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MARCH 23, 1945

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Mission ferry from A-72 to ~~North France~~ <sup>Cambrai</sup>.

Take off - 12:50

Landing - 13:20

Total - 30.

Purpose to pick up 8138 and deliver to our squadron,  
Glenn Poulson navigated.

Time back - 1:30

Total flight time at R.T.U. 128 hrs. M

Ferry Trip.

Total Flight - 59 hours 5 minutes.

Total gas consumption - 8,519 U.S. Gal.

Oil L.E. - 272Qts.

R.E. \* 231Qts.

Days 20 in all.

February 14, 1945

Hunter Field - Local Calibration,  
14:30 - 17:30 - 3:00Hr.

February 15, 1945

Hunter Field to Morrison Field, Fla.  
10:30 - 12:40 - 2:10 Hr.

February 16, 1945

Called the folks.

February 17, 1945

Left for overseas

Morrison Field to Borinquen - Puerto Rico.  
8:35 - 13:35 - 6:05Hr.

February 18, 1945

Borinquen to Wallerfield - Trinidad.  
7:55 - 11:55 - 4:00Hr.

February 20, 1945

Waller to Waller Dry Run Bad weather  
Atkinson Field closed in.  
12:30 - 15:50 - 3:20Hr.

February 21, 1945

Waller to Atkinson British Guiana.  
12:35 - 14:35 - 2:00 Hr.

February 22, 1945

Atkinson to Belem. Brazil  
6:35 - 11:05 - 4:30Hr.

February 23, 1945

Belem to Natal Brazil.  
09:25 - 14:00 - 4:35Hr.

February 24, 1945

Completed 25 Hours inspection on 468161.  
Bought Mom and Dad a purse and briefcase hope they  
like it, also purchased six pairs of silk stockings  
for the women folk.

February 25, 1945

Started on 1400 mile over water flight to the rock.  
9:50 - 17:10 - 7:20Hr.  
A.T.C. Navigator had us sweating it out. Golly- the  
boys and I were sure glad to sight the Rock.

February 26, 1945

Sub. scare, ASC to Roberts Field Liberia - Africa.  
10:35 - 15:30 - 4:55Hr.

Held up because of dust storms French West Africa.

March 2, 1945

Roberts to Dakar - West (French) Africa  
09:55 - 13:40 - 3:45Hr.

March 3, 1945

Went on sightseeing tour thru the city.

March 4, 1945

Dakar to Marrakech - French Morocco.  
07:30 - 13:45 - 6:15Hr.  
Completed 50 Hours inspection. Rt. engine cut out on take off.

March 5, 1945.

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Marrakech to Saint Mawgen ~~ADRIAN MILES~~ New Quay.  
9:10 - 15:40 - 6:30Hr. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.

MOUNT VERNON 7-7507

March 6, 1945

St. Mawgen to Burtonwood - 1:40 hr.  
Truck drove Erickson and our crew to stone.

March 17, 1945

St. Paddy's Day. Left Stone with field equipment boarded C-47  
for France. Saw hundreds of bomb craters around the area where  
the Germans launched their V.1. rocket bombs.

Dad's Birthday.

Combat Flying Lead Ship Flt.  
Mission #1

March 28, 1945

Take off 07:55  
Landing 12:20  
Total 4:25  
Target #1 Ebrach #2 Kitzingen  
Oil Tanks. Milk Run.  
Sighted two P-51 fighters at 12,000' + Pilot Ellenger Bombing  
altitude 14,000'.  
Cloud cover 10/10 capacity extra gunner

MISSION #2

April 3, 1945

Take off 11:00  
Landing 18:40  
Total 4:40  
Target Holminden Marshalling  
Yards - Material  
Supply - Opposing, 1st & 9th Army advancement,  
Milk Run clouds 10/10  
Bomb altitude 13,500' sighted P38 & Lancasters first mission  
with regular crew.

MISSION #3

April 7, 1945

Take off 15:00  
Landing 20:10  
Total 5:10  
Target Northern Marshalling Yards 1000 Yards from front lines,  
1st & 9th armies Milk run clouds 4/10 Bombed 5,000' Sighted German

April 7, 1945

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Jet Ship at 20,000' escort P-38 & P-51 created target, large fires  
Felt concussions.

#2 Ship. MISSION # 4

April 8, 1945

Total 5:15  
Target ordinance depot at Neinhagen, Flak very heavy, our formation  
went thru a Barrage. #3 Ship had a large Flak hole in its left wing.  
Glenn Poulson was last seen going down in flames over target, Starkey  
and Neil were in the ship also. I was really scared today I said a  
few 'Hail Marys' subconsciously.

#2 Ship. MISSION # 5

April 9, 1945

Total 4:40  
Target Badberka oil storage area, Milk run, Bombing Altitude 10,500'  
Bomb load 26-150 Air Medal for the Kid.

MISSION # 6

Total 4:50  
Target Jena Marshalling yards. Flak moderate, Krauts hit our  
right elevator. Bomb altitude 11,000' Bomb load 4-1000#  
escorted by P-47's.

#2 Ship MISSION # 7

April 11, 1945

Total 4:55  
Target Aschersleben Marshalling yards. Bomb load 4-1000#  
Milk run Escort P-38

#5 Ship MISSION # 8

Total 5:00  
Target Bamberg oil storage. Flak light. inaccurate bomb load  
8-500# incendiaries. Escort P-47

#5 Ship MISSION # 9

April 12, 1945

Total 5:08  
Target Kempten large ordinance plant, Flew over Swiss Alps, Beautiful  
country.

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Hit by 11 groups. We were the eighth in a 15 minute interval. Poor visibility over target, we dropped from 15,000 to 7,000 to bomb. Ice formation on wings and tail section- had me worries - creamed target with two - two - thousand pounders - forced down at Lunaville because of fuel level. Returned to base late afternoon. Milk run.

Transportation Trip

April 15, 1945

Flew Capr. Martinez to A-78 in Belgium. Saw B-24 & 27 wrecks off runways. We then flew to Y -29 and P - 47 Base east of Brussels. Sacco's uncle left day before - spent the afternoon in Province of Linburg, had beer, french fries and veal cutlets at local hotel. Obtained Belgium money as souvenirs from some engineers.

#5 Ship MISSION # 10

April 16, 1945

Target: Gunzen - Hagen. Marshalling Yards - Bombing Alt. 12,000  
Bombs overshot target 2-2000.  
Milk Run. Total 4:30 Escort P-51  
Oak leaf for the kid.

#2 Ship Mission #11

Target - Kempten Ordnance Plant. Bomb Load 2-2000#  
Total - 4:30 Hr. Escort P-51  
Milk Run. Large fires over the wreckage after we dropped the bombs and pulled away.

#2 Ship Mission #12

April 17, 1945

Target - Magdeburg, 45 miles southwest of Berlin. Ground forces pulled their lines 1500 yds from the city while our group moved in. Total 4:30Hrs Bomb load 2-2000#. I got caught in the Bombay today over the target. Milk run. Area cover P-51 over target. Creamed whole section of city. 9th army had a beachhead on the Elbe river in the vicinity of the target. After landing ship 8125 dropped a 2000 pounder thru it's Bombay doors on Taxi strip directly in front of our ship. The Pick Ack crews ran for their fox holes. Like a bunch of rabbits. We sat there with our fingers crossed

Mission #13

April 19, 1945

Target - Ulm Germany - Marshalling Yards.  
Bomb load 2-2000# Milk Run.  
Creamed target - four ships had single engine, our ship 110 had a single engine in enemy territory. P-47 escort. We were placed on the landing list for the afternoon mission but the mission was scrubbed because Frank's crew crashed in take off with a bomb load.

Mission #14

April 20, 1945

Target - Menningen - Marshalling Yards. Bomb load 2-2000# Flak light but fairly accurate. Just before we arrived at the target Jets were in the area. Tested & fired my guns. Saw P-47 dive bombing on route- swell sight - Bombs hit in area assigned to us. Total 4:20 Hrs. Stood down because of bad weather

April 24, 1945

Mission ferrying from A-72 France to Y-55 Germany.  
Take off - 13:10  
Landing - 15:00  
Total - 1:50  
Left our crew at Y-55

Mission ferrying Y-55 Germany to A-72 France.  
Take off - 16:10  
Landing - 1:15  
Total - 1:45  
Flew Co-pilot

Plane - 425

April 25, 1945

Mission A-72 France to Y-55 Germany  
Take off - 09:50  
Landing - 11:45  
Total - 1:55

Mission ferrying Y-55 Germany to A-72 France  
Take off - 14:25  
Landing - 15:50  
Total - 1:25  
Flew Co-pilot - Flew over Brussels.

Mission A-72 France to Y-55 Germany  
Take off - 17:45  
Landing - 18:55  
Total - 1:10

Mission Y-55 Germany to A-72 France  
Take off - 19:40  
Landing - 21:30  
Total - 1:50

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Mission A-72 France to Y-55 Germany  
Take off - 8:40  
Landing - 10:10  
Total - 1:30  
Last Run. Stood down because of bad weather.

May 13, 1945

Flew over the Rhine below- Cologne buzzed the Victory Bridge, Major Crabtree led the box. We flew in #2 position, I flew co-pilot on take off  
Total flight time 2:00Hrs.

May 16, 1945

Drove to Krefeld Germany, toured the bombed areas, ate at the Krefeld Hotel  
Nazi museum Krupp works started there. Churches were also hit. Took showers  
and shaved at a bath house in center of city. Drove a German make car, about  
14 Kilometers. German people try to catch your eye Boy, the Huns in the town  
really got it.

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Went on a sightseeing tour of southern Holland Vicinity of Maastricht, saw L68158 at Y-44 387 go the ship. That Leif and crew flew across. Stopped at Valkenburgh Rest Camp for Ninth Army, had dinner in style at the Koncken Hotel. Our little group went thru the famous caves of Valkenburg which lie directly under Amidevail Castle - dates back to the 1600's. Catholic Priests lived in the caves the purge of Napoleon 1798 to 1801. Their labors are still intact. Seats, Chapels Confessionals carved out of rock. Rock is said to be formed from prehistoric sea life. The paintings reflect the customs and traditions of the Dutch people. Rembrant's are outstanding. Sad Sack also rates in this Historic place. G.I.'s have left their mark. A portrait of an American Soldier dying on the battle field stands a monument to the Yanks who have made the supreme sacrifice dated April 3, 1945. Temp. in cave constant 50<sup>o</sup>F. all year round.. There is also a monument for the Dutch Soldier. The Americans also made use of the hill ( Castle ) to fire (FA) on the Germans who were dug in on the hill across from the town. Damage to this town was caused by shell fire. Saw tank (a few) Tank and Jerry, along the roadside also airplane wreck during the trip. These Dutch towns were pretty bad. I forgot to mention that according to the legend this cave under the castle provided a means of escape for the prince's troops so that they might fight the enemy from the rear.

May 23, 1945

Started a flight to England to ferry a crew on flak leave. Turned back because ceiling had us down to 300'. 1;10 hrs.

May 24, 1945

Ferried men and equipment to A-72 flew co-pilot  
1:30 hrs down - 1:35 back

May 25, 1945

Flew to England from field Y-55 in Germany dropped a crew off at some base east of London. 3:30Hrs flew on to Longmarston 1:00 Hr. Couldn't land at Honeyborne to pick up furniture because runways were being repaired. This field at longmarston was an operational training base for the Royal Canadian Air Force - Wipples Wellington Trainer for 4 engine bombers. R.C.A.F. put us up for the night - messed at the sgt's club. Went into Stratford on Avon home of Shakespeare. Beautiful countryside, decided to stay in town and sleep at the American Red Cross. This R.C. set up was the best I have ever seen. The next day we couldn't take off because of bad weather over the continent; took several of their fellows thru our ship comparing equipment and techniques. In the afternoon they took us thru a Wellington, I forgot to mention the Canadians took us on in a soft ball game and beat us at our own pastime 11-4. I had trouble sleeping that first night with clean sheets and pillows too. Two Canadian officers took me out Saturday night - hit the Dirty Duck and Townhall where there was a large servicemen's dance, I was the only Yank in the crowd.

May 26, 1945

Holiday went into San Quentin on Pass

May 27, 1945

Flew Captain Hamilton down to Paris.  
Take off - 6:15 - 6:50  
35 minutes F W 190 crashed landed on runway just before we got there. Flew directly over Eiffel Tower on the way back. Recognize Arc De Triomphe Avenue Seine River, Sacre Coeur, La Madeleine.

May 28, 1945

Flew cross-country over Paris, Brussels. Flight time 4:25 Hrs. We got lost and came home on 50 gallons.

June 23, 1945 Went into Paris for the first time.

June 28, 1945 Went into Paris on a 48 hour leave.