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TARGET: ALFRED TREVES PLANT

FRANKFURT, GERMANY

20 MARCH 1944



Eighteen aircraft were dispatched to bomb the Alfred Treves plant at Frankfurt, Germany. This plant manufactured aircraft and submarine piston rings, and 75 percent of all the Germans' hydraulic brakes. Major Fred A. Spencer was Air Commander and Lt. J. L. Smith was pilot. Weather conditions were unfavorable.

Final assembly altitude was at 17,500 feet. The clouds continued to rise over France, until there was a solid undercast with cloud tops up to 30,000 feet. The high squadron became separated from the formation. Shortly thereafter the 457th lost the Wing formation in the haze and clouds near Frankfurt, the PFF target. The mission was abandoned and the Group returned to England. All other combat wings likewise abandoned their missions. No fighter attacks were made on the formation.

Flak was moderate and four aircraft suffered damage. In order to avoid a mid-air collision, Lt. Franklin J. Marra, copilot for Lt. Clarence E. Schuchmann, pulled back on the wheel, and, in doing so, stalled the airplane and went into a spin. After losing 16,000 feet in a matter of seconds, Lt. Schuchmann successfully brought the aircraft back under control.

Notification was received on 20 March, that the APO Number for Glatton was changed from 634 to 557. (Compilers Note: Tom Goff navigator on the Schuchmaffl crew, reflects on the incident in Chapter 19.)

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748th Squadron			749th Squadron			750th Squadron			751th		
A/C # 470			A/C # unknown			A/C # 620			A/C #		
p	Lt	Cornelius R. Woolf	Lt	Jesse L. Smith	Lt	Clarence E. Schuchmann	Lt		Lt		
cp	Lt	Kenney Hellums	Lt	Fred A. Spencer	Lt	Franklin J. Marra	Lt		Lt		
n	Lt	Charles W. Mitchell	Lt	Donald J. Muston	Lt	Thomas A. Goff	Lt		Lt		
b	Lt	Kenneth B. Taylor	Lt	Lloyd T. Belanger	Lt	John B. Blachley	Lt		Lt		
tt	Sgt	Gerard J. Hyink	Sgt	Randal N. White	Sgt	Joseph L. Hibbs	Sgt		Sgt		
ro	Sgt	John L. Batts	Sgt	Milton B. Davison	Sgt	Charles O. Webber	Sgt		Sgt		
bt	Sgt	Alden B. Orr	Sgt	Clarence R. Ray	Sgt	Robert Bridges	Sgt		Sgt		
rwg	Sgt	Roman A. Zelazo	Sgt	Steve Vargo	Sgt	Harold A. Dusseau	Sgt		Sgt		
lwg	Sgt	Samuel J. Craft, Jr	Sgt	Ethan A. Schaeffer	Sgt	Edgar D. Lanzoni	Sgt		Sgt		
tg	Sgt	Ernest R. Campen	Sgt	Ennis E. Brown	Sgt	Thomas G. Leahy	Sgt		Sgt		
			Lt	Robert D. Newcomb							

A/C # 460			A/C # unknown			A/C # 551			A/C #		
p	Lt	Kenneth R. Johnston	Lt	David P. Parks	Lt	William F. Rogers	Lt		Lt		
cp	Lt	Kenneth W. Brucker	Lt	Raymond A. Sypak	Lt	Stanley J. Wolczanski	Lt		Lt		
n	Lt	Herbert N. Webb	Lt	William C. Ellerbusch	Lt	Carl F. Hansen	Lt		Lt		
b	Lt	Harry B. Vaal	Lt	William G. Patry	Lt	Dino H. Tonelli	Lt		Lt		
tt	Sgt	Daniel A. Malcolm	Sgt	Donald J. Kesselmayr	Sgt	Joshua D. Lane	Sgt		Sgt		
ro	Sgt	Nolan V. Claxton	Sgt	Robert E. Bergeron	Sgt	Orion H. Shumway	Sgt		Sgt		
bt	Sgt	Francis F. Friedel	Sgt	Ruben H. Halverson	Sgt	John Chumas	Sgt		Sgt		
lwg	Sgt	Edwin D. Waggoner	Sgt	Floyd O. Grove	Sgt	John P. Sarico	Sgt		Sgt		
rwg	Sgt	Paul O. Conner	Sgt	Anthony M. Pesce	Sgt	David H. Quick	Sgt		Sgt		
tg	Sgt	Gilbert Slocum	Sgt	George H. Grebe	Sgt	Ray Jones	Sgt		Sgt		

A/C # 088			A/C # unknown			A/C # 084			A/C #		
p	Lt	Adrian W. Seabock	Lt	William L. Gibbons	Lt	Robert D. Lane	Lt		Lt		
cp	Lt	Lloyd E. Icenogle	Lt	George J. Bennett	Lt	Howard E. James	Lt		Lt		
n	Lt	Warren B. Wspeidel	Lt	William J. Brandt	Lt	Robert C. Dvorak	Lt		Lt		
b	Lt	William G. Smith, Jr	Lt	Patrick A. Walls	Lt	William L. Smith	Lt		Lt		
tt	Sgt	Louis M. Castelucci	Sgt	Paul A. Birchen	Sgt	Winfred C. Kincaid	Sgt		Sgt		
ro	Sgt	Irving V. Gerlich	Sgt	Jasper L. Smith	Sgt	Gervin E. McBride	Sgt		Sgt		
bt	Sgt	William B. Woodell	Sgt	Paul O'Neal	Sgt	John E. Misener	Sgt		Sgt		
lwg	Sgt	Prentis A. Cooper	Sgt	Paul Holder	Sgt	Edward A. Bleck	Sgt		Sgt		
rwg	Sgt	Prosser Jeffreys	Sgt	Reginald W. Buxton	Sgt	Joe B. McCall	Sgt		Sgt		
tg	Sgt	Howard W. Berrier	Sgt	Omer Fontaine	Sgt	James J. Vaughn	Sgt		Sgt		


A/C # 607			A/C # unknown			A/C # 075			A/C #		
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