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369th (B)

Rpt. 17 Jul 44
Robert Brown crew

AM 8-15-44
olc 9-16-44, 11-12-44

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MIA 9 Dec 44 Stuttgart (w.Brown)
POW Rtd

S.O.#

Col

LtCol

Maj

Capt

1Lt
Z

2Lt
X

B. T. D. Combat
Missions

July 24, 1944

to
St. Lo, France

38-100 # G.P. ^{Set:} 100'

Troops

Installations

Gun Positions

VISUAL

Support for
infantry-

Flak - no fighters

Unducart - break
own target

15000'

21000

5 Hours

12000'

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July 25, 1944

to
St. Lo, France
38-100 # GP ^{set.}_{100'}

Troops
Installations
Gun Positions
12000' VISUAL
Support for
infantry -

Heavy German
Casualties - almost
completely -

U.S. Troops followed
up in break three.

Flak - 1 Puff 2100p.
no fighters 5 hours

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July 31st, 1944
to

Munich, Ger.

10 500# Demo

Air field - Jet

25000

Plenty FLAK

BROKEN UNDERCAST

OVER TARGET - FIRES

& SMOKE

A.F. north of City.

9 HOURS

28000 GAL.

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August 5th, 1944
to

BRAUNSWIG, GER.
20 MI. SW of BERLIN
NAVIGATOR (TS)

20 250# Bombs

Oil Refinery

24000 Alt.

VISUAL

NO FLAK

GROUP Knocked
out Complete Target
Fires & High Smoke

9 Hours 28000 Alt.

30-35 ME109's
290 DOWN NW
Berlin - MAJOR (6)
1 B17 DOWN W. W.
FLAMES OVER TARGET
NO CHUTES - EXPLODED
ON GROUND -
2800 P. 1941 9 HRS

SHIP WENT UP JUST
BEFORE T.O. - FIRE
& BOMBS WENT OFF -

1 SHIP WITH 3 PROPS
FEATHERED TURNED
BACK TO COAST OF
GERMANY - GOING
DOWN FAST

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August 6th, 1944
to
BRANDENBURG, GER.
20 MI. SW BERLIN
NAVIGATOR
24250'
5 1000' BOMBS
T.O. 1400 YD. 06 R.W.
SWEATING BLOOD ON
T.O. - FLAPS DOWN
AT 110-115 AT 1300 YD.
- JUST CLEARED OFFENCE.
TARGET - FACTORY
TRUCKS - JET P.
VISUAL - FIRES & HIGH
SMOKE.
MED. FLAK - T. & B.
AROUND BERLIN & T.

1 hole in Roof
of nose 2". Bounced
off FLAK helmet &
was found in
catwalk.

FLAK on Eng. Coast.
2 ships - Flat tire
2 Ran together
on Runway. 1 G. Loop.

Several Props
feathered -

SEVERAL INJURIES

1 BALL G. Killed
1 ME 109 High
2100 gal GAS
4:40 TIME

Over Enemy Territory.
Approx. 15 Min.

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August 8th 1944
to

CAEN, FRANCE
Support for
British Break Thru.
38 100# G.P. FRAYS
NAVIGATOR

14000 ALT (MISTAKE?)
FLAK - TRACKING &
Very Accurate

Lead Group -

1-17 down - KATA

Last Mission

9 chutes out.

2-17's down in
FLAMES over T.

2 FLAK holes

OVER
PAPER
10 MAN
CREW -

James D. Calder

August 17, 1944

Today was bad
News all thru-

A.J. Trelford - NAV. WAS
Killed Aug. 15 on
take off for a RAID.
Attended funeral

◻ RUMPP

with the crew.

John "Celestial" WAS
Killed at MacDill INH.
A storm on June 25th.
Letter from Colleen,
his sister today.

Both were our Boys
and the best.

Aug. 29

FRANK Sulkey
MIA - Italy

Target - Largest
gas & oil plant in
Germany - Heavily
camouflaged & smoke
screen.

Lead screwed up -
Missed sec. - could
not pick up L.R.
Target in Holland.
Very poor lead job.
8 Hrs

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August 26, 1944
to
"Happy Valley"

Navigator
28000' Alt. Visual
8 500 # Bombs
Heavy Flak 10 min.
Tracking
1 ship down in
spin over T.
Hole in Plexi glass
nose - Hit Top. Helmet
Hole in Top T.
Rip thru & Hit
Plating Around T.
Did not drop Bombs
Brought Back

Several other
holes scattered
over ship.

Target - Factory -
Jet. & Component
Parts. Good hits.
2500 gal. Petrol
7 Hours - Time

Sept. 11 -
MACHOSKY Down -
#3 Hit - Fell
Behind

Sept. 10, 1944
To

~~Stuart~~
STUFGART
NAVIGATOR
24000 VISUAL
INCENDIARY Bombs
12 5.00#

FLAK OVER TARGET
& AFTER

Togglieier Rosever
Hit in Knee - Came
Thru nose & Hit
his knee bouncing
off hitting. Against
FLAK suit of mine &
falling on Table

13/2 B

Sept. 12, 1944

to

Rohland, Ger.

VIA BERLIN

NAVIGATOR

27000' VISUAL (Lead Gr.)

5 1000# Bombs

Route in VIA Berlin -

Out over Aachen via

Frankfort & Koblenz

FLAK on West side

of Berlin - Lead Ship

of High Sq. Down - 9

chutes - 1 not open?

Fighters Hit High

& Low Groups -

Lost 9 ships - 1 CRASH

LAND ON COAST

Martin - 4 engs.

cut out & dropped

About 10000 feet

Jerry fighters passed

them up. CAME BACK

ON 3 Eng. VIA Sweden.

FLAK over target

med. inaccurate

9 1/2 Hrs.

2800 Petrol

Target - Oil

Refinery & Mine.

Direct Hit in nose.
cut oxygen line -
Bombs Dropped OK.
Bombardier on
oxy. Bottle - Co-pilot
out of oxy. Pilot has
less than 100ft. ^(same) _(Here)

"Tail Gunner Mike" Had
Hit in Back Thru F.
suit - Killed immediately -
Waist G. Hoovey. Hit
Above Knee - Bad Out.

C.P. Giglio came to nose
for oxy. - Top Torret
passed out -

BAIL T. out of BAIL &
Helped W.G. - Radio
came up to Eng. - Passed
out - BAIL got him OK -
C.P. BACK up & Took care
of Engineer -

Dropped to 18000' Alt.
Then to 12000'
^(No Fighter Protection)
CAME HOME ALONE
via Koblenz (North) &
Aachen - NO FLAK -
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Sept. 13, 1944 to
Merseburg, Germany
Navigator.

29000 Feet Alt.
51000# Bombs - Visual
Route - Belgium - Aachen
Target - Oil Refinery

HAD TAXI Accident -
Wing Tip chewed
By Natter's prop -
Change Ships

Lead Test fired
guns over Ger.
Case knocked off
half Astero dome.

FLAK AT TARGET
TRACKING & VERY Accurate

Ship Had over 100
Flak Holes including
Direct Hit in nose-
Sup. Charger - gas Tanks -
Trim Tab control wires
out - Several Holes
into Eng. Housings -
Bomb Bays - Radio Room
Waist windows & Floor -
Tail - Several Bad Hits.
Landed with Right
Tire Flat & Tail
wheel flat. (Perfect
Landing) Pilots Had to
Hold Ship in nose up
Attitude all the way Home.

8 Hrs. 2500 gal. GAS-
nation M.I.A. - Severe
Flak damage to "124".

Co.P. - Frost Bite on
Hands & Anoxia - Pilot -
Engineer - NAV. - Anoxia

Flak Home - Sept. 16 -
Anen

Sept. 27. 1944 to
Kolon (Cologne) Ger.

NAV. P.F.F. Eng. Short!
28000 Alt. 12 500# Bombs

Railway Center -
Route - Holland - Fingers -
Aachen. out - Koblenz & A.

Flak - Moderate (3) BVT
No Hits on ship
7 Hours -

2300 Gal Petrol
Excellent Fighter
Support

Sept. 28 - High
Priority target Hit !!!

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September 28

MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

NAV. PFF. Good Hits

26000 ALT. 10500#

Railway YARDS

Route - Koblenz - Kassel

FLAK - Moderate (2) BVT

Large Hole - Stab.

8 1/2 Hrs. 2800 GAL. Pet.

Excellent Fighter

Support.

#1 #2 #3 Engines

Gave trouble. Fell

Behind Formation -

Finally Caught Up - OK.

1 17 Down in FLAMES

2 17 - Mid Air Col.

Zombie crew -

Tiggs - T. Gunner - Observer
ON PFF SHIP.

STEARNS →

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#2 Engine Knocked
out - Oil Pressure fell
fast - unable to feather
smoking & oil & gas fumes
Eng. finally Broke
& Prop wind milled
free OK -

Big drops of sweat
Parachute fits good!
8 Hours - 2800 gas -

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October 3, 1944
NURNBERG, GER.
NAV. PFF Good Hits
26000ft. Alt. 5-1000#
TANK FACTORY
Route - Aachen - Ffont
Stuttgart - Metz.
Flak - Moderate at
Target - 1 Hole in nose.
Flak - TRACKING, T.M.M.
Metz & Nancy.
Good Fighter Support
#1 Eng. 15" only -
1 17 Down by Ffont.
Flak over Dunkirk
13000' First Burst Hit
Lead group - V. Accurate
Several holes

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October 6, 1944
STRALSUND, Ger.

NAV. VISUAL - GOOD HITS
20000' ALT. 10-500# INC.

POWER HOUSE (PFF TARGET)

PRIMARY WAS STARGARD
AIRFIELD - 9/10 CLOUDS

FLAK - NONE EXCEPT ON
ROUTE - NORTH OF KIEL

GOOD FIGHTER SUPPORT IN.

SUPERCHARGER OUT
OVER ENGLAND - FELL

BEHIND FORMATION OVER
DANISH PENINSULA - FELL IN

WITH LOW GROUP FINALLY
NORTH OF KIEL - 15' ON #1

2800 GAL. 9:40 TIME

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October 7, 1944
Ruhland, Germany
via Onnesbruk

Liepzig.

NAY. Visual Good Hits
27000 Alt. 10-500 # Bombs
Synthetic Oil Refinery
Flak - Routes in - Light
Target - Moderate - T4B
Visual Hole in center of
Plexiglass Nose

Good fighter Sup. in.

Bandits in Area -
Undercast at Base

Let down R.C.

2800 gal Petrol

9:50 Time

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October 9, 1944
Schweinfurt, Ger.
Via Frankfurt
NAV. - PFF

24600 Alt. 10-500#
Ball Bearing Factories
PFF Target - 10/10 from
England to Target
Flak - Moderate - T4B

Hit in waist
Good fighter support
10/10 AT Base - Instro.
Let down

Brakes out at end
of runway - finally
stopped heading for tower
8 Hours 2800 Petrol

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BACK in FORMATION
 LATER - Jiggs Flying
 one ship down -
 nose Blown off
 4 chute (4 chutes)
 one ship + 2 eng out.

FRANCE?
 Left FORMATION over
 F. Coast - Jiggs made
 perfect landing -
 2300 gal. Petrol
 6:30 Time
 → Oct. 19 -

DOMANS Crew
 BACK - Landed in
 FRANCE - HEAVY FLAK
 DAMAGE. Eng. - Both
 Legs BROKEN

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OCTOBER 15 - 1944
 COLN (Cologne) Ger.
 VIA Aachen-Koblenz
 NAV. - PFF Good Hits
 27000' Alt. 5/10 clouds?
 6500# 6500# Inc.
 Railway Yards
 FLAK - Moderate
 Very Accurate
 BROWN Hit in ARM.
 Hit Jiggs' FLAK Suit
 Usual Hole in Nose
 Large Hole in EAST.
 Large Hole in #3
 Lead ship hit #3-out
 Pulled up High & Form.
 Broke up - We pulled
 Past Lead to 29000

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At once it seems.

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November 4-1944
Harburg, Ger.
(Hamburg)

Oil Refineries
& Storage Tanks

12- 500# Bombs

Navigator -

PFF Mission

FLAK-TRACKING

Lots But INACURATE

NO DAMAGE

8 Hours 26500'

2600 GAL. Petrol

Excellent Fighter

Support

8th Air Force

All over Harburg

Return - Rain & low
 clouds -
 Rough As A Cob!
 180 & Let down 30mi.
 out in Channel -
 1 1/2 hrs to Base
 from first time over
 Coast.
 800-1000 ft. coast home.

NOV-5-1944
 FRANKFURT, GER.
 MARSHALLING YARDS
 6-1000 # Bombs
 NAVIGATOR
 PFF RUN-VISUAL
 OVER TARGET
 FLAK - T & B -
 Alt. 25000 - Low
 wing in Air Force,
 8 Hours - 2300 GAL.
 Good strikes on
 target AREA - Photo
 Good Support -
 Weather - Rough -
 T.O. 40 MPH Wind -
 Severe Turb. & Wind
 over England on

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Missed lead & Hi.
Entered Z-2 in
12 ship Sq. Finally
tacked on to A
Lead & low Gp. with
PFF. First Gp. over
target - 105 MPH
Wind - INTO Cloud
over channel -
Sq. split up - Landed
at Halesworth out
of GAS.

Lead & low Ret'd
on Recall - Clouds
& Bad weather
8 1/2 Hrs - 2800 & 4000 ft.
350 B. - 850 sop.

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Nov. 8 - 1944
Merseburg, GER.
Synthetic Oil
10-500# Bombs
Navigator
PFF RUN
26500' Alt.
Briefed 23000'
FLAK - Accurate
Tracking - Several
Holes - Chin T. -
Bomb Bays - STABAL.
3 Bombs Hung -
Salvo - thru Pilots
Release - Doors
Cranked up -
Late on Assembly

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Nov. 9th, 1944
Metz - France
Concrete Fort
NAV. PFF RUN -
24300 ALT.

8-1000 # SAP Bombs
FLAK - Puffs - very
scattered -

Support Pattons
BREAK THRU -

Good Support
Line of FLAK AT
18000 AS MARKER
8 Hours -

2300 GAL GAS

Lights are over
the road —