

MISSIONS
DONE IN
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STAFF / SGT
FELIX . E. BYRNE
" 398th Bomb "
" GROUP "
" 600th Bomb "
" SQD "



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England: 1944.

One: TARGET - HAMBURG - GERMANY.

OIL Refinery

Sunday - June, 18, 1944.

Hearst Flak of war

No one hurt. One flak
hole in Radio Room. No
Enemy Fighters, Escorts
38-513

Big Fins One Target

HOURS OF MISSION.

7 1/2 HOURS.

TWO: HAMBURG: GERMANY.

TARGET. - OIL REFINERIES
Return Trip.

Tuesday. 20, 1944.

Heavy flak - No holes
No one hurt. Lucky.

" Enemy Fighters -
Escorts - 38-475.

Target well hit up. Heavy
Black smoke. Fires
where still going from
Sunday's mission.

HOURS OF MISSION
7 1/2 HOURS.

THREE = BERLIN - GERMANY.
Date - 6-21-44

TARGET — BERLIN.

Heavy Flak - Accurate,
seemed to be tracking up.

Group ahead was jumped
by Ju-88's - Ships
sure started to blow
up. No one hurt on
ship. No Flak holes.

Plenty of Enemy
Fighters... Came on head
on 15 to 30. Enemy fight-
ers shot down.

That's a Dogfight.

HOURS OF MISSION.

9-HOURS.

Good ESCORT.

FOUR: ROUEN - FRANCE.

6-22-44

TARGET: POWER-PLANT.

Light Flak - but accurate
Sailed to track.

No One hurt. No
Flak holes. 12 ship
formation. No Enemy
fighters.
Escorts - 385-475

Lead ship left black
smoke at 5 o'clock. He
pulled out all right.

Made 3 drops.
Flew over Ennasson coast.
Saw Men & Equipment landed
Also some Cruisers shelling
the Coast of France.

5^{HR}/15 min - MISSION.

FIVE: Biennais-FRANCE.

TARGET = AIR FIELDS.

HIT IT. GOOD. Flak
was heavy. No losses.

No. Flak holes. Got home
safe.

July 14, 1944.

TIME: 5:40 Hours.

Six: Canchi-DESQNES.
FRANCE

TARGET: Air Field
on the Coast - near
Belguin boarder.

Flak was accurate
not to much of it -
got a few flak holes.
Hit ~~some~~ buildings
south of the field.

July 5, 1944.

TIME - 5 1/2 hours.

Seven - LIEPZIG - GERMANY.

TARGET: AIRCRAFT
WORKS.

F.W.-190 Plant.

heavy Flak. Got safely
home. One Flak hole
in left wing. No one
hurt. Plenty of Enemy
fighters. Saw battle
between 2 1095 + 3-519
One ~~was~~ Jerry went
down. Other ran home.
515 stayed with us
from then on.
Lost: 218.

July 6, 1944.

TIME: 9:00 hours.

FIGHT: PEENEMÜNDE -
GERMANY
TARGET - AIR FIELDS.

Target well hit. We
had a lot of flak -
got a few holes.

I saw groups of
B-17's behind us hit the
field - boy what a
sight. The bombs
would leave Red flash
as when hit. It looked
like hundreds of bombs
hitting at the same time.

July. 18, 1944

Time - 9:00 hours.

NINE: LECH FIELD -
MUNICH - GREQ.
GERMANY.

Target:

Heavy Flak.

July. 19, 1944.

TIME: 8:10 hours.

TEN: DESSAU: GERMANY.

TARGET:

JULY. 20, 1944.

TIME: 9:00 hours.

Had pictures taken
that day.

ELEVAN:
ST: LO - FRANCE.

TARGET: We were to bomb
the German forces. Because
the Infantry were
going to make a big
push - & try to capture
ST-Lo.

No Flak. No Fighters.

American Artillery took
out Flak Guns.

JULY: 24: 1944.

~~Twelve~~
No: 12 - ST-Lo - France.

July: 25: 1944.

No: 13 - MUNICH AREA.

TARGET - MARRSHILION
YARDS.
Rail Road Yards.

A very flak - No regulator
Nearly got hit.
Some Enemy
Fighters - Good
Escort.

July. 31, 1944

TIME: 8:10 hours.

SOUTH-EAST.
NR. 14 - HANOVER-AREA.

TARGET: OIL - DUMP.

Easy Germany. G/Hanover.

NOT flat! Some
fighters out there.

But as usual -
our escort was

good - got
home safe -

got the target good
by fires; black
smoke.

Aug. 5, 1944.

TIME:

No-15 - ROUEN - FRANCE.

Target - Rail Road
bridge, over Seine River
South East of Rouen.

Heavy flak, Biron
Bomber went down.

Made 2 dry runs.
No fighter's,

Not so much
escort,

Good bomb flak
holes in the nose
wing's & tail -

Really rough.

2 ships went down

Aug. 13, 1944.

Time -

No-16 - LUDWIGSHAFEN.
Western Germany.
target - Chemical
Works.
(P.F.F.) Pretty good flak.
No losses.

We flew over
occupied France.
Flew over 'Paris',
Metz. Saw
a flat of lawn -
flattened out.

Some Dog fighters
out there. ~~They~~
fighters - couldn't get
at us.

Sept ~~Aug~~ 13/944.
Yuma

No: 17 - LUDWIGSHAFEN.
(GERMANY)

TARGET - Chemical Works.
P.F.F. - Pretty rough - a lot of
flak. No Losses.

We flew across
Northern France - North of
Paris.

Flak was close -
Got some holes in the
Right wing - just missed
the turbo engine. Kenny
dropped the Bombs
that day - he did all
right. Didn't see no
fighters - our Escort
was good. Weather
was bad.

Sept ~~Aug~~ 5, 1944

time -

NO-18 - BRUX - "GERMANY"
CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

TARGET - (OIL-REFINERIES)
Near Prague.

We went by the North Sea
passed Hamburg & Berlin
then turned south west
on to the target. Was a
long haul.

We got plenty of flak
over the target. Had lost
most ships over the target.
Some of us got hurt.

Hit by fighters, North east
of Berlin. A few hundred
fighters. Group a head of
us got hit. Fighters &
bombers went down.

They were 1095. They passed
us. We thought we were
going to be hit - but
they kept on going.

then they all bunched
up at 6 o'clock - about
5 mi away. there was
about a hundred of
them. they got together
& jumped the group
behind us - we weren't
touched - lucky again.

Sept. ~~Aug~~ / 12 / 1944.

TIME - 9.50 - 10 hrs

No-17— Eindhoven—Holland.

TARGET: Tactical Bombing
on a canal, we where
supposed to hit gun
positions on one side
of the canal. Target
was hit well.
5 puffs of flak. No
enemy fighters - we
had P-51's escort.

Pretty cloudy.

We hit some gliders
going over in to Holland.
1 for 9 Du variant.

Sept. 17, 1944

TIME: 6 hr.

No: 20 - KASSEL
Germany.

Target - Tank Repair
(P.F.F) Depot.
Flw thru By Brussels.

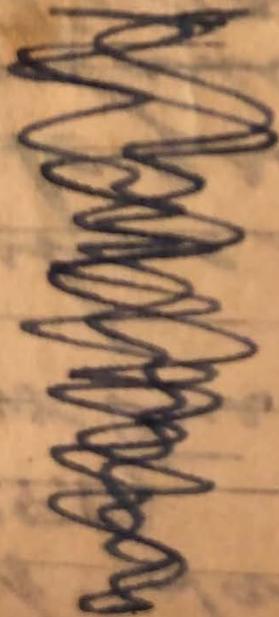
We where hit by
Flak going into
Germany. It was
pretty rough. Our
Escort was well
around us. No
Enemy fighters hit us.
But they hit B-24's
under us, 1-24 went
Down - Blow up. It was
pretty cold at time. Flak
over the target. No
ships lost.

Sept. 22, 1944

Time - 8 hrs.

Combat time
Up to now:

(
149. hrs
35 min.
)



No-21- OSNABRUCK
(GERMANY.)
target- Steel Plant.

We where hit by
Flak over the target. ✓
We made one D by run.
then made a 390 turn
to hit the target. We
had a good escort -
all P-51's

600 sqd - Lead ship -
had flares blow up
all the crew Bail out
one B.I. got killed - by
Bailing out piggy back.
PFC. Pf landed ship - back
on the field - pretty burnt
up. There was no enemy
fighters. Saw some

B-24's
Sept. 26, 1944.

line - 6-45

No-22-

MAGDEBURG. (GERMANY.)

Target. (Synth. Oil Refining.)

It was a long run
There was flak at the
I.P. & the target. We got
hit in the nose. There
was a hole in the right
side of the nose & the
left side of the plexig
glass was knocked out.

There was a few other
holes in the ship.

We had a good record
of P38 - 51 - 47.5

No fighters hit us
lucky. The flak was
big - 105 mm.

2-ship's lost,
1 was on fire - the other

Landed in France.

Date - Sept. 28, 1944.

Time,

23. - KASSEL.

Germany
Oct 7-21 1944.

24 - COLOGNE
Germany.

(OCT-7-1944)

NO-(25) BRUX
(CZECHO-SLOVAKIA)
(OIL PRANT.)
(But we hit.)

(AIRFIELD-AT-
NORDHAUSEN.)
(Germany.) 5 min-
from
Holland.)

Combat Hrs.
+
188:50

(26.) MUNSTER Oct. 26, 1944
Germany
Target Rail-Industrial-oil.

Light - flak -
About 50 Puffs over
the target: - We turned
off to the right - & they keep
on tracking us - off to the
right.

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193:95	60
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Luftwaffe Up, Loses 130 Planes

For the first time in weeks the not-so-down-and-out Luftwaffe showed itself in great strength yesterday, and according to preliminary reports Eighth Air Force fighters set a new record for a one-day bag by shooting down 130 enemy craft. Another 25 Nazi planes were destroyed on the ground.

The last time the Luftwaffe came up en masse was Sept. 11, when Eighth fighters clipped all their previous single-day records by shooting down 116 enemy planes.

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The Mustang squadron led by Maj. George E. Preddy, of Greensboro, N.C., who is the top active Eighth fighter pilot in the ETO, shot down 24 Nazi craft to *cop the day's squadron honors.*

The 55th Fighter Group, a P51 outfit, led by Maj. Eugene E. Ryan, of Darien, Conn., tangled with over 75 single-engine Jerries which were "ganging up" on one bomber force over Merseburg, and claimed bagging 19 for the loss of one Mustang.

The heavies' gunners reported getting their share of additional "kills," shooting down 53

Sgt. William E. Grose, of Hico, W. Va., ball-turret gunner on the Fort Little Chum, said: "I saw about eight FW190s sweep in toward the rear of our formation. I saw two of the Jerries go down."

2/Lt. Thomas Radonski, of Milwaukee, Wis., bombardier on the Fort That's All, Jack, reported: "As we were leaving the target area, three jet-propelled fighters broke out of a light haze in front of us. One, a light-green plane with black crosses, came in at us. At about 800 yards I opened fire. He was right in the middle of his turn, and seemed to be hanging in mid-air. That's when I

No. 27 - Merseburg
Target (oil Refinery.)

Nov - 2 - 1944.

Very heavy flak - we
went through it for about
15 to 25 minutes - we
were flying D.L. - P.F.F.
The stuff was accurate
& heavy. Our ship had
many direct hits -
no one was hurt.

15 flak holes in the
tail, one big piece in the
Right armor plate.
One hole in back of
No 2 & 4 engines, a
couple holes in the wing
one - piece went
thru the heating system
Just missed Kenny.
Bombay doors' hidden.

Just after the target we
were hit by fighter's
F.W-190's. They hit the
low sqd. of our grp. they
took one V17 with them.
they were 2 enemy fighters
they made a pass thru -
coming in high. there were
big dog fight's all over
the sky! We come
home safe. we landed
with bomb bay doors down
& one bomb in the bomb bay.
It was slavin's last
mission.

time - 8 hrs.

(P.F.F.)

Com had hrs up to Now
202 hrs
35 min.

Nov. 25, 44

Target. (MERSEBERG)

(Germany)
Target = Oil Refinery.
Very Very Heavy
7 tons.

About 12 min. of it.
We weren't hit by fighters.
But saw many flares.

We got a hole in the
tail no one hurt -

flew with 2/K.T. Tolosko.

19 yrs of age. he sure

knew how to fly. We

hit bad weather over

England. (Hansard's)

ship blew up. killing

(PL) Hansard + C.P. The

navi. was killed

after hit the ground.

He bailed out to law.

The waist gunner
Broke his leg. the
rust can out all night.
Our crew nearly bailed
out. We couldn't find
the runway. We came in
4 times. the 4th time we
landed & bay where we
glad.