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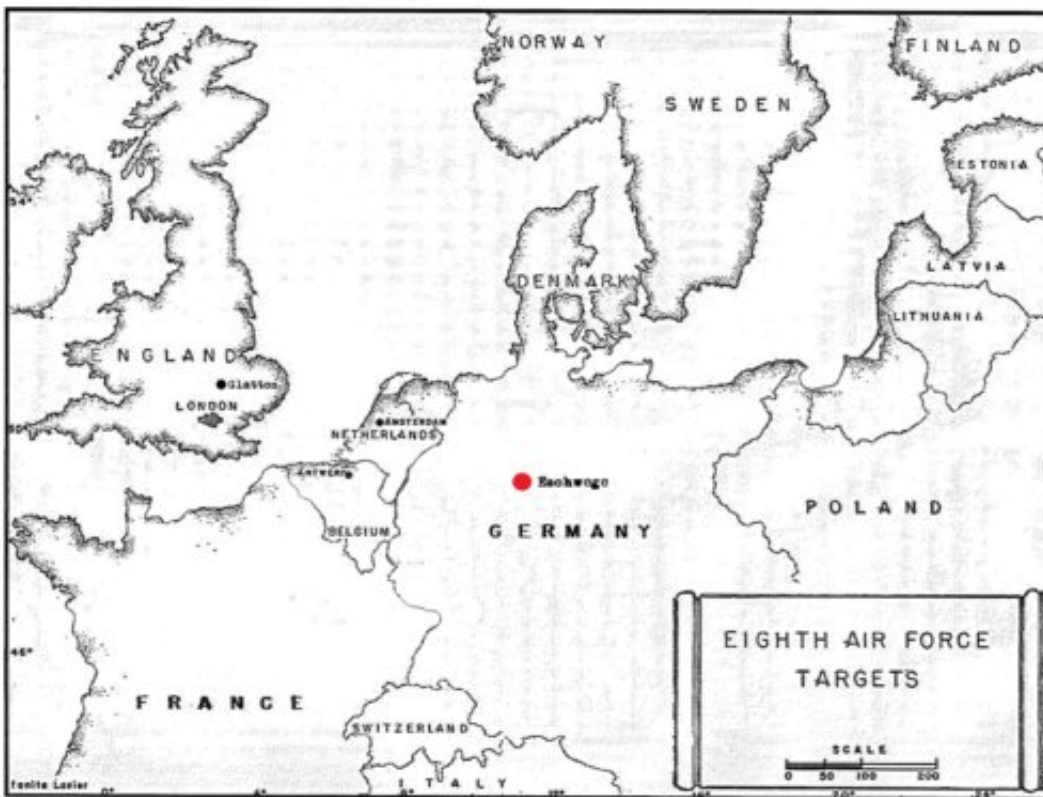
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Missions

TARGET: AIR PARK AND AIRDROME

ESCHWEGE, GERMANY

19 APRIL, 1944



Duration of mission 6 hours and 30 minutes

The target was the Air Park and Airdrome at Eschwege, twenty-six miles east-southeast of Kassel. This was an important center for equipping field-workshop units which went into action on the front lines. The 457th flew with the 40th Combat wing rather than the 94th and were escorted by P47, P38 and P51 fighters. Major Rod Francis was Air Commander of the Group, which flew the low box, and Lt. Edward R. Bender was pilot.

The primary target was not bombed because of smoke and haze over the target area. Secondary targets and targets of last resort were bombed, with varied bombing results. The 457th bombed an air field at Kassel. Eleven craft sustained battle damage.

The 457th furnished four aircraft for Air-Sea Rescue. This assignment was completed without incident.

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	748th Squadron		749th Squadron		750th Squadron		751th
	A/C # 162		A/C # 985		A/C # 579		A/C #
p	Lt	Roger W. Birkman	Lt	Donald E. Lady	Capt	Edward M. Bender	Lt
cp	Lt	Robert L. Cole	Lt	Raymond A. Syptak	Maj	Rod L. Francis	Lt
n	Lt	Solon J. Boydston	Lt	Judson E. Krueger	Capt	Cavanaugh	Lt
b	Lt	George A. Sipp	Lt	Robert D. Newcomb	Lt	Earl E. Woodard	Lt

tt	Sgt	Rammond Koch	Sgt	William G. Arterburn	Sgt	Edwin K. Fuller	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Andrew Kafka	Sgt	Wade E. Knudson	Sgt	James L. Free	Sgt
bt	Sgt	James C. Jones	Sgt	Bernard L. Baker	Sgt	John P. Sarico	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	John L. Toney	Sgt	Marvin H. Sloan	Sgt	Laymon M. Mahan	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	John Buechel	Sgt	Carl W. Ostlind	Sgt	Franklin J. Marra	Sgt
tg	Sgt	John Buchel	Sgt	Rose D. Pogue	Sgt	Thomas Leahy	Sgt
					Sgt	Michael Woyurka	

	A/C # 470		A/C # 086		A/C # 551		A/C #
p	Lt	Harris S. Mathis	Lt	Malcolm Johnson	Lt	Robert D. Lane	Lt
cp	Lt	Norris N. Gerber	Lt	Morris H. Shuff	Lt	Howard E. James	Lt
n	Lt	Frederick W. Asbell	Lt	Marsh Hovey	Lt	Robert C. Dvorak	Lt
b	Lt	John A. Richardson	Lt	Ralph C. Jordan	Lt	William L. Smith	Lt
tt	Sgt	Rex B. Crawford	Sgt	Joseph Garbett	Sgt	Winfred C. Kincaid	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Donald E. Cook	Sgt	Thomas G. Scott	Sgt	Gervin E. McBride	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Mark A. Osborne	Sgt	Glenn W. Barnes	Sgt	John E. Misener	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Robert C. Makin	Sgt	Wallace C. Nicholson	Sgt	Edward A. Bleck	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Nicholas Pesko	Sgt	Leonard A. Smith	Sgt	Joe B. McCall	Sgt
tg	Sgt	Ralph H. Carrison	Sgt	Wallace D. Cagle	Sgt	James O. Vaughn	Sgt

	A/C # 055		A/C # 545		A/C # 073		A/C #
p	Lt	Edward J. Reppa	Lt	James V. Elduff	Lt	Garlan M. Hutson	Lt
cp	Lt	Aaron J. Ayres	Lt	Ennis E. Brown	Lt	Tracy E. Geiger	Lt
n	Lt	Curtis J. Overdahl	Lt	Reed V. Bryant	Lt	Carl F. Hansen	Lt
b	Lt	George H. Stateman	Lt	Ras M. Clausen	Lt	Clifford D. Hughes	Lt
tt	Sgt	Ivan W. Browning	Sgt	Norbert A. Meeuwssen	Sgt	Charles J. Cofman	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Stephen F. Billisits	Sgt	Andrew G. Voytko	Sgt	Howard C. Layton	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Kenneth L. Holder	Sgt	Patrick J. Fusci	Sgt	Harold E. Reader	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Charles W. Mehring	Sgt	Mildredge C. Doan	Sgt	Herman R. Goossens	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Irving Feldman	Sgt	Walter F. Palmer	Sgt	Jachin M. Forbes	Sgt
tg	Sgt	John Harmke	Sgt	Charles L. Stewart	Sgt	George A. Pfeifer	Sgt

	A/C # 618		A/C # 633		A/C # 084		A/C #
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