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PERIOD: 0001 hours 9 February to 2400 hours 9 February 1945

A. STATISTICS

	Disp.	Sorties	Atkg.	Tonnage	Claims	Losses				NYR
						E/A	AA	OT	Totals	
Heavy Bomber Atks.	1296	1248	1200	3015.4	0-1-2A(b) 1	7	9	17	2	
Fighter Escort (a)	835	756	0	0	0-0-OG 19-2-8A(c) 1	0	5	6	3	
Fighter Sweeps	0	0	0	0	37-0-12G 0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Bombing	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	37	36	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Weather Recon.	44	42	0	0	5-1-0A 0-0-OG	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	17	17	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	23	23	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2252	2122	1200	3015.4	24-4-10A 37-0-12G	2	7	14	23	7

(a) Includes 361st and 352nd Groups based on Continent.

(b) Includes 0-1-1 Me-262 jet a/c.

(c) Includes 5-1-1 Me-262 jet a/c.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY1. Bomber Attacks

1296 a/c (918 B-17s, 378 B-24s) from three Air Divisions dispatched in six forces against Magdeburg/Rothensee Synthetic Oil Plant, Lutzkendorf Synthetic Oil Plant, Bielefeld/Schildesche RR Viaduct, Amsberg Viaduct, Wesol Road Bridge, Wesol Rail Bridge and Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant. 1200 a/c dropped 3015.4 tons GP on assigned primaries (excepting latter three), several secondaries and T/Os. Targets bombed visually and on PFF. Weather: 4/10-10/10 with breaks at some targets. E/A Opposition: attacks by 6 FW-190s in Magdeburg area; 4 Me-262s in Fulda area; 1 Me-262 in Freiburg area; 3 Me-262s in Limburg area; 4 Me-262s in Frankfurt area. Losses: 17 a/c (2 B-24s, 15 B-17s - 1 to E/A, 7 to AA, 9 to unknown causes). Claims 0-1-2 (of which 0-1-1 were Me-262s). NYR: 2 B-24s (believed safe on Continent).

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### First Force

Twenty-nine squadron formations (313 B-24s - 2nd Air Division) dispatched against Magdeburg/Rothensee Synthetic Oil Plant. 288 a/c dropped 663.7 tons GP on assigned target, Magdeburg M/Y (secondary) and 2 t/Os at 1134-1209 hours from 21,000-25,000 ft. All targets bombed on H2X (Tarchen bombed visually). Leaflets dropped on Magdeburg. Six B-24s dispensed Chaff. Weather: 7/10-9/10 undercast at Magdeburg; 10/10 undercast enroute. Flak: meager to moderate, fairly accurate. Battle Damage: 50 minor, 1 major, 1 cat. "E". E/A Opposition: 6 Fw 190s attacked in Magdeburg area. Claims: 0-0-1. Losses: 5 B-24s (to unknown causes). NYR: Ni

Fighter Support: Three groups (173 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0930-1001 hours, down 1438-1511 hours. 151 sorties. E/A Opposition: 15 Me 109s and Fw 190s west of Dessau. Claims: 9-0-5 air, 1-0-0 ground. Two groups strafed. Losses: 1 P-51 (to E/A). NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Magdeburg/Rothensee Synthetic Oil Plant	313	10	23.0	Unobserved
Magdeburg M/Y (sec.)		268	614.7	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>				
RR at Tarchen (5221N-1205E)		9	25.0	Fair
Quackenbruck A/F		1	1.0	Unobserved
Totals	313	288	663.7	

### Second Force

Eight group formations (311 B-17s - 3rd Air Division) dispatched against Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant. 238 a/c dropped 683.9 tons GP on Weimar Arms Plant (secondary) and numerous T/Os at 1218-1325 hours from 24,000-27,000 feet. Targets bombed visually and on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Giessen and Weimar. Weather: 6/10 undercast with breaks. Flak: meager to moderate, fairly accurate. Battle Damage: 26 minor, 7 major, 1 cat. "E". E/A Opposition: Me 262s attacked in Frankfurt, Fulda and Friburg areas. Claims: 0-1-1. Losses: 4 B-17s (2 to AA, 1 to E/A, 1 to unknown causes).

Fighter Support: Five groups (294 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0949-1004 hours, down 1510-1557 hours. 271 sorties. E/A Opposition: 25 Me 262s encountered in Fulda area; 3 Me 163s in Bielfeld area; 100 Me 109s in Magdeburg area; 2 Fw 190s in Berlin area. Claims: 8-1-3 air (includes 5-1-1 Me 262s); 2-0-9 ground. Two groups strafed. Losses: 1 P-51 (to unknown causes), 1 Cat. "E". NYR: 3 P-51s (believed safe on Continent).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Bohlen Synthetic Oil Plant	311	Not Attacked		
Weimar Arms Plant (sec.)		198	477.5	Very Good

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Other Targets	Dispatched	Attacking	Tonnage GP	Results
ena (city)		11	27.5	Unobserved
Liessen M/Y		25	60.0	Unobserved
Gottingen M/Y		15	24.0	Fair
Fulda (city)		24	58.7	Poor
Eisenach Engine Works		11	26.2	Unobserved
4 T/Os		4	10.0	Unobserved
Totals	311	288	683.9	

Third Force

Eight group formations (304 B-17s - 1st Air Division) dispatched against Lutzkendorf Synthetic Oil Plant. 285 a/c dropped 707.8 tons GP on assigned target, Erfurt (secondary) and several T/Os at 1257-1333 hours from 23,000-27,000 feet. Targets bombed visually (Eisenach bombed on H2X). Leaflets dropped on Eisloben. Weather: 4/10-6/10 over target. Flak: over primary moderate to intense, fairly accurate, for most groups; meager and inaccurate for some. Battle Damage: 44 minor, 20 major. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 9 B-17s (5 to A, 4 to unknown causes).

Fighter Support: Four groups (215 P-51s) dispatched. Up 1010-1041 hours, down 1556-1630 hours. 193 sorties. E/A Opposition: 27 Me 109s encountered in Tassel area. Claims: 2-1-0 air; 34-0-3 ground (probably Kolloda A/F). Two strafed. Losses: 4 P-51s (to unknown causes); 1 cat. "E". NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

Assigned Targets	Dispatched	Attacking	Tonnage GP	Results
Lutzkendorf Syn. Oil Plant	304	233	577.8	Good-Very Good
Erfurt (sec.)		12	32.5	Fair-Good
Other Targets				
Eisenach		13	32.5	Unobserved
Eisloben		13	30.0	Unobserved
Montesada		11	27.5	Fair
3 T/Os		3	7.5	Unobserved
Totals	304	285	707.8	

Fourth Force

Seven squadron formations (65 B-24s - 2nd Air Division) dispatched against Bielefeld/Schildesche RR Viaduct. 64 a/c dropped 142.5 tons GP on the assigned target at 1246 hours from 23,000-25,000 feet. Bombing was by Gee-H. Weather: 10/10 undercast at target. Flak: nil at target. Battle Damage: nil. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Fighter Support: One group (40 P-47s) dispatched. Up 1035 hours, down 1433 hours. 39 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: ni

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Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Target</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Bielefeld/Schildesche	65	64	142.5	Unobserved

Fifth Force

Four group formations (151 B-17s - 1st Air Division) dispatched against Paderborn/Altenbeken Viaduct and the Arnsberg RR Viaduct. 147 a/c dropped 439.0 tons GP on assigned targets at 1258-1307 hours from 22,000-25,000 feet. Targets bombed on Geo-H. Weather: 8/10-10/10 clouds; tops at 8,000-12,000 feet in target area. Flak: nil at target. Battle Damage: 1 major. E/A Opposition: nil. Losses: 2 B-17s (to unknown causes).

Fighter Support: One group, the 361st based on the Continent, (53 P-51s), dispatched. Up 1110 hours, down 130 hours. 47 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Paderborn/Altenbeken Viaduct	76	72	215.5	Unobserved
Arnsberg RR Viaduct	76	75	233.5	Unobserved
Totals	151	147	439.0	

Sixth Force

Four group formations (152 B-17s - 3rd Air Division) dispatched against Wesel Road Bridge and Wesel Rail Bridge. 128 a/c dropped 378.5 tons GP on Dulmen Depot (secondary) and Munster M/Y (last resort) at 1330-1339 hours from 25,000-28,000 feet. Secondaries bombed on Micro-H; last resort on H2x. Weather: 10/10 clouds over targets. Flak: meager and inaccurate. Battle Damage: 8 minor, 2 major. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. (Leaflets dropped on Dulmen).

Fighter Support: One group, the 352nd based on the Continent, (60 P-51s) dispatched. Up 1229 hours, down 1500 hours. 55 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Wesel Road Bridge	76	Not Attacked		
Wesel Rail Bridge	76	Not Attacked		
Dulmen Oil Depot (sec.)		107	315.5	Unobserved
Munster M/Y (last resort)		21	63.0	Unobserved
Totals	152	128	378.5	

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2. Fighter Escort

Fifteen groups, including the two groups based on the Continent, (795 P-51s and 40 P-47s) dispatched to support six bomber forces. Up 0930-1229 hours, down 1433-1630 hours. 756 sorties. E/A Opposition: engagements with 15 Me 109s and Fw 190s in Magdeburg area; 25 Me 262s (in groups of 6, 9 and 10) in Fulda area; 3 Me 163s in Bielefeld area; 100 Me 109s in Magdeburg area; 2 Fw190s in Berlin area; 27 Me 109s in Cologne area. Claims: 19-2-8 air (includes 5-1-1 Me 262s); 37-0-12 ground. Six groups strafed with claims listed below. Losses: 6 P-51s (to unknown cause). NYR: 3 P-51s (believed safe on Continent).

Ground Claims:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Trains (with loads)	2	0
Locomotives	32	12
Goods Wagons	2	77
Oil Tank Cars	1	0
Passenger Cars	2	6
RR Switch Towers	1	1
Hangars	4	2
Motor Transports	9	44
Ammunition Dump	1	0
Tractors	3	0

3. Fighter Sweeps

Nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

37 a/c dispatched as follows:

13 a/c (11 F-5s, 2 Spitfires) dispatched to map and assess damage to M/Ys and A/Fs in northern and west central Germany. E/A Opposition: one u/i s/c a/c attacked in Cologne area; one Me 262 attacked over Elsaftthal. Losses: nil.

3 a/c (2 Mosquitoes, 1 P-38) on Mickey mission over Ruhland, Brux and Kassel areas. Losses: nil.

21 a/c (P-51s) as escort to PRU a/c. 20 sorties. Losses: nil. NYR: 2 P-51s (believed safe on the Continent).

6. Weather Reconnaissance

44 a/c dispatched as follows:

2 B-17s on routine weather flight to Azores and return. Losses: nil.

2 B-17s on weather flight over sea NW of Lands End. Losses: nil.

5 Mosquitoes on special weather flights over France, Belgium, Holland, NW Germany and Southwestern approaches. Losses: nil.

35 P-51s (33 sorties) as weather scouts for bombing forces. 8 P-51s of 2nd Division scouting force encountered 100 plus Me 109s in vicinity of Magdeburg. Claims: 5-1-0. Losses: nil.

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#### 7. Air/Sea Rescue

17 P-47s dispatched on routine search and patrol. All a/c completed their mission and returned safely.

#### 8. Special Operations

23 a/c dispatched as follows:

3 Mosquitoes dispensing Chaff for the 1st Division.  
2 Mosquitoes on special operations.  
6 a/c jamming from 0715-1000 hours.  
12 a/c (1 B-24, 1 B-17, 10 P-51s) as radio relays.  
All the above a/c returned safely.

#### C. INTELLIGENCE

##### 1. Enemy Air Opposition

The most aggressive attacks today were made by the Me 262s operating mainly in the Fulda area. These a/c, of which it seems about 20 to 25 were active, attacked in elements of 3 to 5 and in spite of being engaged by escorting fighters attempted to get through to the bombers and appear to have succeeded in shooting down at least one of the Second Force B-17s. Fighter claims for these engagements are 5-1-1 for the three groups.

One large concentration of Me 109s was engaged by the First Force scouting force. These a/c were flying on a WNW course in two formations of fifty plus each at 15,000 feet in the Magdeburg area. The scouting force which was flying at 18,000 feet attacked, claiming 5-0-0 and report that a/c split-essed to deck and lacked coordination. None were seen to approach the bombers. One straggler, however, was attacked by six Fw 190s fifteen miles NW Hannover and six black s/c a/c were also sighted on a westerly course N of Brunswick but did not attack.

One P-51 group sweeping ahead of the first force engaged 4 Fw 190s and Me 109s in the Brandenburg area and Berlin area and destroyed three - 15 Me 109s and Fw 190s flying P-51 formation, were also encountered west of Dessau, by another group on close escort. In the ensuing combat which lasted twenty minutes and in which a/c fought aggressively, nine a/c were destroyed and five damaged with the loss of one P-51.

The only engagement reported by fighters escorting the Third Force is reported by a group which strafed an airfield, probably Kollida. The group had just finished strafing when 15 plus Me 109s at 9,000 feet came in from the west. A lone pilot of the same group was attacked by a further twelve Me 109s but evaded. The whole group was short of ammunition but claims 2-1-0.

The fourth, fifth and sixth forces and their escort saw no enemy aircraft.

##### 2. Flak

Dulmen - meager, inaccurate, tracking fire.  
Egmond - meager, accurate, tracking fire.  
Magdeburg - meager to moderate, fairly accurate.  
Osnabruck - meager, inaccurate.  
Lutzkendorf - moderate to intense and accurate to inaccurate.  
Frankfurt, Mainz, Jena - meager, inaccurate.  
Eisenach - meager, inaccurate -6-

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3. Observations

20 e/a on A/F at Burg.  
 4 silver s/c and 2 silver t/c e/a on EW runway of A/F at 5207-1142E.  
 15 to 20 e/a parked on runway, not dispersed, of A/F at 5229-1203E.  
 M/Y at Hersfeld heavily loaded as was M/Y at Gena.  
 A/F at 5108-1030E with buildings similar to an assembly plant and with 50 to 75 t/c parked on A/F.

4. Damage to Enemy InstallationsWeimar Arms Plant - Very Good Results

Seventeen squadrons bombed with 500 pound GPs. Eight patterns blanketed the target. Patterns of 4 squadrons fell in built up area of city; five more fell in fields and suburban areas to 2.2 miles distant. Patterns lie SE and NW of target. Bombs from 1 squadron destroyed center of large building at MPI as well as one directly west of it. Also damaged buildings on S and W side of area.

Later pattern indicates hits on buildings at E end of target. 8 hits on small arms factory N of target. RR tracks cut in 8 to 10 places near target. Several small buildings on fire. Large fire in small arms factory.

Fulda - Poor Results

Bursts blocked and cut RR line. Some patterns in field 1 1/2 miles W of town.

Göttingen - Fair Results

1/10 to 4/10 cloud obscured. One pattern fell in Northern part of M/Y - 6 to 8 hits on tracks. Fair Results.

Parchen (52 miles WSW of Berlin) - Fair Results.

Two tight patterns of GPs are seen to burst in an open area adjacent to the town and across the highway.

Magdeburg M/Y - Unobserved Results.

General results obscured by clouds but some squadrons were observed, or locations of bursts plotted, through small breaks in the undercast.

Some patterns observed to burst in open areas in three cases and others scored hits on or near misses to highways, a bridge in the dock-industrial area to the north of Magdeburg and very good hits on a RR siding near a road over rail bridge of the Autobahn north of town.

Lutzkendorf near Halle - Good to Very Good Results.

Clouds of 5/10 to 10/10 density combined with smoke of fires started early in the attack and from an ineffective smoke screen making it impossible to pin-point or assess all strikes. Six concentrations of GP bombs could be seen bursting in the target area. The main weight of these bombs fell in the central and western portion

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Damage to Enemy Installations (cont'd)

of the target area. Direct hits could be seen on the following installations: power stations, 2 hits and severe fire; wet-gas holder exploded; Schalfeld gas generator on fire; 2 contact oven houses; cooling tower; residual gas holder; gas generator gas condensation plant on fire; ash disposal plant; brown coal bunker on fire; compressor house exploded; 5 u/i buildings; 2 oil storage tanks.

Intense fires could be seen burning in the target area late in the attack and damage can be expected to be severe. Concentrations covered rail lines immediately north of the target area and though cloud and smoke covered the area it was apparent that a large u/i plant adjacent to the target was heavily hit, since at least 3 huge columns of smoke could be seen coming from this area.

Eight concentrations of GP bombs could be seen near the target area; 3 of these concentrations fell into a small residential area adjacent to the western and southern boundary of the target area. The remaining 5 concentrations fell into open areas 1 mile NE, 1 mile NW, 1 1/4 miles N-NW, 1 mile SW and 2 miles N-NW respectively.

Erfurt (secondary) - Fair to Good Results.

Railway center at Erfurt - target. One concentration of GP bombs practically hidden by cloud could be seen bursting in the central portion of the town of Erfurt. This area is completely built-up and should be severely damaged.

Montesada - Fair Results (T/O).

Approximately 90 GP bombs bursting in and adjacent to this small village. Damage to center will be severe.

Unterrissdorf - Poor Results (T/O).

Approximately 100 GP bombs in open fields 3/4 miles west of Unterrissdorf and 19 1/2 miles NW of Lutzkendorf.

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

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SUBJECT: AA Report, 2d Air Division, No. FLO/2 AD/481.

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

1. GENERAL: TARGET : (a) Magdeburg (b) Bielefeld
- DATE : 9 February 1945
- CONDITIONS : (a) 7-9/10 Cloud (b) 10/10 Cloud
- ROUTE ORDERED : (a) 52°44'N - 04°38'E - 52°40'N - 07°58'E  
52°22'N - 08°29'E - 51°45'N - 09°03'E  
51°36'N - 10°42'E - Magdeburg - 52°13'N -  
12°05'E - 52°29'N - 12°03'E - 52°37'N -  
09°27'E - 52°22'N - 08°29'E - 52°40'N -  
07°58'E - 52°44'N - 04°38'E - (b)  
50°31'N - 06°02'E - 50°19'N - 06°31'E -  
50°07'N - 07°43'E - 50°45'N - 08°03'E -  
51°23'N - 08°35'E - Bielefeld - 52°05'N -  
08°15'E - 52°22'N - 08°17'E - 52°40'N -  
07°58'E - 52°44'N - 04°38'E
- ALTITUDE ORDERED : (a) 22000 ft (b) 21000 ft
- AXIS OF ATTACK ORDERED : (a) 45° (b) 350°
- FORECAST WIND : (a) 80 MPH from 220° (b) 70 MPH from 240°

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS: Both targets were attacked by squadrons. Magdeburg was bombed by means of H2X equipment and Bielefeld was bombed by means of GH equipment. A chaff screening force consisting of 6 B-24's preceded the main force over Magdeburg by 2 minutes.

3. FLAK: En route, meagre inaccurate Flak was encountered at the Dutch Coast, and a few bursts were seen well out of range at Wiesbaden.

No Flak was encountered at Bielefeld.

At Magdeburg, moderate Flak was encountered which was accurate against some formations but inaccurate against others. There were considerable gaps in the clouds, and the accuracy of the Flak probably depended upon whether it was fired by "seen" or "unseen" methods. The attack was exceedingly well concentrated, the first 263 A/C going over the target in five minutes, and this was undoubtedly the reason for the battle damage being comparatively slight and there being no Flak losses. The 14th and 96th Wings attacked simultaneously, both Wings ~~covering~~ covering the target in two minutes,

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and it is interesting to note that although the 96th Wing suffered some damage the  
th Wing sustained practically none.

The tactics of the chaff screening force were probably successful in preventing the enemy from putting up any accurate "unseen" fire, but owing to the breaks in the clouds it is impossible to judge accurately their effectiveness. This Force was engaged over the target by meagre but fairly accurate predictor control "seen" fire which damaged one aircraft.

Three aircraft were lost during this operation; one ditched due to mechanical failure, and neither of the other two were believed to be due to Flak.

4. PHENOMENA: In the target area a number of Flak bursts were seen which were described as being three quarters black at the top and one quarter white or silver at the bottom. These bursts were reported by a number of crews, and one crew also reported that objects resembling bombs with fins appeared from them.

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TARGET: MAGDEBURG

EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF GUNS: 61

I	GROUP	SORTIES	DAMAGED		A/C LOST				Axis Attack	Axis With- drawal	T.O.T.	Altitude
			Sli.	Ser.	Flak	E.A.	Acc.	Unkn.				
2	445th	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	Screen- ing	Force	1202	23,000 ft
14	392nd	29	1	-	-	-	-	1	30°-75°	-	1204	21,500 - 23,000 ft
14	44th	31	1	-	-	-	-	-	55°-90°	35°	1205 - 1206	20,500 - 22,500 ft
14	491st	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	40°-65°	90°	1205 - 1206	21,500 - 22,500 ft
96	458th	34	17	1	-	-	-	-	35°-65°	95°	1204 - 1206	20,500 - 22,500 ft
96	466th	28	1	-	-	-	-	-	45°-65°	50°	1205 - 1206	23,000 - 24,000 ft
96	467th	28	6	2	-	-	-	-	65°-80°	85°	1205 - 1206	23,500 - 24,000 ft
2	453rd	31	7	-	-	-	-	1	40°-75°	60°	1207 - 1208	23,500 - 25,000 ft
20	446th	31	3	1	-	-	-	-	55°-65°	90°	1208 - 1209	22,000 - 24,000 ft
20	93rd	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	70°-75°	65°-75°	1209	25,000 - 26,000 ft
20	448th	30	10	1	-	-	-	-	50°-65°	-	1211 - 1214	22,500 - 25,000 ft
TOTALS:		299	47	5	-	-	-	3	30°-90°	35°-95°	1204 - 1214	20,500 - 26,000 ft
Percentages:			15.7%	1.7%				1.0%				

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TARGET: BIRMINGHAM

EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF GUNS: 10

V	GROUP	SORTIES	DAMAGED		A/C LOST				Axis Attack	Axis With- drawal	T.O.T.	Altitude
			Sli.	Ser.	Flak	E.A.	Acc.	Unkn				
2	389th	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	335° - 345°	310° - 345°	1247 - 1248	23,500 - 25,000 ft.
2	445th	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	310° - 330°	325°	1248 - 1249	24,000 - 25,500 ft.
TOTALS:			64	-	-	-	-	-	310° - 345°	310° - 345°	1247 - 1249	23,500 - 25,500 ft.
percentages:												

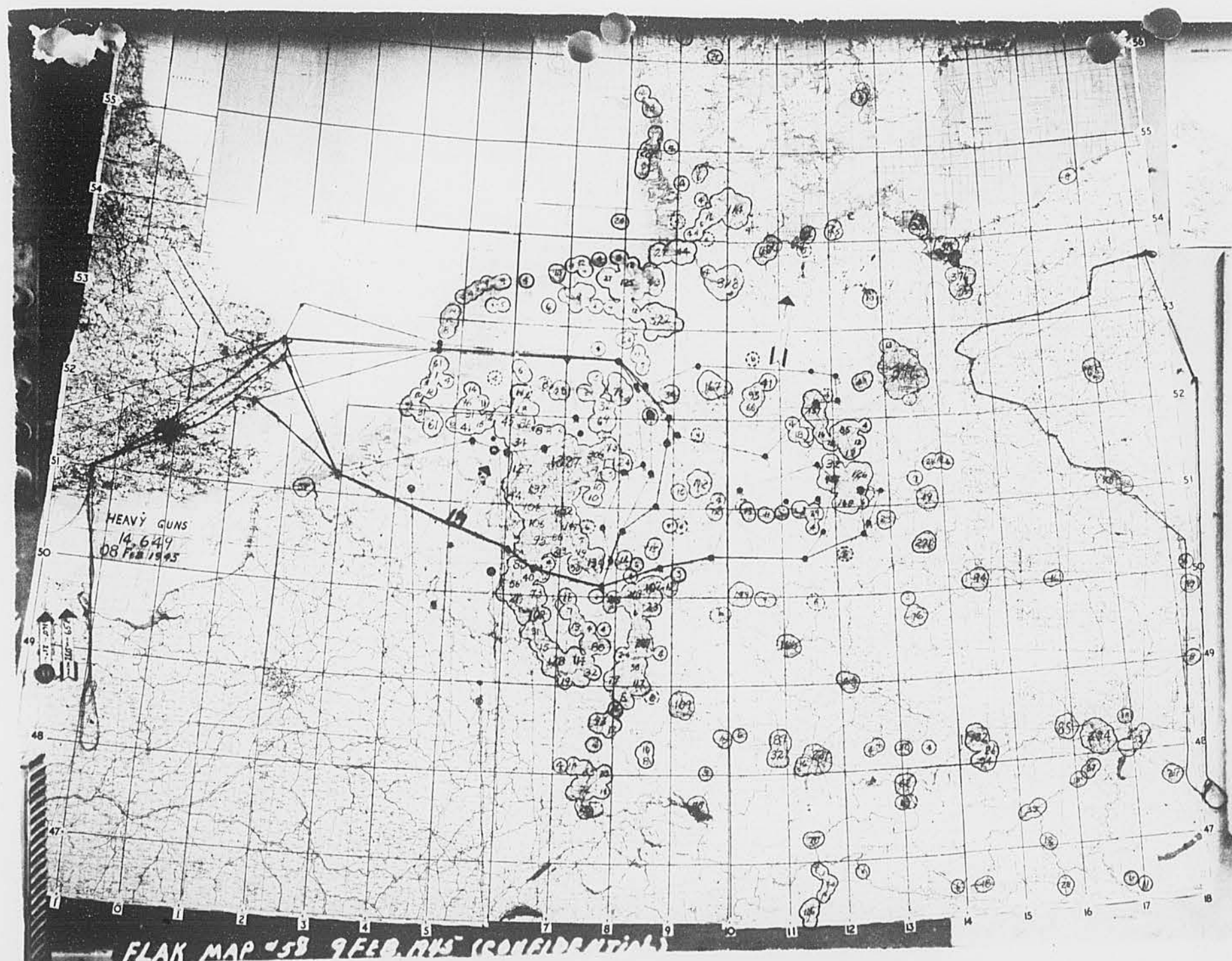
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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458

DATE OF OPERATION 9 February 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER

595

Magdeburg/Rothensee Oil Refinery  
ORDERED TARGET: Primary:  
Secondary: Magdeburg M/Y

SQUADRON	A/C Airborn		A/C SORT.	A/C NOT ATKG.	A/C ATKG.	TGT	NAME OF TARGET	NO. & TYPE BOIMBS ON TARGET	INT F LOST						TIME OF T.O.	AVG. TIME FLIGHT	CONTENTS
	TOTAL	LESS FUSE SPARE							TO- TAL	FLAK	FLAK & E/A	E/A	ACC	UN- KN.			
Ld 96 Wg	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
A L	9	9	9	-	9	ST	Magdeburg M/Y	82 X 500 RDX	-	-	-	-	-	-	0816	6:35	
A #2	10	9	8	1	8	ST	Magdeburg M/Y	59 X 500 RDX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
A #3	10	9	9	-	9	ST	Magdeburg M/Y	17 X 500 GP 78 X 500 RDX 3 X 2000 GP 2 X M47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
A #4	9	9	8	1	8	ST	Magdeburg M/Y	66 X 500 RDX 10 X 500 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTALS	38	36	34	2	34	ST	Magdeburg M/Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0816	6:35	

GROUP 458

DATE 9 February 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 595

BOMB TYPE	EXPENDED					FUSES				AMMUNITION				PYROTECHNICS	
	INITIAL LOAD	ON TGT	JETT	UNACFD FOR	REFD	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# RDX	327	285	2	-	40	M 103	.1	M 101	.025	.50	API-T	2-1	1995	-	-
500# M64	27	27	-	-	-	M 103	.1	M 101	.025	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000 # <del>M64</del> <sup>M66</sup>	3	3	-	-	-	M 103	.1	M 102	.025	-	-	-	-	-	-
M 47	2 (1)	2	-	-	-	M 126	Inst	-	-	-	-	-	-	M-8 Grenade	8
CHB	7 (4)	7	-	-	-	M100 A1	.1	M100 A1	.1	-	-	-	-	-	-



# LEAD SQUADRON

9 FEBRUARY 1945

<u>BRUMBY-O'NEILL</u>		J3 : 936I		2AD Cont. RCM	2 AD
<u>BOERS-QUINN</u>		Scope		<u>O'REGAN</u>	<u>HEHR</u>
J3 : 743F				7V : 110M	8 AF Cont. 7V : 206S
Scope		<u>PERRY</u>	K-21		K-20
2 AD		7V : 4250		7V : 215T	2 AD
<u>JACKSON-W.E.</u>			<u>FERRIELL</u>		<u>CRAVEN</u>
7V : 514B			7V : 352K		7V : 316H
K-21					K-21

## 2ND SQUADRON

<u>HATHORN-PHILLIP</u>		J3 : 557H		2 AD	RCM
<u>MITCHELL</u>		K-22		<u>WARRELL</u>	<u>BOUCEK</u>
J3 : 504S			RCM	J4 : 168M	8AF-RCM J4 : 449J
		<u>McCORMICK</u>		2 AD	<u>WILLIAMS-DE</u>
2 AD		J4 : 287J		J4 : 980V	K-21
<u>SHANNON</u>			<u>McCOY</u>		<u>JOHNSON</u>
J4 : 408I		8 AF	J4 : 277P		J4 : 912D
K-21		<u>HADDEN</u>			
		J4 : 281Q			

## 3RD SQUADRON

<u>ELLIS-WILLIAMS</u>		J3 : 740Q		2 AD	
<u>HEALEY</u>		K-21		<u>CANADY</u>	<u>HODGES</u>
J3 : 618T				Z5 : 018J	8 AF Z5 : 298E
		8 AF			<u>HERDTI</u>
2 AD		<u>GABRIEL</u>		2 AD	<u>DWYRE</u>
<u>HESS</u>		Z5 : 183U		<u>HUNT</u>	Z5 : 126L
Z5 : 12GM			8 AF-RCM	Z5 : 596R	(2000# bombs)
K-2D			<u>SKIDMORE</u>		K-21
			Z5 : 456D		
			K-20		

## 4TH SQUADRON

<u>DYER</u>		J3 : 628K		2 AD	8 AF
<u>EISERT</u>		K-21		<u>BESTEN</u>	<u>HARTSWICK</u>
J3 : 499U				Z5 : 059T	J4 : 285H
		8 AF		8 AF	2 AD
2 AD		<u>McCARTNEY</u>		<u>LA JEUNESSE</u>	<u>EIDELBERG</u>
<u>BROGH</u>		J4 : 134R		J4 : 141U	J4 : 118S
Z5 : 578F			8 AF		K-21
K-22			<u>HOFFMAN</u>		
			7V : 502E		
			K-20		

SPARES: 602F-J3-26 Vis

Assembly Aircraft: Lt Brown - 753rd  
 Marshalling Chief: Lt Sherrill - 754th

Marshalling Crews: Lt Bechtel  
 753rd  
 Lt Everett - 754th

EAST		ORDER OF TAKE OFF			
DISP	SHIP	NO.	RUNWAY	23	
Hgr 2	697Z	1	49	287J	18
24	936I	2	36	449W	19
16	743F	3	40	277P	20
44	110M	4	40	408I	21
35	4250	5	42	912D	22
Hgr 1	206S	6	47	980V	23
51	352K	7	43	281Q	24
37	514B	8	10	018J	25
35	316H	9	12	183U	26
39	215T	10	5	298E	27
22	557H	11	3	596R	28
17	504S	12	9	120M	29
18	740Q	13	10	491I	30
22	618T	14	8	126L	31
11	628K	15	6	456D	32
13	499U	16	7	059T	33
45	163M	17	43	134R	34

## 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
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	BARNHART, L	179	7			42-51215	215	T	7V	18	UNKNOWN 024	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	BECHTEL	179	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 753RD
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	BESTEN	179	ABT			42-110059	059	T	Z5	--	UNKNOWN 056	ABORT - #4 ENG LACK OF BOOST
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	BOUCEK	179	21			42-50449	449	W	J4	40	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	BOWERS	179	18	QUINN	D1	42-51743	743	F	J3	11	UNKNOWN 006	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	BROWN, R	179	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A56	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW - 753
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	BRUMBY	179	28	O'NEILL	L1	42-51936	936	I	J3	10	UNKNOWN 027	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	CANADY	179	29			42-95018	018	J	Z5	75	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	CRAVEN	179	18			42-95316	316	H	7V	74	PRINCESS PAT	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	DWYRE	179	35			44-40126	126	L	Z5	50	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	DYER	179	14		L4	42-95628	628	K	J3	9	UNKNOWN 038	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	EIDELSBURG	179	12			44-40118	118	S	J4	33	WE'LL GET BY	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	EISERT	179	19			42-50499	499	U	J3	32	COOKIE/OPEN POST	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	ELLIS	179	5	WILLIAMS	L3	42-50740	740	Q	J3	20	OUR BURMA	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	EVERETT	179	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 754TH
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	FERRIELL	179	9			41-29352	352	K	7V	71	WOLVE'S LAIR	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	GABRIEL	179	33			42-95183	183	U	Z5	79	BRINEY MARLIN	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HADDEN	179	19			44-40281	281	Q	J4	33	A DOG'S LIFE	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HARTSWICK	179	5			44-40285	285	H	J4	58	TABLE STUFF	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HATHORN	179	17	PHILLIP	L2	42-95557	557	H	J3	21	LADY PEACE	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HEALY	179	16			44-10618	618	T	J3	2	UNKNOWN 038	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HERDTI	179	2			44-10491	491	I	Z5	6	THE IRON DUKE	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HESS	179	30			42-95120	120	M	Z5	68	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HODGES	179	27			44-40298	298	E	Z5	24	THE SHACK	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HOFFMAN	179	9			42-50502	502	E	7V	30	LARRUPIN' LINDA	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	HUNT	179	3			41-29596	596	R	Z5	82	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	JACKSON, WE	179	3			42-51514	514	B	7V	10	BIG CHIEF LIL' BEAVER	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	JOHNSON, C	179	3			42-50912	912	D	J4	9	THE TRAVLIN' BAG	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	KROGH	179	5			42-50578	578	F	Z5	27	SKY ROOM	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	LaJEUNESSE	179	11			42-110141	141	U	J4	39	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	LEHR	179	28			42-51206	206	S	7V	33	THE PIED PIPER	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	MCCARTNEY	179	3			44-40134	134	R	J4	48	UNKNOWN 039	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	MCCORMICK	179	24			44-40287	287	J	J4	37	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	MCCOY	179	3			44-40277	277	P	J4	35	MISS USED	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	MITCHELL	179	ABT			42-50504	504	S	J3	--	UNKNOWN 019	ABORT - #1 SUPER CHGR INOP
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	O'REGAN	179	5			42-51110	110	M	7V	68	TOP O' THE MARK	LANDED AT RACKHEATH
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	PERRY	179	21			42-100425	425	O	7V	51	THE BIRD	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	SHANNON	179	9			42-100408	408	I	J4	35	LADY LUCK / THE BEAST	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	SHERRILL	179	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 754TH
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	SKIDMORE	179	ABT			42-50456	456	D	Z5	--	DOROTHY KAY SPECIAL	ABORT - GAS LEAK
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	WARRELL	179	18			42-110163	163	M	J4	54	TIME'S A WASTIN	
09-Feb-45	MAGDEBURG	WILLIAMS, DG	179	ABT			41-28980	980	V	J4	--	UNKNOWN 009	ABORT - GEAR DID NOT RETRACT