

398th Bombardier's Narratives

5 September 1944

Target: Chemical Works, Synthetic Oil Research Labs
Ludwigshafen, Germany

Lead Group 1st "B" CBW [601st]

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

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 5 September 1944, Lead Group

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

1. Synthetic oil field at Ludwigshafen, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 80 seconds on a magnetic heading of 044 degrees; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 25,200 ft. Bombs dropped on Wing Leader at 1111. Bombing was PFF.
2. Main bombfall: 12 A/C in the 398th Lead Group dropped 71 x 1,000 lb M65 GP bombs. One (1) of the A/C returned 1 x 1,000 lb M65 GP bomb. Fuse settings: 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.
3. Baxter, M.V., 1st Lt., was the lead bombardier for the Lead Group. Bombing was done by PFF. No difficulty other than flak was encountered on bomb run. Was about 9/10 cloud coverage. C-1 pilot was used on bomb run. C-1 pilot was slightly out of adjustment. Primary target was bombed as briefed. Intervalometer setting was at 200 ft.

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Lead Group 1st "B" CBW [601st]

TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	12	12	71 x 1,000 M65 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Other Attacks	0	0	0
Total on Target	12	12	71 x 1,000 M65 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Bombs Returned			1 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Others Expended			0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			72 x 1,000 M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail

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

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

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 5 September 1944, High Group

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

1. Target - synthetic oil plant at Ludwigshafen, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of run was 10 minutes on a magnetic heading of 60 degrees: IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 25,500 ft. Bombs dropped on Group Leader at 1111. Bombing was PFF.

2. Main Bombfall: 11 A/C of the 398th High Group dropped 66 x 1,000 lb M65 GP bombs. One (1) A/C jettisoned 6 x 1,000 lb M65 GP bombs in the channel. One (1) A/C aborted and returned 6 x 1,000 M65 GP bombs. Fuse settings: 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.

3. Martin, W.W. 1st Lt., was the lead bombardier for the High Group. The bomb run was PFF and flak was moderate. C-1 pilot was not used because Pilot was trying to hold group in wing formation for PFF bombing. Turn at IP was moderate. The primary target was bombed as briefed. Intervalometer setting for lead ship salvo and for Wing A/C 250 ft. On bomb run our group was quite distant from lead A/C.

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	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	11	11	66 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Other Attacks	0	0	0
Total on Target	11	11	66 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Bombs Returned			6 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Others Expended			6 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			78 x 1,000 M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail

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**Target: Chemical Works, Synthetic Oil Research Labs
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Low Group 1st "B" CBW [600th]

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

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 5 September, 1944, Low Group

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

1. Target - Synthetic Oil Plant at Ludwigshafen, Germany the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 6 minutes on a magnetic heading of 43 degrees; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 24,500 ft; bombs dropped on Wing Leader at 1111. Bombing was PFF.

2. Main Bombfall: 11 A/C in the 398th Low Group dropped 66 x 1,000 lb M65 GP bombs. One (1) A/C aborted and returned 6 x 1,000 lb GP bombs. Fuse settings: 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail.

3. Fisher, K.F., 1st Lt., was the lead bombardier for the Low Group. No difficulties were encountered on the bomb run. Primary target was bombed as briefed. Bombing was done by PFF. Intervalometer setting was 200 ft. C-1 pilot was not used as we bombed on the Wing Leader.

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	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	11	11	66 x 1,000lb
Other Attacks	0	0	0
Total on Target	11	11	66 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Bombs Returned	0	0	6 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail
Others Expended	0	0	0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			72 x 1,000 lb M65 GP 1/10 nose, 1/40 tail

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