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FROM CO HSF S-2 06/2026A

TO CG 2BD - ATTN A-2 .

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458TH BG , NARRATIVE OF MISSION 6 MARCH 44.

- (1) NIL
- (2) NO STRIKE PHOTOS OBTAINED . OBSERVATION INDICATES SOME HITS ON BUILDINGS IN TARGET AREA WITH CONSIDERABLE SMOKE AND FIRES AT TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY HITS WERE OBSERVED ON TWO BUILDINGS IN SEMI RESIDENTIAL AREA .
- (3) IN AREA OF TARGET , SIX M.E.109' S ATTACKED LEAD ELEMENT OF LEAD SECTION MAKING ONE PASS IN TAIL XXXXXX IN TRAIL FROM TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH . LATER IN TARGET AREA , FOUR FW.190' S ATTACKED SECOND ELEMENT OF LEAD SECTION COMING IN AT ONE O' CLOCK LEVEL AFTER BEING LINED UP IN SINGLE COLUMN TO RIGHT . JUST AFTER TARGET ABOUT TWELVE ME.109' S ATTACKED MIDDLE OF FORMATION IN TRAIL FROM TWELVE AND ONE O' CLOCK ON LEVEL . NORTH OF HANOVER TWO FW.190' S CAME IN AT FIVE O' CLOCK FROM ABOVE ATTACKING CENTER OF SECOND SECTION .
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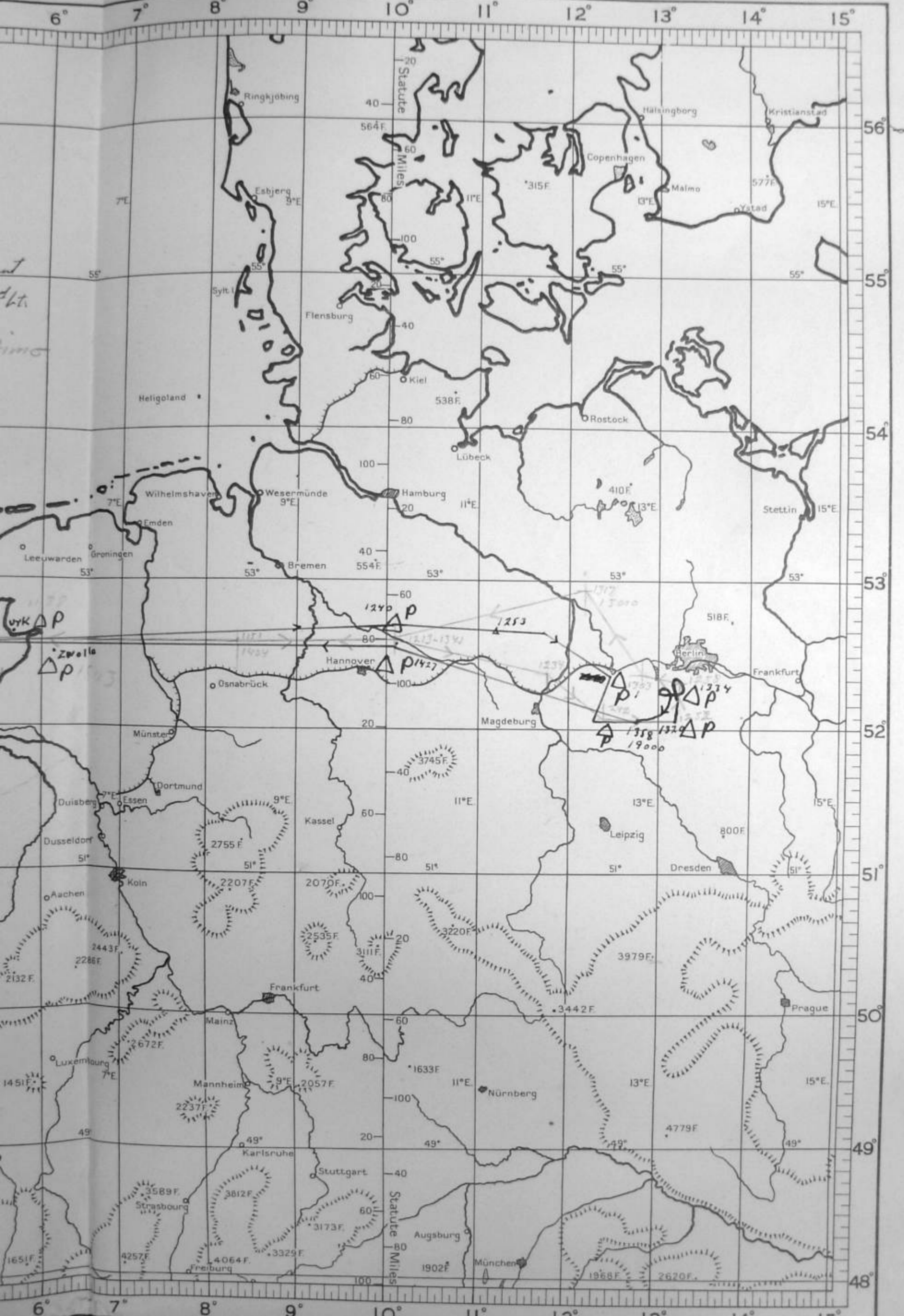
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FORMATION PLAN

LEAD SECTION

3/6/44

C
 KECK
 G | 729

UMPHREY
 C | 273

ROUBAL
 H | 303

C
 BUSH
 D | 812

TOOMAN-ISBELL
 A | 341

LAMB-MASON
 B | 431

C
 HETZLER-LAF
 F | 667

I | 306
 C
 FOGEL-S-LAF
 H | 515

GRAGAN
 P | 302

WEST

341
 431
 812
 226
 306
 729
 709
 718

302
 667
 303
 273
 515
 432
 735
 721
 325
 331

MELTON
 C | 719

L
 BALLARD
 C | 450

C
 KINGSLEY
 B | 365

CLARK-O'NEIL
 B | 453

WHITLOW-OLLON
 A | 311

D
 PETERS
 L | 228

BEULOS
 M | 678

MATTEON
 I | 441

SECTION II HIGH RIGHT

EAST

433
 311
 365
 353
 678
 299
 682
 697
 441

288
 450
 719
 359
 300
 276
 705
 342

PIERCE
 J | 353

C
 GOLLELITH
 I | 682

STIGSON
 J | 359

DE HEFFIE
 M | 300

KOVICH
 T | 276

ROBESON
 H | 705

VOGEL
 S | 342

458th Pilot List

DATE	TARGET	PILOT	458th Msn #	Pilot Msn#	Cmd / Inst Pilot	LD	Serial	Last 3	RCL	Sqdn	A/C Msn#	A/C Name	Notes
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	BALLARD	4	FTR			42-52450	450	G	Z5	3	UNKNOWN 032	FLAK
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	BOGUSCH	4	FTR			41-29286	286	R	J4	3	UNKNOWN 011	FLAK - ANDREW CREW 35
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	BRUDOS	4	2			41-28678	678	M	J3	3	UNKNOWN 002	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	BUSH	4	1			42-109812	812	D	7V	1	UNKNOWN 016	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	CRAGUN	4	1			41-29302	302	P	7V	2	NOKKISH	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	DeNEFFE	4	2			41-29300	300	M	J4	3	LORELEI	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	DUNLEVIE	4	2			41-29359	359	J	J3	1	TAIL WIND	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	GLENN	4	2	O'NEILL	L2	42-100433	433	B	J3	2	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	GOLDSMITH	4	1			41-28682	682	I	Z5	4	UNKNOWN 003	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	HETZLER	4	3			41-28667	667	F	7V	4	JAYHAWKER	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	HOPKINS, T	4	FTR			41-29299	299	M	Z5	2	ROLL CALL	CRSH HOLLAND
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	KECK	4	3			41-28729	729	G	J4	1	UNKNOWN 046	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	KINGSLEY	4	1			42-100365	365	B	7V	3	WOLFGANG (maybe)	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	KOVICH	4	2			41-29276	276	T	J4	1	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	LAMB	4	2	MASON	D1	42-100431	431	B	J4	1	BOMB-AH-DEAR	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	LOGIE	4	2			42-52432	432	P	J3	3	BACHELOR'S PARADISE	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	MANGERICH	4	2			42-52335	335	R	Z5	4	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	MARTIN, J	4	2			41-28709	709	I	7V	3	LUCKY STRIKE	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	MATTSON	4	1			42-52441	441	I	J3	3	LAST CARD LOUIE	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	McMAINS	4	FTR			42-52306	306	I	J4	4	UNKNOWN 030	NIGHT FIGHTER
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	MELTON	4	3			41-28719	719	Q	J3	3	PADDLEFOOT	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	PETERS	4	3			41-29288	288	L	J3	3	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	PIERCE	4	3			42-52353	353	J	Z5	4	UNKNOWN 049	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	ROBESON	4	3			41-28705	705	H	J4	4	YE OLDE HELLGATE	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	ROGERS	4	FTR			42-52515	515	H	Z5	1	FORD'S FOLLY	FLAK
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	ROUBAL	4	3			41-29303	303	H	Z5	3	LIBERTY LIB	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	SCHAAF	4	2			41-28718	718	M	7V	4	BO	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	SHAW, C	4	1			41-28721	721	L	J4	1	DOWNWIND LEG	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	SPAVEN	4	ABT			41-28735	735	S	J4	--	UNKNOWN 005	ABORT - NO SORTIE
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	STILSON	4	ABT			41-29331	331	F	J3	--	BLONDIE'S FOLLY	ABORT - R/O OXY LEAK
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	TOOMAN	4	2	ISEBELL	L1	42-100341	341	A	J4	3	SATAN'S MATE	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	UMPHREY	4	3			41-29273	273	Q	J4	3	FLAK MAGNET	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	VOGEL	4	NTO			41-29342	342	S	J3	--	ROUGH RIDERS	NO TAKE OFF - ON FORM PLANS NTO?
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	WATSON	4	2			41-28697	697	P	Z5	2	DIXIE BELL II	
06-Mar-44	BERLIN/ERKNER	WHITLOW	4	3	OLLUM	D2	42-100311	311	A	7V	3	YOKUM BOY	