

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

12 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 11 APRIL 44 (OSCHERSLEBEN)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. UPWARDS OF FORTY (40) ME 109'S WERE SEEN TO ATTACK THE FORMATION BEHIND OURS NORTH OF HANNOVER AROUND 1040 HOURS. DURING THE RUN FROM THE GROUP I.P. TO THE RALLY POINT AN ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) ENEMY FIGHTERS, BOTH ME 109'S AND FW 190'S, HARRIED THE FORMATION. ON THE RETURN ROUTE, THREE (3) JU-88'S AND ONE (1) ME 110 APPROACHED FROM 6 O'CLOCK LOW AT 1217 EAST OF OSNABRUCK, BUT DID NOT ATTACK.

2. ONLY ONE ATTACK ON OUR FORMATION WAS REPORTED. A SINGLE ME 109 ATTACKED THE LAST SHIP IN THE SECOND SECTION JUST PAST THE TARGET AT 1121 HOURS. IT CAME IN HIGH FROM SEVEN O'CLOCK, CLOSING TO 300 YARDS. IT IS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

3. SEVERAL CREWS REPORTED THAT ENEMY FIGHTERS ARE APPARENTLY FIRING TIME-FUSED 20 MM OR 30 MM SHELLS. THE BASIS FOR THE REPORT IS THAT EXPLOSIONS CAUSING LARGE FLASHES OCCURRED ALTHOUGH NO SMOKE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE DISCHARGE OF A ROCKET WAS OBSERVED AROUND THE ENEMY FIGHTERS, NOR WERE SMOKE TRAILS SEEN. THE BURSTS DID NOT RESEMBLE FLAK BURSTS. E/A-USING THESE SHELLS WHICH WERE SEEN APPROACHING THE FORMATION AHEAD GENERALLY WENT IN FROM 10-11 OR 1-2 O'CLOCK.

4. CLAIMS ARE 1-0-0.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

5. MOST OF THE FLAK OBSERVED WAS OFF COURSE. IN THE TARGET AREA MODERATE BUT ACCURATE FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED. BOTH BARRAGE AND CONTINUOUS FOLLOWING TYPES WERE REPORTED.

OBSERVATIONS

6. NUMEROUS A/DS WERE SPOTTED IN THE HANNOVER-BRUNSWICK AREA. MANY OF WHICH HAD 20-30 AIRCRAFT IN DISPERSAL AREAS. A HITHERTO UNREPORTED A/D WAS OBSERVED AT HESSEN WITH 30-40 S/E FIGHTERS AND A LARGE NUMBER OF INSTALLATIONS.

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MISSION #29

SECTION IFORMATION PLAN

11 APRIL 1977

C
WAGEL
 K-21 : 706 F

BRAUER
 : 682 I

HARRIS
 : 353 J

GOLDSMITH
 K-20 : 736 O

WOODWARD-ISELL*PECK
 K-20 : 366 B

SCHLES
 K-21 : 335 R

STEWART
 : 359 J

BAUDOS-WRIGHT
 K-20 : 059 E

WELLS
 : 441 I

D
BURTIS
 K-20 : 719 Q

STILSON
 : 404 Q

DAVIS
 : 305 N

SECTION II

SCHWAN
 K-20 : 735 B

KECK
 K-21 : 341 A

WESBER-KOHN
 K-20 : 365 B

SCHLAF
 K-20 : 352 K

SEAN
 : 731 L

ROBSON
 : 273 Q

SPRYN
 K-20 : 733 P

ZIMMERMAN
 : 457 Q

TYLOR
 : 718 M

NEBROW
 : 455 O

MANKER
 : 276 T

GRANT
 K-21 : 382 J

ROUAL
 : 303 H

GULICK
 : 340 N

RUNWAY # 33
ORDER OF TAKE OFF

<u>EAST</u>				<u>WEST</u>				
1.	107 X	6	13	682 I	Hangar # 2	3.	059 E	20
2.	366 B	10	16.	341 A	39	6.	719 Q	13
4.	738 O	5	17.	733 F	40	8.	441 I	17
5.	335 R	4	19.	735 E	42	9.	359 J	16
7.	706 E	36	21.	276 T	49	14.	211 A	27
10.	305 N	9	25.	273 Q	45	15.	365 B	32
11.	404 Q	3	26.	721 I	43	16.	352 K	29
12.	353 J	7				20.	382 J	28
						22.	455 O	33
						23.	718 M	30
						24.	457 Q	31
						27.	340 N	31
						28.	303 H	34

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
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	BRAUER	20	11			41-28682	I	Z5	16	UNKNOWN 003		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	BRUDOS	20	12	WRIGHT	D1	42-110059	E	J3	4	PAPPY YOKUM		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	BURTIS	20	9			41-28719	Q	J3	11	PADDLEFOOT		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	BUSH	20	8	O'NEIL	L2	42-100311	A	7V	10	YOKUM BOY		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	DAVIS	20	10			41-29305	N	Z5	8	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	GOLDSMITH	20	9			41-28738	O	Z5	6	MEAT AROUND THE CORNER		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	GRANT	20	14			42-52382	J	7V	16	WURF'LESS		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	GULICK	20	8			41-29340	N	7V	3	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	HARRIS, T	20	7			42-52353	J	Z5	16	McNAMARA'S BAND		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	KECK	20	12			42-100341	A	J4	8	SATAN'S MATE		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	MANKER	20	8			41-29276	T	J4	6	ROTTEN SOCK or SACK/URGIN VIRGIN		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	NEDROW	20	4			42-52455	O	7V	14	PLUTOCRAT		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	ROBESON	20	12			41-29273	Q	J4	16	FLAK MAGNET		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	ROUBAL	20	13			41-29303	H	Z5	14	LIBERTY LIB		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	SCHAAF	20	13			41-29352	K	7V	10	WOLVE'S LAIR		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	SCHULZE	20	12			42-52335	R	Z5	17	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	SCHUMAN	20	10			41-28735	S	J4	9	UNKNOWN 005		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	SHAW, C	20	8			41-28721	L	J4	12	DOWNWIND LEG		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	SPAVEN	20	9			41-28733	P	J4	13	RHAPSODY IN JUNK		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	STEWART	20	10			41-29359	J	J3	12	TAIL WIND		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	STILSON	20	7			42-52404	Q	Z5	7	BELLE OF BOSTON		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	TAYLOR	20	12			41-28718	M	7V	18	BO		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	VOGEL	20	11			41-28706	F	J4	7	DREAM BOAT/SPARE PARTS		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	WEBER	20	9	KUHN	D2	42-100365	B	7V	12	WOLFGANG (maybe)		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	WELLS	20	9			42-52441	I	J3	13	LAST CARD LOUIE		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	WOODWARD	20	8	ISBELL & PECK	L1	42-100366	B	Z5	8	MIZPAH		
11-Apr-1944	OSCHERSLEBEN	ZIMMERMAN	20	4			42-52457	Q	7V	11	FINAL APPROACH		