

ALVIN HOGBERG. P:WA 377th Squadron - 362 - FG -

MISSION REPORT

25 August 1944

By Capt. Collins, Squadron Leader.  
Bombing Mission to Brest Area.  
T.O. 1341 T.O.T. 1445-1500 T.O. 1515

Sixteen ships set course for Brest with 2 x 500 lbs bombs each. Half-way to target weather lowered to ground so secondary target was bombed by all flights. Target was Isle de Cazezbre. All aircraft returned.

PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Collins, 1st Lts. Husebries, King, Conviser, Incevan, Hayes, 2nd Lts. Reed, Parker, Childs, Clark, Davis, Tomberg, Krason, Cyster, Artley and K. Davis.

MISSION REPORT

26 August 1944

Mission BPF1, Armored Column cover, Brest area.  
By Capt. Beeson, Squadron Leader, TO 1809 TOT 1705-1740 TD 1829

Take-off and trip to target area uneventful. Split into flights at Chateaulin to work with controllers. As we entered our areas we saw the bridge across the Elorn River explode in a mass of smoke. Evidently the Jerries blew it up. They certainly did a good job. All flights were immediately assigned targets by their controllers. Red and Yellow flights worked over strong points in front of our troops, bombing and strafing the hedgerows as indicated by red smoke from our artillery. Blue and Green flights attacked gun positions and machine gun nests. All work was done at low altitude. As we were supposed to stay in the area for an hour we strafed until all our ammunition was gone and then flew around above the enemy positions to impress them. After about twenty minutes of impressing them we left and returned to base. Freeman, flying in Red Flight was hit by flak and bailed out over our lines. The rest of the flight landed safely.

PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Beeson, 1st Lts. Hill, King, Connor, Hayes, Freeman, 2nd Lts. Ort, Kuntz, Sly, Racine, Davis, A., (Hogberg), Morison, Barendsfield, Christian, Artley.

Chuck H. FREEMAN me a fu sauder en parachute - son Puz s'et mis sur le dos et il a ete lui lors du crash. Sa haine = 57 jours Fut une femme fut docteur le 11 juil entre Cantons et franche et cette cache pour un 28 juillet. fut libere en France de la 5<sup>e</sup> DB US,

## MISSION REPORT

27 August 1944

By Capt. Lane, Squadron Leader.

Armored column cover Brest Area. T.U. 1412 TOT 1450-1515 T.D. 1638

Still in support of ground troops at Brest. 15 ships took off at 1415, with Capt. Lane leading. Red and yellow flights were carrying 15 x 1000 lbs of bombs and Blue and Green flights 15 x 500 lbs bombs, all instantaneous fuses. Red flight under control of "Stanza" dropped 8 x 1000 lbs bombs on a heavy gun position, with excellent results, silencing the guns. Blue flight, Capt. Fisher leading, under control of Kleenex Able, dropped 8 x 500 lbs bombs on artillery position dug in on Northern end of a bridge, also with excellent results. Blue flight also destroyed an E boat and started fire on transport in the harbor by strafing. Green flight, Lt. Fairbanks leading, under control of Hostida, dropped 8 x 500 lbs on gun position, controller called and reported very good results. Yellow flight, Lt. Connor leading, dropped 8 x 500 lbs on barracks and gun positions, with very good results - they also strafed convoy concealed in hedgerows and got two flares. All in all it was a very successful mission, and all planes returned without further incident.

## PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Lane, Fisher, 1st Lts. Connor, Fairbanks, 2nd Lts. Clark, Korosy, Hogberg, Johnson, Berggren, Campbell, Christian, Morison, Earensfeld, Kramer, Oyster, and FC Davis.

## MISSION REPORT

28 August 1944

Mission W51-2, Armored Column cover, Brest Peninsula.  
By: Capt. Beeson, Squadron Leader, TO 0810 TD 1008

A negative mission in every way. Took off and formed above the field at 3,000 feet. Slight delay while <sup>a bomb</sup> on the runway was cleared off. Set course and climbed up to 5,000 feet to get over the overcast. Weather as usual missed the boat. We were supposed to have a 5,000 foot ceiling over the target. Instead we arrived to find a solid overcast below us. Went on out to sea to let down and then tried to come in under the stuff. Found a twenty foot ceiling and possibly a mile visibility underneath. Turned out to sea again, climbed up and headed home. Uneventful return trip.

## PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Beeson, Lane, 1st Lts. Hill, Conatser, Hayes, 2nd Lts. Morison, Sly, Razine, Davis, Campbell, Clark, Korosy, Hogberg, Ort, Artley, and FC Kuntz.

MILITARY REPORT

2 Sept. 1944

road near, Clerency Area.

By Capt. Mason, Squadron Leader, TU 1105 TO 1010-1325 TO 1430

Trip out was made under a 2500 ft. overcast lowering to 1500 ft. in vicinity of Orleans. Crossed the line under the stuff blowing madly, and headed toward our target area. Ceilings lifted to 3000 a few miles out of Orleans, and we entered the area of a bad warm front. Were stopped from entering our area at 11:00. Started along the rain edge and found a convoy of light trucks and one heavy tank just inside the rain area. Bad flight tried to bomb the tank - probably one of the 70-ton jobs - but couldn't do much good with the low ceiling and the high hill. All bombs missed. We strafed the tank and the trucks thoroughly in spite of the rain, leaving three trucks burning. Headed along the rain again hunting for another convoy. Course strafed an airplane strip but found only one destroyed Ju 88 and a dummy. No flak. Circled the town going down by elements to destroy a total of five trucks and two locomotives. Were then recalled by Hoggan and headed home. On the way Yellow flight bombed and strafed four vehicles clustered together at a crossroad, getting direct hits with their bombs. Return trip uneventful.

## PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Mason, Lt. Mac Lean, 2nd Lt. Bruce, Artley, Hogberg, Lucine, Davis, A., Sgt. Lyster, Sly, Clark, Campbell.

## MILITARY REPORT

3 Sept. 1944

Ground Support, 2nd Task Force, Brest Area.

By Capt. Collins, Squadron Leader, TU 0712 TO 0800-0900 TO 0935

Sixteen ships airborne at 0712, Red Section carrying 2 x 500 lbs bombs each and Blue Section carrying 1 x 500 lbs each, all with delayed fuses. Squadron proceeded to Brest and contacted Neptune. Targets received were two road bridges 5,000 yards Southwest of L'Isle-aux-Bois on road to Brest. Both targets were marked with purple smoke. Each section worked on one bridge by quiz-bombing and also strafing enemy troops in the immediate area. Both bridges were destroyed. Lt. A.S. Davis, reported seeing enemy troops waving a white flag in vicinity of one bridge before bombing was completed. Flak encountered consisted of 30 calibre machine gun fire and 20 and 40 mm shells, inaccurate and light. All ships returned to base. No battle damage.

## PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Collins, 1st Lt. Mac Lean, Humphries, Connor, Reed, Barker, Childs, Lucine, Davis, A.S., Hogberg, Clark, Koroy, Sly, Bruce, Berggren, Campbell.

AIR MISSION REPORT

3 Sept. 1944

Air Support Mission for 2nd Task Force, West Area.

By Major Liston, Squadron Leader, TC 1312 TGT 1400-1500 TO 1535

Sixteen aircraft took off to do Ground Support work with Kleenex Able at West. Arriving in the target area Kleenex Able was contacted but was coming in very weak, at this point I split the Squadron into two eight ship sections, Lt. King working with Kleenex Able with his eight and I worked with Neptune. Both Kleenex Able and Neptune marked strong points and gun positions with white smoke, bombs were dropped on targets and results were good to excellent, all planes strafed on the bomb run. A little ground movement was uncovered in the Kleenex Able area and a truck and a couple of carts were destroyed by strafing. The flak was present as usual but was weak and rather inaccurate, seems they are more interested in their own welfare and keeping their position hidden than really shooting down any aircraft. Weather was poor as usual with a 2,000 foot ceiling with about 7/10 coverage.

PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING

Major Liston, 1st Lts. Fairbanks, King, Conatser, 2nd Lts. Morrison, Sarensfeld, Campbell, Kramer, Cyster, Racine, Davis, Borberg, Bruce, Artley, Childs, and W. Davis.

AIR MISSION REPORT

5 Sept. 1944

Air Support Mission for 2nd Inf Division, West Area.

By Major Liston, Squadron Leader, TC 1408 TGT 1500-1630 TO 1625

Twelve aircraft took off to support the 2nd Inf. Division in the West Area, ground control by Neptune. Neptune gave us a target that he marked with smoke, was rather difficult to find due to the amount of smoke and fires in area, however we did locate the target, after about thirty minutes. We were carrying the Mablam bombs and we dropped all of them in the target area, result appeared to be good. The flak was rather intense and persistent and the mission finally ended up as a duel between the flak batteries and ourselves, which I believe we won as we all came home and I don't believe that I can say the same for them. The weather was rather good with only scattered Cumulus.

PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING

Major Liston, Capt. Collins, 1st Lt. MacLean, 2nd Lts. Reed, Parker, Childs, Racine, Bergren, Borberg, Clark, Kersay, W. Ly. Capt. Fisher flew photo recon of mission.

6 Sept. 1944

Air Support Mission for 8th Inf. Division, Brest Area.  
By Major Liaton, Squadron Leader, TO 1610 TOT 1700-1725 TD 1610

Twelve aircraft took off to support the ground forces at Brest. The aircraft were loaded with two-five hundred pound bombs. We contacted Stanza and received a target in the outskirts of town. The target was marked with smoke and we did an excellent dive bombing job with only a 4,000 foot ceiling, all planes struffed on the bomb run. The weather between the base and the target was very bad and it was raining very hard while we were working over the area. It seemed good to be in the area all by ourselves as we were after having been in there with about four other groups every other mission we did, guess the weather discouraged the Sunday drivers. The base was completely socked in when we returned with the vis. zero due to the intense rain, everyone landed OK and all in all they did a hell of a swell job. The flak was moderate and rather accurate, all of light caliber.

## PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Major Liaton, 1st Lts. Humphries, Fairbanks, and Lts. Good, Arker, Childs, Racine, Berggren, (Logberg), Morrison, Arenafeld, and Christian.

## MISSION REPORT

7 Sept. 1944

Air Support Mission, Brest Area.  
By Capt. Collins, Squadron Leader, TO 1052 TOT 1145-1235 TD 1325

Twelve ships loaded 2 x 500 bombs with 4-5 second delay fuses to Brest as scheduled. Stanza was contacted and gave coordinate for three targets - one for each flight. Targets were marked by violet smoke and all were dive bombed with fair results. 20 mm flak, inaccurate and light, was encountered. No battle damage and all ships returned.

## PILOTS PARTICIPATING.

Capt. Collins, 1st Lts. MacLean, Conatser, 2nd Lts. Oyster, Kramer, (Hogberg), Berggren, Racine, Bruce, Davis, A., Campbell, and PO Davis, W.

MISSION REPORT

8 Sept 1944

Air Support Mission for Inf., Brest Area.

By Capt. Collins, Squadron Leader, TO 1228 TOT 1315-1345 TD 1426

Twelve ships loaded with 2 x 500 bombs and instantaneous fuses, contacted Stanza at Brest and attacked three targets all marked by violet smoke. No flak was encountered although targets were in Brest and ceiling was 2500 ft. Slide-bombing technique was used and results were excellent. All ships returned with no battle damage.

PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Collins, 1st Lts. Conatser, Connor, 2nd Lts. Jackson, Krauer, (Hogberg), Berggren, Racine, Sly, Korosy, Clark, and PO Davis.

MISSION REPORT

9 Sept. 1944

Air Support Mission, Brest Area.

By Capt. Collins, Squadron Leader, TO 1411 TOT 1455-1540 TD 1620

Eight ships, Capt. Collins, leading, flew to Crozon Peninsula as per schedule. They were loaded with 2 x 500 lbs bombs with 8-11 second delay fuses. Kisenex Able was contacted and he gave approximately location of a heavy gun position. The position was located in a hedgerow and seven ships dropped their bombs on and strafed this target. The eighth ship bombed the Western edge of the airdrome on the peninsula. Only a few bursts of 20mm flak was encountered and no ships were hit.

PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Collins, 1st Lts. Fairbanks, 2nd Lts. Racine, Berggren, Johnson Morison, Artley, and (Hogberg).

MISSION REPORT

12 Sept. 1944

Armed recon to Nancy Area.

By: Major Deason, Squadron Leader, TO 0550 TOT 1645 TD 2100

This was one of the worst missions higher headquarters ever planned. We took off at 0530 with plans to re-fuel at St. Dizier (A-54), support the X Division, land and re-fuel at Coulouvres, (A-53), take-off and bomb B's near Kaiserslautern, land and re-fuel at Le Mans, and return to base. Arrived at A-54 on schedule but could not find anyone to refuel us. From 0630 until 1130 we hunted in vain for gas. At 1130 located Col. Tipton who had the 405th Gp. dig up enough gas to get us the 80 miles to A-53, where we landed at 1430. At 1500 we took-off from A-53 to work with the XX Division in the Nancy area. They had nothing for us so we bombed some SS cars with tanks on them and returned to A-53. There we refueled and took-off for home at 1900. Landed after dark with the day a total loss.

PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Major Deason, 1st Lt. Hayes, Bill, Humphries, King, 2nd Lt. Christian, Hogberg, Kerosy, Lambell, Childs, Baronsfeld, Lead, Morison, Bergeron, 1st, and 2nd-Quintz.

MISSION REPORT

19 Sept. 1944

Air Support for Inf., Brest Area.

By: Capt. Lane, Squadron Leader, TO 1310 TOT 1400-1440 TD 1520

Seven ships took off at 1310, loaded with two 1,000 lb bombs each, instantaneous fuses. We contacted "Stanza" on "C" channel and he gave us a target on the northern tip of the Crozon Peninsula at V883936 - a fort and gun emplacements right on the edge of the cliffs. We dive-bombed from 7,000 feet and scored five direct hits and nine near misses - made another pass and strafed the same position - he then asked us to strafe the wharves and houses at Pte du Espagnols V913945, which we did, starting two fires. A very successful mission later the same afternoon we learned that the last resistance on Crozon surrendered - All planes returned safely and landed at 1520.

PILOTS PARTICIPATING

Capt. Lane, Lts. Marlette, Hogberg, Conatser, Wisdom, Christian, and Capt. Wooten.