

April 20, 1944
Target - Cherbourg, France
Bomb load 12-500 lb. 2-1000 lb.
TD 1100 ETA 1545
APRIL 20 11. Cherbourg, Fr.

19 Thurs.

We had a pretty soft one to-day and we didn't have to get up in the middle of the night either. 19th last night they Bostoned the mission and this afternoon we went on a no-bell. We tried out something new. we had wing racks and carried 1000 lb. 19th bombs on them plus 12,500 in the bay. This was the heaviest load we had had to date. We hit some rocket installations in France and 19th was only a short burst of anti-air and we met very little flak. I would like to have 19 more like this one. Oh, yes, they came over 19th last night and dropped a few bombs close to here. That's the second night in a row.

APRIL 21

19 Fri.

We started on another one today but because of the weather we turned back. We were supposed to hit Leipzig

19 again. The overcast was really bad today. 4 forts were lost because of it. The prices are really getting high this time over early

19 this morning. I must have been a 5d. 88 or 188 and it dropped 3 bonds near no. 5 gate and it also dropped one of it

19 had stands. Heard from J. Trigg today.

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Monday April 24
Target ^{German} ~~German~~
Band led 6-1000 APRIL 24
TD 0420 ETA 1430 13. Friedrichshaven

1900 Mon.

Went on another one today. It wasn't too bad we got attacked by fighters and they came through so fast it wasn't

19 even funny. It must have been a suicide bunch because we had good fighter cover. and they really took after them I don't think they got by the

19 P-51 and P-47. The only real bad flock we had was at the target 90 guns we got two hits on through the fuel tank and one in the 4 engine. Wilson's crew went

19 to Sutz. They had 2 engine quit on em. We went right over Lake Constance and we were only 3 miles from Sutz. we were in plane sight of the Alps. There

19 were about 7 planes that went by. Last time we went to Augsburg some more crews also took off for Sutz. a good deal.

APRIL 25

19 Tues.

This is another one of those
days when we rest up. I have
few more missions. I got a
letter from T. Scully. He is in
England. I wrote him and
gave him my location. He finally
got it. I also got myself a
cable house after I got out of
cable.

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April 28, 1944
Target Cherbourg
Ba lead G-1000

TD 1300 ETA 1810

APRIL 28¹⁶. Cherbourg FR.

¹⁹Fri.

Another shot on today but these
short ones are getting rougher
than the long ones or far as

¹⁹black goes. it seems as if
they are bringing all their
black guns to the coast. There
were 32 guns over the target today
¹⁹and if you went off course you
got 90 guns bearing on you.

We got some bad news tonight.
They are going to send our crew
¹⁹to a P.F.P. school. Now it will take
a little longer to finish our mission
but we will get a lot more rest.
and also we won't be going on any
¹⁹more milk runs it will be just the
longest for us. We also have to leave
Jim and Bob behind.

APRIL 29

19 Sab.

Well we got here and no one seems to know what its all about.

We were surprised when they sent us
19 due to the 96 P.G. I went over to see

C. Suesmon and R. Corfalo. tonight

There is another crew in the lhd.

with us they came from the 336.

19 We didn't get to pass we were

supposed to get and now we

don't know when we will get on

next pass. We will pick up another

19 navigator here. and every time we

go on a mission there will be boys

flying with us. They went to Berlin

again to-day and they had it pretty

19 rough.

MAY 18

19 Thurs.

Paris to London

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Bomb load 4-500 2 bombs
TD 430 ETA 1440

MAY 19

19. Berlin

19 FRI.

Another one to the big "B" again.
We started out as deputy lead
again but the lead P.F.F. aborted
and we took over. Lots of black
over the target but not very accurate.
We didn't get any attacks on the
way in but we got them on the
way out. out around Rosetok.
Plenty of action. It seems
that we always get the dirty
end of the stick. We were alerted
night after night we came back from
our pass. Didn't even give us
a chance to get rested up.

19 Quite a coincidence we started
our tour on the 19 of March and today
is the 19 and we put in our
19d. mission

Bank load 4-500 2 more

TD0730 * ETA 1315 MAY 20 Brussels Bel.

19 Sat.

Another one today. We didn't think they had nerve enough to do it but they did. No sooner had we gone to bed last nite when the C.P. came around at 10:00 and told us to get ready for briefing. We felt pretty bad we ~~19~~ slept but now that we got another one in we're glad we slept considering the short trip. We expected to go on another one into France & Belgium. Yesterday they knocked down 30 tons to a loss of 119 junks

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19 Sun.

Just rested up to day. Slept until noon. Wrote some letters in the afternoon.

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TD0345 ETA 1235

JUNE 15

23. HANOVER

19 Thurs.

Another one today. A little rough as far as black went. Never saw such heavy black in a long time. The heaviest we ever got hit. We had 41 holes it looked like a hunk of Swiss cheese. Our interphone was cut and No. 2

19 was hit. They got us up at 12:45 and we took off at 3:45. We heard the Luftwaffe coming for us at Berlin. We had to come back by ourselves. We had some 47 to help us back.

JUNE 16

19 Fri.

We were alerted again last night but they called it off. We are catching up on our sleep

19 Hay fever is knocking hell out of me. The major called us in today and wanted to know what we planned to do

19 after we finished our tour. We are all thinking of putting in for another 30.

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JUNE 17

19 Sat.

They alerted us last night.
We got up at 12:30 and we
were scheduled to take off at
19 3:45. At 3:30 they postponed
the mission. Slept most of the
day.

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MISBURG

12415 ETA 1210 JUNE 18 24. HANOVER

19 Sun.

Another one today. We went
just a little south of Harper. It
wasn't too bad. We led the wing
again. We aren't getting any
sleep nights now. Got us up
at 12:30. As long as we have
been on operations I don't

19 believe we have missed a mission
on a Sunday. We still haven't
decided whether to sign up for
another 30. Missions are up to
19 35 now.

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JUNE 19

19 Mon.

Same stay slept until
noon and then looked around
in the afternoon. We still haven't

¹⁹ decided whether to sign
up for another 30 or not. They
raised it to 75 already.

Most likely we will go on

¹⁹ another one to-morrow.

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TD #30 ETA 1315

JUNE 20

Fallersleben

25. Brunswick

19 Tues.

Another one today. The whole 84
was out today to look the ship out
they really did a good job on all
19 the targets. We went north of Brunswick
and we could see fire all over
from Hannover to Hamburg. We had a
little black but the sky over Hannover
19 was black with the stuff. We saw
a few fighters but our escort
took care of them. Some of the
groups were hit pretty hard we
19 lost 45 planes today.

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TD 0430 ETA 1340

JUNE 21

Bardarb
26. Berlin

19 Wed

Another one today. This one
to the big Bagan. We hit just 12 mi
from the center of the city. As usual
there was plenty of flock and
fighters. Today they also took
off on the shuttle run to
Russia. Too bad we couldn't

19 make it. Tony was grounded
and we have in a new Mikey
man. Tony also got his first
mission on a Berlin raid.

19 Connors did a good job of
bombing.

JUNE 22

19 Thurs.

Resting up to day. It seems
all we do is rest up around
here. Except when we fly.

19 Not a bad life. If they
didn't shoot at you when
you went over to bomb a
target. Got a letter from

19 Seaman. saying that Jerry Boyer
was missing in action as of May.
Hope he is ok. Konezil always
wrote and said that Triggs
was in the San Diego Hospital
also. B. Burke got a discharge

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Tactical Support No 11

TD 0415 ETA 1130

JUNE 23

27. No Ball
No port.

19 Fri.

Another one today. Didn't expect to ever go on one like this again. Went on just a 19 tactical mission. We supposed to hit a bridge. We couldn't find it. so we turned from looking for a target. It was

19 all cloudy and we couldn't bomb P.F.F. so we brought our bombs back. We took off at 4:15 and we didn't get

19 back until 11:30. Saw the beachhead for the first time.

There were so many boats in one spot. It seems there were

19 more boats than water. Manger went down at Belgium. He was Hagerlaugh co. pilot but he got a crew of his own. He'll probably be coming back in a few weeks.

JUNE 24

19 Sat.

We finally went in to
sign up for drafts four and
30 days leave. Don't know if
we did right. Hamilton, heath
and myself signed up. DeMoulin
and Pete. elected to stay on
the ground and take whatever
they give them to do.

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Target Salerno
Bomb load 20 supply containers
TOD 1205 STA 1705
JUNE 25 28. France

19 SUN.

Another one today. This was a very interesting trip.

It wasn't a bombing mission

19 We dropped supplies to the French Maquis. It was a long trip 9 1/2 hrs. We dropped the supplies from 500 ft. They

19 briefed us that we might encounter a lot of opposition from the ground. but we didn't. This group of Maquis

19 we supposed to be holding up 3 paratroopers.

~~It was today was Sunday and as usual we had to put~~
19 ~~in a mission~~

JUNE 26

19 Mon.

Nothing new. We heard that our boys in Russia were taking quite a beating on the ground.

19 To date they had lost over 50 planes. The Germans bombed the field twice. We are trying to get P.A. to go down and talk to the col. to only let us do 30 missions instead of 35.

19 We also heard that the group is going to go back to the states in the near future.