EIGHTH AIR FORCE
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
96th COMBAT BOMB WING
467th BOMB GROUP
791st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
DATE: 10 AFRIL 1944 to 30 AFRIL 1944

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ending 30 /pril 1944. It was conducted for all men in Engineering, /remark, edical and ordenace Sections. Fractical application in case of everycooles was the "keynote".

About the only changes in "rey" Personell was when Capt.
Robert Collins, the Eq. Medical Officer, took sick and was transfered
over to a General Rospital. Be will be back with the Sq. at a
future date. It. "eksy, Ass't operations officer was transfered
future date. It. Teller was appointed Ass't operations officer in
his place. Captain to same, Sq. Operations officer, was proceed
to the rank of "sjer and transfered to the Eqs. Detacament. e
was replaced as Operations officer in this Sq. By Capt. Heatty.

gtation life at this Pace isn't bad. The average solular mays his berrooks is cosy. Foreso in fact thus his last barracks in the States, of course they arm't as warm as he would like to have them, but he realizes that cosl is rationed strictly over here. The food is getting better all along, and the S.T. knows that he could be in a lot rougher place in this war.

the squadron, so for, has has no individual activities in The way of wares, et cetra. Op to date, all the Social and extra ctivities have been one functions. Schoolsted by the same constant Service. So war some of the Squadron personal have made any sarrie a contracts with any of the local strik. Sive them tise.

This Country is living up to 7/0 ms such as possible.
There was been numerous promotions in most of the Departments in this Samedron. As for as promotions are concerned, the everage 6.1. popears to be natisiried.

inglo-american idiations are very good. To date there has been no misunderstanding but sen the two factions, and all around it is anoment that a voluntary spirit of cooperation dominates. The aritish soldier and sixtien thinks a lot of our toys coming over one to help than out, and they try to make the .T.'s as exact the possible. The M.J.'s in turn know the fact that there seemle there have been at my minor time so se tries to be an orientally and as understanding as possible.

In conclusion it may be seld that the Saucdron personal, officers and malisted on have worled hard and have kept incir outfit up with the best. Therefore with such a background we can sum up the morals in his Saucdron as "scood".

LIGHTH AIR FORCE

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May 1944

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COMBAT OPERATIONS—Plying its first full month of combat operations, the 791st Bombardment Squadron gave an excellent account of itself in participating in 22 missions against the enemy. By the end of May the squadron, operating with others of the 467th Bombardment Group, had hit targets ranging from mysterious "Noballs" on the invasion coast to airfields, marshalling yards, and synthetic oil plants deep in the heart of Germany. In general, the squadron had contributed its full shere in softening up the enemy's "Pestung Europa" by successfully hitting his lines of supply and critical war industries needed to supply the Luftwaffe and Wehrmacht.

During May the 791st flew 136 scrties, more than one-third of the 445 flown by the entire Group, operating with four squadrons during the first seven missions of the month and with three squadrons thereafter. Of the 136 scrties flown by the squadron, 117 planes attacked assigned targets, while the remainder were not able to get their bombs away due to weather conditions, recalls, or mechanical difficulties. During May the squadron dropped approximately 308 tons. The Group as a whole dropped 960 tens for the month, including the weight dropped by the 788th prior to its transfer.

Lead crews of the squadron took their regular turns in leading the Group or leading squadrons of the Group on combat missions. In each instance where a 791st crew led the Group or a squadron, the results of the bombing were termed either "good" or "excellent," according to analyses of strike photographs of the raids:

- (1) Lieut. Dave Swearingen's crew led the second squadron on the synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, Germany. Results were excellent.
- (2) Lieut. Charles W. Grace's crew led the second squadron on the May 25th raid on the marshalling yards at Mulhouse, France. Results were excellent.
- (3) Lieut. Swearingen's crew led the entire Group in the May 28th raid on the airfield at Tutow, Germany. Results were excellent.
- (4) Lieut. Grace's crew led the second squadron on the May 29th raid on the airfield at Tutow, Germany. Results were good.

LCSSES. The squadron suffered its first less of aircraft and orew over enemy territory when crew 80 failed to return from the May 29 raid on Tutow, Germany. The crew had made its run on the target and was following the return route home when flak was encountered in the area of Griefswald, Germany, near the Baltic Sea. Other crews in the formation reported seeing the aircraft "ditch" in the Baltic Sea. The following ten men are missing:

1/tt. Rufus B. Stephens, pilot
2/tt. Ernest A. Beasley, Jr., co-pilot
2/tt. Walter H. Witchell, bombardier-navigator
1/sgt. Charles L. Pescock, engineer
2/sgt. Charles L. Pescock, engineer
2/sgt. Chenge Clark, radio operator
2/sgt. George H. Walther, left waist gunner
2/sgt. Fred C. Jenkins, right weist gunner
2/sgt. John E. Rabenold, ball turret gunner
2/sgt. Semmeth M. McCracken, tail gunner
2/sgt. John S. Carachietta, passonger

On the Brunswick raid of May 9th, stiff fighter opposition was encountered, and s/agt. George 8. Hemilton, waist gumer sustained a fatal wound from sunfire. First aid was rendered by Lieut. Delbert Been, co-pilet, who had also been wou ded in the leg by flak. Flight surgeons commended Lieut. Been for an excellent job of first aid, and said it was the the best that could possibly have been rendered under the circum stances.

AWARDS. Individuals and crows of the squadron won a good share of the awards made during the month. One-hundred and forty-seven combet error members were awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating on combat missions." Most of this total also won dusters to the Air Medal for participation on additional acrist flights.

Five members of the squadron were awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained at the hands of the enemy. They were Lieut. Delbort T. Been, May 3 raid on Brunswick; and 5/8gt. Joseph L. Lyvers, 5/8gt. Peter Lieshek, Lieut. Richard Bond, and Pvt. Ray W. Toland, who were all wounded during an intruder raid by the German Air Force on April 22.

#### Distinguished Flying Crosses

Thomas H. Murphy, 2/Lt. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as pilet of a B-24 aircraft on a mission
to Brunswick, Germany, 6 May 1944. Sixty seconds before "Bombs
Away," Lisut. Murphy's aircraft sustained severe damage from
attacking enemy fighters. With his face seared and debris
flying about the flight deck, Lieut. Murphy successfully maintained control of his aircraft. By skillful manipulation of

throttles and the use of emergency power, Lieut. Murphy reached the English cosst when a second engine out out. In attempting to land the aircraft, one wheel would not retract and the crew was ordered to bail out. Remaining at the controls alone, Lieut. Murphy with cool courage and outstanding flying ability, successfully crash landed his crippled aircraft without further damage.

Charles J. Schmitz, T/Sgt. For extraordinary achieves meant, while participating as Engineer and Top Turret Gunner of a B-24 aircraft on a beaming mission to Brunswick, Germany, 8 May 1944. Sergenat Schmitz was hurled from his top turret gun position by a 20 mm explosion. Recovering from shock and pain, Sergesant Schmitz noticed a leaking wing tank and instantly transforred the remaining fuel. As they approached for a crash landing, Sergesant Schmitz volunteered to stay with the Pilot in an attempt to save the aircraft, but he was ordered to bail out. The coclness, presence of mind, and exceptional performance of duty under fire, as exhibited by Sergeant Schmitz, were contributing factors in the subsequent safety of his fellew crew members.

#### Clusters to Air Medals

Delbert T. Been, 2/Lt. For meritorious achievement while serving in his capacity as formation controller on a bending mission to Brunewick, Germany, 8 May 1944. Exploding a sumon shells from attacking enemy fighters at the Group I.P. wounded one Waist Gunner and Lieut. Been. Administering first aid and aritificial respiration to the severely wounded gunner, Lieut. Been, without regard to his personal safety, delayed a report of the injuries to his pilot in order that the aircraft could continue on to bomb the target.

Malcolm W. Jenkins, 2/Lt. For meritorious achievement, while perticipating as Navigator of a B-24 aircraft on a bembing mission to Brunswick; Germany, 8 May 1944. A victous assault by enemy fighters in the target area severely damaged Lieut. Jenkins' aircraft. Knocked out of formation by this attack, and in the face of pressing enemy resitance, Lieut. Jenkins coolly and calmly plotted a flight plan and effected a juncture with the main formation. Unable to maintain the desired speed, Lieut. Jenkins accurately guided the damaged plane to home base by the shortest route.



Henry W. Ellison, T/Sgt. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Engineer of a B-24 aircraft on a bombing mission over occupied territory, 27 April, 1944. Encay antiaircraft fire over the target burst in the open bomb bay, severed the main fuel lines to one engine, and rendered a second engine inoperative. Despite gascline that sprayed clothing, face, and eyes, Sergeant Ellison skillfully repaired the leaking fuel lines. Hen then crawled to the slippery catwalk and cranked shut the bembbay doors. The initiative and outstanding ability of Sergeant Ellison in repairing the damaged aircraft were major factors in its safe return to friendly territory.

#### Group Citations

Baxter W. Hensley, 1/Lt. For outstanding performance while serving as pilot of a 8-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to France, 27 April 1944.

The sircraft which he was piloting was on the bemb run at 20,000 feet with its bemb bay doors opened, when meager, but accurate flak hit. One burst entered the bemb bay, breaking the main fuel line to No. 3 engine and a hydraulic line. Another burst knocked out No. 1 engine.

Although the aircraft had only two engines and was losing altitude at the rate of 1,500 feet per minute, Lieut. Hensley managed to continue the bemb run and bombs were released. Displaying skillful flying ability, Lieut. Hensley piloted the crippled aircraft to an English base, landing without damage to the aircraft or injury to his crew. Upon landing it was discovered that the tire of the left landing gear had been struck by flak.

The following officers are cited for outstanding performances while leading the 2nd squadron of the 467th boxb Group on a bombing mission to France, 25 May 1944s Capt. Griffin R. Beatty, command pilot, 1/lt. Charles . Grace, pilot, 2/lt. Bruce W. Owen, pilotage navigator, 2/Lt. William A. Buchecker, navigator, and 1/lt. Arthur R. Kirsis, bombardier. Leading the second squadron, coordinated efforts of these officers resulted in releasing lombs on the target with excellent results.

ENGINEERING, ARMAMENT, AND ORDHANCE. To Engineering, Ordnance, and Armament fell the task of making it possible for a successful month of combat operations by the squadron. With the transfer of many of the aircraft left behind by the 785th squadron, it was necessary for these departments to carry nearly double the load of previous months. In most instances each crew chief and his staff of mechanics and technicians had to keep two airplanes per ground crew in readiness. Efforts of Armament in keeping up the machine guns and

bomb release mechanisms and of Ordna ce in loading bombs were increased proportionately as each new sircraft was assigned to the squadron.

In spite of increased maintenance responsibilities, the squadron had an outstanding month, with only 7 planes having to abort because of malfunctions. Its record of abortions was lowest of the attre Group.

Individual crew chiefs and their staffs continued outstanding maintenance records that had begun with operations during the menth of April.

At the end of May, "Bugs Bunny," with S/Sgt. E.H. Johnson as crew chief, had flown 26 consecutive missions without aborting; Master Sergeant May B. Kirkpetrick's "Belle of the East" had flown 25 consecutively; Master Sergeant Mayne Mountford's "Wallowing Wilbert," 21; and Technical Sergeant J.D. Ouinn's "Slick Chick," 21.

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Mission	Date	Tarbet	Crows Bc.	os Dropped	Results
Ruisscau- ville, Fr.		Noball	76,77,82,86,91,92	W11	N11 .
Liege, Bel gium	- 1-5-44	V	84,87,89 24	,000 lbs.	Good.
Brunswick Germany	, 4-5-44	Airdrome	82,86,87,90,91,92	NIL	NII
Sottevast, France	5-5-44	Noball	79,81,82,83,87,89,92	8,000 lbs.	Poor
Osnabruck, Germany	7-5-44	11 <b>/</b> X	80,82,83,89,90,91,92	46,800 lbs.	Pff.
Brunswick, Germany	8-5-44	Airfield	77,78,80,81,84,86,83,83	9,90-46,800	Pff.
Florenzes, France	9-5-44	Airfield	80,83,85,86,87,90,91	28,000 lbs	Very Good
Diepholz, Germany	10-5-44	Airfield	•••••		Recall
Epinal, Pr.	11-5-44	M/Y	90,81,84,87,89	NIL	N11
Bohlen, Germany	12-5-44	Synthetic		32,000 lbs	Excellent
Tutow, Germany	13-5-44	Airfield	80,82,84,86,87,91	30,000 lbs	Pair
Brunswick, Germany	19-5-44	A/C Facto	ry 79,80181,84,86,91,92	42,000 lbs	Pff
Rheims, France	20-5-44	R.R. Repa	ir		Recalled
Sirecourt, France	21-5-44	Noball	81-84,86,89	28,000 lbs	Good, Pff
Bourges, France	23-5-44	Airfield	79,81,84,86,87,89,90,	67,5001bs	Vary Good
Melun, Prance	24-5-44	Airfield	76,77,79,83,86,87,89, 90.91	54,000 lbs	Good
France	25-5-44	M\X	77,83,84,86,87,90,91,	45,000 lbs	Excellent
Neunkirchen, Germany	,27-5-44	W\X	79,80,81,83,87,90,91,	40,000 lbs	Excellent
Zeitz, Ger.	28-5-44	Synthatic oil Plant	76,77,79,80,81,83,87,	40,000 lbs	Excellent
utow, ermany	29-5-44	Airfield	77,79,80,82,84,86,91, 92,85,88	41, <b>6</b> 00 lbs	Good
wichenohn	30-5-44	μV	82,84,86,87,90,91,92,	42,000 lbs	Excellent
ertrix, elgium	31-5-44	MΛ			Reculled

Total Tonnage Dropped by the Squadron was 207.85 Tons for the Wonth of May

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Month of June, 1944

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for the landing of troops, slaves rhips from the "Polat Squares bounded got implacements at Colleville, France, 30 minutes before allied troops went where. The squarest areas five two other D-Day missions, bitting drupping of any bunbs.

Generally, tooking activities by the squadron on B-Day was disappointing to crew members because of the unsuitable weather for high altitude, precision bombing, making it mesessary to be und through solid cloud coverage by use of FFF equipment. Crews felt that had the scatner allowed visual bring, the heavies would have played a more important role in the initial thrust at the onemy. However, it was later announced by the heavier headwarters that in mite of the difficulties electroscated, the heavy bombers had done remarkely sell in paving the way for successful landings by troops.

On "D-plus" days invasion targets included those important to the energy in sending immediate support to the area under attack. Dridges, communications centers, and highest arteries were the priority targets for the squadron in the earlier days of the invasion. Later, as Germany attempted to move sorely needed air power to the front, the 79let and fields inaccessable to the G.A.F.

Eysterious "no-ball" targets took on a more serious meaning for air creamen when the Germans launched their first pilotless aircraft attacks on 15 June 1944. Consequently, bembing of invasion targets had to be diverted to installations for the "buzz bomb".

SUMMARY OF THE MONTH—The month's totals of the number of sorties and missions flown and total tornage dropped attest to June's being the most active month for the squadron.

The squadron flew 196 of the 558 sorties flown by the Group during the month, dropping approximately 550 of the 1484 tons that were released by the Group on enemy targets. As of the 30th of June, the squadron had more sorties than any other in the Group.

MAINTENANCE. The increased number of missions for the month resulted in a wast increase of work for the engineering, ordinance and armament sections. However, the sections continued to uphold their impressive maintenance records. The Group as a whole had 27 early returns from missions due to mechanical failures. Only eight of these were charged against the 79lst.

June found many of the squadron's aircraft reaching the twilight period of their life expectancy, requiring increased efforts to keep the battle-weary aircraft operational. During the month it was necessary to make 26 engine changes, putting an extra burden on the other ships during the temporary shelving of worm aircraft.

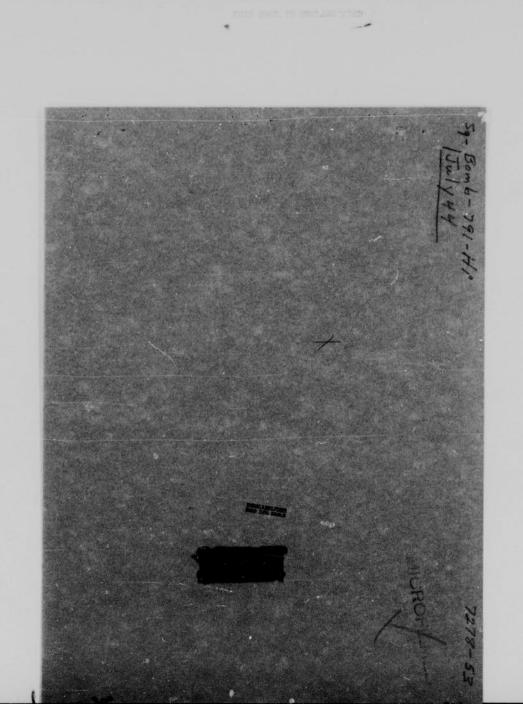
Master Sergeant's "Belle of the East," one of the squadron's original aircraft, extended its number of missions to 32 without aborting.

Two members of the engineering section, M/Sgt. J.J. Dunn and T/Sgt. F. Reardon, received word from the Air Service Command that their design for a purge valve in the instrument manifold pressure system had been accepted and would be installed on all b-24 s.

Ordnarce continued to overcome the problem of having short notice in loading aircraft with the specified type and number of bombs required by the Division Field Order for missions during the month.

AMARDS.. In addition to the usual quota of air medals and clusters, some squadron members won higher awards, including three Distinguished Flying Crosses for extraordinary achievement.

Two of the DFC winners, It. Charles W. Grace, pilot, and Arthur L. Frichard, co-pilot, were the first heavy bomber crew members to land on the Normandy beach-head. Their aircraft was badly damaged over the target on June 12, 1944, necessitating a landing on the most readily available piece of friendly soil. The other eight members bailed out, some landing in the channel where they were picked up by ressue ships, while Lieutenants Grace and Frichard brought the plane safely down on a Normandy landing strip which was still under construction.



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791st Bomb Squadron 467th Bomb Group

Month of July, 1944

July bombing was hampered by bad weather and as a result the squadron participated in only 19 missions during the month, dropping only one-half the tonnage expended on enemy targets during June.

The squadron took part in two aerial assaults that gave cl se ground support to Allied troops in Normandy. Each raid preceded breaks-through in the German line in battles which may win significant places in the history of the early fighting to conquer Germany. On July 18 liberator bombers hit troop and sup-ply concentrations at Troarm, near Gaen. Immediately following this blow, British troops pushed nearer the Seine River, strengthening their positions at the anchor of the Allied line. On July 25 the same type of raid was carried out at Montreuil in the vicinity of St. Lo, softening up the Germans for a push by American forces in the biggest break-through of the war.

Other bombings were against both pre-invasion targets and tactical targets. The bombers went back to hit familiar targets such as synthetic oil plants, aircraft plants, aerodromes, and subsarine factories. Whenever SHAEF requested the bombing of an air field or a rail center being used to support the enemy in France, the squadron was in on the job.

The squadron took part in two of the three historic raids on Munich going there on July 11 and July 12. In spite of intense anti-eirorest desenses here, the squadron suffered no lesses.
July was the second cosecutive month in which the squadron had no casualties.

of the 494 sorties flown by the entire group of the three squadrons, the 791st squadron was credited with 169. Approximately 376 tons of bombs were dropped on the 19 missions flown by the squadron in July. Only three of the squadron's aircraft had to turn short of the target due to mechanical failures.

Aircraft maintenance was at its best since the squadron became operational. While bad weather kept aircraft idle, it gave engineering, ordnance and armament personnel an opportunity to estch up on their work.

SFICRET

"Belle of the East" (Crew Chief, Roy B. Kirkpatrick) finished the month without aborting for the 47th consecutive mission; "Slick Chick," (Crew Chief, Jacques D. Quinn) had its 42nd mission in a row without mechanical failure; and "Lonely Heart" (Crew Chief, Jack Stratton) flew its 34th successive mission.

The only major change in personnel was the replacement of Major George W. Darnell as squadron executive officer. Major Darnell, who became Group Adjutant, was succeeded by Capt. Charles R. Boucher.

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MONTH OF AUGUST

AUGUET, the fifth month of combat operations for the 791st brought to the squadron the honor of sharing a new second kombardment Division record with the 467th Bomb Group. One hundred

and twenty days after being declared operational in the European Theater, this organization completed its one-hundredth mission.

The fact that the squadron had helped in breaking the division record was not the only encouraging statistic in the squadron's first five months of combat operations. At the end of August only two of the squadron's original phase-training crews were lost. All the other crews, with the exception of lead crews, had finished their combat tours in the European Theater.

Total number of casualties of the squadron in nearly a year including five months of combat, was only 42. No casualties were sustained in training.

Twenty missions were run during the month with results being exceptionally good for the most part. The Group registered six "excellents" and six "very goods", while the remainder of the missions ranged from poor to good and included bombing through clouds by means of instruments. On two of the missions weather interfered and no bombs were dropped.

Total tonnage dropped was 387.2 tons, or approximately 775,200 pounds

Casualties for the month were high in comparison with other months—a total of 2k men being lost. On 3 August 1944 while returning from a mission to lille, France Lt. D.M. Sanderford, S/Sgt. B. McCamteh and S/Sgt. A.E. Coven were killed in a crash landing.

Missing in Action from the Hamburg, Extends raid of 6 August 1944 are Lt. C.J. Katroba, Lt. S.A. McGartney, Lt. J.R. Gamble, Jr., F/O J.E. Kirby, Jr., S/Sgt. J.E. Manning, S/Sgt. J. Biggs, S/Sgt. D.M. Johnson, Cpl. D.R. Johnson, Cpl. B.R. Gage, Sgt. T.F. Jez and Sgt. S.R. Corbin.

Missing in action from a raid along the Seine Wiver on 15 August 1944 are Lt. C.J. Leyes, Lt. W. Coolidge, Lt. R.R. Burns, 5/gt. A.I. Herring, Jogt. R.F. Montgomery, 7/gt. L.J. Sanley, 7/sgt. J.H. Worby, 5/sgt. S.F. Wilkine, 5/Sgt. A.T. Sakrisen, S/sgt. S.T. Steinbrenner.

Awards during the month included 56 Fistinguished Flying Crosses, 47 Air Medals, and 122 Cak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal.

Individual crew members who received Distinguished Flying Croses for Leadership ability were Capt. Faul Torretti, Capt. James D. Twearingen, Lt. Gary S. Forre, and Lt. Trumen F. Simpson.

Maintenance in the equadron continued to be efficient, with 6 ships aborting before reaching the target. Three of the equadron's best ships were lost during the month: "Mailowing Wilbert, 43 missions, "Belle of the East", 55 missions and "Bugs Funny", 54 missions.

Mircraft having the best records in the equadron at the end of the month were "Slick Chick", 52 missions and "#115", 33 missions. Crew Chiefs are Master Pargeants Jacque D. Winn and Wayne G. Montford respectively.

Ordnance enjoyed its best month of efficient operation, due to splendid cooperation from the Group Motor Fool and thorough familiarization of all the men of the section with their specific assignments. The problem of keeping all crew members supplied with flak suits has been solved, and combat crews frequently praised the manner in which the suits were dispersed in each plane for their use.

MISSION	DATE	MEI	CHEWS BOI	B DROPPED	RESULTS
Villers La Hop tal	1-6-44	No Ball 79-	80-89-91-92-96-97	None Dropped	Nil
Haut Maisnil, Fr.	2-8-44	No Ball 79-	80-87-89-91-92-96-97	48,000	Poor
Lille, Fr.	3-8-44		79 <b>-8</b> 0 <b>-87</b> -8 <b>8</b> -89 <b>-</b> 91 9 <b>4-9</b> 5-96-97-98	63,000	Fair
Rostock, Gr.	4-8-1.4	Aero Eg. Fact.	87-92-94-95-96-97-98	35,000	V. Good
Brunswick, Gr.	5-8-44	Aero A sembly	77-80-81-85-86-94-96	54,000	Excellent
Hamburg, Gr,	6-8-44	Oil Refinery	77-81-84-92-95-97	48,000	Excellent
Ghent, Belg.	7-8-44	Oil Plant	84-85-86-95-96	33,000	Excellent
Clastred, Fr.	8-8-44	A/d Instal.	77-80-86-88-94-97	34,000	Excellent
Saarbrucken	9-8-44	Marshalling Yds	. 77-81-84-89-92-93-97	40,000	Fair
Mourmelon, Fr.	11-8-44	A/F Install.	77-78-80-81-89-92-93 94-95	54,000	Fair
Strasbourg, Gr.	12-8-44	RR Over Pass	77-79-84-92-94-95	36,000	V. Good
Seine River, Fr.	13-8-44	Road Jets-Ferry	78-82-84-86-89-95-97	39,600	Fair
Dole/Tavaux, Fr.	14-8-44	A/F	82-86-89-92-93-97	28,8000	Excellent
Vechta, Fr.	15-844	A/F	78-81-87-92-95-97-98	30,000	V. Good
Magdeburg, Gr.	16-8-44	Aero Eng. Asset	32-84-86-87-89-92 93-96-98	54,000	V. Good
Woippy, Fr.	18-8-44,	Aero Eng. Repai	1r 81-82-86-87-89 92-97-98-99	50,800	Excellent
Misburg, Gr.	24-8-44	Oil Install.	79-87-90-91-93-96-98-	99 36,000	V. Good
Lubeck, Gr.	25-8-44	A/c Parts Fact	. 78-8 <b>9</b> - 83-84-86 89-91-92-96	55,000	V. Good
Dulmon, Gr.	26-8-44	Fuel Reserve	81-86-89-91-92-93	41,000	Good
Finow, Gr.	27-8-44	A/c Eng. Fact.	79-80-81-82-83-87-9 92-99	None	Nil

TOTAL TORMAGE FOR AUGUST

775,200 lbs.

## HISTORY INFORMATION , y1 st EOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

#### OPERATIONAL STATUS

	OPERA	TIONAL STATE	
Maj. Albert L. WALLACK Capt. Robert S. SEILER Capt. Williams C. Evan Capt. Faul (rami) Torre 1st. Lt. Charles W. Gr	na atti	Squadron Ops. 0 Squadron Bombardier	A Combat Missions Combat Missions Combat Missions Combat Missions Combat Missions Combat Missions
Stewart Robert E. Pierce Anton Wilcox Mobert D. Helms Richard D. Wolk Laurence Niedwecki Stanley O.	F. Capt. CF. lst. Lt. N. lst. Lt. E. T/sgt. RO. T/sgt. C. S/sgt. G. 8/sgt. G. S/sgt.	Crew 81 Cramer Maurice B. Carner Gliver O. Woodside Lee S. Brown Forrest D. Lepoer Bernard A. Gardner Robert W. Long Joseph H. Tucci Allen C. Lee Varis W. Miller Lawerence	P. let. Lt. CF. 2nd. Lt. N. 2nd. Lt. B. 2nd Lt. E. Sgt. RO. Sgt. G. Cpl. G. Sgt. G. Gpt. G. Cpl.
Crew 78 Swearingen James D. Torre Gary J. Been Delbert T, Simpson Truman B. Evans William C, Neff Edward L. Goff Clifford E. Simkins George Markley Robert M. Shank Mervin M.	P. Capt. CP. let. Lt. N. let. Lt B. let. Lt PN. Capt. E. T/egt. C. S/egt. G. S/egt. G. S/egt.	Crew 82 Leonard Wellington ( Johnston William L. Hicks Robert E. Hodge Joseph A. Remetta Leonard Welan Donald R. Hampa Emil L. North Charles J. William Stergis	C. P. 1st Lt. CF. 2nd Lt. N. 2nd Lt. E. 2rd Lt. E. 3/egt. C. 5gt. G. 5gt. G. 5gt.
Crew 79 Littleford James W. Bentley Gustavus A. Feldman Robert J. Landers Alfred G. Losi Arnold A. Kelly Thomas D. Knowamki Frank Ribarich Kriste Ligols Nathaniel Rowland David E.	F. let. Lt. CF. 2nd. Lt. N. 2nd Lt. B. 2nn, Lt. E. T/sgt/ RO T/sgt. G. S/sgt. G. S/sgt. G. S/sgt.	Crew 83 Close Henry W. Sanicki Edward Costigan Cronlius C Sorrentino Freet I Martino Peter J. Coffey Burton L. Smith Paul E. Culley Lynn Smith Victor S.	P. 2nd Lt. CP. 2nd Lt. N. 2nd Lt. B. 2nd Lt. E. S/sgt. RO. Pvt. G. Sgt. G. Sgt. G. Sgt.
Crew 80 Zalusky Thomas F. Misiaizek Charles Christian Virgil Breitlow Robert C. Winkler Fred Falklewicz John Maguder Emory Switzer Paul E. Stone Calvan T. Holmstrom Ray	P. 1st. Lt. NP. 2nd Lt. N. 2nd Lt. B. 1st. Lt E. T/sgt. BO. T/sgt. G. S/sgt. G. S/sgt. G. S/sgt.	Grew 84 Harrington Craig W Boesen John J. Michahan Gene R Sammetinger Freder Cunningham Horval Berman Marvin R. Grinnell Charles I Gray Varner N. Kordus Charles F. Lewi s Thomas E.	N. F/O ick C B. 2nd Lt. V. E. S/Sgt. RO. Sgt.

Crew 85		Crew 91	
Crew 85 Tormoen George E.	P. vart.	Laszlo Geza	P. 2nd Lt.
Dunning Hertert M.	CP. 1st.Lt.	Geddy Ralph	
Gile John K.	N. 1st. 14.		CP. 2nd Lt.
Mazer David B.	B. 1st. Lt.	O'Brien John	B. T/sgt.
Strickland Frank X.		Arnita Elias	N. 2nd Lt.
	E. T/sgt.	Pterson Joseph W.	Sg6.
Schutta Leonard M.	RO. T/sgt.	Dougherty John	30. Pvt.
Hickey Thomas V.	G. S/agt.	Kravish John J.	G. Sgt.
Horne Robert E.	G. J/sgt.	Peterson Joe W.	G. Sgt.
Juhn Harry M.	G. S/sgt.		
		Crew 92	
Craw 86		Loveless Georfe E.	P. 1st. Lt.
Feldtkeller Robert E.	P. 2nd Lt.	Caldwell Charles H.	CF. 2nd Lt.
Weir Charles E.	CP. 2nd Lt.	Comport Duane A.	N. 2nd Lt.
Dapper Jerome H.	N. 2nd Lt.	Sherrard James L.	B. 2nd Lt.
Dessen Herbert C.	B. 2nd Lt.	Cataloni Fasquale	
Shanley William R.	E. Sgt.	Varkas James	L. S/sgt.
Gandara Ignatius L.			RO. Sgt.
Bearden James L	RO. Set.	Downey James C.	G. Sgt.
	G. Sgt.	Marsh Loyd W.	G. gt.
Wiggerhaus Philip A.	G. Sgt.	Sigler James C.	G. Sgt.
Peterson Osmon N.	G. Sgt.		
		Crew 93	
Crew 87		McMahon Charles L.	F. 1st.Lt.
Reed Philip M.	P. 2nd Lt.	Moodson Thomas W.	GF. 2nd Lt.
Ramsdall J. C.	CP. F/O	Goldberg Charles A.	N. 2nd Lt.
Burns Micheal R.	N. 2nd Lt.	Zaleski Chester J.	B. 2nd. Lt.
Ziegle Clarence P.	B. 2nd Lt.	Murphy Eugene	E. T/sgt.
Reid Ernest R.	S. S/agt.	Nelson Paul O.	Ro. S/sgt/
Rhodes James D.	RO. S/sgt.	Denny Joseph A.	G. S/sgt.
Hess Merle J.	G. Sgt.		
Pulcinella John D.	G Sgt.	L.nnie Daniel F.	C. S/sgt.
Berry Norris J.	C. Set	Ciampa Anthohy	G. S/sgt.
	G: Sgt.	Stone Hayedn	C. S/sgt.
Moskowitz Stankey R.	G. Sgt.		
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Crew 82	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	Crew 94	
Manning Addison B.	P, 1st. Lt.	Rice John W.	P. 2nd Lt.
Harmon Frank B.	CP. 2nd Lt.	Horak James R.	CP. 2nd Lt.
Roush Leon L.	N: 2nd Lt.	Angle William M	N. 2nd Lt.
Good Challes J.	B. 2nd Lt.	Devlein Thomas E.	S/sgt.
Skoll Peter	E. T/sgt.	Reed Clarence	5/sgt.
Whitehead Allen C.	RO. T/sgt.	Baker Harvey	G. Cpl.
Brown Hen ry A.	G. S/sgt.	Blocker Olin B.	G. Cpl.
Simon Henry C.	G. Sgt.	Bublitz Edwin C.	G. Cpl.
Gavin Julius G.	G. Sgt.	Davidos imaili or	opzi
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Crew 89		Cuest Q6	
DeBlois Paul A.	P. 2nd Lt.	Crew 96	2 1et 11
McCarthy Frederick J.	Cp 2nd Lt.	Sweeney Francis R.	P. 1st. Lt.
Bedard Denald E.		Holdsworth Everrett J'	Cp. 2nd Lt.
	N. 2nd Lt.	Page Earl C.	N. 2nd Lt.
Stone Robert E.	B. 2nd Lt.	Gruver Welden H.	B. 2nd Lt.
Helming William A.	E Sgt.	Deorsan Floyd W'	E. T/Sgt.
Gerlach Robert V.	BO' S/agt.	Carr Clifton C.	RO. T/Sgt.
Farker Harmon S.	G. Sgt.	Bachleda George	G. S/Sgt.
Launer Frank C.	G. Sgt.	Farner Keith C.	G. S/Sgt.
Baber Chester B.	B. Sgt.	Gaudreau Wilford J.	G. S/sgt.
Kufla Walter F.,	G. Sgt.	Young Carl	G. S/Sgt.

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#### CASUALTIES

Reed Stalie C.	let Lt.	KIA
Mason Warren W.	2nd Lt.	KIA
Ferguson James 0.	2nd Lt.	KIA
Alier Lewisk.	2nd Lt.	KIA
Dery Slyvio I.	s/sgt.	KIA
Kovalenko Walter K	T/Sgt.	KJA
Hoke Edward W.	Sgt.	KIA
Hamilton George S.	Sgt.	KIA
Bigge John	S/Sgt.	MIA
Vielbig Charles f.	S/Sgt.	Grd.
Carchietta John A.	S/Sgt.	MIA
Stephens Rufus B.	1st l.t.	MIA
Beasley Ernest A.	2nd Lt.	297
Witchell Walter H.	2mi Lt.	170
Feacock Cherles L.	T/Sgt.	MIA
Clark Chang	S/Sgt.	PW
Walther George H.	S/Sgt.	MIA
Rabenold John E.	Sgt.	PW
Jenkins Fred C.	s/set.	MIA
McCracken Kenneth M	. S/Sgt.	28
Collins R. J.	lat Lt.	KIA
Sanderford D. M.	2nd Lt.	KIA
McMamish B. W.	S/Sgt.	KIA
Coven S. B.	S/Sgt.	KIA
Katraba G. J.	let. Lt.	MIA
McCartney S.A.	2nd Ltu	Mia
Camble J. R.	2nd Lt.	MIA
Gamble of Me	8/0	MIA
Kirby J. W.	S/Sgt.	MIA
Manning J. E.	s/sgt.	MIA
Johnson D. W.	Cpl.	MIA
Gage D. R.	Sgt.	MIA
Jez T.F.	Sgt.	MIA
Corbin J. R.	1st Lt.	MIA
Leyes C. J.	2nd Lt.	VIA
Coolidge M.	2nd Lt.	MIA
Burns M. X.	S/Sgt.	WIA
Herring A. I.	S/Sgt.	MIA
Montgomery R. E.	/3gt.	MIA
Manley L. J.	S/Sgt.	MIA
Worby H. J.	S/Sgt.	MIA
Wilkins W. F.	S/Sgt.	MIA
Sakrisen A. E.		MIA
Steinbrenner S. W	,-6	

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George W. Perry Arthur L. Prichard	1st Lt.
Arthur L. Prichard	2nd Lt.
Milliam A. Buchecker	2nd Lt.
Arthur R. Kirsis	1st Lt.
Bernard E. Solinsky	T/sgt. S/sgt.
Hobert E. Troy	S/set.
George Morgan	ogt.
Robert P. Wyatt	Sgt.
Adward S. Smith	Set.
Thomas H. Murphy	let.Lt.
James V. McGinn	2nd Lt.
Ralph F. BrueGGeman	2nd Lt.
Charles J. Schmitz	T/set.
Kenneth E. May	S/sgt.
Edwin W. Branaman	S/sgt.
Carlton W. Smith	S/sgt.
Raymond K. Keaton	lst Lt.
Gerald E. Kgrn	
Arthur G. Barnquist	lst Lt.
Arthur G. B. rgquist	F/0
Oliver 5. Mondrash	S/sgt.
Phillip Shady	S/agt.
Alvert W. Krameric	S/sgt.
Charles R. Branson	5/sgt.
Gerald H Nadeau	S/sat.
Edward C: Mard	S/sgt.
Vermon W. Rigstee	1st Lt.
Paul J. Hannafy	lst Lt.
Arthur A. Wicks	let Lt.
Gordon S. Freiday	T/sgt/
Champ C. Burkholder	T/Sgt.
James J. Vernuas	S/sgt.
Dennis O. Arnold	3/sgt.
Dale E. Hamilton	S/sgt.
Danald C. Cantrell	S/syt.
James A. Mikkelsen	lot Lt.
John ". Noble	1st Lt.
Malcolm W. Jenkins	2nd Lt.
Melville P. Mulligan	2nd Lt.
Donald P & Cote	T/sgt.
Anthony V. Bell	T/sgt.
William R. Bragg	S/sgt.
Winsel M. Loveless	S/sgt.
Joseph L. Lyvers	S/sgt.
Fay E. Berkins	3/sgt.
William H. Selk	let Lt.
Arthur K. Ingland	1st Lt.
Bruce W. Owen	2nd Lt.
John G. Simanowitz	2nd Lt.
Charles Schultz	That be.
Fred J. Enck	T/sgt.
Francis H. Lavery	T/sgt.
Frencis H. Lavery	S/sgt.

Robert H. Farnswoth	
Charles C. Cochey	
Morton R. Schecter	
Wells L. Wescott	
Wendell D. Pirtle	
Theodore Madden	
Sheldon Kohl	
Wayne N. Egner	
Merle J. Brimanan	
Stanley F. Grabowski. Jack F. Bush	
Jack F. Bush	
Harold F. Goldman Robert E. Krener	
Robert E. Krener	
axter W.Honsley	
Devere R. Pederson	
George A. Kern	
Sam Egan	
Henry W. Ellison	
Raymond Tiron	
Filliam L. Quick	
Laurence McMahon	
James M. Fair	
Ernest J. Longnecker	
John J. Sward	
Tenry F. Wentz	
salph V. Hutton	
laymed listbanson	
Haymod Hathanson John B. Føster	
Humanad & Dendehl	
Raymond Brydahl	
Lindell G. Johnson	
WINDSIL O. JOHNSON	
Louis J. Camassa	
Thomas G. Stolz	
William R. Graf	
Floyd J. Pugh	
Lawerence R. Maddock	¢
illiam A. Carpenter	
Henry W. Wedda	
John A. Kozlowitz	
William E. Stevenson Walter C. Colvin	
Talter . Colvin	
lean I. Lowe	
John c. Mitchell	

S/sgt. 5/8 tt. S/set. 1st Lt. 2nd Lt. lot Lt. let Lt. T/agt. T/egt. S/sgt. S/st. J/sgt. lst Lt. lat Lt. 2nd Lt. T/sgt. T/sgt. 3/sat. S/sgt. S/sgt. 1st Lt. Let Lt 2nd Lt. 2nd Lt. T/set. T/sgt. S/sgt. S/sgt. S/sgt. S/sgt. 1st Lt. lst Lt. 2nd Lt. S/sgt. 2nd Lt. T/sgt. T/sgt. 3/sgt. 3/sgt. 3/sgt.

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HISTORY of the

791st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 467th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

SECOND BOMB DIVISION

EIGHTH AIR FORCE

Bombing operations of the 791st Bomb Sq., during the month of September were limited due to a more pertinent job to be accomplished 4- flying gasoline and supplies to France.

The squadron was placed on "Truckin" operations on 12 September 1944, and continued with its supply mission throughout the remainder of the month.

Orleans was chosen as the first French terminal of the England to Frances supply line. However, due to the rapid advance of the ground forces in Northern France, Orleans became too far removed from the front lines to efficiently get the gasoline and supplies where they were needed most.

Only eight of the squadron's supply lader ships left their cargo at Orleans before Clastres, France was chosen as the new terminal.

Change in airfields necessitated the moving of personnel and equipment which had already been set up to handle the tremendous supply of gasoline that was to be flown in by American Bombers.

On 18 September Clastres was in readyness to receive "Truckin" aircraft. This French base handled all g soline hauled by this group thereafter, except for a few aircraft which were diverted to Lille and St Dizier when facilities at Clastees became overcrowded.

During "Truckin" operations the squadron had 90 aircraft successfully complete their missions, delivering a total of 195,086 gallons of gasoline.

Bulk of the maintainance work at Clastres was handled by the 791st Sq., engineering section, headed by Lt. Renneth R. Kleinann. Enlisted men working with Lt. Kleinann, squadron engineering officers were M/Sgt. R.M. Young, M/Sgt. B.H. Watts, M/Sgt. R.D. Kirkpatrick, M/Sgt. N.J. Fearson, S/Sgt. N.A. Carter, Sgt. J.L. Turner, Sgt. E.A. Seidle.

All planes landing at the field were serviced by these men. Many of the Aircraft used for "Truckin" operations had been previously retired from combat due to battle weariness, and all required a good deal of meckanical attention. Because of the poor condition of the run-ways, which had been bombed by this squadron while it was still used by the German Air Force, mush tire trouble was encountered when tires were not actually blown out they often suffered cuts which had to be repaired before the aircraft could return to England.

No adequate lighting system could be installed so that maintenance men could work at night e-riciently. Cold weather also hampered mechanical work.

Ordnance was assigned the task of converting the B-24 Liberator from a bomber to a gasoline cargo carrier. This necessitated putting gasoline tanks of different sizes and variety in the bombers. The ordnance section also supervised the transfer of gasoline from British lorries to the aircraft. Ordnance personnel was able to overcome the short notice given to prepare for "Truckin" operations. During the time these operations were being flown no one in the section was able to go on pass because of the large amount of work involved.

Because of the complexity caused by A/C being dispatched at all hours of the day, much operations and planning had to be worked out in order to see that each crew was properly briefed and dispatched to its destination. Operations from the home base to France was handled by Capt. Robert Seiler, Squadron Operations Officer.

During the first twelve days o finte month bombing missions, were flown by squadron when weather permitted. Six missions were assigned, although one was not completed due to weather conditions. During this time the squadron drop ed 38.5 tons of bombs on energy targets.

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HISTORY INFORMATION TRUCKENG -

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DATE	ESTINATION	A/C	Grews	GALLONS DELIVERED
12-9-44	Orleans	8	80-82-84-85-90-92-97-99	19,090
18-9-14	Clastres	1	7/4	1612
17-9-44		7	80-82-84-86-90-92-97	14,620
20-9-44	**	2	87-94	4,353
21-9-44	4	7	81-84-86-87-91-92-97	17,291
22-9-44	- 11	4	80-82-83-84	10,000
23-9-1/4		10	80-81-83-84-86-91-94-96-97-99	18,410
24-9-114		1	91	1,612
25-9-1,14		6	82-87-90-96-98-99	16,893
26-9-44	H	8	83-89-92-93-94-96-97-98	19,000
27-9-44		10	80-81-82-83-90-91-92-94-98-99	25,380
28-9-44		L	80-82-96-97	10,344
28-9-44	Lille	2	91-93	2,866
29-9-44	7	5	83-84-86-87-88	4966
29-9-44	Clastres	5	89-90-91-98-99	5,178
29-9-64	St. Dizier	10	84-86-87-88-89-92-91-97-98-99	19,368

Gallons delivered means the actual amount of gas, which was turned over to the pumping stations in France total gallons amount to 195,026 gallons.

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# HISTORY INFORMATION OFFRATIONAL MISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

#### 791st.

DATE 1-9-44	107	PLACE Foret de Hagenau	MPI Annunition Dump	016080 78-80-82-86-89-90-91-92-94	BOMA DROPPIED none dropped	RESULTS
5-9-44	108	Karlsruhe, Ger.	R.R. Repair	78-89-91-94-97-99	70-500	Good
8-9-44	109	Karlehuhe, Cor.	U/Yards	83-85-89-91-92-93-94-92-99	54-1,000	Good
9-9-1.1.	110	Mainz, Worms-Ger.	U/Yards	80-83-84-86-89-90-92-91-95	100-250	Cood
10-9-44	111	Ulm, Ger.	AFV & MI Morks	81-8/-86-88-91-92-93-96-99	50-500	PFF
11-9-44	112	Stendal, Ger.	Oil Refinery	21-21-86-88-91-97-93-91-99	80-500	Pff

6 Operational missions for Sept. totaling 179,000 lbs. or 88.5 tons.

On Sept 12th this Squadron was placed on the alert for Cargo adselons a record for which is on a separate sheet.

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HISTORY of the

791ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY SEVENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

SECOND BONBARDMENT DIVISION EIGHTH AIR FORCE

1 October 1944 to 1 November 1944

45- 8664

Change in the policy of distribution of lead crews swong the squadrons of the Group brow ht about a redical turnover in personnel of the 791st.

In October all lend crows of the froup were transferred to the 791st squadron and wing crows were transferred in exchange. This cha ge automatically shifted the responsibility for the Group's precission bombing record on the shoulears of Major Albert L. Wallace, squadron communer, and his staff.

Effective with this change, the squadron furnished the group less and deputy less rews and squadron less crews for all missions flown by the group, as a result of furnishing only the less crews, the squadrons number of sortles flown and tonnese of bombs dropped necessarily ausered. The squadrons responsibility therefore became quality in lieu of quantity.

Since all wing ships depend primarily on the overall performance of lead ships in successful bombing, the maintenance responsibilities of en incering, ordnance, and armament increased.

All lead ships of the group were transferred to the squadron, and while the quantity of maintenance decressed, stress again was placed on quantity.

Fourteen missions were flown during the month and on the six missions when bombing was visual, results were raied:
Two "Good", Two "Tery Good", One "Excellent", and one "Fair".

AMARDS: 83 Air Medals and Clusters. 36 Distinguised Plying Crosses.

## CREWS NOW IN THIS SQUADRON

( as of October 30th. )

	lst Lt. lst Lt. lst Lt. lst Lt. capt. lst Lt. Capt. Capt.	89 William J. Crundman 90 Kenneth G. Ford 91 Arthur R. Carner 92 William R. Chapman 93 James D. Budson 94 Travis S. Whitsel	Capt.
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#### Pilets and crews transferred out

#### 7.88

Francis R. Sweeney	lst	Tt.
Charles J. White	lst	
Graig W. Herrington	lst	Lt.
Philip W. Reed	lst	Lt.
Paul A. Deblois	2nd	Lt.

## 789

John F. Moffette	2nd	Lt.
William A. Johnston	2nd	Lt.
Donald M. Cannett	1st	Lt.
Robert E. Feldtkeller	lst	It.
Henry K. Close	2nd	Lt.
Delbert T. Been	lst	Lt.

## 790

Sherman C. Martin	lst	Lt.
George E. Loveless	lst	Lt.
Cesa Laszlo	2nd	Lt.
John W. Race	2nd	Lt.

## 791 HISTORY - OUTCOM

W.Z.	L	HAR TAKET	C.Essa	COSTO DARFIAD	HINDLES
	113	Gaggenau, Der. Diesel Fact.	177-77-73	20-500	
	11/	Indertorn, Ser. A/F	FEF 76-05- PCF	23-500	
	115	Nemecolors, Ger. We assembly	15f= 1ff= 38=34	79-500	Fair
7	116	Engleturg, Ger. Attent works	157-152-00-90-76-86	60=1000	Doellent
9	117	Geissen, Ger. 17/1	111-111-76-95	14,0-250	199
	118	Varrellousen, der. A/F	7 6 -79- 83-19	208-100	Very Good
14	119	Cologne, Ger. 16/7	93-1-33-87-83-78-76	59-250 28-500	PFF
15	130	Honbein, Ger. Oil Refinery	77-78-83-85	59-25	Very Good
17	122	Leverkunen, Ger. Chemical Mkr.	79-84-88	52-500	FFF
19	122	Madiaz, Ger. Ordinance Depot	90-82-80-76	30-250 24-500	FFF
22	123	Hann, Ger. M/Y	88-91-78-76-92	40-250-16-500	FFF
25.	124	Neumonoter, Der. A/F	77-84-78	36-500	P27
26	125	Linden, Cer. Hittlehant Ganal	84-77-79	10-2000	FFF
30	126	Harturg, Gere Cil Refinery	79-82-92	64-300	277

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HISTORY of the

SEVEN HUNDRED NINTY FIRST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY SEVENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

SECOND BOMPARDMENT DIVISION EIGHTH AIR FORCE

1 November 1944 to 1 December 1944

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Hovember unried the 'Polat Squadron's second correcutive month as the load squadron of the Broup, furnishing all lead and deputy lead areas and algoratt.

of 12 missions completed, only four were visual runs with results from book strike makegraphs showing one "poor", two "very good", and one "specificati".

The performance of the squedron helped to further substantiate the pl'ey of poulty all lend eraws in one or assistation. Tone of the led ships had salfametions which resulted in wins ships drouping pressurely.

Other designs were either MEX or ST (both instrument bombi a through cloud coverage over the target ores.

Sed weather resulted in numerous missions being "corabbed" after they briefed and all preparations had been made to formish the required number of ships with specified escaline, book, and examplied load.

Sorubbing of missions necessitated such a tra work by the ordnance section in unlocaing the beaus from the sircust. This was necess by due to the fact that both loads pencelly vary from one mission to the next.

Rain and resultant and crused increased hardships on ground crews whenever their work can led them off the concrete.

Fewer hours of daylight and raw met weather adde the maintenance problem more difficult. Ground crews were forced to work in cumbersome winter clothing and by artificial lighting, a great deal core in order to keep ships ready for use.

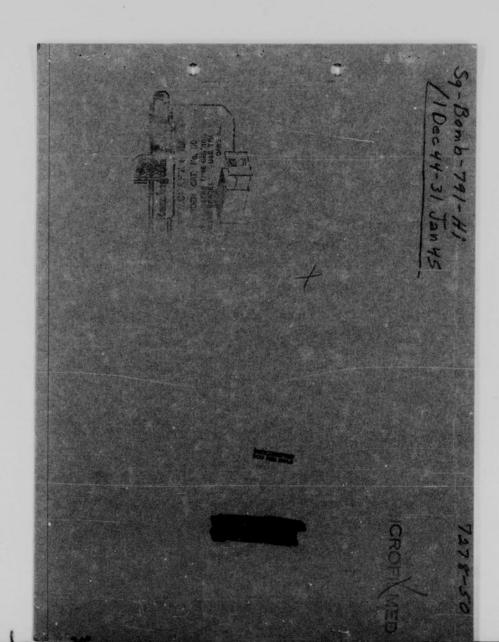
The small number of combat missions flown sid not necessarily mean less work in maintenance of shire. Mhenever the Group was "stood down" for combat, practice missions were flown. Practice missions were comparable in length to some of the more shallow genetrations into enemy territory. About the only defference as far as w ar and tear on equipment in a practice mission was the obsence of the usual flak damage received in combat.

Lt. Kenneth Fleinman, who had been engineering officer of the squadron for more than a year, was promoted to Captain

AVARDS: 26 Distinguished Dlying Crosses. 91 Air Pedals and Clusters.

DATE -	MISSION	- TARGET	- H.P.I	CRESS INVOLVED -	BOUR LOAD	- RESULTS
DATE			17/1	72, 00, 82, 83, 90.	16 - 500 24 - 250	Very Good
2	127	Bielefelá		85,67,88,94,95,91.	24 - 500	Poor
4	128	Misburg	Oil Refinery			P.F.F.
5	129	Karlaruhe	M/X	77, 79, 93.	8 - 2000	
	130	inden	Aqueducts	81,85,88,89.	10 - 2000	P.F.F.
6			Fortress	77, 80, 93.	8 - 3000	P.F.F.
9	131	Metz			66 - 100	f.F.F.
10	132	Hanau	A/F	80, 82, 80.	20 - 250	P.F.F.
11	133	Bottrop	oil Refinery	79, 82.		
		Eschweiler	Freen Support	80, 83, 87, 90, 93.	74 - 260	GH/Foor
16	134	Eschaozaot		85, 86, 88, 89.	32 - 500	Excellent
21	135	Harburg	Oil Refinery		26 - 500	on/foor
25	136	Bingen	II VX	82, 90, 94.		very God
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HISTORY

791ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

1 DECEMBER 1944 to 31 DECEMBER 1944

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1 JANUARY 1945 to 31 JANUARY 1945



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During the months of December 1944 and January 1945, the eighth and ninth of peration in the E.T.O., the 791st Squadron completed 15 and 12 missions respectively, bringing the total to date to 153 and 165 missions respectively. Two of these were recalled because of bad weather.

The tonnage carried on these missions amounted to 107.25 Tons in December and 73.5 Tons in January. The reason for this great difference in tonnage lies in the fact that 67 sorties were flown in December while only 32 for January.

The missions flown during these months can roughly be divided into the following categories:

Liowing dategories:	Dec. 1944	Jan. 1945
Marshalling Yards (M/Y)	11	3
Town and RR Tracks	1	
Bridges	2	4
Goods Wagon Factory		1
Steel Flant		1
Road Junction and possible Troop Concentration		1
Oil Refinery		1
Recalled (Weather)	1	1
Totals	15	12

Attached to this report is Exhibit A showing additional details on the flown missions.

The Squadron is continuing its appointed task of furnishing lead pilots and ships for the third consecutive month, and this explains the reason for the unusual small number of sorties as compared with the first months of operation.

The status of the missions flown by the Command Filots for this period is as follows: (The total to Date)

	Dec.	Jan.
Major Albert L. Wallace	24	24
Capt. Robert S. Seiler	30	30
Capt. John E. Conley	23	25
Capt. Wellington C. Leonard	17	19

There are 17 crews assigned to the 791st Squadron acting in the capacity of lead crews for the other squadrons. The status as to the missions flown by these cress is as follows: ( Total to date)

Crew No.	Pilot's Name	Dec. 1944	Jan. 1945
76.	1st Lt. Joseph W. Cravens	16	20
78	Capt. Troy E. Wild	11	15
79	1st Lt. James C. Littleford	15	18
80	1st Lt. Billy Williams	12	16
81	Capt. Maurice B. Cramer		26
82	Capt. Carl 5. Jensen		1
63	1st Lt. Blackwell C. Dunnam	15	16
85	1st Lt. Frank S. Tatson	14	15
86	1st Lt. Billy L. Johnston		17
87	1st Lt. Bernard M. Jones		17
88	2nd Lt. Edward T. Holum		5
89	1st Lt. John W. Moseley	7	7
90	2nd Lt. Russell E. Scott	į.	8
91	2nd Lt. Learned M. Darry		5
	1st Lt. Clarence W. Schulze	á	26
92		23	24
93	1st Lt. James D. H.dson		
95	1st Lt. Ralph H. Elliott	11	13

The Officers and men of the Squadron received numerous deterations during these two months and the total awards are listed merewith;

Dec.	1944	Distinguished Flying Crosses Oak Leaf Clusters Air Medels	1 19 5
Jan.	1945	Distinguished Flying Crosses Oak Leaf Clusters Air Medals	114 28

The following officers and Enlisted Sen having completed their tour of duty have been relieved from the 77lst Squadron, and transferrred to the 70 R.B. A.A.F. for transportation home.

Dec. 1944

Capt. Charles W. Grace	Sapt. Ferneth S. Ford
1st Lt. Renneth S. Fennoyer	lst Lt. Daniel D. Wright
1st Lt. Morton Deutsch	lst Lt. Robert S. Bolan
1st Lt. Robert Fixler	lst Lt. Anton J. Looman
T/Sgt Wartin L. attenbury	T/Sgt Clarence E. Sutton
T/Sgt Wilmer & Clark	T/Sgt Robert E. arndt
T/Sgt Leonard H. Schutta	T/Sgt Horace R. Ferik
T/Sgt Ray H. Boling	T/Sgt Frank A. Strickland

Dec. 1944 S/Sgts.: James A. Drye Robert E. Horne Thomas V. Hickey Carol Stilabower Harry M. Juhn

Bermard J. Devine Clement C. Valot Clarence . Love

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Capts.: Faul Torretti Lobert S. Seiler Addison B. Manning

lst Lts.: Louis H. Greiner (Dec. 1944) Richard B. Hirsch (Dec. 1944) Hilliam P. Erleyel

Vernon J. Rood Frank . Harmon Enest R. Des Jardins

Diwin Bornfleth

T/Sgts: James R. Green Feter Skoll

William H. Ryan Rosario A. Bessette Everette E. Newton James W. O'Donnell Henry G. Simon

Thomas F. C'Leary Clayton . Hozling Donald C. Chepler Heath F. Wullis Bugene C. Green Charles F. Holmes

James L. Howman Robert D. Sheekan

Joseph M. Gehring Charley J. Good

Howard V. Carrett allen C. Whitehond

Joseph A. Denny John W. Ashman Henry A. Brown Julius G. Gavin Morman A. Gauthier

number of new crews and replacements were welcomed into the ranks of the 791st, and are as shown below.

Crew 87 1st Lt. Bernard R. Jones 2nd Lt. James J. Eich 2nd Lt. Antone J. Maris T/Sgt Isadore Schultze John R. Carroll

T/Sgt Adrian R. Giguere

Crew 83 1st Lt. Blackwell C. Dunnam 2nd Lt. Carl O. Brasier T/Sgt. Clyde E. Brown S/Sgt Robert J. Moran

2nd Lt. Juan Torres 2nd It. Dean F. Morrow 2nd Lt. Ro ert A. Fitzgerald S/Sgt Charles P. Bednarik " Paul H. Collis

2mm Lt. Lewis D. Blanich 2nd Lt. Thomas G. Schnorr S/Sgt Roy V. Winden T/Sgt Melvin J. Gillette

New crews and replacements continuted:

1st Lt. Franks C. Tatson Crew 35 Kenneth M. Robin S/set Gerard A. Sodano " Bush J. Donlon Sgt Cordon A. Magoner

2rd Lt. Dean H. Johnson 2nd Lt. Drnest G. Sorrentino Sgt Carl J. Dottore " Leonard H. Maharrey

## Jenuary 1945

2mi Lt. Benjamin H. Beard 1st Lt. John M. Moseley '2nd Lt. Richard B. C'Connell 2nd Lt. Relson V. King S/S t Russell J. Robinson Sgt Clifford C. Muhbard Grew 89 Solomon A. Womack Jr. Eugene R. Zumalt

2nd Lt. William L. Sheldrick F/C Thomas F. Hastings 2nd Lt. Gordon A. Reynolds Crew 86 F/O Gerard Cadarian Sgt. Rufus a. Webb Sgt Clinton L. Crandell Jr/ " Gorry C. Larsen S/Sgt George E. Sizer Sgt. Jerry F. Johnson

Replacements: Dec. 1944 lst Lt. Anthony R. Smolar 2nd Lt. Joseph P. Pepino

1st It. Charles W. Matthews 2nd it. orners J. Consider

Cpl. Relph D. Conkle Fic Louis J. Hauser

Cpl. Leon L. Cebert Pvt. Paul T. Payton

Jan. 1944

Capt. Ross E. Vogles 2nd Lt. Henry M. Wilson " Edward A. Tripold Capt. Harl S. Jensen " Addison B. Manning 2nd Lt. Walter J. Robinson

S/Sgt Glenn D. Sims n Charles W. Frue " Francis R. Gemotts Ogt. Jerry F. Johnson

Sgt Rex A. Brawley " Earl W. Jarnagin " Gerald A. Crabbe

In addition to the above the Squadron lost a number of men by transfers to other units in this Group and to the 96th C.B. . and to the Sth A.F. Capt. Robert P. Collins of the medical staff was transferred to Hdors. U.S.A.F., and Capt. George E. Tormoen to the 96th C.B.W. Both of these Officers were well liked and highly respected, and will be missed in their usual places.

Twenty men were also transferred to the Infantry, and upon their departure were sent off with the best of breakfasts and speeches by Lt. Cols Walker and Mahoney, and with music by the Airliners. These and other transfers out of the Soundron are listed herewith.

December 1944 1st Lt. Robert F. Lukeman 1st. Lt. Herbert M. Dunning

December 1944 Transfers out continued

1st Lt. John K. Gile 2nd Lt. Arthur J. Prescott Capt. Leonard H. Monefeldt

1st Lt. Louis F. Rhoads

S/Sgt Robert E. Baker Cpl. Billy L. Elder Pvt. Burton L. Coffey

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S/Sgt Horace B. Halpin Pvt. "essie H. Yon

Jan. 1945

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January 1945 Capt. John E. Conley 1st Lt. Carl H. Swenson " Warren B. Schumaker 2nd Lt. George L. Wright 2nd Lt. Carl C. Brasier

Capt. Ross E. Voyles 1st Lt. Troy E. Hild " Loren I. Roush 2nd Lt. John Beyers " Ralph Gluck

S/Sgt Allen R. Young

Pvt. Gordon J. Winslow

The following were assigned to the 12th Reinforcement Depot, Midworth Barracks, Wilts.

Sgt. Clinton H. Pundt Opl. Maxon J. Bloomgoden Pfc Jack K. Forkman Pvt Herman Phillips Cpl. Chloneil Haney Pvt. Belford J. Gruver

Pvt. Coleman Deal " Joseph R. Kalukiewicz " John C. Larsen Jr. " George J. Baisch

Cpl. Don Smith Sgt. James L. Turner Pfc Sam Carter Sgt John L. Lowman Cpl. Octavio Luna Ffc Fred L. Jones Pvt. William A. Mc Kenzie " Charles J. Haggard " Edward H. Saylan " Ricardo Luna

There were a few Officer and Inlisted Men promotions in these two months the most outstanding being Capt. Charles R. Boucher to Major and 1st Lt. Leonard to Capt. The others are as follows:

Charles R. Boucher Capt. to Major Dec. 1944 Wellington C. Leonard 1st Lt. to Capt. James R. Andrews 2nd Lt. to lst Lt.
Vance E. Cridling
William P. Scharrschmitt William P. Scharrschmitt

Matalie F. Parodi Arnold R. Thompson Harold P. Van Tress Jr. William H. Ward Joseph W. Cravens " " " James W. Littleford lst Lt. to Capt.

2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. Billy L. Johnston 11 11 11 Arthur F. Austin Gilbert C. Holick

Faul P. Regnier

Gregory Lynes Charles H. Moser Jr. John W. Wallace

2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. 11 11 11

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#### Jan. 1945 Fromotions continued

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Donald L. Farvin Frank L. Maters Roland J. Doran John E. Keyer	lst lt. to Cart 2nd lt. to lst	
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Dec. 1744 Delmar B. Aldinger Lester J. Rohlf Jerome E. Towers Leonard Dalton Leonard Remetta John Cross Edgar Felbelman John R. Dahl	From Jo Sgt S/Sgt Cpl. Sgt. Ffc Cpl S/Sgt T/Sgt Sgt S/Sgt Ffc Cpl	Joseph S. Lightner Robert W. Jensen Everett E. Thielsen Hugh R. Cunninghom Harry Z. Milson Robert C. Twyford John A. Ellis James P. Mc Meel	From So Sgt S/Sgt Spl Sgt Cpl Sgt Pvt Ffc S/Sgt T/Sgt Sgt S/Sgt Ffc Cpl
Jan. 1945 Carl S. appel Jr. George E. Fuller Terramce F. Brennan Robert G. Butler Michard E. Jehlef Mino C Cawley Jack Shipitofsky Olin B. Blocker George J. Sipide Ralph S. Wise Baul Sencer Jack D. Sizemore	Sgt. S/Sgt  Cpl Sgt. T/Sgt L/Sgt Sgt.  Pvt. Ffc  " "  " "  " "  " "  " "  " "  " "  "	Kenneth J. Simoff Sam F. Word Leo G. Warsh Elmer A. Seidl Nex A. Browley Stephen B. Benjack James W. Clift Richard L. Wagmason Howard R. Taylor Robert A. Chappill Frank V. Fochesto	Sgt. S/Sgt "Cpl. Sgt SfSgt T/Sgt Sgt. S/Sgt Fyt Ffc "" "" "" "" "" ""

It is always a sad task both for Officers and men to have demotions a matter of record, but the few that are represented here reflects favorably on the high morale of the 791st Squadron.

Dec. 1944 George E. Fuller	From S/Sgt	To Sgt	Howard T. Craft	From To
Jan. 1945	Pfc	Fvt	Terrance P. Brennan	Sgt Pvt
Belford J. Bruver	M/Sgt	Fvt	Varis W. Lee	S/Sgt Sgt
Gordon J. Minslow	S/Sgt	Sgt	William F. Rodgers	Opl. Pvt

The squadron had no special social functions during these months, however, numerous men from the Squadron participated in the Group functions at the Mero Club including a Christmas party for several hundred English children on Christmas day.

Anglosmerican relations are of the best on this base, and the above party in addition to the women who come from British homes to do sewing for the boys, illustrate this cordial relationship.

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Events of special interest that took place during this period in which the 791st was represented was first:

In an 8th Air Force Fistol Championship Match. Capt. Carl Fee the only representative of the 2 BD was a member of a five man team that won first place. This match represented a contest of units having over 300,000 men.

It was reported that Charles 1. Leyes who was formerly M.I.A was now a F.O.W. 3 August 1944.

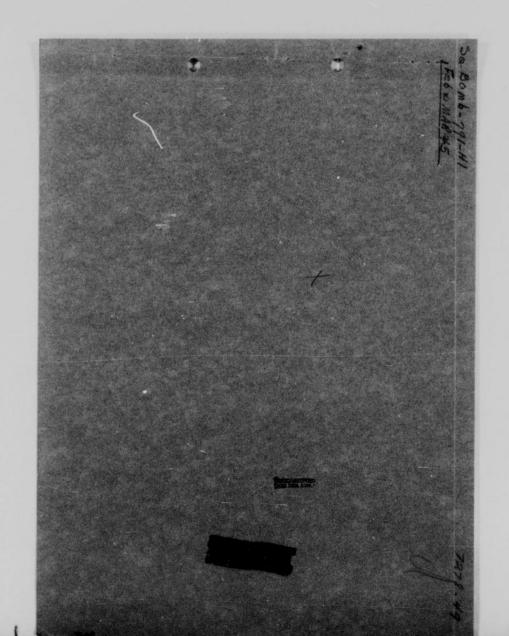
The strength of the  $\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{cuadron}}$  at the last of the respective months were as listed below/

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	13	1	71	0	31	0	116	
Jan. 31st	11	1	51	15	26	3	118	2
Dec. 31st E.M.	389	4	Total				402	
Jan. 31st E.M.	364	18	10				382	

A personal appeal by Major Wallace C.U. for blood C donors was responded to by 105 donors out of a possible 115 in the Squadron. It is an exceptional record, and the 10 odd men who did not donate were on pass or furlough or otherwise it would have 100%.

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## HISTORY

791st Bombardment Squadron (H)

1 February to 28 February 1945

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1 March to 31 March 1945.

Lt. Col. Albert L. Wallace Jr. & Staff



Front Row L to R: Capt. Robinson, Maj. Conley, Lt. Col Wallace Maj. Boucher, Capt. Fee.

Second Row L to R: Capt. Leonard, Capt, Doren, 1st Lt. Simpson, Capt. Bowden, Capt. Kleinman, 1st Lt. Fox, 1st Lt. Landen.

Third Row L to R: lst Lts.Russell, Jones, Coa, Jones, Broker, Schulze, 2nd Lt. Howard.

February and March 1945 saw the 10th and 11th month of operation in the E.T.C. by the 791st Bombardment (H) Squadron. For the fourth and fifth months now the Squadron has furnished the lead crews and ships for the entire Group.

This has naturally lowered the number of sorties flown, but 72 were flown in February and 105 in March.

The Squadron had an exceptionally busy period by flying 16 missions and 3 recalls (because of weather) in February and 24 missions in March. The total missions to date as of February 28th was 182 and that of March 31st was 206.

The bombings covered a diversified classification, and were as follows:

#### February 1945

10 Marshalling Yards 1 Fuel storage

1 Oil refinery 1 Air Field

1 Machine shop

1 Railroad Centre 1 Target of Opportunity

16 Total 3 Recalls

#### March 1945

8 Marshalling Yards

1 Fuel Storage 1 OilRefinery

5 Airfields

1 RR Bridge and Marshalling Yard

2 Amment Factories

1 Submarine Plant 1 RR Viaduct

1 Army Headquarters

1 Target of Opportunity 2 Naval Construction Yards

4 Total

The bomb load for February was 117 1/4 tons and 133 2/3 Tons in March. See Exhibit A for additional details.

On March 18th Crew No. 32 commanded by 1st Lt. Chapman was damaged by flak while over Berlin on a bombing mission, and was forced to head toward the Russian lines.

The ship was abandonded after being attacked by Russian planes over Russian territory. The crew balled out, and after some harrowing experiences with Russian soldiers who failed to

recognize them, at first, as American airmen, they finally contacted each other and found out that the Mavigator and engineer had been killed. After their recognition as Americans they were well received and entertained by the Russians.

They returned to England the 30th of March, and returned

to duty. The report of the crew is as follows:

#### Killed in Action

Navigator 1st Lt. Harold P. Van Tress, Jr.

Engineer T/sgt George E. Fuller

#### Return to Duty

lst Lt. John W. Wallace 1st Lt. William R. Chapman William M. Yarcusko " Martin F. Beyon S/sgt Myrol L. Anderson Alsie G. Austin T/set Albert B. Palmer Jr. 3/sgt Robert C. Twyford

There were no other casualties for this period, or any other ships lost.

The officers and Enlisted Men of the 791st Squadron received numerous decorations during these two months, and the total awards are listed herewith:

February 1945 1 Distinguished Flying Cross 6 Air Medals

5 Oak Leaf Clusters

March 1945 1 Distinguished Flying Cross

1 Purple Heart 32 Air Medals 100 Oak Leaf Clusters

Capt. Carl S. Jensen for a flak wound received on the raid to Berlin 18 March, was awarded the purple heart in addition to an Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

The Engineering Section under Capt. Kenneth R. Kleinman has had an exceptionally busy time during this period. The average engine time is now well over 300 hours. The section is particularly short of personnel (due to transfers to the infantry) but has been able to keep their ships in the air every day, and to make the necessary modifications which have been considerable.

The section received a very good on a Division inspection and is proud of its record of only one abortion in this period. Here is a list of its five top ranking crew chiefs with their enviable records:

- M/sgt Mountford, Wayne A. 139 Sorties 1 Abortion " Blackford, J. C. 137 " 2 " Stratton, Jack D. Jr.131 Pierson, Neal J. 119 119
  - Kirkpatrick, Roy, B. 116

The Ordnance section under the direction of 1st Lt. Roger A. Fox, for the second time in a row won a barrel of mile and bitter for having the best maintained ordnance trucks on the base. The period covered was for February 15 to March 15th and Mar. 15th to Apr. 15th. This section was also commended by the base ordnance for the best stored guns in the Group.

The morale of the Squadron was excellent regardless of the tremendous amount of work required in this period, and this is best illustrated by the fact that in all of this time only one man has been confined for disciplinary activity.

Rektions with our Anglican neighbors was of the best, and may be judged by the large crowds attending the weekly dances at the Aero Club. Also the steady attendance of the "sewing circle", the group of women that come every evening to sew on what ever the boys may need, attests to our popularity.

The strength of the Squadron for February and Parch on the last day of the same is as follows:

Officers

	As	of Fel	ruar	28th	, 194	5		
Pld 0.	Abs	lst	Lt	2nd	Lt.	F.0.		mate 2
Pres.	ADS	Pres	ADS	Pres	ADS	Pres	ADS	Total
17	1	55	11	33	1	4	0	122

#### Enlisted Hen

356 present for duty 3 not present 15 absent 374 Total

#### As of March 31st, 1945

Lt. Col 1 Maj. 1 Capt. 12 1st Lt. 66 2nd Lt 36 F.O.7 Total 123

M/sgt 17 lst Sgt 1 S/sgt 81, Sgt. 116, Cpl. 76, Pfc. 41 Pvt. 16 Total 386

The details as to promotions, demotions, of transfers in and out of the Squadron, and other statistics have been included in the balance of the report, and can be found following these pages.

The following Officers, and Enlisted Men having completed their tour of duty in the E.T.O. have been relieved from the 791st Squadron, and have been transferred to the 70th R.D. A.A.F. for transportation home.

#### February 1945

lst Lt. George B. Hallowell
T/sgt. Clifford E. Guff
" John Cross
" Lester E. Anderson
" Daniel G. Reiff

S/agts.

Raymond W. Swensen Robert W. Rockwell John R. Healy Adolph Bronstein Robert L. Elliott John J. Meagher

#### March 1945

lst Lts.

Edward F. Jenkins Lee S. Woodside James L. Sherrard Charles B. Franklin Joseph W. Cravens Sol Lepson

Capts. Travis S. Whitsel Jr.

2nd Lts.

Weldon O. Kohn

T/sgts.
William E. Ward
Rober t W. Gardner
Angelo R. Rulli

S/sgts.

Richard W. Johnson Vanis W. Lee Sam C. Wollbright Jr. Charles J. North lst Lt. Edward H. Soltan T/sgt. John H. Sawyer " Floyd A. Downing " Vincent D. La Rose

> Peter L. Eutler Sam Pullaro Haymond Bond Robert W. Peterson Tommy G. Gentry Isdore Kopcho

J. C. Schade Vance E. Gridling James R. Andrews Thomas J. Kingston Charles W. Matthews

Donald C. Tibbetts

Jerrold E. Jacobsen

Bernard A. Le Poer Richard D. Courington

Clayton M. Jewett Harry L. Angle Earl J. Gerard Sgt. William J. Person

A number of new crews and replacements were welcomed into the ranks of the 791st and these are as listed.

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Crew 88	F.O. N	Willard J. Overlock	2nd Lt. Mords L. Davison F.O. Frank Panetta S/sgt. Richard J. Muffeletto Sgt. Raymond A. Swanson Warren G. Wiedman
Crew 90	n n Sgt.	Russell E. Scott Lawrence H. Uebelo John J. Shirk Floyd R. Barthel Harold C. Rubendall	2nd Lt. James J. Wurphy "Charles A. Shamburg S/sgt. Charles W. Cox Sgt. Bernard H. Scales "Robert T. Charno
	Sgt.	William R. Gillespie Ben B. Branch Julio Florez Julius A. Lapicz	e 2nd Lt. Francis F. Mulcady Sgt. Hobert L. Schiowitz " Waldemar B. Nelson
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Crew 81	2nd Lt.  1st Lt. Sgt.	Robert C. Wood	F.O. George D. Prollock 2nd Lt. William W. Swink S/sgt. John H. Roth Danny R. Moore Sgt. Eugene W. Vanderburgh
Crew 76	n Sgt.	Francis J. Sweeney Robert C. Flagg Mal L. Wall Raymond T. Owen Jr. Franklin D. Zelik	2nd Lt. Edgar R. Erickson P.O. Reymond L. Filipicik S/sgt. Earl S. Hart Sgt. Willis H. Kirkton Leren W. Condon
Crew 84	F.O. Sgt.	Barl G. Sawyer Jr. James P. Flynn Theodore W. Deluca Calvin C. Deyermond Gordon L. Collins	F.O. R. Cornelius Mc Gowan 2nd Lt. Gordon R. Sokoll Sgt. Albert J. Matthes arthur F. Harper
Crew	sgt.	Julian B. Anderson	ush lst Lt. Alfred P. Wheelock 2nd Lt. Carl L. Murphy Jr. Jr. Sgt. Julius Tabachewsky Vincent C. Re

Of the promotions during this period the most outstanding one is that of our active CONCANDING OFFICER, Albert L. Wallace Jr. from Major to Lt. Colonel.

Jr. from Major to Lt. Colonel.
Lt. Col. Wallace who has the Air Medal a no three clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross, was born Dec. 19, 1917. He completed his flight training, and was commissioned a 2m Lt. April 1941. He attended the Oregon State College, and is an Experimental Engineer in civilian life.

The other promotions during these two months are as listed below:

### February 1945 Officers

Maurice B. Cramer Robert S. Seiler Truman D. Simpson Cleo Jones	lst Lt. Capt. lst Lt.	to n	Captain Major Captain
Bernard J. Cassidy	2nd Lt.	tt	1st Lt.
James F. Feters	**	11	11
Edward T. Holum Jay H. Mc Grew	11	11	11
John Beyer	tt	11	u
Samuel H. Conrow	tt	18	11
Robert H. Wyckoff	11	11	11

#### Enlisted Men

George 7 7033 en	c/+		m/aut
George E. Fuller	S/sgt		T/sgt
Russell J. Robinson	"	"	"
Bernard A. Le Poer		"	
Gerard A. Sodano	v		
Eugene R. Zumalt	7		
Cha rles V. Prue	11	"	11
Hugh J. Donlon	tt	19	11
Joseph A. Pilarski	Sgt	tt	S/set
Jerry F. Johnson	11	11	11
Leonard H. Mahoney	11	18	11
Varis W. Lee	11	11	11
Alexander Kaiwi	11	19	11
John Griskiwich	11	n	**
Robert D. Pfuhler	Cpl.	11	Sgt
Hugh R. Cunningham	Pfc	11	Cpl
Robert E. Hawkins	Pvt	11	Pfc
Jesse O. Stubbs	n	17	11
Paul J. Kuchinski	S/sgt	tr	T/sgt
Demotio	ns		

Melvin J. Gillette T/s t To Pvt

#### Promotions Continued

#### March 1945 Officers Russell E. Scott 2nd Lt. To lat Lt. Willard H. Schultz " Joseph P. Pepino " 11 11 13 Martin F. Be on 11 11

Thomas F. Hastings "

Martin F. Be on a Antone J. Maris a Gordon A. Reynolds a Walter J. Robinson a Thomas G. Schnorr a Ernest G. Schnorr a Ernest G. Sorrentino a Dean H. Johnson a Robert A. Fitzgerald a Lewis D. Blanich a Edward A. Tripold a Lawrence H. Uebele a Charles A. Shambury a Richard B. O'Connell a Nelson V. King a Kenneth M. Rabin a Gerard Gadarien F. C 11 11 Kenneth M. Rabin " " " Gerard Gadarian F.C " 2nd Lt. Thomas F. Pastings " " " 11

#### Enlisted Men

Jerry F. Johnson Richard J. Fuffelet	S/set		To	T/sgt
Gordon A. Wagoner	Sgt		11	01
Dick D. Van Zente	11		11	S/sgt
Robert L. Schlowitz	11		11	
Harry C. Larsen	**			11
CharlesE. Jackson	Cpl		11	-
Zigmund J. Sowinski	ti ti	-	**	Sgt
Ralph D. Conkle	11		u	11
Anthony P. Barrett	11		11	**
Leon L. Gibert	"		"	11
Eugene H. Donahue	11		17	"
Terrance P. Brennan	Put		"	
James R. Edwards	-		11	Cpl
	T-5			"
Roland A. Turmol	Pfc		**	11
Benjamin L. Dudley	11		11	11
George J. Sigigie	11		11	19
Clarence Yarborough	**		11	TI.
Stephen B. Bemjock	11		11	11
Paul T. Payton	Pvt		11	Pfc
Irvin R. Burchfield Danile Sobanko	11		11	17

#### Demotions

	J. Looby	S/sgt	To	Pvt
Harold	Padgett	Sgt	11	Pvt
Victor	G. Foschini	tf.	**	11
		17		

## Miscel aneous Transfers Into the Squadron

#### February 1945

Capt. Troy E. Wild

" James D. Hudson
2nd Lt. Edwin W. Branaman
S/sgt Henry D. Hamilton
Cpl. Walter E. Kehler
" Donald J. Leuenberger
Sgt. R.ymond Mc Dowell

#### March 1945

Capt. Clarence W. Schulze 1st Lt. Vernen A. Bryant "Nolan G. Patten 2nd Lt. Arthur E. Cooper Robert Sellgman

S/sgt Eugene J. Voight
Sgt William J. Ferson
T-5 James R. Edwards
Fyt Hyman Wolf
" Harold R. Dunn
d Glenn B. Allen
Pfc Clayton G. Beisiegal
Cpl Stephen I. Vislosky
Fyt Claudis Lundy

## Miscellaneous Transfers Out of the Squadron

#### February 1945

lst Lt. James D. Hudson Clarence W. Schultze 11 Donald C. Tib etts 2nd Lt. Dean F. Morrow S/sgt Harold J. Roll T/sgt Eugene H. Long Clarence A. Diebel Cpl. Alexander Kukas (To the Inf.) Pfc Carl D. Mc Kenzie Harold J. Hotsford 19 11 Robert A. Chappell \*\* Cpl. Richard E. Reikkoff

#### March 1945

Maj. Robert S. Seiler Capt James D. Hudson 2nd Lt. Edwin W. Branaman 1st Ralph H. Elliott " Albert T. Sabletny " Frank S. Watson Pvt Mlevin J. Gillette - A Capt. Truman D. Simpson lst Lt. Forrest D. Brown 2nd Lt. Benjamin H. Beard lst Lt. Billy Williams "Russell E. Scott Pfc. Robert ". Larsen Sgt. Clyde E. Hall

## AMALYSIS OF MISSIONS

## Sheet 1 of 2

	MISSION		FE	BRUARY 1945		
DATE	180.	TARRE	W.P.I.	CHEVS	BONE LOAD	R SULTS
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25 26 27 28	179 180 181 182	Hall, " Eberswalde(Berlin) Halle Bielefeld	Targ. Of Opp. M/I M/Y	82,89,76,78 76,85,93,79,90,88 92,87,80,98 89,82,85	6 " 10½ " 3 " 6 "	Excellent PFF PFF CH
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		MISSION						
	DATE	- NO.	TARGET	M.P.I.	CREAS	BOMB LOAD	R SULTS	
	3	166	Magdeburg, Germany	n/Y	81,80,82,89,90,93	12 Tons	PFF	
	6	167	Magdeburg, "	M/A	79,83,85,90,92,93	9 11	PFF	
	8	168	Salzbergen, "	Recalled			Recalled	
	9	169	Magdeburg, "	M/Y	76,82,86,95	61 11	PFF	
	11	170	Dulmen, "	Fuel Storage	81	2 "	MH -	
	14	171	Magdeburg, "	M/X	76,78,80,88	7½ " 6½ "	PFF	
	15	172	Magdeburg, "	Oil Refinery	79,86,90,92	65 "	PFF	
	16	173	Osnabruck, "	N/A	87,78,83,89	62 "	GH-Fair	
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	19	174	Muschede, "	Machine Shops Recalled	76,78,85,86,89,95	24	Recalled	
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	22	175	Hildesheim, "	11/Y	80,89,92,91,81,87	102 "	Very Good	
	23	177	Gera, "	RR Centre	76,79,92,93	6è n	PFF	
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	25	179	Hall, "	NF	82,89,76,78	6 #	Excellent	
	26	180	Eberswalde(Berlin)	Targ. Of Opp.	76,85,93,79,90,88	10] "	PFF	
	27	181	Halle	11/1	92,87,80,98	3 "	PFF	
	28	182	Bielefeld	H/Y	89,82,85	6 #	CH	
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	1	183	Ingolstadt, Germany	H/Y	86,87,93,81,90,91	10 Tons	PFF	
		184	Magdeburg, "	11/11	80,82,79,89	- 6 "	PFF	
	2	185	Mienburge, Bielefeld,	RR Bridge H/T	88,92,90,80,86,95	12 "	Excellent	
	4	186	Stuttgart,	Targ. Of Opp.	82,92,78,87	6 "	PFF	
	7	187	Soest,	M/X	95,83,86,82	3 "	GH	
	B	188	Dillenburg,	Y/Y	95,83,86,82 77,78,76,95,86,87	6 1/3	OH .	
	9	189	Osnabruck,	Π\Ā	83,95,86,87,85 81,89,92,76,78	3 "	GH Very Good	
	10	190	Armsberg,	RR Vinduct	81,89,92,76,78	102 "	GH PFF	
	11	191	Kiel,	Submar. Flant	79,83,90,91,92,76	12 "	PFF	
	12	192	Swinemunde,	haval Const. Yd	8.79,82,80,83,85,90	14	4.8.0	

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