

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

10 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 9 APRIL 44. (TUTOW A/F)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ESTIMATED AT FIFTY (50) ME 109'S AND TWENTY (20) FW 190'S, AND A FEW TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT. ATTACKS WERE PRESSED HOME VIGOROUSLY WHILE FRIENDLY FIGHTER COVER WAS LACKING DURING THE FLIGHT FROM THE DANISH COAST TO THE I.P. ONCE OUR FIGHTER ESCORT WAS PICKED UP AGAIN, ONLY ISOLATED ATTACKS WERE MADE.

2. THE FIRST ATTACKS BEGAN OVER KIEL BAY AT 1110 HOURS, WHEN ABOUT TWENTY (20) FW 190'S AND TEN (10) ME 109'S SWARMED IN. THE ATTACKS PERSISTED FOR ABOUT EIGHTEEN MINUTES. MOST ATTACKS WERE FROM 11 OR 12 O'CLOCK FROM ABOVE OR LEVEL. SOME CREWS REPORTED THAT FW'S FIRED ROCKETS FROM 1000 YARD&S RANGE, ATTACKING LOW AT 12 O'CLOCK.

3. ANOTHER ASSAULT WAS ENCOUNTERED AT 1140 HOURS JUST NORTH OF SASNITZ WHEN TWENTY-FIVE (25) ME 109'S CAME IN FROM 12 O'CLOCK OUT OF THE SUN. THEY CAME DOWN THROUGH THE FORMATION.

4. CLAIMS ARE 4-1-2.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

5. FLAK WAS GENERALLY MEAGER AND INACCURATE ALONG THE ROUTE AND MODERATE BUT INACCURATE IN THE TARGET AREA.

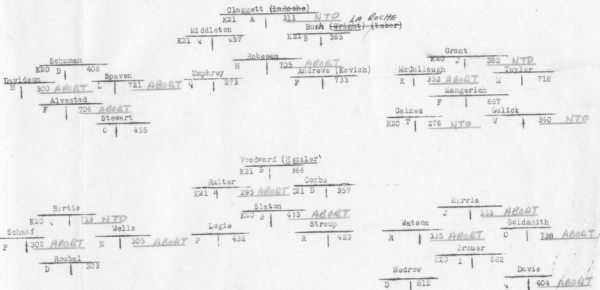
OBSERVATIONS

6. SMOKE SCREENS WERE NOTED AT KIEL WHERE THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SHIPPING ACTIVITY, PROTECTED BY A BALLOON BARRAGE.

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FORMATION PLAN

9 APRIL, 1944



Formation of the 458th
Bomb Gp (H) as it went
over the target on the
Operational Mission of
9 April 1944

Bush (LaRoche)

: 365

J

Middleton

: 457

Taylor

: 718

Brauer

: 721

Umhrey

: 273

McCullough

: 352

Schuman

: 408

Nedrow

: 812

Woodward(Hensler)

: 366

J

Combs

: 357

J

Flew with "G" Group

Andrews

: 733

Flew with "B" Group

Roubal

: 303

All ships are B-24H's unless otherwise indicated with a "J".

458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

DATE	TARGET	PILOT	458th Msn #	Pilot Msn#	Cmd Pilot	LD	Serial	RCL	Sqdn	A/C Msn #	A/C Name	MIA	Notes
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	ALVESTAD	18	ABT			41-28706	F	J4	--	DREAM BOAT/SPARE PARTS		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	ANDREW	18	2			41-28733	P	J4	11	RHAPSODY IN JUNK		Kovich listed also??
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	BRAUER	18	9			41-28682	I	Z5	14	UNKNOWN 003		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	BURTIS	18	NTO			41-28719	Q	J3	--	PADDLEFOOT		NO TAKE OFF
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	BUSH	18	7	LaROCHE	L1	42-100365	B	7V	10	WOLFGANG (maybe)		(Wright)-(Weber) LaRoche
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	CLAGGETT	18	NTO			42-100311	A	7V	--	YOKUM BOY		NO TAKE OFF - LaROCHE <i>WAS</i> TO FLY HERE
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	COMBS	18	8			42-100357	D	Z5	10	VALE OREGAN		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	DAVIDSON	18	ABT			41-29300	M	J4	--	LORELEI		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	DAVIS	18	ABT			42-52404	Q	Z5	--	BELLE OF BOSTON		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	GAINES	18	NTO			41-29276	T	J4	--	ROTTEN SOCK or SACK/URGIN VIRGIN		NO TAKE OFF
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	GOLDSMITH	18	ABT			41-28738	O	Z5	--	MEAT AROUND THE CORNER		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	GRANT	18	NTO			42-52382	J	7V	--	WURF'LESS		NO TAKE OFF
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	GULICK	18	NTO			41-29340	N	7V	--	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB		NO TAKE OFF
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	HARRIS, T	18	ABT			42-52353	J	Z5	--	McNAMARA'S BAND		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	LOGIE	18	11			42-52432	P	J3	16	BACHELOR'S PARADISE	FTR	BAILED OUT OVER DENMARK
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	MANGERICH	18	11			41-28667	F	7V	8	JAYHAWKER	FTR	LANDED IN SWEDEN
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	McCULLOUGH	18	ABT			41-29352	K	7V	--	WOLVE'S LAIR		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	MIDDLETON	18	3			42-52457	Q	7V	10	FINAL APPROACH		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	NEDROW	18	2			42-109812	D	7V	9	UNKNOWN 016		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	RAITER	18	12			41-29295	K	Z5	10	BOMB TOTIN' MAMA	FTR	BAILED OUT NEAR HAMBURG
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	ROBESON	18	ABT			41-28705	H	J4	--	YE OLDE HELLGATE		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	ROUBAL	18	12			41-29303	H	Z5	12	LIBERTY LIB		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	SCHAAF	18	ABT			41-29302	P	7V	--	NOKKISH		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	SCHUMAN	18	9			42-100408	D	J4	8	BEASTFACE		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	SLATON	18	ABT			42-100433	B	J3	--	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	SPAVEN	18	ABT			41-28721	L	J4	--	DOWNWIND LEG		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	STEWART	18	9			42-52455	O	7V	12	PLUTOCRAT		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	STROUP	18	8			42-52423	R	J3	9	UNKNOWN 031	FTR	BAILED OUT OVER GERMANY
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	TAYLOR	18	10			41-28718	M	7V	16	BO		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	UMPHREY	18	11			41-29273	Q	J4	14	FLAK MAGNET		
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	WATSON	18	ABT			42-52335	R	Z5	--	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	WELLS	18	ABT			41-29305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC		ABORT
9-Apr-1944	TUTOW A/F	WOODWARD	18	7	HENSLER	L2	42-100366	B	Z5	7	MIZPAH		