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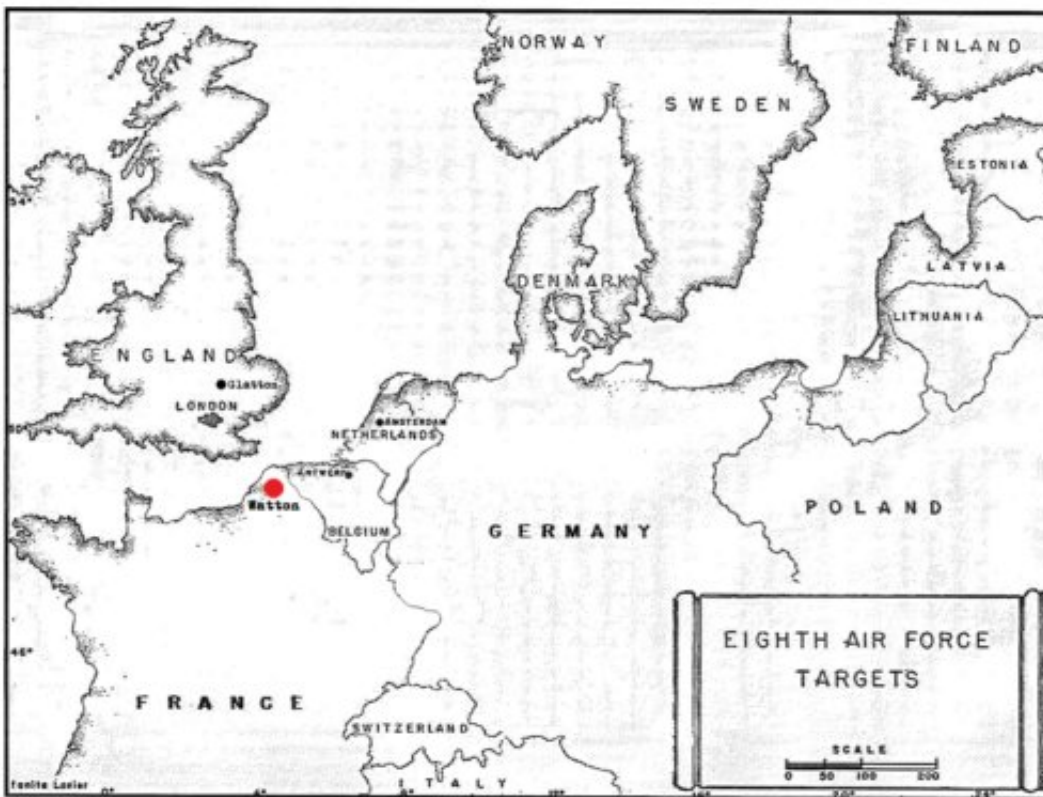
MISSION NO. 15

Missions

TARGET: NO BALL

WATTON, FRANCE

19 MARCH 1944



Twenty-four aircraft carried out a No Ball Mission to Watton, a large and important German anti-invasion fortification under construction twelve miles inland from Calais. This facility was considered to be one of the oldest and best developed, and possibly the most important structure of this type in the Pas-de-Calais area. Major Hoffman was Air Commander and Lt. Bender was pilot.

There was no wing assembly. The Group flew west of the briefed course and all craft missed the target. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered and thirteen planes were damaged but only one seriously. This was a Sunday afternoon mission. The Group was not alerted until noon, did not take off until 1615, and returned at 2000. It was a quiet day over the Continent. Only 193 bombers were dispatched to western France.

(Compiler's Note: Though the site of an important anti-invasion fortification, the hamlet of Walton was not shown on 1944 French maps and is the subject of various spellings in mission reports.)

MISSION NO. 15

March 19th 1944

748th Squadron		749th Squadron		750th Squadron		751th	
A/C # 662		A/C # 531		A/C # 620		A/C #	
Lt	Adrian W. Spahnok	Lt	Edward M. Bender	Lt	Charles R. Blackwell	Lt	

r							
cp	Lt	Lloyd. E. Icenogle	Maj	Hoffman	Lt	Theodore R. Baskette	Lt
n	Lt	Warren. B. Speidel	Lt	Earl E. Woodard	Lt	Irving R. Meyers	Lt
b	Lt	William. G. Smith	Lt	Henry P. Loades	Lt	Verne M. Boon	Lt
tt	Sgt	Louis M. Castelucci	Sgt	James L. Free	Sgt	Thomas W. Howard	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Frank. T. Ingersoll	Sgt	John P. Sarico	Sgt	Morgan J. Newman	Sgt
bt	Sgt	William G. Woodall	Sgt	Harold Rhodes	Sgt	Morgan Nabozny	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Leslie B. Reid, Jr	Sgt	Tracy E. Geiger	Sgt	Billy L. Dalton	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Prosser Jeffreys	Sgt	Thomas G. Leahy	Sgt	Francis W. McCall	Sgt
tg	Sgt	Milton Lowenstein	Sgt	Michael Woyurka	Sgt	Sylvester C. Kruaszkievic	Sgt
			Lt	Arthur T. Cavanaugh			

A/C # 470		A/C # 067		A/C # 468		A/C #	
p	Lt	Edward J. Reppa	Lt	Clarence E. Schuchmann	Lt	Americo Procopio	Lt
cp	Lt	Aaron J. Ayres	Capt	William Smith	Lt	Robert Driscoll	Lt
n	Lt	Robert E. Jackson	Lt	Thomas A. Goff	Lt	Bernard B. Weinberg	Lt
b	Lt	George H. Stateman	Lt	John B. Blachley	Lt	Edward P. Palika	Lt
tt	Sgt	Ivan W. Browning	Sgt	Joseph I. Hibbs	Sgt	John T. Clements	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Stephen F. Billisits	Sgt	Jachin M. Forbes	Sgt	E. L. Angell	Sgt
bt	Sgt	Carl W. Lewis	Sgt	Harold A. Dusseau	Sgt	Russell R. Babel	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	Charles W. Mehring	Sgt	Robert Bridges	Sgt	Thaddeus R. Dubej	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Irving Feldman	Sgt	Edgar D. Lanoni	Sgt	James H. Norman	Sgt
tg	Sgt	John Harmke	Sgt	Anthony Toizzi	Sgt	Walter W. Megin	Sgt

A/C # 568		A/C # unknown		A/C # 015		A/C #	
p	Lt	Thomas E. Lee	Lt	William F. Rogers	Lt	Alfred W. Fischer	Lt
cp	Lt	Harry P. Polanski	Lt	Stanley J. Wolczanski	Lt	Harry Huskey	Lt
n	Lt	John C. Sherwin	Lt	Wilbert J. Collard	Lt	John W. McDonnell	Lt
b	Lt	Regis J. Greshan	Lt	Henry P. Loades	Lt	Ralph D. Stutzman	Lt
tt	Sgt	Clayton L. Betterton	Sgt	Joshua D. Lane	Sgt	Robert M. Jensen	Sgt
ro	Sgt	Jasper Stewart	Sgt	Orion H. Shumway	Sgt	Andrew E. Jasso	Sgt
bt	Sgt	John Barber	Sgt	Harold B. Rhodes	Sgt	James E. Pickle	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	John A. Robinson	Sgt	Howard C. Layton	Sgt	Leo McHatton	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Irvin V. Gerlich	Sgt	David H. Quick	Sgt	Thomas N. Norton	Sgt
tg	Sgt	Ralph H. Zagorski	Sgt	Ray Jones	Sgt	James H. Long	Sgt

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