

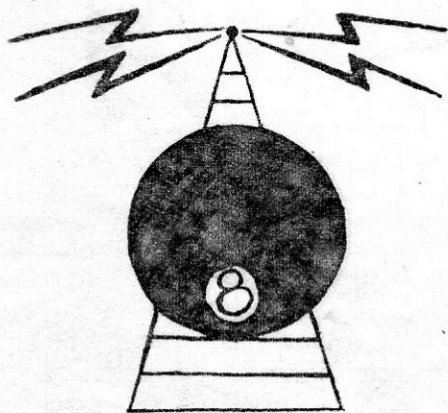
COMBAT MISSIONS DIARY

of

T/SGT. LEOCADIO M. TORRES

RADIO OPERATOR

CREW 10



September 5, 1944

ORIGINAL

CREW 317 36 10  
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PILOT - WILLIAM E. JACKSON, 2<sup>ND</sup> LT.  
 CO-PILOT - ROBERT V. NORK, 2<sup>ND</sup> LT.  
 NAVIGATOR - FERDINAND J. GLIDA, 2<sup>ND</sup> LT.  
 BOMBARDIER - LESTER KATZ, F/O  
 ENGINEER - CHESTER R. RUDZEWICZ, CPL  
 RADIO-OPERATOR - LEONARD M. TORRES, CPL  
 NOSE-TURRET - GEORGE W. FLEMING, P.F.C.  
 TOP-TURRET - MARION H. GRIFFITH, P.F.C.  
 BALL-TURRET - WILLIAM D. McMULLEN, CPL  
 TAIL-TURRET - WILBUR VAN ZOMEREN, P.F.C.

① T/Sgt. CASHWELL for RUDZEWICZ  
 S/Sgt. GOMEZ, S. for CASHWELL  
 Ball turret eliminated. McMullen - L/Waist gun.  
 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. LAWLER for GLIDA

NO. 5071, 20 HP

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① TRANSFER  
 ★ LEAD CREW  
 ⊗ GROUNDED

MISSION #1 ~ MONDAY.

JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 1945

CREW 10 ~ W.E. JACKSON.

Lt. Robert V. Nork did not fly.  
An experienced pilot as Co-Pilot.

Target was marshalling yards in STRABKYL Germany about 8 miles from the front lines inside enemy territory. This was a milk-run as no flak or enemy aircraft were sighted. Fuel load was 2500 gallons. Bomb load was 12-five hundred pounders G.P.'s. (3 Tons)

We were awakened at 0330. Take-off at approx. 0720 and returned to base at approx. 1730. We were on oxygen for 4 1/2 hrs. On return trip were short of fuel so we landed in a field 50 miles, south of our base at about 1345 for more gas.

11 bombs were dropped H2X and the other one brought back.

Temp. 44° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 "JOLLY ROGER"

MISSION # 2 ~ SUNDAY

JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 1945

CREW 10 ~ W.E. JACKSON

Sgt. Chester R. Rudzewicz did not fly.  
\*T/Sgt. Cashwell as engineer.\*

Target was marshalling yards in  
HIELBRONN in Southwest Germany. Due  
to some malfunctions bombs were dropped  
on a small town somewhere west of the  
target with poor results. No flak or  
fighters were encountered. Fuel load was  
8 five hundred pounders G.P.s. and 2 five  
hundred pound incendiary clusters. (2 1/2 Tons)

We were awakened at 0330. Take-off  
was at approx. 0800 and returned to base  
at approx. 1700. On oxygen 6 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually.

Temp. 41° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 - "Here I Go Again"  
(Dagwood Bumstead)

MISSION # 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1945

CREW 10<sup>th</sup> W.E. JACKSON

T/Sgt. CASHWELL as engineer.

Target was synthetic oil refineries in the heart of Germany 4 miles north of MAGDEBURG. Plenty of flak was encountered but no enemy aircraft was seen. Fuel load was 2700 gallons. Bomb load was 10 five hundred pounders G.P.'s. (2 1/2 Tons)

We were awakened at 0415. Take-off was at approx. 0800 and returned to base at 1600. On oxygen 3 hrs. Mask froze so I took it off at 17000 ft.

All bombs were dropped H2X. Results unobserved.

Temp. 40° Below Zero Centigrade

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1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION - Berlin  
2<sup>ND</sup> " " - Magdeburg  
3<sup>RD</sup> " " - Berlin

MISSION #4 - FRIDAY

CREW 10

FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 1945

F/O Lester Katz was trfd. to lead crew  
Sgt. George Fleming as bombardier  
S/Sgt. Jimmie Parlier as engineer.  
T/Sgt. Cashwell did not fly.

Target was marshalling yards in  
MAGDEBURG, Germany. More flak was  
encountered than the 3<sup>RD</sup> of February, but  
no enemy aircraft was seen. Fuel load  
was 2700 gallons. Bomb load was 10-  
five hundred pounders G.P.s. (2 1/2 tons)

We were awakened at 0400. Take-off  
was at 0815 and returned to base at  
1500. On oxygen for about 5 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped and reports  
show that the target was hit.

Temp. 37° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 By Chief Lil Beaver.

PRIMARY - MAGDEBURG Oil Works.

TARGET TIME - 1202

IP - ILFELD

SPEED - 284 M.P.H.

M.P.I. - Inspector House

SECONDARY - CITY

LBT - Any military Target.

TYPE BOMBS - 10-500 LBS. G.P.s.

BOMBING ALT. - 22000

MISSION # 5<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY

CREW 10

FEBRUARY 16, 1945<sup>TH</sup>

T/Sgt. Cashwell did not fly.  
S/Sgt. Jimmie Parlier as engineer.

Target was marshalling yards in  
OSNABRUCK, Germany. Flak was  
moderate-inaccurate. No enemy aircraft  
was seen. Fuel load was 2300 gallons.  
Bomb load was 14-five hundred pounds G.P.'s.  
(3 1/2 Tons)

We were awakened at 0645. Take-off  
was at 1140 and returned to base at  
1705. On oxygen for about 3 hrs.

I got the bends to-day for the first time  
about 10 minutes before the bomb run.

All bombs were dropped. Target was hit.

Temp. 37° Below Zero Centigrade.

B-24 MY BLINNIE II

PRIMARY - OSNABRUCK M/Y.

TARGET TIME - 1400

SPEED - 222 MPH.

TIME OVER I.P. - 1342

M.P.I. - CENTER OF M/Y

SECONDARY - CITY

LRT. - ANY MILITARY OBJECTIVE

TYPE BOMBS - 14-500 G.P.'s

BOMBING ALT. - 24000

MISSION # 6<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY CREW 10

FEBRUARY 21, <sup>ST.</sup> 1945

T/Sgt. Cashwell trfd.  
S/Sgt. Santiago Gomez as engineer.

Target was railroad station house in  
NURNBURG, Germany. Milk-run. No flak  
or enemy aircraft were seen. Fuel load  
2700 gallons. Bomb load 10-five hundred  
pounders G.P.'s (2 1/2 Tons)

We were awaked at 0345. Take-off  
was at 0800 and returned to base at  
1600. On oxygen 3 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped H2X

Temp. 32° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 PRINCESS PAT

PRIMARY-NURNBURG M/Y

TARGET TIME-1151

I.P. ROTHENBURG

TIME OVER I.P. 1140

SECONDARY-SAME by H2X.

LRT-ANY MILITARY OBJECTIVE

TYPE BOMBS-10-500 LBS. G.P.'s.

BOMBING HLT.-22500

SPEED-225 M.P.H.



#7 THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON.

Target was Marshalling Yards in  
HILDESHEIM, Germany. Flak was nil and  
no enemy fighters. Fuel load 2500 gallons.  
Bomb load was 12 five hundred pounders. G.P.'s  
(2 1/2 Tons. X 3 Tons)

We were awakened and at 0445. Take-off  
was at 0900 and returned to 1600. On oxygen  
3 hrs.

All bombs were dropped Visually. Results  
were pretty good. Target was hit.

Temp. 9° Below Zero Centigrade.

B-24 "LARRUPIN LINDA"

PRIMARY TARGET - Hildesheim M/Y

TIME OVER TARGET - 1319

I.P. -

TIME OVER I.P. - 1258

M.P.I. - Over pass

SECONDARY - Peine

L.R.T. - Any M/Y OR RAILROAD.

TYPE OF BOMBS - 12 - Five hundred G.P.'s

BOMBING ALT - 10600

SPEED - 145 M.P.H.

# 8 SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

Target was marshalling yards in BIELEFELD, Germany. No flak was seen or enemy aircraft. Fuel load 2500 gallons. Bomb load was 12 five hundred pounders G.P.'s (3 Tons)

We were awakened and at 0245. Take-off was at 0900 and returned to base at 1430. On oxygen 2 1/2 hrs.

Over Germany we lost the prop on number 1 engine so 2 fighters (P-51's MUSTANGS) nursed us home.

All bombs were dropped at random. in B / Essen  
Temp. 33° Below Zero Centigrade.

B-24 "BIG CHIEF LIL BEAVER"

Primary - LOAKNE M/Y  
Time over Target - 1054 + 2 hrs.  
IP - SPEED - 177 M.P.H.  
Time over IP - 1036 + 2 hrs.  
M.P.I. - Choke point M/Y  
Secondary - Leatre M/Y  
LRT - Bielefeld. M/Y  
Type of Bombs - 10-500 LBS. G.P.'s  
BOMBING ALT. - 22000

MISSION # 9 MONDAY

FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

Target was marshalling yards in BERLIN.  
Flak moderate, inaccurate. No enemy aircraft.  
Fuel load 2700 gallons. Bomb load was ~~10~~  
6-five hundred pounders G.P.s and 4-five  
hundred pound incendiary clusters. (2 1/2 Tons)

We were awakened at 0545. Take-off  
was at 0915 and returned to base at 0010  
Feb. 27. On oxygen 6 1/2 hrs.

(1740 hrs) We landed at an emergency landing field  
right on the coast of England with about  
75 gallons of petrol, no flaps or hydraulics,  
bomb-bay doors open. Engineer (Gomez) had  
to crank the gears down and kick the nose  
wheel out. We landed at the speed of  
150 to 170 M.P.H. From there we came by truck.

All bombs were kicked out by the Armor-  
Gunner (M<sup>s</sup> Mullen) over Berlin. (H2X)

Temp. 29° Below Zero Centigrade.

B-24 "JOLLY ROGER"

Primary - Berlin M/Y  
Time over Target -  
IP.

Time over IP -  
M.P.I.  
Secondary - Berlin H2X

2/LT. GUIDA DID NOT FLY.  
1/LT. LEWIS AS NAVIGATOR.

MISSION # 10 - MONDAY

MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

Target for today was Mark III IV  
Tanks and Anti-aircraft guns factories  
in MAGDEBURG, Germany. Very little  
flak and no fighters were seen. Ole  
Magdeburg ain't what she used to be.  
Ole Danny Boone has been knocked-down.  
12-five hundred pounders G.P.'s and Fuel  
load 2700 gallons.

We were awakened at 0300. ~~Take~~  
Take-off was at 0700 and returned  
to base at 1405. On oxygen 4 hrs.

All bombs were dropped H2X on the  
Secondary target (center of industrial)

Temp. 37° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24\* FINAL APPROACH\*\*

Primary - Factory  
Time over target - 1037 B. Alt: 22,500  
IP - Hankensbuttel Speed: 332.  
Time over IP - 1025  
MPI - Machine shop.  
Secondary - Same H2X  
LRT - Any Military Objective E. 12°  
Type Bombs - 12,500 lbs. G.P.'s

MISSION # 11 THURSDAY

MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

2/LT Guida did not fly.

2/LT Lawler as navigator.

Target for today was marshalling yards  
in DILLENBERG, Germany. Flak was nil and  
no enemy aircraft sighted. Bomb load was  
(3Tons) 24-two hundred fifty pounders GP's. Fuel  
load was 2500 gallons.

We were awakened at 0645. Take-off  
was at 1030 and returned to base at  
1645. On oxygen 3 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually but  
missed the target. Bombs hit an open field.

Temp. was 32° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 "PRINCESS PAT"

Primary - Dillenberg M/Y B. Alt. - 21700  
Time over target - 1357 Speed - 280 MPH.

I.P.  
Time over I.P. - 1346  
MPI - Locomotive yard  
Secondary - Eissen M/Y

LRT -  
T R 1 04-25011 GP:

MISSION #12 ~ SATURDAY  
MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

2/LT. Guida try'd. to Lead Crew.  
2/LT. Lawler as navigator (temp).

Target was a railroad bridge in ARNSBERG, Germany. This was a milk-run as not a single puff of flak or fighters were seen. Bomb load was 6-  
One thousand pounders (3 Tons.) Fuel load was 2700 gallons.

We were awakened at 0345. Take-off was at 0800 and returned to base at 1500. On oxygen 2 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped H2X.

Temp. 27° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 ~ 487

Primary - Bridge at end of M/Y | BALT-20600  
Time over target - 1157 | Speed - 162 MPH.  
IP  
Time over IP - 1144  
Secondary - Patterborn M/Y  
Time over target - 1206  
LRT - Frankfurt M/Y  
L. B. G. ...

MISSION #13 - WEDNESDAY

MARCH 14, 1945<sup>TH</sup>

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON.

2/LT. Lawler as navigator.

Target was marshalling yards in  
HOLZWICKEDÉ, Germany (Sub-verb of  
Dortmund Ger.) Flak was heavy, but no fighters  
were seen. Bomb load was 44 - One hundred  
pounders G.P.s. and 2 - five hundred pounds  
incendiary clusters. Fuel load 2500  
gallons.

We were awakened at 0630. Take-off  
was at 1100 and returned to base  
at 1830. On oxygen 5 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually.  
Target was hit.

Temp. 31° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 - WOLVES LAIR

Primary - M/Y | BAIT - 22300  
Time over target - 1521 | Speed - 196 MPH

IP -  
Time over IP - 1507  
Secondary - Giessen M/Y

LRT - AMO  
Type bombs - 44 - 100 GPs - 2 - 500 M17.

MISSION #14 ~~TH~~ SATURDAY

MARCH 17, <sup>TH</sup> 1945

CREW 10

W.E. JACKSON

2/LT. Lawler as navigator.

Target was a tank plant in HANNOVER, Germany. Flak was nil when we went over the target but the group behind caught plenty. No fighters were reported. Bomb load was 12-five hundred pounders G.P's. Fuel load was 2500 gallons.

We were awakened at 0615. Take-off was at 1030 and returned to base at 1635. On oxygen 4 hrs.

All bombs were dropped H2X.

Temp. 35° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 - BIG CHIEF LIL BEAVER

Primary - Hannover

Time over target - 1403

I.P. - Bassum

Time over I.P. - 1352

Secondary - H2X

LRT - A.M.O.

Type bombs - 12-500 lbs. G.P's.

Alt. - 21700

Speed - 288 MPH.



MISSION #15<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY

MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, 1945

CREW 10

W.E. JACKSON

2/LT. Lawler as navigator.

Target was an oil refinery in  
HEMMINGSTEDT, Germany. Flak was  
nil and no fighters were seen. Bomb load  
was 12 five hundred pounders G.P.s. Fuel load  
was 2500 gallons.

Take-off was at 1350 and returned  
to base at 1900. On oxygen 2 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually. Poor  
bombing. Results fair.

Temp. 29° Below Zero Centigrade.

B-24 - MY BLUNNIE II

Primary - Oil refinery

Time over target -

I.P. - Over water.

Time over I.P. -

Secondary - Heligoland - Sub-pens.

LRT - AMO

Type bombs - 12 - 500 lbs. G.P.s.

B. Alt. - 20000

Speed - 260 MPH

MISSION #16 ~ FRIDAY

MARCH 23, <sup>RD</sup> 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

2/LT. Lawler as navigator.

Target was marshalling yard in OSNABRUCK, Germany. Flak was pretty rough + accurate. All we got was about six small holes. One piece broke a hole in the plexiglass in the nose turret which gave George a scratch in the nose. No fighters were reported seen. Bomb load was 14 five hundred pounders G.P.s. Fuel load was 2500 gallons.

We were awakened at 0345. Take-off was at 0735 and returned to base at 1250. On oxygen 3 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually. Target was blasted off the city.

Temp. 27° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 ~ LARRUPIN LINDA

Primary - M/Y. L Type bombs - 14 - 500 lbs. G.P.s.  
Time over Target - 10561 B. Alt. - 20600 ft.  
Secondary - H2XIS Speed - 205 MPH.  
PRT - AMGI

MISSION # 17 ~ FRIDAY

MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

2/LT. Lawler assigned as navigator

Target was submarine pens in WILHELMSHAFEN, Germany. Flak was very light, inaccurate. No fighters were seen. Bomb load was 12 five hundred pounder's G.P.s. Fuel load 2300 gallons.

We were awakened at 0600. Take-off was at 1015 and returned to base at 1620. On oxygen 2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually.

Temp. 31° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 ~ MY BUNNIE I

Primary-Sub-Pens

Time over target-

Secondary-        H2X

LRT-       

Type bombs-12-500 lbs. G.P.s.

B.Mit.-

Speed-

MISSION #18 - SATURDAY

APRIL 7, 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

~~2/Lt. R.V. Nork did not fly~~  
~~2/Lt. Greder as co-pilot~~

Target was munitions plant in KRUMEL, Germany. Flak was nil also fighters. Bomb load was 12-500 pounders G.P.s. Fuel load was 2500 gallons.

We were awakened at 0130. Take-off at 0900 and returned to base at 1500. On oxygen 3 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually. Good results.

Temp. 30° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 - MY BUNNIE II

Primary - munitions dump.

TOT - 0941

Secondary - Neumunster M/Y

LRT -

B.Alt. - 18000 ft.

Speed - 170 M.P.H.

MISSION #19 - Sunday

APRIL 8, 1945

CREW 10

W.E. JACKSON.

Target was an airfield in  
UNTERSCHLAIERSBACH, Germany.  
Flak and enemy fighters nil. Bomb load  
20-two hundred pounders G.P's.

We were awakened at 0345. Take-off  
at 0745 and returned to base at  
1545. On oxygen 3 hrs.

All bombs dropped visually. Results  
good.

Temp. 24° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24-L for Love

Primary - Airfield

TOT-1147

Secondary - Bayreuth

URT -

B. Alt. - 18,200 ft.

Speed - 178 M.P.H.

MISSION # 20 MONDAY

APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

Target was an air field in  
LETENFELD, Germany. Flak was light  
but very accurate. Engine #3 was shot  
out by flak. Bomb load was 52-five  
hundred pounders. G.P.'s. Fuel 2700 gallons.

We were awakened at 0530. Take-off  
was at 1240 and returned to base at  
2030. On oxygen 4 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually.  
Results good.

Temp. 30° Below Zero Centigrade  
B-24 - BIG CHIEF LIL BEAVER

Primary - Air field

TOT - 1442

Secondary - Ingolstadt

LRT -         

B. Alt. - 22000 ft.

Speed - 185 M.P.H.

MISSION # 21 - TUESDAY

APRIL 10, 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

Target was an air field in RECHLIN, Germany. No ~~Ma~~ or enemy aircraft was seen. Bomb load was 10-five hundred pounders G.P's. Fuel load 2700 gallons.

We were awakened at 0615. Take-off was at 1040 and returned to base at 1815. On oxygen 4 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually. Good results.

Temp. 24° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 - J4-B-Baker

2/LT. R.V. Nork did not fly.  
2/LT. GIEGER as co-pilot. New man. We broke him in.

Over the target lost No. 1 Engine.  
Bombed with the 448 G.P.

PRIMARY - A/F      B. Alt. - 21000 ft.  
TOT - 1500      Speed -  
Secondary - —  
LRT - —

MISSION # 22 ~ SUNDAY

APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 1945

CREW 10 W.E. JACKSON

Target was gun emplacement in the ROYAN area in the west coast of France. No flak or enemy aircraft were seen. Bomb load was 4-850 lb. NAPLEM bombs. Fuel load 2700 gal.

We were awakened at 0200. Takeoff at 0630 and returned to base at 1430. On oxygen 3 1/2 hrs.

All bombs were dropped visually.

Temp. 21° Below Zero Centigrade

B-24 LARRUPIN LINDA

Primary -

TOT -

Secondary -

LRT -

B. Alt. -

Speed -

Sots Fleming, Van Zomerem + Griffith  
did not fly.



MISSION #23<sup>rd</sup> MONDAY

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 1945

CREW 10

W.E. JACKSON

Target was marshalling yards in  
TARUNSTEIN Germany. Little ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> loss was  
incountered. No fighters. Bomb load  
was 11-five hundred pounders G.P.'s  
Fuel load 2700 gallons.

Take-off was at 1015 and returned  
to base at 2000.

All bombs dropped visually

Temp. 19° Below Zero Centigrade.

B-24<sup>th</sup> MY BUNNIE II

Primary - Tarunstein M/Y

IOT - 1507

Secondary - Rockheim M/Y

LRT - Langshed M/Y

B.Alt. - 17900

Speed - 245