

398th Bombardier's Narratives

12 September 1944

**Target: Chemical Plant, Oil Refinery
Brux, Czechoslovakia**

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

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

12 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 12 September 1944, Lead Group

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

1. Target - Oil Refinery at Brux, Czechoslovakia the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 60 seconds on a magnetic heading of 320 degrees; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 28,000 ft. Bombs dropped at 1218.

2. Main Bombfall: 12 A/C in the 398th Lead Group dropped 120 x 500 lb M64, GP bombs. Fuse setting 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail.

3. Levy, David L. Capt., was the lead bombardier for the Lead Group. The only difficulty was an intense concentration of flak over the target. The C-1 pilot was used for the bomb run. It was not overpowered or disengaged by the pilot. AP was covered with smoke, but the lead bombardier located the AP by means of Marshalling Yards and a lake. The target was identified about 2 minutes before bomb release. Turn at IP was moderate. The lead A/C was forced to salvo bombs as the intervalometer was disconnected because of the release flares in the tail.

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TABULAR SUMMARY

	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	12	12	120 x 500 lb, M64 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail
Other Attacks	0	0	0
Total on Target	12	12	120 x 500 lb, M64 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail
Bombs Returned			0
Others Expended			0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			120 x 500 lb, M64 GP, 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail

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

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APO 557

12 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 12 September, 1944, Low Group

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

1. Target - Oil Refinery at Brux, Czechoslovakia the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 8 minutes on a magnetic heading of 324 degrees: IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 27,500 ft. Bombs dropped at 1215.
2. Main Bombfall: 11 A/C in the 398th Low Group dropped 110 x 500 lb M64, GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail. One (1) A/C attacked a target, a railroad 25 miles NW of Brux due to bomb rack malfunction, 10 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail.
3. Richmond, Milton B., Capt., was the lead bombardier for the Low Group. Flak was very intense and accurate on the bomb run. The bomb bay doors failed to open and difficulty was encountered cranking them down. Bombardier was never given control of the A/C for the bomb run since the pilot was trying to get deputy lead to take over. The doors were finally cranked open in time for bombs to be dropped on the Lead Group smoke bomb. C-1 pilot was used and operated correctly. Target was obscured by clouds. A/C was hit at point of release and had to leave formation. Intervalometer setting was 75'.

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	A/C on Target	Bombing	Number of Bombs
Main Bombfall	11	11	110 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail
Other Attacks	1	1	10 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail
Total on Target	12	12	120 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail
Bombs Returned			0
Others Expended			0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			120 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail

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

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APO 557

12 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission 12 September, 1944, High Group

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

1. Target - Oil Refinery at Brux, Czechoslovakia the primary target was bombed as briefed. Length of bomb run was 60 seconds on a magnetic heading of 324; IAS 150 mph; indicated altitude 28,500 ft. Bombs dropped at 1216 _.

2. Main Bombfall: 11 A/C of the 398th High Group dropped 110 x 500lb M64 GP bombs. One (1) A/C dropped 10 x 500 lb bombs about 25 to 30 minutes before the target due to engine trouble and is at present MIA. Fuse settings 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail.

3. Cosco, John P., 1st Lt., was the lead bombardier for the High Group. No difficulty until a few seconds before bomb release line when A/C was hit by flak (glass sighting panel broken and chin turret hit). Bombardier was knocked from seat. Bombsight gyro was tumbled. Too late to resume run so 1 dropped on advanced group's smoke marker. Flak was accurate and intense. C-1 pilot was used but pilot had trouble with it. Target was obscured from clouds. Turn at IP was moderate. Intervalometer setting was 75'.

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Total on Target	12	12	120 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail
Bombs Returned	0	0	0
Others Expended	0	0	0
Total (Loaded on A/C at T.O.)			120 x 500 lb M64 GP 1/10 nose, 1/100 tail

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