

Pertes JG 2

21.10.42	Douarnenez	A-2	Olt. Otto Lutter	gef
	8	333	LK B-17 FSA nicht	geöffnet
01.05.43	l'okmW Brest	A-5	U. Paul Rümpler	gef.
	8.	2685	14.19 LK B.17	

gef: gefallen: tué

Verw: verwundet: blessé

V: vermisst: disparu

F.S.A.: sauté en parachute

LK: Luftkampf: combat aérien

Absturz: chute

Werkstattflug: vol d'essai, test

Notlandung: atterrissage forcé, en catastrophe

Unfall: accident

bei Landung: à l'atterrissage

Übung: exercice

Überführung: livraison

Bodenberührung: obstacle au sol

geöffnet:

Kriegsschiff: bateau de guerre

Bezeichnung: désignation, appellation

engl.: anglais

Fortsetzung: continuation

26.9.42	Brest-Nord	A-2	U. Helmut Ellenberger	gef.
	8.	2104	LK Spitfire 100 Meter	13.57
2.10.42	Le Plouy	A-3	U. Werner Dollberg	gef.
	7.	551	LK	16.44
2.10.42	Sues le Mesge	A-2	U. Rudolf Engstfeld	gef.
	7.	455	LK Notlandung	16.42
9.10.42	S. Brest	A-2	Ofw. Erwin Philipp	gef.
	8.	343	Motorschaden, Notl. auf See	
14.10.42	Triquesville	A-2	Fw. Josef Krawinkel	gef.
	2.	5224	Absturz Werkstattflug	
15.10.42	Brionne	A-3	U. August Stiefelhagen	verw.
	6.	20322	LK Absturz	
21.10.42	O. Weymouth	A-3	Fw. Werner Brychey	gef.
	4.	5331	Flakvolltreffer b. Tiefflug	
X 21.10.42	Dovarnenez	A-2	Olt. Otto Lutter	gef.
	8.	333	LK B-17, PSA nicht geöffnet	
24.10.42	N. Dives	A-3	U. Josef Weiss	gef.
	1.	7004	LK Lancaster, Tiefflug über See	
25.10.42	N. Limours	A-3	U. Hans Philipp	gef.
	7.	5242	Absturz, Motorschaden	
24.10.42	Pont Audemer	A-2	L. Fritz Edelmann	verw.
	1.	275	Bauchlandung Motorschaden	
3.10.42	O. Canterbury	A-2	Ofw. Alfred Heil	POW
	3.	25250	Flak	
2.11.42	Merville	A-3	U. Kurt Wohlauf	gef.
	5.	2236	Absturz b. Start	
7.11.42	Brest	A-3	Olt. Armin Landmann	gef.
	8.	7009	LK 12.35	
7.11.42	St. Renan	A-3	L. Heribert Hufnagl	gef.
	8.	2187	LK 12.53	
8.11.42	LE Wagon	A-3	Fw. Martin Reichherzer	verw. 12.15
	7.	2429	LK gest. 9.11.42	
8.11.42	Dison	A-3	Olt. Elmar Resch	verw.
	3.	2147	LK Bauchlandung Motorschaden	
18.11.42	Pontivy	A-3	U. Paul Willer	gef.
	8.	7008	LK Bomber 12.10	
18.11.42	Pontivy	A-2	Olt. Friedrich Kellner	verw.
	8.	435	LK Bomber PSA 12.05	
21.11.42	Merignane	A-3	U. Heinz Dowhan	gef.
	1.	5532	Absturz Motorschaden	
11.42	Über See	A-4	U. Theodor Angele	gef.
	7.	7061	LK Bomber 13.20	
28.11.42	Bizerta		L. Theobald Eicher	gef.
	4.		Bombenangriff	
29.11.42	Bizerta		Fw. Ernst Bosseckert	verw.
	5.		Start, Zusammenstoß mit Bf 109	
29.11.42	Bizerta		Fw. Alois Schnöll	verw.
	5.		LK, Bauchlandung, Überschlag	
3.12.42	Bizerta	A-	L. Karlheinz Baensch	verw.
	5.	37017	LK Spitfire, Streifschuß 14.13	
3.12.42	Bizerta	A-	L. Alex Bley Müller	verw.
	6.	35287	LK Spitfire, Streifschuß 14.17	
3.12.42	Merignane	A-3	Fw. Helmut Hinnenthal	gef.
	1.	2272	Absturz Werkstattflug	
9.12.42	Vannes	A-4	U. Wilhelm Günther	gef.
	9.	2294	Absturz, Spritmangel	
10.12.42	SW. Millau	A-4	Ofw. Alfred Kretschmar	gef.
	6.	721	Absturz Überführung	
12.12.42	Carcassonne	A-2	U. August Stiefelhagen	gef.
	6.	210	Absturz Überführung	
20.12.42	Vannes	A-4	L. Ambrosius Passer	gef.
	7.	7033	Absturz Übung	
20.12.42	Oherbourg	A-3	L. Fritz Probat	gef.
	8.	544	12.20 FF PSA in Baum	
30.12.42	Über See	A-4	U. Karl Lohse	v.

B 2

6. 3.43 Theville 2. A-4 5677
 8. 3.43 W. Kairouan 4. A-4 w 1 681
 8. 3.43 W. Kairouan 4. A-4 w 7 2497
 8. 3.43 W. Dieppe 12. G-4 14984
 10. 3.43 Vannes 7. A-4 2425
 12. 3.43 Coxyde 10. A-5 7216
 13. 3.43 Bernay 12. A-4 726
 21. 3.43 St. Pierre 12. G-4 19203
 28. 3.43 Beaumont 12. G-4 14988
 4. 4.43 St. Valery 2. A-4 5678
 4. 4.43 Theville 2. A-4 2467
 5. 4.43 Hamstede 2. A-4 5679
 13. 4.43 Carpiquet 3. A-4 2445
 13. 4.43 Caen 2. A-4 7179
 14. 4.43 N. Caen 11. G-3 16265
 14. 4.43 N. Caen 11. G-3 16278
 14. 4.43 W. Le Havre 11. G-3 16282
 14. 4.43 Triqueville 3. A-4 2303
 14. 4.43 Selsey Bill 2. A-4 7060
 14. 4.43 Brest 8. A-5 2634
 16. 4.43 Triqueville 11. G-3 b 15 16297
 16. 4.43 W. Brest 8. A-5 e 13 2705
 17. 4.43 Norville 3. A-4 741
 17. 4.43 Dieppe 3. A-4 5691
 17. 4.43 Beaumont 5. G-4 14974
 X 23. 4.43 Audierne 9. A-5 2710
 28. 4.43 St. Malo 7. A-5 7293
 1. 5.43 100 km W. Brest 8. A-5 2685
 13. 5.43 6. G-6 19677
 13. 5.43 6. G-4 14983
 13. 5.43 Amiens 12. G-6 15277
 13. 5.43 W. Dieppe 12. G-6 15239
 14. 5.43 Triqueville 2. A-4 2475

U. Herbert Penz verw.
 Landung Überschlag
 U. Erich Melbrecht gef.
 LK 6 Spitfire
 U. Alfred Sonntag verw.
 LK 6 Spitfire
 Fw. Rudolf Holzmann verw.
 Absturz Alarmstart
 L. Fritz Büttner verw.
 Unfall während des Fluges
 Ofw. Herbert Korth gef.
 LK Jäger, Absturz in Platznähe
 L. Heinz Urbancik gef.
 15.40 LK
 U. Werner Fischer gef.
 17.40 Motorschaden FSA
 L. Georg Eder verw.
 LK B-17, Bauchlandung Motorschaden
 Fw. Hans Wind v. (+)
 LK 80 B-17
 Fw. Rudolf Alf verw.
 LK Spitfire, Bauchlandung
 L. Johannes Wiethoff verw.
 LK, Notlandung
 Olt. Jakob Schmitt verw.
 LK Spitfire, Notlandung
 Fw. Waldemar Ostinga gef.
 LK Spitfire
 U. Otto Buchholz gef.
 Wasserberührung b. Seenoteinsatz
 U. Walter Eschholz gef.
 Wasserberührung b. Seenoteinsatz
 U. Detlef Walter gef.
 LK 10 Typhoon
 Fw. Gerhard Schmalenberg gef.
 Absturz Alarmstart
 Ofw. Gustav Rommel gef.
 LK 8 Spitfire
 Ofw. Rudolf Eisele v.
 16.14 Flaktreffer, ins Meer
 U. Eugen Rowedder v.
 Alarmstart auf Jäger
 L. Hans Schmidt v.
 Absturz über See, Spritmangel
 U. Gerhard Stiehler verw.
 Notlandung, Motorstörung
 U. Franz Helbing v.
 LK FSA ins Meer
 U. Robert Weiss verw.
 Überschlag b. Start
 U. Eberhard Borchert verw.
 20.05 Notlandung, Schlechtwetter
 U. Willi Scherer gef.
 FSA unbekannte Ursache
 U. Paul Rümpler gef.
 14.19 LK B-17
 L. Alex Bley Müller v.
 16.50 FF
 U. Oskar Born v.
 16.50 FF
 L. Rudolf Heinz gef.
 16.30 LK
 L. Christoph Kuscher gef.
 LK Viermot.
 L. Walter Wittmer gef.
 Absturz Übungsflug

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16. 3.44 St. Dizier	G-6	U. Erwin Schider	gef
5.	162375	LK P-47	
16. 3.44 St. Quentin	G-6	U. Alfred Loef	gef
7.	161783	LK P-47 Start	
16. 3.44 St. Quentin	G-6	U. Willibald Reimer	gef
6.	161788	LK P-47 Start	
16. 3.44 St. Dizier	A-7	L. Walter Ebert	verw
10.	642553	11.00 LK B-17 u. P-47	ASS 6.11.42
16. 3.44 St. Dizier	A-7	U. Heinrich Germann	gef
10.	430643	11.00 LK B-17 u. P-47	
16. 3.44 St. Dizier	A-7	L. Hans Busch	gef
11.	340344	11.28 Absturz Werkstattflug	
16. 3.44 St. Dizier	A-7	U. Otto Siepert	gef
12.	642528	12.00 LK P-47	
16. 3.44 Basleuduc	A-5	U. Günther Kübler	verw
12.	710067	11.00 LK FSA	
17. 3.44 Cassino	G-6	U. Erich Gross	gef
4.	20163	LK 20 Spitfire	
17. 3.44 Chartres	A-6	Ofhr. Helmut Theisinger	gef
9.	530934	15.00 LK	
17. 3.44 Chartres	A-6	Fhr. Heinz Liebick	verw
9.	551097	15.15 b. Start v. Tiefliegern beschossen	
18. 3.44 Pastena	G-6	Ofw. Kuno Dollenmajer	gef
4.	162257	LK 20 Spitfire	
18. 3.44 Ulm	A-7	L. Werner Kannegleser	gef
10.	642971	14.50 LK	
18. 3.44 Chartres	A-7	Dlt. Jakob Schmitt	gef
11.	340273	15.00 LK	
18. 3.44 Creil	G-6	Ofhr. Wolfgang Schmidt	verw
6.	410299	Überführung Motorstörung	FSA
18. 3.44 Chartres	G-6	U. Max Umlauf	gef
5.	110353	LK 2 Tiefflieger	
20. 3.44 Verdun	G-6	U. Gebhard Wildensteiner	gef
5.	161138	LK Viermot.	
20. 3.44 Meaux	G-6	L. Helmut Koschak	verw
5.	57051	LK Viermot. FSA	
20. 3.44 Verdun	G-6	U. Karl Heinz Wittmann	gef
7.	15993	LK 12 B-47	
20. 3.44 Verdun	G-6	U. Carl Machovsky	gef
7.	162274	LK 12 P-47	
21. 3.44 Cassino	G-6	U. Hermann Kämmlin	gef
4.	410571	LK 6 Spitfire	
21. 3.44 Chateaudun	G-6	FjU. Arnold Sikler	gef
5.	162012	eigene Flak	
23. 3.44 Creil	G-6	Ofhr. Gert Budnowski	gef
7.	162036	Start, Rammung Bf 109	
23. 3.44 Creil	G-6	U. Gerhard Querengässer	verw
8.	162036 ?	Start, Rammung Bf 109	
25. 3.44 Cavillon	G-6	U. Erwin Kolmanitsch	verw
5.	411028	LK P-47 FSA	
27. 3.44 Ancenis	G-6	L. Wolfgang Harnisch	verw
8.	162018	LK FSA	
27. 3.44 V. Nantes	G-6	FjOrw. Willi Stratmann	verw
8.	110350	LK FSA	
1. 4.44 Reims	G-6	L. Christoph Debus	verw
6.	162005	Lk B-17	
1. 4.44 Reims	G-6	Fw. Günter Larafelde	verw
7.	410681	LK FSA, Flakvolutretter	
1. 4.44 Creil		U. Helmut Rützer	
8.		unverletzt, Zwischenlandung	Überf.
3. 4.44 Guilliano	A-6	Fw. Herbert Penz	gef
2.	470703	Absturz Werkstattflug	

7. 7.41 St. Pol 3.	Paris, JG ← P-2 8 12 12816	Ofw. Hans Tilly	v. (+)	5
8. 7.41 Montreuil 8.		U. Karl Kilian	gef.	
9. 7.41 St. Pol 3.		L. Helmut Specht LK	gef.	
11. 7.41 Boulogne 4.		U. Valentin Nawrot LK Spitfire	gef.	
11. 7.41 Cherbourg E/St.		Olt. Walter Miksche Wetterflug, über Kanal	v. abgesch.	
12. 7.41 Hazebrouk 7.		U. Erich Fröhner LK	verw.	
13. 7.41 Belleville 6.		U. Karl Heinz Rotte Absturz, 14. 7. gest.	gef.	
14. 7.41 Cherbourg E/St		L. Werner Röll	v. (+)	
17. 7.41 Cherbourg E/St		L. Wolfgang Flügel	v.	
20- 7-41 Abbeville 6.		L. Hajo Dette Abst. bei Alarmstart	gef.	
21. 7.41 FREVET 6.	P-2 12665	Fw. Hans Pirkel LK Jäger PSA	verw.	
21. 7.41 Brest-Nord 2.		Fw. Alfons Höbler Absturz Werkstattflug	verw.	
21. 7.41 Hesdin II.	F-2 9662	L. Günter Behrendt LK Jäger PSA	verw.	
23. 7.41 St. Omer 3.		Fw. Helmut Schönemann LK 13.50	gef.	
24. 7.41 Brest 2.		L. Rudolf Schleicher LK 15.42	gef.	
24. 7.41 Brest 3.		Fw. Erwin Richey LK 15.18	gef.	
24. 7.41 Brest 3.		U. Walter Vock LK 15.18	gef.	
24. 7.41 Brest 1.		Ofw. Willi Keins LK 15.15	gef.	
24. 7.41 Brest 2.		U. Friedrich Schumann LK	gef.	
24. 7. 41 Brest 3.		L. Julius Weimberg LK, Notlandung 15.12	verw.	
24. 7.41 La Rochelle 1.		Ofw. Rudolf Tischner LK 14.20	verw.	
24. 7.41 Cherbourg E/St		U. Otto Bauer Pp 14.35	gef.	
3. 8. 41 Paris 2.		Ofhr. Johann Pfeiffer krankheit	gef.	
6. 8.41 Therville E/St		U. Helmut Rainer Tiefflug v. 4 Whirlwind b. Start gest. 10.8.41	gef.	
12. 8.41 Samer 8.		L. Gerhardt Hessel	verw.	
15. 8.41 Drucat 4.		Fw. Heinz Brandt Luftschaubenschlag	gef.	
16. 8.41 Cherbourg E/St		Fw. Friedrich Wönke 14.00	v.	
16. 8.41 Colomby E/St		U. Helmut Augustin LK 1 Spitfire	gef.	
16. 8.41 S. Calais 5.		L. Ekkehard Makosch LK	gef.	
17. 8.41 W. Le Touquet 5.		L. Martin Brachmann LK	gef.	
17. 8.41 Le Touquet 5.		U. Erich Rudel LK	v.	
20. 8.41 St. Pol 8.		U. Ernst Federle	verw.	
21. 8.41 Steenvorde 8.		U. Theodor Zingerle PSA, nicht geöffnet	gef.	

Drucke
2573

Patron

Magnan dit le "Roi du Golfe"

KTB Seeke Bretagne à Brest

5.9.43

0800

Nantes:

WSW, 4-5, heiter,
Sicht 10-15 sm, See
3.

Lage:

Zwischen 2248 - 0130Uhr Flak- und Fliegeralarm von Brest bis Royan. Mehrere Feindmaschinen, scheinbar Minenflieger, über Küstenvorfeld, Höhen bis 1000 m. Kreisen westl. Ile de Groix, über Außenloire und westl. Ile de Rhé und Ile d'Oleron. Minenverdacht. Geringe Gefechtstätigkeit nur Lorient und La Pallice.

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Nantes:

WSW, 4-5, bewölkt,
Sicht 10-15 sm, See
3.

Lage:

Brest: 1626 - 1659 Uhr Flakalarm. 1 Spitfire in 6000 - 9000 m über Objekt. Eigene Jäger gestartet. Keine Gefechtstätigkeit.

Lorient: Thunfischerboot "Anny Braz" am 26.8. auf Position 47°17' Nord - 8°53' West (BF 4531 u.K.M.) von 2 engl. Kriegsschiffen mit der Bezeichnung R 97 - G 07 angehalten. Nach Fortsetzung der Fangreise wurde es am 29.8. 1400 Uhr auf 48° Nord - 9°24' West (BF 417 u.K.M.) von einem engl. Flugzeug angegriffen und mit M.G. beschossen. Am 2.9. wurde es erneut auf 47° Nord - 9° West (BF 4553 r.u.) um 2400 Uhr von engl. Fliegern beschossen. 4.9. in Douarnenez ohne Verletzte eingetroffen.

6.9.43

0800

Nantes:

Westl. Winde, 2-4,
Sicht 6-10 sm, See
1-3, heiter.

Nantes:

Brest: 1931 - 1939 Uhr Fliegeralarm. 15 einmotorige Feindmaschinen im Anflug auf Brest, drhen nach N ab. Keine Gefechtstätigkeit. 224 - 0007 Uhr Flakalarm. Mehrere Feindmaschine im westl. Seegebiet, wahrscheinlich Minenunternehmung. Gefechtstätigkeit, Flum-Geräte

BRETAGNE et BREST 1er Aout au 20 Septembre

Air Force	Corps	Fight. Wing	Fight. Grp.	Squadr.	Aircraft
9th	XIX TAC	100th FW	354th	353-355-356	P-51 Mustang
9th	XIX TAC	100th FW	362nd	377-378-379	P-47 Thunderbolt
"	"	"	363rd	380-381-382	P-51 Mustang
"	"	"	371st	404-405-406	P-47 Thunderbolr
"	"	303rd FW	36th	22- 23- 53	P-47 "
"	"	"	358th	365-366-367	P-47 "
"	"	"	373rd	410-411-412	P-47 "
"	"	"	405th	509-510-511	P-47 "
"	"	"	406th	512-513-514	P-47 "

Ceux qui sont, et de loin, intervenus le plus souvent sont les 362nd et 406th Fighter-Gp. Durant les six jours de l'assaut final contre Brest, deux Fighter-.Gp. du IX TAC outre les bombardiers moyens du IX B.C. se joignirent aux FG du XIX TAC

Diverses notes :

Concernant St-Malô le 362nd est principalement intervenu , mais également un autre groupe le 370th et des appareils du IX Bombing Command ainsi que des bombariers de la RAF.

Le 17 Août, 35 P-38 du 370th lancèrent 2 bombes au napalm sur St Malo avant d'apprendre que la Citadelle s'était rendue et déversèrent le reste de leur chargements de bombes au napalm sur l'île de Cézembre.

St-Servan fut attaqué 3 fois entre le 8 et le 15 aout par 208 Marauders du IX B.C.

Le 25 août le 362nd fight.Gp. passa toute la journée à attaquer des objectifs à et près de Brest, envoyant les trois squadrons pour quatre missions à deux heures d'intervalles. (Vous en parlez dans votre livre (378th Squadron)

En dépit de mauvaises conditions atmosphériques et d'une DCA très intense depuis le sol et les bateaux , ce fut un succès. Deux croiseurs (?) furent touchés et l'un d'eux laissé en flammes. Douze bateaux dont un transport qui évacuait des troupes du port furent endommagés certains laissé en flammes .En outre, des objectifs à terre furent attaqués en support des troupes US se dirigeant vers Brest. C'est là je crois qu'intervint le malheureux épisode des FFI qui furent tués. Le Commandement du 362nd pas plus que les autres fighters- groupes n'avaient aucune notions sur la présence de groupes armés clandestins.

Le 30 Août, l'île de Cézembre qui résistait toujours après la reddition de St-Malô fut à nouveau attaquée. 255 marauders B-26 du IX B.C. lancèrent 465 tonnes de bombes. des Lancasters de la RAF BC se joignirent à l'attaque tandis que le HMS Warspite tirait des salves de 15 pouces. Des P-47 du 50th fight. Gp. couvraient l'opération. En fin de journée 33 P-38 du 370th F.G. arrosèrent l'île de bombes au napalm.

Concernant les pertes alliées durant cette période , j'estime à environ 40 appareils perdus (chasseurs et bombers)

Mais ce n'est qu'une estimation qui n'engage que moi-même !

A ce sujet je souhaiterais que soit rendu un "hommage" à un jeune pilote 23 ans qui fut tué près de Brest, ne serait-ce qu'en citant son nom simplement.

Il s'agit du lieutenant Charles, Howard **Freeman**, du 362nd FG, 377th Squadron. Le 26 août, participant à une mission sur Brest, son P-47 se retourna et s'affala au sol. (Voir rapport de mission du 26 août ci joint. - il ne sauta pas en parachute) Freeman décéda dans l'ambulance qui l'emmenait à un poste de médical américain.

L'exception concernant ce pilote réside dans le fait que le 11 juin 1944, il s'abattit avec son P-47 près de Coutances, resta caché jusqu'à la Libération rejoint son unité à Rennes par ses propres moyens le 5 août et au lieu d'être rapatrié comme il en avait le droit, il demanda la faveur de reprendre du service ce qui lui fut exceptionnellement accordé. 20 jours plus tard il mourrait près de Brest.

J'ai fait une exception dans cette courte recherche, car je souhaite ne plus en faire sauf pour quelques amis rares chercheurs (dont vous), maheureusement, en ce moment, je ne suis pas en capacité physique, dû à mon accident, de fouiller toutes mes archives.

J'y trouverais peut-être quelques anecdotes sans doute pas plus originales que le contenu de cet envoi !

Je fais réimprimer mon livre pour fin décembre ayant presque épuisé la première édition.

Bien à vous

Rémy Chuinard

Granville

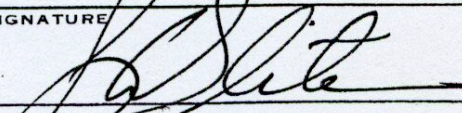
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COMMENTS

Reference your 6 April 1986 letter.

The attached copies, extracted from the VIII Fighter Command history for August 1944, failed to produce any mention of an attack against an automobile convoy on 26 August near the town of Douarnenez. The three Squadrons of the 339th (503d, 504th, and 505th Fighter Squadrons) also do not mention such an attack in their histories. You might try writing to the 339th FG contact (see attached sheet for address) for help in your research. Sometimes 8th AFHS personnel have been very helpful to researchers. We wish you good luck in your research.

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X Si vous souhaitez d'autres informations concernant le 363rd FG, qui n'opéra pas en Bretagne début Juin, mais surtout au cours de la première semaine d'Aout, n'hésitez pas. Ce sera souvent ce que l'on ne trouve pas dans les CR officiels d'Archives. J'ai aussi beaucoup de photos.

Cependant avant de continuer et surtout de terminer cette lettre aujourd'hui (Je voulais surtout vous parler de Brown et de Bénodet) je dois vous dire qu'un fait familial inattendu me fera prendre un peu de retard à sérier quelques informations à votre intention. En effet, le lendemain de mon envoi de mon courrier, c'était le 13 juin , mon épouse a subi une soudaine hémorragie cérébrale, nous étions près de la plage. Vous imaginez mon désarro et ma préoccupation. Le pire a été évité, aucune faculté mentale n'ayant été atteinte. Mon épouse a ' seulement ' perdu l'usage de la parole et de l'écriture. Cependant les espoirs de guérison sont maintenant complets et je vais consacrer beaucoup de temps à sa rééducation. Beaucoup d'heures , de semaines mais je pense que dans peu de mois j'aurais gagné. Je m'excuse de vous dire cela, alors que vous étiez un inconnu , mais cela me reconforte d'en parler un peu seulement, et vous expliquera que je ne peux malgré moi vous apporter plus de renseignements actuellement.

Cependant, la vie continue et pour toutes ces raisons je vais poursuivre ! (*le 362nd*)

X Je vous donnerais ultérieurement beaucoup d'informations concernant le FG qui fut le plus actif lors de la bataille de Brest, et aussi d'autres inf. sur d'autres FG qui intervinrent en Bretagne avec plus ou moins d'efficacité et de chance, début Juin.

Voici juste quelques notes en réponse à votre liste de recherche : (v/page 4)

1/ Je dois récapituler beaucoup d'éléments disparates (Je me suis en un premier temps attaché aux actions personnelles de pilotes de chasse . cela nécessite un regroupement dans la description d'une action globale, alors.....un peu plus tard.

X 2 / le XIX TAC , supportant la 3rd Army de Patton était composé à partir du 7 aout 44 de 9 groupes de chasse : 363 et 354 sur Mustang. 362 371 405 406 358 373 et 36 sur Thunderbolt . Le 362 à ma connaissance a été le plus opérationnel en Bretagne.

J'aurais beaucoup de précisions à vous donner quant à l'action du 362 en Bretagne . Il se trouve, (le hasard servant parfois et souvent les chercheurs et historiens) que fin mai j'ai déjeuné avec un ancien C/O de ce groupe qui m'a présenté un ancien pilote de son groupe qui est maintenant Président de l'Association de la 9th AAF . Je faisais déjà partie de cette association, à titre exceptionnel , et cette rencontre va être très profitable pour la connaissance de la petite Histoire qui en fait est la seule vraie. (ou presque) Je n'ai pas la manie des Associations , je n'aime d'ailleurs pas les "manifestations" et " cérémonies " d'aucune sorte, mais c'est un excellent moyen de connaître les gens concernés. Donc prochainement je ferais un tri de ce qui peut vous intéresser. Beaucoup de photos.

X 3/ MACR de pertes d'avions U.S. au dessus de la Bretagne . Je vous enverrais ceux que j'ai. En fait il y en a peu pour la période du 1 au 15 aout en Bretagne, car en cette période , les pilotes étaient rapidement récupérés ou identifiés, en Bretagne , donc pas de MACR . Il faut voir les rapports d'unités et je ne les ai pas tous (pas encore)

4 / même réponse.

5/ Photos . Je verrais ce qui peut concerner la Bretagne.

X 6 / " After War Association " du 363rd. Je vous ai répondu à ce sujet mais cette Association est totalement inactive au point de vue historique. Il existe deux historiques écrits au sujet de ce groupe. Je peux vous photocopier les deux . Environ deux cents pages.

J'ai le livre Historique du 405th FG " Thunder Monsters over Europe ." par Reginald Nolte. J'ai été en relation avec R. Nolte, mais il ne sait rien de plus que le contenu de son livre. Il m'a cependant envoyé quelques photos inédites et j'en ai d'autres sur le 405th FG, mais vous avez raison il n'a pratiquement pas opéré en Bretagne.

7/ Attaque le 26 aout par des chasseurs U.S. d'un convoi de Je ne sais pas . Je m'étais fixé une date limite pour mes recherches sur la Normandie : 25 Aout ! Cependant : ce n'est pas le 363rd qui ce jour là a oeuvré vers Amiens et Lille. En fait je pense avoir trouvé car le plus actif des Squadron à Brest et Bretagne fut ce jour là le 378 FS du 362 FG , mais le 339th a très bien pu participé. Le 339th fait partie de la 8th AAF et ce n'est pas mon fort. Par contre je connais bien un membre très actif de l'Ass. du 339th et je pourrais vous mettre en relation. Un destroyer fut coulé en rade de Brest le 25/08 par le 378 FS dont je vous ai parlé. et est - - -

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26 AUGUST, 1944.

PART I - HEAVY BOMBER ATTACKS ON TARGETS IN WESTERN EUROPE

	<u>CLOSE ESCORT</u>	<u>AREA SUPPORT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
NO. OF GROUPS (15)	13 MISSIONS	3 MISSIONS	16 MISSIONS
A/C AIRBORNE	357 P-51S 91 P-47S 50 P-38S <u>498</u>	142 P-51S	499 P-51S 91 P-47S 50 P-38S <u>640</u>
A/C ON MISSION	331 P-51S 79 P-47S 48 P-38S <u>458</u>	131 P-51S	462 P-51S 79 P-47S 48 P-38S <u>589</u>
A/C LOST	NIL	6 P-51S	6 P-51S
CRASHED IN ENGLAND OR SERIOUSLY I.A.M.	1 P-51, CAT E.	NIL	1 P-51, CAT E.
PERSONNEL CASLTS.	1 (W)	5 (M)	5 (M), 1 (W)
CLAIMS	1-0-0 4/E GND	NIL	1-0-0 4/E GND
E/A SEEN	68	3	71
BOMBERS SEEN TO GO DOWN	12	2	14

MISC. GROUND STRAFING; 18-0-8 Locos, 49-0-33 Trucks, 0-0-1 Oil Storage Tanks, 0-0-67 Wagons, 1-0-1 Electric Locos, 1-0-0 Ammo Train, 25-0-21 RR Cars, 14-0-0 Staff Cars, 0-0-2 Mobile RR Cranes, 25-0-28 Trailers, 0-0-12 Half Tracks, 1-0-0 Ammo Truck, 7-0-6 Medium Tanks, 1 Personnel Carrier with 6 Soldiers Destroyed and 1 RR Station and 1 Flak Tower Damaged.

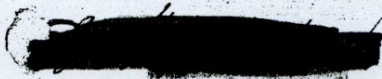
1ST FORCE - (3RD DIV., 13, 4, 92 & 45 CW'S) - TARGETS: COASTAL BATTERIES AT BREST & KERANDIEU

SUMMARY OF ESCORT:

339th Ftr Gp. - L/F in NW Lannion 1013, patrolled area from 1025 to 1135, out NW Lannion 1150.

E/A OPPOSITION: Nil

FLAK: NIL


OPERATIONS

A narrative of operations (Intelligence Summaries)--No. 242 through No. 267--is made part of the supporting documents.

In August 1944 the Eighth Fighter Command flew a total of 18,500 sorties. Claims for the month were 593 destroyed, 9 probably destroyed and 258 damaged. Personnel losses were 12 killed in action, and 197 missing; 9 were wounded.

As usual, most of the missions flown were heavy bomber support. In addition to the 12,374 sorties flown on this type of mission, 87 sorties were fighter bomber; 33 were fighter bomber escort, and 6006 were rodeo and other type missions. A total tonnage of 1725.3 was dropped in fighter bomber missions.

A total of 209 planes were lost by the Command, 76 due to flak, 14 due to enemy aircraft, 47 due to accident and 72 from unknown causes.

Forty-seven of our aircraft were damaged under Category E, and 351 under other categories.

Of the claims against enemy aircraft 273 were destroyed in the air and 320 on the ground.

Low-level strafing and bombing attacks by our aircraft resulted in the destruction or damage of 2,252 locomotives; 1388 oil tank cars; 14,970 goods wagons and other railroad cars; 18 trains, 2,359 motor trucks, 128 staff cars, and 386 other miscellaneous vehicles. In addition, the command was responsible for destruction or disablement of radar and radio installations, power stations, armored vehicles, tanks, field guns, flak towers, and other military targets of various types.

During this month, P-47 Thunderbolts were flown by the 56th, 78th, 353rd and 356th groups. P-38 Lightnings were flown by the 479th Group. P-51s were flown by the 4th, 20th, 55th, 339th, 352nd, 355th, 357th, 359, 361 and 364 Groups.

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The supply of aircraft generally was good although shortages were felt in the early part of the month due to assembly depots being closed for bank holiday. In the middle of the month weather held up delivery of planes from Base Air Depots. However, in the week of Aug. 26 there were enough planes on hand to bring all P-51 groups to strength of approximately 80 each. Replacements of P-47s remained critical. At the last of the month the Command was being assigned 3 or 4 P-47D-25's each day. These planes have extra 65 gallon internal gasoline capacity.

BREST -

378th Squadron

Missions du 378th Squadron - (362 Fighter-Group
sur Brest et environs? 48 environ sont identifiées.

Signification des abréviations ou noms de code :

T.U heure de décollage

T.O.T. Heure au dessus de l'objectif

T.D. heure d'atterrissage

A.C. Aircraft, avion

M.Y. Gare de triage

Nom de code. Grandcamp able : station de guidage
Ripsaw " "

C A V U Ceiling And Visibilité Unlilited = visibilité illimitée

A D Aérodrome

Coordonnées géographiques;

Exemple V 911 965

V 885 857

Q 944 007

etc.....

Utiliser les cartes E.M. américaine de 1944
faciles à trouver en musée ou chez les collectionneurs. Ces
coordonnées correspondent au point exact, à quelques dizaines de
mètres de l'impact des bombes ou de l'objectif.

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T/U-1524, TOT-1615, 1620, T/D-1720. Twenty-two bombs hit in target area of M/Y at O-2804 and bridge at T-1294. Results: Tracks split in two places and damaged five freight cars. All near misses on bridge with approaches badly damaged. Four ammunition cars and one staff car destroyed by strafing at O-5035.

August 13

Mission No. 177—Armed recce in Brest and Vannes area carrying one belly-bomb. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1240, TOT-1350, T/D-1445. One abort (mech.). Couldn't contact Liver or Eggcup. Grandcamp Able vectored them to woods at R-790065. Results: Six hits in woods. Saw white puffs which were unidentified. Flak intense, heavy and accurate over Brest.

August 13

Mission No. 178—Armed recce in Morlaix area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1710, TOT-1745, 1845, T/D-1930. Vectored by Grandcamp Able to bomb gun emplacements at Pampol S-0634. Results: Four hits in woods and four on beach west of woods. Six guns destroyed. Flights also strafed this target with good results.

August 13

Mission No. 179—Target gun emplacement at Pts. Corean off Brest Peninsula. Eight A/C dispatched with two X500 bombs. T/U-2030, TOT-2110, T/D-2210. Results: Nine hits on target with the rest near misses. No positive results observed. Weather CAVU.

August 14

Mission No. 180—Armed recce to Brest area. Seven A/C dispatched carrying 1x500 GP. T/U-0730, TOT-0810, 0915, T/D-0950. Vectored by Grandcamp Able to gun emplacement at Pampol. Results: Three hits on peninsula 50 yards from emplacement. Position strafed three times. One gun knocked out.

August 14

Mission No. 181—Air cover and armed column support in Brest area. Eight A/C dispatched carrying two X500 GP. T/U-1200, TOT-1230, T/D-1410. Vectored by Grandcamp Able to Pampol S-0535. Results: Dropped three bombs in target area smashing previously bombed houses. Cover flight operated at 6,000 feet. Vital information: Allied troops moving north as far as Treguira. Large O.K. signs on roads and buildings in target area.

August 14

Mission No. 182—Air cover and column support. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1705, TOT-1720, T/D-1900. Vectored by Grandcamp Able to Pampol. Results: Three bombs dropped on Pampol, NRO one dropped on island at S-0737. Fire being observed.

August 15

Mission No. 183—M/Y at Landon. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-0750, TOT-0900, T/D-1015. Results: Fourteen hits in area with damage as follows: Six cars destroyed, 2 hit on roundhouse and tracks broken in two places. Two bombs dropped in road at O-9603.

August 15

Mission No. 184—Armed recce. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1305, TOT-1405, T/D-1555. Bombed woods P-8865 with eight bombs. Strafed and destroyed six trucks at P-8865. Six trucks at P-9868. Could not contact Ripsaw. All vehicles seen were scattered and in small units.

August 16

Mission No. 185—Armed column support to 5th and 7th Infantry divisions in Dreux area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1435, TOT-1530, T/D-1730. One abort due to mechanical failure. Results: Vectored in target area by Fieldfare, contact not distinct. Six bombs dropped on road junction R-6440 NRO. Strafed and destroyed 5 M/T moving east at R-6240.

August 16

Mission No. 186—Armed column support. Eight A/C dispatched. Two aborts—one mechanical and other as escort. T/U-1735, TOT-1825, T/D-2025. Results: Dropped two bombs and strafed A/D at R-9229 with 50 plus ME-109's. No claims. Field expertly camouflaged. Strafed and destroyed trucks at R-9229 (3) and one soldier. Strafed gun positions on A/D. One A/C hit by flak at Target. Heavy, accurate, light. Vital information: JU-88 A/D burning at S-0128. FW-190 A/D at R-8635.

August 17

Mission No. 187—Armed column support to Dreux area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1230, TOT-1325-1430, T/D-1525. Squadron vectored by Exclaim to 8 Tiger tanks heading east through Conde. Could not find tanks. Strafed and destroyed two trucks at R-5434. Wetrage had no positive information. Brought bombs back because of this. Vital information: Exclaim stated over R/T that road east from Fleres clogged with moving German vehicles at 1500.

August 17

Mission No. 188—Armed column cover in Dreux area. Seven A/C dispatched. T/U-1535, TOT-1620-1720, T/D-1815. Vectored by Fieldfare to Louye. No bomb targets given. Strafed and destroyed one-half track at R-3643.

August 17

Mission No. 189—Armed column support in Dreux area. Seven A/C dispatched. T/U-1830, TOT-1930-2045, T/D-2140. Bombed and strafed



tank Bivouac area R-2943. Five tanks and 6 trucks destroyed. Vectored by Fieldfare to vicinity of attack.

August 18

Mission No. 190—Air support in Brest area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1255, TOT-1320-1440, T/D-1500. Brought bombs back. All activity observed was friendly. Unable to contact controllers.

August 18

Mission No. 191—Air support in Brest area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1600, TOT-1630-1730, T/D-1755. Could not contact controllers in area. All movement seen was friendly.

August 18

Mission No. 192—Armed recce southwest of Paris along Seine River. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1850, TOT-2000-2220, T/D-2140. Results: Six bombs near Road bridge at M-2298. Both approaches to bridge damaged considerably. Strafed train standing 15 miles south of Orleans NRO. Flak at Tours moderate, inaccurate, heavy.

August 19

Mission No. 193—Armed recce south of Paris along the Seine River. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-0930, TOT-1035-1130, T/D-1220. Results: Strafed barges at S-1118—eight destroyed, X-3591 25 plus observed. No fires started but damaged considerably. Strafed and destroyed five freight cars containing oil barrels at R-9134. Strafed single-engine on siding. No extensive damage observed.

August 20

Mission No. 194—Armed recce in Dreux-Nantes-Gassicourt-Etamps-Chartres area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1109, TOT-1200-1245, T/D-1345. Couldn't contact anyone except Ripsaw. Jettisoned frags and brought 500's back.

August 20

Mission No. 195—Armed recce in area southwest of Paris. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1409, TOT-1500-1600, T/D-1700. Encountered 12 ME-109's and 20 FW-190's at R-8025. Results: Lieutenant Matte, four destroyed. Lieutenant Greenleaf, one destroyed. Lieutenant Kelgard, one damaged. Major Harbeson, one destroyed. Two personnel NYR and two A/C destroyed. Attack took place at 1545 at 3,000 feet. Two trucks bombed at R-8700.

August 20

Mission No. 196—Dive-bombing Seine River with 6 hour delay "Chemical Bombs." Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1800, TOT-1845, T/D-2030. Results: Bombed target with 22 hits in water at M-0508. Two bombs jettisoned in Seine River at L-6020. Destroyed one staff car at Q-9293. De-

stroyed convoy of seven trucks moving northeast at Q-9377. Lieutenant Stepnitz hit by flak and bailed out.

August 22

Mission No. 197—Column support for 5th and 7th Infantry divisions. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-0953, TOT-1050-1200, T/D-1250. Results: Vectored by quick dive to one tank at Champenard R-3477. Three bombs missed target.

August 22

Mission No. 198—Armed recce in Chartres area. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1400, TOT-1555, T/D-1640. Results: Vectored by quick dive to woods at R-2565, 18 tanks there. Dropped three 500's and six clusters of frags—NRO.

August 22

Mission No. 199—Gun emplacement at R-2987. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1800, TOT-1900-2000, T/D-2035. Results: Five heavy batteries and many light guns observed. Damaged 10 of them considerably. Flak very intense and accurate in this area.

August 23

Mission No. 200—Armed recce in Sens area southeast of Paris. Ten A/C dispatched. T/U-1200, TOT-1335-1500, T/D-1615. Results: Six bombs dropped in M/Y. Destroyed locomotive and breaking tracks. Destroyed ten freight cars. Strafed and destroyed ten more freight cars. Strafed and destroyed tracks at H-4407.

August 24

Mission No. 201—Fighter sweep in Fontainebleau area. Eleven A/C dispatched. T/U-1512, TOT-1620-1720, T/D-1830. Results: Destroyed one armored car at X-4594, two trucks at S-4300, two tanks destroyed at X-3893 and ten trucks at R-9924.

August 25

Mission No. 202—Dive-bombing mission in Brest area. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1541, TOT-1630-1710, T/D-1800. Results: Attacked light cruiser at V-9493. Got two hits on stern and also two hits on beached cruiser, this one left burning total of four large ships and a dozen smaller craft in area. Flak intense, accurate, heavy from ships.

August 26

Mission No. 203—Armed column cover in Brest area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1211, TOT-1300-1400, T/D-1441. One abort due to mechanical failure. Results: All bombs dropped on boats thought to be medium sized freighters. One hit on stern of armed ship V-5882. Strafed artillery positions at V-986870 and Q-977021. Two trucks strafed and destroyed at V-985651. Targets vectored by Kleenex Able. Vital information: De-



stroyer smoking at V-963923. Three beached freighters in Audienne Bay. A/D at V-925871 reported ready for use.

August 26

Mission No. 204—Armed recce in Brest area. Fifteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1809, TOT-1900-2000, T/D-2035. Results: Fourteen bombs on A/D at V-917878, damaged runways and dispersal areas. Four bombs on gun emplacements at Q-932033 and Q-941021, 4 bombs on barracks at Q-963025, 7 bombs on gun emplacements at V-906970. All hits in the target areas; five guns knocked out entirely. Light guns fired an accurate barrage of fire.

August 27

Mission No. 205—Armed column support in Brest area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1012, TOT-1100-1200, T/D-1255. Results: Eight bombs dropped east of church on C.P. at Q-953020 all near misses vectored by Stanza. Eight bombs on hedgerows and troop concentrations at Q-995022. All hits NRO "Hoptide." Sixteen bombs on barracks and hedgerows at Q-782040 (DEFAULT) two hits on barracks, all others dropped in the fields and hedgerows close by.

August 27

Mission No. 206—Armed recce in Brest area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1620, TOT-1700-1745, T/D-1830. Captain Stroh NYR. Results: Flights vectored by respective controllers in areas assigned and bombed and strafed gun positions as follows: W-122790—One pillbox destroyed and damage to light guns. Q-947028—Damaged. V-755963—Damaged and unusable. Q-983021—Destroyed. Two minesweepers strafed at V-929892.

August 28

Mission No. 207—Armed recce southwest of Paris. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1623, TOT-1650-1815, T/D-1845. Results: Two locomotives destroyed by bombing at P-6636, and another two at P-7146. Strafing and damaged four trains in two strings at P-6824.

August 31

Mission No. 208—Armed recce in Verdun area. Fourteen A/C dispatched. Two aborts, one mechanical, other as escort. T/U-1700, TOT-1815-1915, T/D-2115. Results: Eight bombs on road at O-7422, 10 miles southeast of Mezieres, France. Road blocked. Three bombs on road at O-8426 with two hits. Thirty plus trucks destroyed by strafing at O-7319. One tank destroyed by strafing O-7124. One gun position strafed and destroyed at O-7616. Vital information: Allied troops and tanks on road from Rheims to Mezieres as far as O-6209.

September 1

Mission No. 209—Target gun position on Quimpel peninsula in Brest. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-0813, TOT-0900-0945, T/D-1030. Results: Seven bombs on target pin-pointed by Kleenex Able W-067800. No activity observed either before or after the bombing. Emplacement destroyed. Strafing enemy troop concentration behind concrete fortification on top of hill at W-1379.

September 1

Mission No. 210—Brest area, Quimpel peninsula. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1413, TOT-1500-1610, T/D-1640. Two aborts, one mechanical, one escort. Results: Four bombs on gun emplacement V-998834. Destroyed two bombs on troop dug-out and light gun position at V-898823. Destroyed, strafed and destroyed 14 trucks, 2 wagons, one staff car at V-917867. Targets by Kleenex Able.

September 2

Mission No. 211—Armed recce in Portier area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-0940, TOT-1043-1200, T/D-1305. Results: Eight bombs on road intersection at L-7648. Along with strafing attack at this point five trucks destroyed and road blocked completely. Strafing and destroyed 4 trucks at L-4955. Vital information: Twelve ambulances heading east from L-7648. A/D vacated at L-4955.

September 3

Mission No. 212—Brest city outskirts. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-0908, TOT-1000-1030, T/D-1110. "Hoptide" German strongpoint at Q-981022. Village destroyed by bombs (18) in target area. "Stanza" strongpoint Q-950029 bombed and strafed. Target destroyed. Target Q-970027 marked by green smoke. Eight bombs dropped NRO. Strafing and damaged gun positions at Q-951025.

September 3

Mission No. 213—Armed recce in Brest area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1415, TOT-1615-1700, T/D-1740. Two aborts. Results: "Hoptide" did not locate any satisfactory target. Ordered to drop all bombs on Brest. Alternated with B-26's in clobbering Brest.

September 4

Mission No. 214—Ground support in Brest area. Eleven A/C dispatched. T/U-1806, TOT-1845-1915, T/D-2005. Results: Default target enemy troop concentration at Q-902024. Barracks and mess halls dispersed in wooded area. Fires started in several places. Four buildings received direct hits with bombs.

September 5

Mission No. 215—St. Pierre area dropping leaflets. T/U-1425, TOT-1500, T/D-1540. Results:



Leaflets contained surrender instructions to Russian captives in this area.

September 6

Mission No. 216—Support of 8th Infantry in Brest area. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1310, TOT-1420, T/D-1525. One A/C Captain Harrold landed at Morlaix, because of flak damage. Results: Bombed gun positions at the following places—Q-932022, 945020, 950024 NRO. Strafing tank at Q-54009 NRO.

September 7

Mission No. 217—Ground support in Brest peninsula. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-0922, TOT-1015-1045, T/D-1145. Results: Red Flight hit gun emplacement at Q-937005. Three hits, one near miss, four hung. Yellow Flight hit same kind of target at Q-954006. Six near misses, two on target. Blue Flight same target at Q-967012. Six near misses, two on buildings. All vectored by stanza.

September 7

Mission No. 218—Brest armed recce. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1352, TOT-1445-1515, T/D-1600. Twenty-four bombs in target area at Q-990111. Vectored by Hoptide to this target marked with purple smoke. Two buildings destroyed, the rest NRO. Strafing road from that point running southeast for a mile. Road intersection blocked.

September 7

Mission No. 219—Armed recce in Brest area. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1852, TOT-1915-1945, T/D-2030. Results: Eight bombs on gun emplacement at Q-972009, 7 hits, one near miss. Eight bombs on gun emplacement 60 yards south of intersection at Q-467008, 8 hits on target. Eight bombs on gun emplacement 40 yards northwest of junction at Q-967008, 6 hits, 2 misses. Moderate, accurate, light flak over target.

September 8

Mission No. 220—Armed recce in support of 8th Infantry division in Brest area. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-0838, TOT-0930-1000, T/D-1045. Results: Vectored by Stanza on gun emplacement at Q-944016, 24 hits in area. No direct hits observed on battery of four guns. Strafing tank trap just south of target.

September 8

Mission No. 221—Ground support in Brest area. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1308, TOT-1400-1430, T/D-1520. Results: Vectored by Stanza to gun emplacement at Q-968006. All bombs in target area but few direct hits on guns. Most bombs dropped short and to the north of target.

September 8

Mission No. 222—Ground support in Brest area. Ten A/C dispatched. T/U-1738, TOT-1830-1900,

T/D-1945. Results: Seven bombs on enemy strong points at Q-968006 and 955008 (10 bombs) NRO. Destroyed two houses in this area.

September 9

Mission No. 223—Ground support in Brest area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1011, TOT-1100-1130, T/D-1200. Results: Vectored by Kleenex Able to wooded area in which enemy troops were concentrated. Eleven bombs hit in this area with the remainder listed as misses. Density of woods precluded damage assessment. Vital information: U. S. forces have reached eastern part of A/D at V-970875.

September 9

Mission No. 224—Brest area ground support. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1606, TOT-1700-1730, T/D-1820. Results: Controller Kleenex Able. Six hits on gun emplacement at V-884757 destroyed. Six hits, two misses on gun emplacement at V-940865 damaged. Strafing and damaged gun position at V-884757.

September 9

Mission No. 225—Leaflet mission south of Loire River. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1720, TOT-1900, T/D-2000. Dropped 3 parachutes with leaflets at M-0228, L-9020 and L-7516.

September 10

Mission No. 226—Support in Brest area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. Twelve of which carried tanks of NEPALM. T/U-1113, TOT-1200-1245, T/D-1320. Results: Directed by DEFAULT, 4 Nepalm and 8 X500's dropped on V-732987 gun emplacement. Three NEPALMS and 6 X500's hit target area. Directed by KLEENEX ABLE to gun position at V-973836. Six hits observed. The area alive with fires. Strafing gun positions at V-905878 and strafing and destroyed one tank and one truck at V-902870.

September 11

Mission No. 227—Support in Crozon Peninsula. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-0915, TOT-1000-1045, T/D-1120. Results: Sixteen bombs on barracks and gun emplacement at V-850876. All hits in the area. Three buildings damaged. NRO otherwise. Strafing gun emplacements at V-937871, V-952847, V-872875. Results NRO.

September 11

Mission No. 228—Crozon Peninsula. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1215, TOT-1300-1345, T/D-1430. Results: Seven bombs on pillbox and gun emplacement at V-857888. All hits in area. Eight bombs on pillbox and gun position at V-849883. 6 direct hits, 4 in area. Strafing guns at V-935865.

September 11

Mission No. 229—Crozon Peninsula support. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1515, TOT-1600-



1645, T/D-1710. Results Sixteen bombs on gun emplacement (105's) at V-837883. Fourteen hits in area. Strafed gun position and knocked out two guns at V-939858. Flak intense, inaccurate, light at V-970875.

September 11

Mission No. 230—Crozon Peninsula support. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1815, TOT-1900-1935, T/D-2015. Results: Sixteen bombs on gun emplacement at ammunition depot at V-885757. All hits in area and blew up ammunition dump. Vital information: Large cargo vessel and 15 smaller ships in Lorient Harbor.

September 12

Mission No. 231—Armed recce in Kaiserlauten area. Sixteen ships dispatched. Two aborts—one mechanical, other escort. Lieutenant David Wright bailed out at Etamps. Lieutenant Flater landed at Chartres. Both due to mechanical trouble. Results: Route—St. Dizier T/D-0930, T/U-1315, Coulommieres T/D-1400, T/U-1600, U-8134, TOT-1700-1730, Coulommieres T/D-1800, T/U-2000, home T/D-2110. Carried 14x3x500 to St. Dizier, dropped two. Carried 14x1x500 on armed recce. Vectored by Ironclad on Channel B to target of gun positions hidden in woods. All bombs dropped in this area. NRO.

September 13

Mission No. 232—Armed recce in Brest area. T/U-1015, TOT-1105-1210, T/D-1235. Results: Bombed gun positions at V-914976. Default. Observed no guns, 12 hits in area marked by white phosphorous smoke. Strafed and destroyed one armed vehicle and one house blown up at V-907972. Two jeeps strafed and destroyed at V-925990 and V-949993.

September 14

Mission No. 233—Armed recce in Brest area. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1520, TOT-1555-1640, T/D-1720. Results: Vectored by Stanza to enemy strong points at V-970875 and V-970872 (7 bombs) with excellent results. Considerable observed at these points. Strafed buildings just west of target NRO.

September 16

Mission No. 234—Brest armed recce. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1315, TOT-1400-1445, T/D-1525. Results: Controller-Stanza on C Channel. Eight bombs on gun position at V-927809 (2 misses), NRO. Eight bombs on gun position at V-928815 (all misses). Target strafed NRO. Four planes strafed southwest of A/D attacked buildings at V-951871.

September 16

Mission No. 235—Brest armed recce. Four ships dispatched. T/U-1410, TOT-1450-1535, T/D-1605. Results. Controller default. Target

enemy strongpoint at Q-038000. Four direct hits on fortifications. Four misses. Strafed pillboxes at Q-935985 unoccupied NRO. Vital information: One Tiger tank standing on road at Q-952969.

September 17

Mission No. 236—Brest area armed recce. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-0910, TOT-0950-1035, T/D-1115. Results: V-913965 enemy strong point. Eight direct hits. Heavy smoke obscured target. Strafed wooded area where enemy troops were reported NRO. V-915835 strafed buildings north of A/D at V-975878. Considerable damage here, fires burning. V-923972 bombed sub-pens. Eight direct hits D/B from 7,500 feet NRO. Strafed camouflaged installations at V-900844 burning.

September 17

Mission No. 237—Armed recce in Brest area. Four A/C dispatched. T/U-1007, TOT-1050-1130, T/D-1202. Stanza reported an enemy strongpoint at V-911965. Two hits but the general results were obscured by low-hanging clouds. Strafed and destroyed a 60-passenger bus at V-940988.

September 17

Mission No. 238—Brest support. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1512, TOT-1600-1645, T/D-1720. Sixteen bombs on land mines between wall and tank traps at V-880895. Fifteen hits in the area with one landing in the water. Started many fires in the area destroying gun positions. Vital information: Our troops going west on road to Corzon. Germans marching east from Corzon in a single file surrendering to Allies. Time 1640. Altitude 3,000 feet.

September 17

Mission No. 239—Support in Crozon Peninsula. Four A/C dispatched. T/U-1612, TOT-1700-1745, T/D-1810. Bombs dropped in enemy quarters and gun emplacements at V-918920. Front lines in semi-circle from V-906965 to V-932975.

September 18

Mission No. 240—Armed recce in Brest area. T/U-1300, TOT-1340-1430, T/D-1525. Eight A/C dispatched. Stanza vectored Squadron. Observed no activity of enemy nature. Controllers cautious about assigning targets due to rapid advance of Allied troops. Dropped 10 bombs on enemy fortifications at V-837885, results judged as good, 6 misses. Stanza called second flight back at 1400 with news that Brest had fallen to the Allies.

September 19

Mission No. 241—Armed recce in Brest area. Four A/C dispatched. T/U-1010, TOT-1045 to 1140, T/D-1225. Controller Stanza. D/B fortress at V-885900 (7 hits, one miss). Strafed gun emplacements from Pté. Capucins north along the coast. Strafed and destroyed one ammunition



truck at V-896936. Also destroyed two trucks at V-910942.

September 19

Mission No. 242—Brest area recce. Eight A/C dispatched. T/U-1310, TOT-1355, 1430, T/D-1505. All bombs returned to base. Stanza on R/T at 1420 recalled all flying missions from area. Message relayed to succeeding flights. Troops advancing too fast to pin-point any target.

September 19

Mission No. 243—Brest recce. Four A/C dispatched. T/U-1610, TOT-1620, T/D-1655. Recalled by Firebrick Red Leader that war was over on the Crozon Peninsula.

September 20

Mission No. 244—Armed recce in Zwiebrucken, Germany. Fifteen planes dispatched from A-27 to A-62. Eleven A/C took off from A-62 because Flight Leader's plane was damaged on landing. T/U-1030, T/D-A-62, 1305, T/U-A62, 1435, TOT-1520, 1615, T/D-1700. Planes returned to home base the following day. Six bombs dropped on barracks area, demolishing buildings at Q-745735 (500 lbs.) 2X 1,000 lb. dropped on single engine at Q-557582. 6X 1,000 dropped in M/Y at Q-515501. Tracks split in four places and 20 cars destroyed in yards. One truck strafed and destroyed at Q-612540. Flak intense, accurate and heavy throughout entire industrial area. Weather overcast.

September 21

Mission No. 245—Armed recce in Karlsruhe area, Germany. Fourteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1245 (A-62), TOT-1340, 1600, T/D-1630. Dropped 6X 500 on barges at R-9196. Barges cut adrift from towing craft, five destroyed and landing dock destroyed in this attack. Dropped 8X 500 on tracks at Q-5957. Tracks split in several places, also dropped 4X 500 on tracks at Q-6464 with the same results. Weather overcast.

September 22

Mission No. 246—Site A-79. Armed recce in Strasbourg area. Ten A/C dispatched. T/U-1410, TOT-1615, T/D-1730, T/U (A-27), 1140, T/D (A-58), 1300. Return T/U-1800, T/D (A-27) 1845. Five bombs broke tracks at Q-690136. Strafing enemy occupied house along R. R. tracks. Destroyed five unidentified vehicles by strafing in woods at U-9323. Destroyed seven unidentified vehicles at crossroads at U-9324. Six bombs broke tracks at V-810926 and V-823910. Strafing factory at V-821925. Flak inaccurate, heavy throughout target area. Scattered, heavy, inaccurate from Saarbourg to Strasbourg. Weather hazy with 4/10's coverage.

September 27

Mission No. 247—Armed recce in Saarbrucken area. Twelve A/C dispatched. T/U-1010, TOT-

1050, 1135, T/D-1210. One A/C belly-landed at A-80. Bombed tracks and strafed buildings at Q-5287. Tracks undamaged. Three of 8 bombs failed to go off. Strafing and destroyed one locomotive at L-5211. Broke 2 of 6 tracks and destroyed one engine with 8 bombs at L-7123. Strafing and destroyed engine at Q-8691. In the M/Y were 100 plus engines with steam up.

September 27

Mission No. 248—Armed recce in Saarbrucken area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1425, TOT-1500, 1600, T/D-1645. Four bombs broke tracks at Q-6483, 4 more broke tracks at Q-5889. Strafing and destroyed one engine and four cars at Neunkirchen. Strafing and destroyed five engines at Q-5783. Eight bombs broke tracks in three places at L-2474. Strafing and destroyed one locomotive at Q-8654. Intense, accurate, light AA. west of Saarlautern, Germany. No smoke observed in flak explosions from the ground.

September 28

Mission No. 249—Armed recce in Zweibrucken area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. Y/U-0907, TOT-1000, 1100, T/D-1125. Bombed locks at Q-3375 with 8 misses. Strafing and destroyed one engine at L-9832. Bombed tracks at Q-6271 with four hits, and destroyed one engine in bomb blast. Bombed M/Y at Homburg at Q-7282 with two hits on tracks and destroying one engine and damaging 25 cars in the yards.

September 28

Mission No. 250—Armed recce in Saarlautern area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1450, TOT-1530, T/D-1645. One A/C destroyed by flak. Captain Leon Bilstin, KIA. Eight bombs on L-7908 broke tracks in 3 places. Strafing M/Y at Saarlautern, damaged 10 box cars and destroyed 3. Eight bombs missed tracks at L-4611. Eight bombs on M/Y and tracks west of Kaiserlautern at Q-9894. NRO.

September 29

Mission No. 251—Armed recce Homburg area. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-0829, TOT-0915, 0945, T/D-1042. Eight bombs broke tracks at Q-4291. Strafing and damaged train at Q-5080. Eight bombs broke tracks in three places, destroyed one locomotive and 20 cars at Q-1075. Eight bombs broke tracks in one place at Q-1075. Flak intense, accurate, light AA from Saarbrucken to Homburg. Guns were observed in hospital grounds.

September 29

Mission No. 252—Barges at Bingen, Germany. Sixteen A/C dispatched. T/U-1340, TOT-1435, 1450, T/D-1545. Bomb loading 12X3X500. Twenty-one bombs dropped on oil barges, 14 parked on south bank near mouth of Nahe River at M-120521. Six barges destroyed, large fires started. Twelve