

25 May 2002

Dear Merle:

I got started and got a bit carried away, failing to note that I was to send along only those yellow lined. So, you have a lot more than you bargained for. Hope it doesn't upset the apple cart.

I ran into several cases where there wasn't much in the file, and I had to go to the Squadron Diary for a bit of data. Some of the stuff in the Mission Files has disappeared over the years at National Archives.

Evidently for a long period they weren't very good stewards of the materials they had, and only a few people were looking at them at all. Some stuff, particularly Berlin missions, took legs and walked away. Now they watch the files like a hawk!

Anyway, you've got a pretty good pile of reading here, and it will give you a pretty broad picture of much of what went on.

Hope you enjoy it all.

Sincerely,

May 16, 82

- Mr. Russell Strong, Secy., editor
- 5323 Cheval Pl.
- Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

Dear Mr. Strong,

Please find enclosed check for \$25.00, for which please send me mission reports for the 15 highlighted missions on the enclosed sortie report.

This should complete my list of mission reports that I already have.

Many thanks.

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NAME: BROWN, MERLE P.

RANK: 1st Lt.

A.S.N.: 0-686220

DUTY: Pilot

GROUP: 306

SQUADRON: 368

| Date of Mission | Group Mission Number | Indiv. Mission Number | Geographical Location of Targets | Time | Total Combat Time |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| 41-Jan. 7 | | 1 | LUDWIGSHAVEN, GERMANY | 7:00 | |
| 11 | | 2 | HALBERSTADT, GERMANY | 9:15 | |
| 21 | | 3 | NOBALL, FRANCE | 5:00 | |
| 29 | | 4 | FRANKFURT, GERMANY | 8:00 | |
| 30 | | 5 | BRUNSWICK, GERMANY | 7:35 | |
| Feb. 3 | | 6 | WILHELMSHAVEN, GERMANY | 6:50 | |
| 5 | | 7 | CHATEAUDUN, FRANCE | 6:15 | |
| 6 | | 8 | NANCY, FRANCE | 7:00 | |
| 21 | | 9 | HOPSTEN, GERMANY | 7:35 | |
| 22 | | 10 | BERNBURG, GERMANY | 9:00 | |
| 24 | | 11 | SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY | 7:45 | |
| 25 | | 12 | AUGSBURG, GERMANY | 9:05 | |
| Mar. 2 | | | ABORTION | 3:50 | |
| 3 | | | ABORTION | 4:00 | |
| 4 | | | ABANDONED | 4:00 | |
| 6 | | 13 | BERLIN, GERMANY | 8:30 | |
| June 20 | | 15 | 1st BD TEL. U-997 | | |
| Oct. 25 | | 16 | HAMBURG, GERMANY | 8:00 | |
| Nov. 4 | | 17 | HARBURG, GERMANY | 7:50 | |
| 5 | | 18 | FRANKFURT, GERMANY | 8:15 | |
| 8 | | | ABANDONED | 3:15 | |
| 9 | | 19 | METZ, FRANCE | 7:00 | |
| 16 | | 20 | ESCHWEILER, GERMANY | 8:30 | |
| 21 | | 21 | MEPPEN, GERMANY | 7:00 | |
| 26 | | 22 | MISBURG, GERMANY | 7:45 | |
| 30 | | 23 | GERA, GERMANY | 9:00 | |
| 3 Dec. 30 | | 24 | MAINZ, GERMANY | 7:55 | |
| 4 45-Jan. 2 | | 25 | KYLLEBURG, GERMANY | 5:45 | |
| 5 6 | | 26 | KOLN, GERMANY | 7:05 | |
| 6 7 | | 27 | URSKIRCHEN, GERMANY | 7:25 | |
| 7 10 | | 28 | GYMNICH, GERMANY | 7:00 | |
| 8 14 | | 29 | KOLN, GERMANY | 7:00 | |
| 9 15 | | 30 | FREIBURG, GERMANY | 7:45 | |
| 10 17 | | 31 | BIELEFELD, GERMANY | 7:10 | |
| 11 20 | | 32 | RHEINE, GERMANY | 6:10 | |
| 12 Feb. 16 | | 33 | DORTMUND, GERMANY | 7:55 | |
| 13 20 | | | ABORTION | 5:00 | |
| 14 21 | | 34 | NURNBERG, GERMANY | 9:00 | |
| 15 22 | | 35 | LUDWIGSLUST, GERMANY | 9:30 | 271:55 |

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