

# **398th Bombardier's Narratives**

**16 August 1944**

**Target: Aircraft Depot, Airfield  
Delitzsch, Germany  
Delitzsch, Germany**

## **Lead Group 1st "A" CBW [600th]**

HEADQUARTERS 398TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Group Bombardier  
APO 557

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 16th August, 1944, Lead Group

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

1. Target - Airfield at Delitzsch, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 4 minutes on a magnetic heading of 265 degrees; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 26,000 ft; bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1103.
2. Main Bombfall: 11 A/C of the 398th Lead Group dropped 110 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs. One (1) of the A/C could not find the formation and dropped their bombs with the 40th Wing, 305th Group. 10 x 500 lb M17 IB were dropped 51 degrees 05' N 12 degrees 20' W. Fuse setting: M127 nose, no tail.
3. Allen, D.B., 1st Lt., was the lead bombardier for the Lead Group. C-1 pilot was used and operated correctly. Target was identified 3 to 5 minutes before release. Turn at IP was moderate. Primary target was bombed as briefed.

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## Lead Group 1st "A" CBW [600th]

### TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	10	10	100 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Other Attacks	1	1	10 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Total on Target	11	11	110 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Bombs Returned			0
Others Expended			0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			110 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail

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Delitzsch, Germany  
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## **High Group 1st "A" CBW [601st]**

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Office of the Group Bombardier  
APO 557

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 16 August, 1944, High Group

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

1. Target - Airfield at Delitzsch, Germany the primary target was not bombed as briefed. This was due to accidental release. Length of bomb run was about 4 minutes on a magnetic heading of 300 degrees; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude was 26,500 ft; bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1104.

2. Main Bombfall: 12 A/C in the 398th Group High Group dropped 119 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs. One (1) of the A/C returned 1 x 500 lb M17 IB due to shackle and release malfunction. One (1) aborted due to oxygen failure and returned 10 x 500 lb M17 IB. Fuse setting: M127 nose, no tail.

3. Baxter, M.V., 1st Lt., was the lead bombardier for the High Group. No difficulties were encountered on the bomb run. C-1 pilot was used and operated correctly. No difficulty in identifying target. Turn at IP was 90 degrees. Primary target was not bombed due to accidental release. Accidental release was caused by having trigger locked up and, when attempting to locate target through sight, indices were brought together causing accidental bomb release about one mile short.

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Delitzsch, Germany  
Delitzsch, Germany

## High Group 1st "A" CBW [601st]

### TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	12	12	119 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Other Attacks	0	0	0
Total on Target	12	12	119 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Bombs Returned			11 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Others Expended			38 x 500 lb M64 RDX 1/10 nose, 1/10 tail 10 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			130 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail

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**16 August 1944**

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### **Low Group 1st "A" CBW [603rd]**

HEADQUARTERS 398TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Group Bombardier  
APO 557

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 16 August, 1944, Low Group

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

1. Target - Airfield at Delitzsch, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 2 minutes on a magnetic heading of 270 degrees; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 25,500 ft; bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1104.
2. Main Bombfall: 11 A/C in the 398th Low Group dropped 110 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs. One (1) of the A/C attacked another target due to engine trouble. One of the A/C attacked another target due to number 4 supercharger. One of the targets was Osnabruck, Germany and the coordinates of the other was 53 degrees 37' N 06 degrees 53' E. Fuse setting: M127 nose and no tail. One (1) A/C aborted due to personnel failure and returned 10 x 500 lb M17 IB.
3. Waldbauer, C.A., 1st Lt., was the lead bombardier for the Low Group. There were no difficulties encountered on the bomb run. The C-1 pilot was used and operated correctly. The AP was difficult to identify on the bombing run due to a heavy smoke covering on target due to previous Wings. Turn at IP was moderate. The primary target was bombed as briefed.

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Delitzsch, Germany

## Low Group 1st "A" CBW [603rd]

### TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	9	9	90 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Other Attacks	2	2	20 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Total on Target	11	11	110 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Bombs Returned			10 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Others Expended			0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			120 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail

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