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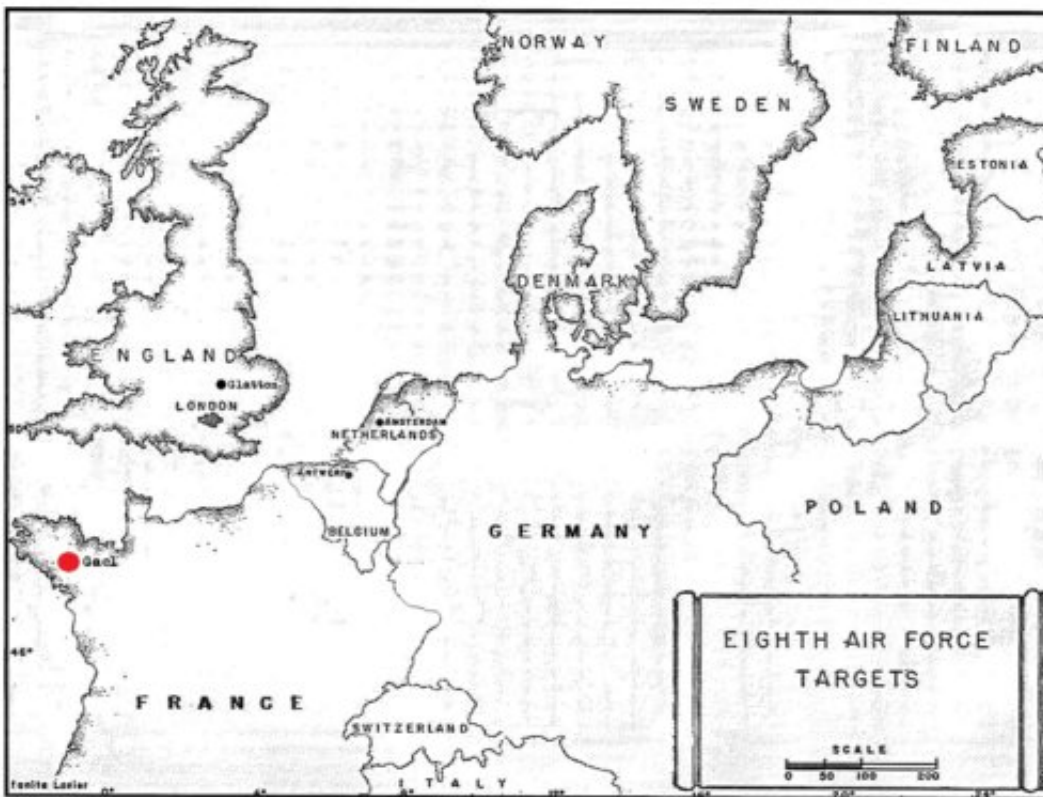
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TARGET: GAEL AIRFIELD

GAEL, FRANCE

10 JUNE, 1944



After a lapse of one day, the invasion aerial offensive was renewed with the 457th providing the high box of the 94th Combat Wing assigned to bomb the Gael Airfield, located on the Brest Peninsula. Its location made it suitable for use by front line German Luftwaffe planes. The 1st Division dispatched only four Combat Wings. Major Theodore C. Hoffman was Air Commander and Lt. George C. MacDonald was pilot.

The target was covered by a seven-tenths undercast and bombing was by instruments. The bomb results were not good There was no enemy fighter opposition and only meager flak.

(Compilers Note: Practically all missions to the invasion area called for early morning takeoffs. During the summer months in this part of France, cumulus clouds build up in the day, preventing visual bombing except in the early morning hours. Even then it proved to be very difficult.)

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June 10th 1944

	748th Squadron	749th Squadron	750th Squadron	751th
	A/C # 087	A/C # 948	A/C # 88?	A/C #
p	Lt Thomas E. Lee	Lt Harry A. Stafford	Lt James P. LaPaze	L
cp	Lt John M. Bristow	Lt Bernard Yavorosky	F/O Louis N. McGranahan	L
n	Lt John C. Sherwin	Lt Arthur Flach	F/O Keith W. Morgan	L
b	Lt Regis J. Creehan	Lt Anthony G. Wodek	Sgt Chester J. Hudec	L
tt	Sgt Jasper Stewart	Sgt Andrew G. Voytko	Sgt Henry L. Baker	Sg
ro	Sgt William C. Bolger	Sgt Francis M. Craven	Sgt Charles H. Rogers, Jr	Sg
bt	Sgt Irvin V. Gerlich	Sgt Virgil R. Hook	Sgt Elmer E. Valicer	Sg

lwg	Sgt	John A. Robinson	Sgt	Walter Osika	Sgt	Chester V. Hudec	Sg
rwg	Sgt	Ralph R. Zagorski	Sgt	Robert H. Ridge	Sgt	Delbert A. Brokhart	Sg
tg	Sgt		Sgt		Sgt	Oscar C. Hightower James M. Cole	Sg
		A/C # 101	A/C # 706		A/C # 923		A/C #
p	Lt	Cornelius R. Woolf	Lt	Wade E. Knudson	Lt	Harry J. Husky	L
cp	Lt	Kinney Hellums	Lt	Paul W. Gilbert	Lt	Robert L. Kaufman	L
n	Lt	Julius Venerofsky	Lt	James Duffy	Lt	B. M. Plaut	L
b	Sgt	Gerard J. Hyink	Lt	Andrew Brown	Lt	D. J. Letzia	L
tt	Sgt	Alden B. Orr	Sgt	David C. Foltz	Sgt	Edwin M. Sinclair	Sg
ro	Sgt	John L. Batts	Sgt	Raymond Conway	Sgt	Lauren C. Keene	Sg
bt	Sgt	Samuel I. Craft, Jr	Sgt	Richard Wright	Sgt	Rudolph S. Buczik	Sg
lwg	Sgt	Roman A. Zelazo	Sgt	Charles M. Borland	Sgt	Warren G. Antoine	Sg
rwg	Sgt	Ernest R. Campen	Sgt	Robert V. Moore	Sgt	Sanford G. Cadwell	Sg
		A/C # 190	A/C # ???		A/C # 464		A/C #
p	Lt	Edward J. Reppa	Lt	Morris H. Shuff	Lt	Norman W. Breit	L
cp	Lt	Aaron J. Ayres	Lt	Delbert H. Lawson	Lt	Robert C. Burkholder	L
n	Lt	Curtis J. Overdahl	Lt	Lee C. Mohn	Lt	Burt H. Lindstrom	L
b	Lt	George A. Stateman	Lt	Joseph Barbett	Lt	Charles J. Hrubos	L
tt	Sgt	Stephen F. Billisits	Sgt	Glenn W. Barnes	Sgt	Terence T. Camp	Sg
ro	Sgt	Ivan W. Browning	Sgt	John R. Billington	Sgt	Melvin R. Smalley	Sg
bt	Sgt	Irving Feldman	Sgt	Wallace C. Nicholson	Sgt	William F. Radford	Sg
lwg	Sgt	Kenneth L. Holder	Sgt	Leonard A. Smith	Sgt	Rubin L. Hernandez	Sg
rwg	Sgt	John Harmke	Sgt	Wallace D. Cagle	Sgt	John A. Roe, Jr	Sg
		A/C # 615	A/C #		A/C # 571		A/C #
p	Lt	Harris S. Mathis	Lt		Lt	Charles R. Blackwell	L
co	Lt	Norris H. Gerber	Lt		Lt	Theodore R. Baskette	L

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