammunition expended on the mission.
- D. Total number of bombs expended- 228- 500 lb. Napalm Fire Bombs
5- CHB M 1 Sky Markers.

Frederick A. Flint
FREDERICK A. FLINT
1st Lieut. Air Corps
Asst. Group Armament Officer

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

(J-A-1)

APO 559
17 April 1945

SUBJECT: Operational Communications for Mission of 15 April 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group, Station #119

1. All crews assigned to the mission were available for interrogation by the Communications Officer.

2. Mechanical and electrical failures noted were as follows:

- (a) 412-Q (Liaison/trailing wire antenna replaced)
- (b) 336-V (Interphone/faulty pilot's jack box)
- (c) 412-V (VHF/loose plug)
- (d) 334-V (Liaison/faulty On-Off Xmitter switch)
- (e) 336-Z (Radio compass/antenna lead-in replaced)
- (f) 412-M (Interphone/faulty RW gun button)
- (g) 335-A (Radio compass, VHF/replaced for shop check)

3. The following navigational aids were used successfully:

- (a) Thirty-seven A/C used Splashers and Bunchers
- (b) Thirty-eight A/C used Station 7000

4. The division ground station was jammed from 0800 to 1000. The local HF/DF frequency encountered the usual R/T interference, and was otherwise normal.

Richard F. Knox

RICHARD F. KNOX
Major, Air Corps
Gp. Communications O.

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NINETY-FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer**

**APO 559
15 April 1945**

SUBJECT: S-2 Report, Mission to Royan, France, 15 Apr '45.

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

1. The Mission: The 95th Group led the 13th Combat Wing in an attack on German Fortifications in the Royan area. The First Priority Target was attacked by 95B, 95C, and 95D. Because of smoke, 95A could not bomb the First Priority Target, so they bombed a Second Priority Target, the Fort de Royan, one mile to the Northwest. Colonel Shuck was Wing Leader.

95A - Eight A/C plus one PFF A/C took off and formed the lead squadron. All A/C bombed the Second Priority Target.

95B - Ten A/C plus one PFF A/C took off and formed the high squadron. All A/C bombed the First Priority Target.

95C - Eight A/C plus one PFF A/C took off and formed the low squadron. All A/C bombed the First Priority Target.

95D - Eight A/C plus one PFF A/C took off and formed the low low squadron. All A/C bombed the First Priority Target.

2. For further information reference is suggested to the Operational Narrative teletype of the Intelligence Section.

For the Intelligence Officer:

F. X. PIERCE

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1st. Lt., Air Corps
Ass't. S-2 Officer**

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CG, 100TH BG

95TH BG

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S-2 OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - 95TH BOMB GROUP - POINT DE GRAVE

1. Leaflets - None.
2. Bombing Results - A, B, C, & D Squadrons - Primary, visual - photos show bombs of all four squadrons bursting in target area. Excellent results.
3. E/A - None.
4. Flak - None.
5. Weather - 5-7/10ths high cloud above an estimated 25,000 feet. No low cloud.
6. Observations -
1128 - Royan - City still burning.
1133 - 4536-0121W - 15-25 vessels, two of them large, seemed anchored and firing at coast.
7. Other information - No fighter escort was assigned this group. Briefed route was flown throughout & nothing unusual occurred.

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OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

	95A	95B	95C	95D
1. GROUP				
2. A/C AIRBORNE	8+1	10+1	8+1	8+1
3. SORTIES	8+1	10+1	8+1	8+1
4. A/C ATTACKING	8+1	10+1	8+1	8+1
5. A/A FAILING TO ATTACK	0	0	0	0
a. Mechanical				
b. Weather				
c. Enemy action				
d. Other				
6. A/C LOST	0	0	0	0
a. TO AA				
b. TO E/A				
c. TO AA AND E/A				
d. TO Accident				
e. By Reasons Unknown				
7. TIME OF ATTACK	1034	1034	1035	1035 1/2
8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK	15,000	15,500	14,420	14,000
9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY)	Royal-See.	Royal-Pr.	Royal-See	Royal-Pr
a. Number	50	66	48	54
b. Size	85 Gal.			
c. Type	Napalm	Napalm	Napalm	Napalm
d. Number A/C Bombing	9	11	9	9
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)				
a. Number				
b. Size				
c. Type				
d. Number A/C Bombing				
10. BATTLE DAMAGE	0	0	0	0
a. Minor				
b. Major				
c. Salvage				
12. Claims	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
	4 Jett. 5121-0230E		4 Jett: 5152-0257E	
			2 Jett: 4615-0210W	

"A" Sq Combed 45th Wg. Primary Tgt

A SCDN

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A/C No.	Air- borne	Sor- ties	Attack- ing	ABORTS				LOST			DAMAGE		P	S	BOMBS DROPPED			RET.
				M	W	E	O	E/A	AA	OTHER	Maj.	Min.			LR	TO	JETT	
8776	1	1	1									6						
9152	1	1	1									6						
8640	1	1	1									6						
8990	1	1	1									6						
8657	1	1	1									2					4 5121-0230	065
8317	1	1	1									6						
8525	1	1	1									6						
9175	1	1	1									6						
8709	1	1	1									6	1034 15,000					
	9	9	9									50						4

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 By WSNARA Date 6/30/10

A/C No.	Air- borne	Sor- ties	Attack- ing	ABORTS					LOST			DAMAGE		BOMBS DROPPED				REF.	
				M	W	E	O	E/A	AA	OTHER	Maj.	Min.	P	S	LR	TO	JETT		
6962	1	1	1										6						
8942	1	1	1										6						
9052	1	1	1										6						
7783	1	1	1										6						
6838	1	1	1										6						
8255	1	1	1										6						
8269	1	1	1										6						
6898	1	1	1										6						
8667	1	1	1										6	1035.12					
															14,000				
	9	9	9										54						

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

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C.G., Eighth Air Force.
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Date 15 April 1945

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 350

PERIOD: 0001 hours 15 April to 2400 hours 15 April 1945

A. STATISTICS

	<u>Total Sorties</u>	<u>Effective Sorties</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Losses</u>			<u>Totals</u>	<u>NYR</u>
					<u>E/A</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>OT</u>		
Heavy Bomber Atks.	1345	1277	2855.4	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Escort (a)	109	107	0	0-0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Fighter Sweeps	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Bombing	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	13	11	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Weather Recon.	30	30	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	8	8	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	1535	1458	2855.4	0-0-0	0	0	2	2	1

(a) To Ninth Air Force bombers.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

1345 a/c (986 B-17s, 359 B-24s) from three Air Divisions sortied in three forces against 17 enemy strong points and coastal and flak batteries in the Royan, Pointe de Grave and Pointe de La Coubre areas in southwestern France. 1277 a/c dropped 2855.4 tons (1304.8 tons GP, 296.8 tons IB and 1253.8 tons Napalm bombs) on 15 first priority and 2 other targets. All bombed visually. No fighter escort provided. Weather: GAVU with slight haze. Smoke from previous bombings obscured visibility in some cases. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. (1 Cat. "E", crashed on take-off). NYR: nil.

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First Force

Fourteen group formations (529 B-17s - 3rd Air Division) sortied against three strong points and interspersed flak batteries in the Royan area. 494 a/c dropped 822.9 tons (605.3 tons Napalm bombs, 217.6 tons IB) on all three first priority and one second priority target at 1012-1105 hours from 13,300-16,000 feet. Bombing visual. Weather: CAVU at Royan. Flak: nil to meager and inaccurate. Battle Damage: 5 minor. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses and NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Eff. Sorties</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			<u>I.B.</u>	<u>Napalm Bombs</u>	
<u>Royan Area</u>					
No. 1 (Flak Battery at 100018 on Ill. 728/4)	190	158	75.2	193.0	Unobserved to good
No. 33 (Flak Battery at 043039 on Ill. 730)	145	148	62.8	188.5	Good to Very good
Flak Battery at 019052 on Ill. 734	194	175	52.5	223.8	Fair to good
No. 24 (Priority 2)	—	<u>13</u>	<u>27.1</u>	—	Unobserved
Totals	529	494	217.6	605.3	

Second Force

Thirty-six squadron formations (359 B-24s - 2nd Air Division) sortied against five flak batteries in the Royan area. 341 a/c dropped 729.5 tons (648.5 tons Napalm bombs, 79.2 tons IB, 1.8 tons GP) on all five first priority and one second priority target at 1108-1128 hours from 14,200-17,000 feet. Bombing visual. Leaflets dropped in Royan area. Weather: CAVU with slight haze, smoke from previous bombing obscuring visibility. Flak: meager, inaccurate over two targets, nil elsewhere. Battle Damage: 13 minor, 1 Cat. "E", due to crash on take-off. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses and NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Eff. Sorties</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>			<u>Results</u>
			<u>GP</u>	<u>IB</u>	<u>Napalm Bombs</u>	
<u>Royan Area</u>						
No. 7	97	93		22.1	179.6	Unknown
No. 8	70	77	1.3	14.3	152.5	"
No. 10	28	27		7.8	52.1	"
No. 11	67	43		15.5	78.8	"
No. 12	97	91	.5	19.5	165.3	"
No. 24 (Priority 2)	—	<u>10</u>	—	—	<u>20.2</u>	"
Totals	359	341	1.8	79.2	648.5	

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Third Force

Twelve group formations (457 B-17s - 1st Air Division) sortied against nine coastal and flak batteries and strong points in the Royan, Pointe de Grave and Pointe de la Coubre areas. 442 a/c dropped 1303 tons GP on seven first priority and two other targets in the Royan area at 1123-1327 hours from 14,000-16,400 feet. Bombing visual. Leaflets dropped in Royan area. Weather: CAVU. Flak: Belleines Point, meager, accurate; D'Oleron, 2 bursts, inaccurate; Ile de Re, 4 to 5 bursts, inaccurate. Battle Damage: nil. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses and NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Eff. Sorties</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
<u>Royan Area</u>				
No. 24	31	32	96.0	Very Good
No. 32	38	37	106.5	Very Good
<u>Pointe de Grave Area</u>				
No. 17	79	105	306.0	Very Good
No. 18	75	87	258.0	Very Good
No. 19	80	79	234.0	Very Good
<u>Pointe de la Coubre Area</u>				
No. 26	39	Not Attacked		
No. 27	39	26	78.0	Good
No. 28	39	51	151.0	Good
No. 29	37	Not Attacked		
<u>Other Targets</u>				
<u>Royan Area</u>				
No. 14		13	37.5	Unobserved
No. 16		12	36.0	Unobserved
Totals	457	442	1303.0	

2. Fighter Escort

To Ninth Air Force

Two groups (109 P-51s) sortied in support of Ninth Air Force medium bombers attacking Ulm M/Y. Up 1130-1215 hours, down 1745-1750 hours. 107 effective sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 P-51 to mechanical failure. NYR: nil.

3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

13 a/c (6 F-5s, 7 P-51s as escort) sortied as follows:

3 F-5s on mapping of Dresden and Chemnitz area.

3 F-5s on D/A of Royan area, Neumarkt, Munich, Deggendorf and Linz.

7 P-51s as escort. 1 crashed in take-off and 1 NYR, believed down in friendly territory.

Losses: nil.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

30 a/c (7 B-17s, 3 Mosquitoes, 20 P-51s) sortied as follows:

3 B-17s on routine weather flight over sea NW of Lands End.

3 Mosquitoes on special weather reconnaissance over E France, W Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Germany, Holland and N France.

1 B-17 on routine weather flight to Azores.

23 a/c (20 P-51s, 3 B-17s) as weather scouts for bomber forces.

Losses: nil.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

8 a/c (6 P-47s, 2 OA-10s) on routine patrols. No incidents. All returned safely.

8. Special Operations

30 a/c (18 B-24s, 8 Mosquitoes, 4 P-51s) sortied as follows:

Night - 14/15 April

11 B-24s on leaflet missions to Germany, Holland and France. 10 successful.

7 B-24s on supply dropping mission. 5 successful.

1 Mosquito on special operation. A/c unsuccessful.

Day - 15 April

4 P-51s as radio relays. 1 crashed in France, pilot safe. A/c believed total loss.

4 Mosquitoes as chaff a/c for 1st Air Division.

3 Mosquitoes on special flights for 2nd and 3rd Air Divisions.

Losses: 1 P-51.

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2nd Air Division

Royan Area

Numerous fires are seen burning on the ground in and adjacent to target area. But due to smoke from fires left by preceding Division, complete evaluation is impossible. Also due to the use of Napalm bombs and the trail angles from the bombs, photo coverage is so incomplete as to make damage assessment impossible.

1st Air Division

Royan Area

No. 24 - Very Good Results

Three concentrations of heavy GP bombs bursting in and adjacent to target with probable direct hits on the heavy gun sites. Some damage could be seen in area prior to attack and additional severe damage can be expected to installations in the area.

No. 32 - Very Good Results

Three concentrations of heavy GPs blanket N and W portion of target. Several possible direct hits could be seen on the 120 mm. gun positions. At least 40 bursts could be seen in target area, but smoke prevents plotting of additional bursts. Several of the 75 mm. guns may be hit. Damage to installations in this area should be severe.

Pointe de Grave Area

No. 17 - Very Good Results

Five concentrations and 5 groups of heavy GP bombs blanket target and adjacent area. Of the four 155 mm. guns, two received two direct hits and one near hit each. A third may be damaged by two near hits. Two of the four 105 mm. guns received direct hits and one gun could be seen on fire late in the attack. One of the above concentrations of bombs fell on coastal installations to NE of Aiming Point while another could be seen across a small M/Y and flak position to E of target. One flak gun will probably be damaged by a near hit, the small M/Y received ten direct hits which cut majority of lines. Many small buildings in the immediate vicinity of target will probably be damaged by blast. The final concentration seen in wooded area 600 yards SW of Aiming Point.

12th Army Group - 9th US Army meeting heavy resistance along Elbe River. One bridgehead N of Magdeburg was evacuated but another has been secured in the same vicinity. 1st US Army encountering heavier resistance. Halle reached.

3rd US Army, in conjunction with 1st US Army, have made armored thrust to Rochitz (K5483). After clearing E2800 and Borna (K3391) other armored elements have advanced east to Golditz (K5392). Further north, armor has pushed through Frenz (D8958) and reached the autobahn SE of Dessau at E1365 and 1154. In addition, an armored spearhead has reached the NW suburbs of Chemnitz. Altenburg K3075 has been captured. A bridge over the Saal River at J2206 was taken intact.

6th Army Group - 7th US Army have made limited gains in the area between Wurzburg and Neustadt. Bamberg has been captured.

1st French Army has cleared Heilbronn of all enemy troops. In the center, the advance continues towards Stuttgart. South of Baden Baden the town of Achern (R2403) has been taken.

D. OPERATIONS OF OTHER AIR FORCES

1. Tactical Air Forces

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Ninth Air Force	1092	9-2-1A 55-0-48G	2
First US TAF+	699	1-0-4A	0
Second TAF	491	12-0-2A	6
RAF Fighter Command	182	2-0-1A	2
Totals	<u>2464</u>	<u>24-2-8A</u> 55-0-48G	<u>10</u>

+ Complete report not available.

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Ninth Air Force

Night 14/15

Sorties : 12 Fighters, Fighter-Bombers

Missions : Intruder patrols in First and Third US Army areas.

Claims & Losses: Nil

Day 15

Sorties : 273 Bombers
807 Fighters, Fighter-Bombers
1080

Missions : 9th Bomb Division 273 sorties. Dropped 143 tons on Gunzburg M/Y, 233 tons on Ulm M/Y.

9th TAC 279 sorties. Armed recon. in 9th TAC area, air cooperation with ground forces.

19th TAC 440 sorties. Armed recon. Leipzig area, air cooperation with ground forces, escort to medium bombers.

29th TAC 88 sorties. Air cooperation with ground forces.

Claims : 9-2-1A, 55-0-18G

Other Claims :

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	446	193
Locos	120	25
RR Cars	132	300
Rail Cuts	52	
Gun Positions	8	5
AFV	16	8
HDV	48	2

Losses : 2 a/c

First US TAF

Night 14/15

Sorties : 7 a/c on uneventful intruder mission.

Claims & Losses: Nil

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Day 15.

Sorties : 217 Bombers
475 Fighters
692

Missions : 42nd Bomb Wing- 217 sorties. Dropped 653 tons on Jaffe/
Vaux-Sur-Mer defended area.

12th TAC- 475 sorties. Air cooperation, armed recon.
in Nurnberg, Bayreuth, Coburg area.

1st French TAC
Western French Air Force } Not available

Claims : 1-0-4A

Other Claims :	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	56	29
RR Cars	46	155
HDV	63	5
Bldgs.	135	25
Rail Cuts	1	

Losses : Nil

Second TAF

Night 14/15

Sorties : 96 Armed Recon.
16 Interception Patrols
2 Recco.
114

Missions : Armed recon. in Emden, Flensburg, Luneburg and Leer area.

Claims :	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	30	66
RR Cars	5	20

Losses : 3 a/c

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Day 15

Sorties ; 248 Armed Recco.
24 Immediate Support
36 Pre-Arranged Support
46 Fighter Operations
23 Recco.
377

Missions : Armed recon. in Bremen, Lubeck area, pre-arranged support to ground forces.

Claims : 12-C-2 Air

Other Claims :	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	33	100
TRG	3	59
Rail Cuts	27	

Losses : 3 a/s

RAF Fighter Command

Night 14/15

Sorties : 33 (offensive Patrols over Germany)

Claims : 2-0-1 Air

Losses : 1 a/c

Day 15

Sorties : 141 Escort to bombers
2 Weather Recon.
2 Tactical Recon.
4 Interception Patrols
149

Claims : Nil

Losses : 1 a/c

ADDENDA TO INTOPS FOR 14 APRIL

First U.S. TAF

42nd Bomb Wing - 178 sorties. Ammo dump at Straff and other enemy defended positions attacked. Claims: nil. Losses: 2 a/c.

Western French Air Force - 193 sorties. Strong points and shipping in the Pointe de Grave area attacked. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 a/c

2. Fifteenth Air Force

Unavailable

3. RAF Bomber Command

Day 15

Losses

20 Lancasters	} German Warship, Lutzow, at SwinemundeZ	0
<u>1</u> Mosquito		0
21		0

+ Abortive due to weather

Night 15/16

106 Mosquitoes	Berlin	0
8 Mosquitoes	Oranienburg A/F	0
4 Mosquitoes	Lechfeld A/F	0
23 Mosquitoes		2
17 Halifaxes		0
3 B-24s	Bomber Support	0
1 Mosquito		0
<u>4</u> Halifaxes	RCM	0
166 a/c		2

ADDENDUM: To Special Operations

13 B-24s sortied against Lechfeld A/F. 11 B-24s dropped 25 tons GP and IB on primary, with good results indicated. One a/c aborted and 1 a/c landed safely on continent. Losses: nil.

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

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