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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 300

AAA OFFICER
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PERIOD: 0001 hours 24 February 1945 to 2400 hours 24 February 1945

A. STATISTICS

	Total Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage	Claims	Losses P/A AX OF Totals NIT
Heavy Bomber Atks.	1101	1043	2956.7	0-0-0	0 0 2 2 1
Fighter Escort(a)	501	469	0	1-0-30	0 5 5 10 1
Fighter Sweeps	46	43	0	0-0-0	0 0 0 0 0
Fighter Bombing	0	0	0	0-0-0	0 0 0 0 0
Photo Recon.	38	38	0	0-0-0	0 0 0 0 0
Weather Recon.	40	40	0	0-0-0	0 0 0 0 0
Air/Sea Rescue	20	20	0	0-0-0	0 0 0 0 0
Special Operations	31	30	0	0-0-0	0 0 0 0 0
Totals	1777	1603	2956.7	0-0-0A 1-0-30	0 5 7 12 2

(a) Includes the two groups based on Continent..

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

1101 a/c (821 B-17s, 280 B-24s from three Air Divisions) sortied in four forces against Oil Refineries, Sub. Pens, M/Ys and RR Bridges in northern Germany. 1043 a/c dropped 2956.7 tons GP, 138.2 tons JB - total 2956.7 tons on assigned targets and several T/Os. Bombing on H2X, M.V. and one target visual. Flak: moderate to intense and accurate at Bremen; other targets, milder to moderate and inaccurate. E/A composition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 2 B-17s (unknown causes). NYP: 1 B-24.

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Ten group formations (362 P-17s - 1st Air Division) sortied against 5 oil refineries in and near Hamburg and the Blohm and Voss submarine yards. 351 a/c dropped 1032 tons GP on 2 oil refineries and several T/Os at 1229-1247 hours from 24,000-28,000 feet. Bombing on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Hamburg. Weather: 9/10-10/10 at targets. Flak: meager to moderate and inaccurate. Battle damage: 24 minor, 2 major. E/A opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Fighter Support: Four groups (105 P-51s) sortied. Up 0955-1030 hours, down 1450-1515 hours. 181 effective sorties. E/A opposition: nil. The groups strafed transportation targets in Lingen-Moppal, Zuider Zee and Wilhelmshaven areas. W/A claims: nil. Losses: 4 P-51s (1 to AA, 1 to mechanical and 2 to unknown causes). MFR: nil.

Details of bomber attack as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Effective Sorties</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Results</u>
Hamburg/Harburg Ebano & Rhensia Refineries	72	70	204.5	Unobserved
Hamburg-Schliemanns Oil Ref.	36	Did Not Attack		
Hamburg D.F.A.F. & Schindler Refineries	67	Did Not Attack		
Hamburg Albrecht Oil Ref.	39	273	809.5	Unobserved
Blohm & Voss Sub. Pens at Hamburg	110	Did Not Attack		
Hamburg Rhensia Oil Ref.	38	Did Not Attack		
<u>Other Targets</u>				
T/Os		6	18.0	Unobserved
<u>Totals</u>	362	351	1032.0	

Second Force

Twenty-seven squadron formations (240 P-24s - 2nd Air Division) sortied against Misburg Oil Refinery, near Hannover, and M/Ys at Lehrte and Lohne. 259 a/c dropped 644.3 tons GP and 24.5 tons IM - total 678.8 tons on Misburg and Lehrte and several other targets, including Bielefeld M/Y, assigned tertiary at 1212-1324 hours from 21,000-24,000 feet. Bombing on H2X with some visual assists in the case of Bielefeld. Leaflets dropped on Bielefeld and Misburg. Weather: 8/10-10/10 at all assigned targets. Flak: nil to meager and inaccurate. Battle damage: 16 minor. E/A opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. MFR: 1 P-24.

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Fighter Support: Four groups (179 P-51s) sortied. Up 1025-1050 hours, down 1510-1605 hours. 166 effective sorties. E/A opposition: nil. Three groups strafed ground targets in Zwolle, Polder, IJsswarden, Durrer Island. E/A claims: nil. Losses: 5 a/c (4 to AA, 1 unknown cause). NVR: nil.

Details of bomber attack as follows:

Assigned Targets	Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage		Results
			GP	FF	
Mishburg Oil Refinery	109	104	277.0	4.5	Unobserved
IJsswarden W/T	87	61	137.0	4.0	Unobserved
IJsswarden M/T	84	Did Not Attack			
Bielefeld W/V (Tertiary)		76	191.8	16.0	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Hannover		11	30.5		Unobserved
Lingen		2	5.0		Unobserved
5 T/Os		5	15.0		Unobserved
Totals	280	259	654.3	24.5	

Third Force

Ten group formations (383 B-17s - 3rd Air Division) sortied against Bremen Deschimag U-Boat Yards, Bremen Oslebshausen Oil Refinery, Arbergen RR Bridge and Bremen West RR Bridge. 360 a/c dropped 939.2 tons GP. 103.7 tons FF on two primaries and 4 T/Os at 1221-1320 hours from 20,000-26,000 feet. Bombing on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Bremen. Weather: 8/10 to 10/10 over Bremen. Flak: moderate to intense and accurate. Battle damage: 137 minor, 25 major, 1 Cat. "B". E/A opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 a/c (unknown cause). NVR: nil.

Fighter Support: Two groups (99 P-51s) sortied. Up 1034-1102 hours, down 1510-1615 hours. 93 effective sorties. E/A opposition: 2 Me-262s encountered NE of IJsswarden. Strafed Oldenburg and Zwischenham A/Fs. Claims: 1-0-3 ground. Losses: 1 a/c (unknown cause). NVR: 1 a/c (believed safe on Continent).

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Details of bomber attack as follows:

Assigned Targets	Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage		Results
			GF	TF	
Bremen Deschimag H-Boat Yards	157	200	486.7	99.2	Unobserved
Bremen/Oslebshausen Oil Refinery	75	Did Not Attack			
Bremen Arlberg RR Bridge	76	Did Not Attack			
Bremen West RR Bridge	75	134	391.0		Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Kinder		12	36.0		Unobserved
Oslebshausen		8	12.0		Unobserved
Quackenbush		5	12.0	3.0	Unobserved
Brinkum		1	1.5		Unobserved
Totals	383	360	939.2	103.7	

Fourth Force

Two group formations (76 B-17s - 3rd Air Division) sortied against Wesel RR bridge. 70 a/c dropped 203 tons GF on primary by Micro-U at 1244-1249 hours from 22,700-24,500 feet. Weather: 6/10-7/10 on route, 5/10 at target with tops at 10,000-12,000 feet. Plak: major and accurate at target. Battle damage: 14 minor, 8 major. E/A opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 B-17 to unknown causes. NVR: nil.

Fighter Support: A/c from one group (29 P-51s) sortied. Up 1040 hours, down 1505 hours. 29 effective sorties. Uneventful escort. Claims and losses: nil. NVR: nil.

Details of bomber attack as follows:

Assigned Target	Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage	Results
Wesel RR Bridge	76	70	203.0	Probably Poor

2. Fighter Escort

Eleven Groups (501 P-51s) sortied in support of four bomber forces. Up 0955-1122 hours, down 1450-1635 hours. 46 effective sorties. E/A opposition: 2 M-262s encountered in Leuwarden area at 1400 hours. 8 groups strafed ground targets with following results. Claims: 1-0-3 ground. Losses: 10 a/c (5 to AA, 4 unknown, 1 mechanical). NVR: 1 a/c (believed safe on Continent).

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and claims as follows:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Locomotives	20	12
Goods Wagons	0	109
Oil Cars	81	51
Passenger Cars	0	5
Barges	1	35
Misc. Boats	4	6
Trucks	21	11
Staff Cars and Jeeps	2	28
Motorcycles	1	0
Automobiles	0	2
Buses	1	2
Trailers	0	2
Construction Cranes and Tractors	0	3
Factories	0	3
RR Stations	0	2
Barracks Buildings	15	0
Switch Towers	1	0
Power Stations	1	1
Radar Towers	0	2
Oil Storage Tanks	1	0
Oil Derricks	0	25
Canal Locks	0	2
Searchlights	2	0
Flak Cars	1	5

3. Fighter Sweeps

One group (46 P-51s) sortied on free lance to the harbor forces. Up 1008 hours, down 1520 hours. 43 sorties. F/A opposition: 1 Me-262 observed at 30,000 feet SW of Hannover - no combat. Claims and Losses: nil. MYR: nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

40 a/c (19 F-5s, 17 P-51s, 4 Spitfires) sortied as follows:

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23 a/c (19 P-51s, 4 Spitfires) sortied on damage assessment, flock studies, defense studies and mapping in central and western Germany. 12 a/c unsuccessful due to cloud over target.

17 P-51s sortied as escort to PRU ships.

No losses.

6. Weather Reconnaissance

38 a/c (28 P-51s, 6 Mosquitoes and 4 P-17s) sortied as follows:

2 P-17s flew routine reconnaissance to positions over Atlantic and return.

2 P-17s completed flight to and from Azores.

6 Mosquitoes completed special weather reconnaissance over North Sea, Irish Sea, NW Germany, Holland, Belgium and N France.

28 P-51s as weather scouts for bombers.

No losses.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

18 P-17s and 2 PRUs sortied on routine escort and patrol missions. All a/c returned safely.

8. Special Operations

31 a/c (13 P-17s, 8 P-24s, 6 P-51s, 4 Mosquitoes) sortied as follows:

13 P-17s sortied as screening force to heavy bombers. 12 effective sorties.

7 P-24s sortied effectively on VEF screening - jamming from 0452 hours to 1020 hours.

7 a/c (6 P-51s, 1 P-24) sortied effectively as airborne radio relays.

3 Mosquitoes sortied effectively on chaff dispensing mission.

1 Mosquito sortied on special mission for 2nd Air Division.

No losses.

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C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

With the exception of a few scattered Me-262s, today's comparatively shallow penetrations evoked no GAF reaction. Only one of our a/c was opposed by e/a, a lone P-51 reporting being bounced aggressively in the IJmuiden area at 1100 hours by two Me-262s. Each of the two e/a made two or three ineffectual passes at the P-51 which turned into the e/a several times and finally split S/W into cloud to lose the would be attackers. The two other Me-262s which were sighted, one ten miles SW of Hanover and the other E of the Zuider Zee, made no attack and were probably engaged on routine reconnaissance.

2. Flak

Misburg - meager to moderate, inaccurate.
Lahrte - meager, inaccurate.
Bielefeld - meager, inaccurate.
Hanover - moderate to intense, inaccurate.
Bremen - moderate to intense, accurate.
Oldenburg - meager, fairly accurate.
Minden - meager, fairly accurate.
Wesel - meager, accurate, tracking.
Hamburg - moderate, generally inaccurate.
Stade - meager, inaccurate.

3. Observations

Vechta A/F (5243N-0816E) 12 s/c a/c dispersed.
Almelo A/F (5221N-0639E) active.
At 5222N-0819E - 50-100 freight cars.
A large factory with possible oil storage tanks at 5230N-0830E.
Considerable activity in M/Ys at Bad Oeyenhausen, IJmuiden, Quackenbruck and Bielefeld.

4. Damage to Enemy Installations

Wesel Bridge - Probably Poor (due to cloud covered latter part of attack)

This target bombed by six squadrons carrying 1000 GP bombs. Of these four fell on or near the bridge. Although one pattern blankets the S one-half of the bridge, it is doubtful if any serious damage was done. It is estimated there are a total 4 or 5 hits on a RR line on either side of the bridge. Target was practically cloud covered during the last half of the attack.

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5. Ground Situation

21st Army Group

: 1st Canadian Army: Consolidating positions in the Calcar.

Ninth U.S. Army: Have bridges across Roer River and the advance continues.

12th Army Group

: First U.S. Army: Cleared Neidenzeir 11055 and Hamm 10958 and have elements in Arnoldswiller. Most of the N half of Duren has been cleared.

Miscellaneous

: Gunfire Audible in Berlin

A Swedish Correspondent, writes in "Stockholm Tidningen", 6 Feb: "A distant rumbling is now heard in Berlin in the mornings, but it is not known whether it is the guns at Kustrin or heavy German artillery nearer to Berlin. If the latter, the thunder of the guns should have a calming effect on Berliners, who now see new barricades being built every day not only in the center of Berlin."

COMMENT: The reference to a possible calming effect seems a discreet way of getting past the censorship the news that the atmosphere is less calm than when last reported.

Soviet War News

A couple of days ago the last Germans were cleared from the Koenigsberg Zoo, one of the hottest battle zones on this front. The zoo was in a terrible state of chaos. The elephant, unfed for many days, trumpeted for food. The monkeys had escaped from their broken cages and ran after the Red Army men, who threw them bits of bread. The parrots and the humming birds died. They flew away from their heated cages and perished in the frosty air. Blizzards swept Koenigsberg for nearly a fortnight.

6. G .A.F. over England - to 2400 Hours - 24 February - Nil.

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D. OPERATIONS OF OTHER AIR FORCES

1. Tactical Air Forces

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Ninth Air Force	1725	0-0-0	7
RAF Fighter Command	200	0-0-0	0
First US T.A.F.	409	0-0-0	1
Second T.A.F.	1750	5-0-2 air	15
		3-3-3 ground	
Total	4252	5-0-2 air	
		3-3-3 ground	23

Ninth Air Force

Night 23/24 February

Sorties : 14 Intruder Patrols

Claims & Losses : Nil

Day - 24 February

Sorties : 432 Bombers
1149 Fighter-Bombers and Fighters
130 Reconnaissance

1711 a/c

9th Bomb Division: Bombed communication centers at Vlatto, Zulpich, Blatzheim, Rheindahlen and M/I and communication centers at Viernsen.

9th T.A.G: Armed Reconnaissance in Stockheim area. Air cooperation to ground forces.

19th T.A.G: Armed reconnaissance in Darmstadt, Simmern, Humberg, Bonn area. Rail cutting E & W of Rhine.

29th T.A.G: Rail cutting in Gredenbroich, Heuss, Munchen, Gladbach, Roermund area. Air support to ground troops.

E/A Claims : Nil

Losses : 7 a/c (6 Bombers, 1 Fighter)

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Ground Claims	:	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
M/T	:	29	30
Locos	:	65	61
RR Cars	:	413	548
Buildings	:	99	433
Tanks	:	19	21
HDV	:	17	2
Bridges	:	1	5
Factories	:	8	16
Warehouses	:	14	2
M/Y	:	0	10
Barges	:	1	6
Rail Cuts	:	0	52

RAF Fighter Command

Night - 23/24 February

Sorties : 25 Offensive Patrol
10 Interception Patrol
35 c/o

Claims & Losses : Nil

Day - 24 February

Sorties : 50 Fighter 1st Group
202 Escort to Bomber Command
1 Weather Recon.
253 c/o

Mission : Rocket targets in The Hague area.

Claims & Losses : Nil

First U.S. TAF - Night 23/24 February

Sorties : 4 Intruder Patrol

Claims : Nil

Losses : Nil

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Day - 24 February

Sorties : 95 Bombers
390 Fighter and Fighter Bombers
405 a/c

Missions : 42nd Bomb Division: Attacked Bronbach factory,
Rumpahl town, Oberhausen town, Dottenheim town.
12th T.A.C.: Line bombing ammunition dumps, supply
depots. Armed reconnaissance in Saarbrücken, Humberg
Landau area.
1st French T.A.C.: Attacked transportation targets.
Escort to Bombers. Fighter Sweeps. Western French
Air Force bombed gun batteries in Requinroyon
sector.

E/A Claims : Nil

Losses : 1 a/c

Other Claims :	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Locos	4	0
M/T	0	40
RR Cars	31	51
Buildings	36	50
Tanks	0	3
M/Ys	0	2
Rail Cuts	0	53

Second T.A.F.

Day - 24 February

Sorties : 1715 a/c

Mission : Armed reconnaissance in Lingen, Munster, Gildorn,
Emmerich, Wesel, Rhine, Hamm areas. Air support
to ground forces.

E/A Claims : 5-0-2 air, 3-3-3 ground

Losses : 14 a/c

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Ground Claims	:	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Tanks		0	2
M/T		66	162
Barges		17	50
Locomotives		20	61
RR Cars		140	239
Tugs		0	3
H/D vehicles		26	0
Rail Cuts		0	112

Night - 23/24 February 1945

Sorties : 35 a/c

Mission : Armed reconnaissance. Attacked rail and road movement in Venlo, Duisburg, Rheine, Cologne, Duren area.

Claims : Nil.

Losses : 1 a/c

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2. Fifteenth Air Force

Day - 23 February

169 B-17s, 80 B-24s and 90 P-51s sortied. 163 B-17s, 75 B-24s escorted by 81 P-51s dropped 373 tons on Worch, 149 tons on Knittelfeld, 85 tons on Bruck, 20 tons on Kitzbuhel. Losses: 1 B-17.

46 B-24s and 46 P-51s sortied. 43 B-24s escorted by 44 P-51s dropped 82 tons on Verona Porto Nuova M/Y. Losses: Nil.

52 B-24s sortied. 51 B-24s dropped 97 tons on Verona Locomotive Depot. Losses: Nil.

110 B-24s and 47 P-51s sortied. 54 B-24s escorted by 41 P-51s dropped 59 tons on Udine, 63 tons on Knittelfeld, 5 tons on minor targets. Losses: nil.

112 B-24s and 49 P-38s sortied. 96 B-24s escorted by 48 P-38s dropped 45 tons on Bruck M/Y, 124 tons on Klagenfurt, 62 tons on Villach. Losses: 2 B-24s.

47 P-38s sortied. 35 P-38s dropped 17 tons on Worch M/Y. 8 P-38s provided escort. Losses: nil.

8 P-51s sortied as escort to supply mission to Yugoslavia. 7 effective sorties. Claims and Losses: nil.

20 Photo P-38s escorted by 15 P-38s and 28 P-51s on photo mission of Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia and Austria. 45 effective sorties. Losses: nil.

6 P-38s on weather reconnaissance. 6 effective sorties. Losses: nil.

1 B-17 and 21 B-24s sortied. 1 B-17 and 19 B-24s dropped 60 tons supplies and half-million leaflets in Yugoslavia. Losses: nil.

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Sorties: 591 a/c (170 B-17s, 421 B-24s).
Effective
Sorties: 501 a/c (163 B-17s, 338 B-24s)
Tonnage: 1161
Claims : nil
Losses : 1 B-17, 2 B-24s

FIGURES

Sorties: 356 a/c (219 P-51s, 137 P-38s)
Effective
Sorties: 315
Tonnage: 17
Claims : Nil
Losses : Nil

Night - 23/24 February

1 B-17 and 15 B-24s sortied on supply dropping mission over N Italy.

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6 P-38s sortied on weather reconnaissance. Missions successfully completed.

27 a/c (11 P-38s, escorted by 12 P-51s and 4 P-30s) sortied on photo reconnaissance. 6 P-38s unsuccessful due to unfavorable weather.

3 P-38s successfully escorted supply mission to Yugoslavia.

No losses.

3. R.A.F. Bomber Command

Day - 24 February

	<u>Targets</u>	<u>Losses</u>
290 Halifaxes	Kamen nr. Dortmund	1
26 Lancasters	(Synthetic Oil)	
5 Mosquitoes		
166 Lancasters	Dortmund-Ems Canal	0
5 Mosquitoes		
2 Mosquitoes	Weather Reconnaissance	0
514 a/c		1

Night - 24/25 February

63 Mosquitoes	Berlin	0
18 Mosquitoes	Neuss	0
3 Mosquitoes	Siren Tour	0
2 Mosquitoes	Weather Reconnaissance	0
35 Lancasters	Mine Laying	0
24 Mosquitoes	Bomber Support	0
3 Stirlings		
20 Halifaxes		4
3 Fortresses		1
4 Liberators		
2 Mosquitoes	Signal Investigation	0
25 Lancasters	Diversionsary Sweep	0
19 Halifaxes		0
30 Wellingtons		0
256 a/c		5

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4. Twentieth Air Force

21 February 1945

20th Bomber Command

53 B-29s attacked Central Railway Repair Shops at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. 4 B-29s attacked the secondary (Alar Star Airport) and a T/O. Bomb load was 6 x 1000 lb. GP per a/c. Bombing from 11,000 - 13,000 feet in CAVU to 3/10 cloud with excellent results. Flak: nil. E/a Opposition: negligible. Claims and Losses: nil.

21st Bomber Command

135 B-29s operating in coordination with naval operations attacked secondary target (Docks and Industrial area of Tokyo), primary targets (Nakajima A/C Engine Plant) not attacked due to 10/10 cloud. Bombing was visual from 25,000 to 29,200 feet in 10 to 9/10 cloud with good to unobserved results. Flak: Intense, accurate to inaccurate; predicted concentration and barrage. E/a Opposition: Heavy. E/a Claims: 21-20-25 Air. Losses: 4 a/c (2 over target, 1 possibly over target, 1 a/c ditched, crew rescued).

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/2AD/494.

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

1. GENERAL: TARGET : (a) Hannover (Misburg & Lehrte)
(b) Bielefeld

DATE : 24 February 1945

CONDITIONS : (a) 8 - 10/10th Cloud
(b) 6 - 8/10th Cloud

ROUTE ORDERED: 52°44'N, 04°38'E - 52°42'N, 06°00'E - 52°37'N, 07°49'E
(a) 52°22'N, 08°30'E - 52°53'N, 10°25'E - 52°38'N, 10°38'E
- Hannover - 52°09'N, 09°57'E - 52°07'N, 08°47'E -
52°37'N, 07°49'E - 52°44'N, 04°38'E
(b) 52°22'N, 08°30'E - 52°43'N, 09°51'E - 52°20'N, 10°31'E
52°05'N, 09°45'E - Bielefeld - 52°20'N, 08°35'E -
52°37'N, 07°49'E - 52°44'N, 04°38'E

ALTITUDE ORDERED : 22000 ft

AXIS OF ATTACK ORDERED: (a) 240° (b) 260°

FORECAST WIND : 45 mph from 290°

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS: Both targets were attacked by means of H2X equipment. No Chaff Screening Force was used.

3. FLAK: Meagre Flak was encountered on route at Herford(B).

Meagre to moderate and generally very inaccurate Flak was encountered at Hannover. It is interesting to note that although no Screening Force was used, the leading Wing sustained practically no damage.

The 96th Wing encountered no Flak at Bielefeld, but the squadron of the 389th Group, which attacked this target 23 minutes later, encountered meagre and inaccurate predictor control fire. Although the weather conditions were similar in each case, it is possible that the defences were able to engage the 389th Group visually but were unable to do so in the case of the 96th Wing.

One A/C of the 93rd Group was believed to be damaged by Flak over Hannover and subsequently crashed in Holland on the way home.

SORTIES 275

A/C LOST TO FLAK 1 (.4%)

A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK: 12 (4.4%)

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TARGET: HANNOVER

EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF GUNS: 70

NW	GROUP	SORTIES	DAMAGED		A/C LOST				Axis Attack	Axis With- drawal	T.O.T.	Altitude
			Sli.	Ser.	Flak	E.A.	Acc.	Unkn				
20	446	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	210° - 230°	185°	1251 - 1252	21500-22500 ft
20	93	22	-	-	1	-	-	-	230° - 255°	170°	1252	22000-22500 ft
20	448	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	240° - 260°	-	1252 - 1253	23500-24500 ft
14	392	21	2	-	-	-	-	-	240° - 250°	165°	1300 - 1301	20500-22000 ft
14	491	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	230° - 240°	165°	1300	22000-22500 ft
2	389	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	220° - 260°	185°	1303 - 1307	22000-23000 ft
2	445	31	4	1	-	-	-	-	225° - 265°	165°	1304	21500-23500 ft
2	453	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	245° - 265°	195°	1306 - 1307	22500 -23000 ft
	44	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	250° - 270°	170°	1307	21500 ft
TOTALS:		183	9	2	1	-	-	-	210° - 270°	165° - 195°	1251 - 1307	20500-24500 ft
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TARGET: BIELEFELD

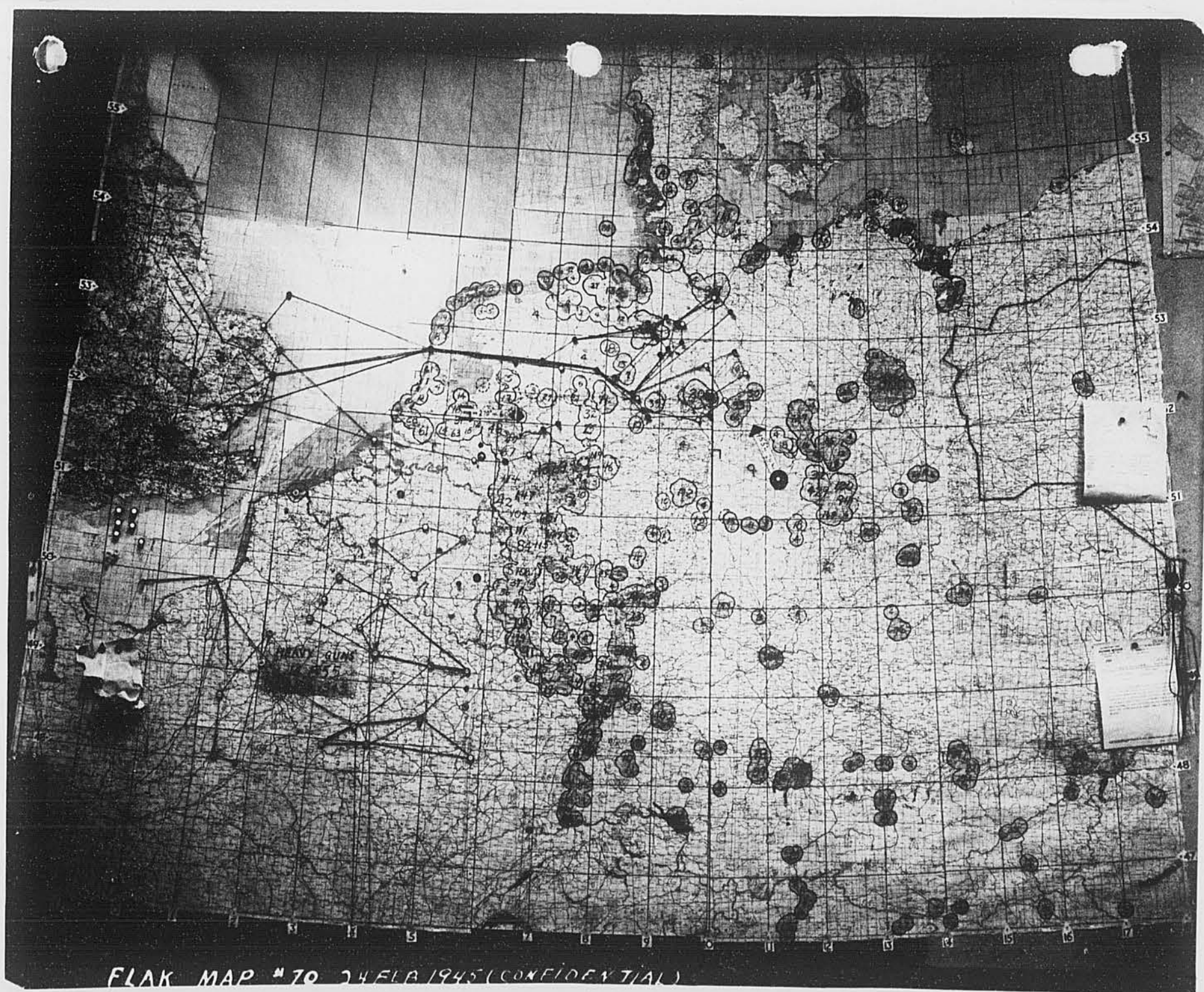
EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF GUNS: 10

W	GROUP	SORTIES	DAMAGED		A/C LOST				Axis Attack	Axis With- drawal	T.O.T.	Altitude
			Sli.	Ser.	Flak	E.A.	Acc.	Unkn				
96	458	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	245°- 280°	330°	1301	21000 - 22500 ft
96	466	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	255°- 310°	330°	1302 - 1304	21500 - 22500 ft
96	467	29	1	-	-	-	-	-	260°- 305°	320°	1303	21500 - 23000 ft
2	389	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	260°- 270°	-	1326	21500 ft
TOTALS:		92	1	-	-	-	-	-	245°- 305°	320°- 330°	1301 - 1326	21000-23000 ft
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Group 458

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Part 1)

Ordered Targets: Primary: Lehne RR Center
Secondary: Lehrte M/Y
Tertiary: Bielefeld M/Y

Date of Operation **24 February 1945**

Division Field Order No. 610

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NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIE SUMMARY (Part 3)

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(Part 1)

Ordered Targets: Primary: _____
Secondary: _____

Date of Operation _____ Division Field Order No. _____

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24 February 1945

FORMATION PLAN458TH LEAD OF 96TH COMBAT WING - "A" GROUPLEAD SQUADRON

<u>LOCKRIDGE-HOGG</u>		8AF Cont.		8 AF	
<u>ALLEN-BETZOLD</u>	J3 : 936I	<u>TEBBS</u>	SIMPSON	2 AD-RCM	
J3 : 669J	Scope-K-20	7V : 475D	7V : 270A	O'REAGAN	
Scope	<u>JACKSON-W.E.</u>	K-21	<u>MCCARTNEY</u>	7V 110M	
8 AF	7V : 514B	2 AD Cont.	7V : 4250	K-21	
<u>LAIRD</u>		<u>HINER</u>	K-21		
7V : 502E		7V : 206E			
K-22					

2ND SQUADRON

<u>FLOYD-BLACK</u>		2 AD		8AF-RCM	
J3 : 740Q	K-20	<u>SEALY</u>	WARRELL	8 AF	
<u>EISERT</u>	2 AD	J4 : 408I	J4 : 273T	WILLIAMS-DG	
J3 : 559H	<u>BOUCEK</u>	K-22	8 AF	J4 : 141U	
2 AD	J4 : 118E	8 AF	<u>BROWN</u>		
<u>KELLY</u>	K-21	<u>JOHNSON</u>	J4 : 768Y		
J4 : 277F		J4 : 555A	K-21		
		K-21			

3RD SQUADRON

<u>HEALY-BRECKENRIDGE</u>		8 AF		8AF-RCM	
J3 : 628K	K-20	<u>TARPLEY</u>	KLEIN	2 AD	
<u>WILLIAMS-D.K.</u>	2 AD	J3 : 602P	Z5 : 456D	2 AD	
J3 : 618T	<u>FLETCHER</u>	K-21	K-21	<u>PATK</u>	
RCM	Z5 : 120M		Z5 : 578F	7V : 316H	
<u>HERDTI</u>	K-21	<u>ROSEN</u>			
Z5 : 126L		Z5 : 018J			
K-21					

Assembly Aircraft: Capt Hemrich - 755th
 Marshalling Chief: Lt Amann - 752nd

Marshalling Crews: Lt Lehr - 752nd
 Lt Chimples-755th

ORDER OF TAKE OFF

EAST			RUNWAY 23			EAST		
DISP	SHIP	NO.	DISP	SHIP	NO.	DISP	SHIP	NO.
2	697Z	1	18	740Q	11	40	768Y	21
R/W 28	936I	2	R/W 28	557H	12	R/W 28	602P	22
13	669J	3	11	628K	13	9	120M	23
53	475D	4	R/W 28	618T	14	6	456D	24
51	514B	5	42	408I	15	Hgr 2	018J	25
46	270A	6	42	118E	16	8	126L	26
53	206E	7	38	273T	17	35	316H	27
51	502E	8	42	555A	18	4	578F	28
39	110M	9	43	277F	19			
37	4250	10	40	141U	20			

BATTLE ORDER

2ND AIR DIVISION

96TH COMBAT WING

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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
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	ALLEN, G	188	23	BETZOLD	D1	42-51669	669	J	J3	10	UNKNOWN 026	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	AMANN	188	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	BOUCEK	188	25			44-40118	118	S	J4	40	WE'LL GET BY	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	BROWN, R	188	3			42-50768	768	Y	J4	31	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	CHIMPLES	188	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF-755TH
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	EISERT	188	20			42-51939	939	G	J3	17	UNKNOWN 028	REPLACED 557
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	FLETCHER	188	17			42-95120	120	M	Z5	73	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	FLOYD	188	30	BLACK	L2	42-50740	740	Q	J3	23	OUR BURMA	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HEALY	188	20	BRECKENRIDGE	L3	42-95628	628	K	J3	13	UNKNOWN 038	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HEMRICH	188	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A64	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HERDTI	188	5			44-40126	126	L	Z5	55	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HINER	188	7			42-51206	206	S	7V	40	THE PIED PIPER	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	JACKSON, WE	188	7			42-51514	514	B	7V	16	BIG CHIEF LIL' BEAVER	DROP ON OT - PROP WOULD NOT FEATHER
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	JOHNSON, C	188	7			42-50555	555	A	J4	22	BABY SHOES	DROP ON OT - #4 ENG FAIL
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	KELLY	188	7			44-40277	277	P	J4	42	MISS USED	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	KLEIN	188	33			42-50456	456	D	Z5	33	DOROTHY KAY SPECIAL	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	LAIRD	188	5			42-50502	502	E	7V	37	LARRUPIN' LINDA	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	LEHR	188	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF-752ND
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	LOCKRIDGE	188	30	HOGG	L1	42-51936	936	I	J3	15	UNKNOWN 027	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	McCARTNEY	188	7			42-100425	425	O	7V	58	THE BIRD	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	MINOR	188	14			42-50578	578	F	Z5	32	SKY ROOM	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	O'REGAN	188	9			42-51110	110	M	7V	76	TOP O' THE MARK	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	PATAK	188	13			42-95316	316	H	7V	82	PRINCESS PAT	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	ROSEN	188	5			42-95018	018	J	Z5	81	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	SEALY	188	23			42-100408	408	I	J4	43	LADY LUCK / THE BEAST	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	SIMPSON	188	22			42-51270	270	A	7V	13	MY BUNNIE II	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	TARPLEY	188	2			44-10602	602	P	J3	31	TEN GUN DOTTIE	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	TEBBS	188	26			44-40475	475	D	7V	24	JOLLY ROGER	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	WARRELL	188	22			44-40273	273	P	J4	38	HOWLING BANSHEE	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	WILLIAMS, DG	188	14			42-110141	141	U	J4	43	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
24-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	WILLIAMS, DK	188	10			44-10618	618	T	J3	4	UNKNOWN 038	