

TELETYPE REPORT:

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FROM: BUC (S3) 25/0259A DEC 44
TO: KHI (2 BD)
HET (2 CBW)
PNT (8 AF)

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LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S TELETYPE REPORT
2nd COMBAT WING, 453rd GROUP
DATE OF MISSION : 24 DECEMBER
OBJECTIVE : MAYEN GERMANY

THIS REPORT COVERS "B" FORCE
GH FROM 389th BG

LL SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER: LT. FRANK E. SALLEE (17-5)
LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR: LT. JOHN E GILLIGAN (3-1)
LL SQ LEAD D/R NAVIGATOR : LT. BILL B BASSIK (17-1)
HR SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER : LT. ROBERT H. RONALDES (28-1)
HR SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR : LT. HERMAN LEFCO (10-3)
HR SQ LEAD D/R NAVIGATOR : LT. MYRON M. ABEL (27-3)

- A. POSITION ON BOMBING RUN
1. HR OF "A" FORCE
2. YES
B. HOW FORMATION BOMBED
1. BY SQUADRONS
2. LEAD, LOW LEFT, HIGH RIGHT.
C. TARGET BOMBED
1. YES BY LEAD AND LOW LEFT. HIGH RIGHT BOMBED TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY
2. HILLESHEIM (5018-0640)
3. HIGH RIGHT (11)
D. AIRCRAFT OVER THE TARGET
1. LEAD - 9, LOW LEFT - 10
2. 24 X 250LB GP NO NOSE - 1/40 TAIL
PFF SHIPS CARRIED 4 X 250LB GP NO NOSE - 1/40 TAIL
3. LEAD MIN - LOW LEFT MIN - HIGH RIGHT MIN
4. XXXXXX
5. XXXXXX
6. NO
E. AIRCRAFT BOMBING WITH OTHER GROUPS
1. NONE
2. XXXXXX
F. SIGHTING OPERATION
1. VISUAL
2. LEAD GH 389 - LOW LEFT 21000-19780 - HIGH RIGHT 20800-19550
3. LEAD GH 389 - LOW LEFT 83M - 78T - HIGH RIGHT 93 DEG M - 86 DEG T
4. LEAD 4 MIN - LOW LEFT 2 MIN - HIGH RIGHT 1 MIN
5. LEAD GH - LOW LEFT M-9 - HIGH RIGHT M-9
6. ONE AND NONE
7. LEAD GH - LOW LEFT YES C-1 - HIGH RIGHT YES C-1
8. LEAD 1445 - LOW LEFT 1446 - HIGH RIGHT 1436
9. BRIEFED AP
10. NONE
11. LEAD GH LOW LEFT - 130K HIGH RIGHT - 132K
12. LEAD GH LOW LEFT - 70K HIGH RIGHT - 70K
13. LEAD GH LOW LEFT - 90K HIGH RIGHT - 100K
G. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED ON THE BOMB RUN
1. NONE
2. NIL CLOUDS - DOWNWARD VISIBILITY UNLIMITED
3. NONE
4. NONE
5. MEAGER FLAK
6. SEE 'J'
7. NONE
H. H2X NOTES
1. DEPUTY LEAD - NO, NO.3 - SPIRALS, HI RITE - SPIRALS, LOW LEFT - - -
2. DEPUTY LEAD - YES, NO.3 - YES, HIGH RITE - YES, LOW LEFT - - -
3. DEPUTY LEAD - TARGET TOO SMALL TO PICK UP, DROPPED ON GH LEAD SHIP NO.3 - SAME, HIGH RIGHT SAME BUT DROPPED VISUALLY.
LOW LEFT - - -
4. XXXXXXXX

I. GH NOTES (NEGATIVE)

J. COMMENTS

LEAD AND LOW LEFT HAD NO TROUBLE PICKING UP TARGET. HIGH RIGHT COULDN'T PICK IT UP, HR THOUGH HE HAD PASSED IT SO PICKED A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY - BOMBED IT WITH GOOD RESULTS. OTHER THAN THIS MISSION WAS AS BRIEFED. NO ENEMY FIGHTERS, MEAGER FLAK

FOUR OF OUR SHIPS MAD UP A COMPOSITE SQUADRON IN "E" FORCE. THEY WERE LEAD BY 445-. ALL BOMBED WITH THE SQUADRON

K. NAVIGATION NOTES

1. BRIEFED ROUTE OUT TO END OF DAL 5233-0221 TO 5219-0200 TO 5208-0214 TO 5130 0220 TO 5145-0411 TO 5225-0450
ENGLISH COAST OUT 1213 5240-0143 12000
CONTINENTAL COAST IN 1305 5108-0241 18500
2. 1404 5000-0507 21000 GROUP IP
1445 MAYEN, GERMANY; 5023-0713 22000
3. NO DEVIATION IN BRIEFED ROUTE OUT
CONTINENTAL COAST OUT 1551 5116-0300 12000
ENGLISH COAST IN 1617 5215-0144 3500
4. DEVIATION IN ROUTE TO FOLLOW LEAD GROUP IN WING FORMATION

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PNT R 250800A GABLE AR KK

PNT V KHI HET NR 20 -D-
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FROM HET 242225A DEC 44
TO CG 8- AF
CG 2- BD
CO 2- CW

LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S TELETYPE REPORT FOR MISSION
24 DEC 1944 DIV FIELD ORDER NUMBER 554 "B" & "C" GROUPS

LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S TELETYPE REPORT DIV F/O 554
2- COMBAT WING 389 GROUP

DATE OF MISSION 24 DECEMBER 1944
OBJECTIVE MAYEN

453-	"B" LD SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER LT. T.D. HULBERT	17-11
	"B" LD SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. HARTWELL	17-9
453-	"C" LD SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER LT. E.B. JACK	20-12
	"C" LD SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR LT. REDD	

A.
B.
C.
D.
E.

F. SIGHTING OPERATION EACH ATTACKING FORMATION

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| (1) | (A) VISUAL | |
| | (B) | |
| | (C) | |
| | (D) | |
| | (E) | |
| (2) | "B" GROUP 22000-21000 | "C" GROUP 21700-20600 |
| (3) | "B" GROUP 77 DEG - 70 DEG | "C" GROUP 69 DEG, 53 DEG |
| (4) | "B" GROUP 6 MINUTES | "C" GROUP 7 MINUTES |
| (5) | M-9'S | |
| (6) | ONE AND NONE FOR 2 SQUADRONS | |
| (7) | YES, C-1 FOR 2 SQUADRONS | |
| (8) | "B" GROUP 1445 | "C" GROUP 1447 |
| (9) | AS BRIEFED | |
| (10) | NONE | |
| (11) | "B" GROUP 130 K | "C" GROUP 130 K |
| (12) | "B" GROUP 65 K | "C" GROUP 70 K |
| (13) | "B" GROUP 74 DEG | "C" GROUP 75 DEG |

G. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED ON THE BOMB RUN

- (1) NONE
- (2) NIL - 10 TO 15 MILES
- (3) NONE
- (4) NONE
- (5) MEAGER FLAK
- (6) NONE
- (7) NONE

H. H2X NOTES

(1) NOT USED

I. GH NOTES

(1)	"B" GROUP HARTWELL 17-9	"C" GROUP REDD
(2)	9	

(3)	160 - 225	160 - 225
(4)	-33	-32
(5)	.33	.36
(6)	NOT USED	NOT USED
(7)	-----	-----
(8)	A. 115-5-2	155-8 TO 1
	B. 114-5-1	114-6 TO 1
(9)	NIL	NIL
(10)	NIL	NIL
	VIS GOOD SIGNALS	STA U GOOD SIGNALS

J. LEAD BOMBARDIER OF "B" GROUP USED MPI JUST MARKED JUST TO EAST OF MPI OF FIELD ORDER - MPI WAS MARKED IN ERROR ON HIS TGT FOLDER BOMBED WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS

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GH FROM 389th BG

LD SQ LEAD BOMB: GH FORM 389th
LL SQ LEAD BOMB: CAPT. SETH HEYWOOD (8-4)
LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR: LT. NELSON D. THURMAN (3-0)
LL SQ D/R NAVIGATOR: LT. NICK B. PLASMATI (16-0)
HR SQ LEAD BOMB: F/O JOE PALERMO (27-6)
HR SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR: LT. HARRY M. MERRIFIELD (22-2)
HR SQ LEAD D/R NAVIGATOR: LT. LOUIS F. STOUGH (27-2)

A. POSITION ON BOMBING RUN
1. IN TRAIL OF "A" FORCE
2. LD - YES. LL - YES. HR - YES

B. HOW FORMATION BOMBED
1. BY SQUADRONS
2. LD - LL - HR.

C. TARGET BOMBED
1. YES, PRIMARY

D. AIRCRAFT OVER THE TARGET
1. LD - 10. LL - 8. HR - 10.
2. 24 X 250LB GP NN 1/40T. PFF SHIPS CARRIED 4 X 250GP NN 1/40T
3. LD - MIN. LL - MIN. HR - MIN.

E. AIRCRAFT BOMBING WITH OTHER GROUPS.
1. NONE

F. SIGHTING OPERATION

1. VISUAL		
2. LD - GH FROM 389 th	LL - 22000 - 20750	HR - 23000 - 21700
3. LD - GH	LL - 76M, 70T	HR - 75 MAG, 69T
4. LD - 3 MIN	LL - 1 MIN	HR - 3 MIN
5. LD - GH	LL - M-9	HR - M-9
6. ONE AND NONE, ALL SQUADRONS		
7. LD - GH	LL - YES	HR - YES
8. LD - 1448	LL - 1449	HR - 1449 PLUS
9. BRIEFED AP		
10. NONE		
11. LD - GH	LL - 130 K	HR - 100 K
12. LD - GH	LL - 70 K	HR - 86K
13. LD - GH	LL - 70 DEGREES	HR - 90 DEGREES

G. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED ON THE BOMB RUN
1. WING SHIP NO 276 DROPPED 6 BOMBS AT (5004 - 0808). RACK MALFUNCTION
2. NIL. DOWNWARD VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.
3. NONE
4. SEE 'J'
5. MEAGER ACCURATE FLAK
6. NONE
7. NONE

- H. H2X NOTES
 1. DEPUTY LEAD - SPIRALS NO3 - NONE. HR - NO. LL -NO.
 2. DEPUTY - YES. NO 3 - YES. HR - NO, SET RECEIVED NO PICTURE. LL - YES
 3. DEPUTY - RETURN TO SMALL PICK UP. DROPPED ON GH LEAD.
 NO3 - SAME. HR - NO. LL - DROPPED VISUALLY.

I. GH NOTES (N E G A T I V E)

J. COMMENTS:
 BOMBED VISUALLY BY SQUADRONS. LL WAS CUT OUT ON BOMB RUN BY ANOTHER GROUP AND HAD TO DOGLEG. IN DOING SO, BY THE TIME THE BOMBARDIER PICKED UP THE TARGET AGAIN, HE HAD A VERY SHORT RUN. RESULTS WERE FAIR. ALL THREE SQUADRONS REPORTED GOOD RESULTS AT INTERROGATION. MISSION WENT OFF AS BRIEFED. FLAK MEAGER WITH NO ENEMY FIGHTERS ENCOUNTERED. OUR LEAD SQDN HAD A GH LEAD FROM THE 389. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER THE GH BOMBARDIER HAD THE CORRECT MPI.

K. NAVIGATION NOTES
 1. END OF DAL - 5237 - 0221 TO 5212-0144 TO 5159-0220 TO 5109-0244
 TO 5054-0413 TO 5030 - 0452 TO 5007 - 0500.
 ENGLISH COAST OUT - 1215 5239-0144 13000
 CONTINENTAL COAST IN - 1307 5109-0244 19500

N. 2. 1448 MAYEN GERMANY 1411 5001-0521 22000 GP IP
 5023-0713 21500 TARGET
 3. BRIEFED ROUTE OUT TO 5115-0300 TO 5210-0136 TO 5230-0103 BASE..
 CONTINENTAL COAST OUT 1553 5115-0300 10000
 ENGLISH COAST IN 1609 5210-0136 3500
 4.e DEVIATION FROM BRIEFED ROUTE TO FOLLOW LEAD GROUP ON WING FORMATION..

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 PNT R.....250748A HMS AR KKKK