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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 248

AAA OFFICER
EXECUTIVE
BOMBER
FIGHTER

PERIOD: 0001 hours 3 January to 2400 hours 3 January 1945.

A. STATISTICS

	Missions	Disp.	Sorties	Atkg.	Tonnage	Claims	Losses				
							E/A	AA	N/E	OT	Total
Heavy Bomber Atks.	16	1163	1116	1099	3042.5	0-0-0	0	0	0	3	3
Fighter Escort	11	525	507	0	0	4-0-0(a)	0	0	2	10	12
Fighter Sweeps	2	102	94	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Bombing	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	4	39	38	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	7	44	43	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	8	20	20	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	4	25	24	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	52	1918	1842	1099	3042.5	4-0-0	0	0	2	13	15

- (a) 2 believed safe on Continent.
(b) 6 Cat. "E", 2 believed safe on Continent.
(c) Trainors.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY1. Bomber Attacks

1163 a/c (838 B-17s, 325 B-24s) from three Air Divisions dispatched in three forces against ten M/Ys, four communication centers and two railroad junctions in western Germany. One communication center not attacked. 1099 a/c dropped 2872.7 tons GP and 169.8 tons IB on 15 of the assigned primaries and several targets of opportunity. All bombing on PFF through 10/10 clouds with unobserved results. No o/a opposition. Claims: nil. Losses: 3 B-24s, (2 believed safe on Continent, 1 to unknown causes).

First Force

Eleven group formations (417 B-17s, 3rd Air Division) dispatched against Fulda and Aschaffenburg M/Ys and communication centers at Gemund, Hollenthal and Schleiden. 403 a/c dropped 1061.2 tons GP, 75.7 tons IB on assigned targets and several T/Os at 1101-1221 hours from 21,000-27,000 feet. Assigned targets

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bombed on H2X and Micro-H. Leaflets dropped on Fulda, Coblenz and Aschaffenburg. Weather: 10/10 cloud over all targets. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle damage: 1 minor. E/a opposition: nil. One Me-262 sighted near Coblenz; one u/i jet a/c sighted near Charleroi. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Fighter Support: Five groups (227 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0917-0940 hours down 1315-1457 hours. 219 sorties. E/a opposition: engaged 4 s/o training planes vicinity of Stuttgart. Claims: 4-0-0 air. Losses: 5 P-51s (4 Cat. "E", 1 to unknown causes).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

Assigned Targets	Dispatched	Attacking	Tonnage		Results
			GP	IB	
Fulda M/Y	149	141	367.6	35.2	Unobserved
Aschaffenburg	153	124	302.7	33.5	Unobserved
Gmund Communication Center	39	38	108.8		Unobserved
Schleiden Communication Center	38	36	106.7		Unobserved
Hellenthal Communication Center	38	Not Attacked			
Coblenz-Mosel M/Y (Assigned Sec.)		36	102.8		Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Pforzheim M/Y		25	64.7	6.5	Unobserved
3 T/Os		3	7.9	.5	Unobserved
Totals	417	403	1061.2	75.7	

Second Force

Thirteen group formations (325 B-24s, 2nd Air Division) dispatched against Alstadt, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Neunkirchen and Landau M/Ys and a railhead near Pirmasens. 311 a/c dropped 737.5 tons GP, 94.1 tons IB on assigned targets at 1125-1136 hours from 16,000-24,000 feet. Assigned targets bombed on Geo-H and H2X. Leaflets dropped on Neunkirchen and Landau. Weather: 10/10 cloud over all targets. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle damage: 1 minor. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 3 B-24s (2 believed safe on continent, 1 to unknown causes).

Fighter Support: Three groups (148 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0920-0938 hours, down 1330-1430 hours. 143 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 3 P-51s (2 Cat. "E", 1 to unknown causes).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

Assigned Targets	Dispatched	Attacking	Tonnage		Results
			GP	IB	
Altstadt M/Y	62	31	72.8	14.3	Unobserved
Homburg M/Y	43	41	91.1	15.5	Unobserved
Zweibrucken M/Y	55	55	119.5	22.8	Unobserved
Neunkirchen M/Y	57	84	215.2	13.5	Unobserved
Landau M/Y	64	59	132.4	27.5	Unobserved
Railhead (nr Pirmasens)	44	41	106.5	.5	Unobserved
Totals	325	311	737.5	94.1	

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Third Force

Eleven group formations (421 B-17s, 1st Air Division) dispatched against two M/Ys at Hermulheim, communication center at St. Vith, rail junction at Horrem and M/Y and rail junction at Modrath. 385 a/c dropped 1074.0 tons GP on assigned targets and several T/Os at 1043-1104 hours from 23,700-26,800 feet. All bombed on Gee-H and H2X. Leaflets dropped on Cologne, Hermulheim, St. Vith. Weather: 10/10 cloud over all targets. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle damage: 10 minor, 1 major. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Fighter Support: Three groups (150 P-51s) dispatched, Up 0850-0920 hours, down 1319-1423 hours. 145 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 4 P-51s (2 believed safe on Continent, 1 to mechanical failure, 1 believed ditched in North Sea).

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<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Hermulheim (West M/Y)	78	72	210.0	Unobserved
Hermulheim (East M/Y)	77	36	106.8	Unobserved
St. Vith (Communication Center)	116	98	246.8	Unobserved
Rail Junction at Horrem	74	1	3.0	Unobserved
M/Y and Rail Junction at Modrath	76	36	90.0	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>				
Cologne		129	379.6	Unobserved
Rheydt		10	29.8	Unobserved
U/I T/Os		3	8.0	Unobserved
Totals	421	385	1074.0	

2. Fighter Escort

Eleven groups (525 P-51s) dispatched to support bomber forces. Up 0850-0940 hours, down 1315-1457 hours. 507 sorties. E/a opposition: four s/e training planes engaged vicinity of Stuttgart. Claims: 4-0-0 air. Losses: 12 P-51s (6 Cat. "E", 2 to causes unknown, 2 believed safe on Continent, 1 to mechanical failure, 1 believed ditched in North Sea).

3. Fighter Sweeps

Two groups (51 P-47s, 51 P-51s - 102 a/c) dispatched on free lance support. Up 0836-0917 hours, down 1250-1501 hours. 94 sorties. E/a opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

Nil.

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5. Photo Reconnaissance

37 a/c (5 F-5s, escorted by 32 P-51s) dispatched on day photo missions as follows:

2 a/c on DA photos in the following areas: Harrem, Mdrath, Bruhl M/Y and town, Traisdorf M/Y; Siegburg M/Y; Prum, Malbach, Bad Kreuznach, Merscheid, Kaiserslautern, Stuttgart, Echterdingen A/F.

1 a/c on tactical targets Cologne to Trier.

1 a/c on tactical targets Bonn to Trier.

1 a/c cancelled.

32 P-51s escorted uneventfully.

No losses.

2 Mosquitoes dispatched on night photo missions. Both a/c successful and obtained photos in the following areas: Kassel and Eisenach. No losses.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

44 a/c (4 B-17s, 8 Mosquitoes, 32 P-51s) dispatched as follows:

2 B-17s completed weather flights over sea to NW of Lons End.

2 B-17s completed routine reconnaissance to the Azores.

5 Mosquitoes completed weather flights over Holland, central Germany, Belgium, Atlantic, Isle of Man, North Sea and west Germany.

1 Mosquito completed weather flight over north Scotland and North Sea but diverted to E. Fortune Scotland.

1 Mosquito completed weather flight over North Sea and NW Germany but diverted to Church Fenton.

1 Mosquito on special operations over North Holland.

2 Mosquitoes, 32 P-51s dispatched as weather scouts for heavy bomber forces. 33 sorties. Mission uneventful.

No losses.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

16 P-51s dispatched on routine patrol. No incidents. No losses.

1 P-51 from a fighter group dispatched on special search for pilot believed down NW of Ostend. Search of the area unsuccessful. No losses.

8. Special Operations

25 a/c dispatched as follows:

8 a/c (2 B-17s, 6 B-24s) dispatched on night leaflet operations. Seven completed mission dropping leaflets over France and Germany. No losses.

11 a/c (6 P-51s, 2 Mosquitoes, 3 B-17s) dispatched as screening force for bomber operations. 11 sorties. No losses.

4 B-24s dispatched on RCM patrol in support ofAAF operations. 4 completed mission starting from 0642-0935 hours. No losses.

2 P-51s dispatched as airborne radio relays. Both completed mission operating in the Lille area. No losses.

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C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Adverse weather conditions over western Germany probably accounts for the lack of GAF activity. The only operational a/a sighted were one Me-262 in the Coblenz area and one unidentified jet a/c near Charleroi.

Claims of 4-0-0 resulted from a chance sighting by a small formation of sweeping P-51s of 4 s/e training a/c flying at 1,000 feet in the Stuttgart area at 1240 hours.

2. Flak

Nil at most targets.

Some meager, inaccurate flak at scattered points along routes.

Cologne - generally meager, inaccurate.

Hermulheim - nil to meager, inaccurate.

Hermulheim/Kalscheuren-meager, inaccurate.

Modrath - nil to meager, inaccurate.

3. Observations

Nil.

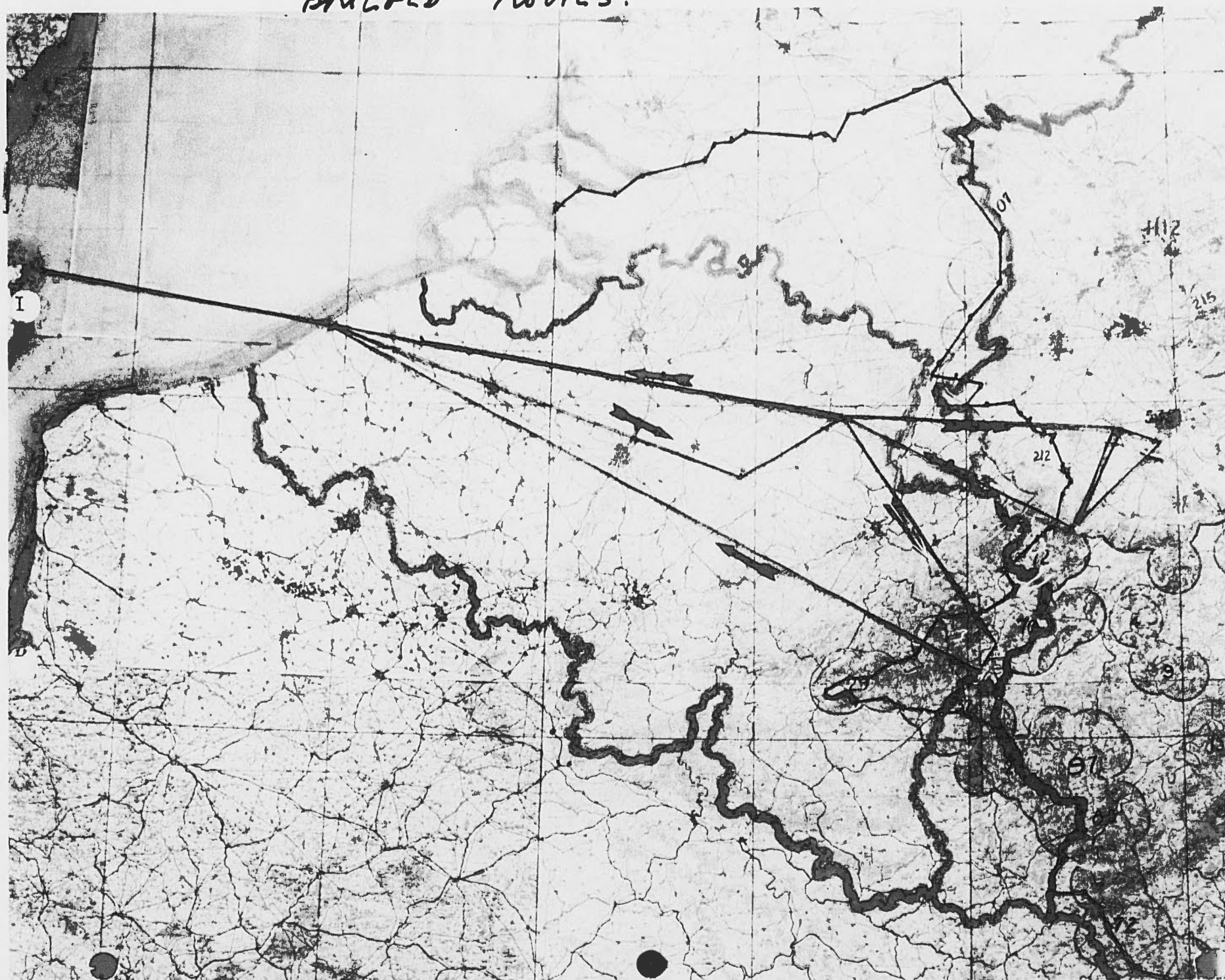
4. Damage to Enemy Installations

10/10 cloud cover prevents assessment of damage.

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

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BRIEFED ROUTES.



3 JAN. 1944

HEADQUARTERS 2d AIR DIVISION
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
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Date 8 Jan 45
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SUBJECT: AA Report, 2d Air Division, No. FLO/2AD/460.

TO : Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, AAF 101,
APO 634, Attention: AA Officer.

1. GENERAL: TARGET : Various Tactical Targets as Listed.
DATE : 3 January 1945.
CONDITIONS : 10/10th cloud at all targets.
ALTITUDE ORDERED : 22,000 ft.

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS: All targets were attacked by means of GH equipment.

3. FLAK: No Flak was encountered on route.

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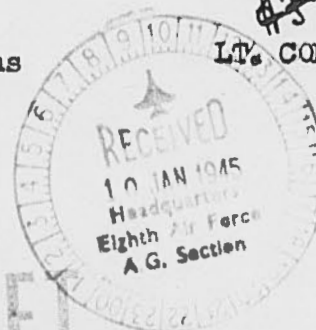
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4. STATISTICS:

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		SLT	SER				
ZWEIBRUCKEN	55	1	-	-	320°-355°	1127-1130	21000-23000ft.
PIRMASENS	40	-	-	-	330°-350°	1131	21500-23000ft.
HOMBURG	40	-	-	-	320°-350°	1130-1141	21000-23000ft.
LANDAU	61	1	-	-	05°-30°	1134-1136	22000-22500ft.
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	304 2(.7%)	-	-	-			

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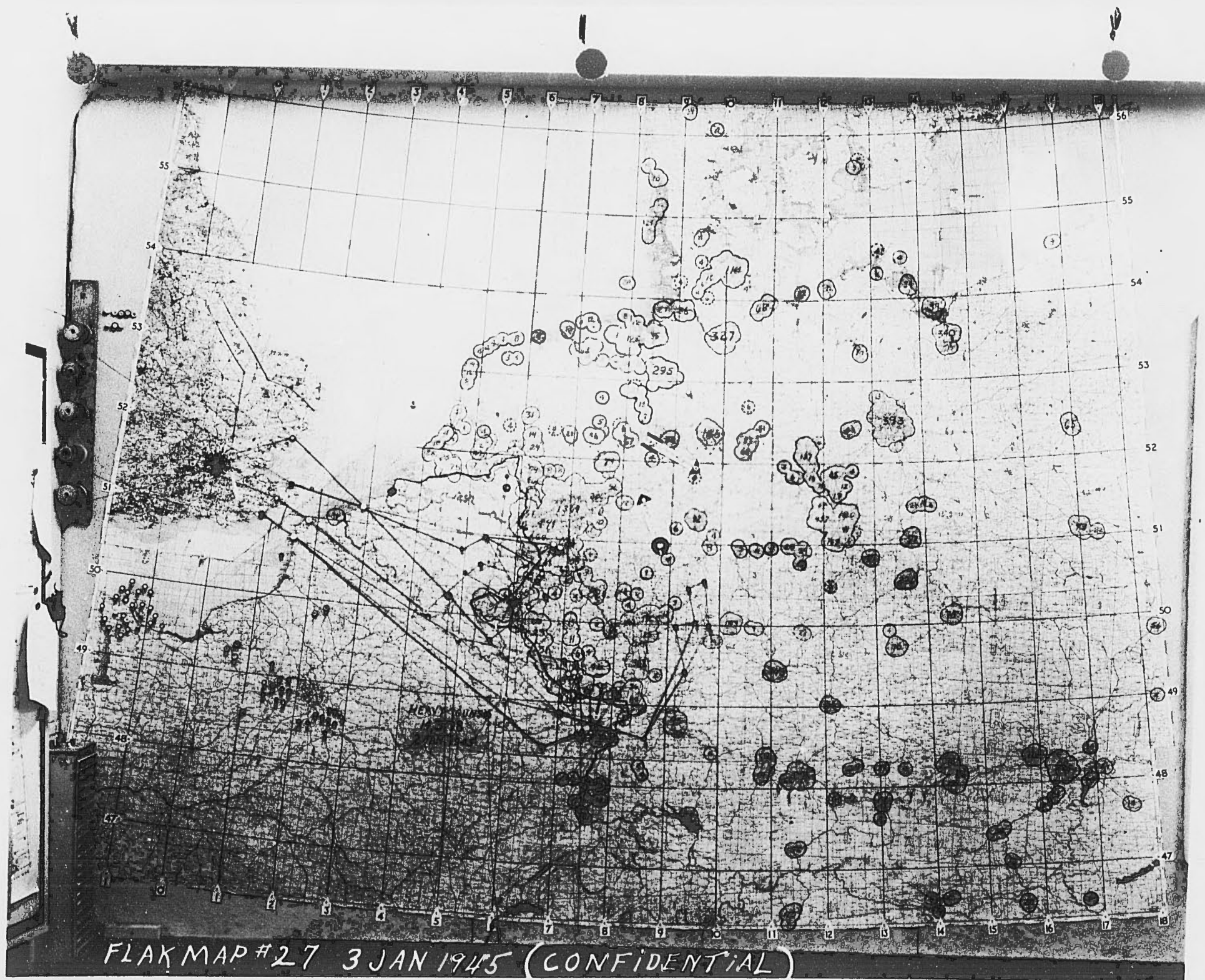
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458

DATE OF OPERATION 3 January 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 564

ORDERED TARGET: Primary Homburg M/Y
Secondary Neunkirchen M/Y (H2X)

SQUADRON	A/C Airborn		A/C NOT SORT.	A/C ATKG.	A/C ATKG.	TGT	NAME OF TARGET	NO. & TYPE BOMBS ON TARGET	LOST						TIME OF T.O.	AVG. TIME FLIGHT	COMMENTS
	TOTAL	LESS HOUSE START							TO-TAL	FLAK	FLAY & E/A	E/A	ACC	UN-KN.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
A L	7	7	7	-	7	ST	Neunkirchen M/Y	124 X 250 GP 11 X 500 ML7	-	-	-	-	-	-	0742	6:40	
A LL	10	10	10	-	9	ST	Neunkirchen M/Y	175 X 250 GP 17 X 500 ML7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					1	OT	Zweisbrucken(453rd)	10 X 250 GP 2 X 500 ML7 2 X M47									
A HR	10	9	9	-	8	ST	Neunkirchen M/Y	136 X 250 GP 14 X 500 ML7 2 X M47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					1	OT	Homburg (20CW)	20 X 250 GP 2 X 500 ML7									

GROUP 458

DATE 3 January 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 564

BOMB TYPE	EXPENDED					FUSES				AMMUNITION				PYROTECHNICS	
	INITIAL LOAD	ON TGT	JETT	UNACTD FOR	RETD	NOSE FUSE	NOSE DELAY	TAIL FUSE	TAIL DELAY	CALIBER	LINKAGE	LINKAGE RATIO	AMOUNT EXPEND.	TYPE	AMOUNT EXPEND.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
250 M57	492	465	25	-	2	-	-	ML00 A1	1/40	.50	API-T	2-1	250	-	-
ML7 (25)	50	46	3	-	1	M 138	34.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M47 (2)	4	4	-	-	-	M 126	Inst	-	-	-	-	-	-	M-8 Grenade	16
CHB (2)	4	4	-	-	-	ML00 A1	1/10	ML00 A1	1/10	-	-	-	-	-	-

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
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	ALLEN, G	165	17	RUE	L2	42-51936	936	I	J3	3	UNKNOWN 027	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	ANDERSON	165	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 755TH
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	BESTEN	165	22			42-110070	070	K	Z5	50	ELMER	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	CRAVEN	165	14			42-52457	457	Q	7V	77	FINAL APPROACH	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	DIEHL	165	3			42-110163	163	M	J4	44	TIME'S A WASTIN	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	FLETCHER	165	6			42-110059	059	T	Z5	55	UNKNOWN 056	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	GABRIEL	165	27			41-29596	596	R	Z5	78	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	GLASS	165	25			42-95165	165	L	7V	54	COOKIE	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	GRICE	165	19			42-51110	110	M	7V	62	TOP O' THE MARK	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	HATHORN	165	16	BETZOLD	L2	42-50516	516	V	J3	17	STARDUST	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	HEALY	165	10			44-10487	487	R	J3	25	Girl on surfboard (no name)	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	HEMRICH	165	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A46	SPOTTED APE	ASSY & WTHR SHIP (755TH)
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	HICKS	165	5			44-40283	283	I	J4	28	LASSIE COME HOME	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	HODGES	165	21			42-95183	183	U	Z5	70	BRINEY MARLIN	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	HOOD	165	18			42-50555	555	A	J4	11	BABY SHOES	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	KLEIN	165	25			42-50640	640	O	Z5	26	BUGS BUNNY	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	LaJEUNESSE	165	5			44-40277	277	P	J4	32	MISS USED	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	LAMERS	165	25	not listed	L1	42-95557	557	H	J3	18	LADY PEACE	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	McCORMICK	165	19			44-40287	287	J	J4	31	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	MINOR	165	6			42-95108	108	B	Z5	53	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	PERRY	165	16			42-100425	425	O	7V	42	THE BIRD	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	POLLIARD	165	10			44-10602	602	P	J3	23	TEN GUN DOTTIE	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	RHOADES	165	5			42-51196	196	Q	Z5	24	THE GYPSY QUEEN	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	SIEVERTSON	165	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 752ND
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	SIMPSON	165	15			42-95316	316	H	7V	65	PRINCESS PAT	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	SKIDMORE	165	19			42-51179	179	P	Z5	56	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	SPRATT	165	3			42-95018	018	J	Z5	67	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	SULLIVAN, E	165	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 752ND
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	TEBBS	165	ABT			41-29305	305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	ABORT - NO DETAILS - SEE OPS RPT
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	WELBORN	165	1			44-40281	281	Q	J4	27	A DOG'S LIFE	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	WELSH	165	--	BREVAKIS	D1	765	765	X	GH	--		NOT 458TH SHIP
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	WILLIAMS, DG	165	4			44-40201	201	N	J4	35	SILVER CHIEF	
03-Jan-45	NEUNKIRCHEN	WILLIAMS, DK	165	5			42-50449	449	W	J4	30	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	