

# 398th Bombardier's Narratives

15 August 1944

Target: Ostheim, Germany

## Lead Group 1st "B" CBW [602nd]

### HEADQUARTERS

398TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF

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SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 15 August, 1944, Lead Group, 1st "B" CBW

TO: Commanding Officer, 398th Bombardment Group (H), AAF, APO 557, Station 131

1. Target - Ostheim Airfield near Cologne, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of run was 2 minutes on a magnetic heading of 291 degrees; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 27,000 ft; bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1056.
2. Main Bombfall: 12 A/C in the 398th lead group dropped 48 x 1,000 lb M65 GP bombs and 48 x 500 lb M17 incendiary bombs.
3. Mackie, H.L., Capt., was the lead bombardier for the Lead Group. The flak was heavy and accurate. The wing went past the IP before turning towards target to avoid a collision course with another wing. Turn at IP was moderate. C-1 pilot was used on bomb run. AP was covered by smoke from previous bombing so obscured bombing procedure was used with a bomb run of 2 minutes by using reference points on each side of AP for rate and in front of AP for course.

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### TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	12	12	48 x 1,000 lb M65 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail 48 x 500 lb M17 IB 127 nose fuse
Other Attacks	0	0	0
Total on Target	12	12	48 x 1,000 lb M65 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail 48 x 500 lb M17 IB 127 nose fuse
Bombs Returned	0	0	0
Others Expended	0	0	0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			48 x 1,000 lb M65 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail 48 x 500 lb M17 IB 127 nose fuse

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## Low Group 1st "B" CBW [600th]

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## High Group 1st "B" CBW [603rd]

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