Newspaper articles reporting on the Eighth Air Force Bombing [Minker used this to secretly indicate to his parents missions he had flown.]

Record 208 Kills by U.S. Fighters Over Germany - Merseburg

Raid Sets Mark: 15th AF Also Out December 1944 Largest force of heavy bombers ever dispatched on a single mission by the Eighth Air Force -- 1,600 Fortresses and Liberators, convoyed by more than 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts. - Giessen

Manned by 16,800 airmen, more than 2,400 heavies and pursuits of the Eighth flew across the Rhine to smash rail center in Western Germany.

Nazi Rails Target for 1,400 Planes - Mannheim

All-Out Bitz on Troop Trains

900 Fortresses Rain Bombs, Incendiaries on Rail Center Nuremberg

Big Day Blow at Reich Again Neuberg

Nazi Tank Plant, Railroads Blasted by 1,150 Heavies Kassel