

JULY (con't)

ducing components for ME 410 and ME 262 aircraft and probably testing for the ME163 jet. Clouds covered most of the route in. It was clear, but hazy, in the target area and bombing was reported as good. There were no enemy attacks and fighter support was good. Flak was moderate in the target area. Three planes of the 423rd participated. Lt. Edwin A. Schoenbachler, Jr., dropped nickels on the city. Lt. George R. Broz flew with the 398th Bomb Group and bombed Lechfeld. Lt. Glenn D. Arrison flew with the 401st Bomb Group and dropped nickels on the city of Augsburg.

2nd Lts. George R. Broz and Harry H. Winning, Jr., promoted to 1st Lts.
1st Lt. Richard L. Raymond transferred to 12th RCD.

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KOTHEN - Today's target was the large workshops of the Junkers Motorenwerke, estimated to produce 40 per cent of the new German engine known as the Jumo 213. There was 7 to 10/10ths cloud over the entire route. No E/A were seen and support was good. Maj. J. S. Chalfant led the 40th B CBW. Unexpected winds pushed the Group south of course and they received flak from Frankfurt. The Wing leader's #3 engine was hit and was smoking all the way to the target area, then caught fire. A prop fell off, wrecking the instruments in the cockpit, and the deputy took over the lead. As the lead was changing, another Group forced the formation into flak from Leipzig. Since the target was obscured by clouds, a target of opportunity was bombed at Rudolstadt. Capt. Earl W. Kesling led the 40th B CBW low group and made a visual run on the primary target, but before bombs were away clouds and haze obscured the target, so this group bombed a T/O at Bitterfeld. Lt. Ferman J. Millette led the 40th B CBW high group and made a visual run on the target. But, a rack malfunction caused by flak damage on the bomb run prevented this plane from dropping. The navigator and bombardier, Lts. Edward L. Lawrence and Harry H. Winning, Jr., were both wounded but were able to bomb a T/O at Garfendorf. Lt. William D. Fortson led the low squadron. Other pilots were Lts. Malcolm G. Frazee, Robert N. Horn, Harold L. Miller, David A. McNaught, Berkley B. Peterson, Donald Plecher and John M. Winward. A/C 897-S, Lt. McNaught, was hit by flak in the Leipzig area. The left Tokyo tank and #1 engine caught fire. The A/C dropped out of formation and disappeared into the clouds. The fire was observed to go out when last seen. Members of McNaught's crew were: Lts. John P. Wollack, William E. Glass and Marlyn L. Watson; and Sgts. Jerome E. Scherr, Theodore J. Hansen, Michael G. Gesine, William J. Burke and Harold T. Eckenrode.

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A/C 683-N, Lt. Frazee's plane, ditched at 1430 hours, 15 miles southwest of Ostende, Belgium. At the IP a burst of flak had hit his #1 engine, stopping it immediately, but the pilot feathered the prop. Then #3 engine was hit by flak and oil began to leak freely. Pilot Frazee then left the formation. Two flares were fired and a P-51 gave escort out for about 45 minutes. #3 engine was feathered as the oil pressure dropped to zero. Southeast of Ghent #2 engine went out. He left Ghent with only one engine and crossed

JULY (con't) the Belgian coast at 7,000 feet. He ditched at 1430, after receiving word that an air-sea rescue launch was 12 miles out at 12 o'clock. The plane was evacuated in 20 seconds and it sank in three and one-half minutes. During the night the dinghies drifted to within five miles of the Belgian coast. The crew saw bombing on the French coast. About 1130 hours on the 21st two rescue launches approached and picked the flyers up at 5129N x 0230E. No crew member was injured and hospitalization was not required. Members of Frazee's crew were Lts. Aram J. Nahabedian, Theodore W. Lee and Samuel C. Jordan. Sgts. Richard A. Hill, Walter C. Butschek, George W. Johnson, Paul H. Wehunt and Carroll L. Reimann.

Pfc. Rocco Chiara reassigned to the squadron. Sgts. John T. Adams, Jr., Boyce W. Ellington, Louis Klein, Calvin R. Pomodoro, Kenneth J. Russell and Vernon A. McQuinn transferred.

21 EBELSBACH - Today's target was the ball bearing works at Ebelsbach. The route in was covered by 8/10ths clouds, but the target was clear, bombing was visual, and the crews report excellent results. There was no Luftwaffe opposition and there was excellent support by P-38s, P-47s and P-51s. There was no flak at the target and it was only observed along the way. Lt. George R. Broz led the high squadron in the 40th C CBW lead group, with Lts. Harry J. Alyea, Jr., and Jacob J. Quintis; Lt. Harold L. Miller led the high squadron of the 40th C CBW high group, with Lts. Edwin A. Schoenbachler, Herbert Greenberg; Lt. Glenn D. Arrison led the high squadron in the low group, with Lts. Robert L. Mox and Donald Plecher.

22 HAMBURG - Today's targets for the Group were Bremen, Kiel and Hamburg. Seven a/c carried nickels, telling the German people that "German Generals Have Proclaimed a Peace Government." Lt. Harold L. Miller represented the 423rd and dropped leaflets through the clouds at Hamburg. No enemy fighters were seen, escort was close and the flak was meager.

23 2nd Lt. Melvin E. Clark promoted to 1st Lt.

24 FRANCE - The 306th flew B Force in the 40th CBW. The target was an area northwest of St. Lo and 1500 yards south of the forward line of our troops in France. Capt. Earl W. Kesling led the Group and bombs were not dropped on the primary target because of cloud coverage. A run was made on a secondary target but no bombs were dropped due to a rack malfunction. No E/A were seen and P-38s and P-51s gave good support. No flak was observed. Other pilots were Lts. Harold R. Fossum, who led the high squadron, George R. Broz, who led the low squadron, and Richard Nickelhoff, Edwin A. Schoenbachler, Donald Plecher, Jacob J. Quintis, Glenn D. Arrison, Robert N. Horn, Robert L. Mox, Harry J. Alyea, Jr., Harold L. Miller, William D. Fortson and John M. Winward.

25 FRANCE - Today was a repeat of yesterday's target, to attack the

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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	<u>"B" Lead</u>	<u>"B" Ld.</u>	<u>"B" High</u>	<u>"B" Low</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of A/C Dispatched	12	1	13	13	39
Unused Spares	1	0	1	1	3
A/C Dispatched Less Unused Spares	11	1	12	12	36
No. of Sorties	11	1	12	12	36
No. of A/C Attacking	11	0	12	12	35
No. of A/C Not Attacking	0	1	0	0	1
No. of A/C Lost (Flak & Unknown)	0	0	2	0	2

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,
Lieut. Colonel, AC,
Operations Officer.

Supplemental Note:

Information received at 1315 hours 21 July, 1944 to effect that entire crew of A/C 42-102683 picked up safely by Air-Sea Rescue.

MISSION LOGGING LIST

KATA CREW

SQUADRON 369th. MISSION NUMBER 200 DATE July 20, 1944

A/C Number 42-97896
Total time for complete mission 9:00

A/C Number 42-97365
Total time for complete mission 8:40

- O (P) Ralstin, E. L. 1st. Lt.
- O (CP) Jones, R. L. "
- O (N) Locke, R. T. 2nd. Lt.
- O (B) Meersman, T. J. "
- O (E) Howard, W. M. T/Sgt.
- O (R) Helms, B. A. Sgt.
- O (G) Wrightsman, G. W. S/Sgt.
- O (G) Simonian, S. Sgt.
- O (G) Lloyd, F. S/Sgt.
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- O (F) Lingvall, A. H. 2nd. Lt.
- O (CP) Shoop, E. F. "
- O (P) Schwet, J. G. "
- O (E) Soifar, S. "
- O (F) Haurberg, V. H. Sgt.
- O (EO) Bell, G. A. Sgt.
- O (G) Schuller, L. M. Sgt.
- O (G) Holm, H. E. Sgt.
- O (C) Irwin, E. J. "
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A/C Number 42-97297
Total time for Complete mission 8:30

A/C Number 42-102669
Total time for Complete mission 8:45

- O (F) Schnieder, G. C. 2nd. Lt.
- O (CP) Doman, W. N. "
- O (F) Bryant, C. W. "
- O (B) Reese, J. W. S/Sgt.
- O (B) Peterson, L. J. Sgt.
- O (FO) Scoles, J. C. S/Sgt.
- O (G) Snead, P. L. Sgt.
- O (G) DeBeauchamp, D. G. Sgt.
- O (G) Beach, R. Sgt.
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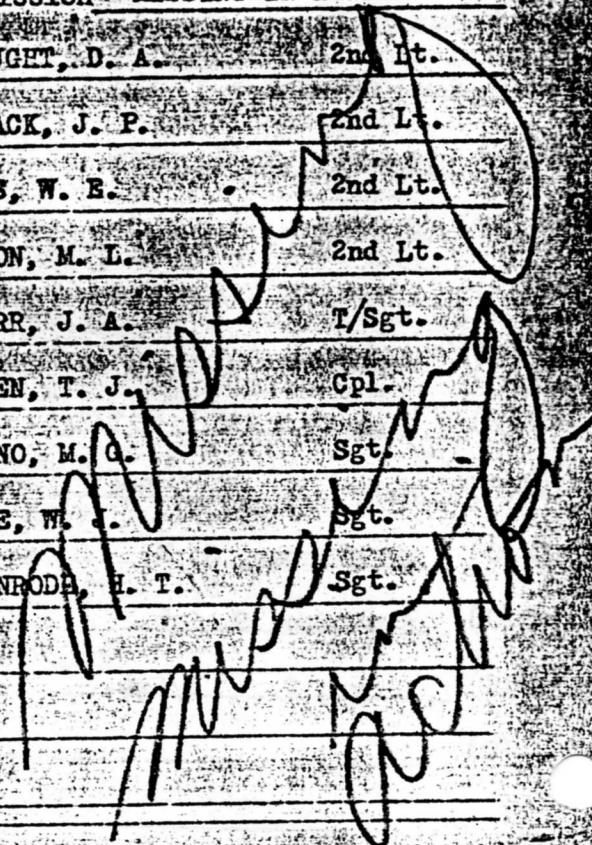
- O (P) Kata, A. P. 2nd. Lt.
- O (CP) Newsom, Y. B. 1st. Lt.
- O (N) Schoonover, E. L. 2nd. Lt.
- O (B) Mundell, P. Sgt.
- O (E) Lowry, B. F. S/Sgt.
- O (FO) Endrusick, S. A. T/Sgt.
- O (G) Brown, J. T/Sgt.
- O (G) Kepler, H. F. S/Sgt.
- O (G) Latta, C. G. "
- (G) PEE SHIP (8:45)
- (N) EWELL, M. G.

A/C Number 42-102683
 Total time for complete mission 9:00 IN ACTION

(P) FRAZKE, H. C. 1st Lt.
 (CP) NAHABEDIAN, A. J. 2nd Lt.
 (N) LEE, T. W. 2nd Lt.
 (B) JORDAN, S. C. 2nd Lt.
 (E) HUTSCEK, W. H. S/Sgt.
 (R) HILL, R. A. S/Sgt.
 (G) JOHNSON, G. W. Sgt.
 (G) NEHUNT, P. H. Sgt.
 (G) ESIMANN, C. L. Cpl.
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A/C Number 42-31897
 Total time for complete mission MISSING IN ACTION

(P) MONAUGHT, D. A. 2nd Lt.
 (CP) WOLLACK, J. P. 2nd Lt.
 (N) GLASS, W. E. 2nd Lt.
 (E) WATSON, M. L. 2nd Lt.
 (E) SCHERR, J. A. T/Sgt.
 (PO) HANSEN, T. J. Cpl.
 (G) GESINO, M. G. Sgt.
 (G) HURKE, W. J. Sgt.
 (G) ECKENRODE, H. T. Sgt.
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A/C Number 44-6012
 Total time for Complete mission 8:20

(P) FORTSON, W. D. 1st Lt.
 (CP) MEEK, J. E. 1st Lt.
 (N) NABORS, R. E. 1st Lt.
 (E) ASETON, A. J. 1st Lt.
 (B) LOEWEN, C. C. T/Sgt.
 (PO) CRAIG, R. A. T/Sgt.
 (G) JOHNSON, R. D. S/Sgt.
 (G) ELLIS, J. C. S/Sgt.
 (G) FRKEL, J. W. S/Sgt.
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A/C Number 42-107055
 Total time for Complete mission 8:25

(P) MILLETTE, F. J. 1st Lt.
 (CP) McKEE, W. C. 2nd Lt.
 (N) LAWRENCE, E. L. 2nd Lt.
 (B) WINNING, A. H. 1st Lt.
 (E) GAYLORD, W. H. T/Sgt.
 (PO) PAOLINI, R. T/Sgt.
 (G) ROMINE, C. D. S/Sgt.
 (G) LEWIS, J. W. S/Sgt.
 (G) KENNEDY, R. J. S/Sgt.
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
OFFICE OF AC OF S, A-2
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IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. 151, 0300 hours, 20 July, 1944.

This report covers strike attack photography of the 91st, 92nd, 303rd, 305th, 306th, 351st, 379th, 381st, 384th, 398th, 401st and 457th Bombardment Groups taken during the mission of 19 July, 1944 to TARGETS in GERMANY.

AUGSBURG

The target was the FIGHTER AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY FACTORY OF MESSERSCHMITT A.G. situated 2½ miles south of the center of AUGSBURG.

Eight concentrations of general purpose bombs and three concentrations of incendiary bombs could be seen bursting in the target area. Most of the target area was quickly covered by a pall of smoke. Therefore, only definite visible strikes and fires were pin-pointed.

Direct hits were made with general purpose bombs on the following installations:-

1. Experimental hangar and test pilot's office (Two direct hits - Photography shows this hangar to be at least 60% demolished).
2. Workshop (Seriously damaged).
3. Assembly Shop.
4. Large Workshop (Two direct hits and seriously damaged at one end).
5. Sub-Assembly and Machine Shop (Five direct hits - Seriously damaged with two fires burning late in the attack).
6. Boilerhouse.
7. Power House.
8. Sports Centre.

Smoke over the target area partially obscured strikes by incendiary bombs. Direct hits with incendiaries were made on the following:-

1. Two large workshops (Three direct hits and two direct hits respectively).
2. Offices.
3. Sub-Assembly and Machine Shop (Two direct hits).

There were eight twin-engined aircraft visible on the field at the time of the attack. One aircraft may be damaged by blast.

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LECHFELD

The target was the LECHFELD AIRFIELD situated 12½ miles south of AUGSBURG. This airfield has always been associated with training activities including night fighter training and conversion courses to Mc-410's.

Four heavy concentrations of general purpose bombs and four concentrations of incendiary bombs cover most of the hangar-workshops area. Damage throughout the entire area will be severe. Direct hits could be seen on the following installations:-

1. Seven large hangars (One hangar received three direct hits and could be seen burning fiercely late in the attack. Four hangars received two direct hits each. Large fires could be seen in three of these hangars. One hangar received one direct hit and could be seen burning. Another hangar received a direct hit from an incendiary bomb).
2. Four Workshops (Direct hits - Will be seriously damaged by near misses),
3. Barracks Area (Incendiary bombs cover most of the barracks area. Fires can be seen starting and damage should be severe).
4. At least seven small unidentified buildings.

Forty-six aircraft were visible on the field at the time of the attack. At least eight of these aircraft will be seriously damaged.

HOLLRIEGELSKREUTH

The target was a complex of two individual targets as follows:-

- A. OXYGEN and HYDROGEN WORKS of LINDES EISENMASCHINEN A.G.
- B. HYDROGEN WORKS of ELECTROCHEMISCHE WERKE MUNICH A.G.

Situated 7 miles S.S.W. of MUNICH. Both factories are producers of high concentration hydrogen-peroxide and together form one of the largest producing units of this highly explosive substance.

At least four heavy concentrations of general purpose bombs fell into the target area. Only the first concentration of bombs could be plotted due to intense smoke in the area. However, it was possible to see that after this concentration, at least three others fell into the area. Damage should be severe since these factories are compact and were covered by well placed concentrations.

LINDES EISENMACHINEN A.G.

Direct hits could be seen on the following:-

1. Hydrogen-peroxide plant (At least one direct hit - Small explosion visible in this area).

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- 2. Liquid air plant.
- 3. One unidentified building.

ELECTROCHEMISCHE WERKE MUNICH A.G.

- 1. Old Hydrogen peroxide plant (Two direct hits).

Smoke in this area was extremely intense. However, there is a strong probability of direct hits on the following:-

- 1. Boilerhouse
- 2. Chemical plant.
- 3. Probable new Hydrogen plant.

ULM

The target was the RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD at ULM.

Photography is incomplete on this target area. However, it is possible to see the start of incendiary bombs bursting over most of the marshalling yard area. At the time of the attack this yard was almost filled to capacity with railroad cars. Damage to rolling stock and to the main goods depot can be expected.

DAUN

The target was the village of DAUN situated 40 miles S.W. of BONN and 35 miles S.W. of COBLENZ.

Approximately 110 general purpose bombs could be seen bursting in the village area. Damage to this village should be extremely severe.

GEORGE WELTER,
Capt., A.C.,
Division Photo Interpreter.

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