

398th Operational Summary

3 September 1944

Target: Chemical Works, Oil Research Laboratories
Ludwigshafen, Germany

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Field Order No.: 485

Group Mission No.: 76

Mission led by: Lt. Col. Robert K. Simeral

Operational Summary

1. Take off commenced at 0715 hrs.
2. 37 a/c of Group including 3 PFF formed 1st "A" Combat Bombardment Wing (CBW).
3. 1 a/c returned early.
4. Group formed at 0839 hrs at Debden.
5. Route Out: Base --> Lelsey Bill (0917 hrs.) --> Le Havre --> Ludwigshaven (synthetic oil)
6. Bombs away at 11:40 hrs. at 26000 feet. Temperature -37° C. No contrails.
7. Return Route: retraced route out, enemy coast out 1402 hrs. 4922N 0003E.
8. Bombed by PFF: Result unobserved. Length of bomb run 10 minutes on a magnetic heading: 005°, 1A8, 150 mph.
9. No aircraft lost.
10. No aircraft failed to take-off.

Various detailed reports from different functions within Group are available on the 398th microfilm.

For example

- Group Operations Officers's Report
- Ordnance Report
- Fuel Report
- Tower Log
- Squadron Load Lists (giving names of individual crews)
- Lead Navigator chart
- Teletype report to 1st CBW Hq.

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