

Detailed description why A/C did not attack, as follows:

42-51504 No sortie, not a lead A/C. Not PFF. Mechanical failure. Internal failure No4 engine. Left formation during assembly

TELETYPE REPORT (448TH & 446TH) :

PNT V KHI HDK NR 10 D D
T PNT

FROM HDK 24/2359/A DEC 44
TO COMBOMDIV TWO
COMAF 8
20 CBW

BT CONFIDENTIAL 93BG D-299-E

LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATORS TELETYPE REPORT

20th COMBAT WING, 93rd GROUP

DATE OF MISSION - 24 DECEMBER 1944

OBJECTIVE : - 448th EUSKIRCHEN RD & RR INTERSECTION
446th RHEINBACK RR JUNCTION

448th LD SQ LEAD D/R NAVIGATOR : LT HUGHES 27-18

448th LD SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER : LT DONDERO 13-8

448th ECHELONED LEAD D/R NAVIGATOR : LT ENNIS 8-2

448th ECHELONED LEAD BOMBARDIER : LT WOODARD 35-2

446th LD SQ LEAD D/R NAVIGATOR : LT CALDWELL 27-20

446th LD SQ BOMBARDIER : LT. JONES 27-21

A. NOT APPLICABLE
B. NOT APPLICABLE
C. NOT APPLICABLE
D. NOT APPLICABLE
E. NOT APPLICABLE

F. SIGHTING OPERATIONS

1. VISUAL

2. INDICATED ALTITUDE : 448th LEAD 22000 INDICATED 21260 TRUE

446th ECHELONED 21000 INDICATED 20300 TRUE

448th LEAD 22000 INDICATED 21300 TRUE

3. MAG. HEADING :

448th LEAD 075 MAG, 062 TRUE

446th ECHELONED 079 MAG, 066 TRUE

448th LEAD 076 MAG.

4. LENGTH OF BOMB RUN :

448th LEAD - 4 MINUTES

446th ECHELONED - 3 MINUTES

448th LEAD - 2 MINUTES

5. TYPE OF BOMBSIGHT USED : NORDEN

6. NUMBER OF A/C SIGHTING FOR RANGE AND DEFLECTION -1

7. AUTO PILOT USED:

448th LEAD -C-1

446th ECHELONED -C-1

448th LEAD - INOPERATIVE

8. TIME BOMBS AWAY :

448th LEAD - 1447

446th ECHELONED - 1448

448th LEAD - 1455 ½

9. AIMING POINT USED : MPI

10. ARBITRARY CHANGES OF MPI - NONE

11. ACTUAL GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS : 448th LEAD - 138

446th ECHELONED - 147

448th LEAD - 118

12. ACTUAL WIND VELOCITY (KNOTS) :

448th LEAD - 57

446th ECHELONED - 51

448th LEAD - 70

13. ACTUAL WIND DIRECTION :

448th LEAD - 070

446th ECHELONED - 075

448th LEAD - 75

G. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED ON THE BOMB RUN

1. MALFUNCTIONS OF BOMBING EQUIPMENT - NONE

2. CLOUD COVER - NIL

3. BOMB SMOKE OR SMOKE SCREENS - NOT APPLICABLE

4. NO INTERFERENCE BY OTHER GROUPS

5. ENEMY OPPOSITION : MEAGRE INACCURATE FLAK

6. PERSONNEL ERROR : NONE

7. DIFFICULTIES IN IDENTIFYING A.P. SNOW ON APPROACH TO TARGET (44)XX

446

H. H2X NOTES. NOT APPLICABLE

I. GH NOTES:

1. 448th LEAD LT HUGHES 27-18
448th ECHELONED LT ENNIS 8-2
446th LEAD LT CALDWELL 27-16

2. 448th LEAD LT DONDERO 13-8
446th ECHELONED LT WOODWARD 35-2
446th LEAD LT JONES 27-21

3. LEAD 448th 160-195, ECHELONED 448th 160-192, LEAD 446th 160-195

4. LEAD 448th -35, ECHELONED 448th -30, LEAD 446th -34

5. LEAD 448th 30, ECHELONED 448th 37, LEAD 446th 39

6. YES

7. NOT APPLICABLE

8. 115 5-1

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. NONE

J. NONE

K. NAVIGATION NOTES
LT. HUGHES LEADING 448-

1. 20 MILES RIGHT OF COURSE AT CP3 REST OF ROUTE AS BRIEFED.
ENGLISH COAST OUT - TIME 1230 ± POSITION LEAD 448- ALTITUDE 11000
CONTINENTAL COAST IN - TIME 1314 POSITION LEAD 448- ALTITUDE 18500
2. GROUP IP - TIME 1422 POSITION LEAD 448- ALTITUDE - 22000
TARGET - TIME 1447 POSITION LEAD 448- ALTITUDE 22000
ACTUAL TARGET BY NAME EUSKIRCHEN
3. NO DEVIATIONS
CONTINENTAL COAST OUT - 1534 POSITION LEAD 448- ALTITUDE 9000
ENGLISH COAST IN - TIME 1601 POSITION ALTITUDE 2000
4. NO COMMENTS

LT. CALDWELL LEADING 448-
1. BELGIAN COAST 5054 0345 TO 5023 0523/// 0524
ENGLISH COAST OUT TIME 1227 ± POSITION 5042 0142 ALTITUDE 12500
CONTINENTAL COAST IN TIME 1237 ± POSITION 5110 0247 ALTITUDE 18000
2. GROUP IP TIME 1426 POSITION 5023 0534 ALTITUDE 22000
TARGET TIME 1454 POSITION 5039 0657 ALTITUDE 22000
ACTUAL TARGET BY NAME : RHEINBACK
3. CUT RALLY GOING SHORT 5035 0704 TO 5005 0515 TO 5116 LEFT
CONTINENTAL COAST OUT TIME 1543 ± POSITION 5116 0303 ALTITUDE 18000
ENGLISH COAST IN TIME 1606 POSITION 5217 0138 ALTITUDE 5600
XXX 8500
4. WING AHEAD GOT 30 MILES OFF COURSE AND ATTEMPTED TO MAKE NEW COURSE
TO IP

LT. ENNIS LEADING HI GROUP OF 448-
1. SXX WAS NOT ON COURSE AT ALL GOING IN. ON COURSE FROM IP
AND BACK TO IP
ENGLISH COAST OUT TIME 1230 POSITION B-24 ALTITUDE 9500
CONTINENTAL COAST IN TIME 1317 POSITION 5109 0245 ALTITUDE 16000
2. GROUP IP TIME 1424 POSITION 5028 0531 ALTITUDE 21200
ACTUAL TARGET BY NAME EUSKIRCHEN
3. NORTH OF COURSE NEAR COAST
4. A LOT OF UNNECESSARY WEAVING ACROSS THE SKY.

-----ROBERTSON-----

BT 2359A DEC 44.
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CG IN PARA K. 1 2- LINE DELET BEFORE 11000 IMI DELTE
BEFORE 11000
XXX BEFORE 11000
CC
F.
F. 2 INDICATED ALTITUDE 448- LEAD 075 MAG, 062 TRUE
UNDER K.
LT CALDWELL LEADING 448TH
3- LINE
5110 0247 ALTITUDE 18000
AS
JH BBBB BBBB
PNT R.....25/0400A PMB KKKKKK

TELETYPE REPORT:

PNT V KHI SEG NR SEG 15/24 DD
T PNT
FROM SEETHING 242359A DEC 44.
TO 2BD A-3
20 CBW A-3
8AF A-3 ATTN. WING BOMBARDIER
CONFIDENTIAL 448- BG D-249-E
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LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S TELETYPE REPORT

20- COMBAT WING 448- GROUP
DATE OF MISSION DEC 24, 1944
OBJECTIVE EUSKIRCHEN
LD SQ LEAD BOMB GH
LD SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR GH
LD SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR GH
LD SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER CAPT. HAU
LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR
LL SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. MILBURCH
HR SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER LT. MOLL
HR SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR LT. NASTOFF
HR SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. COOPER
(SEE J) "B" LD SQ LEAD BOMB GH
"B" LD SQ MICKEY NAVIGATOR GH
"B" LD SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR GH
"B" LL SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER LT. PARRISH
"B" LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR
"B" LL SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. HASTINGS

A. ON THE BOMB RUN - POSITION
1. LD
2. NO

B. HOW FORMATION BOMBED
1. BY SQUADRONS
2. (1) "B" LEAD (2) "B" LL (3) LEAD (4) LL (5) HI RT
3.

C. TARGET BOMBED

- 1. LEAD PRIMARY LOW SAME HIGH SAME "B" LD SAME "B" LL SAME
- 2.
- 3. UNREADABLE

D. AIRCRAFT OVER TARGET

- 1. LEAD 9 LOW 11 HIGH 10 "B" LD 10 "B" LL 11
- 2. LEAD 250LB GP. NN 1/40
LOW SAME
HIGH SAME
"B" LD SAME
"B" LL SAME
- 3. LEAD ELECTRIC SALVE LOW SAME HIGH SAME
"B" LD SAME "B" LL SAME
- 4. LEAD 1 HIGH 1
LOW HI HI
- 5. LEAD ABORT HIGH ABORT
LOW HI HI
- 6. NONE

E. AIRCRAFT BOMBING WITH OTHER GROUPS

- 1. NONE
- 2. NONE

F. SIGHTING OPERATION

- 1. VISUAL
- 2. LEAD 22000 21322 LOW 21700 21050 HIGH 22300 21730
"B" LD 21500 20820 "B" LL 20500 19800
- 3. LEAD 072-085 LOW 090-085 HIGH 078-072
"B" LD 078-085 "B" LL 088-084
- 4. LEAD 3 MIN LOW 3 MIN HIGH 3 MIN "B" LD 3 MIN "B" LL 3 MIN
- 5. LEAD NORDEN LOW SAME HIGH SAME "B" LD SAME "B" LL SAME
- 6. LEAD 1 LOW 1 HIGH 1 "B" LD 1 "B" LL 1
- 7. LEAD C-1 USED
LOW C-1 USED
HIGH C-1 USED
"B" LD C-1 USED
"B" LL C-1 USED
- 8. LEAD 1447 1/2 LOW 1449 HIGH 1450 "B" LD 1447 "B" LL 1447
- 9. BRIEFED
- 10. NONE
- 11. LEAD 138 LOW 120 HIGH 140 "B" LD 130 "B" LL 135
- 12. 78
- 13. 084

G. DIFFICULTIES ON BOMB RUN

- 1. LEAD NONE
LOW NONE
HIGH NONE
"B" LD NONE
"B" LL NONE
- 2. NO CLOUD 15 MILES
- 3. NONE
- 4. NONE
- 5. NIL
- 6. NONE
- 7. NONE

H2X NOTES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

I. GH NOTES

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS BASE

J. COMMENTS "B" LD AND "B" LL INDICATES TWO SQNS FLYING ECH TO RT OF

LEAD GROUP OF 448-
C-1 IN "B" LL BECAME INOPERATIVE NEAR IP. SUCCESSFUL
MANUAL RUN MADE. RESULTLS : LD FAIR L EXCELLENT
HR VERY GOOD "B" LD GOOD "B" LL GOOD

K. NAVIGATION NOTES

- 1. ENGLISH COAST TIME 1231 POS 4243N 0143E ALT 11000
BELGIUM COAST TIME 1318 POS 5109N 0244E ALT 19000
THEN TO TIME 1341 POS 5050N 0338E ALT 22000
- 2. THEN TO IP TIME 1422 POS 5029N 0531E ALT 22000
THEN TO TARGET TIME 1447 EUSKIRCHEN GERMANY
- 3. RP TIME 1450 POS 5028N 0655E ALT 21500
THEN TO TIME 1505 POS 5025N 0540E ALT 21500
COAST OUT TIME 1536 POS 5120N 0310E ALT 8000
ENGLISH COAST IN TIME 1605 POS 5223N 0142E ALT 1500
- 4. ROUTE SOUTH OF COURSE OVER CONTINENT CAUSED BY FOLLOWING
IN WING FORMATION. RALLY POINT CUT SHORT TO AVOID B-17'S IN THAT AREA
REMAINDER OF ROUTE AS BRIEFED

-----WESTOVER-----

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