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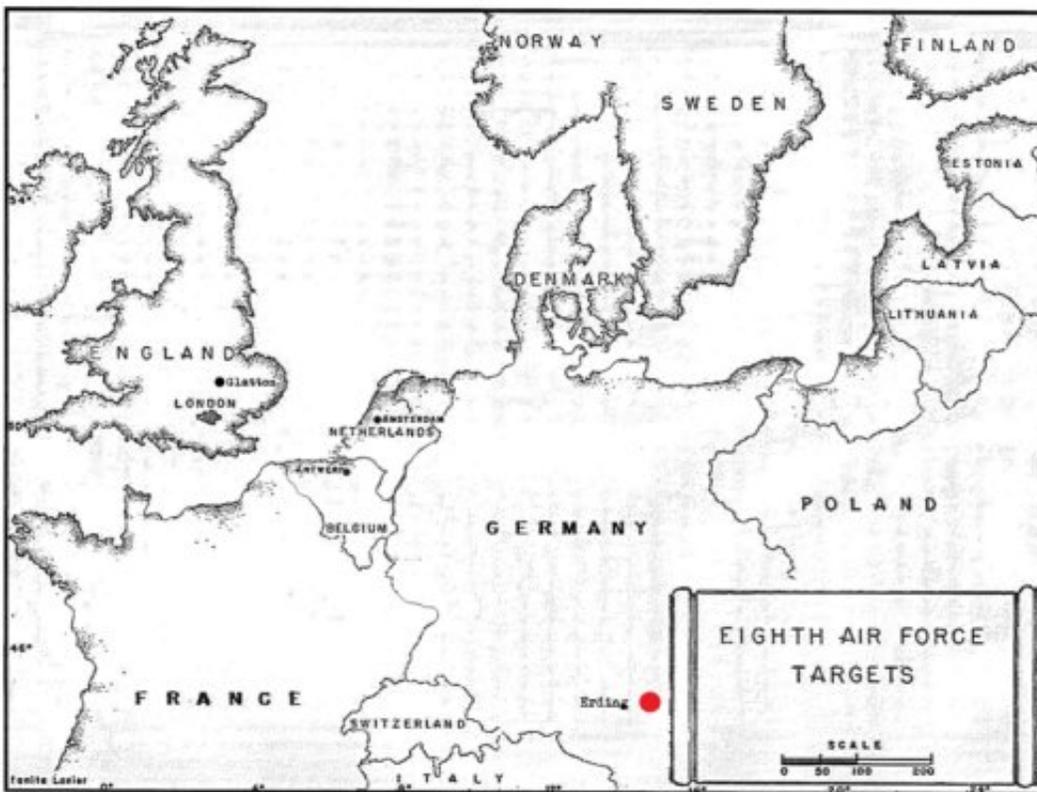
# MISSION NO. 31

Missions

**TARGET: AIRFIELD AND AIR DEPOT**

**ERDING, GERMANY**

**24 APRIL, 1944**



Luftwaffe installations, airdromes, and factories in southern Germany were the targets. The 457th was assigned the airfield and the air depot at Erding, a supply base for aircraft parts and equipment used by the Luftwaffe in the Mediterranean. The Group supplied twenty-four aircraft to fly the low box in the 94th Combat Wing. The formation was led by Major Fred A. Spencer as Air Commander and Captain Jerry Godfrey as pilot.

Me-109s and FW-190s attacked the formation on the bomb run and after the bombs were dropped. After a quick rally of the formation with the Wing, the attacks ceased. No planes were lost; however, two planes received major damage, and one received minor damage.

Flak at certain points along the way was moderate but accurate.

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April 24th 1944

	748th Squadron		749th Squadron		750th Squadron		751th
	A/C # 552		A/C # 067		A/C # 098		A/C #
p	Lt	Thomas E. Lee	Lt	Donald G. Karr	Lt	Clarence E. Schuchmann	Lt
cp	Lt	John N. Bristow	Lt	William K. Byle	Lt	J. M. Dickenson	Maj
n	Lt	John C. Sherwin	Lt	Richard M. Condon	Lt	Thomas A. Goff	Lt
b	Lt	Regis J. Creehan	Lt	Joel H. Apel	Lt	John B. Blachley	Lt
tt	Sgt	Clayton L. Betterton	Sgt	Kenneth M. Krise	Sgt	Harold A. Dusseau	Lt
ro	Sgt	Jasper Stewart	Sgt	Philip Finkelstein	Sgt	Joseph L. Hibbs	Sgt
bt	Sgt	John B. Barber	Sgt	Morris J. Woodell	Sgt	J. H. Lambert	Sgt
lwg	Sgt	John A. Robinson	Sgt	Eugene H. Paprota	Sgt	Edgar D. Lanzoni	Sgt
rwg	Sgt	Irvin V. Gerlich	Sgt	Paul M. Rogers	Sgt	Robert Bridges	Sgt

tg	Sgt	Kaipn H. Zagorski	Sgt	Charles L. Edwards	Sgt	Lorn G. Smith	Sgt	Lt
		A/C # 470		A/C # 060		A/C # 579		A/C #
p	Lt	Paul V. Chapman	Lt	Robert L. Wetherald	Lt	Alfred W. Fischer	Lt	
cp	Lt	James E. Oschier	Lt	Francis G. Bogle	Lt	Harry J. Huskey	Lt	
n	Lt	William J. McKelvey	Lt	Thomas W. Burns	Lt	John N. McDonnell	Lt	
b	Lt	Kenneth E. Myers	Lt	Alex W. Fisher	Lt	Ralph D. Stutzman	Lt	
tt	Sgt	Tom G. Overn	Sgt	Cleo F. Corder	Sgt	Robert N. Jensen	Sgt	
ro	Sgt	Kenneth E. Myers	Sgt	John J. Orazem	Sgt	Andrew E. Jasso	Sgt	
bt	Sgt	Robert S. Wood	Sgt	George Stiller	Sgt	James H. Long	Sgt	
lwg	Sgt	Richard T. Trundy	Sgt	Secondo P. Pentacolone	Sgt	Leo McHatton	Sgt	
rwg	Sgt	Meldron E. McGibbon	Sgt	Onnie B. Baskette, Jr	Sgt	Robert M. Jensen	Sgt	
tg	Sgt	Anthony Marrone	Sgt	Frank R. Machak	Sgt	Thomas N. Norton	Sgt	
		A/C # 591		A/C # 086		A/C # 551		A/C #
p	Lt	Kenneth R. Johnston	Lt	James V. Elduff	Lt	Americo Procopio	Lt	
cp	Lt	Kenneth W. Brucker	Lt	Harry R. Stafford	Lt	Robert Driscoll	Lt	
n	Lt	Herbert N. Webb	Lt	Reed V. Bryant	Lt	Bernard B. Weinberg	Lt	
b	Lt	Harry B. Vaal	Lt	Ras M. Clausen	Lt	Edward P. Palika	Lt	
tt	Sgt	Daniel A. Malcolm	Sgt	Norbert A Meeuwsen	Sgt	Russell H. Babel	Sgt	
ro	Sgt	Francis F. Friedel	Sgt	Andrew G. Voytko	Sgt	John T. Clements	Sgt	
bt	Sgt	Floyd T. Stitely	Sgt	Patrick J. Fuscì	Sgt	James R. Norman	Sgt	
lwg	Sgt	Paul O. Conner	Sgt	Mildredge C. Doan	Sgt	E. L. Angell	Sgt	
rwg	Sgt	Gilbert Slocum	Sgt	Clifford F. Duell	Sgt	Thaddeus F. Dubaj	Sgt	
tg	Sgt	Edwin D. Waggoner	Sgt	Charles R. Carlisle	Sgt	Walter W. Megin	Sgt	
		A/C # 558		A/C # 460		A/C # 630		A/C #

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