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HEADQUARTERS TWENTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 253

PERIOD: 0001 hours 8 January to 2400 hours 8 January 1945

A. STATISTICS

	Missions	Disp.	Sorties	Atkg.	Tonnage	Claims	Losses				TOT
							E/A	AA	W/E	OT	
Heavy Bomber Atks.	17	727	623	595	1553.7	0-0-0	0	3	7(a)	24(b)	34
Fighter Escort	6	229	219	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Sweeps	0	0	0	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.	2	13	13	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	2	36	32	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	4	8	8	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	4	33	30	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	1046	925	595	1553.7	0-0-0	0	3	7	24	34

(a) 7 Category "E"

(b) Majority believed safe on Continent

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

727 a/c (493 B-17s, 234 B-24s) from three Air Divisions dispatched in five forces against thirteen communication centers, two marshalling yards, one rail-over-road bridge, and one railhead. Two group formations abandoned operation due to adverse weather conditions. Two marshalling yards, one communication center and one railhead not attacked. 595 a/c dropped 1470.2 tons GP and 83.5 tons IB on thirteen assigned primaries, three secondaries and several T/Os. All bombing on PFF through generally 10/10 cloud. No enemy air opposition. Losses: 30 B-17s, 4 B-24s (3 to AA, 7 Cat. "E", 24 to unknown causes, majority believed safe on Continent).

First Force

Four group formations (151 B-17s, 1st Air Division) dispatched against Germersheim M/Y, Alzey rail-over-road bridge and Wissembourg Communication Center. 141 a/c dropped 402.3 tons GP and 13.5 tons IB on two assigned primaries, one secondary and several T/Os at 1141-1214 hours from 23,400-27,000 feet. All bombed on Gee-H and H2K with some visual assists on Wissembourg. Leaflets dropped on

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Speyer. Weather: generally 10/10 over all targets with a few breaks at Wissembourg. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle Damage: 16 minor, 6 major. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 18 B-17s (1 to AA, 3 Cat. "E", 14 to unknown causes - majority believed safe on Continent).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>		<u>Results</u>
			<u>GP</u>	<u>IB</u>	
Wissembourg Comm. Center	77	36	105.8	.5	Unobserved
Gernersheim M/Y	37	Not Attacked			
Alzey Rail-over-Rd. Bridge	37	36	105.5		Unobserved
Speyer M/Y (Secondary)		65	181.5	16.5	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
2 u/i T/Os	—	4	10.0	1.5	Unobserved
Totals	151	141	402.8	18.5	

Second Force

Three group formations (117 B-17s, 1st Air Division) dispatched against communication centers at Kyllburg, Schweich and Speicher. 110 a/c dropped 320.7 tons GP on assigned primaries and one secondary at 1057-1124 hours from 26,500-29,000 feet. All bombed on Gee-H and H2X. Leaflets dropped on Schweich. Weather: 10/10 over all targets. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle Damage: nil. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 4 B-17s (3 to unknown causes, 1 Cat. "E").

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			<u>GP</u>	
Kyllburg Comm. Center	39	37	108.5	Unobserved
Schweich Comm. Center	39	24	69.0	Unobserved
Speicher Comm. Center	39	37	107.5	Unobserved
Coblentz M/Y (Sec.)	—	12	35.7	Unobserved
Totals	117	110	320.7	

Third Force

One group formation (30 B-24s, 2nd Air Division) dispatched against Stadtkyll communication center. 26 a/c dropped 73.3 tons GP on assigned target and two T/Os at 1118-1124 hours from 23,600-25,500 feet. Assigned target bombed on Gee-H. Weather: 10/10 cloud over target. Flak: nil. Battle Damage: nil. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

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<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>G</u>	<u>Results</u>
Stadtkyll Comm. Center	30	24	67.3	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>				
Dasburg Comm. Center		1	3.0	Unobserved
T/O 4950-0700E		1	3.0	Unobserved
Totals	30	26	73.3	

Fourth Force

Seven group formations (204 B-24s, 2nd Air Division) dispatched against communication centers at Clerf, Dasburg, Bitburg, Burg Reuland, Wittlich and Oudler and a railhead at Neuerburg. Formations on Neuerburg and Bitburg abandoned operations due to weather. 124 a/c dropped 324.4 tons GP on five assigned primaries and several T/Os at 1118-1132 hours from 22,000-27,500 feet. Assigned targets bombed on Gee-H. Leaflets dropped on Clerf and Dasburg. Weather: 10/10 over all targets. Flak: nil. Battle Damage: nil. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 4 B-24s (2 Cat. "E", 2 believed safe on Continent).

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<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>G</u>	<u>Results</u>
Wittlich Comm. Center	21	14	37.5	Unobserved
Oudler Comm. Center	31	29	77.8	Unobserved
Clerf Comm. Center	30	18	48.3	Unobserved
Burg Reuland Comm. Center	31	31	82.5	Unobserved
Dasburg Comm. Center	32	30	72.3	Unobserved
Neuerburg Railhead	30	Not Attacked		
Bitburg Comm. Center	29	Not Attacked		
<u>Other Targets</u>				
T/O 5006-0604E		1	3.0	Unobserved
Stadtkyll Comm. Center		1	3.0	Unobserved
Totals	204	124	324.4	

Fifth Force

Six group formations (225 B-17s, 3rd Air Division) dispatched against communication centers at Lunenbach and Waxweiler and Mainz-Fischhofshein H/Y. M/Y not attacked. 194 a/c dropped 349 tons G and 65 tons IB on two assigned primaries, one secondary and one T/O at 1058-1127 hours from 21,400-28,800 feet. Leaflets dropped on Frankfurt. Assigned targets bombed on Hicro-H and H2X. Weather: generally 10/10 over all targets. Flak: meager to intense,

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accurate at Frankfurt. Battle Damage: 40 minor, 7 major. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 8 B-17s (2 to AA, 5 to unknown causes, 1 Cat. "E").

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			<u>GP</u>	<u>IB</u>	
Mainz/Bischofsheim M/Y	152	Not Attacked			
Waxweiler Comm. Center	35	33	82.5		Unobserved
Lunbach Comm. Center	38	29	72.5		Unobserved
Frankfurt M/Y (Sec.)		131	192.0	65.0	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
T/O 5006-0839E	—	1	2.0	—	Unobserved
Totals	225	194	349.0	65.0	

2. Fighter Escort

Six group (229 P-51s) dispatched to give free-lance area support to all bomber forces. Up 0849-0952 hours, down 1325-1445 hours. 219 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

13 a/c (3 F-5s, 2 Mosquitoes, 8 P-51s) dispatched as follows:

3 F-5s dispatched to west central and southwest Germany. Failed to obtain photos due to cloud cover.

2 Mosquitoes on H2X photo mission to Berlin. Forced to abandon mission due to mechanical failure. 8 P-51s escort.

No losses.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

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

4 B-17s on routine weather flights from Azores and over Atlantic. 1 a/c returned early due to mechanical failure.

32 P-51s weather scouts for bomber operations. 3 a/c failed to complete mission.

No losses.

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7. Air/Sea Rescue

8 P-47s dispatched on routine patrol. No incidents. No losses.

8. Special Operations

33 a/c (18 B-24s, 11 B-17s, 4 Mosquitoes) dispatched as follows)

13 B-24s dispatched on RCM missions: 5 a/c jamming between 0635-1030 hours, 4 a/c jamming between 0711-1203 hours, 1 a/c on search mission. 3 a/c dispatched on special jamming mission returned early due to mechanical and equipment failures.

9 B-17s, 3 Mosquitoes dispatched as screening force for bomber operations. All a/c completed mission.

7 a/c (2 B-17s, 5 B-24s) dispatched on leaflet operations: 6 a/c over SE Belgium, 1 a/c over France. Missions completed successfully.

1 Mosquito completed special navigational flight over Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

No losses.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Operations by the GAF were apparently again restricted by weather. No sightings are reported by either bombers or fighter.

2. Flak

Alzey	- meager and inaccurate
Mannheim/Ludwigshafen	- moderate to accurate
Coblenz	- meager to moderate; mostly inaccurate
Frankfurt	- meager to moderate, inaccurate, tracking and barrage.

3. Observations

Nil.

4. Damage to Enemy Installations

10/10 cloud cover prevents damage assessment.

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

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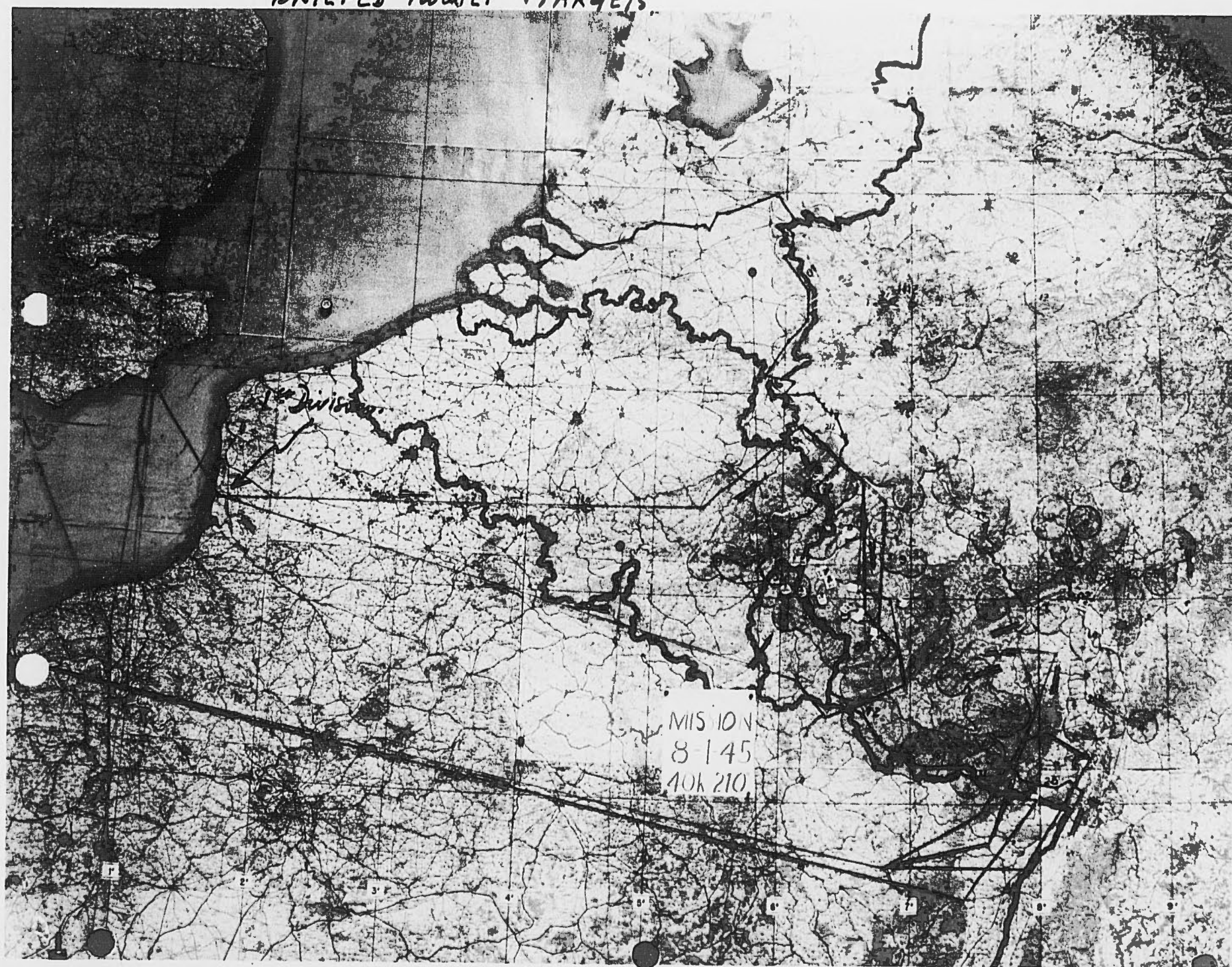
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BRIEFED ROUTE TARGETS



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Date 13 Jan 45

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SUBJECT: AA Report, 2d Air Division, No. FLO/2AD/465.

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

AAA OFFICER	
EXECUTIVE	
BOMBER	R/M
FLAK	
RECON	
SEARCHLIGHT	
WRECK	
OTHER	

1. GENERAL: TARGET : Various Tactical Targets as Listed
DATE : 8 January 1945
CONDITIONS : 10/10th Cloud
ALTITUDE ORDERED : 22,000 ft

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS: All targets were attacked by means of GH equipment. Bad weather on route forced some Groups to fly at a considerably greater altitude than briefed.

3. FLAK: No Flak was encountered either en route or at any of the targets.

4. STATISTICS:

TARGET	SORTIES	DAMAGED		A/C LOST	AXIS OF ATTACK	T.O.T.	ALTITUDE
		SHT	SER				
Burg Reuland	31	-	-	-	345° - 355°	1132	25000-27000 ft
Dasburg	31	-	-	-	350° - 360°	1129	25000-26000 ft
Dudler	31	-	-	-	345° - 05°	1125-1126	22000-25000 ft
Olerf	26	-	-	-	05° - 100°	1123	24500-27500 ft
Stadtkyll	26	-	-	-	110°	1117	24000 ft
Wittlich	19	-	-	-	360°	1130	22000-23000 ft
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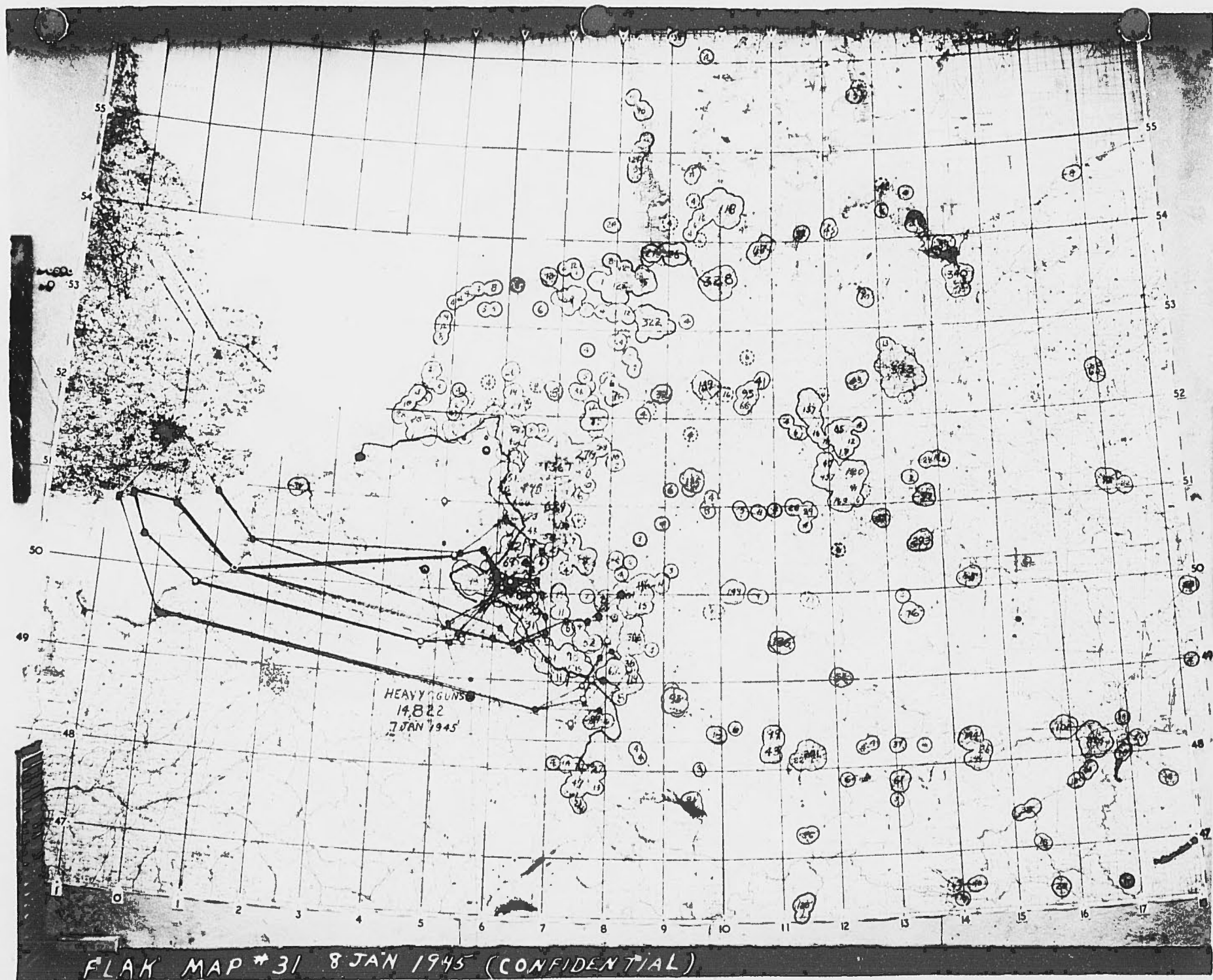
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458th

DATE OF OPERATION 8 January 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 568

ORDERED TARGET: Primary: Stadtkyll - Road

Secondary: Koblenz M/Y

SQUADRON	A/C Air-born		A/C SORT.	A/C NOT ATKG.	A/C ATKG.	TGT	NAME OF TARGET	NO. & TYPE BOMBS ON TARGET	IRG FP LOST						TIME OF T.O.	AVG. TIME FLIGHT	COMMENTS
	TOTAL	LESS HOUSE SPARE							TO-TAL	FLAK	FLAK & 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	8	8	8	-	8	PT	Stadtkyll - Road	82 x 500 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	0702	8:10	
A LL	10	9	7	2	7	PT	Stadtkyll - Road	71 x 500 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
A HR	10	9	9	-	7	PT	Stadtkyll - Road	84 x 500 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					1	OT	Dosburg	2 x M47									
					1	OT	4950-0700	12 x 500 GP									With 491st
								12 x 500 GP									With Unidentified Gp
Total	28	26	24	2	24				-	-	-	-	-	-	0702	8:10	

GROUP 458th

DATE 8 January 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 568

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
500 M64	320	261	13	-	46	M 103	1/10	M101	.025	.50	API-T	2-1	450	-	-
M 47 Smoke Marker	2 (1)	2	-	-	-	M 126	Inst.	-	-	-	-	-	-	M-8 Grenade	8
CHB Sky Marker	4 (2)	4	-	-	-	M100 A1	1/10	M100 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
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	BARNHART, L	167	ABT			41-28963	963	T	7V	--	UNKNOWN 007	ABORT - #2 ENG FEATHERED
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	BECKSTROM	167	16			44-40134	134	R	J4	40	UNKNOWN 039	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	BESTEN	167	23			41-29596	596	R	Z5	80	HELL'S ANGEL'S	LANDED OFF LOCATION
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	BRUMBY	167	25	not listed	L1	42-50684	684	B	J3	11	A&G FISH SHOPPE	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	CANADY	167	25			42-95018	018	J	Z5	68	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	DWYRE	167	29			42-95120	120	M	Z5	62	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	LANDED OFF LOCATION
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	EIDELSBERG	167	7			44-40118	118	S	J4	25	WE'LL GET BY	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	EISERT	167	15			44-10602	602	P	J3	25	TEN GUN DOTTIE	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	ELLIS	167	ABT			42-50499	499	U	J3	--	COOKIE/OPEN POST	ABORT - GUNNER GOT THE BENDS
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	EVANS	167	27	BOOTH	L2	42-50740	740	Q	J3	14	OUR BURMA	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	FLETCHER	167	8			42-51179	179	P	Z5	58	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	GARRISON	167	--	LaROCHE	D1	717	717	Y	GH	--		NOT 458TH SHIP/PILOT
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	HAYNES	167	20			42-50502	502	E	7V	23	LARRUPIN' LINDA	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	HESS	167	25			42-51196	196	Q	J3	26	THE GYPSY QUEEN	LANDED OFF LOCATION
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	HODGES	167	23			42-95108	108	B	Z5	55	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	LANDED OFF LOCATION
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	HOEY	167	17			42-110163	163	M	J4	46	TIME'S A WASTIN	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	HOOD	167	20			41-28980	980	V	J4	16	UNKNOWN 009	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	JACKSON, WL	167	1			44-40475	475	D	7V	19	JOLLY ROGER	Not sure which Jackson this is
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	LaJEUNESSE	167	ABT			44-40277	277	P	J4	--	MISS USED	ABORT - #2 ENG, #10 CYL BLOWN FROM CRANKCASE
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	LEHR	167	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A48	SPOTTED APE	ASSY & WTHR SHIP (752ND)
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	MORAN	167	15	BETZOLD	L2	42-51669	669	J	J3	1	UNKNOWN 026	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	O'REGAN	167	1			41-29340	340	N	7V	59	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	PATAK	167	7			44-40126	126	L	Z5	41	SPIITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	LANDED OFF LOCATION (OPS RPT HAS 059)
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	PERRY	167	17			42-100425	425	O	7V	44	THE BIRD	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	SEALY	167	16			42-50768	768	Y	J4	21	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	SHANNON	167	5			44-40287	287	J	J4	33	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	LANDED OFF LOCATION
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	SIMPSON	167	16			42-95179	179	X	7V	70	HERE I GO AGAIN	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	SZARKO	167	ABT			42-95165	165	L	7V	--	COOKIE	ABORT - #2 ENG FEATHERED AT 18,000FT
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	UHLMAN	167	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 753RD
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	VEHSLAGE	167	19			42-95316	316	H	7V	67	PRINCESS PAT	
08-Jan-45	STADTKYLL	WILBURN	167	4			42-50449	449	W	J4	32	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	