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ASSIGNED TARGETS

	Priority No. 1	Priority No. 2
389 BG	Klatovy RR Junction and Facilities	Visible
445 BG	Klatovy RR Junction and Facilities	Visual
44 BG	Irslaching RR Junction & Facilities	Visual
392 BG	" " " " "	Visual
93 BG	Muhldorf M/Y and RR Junction	Visual
446 BG	" " " " "	"
448 BG	" " " " "	"
458 BG	Zwiesel RR Junction and Facilities	Visual
467 BG	" " " " "	"

Priority No 3 for all forces was Straubing M/Y by R2X

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FORM 12-A
2D AIR DIVISIONSTATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
2D AIR DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 663

DATE OF OPERATION 20 April 1945

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Group Formation and Squadron	SORTIES			No. of A/C Non- Effect	No. of A/C Effect	TARGETS BOMBED			BOMBS ON TARGET (NUMBER & WEIGHT)			AIRCRAFT MIA						CASUALTIES			
	Total	No. of Losses	No. of Credits			No. of A/C of Bomb	Type of Tgt	NAME OF TARGET	H.E.	INC.	D.	FRAG.	To- tal	Flak	Flak & E/A	E/A	Acc	Un killed	Wounded	Missing	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
369 L	9	9	9	8	1	8	1	Klatory RR Junct.	74x500												
LL	9	9	9	9		9	1	and Facilities	84x500												
HR	10	10	10	10		10	1	" " "	93x500												
445 L	9	9	9	9		8	1	" " "	68x500	2x447											
						1	2	Strasbourg M/Y	2x500												
LL	9	9	9	9		9	1	Klatory RR Junct.	84x500	1x447											
HR	10	10	10	10		10	1	and Facilities	94x500	1x447											
446 L	10	10	10	10		10	1	Iraching RR Junct.	88x500												
LL	10	10	9	9	1	9	1	and Facilities	84x500												
HR	10	10	10	10		10	1	" " "	94x500												
392 L	9	9	8	8	1	8	1	" " "	68x500												
LL	9	9	9	9		9	1	" " "	84x500												
HR	9	9	9	9		9	1	" " "	84x500												
93 L	9	9	9	9		9	1	Mahdorf M/Y and	76x500												
LL	9	9	9	9		9	1	P.R. Junction	84x500												
446 L	9	9	9	9		9	1	" " "	77x500												
HR	9	9	9	9		9	1	" " "	76x500												
443 L	9	9	9	9		9	1	" " "	77x500												
LL	9	9	8	8	1	8	1	" " "	73x500	1x447											
458 L	9	9	9	9		9	10	Mestys - 11 mi. NNW	39x1000												
								of Priority #1													
2	10	10	10	10		10	1	Zwiesel RR Junction	47x1000												
3	10	10	10	10		10	1	and Facilities	47x1000												

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FORM V 12-1
2D AIR DIVISIONSTATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
2D AIR DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 563

DATE OF OPERATION 20 April 1945

Group Formation and Squadron		SORTIES				No. of A/C Non-Effect Sort.	TARGETS BOMBED			BOMBS ON TARGET (NUMBER & WEIGHT)			AIRCRAFT MIA						CASUALTIES				
		Total	Loss	Credit	No. of A/C Cor- Effect Sort.		No. of A/C Bomb	Type of Tgt	NAME OF TARGET	H.E.	INC	D.	FRAG.	To- tal	Flak	Flak & E/A	E/A	Acc	U n k	Kill led	Wounded		Mia- ing
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		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		13		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
467 L		9	9	9	9		9	1	Zaleski RR Junction	39x1000													
2nd		9	9	9	8	1	8	1	and Facilities	37x1000													
3rd		9	9	9	9		9	1	" " "	37x1000													
										2x500													
2 AD		223	223	220	218	9	216			246x1000		5x47											
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HEADQUARTERS

458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 5582ND A.D. FO #663
MISSION OF 20 APRIL 1945"C" GP & "B" GP - 96 CW
FORMATION OVER TARGET"C" GP - LD SQB-24M GH-H2X
44-50693B-24J
44-40126B-24L GH-H2X
44-49902B-24H
42-95106B-24H
42-51199B-24H
42-95018B-24H
42-51206B-24J
42-50456B-24H
42-511962ND SQDNB-24J H2X
42-51936B-24H
41-29352B-24J
42-50504B-24J
42-51270B-24J
42-51514B-24J
44-40487B-24J
42-50502B-24H
42-51110B-24J
44-40475B-24J
42-505753RD SQDN

("B" GP - 2ND SQDN)

B-24M H2X
44-50673B-24J
44-40277B-24J
42-50740B-24J
42-50912B-24H
41-28980B-24J
42-110463B-24J
42-50555B-24J
44-40273B-24J
44-40287B-24J
42-100408

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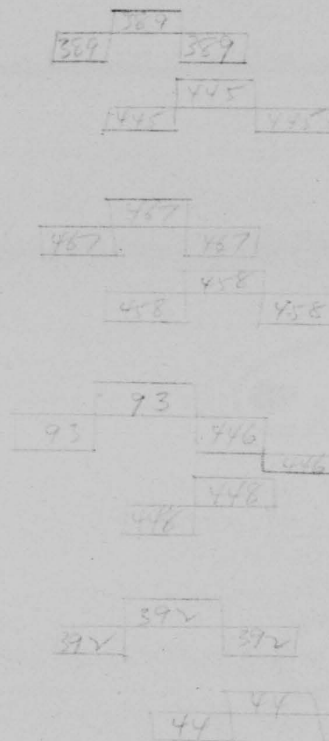
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BATTLE ORDERF.O.-663
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TOTAL-FLIGHT-MILEAGE 1051 N.MILES

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CONFIDENTIALHEADQUARTERS 2d AIR DIVISION
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APO 658

P-A-67

21 April 1945

H2X PHOTOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

A. Missions to Schwandorf, Muhlendorf, Klatovy, Zweisel, Eisenstein - 20-4-45.

1. Sorties Received:

44/259 - See Bomb Plot (Schwandorf).
 44/260 - See Bomb Plot (Schwandorf).
 44/261 - No photos on bomb run.
 44/262 - Not plottable, weak returns.
 93/85 - Not plottable, insufficient returns.
 93/86 - Not plottable, out of focus.
 392/156 - See Bomb Plot, (Schwandorf).
 392/7 - 16 mm, not seen by interpreter, H2X.
 446/62 - No photos on bomb run. Reason undetermined.
 446/62 - See Bomb Plot (Muhlendorf).
 456/319 - Plottable. No RAF target map available.
 467/203 - Not plottable - out of focus.
 467/204 - Not plottable - too many extraneous returns.
 445/128 - Plottable - no RAF target map available.
 445/129 - Plottable - no RAF target map available.

2. No sorties received from the 389th Group.

3. 491st and 486th did not participate.

4. Bomb plots attached (Schwandorf) (Muhlendorf).

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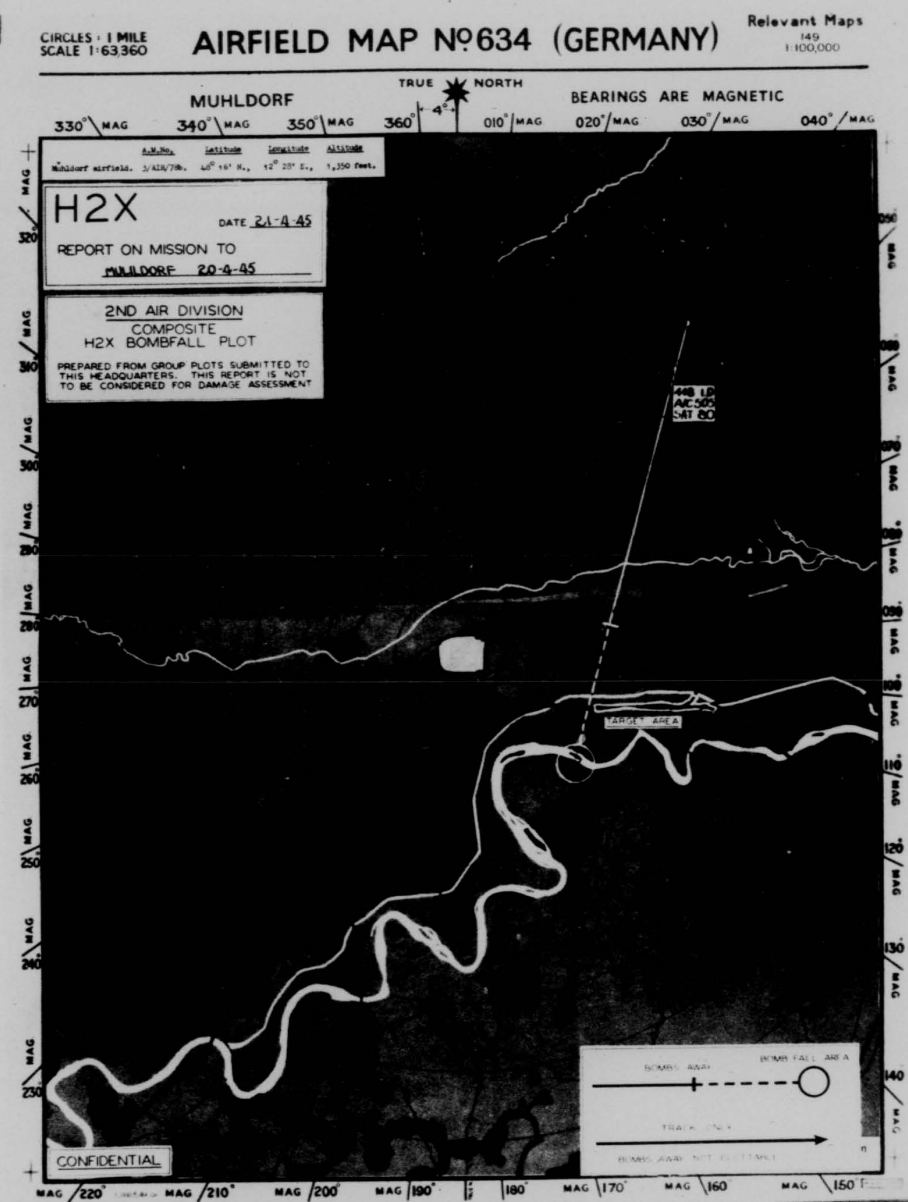
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FROM: 458TH BOMB GROUP 26/2339E APRIL 45
 TO : 8TH AIR FORCE ATTN: A-3
 2ND AD A-3 ATTN: DIVISION BOMBARDIER
 INFO: 96TH COMBAT WING
 C O N F I D E N T I A L : BT

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458TH BG. P-228-E

LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

96TH COMBAT WING, 458TH BOMB GP. (H)

MISSION OF 4/226

/ OBJECTIVE ZWIESEL H/V

1 T "C"	SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. L.B. TIMMONS	27	12
"	SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1ST LT. J.E. SNOWDEN	21	3
"	SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. W.C. COLEMAN	17	1
2ND "C"	SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1ST LT. J.T. BRADLEY	17	3
"	SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1ST LT. R.D. CRAMER	16	0
"	SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. E.I. HEFNER	10	0
2ND "B"	SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. S.A. MCOWEN	10	1
"	SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1ST LT. R.F. CURRY	19	0
"	SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. R.E. CROSS	8	0

A. POSITION ON BOMBING RUN:

1. 96 CW ONE SQD FLEW 2ND SEC. "C" GRP 2 SQDS FLEW AS "C" GRP.

2. YES

B. HOW FORMATION BOMBED:

1. BY SQDS.

2. 2ND SEC. "B" GRP 1ST, 1ST SQD "C" GRP 2ND, 2ND SQD "C" GRP 3RD.

C. TARGET BOMBED:

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456TH BG. P-228-E

LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

96TH COMBAT WING, 456TH BOMB GP. (H)

MISSION OF 4/28/66

/ OBJECTIVE ZWIESEL M/V

1 T "C"	SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. L.D. TIMMONS	27	12
"	SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1ST LT. J.E. SNOWDEN	21	9
"	SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. W.C. COLEMAN	17	1
2ND "C"	SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1ST LT. J.T. BRADLEY	17	3
"	SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1ST LT. R.D. CRAMER	16	6
"	SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. B.I. HEFNER	15	2
2ND "D"	SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. S.A. MCOWEN	13	1
"	SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1ST LT. R.F. CURRY	13	9
"	SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 2ND LT. R.E. CROSS	8	2

A. POSITION ON BOMBING RUN:

1. 96 CW ONE SQD FLEW 2ND SEC. "D" GRP 2 SQDS FLEW AS "C" GRP.

2. YES

B. HOW FORMATION BOMBED:

1. BY SQDS.

2. 2ND SEC. "D" GRP 1ST, 1ST SQD "C" GRP 2ND, 2ND SQD "C" GRP 3RD.

C. TARGET BOMBED:

1. PRIORITY NO 1 WAS ATTACKED BY 2ND SQD "C" GRP AND 2ND SQD "D" GRP. 1ST SQD "C" GRP COULD NOT IDENTIFY PRIORITY NO 1 SO BOMBED T.O.

2. 1ST SQD "C" GRPS T.O. WAS EISENSTEIN R/R. 4910N 1313E

3. PRIORITY NO 1 20 AIRCRAFT T.O. 9 AIRCRAFT.

D. AIRCRAFT OVER THE TARGET:

1. 2ND "D" 10 AIRCRAFT 1ST "C" 9 AIRCRAFT 2ND "C" 10 AIRCRAFT.

2. 2ND "D", 1ST "C" 2ND "C" 1000 110/P M44 1/10 NOSE 1/100 TAIL

3. 2ND "D" 1ST "C" 2ND "C" ELECTRIC SALVO.

4. NIL.

5.

6. NO

E. AIRCRAFT BOMBING WITH OTHER GROUPS:

1. NIL.

F. SIGHTING OPERATION:

1. 2ND "D" VISUAL, 1ST "C" VISUAL 2ND "C" VISUAL.

2. IND. ALT. 2ND "D" 10200 1ST "C" 19000 2ND "C" 18700
TRUE ALT. 2ND "D" 16620 1ST "C" 17900
TRUE ALT. 2ND "C" 17400

3. MAG HEADING 2ND "D" 003DEG 1ST "C" 360DEG 2ND "C" 357DEG
TRUE COURSE 2ND "D" 009DEG 1ST "C" 004DEG 2ND "C" 009DEG

4. 2ND "D" 3 MIN 1ST "C" 1 MIN 2ND "C" 4 MIN

5. M-9 ALL SQDS.

6. 2ND "D" ONE AIRCRAFT SIGHTING FOR DEFLECTION AND RANGE ONLY
1ST "C" 2ND "C" SAME.

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7. YES ALL SQDS.
8. 2ND "B" 11:58 1ST "C" 12:02 2ND "C" 11:59 1/2
9. 2ND "B" R/R INTERSECTION 1ST "C" R/R AND HIGHWAY CROSSING
2ND "C" LEFT AND SHORT OF INTERSECTION OF R/R.
10. 2ND "B" NONE 1ST "C" NONE 2ND "C" NONE.
11. 2ND "B" 154 1ST "C" 145 2ND "C" 156
12. 2ND "B" 345DEG/32 KNTS. 1ST "C" 316DEG/24 KNTS.
2ND "C" 345DEG/23 KNTS.
- C. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED ON THE BOMB RUN:
1. NIL.
 2. NO CLOUDS VISIBILITY 15 MILES.
 3. 2ND "B" NONE 1ST "C" NONE 2ND "C" BOMB SMOKE 1 MIN BEFORE BOMBS AWAY.
 4. NIL.
 5. NIL.
 6. 2ND "B" AND 2ND "C" NONE. 1ST "C" COULD IDENTIFY TARGET.
 7. NO PHOTO COVER OF TARGET AND R/R DID NOT SHOW UP TO WELL.
- H. H2X NOTES:
- J. REMARKS:
1ST "C" OVER SHOT I.P. AND DUE TO THE LACK OF GOOD CHECK POINTS AND INCOMPLETE TARGET MATERIAL THE BOMBARDIER COULD IDENTIFY THE ASSIGNED TARGET IN TIME TO SYNCHRONIZE.
- K. NAVIGATION NOTES:

1. 0541 1/2	5230N 0143E	7100	CP1 CAISTER ON SEA
0831	5242N 0220E	6200	CPA
0927	5126N 0333 1/2E	6400	CP2 FLUSHING
0939	5033N 0341E	7300	
1019	5027N 0633E	8000	
1032	5105N 0733E	10400	
1041	5000N 0817E	12000	

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2ND "C" 343DEG/93 KNTS.

G. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED ON THE BOMB RUN:

1. NIL.
2. NO CLOUDS VISIBILITY 15 MILES.
3. 2ND "B" NONE 1ST "C" NONE 2ND "C" BOMB SMOKE 1 MIN BEFORE BOMBS AWAY.
4. NIL.
5. NIL.
6. 2ND "B" AND 2ND "C" NONE. 1ST "C" COULD IDENTIFY TARGET.
7. NO PHOTO COVER OF TARGET AND R/R DID NOT SHOW UP TO WELL.

H. H2X NOTES:

J. REMARKS:

1ST "C" OVER SHOT I.P. AND DUE TO THE LACK OF GOOD CHECK POINTS AND INCOMPLETE TARGET MATERIAL THE BOMBARDIER COULD IDENTIFY THE ASSIGNED TARGET IN TIME TO SYNCHRONIZE.

K. NAVIGATION NOTES:

1. 0541 1/2	5239N 0143E	7100	CP1	CAISTER ON SEA
0551	5242N 0219E	6900	CPA	
0927	5126N 0333 1/2E	6400	CP2	FLUSHING
0939	5033N 0541E	7300		
1019	5127N 0653E	8000		
1032	5100N 0733E	10400		
1041	5000N 0817E	12000		
1110	4902N 1050E	10000	CP3	
1123	4852N 1121E	10000		
1140	4846N 1245E	10700		
1145	4830N 1250E	10000		
2. 1150	4840N 1300E	10000	IP	
1150	4910N 1312E	10000	ZWIESEL	
1202 1/2	4910N 1312E	10000	NESTYS ZELEZNA RUDA	
3. 1215	4930N 1230E	10000		
1310	5012N 0839E	10000	CPA	
1331	5022N 0734E	11000		
1402 1/2	5040N 0542E	9000		
1420	5115N 0420E	6700		
1440 1/2	5034N 0330E	7000	CP5 DONDURG	
1514 1/2	5227N 0147E	5000	PAKEFIELD	
1521	DASE	1000		

4. TGT AREA WIND 346/26 K
NO EQUIP. FAILURES ENROUTE WG FORM MAINTAINED - SOME
DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN CLIMB & IN MANEUVERING AT I.P.

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CC: LINE UNDER 96TH COMBAT WING TO READ
MISSION OF 4/20/45 NOT 4/20/45 AS SENT

CC: D. 2. UA 10000 DE G/P NOT 11000 AS SENT
INI 1000 G/P 144

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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
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	BROWN, C	229	12			42-51514	514	B	7V	40	BIG CHIEF LIL' BEAVER	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	BROWN, R	229	20			41-28980	980	V	J4	39	UNKNOWN 009	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	DANIEL	229	14			42-51196	196	Q	J3	64	THE GYPSY QUEEN	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	DENARD	229	14			41-29352	352	K	7V	95	WOLVE'S LAIR	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	DYE	229	11		L2	42-51936	936	I	J3	35	UNKNOWN 027	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	FERRIELL	229	28			42-51270	270	A	7V	43	MY BUNNIE II	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	FLEMING	229	2			44-40287	287	J	J4	67	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	GEIGER	229	6			44-40475	475	D	7V	38	JOLLY ROGER	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	GILBERT	229	7			42-50740	740	Q	J4	36	OUR BURMA	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HARTSWICK	229	24			42-110163	163	M	J4	87	TIME'S A WASTIN	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HENDRICKSON, G	229	7			42-50504	504	L	7V	38	UNKNOWN 019	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HERDTI	229	27			42-95108	108	B	Z5	83	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HINER	229	25			42-51206	206	S	7V	60	THE PIED PIPER	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HODGE	229	19			42-100366	366	H	Z5	80	MIZPAH	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HOFFMAN	229	22	HENSLER	L1	44-50693	693	P	J3	4	UNKNOWN 054	NEW SHIP
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HOLMGREN	229	12			42-51110	110	M	7V	107	TOP O' THE MARK	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	HOLTZ	229	13			44-40126	126	L	Z5	85	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	JOHNSON, C	229	20	ANDERSON	D1	44-49902	902	M	J3	8	UNKNOWN 043	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	KELLY	229	23			44-40277	277	P	J4	67	MISS USED	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	LAIRD	229	26			44-10487	487	R	7V	59	Girl on surfboard (no name)	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	LaJEUNESSE	229	29			44-40273	273	T	J4	56	HOWLING BANSHEE	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	MINOR	229	33			42-51199	199	A	Z5	50	UNKNOWN 023	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	MONTGOMERY	229	15			42-50912	912	D	J4	39	THE TRAVLIN' BAG	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	NUTTER	229	18			42-95018	018	J	Z5	106	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	PELTON	229	12			42-100408	408	I	J4	54	LADY LUCK / THE BEAST	
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	SHARP	229	11		L3	44-50673	673	Q	J3	1	UNKNOWN 054	NEW SHIP
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	TAYLOR, O	229	34			42-50502	502	E	7V	69	LARRUPIN' LINDA	PILOT ON 2ND TOUR
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	THOMAS	229	ABT			42-51179	179	P	Z5	--	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	ABORT -
20-Apr-45	ZWIESEL	WILLIAMS, DG	229	34			42-50555	555	A	J4	45	BABY SHOES	