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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 304

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PERIOD: 0001 hours 28 February to 2400 hours 28 February 1945

A. STATISTICS

	Total Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage	Claims	Losses			Totals	NER
					E/A	AA	OT		
Heavy Bomber Atks.	1104	1072	3181.5	0-0-0	0	0	1	1	2
Fighter Escort (a)	353	336	0	(b) 0-0-1A 10-0-4G	0	1	1	2	0
Fighter Sweeps	218	203	0	0-0-0A 8-0-6G	0	3	0	3	3
Fighter Bombing	20	13	2.3	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	21	20	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	37	36	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	17	17	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	56	52	63.0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1826	1759	3246.8	0-0-1A 18-0-10G	0	4	2	6	5

(a) Includes groups based on Continent.
(b) No-262

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Bomber Attacks

1104 a/c (758 B-17s, 346 B-24s) from three Air Divisions sortied in three forces against four M/Ys, two viaducts, the Meschede-Henschel Castings Plant and Henschel Plants at Kassel. 1072 a/c dropped 3181.5 tons (2434.9 tons GP and 746.6 tons IB) on assigned primaries, a secondary and several T/Os. Bombing on MT. Weather: generally 10/10 undercast enroute and over all targets. E/A Opposition: nil. Losses: 1 B-17 due to accident. NER: 2 B-24s (believed safe on Continent).

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SECRETFirst Force

Ten group formations (300 B-17s - 3rd Air Division) sortied against Henschel Henschel plants and locomotive depot at Kassel. 370 a/c effective. 364 a/c dropped 1242.5 tons (745.1 tons GP, 497.4 tons IB) on Kassel M/Y and several T/Os at 1350-1423 hours from 22,800-26,500 feet. 6 a/c dropped chart. All bombing on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Kassel. Weather: 10/10 over route and target with tops at 7,000-10,000 feet. Flak: meager to moderate, inaccurate. Battle Damage: 11 minor. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

Fighter Support: Three groups (113 P-51s) sortied. Up 1153-1204 hours, down 1647-1710 hours. 113 effective sorties. Strafed ground targets SW of Kassel, Eschwege, Wurzburg, Gotha areas. E/A Opposition: 2 Me-262s bounced at 4000 feet in Hersfeld-Fulda area. E/A Claims: 0-0-1 Me-262, air; 10-0-4 ground. Losses: 1 P-51, engine trouble. NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

Assigned Targets	Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage		Results
			GP	IB	
Kassel-LoCo Depot	76	Did not attack			
Kassel M/Y (sec)		364	733.1	488.9	Unobserved
Kassel-Henschel Works	304	Did not attack			
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Schwerte M/Y		1	1.7	1.7	Unobserved
Bendorf		1	1.7	1.7	Unobserved
Goersheim		1	1.7	1.7	Unobserved
Coblenz		1	1.7	1.7	Unobserved
Fulda		1	1.7	1.7	Unobserved
5010-0743E		1	3.5		Unobserved
Totals	380	370	745.1	497.4	

Second Force

Thirty-four squadron formations (346 B-24s - 2nd Air Division) sortied against Meschede-Henschel Casting Plant, Siegen M/Y and viaducts at Arnsberg and Bielefeld. 333 a/c dropped 820.6 tons GP and 86.7 tons IB on all assigned primaries and one T/O, on Gee-H, at 1426-1444 hours from 19,000-24,000 feet. Leaflets dropped over Arnsberg, Meschede, Bielefeld and Siegen. Weather: 10/10 cloud. Flak: nil at all targets. Battle Damage: nil. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: 2 B-24s (believed safe).

Fighter Support: Three groups (123 P-51s) sortied. Up 1214-1257 hours, down 1635-1755 hours. 117 effective sorties. Strafed RR line between Schweinfurt and Neustadt. E/A Opposition: nil. E/A Claims: nil. Losses: 1 P-51 to AA. NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

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Assigned Targets	Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage		Results
			GP	IB	
Arnsberg Viaduct	98	95	225.5	27.5	Unobserved
Siogen M/Y	79	77	178.3	35.0	Unobserved
Moschels-Henschel Plant	83	79	186.3	24.2	Unobserved
Bielefeld Viaduct	86	81	227.5		Unobserved
<u>Other Target</u>					
Neustadt Road Junction	—	1	3.0	—	Unobserved
Totals	346	333	820.6	86.7	

Third Force

Ten group formations (378 B-17s - 1st Air Division) sortied against M/Ys at Soest, Hagen and Schwerte. 369 a/c dropped 869.2 tons GP and 162.5 tons IB on all assigned primaries and one T/O using Gee-H technique, visual on T/O, at 1504-1518 hours from 23,300-26,200 feet. Leaflets dropped on Soest, Hagen and Schwerte. Weather: 10/10 cloud at all targets. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle Damage: nil. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 B-17 to accident. NYR: nil.

Fighter Support: Three groups (112 P-51s) sortied. Up 1255-1335 hours, down 1705-1757 hours. 106 effective sorties. Unsuccessful search for ground targets. E/A Opposition: nil. E/A Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

Assigned Targets	Sorties	Effective Sorties	Tonnage		Results
			GP	IB	
Soest M/Y	151	143	307.1	83.0	Unobserved
Hagen M/Y	153	151	375.0	54.5	Unobserved
Schwerte M/Y	74	74	184.7	24.5	Unobserved
<u>Other Target</u>					
1 U/I T/O	—	1	2.4	.5	Unknown
Totals	378	369	869.2	162.5	

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2. Fighter Escort

Nine groups (353 P-51s) sortied. Up 1153-1315 hours, down 1635-1757 hours. 336 effective sorties. Five groups strafed rail and transportation targets. E/a opposition: 2 Me-262s attacked in Hersfeld-Pulda area. E/a claims: 0-0-1 Me-262 air, 10-0-4 ground. Losses: 2 a/c (1 to AA, 1 to mechanical failure). NYR: nil.

Miscellaneous ground claims as follows:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Locomotives	12	5
Goods Wagons	19	117
Passenger Cars	2	20
Oil Tank Cars	1	7
Flak Cars	0	2
Roundhouse	0	1
RR Station	0	1
Switch Houses	1	2
Switch Box	0	1
Control Towers	0	4
Transformer Station	0	1
Warehouse	0	1
Factory	0	1
Radar Complex	1	0
Flak Positions	0	4
Trucks	0	11
Vehicles	1	3

3. Fighter Sweeps

Five groups (318 P-51s) sortied. Up 0715-1210 hours, down 1220-1710 hours. 308 effective sorties. Strafed Wurzburg-Munich area; Regensburg-Munich area; Lubeck-Blankensee A/F; Stuttgart-Karlsruhe area. E/a opposition: 1 Me-262 made weak attack in vicinity of Wurzburg, then evaded; 1 Me-109 bounced vicinity of Frankfurt, also evaded. E/a claims: 8-0-6 ground. Losses: 3 a/c to AA. NYR: 3 a/c (believed safe on Continent).

Miscellaneous ground claims as follows:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Locomotives	47	15
Goods Wagons	18	223
Passenger Cars	1	22
Oil Cars	5	20
Ammunition Train	1	0
Flak Cars	0	4
Flat Cars	0	10
Vehicles	1	1
Trucks	31	17

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Miscellaneous ground claims (contd)

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Staff Cars	6	0
H.D.V.	6	0
Oil Trucks	2	0
Switch Towers	0	3
High Tension Towers	0	5
Switch House	0	1
Factories	0	2
Warehouses	4	16
Administration Buildings	11	2
Radar Station & Towers	0	3
Flak Position	1	0
Tractor	1	0
Grain Elevator	1	0
Lumber Yards	1	1
Barges	0	8
Boat Landing Platform	0	2

4. Fighter Bombing

A/c from one group (20 P-47s) sortied against Ruthen Oil Storage Depot, which could not be located due to weather. Up 1255 hours, down 1740 hours. 18 a/c dropped 2.3 tons of 250 lb. G.P. bombs on M/Ys and factory buildings at Ablar and Offenbach and on factories at Werdorf. Targets dive-bombed from 5,000-6,000 feet, releasing at 2,000 feet, with good results. Railroads and highways in area also strafed. No e/a seen. Claims: nil. Losses: nil. NYR: nil.

Miscellaneous ground claims as follows:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Locomotives	3	2
Box Cars	3	48
Oil and Coal Cars	1	10
Trucks	2	4
Switch Stations and Signal Towers	0	5
Factory Buildings	0	6

5. Photo Reconnaissance

21 a/c (16 P-51s, 4 F-5s, 1 Spitfire) sortied as follows:

1 Spitfire assigned targets in W. Germany unsuccessful due to weather.
 2 F-5s, escorted by 8 P-51s, assigned targets in Munich area. 1 a/c unsuccessful due to mechanical failure. Other a/c obtained photos of target.
 2 F-5s, escorted by 8 P-51s, sortied to photograph M/Ys, A/F and factories in Germany. Photos of one target and possibly two others obtained.

Losses: nil.

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37 a/c (3 B-17s, 4 Mosquitoes, 30 P-51s) sortied as follows:

2 B-17s completed routine flights to and from Azores.
 1 B-17 completed weather flight over sea to NW of Lands End.
 4 Mosquitoes completed weather flight over south and west of Ireland, Belgium, Holland, W Germany, and Ruhr area.
 30 P-51s weather scouts for bomber operations. 29 effective sorties.

Losses: nil.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

17 a/c (16 P-47s, 1 PBX) sortied on patrol and spotting mission. Six crew members of a B-17 were rescued. All a/c returned safely.

8. Special Operations

56 a/c (42 B-24s, 1 B-17, 8 P-51s, 5 Mosquitoes) sortied as follows:

8 P-51s as airborne radio relays.
 12 a/c (11 B-24s, 1 B-17) dropped leaflets on Holland and Germany.
 6 B-24s, 5 effective, on RCM mission, jamming from 0903-1200 hours.
 5 Mosquitoes on special operations for 2nd and 1st Air Divisions.
 25 B-24s sortied to attack goods depot at Freiburg. 22 a/c dropped 33 tons G.P., 30 tons I.B. - total 63 tons - on assigned target. Flak: meager, inaccurate. E/a opposition: nil.

Losses: nil.

C. INTELLIGENCE1. Enemy Air Opposition

Heavy bombers and their escort were again ignored by the G.A.F. One flight of P-51s escorting the First Force bounced 2 Me-262s at 4,000 feet in the Hersfeld-Fulda area, claiming 0-0-1. Bombers reported no e/a. Weather conditions were generally poor.

On an early morning sweep one flight of a P-51 group experienced a weak attack by an Me-262 at 1000 hours in the Nurnberg area. When turned into by our fighters the e/a evaded into cloud. An Me-109 sighted at 7000 feet just above the clouds near Frankfurt by another group of P-51s, carrying out an early afternoon sweep, also used clouds to escape.

2. Flak

Offenbach	- Intense, accurate (light caliber).
Bielefeld	- Nil to meager, inaccurate.
Kassel	- Meager to moderate, inaccurate; barrage and tracking.

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3. Observations

Heilbronn A/F - 50 to 60 e/a lined up on field. T/e and jet type.
Ansbach A/F - 35 a/c observed on field.
Lechfeld A/F - 4 s/e and 20 plus jets.

4. Damaged Enemy Installations

10/30 cloud cover prevents damage assessment.

5. Ground Situation

21 Army Group - British and Canadian troops broke through Siegfried positions to western edge of Hochswald forest. Front line approximately E 9640 - A 0340 - 0445 - 0148 - 015 - 0255. Canadian right flank held up by anti-tank ditch north of Weeze. 9th U.S. Army continues to advance rapidly northwards, reaching F 1677 and 1479. Prisoners to date - Canadian front: 16,000; 9th Army front: 8500, approx.

12th Army Group - 1st U.S. Army approaching ERFT Canal north of Duren. Advances also made to F 2247 - 2144 - 2244 and F 1635 - 1434 - 1432 - 1330. 3rd U.S. Army troops captured Scharfbilig (L 1548) and also advanced to L 1541. Steady progress generally being made against resistance which is heavy in some places, especially in the vicinity of Bitburg and Erdorf.

Miscellaneous - Counter-Intelligence and Espionage.

The difficulty of obtaining information from agents in England prior to the invasion was only one aspect of the enemy's intelligence problem at that time. He had also to contend with the vast network of Allied agents operating on the Continent, and his failure to do so adequately is now history. Certain of his ruses were, however, interesting if not successful. One, which may well be repeated at the present stage of the war, was the "formation" of a bogus division, for which a staff was set up and to which units were contributed by neighboring formations.

That German counter-intelligence is now on happier ground than it was in Normandy is of course obvious, and the consequences of it have been well demonstrated by the surprise achieved in the Ardennes and the convincingly troublesome rumblings of other attacks in Holland and the Upper Rhine. While external factors such as the weather and terrain have aided the Germans here, it is still true that their counter-intelligence, as shown in both security and cover-plans, is a force more to be reckoned with than ever before.

Espionage also is now a greater threat than ever. A recently captured directive for German agents shows by its scope and range of interest that the enemy wants to know many things, both tactical and strategic, and that he plans to come back to his former conquests. Besides wanting information of military

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and industrial significance, he is interested in internal political conditions, in persons and agencies collaborating with the Allies, and especially in knowing of and making contact with any groups among the population who resist the Allied administration.

D. OPERATIONS OF OTHER AIR FORCES1. Tactical Air Forces

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Ninth Air Force	1399	6-2-4 A	4
1st U.S. T.A.F.	544	2-0-4 G	1
Second T.A.F.	1201	2-0-2 A	13
R.A.F. Fighter Command	32+	1-0-6 A	0
Totals	3176	0-0-0	0
+ Night operations only.		9-2-12 A	18
		2-0-4 G	

Ninth Air Force

Day - 28 February 1945

Sort: : 424 Bombers
863 Fighter-Bombers
112 Tactical Reconnaissance
1399 a/c

9th Bomb Division: 424 a/c sortied against 3 RR bridges, 3 communication centers, 2 M/Ys, an Ordnance Depot in tactical area. Claims: nil. Losses: 2 a/c.

9th T.A.C.: 248 a/c sortied against defended areas and towns. Air support to ground forces. Claims and losses: nil.

19th T.A.C.: 239 a/c sortied on armed reconnaissance E and W of Rhine. Escorted medium bombers. E/a opposition: 20 s/e e/a encountered at 1645 hours in Langen area. E/a claims: 4-2-3 air; 2-0-4 ground. Losses: nil.

29th T.A.C.: 376 a/c sortied on armed reconnaissance W of Rhine. Escorted medium bombers. Provided close air support to ground forces. E/a opposition: 6 FW-190s encountered at 1300 hours, vicinity of Rheydt. E/a claims: 2-0-1 air. Losses: 2 a/c.

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Miscellaneous ground claims as follows: (Ninth Air Force)

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
M/T	86	64
RR Cars	36	203
Locos	5	3

First US T.A.F.

Night - 27/28 February

Sorties : 3 a/c Intruder patrol

Claims and losses: Nil.

Day - 28 February

Sorties : 40 bombers
501 fighters and fighter-bombers
541 a/c

Mission : 42nd Bomb Wing: 40 a/c sortied against a factory and supply depot at Emmendingen. Claims and losses: Nil.

12th T.A.C.: 446 a/c sortied on armed reconnaissance in Karlsruhe, Landau, Homburg area. Tactical and visual reconnaissance. Attacked supply and fuel depots. E/a opposition: 1550 hours - 5 FW-190s and 1 Me-109 encountered 5 miles S of Karlsruhe; 12 Me-109s sighted in same area. E/a claims: 2-0-2 s/e air. Losses: 1 a/c.

1st French T.A.C.: 55 a/c sortied on armed reconnaissance in Laha, Dillingen area. Escorted medium bombers. E/a claims and losses: nil.

Western French Air Command: No report received.

Miscellaneous ground claims as follows:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Locos	2	4
Rail Cars	178	119
M/T	11	6
Rail Cuts	0	33

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Second T.A.F.

Night - 27/28 February

Sorties : 99 a/c

Mission : Interception patrol, bomblane patrol, Attacked defended areas in Holland. 1 Flying bomb destroyed. E/a claims: nil. Losses: 2 a/c.

Day - 28 February

Sorties : 124 Medium bombers
296 Fighter bombers
294 Air Cooperation
184 Rail Interdiction
99 Interception Patrol
105 Reconnaissance

1102 a/c

Mission : Attacked barge traffic on Rhine. Bombed defended sections of Rheinberg and Geldern. Air cooperation to ground forces. Tactical and visual reconnaissance. E/a opposition: 0800 hours - 40 s/e e/a encountered 9 miles NE of Osnabruck. 1 Me-109 bounced at Gaslon. E/a claims: 1-0-6 air. Losses: 11 a/c.

Miscellaneous ground claims as follows:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
M/T	30	43
Locos	2	28
RR cars	11	35
Barges	7	17
Rail Cuts	0	54

R.A.F. Fighter Command

Night - 27/28 February

Sorties : 17 Intruder Patrol
15 Flying Bomb Patrol

32 a/c

Claims and losses: nil.

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1 B-17 and 18 B-24s sortied.

1 B-17 and 11 B-24s dropped 35 tons supplies and leaflets in North Italy.
Losses: nil.Day - 28 February

533 B-24s, 132 P-51s sortied. 217 B-24s dropped 575 tons on Isarco Albes rail bridge; 67 B-24s dropped 146 tons on Ora M/Y; 36 B-24s dropped 85 tons on Bolzano M/Y; 31 B-24s dropped 54 tons on Bressanone M/Y; 33 B-24s dropped 82 tons on Fortezza M/Y; 51 B-24s dropped 129 tons on Vicenza; 4 B-24s dropped 10 tons on Mestre dock yard; 11 B-24s dropped 22 tons on Liern M/Y; 12 B-24s dropped 28 tons on Colle Isarco M/Y. Escort by 126 P-51s. Claims: nil. Losses: 11 B-24s, 1 P-51.

222 B-17s, 36 P-51s sortied. 177 B-17s dropped 507 tons on Verona Parina rail bridge; 21 B-17s dropped 58 tons on Bresica M/Y; 18 B-17s dropped 54 tons on Conigliana. Escort by 34 P-51s. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

76 P-38s sortied. 75 P-38s dropped 46 tons GP on St. Viet M/Ys. Also strafed the Villach Klagenfurt Ibubljam area, destroying 12 locos and damaging 15 locos and 187 RR cars. Claims and losses: nil.

2 P-38s, 2 P-51s sortied, strafing Bjelovar A/F and nearby area. This mission was to destroy an enemy hold B-24 and 1 P-38 which the enemy had rendered operational. Mission was successful. Fighters also strafed and destroyed 1 loco and damaged a factory. Losses: 1 P-38.

21 P-51s sortied. Strafed Innsbruck Worms-Klagenfurt and Passau areas, destroying 2 locos and damaging 2 locos and 29 RR cars. Losses: nil.

15 P-38s sortied on photo reconnaissance missions, obtaining photos in North Italy, Austria and Yugoslavia. Claims and losses: nil.

4 P-38s sortied, providing escort to supply mission. Claims and losses: nil.

2 B-24s sortied. 1 B-24 dropped 3 tons o supplies on Italy. Claims and losses: nil.

10 P-38s sortied, successfully completing weather missions. Losses: nil.

12 B-24s sortied. 6 B-24s dropped 17 tons of supplies in Italy. Losses: nil.

15 P-38s, escorted by 18 P-51s sortied on photo reconnaissance mission. 15 P-38s and 16 P-51s effective sorties. Escort attacked 2 Me-262s west of Munich. Jet a/c escaped in cloud. Claims and losses: nil.

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BOMBERS

Sorties : 769 a/c (547 B-24s, 222 B-17s)
 Effec. Sorties: 685 a/c (469 B-24s, 216 B-17s)
 Tonnage : 1131
 Claims : Nil
 Losses : 11 B-24s

FIGHTERS

Sorties : 331 a/c (209 P-51s, 122 P-38s)
 Effec. Sorties: 320
 Tonnage : 46
 E/a claims : Nil
 Losses : 2 a/c (1 P-51, 1 P-38)

3. R.A.F. Bomber Command

Day - 28 February

<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Losses</u>
156 Lancasters	Gelsenkirchen/Nordstern	0
307 Lancasters	Benzol Plant	0
2 Mosquitoes	Recalled to proximity of forward troops	0
465 a/c	Weather Recon.	0

Night - 28 February/1 March

74 Mosquitoes	Berlin	1
8 Mosquitoes	Nurnberg	0
4 Mosquitoes	Munich	0
5 Mosquitoes	Mine laying	0
31 Mosquitoes	Bomber Support	0
19 Halifaxes	" "	0
8 Fortresses	" "	0
8 Liberators	" "	0
4 Stirlings	" "	0
46 Lancasters	Diversionsary Sweep	0
22 Halifaxes	" "	0
30 Wellingtons	" "	0
1 Mosquitoes	Signal Investigation Patrol	0
4 Halifaxes	" " "	0

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R.A.F. Bomber Command (contd)

<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Targets</u>	<u>Losses</u>
15 Stirlings	Special Operations	Not available
5 Hudsons	" "	Not available
<u>1</u> Mosquito	Weather Reconnaissance	Not available

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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/498.

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

1. GENERAL: TARGET : a. Bielefeld b. Meschede c. Siegen d. Arnburg

DATE : (28) February 1945

CONDITIONS : 10/10th Cloud at all targets

AAA OFFICER	
EXECUTIVE	
BOMB	
FIGHTER	
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ROUTE ORDERED : (a) 50°05'N, 06°00'E - 50°05'N, 07°00'E - 50°10'N,
07°43'E - 50°30'N, 07°55'E - 51°29'N, 09°09'E -
Bielefeld - 52°05'N, 08°15'E - 52°20'N 08°29'E -
52°34'N, 08°00'E - 52°45'N, 04°38'E
(b, c & d) 50°05'N, 06°00'E - 50°05'N, 07°00'E -
50°10'N, 07°43'E - 50°13'N, 08°22'E - Targets -
50°43'N, 07°48'E - 50°30'N, 07°55'E - 50°10'N,
07°43'E - 50°05'N, 07°00'E - 50°05'N, 06°00'E

ALTITUDE ORDERED: 22000 Ft

AXIS OF ATTACK ORDERED : (a) 320° (b) 300° (c) 310° (d) 300°

FORECAST WIND : 50 mph from 250°

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS : Targets were attacked by means of GH equipment.
Allied Artillery again engaged enemy Flak positions in the vicinity of the battle line
both during penetration and withdrawal.

3. FLAK : No Flak was encountered during this operation.

4. STATISTICS :

TARGET	NO. GUNS	SORTIES	DAMAGED	LOST	AXIS OF ATTACK	TOT	ALTITUDE
Bielefeld	10	85	-	-	300°- 330°	1441-1444	21000-23000 ft
Meschede	Nil	79	-	-	275°-300°	1437-1440	21500-24000
Siegen	Poss 4	77	-	-	295°- 315°	1432-1438	21500-24000
Arnburg	Nil	98	-	-	280°-290°	1144-1148	21000-24000

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SORTIES : 339

A/C LOST TO FLAK : Nil

A/C DAMAGED BY FLAK : Nil

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cc: D of I, 1st and 3rd Air Divisions,
ATTN: AA Officers
M.I.15, War Office, Whitehall, London

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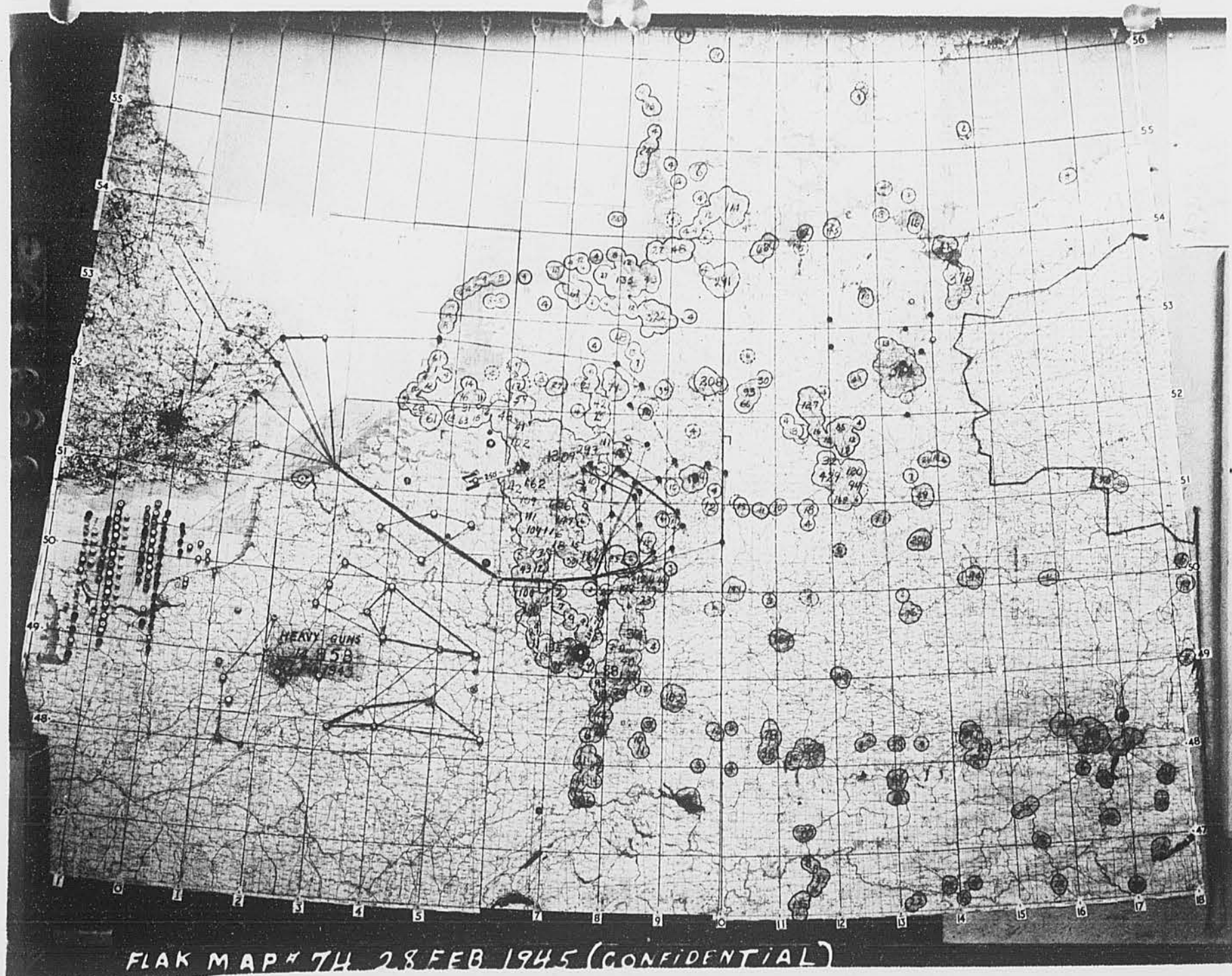
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Group 458th

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
(Part 1)

Primary: Bielefeld RR Viaduct
Ordered Targets: Secondary: Bielefeld M/Y

Date of Operation 28 February 1945 Division Field Order No. 614

Squadron	Sorties		Credit Sorties	Effective Sorties	Non Effective Sorties	No. A/C Bombing	Type of Tgt	Name of Target	Number and Type of Bombs on Targets	Aircraft Lost						Time of Take off	Total Time of Mis'n	Comments
	Total	Less Unused Spares								Total	Flak	Flak & E/A	E/A	Acc	U N K			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	19	25	27	40
1d	9	9	9	9	-	9	PT	Bielefeld Viaduct	44 1000 M65 6 1000 RDX 3 M47	-	-	-	-	-	-	1045	203	
2	10	10	10	8	2	8	PT	Bielefeld Viaduct	40 1000 M65 6 1000 RDX 1 M47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	10	10	10	10	-	10	PT	Bielefeld Viaduct	52 1000 M65 6 1000 RDX 1 M47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTALS	29	29	29	27	2	27	PT	Bielefeld Viaduct	136 1000 M65 18 1000 RDX 5 M47	-	-	-	-	-	-	1045	203	

NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIE SUMMARY (Part 3)

Causes of Non-Effectives					Incidents of Mechanical and Equipment Failures																	Comments
Weather	Personne	Enemy Action	Other Non Mech.	Mech. & Equip.	Total	Engine	Oil System	Fuel System	Super-charger	Propeller & Governor	Communication System	Guns & Turrets	Bomb Release	Bomb Bay Doors	Electrical System	Instruments	Oxygen System	Bomb-sights	A/C in general			
47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66			
				2	2	1		1														
																					67	

Footnote 1 Nil
Footnote 2 2
Footnote 3

LEAD SQUADRONBowers - BOOTH

J3 : 261A

K-20

RCM

2AD

Dyer - GOODFRIEND

J3 : 837L

Scope

2AD(Cont)

Hess

Z5 : 196Q

K-21

Everett

Z5 : 578F

8AF(Cont)

Herditi

Z5 : 456D

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RCM

K-22

8AF

Rosen

Z5 : 018J

Hodges

Z5 : 126L

Rhoades

Z5 : 179F

SECOND SQUADRONAllen

J3 : 544E

RCM-2AD

2AD

Hoffman

J3 : 504S

K-21

2AD

O'Reagan

TV : 206S

Haynes

TV : 514B

2AD

Laird

Z5 : 120M

McCartney

TV : 316H

K-22

Ferrill

TV : 352K

2AD-RCM

K-21

2AD

Grice

TV : 110M

Burman

TV : 340N

2AD

Jackson, W.L.

Z5 : 305N

THIRD SQUADRONHealy

J3 : 743F

Scope

2AD

Warrell

J4 : 163M

2AD

LaJeunesse

J4 : 134R

Dehm

J3 : 5750

8AF

Boucek

J4 : 273T

K-21

8AF

McCoy

J4 : 285H

2AD

Wilburn

Z5 : 069T

RCM

K-21

2AD

Brown

J4 : 287J

Eideleberg

J4 : 118S

2AD

K-20

Johnson

J4 : 277F

SPARE

669J PFF R/W 28

516V Vis R/W 28

487R Vis R/W 28

Assembly Aircraft: Capt Lamers 755th Sq. Marshalling Crews: Lt Barnhart 752nd
 Marshalling Chief: Lt Vehslage 752nd Sq. Lt Moran 755th

MARSHALLING PLAN

R/W 23

all aircraft will marshall to the EAST

T.O.	A/C	Disp	T.O.	A/C	Disp
1	261A	R/W 28	16	206S	44
2	697Z	2	17	316H	35
3	837L	R/W 28	18	340N	46
4	196Q	9	19	110M	51
5	298E	1	20	352K	37
6	578F	4	21	120M	9
7	179F	5	22	305N	12
8	456D	6	23	163M	49
9	126L	8	24	273T	38
10	018J	10	25	134R	47
11	544E	R/W 28	26	118S	40
12	504S	R/W 28	27	287J	49
13	743F	R/W 28	28	059T	7
14	5750	R/W 28	29	285H	45
15	514B	51	30	277F	43

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
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	ALLEN, G	192	24		L2	44-49544	544	E	J3	4	OH MONA!	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	BARNHART, L	192	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 752ND
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	BOUCEK	192	28			44-40273	273	T	J4	41	HOWLING BANSHEE	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	BOWERS	192	22	BOOTH	L1	44-49261	261	A	J3	5	UNKNOWN 042	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	BROWN, R	192	5			44-40287	287	J	J4	43	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	BURMAN	192	12			41-29340	340	N	7V	65	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	DAHM	192	24			42-50575	575	O	J3	22	UNKNOWN 020	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	DYER	192	19	GOODFRIEND	D1	44-48837	837	L	J3	12	UNKNOWN 041	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	EIDELBERG	192	19			44-40118	118	S	J4	44	WE'LL GET BY	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	EVERETT	192	15			42-50578	578	F	Z5	36	SKY ROOM	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	FERRIELL	192	14			41-29352	352	K	7V	75	WOLVE'S LAIR	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	GRICE	192	29			42-51110	110	M	7V	79	TOP O' THE MARK	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HAYNES	192	ABT			42-51514	514	B	7V	--	BIG CHIEF LIL' BEAVER	ABORT - #3 ENG SMOKING
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HEALY	192	21		L3	42-51743	743	F	J3	17	UNKNOWN 006	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HERDTI	192	7			42-50456	456	D	Z5	36	DOROTHY KAY SPECIAL	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HESS	192	35			42-51196	196	O	J3	39	THE GYPSY QUEEN	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HODGES	192	31			44-40126	126	L	Z5	59	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	HOFFMAN	192	12			42-50504	504	S	J3	22	UNKNOWN 019	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	JACKSON, WL	192	ABT			41-29305	305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	ABORT - FUEL DRAINED FROM FUEL CELL VENT (SEE STMT)
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	JOHNSON, C	192	9			44-40277	277	P	J4	46	MISS USED	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	KLEIN	192	35			44-40298	298	E	Z5	34	THE SHACK	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	LAIRD	192	7			42-95120	120	M	Z5	75	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	LaJEUNESSE	192	16			44-40134	134	R	J4	54	UNKNOWN 039	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	LAMERS	192	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A65	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW - 754
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	McCARTNEY	192	8			42-95316	316	H	7V	84	PRINCESS PAT	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	McCOY	192	7			44-40285	285	H	J4	68	TABLE STUFF	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	MORAN	192	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 755TH
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	O'REGAN	192	10			42-51206	206	S	7V	44	THE PIED PIPER	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	RHOADES	192	14			42-51179	179	P	Z5	66	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	ROSEN	192	7			42-95018	018	J	Z5	84	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	VEHSLAGE	192	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 752ND
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	WARRELL	192	25			42-110163	163	M	J4	61	TIME'S A WASTIN	
28-Feb-45	BIELEFELD	WILBURN	192	13			42-110059	059	T	Z5	65	UNKNOWN 056	