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| FORM V-12                  |                       | OPERATIONAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS           |       |                              |                                     |                             |                |      |                                       |         |            | DATE OF OPERATION 21 January 1945 |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 20 Bombardment Division    |                       | 20 BOMBARDMENT DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 579 |       |                              |                                     |                             |                |      |                                       |         |            |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| T<br>A<br>R<br>G<br>E<br>T | G<br>R<br>O<br>U<br>P | A/C. NUMBER                                 |       | NO.<br>OF<br>A/C<br>ATTACKED | NO.<br>OF<br>A/C<br>NOT<br>ATTACKED | TARGETS BOMBED              |                |      | BOMBS ON TARGETS<br>(NUMBER & WEIGHT) |         |            | AIRCRAFT LOST                     |                       |          |              | CASUALTIES |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                       | TOTAL                                       | SPARE |                              |                                     | NO. OF<br>A/C<br>OF<br>TYPE | NAME OF TARGET | H.E. | INCEND.                               | FRAG.   | TO-<br>TAL | FLAK<br>&<br>E/A                  | U<br>N<br>A<br>I<br>L | WOUNDED. | MIS-<br>SING |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 392 L                      |                       | 10                                          | 10    | 8                            | 8                                   | 2                           | 8              | ST   | Heilbronn M/Y                         | 68x500  | 12x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| HR                         |                       | 10                                          | 10    | 7                            | 7                                   | 3                           | 7              | ST   | "                                     | 65x500  | 13x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 491 L                      |                       | 9                                           | 9     | 9                            | 9                                   |                             | 9              | ST   | "                                     | 58x500  | 12x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 HR                      |                       | 11                                          | 11    | 10                           | 9                                   | 2                           | 9              | TU   | Pfronsheim                            | 90x500  | 18x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 458 L                      |                       | 9                                           | 9     | 9                            | 9                                   |                             | 8              | TU   | Arnbach                               | 3x2000  | 10x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| HR                         |                       | 10                                          | 9     | 9                            | 8                                   | 1                           | 1              | TU   | Pfronsheim                            | 8x500   | 2x500      |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                       |                                             |       |                              |                                     | 6                           | 6              | TU   | Arnbach                               | 48x500  | 12x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                       |                                             |       |                              |                                     | 1                           | 1              | TU   | Mannheim                              | 8x500   | 2x500      |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                       |                                             |       |                              |                                     | 1                           | 1              | TU   | Reutlingen                            | 6x500   |            |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 466 L                      |                       | 9                                           | 9     | 4                            | 4                                   | 5                           | 4              | ST   | Heilbronn M/Y                         | 30x500  | 6x500      |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| HR                         |                       | 10                                          | 10    | 8                            | 8                                   | 2                           | 8              | ST   | "                                     | 62x500  | 14x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 453 L                      |                       | 11                                          | 11    | 11                           | 11                                  |                             | 11             | ST   | "                                     | 76x500  | 9x500      |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| LL                         |                       | 11                                          | 10    | 10                           | 10                                  |                             | 10             | ST   | "                                     | 80x500  | 10x500     |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| HR                         |                       | 11                                          | 11    | 9                            | 9                                   | 2                           | 9              | ST   | "                                     | 72x500  | 2x47       |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                       |                                             |       |                              |                                     |                             |                |      |                                       |         | 9x500      |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                       |                                             |       |                              |                                     |                             |                |      |                                       |         | 1x47       |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 93 L                       |                       | 10                                          | 10    |                              |                                     | 10                          |                |      |                                       |         |            |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| HR                         |                       | 11                                          | 10    |                              |                                     | 10                          |                |      |                                       |         |            |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 446 L                      |                       | 10                                          | 10    | 2                            | 2                                   | 8                           | 2              | FT   | Heilbronn M/Y                         | 20x500  |            |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| LL                         |                       | 11                                          | 11    |                              |                                     | 11                          |                |      |                                       |         |            |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 AD                       |                       | 153                                         | 150   | 96                           | 94                                  | 56                          | 94             |      |                                       | 742x500 | 129x500    |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                       |                                             |       |                              |                                     |                             |                |      |                                       | 3x2000  | 15x47      |                                   |                       |          |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |

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ASSIGNED TARGETS

PRIMARY

Heilbronn M/Y  
(all groups - Vis)

SECONDARY

Same Target (H2X)

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458

ORDERED TARGET: Primary Heilbronn M/Y (Vis)  
Secondary Heilbronn M/Y (H2X)

DATE OF OPERATION 21 January 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 579

|                   |  |                 |  |         |  |             |  |       |  |            |  |     |  |                |  |                                          |  |      |  |          |  |      |  |     |  |     |  |     |  |      |  |      |  |             |  |            |  |
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| DATE OF OPERATION |  | 21 January 1945 |  | DIV     |  | FILED ORDER |  | 319   |  | IRC        |  | F   |  | LOST           |  | TIME                                     |  | AVG. |  | CONTENTS |  |      |  |     |  |     |  |     |  |      |  |      |  |             |  |            |  |
| SQUADRON          |  | A/C Airborn     |  | A/C NOT |  | A/C         |  |       |  | NO. & TYPE |  | TO- |  | FLAK           |  | FLAK                                     |  | TIME |  | AVG.     |  |      |  |     |  |     |  |     |  |      |  |      |  |             |  |            |  |
| Ld Div.           |  | TOTAL           |  | WUSE    |  | SORT.       |  | ATKG. |  | ATKG.      |  | TGT |  | NAME OF TARGET |  | BOMBS ON                                 |  | TAL  |  | FLAK     |  | FLAK |  | E/A |  | ACC |  | UN- |  | KN.  |  | T.O. |  | FLIGHT      |  |            |  |
| Ld Div.           |  | TOTAL           |  | WUSE    |  | SORT.       |  | ATKG. |  | ATKG.      |  | TGT |  | NAME OF TARGET |  | BOMBS ON                                 |  | TAL  |  | FLAK     |  | FLAK |  | E/A |  | ACC |  | UN- |  | KN.  |  | T.O. |  | FLIGHT      |  |            |  |
| 1                 |  | 2               |  | 3       |  | 4           |  | 5     |  | 6          |  | 7   |  | 8              |  | 9                                        |  | 10   |  | 11       |  | 12   |  | 13  |  | 14  |  | 15  |  | 16   |  | 17   |  | 18          |  |            |  |
| B L               |  | 9               |  | 9       |  | 9           |  | -     |  | 8          |  | OT  |  | Arnbach        |  | 51 X 500RDX<br>10 X 500M17<br>3 X 2000GP |  | -    |  | -        |  | -    |  | -   |  | -   |  | -   |  | 0817 |  | 8:20 |  |             |  |            |  |
| B BR              |  | 10              |  | 9       |  | 9           |  | 1     |  | 6          |  | OT  |  | Arnbach        |  | 48 X 500RDX<br>12 X 500M17               |  | 1*   |  | -        |  | -    |  | -   |  | 1*  |  | -   |  | -    |  | -    |  | -           |  | With 445th |  |
|                   |  |                 |  |         |  |             |  |       |  | 1          |  | OT  |  | Mannheim       |  | 8 X 500RDX<br>2 X 500M17                 |  |      |  |          |  |      |  |     |  |     |  |     |  |      |  |      |  | With B-17s  |  |            |  |
|                   |  |                 |  |         |  |             |  |       |  | 1          |  | OT  |  | Reutlingen     |  | 6 X 500RDX                               |  |      |  |          |  |      |  |     |  |     |  |     |  |      |  |      |  | 4530N 0914E |  |            |  |
| Totals            |  | 19              |  | 18      |  | 18          |  | 1     |  | 17         |  | OT  |  | -              |  | -                                        |  | 1*   |  | -        |  | -    |  | -   |  | 1*  |  | -   |  | 0817 |  | 8:20 |  |             |  |            |  |

GROUP 458

DATE 21 January 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 579

| BOMB<br>TYPE     | EXPENDED        |           |      |               |      | FUBES        |               |              |               | AMMUNITION |         |                  |                   | PYROTECHNICS |                   |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------|------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                  | INITIAL<br>LOAD | ON<br>TGT | JETT | UNACTD<br>FOR | REFD | NOSE<br>FUSE | NOSE<br>DELAY | TAIL<br>FUSE | TAIL<br>DELAY | CALIBER    | LINKAGE | LINKAGE<br>RATIO | AMOUNT<br>EXPEND. | TYPE         | AMOUNT<br>EXPEND. |
| 19               | 20              | 21        | 22   | 23            | 24   | 25           | 26            | 27           | 28            | 29         | 30      | 31               | 32                | 33           | 34                |
| 500 RDX          | 138             | 121       | 1    | 8             | 8    | M 103        | .1            | M 101        | .025          | .50        | API-T   | 2-1              | 500<br>(3500)     | -            | -                 |
| 500 M17          | 30 (15)         | 26        | -    | 2             | 2    | M 138        | 31.8          | -            | -             | -          | -       | -                | -                 | -            | -                 |
| 1000 M34         | 3               | 3         | -    | -             | -    | M 103        | .1            | M 102        | .025          | -          | -       | -                | -                 | -            | -                 |
| CHB<br>Skymarker | 5 (3)           | 5         | -    | -             | -    | M100 A1      | .1            | M100 A1      | .1            | -          | -       | -                | -                 | -            | -                 |

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22 January 1945

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

Mission of 21 January 1945

Main Group Formation

A. A/C Taking Off . . . . . 19  
B. A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares. . . . 18  
C. A/C Attacking. . . . . 17  
D. A/C Not Attacking. . . . . 1  
E. Reasons why A/C Did Not Attack:

42-95165 Not PFF. Sortie Credit. Bombs unaccounted for. No Ldr.  
Mechanical Failure. A/C left formation prior to target. Landed at Guippes,  
France. #2 engine out due to loss of oil pressure. #3 engine out due to  
lack of gas. Unable to transfer fuel from auxiliary tanks. Windshield iced  
inside and out. Landed in plowed field with extensive damage to nose section.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS  
1st Lt, AC  
Statistical Officer

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# PILOT'S STATEMENT

Abortion of A/C 120-M on mission of 21 January 1945

1. We were having difficulty with our A/C before take off and were approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour late in take off. The A/C had dead batteries. We tried to save time by going direct to Biggins Hill rather than to King's Lynn. When we arrived at Biggins Hill we found that the assembly plan had been changed. We were having quite a bit of difficulty on a channel, but we finally found that the formation was 70 miles north of our position. We tried to catch them there but were unable to find them. We tried to overtake them at Beachy Head and again farther out on route but were unable to do so. We were not sure of our procedure since this was our first mission together and were afraid to trail or try to overtake them too far into the continent. We turned back at 1050 at 5057N, 0015E. We landed at 1329 with our bombs.

SCOTT A. HERBERT  
2nd Lt, AC  
Pilot

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JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS  
1st Lt, AG  
Statistical Officer

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## FUEL CONSUMPTION REPORT

DATE OF MISSION: 21 January 1945

| MODEL | SERIAL NO.           | PILOT            | FUEL<br>CONSUMED            | FLIGHT TIME | COMPUTED GALS<br>PER HOUR | GALS PER H<br>GROUP AVERAGE |
|-------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| B-24J | 2-51514 ✓            | Sievertson       | 2345                        | 7:20        | 318                       |                             |
| J     | 2-100425 ✓           | perry            | 2275                        | 8:15        | 282                       |                             |
| J     | 2-51270 ✓            | Simpson          | 1925                        | 9:10        | <del>145</del>            |                             |
| J     | 2-51561 ✓            | Lehr             | 2400                        | 8:45        | 276                       |                             |
| H     | 2-95179 ✓            | Nork             | 2500                        | 9:00        | 278                       |                             |
| H     | 2-52457 ✓            | Spratt           | 2400                        | 8:30        | 288                       |                             |
| H     | <del>2-95165 ✓</del> | <del>crane</del> | <del>landed in France</del> |             |                           |                             |
| H     | 2-95316 ✓            | vehslage         | 2400                        | 8:50        | 270                       |                             |

\* landed and refueled in France before returning to this station

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MISSION # 283

## FORMATION PLAN

21 January 1945

Lead Squadron - Lincoln Red # 1

Morford-O'Neill  
J3 : 628KMatze-Quinn  
J3 : 743F  
(Scope)2BD  
Hodges  
Z5 : 059T  
K-21Minor  
Z5 : 018J  
K-21RCM  
Hess  
Z5 : 126L\*  
K-223AF  
Gabriel  
Z5 : 123U3AF Cont.  
Duke  
J4 : 141U  
K-202BD  
Klien  
Z5 : 298E  
K-212BD Cont.  
Herdtt  
Z5 : 120M

2nd Squadron - Lincoln Red # 2

Bowers-Goodfriend  
J3 : 610DEvans  
J3 : 608W  
K-223AF  
Simpson  
TV : 270A  
K-213AF  
Sprett  
TV : 457J2BD  
Hoffman  
TV : 165LPerry  
TV : 425C2BD  
Sieverson  
TV : 514B2BD Cont.  
W.E. Jackson  
TV : 179X  
K-212BD  
Vehslage  
TV : 316H  
K-21 3AF Cont.  
Lehr  
TV : 561G

| SPACING  | DISP.        |
|----------|--------------|
| 80 (IFF) | 15           |
| 0 (Lead) | 23           |
| 1000     | 2BD 41       |
| 134R     | 2BD 40       |
| 110M     | 2BD 34 (RCM) |

Assembly A/C - 6972 - Grice - 752nd Sq.  
 Marshalling Chief - Beckstrom - 753rd Sq.  
 Marshalling Crews - 752nd & 753rd Sqds.

\* A/C 126L is loaded with 2000# GPs

## MARSHALLING PLAN

| WEST  |      | Runway |      | EAST  |  |
|-------|------|--------|------|-------|--|
| DISP. | A/C  | No.    | A/C  | DISP. |  |
|       |      | 1      | 6972 | 2     |  |
| 11    | 628K | 2      |      |       |  |
| 16    | 743F | 3      |      |       |  |
| 8     | 126L | 4      |      |       |  |
| 7     | 059T | 5      |      |       |  |
|       |      | 6      | 298E | 5     |  |
|       |      | 7      | 141U | 45    |  |
| 10    | 018J | 8      |      |       |  |
|       |      | 9      | 120M | 4     |  |
| 12    | 123U | 10     |      |       |  |
| 21    | 610D | 11     |      |       |  |
| 11    | 608W | 12     |      |       |  |
|       |      | 13     | 4250 | 35    |  |
|       |      | 14     | 270A | 39    |  |
| 30    | 316H | 15     |      |       |  |
| 32    | 179X | 16     |      |       |  |
| 33    | 457J | 17     |      |       |  |
| 31    | 561G | 18     |      |       |  |
| 27    | 514B | 19     |      |       |  |
| 29    | 165L | 20     |      |       |  |

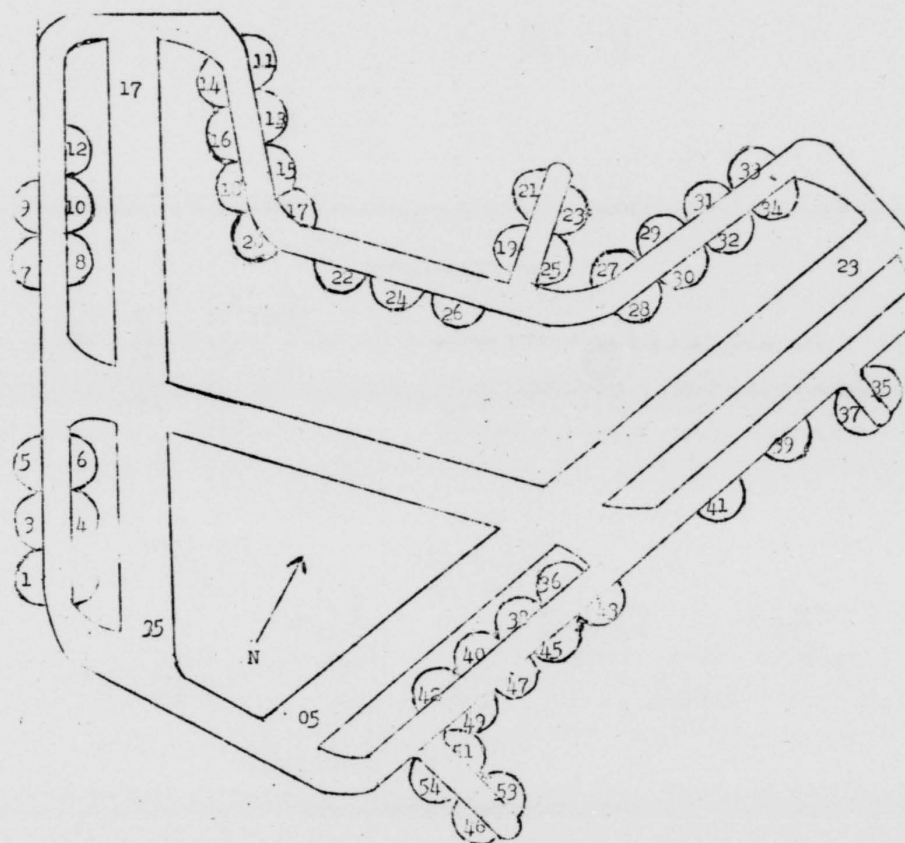
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## 458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

| Date      | Target    | Pilot       | 458th Msn | Pilot Msn | Cmd Pilot  | Ld | Serial    | Last 3 | RCL | Sqdn | A/C Msn | A/C Name                       | Comments                                  |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----|-----------|--------|-----|------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | BECKSTROM   | 173       | MSHL      |            |    | --        |        | --  | --   | --      |                                | MARSHALING CHIEF- 753RD                   |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | BOWERS      | 173       | 16        | GOODFRIEND | L2 | 42-95610  | 610    | D   | J3   | 11      | UNKNOWN 037                    |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | DUKE        | 173       | 1         |            |    | 42-110141 | 141    | U   | J4   | 35      | BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | EVANS       | 173       | 28        |            |    | 42-50608  | 608    | W   | J3   | 19      | FILTHY McNAUGHTY               |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | GABRIEL     | 173       | 29        |            |    | 42-95183  | 183    | U   | Z5   | 73      | BRINEY MARLIN                  |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | GRICE       | 173       | ASSY      |            |    | 41-28697  | 697    | Z   | Z5   | A51     | SPOTTED APE                    | ASSEMBLY CREW - 752                       |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | HERDTI      | 173       | ABT       |            |    | 42-95120  | 120    | M   | Z5   | --      | HOOKEM COW / BETTY             | ABORT - LATE T/O COULD NOT FIND FORMATION |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | HESS        | 173       | 27        |            |    | 44-40126  | 126    | L   | Z5   | 44      | SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP     |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | HODGES      | 173       | 24        |            |    | 42-110059 | 059    | T   | Z5   | 58      | UNKNOWN 056                    |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | HOFFMAN     | 173       | 7         |            |    | 42-95165  | 165    | L   | 7V   | 56      | COOKIE                         | CRASH LAND FRANCE #2, 3 ENG OUT           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | JACKSON, WE | 173       | 1         |            |    | 42-95179  | 179    | X   | 7V   | 74      | HERE I GO AGAIN                |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | KLEIN       | 173       | 28        |            |    | 44-40298  | 298    | E   | Z5   | 21      | THE SHACK                      | OFF LOACATION - WOODBRIDGE                |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | LEHR        | 173       | 25        |            |    | 42-51561  | 561    | G   | 7V   | 4       | LUCKY 13                       |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | MATZE       | 173       | 27        | QUINN      | D1 | 42-51743  | 743    | F   | J3   | 7       | UNKNOWN 006                    |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | MINOR       | 173       | 9         |            |    | 42-95018  | 018    | J   | Z5   | 72      | OLD DOC'S YACHT                |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | MORFORD     | 173       | 26        | O'NEILL    | L1 | 42-95628  | 628    | K   | J3   | 6       | UNKNOWN 038                    |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | PERRY       | 173       | 19        |            |    | 42-100425 | 425    | O   | 7V   | 46      | THE BIRD                       |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | SIEVERTSON  | 173       | 20        |            |    | 42-51514  | 514    | B   | 7V   | 4       | BIG CHIEF LIL' BEAVER          |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | SIMPSON     | 173       | 18        |            |    | 42-51270  | 270    | A   | 7V   | 2       | MY BUNNIE II                   |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | SPRATT      | 173       | 6         |            |    | 42-52457  | 457    | Q   | 7V   | 80      | FINAL APPROACH                 |                                           |
| 21-Jan-45 | HEILBRONN | VEHSLAGE    | 173       | 21        |            |    | 42-95316  | 316    | H   | 7V   | 70      | PRINCESS PAT                   |                                           |