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# MISSION NO. 41

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**TARGET: CENTER OF BERLIN**

**BERLIN, GERMANY**

**8 MAY, 1944**



The center of Berlin was the target. The 457th put up the lead box and two-thirds of the high box in the 94th Combat Wing. Col. Luper served as Air Commander of the lead A Wing, with Lt. Russell M. Selwyn as pilot. Captain William F. Smith was Air Commander of the high box, while Lt. Charles D. Brannan was pilot. The 40 1st Bomb Group comprised the low box.

The target was completely overcast, so the fourteen attacking aircraft bombed the primary target with unobserved results. Ten aircraft bombed Brandenburg and its vicinity, also with unobserved results; eleven craft attacked targets of opportunity.

Bombing was done in a wing bombing formation. The smoke bomb of the wing lead PFF craft failed to operate and trail smoke. This complication caused a problem to develop because the low and lead groups could not see the bombs fall. Upon being advised the bombs had been dropped, the other craft sought optional targets.

Flak opposition was intense, damaging seventeen aircraft. One of the craft in the low box (401st) took a direct hit causing it to go into a spin and crash. Only one chute was observed.

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748th Squadron	749th Squadron	750th Squadron	751th
A/C # 470	A/C # 073	A/C # 579	A/C #

p	Lt	Bernard V. Connor	Lt	Noel A. Cunefare	Lt	Edward B. Dozier	Lt
cp	Lt	Edward J. Taylor	Lt	Milton e. Durham	Lt	william F. Smith	Lt
n	Lt	Clement H. Marsden	Lt	Wesley C. Akins	Lt	thomas A. Goff	Lt
b	Lt	Zaven R. Astor	Lt	Donald W. Barton	Lt	Alexis P. Umoff	Lt
tt	Sgt	Frank T. Aylstock	Sgt	Howard S. Drake	Sgt	Dwight M. Anderson	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Donald E. Cook	Sgt	Frank L. Nunn	Sgt	William C. Young	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Hal H. Willett	Sgt	Ralph T. Hodson	Sgt	charles O. Webber	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Edward J. Brazinski	Sgt	Richard P. Forney	Sgt	Frank L. Ridenhour	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Carl W. Lewis	Sgt	Walden M. Hearn	Sgt	Frederick L. Exley	Sgt
tg	Sgt	Leo L. Lange	Sgt	Gordon B. Long	Sgt	Leo R. Green	Sgt
					Lt	George Cahelo	

	A/C # 568		A/C # 607		A/C # 620		A/C #
p	Lt	Roger W. Birkman	Lt	Jonathan M. Herbold	Lt	William F. Rogers	Lt
cp	Lt	Robert L. Cole	Lt	Harry E. Cameron	Lt	Jacob M. Dickinson	Lt
n	Lt	Michael N. Stanko	Lt	Theodore J. Mellow	Lt	Wilbert J. Collard	Lt
b	Lt	John A. Richardson	Lt	Jack W. Oescher	Lt	Warren H. Suddath	Lt
tt	Sgt	Raymond Koch	Sgt	Elihue R. Mayo	Sgt	Joshua D. Lane	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Errol Bailey	Sgt	Richard R. Hazelhurst	Sgt	Orion H. Shumway	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Andrew Kafka	Sgt	Philip H. Shebell	Sgt	John Chumas	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	James C. Jones	Sgt	Charles D. Shebell	Sgt	Sol Pollack	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	John L. Toney	Sgt	Johnny Miller	Sgt	David H. Quick	Sgt
tg	Sgt	John Buchel	Sgt	William C. Cain	Sgt	Ray Jones	Sgt

	A/C # 615		A/C # 706		A/C # 551		A/C #	
p	Lt	John Akers	Lt	Jerome A. Sobjek	Lt	Americo Procopio	Lt	
cp	Lt	Charles T. Scott	Lt	Edward W. Lynch	Lt	Robert Driscoll	Lt	
n	Lt	Lloyd C. Dell	Lt	William R. Kabine	Lt	Bernard B. Weinberg	Lt	
b	Lt	Morris F. Swerdlow	Lt	George A. Knapp	Lt	Edward P. Palika	Lt	
tt	Sgt	Edward White	Sgt	Daniel J. Howard, Jr.	Sgt	John T. Clements	Sgt	
ro	Sgt	Christopher W. Milgo	Sgt	Kenneth E. Hixson	Sgt	E. L. Angell	Sgt	
bt	Sgt	Harold T. Pererman	Sgt	Jerome Petrizzi	Sgt	Russell H. Babel	Sgt	
lwg	Sgt	Robert A. Marstellar	Sgt	Ray V. Rose	Sgt	Thaddeus F. Dubaj	Sgt	
tg	Sgt	austin F. Moore	Sgt	David J. Scharff	Sgt	James R. Norman	Sgt	
		Sgt	Wallace C. Taft	Sgt	Joseph Matkowsky	Sgt	Walter W. Megin	Sgt

	A/C # 558		A/C # 998		A/C # 923		A/C #
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