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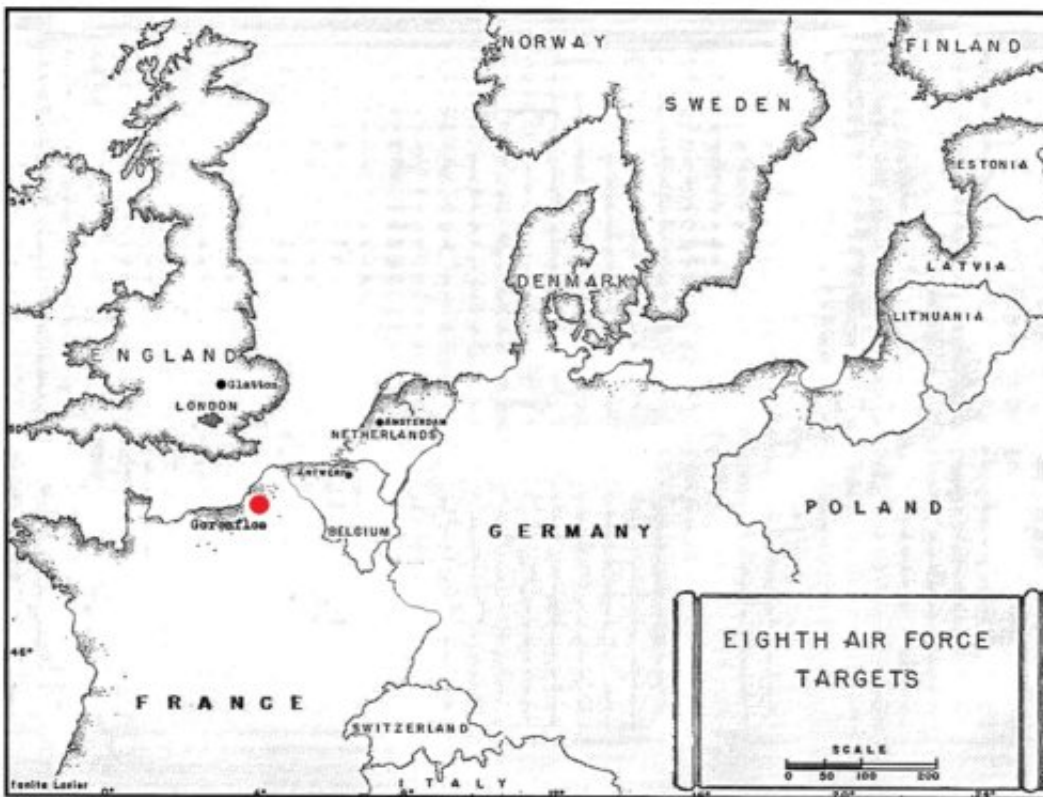
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Missions

TARGET: LAUNCHING RAMP V-1

GORENFLOS, FRANCE

20 APRIL, 1944



The target was a No Ball installation situated south of the village, located ten miles southeast of Abbeville. It was a ski shaped launching ramp for V-i bombs. Other units of the Eighth attacked other installations in the Calais and Cherbourg areas. The Group used a new twelve plane formation, and dispatched two boxes on its target. The A box was led by Captain William F. Smith as Air Commander and Lt. J. L. Smith was the pilot. The B box was led by Major George C. Hozier as Air Commander and Captain Jerry Godfrey was pilot.

Takeoff was late in the afternoon, at 1615. Bombing results were good, with the bomb pattern centering within two hundred feet of the MPI. Flak was moderate but accurate. One anti aircraft shell hit the Deputy Lead plane of the B box, piloted by Lt. Walter S. Milne, at the radio compartment, and exploded inside. The remnants of the craft plummeted nose down. Only two of the crew survived the crash. Eleven aircraft from the A box and eight craft of the B box sustained damage.

The aircraft broke apart between the tail wheel and the waist door. The craft hit the ground with a terrific explosion. Four of the crew parachuted to safety.

(Compiler's note: For Lt. Carl E. Gamblin's account of the mission, see Chapter 19.)

748th Squadron		749th Squadron		750th Squadron		751th	
A/C # 101		A/C # 985		A/C # 063		A/C #	
p	Lt	Cornelius R. Woolf	Lt	Jesse L. Smith	Lt	William F. Rogers	Lt
cp	Lt	Kinney Hellums	Lt	William F. Smith	Lt	Stanley J. Wolczanski	Lt
n	Lt	Charles W. Mitchell	Lt	Donald E. Muston	Lt	Donald H. Snyder	Lt
b	Lt	Kenneth B. Taylor	Lt	Alel P. Umoff	Lt	Dino H. Tonelli	Lt
tt	Sgt	Gerard J. Hyink	Lt	William G. Patry	Sgt	Joshua D. Lane	Sgt
ro	Sgt	John L. Batts	Sgt	Randal N. White	Sgt	Orion H. Shumway	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Alden B. Orr	Sgt	Clarence R. Ray	Sgt	John Chumas	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Roman a. Zelazo	Sgt	Ethan A. Schaeffer	Sgt	Sol Pollack	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Samuel J. Craft	Sgt	Steve Vargo	Sgt	David H. Quick	Sgt
tg	Sgt	Ernest R. Campen	Sgt	J. F. Norman	Sgt	Ray Jones	Sgt
			Sgt	Raymond L. Osborn			

A/C # 055		A/C # 633		A/C # 075		A/C #	
p	Lt	Kenneth W. Burkhart	Lt	Richard J. Dudek	Lt	Joseph O. Paschal	Lt
cp	Lt	Noble L. Webster	Lt	Russell M. Dobyms	Lt	Donald S. Hain	Lt
n	Lt	William B. Wescott	Lt	John F. Moore	Lt	Robert J. Burright	Lt
b	Lt	Julius Venerofsky	Lt	James H. Coonrod	Lt	Vincent L. Vaccarro	Lt
tt	Sgt	John G. Sirosky	Sgt	John J. Connell	Sgt	Arthur J. Russell, Jr	Sgt
ro	Sgt	T. J. Shields	Sgt	John Kessock	Sgt	Charles R. Miller	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Samuel B. Goff	Sgt	Alfred A. Sabory	Sgt	Edward F. Rugg	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Sidney N. Erickson	Sgt	Henri A. Boulay	Sgt	Harry C. Minor	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Howard W. Barrier	Sgt	Harold D. McFarland	Sgt	Sidney W. Brunick	Sgt
tg	Sgt	Carl Tulowitzki	Sgt	Robert E. Bergeron	Sgt	Clifford R. Wilson	Sgt

A/C # 662		A/C # 079		A/C # 015		A/C #	
p	Lt	Harris S. Mathis	Lt	Rudolph M. Stohl	Lt	Charles R. Blackwell	Lt
cp	Lt	Norris H. Gerber	Lt	David W. Schellenger	Lt	Theodore R. Baskette	Lt
n	Lt	Frederick W. Asbell	Lt	John O. Millham	Lt	Irving R. Meyers	Lt
b	Lt	John A. Richardson	Lt	James E. Thomas	Lt	Verne M. Boon	Lt
tt	Sgt	Rex B. Crawford	Sgt	Robert C. Kreite	Sgt	Thomas W. Howard	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Donald E. Cook	Sgt	William F. Bemus	Sgt	Morgan J. Newman	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Mark A. Osborne	Sgt	Walter F. Waganer	Sgt	Alvin E. Merriam	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Robert C. Makin	Sgt	Sheldon J. Moore	Sgt	Billy L. Dalton	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Nicholas Pesko	Sgt	Erwin A. Welling	Sgt	Francis W. McCall	Sgt
tg	Sgt	Ralph H. Carrison	Sgt	Charles L. Stewart	Sgt	Sylvester C. Kruaszkievic	Sgt

A/C # 236		A/C # 545		A/C # 084		A/C #
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