

398th Bombardier's Narratives

24 August 1944

Target: Airfield on the outskirts of Kolleda, Germany

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

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

24 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 24 August, 1944, Lead Group

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

1. Target - Airfield at Kolleda, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 40 seconds on a magnetic heading of 315 degrees; IAS was 150 mph; indicated altitude 25,000 ft; bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1214.
2. Main Bombfall: 12 A/C in the 398th Lead Group dropped 120 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs. One (1) of the A/C bombed with the 381st Gp. One (1) of the A/C dropped their bombs at 53 degrees 08' W 10 degrees 10' E due to engine trouble and was unable to keep up with Group. Fuse settings: M127 nose, no tail.
3. David L. Levy. Capt., was the lead bombardier for the Lead Group. The only difficulty encountered on the bombing run was due to the preceding wing. Their High and Low Groups were continually ___ back and forth across the path of the following group. There was no flak or enemy fighters. There was no malfunction of equipment. The C-1 Pilot was used for bombing and operated accurately with no malfunction. There were no difficulties in identifying the AP. The turn at the IP was moderate. The 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 500lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Other Attacks	2	2	20 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Total on Target	12	12	120 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Bombs Returned			0
Others Expended			0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			120 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail

Carl J. Strickrott,
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Bombardier

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24 August 1944

Target: Airfield on the outskirts of Kolleda, Germany

High Group 1st "A" CBW [602nd]

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

24 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 24 August, 1944, High Group

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

1. Target - Airfield at Kolleda, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 2 minutes on a magnetic heading of 281 degrees; IAS was 150 mph; indicated altitude 26,500 ft, bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1214.
2. Main Bombfall: 13 A/C in the 398th High Group dropped 130 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs. One (1) of the A/C bombed at 52 degrees 40' N 11 degrees 13' E due to engine trouble and unable to keep up with the group. Fuse setting: M127 nose, no tail.
3. Henry L. Mackie, Capt., was the Lead bombardier for the High Group. No flak or fighters encountered. C-1 Pilot was used and operated correctly. AP was identified 2 minutes before bombs away. Only handicap encountered was poor performance of the interphone. Turn at IP was moderate.

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24 August 1944

Target: Airfield on the outskirts of Kolleda, Germany

High Group 1st "A" CBW [602nd]

TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	12	12	120 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	13	13	130 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Bombs Returned	0	0	0
Others Expended	0	0	0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			130 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail

Carl J. Strickrott,
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Bombardier

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24 August 1944

Target: Airfield on the outskirts of Kolleda, Germany

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

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

24 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 24 August, 1944, Low Group (603rd Squadron)

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

1. Target - Airfield at Kolleda, Germany the primary target was not bombed as briefed due to rack malfunction. Secondary target was bombed instead. Length of bomb run was 2 minutes on a magnetic heading of 360 degrees; IAS was 150 mph; indicated altitude was 24,500 ft; bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1231.

2. Main Bombfall: 12 A/C in the 398th Low Group dropped 120 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs. Fuse settings: M127 nose, no tail.

3. Carlton C. Moore, Capt., was the lead bombardier for the Low Group. No flak or fighters encountered on bombing run. C-1 pilot did not operate correctly and run was made manually. The primary target was not bombed as briefed due to rack malfunction. Coslar, Germany the secondary target was bombed instead. Turn at IP was moderate.

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24 August 1944

Target: Airfield on the outskirts of Kolleda, Germany

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

TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	12	12	120 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Other Attacks	0	0	20 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Total on Target	12	12	120 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail
Bombs Returned	0	0	0
Others Expended	0	0	0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			120 x 500 lb M17 IB M127 nose, no tail

Carl J. Strickrott,
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Bombardier

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