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Clarence M. Allred - Berlin-Raid. 2-3-45

Hellcat Hattie-43-38302.

Biggest Raid of War. Lost two Lead
Planes - flew Lead-Home.

Back row, left to right: Staff
Sergeant Charles Petitjean
(Engineer); 1st Lieutenant William
H. Wear (Pilot); 2nd Lieutenant Ed
Bovich (navigator); Second
Lieutenant Frank Specht (Co-Pilot);
2nd Lieutenant Harrington
(bombardier).

Front row, left to right: Sergeant
Howard Wertz (Nose Gunner); Staff
Sergeant Clarence Allred (Ball
Turret Gunner); Sergeant Richard
Arlidge (Tail Gunner); Sergeant
Henry Hall (Radioman); Sergeant
Stanley Kevietniesvski (Waist
Gunner). **Kwetniewski**

We flew a new B17-G to England
arriving on 1/5/45. We arrived at
the 306th Bomber Group 1/13/45 and
were assigned to the 367th Bomber
Squadron. Flew first mission
1/28/45 to Colone (Koln), and flew
the last mission on 4/17/45 to
Dresden, mission #35.

Assigned B17-F "Hellcat Hattie" 43-
38302, which was finally shot down
over the English Channel by a new
gunnery crew on a training mission
3/9/45.

1st Lieutenant William H. Wear
(Pilot) and Staff Sergeant Clarence
Allred (Ball Turret Gunner) were
the only two on William H. Wear's
crew to finish 35 missions. 1st
Lieutenant W. H. Wear's last
mission 4/15/45 and Staff Sergeant
Clarence Allred's last mission
4/17/45.

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"HELL OVER EUROPE"

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306 Bomb Group, 367 Bomb Squadron
Eighth Air Force

- January 28, 1945, (1)--Cologne - Köln -; flack moderate. Lt. Hatch--Pilot.
Flack was accurate.
- January 28, 1945, Third anniversary of Eighth Air Force.
- February 1, 1945, (2)--Mannheim: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Flack moderate.
- February 3, 1945, (3)--Berlin: Lt. Wear--Pilot. (Nine hour mission). Flack was
terrific. Lost two planes. Flew deputy lead from target
home. Biggest raid of war. (250,000 people killed.)
- February 6, 1945, (4)--Fulda: Lt. Wear--Pilot. (Ten hour mission). Milk run,
little flack over Holland Coast.
- February 8, 1945, (5)--Lutzendorf: Lt. Wear--Pilot. (Nine hour mission). Milk run.
- February 10, 1945, (6)--Dulmen: Lt. Wear--Pilot. (Eight hours). Milk run.
Received first air medal.
- February 14, 1945, (7)--Dresden: Lt. Wear--Pilot. No flack over target. Moderate
flack over front lines.
- February 15, 1945, (8)--Dortmund: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Plenty of flack. Good hits
on Oil Plant.
- February 19, 1945, (9)--Bochum: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Moderate flack. Hit oil target.
- February 21, 1945, (10)--Nuremberg: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Very little flack. Tank
Factory.
- February 22, 1945, (11)--Whittstock: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Col. Sutton--Lead. Bombed
at 12,000 feet, no flack. 190s and Jets. 300 missions
for 306 Bomb Group.
- February 23, 1945, (12)--Plauen: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Bombed at 12,000 feet again.
Landed with tail wheel up, had to go around, ceiling was
200 feet. These low level attacks are hard on German
Moral. Received the Oak Leaf Cluster.
- February 26, 1945, (13)--Berlin: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Plenty of flack, but 10/10s
coverage gave us good support. A milk run compared to
February 3, 1945.
- March 2, 1945, (14)--Bohlen: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Oil target of great importance.
A pin point target, we got a direct hit. Really wiped it
out. Lead group over. Got oxygen line shot out over
target. John passed out from lack of oxygen. Number 3
engine shot out. Landed in France. Come home in C-47.
Plenty of flack and accurate.
- March 7, 1945, (15)--Seigers: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Support of front lines. Hit
Marshaling Yards, 10/10 - P.F.P. Moderate flack.
- March 9, 1945, Lost our ship "Hellcat Battle". Another crew used it on gunnery
missions got shot down by some of our own gunners.
- March 10, 1945, (16)--Dortmund: Lt. Wear--Pilot. More support of front lines.
Marshaling Yards 10/10s.
- March 11, 1945, (17)--Bremen: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Sub pens. Moderate flack - 10/10s.

- March 14, 1945, (18)--Hildesheim: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Largest Jet plant in Germany. Visual target. 306th was first over--complete destruction.
- March 15, 1945, (19)--Zossen: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Headquarters for German Army. No flack--good hits.
- March 17, 1945, (20)--Molbitz: Lt. Wear--Pilot. (9½ hours). Hit power plant that furnishes power for four large German towns. Leipzig and Bohlen being the main ones.
- March 18, 1945, (21)--Berlin: Another visual raid. It is supposed to be as big a raid as February 3, 1945. 25,000 tons dropped. Plenty of flack and very accurate. A great deal of holes in almost every plane. Got large hole in wing. My worst raid of war, so far. Fighter attack from Jets.
- March 19, 1945, (22)--Flauen: Lt. Wear--Pilot. (9½ hours). Hit Industrial Target--good hits. Rendezvoused over Paris.
- March 22, 1945, (23)--Dorsten: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Front line support. Hit a German Infantry Camp. Carried nickels.
- March 23, 1945, (24)--Coesfeld: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Front line support. Hit rail yards--completely destroyed town.
- March 24, 1945, (25)--Vechta: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Front line support. Hit Jet air drome--completely destroyed it. Two missions that day.
- March 30, 1945, (26)--Bremen: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Hit bridge in center of town. Links town with Sub Pens, got three large holes in R. waist, also waist window broken out. Plenty of flack. Visual.
- March 31, 1945, (27)--Halle: Marshalling Yards. Moderate flack--10/10 coverage. Support to General Patton's spearhead. Lt. McDonald--Pilot. My ninth Wedding Anniversary.
- April 1, 1945, Made Staff Sergeant.
- April 3, 1945, (28)--Riel: Sub pens and dock installations. Went over North Sea, 1,000 miles. 8/10 coverage. Lt. Wear--Pilot.
- April 7, 1945, (29)--Hosendorf: Lt. Wear--Pilot. 15,000 feet. Hit air drome used for Jet planes made three runs over target. Fighter attacks.
- April 8, 1945, (30)--Halberstadt: Lt. Wear--Pilot. 20,000 feet. Marshalling Yards. Good hits--4/10--Ed flew with us.
- April 10, 1945, (31)--Grunenburg: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Air drome--fair hits. Got a lot of accurate flack just before I. P. One ship got its tail shot off--gunner and all. Also seen midair collision.
- April 11, 1945, (32)--Kraiburg: Lt. Wear--Pilot. Munitions factory. Perfect hits. Other Groups hit marshaling yards and air dromes all near Munich. Saw the Swiss Alps--made me home sick as hell.
- April 14, 1945, (33)--Royan Area: Lt. Wear--Pilot. This is at the Fort of Berdo. At the mouth of Garonne River in Southern France. Germans hold mouth of river so Allies couldn't use it. Over enemy territory five minutes--18,000 feet.
- April 15, 1945, (34)--Royan Area--Fort of Berdo: Same as yesterday only different aiming point. 15,000 feet. French Army went in and started taking it one hour after we hit it. Lt. Wear's last mission.
- April 17, 1945, (35)--Dresden: Lt. Marks--Pilot. Heavy flack. Hit Marshalling Yards--good hits.

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