

491st BG

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

42-50668 Squadron lead, PFF, not sortie. Mechanical failure. No2 engine failed and had to be feathered. Could not keep up. Returned.

TELETYPE REPORT:

PNT V KHI PIC NR 1 D D
T PNT

FROM NORTH PICKENHAM 25/0030A DECEMBER 44

TO: CG 8th AF

CG 2nd BOMB DIV

INFO: CG 14th CBW

ATTN: A-3

CONFIDENTIAL: 491st BG D-260-E

LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S TELETYPE REPORT

24th DECEMBER 1944 "D" GROUP - FORCE NO.2
WITTLICH, GERMANY

LD SQ DEP LEAD BOMBARDIER: F.R. ROBERTS	24	15
LD SQ DEP LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR: J.E. WILLOUGHBY	14	11
LD SQ DEP LEAD DR NAVIGATOR: M.J. DELANEY	24	13
LL SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER: F. MERCADO	1	5
LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR: PARISI	8	4
LL SQ DR NAVIGATOR: LILTEDAHL	22	1
HR SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER: FROM 44 th BOMB GROUP		

A. 1. IN TRAIL
2. YES

B. 1. SQUADRON
2. LEAD LOW-HIGH
3. ---

C. 1. YES
2. ---
3. ---

D.	LD	HR
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1.	9	11
2.	24X 250GP: NN -1/40	SAME
3.	MIN	MIN
4.	0	0
5.	0	0
6.	NO	NO

E. 1. ----
2. ----

F.	LD SQDN LEADER FROM 44 th GP	
1.	GH LEADER	VISUAL
2.	22000-21500	21700-21100
3.	90-80	8-84
4.	----	4 MIN
5.	----	NORDEN
6.	----	ONE
7.	----	YES
8.	1431:30	1432
9.	----	BRIDGE
10.	----	NO
11.	125K	133
12.	70	57
13.	70	65

G.	1.	0	0
	2.	NO COVER	CAVU
	3.	NONE	NONE
	4.	NONE	NO
	5.	LIGHT FLAK	MODERATE FLAK
	6.	----	NO
	7.	----	SMOKE

J. GROUP LEADER FROM 44th BOMB GROUP, BOTH SQUADRONS HIT BRIEFED MPI
RBR WAS NOT USED.

K.	1.	1137	BU21	12000	
		1156	WELLS	12000	
		1203	5243N 0111E	12000	
		1210	5245N 0136E	12000	ENGLISH COAST OUT
		1220	5230N 0210E	12000	
		1256	OSTEND	18000	CONTINENTAL COAST IN
		1328	5050N 0412E	22000	
		1349	5032N 0458E	22000	

	1405	4948N 0515E	22000	IP
	1432	4959N 0654E	22000	TARGET
2.	1405	4948N 0515E	22000	GROUP IP
	1432	WITTLICH	22000	TARGET 4959N 0654E
3.	1440	4945N 0640E	21000	TRIER - FLAK
	1445	4937N 0608E		LUXENBERG
	1523	OSTEND	12000	
	1523	OSTEND	12000	CONTINENTAL COAST OUT
	1549	5215N 0127E		ENGLISH COAST IN
	1605	BU21		BASE
	1620	LAND		
4.	NONE			

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PNT R25/0428A PMB KKKKK

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LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S TELETYPE REPORT

14- CBW 491- GROUP

24- DECEMBER 1944

WITTLICH, GERMANY (BRIDGE)

"C" GROUP - FORCE NO.1

LD SQ DEP LEAD BOMBARDIER: WILLIAM G. MAGRATH	20	15
LD SQ DEP LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR: JOSEPH SERIU	12	9
LD SQ DEP LEAD DR NAVIGATOR: JAMES R. LIVELY	20	11
LL SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER: PURDY	23	10
LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR: HOLLOWAY	13	10
LL SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR: MYERS	22	8
HR SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER: ALLEN, J.O.	17	1
HR SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR: FERGUSON, D.E.	17	0

A. 1. HIGH RIGHT
2. YES

B. 1. SQUADRONS
2. LEAD, LOW, HIGH
3. ---

C. 1. YES
2. ---
3. ---

	LD	LL	HR
D.	---	---	---
1.	10	11	9
2.	24X250GP: NN-1/40	SAME	SAME
3.	MIN	MIN	MIN
4.	0	0	0
5.	----	----	----
6.	NO	NO	NO

E. 1. 0
2. 0

F.	LEAD SQDN LED BY GH FROM 44- BG		
1.	GH LEADER	VISUAL	VISUAL
2.	22000-21350	21500-21000	22400-21750
3.	86-77	101-90	80-77
4.	----	3 MIN	3 MIN
5.	----	NORDEN	NORDEN
6.	GH	ONE	ONE
7.	----	NO INOPERATIVE	NO INOPERATIVE
8.	14:28	14:28 †	14:29
9.	----	BRIDGE	BRIDGE
10.	----	NONE	NO
11.	150K	136	148
12.	70K	52	50
13.	90	109	60

G.	1.	NONE	ONE A/C (WING) 6 BOMBS HUNG UP	NONE
	2.	NO CLOUDS	NO CLOUDS HAZE	CAVU
	3.	NONE	NONE	NONE
	4.	NONE	NONE	NONE
	5.	NONE	FLAK	FLAK MEAGRE
	6.	----	NONE	NONE
	7.	----	NONE	NO
H.	1.	GH LEADER	NO	NOT H2X
	2.	----	YES	----
	3.	----	BOMBED VISUAL	----
	4.	NONE	NONE	NONE

J. GH LEADER FROM 44th BOMB GROUP. STRIKE PHOTOS SHOW LD SQDNS BOMBS 1500 FEET IN OF BRIEFED MPI. LL AND HR BOMBS HIT BRIEFED MPI. RBR WAS USED BY ALL THREE SQUADRONS WITH GOOD RESULTS

K. NAVIGATION NOTE

1.	1135	OVER BASE	11000	
	1140	KING'S LYNN	11000	
	1144	5253 0016	11000	
	1155	5256 ½ 0057	11000	
	1159	5249 0106	11000	
	1204 ½	5245 0140	11000	ENGLISH COAST OUT
	1341	5034 0448	22000	
	1404	4949 0545	22000	IP
2.	GH RUN	8 COURSE CHANGES		
		FROM 70 TO 130 DEGREES		
		DURING RUN	22000	
	1422	BITBURG	22000	
	1428	TARGET WITTLICH	22000	TARGET
3.	1438	4952 0652	21400	
	1442	4949 0611	21000	
	1452	5003 0512	19000	
	1531 ½	5114 0256	2000	CONTINENTAL COAST OUT
	1546 ½	5213 0138 ½	4000	ENGLISH COAST IN
	1601	BASE	1000	BASE
4.		NONE		

----- MERREL -----

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R.J.H.

CC: INSERT THE FOLLOWING IN THE HEADING: T - PNT

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PNT R(BBBBBB).....

25/0445A ID

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