

TARGET: VICTORY

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OPEN SEASON ON AIRDROMES



COUVRON 93rd, 446th
made best hits here.

LAND ADVANCE PACED BY 2BD AIR ATTACKS

Biggest attacks on German air facilities since D-Day are clearing the way for the Allied super-gains across France. All forms of transport are being blocked, and Saturday (August 12) that fading ace in the sleeve, the Luftwaffe, became the central target in isolating the Huns.

Juvincourt, Mourmelon Le Grande, Laon/Athies, Couvron, and

Coulommiers were among the best-remaining air fields to fall under the 2BD blast. Terrific power and accuracy are revealed in the photos on this and the next page.



LAON/ATHIES AIRFIELD
Battering administered with 90%
hits by 448th, 85% by 489th Grp.

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TO H--- WITH "GIVE 'EM HELL!"

That hot spot over the target is no picnic for practice-range precision. No one can condemn us for wanting to rush our fannies out of there.

We can leave the "Give 'em Hell!" slogans to the characters who coin phrases. But we do want to dish out more thunder than we take. We have to. We are doing it, and today we can see ourselves winning.

But that's no cause to slow up. The enemy is hoping we will. They claim their dark days will turn. So for the love of all 48 of those States back home, let's plant the kayo punch while they're still dizzy!

When we're on top of the target we don't want to stay there, and we don't want to come back there. Let's plaster that MPI with all we've got. Then our job is done. It's corny, but let's do "Give 'em Hell!"



JUVINCOURT: 44th and 392nd teamed up to average 80% hits for five squadrons.

SATURDAY'S DEVASTATING AIRFIELD ATTACKS

COULOMMIERS A.F.: 446th landed a very damaging pattern here.



MOURMELON/LE GRANDE A.F.: 458th captured airfield honors with 93% here.



STRASBOURG MARSHALING YARDS:
The battle against enemy opposition was won here before it reached the front. 453rd, 467th and 445th leveled off a total average of 84% for all 3 Groups!

HOW 2BD HITS MADE HITLER HOWL



HEIDE: Hemmingstedt oil refinery bullseyed by 93rd.



ARMENCON: Bridge, traffic junction cut by 392nd



HAMBURG OIL:
Most precious commodity made into totem pole by 2BD raid.

20TH WING

95TH WING

LEADERS BY GROUP

FOR THE 3 MONTH PERIOD

100%

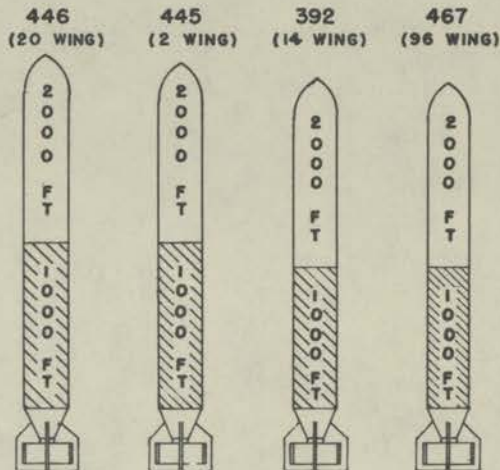
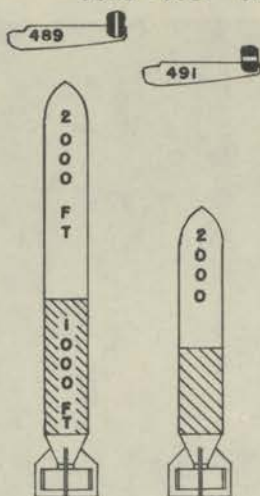
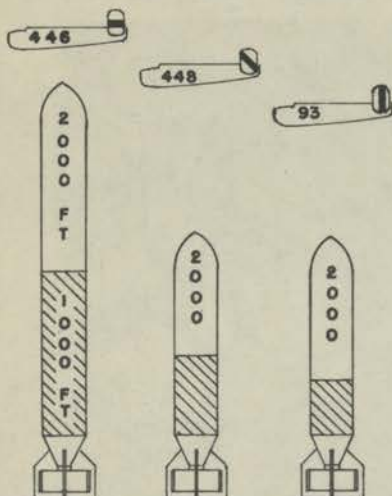
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JUNE - JULY ONLY



MAY - JUNE - JULY

AS 3-MONTH ACCURACY CHAMP

A special bow goes to the 95th Wing, who were too new to figure in this average, but in one more month might have been top marksmen of the Division. These figures are from the Operational Research Section of 8th Air Force, and include only visual missions. Remember -- more bombs on the target means fewer times needed over the target! If the target's tough, be all the more positive to be accurate!

446TH, 445TH TOP GROUP AVERAGES

WITH FORMER STANDINGS, BELOW.

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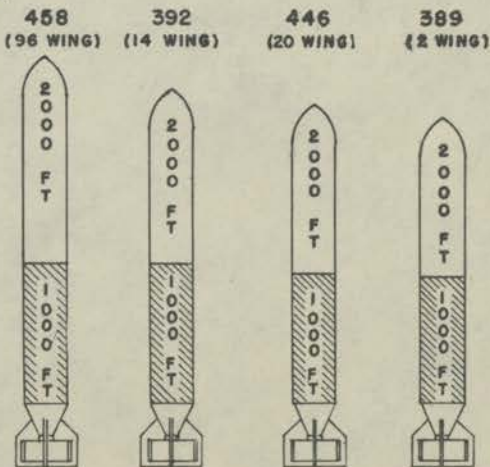
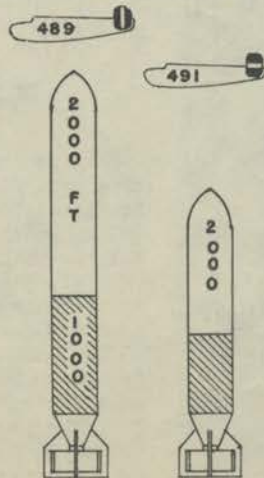
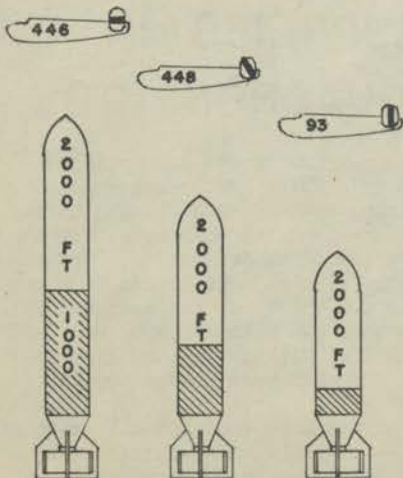
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NO FIGURES PREVIOUS TO JUNE



APRIL - MAY - JUNE STANDINGS

BEST HIT BY A GROUP THIS WEEK



"HAMBURG HAD IT!" FROM 389TH

PORT FACILITIES,
OIL, SUPPLIES IN
3-SQUADRON 100%

A sensational day's work was accomplished this week at Germany's No. 1 port, Hamburg. Excellent bomb-aiming was delivered by the 467th, 489th, 466th, 445th — and the champions of them all for this week, the 389th Group!

All 3 squadrons of the 389th coaxed 100% of their bombs within 2,000 feet of the assigned MFI. Lead and Low Left sank 60% within 1,000, and left so much smoke that High Right's closest hits could not be counted — but they were headed for the payoff circle!

The photos you see here can show only part of the day's damage — multiply this several times over to gauge the total result. Congratulations to all participating Groups, and particularly the 389th! No denying, the 2d ED's Target is: Victory!



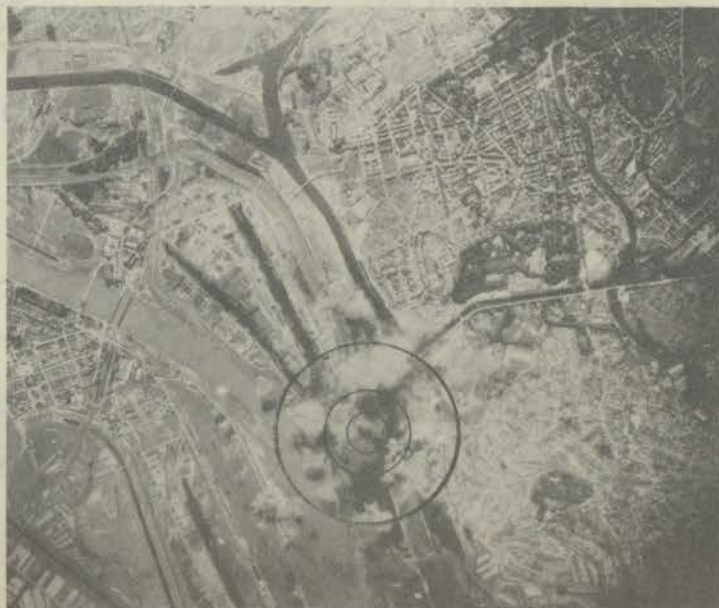
BEST RUNNER UP OF THIS WEEK**445TH AGAIN ----- STRASBOURG!**

**3-TIME WINNERS
RUMORED TO EAT
SPAM, SPIT FIRE!**

Knockouts are their specialty, and those bomb-slugging 445th squadrons are even gunning for two titles a week! Strasbourg, their ace job, took a shellacking right down the dock centers -- 97% of the total punches landing inside 2,000 feet, 67% within 1,000!

Also this week, at Hamburg, they poured on 95% average for 3 squadrons, with 55% within 1,000!

Gentlemen, we take an oath our accuracy-appraisal staff is not made up of members of the 445th. All we can tell you, besides their diet, is that they are rumored to have the Maquis riding their bombs down to herd them where they're needed most! We're endeavoring to catch a picture of one for next week.




"The Eyes of 134,000,000"

The eyes of 134,000,000 people are on the Bombardier. The labor of thousands of men and women, and untold planning, research, organization and engineering skill have combined to produce the airplanes, equipment and bombs necessary for the bombardier to do his job. A tremendous organization has been set up and thousands of man hours have been spent in training, to the end that this airplane with its bombs should arrive at the point where the bombardier takes over on the bomb run.

For the few score of seconds between the commencement of the run and the bomb release line, the bombardier alone carries the burden of bringing all this great effort to fulfillment. The airplane commander and his copilot have flown the airplane to the target; the navigator has charted the course; the radio operator, engineer and gunners all have played their roles. The whole crew has given of their best and at this point they can do no more. This is equally true of the ground crews; the men in the shops; the bomb loaders; the S-2's; the people in the control tower; the mess sergeants; the cooks; the drivers and all of the diversified officers and men on the station, each of whom plays a part in making this moment possible. In fact, the whole effort of the American people and its Air Force has been directed toward placing the bombardier in a position to strike effectively at the enemy.

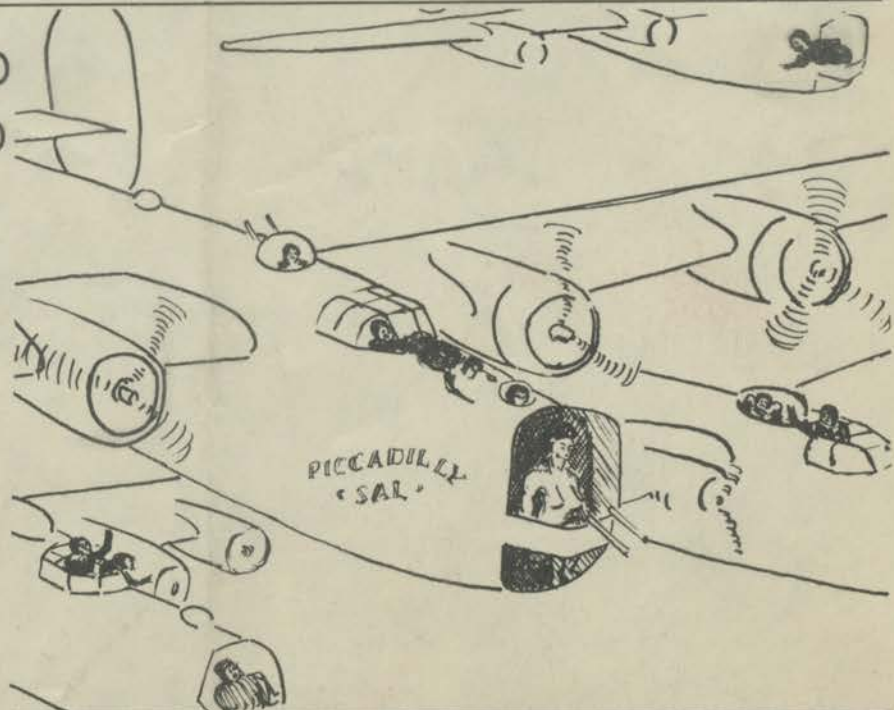
Bombardiers, 134,000,000 Americans are watching you during that bomb run! I know you will live up to the faith they place in you by putting your bomb load squarely on the target. I know, too, that every member of your crews and every man on the base will play his part to the utmost to enable you to discharge that responsibility with maximum effectiveness.


W. E. KEPNER
Major General, USA
Commanding

ETO HEAVIES CITED BY GEN. ARNOLD

"The continued, all out effort by your heavies day after day is most gratifying," states Gen. Arnold, Commanding Army Air Forces, in a communication to the 8th Air Force. "It shows to all of us that your combat and maintenance crews are true teams. Please convey my appreciation to all concerned for their untiring efforts and my congratulations for the splendid results obtained."

In forwarding this message to the 2d Bomb Division, Lt. Gen. Doolittle added, "It is a pleasure to transmit to you and your command the commendation from General Arnold ... and I wish to add my personal appreciation and congratulations."



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FOR THE VICTORY FLYING SQUADRON