

Operation in the E.T.O. of Crew # 69
410th Spgr 94th Bomb. Gr.

Pilot - Carroll F. Jenia - "Jenia" — Wash.
Co-Pilot - Claude F. Hopkins - "Hoppy" — Mont.
Nav. - Harold M. Hanson - "Hanson" — Minn.
Bomb - Richard H. Lake - "Dick" — N. Y.
Eng - Bernard M. McCarthy - "Mac" — Ohio
Radio - William W. Staley - "Red" — Pa.
Waist - Elmo B. Chapman - "Pappy" — Ga.
Ball Turret - William E. Spencer - "Spencer" — Calif.
Tail - Kermit J. Neubauer - "Applehead" — Iowa
Waist for 3 missions + OTO -
Lawrence P. Neyland - "Larry" — N. Y.

Memo's of the Waist Gunner
of the GOOD Ship

Yo is, "My Ideal"
Pappy Chapman

(1st)
July 11th - Munich (Germany) Wall's Crew
Really sweated this one - 10 man crew them - Flak
heavy but inaccurate no hits on new ship, broke
waist game windows really dead tired - all the fellows
out to see me in - Jemia also went on his first - no
fighters - Warner shot at 38 he really flipped wings
over - Time 8:40 10x500 SP 773 bombed center of
city.

(2nd)
July 13th - Munich (Germany) Mundy's Crew
Was glad to go with old crew - good boys - flak
still heavy but inaccurate - our support messed
up & enemy fighters attacked mostly the formation behind
us - I was scared at first but all the fellows said
I did O.K. it really surprised me - I don't want to
~~see fighters again~~ ME 109s 1:51 got one damn quick
batch of planes heading toward Switzerland - Bombed
center of city Time 8:40 - 5x500 SP 5x500 M17 - 059

(3rd)

July 24th - (1st as a crew)

Bombed area immediately in front of the Canadian-American lines at St. Lo (France) - Troops withdrew 1000 yds - Flak inaccurate - No Fighters - Time 0:50

N.B.D. 38 X 100 SP.

~~Bomb~~ Bomb alt. 13,500

3 High Spdn - Low group - 653

July 28th, (4th)

Bombed Synthetic oil works at Merseburg (near Leipzig) Germany - Lost two engines due to Mech failure - Bombs dropped short of target - Flak Heavy & inaccurate - ~~F~~ Fighters - Time 8:20

60 X 500 SP. 846

Ball Turret handle - Come home alone

July 29th - merseburg - Hansen hit -
(5th)

July ~~29th~~ 31st Target - Locomotive shops at
Munich Germany - Lost #1 engine due to crash
Failure - Flak moderate, Fairley accurate - No
Fighters - 5 x 1,000 GPs - 24,000 - group saw ft
Prop. jobs - ships behind knocked down Ships - 268
Time 8:40

(6th)
Aug - 2nd Target: oil storage plant 5 miles N.E.
of center of Paris (France) - Good hits flak mod.
9 accurate - 8 ^{Big} ^{20 holes} Flak holes Time 6:30 - 20 x 250 GP
25,000 Ships - 316

(7th)
Aug - 4th - Target Hamburg, Germany, oil storage Tanks
Received flock at Enemy coast - Heligoland - Light vac -
oxygen bottles hit - Continued on to Target - Target
Flak moderate - No Fighters - Time 08:00 - 12 x 500 RDX
lots of holes - some saw fighters - Ship 059

Aug 5th Target: ~~Hamburg~~ ^(8th) Junkers A/C plant at
Magdeburg, Germany - Flak at target moderate
to Heavy & accurate - Hits in Pilot, 4 MC Oxygen
bottles - Ice Box - in roof of nose - Hopkins dodging
flak burst of Bombs away - Time 7:50 - 10x500,
Ship ~~530~~ 530 Pappy hit in Avionics - struck in
Leaded clothing (9th)

Aug 6th. This is it!!! - Target - Diesel &
Mechanic works at Berlin - Big "B" - off course
on Bomb run, went directly over center of city
- Flak Heavy, accurate - Hopkins dodged - 3 holes in
tail - ~~fighter~~ fighters - missed appointed target but hit
R.R. yard & bridges in city proper - Time 8:55 - 10x50
Ship 333 - saw flak from Hamburg at 20,000 - seen ^{Back}
all way to coast approx (150 miles) 7:50 gun -

(10th)
Aug 8th Target 1,000 yds south of forward Canadian
lines S.E. of Caen, France - Flak light, inaccurate
~~shots~~ - Time 6:00 30 x 260 Frag. Ship 059 11,000 ft
hit, small holes probably from tanks - could see them
firing

(11th)
Aug 9th Target: Airfield at Murnberg, Germany
Mission Recalled By Division - Received Flak holes
moderate - no fighters - Mission Snafu - Flak at 10:00
Hotshot Red winning left - Time 6:55 10 x 500 Dam G.P.
ship spun down crashed in small town - Beautiful
Landing - Best seen - Ship 653 -

(12th)
Aug 13th Target - Element Bombing of roads in support
of ground troops nearing Paris Area (N.W.) Near Seine
Flak. Time 6:50 38 x 100 G.P. ship 653 - saw 10 chutes
^{in distance}

(13th)
Aug 15th - Target: Hangers & Building at A/F - at Munster
Germany - Flak moderate, accurate no fighters Time
6:50 4x 1,000 SP 4x 500 M-17 Ship 333 Beautiful night
to see target. Holes in ships were big one about 1' in
length - Town wrapped out -

(14th)
Aug 16th Target - Synthetic oil refineries at Rositz
Germany - (Leipzig) Flak moderate, Fairly ^{Low} accurate
no fighters Time 8:15 10x 500 SP - Broke in Bell
saw flames high soon as target was hit. - Just 29000
Trip over Ger. Ship 253

(15th)
Aug- 18th - Target A/F at St. Dizier, France (100 mi -
E of Paris - No flak or fighters - Good Bomb Pattern
Hangers & buildings hit - saw lots of planes in ground -
Time 09:00 38x 100 SP - Just trip in 156 13,000

(16th)
Aug 24th Target:- Synthetic oil refineries at Ludland
Germany - 1st Wing over Target - Time 9:20 156 38X
100 GP Long haul mission no flak.

(17th)
Aug 26th Target:- Gun emplacements at Srest, France

Recalled on account of weather - "Flak in Soup"
Time 0645 38X100 GP 18500 156

(18th)
Aug 27th Target Berlin, Germany - Recall bad weather
over Target - Didn't drop bombs - No flak -

Time - 156 5X1000 GP New Tail Gunner - Poppy
caught an in Ball turret! The dope!

(19th)
Aug 30th Target: Tank works at Bremen Germany
Flak Heavy, Fairly accurate long bomb run 20 min
Spence's suit went out. Poppy got in Ball after Bombs.

Anyway - Some boys dropped Bombs on another plane
injured Tail Gunner 156 38X100 GPs 27,000

Time _____

(20th)
Sept. 9th - missed couple of trips on account of
trip to London Target: Containers dropped at 500'
in well marked Area Between Dijon France -
& Swiss Border for F.F. 1. (Maguis) No Flak or
Fighters, Hopkins sick - Capt. Barker went as
Co Pilot Beautiful sight different colored shutes
aimed 300 men Time 8:10 630 12 Cannisters
(21st)

Sept 10th Target A/F at Wurzburg, Germany - (No of Mankes
jet propelled ^{ME 262} fighters Assembly Area - Flak. - all
had feeling it was Big "B" - Time 08:00 10x500 156
22000

(22nd)

Sept 12th Target ~~at~~ oil refineries at Leipzig
really Borken Germany - Flak moderate & Trucking
some holes - #2 & #3 engines hit but ran on D.K.
Fuel line hit near #3 engine - Thank God it was
self sealing - left outer wing tank hit - 1 ME 262
hit formation ahead - Time 8:15 10x500, P 156
26,000

(23rd)

Sept 17th Target:- Flak Batteries at Nijmegen Holland
S. of Arnhem - Flak light accurate tracking - on
route out saw several hundred C 47 coming glide
going in same area - Paratroopers did hit area
night after we left, "Battle of Nijmegen Bridge"
Finally linked up with ^{gen.} Dempsey's British forces
a week later after some of hardest fighting of
war - Maybe we helped some by knocking out guns.
Time 7:00? 059 30 x 200 Frags.

(24th)

Sept. 22: Target Large Tanks works at Kassel
Germany P.F.F. Flak at Target Barrage, Tracking
accurate About 3 miles before Bombs Away - Snuck
up on us at ~~Rhine~~ river - Miss little damage
no fighting Flak plenty close - Col. ("Chuck" Dougher
flew in lead Time 7:30 156 5 x 500, P 5 x 500 M.

(25)
Sept 25th - Target: Chemical works at Ludwigshafen
Germany - largest chemical plant in Ger. possibly
work comparable to Du Pont - Had a runaway
prop #4 right before target so had to go over on
3 engines - Bombed 10% - ^{couldnt stay with group} Straggled back with
lots of P-51 escorting us - some flying formation
with us - Exp- #505 "Miss Kim" - good boys in
those P-51 shooters - Flak at Target not as briefed
200, only about 50 - at coast out we went
at 7,500 ft. and found ourselves in a nest of
small gun 20 min. cannon saw traces whizzing
a few feet from nose wings & tail also some
whizzing flak., used evasive actions, to Snafue
gunners - had to sweat out British gunners
at coast came in over white cliffs of Dover & Thames
Estuary - Time 7:30 6x1000 GP 156 - Fighters
really looked good with 200 - 262^s in area

Sept. 26th - Target: Engine, Truck, light tanks & FW 190 Compressor plants at Bremen, Germany Flak heavy, accurate tracking, received about 15 holes in Tail 5 in wing altogether about 40 - ship out of action to change Hoz. stab. Right wing tip: Left. Whymann got hole in wing by enough for man. Hanson got picture R. Wing man lost #1 due to flak & couldn't feather it. Bandits reported in area - Didn't encounter any. Saw em in distance at 1300 ship really knocked around - Saw plane catch on fire & explode going out over coast - Saw chutes burning - 2 got out o.k. several planes ditched - Time 7:10 5x1000 GP 156 26200 We had it done! (27th)

Sept 28th - Synthetic oil Refinery at Merseburg Germany. Flak none on route in ~~our~~ out that expected us - at Target it was Heavy, Accurate Tracking & Damage we were in it for about 15 minutes - We received one hole in leading edge of left wing - Lucky Bastards - We beat the jinx on 268 - Time 8:20 5x1000 GP 26050
268

Leave of absence. Oct 1-8

Group flew two missions Mercedes & B's "B" 410 lost Binder
& Fauschmaugh Gp-12 A/C (616 Spirit of Tollen Forge & 333)
385 - lost then act —

(28th)

Oct 9th Target: Ordnance Plant at Mainz, Germany

Flak none on route in at target not near as rough as briefed, mages, tracking low - expected to meet enemy fighters but didn't Frank got - Libe gave said we could use another flak base - Col. Chuck lead.

Time 07:00 5x500 G.P. 180 23,700 - fo mo!

(29th)

Oct 14th Target - Marshalling yard in city of Cologne

Germany - shipping center for front! Flak moderate
Tracking at Target - some scattered Bunt on way out
Broke in new Tail Gunner ^{Dutch} - missed target but hit another
yards - good break. Took off in rain & Time 7:15

6x500 M17 6x500 NAVY 156 —

Oct 15th Target: (30th)
Reprint - Marshalling yard at Cologne
Flak was damn good at 1.P. - gun every^{where} - scare
good on under our wing at target - scattered burst on way
out - 200 guns at target one hole in oil cooler between
344 engine - No enemy a/c observed - Fighter support
poor didn't pick us up until we were 15-min from
front line on route out - 2 B-17 exploded in group behind
us - Spence had trouble with ball on way back, couldn't get
him out but finally he took it out of gear and the prop wash
blew the ball down & he got out ok. motor burnt out 156
Time 07:00 4x 500 M17 16x 250 SP R.F.C. -

Oct 17th Target - (31st)
Another one of 5 M6 Marshalling yds in
Cologne Germany - Flak tracking moderate to intense
on bomb run - shooting between two groups at 9 o'clock.
Scattered burst on route out - 220 guns briefed we got
one hole in hydraulic system, motor ~~blown~~ burnt out also
large nick in chin turret - had to land last, using two chutes
from waist windows, Spence & I had them tied down to
~~on~~ the guns & the ship & together, we didn't put them

out until we started rolling, the one on the left
mine opened first, ~~we~~ Spence's didn't open at
once - we started to go to the left & off runway
and out across a field, Genia gamed #1 & #2 keeping
us from going to far to the left - about that time Spence
got his chute fed out by hand and it opened and
we started to go to the right across a different runway
and hit one of the landing lights that knocked a big
hole in the ball turret - the chute on my side knocked off
my gun sight & got ripped somehow - so the gave it
to us to keep - we all have part of it to make scarfs
with! - Meat Wagons & all the wheels were out to see us

No enemy fighters - saw many rockets - support good
Time 6:30 2x500 M17 34x100 SP 25,000 156

(32nd)
Oct 19th Last mission as a crew!

Target - Tank Factory + armored trucks etc factory at Mannheim, Germany - Bad weather delayed us two hrs - because of weather we had to go higher than ever before 29,900 - Briefed on 230+ heavy guns at target. Tracking, moderate to intense, fairly accurate on bomb run we passed our defenses of Ludwigshafen 200+ guns, one fellow was good on guns, tracked us constantly - a little low all the way to rally point, com trails - heavy - Lead Sq from just before target to coast where we pulled out and came across with Parker, passed him, shooting flares about a - hundred, We + Parker rolled around each other until a P-47 came over to check up on us - Time 6:50

6x500 M17 6x500 GP - Good ship Yo is My Ideal - Thank God for his help - Be em all at home for their prayers