

Crew 11

712th Bomb Squadron
448th Bomb Group
20th Combat Bombardment Wing
2nd Bomb Division
8th Air Force
1943-44



Standing (L-R): S/Sgt Raymond Giwojna (Rear Gunner), S/Sgt Benjamin Means (Waist Gunner), S/Sgt Norbert Duginske (Waist Gunner), T/Sgt Gerald Carroll (Top Turret Gunner/Engineer), S/Sgt Kenneth Dyer (Radio Operator), S/Sgt Bill McCullah (Ball Turret Gunner).
Kneeling (L-R): 2nd Lt. Alfred Cannon (Navigator), 2nd Lt. John Schneider (Co-pilot), 2nd Lt. Paul Helander (Pilot), 2nd Lt. Henry Snyder (Bombadier).



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CREW 11 MEMBERS



Pilot
2nd Lt. Paul Helander
b: 27 Jul 1919
d: 31 Jul 2007



Co-Pilot
2nd Lt. John Schneider
b: 15 Jan 1918
d: Unkown



Navigator
2nd Lt. Alfred Cannon
b: 25 Feb 1919
d: 04 Jul 1990



Bombardier
2nd Lt. Henry Snyder
b: 07 May 1919
d: 06 Sep 1998



Top Turret Gunner
Tech Sgt Jerry Carroll
b: 24 Sep 1921
d: 26 Apr 1945



Ball Turret Gunner
Staff Sgt Bill McCullah
b: 03 Nov 1923
d: 07 Dec 2002



Tail Gunner
Staff Sgt Raymond G.
Giwojna
b: 11 Apr 1923
d: 18 May 1979



Waist Gunner
Staff Sgt Benjamin
Means
b: 11 Feb 1924
d: 21 Sep 2014



Waist Gunner
Staff Sgt Mike
Duginske
b: 01 Jan 1920
d: 09 Feb 2013



First Radio Operator
Tech Sgt Oclotian U.
Richmond
b: 04 Jun 1922
d: 15 Dec 2007



Second Radio
Operator
Staff Sgt Ken Dyer
b: 07 Aug 1922
d: 24 Jun 2010



Third Radio Operator
Tech Sgt Hyman
Sadowsky
b: 16 Mar 1923
d: 30 Dec 2001



Staff Sergeant Raymond G. Giwojna (Giv-oin-ah) - 16133962 was born 11 Apr 1923. He enlisted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 30 Oct 1942. In Sep 1943 he became the Tail Gunner and Third Engineer in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from Dec 1943 to June 1944 he completed 30 missions over northern Europe. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He died 18 May 1979 at the age of 56 in Hennepin, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Benjamin "Benny" Z. Means - 33424645 was born in Fordam, Pennsylvania 11 Feb 1924. He entered active service 05 Feb 1943 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended Basic Training in Miami, Florida, Gunnery School at Harlingen, Texas, and Armament School at Lowry Air Base and Buckley Field, Colorado. In Sep 1943 he became the Waist Gunner and Second Armorer in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from Dec 1943 to June 1944 he completed 30 missions over northern Europe. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He returned to the United States in Sep 1944 and was discharged 03 Oct 1945. He died on 21 Sep 2014 at the age of 90 and is buried in the Valier Cemetery, Valier, Pennsylvania near where he was born.



Staff Sergeant Norbert "Mike" Duginske - 16008632 was born in Merrill, Wisconsin 01 Jan 1920. He enlisted 11 Feb 1941 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In Sep 1943 he became the Waist Gunner and Second Engineer in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from Dec 1943 to June 1944 he completed 30 missions over northern Europe. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He died 09 Feb 2013 in Wausau, Wisconsin at the age of 93 and is buried in the Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Gerald “Jerry” E. Carroll - 19055027

was born 24 Sep 1921 in Silver Bow, Montana. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps 08 Aug 1941. In Sep 1943 he became the Top Turret Gunner and First Engineer in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from Dec 1943 to June 1944 he completed 30 missions over northern Europe. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He died 26 Apr 1945 at the age of 24 while assigned to the 3509th Army Air Force Base Unit (AAFBUSS) (Factory School) located at the Ford Willow Run B-24 Bomber Manufacturing Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He unfortunately fell off the roof of the Hotel Statler. He is buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Butte, Montana.



Staff Sergeant Kenneth “Ken” L. Dyer - 35568310 was born 07 Aug 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He enlisted in Indianapolis on 12 Nov 1942. He was a Radio Operator while assigned to "Boomerang" (42-52132) Jan-Feb 1944, "Little Sheppard" (41-28711) Feb-Mar 1944 and "Hello Natural" (41-29191) until it crashed in Sweden 06 Mar 1944 (Missing Air Crew Report MACR 3548). He died 24 Jan 2010 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 87 and is buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Greenwood, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Bill “Billy the Kid” McCullah -

37413477 was born 03 Nov 1923 in Springfield, Missouri. He enlisted 23 Jan 1943 in Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He attended Basic Training in Miami, Florida, Gunnery School at Harlingen, Texas, and Armament School at Lowry Air Base and Buckley Field, Colorado. In Sep 1943 he became the Ball Turret Gunner and First Armorer in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from Dec 1943 to June 1944 he completed 30 missions over northern Europe. He was wounded by flak during a mission to Brunswick, Germany on 19 May 1944. He was discharged on 23 Oct 1945. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He died 07 Dec 2002 in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 79.





2nd Lieutenant Alfred E. Cannon - 0809318 was born 25 Feb 1919 in Queens, New York. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. on 07 Aug 1943 after completing Basic Training at Cochran Field, Macon, Georgia, Navigation Pre-flight training at Selman Field, Louisiana, and Pan American Advanced Navigation Training in Coral Gables, Florida. In Sep 1943 he became the Navigator in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from 22 Dec 1943 to 19 May 1944 he completed 22 missions over northern Europe. He was wounded by flak during a mission to Brunswick, Germany on 19 May 1944 and again on his 23rd mission on 18 Jul 1944. Due to his injuries, he was suspended from flying on 21 Aug 1944 and returned to the US on 15 Oct 1944. In 1945 he

completed Pre-flight School, Elementary Flying Training, Basic Flying Training, and Advanced Pilot Training before being transferred to the AAF Reserves in Oct 1945. He was separated from reserve duty on 19 Nov 1945. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart with Oak Cluster, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He died 04 Jul 1990 at the age of 71 and is buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Lake Worth, Florida.

2nd Lieutenant John J. Schneider - 0652243 was born 15 Jan 1918 in Chicago, Illinois. He entered enlisted service 07 Mar 1941 in the US Army Infantry and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. He later was assigned to flying training (basic, primary and advanced) at the West Coast Training Center in Santa Ana, CA. He received his flight training at Luke Air Force Base. In Sep 1943 he became the Co-pilot in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething, England. He completed 23 missions from 22 Dec 1943 to 19 May 1944 as Co-pilot. He then completed 7 more missions as the Pilot of Crew 11 after 2nd Lt. Paul Helander was wounded in action on 19 May 1944. In June 1944 he completed 30 missions. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, American Service Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He died sometime after Mar 2005 in Yorba Linda, California.





2nd Lieutenant Paul R. Helander - 0804331 was born in Chicago, Illinois in on 27 Jul 1919. He entered enlisted service in May 1941 in the US Army Medical Corp. He attended basic training at Camp Grant near Rockford, Illinois but soon after he was transferred to the US Army Air Corp where he received training as an Aircraft Mechanic at Selfridge Field near Detroit, Michigan. He was later assigned to Ground School at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, Primary Flight Training at Darr Aero Tech in Albany, Georgia, and Basic Flight Training in Greenville, Mississippi. He was then sent to George Air Force Base in Vincennes, Indiana for Advanced Multi-Engine Aircraft Training. After completing his training, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and assigned to Advanced Pilot Training in Myrtle Beach, North Carolina where he qualified in

single-engine AT-6's. His first assignment as a rated pilot was with the 1st Composite Squadron stationed on Ascension Island. He was wounded in action in North Africa in 1943 and assigned to multi-engine bombers. In Sep 1943 he became the lead Pilot in the initial formation of Crew 11. From Nov 1943 to May 1944, he completed 22 missions of over northern Europe before being wounded by flak during a mission to Brunswick, Germany on 19 May 1944. Due to his injuries, he was retired Jul 1945. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart with Oak Cluster, Air Medal with 3 Oak Clusters, American Service Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He passed away on 31 Jul 2007 at the age of 86 and is buried in the Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

2nd Lieutenant Henry "Hank" N. Snyder - 0752588 was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on 07 May 1919. He entered enlisted service on 02 Oct 1941. He served for two years in the Signal Corp at Ft. Mammouth, New Jersey and Luke Field, Arizona Telegraph Office. He was selected for Bombardier training in 1943 and attended Bombardier School in Deming, New Mexico and flying training (basic, primary and advanced) at the West Coast Training Center in Santa Ana, CA. In Sep 1943 he became the Bombardier in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from Dec 1943 to June 1944 he completed 30 missions over northern Europe. He was promoted to 1st Lt. on 22 Sep 1945 and transferred to the AAF Reserves on 02 Oct 1945. His service awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 Oak Clusters, American Service Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, American-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and WW2 Victory Medal. He died on 06 Sep 1998 at the age of 79 and is buried in the Amery Cemetery, Amery, Wisconsin.





Technical Sergeant Oclotlan (O-cot-lan) U. Richmond - 39263863 (not shown in photo) was born in Ajo, Arizona 04 Jun 1922. In Sep 1943 he became the Radio Operator in the initial formation of Crew 11 at Gowen Field, Idaho. In Nov 1943 Crew 11 arrived at Seething England and from Dec 1943 to Jan 1944 he completed 3 missions over northern Europe before being assigned to ground communications. He passed away on 15 Dec 2007 at the age of 85 in Deer Park, Washington. He is buried in the Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery, Spokane, Washington.

Technical Sergeant Hyman Sadowsky - 16117366 (not shown in photo) was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 16 Mar 1923. He enlisted 02 Nov 1942 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He became the 3rd Radio Operator in March 1944 after Radio Operator Kenneth Dyer crash landed in "Hello Natural" (41-29191) in Sweden on 06 Mar 1944. He passed away 30 Dec 2001 in Middletown, New York at the age of 78. He is buried in the Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge, New Jersey.



Original Crew 11. Standing (L-R): T/Sgt. Oclotlan U. Richmond; S/Sgt. Benjamin Z. Means - Waist Gunner, Second Armorer; S/Sgt. Norbert M. Duginske - Waist Gunner, Second Engineer; T/Sgt. Gerald E. Carroll - Top Turret Gunner, First Engineer; S/Sgt. Raymond G. Giwojna - Tail Gunner; Sgt. Bill J. McCullah - Ball Turret Gunner, First Armorer. **Kneeling (L-R):** 2nd Lt. Paul R. Helander - Pilot; 2nd Lt. John J. Schneider - Co-Pilot; 2nd Lt. Alfred E. Cannon - Navigator; 2nd Lt. Henry M. Snyder - Bombardier.

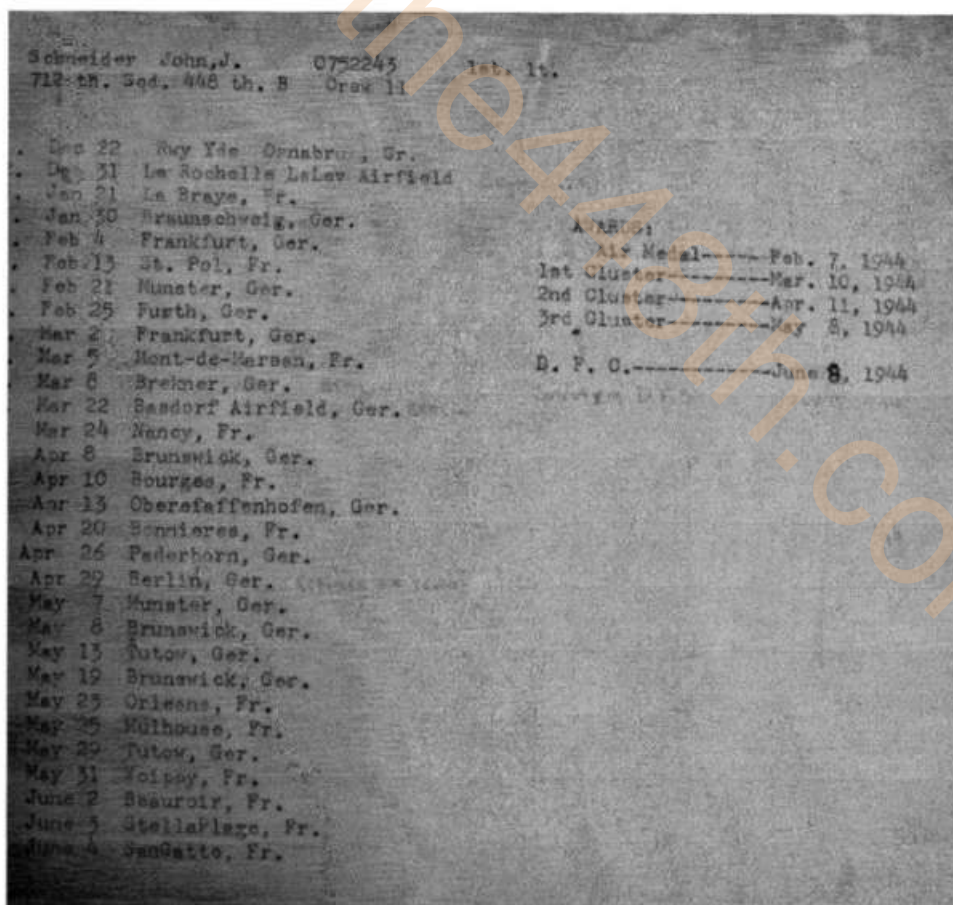
CREW 11 MISSION LOG

2nd Bomb Division, 448th Bomb Group, 712th Bomb Squadron

- 22 Dec 1943** - Mission 1 - VIII Bomber Command 161 - Osnabruck (Primary) Communications Center
- 31 Dec 1943** - Mission 2 - VIII Bomber Command 171 - Cognac/Chateaubernard (Secondary) Airfield
- 21 Jan 1944** - Mission 3 - 8th Air Force 187 - Cherbourg, France V-1 Missile Sites
- 30 Jan 1944** - Mission 4 - 8th Air Force 200 - Hannover (Opportunistic) Industrial Area
- 04 Feb 1944** - Mission 5 - 8th Air Force 208 - Frankfurt (Secondary) Marshalling Yards
- 13 Feb 1944** - Mission 6 - 8th Air Force 221 - Pas De Calais (Primary) V-1 Missile Sites
- 21 Feb 1944** - Mission 7 - 8th Air Force 228 BIG WEEK - DAY 2 - Achmer, Handorf, Diepholz, Vörden, and Hesepe Germany Airfields
- 25 Feb 1944** - Mission 8 - 8th Air Force 235 BIG WEEK - DAY 6 - Fürth, Germany Aircraft Factories
- 02 Mar 1944** - Mission 9 - 8th Air Force 244 - Frankfurt/Main (Primary) Marshalling Yards
- 05 Mar 1944** - Mission 10 - 8th Air Force 248 - Mont De Marsan (Primary) Airfield
- 08 Mar 1944** - Mission 11 - 8th Air Force 252 - Berlin/Erkner (Primary) Ball Bearing Factories
- 22 Mar 1944** - Mission 12 - 8th Air Force 273 - Berlin, Germany Industrial Areas.
- 24 Mar 1944** - Mission 13 - 8th Air Force 277 - Nancy, France Airfield
- 08 Apr 1944** - Mission 14 - 8th Air Force 291 - Brunswick, Germany Aircraft Factories
- 10 Apr 1944** - Mission 15 - 8th Air Force 295 - Bourges, France (Primary) Airfield and Aircraft Factories
- 13 Apr 1944** - Mission 16 - 8th Air Force 301 - Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany (Primary) Aircraft Factories
- 20 Apr 1944** - Mission 17 - 8th Air Force 309 - Pas De Calais, France (Primary) V-1 Missile Sites
- 26 Apr 1944** - Mission 18 - 8th Air Force 319A - Paderborn, Germany (Primary) Industrial Complex
- 29 Apr 1944** - Mission 19 - 8th Air Force 327 - Berlin, Germany (Primary) Marshalling Yards
- 07 May 1944** - Mission 20 - 8th Air Force 342A - Münster, Germany Industrial Complex
- 08 May 1944** - Mission 21 - 8th Air Force 344 - Brunswick, Germany Industrial Complex

- 13 May 1944 - Mission 22 - 8th Air Force 355 - Tutow, Germany (Primary) Aircraft Factories
- 19 May 1944 - Mission 23 - 8th Air Force 358 - Brunswick, Germany Aircraft Factories
- 23 May 1944 - Mission 24 - 8th Air Force 366 - Orleans/Bricy (Primary) Airfield
- 25 May 1944 - Mission 25 - 8th Air Force 370 - Fécamp, France (Primary) Gun Battery
- 29 May 1944 - Mission 26 - 8th Air Force 379 - Politz, Poland (Primary) Oil Refineries
- 31 May 1944 - Mission 27 - 8th Air Force 382 - Woippy, France Railroad Targets
- 02 Jun 1944 - Mission 28 - 8th Air Force 384 - Pas-de-Calais (Primary) (Beavoir) V-1 Missile Sites
- 03 Jun 1944 - Mission 29 - 8th Air Force 388 - Pas-de-Calais (Stella-Plage) Coastal Defenses
- 04 Jun 1944 - Mission 30 - 8th Air Force 389 - Pas-de-Calais (Sangatte) Coastal Defenses

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MISSIONS FLOWN BY DENNY MEANS

MISSION DETAILS

Mission 1 - VIII Bomber Command 161 - Osnabruck (Primary) Communications Center 22 Dec 1943

This mission is composed of two forces directed at two separate targets, the communication centers at Osnabruck and Munster, Germany. The force attacking at Osnabruck is composed of two elements. The first element is composed of 227 B-17s (2 are PFF equipped from 482BG) from 1st Bomb Division that included: 91BG (28); 92BG (22); 303BG (20 - did not drop); 305BG (19); 306BG (21); 351BG (31 - did not drop); 379BG (21); 381BG (22); 384BG (20); and 401BG (21 - did not drop). 5 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 22KIA 27POW. Of 2 aircraft returning with battle damage, 1 crash lands at Ubbeston, UK 10RTD and the other is abandoned near Washingly, UK 10RTD, both aircraft Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR). 5 airmen are KIA and 8 are Wounded in Action (WIA) in returning aircraft. 21 aircraft are damaged. The bomber gunners in this element claim 12-2-3 of attacking German aircraft.

The second element of the force directed to Osnabruck is a force of 121 B-24s from 2nd Bomb Division that included: 93BG (18); 389BG (26); 445BG (26); 446BG (25); and 448BG (26). 87 aircraft are effective on the target. 12 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 82KIA 35POW 1DIC.

1 aircraft with battle damage crash landed at Manston, UK. 1KIA, 9RTD. 5 airmen in returning aircraft were Wounded in Action (WIA). 11 aircraft are damaged. The bomber gunners in this element claimed 6-6-3 of attacking enemy aircraft.

The force attacking at Munster, Germany is composed of two elements. The first element is composed of 180 B-17s (including 3 PFF-equipped from 482BG) from 3rd Bomb Division that included: 94BG (20); 95BG (30); 96BG (27); 100BG (30); 385BG (20); 388BG (31); and 390BG (19). 164 aircraft are effective on the target. 3 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 22KIA 8POW. 2 aircraft with battle damage crash landed back in England, aircraft DBR, 10RTD. 1 airman in a returning aircraft was Wounded in Action (WIA). 29 aircraft are damaged. There are no claims on enemy aircraft.

The second element attacking at Munster is composed of 43 B-24s from 2nd Bomb Division that included: 44BG (23) and 392BG (20). 30 aircraft are effective on the target. 2 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 15KIA 5POW-1DIC. There are no claims by this element on attacking German aircraft.



(Tara Copp)

Mission 2 - VIII Bomber Command 171 - Cognac/Chateaubernard (Secondary) Airfield 31 Dec 1943

This mission is the last heavy bomber operation of 1943. 1943 had been a very "tough" year for the 8th Air Force in the European Theater of Operations (ETO). 23365 B-17s had been dispatched on missions and 881 had Failed to Return (FTR) for a loss percentage of 3.77%. This loss percentage equates to only a 38.26% chance that a B-17 bomber would complete a 25- mission tour. 3,026 B-24s had been dispatched on ETO missions and 92 had Failed to Return (FTR) for a loss percentage of 3.04%. This loss percentage equates to a 46.21% chance that a B- 24 would complete a 25-mission tour. These 25-mission survival rates were never given to the crews, but 8th AF command was certainly aware that you had to be "a lucky bastard" to complete 25 missions.

The fact that fighter escort of the bombers was not widely used until the latter months of 1943 was certainly a contributing factor in the number of aircraft that were lost. Also, the B-17 Model F was not equipped with a chin turret and the Luftwaffe quickly learned that head-on attacks could take fatal advantage of this deficiency. With the coming of the P-51 Mustang, the change in fighter tactics implemented by LGEN Doolittle, the equipping of Bomb Groups with the B17G and the losses by the Luftwaffe of experienced fighter pilots, the course of the air war in 1944 would be quite different for the bomber crews than 1943 and devastating to the Luftwaffe.

This mission is composed of 7 smaller formation elements directed mainly German airfields in France. The strategy seems to have been that multiple smaller bomber formations directed at dispersed targets would greatly frustrate Luftwaffe attempts to intercept the bomber streams.

The first element was a force of 73 B-17s from 1st Bomb Division that included: 91BG (32); 92BG (20); and 305BG (21 - did not drop) dispatched to bomb the German airfield at BordeauxMerignac, France. 40 aircraft are effective on the target. 5 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 8KIA 28POW 14EVD. 2 aircraft with battle damage made crash landings upon return to England 4KIA 16RTD. 4 airmen were KIA and another 10WIA aboard aircraft that returned. 29 aircraft were damaged. The bomber gunners in this element claimed 3-3-3 of attacking German aircraft.

The second element was a force of 102 B-17s also from 1st Bomb Division that included: 306BG (23); 351BG (31); 381BG (26); and 401BG (22) dispatched to bomb the German airfield of Cognac-Chateaubernard as the secondary target. 99 aircraft are effective on this target. 10 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 30KIA 51POW 19EVD 2RTD (rescued by ASR). 4 airmen were KIA and another 19 WIA aboard returning aircraft. 5 aircraft with battle damage made crash landings in England upon return 1KIA 49RTD. 38 aircraft were damaged. The bomber gunners in this element claimed 6-1-10 of attacking German aircraft.

The third element was a force of 61 B-17 from 3rd Bomb Division that included: 94BG (21); 385BG (20); and 447BG (20) dispatched to bomb the German airfield of CognacChateaubernard, France. ALL 61 were effective on the target, but 3 Failed to Return (FTR) 10KIA 14POW 7EVD. 1 airman was KIA and another 5 WIA aboard returning aircraft. 36 aircraft were damaged. The bomber gunners of this element claimed 8-9-14 of attacking German aircraft.

The fourth element was a force of 60 B-24s from 2nd Bomb Division that included: 93BG (17); 446BG (25); and 448BG (18) dispatched to bomb the German airfield at La Rochelle, France, but weather forced to formation to attack the German airfields at Cognac-Chateaubernard and Landes-Bussac, France. 57 aircraft are effective on these targets. 5 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 30KIA 17POW 2EVD. 2 aircraft make crash landings back in England 20RTD. 2 airmen are WIA in returning aircraft. 5 aircraft are damaged. There are no claims on enemy aircraft in this element.

The fifth element is a force of 57 B-17s from 1st Bomb Division that included: 303BG (20); 379BG (21); and 384BG (16) dispatched to bomb a blockade runner at Gironde, France. The ship is not sighted, and no bombs are dropped. 1 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) and was ditched in the English Channel 10RTD (rescued by ASR). 2 battle damaged aircraft make crash landings upon return to England 20RTD. 2 airmen are KIA and 5 WIA in returning aircraft. 3 aircraft are damaged. There are no claims on enemy aircraft.

The sixth element is a force of 94 B-24s from 2nd Bomb Division that included: 44BG (20); 389BG (25); 392BG (27) and 445BG (22) dispatched to bomb the German airfield at St. Jean D'Angely, France. 87 aircraft are effective on the target. 1 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 9KIA 1POW. 2 aircraft make crash landings upon return to England and are declared to be Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) 20RTD. 5 aircraft are damaged. The bomber gunners of this element claim 9-1-1 of attacking German aircraft.

The seventh element is a force of 125 B-17s from 3rd Bomb Division that included: 95BG (21); 96BG (32); 100BG (21); 388BG (29); and 390BG (22) dispatched to bomb the industrial areas of Paris-Ivry and Bois-Colombes, France. 120 aircraft are effective on their targets. 1 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) 10KIA. 1 battle damaged aircraft makes a crash landing upon return and is Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) 10RTD. 2 airmen are WIA aboard returning aircraft. 49 aircraft are damaged. There are no claims against enemy aircraft in this element.

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT REPORT 1.

COMMANDER: HN - Snyder DATE: 12/31/43

PILOT: P. E. Halander TAKE-OFF: 0720

NAVIGATOR: A. H. Cannon LORDED: 1815

ORGANIZATION: 712 445 AIRPLANE MODEL: B-24D
(Squadron) (Group) (Type) (Number)

OBJECTIVE: German Airfields

AIMING POINT (MPT): Barbaris and Werk Groups

INITIAL POINT IS: 15° 00' 00" N, selected by leader for visibility

METHOD OF ATTACK: By groups - we led wing
(Individual) (Flight) (Squadron) (Group) (Wing)

NUMBER OF ATTACKING A/C IN GROUP: 18 COMPOSITE GROUP

NUMBER A/C INVOLVED IN OTHER SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS:

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SETTINGS: Group Leader and Composite Group

RANGE SETTINGS ONLY: Group Deputy Composite Group

COMB, TYPE AND SPEED: 500 lb G.P., M43

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED: 10 RELEASED: 10

FUELING, HOME: 1/10 OIL: 1/100

DECOMPOSITION: 5
(On) (Part) (Size)

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44TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OVER TARGET

31 December, 1943

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245
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Chapman

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Curtis

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McFalls

595
Sullivan

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Dunley

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Halander

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Northrup

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Ferguson

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Volght

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Hammer

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Brinkardner

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Sinter

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x-Chase

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Edwards

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Carrol

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Williams

X-Lost in Action

Mission 3 - 8th Air Force 187 - Cherbourg, France V-1 Missile Sites 21 Jan 1944

This mission is directed at 36 V-Weapon sites (34 in the Pas-de-Calais area and 2 in the Cherbourg area of France) 24 of these are bombed successfully. All three Bomb Divisions participate in the attacks and the bomber gunners claimed 5-1-2 of attacking aircraft (statistics included with 2BD element). 10 aircraft (B-17s) from 1BD, 9 aircraft (B-24s) from 2BD and 5 aircraft (B-17s) from 3BD attacked targets of opportunity which included 2 further V-Weapon sites and 3 airfields. Some of the B-24s of 2BD stayed in the target area too long and as a result their fighter escort was forced to abandon them because of low fuel. 1 target required 10 runs before it was successfully attacked. 4 airmen aboard a B-24 from 448BG, the lead aircraft, bailed out over the English Channel thinking the aircraft was on fire and these were lost in the sea. The dispatch was as follows:

1st Bomb Division: A combined force of 306 B-17s were dispatched from: 91BG; 92BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG and 401BG. Those from 401BG were forced to abort the mission due to weather. 156 aircraft were successful on a target. There were no aircraft losses in this element, but 74 aircraft were damaged primarily by AA-fire. 8 airmen in returning aircraft were WIA.

2nd Bomb Division: A combined force of 198 B-24s were dispatched from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG, 446BG and 448BG. Weather and difficulty to locating sites frustrated bombing attempts with only 77 of this element successfully bombing a target. These groups tarried too long over the target area and their fighter escort was forced to abandon them. As a result, 5 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 32KIA 10POW 11EVD. In addition, 4 airmen were KIA when they bailed out over the English Channel. 2 other airmen in returning aircraft were KIA along with 18WIA. 2 battle damaged aircraft made crash landings upon return 2KIA 17RTD, 3 airmen in one of these aircraft bailed out over France and were captured - 3POW.

3rd Bomb Division: A combined force of 291 B-17s were dispatched from: 94BG; 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG and 447BG. 161 of these aircraft were effective on a target. 1 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 4KIA 6POW. 1 aircraft with battle damage made a crash landing near Detling, UK and was considered Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) - 10RTD. 29 other aircraft in this element were damaged and 7 airmen in returning aircraft were wounded.

Mission 4 - 8th Air Force 200 - Hannover (Opportunistic) Industrial Area 30 Jan 1944

This mission has the aviation industry at Brunswick, Germany as the primary target. The mission is composed of a combined force of 777 heavy bomber aircraft dispatched in three elements: 1st Bomb Division; 2nd Bomb Division and 3rd Bomb Division. The bomber gunner claims of all Bomb Divisions, 51-7-27, were combined in the source data and are reflected in the statistics of the 1BD element. Mission summary as follows:

1st Bomb Division: The element is composed of a combined force of 349 B-17s dispatched from: 91BG; 92BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG; 401BG; and 482BG. 331 aircraft are effective on this target and 2 bombed nearby Targets of Opportunity. Fighter opposition and anti-aircraft batteries provide heavy opposition. 15 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 74KIA 76POW. 3 aircraft with battle damage made crash landings in England - 6POW 24RTD. In addition, 1 airman was KIA and 14 were WIA in returning aircraft. 95 aircraft sustain battle damage. Combined bomber gunner claims on enemy aircraft from all Air Divisions were 51-7-27.

3rd Bomb Division: This element is composed of a combined force of 274 B-17s dispatched from: 94BG; 95BG; 100BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG; and 447BG. 3 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 11KIA 19POW. 1 aircraft with battle damage made a belly landing at Honington, UK as was declared Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) - 10RTD. 9 other aircraft sustained battle damage. In addition, 1 airman aboard a returning aircraft was KIA.

2nd Bomb Division: This element was composed of a combined force of 154 B-24s dispatched from: 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; and 448BG. Brunswick, Germany was the primary target, but cloud cover, heavy smoke and contrails forced the formations to attack Hannover and nearby Targets of Opportunity. 104 were effective in Hannover and 39 on TOs. 2 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 12KIA 8POW. 11 aircraft sustained battle damage. In addition, 2 airmen were KIA aboard returning aircraft.

Mission 5 - 8th Air Force 208 - Frankfurt (Secondary) Marshalling Yards 04 Feb 1944

The railroad marshalling yards at Frankfurt, Germany were the focus of this mission, but other railroad marshalling yards in the area were attacked as well. Weather and navigational errors frustrate target acquisition. 748 Heavy bombers were dispatched in a combined force from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bomb Divisions. Mission summary follows:

1st Bomb Division: A combined force of 287 B-17s are dispatched from: 91BG; 92BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG; 401BG; and 482BG. 183 aircraft are effective on Frankfurt. 51 are effective on the railroad marshalling yards at Wiesbaden; Germany as a Target of Opportunity (TO); 1 bomb the railroad marshalling yards at Koblenz, Germany and 21 bombs other TOs. 11 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 29KIA 72POW 10EVD. 3 aircraft with battle damage make crash landings in England and are declared to be Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) - 6KIA 25RTD. 16 airmen are WIA in returning aircraft. 138 aircraft are damaged (apportioned in statistics).

2nd Bomb Division: A combined force of 159 B-24s are dispatched from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 446BG; 448BG; 492BG. The dispatch from 14th Combat Wing (44BG; 392BG; 492BG) aborts the mission because it failed to join the Division because the PFF aircraft failed to take off. 27 aircraft are effective on Frankfurt. 17 bomb the railroad marshalling yards at Trier, Germany as a Target of Opportunity (TO); 15 bomb the railroad marshalling yards at Arloff, Germany as a TO; 2 bomb the railroad marshalling yards at Russellheim, Germany as a TO; 1 bombs at Grafenhausen, Germany as a TO; 1 bombs at Darmstadt, Germany as a TO; 1 bombs at Koblenz, Germany as a TO; and 26 others bomb other target of opportunity. 2 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 6KIA 14POW. 4 airmen aboard returning aircraft are WIA. 76 aircraft are damaged (apportioned in statistics)

3rd Bomb Division: A combined force of 302 B-17s are dispatched from: 94BG; 95BG; 100BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG; and 447BG. 27 are effective on Frankfurt; 122 are effective on the railroad marshalling yards at Geissen, Germany as a Target of Opportunity (TO); 2 others bomb TOs. 7 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 18KIA 47POW 5EVD. 2 airmen in returning aircraft are KIA. 145 aircraft are damaged (apportioned in statistics).

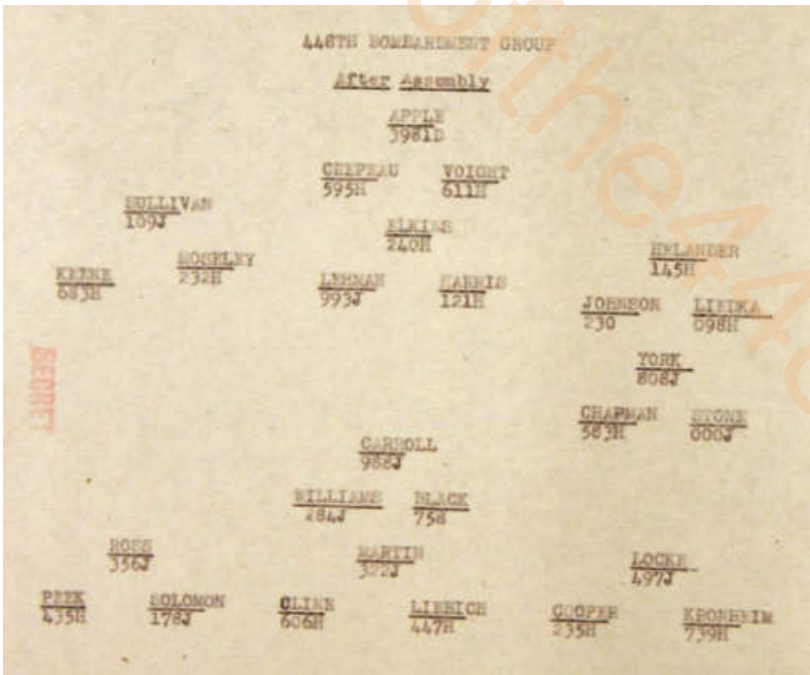
The combined claims of the bomber gunners of all three Air Divisions are 4-0-1 (Statistic reflected in 1BD Frankfurt element)

**Mission 6 - 8th Air Force 221 - Pas De Calais (Primary) V-1 Missile Sites
13 Feb 1944**

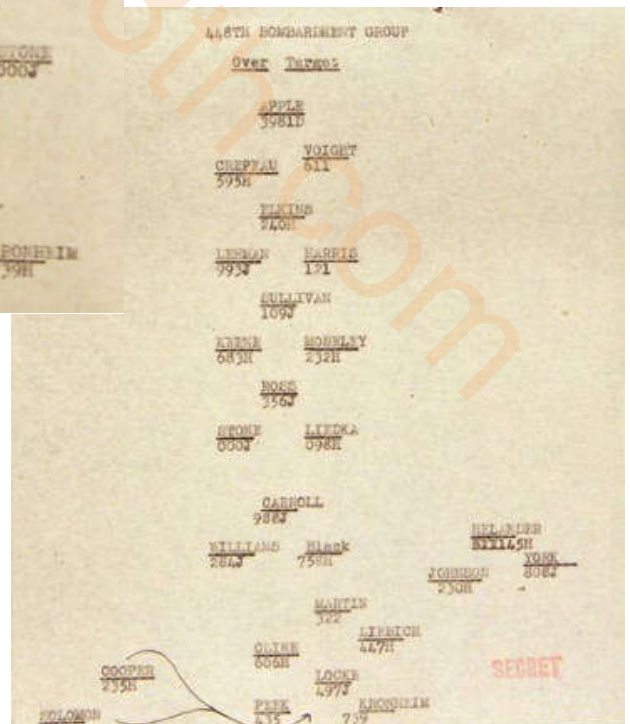
17 V-1 Weapons sites in France are the primary targets for this mission. The mission is divided into two separate forces: one force of B-24s from 2nd Bomb Division and one force of B-17s from 3rd Bomb Division. Mission summary follows:

2nd Bomb Division: A combined force of 192 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; 448BG, and 453BG are dispatched to attack 5 V-Weapon sites in the Pas-de Calais area of France. The sites are difficult to find and the bombers divert to bomb Maires Mins and German-occupied buildings as Targets of Opportunity (TOs). 138 aircraft are effective on Maries Mine and 12 others are effective on German-occupied buildings. All aircraft managed to Return to Base (RTB), but 2 with battle damage are declared Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) in crash landings - 20RTD. 57 aircraft are damaged. There are no claims on enemy aircraft in this force.

3rd Bomb Division: A combined force of 277 B-17s from: 94BG; 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG; and 447BG are dispatched to bomb 12 V-Weapon sites in the Pas-de-Calais area of France. 266 aircraft are effective on a target. 4 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 14KIA 11POW 15EVD. 2 aircraft with battle damage are declared Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) in crash landings back in England - 1KIA 19RTD. 7 airmen in returning aircraft are KIA and 23 are WIA. 74 aircraft are damaged. The bomber gunners in this force claim 0-1-0 of attacking German aircraft.



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Combat Mission # 17

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"	715	758	Beard	1224	1648	

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Mission 7 - 8th Air Force 226 BIG WEEK - DAY 1 - Brunswick, Germany Aircraft Factories 20 Feb 1944

This mission is the opening salvo of the Allied Combined Bomber Offensive known officially as "Operation Argument" but remembered in 8th Air Force History as "BIG WEEK". The immediate strategic objective of this six-day operation is the degradation of the German aircraft industry, but the longer range strategic objective is to lure the Luftwaffe into committing its resources in defending high-value German military/industrial targets in all theaters of operations over the Continent thereby destroying the Luftwaffe's resources sufficiently to give the Allies air supremacy so critical to a successful invasion of the Continent.

The next four months of the war leading up to D-Day will have the primary objective of destroying the Luftwaffe and secondarily the degradation of the entire German war industry. All during 1944 the Allies will pound German cities, and while the Germans are effective in replacing aircraft lost, their ultimate defeat will be based on the inability of the Germans to provide a steady stream of trained and experienced pilots to fly their machines.

This first mission of BIG WEEK is a dispatch of 1,003 heavy bombers to attack the German aircraft industry and airfields. This is the first time that the 8th Air Force has been able to assemble a 1000-plane operation. Mission Summary follows:

3rd Bomb Division: A combined force of 314 B-17s from: 94BG; 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG; 447BG; 452BG; and 482BG is dispatched to bomb the primary target of the German airfield at Tutow, Germany. A PFF equipped aircraft failed to take-off, so the Tutow force dropped on targets in the vicinity of Tutow, Griefswald and Straslund. Targets at Poznan and Kreising were the assigned primaries for the rest of the formation but the formation leader decided the cloud cover would prevent bombing, so they bombed Rostock and other T/O's. There is NO fighter escort for this element. 105 aircraft are effective on the German airfield at Tutow, Germany and surrounding areas; 76 aircraft bomb the aircraft industry at Rostock, Germany; and 155 aircraft bomb other Targets of Opportunity (TOs). 6 Aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 19KIA 30POW 1EVD 10INT (Interned in Sweden). 1 battle damaged aircraft is declared Damaged Beyond Repair

(DBR) in a crash landing at Mutford, UK - 3KIA 7RTD. 37 aircraft are damaged. The bomber gunners of this dispatch claim 15-15-10 of attacking German aircraft.

1st Bomb Division: A combined force of 417 B-17s from: 91BG, 92BG; 303BG; 305BG, 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG; 401BG; and 482BG are dispatched to bomb the primary targets of: the German airfield of Leipzig/Mockau and the German aircraft industry at Heiterblick, Abtnaundorf and Bernberg, Germany. 239 aircraft are effective at Leipzig/Mockau, Heiterblick and Abtnaundorf, Germany.; 37 are effective on Bernburg, Germany; 44 are effective on the industrial areas of Oschersleben, Germany as a Target of Opportunity (TO); and 20 aircraft bomb other targets of opportunity. 7 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 15KIA 48POW 7EVD. 3 airmen were KIA and 9 other WIA in returning aircraft. 161 aircraft had battle damage. The bomber gunners of this dispatch claimed 14-5-6 of attacking German aircraft.

2 aircraft with battle damage were Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) - 4KIA 8WIA 6RTD. One of these DBRs was B-17G 42-31763 "Ten Horsepower", 352BG/510BS in which the pilot had been severely wounded, and co-pilot killed. All of the crew bailed out except the Navigator, 2LT Walter E. Truemper and Engineer/Ball Turret Gunner, SSGT Archibald Mathies, who made four desperate attempts to land the aircraft, but finally crashed and they and the pilot were killed. Both airmen were posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The citation for 2LT Truemper may be viewed at: <http://www.cmohs.org/recipient-detail/3028/truemper-waltere.php>. The citation for SSGT Mathies may be viewed at: <http://www.cmohs.org/recipientdetail/2863/mathies-archibald.php>

On the other DBR, Pilot, 1LT William R. Lawley flying B-17G 42-38109, 305BG/364BS was severely wounded but managed to return the battle damaged aircraft, 2 critically wounded airmen and a Waist Gunner to make a successful crash landing at Alconbury, UK. 1LT Lawley was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions that day. His citation may be viewed at: <http://www.cmohs.org/recipient-detail/2839/lawley-william-r-jr.php>

The 401BG was awarded its second Distinguished Unit Citation for its actions on this mission.

2nd Bomb Division: A combined force of 272 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; 448BG; and 453BG were dispatched to the primary target of the aircraft industries at Halberstadt, Germany, but the PFF equipment failed and the formation was forced to bomb the industrial areas of Oschersleben and Helmstedt, Germany as targets of last resort. The other primary targets assigned were the aviation industries at Brunswick, Wilhelmtor, Neupetritor and Gotha, Germany. 76 aircraft were effective on the aircraft industries at: Brunswick, Wilhelmtor and Neupetritor; 87 were effective on the aircraft industry at Gotha, Germany; 13 bombed the industrial areas of Helmstedt, Germany as a target of last resort; 58 bombed the industrial areas of Helmstedt as a target of last resort; and 10 bombed other Targets of Opportunity (TOs). 8 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 42KIA 35POW (1 DIC). 4 aircraft were Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) in crash landings upon return - 10KIA 30RTD. 37 aircraft were damaged. 10 airmen in returning aircraft were WIA. The bomber gunners of this dispatch claimed 36-13-13 of attacking German aircraft (claims exaggerated).

The 392nd Bomb Group and 445th Bomb Groups are both awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation for their actions in attacking the German aircraft industries at Gotha, Germany.

**Mission 8 - 8th Air Force 228 BIG WEEK - DAY 2 - Achmer, Handorf, Diepholz, Vörden, and Hesepe Germany Airfields
21 Feb 1944**

Day 2 of BIG WEEK is another maximum effort by 8th Air Force to bomb 6 airfields in Germany as primary targets: Diepholz, Gütersloh, Lippstadt, Werl, Achmer and Handorf. In addition, the industrial areas of Brunswick city are included as a primary target. Weather and heavy fighter opposition hamper the bombing effort. The contingent from 3rd Bomb Division is the only one that has PFF aircraft, so their results are better. A total of 861 heavy bombers take to the air for the attack. Mission Summary as follows:

3rd Bomb Division: 281 B-17s from: 94BG; 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG; 447BG; and 452BG are dispatched to bomb the airfield at Diepholz and Brunswick City. 175 are effective on Diepholz and Brunswick City; 88 aircraft are effective on the industrial areas of Hannover and the airfields at Alhorn and Vörden as Targets of Opportunity (TOs). 4 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 19KIA 21POW. 3 aircraft are Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR), 1 with battle damage in a crash landing upon return - 10RTD and 2 that sustain a mid-air collision during assembly - 21KIA. 4 airmen are WIA in returning aircraft. 36 aircraft are damaged. The bomber gunners in this dispatch claim 2-5-2 of attacking German aircraft.

1st Bomb Division: A combined force of 336 B-17s from: 91BG; 92BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG; 401BG; 457BG and 482BG are detached to the primary German airfield targets at Gütersloh; Lippstadt and Werl, Germany but cloud cover obscures these targets and the formations seek out Targets of Opportunity (TOs). 285 aircraft are effective on the following airfields as Targets of Opportunity (TOs): Achmer, Hopstein, Rheine, Diepholz, Quackenbruck and Bramsche. In addition, the railroad marshalling yards at Coevorden and Lingen, Germany are bombed as Targets of Opportunity (TOs). This is the first combat mission for 457BG. 9 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 24KIA 60POW (1DIC) 5RTD (rescued by ASR). 63 aircraft are damaged. 4 airmen are KIA and another 14WIA in returning aircraft. The bomber gunners of this element claim 12-5-8 of attacking German aircraft. It is not known how many German aircraft were destroyed or damaged on the ground in these strikes, but damage to facilities runways and flak batteries was extensive.

2nd Bomb Division: A combined force of 244 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; 448BG and 453BG are dispatched to bomb the airfields of Achmer and Handorf, Germany. 11 aircraft managed to bomb the airfield at Achmer using PFF equipment; 203 others bomb the airfields at Diepholz, Vörden and Hesepe, Germany and the industrial areas of Lingen as Targets of Opportunity (TOs). 3 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 13KIA 17POW. 1 aircraft is Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) - 1KIA 9RTD. 3 airmen aboard returning aircraft are WIA. 6 aircraft are damaged. The Bomber gunners of this element claim 5-6-4 of attacking German aircraft.

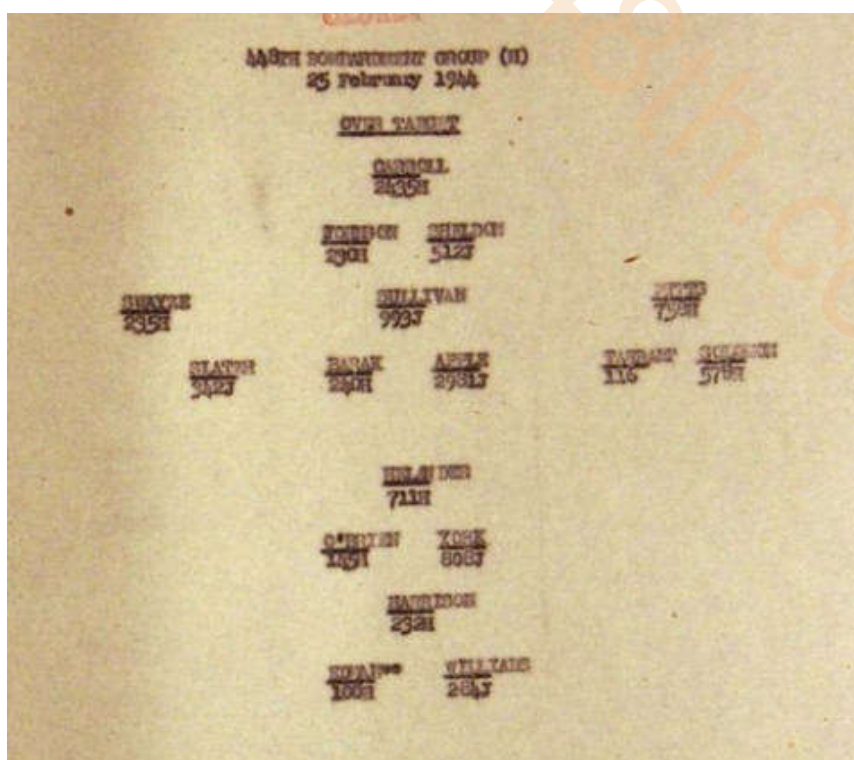
Mission 9 - 8th Air Force 235 BIG WEEK - DAY 6 - Fürth, Germany Aircraft Factories 25 Feb 1944

On this final operation of BIG WEEK, Day 6, a combined force of 754 heavy bombers from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Air Divisions are dispatched to bomb the German aircraft industries at Regensburg, Augsburg, Stuttgart and Furth, Germany. Mission Summary follows:

3rd Air Division: A combined force of 290 B-17s is dispatched from: 94BG; 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 301 BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG; 447BG; and 452BG to bomb the aircraft industries at Regensburg and other Targets of Opportunity (TOs) in that vicinity. 267 aircraft are effective on Regensburg and other TOs. 12 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 32KIA 73POW 5EVD 10RTD (rescued by ASR). 1 aircraft with battle damage is Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) in a crash landing upon return - 1KIA 9RTD. 82 aircraft are damaged. 4 airmen in returning aircraft are KIA and another 12 are WIA. The bomber gunners of this element claim 13-1-7 of attacking German aircraft. There are no other losses or casualties.

1st Air Division: A combined force of 268 B-17s from: 91BG; 92BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG; 401BG; 457BG; and 482BG are dispatched to bomb the aircraft industries at Augsburg and Stuttgart, Germany. 196 aircraft are effective on Augsburg and 50 are effective at Stuttgart, Germany. 422BS also drops 2,000,000 leaflets on Augsburg, Germany. 13 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 37KIA 80POW 4EVD 10INT (interned in Switzerland). 172 aircraft are damaged. 12 airmen in returning aircraft are WIA. The bomber gunners of this element claim 8-4-4 of attacking German aircraft. There are no other losses or casualties.

2nd Air Division: A combined force of 196 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; 448BG; and 453BG are dispatched to bomb the German aircraft industries at Furth, Germany. 172 aircraft are effective on the target. 6 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 24KIA 37POW. 3 aircraft are Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) in crash landings back in England - 30RTD. 44 aircraft are damaged. 2 airmen in returning aircraft are WIA. The bomber gunners of this element claim 2-2-2 of attacking German aircraft. There are no other losses or casualties.



(Tara Copp)

Mission 10 - 8th Air Force 244 - Frankfurt/Main (Primary) Marshalling Yards 02 Mar 1944

The primary targets for this mission are the railroad marshalling yards at Frankfurt, Germany, and the German air depot at Chartres, France. The mission is composed of two entirely separate forces. 327 B-17s from 1st Air Division joined by 154 B-24s from 2nd Air Division are slated to bomb at Frankfurt, Germany. 106 B-17s from 3rd Air Division are slated to bomb at Chartres, France. Mission summary as follows:

1st Air Division: 327 B-17s from: 91BG; 92BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG, 379BG; 381BG; 384BG, 401BG; 457BG; and 482BG are dispatched to bomb the railroad marshalling yards at Frankfurt, Germany. Clouds frustrate bombing efforts and some formations attack other Targets of Opportunity (TOs) in the area: 101 aircraft are effective at Frankfurt-am-Main railyards; 103 bomb at Frankfurt/Offenbach as a TO; 49 bomb the industrial areas of Ludwigshaven, Germany as a TO. 20 bomb the industrial areas of Limburg, Germany as a TO. 12 bomb the industrial areas of Fischbach as a TO; and 8 others bomb other TOs. 8 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 17KIA 48POW(1DIC) 15EVD. 1 airman is KIA and 5 are WIA in returning aircraft. The bomber gunners of this element claim 2-0-2 of attacking German aircraft.

2nd Air Division: 154 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 392BG; 446BG; 448BG; and 458BG are dispatched to bomb the railroad marshalling yards at Frankfurt, Germany. This is the first combat mission for 458BG. Cloud cover and PFF failures cause many to abandon the attempt. 36 are effective at Frankfurt, Germany; 46 other bomb other Targets of Opportunity (TOs) in the area. 1 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 1KIA 6POW 3EVD. 4 aircraft are Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR), 2 of these sustained a mid-air collision during assembly - 15KOM 1RTD, 1 crashed on takeoff - 7KOM 3 INJ, and one battle damaged aircraft crash landed upon return - 10RTD. 4 airmen in returning aircraft were WIA. There were no other losses, casualties or claims in this element.

3rd Air Division: 106 B-17s from: 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 100BG; 388BG; 390BG; and 452BG are dispatched to bomb the German air depot at Chartres, France. 452BG took off late and was recalled before it left the English coast. 390BG failed to bomb because lead aircraft had a malfunction of the bomb rack. 84 aircraft are effective on the target. 1 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 5KIA 4POW 1EVD. 1 airman in a returning aircraft was WIA. 12 aircraft are damaged. There are no other losses, casualties or claims in this element.

Mission 11 - 8th Air Force 248 - Mont De Marsan (Primary) Airfield 05 Mar 1944

The German airfields at Mont-de-Marsan, Cayeux and Bordeaux/Merginac, France were the primary targets for this mission. Weather and clouds frustrate bombing attempts and formations bomb other secondary targets and targets of last resort. Mission Summary follows:

2nd Air Division: A combined force of 219 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; 453BG; and 458BG are dispatched. 63 are effective on the German airfields at Bergerac, France (Secondary); 60 are effective on the German airfield Cognac/Chateau-Bernard, France (Last Resort); 41 are effective on the German airfield at Landes-de-Bussac, France (Secondary an Last Resort); and 1 bombs the German airfield at La Roche, France. 4 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 4KIA 4POW (1 DIC) 8EVD 6RTD (rescued by ASR). 1 aircraft is Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) in a crash on takeoff - 11RTD. 23 aircraft are damaged. 1 airman aboard a returning aircraft is WIA. The bomber gunners claim 14-2-5 of attacking German aircraft. There are no other losses or casualties.

Mission 12 - 8th Air Force 252 - Berlin/Erkner (Primary) Ball Bearing Factories 08 Mar 1944

The VKF ball bearing factory at Berlin/Erkner is the primary target for 623 heavy bombers dispatched by all three Air Divisions. Fighter opposition and anti-aircraft fire are intense. There are so many formations attacking that some divert to other Targets of Opportunity close by to avoid collisions and over-flying of formations. Losses are high but not considered too severe at 5.939%. Bomber gunner claims for all Air Divisions were bundled in source data as 63-17-19 (probably exaggerated. Claims listed under 3AD Mission event). Mission Summary follows:

3rd Air Division: A combined force of 179 B-17s from: 94BG; 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 384BG; 388BG; 390BG; 447BG; and 452BG are dispatched to Berlin/Erkner, 98 are effective on the target; 33 others divert to attack the industrial areas of Wildau, Germany and other Targets of Opportunity. 23 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 41KIA 169POW. 1 aircraft listed by Freeman as DBR was repaired - 1KIA 3POW 6RTD. 65 aircraft are damaged (apportioned). 1 airman is KIA and 5 others are WIA in returning aircraft. There are no other losses or casualties.

1st Air Division: A combined force of 235 B-17s from: 91BG; 92BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG; 401BG; 457BG; and 482BG are dispatched to bomb Berlin/Erkner. Fighter opposition against this force is light. 222 are effective in Berlin/Erkner; 3 others bomb Targets of Opportunity (TOs). 4 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) (Freeman lists 5, but only 4 could be confirmed from MACR records) - 4KIA 34POW 2EVD. 86 aircraft were damaged (apportioned). 1 airman is KIA and another 2 are WIA in returning aircraft. There are no other losses or casualties.

2nd Air Division: A combined force of 209 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; 448G; 453BG; and 458BG are dispatched to bomb Berlin/Erkner. 150 are effective on Berlin/Erkner; and 33 divert to bomb Berlin City as a Target of Opportunity (TO). 9 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) - 40KIA 49POW (1DIC) 2RTD (rescued by ASR). 4 aircraft with battle damage are Damaged Beyond Repair (DRB) in crash landings upon return - 10RTD. 77 aircraft are damaged (apportioned). 1 airman is KIA another 7 are WIA in returning aircraft. There are no other losses or casualties.



Mission 13 - 8th Air Force 273 - Berlin, Germany Industrial Areas 22 Mar 1944

The German aviation industries at Oranienburg and Basdorf were the intended primary target for this mission but dense cloud cover prevented the attack on these targets. The secondary target of Berlin, Germany, and surrounding Targets of Opportunity (TOs) become the focus. There is very little German fighter opposition. Mission Summary follows:

1st Air Division: A combined force of 287 B-17s from: 91BG; 92BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 401BG and 457BG are dispatched. 277 are effective on the industrial areas of Berlin, Germany. 4 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR), all shot down by AA fire - 8KIA 32POW. 1 aircraft with battle damage is Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR) in a crash landing upon return - 5POW (bailed out over Germany) 5RTD. 347 aircraft are damaged (apportioned in statistics). There are no other losses, casualties, or claims.

3rd Air Division: A combined force of 187 B-17s from: 95BG; 95BG; 96BG; 100BG; 385BG; 388BG; 390BG; 447BG; and 452BG are dispatched. 183 are effective on Targets of Opportunity (TO's) in the Berlin area. 3 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR), 2 of these lost to AA fire and the third one lost to bombs dropped from above - 20KIA 10POW. There are no other losses, casualties, or claims.

2nd Air Division: A combined force of 214 B-24s from: 44BG; 93BG; 389BG; 445BG; 446BG; 448BG; 452BG; 458BG; and 466BG are dispatched. 197 are effective on Targets of Opportunity (TO's) in the Berlin area. 5 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR), 3 down to AA fire and the other two involved in a mid-air collision - 15KIA 35POW. There are no other losses, casualties, or claims.

MEMORANDUM FOR STATES 148
AFO 800
OFFICE OF THE SAC OFFICER
SECRET
22 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Fuel Consumption Report.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, AAF Station 147, AFO 800; ATTN: G-3 Equipment.

1. Fuel Consumption Report for mission 22 March 1944 is submitted as required by 1 MO Operational Instructions No 12, dtd 2 Feb 1944.

WING	ACFT NO.	PILOT	WEIGHT	GALLONS	FLIGHT TIME	MI/HR
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 12	2050	07:28	278
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 7	1800	07:24	242
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 8	1800	07:20	240
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 1	2400	08:12	274
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 11	1900	07:20	254
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	In trail Load 4	2000	07:25	279
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 8	1800	06:00	288
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 4	2000	07:24	268
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 5	1800	06:08	278
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 1	2400	08:07	284
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 11	1900	07:20	278
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 3	2075	07:55	268
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 9	1800	06:00	284
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 2	2000	07:20	278
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 10	1800	07:20	268
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Did not complete mission			
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 8	1870	07:28	300
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 10	1820	06:01	270
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 7	1800	07:27	278
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 5	1900	07:04	268
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 9	1870	07:28	278
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Did not complete mission			
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 8	1800	07:25	278
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 8	1800	07:24	268
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Did not complete mission			
B-24	41-100000	R.F. HANCOCK	Load 4	2045	07:49	282

41-100000 - late take-off reason for time difference.

2. Gallons per hour average for Group: 278 Gal/hr.



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Mission 14 - 8th Air Force 277 - Nancy, France Airfield 24 Mar 1944

This mission is composed of two elements, one from 1st Air Division and the other from 2nd Air Division. A total of 436 heavy bombers are dispatched. The primary target for 1st Air Division is the ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt, Germany. 2nd Air division's primary target is the German airfield at St. Dizier, France. Mission Summary follows:

1st Air Division: A combined force of 230 B-17s from: 91BG; 303BG; 305BG; 306BG; 351BG; 379BG; 381BG; 384BG; 401BG; and 457BG are dispatched to bomb the ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt, Germany. Heavy clouds and dense contrails cause the majority of formations to attack the secondary target of the industrial area of Frankfurt, Germany. 4 flights (16 aircraft) of 1st Air Division fail to take off because of a blocked perimeter track. 60 aircraft are effective on Schweinfurt and 162 are effective on Frankfurt. 3 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR), 2 lost to a mid-air collision and 1 to enemy aircraft - 10KIA 16POW 4EVD. 3 aircraft are Damaged Beyond Repair (DBR), 2 lost in crashes on takeoff - 21KIA. One crashed into a hut killing 8 servicemen in the hut and 2 children in a nearby bungalow. 1 battle damaged aircraft was DBR in a crash landing upon return - 10RTD. 68 aircraft are damaged. 14 airmen in returning aircraft are KIA and 1 is WIA. There are no other losses, casualties, or claims.

2nd Air Division: A combined force of 148 B-24s from: 44BG; 389BG; 392BG; 445BG; 446BG; 448BG; 453BG; 458BG; and 466BG are dispatched to bomb the German airfield at St. Dizier, France. 148 are effective at St. Dizier. 33 others bomb at the German airfield of Essey at Nancy, France as a secondary target. 1 aircraft Failed to Return (FTR) ditching in the North Sea, but all crew rescued by ASR - 10RTD. 24 aircraft are damaged. 3 airmen in returning aircraft are WIA. There are no other losses, casualties, or claims.

Mission 15 - 8th Air Force 291 - Brunswick, Germany Aircraft Factories 08 Apr 1944

2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group. This formation encountered heavy attacks by Luftwaffe fighters (exactly what the Allied planners had hoped). The bomber gunners took a good toll of the attacking fighters, but experienced heavy bomber losses.



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**Mission 18 - 8th Air Force 309 - Pas De Calais, France (Primary) V-1 Missile Sites
20 Apr 1944**

2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group, 467th Bomb Group. B-24s from 453rd Bomb Group carried 8,000 lbs. bomb loads.



K-20 INTERROGATOR FORM HELANDER

GROUP 448 SERIALIZED DEVELOPMENT X

MISSION 718 NO. TO 322 DATE 20/4/44

IN TARGET 20430 TIME 1610 TIME LEAD 2015

(Position in Formation) (Time off) (Time on/lead)

NAME	POSITION	NAME	POSITION
<u>HELANDER</u>	PILOT	<u>Carroll</u>	TOP TWR
<u>Schneider</u>	CO-PILOT	<u>McGullis</u>	BALL TWR
<u>Cannon</u>	NAV	<u>Dugiesko</u>	B. NAVIG
<u>Snyder</u>	BOSS	<u>Mearns</u>	L. NAVIG
<u>Sadowsky</u>	PASSTO	<u>Gilwala</u>	TAIL GUN

12 - 5000 6000 Langley Park buried

REMARKS

- TARGET ATTACHED No attack (observed training formation)
- TIME OF ATTACK
- ALTITUDE
- LOADING
- FAULTS IN ATTACK
- MANOEUVER
- WEATHER Cloud and haze covered target
- E/A ACTION
- OTHER
- LOSS/NO LOSS
- TIME 1858 alt. 20,500'
- TIME 7 miles from target
- CAUSE Plane hit
- OTHER COMMENTS 5 photos were sent to Ops. Plane was on fire but did not explode before going down through the clouds

**Mission 19 - 8th Air Force 319A - Paderborn, Germany (Primary) Industrial Complex
26 Apr 1944**

The entire formation fails to bomb because there were no EQUIPPED-equipped aircraft in the formation and overcast prevented visual bombing.



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**Mission 22 - 8th Air Force 344 - Brunswick, Germany Industrial Complex
08 May 1944**

2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group, 467th Bomb Group.

OPERATIONAL MISSION NO. 61
8 May 1944

LEAD

SHULTON - HACKETT
515 F 48

REYNOLDS 730 B 13 **IRVING** 328 B 14 **JANNEY - BETH** 044 E 7 **HILLIARD** 538 A 11

WILSON 575 K 5 **TRUMBULL** 344 B 2 **BRADY** 304 L 8 **BLANK** 701 D 8

BRADY 706 D 15 **WALKER** 341 E 24

WALKER 341 F 25

HIGH

DELANOE 342 F 30

WILSON 723 E 40 **ORRIS** 079 E 14 **TARRANT** 182 H 14 **BROWN** 406 A 25

WILSON 591 F 28 **WILSON** 022 D 44 **FISKE** 774 L 28 **HALLIDAY** 592 B 28

WILSON 592 E 27

Spares with 200 lb bombs:
068 H 21
376 E 19

LOW

SULLIVAN 018 K 41

WALKER 319 H 40 **WALKER** 000 H 21 **WALKER** 508 F 44 **POWELL** 085 E 10

WALKER 121 G 42 **WALKER** 271 H 39 **WALKER** 013 B 3 **WALKER** 711 B 27

WALKER 425 D 42

Spares with incendiaries:
309 B 43

WALKER

E-20 181 - 342 - 340
E-21 774 - 380
E-24 085 - 089 - 404 - 022 - 075 - 730 - 438

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	COLOUR	ALPHA	BETA
0800 to 0900	Red - Red	X	Y
0900 to 1400	Green - Yellow	X	Y
1400 to 2000	Yellow - Yellow Red	X	Y

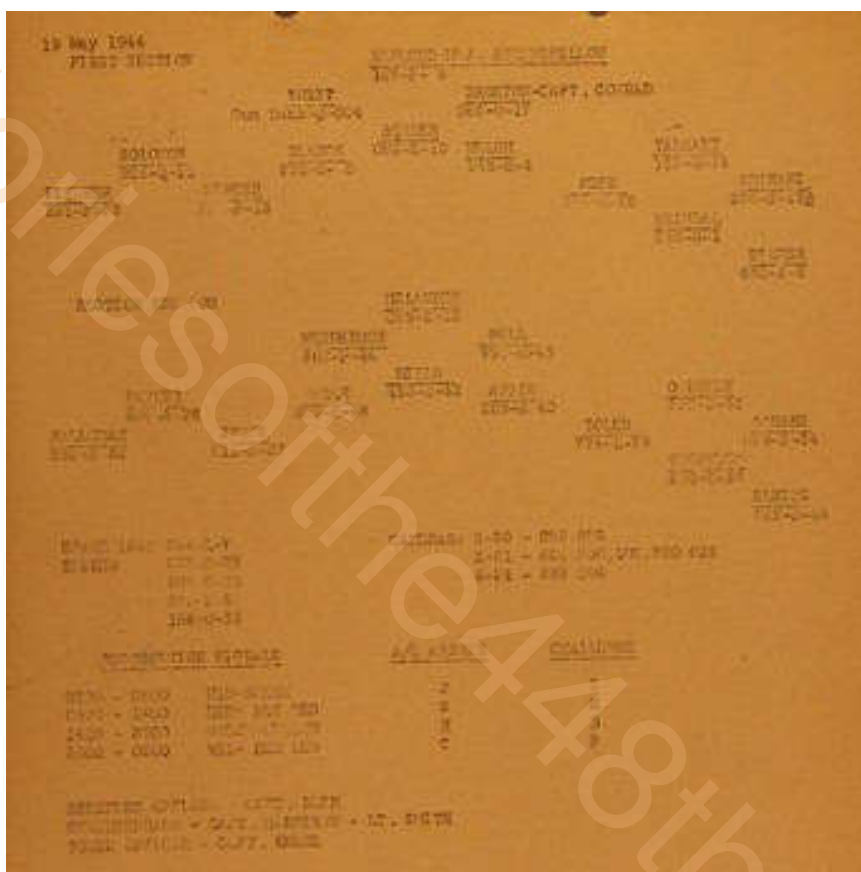
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**Mission 23 - 8th Air Force 355 - Tutow, Germany (Primary) Aircraft Factories
13 May 1944**

2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group, 467th Bomb Group, 492nd Bomb Group.

**Mission 24 - 8th Air Force 358 - Brunswick, Germany Aircraft Factories
19 May 1944**

2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group, 467th Bomb Group, 492nd Bomb Group. Mission 25-8th Air Force 366-Orleans/Bricy (Primary) Airfield 23 May 1944 2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group, 467th Bomb Group, 492nd Bomb Group.



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**Mission 26 - 8th Air Force 370 - Fécamp, France (Primary) Gun Battery
25 May 1944**

Mission 370 is the largest raid to date based on the number of targets (21) to be attacked. Destruction of marshalling yards is a key strategy in preparation for the coming invasion on DDay 6 June 1944. Luftwaffe opposition is light because prior mission nearly decimated the Luftwaffe in France. 2nd Bomb Division attacking Fécamp was made up of 389th Bomb Group & 448th Bomb Group.

**Mission 27 - 8th Air Force 379 - Politz, Poland (Primary) Oil Refineries
29 May 1944**

These targets are all deep penetrations into Germany with some striking targets in Poland. Luftwaffe resistance is fairly heavy. Bomb crews of this element claim 29-15-10 German aircraft (claims might be slightly exaggerated) but a bad day for the Luftwaffe none-the-less.

2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392 Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group, 467th Bomb Group, 492nd Bomb Group.

**Mission 28 - 8th Air Force 382 - Woippy, France Railroad Targets
31 May 1944**

Mission aborted due to extensive cloud cover. Mission 29-8th Air Force 384-Pas-de-Calais (Primary) (Beavoir) V-1 Missile Sites 02 Jun 1944 Role of Bombers from 2-5 Jun in preparation for invasion of Normandy on 6 Jun includes continuation of attacks against transportation and Airfield Targets in Northern France and the institution of a series of blows against coastal defenses, mainly located in Pas de Calais coastal area, to deceive the enemy as to the sector to be invaded (Operation COVER).

In the first mission on 2 Jun, 776 Heavy Bombers attack targets at Boulogne-sur-Mer, Wimereux, Equihen-Plage, Hardelot Plage, Neufchatel, Dannes, Plage-Sainte-Cecile, StellaPlage, Breck-sur-Mer, and Saint-Aubin. Opposition is confined to anti-aircraft fire and is generally ineffective.

In view of predicted cloud conditions, plans were made to employ through the overcast bombing technique in this operation which would utilize approximately one-half of the available heavy bombers.

The plan was for Heavy Bombers to carry out an attack on airfields, transport, and V-Weapons sites in the Pas De Calais area to create the impression that this was the actual assault area. Only half of the available heavy bomber force were sent on the mission to ensure the maximum possible force remained available for the assault.

2nd Bomb Division was made up of 44th Bomb Group, 93rd Bomb Group, 389th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Group, 445th Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group, 453rd Bomb Group, 458th Bomb Group, 466th Bomb Group, 467th Bomb Group, 489th Bomb Group, 492nd Bomb Group. 491st Bomb Group not with this element.

**Mission 30 - 8th Air Force 388 - Pas-de-Calais (Stella-Plage) Coastal Defenses
03 Jun 1944**

In Operation "COVER", 338 Heavy Bombers attack coastal defenses in the Pas-de-Calais area, bombing a total of 22 assigned targets. In second mission of the day 215 Heavy Bombers attack 16 of the targets bombed during the first mission. No Bombers are lost on either mission.

**Mission 31 - 8th Air Force 389 - Pas-de-Calais (Sangatte) Coastal Defenses
04 Jun 1944**

In the first mission of the day the escort is to be divided between Pas de Calais (COVER) area and the Normandy assault (NEPTUNE) area. However, D-Day is postponed 24 hours and the NEPTUNE force is cancelled. 231 HBs attack 7 targets in Pas de Calais area. No Bombers are lost. 2nd Bomb Division was made up of the 93rd Bomb Group, 446th Bomb Group, 448th Bomb Group.



1st Lt Alfred Cannon abt 1945



2nd Lt. Henry (Hank) Snyder



Paul Helander abt 1944



T/SGT. GERALD CARROLL

SERVICE HISTORY OF BENJAMIN Z. MEANS



Staff
Sergeant
(3d Grade)

- Enlisted U.S. Army Air Force 05 Feb 1943 in Clairton, PA
- Basic Training in Miami, Florida • Gunnery Training in Harlingen, Texas
- Armament School at Lowry Air Base and Buckley Field, Colorado
- Served as Waist Gunner, Crew 11 in the 712th Bomb Squadron, 448th Bomb Group, 2nd Bomb Division, 8th Air Force in Seething, England
- Flew 30 missions, 70% over Germany and 30% over occupied France, Belgium, & Netherlands from Dec 1943-Jun 1944
- Discharged 03 Oct 1945

Service Awards



CAMPAIGNS:

AIR OFFENSIVE, EUROPE (04 JUL 1942-05 JUN 1944)

NORMANDY (06 JUN 1944-24 JUL 1944)

NORTHERN FRANCE (25 JUL 1944-14 SEP 1944)

AIR MEDAL---07 FEB 1944

1ST CLUSTER—10 MAR 1944

2ND CLUSTER—11 APR 1944

3RD CLUSTER---08 MAY 1944



Distinguished Flying Cross



Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters



Good Conduct



American Campaign Medal



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign with 3 Bronze Stars



WWII Victory Medal



Honorable Service Lapel Button



Marksmanship Badge



US Army Air Corps Aerial Gunner Badge

Draft Cards

SERIAL NUMBER 21	I. NAME (Print) JOHN JACOB SCHNEIDER	ORDER NUMBER 84
2. ADDRESS (Print) 6529 OSHKOSH AVE. CHICAGO COOK ILL.		
3. TELEPHONE Chicago	4. AGE IN YEARS 22	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Chicago
DATE OF BIRTH Jan. 15, 1918		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Jacob Schneider		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Father
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 6529 Oshkosh Ave. Chicago Cook Ill.		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME John & Olliver & Co.		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 817 W. Washington Blvd Chicago Cook Ill.		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		John Jacob Schneider

SERIAL NUMBER 339	I. NAME (Print) ALFRED EDWARD CANNON	ORDER NUMBER 1635
2. ADDRESS (Print) 28 REMSEN LANE FLORAL PARK NASSAU N.Y.		
3. TELEPHONE None	4. AGE IN YEARS 21	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Jamaica
DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 25, 1917		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. Harold Alfred Cannon		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Father
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 28 Remsen Lane Floral Park Nassau N.Y.		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Sevants. national Defense Program		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Dulip Hill Floral Park Nassau N.Y.		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		Alfred E. Cannon

SERIAL NUMBER 817	I. NAME (Print) Henry Neil Snyder	ORDER NUMBER 896
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1166 Dwy Ave St Paul Ramsey Minn		
3. TELEPHONE To 6929	4. AGE IN YEARS 21	5. PLACE OF BIRTH St Paul
DATE OF BIRTH 5 7 1919		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP USA
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Irene Corwin Snyder		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Mother
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1166 Dwy Ave St Paul Ramsey Minn		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME First Natl Bank		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS First & Minnesota St Paul Ramsey Minn		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		Henry Snyder

Gerald E Carroll
in the U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

Name: Gerald E Carroll
 Race: White
 Marital status: Single, without dependents (Single)
 Rank: Private
 Birth Year: 1921
 Nativity State or Country: Montana
 Citizenship: Citizen
 Residence: Silver Bow, Montana
 Education: 2 years of high school
 Civil Occupation: Semiskilled miners, and mining-machine operators
 Enlistment Date: 8 Aug 1941
 Enlistment Place: Missoula, Montana
 Service Number: 19055027
 Branch: Air Corps
 Component: Regular Army (Including Officers, Nurses, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Men)
 Source: Civil Life
 Height: 69
 Weight: 146

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER N 435	1. NAME (Print) Bill Joe McCullah	ORDER NUMBER 12288
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1803 North Main Springfield Greene Missouri		
3. MAILING ADDRESS same		
4. TELEPHONE none	5. AGE IN YEARS 18	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Springfield Missouri
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. and Mrs. Sterling McCullah same address (parent)		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mr. McCarty O'Rielly General Hospital Springfield		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Carpenter O'Rielly Hospital Springfield, Mo.		

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 6-1-42) 016-21030-3 *Bill Joe McCullah*

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER N 326	1. NAME (Print) Raymond George Giwojna	ORDER NUMBER 12215
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Thorp Clark Wisconsin		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Thorp, Wisconsin		
4. TELEPHONE 113	5. AGE IN YEARS 19	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Thorp Wisconsin
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr. John Giwojna, Thorp, Wisconsin		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mr. John Giwojna, Thorp, Wisconsin		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Thorp Clark Wisconsin		

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 6-1-42) 016-21030-3 *Raymond Giwojna*

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER

W Norbert Michael Duginake

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
Route #3, Box 13 Merrill Lincoln Wisconsin

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Same

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS 6. PLACE OF BIRTH

25 Merrill

DATE OF BIRTH (Town or county) (State)

Jan. 1 1920 Wisconsin

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

None

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

None

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) e16-21630-4 (over) Norbert Michael Duginake

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER

N 58 OCHOTLAN URAL RICHMOND 11919

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
3968 S. Van Ness Ave Los Angeles Calif.

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Same

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS 6. PLACE OF BIRTH

AX 26009 20 Los Angeles Calif.

DATE OF BIRTH (Town or county) (State)

June 4, 1922 Ariz.

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Ashley E. Richmond 3968 S. Van Ness Ave.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

Unemployed

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

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D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42) (over) e16-21620-3 Ochotlan Ural Richmond

MARION → 51-097-011

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER

N 200 KENNETH LEROY DYER 12887

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
1116 S. BELMONT INDIANAPOLIS MARION IND.

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Same

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS 6. PLACE OF BIRTH

Ma. 3189 19 Indpls.

DATE OF BIRTH (Town or county) (State)

Aug. 7 1922 Ind.

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Gray Walton 2035 W. Colkins Indpls. Ind.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

Baltimore & Ohio R.R.

220 Virginia Ave. Indpls. Mar. Ind.

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42) (over) e16-21620-3 Kenneth Leroy Dyer

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER N. <u>218</u> <u>11690</u>	1. NAME (Print) <u>HYMAN</u> <u>SADOWSKY</u>	ORDER NUMBER <u>11690</u>
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) <u>1852 N. 10th St. Milwaukee, Wis.</u>		
3. MARITAL ADDRESS <u>Same</u>		
4. TELEPHONE <u>Lo 6946</u>	5. AGE IN YEARS <u>19</u> DATE OF BIRTH <u>Mar. 16, 1923</u>	6. PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Milwaukee</u> <u>Wis.</u>
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <u>Mrs. Mary Sadowsky 1852 N. 10th St.</u>		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS <u>Allist Columbus</u>		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <u>West Allis Milwaukee</u>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42)	(over)	610-0100-3 <u>Hyman Sadowsky</u>

Obituary/Memorial

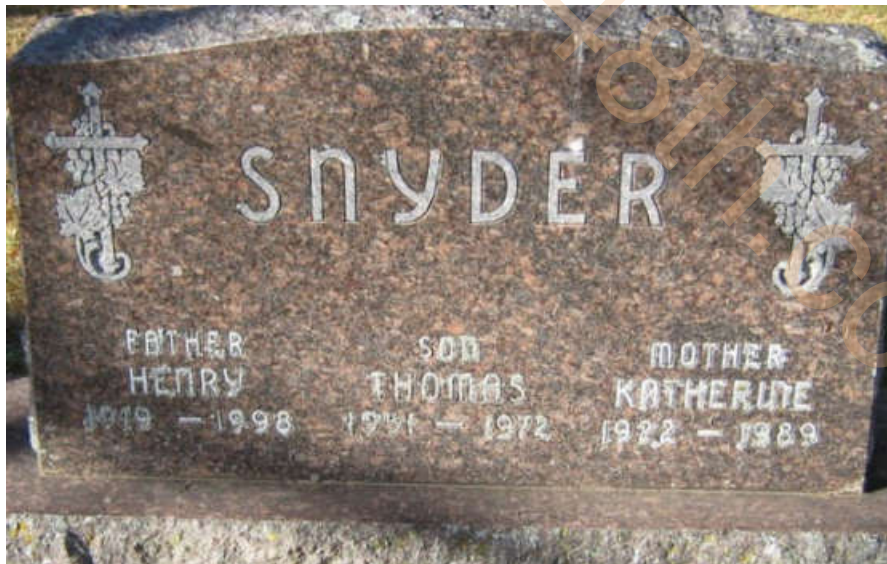


ALFRED EDWARD CANNON

Mr. Cannon, 71 years old, of West Palm Beach, Florida died Wednesday, July 4, 1990 at a local hospital. Formerly of Sea Cliff, New York, Mr. Cannon had been a resident of the Palm Beach area for fifteen years. He served in the U. S. Air Corps during World War II with the rank of First Lieutenant, and received two Purple Hearts. A graduate of Brown University, Mr. Cannon was a M.A.I. Appraisal Engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Cannon of West Palm Beach; a daughter, Mrs. Lynn Foley of West Palm Beach; and a son, Mr. Craig Cannon of Houston, Texas. Additional survivors include his brother, Mr. Harold Cannon of Orlando, Florida; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass will be held on Friday, July 6, 1990 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, West Palm Beach, Florida, with the interment to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Lake Worth, Florida. Friends may call at QUATTLEBAUM-HOLLEMAN-BURSE FUNERAL HOME, 1201 South Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, Florida between 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. on Thursday, July 5, 1990.





CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
 PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE ORIGINAL

Enlistment dates August 8, 1941
 Discharge dates In active service at time of death
 Pension number 19-055-027

Name CARROLL, Gerald E. Rank 1st Lt Company 3506 A.A.F.S.U.S.S. U. S. Regiment, Post, Organization, or Vessel (Willow Run Post 1 Mich.) Date of Death April 26, 1945

Born 9/24/21 Name of Cemetery Holy Cross Located in or near Butte, Mont. If World War Veteran Yes EMBLEM Christian

JAMES F. FLEMING (Name of contractor) City Butte State Mont. Division Mont. Status None

To be shipped to Sexton Holy Cross Cemetery Butte, Montana (Give R.N., NAME OF TOWN, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is Butte, Montana

DO NOT WRITE HERE
 For verification JUN 4 1945
 Order # GREEN MOUNTAIN, VT. OCT 10 1945
 B/L 3949494
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This application is for a headstone or marker for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. The Government STONE will be furnished and shipped (freight prepaid) at Government expense to you direct, where "Delivery Service" by the railroad is in effect; otherwise to the nearest railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone or marker at destination, remove it, and properly place it at decedent's grave at my expense.

Mrs. Albert Johnson Applicant.
 (Signature of Applicant)

WAR DEPARTMENT O. & M. G. Form No. 922 Approved Aug. 22, 1943 May 12, 1945 Feb. 14, 1947 May 1, 1949, July 1, 1951 July 1, 1952

Address 24 E. Flaming St., Date May 8, 1945
Butte, Montana

IMPORTANT—COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE

U. S. A. 174
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 Standard Certificate of Death
 State File No. 45730
 Registrar's No. 16-A STATE OF MONTANA Bureau of Vital Statistics

1. PLACE OF DEATH: (a) County WYCO (b) City or Town DETROIT, MICHIGAN (c) Street or house or business (d) Name of hospital or institution (Specify address)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: (a) State MI (b) County MI (c) City or town (d) Street No. (e) Rural area location (f) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?

3. FULL NAME Gerald E. Carroll 4. Date of birth 1925 5. Sex M 6. Color of hair B 7. Color of eyes B 8. Mar. W 9. Date of marriage 5/29/45 10. Date of death 5/3/45

11. Birth date of deceased (Month) (Day) (Year) 23

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Occupation (a) Usual occupation (b) Industry or business (c) Occupation (d) Occupation (e) Occupation (f) Occupation (g) Occupation (h) Occupation (i) Occupation (j) Occupation (k) Occupation (l) Occupation (m) Occupation (n) Occupation (o) Occupation (p) Occupation (q) Occupation (r) Occupation (s) Occupation (t) Occupation (u) Occupation (v) Occupation (w) Occupation (x) Occupation (y) Occupation (z) Occupation (aa) Occupation (ab) Occupation (ac) Occupation (ad) Occupation (ae) Occupation (af) Occupation (ag) Occupation (ah) Occupation (ai) Occupation (aj) Occupation (ak) Occupation (al) Occupation (am) Occupation (an) Occupation (ao) Occupation (ap) Occupation (aq) Occupation (ar) Occupation (as) Occupation (at) Occupation (au) Occupation (av) Occupation (aw) Occupation (ax) Occupation (ay) Occupation (az) Occupation (ba) Occupation (bb) Occupation (bc) Occupation (bd) Occupation (be) Occupation (bf) Occupation (bg) Occupation (bh) Occupation (bi) Occupation (bj) Occupation (bk) 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Gerald Carroll Rites Held

Military Honors Are Accorded

Funeral services with military honors were conducted Thursday morning for T/Sgt. Gerald E. Carroll, veteran of overseas service with the Eighth air force in World War II, who was fatally injured last Thursday in Detroit, Mich., in an accident.

The services were conducted with a requiem-high-mass at St. Joseph church at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The Rev. Father Thomas Fenlon was celebrant of the mass.

Interment was in the Bishop Finnegan plot in Holy Cross cemetery with the Rev. Father James O'Shea offering the prayers. Military honors were accorded by members of Silver Bow post of the American Legion with the Rev. Frank Harrington, chaplain of the post, in charge.

Many friends attended the rites and extra cars were required to convey the many floral tributes to the cemetery.

Pallbearers were Arthur Laramie, Clarence Nelson, Charles Goforth, Frank Otis, Jack Byrne and Patrick Gleason.

Survivors not previously listed include the following cousins: Dolores Exline, Harry Carroll, Jr., Pat Gleason, Arline Boltz and Donald Boltz, all of Butte; Pvt. Norman Gleason at Camp Roberts, Calif. and Pfc. Edward J. Simon and Pfc. Ralph Gleason, both serving in Germany.

Bill McCullah Obituary

Billy Joe "Bill" McCullah, 79, of Springfield, Mo., passed away on December 7, 2002. He was born November 3, 1923, the son of Sterling Price and Bessie (Rogers) McCullah. He joined the U.S. Army on Jan. 23, 1943, and was reassigned to the Air Corps. Dad attended Gunnery School at Harlingen, Texas and graduated "top gun". A combat volunteer he was assigned as an aerial gunner to the 712th Bomb Squadron, 448th Bomb Group (B-24 Liberator bomber). He was assigned duties that included being the first armorer, and ball/nose turret gunner. In November 1943, Dad's unit flew to 8th Air Force via South America, opening Seething Air Base, England. Their unit flew the first mission to Osnabruck, Germany on December 22, 1943. Assigned as the Lead Crew they flew 30 missions, 22 in Germany, one in Poland and seven scattered throughout the European Theater. He participated in the first "daylight" raid on Berlin, Germany. Other missions included the raid on the "Polaski" oil fields. Their unit also initiated a bomb run mission in support of D-Day June 6, 1944. On 17 missions he was assigned as nose turret gunner with (eight bomb releases). During his combat tour he also held positions as ball-gunner, tail-gunner, and waist gunner. The aircraft he flew in were named "Boomerang" and the "Little Shepard". He was wounded in action during one of his combat missions. Discharged on October 23, 1945, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC), four Air Medals, the Purple Heart, two European Campaign Stars, two Presidential Unit Citations, and several other ribbons.

Recalled by the United States Air Force on November 26, 1950, he flew another 9 and half years. Dad's other duties included support with the Mace "B" Missile system. He was instrumental in the support of the Minuteman I, II, and III ICBM's from 1960 until 1976. He held positions such as missile superintendent, guidance analyst, and technical advisor to the chief of maintenance. He retired from the Air Force on June 26, 1976 with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant after 29 years of service. His other decorations included five Meritorious Service Medals, six Air Force Commendation Medals, two Humanitarian Service Awards, three Presidential Unit Citation Awards, and the Air Force Marksmanship/Expert Ribbon.

On May 29, 1948 he married Nina "Sally" Wood. They had two sons, Michael and Patrick. During his retirement Dad published a commodity futures advisory, was a futures consultant, managed money accounts and was a futures trader. He held a futures brokers' license for eight years. His survivors include his loving wife, Sally; sons, Michael, Patrick and his wife Betty. Dad is also survived by his sister, Betty Jean Baldwin. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Nick, Missi and Matt; and three great-grandchildren, Ann, Hayden and Nik. He will be sorely missed. Love you Dad, Michael and Patrick. Cremation is under the direction of Walnut Lawn DeGraffenreid-Wood Funeral Home.

**Raymond G Giwojna
in the Minnesota, U.S., Death Index, 1908-2017**

Name: Raymond G Giwojna
Death Age: 56
Record Type: Death
Birth Date: 11 Apr 1923
Death Date: 18 May 1979
Death Place: Hennepin
Death Registration Date: 1979
Mother's Maiden Name: Rembleski
Certificate Number: 010904
Record Number: 1980545



Norbert Mike Duginske Obituary



Norbert Mike Duginske age 93, died Saturday, February 9, 2013 under the care of Comfort Care and Hospice Services at North Central Health Care. He was born on January 1, 1920, the son of Peter and Katherine (Dohney) Duginske in Merrill, WI.

He graduated from Merrill High School in 1938 and was a member of the Silver M Club. In 1941, Mike enlisted in the Army Air Force and served in WWII as a navigator on a B-24 until 1944; during his service, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mike was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

On June 19, 1945, he married Valeria Schmeisser who preceded him in death on December 1, 1980. On June 4, 1982, he married Dolores Altmeyer who survives.

Mike was active in the CYO, Explorers Fund Raiser, Knights of Columbus, the Elks BPO #248 and an avid Newman Cardinal supporter; he was also a very active member of St. Michaels Catholic Church. Over the years, he was employed by the Chicago North Western Railroad, AAA and Catholic Knights Insurance.

In addition to his wife, Dolores, he is survived by three children, Michael (Alice) Duginske, Wausau, Patrick (Carol) Duginske, Carmel, IN, Elizabeth Duginske (August Margineau), Sheboygan, WI; five grandchildren, Rebecca Duginske, Columbus, OH, Stephen (Stephanie) Duginske, Asheville, NC, Joy Duginske (Fred Crampton), Chicago, IL, Lucas Dulmes, Sheboygan, WI, Dawn Dulmes, Sheboygan, WI; two great grandchildren, Hollis Duginske and Monroe Duginske, Ashville, NC. Two sisters, Margaret Ann English and Regina (Kenneth) Schumacher. He is also survived by three step-daughters, Gail Pupp, Diane Doty and Carol Cumber, step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Katherine (Dohney) Duginske; three brothers, Edward Duginske, Aurelius Duginske and Donald Duginske; three sisters, Lois Kretlow, Virginia Gilmore and Cecilia Rassmussen.

