

## List of Missions

No.	Date	Target	Air Craft #	Plane Name
1	Thursday, Oct. 26, 1944	Hannover, Germany: oil plant	43-38605	<i>Big Ass Bird</i>
2	Thursday, Nov. 2, 1944	Merseburg, Germany: synthetic oil plant	43-37795	<i>Dixe Marie</i>
3	Thursday, Nov. 9, 1944	Saarbrucken, Germany: transportation targets	42-107215	<i>Li'l Eight ball</i>
4	Thursday, Nov. 16, 1944	Duren area, Germany: support to ground troops	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
5	Saturday, Nov. 25, 1944	Merseburg, Germany: synthetic oil plant	#230	
6	Sunday, Nov. 26, 1944	Hamm, Germany: marshalling yard	#667	
7	Monday, Nov. 27, 1944	Bingen, Germany: marshalling yard	#296	
8	Monday, Dec. 4, 1944	Mainz, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
9	Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1944	Merseburg, Germany	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
10	Monday, Dec. 11, 1944	Giessen, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
11	Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1944	Darmstadt, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
12	Sunday, Dec. 24, 1944	Babenhausen, Germany: airfield	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
13	Thursday, Dec. 28, 1944	Koblenz, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
14	Saturday, Dec. 30, 1944	Mannheim, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
15	Monday, Jan. 1, 1945	Dollbergen, Germany: oil plant	#215	<i>Li'l Eight Ball</i>
16	Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1945	Koblenz, Germany: marshalling yards	#524	
17	Friday, Jan. 5, 1945	Waxweiler, Germany: communications center	#016	
18	Saturday, Jan. 6, 1945	Worms, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
19	Sunday, Jan. 7, 1945	Paderborn, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
20	Monday, Jan. 8, 1945	Frankfurt, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>

21	Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1945	Karlsruhe, Germany: Marshalling Yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
22	Sunday, Jan. 14, 1945	Magdeburg, Germany: Oil Refinery	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
23	Monday, Jan. 15, 1945	Augsburg, Germany: Aircraft Plant	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
24	Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1945	Dessau, Germany: Oil Plant	#080	
25	Saturday, Jan. 20, 1945	Heilbronn, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
26	Sunday, Jan. 21, 1945	Mannheim, Germany	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
27	Monday, Jan. 29, 1945	Kassel, Germany: aircraft plant, marshalling yards as secondary target	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
28	Thursday, Feb. 1, 1945	Wesel, Germany: rail bridge	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
29	Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1945	Bohlen, Germany: oil refinery	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
30	Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1945	Wesel, Germany: highway bridge	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
31	Friday, Feb. 16, 1945	Wesel, Germany: rail bridge	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
32	Monday, Feb. 20, 1945	Nurnberg, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
33	Sunday, Feb. 25, 1945	Neuberg, German: rail line	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
34	Monday, Feb. 26, 1945	Berlin, Germany: Alexanderplatz railway station	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
35	Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1945	Leipzig, Germany: communication center	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>
	Month of March, 1945	On 30 day furlough. Volunteered for 2nd tour of duty.		
36	Monday, April 16, 1945	Royan Area, France: harbour facilities & coast defense built by the Germans	A/C #783	
37	Saturday, April 21, 1945	Inglostadt, Germany: airfield	A/C #786	
	Week of May 1-6, 1945	Liberty Tours		

## Comment

1st flight - broke in as co-pilot with Lt. J.V. Wessling

2nd flight as co-pilot with Lt. B. Hatfield as pilot and the Minker crew. Crew's first mission

Poor visibility in Rattlesden delayed return. Dropped leaflets

Largest force flown in one operation to date

First clear day since Battle of the Bulge began, Dec. 16. Nine hour

Two crews of 708th lost in mid-air collision over the target  
Blue Hen needed repairs on bomb-bay doors. Two planes crashed on

1st of four missions in a row

*Blue Hen* is back from repairs.

Germans had been pushed out of the bulge

Awakened at 0230 for 4th consecutive mission. Took heavy flak,

Foggy day with freezing rain. Only four of the squadron got over the  
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At 9.5 hrs, longest mission to date. Had to hand crank bomb bay doors  
Deputy squadron leader for 1st time. 67 degrees below centigrade, cabin  
Second day of bitter cold, had to hand crank Max Shepherd out of his  
Flew deputy lead

Flight was 9 hrs 10 min. Poor visibility - almost mid air collision on  
Botched mission - had to feather # 3 engine. Made second bomb run in  
Squadron leader had to abort. As deputy leader I took over.  
Poor visibility. Bomb rack hangup and couldn't get full release. Almost a  
Had to feather # 3 engine. Flew back down low and all alone.  
The last and largest 8th Air Force bombing of Berlin, assisting the  
Finished 35th mission as the youngest first pilot in the 447th: age

Capt. Wm. Walsh and Lt. Minker led the Low group of 4D Wing  
Last mission of the war for the 447th

Tours conducted for ground troops at the end of the war