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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 287

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PERIOD: 0001 hours 11 February to 2400 hours 11 February 1945.

A. STATISTICS

| | Disp. | Sorties | Atkg. | Tonnage | Claims | Losses | | | Totals | NYR |
|--------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|--------|--------|----|----|--------|-----|
| | | | | | | E/A | AA | OT | | |
| Heavy Bomber Atks. | 127 | 124 | 124 | 338.8 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fighter Escort | 54 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fighter Sweeps (a) | 192 | 183 | 0 | 0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fighter Bombing | 51 | 48 | 48 | 12.0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Photo Recon. | 16 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Weather Recon. | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Air/Sea Rescue | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Operations | 23 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 482 | 456 | 172 | 350.8 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |

(a) Includes the two groups based on Continent -- 94 P-51s dispatched, 89 sorties - no losses.

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

Twelve squadrons (127 B-24s, 2nd Air Division) dispatched against Wesel Rail and Road Bridges. 124 a/c dropped 338.8 tons GP on secondary (Dulmen Oil Depot) and one T/O at 1043-1100 hours from 21,000-23,500 feet. Dulmen Oil Depot bombed on Micro-H and T/O on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Dulmen. Weather: 10/10 cloud over target. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle Damage: 4 minor. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attack as follows:

| Assigned Targets | Dispatched | Attacking | Tonnage | Results |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|------------|
| Wesel Road and Rail Bridges | 127 | Not Attacked | GP | |
| Dulmen Oil Depot (Sec.) | | 123 | 335.8 | Unobserved |
| Other Target | | | | |
| Bochern Road Junction | | 1 | 3.0 | Unobserved |
| Totals | 127 | 124 | 338.8 | |

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2. Fighter Escort

One group (54 P-51s) dispatched to support bomber force. Up 0927 hours, down 1230 hours. 50 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. One u/i c/a sighted east of Zwolle - no combat. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

3. Fighter Swoops

Four groups, including two groups based on the Continent (192 P-51s) dispatched to strafe rail and road transportation in eastern Holland and northwestern Germany. Up 0750-0933 hours, down 1155-1220 hours. 183 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. One jet sighted east of Zuider Zee; one u/i c/a believed jet a/c sighted near Amsterdam. Three groups strafed assigned areas. E/A Claims: Nil. Losses: 1 P-51 to causes unknown. NYR: 1 P-51 believed safe on Continent.

Ground Claims:

| | <u>Destroyed</u> | <u>Damaged</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Locomotives | 25 | 36 |
| Goods Cars | 8 | 146 |
| Oil Cars | 2 | 17 |
| Motor Transports | 9 | 16 |
| Switch Houses | 0 | 11 |
| Fuel Storage Tanks | 2 | 0 |
| Barges | 0 | 25 |
| Medium Tanks | 2 | 0 |
| Factories | 0 | 6 |
| Flak Trains | 0 | 1 |
| RR Buildings | 0 | 8 |
| Half Tracks | 1 | 0 |

4. Fighter Bombing

One group (51 P-51s) dispatched to bomb and strafe trucks in park near Steinhuder Lake. Up 0838 hours, down 1240 hours. 43 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Two twin jet a/c sighted near Rheine - no combat. 48 a/c dropped 12 tons GP on T/Os along RR line from Celle to Ulzen after fruitless search for primary. E/A Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

Ground Claims:

| | <u>Destroyed</u> | <u>Damaged</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Locomotives | 2 | 2 |
| Empty Oil Cars | 2 | 20 |
| Lumber Cars | 0 | 20 |
| Goods Wagons | 2 | 0 |
| Passenger Coaches | 0 | 1 |
| Barges | 0 | 1 |

5. Photo Reconnaissance

16 a/c (3 F-5s, 2 Spitfires, 11 P-51s as escort) dispatched.

F-5s and Spitfires for D/A photos in northern and northwestern Germany. One F-5 pilot bailed out near London due to a/c running out of gasoline. One P-51 pilot bailed out over Luxembourg due to engine failure. One photo a/c and 4 P-51s recalled due to weather. Total Sorties: 11. Losses: 2 a/c (1 F-5, 1 P-51)

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6. Weather Reconnaissance

15 a/c (4 B-17s, 3 Mosquitoes, 8 P-51s) dispatched as follows:

- 1 B-17 completed mission to Azores.
- 1 B-17 completed routine flight over Atlantic.
- 2 B-17s completed routine weather flight over sea NW of Lands End.
- 3 Mosquitoes completed special weather reconnaissance over west of England, France, Belgium and Germany.
- 8 P-51s scouted weather for bombers.

No losses.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

4 P-47s dispatched on routine patrols. No incidents. No losses.

8. Special Operations

23 a/c (18 B-24s, 5 B-17s) dispatched as follows:

- 12 B-24s, 1 B-17 dispatched on leaflet missions, night 10/11 February. 11 a/c completed missions, dropping leaflets on Germany and Holland.
- 6 B-24s on ECM, jamming from 0550-0830 hours.
- 4 B-17s dispatched to take radar scope photos of various bomb runs on Giessen, Marburg, Frankfurt and Mannheim. Up 0001-0006 hours, down 0605-0624 hours. All a/c successfully completed missions.

No losses.

9. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Although weather conditions should not have kept the GAF on the ground, no attempt appears to have been made to oppose either the fighters or bombers. A few jet a/c were sighted between the Zuider Zee and Rheine but these offered no opposition.

2. Flak

Dulmen - Nil to meager, inaccurate.

3. Observations

Several dummy a/c seen on dummy A/F 15 miles SE Meppel.
Goods cars with red crosses on sides and tops seen in numerous M/Ys in Paderborn area.

4. Damage to Enemy Installations

10/10 cloud coverage prevents damage assessment.

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

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HEADQUARTERS 2d AIR DIVISION
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
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Date: 17 Feb 1945

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SUBJECT: AA Report, 2d Air Division, No. FLO/2AD/483.

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

1. GENERAL: TARGET : Dulmen

DATE : 11 February 1945

CONDITIONS : 10/10th Cloud

ROUTE ORDERED : 51°13'N 02°55'E - 50°32'N 04°07'E -
51°28'N 05°23'E - 51°35'N 06°10'E -
Target - 52°01'N 07°15'E - 52°07'N
06°30'E - 52°42'N 06°19'E - 52°45'N
04°38'E

ALTITUDE ORDERED : 23,000 ft.

AXIS OF ATTACK ORDERED: 75°

FORECAST WIND : 50 mph from 260°

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS: The force was dispatched to attack the Wesel Bridges visually, but owing to weather conditions the secondary target at Dulmen was attacked by means of MH equipment. A chaff Screening Force consisting of 5 B-24's preceded the main force by two (2) minutes and then circled to the West of the target area for seven (7) minutes.

3. FLAK: En route, meagre inaccurate Flak was encountered in the vicinity of the Dutch coast.

The Screening Force encountered moderate and inaccurate Flak during their approach to the target which was consistently low and behind and seemed to be aimed at the "chaff."

The 448th, 453rd and 392nd Groups encountered meagre and inaccurate Flak for approximately five minutes during their bombing runs, but the 96th Wing was not engaged at all.

The tactics of the chaff Screening Force appears to have worked well, and although Groups were within range of a considerable number of guns on the bombing run battle damage was negligible.

c.c.: AC of S, A-2, 1st and 3rd Air Divisions
Attn: AA Officers
M.I.15, War Office, Whitehall, London

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TARGET: DULMEN EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF GUNS: 160

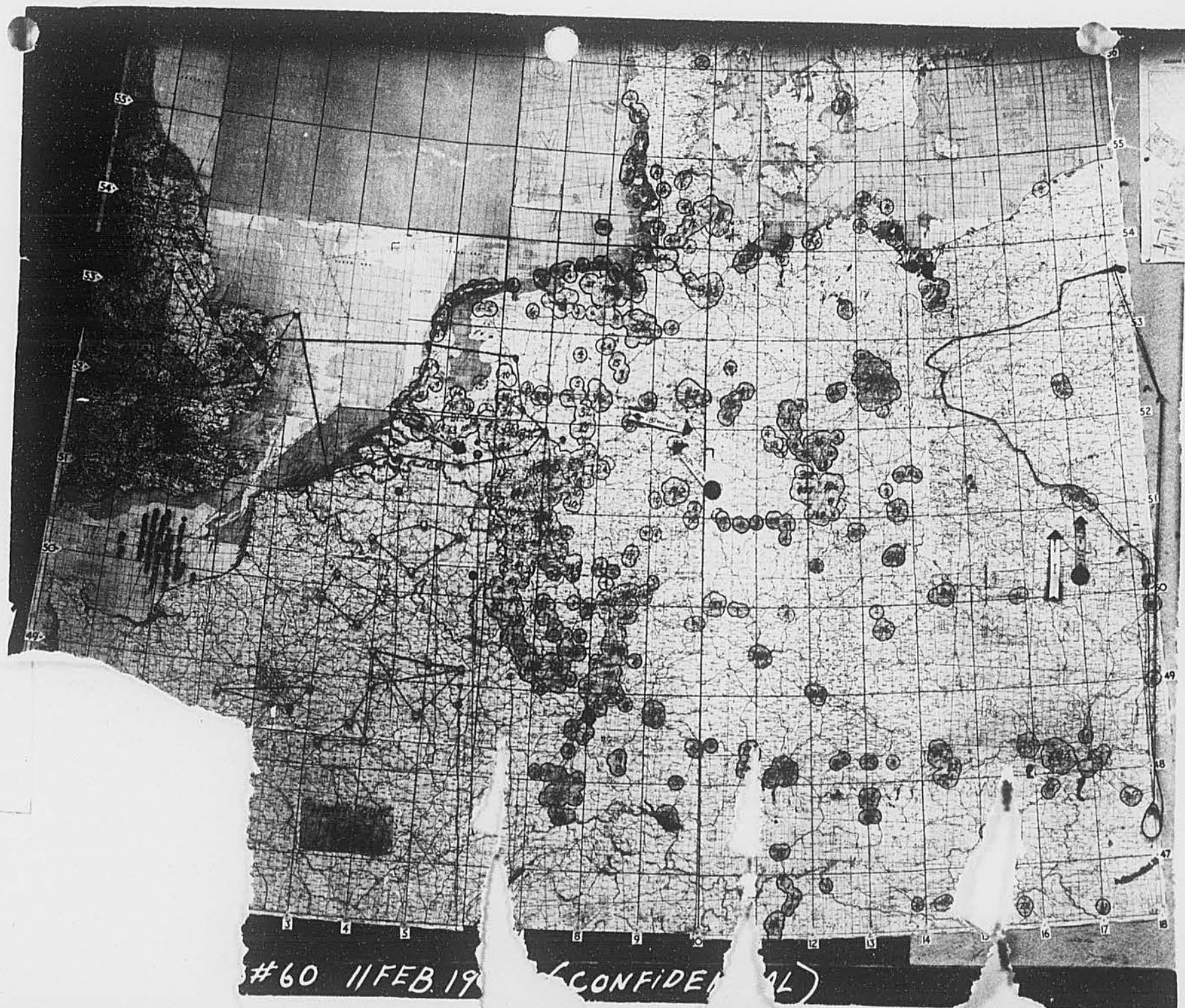
| W | GROUP | SORTIES | DAMAGED | | A/C LOST | | | | Axis Attack | Axis With- drawal | T.O.T. | 'Altitude |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|------|----------|------|------|------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | | | Sli. | Ser. | Flak | E.A. | Acc. | Unkn | | | | |
| 2 | 445th | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | Screening Force | | 1042- | 24000 ft |
| 20 | 448th | 30 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 20°-50° | 300° | 1049 1044 | 21500- 23500 ft |
| 96 | 466th | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30°-40° | 345° | 1046 | 23500 ft |
| 96 | 467th | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 25° | 315° | 1046 | 23500 ft |
| 96 | 458th | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30°-50° | 345° | 1046 | 23000 ft |
| 2 | 453rd | 32 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 360°- 60° | 90° | 1047- 1053 | 22500 - 23500 ft |
| 14 | 392nd | 30 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 30°-35° | 05° | 1059- 1100 | 22500 - 23500 ft |
| TOTALS: | | 124 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 360°- 60° | 300°- 90° | 1044- 1100 | 21500- 23500 ft |
| Percentages: | | | 2.4% | | | | | | | | | |

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458

DATE OF OPERATION 11 February 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER

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ORDERED TARGET: Primary Wesel Bridge
Secondary Dulmen Fuel Depot

| SQUADRON | A/C Airborn | | A/C SORT. | A/C NOT ATKG. | A/C ATKG. | TGT | NAME OF TARGET | NO. & TYPE BOMBS ON TARGET | IRC F LOST | | | | | | TIME OF T.O. | AVG. TIME FLIGHT | COMMENTS |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------|------------------|-----|-----|------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------|
| | TOTAL | LESS UNUSE 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 C | 10 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 8 | ST | Dulmen Fuel Depot | 46 X 1000 GP | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0746 | 4:50 | |

GROUP 458

DATE 11 February 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|------|---------------|------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| GROUP 126 | | DATE 11 January 1945 | | | | | | DIVISION FIELD ORDER 587 | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 1000# M65 | 56 | 46 | 4 | - | 6 | M 103 | .1 | M 102 | No D. | .50 | API-T | 2-1 | 470 | - | - |
| CHB | 3 (2) | 1 | 2 | - | - | M 100 A1 | .1 | M 100 A1 | .1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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Lockridge-Speer

J3 : 628K

K-20

8AF

RCM

Anderson

J3 : 939G

(Scope)

2AD

Hadden

J4 : 281Q

K-21

8AF

McCormick

J4 : 287J

K-21

8AF Cont.

Beckstrom

J4 : 163M

K-21

Gardner

J4 : 555A

Williams, D.G.

J4 : 980V

RCM

2AD Cont.

Wilburn

J4 : 408I

K-20

RCM

Shannon

J4 : 273T

Kelly

J4 : 449W

SPARSDISP.

J3 - 740Q (Vis) 18

J4 - 118S 2AD 45

J4 - 912D 2AD 42

BOMB LOAD - 6 X 1000 GP's
1/10N No Delay TailMARSHALLING ORDER

R/W 23

ALL A/C WILL BE MARSHALLED ON THE EAST

| NO. | A/C | DISP. | NO. | A/C | DISP. |
|-----|------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| 1 | 628K | 11 | 7 | 449W | 49 |
| 2 | 697Z | 2 | 8 | 408I | 42 |
| 3 | 939G | 14 | 9 | 980V | 47 |
| 4 | 281Q | 36 | 10 | 555A | 43 |
| 5 | 163M | 40 | 11 | 273T | 45 |
| 6 | 287J | 49 | | | |

Assembly A/C - 697Z - Capt. Hemrich
 Marshalling Chief - O'Neagan - 752nd.
 Marshalling Crews - 752nd & 755th Sqdns.

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 |
|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|-----------|--------|-----|------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | ANDERSON | 180 | 15 | | | 42-51939 | 939 | G | J3 | 15 | UNKNOWN 028 | |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | BECKSTROM | 180 | 22 | | | 42-110163 | 163 | M | J4 | 55 | TIME'S A WASTIN | |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | GARDNER | 180 | 3 | | | 42-50555 | 555 | A | J4 | 16 | BABY SHOES | |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | HADDEN | 180 | 20 | | | 44-40281 | 281 | Q | J4 | 34 | A DOG'S LIFE | |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | HEMRICH | 180 | ASSY | | | 41-28697 | 697 | Z | Z5 | A57 | SPOTTED APE | ASSEMBLY CREW |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | KELLY | 180 | 3 | | | 42-50449 | 449 | W | J4 | 41 | HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY | |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | LOCKRIDGE | 180 | ABT | BLACK | L1 | 42-95628 | 628 | K | J3 | -- | UNKNOWN 038 | ABORT - #3 ENG THROWING OIL |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | McCORMICK | 180 | 25 | | | 42-100408 | 408 | I | J4 | 36 | LADY LUCK / THE BEAST | REPLACED 287 |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | O'REGAN | 180 | MSHL | | | -- | | -- | -- | -- | | MARSHALING CHIEF- 752ND |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | SHANNON | 180 | ABT | | | 44-40273 | 273 | T | J4 | -- | HOWLING BANSHEE | ABORT - FUEL TRANSFER SYST FAIL |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | WILBURN | 180 | 9 | | | 42-100408 | 408 | I | J4 | 37 | LADY LUCK / THE BEAST | |
| 11-Feb-45 | DULMEN | WILLIAMS, DG | 180 | 10 | | | 41-28980 | 980 | V | J4 | 22 | UNKNOWN 009 | |