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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

<u>FIELD ORDER NO.</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
575	PADERBORN GUTERSLOH	19 APRIL 1944

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AAF 1/7APO 556 : Initials *LPP*Date *17 May 44*

16 May 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 19 April 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF 101, APO 634.

1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 19 April 1944.

b. Primary Targets -

96th and 2nd Combat Wings - Air Park and Repair Plant at
Paderborn,20th and 14th Combat Wings - Air Park and Repair Plant at
Gutersloh.

c. Secondary Targets -

All Combat Wings - Marshalling Yards at Koblenz.

20th and 14th Combat Wings - Marshalling Yards at Soest.

d. Last Resort Target - Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany or any airfield in occupied territory not adjacent to built-up area.

e. Units Participating - 96th CBW (45th, 137th, 26th BG).
2nd CBW (389th, 453rd, 445th BG).
20th CBW (448th, 446th, 92nd BG).
14th CBW (44th, 392nd BG).

2. Narrative.

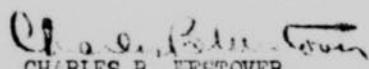
a. 248 aircraft were dispatched by four Combat Wings to attack the air parks and repair plants at Paderborn and Gutersloh, Germany. Five Groups of P-47s, four Groups of P-51s and two Groups of P-38s were detailed as fighter support.

b. The 458th Group, leading the Division, was 38 minutes late in taking off due to fog. The other Groups accomplished Wing and Division assemblies without incident and departed the English coast on time and on course. At Control Point No. 1, the 458th Group caught up and assumed the lead. Route was flown as briefed.

c. The 2nd and 96th Combat Wings bombed Paderborn with fair results. One Squadron of the 445th Group turned off its bomb run 30 seconds before bombs away, when they observed the 453rd Group, who had not taken sufficient interval when uncovering directly above them. This Squadron attacked Buren, a target of opportunity, with unobserved results. The 446th, 44th and one Squadron of the 392nd Bomb Group bombed Gutersloh with fair results. The other Groups could not pick up the target because of excellent camouflage and bombed various targets of opportunity at Kall, Buren and a factory fifteen miles west of Gutersloh with fair results. One Squadron of the 93rd Bomb Group attacked the secondary target at Koblenz with good results.

d. Flak was meager to moderate and inaccurate to accurate. Fighter support was good and no enemy aircraft were seen. There were no losses or claims.

For the Commanding General:


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 Chief of Staff

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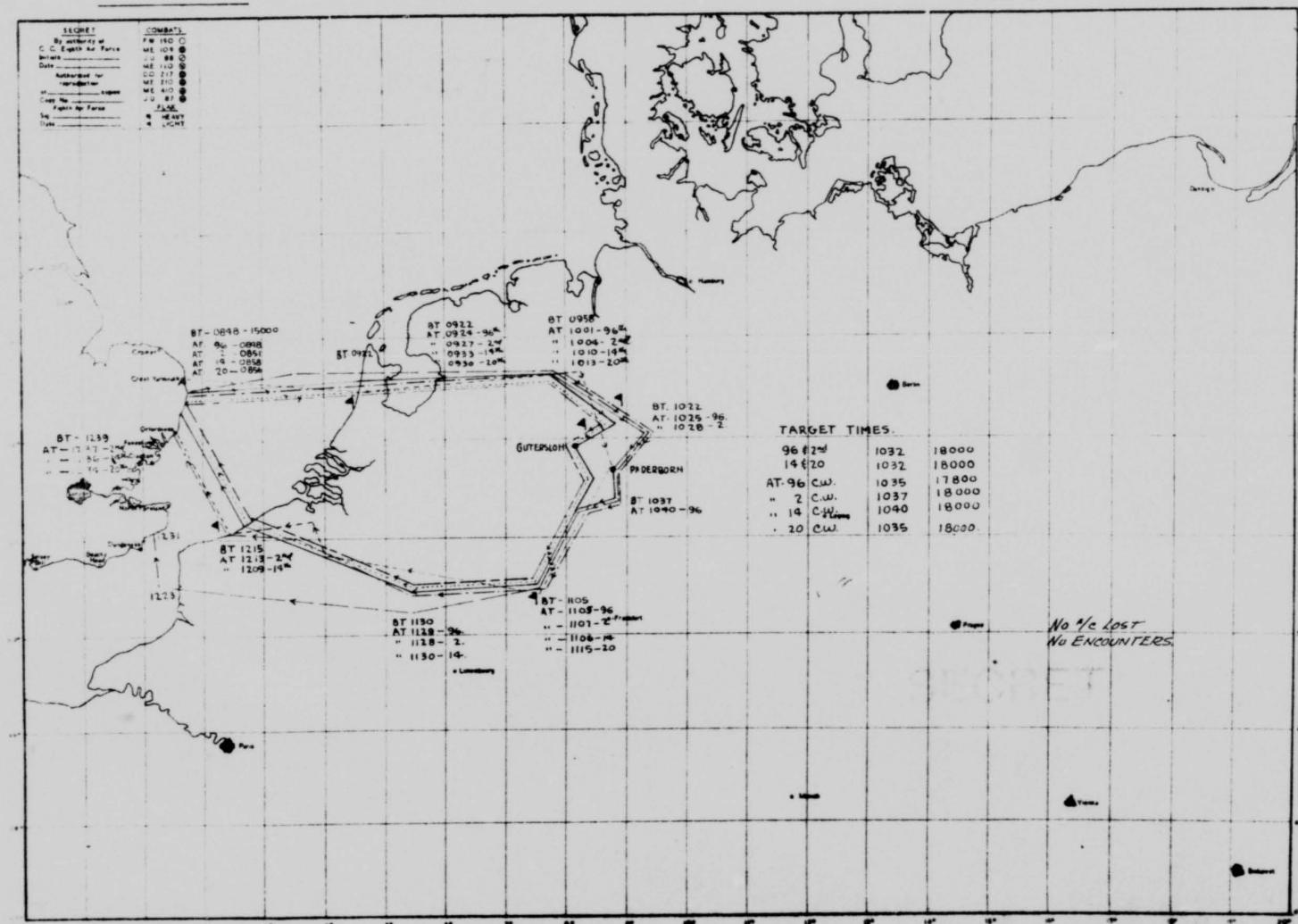
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ARGETS
PRIMARY PADERBORN 96 & 2
GUTERSLOH 17 & 20

TRACK CHART

DATE April 19th 1944.

BRIEFED
ROUTE FOLLOWED BY 96-2-14-20.
96 C.W.
466 B.G.
2 C.W.
14 C.W.
20 C.W.



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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF L.JN.	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT	RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOMBED
<u>PADERBORN</u>								
458	242	2 min.	17,600 ft	1035	X	2	2	23
466	230		19,000 ft	1045	X	Dropped on accidental release		
467	245	2 min.	16,400 ft	1035	X	2	2	27
389	228	1 min.	18,000 ft	1037	X	2	2	23
453	240	2 min.	20,000 ft	1040	X	2	2	25
445	232	5 min.	17,100 ft	1040	X	1	1	14
<u>GUTERSLOH</u>								
446	258	1½ min.	19,000 ft	1035	X	2	2	21
44	240	1 min.	18,000 ft	1040	X	2	2	27
392	236	1 min.	19,000 ft	1043	X	1	1	14
<u>KALL</u>								
392	265	2 min.	20,000 ft	1137	X	1	1	7
<u>BUREN</u>								
445	220	1½ min.	17,000 ft	1042	X	1	1	12
93	250	30 sec.	17,000 ft	1035	<u>FACTORY AT 5153N-0816E</u>			14
93	180	45 sec.	17,000 ft	1111	X	1	1	8
<u>KOBLENZ</u>								

- a. The assigned primary targets for this visual mission were Paderborn and Gutersloh.
- b. Paderborn was attacked by 5 Groups plus 6 A/C which dropped on an accidental release. Gutersloh was attacked by 3 Groups. Buren was attacked by a squadron because another Group was overhead on the primary. A factory at 5153N-0816E and the Koblenz I/Y were each attacked by a Squadron due to faulty target identification at the primary. 5 A/C dropped on Soest due to an accidental release. Kall was attacked by a Squadron that was unable to locate the primary. 1 A/C attacked Wurl and 2 A/C attacked Lieppstadt. 2 A/C attacked an unknown target of opportunity. 1 A/C dropped on Brilon.
- c. One Squadron did not bomb, being unable to locate the target. A run was started on the secondary but was abandoned due to flying a collision course with B-17s.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. The 458th and 467th Groups attacked Paderborn A/F at the same time, and the 458th Group was not engaged at all by AA but the 467th Group encountered meager to moderate and fairly accurate predictor control fire. No Groups in the 2nd Wing encountered any AA at the target, but the 466th Group which attacked at the same time, encountered meager to moderate and fairly accurate predictor control fire.
- b. The 446th Group led the attack on Gutersloh A/F and encountered moderate and inaccurate predictor control fire during their bombing run. The 93rd Group following closely behind encountered no AA. There was a 3-minute interval between the 44th and the 392nd Groups, and both formations were engaged by meager and inaccurate predictor control fire.
- c. Meager to moderate and generally inaccurate Heavy Flak was encountered on route at Ijmuizen, Charleroi, Gosselies, Bielefeld, Ostend, Mohne Lake area, Koblenz, Florennes, Lingen, Minden, Egmond, Detmold, and from ships off Dunkirk and Ostend.
- d. Balloons were seen at Koblenz, Minden and Hanover.

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5. Communications.

a. Channels.

- (1) W/T reception was good, VHF R/T reception was fair. Two radio operators of 448th BG reported sending an SOS for A/C seen ditching.

b. Navigational Aids.

- (1) GEE operated satisfactorily. Railing and pulse type jamming were encountered from enemy coast inland. Beacons were used with good results.

c. Equipment Failures and Performance.

- (1) Equipment reported unserviceable was the following: VHF (3), Command Set (1), Liaison W/T (3), Interphone (17), Frequency meter (1).

d. Radar and Radio Countermeasures.

- (1) All A/C carried "Window" chaff for discharging in target area for 14 or 15 minutes.

e. Pathfinder Equipment and Performance.

- (1) None used.

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FORM V-11										19 April 1944	
	UNIT	2ED	389BG	445BG	453BG	44BG	392BG	93BG	446BG	458PG	NOTES
A	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	260	25	26	27	27	24	27	28	25	
I	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	248	23	26	25	27	23	27	25	24	
R	NO. A/C ATTACKED	232	23	26	25	27	23	27	21	23	
S	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKED	28	2	-	2	-	1	-	7	2	
F	NO. A/C SQUADS	245	23	26	25	27	23	27	24	23	
T	NO. A/C	179	23	14	25	27	14	-	21	22	
R	2025x100IB										
I	2138x100GP										
A	NO. & TYPE	939x500GP	230x500GP	140x500GP	1300x100IB	322x500GP	725x100IB	-	247x500GP	836x100GP	
M	TONAGE	442.9	57.5	35.0	65.0	80.5	36.2	-	61.8	41.8	
B	LR-Kall										
O	LR-Buren										
R	TO-Unknown										
E	ST-A&B										
H	LR-7										
E	TO-2										
R	27										
G											
B	362x100IB										
E	104x100IB										
T	1072x100GP										
S	40x100GP										
T	TONAGE	116.9	-	30.0	-	-	23.3	53.6	-	2.0	
O											
T	TOTAL TONAGE ALL TARGETS	559.8	57.5	65.0	65.0	80.5	59.5	53.6	61.8	43.8	
A	A/C LOST TO FLAK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
C	A/C LOST TO E/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
L	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
R	A/C LOST UNKNOWN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
S	CASUALTIES-KILLED, CRASHED SEVERELY, SLIGHTLY, LA	0-0-2-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
S	CLADS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAD.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
L	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
T	CWT - C.R.E.	8-1-0-1	-	-	-	-	2-0-0-0	-	1-0-0-0	-	

A - Soest C - Factory 5153N-0810E
B - KoblenzNOTES
1. TOTAL NUMBER OF TARGETS
2. TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUALTIESPlanned by:
Operational Control
2d WO's Division

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		19 April		1944
FORM V-11				
	UNIT	466	467	
A	NO. A/C TAKEN OFF	24	27	
I	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	21	27	
R	NO. A/C ATT. KILLED	10	27	
F	NO. A/C NOT ATT. KILLED	14	-	
T	NO. A/C SORTIES	20	27	
	NO. A/C	6	27	
B	NO. & TYPE	240x100GP	1062x100GP	
C	NO. & TYPE	12.0	53.1	
R	ST-Koblenz			
E	LR - D & E			
Y				
B	TARGET			
O	NO. OF A/C	4	-	
S				
E	NO. & TYPE	160x100GP	-	
R				
G				
E				
B				
T				
S				
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	20.0	53.1	
B	A/C LOST TO FLAK	-	-	
A	A/C LOST TO E/A	-	-	
T	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A	-	-	
L	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-	
E				
S	A/C LOST UNKNOWN	-	-	
S	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED	0-0-2-0	-	
U	SEVERELY, SLIGHTLY, LA			
L	FLAKS - E/A DESTROYED,			
T	PROB., DUE, NO FLAK			
S	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE			
	GAT-A/C-B	3-1-0-1	2-0-0-0	
	D - Werl	E - Lieppstadt		

TACTICAL ASPECT OF POSITION

6. STRATEGICAL 6. OP C. DIVISION

2d B.O.3 DIVISION

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2d B.O.3 DIVISION

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Group Operations Officer
AAF 123 APO 558

20 April 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 19 April 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 458th Bombardment Group (H)
AAF 123, APO 558

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A. Group	458
B. Division F.O. No.	266
C. Date of Operation	19 April 1944
D. Ordered Primary Target.	Paderborn Airfield
E. A/C Taking Off.	25
F. A/C Dispatched.	24
G. Sorties	23
H. A/C Attacking	23
I. A/C Not Attacking	2
J. A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	22 19 - 40 X 100 GP 2 - 36 X 100 GP 1 - 4 X 100 GP
K. A/C Attacking - Secondary	Nil
L. A/C Attacking - Last Resort Target	Nil
M. A/C Attacking - Opportunity Target.	1 40 X 100 GP - Brilon
N. A/C Lost - Flak	Nil
O. A/C Lost - Flak and E/A	Nil
P. A/C Lost - E/A	Nil
Q. A/C Lost - Accident	Nil
R. A/C Lost - Cause Unknown.	Nil

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19 April 1944

FORMATION PLANSECTION ITCOMAN-PECK-ISBELL

K-21: 431 B

D	<u>ALVESTAD</u> K-21: 706 F	<u>UMPIREY</u> K-21: 273 Q	<u>CLARK-CHAMBERLAIN</u> K-21: 408 D	<u>NYMAN</u> : 709 I
C	<u>SHAW</u> : 721 L	<u>DENEFFE</u> K-21: 300 N	<u>ROUEAL</u> D-20: 603 H	<u>TAYLOR</u> K-20: 718 M
				<u>NEDROW</u> K-20: 340 N
				<u>SPAVEN</u> : 276 T
		<u>McCULLOUGH</u> K-20: 455 O	<u>CAGAN</u> : 352 K	<u>ROBESON</u> : 705 H
				<u>ZIMBERMAN</u> K-20: 457 Q

SECTION IIGLENN-LAROCHE

K-21: 433 B

G	<u>BARTON</u> K-20: 353 J	<u>MINTON</u> : 365 B	<u>SLATON-MOORE</u> K-20: 059 E	<u>BURTIS</u> K-21: 441 I
D	<u>KELLEY</u> : 305 N	<u>WATSON</u> : 682 I	<u>SCHULZE</u> K-21: 362 A	<u>OLNEY</u> : 359 J
				<u>VOGEL</u> : 342 S
		<u>STILSON</u> : 404 Q	<u>DAVIS</u> K-21: 733 P	<u>GOLDSMITH</u> : 738 O
				<u>STEWART</u> : 311 A
				<u>SCHAF</u> : 812 D

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|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| 1. | 127 | 6 | 16. | 705 | 49 |
| 2. | 431 | 37 | 20. | 362 | 8 |
| 3. | 408 | 35 | 22. | 353 | 7 |
| 4. | 273 | 45 | 23. | 738 | 5 |
| 7. | 706 | 36 | 24. | 733 | 40 |
| 8. | 276 | 42 | 25. | 404 | 3 |
| 13. | 300 | 38 | 28. | 682 | 1 |
| 14. | 721 | 43 | 29. | 305 | 9 |

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| 5. | 303 | 34 | 18. | 059 | 20 |
| 6. | 709 | 27 | 19. | 365 | 25 |
| 9. | 352 | 33 | 31. | 441 | 14 |
| 10. | 455 | 29 | 26. | 342 | 17 |
| 11. | 340 | 31 | 27. | 350 | 16 |
| 12. | 718 | 30 | 30. | 812 | 21 |
| 15. | 457 | 32 | 31. | 311 | 23 |
| 17. | 433 | 24 | | | |

458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

Date	Target	Pilot	458th Msn	Pilot Msn	Cmd Pilot	Ld	Serial	Last 3	RCL	Sqdn	A/C Msn	A/C Name	Comments
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	ALVESTAD	23	11			41-28706	706	F	J4	9	DREAM BOAT/SPARE PARTS	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	BARTON	23	4			42-52353	353	J	Z5	18	UNKNOWN 049	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	BURTIS	23	12			42-52441	441	I	J3	16	LAST CARD LOUIE	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	CLARK	23	9	CHAMBERLAIN	D1	42-100408	408	D	J4	9	BEASTFACE	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	CRAGUN	23	10			41-29352	352	K	7V	13	WOLVE'S LAIR	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	DAVIS	23	12			41-28733	733	P	J4	16	RHAPSODY IN JUNK	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	DENEFFE	23	11			41-29300	300	M	J4	18	LORELEI	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	GLENN	23	10	LaROCHE	L2	42-100433	433	B	J3	10	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	GOLDSMITH	23	10			41-28738	738	O	Z5	9	MEAT AROUND THE CORNER	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	KINGSLEY	23	7			41-29305	305	N	Z5	11	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	McCOLLOUGH	23	10			42-52455	455	O	7V	15	PLUTOCRAT	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	MELTON	23	13			42-100365	365	B	7V	13	WOLFGANG (maybe)	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	NEDROW	23	6			41-29340	340	N	7V	6	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	NYMAN	23	7			41-28709	709	I	7V	11	LUCKY STRIKE	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	OLNEY	23	4			41-29359	359	J	J3	15	TAIL WIND	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	ROBESON	23	15			41-28705	705	H	J4	17	YE OLDE HELLGATE	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	ROUBAL	23	15			41-29303	303	H	Z5	16	LIBERTY LIB	D20
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	SCHAAF	23	14			42-109812	812	D	7V	10	UNKNOWN 016	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	SCHULZE	23	15			42-100362	362	A	Z5	7	SWEET LORRAINE/BOOMERANG	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	SHAW, C	23	10			41-28721	721	L	J4	15	DOWNWIND LEG	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	SLATON	23	6	MOORE	D2	42-110059	059	E	J3	7	UNKNOWN 056	Landing Acc Sta 123
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	SPAVEN	23	11			41-29276	276	T	J4	8	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	STEWART	23	12			42-100311	311	A	7V	12	YOKUM BOY	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	STILSON	23	10			42-52404	404	Q	Z5	10	BELLE OF BOSTON	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	TAYLOR, O	23	14			41-28718	718	M	7V	20	BO	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	TOOMAN	23	7	ISBELL	L1	42-100431	431	B	J4	11	BOMB-AH-DEAR	Gen PECK also listed
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	UMPHREY	23	15			41-29273	273	Q	J4	19	FLAK MAGNET	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	VOGEL	23	13			41-29342	342	S	J3	6	ROUGH RIDERS	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	WATSON	23	11			41-28682	682	I	Z5	18	UNKNOWN 003	
19-Apr-44	PADERBORN A/F	ZIMMERMAN	23	7			42-52457	457	Q	7V	14	FINAL APPROACH	