

**FIVE YEAR
DIARY**



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JANUARY 16

1944 Flew 26,000 ft. formation - Hobbs
to S. San Antonio. Instructor was lost
Lt. Gny found where we were, Lt. York
a very poor navigator. Other ship
was rather angry (Capt. Walker)
Went to town, later. Hobbs and
the "V-Club" lousy! Mills & I
home early.

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JANUARY 17

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JANUARY 1920

19 Then flying 3 A.M. this morn.
 Waited in lines for clearance, inst.
 card not available yet. Finished
 packing, ~~took~~ bus to Amarillo at 1:00.
 19 arrived - boarded G.I. train for Salt L.
 Called Nelson in Amarillo but he
 left for new station that morning

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JANUARY 20

19 G.I. pullman not bad - dirty - had
breakfast in Pueblo - stopped at
Denver for three hours in afternoon
train cold, picked up a diner.

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SALT LAKE CITY,
UTAH.

JANUARY 22

19 Another night on G.I. pullman
arrived Salt Lake noon - taxied
to base, filled out more papers
assigned sqdn. 15 very old barracks
19 and crowded. 5 inches snow, lots
of ice - coal heat very dirty.
Went to town, dinner & show.
Glad to hit sack.

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JANUARY 23

19 Up at 0600 - strictly G.I. Breakfast
Was processed - sack time - 1700 -
Went to town with Mills again
dinner + shop. More sack time.

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JANUARY 23

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JANUARY 24

19 Up at 0730 - no breakfast - no
lunch - hungry - Paid \$60.15 for
travel pay - trying to catch up on
letters.

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JANUARY 25

1944 Met Bertie + Mebla Grange
Not Bad - Thinking of changing
dates - I like Bertie the best!
But it really makes no difference
19 both seem like nice gals.

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FEBRUARY 29

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MARCH 1

19 LAST NIGHT IN SALT LAKE
BERTIE AND I HAD HARD TIME
SAYING GOOD BYE. SHE'S THE
NICEST GIRL I'VE EVER KNOWN.

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MARCH 4

1944 ARRIVED ARDMORE, OKLA
By TROOP TRAIN FROM SALT
LAKE CITY.

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MAY 4

1944 GRAD SCHOOL NO DATE
HOBDEY & I WITH MAC AND BILLY A.
AT GLIDER ROOM - FAIR
EVENING - NO DRINKING DAMN IT!

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MAY 5

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19 GRND SCHOOL - NO DATE
MAC AND I HIT SACIK EARLY
HOBDEY IN TOWN WITH HIGH SCHOOL
GAL. I HAD TO CATCH UP ON
SACIK TIME.

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MAY 6

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1944 GRND SCHOOL AGAIN - PASSED CODE
CALLED PAT HUMPHREYS - DATE CINCHED
MAC, HOBDEY & I HEAD FOR TOWN ON
BUS, LONG WAIT AS USUAL. PICKED UP
19 THE "GREEN HORNET" (MAC'S CAR) (PARKED
IN TOWN TO SAVE GAS) HAD LOUSY
TIME, IN FACT IT WAS TERRIBLE
PAT AND I DON'T GET ALONG. SPENT
19 MOST THE TIME AT THE COUNTRY
CLUB. DRANK VERY LITTLE. MAC'S
GIRL - BILLY AKERS VERY NICE GAL.
BUGS STARTING TO BITE.

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MAY 7

1944 FOUND DIARY - DECIDED TO USE IT
ALMOST FINISHED HERE AT ARDMORE, OKLA
8 HOURS GRND. SCHOOL - WROTE TO BETTIE -
MEBS & FOLKS - S/SGT DELAURI RETURNED
TO CLASS AFTER DENTAL APPOINTMENT -
VERY UNUSAL IN ARMY - HE'S STRICTLY
ON THE BALL. HOBDEY AND I HOME TO
NITE ALONE MAC IN TOWN WITH DATE.
1919 IRRED AT DENTON FOR MISSING
GRND SCHOOL CLASSES.

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MAY 8

1944 LAST DAY OF GRND. SCHOOL
HAD SEVERAL TESTS - NO TROUBLE
MAC DID VERY WELL ON ENGR. TEST.
AND OF COURSE SGT. DELAURI DID
1919 PERFECT - HE'S AN A-1 ENGINEER.
WAS CALLED OUT OF GRND
SCHOOL TO FLY IN AFTERNOON -
WAITED ON FLIGHT LINE SEVERAL
19 HOURS FOR SHIP - FINALLY
WEATHER CLOSED IN. NO FLIGHT
DAMN IT!

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MAY 9

1944 Hi Form to CARLSBAD &
AMARILLO, TEX. MORE CAMERA ATTACKS
FORMATION NAME GOOD - FLY OFF
SQD. COMMANDERS (LT. MARSHALL)

19 WING - HIS FLY NOT SO HOT.
MAC'S FLYING IMPROVING, FLIES
FORMATION ALMOST AS WELL AS
I DO. HAD BOMB TRAINER

19 HOBDEY & I DID FAIR - DENTON
DID BEST. HOBDEY DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND BOMB SIGHT TO
WELL - JUST HASN'T HAD PROPER
19 INSTRUCTION. OLSEN VERY EAGER
AS USUAL.

MAY 10

1944 Hi Form to GALVESTON, TEX.
LANDED - THEN FIRED 3200 ROUNDS
OUT OVER GULF AT TOW TARGET.
WE WERE IN AIR OVER 8 HOURS

19 BACK AT HOME FIELD LATE
VERY TIRED - SHOWER & SACK.
DENTON WAS ON SICK CALL
MISSED FLIGHT. CREW DID

19 PERFECT JOB ON RANGE
HOBDEY REALLY PLEASED WITH
GASTON ON RADIO COMPASS.
KANIA PROVED VERY HELPFUL
19 IN GREENHOUSE - HEARD FROM
ANNABEL - SOUND SLIGHTLY TIED
OFF BUT A LITTLE EAGER TOO!!

MAY 11

1944 FLY HI-FORMATION 21000 CAMERON
BOMBED LITTLE ROCK, ARK - FLY
GOOD FORMATION - MAC'S FORMATION
FLYING VERY GOOD CONSIDERING
SHORT TIME HERE. HOBDEY ABSENT
FROM H.B.C. FORMATION - PUT ME
IN TIGHT SPOT - SHOWED UP FOR
FLYING LATE - DENTON EASILY
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THE FIRST TIME. NOVE TO EAGER
FOR COMBAT - SLIGHT CASE OF
COMBATITIST. HOBDEY DID BEST
19191919 TO FIX UP ABSENCE.

MAY 12

1944 NO FLYING TODAY - HAD P.T.
AND WE WERE PROCESSED - ISSUED
MORE EQUIPMENT TO PACK AROUND
- MESS KITS - BLANKETS - ETC.
TURNED IN WINTER FLYING CLOTHING.
CREW ON THE BALL - VERY COOPERATIVE
DENTON, McNAMARA AND I UNEAGER
SO WE SKIPPED BOMB TRAINING.
HEAD STILL SORE FROM KICK
IN HOT FOOTBALL GAME WITH
NEWTON'S CREW - BEAT THEM
AGAIN! WROTE A LETTER TO
THE FORTNIGHTS - SACRITIME

MAY 13

19 HAD C-1 CHECK TODAY -
MAC, DENTON AND I PASSED O.K.
FLEW WITH CAPT. ENGRAM - A BOMBARDIER
INSTRUCTOR. FLUBBED AROUND
~~19~~ REST OF TIME - P.O.'S AT
THINGS IN GENERAL - STILL
NO DAY OFF - BUT MAY GET
THREE DAY PASS - TODAY LAST
~~19~~ DAY OF FLYING. - FINISHED ALL
REQUIRED MISSIONS - SACR TIME.

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MAY 14

19 HAD TO FLY FOR SIX HOURS TOOK
A NICE RIDE OR TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS
SAW MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR FIRST
TIME - SAW SEVERAL FLAT TOPS
~~19~~ WENT THROUGH VERY SMALL THUNDER
STORM - SHOULD HAVE HAD DAY
OFF - EVERYONE DAMN MAD -
DELAURET KANIA DAMN GOOD WITH
~~19~~ PILGRAGE - IN NAVIGATING. MAC VERY
EAGER - REALLY SURPRIZED ME
HE FLEW MOST ON THE WAY. - STAYED
ON BASE - WENT TO SHOW.

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MAY 15

1944 HAD TO FLY FOR SOME COL.
FROM WASHINGTON - A DEMONSTRATION
OF MODEL MISSION BY 12 SHIPS IN
OUR GROUP. WE FLY FOR ONLY 2 HRS
LOW ALT. BOMBED FORT WORTH - COL.
WELL SATISFIED WITH OUR MISSION.
GOT A FEW PICTURES OF THE
CREW - TOOK OFF FOR TOWN
GOT A 7 BED ROOM - HAD LOTS TO
DRINK AT GLIDER ROOM WITH
MAC, HOBBS, DENTON, FEURSTEIN
AND BILLY & PAT. FAIRLY WELL OILED

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MAY 16

1944 OUR FIRST DAY OFF IN WEEKS -
STAYED IN TOWN IN OUR 7 BED
BARBAR SHOP & HOTEL ROOM - SPENT
MOST OF DAY AT COUNTRY CLUB
BOUGHT A PAIR SHOES & NEW HAT.
SWAM AND LAYED AROUND POOL
WITH MAC, HOBBS & DENTON - AND
BILLY, PAT AND COLLEEN - A VERY
ENJOYABLE - LAZY AFTERNOON - LATER
HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK - DENTON
AND I STAGED IT AND NATURALLY
MADE FOOLS OF OURSELVES. THE
DRINKING I'VE BEEN IN A LONG TIME.
GOT A SLIGHT SUN BURN

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MAY 17

1944 RAN ALL OVER POST FOR
CLEARANCE - HAD VERY LITTLE
SLEEP NIGHT BEFORE - YES A
HANG OVER - HAD TO PACK -
MORE JUNK THROWN AWAY. LATEST
RUMOR - GOING TO CHINA! SOUNDS
INTERESTING IN A WAY - BUT NO
NIGHT LIFE! TOUGH. MAC RATHER
MAD AT LAST NIGHT - DENTON AND
I SPOILED HIS LOVE LIFE AT THE
COUNTRY CLUB.

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ARDMORE, OKLA.

MAY 18

1944 UP FOR 7:40 FORMATION
AFTER TWO HOURS OF SOLID SACK
TIME - GOT RID OF BAGGAGE
AND CLIMBED ABOARD TRAIN
19 AT 2:00 HAD G.I. MEAL ON
TRAIN - UN FAIRLY CLEAN
PULLMAN'S - DEST. UNKNOWN
- BUT PROBABLY KEARNEY, NEBR.
19 HAD BIG DRUNKEN PARTY
LAST NIGHT AT COUNTRY CLUB
HAD LONG BULL SESSION WITH
LT. CLARKE AND THE USUAL
19 FAIRWELLS.

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MAY 19

1944 STILL ON TRAIN - BREAKFAST

IN BED, PASSED THRU TOPEKA, KAN.

THIS MORN. STOPPED AT MARYSVILLE,
KAN. FOR HALF HOUR OF BEER

GIZZLING - ANOTHER G.I.

MEAL ON TRAIN - SURE IS

DIRTY AND RATHER WARM.

ARRIVED KEARNEY AIR BASE

AT 4:30 PM. SIGNED IN

ASSIGNED B.O.Q. - TOOK

OFF FORTOWN. MAC, DENTON

AND I RENTED TWO ROOMS AT

MIDWAY HOTEL - A DUMP, AT

THAT - BOUGHT SOME TERRIBLE

GIN - ENDED UP AT DANCE

AND I PICKED UP WANDA

OLSON - TOOK HER HOME MADE

DATE FOR FOLLOWING NIGHT.

AND GOT MAC BLIND DATE TOO.

UNABLE TO LOCATE MELBA BRUCE

MAY 20

1944 UP EARLY - GO BACK TO

BASE - GOT MORNING REPORT IN

MET MELBA IN OFFICERS CLUB -
HAD LONG HEART TO HEART TALK

19 THING EVERYTHING OK IN SALT

LAKE NOW - WISH I HEAR

FROM BERTIE. LECTURE ON SET UP

HERE - ASSIGNED AIRPLANE

19 ONE OF THE FEW (ONLY 19

ALL TOGETHER.) MAC & I

GO TO TOWN PICK UP DATES

LATE, AS PER USUAL, TAKE

19 THEM TO CLUB DANCE ON BASE

MAC GOT A BUM DEAL - MINE

NOT SO BAD - ENJOYABLE

EVENING. IN SALT AT 0300 !!

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MAY 21

1944 UP AT 0730 - DRIVER
PICKED UP CREW AND BAGGAGE
FOR PROCESSING. PROCESSED
ALL MORN. - VERY EFFICIENT

19 PROCEDURE - BEST I'VE EVER
SEEN. MORE EQUIPMENT ISSUED
HEAVY FLYING, OXYGEN MASK, WHITE
HEAD SETS, ETC. - STENCILED

19 EQUIPMENT - BACK TO
BARRACKS - AND OFF TO
TOWN - LONG WAIT FOR BUS
AS USUAL. WENT TO DINNER

19 WITH WANDA AND THEN TOOK
IN THREE BEAUTIFUL PARK!!!
MORE DAMN MOSQUITOES! IN SACK
AT 0300 AGAIN! SAW MELBA

19 + BRUCE AGAIN.

MAY 22

1944 A SOLID DAY OF LECTURES
ON DITCHING - BAIL OUT
OVER WATER FLIGHTS. POOP BY
BOEING REPRESENTATIVE ON

19 SHIPS - LATE LECTURE
ON PRISONER OF WAR - VERY
ENLIGHTENING. STARTED TO
RACIC - IN SACK EARLY.

19 SENT WIRE TO BETTIE & FOUSS.
SAW MELBA & BRUCE - WEATHER
IS KEEPING HIM HERE.

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MAY 23

1944 DOWN ON FLIGHT LINE
EARLY TOOK SHIP - "OUR SHIP"
2102951 - B-17-G STAGGERED
WAIST WINDOWS - SEMI-TURRET IN
TAIL - Wow! What a ship! TEST
HOPPED FOR TWO HRS - CALIBRATED
FLUX GATE COMPASS. FLEW
FINE ONLY MINOR DIFFICULTIES
DENTON HAD HARD NIGHT - WAS
RATHER P.O.'D AT THINGS IN
GENERAL. HOBBERY DID NICE JOB
ON FLUX GATE. NOTICE LACKNESS
19 IN CREW. - NOT EAGER ENOUGH
TO GET THINGS DONE. LATE
LECTURE ON OUR ROUTE TO
BANGOR, MAINE. - ASSUMED
19 DESTINATION. ANOTHER DATE
WITH WANDA - MY LAST I
THINK. NO LETTER FROM BERTIE
HEARD FROM FOURS & PAT.

MAY 24

19 FINISHED PACKING EARLY -
ALLOWED ONLY 55¢ IN B & F FOR
PERSONAL CLOTHES. AND ALL
FLYING EQUIPMENT IN A-3 BAG
19 NOTHING ELSE - A REAL JOB
OF PACKING. SENT FOOT LOCKER
HOME. WEIGHED ALL BAGS AND
LOADED THEM INTO BOMB BAY.
19 MEDICAL BRIEFING AND THE USUAL.
PETIX, MY RADIO OPERATOR, PUT
IN HOSPITAL - ITALICED TO
FLIGHT SURGEON WONT RELEASE
19 HIM - SO I LOST - A DAMN GOOD
RADIO OPER. WANTED GASTON MADE
RADIO OPER. - BUT C.D. WOULDN'T
LET ME DO IT SO REPLACEMENT
19 IS 1ST RADIO OPER. - SURE HATED
TO TELL GASTON THIS. HAD BRIEFING
2500 IN SHIPS 2400 READY TO
TAKE OFF WEATHER - WINDY AS HELL.

MAY 25

KEARNEY, NEBR. -
GRENIER FLD., MANCHESTER
N.H.

MAY 26

1944 0100 RAINED TO BEAT HELL
WAITED FOR TRUCK AND BACK IN
THE SACK - NO FLIGHT TO MAINE
THIS MORN! UP AT 1100 BACK TO

19 CHECK SHIP - BEST WRITE LETTER
TO RECEIVE I'VE DECIDED - NO LETTER
FROM BERTIE YET! GOT A LITTLE
SACK TIME THIS AFTERNOON -

19 CALLED FOLKS - SURE GLAD TO
HEAR THEIR VOICES AGAIN. ALSO
CALLED BERTIE SOUNDED A LITTLE
INDIFFERENT HOPE EVERY THING'S O.K.

19 HAD BRIEFING AT 2300 ALL READY
TO TAKE OFF - PETIX SAW GLOMER
AND CAN GO WITH US IF WE STAY ONE
MORE DAY. NEW RADIO OPER. SEAS

19 O.K. VERY NICE FELLOW - O.M. LAY S/BOT.

1944 0045 TOOK OFF FOR UNKNOWN
DESTINATION. - CREW VERY BLUE, HAD
TO LEAVE PETIX BEHIND - HIT INSTRUMENT
WEATHER AT OMAHA, NEBR. - LOTS OF

19 RAIN - LOST RADIO RECEPTION SEVERAL
TIMES HOBDEY DID DAMN GOOD NAVIG.
AND DENTON DID GOOD PILOTAGE
WHERE POSSIBLE. RADIO MAN MADE

19 CONTACTS WHEN POSSIBLE. REST
OF CREW SLEPT. I WAS ASLEEP

FOR AN HOUR OUT OF CHICAGO. MAC
AWAKE WHOLE TRIP. MADE RADIO

19 CONTACT AT ALBANY, N.Y. INSTRUCTED
TO LAND AT GRENIER FLD, MANCHESTER,
N.H. LANDED AFTER 9 HRS FLYING. CREW
PROCESSED QUICKLY AND ASSIGNED BARRACKS

19 DAMNED NICE FIELD - ISSUED MORE EQUIP.
GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP. HAD LATE BRIEFING,
TOO! FOR BOTH GOOSE BAY & GANDER
DESTINATION UNDETERMINED AS YET.

GRANBY FLD, MANCARTER, N. H.
GANDER LAKE, NEW FOUNDLAND.
MAY 27

1944 UP AT 0700 BRIEFING AT 0800

HAD TO HAVE CAMERA SEALED SHIP SERVICED
AND READED FOR T.O. MORE BRIEFING
AND CLEARANCES TO GANDER LAKE,

19 NEW FOUNDLAND. 0930 T.O. FOR GANDER
VIA PORTLAND, BANGOR, MAINE & SYDNEY.
MAC AND I FORGOT TURBOS ON T.O.

MAC ON THE BALL, AND WAS QUICK TO

19 CATCH MISTAKE. MADE VERY LOW T.O.

COUNTRY HEAVILY WOODED, PILOTAGE IMPOSSIBLE
DUE TO UNDER CAST AND LACK OF CIVILIZATION
LANDED GANDER ABOUT 5 HRS LATER, HAVING

19 TROUBLE WITH TIME - CHANGING ZONES
SO FAST! LOTS OF LAICES AND FLOW NO
SNOW LEFT. BASE NOT BAD FOR EXISTING
CONDITIONS. VERY NICE B.O. Q'S SAW BEVER

19 BEFORE HZ T.O. HAD FEW PRINKS AT
CLUB AND SOME POOL WITH MAC & HOBDEY.
NO. 1 ENG. HAD OIL LEAK - TO BE FIXED TOMORROW.
SHIP LOOKED OK FOR NIGHT. MORE SACRIFICE
DELAURI & KANIA STARTED REPAIRS. - GOOD BOYS!

GANDER

MAY 28

1944. UP LATE 1100! SLOPPY MESS OUT
TO SHIP FOUND DELAURI & OLSEN WORKING
BUT NEEDED HELP. I'LL HAVE TO GIVE
HIM MORE HELP AFTER THIS. DELAURI
19A VERY GOOD WORKER - DAMN GOOD
MAN. LAY IS ALSO VERY EAGER, SHOWS
WILLINGNESS TO DO HIS PART. HAD BRIEFING
FOR TRIP SHIP READED FOR T.O.

19 AT 2130 FOR ENGLAND. T.O. INTO
LOW STRATUS ABOUT 1 AT 9000'
FIRST FEW HOURS GAS CONSUMPTION
VERY HIGH - HAD TROUBLE GETTING

19A, RESPG AT 29" - 2000 RPM - CROSSED
A FRONT, PICKED UP A LITTLE TRIM ICE

SAW A FEW BOATS WHEN WATTS WAS
MAY 29 VISIBLE. - FLEW AT 2000 11 HRS AND WE WERE

19 INSTRUCTED TO LAND AT IVUTTS CORNER
- GANDER. LOTS OF RCAF AND OF COURSE
CARS ON WRONG SIDE OF STREET. WOULD LIKE
TO STAY AROUND AWHILE. FISHING WOULD BE
GOOD!

NUTTS CORNER, NORTHERN IRELAND

MAY 29.

NUTTS CORNER -
BEATTYHALL, STONE STAFFORDSHIRE,
MAY 30
ENGLAND.

1944 STILL FLYING LANDED AT
NUTTS CORNER, IRELAND AROUND
NOON TIME. INSTRUCTED TO UNLOAD
SHIP AS IT IS NO LONGER OUR
A¹⁹ PLANE - WHICH WAS DISAPPOINTING
WE ARE TO BE SHIPPED FROM HERE
TO ENGLAND IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
THE COUNTRY IS SUB GREEN
AND¹⁹ RATHER COOL - LIGHT UNTIL
MIDNIGHT - LOTS OF WAAFS - BUT
HARD TO UNDERSTAND THEIR LANGUAGE,
THEY SAY IT'S ENGLISH - I DOUBT IT! OUR
B.O.¹⁹ ARE TIN HUTS LOOK LIKE IGLOOS!
THE LATRINE IS IN ONE BUILDING - THEN
THE SHOWER IN ANOTHER AND THEN
THE PLACE TO SHAVE IN ANOTHER. REGULAR
ORDERS COMING RUN TO GET IT ALL THREE! FOOD
IS NONE TO GOOD. NO PLACE TO BUY ANY.
AIR RAID SHELTERS EVERYWHERE!
MORE SLEEP, WHICH WILL NEED PLenty OF.

1944 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0700
NUTTS CORNER - POWERED EGGS - UNPEELED,
BLACK POTATOES, WEAK COFFEE(?) - COLD
CEREAL & MILK AND BREAD (RYE) & BUTTER (LOTS
OF BUTTER!) - BUT NO MILK TO
DRINK! CLOUDY WEATHER - TEMP.
JUST RIGHT. HAD LONG WALK LAST
NIGHT - CALS LOOK PLenty FAGER.
¹⁹ MORE DAMN BICYCLES AND LITTLE
BUGS FOR CARS - AND ON THE
WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET! NARROW
ROADS AND AN AIRPLANE IN EACH BACK
YARD! MAD AT HOBDEY FOR THE
FIRST TIME - HAD TO PACK AND
GET ON C-47 WITH CREW TO HOP
OVER TO ENGLAND. LANDED AFTER
¹⁹ ABOUT 1 1/2 HRS. - THEN VIA G.I. TRUCK
(COUNTY)
TO STONE STAFFORDSHIRE GREETED WITH OVER CROWED
B.O.'S AND RAIN. CHOW NOT TO BAD.
LOTS OF MEN AT REPLACEMENT CENTER & WE ARE
RESTRICTED FOR 48 HRS.

MAY 31

1944 UP AT 0730 - NOT TO GOOD OF
A BREAKFAST - HAVE MET LOTS OF
FELLOWS I LEFT IN CADETS. ALSO
MEE, BRUCE MILLS AGAIN - I'M RIGHT
BEHIND HIM ALL THE WAY. SENT ABUS-
GRAMS TO FOLKS & BERTIE - GUESS IT
BETTER WRITE SOME LETTERS LATER
THIS EVENING. IT STAYS LIGHT HERE
UNTIL ALMOST MIDNIGHT! WE HAD
ORIENTATION LECTURES THIS AFTERNOON
GETTING MONEY SITUATION FAIRLY STRAIGHT.
FOUND BAGGAGE AGAIN - SUZE NEEDS PRESSING.
HAVE TO TAKE OWN TOOLS AND CUP TO CHOW
NO UTENSILS AVAILABLE. NO BUTTER
OR MILK HERE - EXCEPT FOR CAN OF POWDERED.
MORE SACK TIME.

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JUNE 1

1944 UP FOR 0900 LECTURE ON
GAS MASKS - ELEGIBLE FOR PASS
TONIGHT - BUT OUR BARRACKS QUOTA
FILLED SO MAC PUT OUR NAMES ON
19 ANOTHER BARRACKS SHEET - I
HAD PHYSICAL EXAM - AND I SIGNED
PAY VOUCHER FOR MAY. HAD BLOUSE
PRESSED ONE PLACE & PINICS ANOTHER
19 EVEN PRESSING IS RATIONED! GOT
MY WEEKS RATION QUOTA FROM P.K.
AT 1800 WE WALKED OFF POST FOR
A MILE OR SO RAUGHT TAXI AND
19 MAC, DENTON & I WENT TO HANLEY
HOBBOY DELAYED - NO PASS! WE WENT
TO A COUPLE OF PUBS AND THEN TO
A DANCE - GIRLS RATHER SAD AND
19 ARE TOO FAGER. SAW ONLY ONE THAT
WAS REALLY STACKED! NONE OF US
PICKED UP ANYTHING - TOOK TAXI
BACK TO BASE TO BE BACK BY 2400!
CAN YOU IMAGINE 9 IN AUSTIN! AT
TWO DOLLARS A PIECE!!

JUNE 2

1944 UP FOR 0900 LECTURE - A REPEAT
ON GAS MASKS - ISSUED MASK - SOUNDS
LIKE WE MAY BE USING THEM SOON.
KINDA DISGUSTED WITH DENTON - HE
HAS TO MORE OR LESS BE LEAD AROUND
BY THE HAND - DOESN'T THINK FOR HIM
SELF! - DAMN THESE BEDS ARE
HARD - NO SHEETS - NO MATTRESS COVERS
JUST DIRTY BLANKETS AND MATTRESSES.
FOUR OF US IN A ROOM - KINDA CROWD -
STANDING ROOM FOR THREE ONLY! WE
ARE RATIONED TWO RAZOR BLADES PER
WEEK! THE VOLTAGE IS 220 SO MY
ELECTRIC RAZOR IS OF NO USE! WAS
IN TOWN AGAIN - PICKED UP THIS
NICE GAL I SAW LAST NIGHT
DANCED WITH HER ALL EVENING
MAC, HOBDEY & DENTON DID OK
TOO - CAME BACK IN "OUR" TAXI.
WROTE TO BERTIE.

JUNE 3

1944 UP LATE - PASS ROOM INSPECTION
IN BED! GOT TO FINANCE OFFICE
AFTER SWEATING OUT LINE
FOUND OUT THAT I WOULD BE
19PAID MONDAY! TOOK OFF
FOR TOWN - HANLEY - IN CAB - WENT
TO DANCE AND SEVERAL PUBS -
WAS CAUGHT WITH HOBDEY SO PICKED
UP BAGS - BUT LOST THEM IN
BLACK OUT. WE WERE SUPPOSE
TO BE IN BY 2400 - HAD TO SNEAK
IN AT 0200 - VIA ADJACENT FIELDS
AND PASTURES, OVER FENCES - PLUS
A FEW M.P.'S WE HAD TO DODGE. THE
THREE OF US RUINED OUR PINKS -
DAMN WET GRASS & MUD. - THESE
BLACK OUTS ARE REALLY BLACK.
BRUCE LEFT THIS MORN. THINGS
ARE SURE QUANT - NEVER TRAVEL
MORE THAN 20 MILES.

JUNE 4

1944 UP LATE, IN BED AGAIN
WHEN ROOMS INSPECTED - OUR NAMES
ON LIST TO SHIP TOMORROW - PACKED
BAGGAGE - BUT NOT READY TO GO - WE
LIKED THE NIGHT LIFE IN HANLEY - VERY WELL.
MORE CREWS CAME IN TODAY - SAW J.D. MILLS
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PRIMARY - HE'S
A NAVIGATOR ON A "IT" - SURE GOOD TO
TALK ¹⁹ OVER OLD TIMES AGAIN. NOE & HIS CREW
FINALLY GOT HERE - THEY STAYED OVER AN EVENING
DAY AT GREMER AND CAME ACROSS THE
POUND & SANDER - THE AZORES - VALLEY.
MORE RAIN THIS AFTERNOON - AND IT'S REALLY
COLD! WE ARE RESTRICTED TONITE - BUT
MAC WENT OUT ANYWAY! WONDER WHERE
WE'LL MOVE FROM HERE? THE CREW
WILL BE TEMPORARILY SPLIT UP ONLY
P.C.P. N.B.R. TO ONE SCHOOL THE REST TO
A GUNNERY SCHOOL.

JUNE

STONE TO
BOX MOR.
(DOVINGTON)

1944 AROUSED AT 05:30 EARLY BREAKFAST
AND MET FORMATION TO LEAVE AT 0645
HAD TO HIKE ABOUT TWO MILES TO TRAIN
STATION - TRAINS ARE NOT BAD HERE.
¹⁹ THE STATIONS OR PLATFORMS ARE BUILT
ON A LEVEL WITH THE CARS - NO CLIMBING
ABROAD - VERY CONVENIENT! ARRIVED AT
BOX MOR AT 1200 - HAD MY FIRST
¹⁹ "K" RATIONS ON TRAIN - NOT SO GOOD.
TRAVELED 4 MI. ON G.I. TRUCKS TO FIELD
THE FIELD HAS A VARIETY OF PLANES
AND THE BUILDING AREA VERY WELL
¹⁹ DISPERSED - GOT LOTS OF WALKING
IN UNTIL I RENTED A BICYCLE - MORE
PROCESSING - GOT PER DIEM FOR FLIGHT
ACCESS POUNDS FIXED UP. WE ARE TO
¹⁹ GET AROUND 10 DAYS OF GROUND SCHOOL
BEFORE GOING TO OUR PERMANENT STATION.
AT 2330 WE HAD TO GO TO AIR RAID
SHELTERS - PRACTICE ATTACK. SURE HAD
TO GET OUT OF THE SARK TO GO TO SHELTERS

Celebrated Invasion Day in London - The Gens.
Thank it Very Calmly!

JUNE 6

1944 UP AT 0630 - GOING TO LONDON
AT 0800 ON PASS UNTIL 2400 TONIGHT.
CLEANED UP WALKED TO X-ROADS - TOOK BUS
TO CHESSHAM - JUST MADE CONNECTIONS ON
TRAIN TO LONDON - THE CARS ARE
VERY DIFFERENT HERE - THERE ARE
DOORS ALL ALONG THE SIDES OF THE CARS
TO EACH COMPARTMENT - SO IT IS IMPOSSIBLE
TO ¹⁹LEAVE COMP. WHILE TRAIN IN MOTION - EACH
COMP. HOLDS 8-10 PEOPLE. WE ARRIVED BAKER
ST. STATION AT 1100 - FIRST THING - WE
FOUND A RESTAURANT ATE - THEN FOUND ANOTHER
A19, ATE AGAIN! CAN'T BUY MORE THAN 500 KLING
OF FOOD IN ANY ONE PLACE. LOTS OF BUILDINGS
BOMBED - BUT BUSINESS AS USUAL - LOTS OF TAXIS
AND BUSES, FEW PRIVATE CARS. SPENT MOST OF
OUR ¹⁹TIME AROUND PICKADILLY CIRCUS - IN THE
FREQUENT PUBS. GOT OILED - HOBBS & I PREPARED
A COUPLE OF EAGER WOMEN - GOT 2 KISS FOR
BEXMOR - DENTON DIDN'T MAKE TRAIN! AWOL!

JUNE 7

19 UP AT 1000 - DENTON ARRIVED AT 0600
THIS MORN - FIXED PASS UP O.K. HAD TEETH
LOOKED AT 1100 - DENTIST SAID THEY
WERE PERFECT EXCEPT FOR TWO FRONT ONES
19 ¹⁰STILL FILINGS!! HAD FAIRLY GOOD LUNCH
AND STARTED GRAD SCHOOL AT 1300
HAD SEVERAL LECTURES COVERING
CENSORING, INTELLIGENCE, PARA. JUMPING,
19 PRISONER OF WAR & ESCAPE, DITCHING -
AND THEN ANOTHER ALBERT - RED - PRACTICE.
MISSED 1600 CLASS! DAMN COLD SWEATERS
AND BY THE WAY WE HAVE TO CARRY OUR
19 45 CAL AUTO. & GAS MASKS AT ALL
TIMES NOW. HAD TO WAIT IN LINE
FOR AN HOUR FOR CLOTH - MISSED MOST
OF 1700 CLASS. UNPACKED A FEW
19 MORE CLOTHS - LOTS & LOTS OF PLATES
CAME OVER TODAY, AS USUAL - WEATHER
POOR - NO SUN. GOT MY FIRST MAIL
FROM STATES - MAM & BERTIE!!!
WROTE A COVERLE TOO! HAD A PURPLE ALBERT
AT 0100 - DAMN!

JUNE 8

19 UP FOR 0800 CLASSES - HAD HOT-
CAKES & BACON (NO MILK HERE - OTHER
THAN CAN-COW & POWDERED) OAT MEAL
& COFFEE - NOT BAD AT ALL. WE HAD
SEVERAL INTERESTING LECTURES - INCLUDING
A LITTLE TALK ON THE SIDE BY AN ENGLISH
MAN (R.A.F.) ON THE VIEW-POINT OF AN
ENGLISHMAN WHO'S BEEN AROUND THE AMER.
AN ¹⁹ HILE - HE ADMITTED THAT OUR GOVT.
WAS MUCH MORE DEMO. THAN THEIRS. LIKES
OUR DRIVE - OR GO AHEAD - GET THINGS DONE
ATTITUDE. FOR EXAMPLE - OUR PRODUCTION
METHODS. ¹⁹ ANOTHER POINT - OUR ABILITY TO
GET ACQUAINTED WITH OTHER PEOPLE SO
EASILY. OUR NON-RESERVED ATTITUDE. A VERY
INTERESTING TALK. LEARNED JUST HOW
GREAT THE "MOSQUITO" IS AS A FIGHTER-BOMBER.
NO MAIL TODAY - WROTE A LETTER TO
DICK ELLIOTT AFTER OUR 1900 CLASS. NO
ALERT YET TODAY!

JUNE 9

19 UP FOR 0800 CLASSES - TERRIBLE
BREAKFAST - REAL EGG - BUT VERY
GREASY. MORE LECTURES - PRISONER
OF WAR, OXYGEN, INVASION, & OTHER TACTICS
IT'S BEEN RAINING OR MISTING NEARLY ALL
DAY - KINDA COLD - SINCE WE HAVE NO
HEAT IN THE BARRACKS. GOT A LETTER
FROM BERTIE - I GUESS EVERYTHING IS
OK NOW - I HOPE. BE GLAD WHEN
WE GET TO OUR PERMANENT BASE, I'D
LIKE TO UNPACK MY BAGGAGE. SURE
GETS TIRESOME SWEATING OUT A VERY LONG
¹⁹ LINE FOR EACH AND EVERY MEAL!!
HOBIE'S MUSTACH LOOKING A LITTLE BETTER
BUT MAC, DENTON & I HAVE DECIDED TO
SHOW HIM UP IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
19! GOT MY P.X. RATIONS FOR THE WK.
3 CANDY BARS - 2 PACKAGES COOKIES, 1 GUM -
A BAR OF SOAP - TWO RAZOR BLADES. MAC'S
BIRTHDAY - HE'S 23. BOUGHT A PAIR OF PINKS -
60¢ & 10¢ PER DIEM.

JUNE 10

1944 UJ FOR 0800 CLASSES AS USUAL
HAD RECOGNITION FILMS - DINGHY DRILL,
A COUPLE OF TESTS. GOT A LETTER FROM
BERTIE & ANNABEL TOO! ANNABEL SOUNDS
A LITTLE BORED - AND THE SAME OLD LINE
ALL THE LOVE, ETC. BERTIE - HAS ME
PUZZLED - AT ONE TIME I THOUGHT SHE
REALLY LOVED ME - BUT NOW - I'M NOT
SURE - SHE'S LOST A LOT OF RESPECT
FOR ME AND SHE'S HAD A RIGHT TO.
I ONLY HOPE THAT I CAN REGAIN HER
RESPECT. I DO BELIEVE THAT SHE IS
THE GIRL FOR ME - SHE'S TOPS.
AGAIN I'M MAD AT DENTON - ALL
HE DOES IS JUST BEARLY ENOUGH TO
GET BY - NO INTITUDE AT ALL - SOMETIMES
I THINK THAT, FOR THE GOOD OF THE CREW
I SHOULD HAVE ASK FOR ANOTHER BOMBARDIER
I HOPE HE CAN AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF HIS
GUNS. MAC & HOBDEY GIVE ME NO
TROUBLE AT ALL - THEY HAVE THE RIGHT
ATTITUDE & REALIZE WHAT'S WHAT.

JUNE 11

19 0800 CLASSES AGAIN - SOME
POOP ON RADIO PROCEDURE AND
D.F. FACILITIES AND ON NON-OPERATIONAL
FLIGHTS. IT'S OFFICIAL NOW THAT
THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS IS UNLIMITED,
VERY ENCOURAGING. NO MAIL TODAY
DAMN IT - OH WELL, MAYBE TOMORROW
DENTON GOT SURPRIZINGLY EAGER
19 TODAY ON THIS RADIO PROCEDURE.
I THINK I'LL PUT IN A PREFERENCE
FOR THE 91ST OR 92ND BOMB GROUP.
SURE WOULD BE NICE TO BE ABLE TO
19 GET OFF THIS BASE - THIS RESTRICTION
GETS OLD AFTER AWHILE. THE INVASION
IS COMING ALONG O.K. WE HAVE
(?) CAEN & ISIGNY NOW. GENERAL
19 MONTGOMERY IS A REAL MAN. SURE
BE NICE TO SEE THE SUN AGAIN.
I DID HAVE A SUNKIST ORANGE
TODAY. THE MEALS ARE FAIR
BUT I'M ALWAYS HUNGRY.

JUNE 12

1944 0800 CLASSES - HAD ONE
FREE PERIOD TODAY - THEY
HAVE A VERY COMPLETE WAR
ROOM HERE - IT'S REALLY VERY
19 INTERESTING. THE INVASION OF FRANCE
IS COMING ALONG O.K. - THEY PUSHED
FORWARD IN MOST OF THE PLACES
BUT IN THE CAEN AREA THEY WERE
19 SHED BACK. THE BEACHHEAD IS 51
MILES LONG X 15 MILES DEEP. WROTE
A LETTER TO DICK E. & HARRY BOGO.
DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MAIL, DAMN IT!
19 THEY SENT 1400 BOMBERS OVER LOST
7 - VERY GOOD! THESE FIGHTER
ESCORTS ARE DOING THE TRICK.
BE GLAD WHEN WE CAN FLY AGAIN &
619 THE REST OF THE CREW BACK.
ABOUT 5 MORE DAYS HERE AND
WE'LL HAVE FINISHED THIS GROUND
SCHOOL. MAC & I HAD A LITTLE CHESS
GAME - WERE STILL EVEN.

JUNE 13

1944 HAD A PURLE & RED ALERT
THIS MORN AROUND 0300 - SURE
HATED TO GET OUT OF SACK AND
GET DRESSED - THESE SHELTERS
19 ARE COLD! I GUESS THEY BOMBED
LONDON - LOTS OF ACK-ACK FIRE
DON NOE & CREW ARRIVED FROM STONE
TODAY - GLAD TO SEE THE BOYS AGAIN.
191 PUT IN A PREFERENCE FOR THE
94 GROUP & OR THE 92 GROUP. WE
REALLY WANTED THE 91 GRP. BUT
THERE'S NOT A CHANCE OF GETTING IT.
19 NO MAIL AGAIN! THE NEWS IS VERY
ENCOURAGING - WE MAY GET IN ON
IT YET! OUR MUSTACHES ARE
GETTING A LITTLE BETTER - MAC'S
19 IS A NATURAL - HOBBIES IS NOT
BAD, MINE IS MESSY & DENTON'S
JUST ISN'T! MAC & I ARE STILL
EVEN IN CHESS!

JUNE 14

1944 ANOTHER PURPLE ALERT AT
0200 LAST NIGHT - SURE IS HARD TO
GET UP OUT OF A SOUND SLEEP! SAW
A SHIP IN THE SEARCH LIGHTS BUT I
THINK IT WAS FRIENDLY. THE LAST
ALERT - THEY SHOT A SHIP DOWN - KILLED
ONE CIVILIAN. - GUYS ARE SELLING
NICKEL HERSEYS HERE FOR FOUR SCHILLINGS

194 PIECE THAT'S 80 CENTS!! I'M NOT
THAT HUNGARY - YET! HAD CLASSES
FROM 0800 - ON AGAIN - HOBIE
UNDER THE WEATHER - HAS A

19 BAD COLD - ALL THE DOC'S SAY IS
JUST TO GARLIC SALT WATER. HOPE
HE'S OK. IN A HURRY - I DON'T WANT
TO LOOSE HIM!! MAC & I HAD AN ENGER.

19 TEST HE MADE 7941 - 88. DAMN I'M
GETTING TIRED OF WRITING LETTERS
AND NOT RECEIVING - NONE IN FOUR
DAYS NOW! SUNSHINE, RAIN & HAIL
TODAY!

JUNE 15

1944 AGAIN WE HAD CLASSES AT
0800 - HAD AN INTERESTING
LECTURE BY A LT. FROM THE 94TH
HOPE WE GO THERE. THIS LT. WAS
THE ONLY SHIP OUT OF 18 TO RETURN
FROM A BERLIN RAID! MAC & I
HAD AN HOUR OF LINK THIS EVENING
ON THE RUNWAY LOCALIZER. TODAY
B-29'S BOMBED JAPAN FOR THE
FIRST TIME!! HOBIE STILL FEELING
ROUGH - MAC & I HAVE PICKED UP
HIS COLD - DO TO THESE DAMN OVER
BROWN BARRACKS! MY DEAD
TOOTH IS Aching TOO! NO MAIL
AGAIN TODAY, DAMN IT!! OUR
BLANKETS ARE ALIVE WITH VERY
19 SMALL BUGS - GUESS THEY'RE
BED BUGS! LOTS OF SUN BUT
RAIN THIS EVENING. - WHAT
WEATHER!

JUNE 16

1944 UP AT 0800 FOR CLASSES
HAD A RED ALERT LAST NIGHT
LASTED ABOUT 2 HOURS - SURE WAS
COLD IN THE SHELTERS - DAMN CONCRETE
IS DAMP. HAVE THE BEGINNINGS OF
A GOOD COLD. WE HAD TWO RED
ALERTS DURING THE DAY TOO! THEREFORE
WE MISSED A LITTLE GROUND SCHOOL MAC
& I FOUND THAT OLD BOMB CRATERS MAKE
A GOOD SHELTER - RENTY DEEP!
RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ANNABEL - BUT
NONE FROM BERTIE OR HOMIE!! KINDA
DISCOURAGING AT TIMES - A HALF DOZEN OF
THE BOYS FROM AEDMORE GOT 1ST LT.
TODAY. OH - WELL SOME DAY, I HOPE!
HAD LUNCHEON AWAY TONITE. TODAY -
I'M 22 - GETTING OLD FAST FOR MY AGE
THIS PAST YEAR! WONDER WHAT
THE NEXT YEAR HAS FOR ME? HOBBIE
SURE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO BE A PILOT -
HE WAS IN A LINK TONIGHT.

JUNE 17

1944 UP FOR LAST DAY CLASSES
SAME OLD POOP - CLEARED POST
IN AFTERNOON RENTED A BIKE A PIECE
- THAT IS - MAC, HOBIE, DENTON &
I DID - RODE ALL OVER THE
COUNTRYSIDE - MAC & HOBIE PICKED
UP A COUPLE OF GALS & TOOK THEM
HOME - THE LONG WAY OF COURSE!
FINISHED OUR EXCURSION AT 10 PM
AND HAD TO PARK. WHAT A JOB!
LEAVING TOMORROW AT 0800 FOR THE
384 BOMB GROUP. WE HAD ABOUT
195 DIFFERENT RED ALERTS TODAY. THOSE
PILOTLESS ROCKET PLANES ARE CAUSING
A LITTLE TROUBLE. FINALLY GOT A
VERY ENCOURAGING LETTER FROM
BERTIE - BOY I'M IN LOVE WITH THAT
GAL FOR SURE! WE ARE ALL HOPING
FOR NICE LIVING QUARTERS - IF NOTHING
ELSE!

JUNE 18

1944 UP AT 0630!! BREAKFAST & LOADED
ON TRUCKS FOR DEPOT AT 0800. CHANGED
TRAINS 3 TIMES ARRIVED AT
AROUND 1700 - TRUCKED 6 MILES TO
19 FIELD - WE WERE ASSIGNED 547
SQD. - THE ENLISTED MEN HAVEN'T
ARRIVED YET - EXCEPT FOR LAY WHO
CAME WITH US. - I GUESS THE BOYS
ARE STILL AT THE GUNNERY SCHOOL
UP BY THE "WASH". WE HAVE BEEN
ASSIGNED REGULAR G.I. BARRACKS
DIRTY & CROWDED AS HELL. THE
FELLOWS ARE ALL FRIENDLY AS HELL
REALLY MAKES IT EASY TO GET ACQUAINTED
THE MESS HALL IS NICE BUT A LONG WAYS
AWAY - SANG WITH THE SQUAD TO
FAIR 19 AWAY!! BOY WHAT A DAY, WE'VE
BEEN PACKING BAGGAGE MOST OF
THE TIME. WELL I'D BETTER HIT THE
SACK, I GUESS!

GRAFTON - UNDERWOOD
- NINE KITTERING &
JUNE 19 NORTHAMPTON.

19 SLEPT IN THIS MORNING - MISSED
BREAKFAST. THE FIVE OF US - MAC, HOBIE,
DENTON, LAY & MYSELF - WERE BRIEFED
BY MAJOR THACKER OR C.O. - HE'S VERY
19 EAGER - EXPECTS A LOT OUT OF
THE CREWS. THE FIVE GUNNERS
HAVEN'T ARRIVED AS YET. WE MADE
THE ROUNDS - INFIRMERY - PERSONNEL
19 OPERATIONS - PHOTO LAB - (GOT
OUR PICTURES TAKEN IN CIVILIAN
CLOTHING. WROTE A LETTER TO
BETTY & MY FOLKS - PUT CHANCIE
19 OF ADDRESS IN MAIL - PLAYED
A GAME OF SNOOKER - CLUB
IS PRETTY NICE. MESS HALL
IS FINE GOING TO TRY &
19 GET A BIKER - THIS WALKING
IS ROUGH AS HELL. THE REST
OF THE CREW ARRIVED THIS
AFTERNOON.

JUNE 20

1944 UP AT 0930 - MET THE
BOYS - SENT THEM AROUND
FIELD AS WE DID YESTERDAY.
LAYED AROUND MOST OF THE
DAY - PLAYED SNOOKER WITH
MAC & HOBIE AGAIN. - MEALS
ARE STILL DAMN GOOD HERE.
EVERY ONE SEEMS TO HAVE
THE PROPER ATTITUDE.
THE 6 P.M. HAD GUARD DUTY
FROM 0100 - 0600!

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JUNE 21

19 UP AT 0700 FOR FIRST DAY
OF GROUND SCHOOL - WHICH
LASTED UNTIL 2100 TONIGHT.
SOME GOOD POOP - BUT MOST
OF IT IS REVIEW - AND A
TRIFLE BORING. THE BOYS
WENT TO BERLIN TODAY. I
GUESS OUR 1ST MISSION WILL
BE SUNDAY. THE E.M.'S HAD
GUARD DUTY 0100 - 0600 AGAIN
THAT'S ROUGH WITH A GROUND
SCHOOL TOO. MORE SNOOKER
WITH THE BOYS. BET THEM
AGAIN. HEARD FROM FOLKS
& PAT (V-MAIL WRITTEN THE
3RD & 6TH!)

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JUNE 22

1944. GRND SCHOOL AGAIN -
MORE OF THE SAME OLD
POOD - P.W., DINNY, MEDICAL,
& WALKING OUT. SPENT MOST

19 OF DAY PLAYING SNOOKER
WITH MAC & HOBBIIE - THE F.M.S
ARE DAMN MAD - HAVE GUARDED
DUTY FROM 2100 TO 0100 AND

19 THERE'S A BIG DANCE FOR THEM
TONIGHT - I TRIED TO GET
THEM RELIEVED - BUT NO
LUCK, DAMN BUT THERE

19 BARRACKS ARE SURE CROWDED
BUT THE F.M.'S ARE IN A
COLD TENT, SO I GUESS
WE'RE DOING OK WE'RE

19 A NICE SNACK BAR AT THE CLUB
MAC BOUGHT A BICYCLE FOR
12 POUNDS - SECOND HAND.

JUNE 23

1944 CLASSES AGAIN - RECON.
CLASSES - HOBBIIE & DENTON
NONE TOO SHARP ON IDENTIFYING
PLANES. MORE SNOOKER -

19 SOME GOOD MEALS TODAY. NO
MAIL AGAIN !! WROTE FOLKS
& BERTIE - WISH I'D HEAR FROM
HER. HOBBIIE BOUGHT A BIKE

19 FOR 12 POUNDS TODAY. HAD PRETTY
GOOD U.S.O. SHOW TONIGHT

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JUNE 24

1944 CLASSES MOST OF THE DAY.

SHOWERED - FINALLY! HAD TO
CLEAN UP - TODAY IS SATURDAY
AND WE HAD A BIG PARTY AT
THE CLUB. OF COURSE THE BOYS
I HAD TO GO. MAC WAS THE DRUNKEST
I'VE EVER SEEN HIM - SO I TOOK
CARE OF HIM IN A MILD SORTA
WAY - HOBIE WAS WELL BEYOND
CONTROL - HAD A BAD HABIT OF PINCHING
THE WOMEN OF OTHER OFFICERS - DEVON
ENDED UP IN TOWN SOMEHOW. NO DOUBT
WE ALL MADE ASSES OF OURSELVES
BUT WE WERE NOT ALONE - EVERY
ONE HAD A GOOD TIME. THERE
WERE A FEW WOMEN FROM KETTERING
THERE BUT I WASN'T INTERESTED.
THE SCOTCH WAS PLENTY AND VERY
HIGH PRICED. WE SPENT POUND NOTES
LIKE DOLLAR BILLS!

JUNE 25

1944 OH - UNHAPPY DAY - CLASSES
HOBIE WAS READY TO DIE - HAD
TO STAY IN BED ALL DAY. THE
REST OF US WERE O.K. I
FELT FINE FOR SOME REASON
OR OTHER. WE HAD CLASSES THIS
MORN AND WERE ISSUED SOME
MORE FLYING EQUIPMENT. I
WENT UP WITH MAJOR THACKER
FOR AN INSTRUMENT CHECK,
I GUESS I SATISFIED HIM -
GET A NEW CARD SOON. FLEW
FOR ABOUT 2:45 - COUNTRY
LOOKS ALL THE SAME AROUND
HERE - NO GOOD FOR PILOTAGE
THESE BOYS OF MINE ARE
STILL GETTING GUARD DUTY
EVER SINGLE NIGHT AND
I CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT.
I REALLY LIKE THE CREW CHIEFS HERE!
THEY TOOK A BRIDE OUT IN FRANCE TODAY

JUNE 26

1944. HAD LINK THIS MORNING
S.B.A. AGAIN. HAD A LECTURE
BY CAPT. BENNET ON FORMATION
WE WERE SCHEDULED TO FLY HI-
ALT. FORM. BUT IT RAIN FAIRLY
HARD THIS AFTERNOON - SO
WE DIDN'T FLY. HAD COUPLE OF
GAMES OF SNOOKER WITH MAC.

19 GOT A FLAK HELMET. GUESS
OUR FIRST MISSION WILL BE
AFTER LAY GETS CHECKED
OUT ON THE RADIO PROCEDURE

19 NO MAIL AGAIN TODAY, DAMN!
LONDON IS TAKING A BEATING
- THOSE ROBOT BOMBS ARE RAISING
HELL - NONE TO GOOD FOR CIVILIAN

19 MORAL. THE BOYS WERE TO GO
TO MUNICH TODAY BUT IT WAS SCRUBBED
EVERY ONE WAS SURELY RELIEVED.
EXPECT TO BE THRU 35 MISSIONS BY SEPT. 1.
(I HOPE I'M RIGHT. XMAS AT HOME - WOW!!

JUNE 27

1944 UP FOR BREAKFAST - 1ST
CLASS AT 0930. CALLED OUT
OF CLASS TO BE CHECKED OUT
ON FORMATION. ENDED UP

19 FLYING INST. WITH LT. ROTH &
MAC. FLEW ABOUT AN HOUR.
HAD A QUICK LUNCH & BACK
TO CLASS - CALLED OUT

19 AGAIN (MAC & I) HAD TO
FLY 3 HRS. SLOW TIME ON
A SHIP - AN OLD BEAT UP "F".
LOTS OF RAIN WHILE WERE

19 FLYING - THE COUNTRY LOOKS
ALL THE SAME AROUND
HERE. THAT RADIO COMPASS
IS SURE A DAMN GOOD NAVIG.

19 IN CLEAR WEATHER. DAMN
NO MAIL AGAIN!!! THE BOYS WENT
INTO FRANCE TODAY. MAJOR THACIER
GOT PATHER P.O.D TODAY - MY OPINION
OF HIM DROPS A BIT MORE.

JUNE 28

1944 Woke up at 0645 - Suppose
to have a practice mission -
Got out to the ship - And the
mission was scrubbed. Rained
like hell today - Almost with
out stopping - Had class on
RADAR & CHAFF. Got an A.F.C.E.
check in link - What a joke!
The people here really not
very progressive. In Kettering
before the war - they had water
only once every 2 weeks. The water
for showers here on the field
has been off for five days now.
There's really no excuse with a
couple dams in Scotland - But
there's just too much red tape
so nothing is done about it. Damn
no mail again!!! Every one
gets mail but me.

JUNE 29

1944 Up for breakfast - Mac
was called out for his first
mission - as copilot on some
other crew. Was up for 4:00
19 hrs. And the mission was scrub.
I tried to fly - so I could
get lay checked out in this
air. Finally made it this
afternoon - Had Lt Bennett
as co-pilot & Hobbie & Capt.
Vivian (our flight surgeon) went
along plus four radio operators
19 Lay didn't go along, 'cause was
checked this morn. Lay is really
a smart boy made 97 in his radio exam.
Major Thacker chewed on me for
19 not saluting him. He's making
us act like cadets again B.O.Q.
inspections - I have to personally
insp. the FM's barracks daily!! Our
bed G.I. - Sgt's shirt etc.

JUNE 30

1944. BREAKFAST AGAIN - HAD
DINGY DRILL WITH THE CREW
TOOK THEM 25 SECONDS TO GET OUT
WITH THE EQUIPMENT. DAMN GOOD.
FROVA PRACTICE MISSION TODAY ONLY
TWO SHIPS - ABOUT 2:45 - SOME
ALTITUDE TIME TOO. SO I GUESS I'M
CHECKED OUT IN FORM. FLYING NOW.
GOT FOUR LETTEZS TODAY! BERTIE'S
WAS RATHER RESERVED - CAN'T
FIGURE OUT WHY. ANYWAY I WAS
MIGHTY GLAD TO HEAR FROM HER.
HEARD FROM ANNABEL - SOUNDED
VERY CHEERFUL - WISH I COULD
UNDERSTAND THAT GAL!! HEARD
FROM BARB AT LAST. SHE'S THE
SAME AS EVER. DAVID IS IN CHINA
FLYING P-40's AND SHE'S BACK IN
REDDING. GOT A CARD FROM A MORN. CHUCK
IN HUNTINGTON PARK - ADDRESSED TO PFC. HUN.

JULY 1
THIS DAMN ARMY!!!

1944 BREAKFAST - A CLASS
ON RADAR & CHAFF - SACK
TIME ALL AFTERNOON. FOUND
OUT THAT I'M TO BE LT. GREGG
19 CO-PILOT UNTIL HE FINISHES
HIS MISSIONS (8) USING MY
CREW!! I DON'T LIKE THE
DEAL AT ALL - MAC WILL
19 BE HERE A LOT LONGER
THAN THE REST US. LT. GREGG
CAME OVER HERE AS A COPILOT
AND HAS BEEN CHECKED OUT
19 SINCE - SO HE GETS MY CREW
AND MYSELF FOR 8 MISSIONS.
WHAT RAW DEAL THAT IS FOR
ALL OF US - MAINLY MYSELF.
19 HE DOES HAVE LOTS OF EXPERIENCE
SO THAT IS A DEFINITE ADVANTAGE
NO DOUBT IT'S SOME OF MAJOR THINGS
DOINGS - SORTA GIVES ME A BLOW
THAT'S ONE PLACE I WANTED TO DO
THE FLYING AND BE IN COMMAND!!

JULY 2

1944 JUST MADE BREAKFAST
THIS MORN. WAS CALLED TO
SWING A COMPASS - SO SPENT
THE MORNING TAKING A "17" IN
CIRCLES FOR A COUPLE OF NAVIG.
WHILE THEY COMPENSATED THE FLUX
GATE COMPASS. THIS AFTERNOON
WE HAD A LECTURE BY THE COLONEL
OF THE POST - A SORTA REVIEW OF
THE S.O.P.'S OF THE GROUP.
SAID THIS IS THE BEST GROUP
IN THE E.T.O. BY FACTS &
FIGURES - AND OF OUR GROUP
I'M IN THE BEST SQDN. SO I
GUESS I'M IN THE TOP OR UPPER
4 HUNDRED. NO MAIL TODAY, WROTE
TO THE GILKS AND SENT \$15.00
HOME. NO FLYING AGAIN TODAY
GUESS THIS DAMN RAIN IS IN
TO STAY. THEY'VE FINALLY TURNED
THE SHOWERS ON AGAIN.

JULY 3

19 MAJOR THACKER HAD EVERY
ONE UP FOR BREAKFAST - LAST
NIGHT SOME OF THE BOYS OPENED
A COUPLE OF BOTTLES AND RAISED
19 HELL IN THE BARRACKS -
KEEPING THE MAJOR AWAKE - I GUESS
HE DIDN'T APPRECIATE IT. WE HAD
ONE CLASS ON V.H.F. - STAYED
19 IN OUT OF THE RAIN THE REST
OF THE DAY - DAVID & HOBIE
WENT TO TOWN - BUT MARY I
DIDN'T GO FOR THE RAIN. THE GROUP
19 IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE BRONZE
STAR ON THEIR E.T.O. RIBBONS. NO
MAIL AGAIN. NO FLYING - RAIN.
GUESS I'LL BUY A BIKE TOMORROW
19 FOR 12.00 HIGH AS HELL! WROTE
TO DAVID & ANNABEL TODAY. WISH
WE GET STARTED ON OUR MISSION!
AND NO LAUNDRY YET! NONE SINCE
A ZOOMER!!! IN DIET AS HELL!

JULY 4

19 BREAKFAST AS USUAL - NO
CLASSES TODAY - JUST FOR
HOBBIEY DENTON. MAC WENT
ON HIS FIRST MISSION TODAY
AS COPILOT ON ANOTHER CREW.
IT WAS A MILK RUN OVER
FRANCE - SOME AIRFIELD -
WHICH THEY MISSED - BECAUSE
OF AN UNDERCAST - NO FLAK.
DIDNT BUY THAT BICE YET WENT
UP WITH GRIGGS AS COPILOT
FLEW AROUND SHOT A FEW
19 LANDINGS - REALLY A NICE
FELLOW BUT I DONT LIKE BEING
COPILOT FOR "8" MISSIONS! THEYRE
TAKING GASTON AWAY FROM ME
19 GOING TO MAKE RADIO OPERATOR
OUT OF HIM FOR SOME OTHER
CREW! WE ARE ON THE FIGHT
PLAN!! GOT A LETTER FROM BERTIE
SHE SOUNDS LIKE SHE MAY HAVE CHANGED
HER MIND ABOUT ME!! (THOSE WOMEN!!)

JULY 5

1941 BREAKFAST - CLASSES AT
0830 TIL 1130 & 1330 TIL 1500
A MOBILE TRAINING UNIT - WITH
A LOT OF MOCK UPS ON THE "17"
19 HAD MY 2ND SHOWER SINCE
I'VE BEEN ON THE BASE! BOY
CLEAN LAUNDRY!! STILL TRYING
TO GET THE PER DIEM FIXED UP
19 FOR THE BOYS - GUESS THEYLL
GET IT IN A COUPLE OF DAYS.
SURE HATE THIS DEAL OF BEING
COPILOT!!! NOBODY FLEW THIS
19 DAY - MAYBE TOMORROW. BE
GLAD WHEN WE GET THESE 8
MISSIONS FINISHED SO I CAN GET
BACK IN THE LEFT SEAT AGAIN.
19 MAC & DENTON WENT UP AND
PRACTICE BOMBED. WROTE
BERTIE - RECEIVED NO MAIL TODAY.
CANT FIND MY WATCH!

Los. My Watch! Laundry in (at last)

THE 1ST - AMILIKUN!
CALAIS JULY 6

5:45

THE 2ND ONE!!!
LEIPZIG JULY 7

8:50

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AND HOW
IT WAS 0320! GOT US UP FOR
OUR FIRST MISSION. HAD FRESH
EGGS FOR HOW. WAITED IN THE
BRIEFING FOR AN HOUR OR SO - THEY
SCUBED THE ORIGINAL MISSION TO
BREMEN - GAVE US A QUICKIE TO NEAR
(NO BALL) (ROCKET INSTALLATIONS)
LILLE A JUST ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

TOOK 10 MEN - WITH LT. GREGG AS PILOT
MAC FLEW COPILOT FOR LT. FRANK. HAD
INST. CONDITIONS AT 500' UP TO 2500'
POOR ASSEMBLY - BUT ON TIME. CLEAR AIR
BELOW AT THE CHANNEL AND IN FRANCE
THERE WAS FLAK IN THE DISTANCE
BUT NONE DIRECTED AT US. NO FIGHTERS
OTHER THAN P-38 ESCORT. WE HAD A FIRE

SOON AFTER T.O. IN THE WIRING OF THE
CHIN TURBINE - PRACTICALLY SUFFOCATED HOBBS
& DENTON BUT WITH A FIRE EXT. PUT IT OUT.

DROPPED ONLY 7 K50'S OUT OF 18 DO TO RACK
MALFUNCTIONS. DENTON ALMOST PASSED OUT IN
BOMB BAY - HIS DUNN HOSE CAME LOOSE.

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0200
BRIEFING TO LEIPZIG A HOT
SPOT TO BE SURE. THE ASSEMBLY
WAS FINE NO. 6 IN HIGH SPEED HIGH GEP.
19 FLEW NEARLY ALL THE WAY AT
38" - 23 RPM. - POOR FORM. ALL THE
TOWNS WERE COVERED WITH SMOKE
SCREEN. PASS 25 MI SOUTH OF BREMEN.

19 THEN OVER THE TARGET. SAW A
LITTLE FLAK - BUT IT WAS ACCURATE
ONE BURST GAVE US 9 HOLES IN WAIST
TAIL & LEFT WING. TWO SHIPS COLLIDED

19 HERE IN ENGLAND & TWO ON THE WAY
OUT OVER THE ZUIDER ZEEA - SOMETIME
FELLOWS GOT OUT OF BOTH SHIPS. ONE
OTHER SHIP HIT BY FLAK NEAR TARGET

19 LOST CONTROL - SAW 500 CHUTES OPEN
& SHIP CRASH INTO GROUND & BLOW UP.
GOOD P-38 ESCORT - SAW ONE MAN BACK
OUT (BY MISTAKE) OVER HOLLAND! DAW NO
MALL (GASTON STOOD DOWN!)

THE 3RD

CALAIS

JULY 8

4:45

19 UP AT 0100 BREAKFAST AND
THEN BRIEFING FOR A NO-BALL NEAR
PASDE CALAIS & ST. OMER. HAD A GOOD
ASSEMBLY (12 SHIP GROUPS) - CLEAR UNTIL
WAS HIT ENEMY COAST - TARGET COVERED
SO WE BROUGHT THE LOAD BACK (500th DEMO)
FLAK WAS DAMN ACCURATE - A COUPLE OF
SHIPS WENT DOWN IN THE OTHER GROUPS.
EXPECTED ANOTHER FLIGHT THIS
AFTERNOON - BUT DIDN'T SO I SLEPT
MOST THE TIME. RECD. TWO LETTERS
FROM THE FOLKS - THEY WERE IN
ANSWER TO MY FIRST LETTER THEY'VE
RECD. SURE NICE TO HEAR FROM HOME.
SINCE IT IS SAT. DENTON & I TOOK IN
THE SHOW. THE RUSSIANS ARE
SURE GOING FAST AROUND MINSK!
GUESS I'D BETTER HIT THE SACK
PROBABLY GO OUT EARLY AGAIN.
MAC SURE GETTING FAGER REALLY
BEEN STUDYING LATELY.

STOOD DOWN! (JULY 9 WEATHER)

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT A REASONABLE
HOUR 0730 - HAD AN ENGINEERING
LECTURE AT 1030 - LUNCH AND
A COUPLE OF GAMES OF SNOWER -
19 HOBIE SURE BEAT ME! RAINED
MOST OF THE AFTERNOON - BY THE
WAY THE DAMN SHOWERS HAVE BEEN
TURNED OFF AGAIN! THEY FINALLY
19 ISSUED ME A BICYCLE - I HAD
TO WORK IT OVER - GOT THE
BRAKES WORKING FAIR. AFTER
SUPPER WE FOUND OUT THAT WE
19 WERE STOOD DOWN UNTIL TOMORROW
MORN. SO - MAC, HOBIE, DENTON, GASTON
AND HARPER & I WENT TO BRISTOL BY BICYCLE
VERY CLEAN LITTLE TOWN - FOUR TUBS
19 MET A FEW IRISH GALS IN THE ATS
MAC & I HAD A LITTLE TO MUCH GIN
& WINE - HAD A LOT OF FUN TRYING
TO PEDAL BACK - DAMN HILLS! THE
ENGLISH GALS HAVE ONLY ONE THING IN MIND
(IT SEEMS) THEY'RE MUCK TO FAGER!

JULY 10

¹⁹ BREAKFAST AT 0800 - AND WE HAD FRESH EGGS - AS IF WE WERE GOING ON A MISSION. AT 0100 MAC & I HAD TO SEE A PICTURE ON ¹⁹ THE C-1 AUTOPILOT (WALT DISNEY'S) I'VE SEEN IT SO DAMN MANY TIMES. AFTER CENSURING LETTERS AWHILE MAC, HOBBS & I WENT TO BRISTOL FOR A ¹⁹ NICE CLEAN BURGER. A VERY TYPICAL OLD ENGLISH TOWN. WE MET A COUPLE OF A.T.S. GALS (ARMY TERRITORIAL SERVICE, I THINK!) MAC & I DID OUR ¹⁹ SUPPOSE TO MEET THEM AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT. HAD SOME REALLY GOOD WINE. WE PEDALED BACK AND GOT IN BED BY 2330 - SURE A LOT OF ¹⁹ PROMOTIONS - OUR C.O. IS NOW LT. COL. THACKER; SEVERAL OF THE BOYS MADE 1ST & THE OLD TIMER CAPT. OLSON, KANIA, GASTON & HARPER MADE 5th. GOT A "V" FROM ANNABAL.

THE FOURTH - A.D.P.!!
MUNICH

JULY 11

10:00

¹⁹ UP AT 0530 - BREAKFAST & BRIEFING FOR A HOT SPOT THAT EVERYONE HAS HOPED WOULD NEVER COME. 1376 BOMBERS TO HIT A MUNICH ¹⁹ FACTORY & TOWN. WE HAD A LOW OVERCAST TO CLIMB THRU AFTER T.O. ASSEMBLY WAS GOOD - COL. THACKER LEADING. WE FLEW NO. 2 ¹⁹ HIGH SQDN. LEAD GROUP. A GOOD POSITION! WAS OFF LT. HACE'S WING HE'S A DAMN GOOD PILOT. NEVER SAW THE GROUND THE WHOLE TRIP. ¹⁹ BOMBED P.F.F. FLAX WAS INTENSE BUT INACCURATE AND THAT WAS ONLY AT THE TARGET AREA. CHAFF MUST BE DOING THE TRICK. HAD ¹⁹ A FEW INACCURATE GROUND ROCKETS. THERE WERE ENEMY FIGHTERS BUT OUR GROUP SAW NONE. 38 & 51 & 47'S ALL THE WAY IN. TIRED TO - NIGHT SO I GUESS I'LL HIT THE SACK EARLY.

No. 5 A REPEAT ON
MUNICH

JULY 12

10:00

19 THEY GOT US UP AT 0430 BRIEFING
AT 0530 - YES, WE HAD TO GO
BACK TO MUNICH ABOUT 1100 OF
US WERE TO HIT THE FACTORY AGAIN
BUT IT WAS UNDER CAST ALL
THE WAY SO WE BOMBED BY P.F.F.
ON THE TOWN ITSELF. NO FIGHTERS
HAD DAMN GOOD ESCORT. FLAK WAS
INTENSE PLenty ACCURATE WE WERE
NO. 5 HIGH SLOW LOW GR. - THE NO. 6 MAN
LOST TWO ENGINES SO HE DROPPED
WAY BEHIND BUT MADE IT BACK TO
E19. LAND WITH FIGHTER ESCORT.
ANOTHER SNIT BLEW UP, BUT A
COUPLE OF THE FELLOWS GOT OUT O.K.
LANDED RIGHT ON THE TARGET!!
WE PICKED UP 3 FLAK TUBES - WING
BOMB BAY AND BEHIND MY SEAT. HIT
PROP WASH ONCE DID A NINETY DEGREE BANK
BUT CAUGHT IT BEFORE WE WENT OVER ON
OUR BACK. TIRED AS HELL - SACK TIME.

No. 6 - THREE TIMES A DAY
MUNICH

JULY 13

10:00

19 AFTER EXACTLY 2 1/2 HOURS OF SLEEP
WE GOT UP (0200) FOR BREAKFAST
BRIEFING AT 0300. EVERYONE SURE
WAS TIRED THIS MORN. SURE HATED
TO GO BACK TO MUNICH AGAIN. HAD
TO CLIMB THRU AN OVERCAST - FAIR
ASSEMBLY - HAD A POOR LEAD
AIRSR. 130 MOS. OF THE TIME. WE WERE
NO. 5 HIGH SLOW. HIGH GR. - THE NAVIG.
IN THE LEAD SHIP TOOK US OVER
STUTTGART AND INTENSE FLAK - HAD
A TOGGLER ALONG - HE DROPPED THE
BOMBS ABOUT 3 MIN. BEFORE THE TARGET!
FLAK WAS INTENSE AND FAIRLY ACCURATE
HAD ALONG RIDE HOME - THEN ACCELING
ABOUT 200 FT. - SURE A LOT OF SHIPS
DOWN EASY TO GET HIT BUT WE
MADE IT O.K. HIT THE SACK
AT 1500 - JUST ABOUT AS TIRED
AS I EVER WANT TO BE. I DID HAVE
THREE LETTERS WAITING. FOLKS, 3.3.44

JULY 14

1944 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT A REASONABLE HOUR. MOST OF THE FELLOWS SLEPT TO REST UP AFTER THOSE LAST THREE RAIDS TOOK IT EASY ALL DAY - ABOUT 1800 HOBBS, MAC, DENTON & I CYCLED TO BRIGSTOCK - SINCE WINE IS MY DRINK OVER HERE I DRANK A LOT OF IT ¹⁹ AND IT TOOK IT'S EFFECTS - NOW! I CAME BACK ALONE EARLY - BUT STOPPED AT THE CLUB FOR A SNACK - AND THERE WERE THE BOYS FROM THE BARRACKS SO I HAD TO JOIN IN - WE FINALLY ALL MADE IT BACK TO THE BARRACK THEN ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE - CHAIRS, BELLS, TABLES THROWN AROUND. BANTON & WORTMAN WERE REALLY HIGH. I FINALLY ENDED UP IN THE WRONG BUNK. MAC FARLAN WAS IN MINE!

JULY 15

19 WOKE UP IN MAC FARLAN'S BED BUT MADE IT TO BREAKFAST OKAY. WE HAD TO CLEAN THE MESS IN THE BARRACKS UP FOR AN INSPECTION AT 0900. NOW WHAT A MESS! MAC & I DECIDED TO GET A SHIP AND SHOOT LANDINGS - SO WE SHOT 5 AIRBORNE AND THEN IT WAS TIME FOR LUNCH. MA ¹⁹'S LANDINGS ARE BETTER BUT HE STILL NEEDS MORE PRACTICE. HAS TROUBLE IN KEEPING IT ON THE RUN WAY ON T.O. WE FINALLY DECIDED TO HEAD FOR BRIGSTOCK - FOUND OUR USUAL PUB "THE OLD THREE COCKS". WE MET A FAMILY WHO OWNS A FEW HORSES USED FOR THE FOX HUNTS - THEY TOOK US IN THEIR HOME - THE CLEANEST I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME. EASILY TALKING POLISHED PERFECTLY. THEY USED THEIR INTRINSIC HOUSE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS.

JULY 16

19 WISH I HADNT OF DRANK ANYTHING
LAST NIGHT! SLEPT IN FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME. BOUGHT
SOME CLOTHS AT THE MOBILE P.X. YESTER-
DAY. SHEETS, SLIPPERS, PAJAMAS - EVERY
THING FOR THE SACK! MAC WENT TO
MUNICH AGAIN TODAY AS MULVERHILL'S
COPILOT. THEY LOST AN ENGINE OVER
THE TARGET A COULDN'T FEATHER IT
SO THEY CAME HOME ALONE WITH A
WINDMILLING PROP. - NO HYDRAULIC
SYSTEM + LITTLE OXYGEN - THEY SALVO'D
EVERYTHING A CRASH LANDED WHISERS
UP ON AN EMER. FIELD NEAR THE
CHANNEL (WOODBRIDGE) I FLEW DOWN TO
PICK HIM UP WITH ANOTHER S.W.G.
GOT BACK ABOUT 2130 - SURE WAS
GLAD TO SEE MAC ALL OKAY! THE
SH.D WAS DEMOLISHED BUT NO ONE WAS
HURT. FLAK WAS REALLY BAD - BUT,
I KNOW WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK AGAIN.

No. 7 AMIAC RUN

5:30

NEAR SAN QUENTIN; FRANCE JULY 17

19 UP AT 0200 FOR BREAKFAST &
THEN BRIEFING - THE TARGET A
R.R. BRIDGE 10 MILES SW OF SAN QUENTIN
FLAK WAS VERY MEAGER & INACCURATE
179 WAS A VERY EASY MISSION. AND
WE WERE HOT CAMERA SHIP SO WE
GOT BACK EARLY. I THINK WE HIT THE
WRONG BRIDGE BUT WE HIT ONE
ANYWAY. HAD A BANQUET AT THE
MESS HALL OF ALL THE OFFICERS.
AWARD ST. PROMOTIONS WERE
GIVEN OUT. HAD A STEAK DINNER
WITH ALL THE BEER WE WANTED -
DAMN BEER - WISH I COULD DRINK
THE STUFF. MAC, HOBBIET /
WENT TO BRISTOL FOR AN HOUR
0120 SO THE POWERS WERE CLOSED WHEN
WE ARRIVED - BUT WE GOT ONE
DRINK OF SCOTCH AT THE BACKS"
IN THEIR PRIVATE ROOM. REALLY ON
THE INSIDE AT THAT PUB.

No. 8 ALONG LONG MILK RUN

NORTH OF BERLIN. JULY 18

10:00

19 UP AT 0200 FOR BREAKFAST - THEN BRIEFING - TARGET - A FACTORY BUILDING BUZZ BOMBS ON THE BALTIC SEA DUE NORTH OF BERLIN. WE REALLY HIT THAT TARGET! BUT HAD TO MAKE TWO PASSES AT IT. THERE WAS A LITTLE FLAK - BUT INACCURATE. IT WAS THE LONGEST RIDE I'VE EVER TAKEN.

AFTER ASSEMBLY OVER THE FIELD I GOT SICK - STARTED VOMITING. I DID JUST THAT FOR 10 HOURS ALL THE WAY OVER AND ALL THE WAY BACK - NEAR THE TARGET I GOT THE G.I.'S SO I HAD TO DO MY DUTY AT 21,000 FT. - KINDA COLD, TOO! I THINK THAT THIS IS THE SICKEST I'VE EVER BEEN. GRIGGS HAD TO FLY MOST OF THE TIME & IT WAS HIS LAST MISSION, TOO. I WENT TO SICK CALL & CAPT. VIVIAN GROUNDING ME AND GAVE ME SOME MEDICINE. (I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO EAT ALL DAY. SOMETHING REALLY POISONED ME.)

JULY 19

19 UP AT 0930 - THE BOYS WENT TO MUNICH AGAIN - SINCE I WAS GROUNDING NONE OF THE CREW WENT EXCEPT MCNAMARA, A COPILOT FOR MULVERHILL (HIS LAST MISSION!) & GASTON AS RADIO OPERATOR FOR LT. HERZOG CREW IN THE 546 SQDN. OUR GROUP WAS FIRST OVER THE TARGET SO THEY GOT BOTH FLAK AND FIGHTERS - MAC'S SHIP WAS SHOT UP A LITTLE (MAC HAD A CLOSE ONE BESIDE HIS SEAT!) BUT GASTON DIDN'T FAIR SO WELL - HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG BY A 20MM I THINK - RENTY SERIOUS TOO. HIS SHIP WAS REALLY SHOT UP BY FIGHTERS.

ALTHO. THEY CLAIM THESE SHOT DOWN. HORDEY GAVE A PINT OF BLOOD FOR GASTON ALL TOGETHER HE HAD 3 PINTS & 1 PLASMA GIVEN HIM. HE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL NEAR MOLESWORTH. SO WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM YET. I FEEL FAIRLY GOOD NOW - MY STOMACH IS OKAY.

LONDON

JULY 20

19 UP AT 0730 FOR BREAKFAST - WE
GET OUR FIRST 48 HR STARTING TODAY,
SO THE CREW WAS ALL SLICKED UP - HOT
FOR GOING TO LONDON. HAD OUR PICTURE
TAKEN THIS MORN WITH GRIGGS IN FRONT
OF A "17" - SINCE IT WAS HIS CREW
FOR OUR FIRST 8 MISSIONS. IT TOOK
A LONG TIME TO GET THE PASSES MADE OUT
BUT WE MADE THE 10:37 TRAIN FOR
LONDON - HAD A G.I. TRUCK TAKE US
TO KETTERING. THE 1ST SGT. TOLD ME WHILE
WE WERE GETTING THE PASSES THAT GASTON
WAS PROBABLY LOOSE HIS LEG - I DECIDED
IT BEST NOT TO TELL THE CREW UNTIL
AFTER WE GOT BACK FROM PASS. WE
ARRIVED IN LONDON AT 1230 - GOT
ROOMS AT THE CUMBERLAND HOTEL
ONE OF THE NICEST. MAC IS MORE
OR LESS FINANCING THE TRIP CAUSE
EVERYONE WAS BROKE. NATURALLY MAC HAS
DENTON & I ENDED UP AT PICADILLY. - Wow!

LONDON

JULY 21

19 I GOT UP EARLY HAD A BATH
IN A BIG BATH TUB - NICE SHAVE
- BUT BREAKFAST CONSISTED OF
WILSH RABBIT (CHEESE ON TOAST) (IDC.) +
120 CUPS OF COFFEE!! BOUGHT A PAIR
OF PINKS AT THE ARMY P.K. THEN GOT
DENTON UP AND WE WENT TO PICADILLY
& ORDERED OURSELVES A BATTLE JACKET
(TAILOR MADE) FOR 10/6/8!! OH WELL
THEY'RE DAMN NICE! WE WON'T GET
THEM FOR A MONTH OR SO! LAST NIGHT
SEVERAL BUZZ BOMBS WENT OVER -
ONE LANDED TWO BLOCKS AWAY AND
REALLY RAISED HELL! - THERE'S ALL
MOST A CONSTANT ALERT ON! BUT
I NEVER NOTICED ANYONE GOING TO THE
SHELTERS - LOTS OF DAMAGE AROUND
- BUT THIS GERMAN CIVIL WAR SOUNDS
ENCOURAGING! ENDED UP IN THE PALACE
REGENT - BUT I DIDN'T DRINK MUCH. HAD
GOOD TIME WITH MAC ON THE UNDERGROUND
PEOPLE SLEEPING DOWN THERE BY THE THOUSANDS.

JULY 22

19 Woke up at 1030 Hobbiey I had
 Breakfast in bed - Boy what a bed
 Nice + Big - Soft - A REAL Pillow
 Wow! Suppose to be back of the
 base at 1200 Noon! So we missed the
 0830 TRAIN - THE 1200 TRAIN - THE 1500
 TRAIN - WE FINALLY CROWDED ON THE
 1530 TRAIN! Boy WAS IT CROWDED -
 EVERYONE IS EVACUATING LONDON.
 We found a place near Picadilly (THE VICTORY
 RESTAURANT) WHERE THEY SERVE STEAK -
 So DURING OUR STAY WE HAD FIVE STEAKS.
 Not bad at all! We sure did
 spend the money I spent about
 20£!! But we all had a good time.
 Got back about 1930 - AFTER FOUR
 B¹⁹S CONVENTIONS - THEY WANTED US
 'AT OPERATIONS ABOUT 1400 - GUESS
 WE'LL GET CHAINED ON. Got in
 THE SACK EARLY. GASTON LOST HIS
 LEFT LEG JUST BELOW THE KNEE.

JULY 23

19 Up for 0800 BREAKFAST - SPENT
 THE MORNING IN THE BARRACKS
 FOOLING AROUND - COL. THACKER
 CAME IN AND TALKED WITH US AWHILE
 H¹⁹ DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT GASTON - !!!
 COL. SMITH (POST. C.O.) WAS OVER TO
 SEE GASTON. WE GOT A G.I. TRUCK
 TOOK THE WHOLE CREW OVER TO SEE
 HIM - HE'S LOOKING FAIRLY WELL
 - REALLY TAKING IT LIKE A
 MAN - HE'S GOT WHAT IT TAKES.
 WHEN WE ARRIVED OVER THERE AT
 THE 30320 STATION HOSP. MARY (A.T.S.
 HARPER'S GAL) WAS THERE - SHE HAD
 PEDALED ALL THE WAY FROM BRISTOL
 (ABOUT 10 MI.) HE HAD 14 PINTS OF BLOOD
 STUCK IN HIM!! HE'S SURE HAD A
 ROUGH BREAK BUT A LOT OF THE FELLOWS
 NEVER COME BACK WELLS - IS DOWN
 HE SLEPT RIGHT ACROSS FROM ME, AND
 WAS MARRIED TOO!

No. 9 A MILK RUN
NEAR ST. LO, FRANCE

6:10

JULY 24

19 UP AT 0200 FOR BREAKFAST

BRIEFING. DURING WHICH THE MISSION WAS PUSHED FORWARD FOUR HOURS SO WE CAME BACK TO THE BARRACKS FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS OF SACK TIME - AND I HAD BREAKFAST A SECOND TIME AT 0800. IT WAS MY FIRST MISSION AS PILOT - THERE WAS A LITTLE FLAK - BUT IT WAS ALL LOW. THE TARGET WAS NEAR ST. LO - 1500 YDS FROM OUR LINES - WE HAD ANTI-PERSONNEL (FRAG.) BOMBS - BUT DIDN'T DROP THEM, HAD 5/10 UNDERCAST. SO WE TOOK A SCENIC TOUR OF FRANCE! GOT BACK ABOUT 1530 - TONIGHT IS THE SQDN. PARTY AT NORTHAMPTON BUT WE ARE ON THE FLIGHT PLAN SO WE DECIDED NOT TO GO - JUST GRND. OFFICERS WILL BE THERE DRINK OUR BEER!! ROUGH ALL OVER!

No. 10 THE BIGGEST, BEST
MILK RUN FLOWN IN THE E.T.O. 5:35
NEAR ST. LO, FRANCE 12,500 FT.

19 UP AT 0530 BREAKFAST BRIEFING

FOR A QUICKIE - ANOTHER TO ST. LO, FRANCE - NO FLAK - BOY, THAT'S THE KINDA MISSION I WANT!! FLEW OFF BANTEN'S WING - HE'S A DAMN GOOD PILOT. WE HAD LOTS OF DEEP WASH ON THE BOMB RUN - MAC ^{REALLY HIT THE TARGET} - FEELS GOOD FLEW IT - AND REALLY DID A NICE ^{TO HELP THE GEN. MEN DIRECTLY!!} JOB - HE'S GOING TO GET HIS OWN CREW WITHOUT A DOUBT. HOBDEY IS REALLY A SHARP NAVIGATOR HOPE I DON'T LOOSE HIM! THE CREW IS PRETTY WELL ON THE BALL. OLSON IS GETTING A LITTLE BETTER - HE'S SLEEPING AGAIN SINCE THESE LAST EASY RAIDS. ^{1730 (!)} GOT BACK TODAY AT 1630 GOT A LETTER FROM THE FOLKS, BERTIE & BART. BART IS GOING TO STOCKTON COLLEGE NOW. BERTIE'S BEEN SICK - FOLKS ARE OKAY. SAW THE BEACH HEAD TODAY - LOTS OF ACTIVITY.

JULY 26

¹⁹ UP AT 0730 - FOR BREAKFAST
(HOT CAKES!) HAD A CRITIQUE
AT 1030 ON THE LAST FEW
MISSIONS. LAID IN THE SACK
MOST OF THE DAY. GOT KINDA
MAD AT DENTON FOR NOT GOING
TO CLASS THIS AFTERNOON - SO
I SORTA TOLD HIM OFF. LATER
¹⁹ HE GOT A CABLE - HE'S A FATHER
OF A GIRL!! HE'S SURE NOT
VERY EAGER - WISH HE WOULD
GET OUT THE BALL FOR HIS OWN
GOOD, IF FOR NOTHING OR NO ONE
ELSE. HAD A PARADE THIS
EVENING - GAVE OUT SOME MORE
AWARDS - RATHER TIRESOME. LT
¹⁹ GREGGS GOT 1ST LT. LOTS OF KNEW
CREWS MOVING IN. WROTE TO
BERRIE - GOT TO HIT SACK
EARLY AGAIN - PROBABLY FLY
TOMORROW.

JULY 27

¹⁹ UP AT 0200 BREAKFAST &
BRIEFING (FOR MUNICH!) GOT
OUT TO THE SHIP ALL READY TO
START ENGINES AND IT WAS
¹⁹ SCRUBBED SO WE CAME BACK
& HIT THE SACK - WE'RE
CALLED OUT AGAIN AT 0830
STARTED BRIEFING FOR AN
¹⁹ AIRFIELD IN FRANCE AND IT
WAS SCRUB SO BACK TO THE
SACK - THE CREW WENT OUT TO
THE SHIP AND CLEARED THE
¹⁹ GUNS - HOBBITT MAC & I
FIRED OUR 45 CAL. TODAY. DIDN'T
HIT MUCH BUT HAD A LOT OF
FUN. WENT TO A STAGE SHOW
¹⁹ AT THE THEATRE TONIGHT.
WASN'T A BAD SHOW - GOT A
LETTER FROM PAT. RAINED
OFF TODAY - BUT THE SUN WAS
OUT TOO - WHAT A CLIMATE!

No. 11 ACCURATE FLAK
MERSEBURG
~~LEIPZIG~~ JULY 28
25,000 FT

8:15

19 UP AT 0300 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING
FOR AN OIL PLANT NEAR LEIPZIG
WE BOMBED P.T.F. HAD DAMN
ACCURATE FLAK & A FEW GRAND
ROCKETS. WE PICKED UP SEVERAL
HOLES - GUESS THEY'LL HAVE TO
CHANGE THE RIGHT WING PANEL &
THE LEFT ELEVATOR. ONE PIECE
OF FLAK CAME MIGHTY CLOSE
TO OXSON THE TAIL GUNNER. SO
OUR SHIP WILL BE OUT OF COMMISSION
FOR A DAY OR TWO. WE WERE IN
RIPPLE HAZARD CORNER TODAY - SOME
OF THE CREW SAW TWO ENEMY FIGHTERS
BUT THEY DIDN'T ATTACK US. WE HAD A
VERY POOR ELEMENT LEAD - LT. PARKER, HE'S
NO. 19 - SO HOT - ALL OVER THE SIX.
NO MAIL TODAY - TIRED TONIGHT SO
I'LL HIT THE SACK EARLY.

No. 12 - FIGHTERS!
MERSEBURG
~~LEIPZIG~~ AGAIN JULY 29
25,000 FT 8:30

19 UP AT 0230 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING
FOR SAME TARGET (THE SYNTHETIC OIL
PLANT) - REALLY HIT THE TARGET,
VISUAL TOO! NO OIL FROM THERE
FOR A LONG TIME. WE HAD FIGHTERS,
THEY ATTACKED OUR GROUP BUT
NOT OUR SHIP - THE GUNNERS
GOT SOME SHOTS IN BUT NO
HITS (FW 190 & ME 109) I SAW ONE
109 SO CLOSE THAT I COULD PLAINLY
SEE THE PILOT! ONE SHIP WAS
KNOCKED OUT BY FLAK - HIS LAST
MISSION TOO (LT. SWEENEY)! WE PICKED
UP ABOUT 5 OR 6 HOLES (FLAK) ONE VERY
CLOSE TO DELAURI'S HEAD IN THE REAR
TURRET, IT KNOCKED HIM OUT OF THE TURRET
THROU THE SIGHT & INTERPHONE. HIT THE
BALL BEHIND THE GLASS BUT MISSED
KANIA. GOT SOME IN THE VERT. & HORIZ.
STAB. HAD A BRAND NEW SHIP TOO! FIRST
MESSAGE!

JULY 30

19 UP AT 0930 - HAD A MEETING AT
SQDN. OPERZ - WOW, WHAT A ROUGH
TIME I HAD WITH THE BOYS LAST
NIGHT - HAD OUR GROUP OFFICERS
C¹⁹ CLUB PARTY. EVERYONE GOT
DRUNK, INCLUDING MYSELF. SO
THIS MORNING I HAD ONE OF MY FEW
HANG OVERS. THIS AFTERNOON THE
CREW AND I GOT A TRUCK AND WENT
TO SEE GASTON OVER AT THE
303 STA. HOSP. SEEMS TO BE DOING
FINIZ - LOOKS A LOT BETTER - BUT
IS¹⁹ GETTING TIRED OF BED. SURE
IS CHEERFUL AS HELL! (AME
BACK - HAD A LETTER FROM
ANNABEL - SHE'S SURE BEEN
W¹⁹ITING A LOT LATELY, CAN'T
UNDERSTAND IT! WISH THEY'D
TURN THE SHOWERS ON - BEEN
OFF SINCE OUR 48HR IN LONDON

No. 13!! AMILK RUN

8:00

MUNICH - FOURTH TIME!
JULY 31

19 UP AT 0600 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING
FOR THE ENGINE FACTORY IN MUNICH
AGAIN. WE HAD NOTHING BUT
TROUBLE THIS MORNING - GOT OUR
SHIP (149) AGAIN - THEY PUT A NEW
WING ON IT - SO EVERYONE WAS
HAPPY - TO START OUT WITH - MAC
DIDNT FLY WITH US - A NEW PILOT
F¹⁹EW AS MY CO-PILOT - NOT A BAD
FELLOW. BUT WE MADE A RIGHT TURN
OUT OF THE HARD STAND AND I TAXIED
ONE WHEEL OFF THE STRIP UP TO
THE STRUT! SO WE GOT A REPLACEMENT
SHIP (788) TOOK OFF AN HOUR
LATE BUT CAUGHT THE FORMATION
OKAY. FLEW NO. 4 POSITION IN LOW
19 GROUP LOW SQDN. (12 SHIP). IT'S
AN EASY POSITION TO FLY - DIDNT
HAVE MUCH TROUBLE. I RAN MOST
OF THE WAY. BOMBAYS WOULDNT CLOSE
EJECT. NO HEARING AIL - NO INTERPHONE
TO DISTURB. WHAT A DAY - MESSAGE FROM

AUGUST 1

19 UP FOR 0800 BREAKFAST (HOT RAICES!)
 NICE CALIF. FOG! WE WERE STOOD
 DOWN THIS MORNING - BUT THE BOYS
 WENT TO A TARGET IN FRANCE. GUESS
 THEY THOUGHT WE NEEDED SOME
 REST - FOR THE TOUGH ONES, DAMN
 IT! WE LAYED AROUND MOST OF THE
 DAY - LOTS A SACK TIME. I WENT
 DOWN TO FRANCE & GOT MY PAY
 38 £ 5/7. I'LL HAVE TO SEND 87
 TO LONDON FOR MY BATTLE JACKET.
 I WROTE A LETTER AND RECEIVED ONE
 FROM BERTIE - WON - WHAT A GAC!!
 WENT TO THE SHOW AND SAW "FOR WHOM
 THE BELL TOLLS" - PRETTY GOOD PICTURE!
 THE WATER WAS TURNED ON FINALLY
 SO I HAD GOOD HOT SHOWER MY
 FIRST (EXCEPT FOR BIRD BATHS) SINCE
 LONDON!! MAC & I HAVE BEEN STUDYING
 A LITTLE IN THE TECH. DEPT'S. MAC
 OUGHT TO DO OKAY AS PILOT.

AUGUST 2

19 0800 BREAKFAST - 1000 CRITIC
 (SP?) NEW POOP ON GERMAN ROCKET
 FIGHTERS - GUESS WE'LL BE
 SEEING THEM SOON. THEY TRAVEL
 WELL OVER 500 MPH. WITH 5,000 &
 10,000 FT/MIN. THIS COMBAT BUSINESS
 IS GETTING ROUGH. THE BOYS
 HAD TO CLEAN THE GUNS IN
 THE SHIP TODAY. I REALLY LIKE
 THE CEEB CHIEF - HE STOLE SOME
 ARMOR GLASS FROM COL. THACKER
 AND PUT IT IN MY SHIP - REALLY
 19 ON THE BALL - GOT TO GET
 HIM SOME SHIRTS FOR THAT.
 TODAY THEY WERE OUT CLEANING
 THE SHIP OFF FOR A LITTLE
 19 LESS DRAG. NONE BETTER.

No. 14 - FEATHERED No. 2

4:45

FLEURS FRANCE AUGUST 3

19^{UP} FOR 0800 BREAKFAST
THOUGHT WE WOULDN'T FLY. BUT
AT NOON WE HAD BRIEFING
FOR A NO-BALL IN FRANCE.
SOUNDED LIKE A MILK RUN
SAW ONLY A HALF DOZEN BURSTS
OF FLAK - BUT GOT ONE BURST.
A PIECE HIT NO. 2 ENG. BY THE
OIL COOLER - USED THE ENG. FOR
A HOUR MORE AND HAD TO FEATHER
IT. GOT ANOTHER HOLE THRU THE
WASTE & OVER THE BOMB BAY.
LE¹⁹ D THE LOW SW. FOR THE FIRST
TIME - HAD A NEW 1st. PILOT AS
COPILOT FOR HIS FIRST MISSION.
ALSO HAD PARKER AS BOMBARDIER
WHO HAS AROUND 20 MISSIONS IN.
ALSO HAD NO AIR SPEED INDICATION
SO HAD TO FLY INSTRUMENTS & LANDING
WITHOUT. THREE ENGINES & NO AIR SPD.
WHAT A LANDING! EVERY ONE IN
CRASH POSITIONS - BUT MADE IT OKAY

No. 15 - FLAK AS USUAL

9:20

PEENEMUNDE (NORTH OF BERLIN) AUGUST 4

19^{UP} AT 05:30 BREAKFAST, BRIEFING
FOR EXPERIMENTAL PLANT NORTH
OF BERLIN (OUR SECOND TRIP TO
THAT TARGET) HAD A LOT OF FOG
19^{4:15} MORN - PRACTICALLY A
INST. T.O. - I FLEW LOW SW. LEAD
HAD PARKER AS BOMBARDIER AGAIN
GOT ABOUT 5 FLAK HOLES - ONE
BIG ONE BY OLSON'S FOOT IN THE
AIL - ANOTHER CRACKED THE ARMOR
GLASS IN THE BALL - HIT THE GLASS
ALL OVER KANIA. GOT ANOTHER
19^{IN} NO. 2 MAIN FUEL TANK - PLUS
ONE IN THE RIGHT LEFT WING
TIP & ONE IN THE TAIL FIN.
ANOTHER SHIP OUT OF COMMISSION
19^{THE} FOURTH FOR US IN THE
LAST FOUR RAIDS. SAW SWEDEN
AGAIN TODAY! PICKED UP THE
FLAK CROSSING DENMARK. -
SACK TIME - NEW THICK MIST
IT WAS SCATTERED ALL OVER N. H. L. LAST CRASH.

AUGUST 5

19 AWAKENED AT 0900 - HAD TO GO UP TO SCARES ROCK AS COPILOT ON A PFF SHIP - FOR PRACTICE BOMBING WITH LT KOCH. HAD A LONG RIDE AT 20,000 FT. WISH I'D GONE ON THE MISSION TODAY. DAMN PRACTICE MISSIONS! HAD A WONDERFUL SLEEP LAST NIGHT ON MY NEW ^{PILZ} PILZ MATTRESS - OH - WHAT A SACK I'VE GOT NOW!! DIDN'T GET ANY BREAKFAST THIS MORN NOR ANY LUNCH SO ALL I HAD WAS JUST ONE MEAL TODAY! DENTON IS LEAVING FOR EGYPT MONDAY TO PRACTICE BOMB FOR A MONTH - MAKING A LEAD BOMBARDIER OUT OF HIM. GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM ANNABEL TODAY - CAN'T UNDERSTAND HER - I DON'T WRITE HER VERY OFTEN!! NONE FROM HOME OR BERTIE!!

AUGUST 6

19 UP AT 1100! NO BREAKFAST JUST SACK TIME. WE WERE STOOD DOWN SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY NEW CREWS. RECEIVED THE PICTURES FROM HOME OF THE CREW REALLY SELL PIC'S. ALL THE FELLOWS WANT THEM. DENTON LEFT FOR EGYPT THIS AFTERNOON - TOOK THE CREW OVER TO SEE GASTON - SEEMS TO BE DOING FINE - SAID PETIX WAS OVER TO SEE HIM. HE'S IN THE 306TH B.G. GASTON MADE TIS & OF COURSE GOT THE PURPLE HEART. WENT TO BRISTOCK WITH THE BOYS - OILED AS USUAL - 'CAUSE TOMORROW NO BODIES FLYING - NO SHIPS IN COMMISSION - ALL SHOT UP ON TODAY'S RAID. STAGGERED BACK FROM BRISTOCK!

AUGUST 7

19 UP AT 10:00 - MAC HAD TO
FLY AS COPILOT FOR SOMEBODY
ON A MISSION AFTER BEING TOLD
WE WERE STOOD DOWN. GOT A
LETTER FROM BERTIE - HOPE
I CAN LOVE THAT GAL LIKE SHE
SAYS SHE LOVES ME. SHE'S SURE
THE NICEST GAL I'VE EVER KNOWN.
19 NOTED A LETTER TO THE FOUNTAIN
BEETIE. WENT TO DRG STOCK
AGAIN LAST NIGHT - HAD A
FAIR TIME - HOBIE HAS FOUND
HIS ¹⁹ TRUE LOVE - HA! HA!
DIDN'T DRINK MUCH - HAVE TO FLY
TOMORROW.

I GUESS I'VE LOST HOBIE - HE'S
NOW ¹⁹ A GROUP LEAD NAV. - SO I WON'T
FLY WITH HIM UNLESS I MAKE
GROUP LEAD! DAMN GOOD MANHOOD.
SURE PLEASED THIS WAY FELLOWS.
HANDLED THE FIGHTERS TODAY.

No. 16 - FIGHTERS!

5:10

11 MI. NORTH CAEN, FRANCE. AUGUST 8

19 UP AT 0730 BREAKFAST &
BRIEFING - A NICE SHORT RAID
IN SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH
GRND. FORCES - EXPECTED IT
19 TO BE A MILK RUN - BUT FOUND
OUT DIFFERENT. ON THE I.P.
THE UPPER TURRET SAW THE
FIRST ME.410 FIRED ON IT
19 AND THEN THE BALL AND
TAIL FIRED ON ANOTHER &
THE BALL (KANIA) CLAIMS IT
SAW THE KRAUT BAIL OUT & THE
19 PLANE CRASH. SEVERAL BANDITS
PASSED BY US AND WE SHOT AT
THEM BUT NONE ACTUALLY ATTACK
OUR SHIP, ALTHO THEY DID FIRE
19 ON OUR FORMATION. WE LEAD THE
LOW SPAN. HI. GROUP. (105 HI GROUP) HOBIE
FLEW AS GROUP NAVIGATOR SO WE HAD ANOTHER
NAVIG. & TOGGEL - DIDN'T DROP BOMBS
COULDN'T SEE TARGET. ←

LONDON

AUGUST 9

19 UP FOR 0800 BREAKFAST -
 TODAY IS THE DAY WE GO ON
 OUR 2ND 48HR. PASS SO LONDON IT
 IS! RUSHED AROUND TO GET
 IN TOWN TO CATCH THE 10:37
 TRAIN FROM KETTERING - BUT
 AFTER QUEUING UP FOR OUR
 TICKETS - WE WERE JUST A
 M. 19 MINUTE TO LATE SO WE CAUGHT
 THE 12:15 AFTER TEA & TARTS.
 ON ARRIVING WE HEADED FOR
 THE CUMBERLAND, GOT ROOMS (TWO)
 (EMSTEDMEN COULDN'T!) BATHED &
 WENT TO PICADILLY FOR A STEAK AND
 THEN TO THE AMER. MELODY BAR - JOINED
 THE CUBS & DRANK OUR FIRST AMER.
 SCOTCH (ANY BRAND!!) ON LEAVING
 (WITH A QUART FOR A SPARE) WE HAD
 DIFFICULTIES IN STANDING BUT
 PROCEEDED TO THE REGENTS PALACE

LONDON

AUGUST 10

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19 OF COURSE IT WAS ABOUT TO
 CLOSE - SO AS HOBIE'S GUESTS
 (MAC & I) WENT TO ONE OF HIS CLUBS
 "THE NEW PARADISE" (HE JOINED IT
 19 LAST TIME) PROCEEDED TO HAVE
 A WONDERFUL TIME - DANCING &
 DRINKING - NICE CLUB - BUT
 HOBIE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH
 19 THE WAITERS - BUT NO FIGHT DEVELOPED
 - NEXT MORNING 1130 - BREAKFAST
 IN BED - BATH - RAN DOWN WITH
 MAC & HOB TO ORDER THEIR BATTLE
 19 JACKETS (MINE WASN'T FINISHED!!)
 BOUGHT SOME SHIRTS FOR OUR CREW
 CHIEF - JOE RUKAVINA M/S. THEN BACK
 TO OUR GREEK STEAK HOUSE &
 19 BOUGHT TWO BOTTLES OF WINE
 (GRAVES) - DAMN GOOD! THEN AFTER
 DRINKING IT AT THE ROOM - DOWN
 TO PICADILLY AGAIN - BUT THIS TIME

LONDON

AUGUST 11

CONT!

¹⁹ INSTEAD OF A CAB - WE TOOK THE UNDERGROUND - DOWN STAIRS - ESCALATORS - THROUGH TUNNELS - TRANSFERRED ONCE - UP AGAIN IN ¹⁹ PICADILLY - BELIEVE IT WAS ACTUALLY FASTER THAN A HACK. LOTS OF PEOPLE SLEEPING DOWN THEIR! - I GOT SEPARATED FROM THE BOYS - SO I HIT THE ¹⁹ LUXURIOUS SACK EARLY - UP AT 1000 - BREAKFAST IN BED CLEANED UP AND CAUGHT THE 1200 TRAIN BACK TO KETTERING FOOT ¹⁹ FIED AROUND, CAUGHT A TRUCK OUT TO CAMP - CRAWLED IN THE SACK READ TWO LETTERS FROM BERTIE & ONE FROM HOME. NICE AND QUIET. THE ¹⁹ BOYS ARE ON A MISSION. GUESS I'LL WRITE SOME LETTERS. WROTE ONE TO BERTIE'S

No. 17 A MILK RUN - Wow!! 8:40

ETANPS, FRANCE AUGUST 12 20,000 FT.

¹⁹ UP AT 0315 BREAKFAST & BRIEFING - TO AN AIRFIELD SOUTH EAST OF PARIS. HAD A LITTLE WEATHER ON T.O. AND ¹⁹ DURING ASSEMBLY SAW THE BEACHHEAD VERY CLEARLY FROM 20,000 FT. CHERBOURG HARBOR LOOKS AS IF IT MAY BE IN USE - ALL ¹⁹ OFF FRANCE IS PITTED WITH CRATERS WE DIDNT GET ANY FLAK - NONE. A FEW ROCKETS - BUT NOT AT US! WE LEAD THE HIGH ELEMENT, LEAD GROUP ¹⁹ HOBIE DIDNT FLY WITH US - STOOD DOWN. HARPER FLEW AS TOGGLEIER FOR THE FIRST TIME - DID A DAMN GOOD JOB. REALLY HIT THE TARGET ^{12 x 500 LBS.} ¹⁹ TODAY!! LAID IN THE SUN THIS AFTERNOON - GOT A LETTER FROM HOME & BERTIE - OH! THAT BAL!!

No. 18 - ACCURATE FLAK 4:45

AUGUST 13
NEAR BEAUMONT, FRANCE. 20,000 FT

19 UP AT 0730 BREAKFAST & PRE-BRIEFING FOR A "QUICKIE". THE TARGET A TRIANGULAR ROAD JUNCTION - NEAR AN AIRFIELD - OBJECT - TO STOP THE RETREAT OF THE GERMANS IN THE FALAISE AREA. REALLY HIT THE TARGET (WITH 38X100 GP's) HAD MODERATE BURN - VERY ACCURATE FLAK - GOT ABOUT 15 HOLES IN THE SHIP! SEVERAL IN THE WINGS (GOT A STAR!) & MANY CLOSE TO LAY IN THE RADIO R190M - A COUPLE IN THE WAIST CLOSE TO HARPER - ONE HIT THE ARMORE GLASS BY MAC - GOOD THING WE HAD THAT GLASS OR WE MAY NOT HAVE HAD A COPILOT - AFFEW IN THE TAIL TOO! FLEW AS DEPUTY LEAD OF THE LOW GROUP WITH MY WHOLE CREW - PLUS PARKER AS BOMBARDIER SURE LIKE TO FLY WITH WHOLE CREW!!!

No. 19 - A LONG MILK RUN!

8:00

AUGUST 14
6 MI. SOUTH STUTTGART, GERMANY 25,500'

19 UP AT 0330 PRE BRIEFING FOR AN AIRFIELD SO. OF STUTTGART THEN BREAKFAST - BACK TO GENERAL BRIEFING - THEN INTO THE BLUE. FLEW HIGH GROUP DEPUTY LEAD. WE HIT THE TARGET ON THE SECOND RUN OVER, WITH 10X500th INCENDIARIES - HAD MEAGER TO MODERATE FLAK OVER THE TARGET. DIDN'T GET ANY HOLES FOR A CHANGE. WAS JUST A LONG RIDE. HAD CONN AS NAVIG. AND PARKER AS BOMB. LAST NIGHT, FAIRLY LATE - OUR CREW CHIEF BROUGHT A LARGE PIECE OF FLAK OUT OF NO. 2 ENG. (A GUNNER) - HAS A GERMAN SS AND Wg A330 ON IT! WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE ENG. WAS HIT!! AS HOT CAMERA TODAY WE GOT IN EARLY! GOT TWO LETTERS FROM BETTIE PLUS A COLOR FOTO OF HER. BOY WHAT A NICE GAL - Wow!!

AUGUST 15

19 UP AT 0300 FOR PRE-BRIEFING
 & BREAKFAST BACK TO GENERAL
 BRIEFING FOR AN AIRFIELD NEAR
 FRANKFURT. GOT THE CREW OUT TO
 THE SHIP (P.F. SHIP) "AMICKEY OPERATOR"
 & MORRIS AS BOMBARDIER. TAXIED OUT
 FOR T.O. AND THE FOG ROLLED IN SO
 THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED. I WAS
 FLYING AS DEPUTY WING LEAD!!
 HAD ALL MY CREW EXCEPT FORDENON
 WHO'S STILL IN EGPT. COL. THACKER
 WAS WING LEADER. SOME OF THE WINGS
 WENT TO THE TARGET AND GOT LOTS
 OF FIGHTERS LOST 12 SHIPS IN OUR
 WING. WE HIT THE SACK MOST OF
 THE DAY - "PVT." PETIX CAME OVER
 TO SEE US - GOT BUSTED 'CAUSE HE
 WAS A.W.O.L. WHILE SEEING GASTON.
 DOESN'T LIKE HIS PRESENT CREW. WROTE
 TO BERTIE - HOBBS'S FEELING ROUGH
 TO DAY. - HOPE HE'S OKAY TOMORROW

No. 20 - NOT BAD!

9:45

AUGUST 16

LEIPZIG - THAT IS NEAR THERE. 25,000'

19 UP AT 0200 PRE-BRIEFING
 & BREAKFAST - THEN GEN. BRIEFING.
 THE TARGET, AN AIRFIELD NORTH
 OF LEIPZIG (DELITZEK) EXPECTED
 FIGHTERS - BUT HAD NONE. FLAK
 WASN'T BAD - GOT FIVE MINOR
 HOLES - ONE CLOSE TO THE DRAFT
 METER IN THE NOSE. WE FLEW
 DEPUTY WING LEAD - IN A P.F.F.
 SHIP, WE WERE THE ONLY GROUP
 TO HIT THE TARGET. WE HAD ONE
 BOMB HANG UP - SO THE "MICKEY"
 OPERATOR KICKED IT OUT WITH
 A SCREW DRIVER - WHICH IS A REAL
 JOB AT 25,000 FT.! OUR MECH. OR ELEC.
 SALVO WOULDN'T OPERATE. I HAD WHOLE
 19 CREW PLUS MORRIS BOMB & KAMPF
 AS "MICKEY" OPER. EVERYONE SURT TIED
 ON RETURN. HAD A LETTER FROM BERTIE,
 WHAT SWELL GAL. WOW! HOBBS FELT
 ROUGH TODAY - BUT FLEW WITH US ANYWAY.

AUGUST 17

19 Up at 0730 BREAKFAST - THEN
MAC & I TRIED TO GET A SHIP
TO SHOOT LANDINGS - BUT WE
HAD A CHAFF LECTURE AT 1000
S¹⁹ COULDN'T GET A SHIP. JUST
LAID AROUND ALL DAY - WROTE
A LETTER TO BERTIE & RECEIVED
TWO FROM HER. I'VE HAD A SORE
THROAT ALL DAY TO DAY - SO
I WENT TO THE HOSP. - GAVE
ME SOME PILLS AND GARGLE.
HOPE IT'S BETTER TOMORROW
'CAUSE WE'RE FLYING GROUP
LEAD ~~TO~~ AND I'M BEING CHECKED
OUT BY CAPT. BOOSKA. HOBBS IS
FAIRLY SICK - GOING TO BE
SHOOED DOWN TOMORROW. / DON'T
WANT TO BE CHECKED OUT YET
BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY
ABOUT IT. HIT THE JACU EARLY
FEELING ROUGH.

No. 21 A MILK RUN. 5:35
NEAR LIÈGE, BELGIUM. AUGUST 18 24,000'

19 GOT UP AT 0730 BREAKFAST
THEN THEY CALLED US FOR PREBRIEFING
FOR A "QUICKIE" - THEN DURING
BRIEFING THEY SET IT AHEAD
FOUR HOURS - SO WE HAD ANOTHER
BRIEFING FOUR HRS LATER - BUT
NOT ALL THE POOP WAS IN - SO
WE ATE LUNCH - BACK TO PREBRIEF
THEN GENERAL BRIEFING FOR
A R.R. BRIDGE (IN "VISE") / FLEW
AS LEAD PILOT - BOOSKA AS AIR
COMMANDER - AS LEAD OF THE
LOW GROUP - HAD MORRIS AS
BOMB., A COUPLE OF NAVIG. (HOBBS'S
GROUNDED) AN OFFICER TAIL
GUNNER - OLSON FLEW WITH
ANOTHER CREW AS WELL AS MAC
HIT THE TARGET WITH 6 X 1000 G.P.
GOT BACK AT 2000 LAST NIGHT JUST
IN TIME FOR BED. COL. THACKERY
CAPT. BOOSKA PLEASE WITH MY FLYING
AND MY CREW.

AUGUST 19

19 BREAKFAST AT 0800 -
CRITIQUE AT 1000 - REVIEWED
THE PAST FEW MISSIONS - LUNCH
AND THEN WE HAD A STAND BY
INSPECTION BY COL THACKER. TOLD
HARDER TO SEW ON HIS STRIPS
OTHER THAN THAT EVERYTHING
WAS OKAY. YESTERDAY CAPT. BOOSKA
SAID THAT MY CREW WAS ONE OF
THE BEST HE'S EVERY RIDDEN
WITH. - BY THE WAY I FINALLY
GOT MY SILVER BARS - YEP,
I AM A FIRST LT. NOW! GOT ANOTHER
LETTER FROM BERTIE! AHEAD SHE'S
GOT ME HOOKED!! GOT A BAD
SORE THROAT - BEEN GARGLING
& TAKING PILLS BUT DON'T
SEEM TO BE DOING ANY GOOD.
RAINED ALL DAY TYPICAL ENGLISH
WEATHER

AUGUST 20

19 BREAKFAST 0800 SAME OLD
POWDERED EGGS. DISCUSSED HOBBI'S
ANONYMOUS ^{LETTER} ALL MORNING - A
REAL MYSTERY WHO WROTE IT? MY
GUESS IS MOLLY - POSSIBLY MAURFANNIE.
MAC IS ACCUSED - BUT IT WASN'T
HIM. WHAT A MESS! WENT TO
AN AFTERNOON SNOW - NOT BAD!
FIRST ONE IN A LONG TIME FOR ME.
LATER THEY INFORMED MAC THAT
HE WAS GOING ON FLAK LEAVE
WITH DIENNETT & CREW TOMORROW
SINCE HE IS ASSIGNED TO HIS
CREW NOW. MAC & I ARGUED WITH
CAPT. BOOSKA - FINALLY DECIDED
THAT WE'D POSTPONE OUR FLAK LEAVE
- 19 AND MAC MAY BE ABLE TO GO
WITH US AT THAT TIME. RAINED
ALL DAY AGAIN. MAC & HOB - WENT
TO BRISTOL AGAIN TONIGHT - RAIN
OR SNOW!!

AUGUST 21

19 UP FOR 0800 BREAKFAST,
RAINY - COLD - DAMP WEATHER.
SUPPOSE TO PRACTICE BOMB AT
0830 - BUT THE WEATHER POSTPONED
IT ¹⁹ UNTIL 1300 - MAC, HOBBS, LAY,
MORRIS & COUPLE OTHER FELLOWS
WENT UP TO SCARCE ROCK TO
BOMB. DAMP WEATHER MADE
US GO DOWN TO 3000' TO
DROP! AFTER 20 PICKLES WE
BUZZED HOME - HAD A TOTAL
O.F. 5:10 FLYING TIME. 149 WAS
CRASHED OUT ASA LEAD SHIP
TODAY BY COL. THACKER! HEARD FROM
THE FOLKS TODAY. GUESS I'D BETTER
WRITE A LETTER TONIGHT.
TIAE "LETTER" - HOBBS SAID
MA WROTE IT (OF MA & BLODIE)
'CAUSE SHE CALLED MAC - "MAT" AS
IN THE LETTER!

AUGUST 22

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0730
SUPPOSE TO FLY AT 0800 PRACTISE
BUT WEATHER SAYS NO. SO WE
LAID IN THE SACK UNTIL LUNCH
SENT MONEY TO LONDON FOR
MY BATTLE JACKET - GOT MY RATIONS
FOR THE WEEK - BACK TO THE SACK
WROTE TO BERTIE - RECEIVED NO
MAIL - DAMN IT! SURE GETTING
COLD LATELY AND NO COAL UNLESS
YOU STEAL IT. SO WE HAVE HEAT
VERY SELDOM. RUMORS ARE
GOING AROUND THAT WE'RE
MOVING TO CHINA! GEN. PATTON'S
GETTING CLOSE TO PARIS. (3-4 MI.)

AUGUST 23

¹⁹ GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST 0800
"FRESH EGGS"!! THEN I PLAYED
CARDS ALL MORN. FOUND THAT
GASTON HAS BEEN MOVED TO
¹⁹ ANOTHER HOSP. GOT A LETTER
FROM CRAFT IN CHINA - HE'S STILL
OPERATIONS OFFICER - DOESN'T
LIKE CHINA AT ALL. WE'RE REALLY
¹⁹ GOING TO TOWN IN FRANCE, WE'LL
HAVE PARIS SOON. LANDING IN
SOUTHERN FRANCE IS REALLY GOING
TO MOP THINGS UP. LAST NIGHT
¹⁹ WE WERE AWARDED THE AIR
MEDAL BY COL. BUCK. WENT TO
BRISTOL WITH MAC & HOBBI
DRANK A LITTLE WINE
¹⁹ HOME EARLY.

AUGUST 24

¹⁹ NO BREAKFAST THIS MORN
WENT OUT TO PRACTISE BOMB
AT 1000 + HAD LT. CRISTO AS
BOMB - & MAC, HOBBI & LAY.
¹⁹ THE CEILING WAS DOWN TO
3000 FT SOME DIDN'T
BOMB. CAME BACK - TRIED
TO GET A SHIP LATER
¹⁹ SHOOT LANDINGS - BUT
NONE AVAILABLE. UNTIL
AFTER SUPPER AND BY
THAT TIME IT WAS RAINING
¹⁹ BEAT HELL! SO MAC &
HOBBI AND I WENT TO THE
SHOW. GOT A LETTER FROM
DENTON. HE'S STILL OR
¹⁹ IN ITALY - DON'T KNOW
WHAT HE'S DOING - EXCEPT
FOR RAISING HELL.

LONDON

AUGUST 25

19 GOT UP EARLY - TO GET
HEAD START FOR OUR 48 HR.
PASS - CLEANED UP - HITCH-
HIKED TO TOWN - GOT A RIDE
WITH A ENGLISHMAN - IN HIS MODGET
CAR, CAUGHT THE 0945 TRAIN
IN KETTERING. - GOT A COUPLE
OF ROOMS AT THE CUMBERLAND
NICE AS HELL - BUT ON THE
SEVENTH FLOOR. ONLY ONE
FLOOR BETWEEN US AND THE
BUZZ BOMBS! - AFTER SHAVING
WE HAD DINNER AT POP'S (VICTORY REST.)
- NICE STEAKS! THEN OVER TO
OUR CLUB - THE AMER. MELODY CLUB
BOUGHT A QUART OF JOHN HAIG'S
AFTER SEVERAL DOUBLE-DOUBLES!
LATER HOBIE DROPPED THE QUART
IN A HOTEL LOBBY BEFORE WE
EVEN OPENED IT. GOT FAIRLY HAPPY
BUT WISHED I WAS WITH BERTIE.

LONDON.

AUGUST 26

19 UP AT 1000 AFTER BREAKFAST
IN BED - LAYED AROUND MOST
OF THE NOONDAY - THEN WE
WENT TO "RED'S BAR" - STARTED
DRINKING - THEN HAD AN
EXCELLENT MEAL AT "RESTAURANT
DES GOURMETS" - (CRISIS'S PLACE)
REALLY NICE MEAL - VERY REASONABLE
EXCLUSIVE SERVICE! - WENT TO
A DANCE HALL - "COVENT GARDENS"
A LARGE PLACE - FAIR MUSIC.
MAC MET HIS "TRUE LOVE"! HE
LEFT WITH HER - HOBIE & I
SEPERATED - SO I PROCEEDED
TO GET DRUNK - AND DID!
MADE IT BACK TO THE
CUMBERLAND HOTEL SOME HOW
BY MIDNIGHT. - PRACTICALLY
BROKE!!

LONDON

AUGUST 27

19 WOKE UP AT 0800 - DAMN BUZZ

BOMB EXPLODED KINDA CLOSE TO THE HOTEL - THEN FIVE MINUTES LATER ANOTHER ONE HIT AND ABOUT KNOCKED ME OUT OF BED.

19 THOUGHT SURE IT WOULD BREAK THE WINDOWS BUT IT DIDN'T. THEY'VE SENT 5000 OF THEM OVER SO FAR!

19 AFTER BREAKFAST IN BED, WE CLEANED UP PAID THE BILL (5/-10/-) FOUND A CAFE - HAD GRILLED HAM & CHIPS - THEN CAUGHT THE

1200 TRAIN. IN KETTERING WE FOUND A BUS AND GOT BACK TO CAMP AT 1530. THE BOYS HAD TWO MISSION WHILE WE WERE AWAY

19 PEDDEMUND & THE RUNN VALLEY. OUR SQDN LOST ONE CREW MEMBER. OUR SHIP "149" HAD A TAIL GUNNER KILLED BY FLAK. THEY REALLY GOT SHOT UP!! NO MAIL FROM BERTIE & ONE FROM ANNIE.

AUGUST 28

19 GOT UP FOR CHOW - HAD CRITIQUE AT 1000 ON THE LAST THREE MISSIONS - PEDDEMUND, RUNN VALLEY & MERESBURG. - I DIDN'T

19LY ANY OF THEM, BUT HAD TO GO TO THE MEETING ANYHOW. HAD A PRACTISE MISSION THIS AFTERNOON - BUT I DIDN'T GO.

19 I WROTE SEVERAL LETTERS. I'VE BEEN MADE A FLIGHT COMMANDER - JUST A NAME - THAT'S ALL IT IS. HOBIE - IS A FLIGHT NAVIG. &

19 DENTON A FLIGHT BOMBARDIER. NONE OF IT MEANS MUCH - JUST SOME MORE ARMY PAPERWORK, THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH.

19 SURE WISH I'D HEAR FROM BERTIE. GOT A LETTER FROM THE POLICE!

AUGUST 29

AUGUST 30

19 HAD PAN-CAKES FOR BREAKFAST.

THIS MORNING - MY FAVORITE ARMY CHOW! THEN MAC & I GOT A SHIP AND SHOT SOME LANDINGS - HOBBIE

WENT ALONG - LET HIM FLY AS CO-PILOT - GOT A HELLUNA BANG OUT OF IT! MAC NEEDS A LITTLE MORE PRACTICE IN THE LEFT

SEAT AND HE'LL BE O.K. DENTON GOT BACK FROM ITALY TODAY.

HAS A NICE SUN TAN - SEEMS TO HAVE HAD A SWELL TIME. WAS IN

ROME, TUNISIA, CASABLANCA. FLEW ON THE SOUTHERN INVASION OF FRANCE. HE DROPPED ABOUT 60 PRACTICE BOMBS - FLEW BACK

OVER A NEW ROUTE OVER FRANCE. I FINALLY RECEIVED A LONG LETTER

FROM BERTIE - ABOUT 12 FEET LONG!! WHAT A GAL!!

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST - FRESH EGGS - (WHEN I SAY FRESH - I MEAN THEY'RE OUT A SHELL!) - THE WENT OUT THIS MORNING - OLSON

19 FLEW WITH LT. MOCK'S CREW - IT WAS A MILK RUN - EXCEPT FOR BAD WEATHER. FLYING BOMB SIGHT WAS THE TARGET. LAID AROUND

19 MOST OF THE DAY. TOOK A B-17 TEST WITH MAC AT SQDN. OPER.

WHAT THEY WONT THINK OF NEXT. PETIX WAS OVER FOR

19 A LITTLE WHILE - SAYS GASTON IS STILL AT THE HOSP. BUT DOUBT IT. HE'S BEEN MOVED FOR SURE. WELL I SUPPOSE

19 TO LEAD THE LOW GROUP WITH CAPT. BOSSICA SO IS BETTER H. THE SACK.

AUGUST 31

19 HAD BREAKFAST - HAD TO FLY
A PRACTICE MISSION - FLEW A P.F.F.
SHIP. MADE SEVERAL DRY RUNS AT
15000 ON DIFFERENT TOWNS, MAC
& 19 HOBBS & MORRIS FLEW WITH US
AND A "MICKY OPERATOR" ONLY UP
A LITTLE WHILE - CAME IN EARLY
WHICH CAPT. BOOSKA DON'T LIKE.
GOT A LETTER FROM BERTIE & PAT.
SURE GOT TIRED SOME THIS SITTING
AROUND & PRACTICE MISSION.

I EXPECTED TO BE THERE & WOULD HAVE
IF 19 I WASN'T IN THE LEAD POSITION
I'VE STILL 14 TO GO! SGT. NELSON
(BUCK) FLEW WITH US TODAY - ALSO
FLEW WITH "MOCK" AGAIN. HOBBS
DID A SWELL JOB OF NAVIG. TODAY
MORRIS WAS BOMB. MAC DIDN'T
FLY. FLEW OVER THE NORTH OF PARIS -
SAW THE EIFFEL TOWER THROUGH A
BREAK IN THE CLOUDS.

NO CREDIT! NO FLARE!
LUDWIGSHAFEN

SEPTEMBER 1

JUNE 26 - I EXPECT TO BE THERE MY MISSIONS

19 ON THIS DAY. A TOTAL OF 35!!

THEY GOT US UP AT 0300 FOR REBRIEFING
- THE TARGET - LUDWIGSHAFEN. I
LEAD THE LOW GROUP WITH CAPT. BOOSKA
19 I FLEW OVER FRIENDLY TERRITORY
MOST OF THE WAY - BUT WE WERE
IN THE SMOKE OVER FRANCE AT 26000
WE LOST THE LEAD GROUP FOR AN
HOUR - IN THE CLOUDS - REALLY WAS
HARD TO SEE - FINALLY ABOUT 15
MINUTES FROM THE I.P. THE MISSION
WAS RECALLED SO STARTED BACK AND
19 BUT LUCIE FOUND THE LEAD GROUP. WE
WERE GOING TO BOMB NANCY, FRANCE
BUT THE LEAD GROUP R.O.W.T. SO WE
BROUGHT THE BOMBS BACK - CAPT. BOOSKA
19 COL. THACKER WERE PLEASED WITH
MY FLYING AND WERE VERY COMPLIMENTARY
WE GOT 845 - BUT I GUESS NO CREDIT
FOR A MISSION - EVEN THO IT WAS ABOUT
AS ROUGH AS ANY I'VE HAD. WITHOUT FLARE!

SEPTEMBER 2

19 UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0800
CALLED DOWN TO OPERATIONS AT
0900 TO PRACTICE BOMB SCARES
ROCK - MAC, HOBBIET / WAITED
UNTIL 1100 FOR CLEARANCE
BUT WEATHER WAS BAD SO
WE ATE CHOW WENT BACK
WAITED - FINALLY GOT OFF
AT 1500 - THE WEATHER WAS
PLENTY BAD BUT COL. THACKER
IS SO DAMN EAGER - WE TOOK
OFF ANYHOW. I LEAD A 3 SHIP
SQUAD - THRU ALL BANDS OF CLOUDS
CLIMBED UP TO 24000 - BUT
TARGET WAS COVERED, JUST AS
THE WEATHER MAN SAID IT
WOULD BE SO WE CAME HOME
AT ABOUT 500 FT. ROUGH AS ALL
HELL - AND RAINED MOST OF
THE WAY - GOT 4.00 HRS OR
USELESS TIME.

No. 22 - A MILK RUN

SEPTEMBER 3

9:00

LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY 25,000'

19 UP AT 0300 FOR PREBRIEFING -
TARGET SAME AS THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY
THE ROUTE WAS MUCH THE SAME - ONLY
IT WAS NORTH OF PARIS INSTEAD OF
SOUTH. I FLEW WITH BOOSKA, LEAD
OF THE LOW GROUP. FLEW A PFF
SHIP WITH KAMPBL AS "MICKY"
OPERATOR - HOBBIET & MORRIS -
WITH ZIEGLER AS TAIL GUNNER.
OLEON & MAC WERE STOOD DOWN.
THEY WENT OVER AND SAW GASTON.
HE'S DOING OKAY - HAS A CAST ON
HIS LEG NOW. - THE MISSION WAS
EASY - LITTLE INACCURATE FLAK AT
OUR VINC. THE CHAFF DID WONDERS
- BOMBED P.F.F. - 4-1000th & 4-500th INCAND.
19 DID FAIRLY WELL - BUT WE'RE
ALL TIRED AS HELL - MAY GO TO
THE FLAK HOUSE SOON. GOT A
LETTER FROM BETTIE!!!

SEPTEMBER 4

19 HAD BREAKFAST - GOT WET
GOING UP THERE IN THE RAIN.
RAINED ALL MORNING - COLD TOO!
WROTE TO BERTIE, LAD IN
THE SACK MOST OF THE DAY,
NOT MUCH TO DO. NO MORE NEWS
ABOUT OUR FLAK LEAVE - SAW
CAPT. VIVEN - THE FLIGHT SURGEON
BUT HE COULDN'T TELL US ANYTHING
DEFINITE. MAC, LOBBIE & I WENT
TO BRIGSTOCK - BOUGHT A QUART
OF WHISKY (\$2) AND DRANK IT - SAT
AROUND "THE COCKS" PUB AND
LISTENED TO THEIR MUSIC - A LOT
OF AMERICAN RECORDS OVER THERE
WENT TO THE SNACK BAR ON THE
WHY BACK HAD A CUP OF COFFEE
TO KEEP ME AWAKE - THEN HE
TOLD SACK - AFTER CONSIDERING
SOME MAIL.

SEPTEMBER 5

19 DIDN'T GET UP TILL 0800
HAD REAL EGGS FOR BREAKFAST -
THE BOYS WENT BACK TO LUDWIGSHAFEN
TODAY - GOT SHOT UP PRETTY BAD
19 EVERYONE CAN DO BIK - BROWN -
A PILOT WAS HIT BETWEEN THE EYES
BY FLAK - PROBABLY BROKE HIS NOSE -
BESIDES CUTTING IT BADLY. I'VE
19 BEEN WRITING LETTERS - FINALLY
GOT PAID \$34 11/3 - GOT A LETTER
FROM THE FOLKS. WENT TO THE MOVIE
AT THE CLUB THIS EVENING. SURE
19 GETTING COLD LATELY - AND
STILL NO FUEL. THE WAR NEWS
IS SURE GOOD - WE'VE GOT
BRUSSELS & ANTWERP NOW AS WELL
19 AS ONE TOWN IN GERMANY ITSELF.
AND HAVE ENTERED HOLLAND TOO!
MAC & LOBBIE CYCLED TO CORBY THIS
EVENING.

SEPTEMBER 6

19 GOT UP AT 0445 - BREAKFAST
 & BRIEFING TO MERESBURG, GERMANY
 BUT NOT FOR US - WE WERE
 WEATHER SHIP FOR OVER ENGLAND
 HERE - WE GOT OUT TO THE SHIP
 HOBBS, MACLAY & AND MISSION
 WAS SET BACK - SO WENT BACK
 HAD SOME MORE BREAKFAST
 BACK TO THE SACIC UP AGAIN
 FOR BREAKFAST FOR THE THIRD
 TIME - BRIEFING - THE TARGET
 BREMEN, GERMANY - BUT NOT FOR
 CAUSE WE ARE STILL WEATHER SHIP
 WE TAKE OFF AN HOUR AHEAD OF THE
 FORMATION, CLIMB TO 11,000 FT OVER
 THE FIELD GIVE THEM THE WEATHER
 AND THEN CALLED US BACK - THE
 MISSION HAD BEEN SCRUBBED! SO
 BY THIS TIME IT WAS LATE IN THE
 AFTERNOON - THE WHOLE DAY RUINED!
 NO MAIL - WENT TO ASHOW & SACIC.

SEPTEMBER 7

19 Woke Up Practically Frozen At
 0800 - WENT TO CHOW WITH SINE
 THEN BACK TO THE SACIC TO KEEP WARM.
 HOBBS, DENTON & DELAURI ARE RESTRICTED
 19 THEY LEFT SOME HEATED CLOTHES
 IN THEIR PARACHUTE BAGS!! MAC
 STARTED A MODEL AIRPLANE SO
 I DECIDED TO BUILD A B-17 - I'M
 19 DRAWING PLANS, NOW, OUT OF
 THE TECH. ORDERS. FOUND SOME
 LIGHT WOOD - JUST TO KEEP
 BUSY. COL. THARKER TOLD ME
 19 THAT I WAS DUTY OFFICER AT
 GROUP OPERATION FOR THIS
 EVENING FROM 1800 TO 0730.
 KEEP BUSY ON THE MISSION
 19 THAT CAME IN ON THE
 TELETYPE - MADE OUT THE
 FLIGHT PLANS FOR THE LEAD
 TEAMS - DIDN'T SLEEP ANY!!

SEPTEMBER 8

19 GOT BACK THIS MORNING AT 0730 - AFTER A NIGHT OF NO SLEEP. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING THERE AT GROUP OPS. LOTS OF ACTIVITY AND PREPARATION FOR A MISSION. I SLEPT ALL MORNING - WORKED ON MY PLANS FOR A "17" WITH MAC. HIS PLANE IS COMING ALONG FINE. I'VE GOT THE WING ABOUT FINISHED (THE PLANS) HIT THE SACK EARLY - HAVE TO GET UP EARLY.

19

SEPTEMBER 9

19 HAD TO GET UP WITH THE BOYS AT 0345 FOR THE MISSION - I WAS OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR THE SQDN. BEFORE T.O. HE COULDN'T BUZZED

19 AROUND TO ALL THE SHIPS TO SEE IF THE CREWS WERE ALL SET. COLD AS HELL! LATER THE COL. CALLED ME IN TO HEAR HOW THE MISSION GOT OFF. HE'S SICK IN BED - HAD A LONG BULL SESSION - HE SAID, HE DIDN'T THINK I'D FINISH MY TOUR HERE

19 IN THE E.T.O. MCCARTHEY FINISHED UP TODAY. BRUCE MILLS CAME OVER THIS AFTERNOON FROM KIMBOLTON GOING TO STAY THIS EVENING.

19 HE'S GOT 25 NOW. WE BURNED FLARES IN THE STOVE - SMOOKED HELL OUT OF THE BARRACKS! DORTA RAISED THE ROOF.

SEPTEMBER 10

19 GOT UP AT 0800 FOR
BREAKFAST AFTER FREERNG
ALL NIGHT. BRUCE, MAC & I
WENT TO CHOW AND CAME
BACK AND BUILT A FIRE.
HAD A SHOWER - AGAIN OF
FOOTBALL & VOLLEY BALL IN
THE FAIRLY WARM SUN. FOUND

19 THAT WE COULD LEAVE
TOMORROW FOR THE FLAK
HOUSE - WE GET NINE DAYS OFF!
WE ARE GOING TO EYNHAM HALL
NEAR OXFORD (CLOSE TO LONDON)

THE ENLISTED MEN ARE GOING TO
KEYTHORPE HALL NEAR LEICESTER
KANIA & DELAURI WALKED ACROSS

THE RUNWAY - AN M.P. PICKED
THEM UP SO THEY'RE ON DETAIL
AND MAYBE BUSTED! THERE'S REALLY
NO EXCUSE. BRUCE CAUGHT A TRAIN
BACK TO HIS BASE.

SEPTEMBER 11

LONDON

19 UP AT 0700 WITH MAC, HOBBS
& MORRIS - BREAKFAST - PACKED
GOT A TRUCK - TOOK US TO KETTERING
TRAIN TO LONDON - HARDER

19 CAME ALONG - WE GOT SOME
SIDE'S FOR HIM. HAD TROUBLE
GETTING A ROOM - SO FINALLY
GOT SOME AT THE OFFICERS

19 BILLETING OFFICE - AT THE
STRAND PALACE HOTEL - FAIRLY
NICE ROOMS - BUT NO, LIKE
THE CUMBERLAND HAD SOME

19 DRINKS AT "RED'S PLACE" -
GOT FEELING GOOD AND WE
SPLIT UP AS USUAL. HARDER
CAUGHT THE 1000 TRAIN

19 BACK TO JOIN THE REST
OF THE E. MS IN KETTERING.
DIDN'T HIT THE SACK VERY
EARLY - GOT CAUGHT IN THE
BLACKOUT - SURE IS DARK!!

SEPTEMBER 12

19 Woke up at 0600 by two
 loud explosions - thought they
 were V-2 - but guess they
 weren't. Finally got up at 0830
 No breakfast in bed at this hotel
 so we all went to Pops Place
 for a steak. After which
 we checked up on our battle
 jackets - Mike has been sent
 out - Mac & Hobbie picked theirs
 up. We checked out of the hotel
 and caught the 1345 train for
 Oxford - Arrived at 0830
 transferred after a short wait
 to the small burg of Eynham
 got some G.I. transportation
 to the hall. Arrived in time
 for supper - what a wonderful
 full place - all kinds of
 sports - lots of room -
 not too formal!

SEPTEMBER 13

19 Louis the Butler, woke us
 up at 0900 - gave us some
 fruit juice in bed & then we
 got up for breakfast. Good!
 19 Had a game of football - then
 base ball - a round of horse
 shoes - a boat ride on the
 lake - time for lunch - another
 19 good meal then some archery
 with Mac - a game of back minton
 in which Morrie & I beat
 Mac & Hobbie. Mac & I had a
 19 game of pool - another
 boat ride - some pictures
 by that time we had to dress
 for dinner - have to take off
 19 our civies that we got this
 morn & put on our blouses
 for the evening meal -
 the only rule of the house had a
 party - got feeling good with the boys.

SEPTEMBER 14

19 GOT UP WITH A SLIGHT HEAD
ACHE AT 0900 - AFTER FRUIT
JUICE IN BED! HAD BREAKFAST
PLAYED SOME POOL & THEN A
FEW DARTS - MAC, HOBBIIE & MORRIS
FINALLY GOT UP. MAC & I WENT
BOATING OUT ON THE LAKE -
THEN CAME BACK FOR LUNCH.
AFTER LUNCH MAC, MORRIS
& I WENT OUT A SHOT ARROWS
(I'M GETTING BETTER - I ALMOST
HIT THE TARGET NOW!) WHILE
HOBBIIE CLEANED THE MESS UP
IN THE ROOM (HE WAS SICK LAST
NIGHT - TOO MUCH TO DRINK!)
LATER MORRIS & I HAD A GAME
OF BAGMINTON & MORE BOATING
FINALLY IT STARTED TO RAIN
SO WE CAME INSIDE AND PLAYED
A LITTLE CHESS - GOOD SUPPER
EARLY TO BED!

SEPTEMBER 15

19 THE USUAL FRUIT JUICE &
THEN BREAKFAST AT 0930 A
GAME OF POOL WITH MAC & HOBBIIE.
SOME ROUGH GAMES OF
BAGMINTON - MORRIS & I BEAT
HOBBIIE & MAC - SEVERAL TIMES.
A GOOD LUNCH - THEN MORRIS
& I WENT BOATING - I REGGED
UP & SAIL AND CHASED A
SWAN AROUND THE LAKE
GOT SOME PICTURES OF IT
STARTED TO RAIN SO WE HAD
TO COME INDOORS - SAT AROUND
THE FIRE PLACE - WITH SOME
GOOD MUSIC. HAD SUPPER
EARLY - WE ALL WENT TO
CORNBY DANCE - CAME BACK
EARLY - LEFT MAC - GUESS
HE MISSED THE TRUCK!

SEPTEMBER 16

19 AFTER FRUIT JUICE IN BED
I GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST AT 0900
SHOT A FEW ARROWS (I'M GETTING
BETTER!) I TOOK A FEW PICTURES

19 HOBBIE & MORRIS PLAYING
TENNIS - THEN MAC CAMING
WANDERING BACK FROM OXFORD
AFTER SPENDING A NIGHT AT

19 THE RED CROSS IN TOWN. (HE
MISSED THE TRUCK LAST NIGHT!)
WE HAD SOME GOOD APPLES FROM
THE GARDEN - THEN A DELICIOUS

19 LUNCH AND THEN SOME GOLF
(ABOUT 12 MILES FROM HERE) BEING
MY FIRST GAME, I LOST 4 BALLS
AND SHOT ONLY 5 HOLES - WHAT A

19 ROUGH COURSE!! MORRIS & HOBBIE
DID FAIR - BUT MAC & I SPENT MOST
THE TIME HUNTING FOR THE BALLS!
SAW THE SHOW HERE AT THE
HOUSE - THEN TO BED.

SEPTEMBER 17

19 FRUIT JUICE AT 1000!! ACTUALLY
IT WAS 0900 - 'CAUSE WE
CHANGED OUR WATCHES AN HOUR
BACK TO WAR TIME - SO WE GAINED
19 1 HOUR SLEEP!! MAC & I
TRIED SOME TENNIS - BUT AS
USUAL I SPENT TOO MUCH TIME
HUNTING FOR THE BALL!!

19 MORRIS & HOBBIE DO PRETTY
WELL! BUT MORRIS IS THE
BEST. WE LAID IN THE SUN - YES
SUN FOR A CHANGE! GOT SOME

19 MORE PICTURES OF THE
FELLOWS. MAC & I RAIDED
THE GARDEN AGAIN - GOOD
APPLES & PLUMS! LOTS OF

19 WILD BERRIES AROUND -
GOOD EATING. HAD A GOOD
CHICKEN DINNER - AND
A LAZY EVENING BY THE FIRE
PLACE. WROTE A COUPLE OF LETTERS

SEPTEMBER 18

19 LOUIS BROUGHT THE FRUIT JUICE AS USUAL - SO DOWN TO BREAKFAST - A QUICK LOOK AT THE NEWS PAPER - WENT OUT TO ARCH A LITTLE - MY ARM IS GETTING SKINNED UP - BUT I'M DOING BETTER. AT LEAST, MOST OF THE ARROWS

19 HIT THE TARGET, NOW. HAD A SMALL LUNCH - THEN WENT BOATING - MAC DECIDED TO SWIM - BUT FOUND THAT

19 WATER WAS PLANTY COLD - I GOT SOME INTERESTING PICTURES OF HIM!! MAC & I BIKE TO WHITNEY IN OUR

19 CIVIES - PEOPLE THOUGHT IT ODD AMER. CIVILIANS - NOT IN THE ARMY! IT WAS A NICE TOWN BUT WE HAD TO PEDDLE BREADS WE WOULDN'T MISS TEA!!

SEPTEMBER 19

19 FRUIT JUICE AT 0900 - BREAKFAST - A GAME OF SNOOKER WITH MAC - LAYED AROUND - HAD LUNCH - THEN MAC, MORRIS & I WENT HUNTING - WE GOT 3 RABBITS AND A BIRD - SAW SOME PHEASANT BUT MISSED 'EM TODAY. HAD A LOT OF FUN RUNNING DOWN THE RABBITS. MY SHOULDER IS SORE & BLACK & BLUE FROM FIRING THOSE 12 GAUGE SHOT GUNS.

WE ALSO SHOT SOME SKIEET - MAC IS DAMN GOOD, I'M NEXT & MORRIS LAST.

19 MORRIS HASN'T BEEN HUNTING WITH US YET. HAD A MOVIE TONIGHT - REALLY NICE BIG FASHY CHAIRS - GOOD MUSIC - WHAT A LIFE!!!

SEPTEMBER 20

19 FRUIT-JUICE - AND BREAKFAST
AS USUAL - WE SHOT SOME
SKEET AND THEN A GAME OF
CROWKETTE. AFTER PACKING

19 MORRIS, MAC & I HAD LUNCH
AND WENT TO THE STATION. - CAUGHT
A TRAIN TO OXFORD - HAD TO
WAIT FOR ONE TO BLECHLEY

THEN FROM THERE ANOTHER TRAIN
TO NORTHAMPTON - THEN STILL
ANOTHER TO WELLINGBOURNE -
AND THE LAST TO KETTERING.

FIVE DIFFERENT TRAINS TO GO
80 MILES. AND IT TOOK US 10 HRS!!
WHAT A DAY!! GOT THE LIBERTY
RUN BACK TO CAMP AT 2315.

THE BASE IS MUCH THE SAME.
ONE LEAD CREW WENT DOWN (SOFSTER)
THEY'RE ALL BACK EXCEPT 4 OF THE
CREW (PARKER THE BOMB WAS ONE THAT
IS THOUGHT TO BE A.P.W.)

SEPTEMBER 21

19 WOKED UP AT 0830 - MISSED
BREAKFAST - STARTED TO UNPACK
AND GET THINGS BACK TO NORMAL
HAD SEVEN LETTERS FROM BERTIE

19 THREE FROM THE FOLKS - ALSO
I GOT ONE FROM JOE MORGAN -
IT HAD TRAVELED FOR MONTHS
ALL OVER THE STATES. HE'S A

19 PILOT ON A B-24 IN ITALY.
HE'S PROBABLY HOME NOW. THE LAST
LETTER FROM BERTIE WAS FROM
THE HOSPITAL IN SALT LAKE - SHE

19 HER APPENDITIS REMOVED - I SURE
HOPE SHE'S OKAY - WISH I'D HEAR
FROM HER AGAIN SOON. I DID GET
SOME GOOD NEWS - ALL LEAD TEAMS

19 JUST HAVE 30 MISSIONS TO PUT IN!!
AS LONG AS THEY HAVE 7 LEADS!
SO THAT MEANS I HAVE ONLY 8 MORE
MISSIONS TO GO!! INSTEAD OF 13!!
HAD CLASSES ALL AFTERNOON.

SEPTEMBER 22

19 DIDNT WAKE UP EARLY ENOUGH FOR BREAKFAST - SO I D.D WITH OUT. FINALLY GOT THINGS STRAIGHT OUT AROUND THE BARRACKS. SIGNED 912 PAY VOUCHERS - WE GET \$11.25 FOR OUR FLAK LEAVE! I REGISTERED MY BUICK - HAD A MEETING ON FROST BITE. ALSO FOUND THAT I 191 AM A FLIGHT COMMANDER - WHICH MEANS - UNDER THE NEW DEAL - THAT I'VE A LOT TO KEEP ME BUSY. I HAVE 6 CREWS TO LOOK AFTER - ALL THEIR TRAINING PRACTICE BOMBING, CHECKING THEM OUT - ETC. THERE ARE THREE FLIGHTS IN OUR SQDN. I HAVE "A" 19 FLIGHT. OUR GROUP 200 MISSION PARTY IS TOMORROW AND WE ARE STOOD DOWN THE 24TH!! SO IT SHOULD BE A BIG TIME!!! WROTE TO BECKMANN & TOLSON.

SEPTEMBER 23

19 GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST - CLEANED UP MY BUNK A LITTLE. SUPPOSE TO HAVE AN INSPECTION CALLED DOWN TO OPERATIONS T19 PRACTICE BOMB. HOBBIER, MORRIS, DE LAURI, LAY & A COPILOT FLEW. WE DROPPED 20 BOMBS FROM 16,000' CAME BACK FROM THE "WASH" IN TIME FOR LUNCH. GOOD THING I WAS UP 'CAUSE THERE WAS A GROUP PRACTICE FORMATION THIS AFTERNOON - AND I WAS TO LEAD ONE OF THE GROUPS. WE WERE SUPPOSE TO BE STOOD DOWN TOMORROW - BUT NOW WE ARE ALERTED MAX. EFFORT S19 I'M OUT OF LUCK FOR THE PARTY TONIGHT, I GUESS. HAD TO CLEAN UP FOR THE DINNER - HAD A STEAK - COL. BUCK IS LEAVING - REALLY A SWELL GUY.

SEPTEMBER 24

19 Woke up at about noon time with a dreadful headache!!! NEVER AGAIN!! NEVER! At 2230 LAST NIGHT - IT CAME IN T¹⁹ WE WERE STOOD DOWN FOR TODAY - SO MORRIS & I PROCEEDED TO CATCH UP WITH EVERYONE ELSE - WE DID - THEN WENT TO SLEEP ON BY!! MAC & I STAGGERED HOME AT 0100 - HAD A FLAK LECTURE AND HIT THE SACK. THE PARTY WAS ONE BIG DRUNK!! EVERYONE FROM THE CO. TO POTS WERE PLASTERED. HAD THREE GENERALS ON THE FIELD! GEN. WILLIAMS SAID WE WERE IN THE BEST W¹⁹ C (41st) IN THE 8th AIR FORCE!! LAID IN THE SACK ALL DAY WITH ONE HELLUVA HEADACHE! - FINALLY HAD DINNER MY FIRST AND LAST MEAL ALL DAY - COLD AS HELL IN THE BARRACKS SAW THE USO SHOW TONIGHT.

No. 23 - ROUGH ONE!

SEPTEMBER 25

8:00

FRANKFURT

28,000'

19 WE WERE AWAKEN AT 02:30 - PRE-BRIEFING, BREAKFAST - GENERAL BRIEFING FOR THE THIRD LARGEST INLAND PORT IN GERMANY - FRANKFURT. THE VISUAL TARGET WAS THE MARSHALLING YARDS - PRE THE CENTRE OF THE CITY. WE HIT THE PRE TARGET (WE HOPE!) HAD 10/10 IFLEW WITH BOOSKA - HIGH GROUP LEAD. REALLY HAD A ROUGH TIME. FLAK WAS MODERATE BUT ACCURATE SAW A ^(TWO HOLES) "17" FROM OUR FIELD GET A DIRECT HIT IN THE WAIST - IT CLIPPED OFF THE ENTIRE TAIL AND THE SHIP WENT STRAIGHT DOWN. ON THE WAY BACK WE RAN HEAD ON INTO SEVERAL B-24 GROUPS ONE OF OUR SHIPS KNOCKED A VERT. FIN OFF THE "24" - RIPPED THE BOTTOM OF THE WING ON THE "17" - BUT IT FLEW →

SEPTEMBER 26

CONT. SEPT. 25.

¹⁹ BARK OKAY. WE HAD SEVERAL CLOSE CALLS - OUR DEPUTY CAME PLenty CLOSE QUOTE. I DIDN'T TRY TO WELL - EVERYTHING WAS A MESS. ¹⁹ BOSSICA SAID I DID OKAY THO. I HAD MY WHOLE CREW PLUS LITURICA IN THE TAIL - OLSON WAS A WASTON. WOKE UP FOR BREAKFAST WHEN THEY CALLED THEM OUT FOR THE MISSION AT 0730. HOBBIET & MAC FLEW. HOBBIET WAS CHECKED OUT AS WING NAVIGATOR. MAC FLEW WITH KOOH AS DEPUTY WING. I WENT TO BRIEFING - PICKED UP MY PEN AT THE P.X. FOR 216 - TURNED IN TWO ROLLS OF FILM TO BE DEVELOPED. WROTE TO BERTIE. WE GATHERED WOOD & STOLE SOME COAL FOR A FIRE TONIGHT. BY THE WAY HOBBIET IS A 1ST LT. NOW!

SEPTEMBER 27

¹⁹ GOT UP FOR BRIEFING TO ⁰²³⁰ SEE THE BOYS OFF. I WAS DUTY OFFICER. I CHECKED ALL THE CREWS - AT THE LAST MINUTE I ¹⁹ HAD TO GET HARDER AS TOGGLER FOR BILLS CREW. DANTON WAS DUTY BOMB. SO THE TWO OF US WERE RUNNING ALL OVER THE FIELD IN THE JEEP. FINALLY - BROWN WAS TAKEN INTO BY ANOTHER SHIP. KNOCKED THE NOSE RIGHT OFF HIS SHIP. A FELLOW WAS RUN OVER BY A TRUCK TOO. SO DAMN DARK THIS MORN. SAT AROUND IN OPERATIONS - GOT SOME MORE ROBB ON BEING A FLIGHT COM. I'M ASST. GROUP OPS. OFFICER TONIGHT FROM 0800 'TIL 0730. GUESS I WON'T GET ANY SLEEP.

SEPTEMBER 28

19 PICKED UP TWO HRS. SLEEP
DURING THE NIGHT. - THE REST
OF THE TIME I WAS BUSY
PREPARING THE AIR COMMANDERS
FOLDERS FOR TODAY'S MISSION.
I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT OPERATIONS.
AT 0730 I WAS FINISHED SO
I HIT THE SACK ALL DAY.
THEN THIS AFTERNOON GASTON
CAME IN ON CRUTCHES - SURE
GLAD TO SEE HIM. HE'S AT
A HOSPITAL AT LINCOLN - ABOUT
THE SHIP HOME HE HAD DINNER
WITH COL. SMITH - AND HAS
TRANSPORTATION WHEN HE WANTS
IT. HE'S SURE IN HIGH SPIRITS!
WE RUSTLED SOME MORE
WOOD TONIGHT - HAVE A GOOD
FIRE FOR A CHANGE.

SEPTEMBER 29

19 GOT UP EARLY! 0730 - BREAKFAST
- WENT DOWN TO OPS. ARRANGED
FOR A SHIP (OUR SHIP - 149)
TO TAKE GASTON BACK TO THE
HOSPITAL UP BY LINCOLN. WE
GOT OFF AT 1000 - LANDED
AT SKELLINGTHORPE - ARRANGED
WITH THE RAF. THERE TO HAVE
HIM TAKEN TO HIS HOSP. THEY
FURNISHED A LORRY - WITH A
NICE RED-HEAD DRIVER (A WAAF)!
HE WAS REALLY PLEASED - HIS LAST
FLIGHT WITH US - THE WHOLE
CREW PLUS OUR CREW CHIEF -
RUKAVINA - THE FIELD HAD LANCASTERS
ON IT - REALLY LARGE SHIPS!
19 WITH MAX BOMB LOAD 14000#!!
THEY'RE FIELDS ARE SURE ROUGH!
HAD A CRITIQUE LATER & THEN A
PARADE IN HONOR OF COL. BUCK.
WROTE TO BERNIE - NO LETTER FROM HER.

IN SIX DAYS.

SEPTEMBER 30

19 WOKE UP AT 0800 - THE BOYS
WENT OUT ON A MISSION THIS
MORNING - WENT TO BREAKFAST
- WAS CALLED DOWN TO OPS. WITH
MR. CREW TO FLY COL. SMITH TO
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. TO PICK UP
MAJOR FRINK WHO LANDED THERE
A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. AFTER
WE GOT DOWN THERE THE COL.
DECIDED NOT TO TAKE A LEAD
TEAM. SO WE DIDN'T GO!! PARKER
IS BREAKING ME IN ON BEING
OPS. OFFICER. I SPENT ALL AFTERNOON
DOWN AT OPS. GETTING THE POOP.
IF I WORK DOWN THERE DAILY I MAY
GET CHECKED OUT IN ONE OF
THE A-31'S WE HAVE DOWN HERE.
GOT A LETTER FROM THE FOLKS -
SAID DICK ELLIOT JR. IS A PRISONER
OF WAR IN JAPAN NOW!

OCTOBER 1

19 WOKE UP AT 0730 - HAD
BREAKFAST - WENT DOWN TO
OPERATIONS - THE COL. INFORMED
ME TO GET ALL THE LEAD
TEAMS IN THE AIR SO WE
ALL FLEW. I WENT TO BREST
SANDS IN A BRAND NEW SHIP
AT 20,000 FT. THE HEATER DIDN'T
WORK SO WE REALLY FROZE.
MR. HOBBS & MORRIS WERE ALONG
DROPPED SOME PRACTICE BOMBS CAME
BACK FOR LUNCH. AFTER LUNCH
I FLEW AGAIN - AS AIR COMMANDER
OF A FOUR SHIP FORMATION - I
FLEW WITH SMENAN'S CREW - GIVING
HIM SOME POOP ON GOOD LEAD.
19 PARKER SAID I MAY BE CHECKED
OUT AS AIR COMMANDER SOON - WHAT
NEXT? DARN NO LETTER FROM
BERTIE IN 8 DAYS NOW!!

No. 24 ROUGH AS ALL HELL!

COLOGNE, GERMANY

OCTOBER 2

7:40

19 UP FOR PREBRIEFING - BREAKFAST
OPEN BRIEFING ALL FOR THE RUNE
VALLEY!! I HAD MY COMPLETE CREW
PLUS LT. GIBSON AS MICKEY OPERATOR
I FLEW AS DEPUTY WING LEAD - UNTIL
MAJOR BEAN ABORTED OVER THE
FIELD DURING ASSEMBLY - THAT
PUT ME AT THE LEAD OF THE
WHOLE SHOW (36 SHIPS!) - THE
BOMBING WAS TO BE G.H. AND I HAD
A PFF SHIP SO I HAD THE HIGH
GROUP TAKE OVER NEAR THE I.P.
SINCE THE LOW GROUPS G.H. WAS OUT.
WE STARTED ONE RUN HI. GDS. G.H. WENT
OUT SO WE STARTED A 360 TO THE
RIGHT. THE HI. GD. LEAD US ALL THE WAY
TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. (LOST I THINK)
SO I TOOK OVER THE LEAD - AND MADE
A PFF RUN ON THE CITY OF COLOGNE
(VISUAL WAS A FORD PLANT) - WE REALLY

CONT!

OCTOBER 3

19 HIT THE MARSHALLS YARDS! FLAK WAS
REALLY INTENSE & ACCURATE. OUR MICKEY
SET WAS KNOCKED OUT SO HOBBIER HAD
TO D.R. U.S. BACK - DAMN GOOD JOB!!
19 WE LOST 4 ENG. AND IT WOULDN'T
FEATHER - CONTROL CABLES FOR ELEV.
TAB WERE CUT. HARPER WAS HIT ON
A KNUCKLE - HOBBIER WAS KNOCKED DOWN
19 A HELLUVA HOLE ABOUT MORRIS'S HEAD.
GOT BACK OKAY - FOUND THAT WE HAD
OVER 60 HOLES IN THE OUTER LEFT
WING PANEL PLUS 50 MORE IN THE
19 REST OF THE SHIP! COL. SMITH &
COL. THACKER SAID IT WAS A GOOD SHOW!!
WHAT A DAY & A REAL WORK OUT!!
OCT. 3. DOWN AT OPS. MOST OF THE DAY -
THE FLIGHT COMMANDER STUFF IS RUNNING
INTO WORK. HAVE TO MAKE INSPECTIONS TOO!
I'M DUTY OFFICER AT GROUP TONIGHT
FROM 1800' TILL 0730 TOMORROW. HOBBIER
MORRIS WERE ON DUTY TOO! FINALLY HEARD FROM
BERRY!

OCTOBER 4

19 | GOT OFF DUTY AT 0730 THIS MORN. WORKED ALL NIGHT ON THE MISSION FOR TODAY - ALONG WITH HOBBIY & MORRIS - BUT AFTER ALL OUR WORLZ THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED AT ENGINE TIME!! RAIN A LITTLE - I SLEPT UNTIL NOON - GOT UP FOR LUNCH WENT DOWN TO OPS. GOT SOME MORE POOP - CAPT. BOOSKA IS NOW C.O. OF THE 544TH SQDN. - CAPT. VINNEDGE OF THE 546 IS OUR NEW OPS OFFICER. A NICE FELLOW. SINCE THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED I'M ON DUTY AGAIN TONIGHT AT GROUP OPS. FROM 1800 TIL 0730!!

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OCTOBER 5

19 | GOT OFF DUTY EARLY THIS MORN AT 0630. WORKED AGAIN ALL NIGHT ON TODAY'S MISSION. AND HOBBIY & MORRIS DID THE SAME. ~~SEER~~!!
19 SLEPT TILL NOON. HAD A QUICK SHOWER - GOT MY RATIOS FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. AND BACK DOWN TO OPS. HARDER FLEW WITH LEVINE AS TOGGLER ON THE MISSION TO COLOGNE TODAY. I FLEW SOME SLOW TIME FROM 2000 TIL 2300 TONIGHT.
19 HAD WOODWORTH & DUDOCKS RADIO OPER. ALONG. SURE DARE HERE AT NIGHT!!

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OCTOBER 6

19 GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST - WENT
DOWN TO OPS. - GOT SOME BOYS IN
MY FLIGHT OUT TO ARMAMENT FOR
SOME GUN CHECKS. HARPER
FLEW AGAIN TODAY AS TOGGLER
FOR OWENS TO A TARGET NORTH
OF BERLIN. HAD A LECTURE ON
G.H. BOMBING TODAY. ALSO SAID THAT
THEY WERE GOING TO PUT G.H. IN
PFF SHIPS - WHICH IS A GOOD
DEAL. NO SHIPS AVAILABLE SO
NO PRACTICE BOMBING TODAY - TO
MUCH BATTLE DAMAGE LATELY!!

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NO. 25 ALONG RIDE ON FLAK!

RUHLAND, GERMANY

OCTOBER 7

9:40

19 GOT UP AT 0230 FOR PRE-BRIEFING
- BREAKFAST - THEN GENERAL BRIEFING
FOR A OIL PLANT 65 MILES BEYOND
LEIPZIG. I FLEW LEAD OF THE LOW
19 GROUP WITH CAPT. VINNEDER AS
AIR COMMANDER. WE HAD FLAK ON
THE WAY IN AND ON THE WAY OUT IN
SEVERAL SPOTS. IT WASN'T TOO
19 ACCURATE, HAD LITTLE BATTLE
DAMAGE. WE LOST AN ENGINE
OVER THE TARGET (MECH. FAILURE)
SO WE CAME BACK ON THREE ENG.
19 EXPECTED BANDITS BUT GOT
NONE! LOST ONE SHIP TO FLAK
OUT OF THE LEAD GROUP. WE
MISSED THE TARGET - HAD CLOUDS
19 + SMOKE SCREEN OVER TARGET.
WAS SURE ALONG THE
MISSION! HARPER DIDN'T FLY WITH
US - HAS A SORE BACK. LOST THE LEAD
GROUP OVER TARGET SO CAME HOME WITH
THE HQ GROUP ON TO US.

OCTOBER 8

19 GOT UP FOR BREAKFAST
SPENT THE MORNING AT OPS.
ARRANGED FOR A PRACTICE FORM.
AFTER THE MISSION WAS SCHEDULED.
1 FLEW AS AIR COMMANDER OF
THE 12 SHIP FORMATION. I FLEW
WITH ROWE - KINDA CHECKING
HIM OUT FOR LEAD. WE HAD
BAD WEATHER - ON RETURN WE
HAD A 300 FT CEILING! SO IT
WAS ROUGH FINDING THE
FIELD. LAY CHECKED OUT A NEW
RADIO OPERATOR. WE'RE GETTING
A 48 HR. PASS TOMORROW. GUESS
I'LL HIT THE JACK. STILL
TIRED FROM YESTERDAY'S
MISSION!

LONDON

OCTOBER 9

19 GOT UP EARLY - BREAKFAST
CLEANED UP FOR TOWN. GOT A
RIDE TO TOWN ALONG WITH HOBBS,
MAC & MORRIS. CAUGHT THE 0905
19 TRAIN FOR LONDON - NATURALLY
IT HAD TO RAIN! WE HUNTED AROUND
FOR A ROOM - FINALLY ENDED UP
AT THE REINDEER RED CROSS CLUB.
19 A FAIRLY NICE ROOM. BOY -
LONDON - IS SURE CROWDED
NOW!! WENT TO THE CINEMA
- SAW A GOOD PICTURE! HAD A
19 GOOD DINNER AT THE RED CROSS
CLUB - HAD ANOTHER CHINESE
DINNER LATER - WITH A FEW
DRINKS ON THE SIDE. GOT IN
19 BED FAIRLY EARLY. HEARD
TWO BUZZ BOMBS - BUT THEY
LANDED A MILE OR SO AWAY.

OCTOBER 10

19 UP FAIRLY EARLY - BREAKFAST
AT THE REINDEER RED CROSS CLUB
MAC & I WENT SHOPPING - BUT
BOUGHT NOTHING - FOUND SOME

19 "DAMASK" LINEN - FOR \$65 FOR
6 NAPKINS & A TABLE CLOTH - TOO
MUCH MONEY! HAD A STEAK AT
POP'S PLACE - SHOPPED A LITTLE
MORE - ENDED UP AT THE NEW
LYRIC CLUB DRINKING (CLOSE TO)
THE AMER. TOM COLLINS. - FINALLY
WENT DOWN FOR ANOTHER

19 STEAK AND THEN MAC, NOBBIE &
MORRIS & I WENT TO THE DUCHESSES
THEATER SAW "BLITHE SPIRIT" - PRETTY
GOOD! WANDERED AROUND IN THE

19 BLACK OUT FINALLY FOUND THE
RED CROSS CLUB, HAD A SNACK AND
TO BED.

OCTOBER 11

19 WE GOT UP AT 0730 - HAD BREAKFAST
AT THE REINDEER RED CROSS CLUB -
CAUGHT THE 0905 TRAIN BACK
FOR KETTERING WITH NOBBIE, MAC, &

19 MORRIS. MET HARDER, KANIA & DELAURE
IN KETTERING - GOT A CAB OUT
TO THE BASE BEFORE 1200.

HAD TWO LETTERS FROM BERTIE.

19 THE BOYS CAME BACK FROM A ROUGH
ONE OVER COLONGE. LEVINE WENT
DOWN - (IN MY SHIP, TOO) (149) DIRECT
HITS BY FLAK!! LOST TWO OTHER

19 SHIPS AND SINE BROUGHT A DEAD
GUNNER BACK ON HIS FIRST MISSION!
I WROTE TO BERTIE & THE FOLKS
HAD A SHOWER - AND IN THE SAC

19 EARLY.

OCTOBER 12

19 UP AT 0430 - BREAKFAST -
HAD TO CHECK SHIPS WITH MORRIS
FOR THE MISSION. AFTER STATIONS
TIME I HAD TO GET OLSON UP
TO¹⁹ FLY FOR A WAIST GUNNER WHO
REFUSED TO FLY. GOT HIM OUT
THEIR BEFORE T.O. BUT HE DIDN'T
GET ANY BREAKFAST. MAC FLEW
WITH SINE. ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER
T.O. THE MISSION WAS SCRUBBED.
HOBBS, MAC, LAY & I FLEW OVER
TO A NEARBY FIELD TO PICK UP A
CREW. I CHECKED MAC OUT ON
THE LEFT SEAT & AURAL NULL.
THE REST OF THE DAY I'VE BEEN
DOWN AT OPERATIONS - WORKING!
GOTTA FLY WITH KELLER TONIGHT
TO SHOOT LANDINGS. I LANDED
ABOUT 2230 - HIT THE SACK.
MAJOR FRINK CRIED ON MORRIS &
I FOR NOT SALUTING H.M.

OCTOBER 13

19 | GOT UP AT 0830 FOR BREAKFAST
- THEN DOWN TO OPS. THE MISSION
HAD BRIEFING THEN IT WAS SCRUBBED
I WAS BUSY IN OPS UNTIL
19 1330 - THEN I WENT OUT
TO SHOOT SKET WITH THE
CREW & CAPT. GARRISON & MARQUARDT
KANIA & HARPER WERE BEST -
19 MORRIS & I WORSE. I PINCHED
MY THUMB ON ONE OF THE
GUNS - SUZE SORE TONIGHT.
I WROTE TO BERTIE. I HUNG
19 AROUND OPS THIS AFTERNOON
- RAINED & COLD AS HELL!!

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OCTOBER 14

19 Up at 0730 Breakfast -
Went down to Ops. At 0830 -
Spent the whole day working
down there. I thought I was
Tired. At 1900 - Headed for
the Barracks - And then
Major Frank started raising
hell because no one was
flying at night - So - I had
to get Hobbes Mac & Lay -
and we went on a night
X-country - down to Oxford
up to Coventry and return.
Landed at 2330 - Had a letter
from Bertie No 51 - Boy I sure
enjoy her letters - Wish I had
time to write to her more often.

OCTOBER 15

19 Got up at 0230 to check
ships on the mission with
Morris. Nobody to relieve me
so I had to stay at Ops. until
noon! Didn't get but 3 hours
sleep last night - And Ops.
kept me busy as hell. After
lunch I hit the sack - But
they got me up at 1800
to check Brown out on
night landings. So I flew
with Brown - shot some
5000 Landings - I didn't
get back to the sack
until midnight!

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OCTOBER 16

19 I SLEPT IN UNTIL 0900 -
MISSED BREAKFAST - HAD A
CRITIQUE AT 1000 OF THE PAST
6 MISSIONS. COL. SMITH IS

19 LEAVING SOON - SO WE MET
THE NEW C.O. IT RAINED MOST
THE DAY - I STAYED CLEAR OF
OPS. - HAD A MEETING OF THE

19 SQDN. MAJ. FRINK STATED
THE POLICIES HE DESIRED.
HE IS DEFINITELY VERY STRICT.
I FINALLY ENDED UP FLYING WITH

19 MAC & LT. WILSON (ANOTHER CPilot)
I CHECKED THEM BOTH OUT AS
1ST PILOTS. WE HAD A MEETING
ON P.W. PROCEDURE AT 2000

19 TONIGHT - I GUESS THE BOYS ARE
GIVING TOO MUCH INFORMATION OUT
IN DULAG LUFFE.

OCTOBER 17

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No. 26 KNOCKED OUT OF FORMATION!

COLOGNE, GERMANY OCTOBER 18 27,000' 7:05

19 GOT UP EARLY FOR PRE BRIEFING AND BREAKFAST. - GOING BACK TO COLOGNE. MY FIRST WING LEAD - FLYING WITH MAJOR FRINK A13 AIR COMMANDER. HAD LT. WASSER A3 G.H. NAVIG. & LT. FURIGA AS TAIL OBSERVER. I DID FAIRLY WELL ON ASSEMBLY - WEATHER GAVE US A BAD TIME ASSEMBLED AT 26,000'. COPILOTS & BOMBARDIER'S OXYGEN DRAINED - SO THEY HAD TO USE WALK AROUNDS. WE STARTED ON THE G.H. BOMB RUN - LOST THE SIGNAL SO WE MADE A 180 STARTED UPWIND ON A PFF RUN WITH THE DEPUTY LEADING - DROPPED OUR BOMBS AND WE TOOK OVER AGAIN - DID LOTS OF EVASIVE ACTION - BUT WE WERE H.T. IN NO. 3 & THE PROP RAN

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OCTOBER 18

19 AWAY AND THE RIGHT WHEEL DROPPED SO WE SLOWED UP AND THE FORMATION WENT ON BY US - JUST MISSED US TOO!
19 COULDN'T FEATHER NO. 3 SO WE GOT 3 P-51'S TO ESCORT US HOME. OLSON CRANKED UP THE RIGHT WHEEL & WE FLEW AT 130 MPH TO CUT DOWN THE SPEED OF THE WIND MILLING PROP. WE DROPPED DOWN TO 3000' AND HEAD FOR FRIENDLY TERRITORY ON THE WAY DOWN. STARTED FOR THE NARROW PART OF THE CHANNEL BUT RAN INTO A BAD STORM NEAR CALAIS. OUR GAS WAS GETTING LOW SO WE TURNED AROUND AND HEAD FOR BRUSSELS - FOUND

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OCTOBER 21 18

19 AN AIRFIELD STARTED TO
CIRCLE IT WHEN NO. 3 PROP
FLEW OFF, TOOK A HUNK OUT
OF THE FUSELAGE, BELOW THE

19 COPILOTS FEET & LANDED ON
SOME HOUSES. - THE ENG. WAS
ON FIRE & ALL THE COWLING
CAME OFF. SO I WHEELED

19 AROUND AND LANDED PRONTO
DIDN'T EXPECT THE RIGHT LANDING
GEAR TO HOLD UP, BUT IT DID.

HAD EVERY ONE IN THE RADIO ROOM
IN 19 CRASH POSITIONS. A SMALL FIELD

BUT WE MADE IT OKAY. AFTER
UNLOADING THE SHIP (262) WE
LOADED THE STUFF INTO A TRUCK

19 AND WENT TO ANOTHER NEARBY
FIELD (Saw an ~~FW~~ FW. 190 & A
JU 88 ON THE GROUND) MADE ARRANGEMENTS
AND LOADED INTO A C-47

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OCTOBER 21 18

19 AND HEADED BACK TO ENGLAND
LANDED AT HODDINGTON AND 3 HRS
LATER A TRUCK FROM OUR FIELD

PICKED US UP AND HAULED US
HOME - FINALLY ARRIVED BACK
AT THE FIELD AT MIDNIGHT
ALL OF US DEAD TIRED. MAC

19 WAS SWEARING US OUT. - TOLD
ME THAT I WAS NOW A CAPT. !!
WHAT A SURPRISE! EARLY IN

THE EVENING HE AS COPILOT
FOR HICKS LANDED & THE

LEFT GEAR FOLDED UP ON
LANDING. IT WAS A PERF SHIP
AND THEY STOPPED JUST OUT

SIDE OF OPERATIONS!!
19 WHAT A LONG LONG DAY
THIS WAS !!!

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OCTOBER 22

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OCTOBER 23

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NOVEMBER 19

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NO. 27 BAD WEATHER 6:40
NOVEMBER 20
MUNSTER GERMANY 25-30,000'

19 UP FOR PREBRIEFING AT 0430
BREAKFAST (FROZEN EGGS) & GENERAL
BRIEFING FOR GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY.

AS PRIMARY - MUNSTER SECONDARY &
19 PFF. WE HAD A PFF SHIP OUR

DEPUTY A G.H. SHIP. NO TROUBLE
UNTIL WE HIT HOLLAND - AND
THEN A WALL OF SOLID CLOUD -

19 WE CLIMBED TO GO OVER IT -
GOT TO 30,000' IT WAS STILL
20-30,000' ABOVE US SO WE
WENT ON IN THE SOUP - LOST

19 OUR DEPUTY AND THREE OTHER
SHIPS DO TO POOR VISIBILITY.

WE DROPPED PFF ON THE SECONDARY
AND GOT THE HELL OUT OF THERE

19 SAW NO FLAK!! GOT BACK
TO THE BASE & HAD DAMN POOR
VIS. TO LAND IN BUT MADE IT
OKAY. LOGGED 4:00 INSTRUMENTS
OUT OF 640 TOTAL TIME! →

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NOVEMBER 21

19 FLEW WITH MAS. FEINIK
AS AIR COMMANDER - HOBBIER,
MORRIS, DELAUDI, LAY, HARPER
& KANIA - PLUS MONADO

19 AS 2ND NAVIG., LUCYSHYN AS
MICKEY OPER., & HORAN AS OBS.

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NOVEMBER 22

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No. 28 MILKRUN !!!

NOVEMBER 25

9:25

MERESBURG, GERMANY 27,500

19 UP FOR PRE-BRIEFING - TWO
FLIGHT PLANS A - MERESBURG B -
FRANKFURT. WE FLEW WITH MAJ.
HUTCHINSON - HAD LT. SAETO AS

19 MIKEY OPERATE - (KNOWN TO BE THE
BEST IN THE 8TH AIRFORCE!) HAD
LT. PETERSON AS OBSERVER - WITH
ORSON & KANIA - IN THE WASTIE.

19 AT TAKE OFF THEY TOLD US IT WAS
PLAN "A" SO WE REALLY EXPECTED
FIGHTERS - BUT SAW NONE EXCEPT
FOR ONE SET "CON" TRAIL. WE

19 FLEW RIGHT ON TOP OF ANOTHER
GROUP ON THE BOMB RUN SO WE
GOT NO FLAK!! WE HIT THE
TARGET PERF. REALLY A NICE

19 MISSION NOT TRICKLE TO SPEAK
OF. WE LANDED AT ABBOTT'S RAPIDON
DO TO BAD WEATHER AT THE HOME
FIELD. WE STAYED THERE THE WHOLE

NOVEMBER 26

19 NIGHT - INTENTS - FIRE
TO DEATH - FOOD WAS OKAY. -
WE FLEW ~~THE~~ BACK TO THE BASE
THE NEXT DAY. MAJ. HUTCHINSON
19 SEEMS LIKE A GOOD JOE.
HE'S TO TAKE MAJ. FRANK'S
PLACE - WHEN HE MOVES
TO WING.

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