

384th Bombardment Group (Heavy)
Grafton Underwood Airfield, AAF Station 106, England
World War II



PERSONAL WAR SERVICE RECORDS

of

PHILIP MORRIS ALGAR



546th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy)

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Name	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS
Rank	SECOND LIEUTENANT / CAPTAIN
Serial Number	O-728536
Unit	546TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)
Duty	PILOT
MOS	1091 - PILOT, B-17
Unit Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSIGNED TO THE 546TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY) PER GOWEN FIELD, BOISE, IDAHO, SPECIAL ORDERS #365 DATED 31 DECEMBER 1942 • ASSIGNED TO THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP HEADQUARTERS COMPLEMENT PER AAF STATION 106 SPECIAL ORDERS #54 DATED 21 MARCH 1944 • ASSIGNED TO THE 547TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY) PER AAF STATION 106 SPECIAL ORDERS #8 DATED 9 JANUARY 1945
Last Duty Date	TBD
Results	COMPLETED TOUR, RETURNED TO USA
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFTER COMPLETING HIS 25 MISSION COMBAT TOUR ON 3 MARCH 1944, ALGAR WAS AUTHORIZED 7 DAY LEAVE EFFECTIVE 8 MARCH (RETURNED TO DUTY 13 MARCH). • DETAILED ASSISTANT GROUP OPERATIONS OFFICER (PRIMARY) ON SO #54 DATED 21 MARCH 1944. • DETAILED STATION TRAINING OFFICER (ADDITIONAL) ON SO #55 DATED 23 MARCH 1944.
Photo Album:	CREW PHOTO ALBUM

**Crew Composition When Assigned to the 384th BG
546th BOMB SQUADRON MODEL CREW
The first combat crew assigned to the squadron.**

CREWMEMBER	POSITION	RESULTS
2ND LT. ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	PILOT	CT
FLT. OFCR. WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	CO-PILOT	CT
2ND LT. CELENTANO, FRANK A	NAVIGATOR	CT
2ND LT. MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	BOMBARDIER	TR
SGT. GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	RADIO OPERATOR / GUNNER	CT
SGT. LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	ENGINEER / TOP TURRET GUNNER	CT
S/SGT. MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	BALL TURRET GUNNER	CT
SGT. SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	TAIL GUNNER	CT
S/SGT. MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	FLEXIBLE GUNNER	CT
S/SGT. MILLER, LORING CORWIN	FLEXIBLE GUNNER	WIA

Crew History

The Algar Crew was the first one to be assigned to the 546th BS of the 384th BG - becoming its "Model Crew" and "Crew 61" (crew #1 of the 546th) - on 31 December 1942 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho., with Wolf and Schimenick joining in January 1945. They flew to Wendover a few days after the ground echelon entrained for the transfer.

It would appear this crew remained intact during stateside training, and went into combat together, flying all missions until late July without changes. Thereafter, mission demands led to frequent substitutions, although many crew members continued flying together until the ends of their tours.

Missions, Aircraft, Crews
This individual was credited with 25 Combat Missions.

Number	Date	Target	Position	Aircraft	Comments
1	22 JUNE 1943	GENERAL MOTORS TRUCK FACTORY INDUSTRY ANTWERP, BELGIUM	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
2	25 JUNE 1943	INDUSTRIAL AREA & SUBMARINE PENS MILITARY HAMBURG, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	ABORTED MISSION AFTER TAKING OFF. TURNED BACK AFTER WINDSHIELD MOTOR BURNED OUT AND COCKPIT FILLED WITH SMOKE, CAUSING THE PILOT TO LOSE CONTACT WITH THE FORMATION.
3	26 JUNE 1943	VILLACOUBLAY AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) PARIS, FRANCE	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
4	28 JUNE 1943	FIGHTER AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) BEAUMONT-LE- ROGER, FRANCE	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
6	4 JULY 1943	GNOME ET RHONE AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY LE MANS, FRANCE	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
--	9 JULY 1943		PILOT	42-30026	
7	10 JULY 1943	DRUCAT AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) ABBEVILLE, FRANCE	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT

Number	Date	Target	Position	Aircraft	Comments
8	14 JULY 1943	VILLACOUBLAY AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) PARIS, FRANCE	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
10	25 JULY 1943	BLOHM & VOSS AIRCRAFT WORKS AND SHIPYARD INDUSTRY HAMBURG, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
11	28 JULY 1943	AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT INDUSTRY KASSEL, GERMANY	PILOT	42-3259	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
12	29 JULY 1943	NAVAL BASE MILITARY KIEL, GERMANY	PILOT	42-29703	AIRCRAFT DID NOT TAKE OFF. DID NOT TAKE OFF: AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY NOT IN FLYING CONDITION.
13	30 JULY 1943	AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT INDUSTRY KASSEL, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT GROUP LEAD.
14	12 AUGUST 1943	SYNTHETIC FUEL HYDROGENATION PLANT INDUSTRY GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT LEAD SQUADRON #2 POSITION.
15	15 AUGUST 1943	POIX-EN- PICARDIE AND AMIENS-GLISY AIRFIELDS GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) POIX-DE- PICARDIE & AMIENS, FRANCE	PILOT	42-3440	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT LOW SQUADRON LEAD.

Number	Date	Target	Position	Aircraft	Comments
17	17 AUGUST 1943	BALL-BEARING PLANT BEARINGS INDUSTRY SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY	PILOT	42-3455	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT S/SGT. LORING MILLER, RIGHT WAIST GUNNER, AWARDED SILVER STAR (AS BRIEFED, P. 198).
21	6 SEPTEMBER 1943	INDUSTRY STUTT GART, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT LANDED AWAY AT WEST MALLING.
22	7 SEPTEMBER 1943	BRUXELLES-EVERE AIRFIELD/REPAIR DEPOT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY BRUSSELS / BRUXELLES, BELGIUM AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE)	PILOT	42-3440	ABORTED MISSION AFTER TAKING OFF. LOW SQUADRON LEAD.
23	9 SEPTEMBER 1943	LILLE- VENDEVILLE & VITRY-EN- ARTOIS, FRANCE BLOCKADE RUNNER SHIP (IN LOIRE RIVER)	PILOT	42-29935	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT
24	16 SEPTEMBER 1943	TRANSPORTATION NANTES, FRANCE SUBMARINE REPAIR SHIP	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT LANDED AWAY AT COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.
25	23 SEPTEMBER 1943	SUBMARINE FACILITY NANTES, FRANCE	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT GROUP LEAD.
28	4 OCTOBER 1943	INDUSTRY FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY	PILOT	42-3218	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT LOW SQUADRON LEAD.
32	14 OCTOBER 1943	BALL-BEARING FACTORY BEARINGS INDUSTRY SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT GROUP LEAD. ONLY PLANE TO RETURN TO GRAFTON UNDERWOOD.

Number	Date	Target	Position	Aircraft	Comments
34	3 NOVEMBER 1943	PORT AREA TRANSPORTATION WILHELMSHAFEN, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT GROUP LEAD. COMBAT MISSION CREDIT FLIGHT LEADER; PLANE LOST TWO SUPERCHARGERS AND SLOWED ENTIRE FORMATION; THE OTHER TWO GROUPS WENT AHEAD AND LEFT THE 384TH BG. THIS AIRCRAFT DID NOT BOMB DUE TO BOMB BAY DOORS FROZEN SHUT. LANDED AWAY AT "COLTISHALL" (OR "COTTISHALL").
38	29 NOVEMBER 1943	PORT AREA TRANSPORTATION BREMEN, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT COMPOSITE GROUP, LOW SQUADRON LEAD, ABORTED MISSION AFTER TAKING OFF. GROUP LEAD. BECAME SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN DENSE CLOUDS AFTER GROUP ASSEMBLY; FAILED TO MAKE WING RENDEZVOUS.
46	24 DECEMBER 1943	NOBALL (V-1 LAUNCH SITE) CROSSBOW (V- WEAPONS) CROISETTE, FRANCE	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT COMPOSITE GROUP, LOW SQUADRON LEAD, ABORTED MISSION AFTER TAKING OFF. GROUP LEAD. BECAME SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN DENSE CLOUDS AFTER GROUP ASSEMBLY; FAILED TO MAKE WING RENDEZVOUS.
51	7 JANUARY 1944	POWERHOUSE INDUSTRY LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY	PILOT	42-37848	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT GROUP LEAD.
52	11 JANUARY 1944	JU-88 AIRCRAFT PARTS PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY HALBERSTADT, GERMANY	PILOT	42-31211	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT GROUP LEAD.

Number	Date	Target	Position	Aircraft	Comments
56	30 JANUARY 1944	AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY BRUNSWICK / BRAUNSCHWEIG, GERMANY	PILOT	42-30026	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT WING LEAD.
63	20 FEBRUARY 1944	JUNKERS AIRCRAFT PLANT & AIRFIELD AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY BERNBERG, GERMANY	PILOT	42-39991	ABORTED MISSION AFTER TAKING OFF. GROUP LEAD. TURNED BACK AT 1105 HRS BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF #2 ENGINE.
67	25 FEBRUARY 1944	AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY AUGSBURG, GERMANY	PILOT	42-39991	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT HIGH GROUP LEAD.
70	3 MARCH 1944	ROLLER-BEARING FACTORY BEARINGS INDUSTRY BERLIN, GERMANY	PILOT	42-39991	COMBAT MISSION CREDIT GROUP LEAD.

SORTIE REPORT #2

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-06-22	1	65	GENERAL MOTORS TRUCK FACTORY INDUSTRY ANTWERP, BELGIUM

FIRST 384TH COMBAT MISSION: COL BUDD J PEASLEE LED THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ON THIS MISSION.

COMBAT CHRONOLOGY: EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (8TH AIR FORCE)

VIII Bomber Command Mission Number 65: In the first large-scale daylight raid on the Ruhr, 235 B-17's are dispatched to hit the chemical works and synthetic rubber plant at Huls in the main attack; 183 bomb the target; we claim 46-21-35 Luftwaffe aircraft; we lose 16 and 75 others are damaged; casualties are 2 KIA, 16 WIA and 151 MIA; this plant, representing a large percentage of the country's producing capacity, is severely damaged. 11 YB-40's accompany the Huls raid; 1 is lost. **In a second raid, 42 B-17's are dispatched to bomb the former Ford and General Motors plants at Antwerp; 39 hit the target; they claim 1-2-9 Luftwaffe aircraft; we lose 4, 1 is damaged beyond repair and 17 others are damaged; casualties are 1 KIA, 3 WIA and 40 MIA.** An additional 21 B-17's fly an uneventful diversion.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #43

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-06-25	2	67	INDUSTRIAL AREA & SUBMARINE PENS MILITARY HAMBURG, GERMANY

WEATHER REDUCES FORCE: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) PUT UP A GROUP OF 19 AIRCRAFT FOR TODAY'S MISSION. MOST AIRCRAFT, LOST IN RAIN AND HEAVY CLOUDS, FAILED TO MAKE WING FORMATION. FIVE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED FOLLOWING THE COMBAT WING, FOUR BOMBING THE PRIMARY TARGET ON THE WING LEAD, AND ONE BOMBING A LAST RESORT TARGET.

COMBAT CHRONOLOGY: EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (8TH AIR FORCE)
VIII Bomber Command Mission Number 67: 275 B-17's make scattered attacks on targets of opportunity in NW Germany when primary targets at Bremen and Hamburg are obscured by clouds; 167 bomb targets and claim 62-11-40 Luftwaffe aircraft; we lose 18 B-17's, 1 is damaged beyond repair and another 61 are damaged; casualties are 3 KIA, 14 WIA and 172 MIA. Of 7 YB-40 escort bombers dispatched only 4 are able to accompany formations to the target area.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
NO	ABORTED COMMENTS: TURNED BACK AFTER WINDSHIELD MOTOR BURNED OUT AND COCKPIT FILLED WITH SMOKE, CAUSING THE PILOT TO LOSE CONTACT WITH THE FORMATION.	N/A

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	ABORTED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	ABORTED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	ABORTED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	ABORTED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	ABORTED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	ABORTED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	ABORTED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	ABORTED

SORTIE REPORT #64

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-06-26	3	68	VILLACOUBLAY AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) PARIS, FRANCE

TARGET HIDDEN, BOMBS HELD: COL BUDD J PEASLEE LED THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY) ON THIS MISSION. ALTHOUGH A BOMBING RUN WAS ATTEMPTED FROM THE PLANNED IP, NO BOMBING REFERENCE POINTS IN THE TARGET AREA WERE VISIBLE. ADHERING TO OFFICIAL POLICY - BOMBING ONLY POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED TARGETS OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY IS PERMITTED - BOMBS WERE NOT DROPPED. A B-17 GUNSHIP - KNOWN AS A YB-40 - SUPPLIED BY THE 92ND BG, FLEW AS #3 IN THE LEAD SQUADRON.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	NO TARGET ATTACKED

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #85

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-06-28	4	69	FIGHTER AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) BEAUMONT-LE-ROGER, FRANCE

LUFTWAFFE AIRFIELD ATTACKED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) PUT UP 18 AIRCRAFT AND CREWS FOR TODAY'S MISSION. WHILE CLIMBING IN FORMATION THROUGH CLOUDS, ONE SQUADRON JOINED ANOTHER GROUP, AND COMPLETED THE MISSION WITH THEM. GOOD VISUAL BOMBING CONDITIONS EXISTED AT THE PRIMARY TARGET, AND GOOD BOMBING RESULTED.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #122

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-07-04	6	71	GNOME ET RHONE AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY LE MANS, FRANCE

AIRCRAFT PLANT ATTACKED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW TWENTY AIRCRAFT AND CREWS ON TODAY'S MISSION. WEATHER AT THE PRIMARY TARGET WAS CLEAR ENOUGH FOR VISUAL SIGHTING, AND RESULTED IN ACCURATE BOMBING.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #142**EVENT DATE: 1943-07-09****SORTIE DATA:**

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
NO	RETURNED TO BASE	N/A

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #161

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-07-10	7	72	DRUCAT AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) ABBEVILLE, FRANCE

LUFTWAFFE AIRFIELD ATTACKED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS THE LOW GROUP OF THEIR ASSIGNED COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. GOOD VISIBILITY AT THE TARGET PERMITTED ACCURATE BOMBING.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #179

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-07-14	8	73	VILLACOUBLAY AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) PARIS, FRANCE

LUFTWAFFE AIRFIELD POUNDED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS THE HIGH GROUP OF ITS ASSIGNED COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE TARGET WAS ACCURATELY BOMBED WITH GOOD RESULTS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #219

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-07-25	10	76	BLOHM & VOSS AIRCRAFT WORKS AND SHIPYARD INDUSTRY HAMBURG, GERMANY

SMOKE SCREEN CHALLENGES BOMBARDIERS: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS PART OF THE 103RD COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. A FLAK BARRAGE WAS THROWN UP IN THE TARGET AREA BUT CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE. HOWEVER, AN ESTIMATED 300 ENEMY FIGHTERS ATTACKED THE FORMATION IN THE TARGET AREA, RESULTING IN MANY LOSSES FOR THE GROUP. THE TARGET PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY SMOKE SCREEN BUT THE BOMBARDIERS WERE ABLE TO SEE ENOUGH GROUND POINTS TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE ATTACK.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #271

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-07-28	11	78	AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY KASSEL, GERMANY

ABORTED MISSION: THE DEPUTY FLIGHT LEADER ASSUMED THE LEAD AFTER THE FLIGHT LEADER ABORTED. HE TURNED THE WING BACK 30 MILES INTO GERMANY WHEN THE 303RD BG ABORTED, LEAVING ONLY 26 AIRCRAFT IN FORMATION, WHICH WAS FEWER THAN HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO LEAD INTO ENEMY TERRITORY. AFTER TURNING BACK, THE WING WAS ATTACKED BY 40-50 ENEMY AIRCRAFT OF VARIOUS TYPES. BOMBS WERE JETTISONED INTO THE NORTH SEA RATHER THAN BE DROPPED ON OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	OTHER JETTISONED IN NORTH SEA

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-3259	BK*N / JD*T	SNAFU / ALABAMA WHIRLWIND	KONZEM, HUBERT P

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	MAGOWAN, DAVID, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	SHERRER, RICHARD P	544	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
OBSERVER	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #294

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-07-29	12	79	NAVAL BASE MILITARY KIEL, GERMANY

WEATHER STYMIES BOMBERS: SOLID CLOUDS AT GERMAN COAST PREVENTED FORMATIONS FROM CONTINUING MISSION. CAPTAIN KETELSON LED GROUP IN AN ATTACK ON A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY (TOO), AN AIRFIELD ON A GERMAN COASTAL ISLAND. ABOUT FIFTY ENEMY FIGHTERS AND MODERATE FLAK WERE ENCOUNTERED AFTER TURNING BACK. WING FORMATION WAS DESCRIBED AS "STRAGGLING", LEAVING FORMATIONS VULNERABLE TO ATTACK.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
NO	SCRUBBED COMMENTS: DID NOT TAKE OFF: AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY NOT IN FLYING CONDITION.	N/A

- SORTIE AIRCRAFT DATA:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME
B-17F	42-29703	SU*E	KATHY JANE

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	SCRUBBED

SORTIE REPORT #301

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-07-30	13	80	AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY KASSEL, GERMANY

BOMBERS PLASTER KASSEL: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW WITH THE 303RD BG AND 379TH BG IN WING FORMATION ON TODAY'S MISSION. OPPOSITION STIFFENED AS THEY NEARED THE TARGET, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO DROP THEIR BOMBS ON THE PRIMARY TARGET AREA. FLAK OVER KASSEL, AND SUBSEQUENT VIGOROUS FIGHTER ATTACKS WOUNDED SEVERAL CREW MEMBERS AND DAMAGED MANY OF THE GROUP'S AIRCRAFT, BUT ALL MANAGED TO RETURN TO ENGLAND, ALTHOUGH NOT ALL MADE IT TO GRAFTON UNDERWOOD THAT DAY.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD.	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER	HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	TAYLOR, SIDNEY PAUL	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #318

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-08-12	14	81	SYNTHETIC FUEL HYDROGENATION PLANT INDUSTRY GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY

MANY ENEMY FIGHTERS: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS THE HIGH GROUP OF THE 103RD COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE FORMATION WAS DECIMATED BY ABORTS AND LOSSES. FORMATION PROBLEMS PREVENTED ATTACK ON PRIMARY TARGET. UNIDENTIFIED MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WERE BOMBED LEAVING PRIMARY TARGET AREA. HEAVY FIGHTER ATTACKS OCCURRED FOR OVER AN HOUR AFTER THE TARGET.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: LEAD SQUADRON #2 POSITION.	TOO (VISUAL) MILITARY INSTALLATIONS MILITARY [UNIDENTIFIED], GERMANY

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #345

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-08-15	15	82	POIX-EN-PICARDIE AND AMIENS-GLISY AIRFIELDS GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) POIX-DE-PICARDIE & AMIENS, FRANCE

TWO TARGETS ATTACKED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP FLEW AS ONE GROUP OF THE 103RD COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE PLAN WAS TO DROP HALF OF EACH AIRCRAFT'S BOMB LOAD ON EACH OF TWO TARGETS. MANEUVERING DIFFICULTIES AT THE FIRST TARGET (POIX) REDUCED THE BOMBS DROPPED THERE, BUT THE REMAINDER WERE ALL DROPPED ON GLISY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: LOW SQUADRON LEAD.	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-3440	SU*B/P	BROADWAY ROSE	FRANCIS, PERCY T

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #391

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-08-17	17	84	BALL-BEARING PLANT BEARINGS INDUSTRY SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY

FIRST SCHWEINFURT: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS THE LOW GROUP OF THE 202ND PROVISIONAL COMBAT BOMB WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE MISSION WAS PLANNED AS A "DOUBLE STRIKE" AGAINST SCHWEINFURT-REGENSBURG INDUSTRIAL PLANTS. [NOTE: CONTRARY TO THE IMPLICATION IN NAMING THE RAID, SCHWEINFURT AND REGENSBURG ARE NOT NEIGHBORING CITIES; THEY ARE, IN FACT, OVER 100 MILES APART.] THE FIRST AIR STRIKE TASK FORCE WAS SUPPLIED BY THE 4TH BOMB WING, WHICH TOOK OFF LATE DUE TO HEAVY FOG: THEY COULD STILL REACH AFRICA BY DARK, BUT JUST BARELY. THE SECOND TASK FORCE - THE 1ST BOMB WING, INCLUDING THE 384TH BG - WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF 90-MINUTES AFTER THE 4TH BW, TO ENSURE THE ENEMY FIGHTERS HAD EXHAUSTED THEIR FUEL AND WOULD BE LIMITED IN THEIR ABILITY TO MOUNT A DEFENSE. IN THE EVENT, THE 1ST BW WAS REPEATEDLY DELAYED, ALSO BY WEATHER, FOR ALMOST FOUR HOURS, ALLOWING THE ENEMY PILOTS AMPLE TIME TO REFUEL, REARM (AND HAVE A MEAL, IF THEY WISHED!). AS A CONSEQUENCE, LOSSES WERE HEAVY. BOTH FORCES, HOWEVER, INFLICTED ENORMOUS DAMAGE ON THEIR ASSIGNED TARGETS, BUT THE COST WAS IMMENSE.

COMBAT CHRONOLOGY: EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (8TH AIR FORCE)

VIII Bomber Command Mission 84: On the first anniversary of US heavy bomber operations from the UK, a two-pronged attack into Germany is launched, marking the deepest penetration of German territory to date. The critical targets are the Messerschmitt complex at Regensburg, and the anti-friction-bearing factories at Schweinfurt.

1. 230 B-17's are dispatched to Schweinfurt; 188 hit the target at 1459-1511 hours; they claim 148-18-63 Luftwaffe aircraft; 36 B-17's are lost, 3 are damaged beyond repair and 118 damaged; casualties are 3 KIA, 12 WIA and 352 MIA; there are 80 high explosive hits on the 2 main bearing plants.

2. 146 B-17's are dispatched to Regensburg; 127 hit the target at 1148-1207 hours; they claim 140-19-36 Luftwaffe aircraft; 24 B-17's are lost, 1 is damaged beyond repair and 50 are damaged; casualties are 4 KIA, 9 WIA and 200 MIA; every important building in the complex is damaged; the surviving aircraft continue on to bases in North Africa.

60 B-17's are lost in the fierce air battle that extends to the targets and continues after the bombing.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: S/SGT. LORING MILLER, RIGHT WAIST GUNNER, AWARDED SILVER STAR (AS BRIEFED, P. 198).	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-3455	BK*M	LUCKY THIRTEEN	COON, LAWRENCE J

- SORTIE CREW DATA:			
POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	WOUNDED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MILLER, LORING CORWIN	546	SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

SORTIE REPORT #515

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-09-06	21	91	INDUSTRY STUTT GART, GERMANY

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY ATTACKED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP HAD 21 AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE AS SCHEDULED. FROM THE IP UNTIL LEAVING THE TARGET AREA, THERE WAS A COMPLETE UNDERCAST EXCEPT FOR SMALL SPARSE PATCHES OF FARMLAND. THIS GROUP FOLLOWED THE LEAD GROUP OVER THE TARGET AREA TWICE WITHOUT DROPPING THE BOMBS. BOMBS WERE FINALLY DROPPED ON A SMALL TOWN IN GERMANY. FUEL RAN SHORT FOR MANY AIRCRAFT, MANY LANDING AWAY AT US AND RAF AIRFIELDS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: LANDED AWAY AT WEST MALLING.	TOO (VISUAL) UNIDENTIFIED FARM COMMUNITY NON-MILITARY UNNAMED, GERMANY

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #540

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-09-07	22	92	BRUXELLES-EVERE AIRFIELD/REPAIR DEPOT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY BRUSSELS / BRUXELLES, BELGIUM

384TH LEADS COMPOSITE GROUP: THE 384TH BOMB GROUP PROVIDED THE LEAD AND LOW SQUADRONS OF A COMPOSITE GROUP (HIGH SQUADRON PROVIDED BY 303RD BG). CONDITIONS AT THE PRIMARY TARGET PERMITTED A VISUAL ATTACK, AND GOOD RESULTS WERE REPORTED.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
NO	ABORTED COMMENTS: LOW SQUADRON LEAD.	N/A

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-3440	SU*B/P	BROADWAY ROSE	FRANCIS, PERCY T

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	ABORTED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	ABORTED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	ABORTED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	ABORTED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	ABORTED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	ABORTED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	ABORTED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	ABORTED
OBSERVER	STROUD, HENRY H	GPHQ	ABORTED

SORTIE REPORT #567

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-09-09	23	94	AIRFIELD GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) LILLE-VENDEVILLE & VITRY-EN-ARTOIS, FRANCE

ENEMY AIRFIELD DEVASTATED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) CONTRIBUTED 16 AIRCRAFT TO TODAY'S MISSION, AN ATTACK ON IMPORTANT AIRFIELDS LOCATED ABOUT 60 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CALAIS, FRANCE. AFTER MAKING A 360° TURN NEAR THE IP TO CLEAR ANOTHER GROUP, A VISUAL BOMB RUN WAS ACCOMPLISHED, WITH GOOD RESULTS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-29935	BK*K	THE CAT'S SASS / PULMADIQUE	HUNTER, JACK WALTER

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TOGLIER	THOMPSON, JAMES WESTERFIELD	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
OBSERVER	CROWE, CLIFFORD H, JR	GPHQ	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #569

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-09-16	24	97	BLOCKADE RUNNER SHIP (IN LOIRE RIVER) TRANSPORTATION NANTES, FRANCE

SHIP GONE; PORT FACILITIES ATTACKED: THE INTENDED TARGET, A SHIP LOADED WITH MUNITIONS, WAS NOT FOUND IN THE BRIEFED AREA. THE GROUP ATTACKED THE SECONDARY TARGET, PORT FACILITIES AND SHIPPING, WITH GOOD RESULTS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: LANDED AWAY AT COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.	SECONDARY (VISUAL) HARBOR FACILITIES TRANSPORTATION NANTES, FRANCE

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	CALNON, MARK BROOKS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TOGLIER	THOMPSON, JAMES WESTERFIELD	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #611

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-09-23	25	101	SUBMARINE REPAIR SHIP SUBMARINE FACILITY NANTES, FRANCE

SHIP ATTACKED; RESULTS UNCERTAIN: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW ONE GROUP OF 18 AIRCRAFT ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE WAS A SHIP BELIEVED TO BE A FLOATING REPAIR SHOP FOR SUBMARINES, LOCATED IN THE NANTES, FRANCE, PORT AREA. BOMBS WERE DROPPED USING VISUAL AIMING, WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD.	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #700

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-10-04	28	108	INDUSTRY FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY

INDUSTRIAL TARGETS BOMBED: SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT OF THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS THE HIGH GROUP OF THE 103RD CW ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE PRIMARY TARGET WAS BOMBED VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: LOW SQUADRON LEAD.	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

- SORTIE AIRCRAFT DATA:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME
B-17F	42-3218	JD*R	DORIS MAE

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER	HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TOGLIER	THOMPSON, JAMES WESTERFIELD	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #807

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-10-14	32	115	BALL-BEARING FACTORY BEARINGS INDUSTRY SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY

"SECOND SCHWEINFURT" AKA "BLACK THURSDAY": THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) PUT UP THREE SQUADRONS ON TODAY'S MISSION. HOWEVER, SIX AIRCRAFT ABORTED, REDUCING THE NUMBER THAT BOMBED THE PRIMARY TARGET. A FURTHER SIX AIRCRAFT WERE KNOCKED OUT BY ENEMY ACTION. AN ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR SITUATION FACED THE RETURNING CREWS - BAD WEATHER OVER EAST ANGLIA. THREE AIRCRAFT WERE LOST WHEN THE CREWS, UNABLE TO LOCATE A SUITABLE PLACE TO LAND IN ENGLAND, BAILED OUT AND ABANDONED THEM, WHILE MOST OF THE REMAINDER LANDED AT OTHER AIRFIELDS.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD. ONLY PLANE TO RETURN TO GRAFTON UNDERWOOD.	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER	HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	GEROW, FRANCIS (NMI)	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	WOLF, RICHARD VANCE	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #873

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-11-03	34	119	PORT AREA TRANSPORTATION WILHELMSHAFEN, GERMANY

PATHFINDER LEADS ATTACK: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS ONE ENTIRE GROUP, AND CONTRIBUTED AN ADDITIONAL SQUADRON TO THE COMPOSITE GROUP ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE TARGET WAS COMPLETELY OBSCURED BY A SOLID CLOUD COVER. BOMBS WERE DROPPED WHEN THE WING LEAD, A 'PATHFINDER' AIRCRAFT, DROPPED THEIRS. THIS WAS THE FIRST 'BOMBING THROUGH OVERCAST' (BTO) OPERATIONAL MISSION LED BY RADAR-EQUIPPED B-17S OF THE 482ND BOMBARDMENT GROUP.

COMBAT CHRONOLOGY: EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (8TH AIR FORCE)

VIII Bomber Command Mission 119. 539 of 566 B-17's and B-24's dispatched to the Wilhemshaven, Germany port area hit the target at 1307-1335 hours. They claim 21-3-24 Luftwaffe aircraft; 7 B-17's are lost, 2 damaged beyond repair, and 47 damaged; casualties are 12 WIA and 70 MIA. The mission includes 11 Pathfinders, 9 using new H2X blind-bombing device (first time on a US mission) and 2 using H2S. This is the first Eighth Air Force blind-bombing mission in which the aiming point is completely destroyed and is also the Eighth's first 500-plane mission. 333 P-47's and 45 P-38's escort the bombers with the P-38's escorting the heavy bombers almost the entire trip and see their first real ETO combat, claiming 3-5-5 Luftwaffe aircraft.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD.	PRIMARY (PFF)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER	HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	STALLINGS, GORDON KENNETH	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #1004

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-11-29	38	143	PORT AREA TRANSPORTATION BREMEN, GERMANY

BREMEN BOMBED, RESULTS UNOBSERVED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ATTACKED BREMEN USING PFF AIMING.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: FLIGHT LEADER; PLANE LOST TWO SUPERCHARGERS AND SLOWED ENTIRE FORMATION; THE OTHER TWO GROUPS WENT AHEAD AND LEFT THE 384TH BG. THIS AIRCRAFT DID NOT BOMB DUE TO BOMB BAY DOORS FROZEN SHUT. LANDED AWAY AT "COLTISHALL" (OR "COTTISHALL").	NO TARGET ATTACKED

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER	SMITH, DALE ORVILLE	GPHQ	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	GROH, HAROLD CHESTER	545	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	STALLINGS, GORDON KENNETH	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #1229

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1943-12-24	46	164	NOBALL (V-1 LAUNCH SITE) CROSSBOW (V-WEAPONS) CROISSETTE, FRANCE

TWO TARGETS ATTACKED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS PARTS OF TWO GROUPS OF THE 41ST COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE LOW SQUADRON OF THE COMPOSITE GROUP BOMBED THE PRIMARY TARGET, WHILE AIRCRAFT OF THE LOW GROUP WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE PRIMARY TARGET AND ATTACKED A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY (TOO), ALSO A "NOBALL" TARGET, LOCATED AT 50°17'N, 2°14'E..

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: COMPOSITE GROUP, LOW SQUADRON LEAD,	PRIMARY (VISUAL)

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT	GADD, ELLIOTT LEROY	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	KOBES, EUGENE PAUL	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR	MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #1363

MISSION DATA:

DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET
1944-01-07	51	178	POWERHOUSE INDUSTRY LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

FEW AIRCRAFT JOIN FORMATION: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) WAS PLANNED TO FLY AS THE HIGH GROUP OF THE 94TH COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. AFTER GROUP ASSEMBLY, CLOUDS ENCOUNTERED ON THE CLIMB TO THE WING RENDEZVOUS POINT SEPARATED THE SQUADRONS. THE HIGH SQUADRON (PLUS TWO AIRCRAFT FROM THE LOW SQUADRON, AND ONE FROM THE LEAD SQUADRON WHICH LATER ABORTED) TACKED ON TO SEVERAL WINGS IN SUCCESSION, TRYING TO FIND THEIR ASSIGNED WING, FINALLY JOINING A WING THAT INCLUDED GROUPS OF THE 1ST AND 94TH COMBAT WINGS. FROM THAT POINT ON, THE MISSION PROCEEDED AS PLANNED, AND BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON THE WING LEADER.

SORTIE DATA:

COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
NO	ABORTED COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD. BECAME SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN DENSE COULDS AFTER GROUP ASSEMBLY; FAILED TO MAKE WING RENDEZVOUS.	N/A

AIRCRAFT:

TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17G	42-37848	BK*E	SISSY	JACOBS, GILBERT O

- SORTIE CREW DATA:

POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER	HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	ABORTED
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	ABORTED
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	ABORTED
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	ABORTED
RADIO OPERATOR	MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	ABORTED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	ABORTED
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	ABORTED
TAIL GUNNER	STALLINGS, GORDON KENNETH	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	ABORTED

SORTIE REPORT #1373

MISSION DATA:				
DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET	
1944-01-11	52	182	JU-88 AIRCRAFT PARTS PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY HALBERSTADT, GERMANY	
PORT CITY BOMBED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) FLEW AS THE HIGH GROUP OF THE COMPOSITE WING OF THE 40TH COMBAT WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE WING LEADER INITIALLY GAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PFF BOMBING BUT CHANGED TO VISUAL WHILE MAKING THE TURN ONTO THE BOMB RUN. BOMBS WERE DROPPED "ON A CITY ABOUT 5 MILES NORTH BY NORTHWEST OF BRUNSWICK, OUR SECONDARY TARGET." THIS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN VELTENHOF, GERMANY. DUE TO BAD WEATHER, ALL AIRCRAFT LANDED AT SEETHING, EXCEPT AS NOTED.				
SORTIE DATA:				
COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS	TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)		
YES	COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD.	OTHER (VISUAL) CITY 5 MILES NNW BRUNSWICK / BRAUNSCHWEIG, GERMANY		
AIRCRAFT:				
TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17G	42-31211	BK*H	RENO'S RAIDER	PIERCE, HOWARD B
- SORTIE CREW DATA:				
POSITION	CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS	
COMMANDER	BECKETT, THOMAS POPE	GPHQ	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
PILOT	ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
NAVIGATOR	CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
BOMBARDIER	MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
RADIO OPERATOR	MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET	LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
BALL TURRET	MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
TAIL GUNNER	GADD, ELLIOTT LEROY	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	
FLEXIBLE GUNNER	SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED	

SORTIE REPORT #1530

MISSION DATA:				
DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET	
1944-01-30	56	200	AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY BRUNSWICK / BRAUNSCHWEIG, GERMANY	
AIRCRAFT PLANT ATTACKED: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) SUPPLIED TWO GROUP FORMATIONS FOR TODAY'S MISSION, WHICH FLEW AS THE LEAD AND LOW GROUPS OF THE 41ST COMBAT WING "A" WING ON TODAY'S MISSION. THE TARGET WAS ATTACKED BY PFF.				
SORTIE DATA:				
COMBAT CREDIT		STATUS		TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES		COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: WING LEAD.		PRIMARY (PFF)
AIRCRAFT:				
TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17F	42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	FLYNN, ROLAND (NMI)
- SORTIE CREW DATA:				
POSITION		CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER		BECKETT, THOMAS POPE	GPHQ	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
PILOT		ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR		CHAPIN, ROBERT CHARLES	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR		CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER		MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR		MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET		LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET		MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
OBSERVER		BISHOP, CHARLES W	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #1787

MISSION DATA:				
DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET	
1944-02-20	63B	226	JUNKERS AIRCRAFT PLANT & AIRFIELD AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY BERNBERG, GERMANY	
SECOND BIG WEEK MISSION: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) PROVIDED TWO GROUP FORMATIONS FOR TODAY'S MISSIONS. FOR THIS MISSION, THE 384TH FLEW AS THE LOW GROUP OF THE 41ST "B" COMBAT WING.				
SORTIE DATA:				
COMBAT CREDIT	STATUS		TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)	
NO	ABORTED COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD. TURNED BACK AT 1105 HRS BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF #2 ENGINE.		N/A	
AIRCRAFT:				
TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17G	42-39991	BK*V	LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL	HUNTER, JACK WALTER
- SORTIE CREW DATA:				
POSITION		CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT		ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	ABORTED
COPILOT		STALLINGS, GORDON KENNETH	546	ABORTED
NAVIGATOR		CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	ABORTED
BOMBARDIER		MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	ABORTED
RADIO OPERATOR		MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	ABORTED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET		LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	ABORTED
BALL TURRET		MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	ABORTED
TAIL GUNNER		GADD, ELLIOTT LEROY	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	ABORTED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	ABORTED

SORTIE REPORT #1923

MISSION DATA:				
DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET	
1944-02-25	67A	235	AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY AUGSBURG, GERMANY	
<p>BIG WEEK CONTINUES: THE 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) PROVIDED AIRCRAFT AND CREWS TO TWO SEPARATE COMBAT WINGS FOR TODAY'S MISSION. FOR THIS PART OF THE MISSION, THE 384TH FLEW AS THE HIGH GROUP OF THE 41ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS FORCED OUT OF FORMATION WHILE AVOIDING A MID-AIR COLLISION; THAT AIRCRAFT ENDED UP JOINING THE 41ST COMPOSITE WING AND BOMBING WITH THEM. WEATHER AT THE TARGET AREA WAS CAVU AND VISUAL BOMBING RESULTS WERE GOOD.</p>				
SORTIE DATA:				
COMBAT CREDIT		STATUS		TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES		COMPLETED MISSION COMMENTS: HIGH GROUP LEAD.		PRIMARY (VISUAL)
AIRCRAFT:				
TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17G	42-39991	BK*V	LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL	WATTERSON, ARNOLD NMI
- SORTIE CREW DATA:				
POSITION		CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
PILOT		ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
COPILOT		HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR		CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER		MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR		MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET		LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET		MCKAY, KENNETH MITCHEL, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER		GADD, ELLIOTT LEROY	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

SORTIE REPORT #2006

MISSION DATA:				
DATE	384th BG Mission #	8th AF Mission #	384th PRIMARY TARGET	
1944-03-03	70	246	ROLLER-BEARING FACTORY BEARINGS INDUSTRY BERLIN, GERMANY	
8TH AF: MISSION RECALLED: MISSION RECALLED BY 8TH AF AFTER ENTERING ENEMY AIRSPACE, DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE CAUSED BY MANEUVERING NECESSITATED BY WEATHER: RECALLED CREWS WERE AWARDED COMBAT CREDIT FOR THE MISSION.				
SORTIE DATA:				
COMBAT CREDIT		STATUS		TARGET ATTACKED (MODE)
YES		MISSION RECALLED COMMENTS: GROUP LEAD.		NO TARGET ATTACKED
AIRCRAFT:				
TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER	SQ CODE	NAME	GROUND CREW CHIEF
B-17G	42-39991	BK*V	LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL	WATTERSON, ARNOLD NMI
- SORTIE CREW DATA:				
POSITION		CREWMEMBER	UNIT	STATUS
COMMANDER		HARRIS, GEORGE WARREN, JR	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
PILOT		ALGAR, PHILIP MORRIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
NAVIGATOR		CELENTANO, FRANK A	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BOMBARDIER		MCCLANAHAN, JAMES CLIFTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
RADIO OPERATOR		MOORE, HOWARD MILTON	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
ENGINEER/TOP TURRET		LAVIOLETTE, ROLAND B	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET		YEATER, JAMES THOMAS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER		GADD, ELLIOTT LEROY	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		SCHIMENEK, JOHN FRANCIS	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED
FLEXIBLE GUNNER		MAJEWSKI, CASMER ROBERT	546	COMPLETED, UNINJURED

Philip Morris Algar flew combat missions with the 27 crewmates listed below.

Rank	Name	Position	Missions Flown Together
Capt-LtCol	Beckett, Thomas Pope	OpsO	2
F/O-Capt	Bishop, Charles W	P	1
2Lt	Calnon, Mark Brooks	P	1
2Lt-Capt	Celentano, Frank A	N	28
2Lt-Maj	Chapin, Robert Charles	N	1
1Lt-Maj	Crowe, Clifford H	Adj	1
2Lt	Gadd, Elliott Leroy	CP	5
S-T/S	Gerow, Francis (NMI)	R	20
2Lt-1Lt	Groh, Harold Chester	N	1
Capt-Maj	Harris, George Warren	CO	8
2Lt-1Lt	Kobes, Eugene Paul	N	1
S-T/S	Laviolette, Roland B	TT	29
1Lt	Magowan, David	P	1
S/S	Majewski, Casmer Robert	FG	28
2Lt-Capt	McClanahan, James Clifton	B	26
S/S-S/S	McKay, Kenneth Mitchel	BT	27
S/S	Miller, Loring Corwin	FG	13
S/S-T/S	Moore, Howard Milton	R	9
S-S/S	Schimenek, John Francis	TG-FG	29
2Lt	Sherrer, Richard P	N	1
Col	Smith, Dale Orville	CO	1
1Lt-Maj	Stallings, Gordon Kenneth	OpsO-CO	4
Capt-Maj	Stroud, Henry H	FlSrg	1
2Lt-1Lt	Taylor, Sidney Paul	CP-P	1
Pvt-S/S	Thompson, James Westerfield	WG-TG	3
F/O-1Lt	Wolf, Richard Vance	CP-P	17
S/S	Yeater, James Thomas	WG-TOG	8

Philip Morris Algar flew combat missions in the 10 aircraft listed below.

Serial Number	Sq. Code	Name	Missions
42-30026	BK*J	BATTLEWAGON	19
42-39991	BK*V	LOOK HOMEWARD ANGEL	3
42-3440	SU*B/P	BROADWAY ROSE	2
42-3218	JD*R	DORIS MAE	1
42-3259	BK*N / JD*T	SNAFU / ALABAMA WHIRLWIND	1
42-3455	BK*M	LUCKY THIRTEEN	1
42-29703	SU*E	KATHY JANE	1
42-29935	BK*K	THE CAT'S SASS / PULMADIQUE	1
42-31211	BK*H	RENO'S RAIDER	1
42-37848	BK*E	SISSY	1