

List of Missions

No.	Date	Target	Air Craft #	Plane Name	Comment
1	Thursday, Oct. 26, 1944	Hannover, Germany: oil plant	43-38605	<i>Big Ass Bird</i>	1st flight - broke in as co-pilot with Lt. J.V. Wessling
2	Thursday, Nov. 2, 1944	Merseburg, Germany: synthetic oil plant	43-37795	<i>Dixe Marie</i>	2nd flight as co-pilot with Lt. B. Hatfield as pilot and the Minker crew.
3	Thursday, Nov. 9, 1944	Saarbrucken, Germany: transportation targets	42-107215	<i>Li'l Eight ball</i>	Crew's first mission
4	Thursday, Nov. 16, 1944	Duren area, Germany: support to ground troops	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Poor visibility in Rattlesden delayed return. Dropped leaflets
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>	Largest force flown in one operation to date
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>	First clear day since Battle of the Bulge began, Dec. 16. Nine hour
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>	Two crews of 708th lost in mid-air collision over the target
15	Monday, Jan. 1, 1945	Dollbergen, Germany: oil plant	#215	<i>Li'l Eight Ball</i>	Blue Hen needed repairs on bomb-bay doors. Two planes crashed on
16	Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1945	Koblenz, Germany: marshalling yards	#524		
17	Friday, Jan. 5, 1945	Waxweiler, Germany: communications center	#016		1st of four missions in a row
18	Saturday, Jan. 6, 1945	Worms, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	<i>Blue Hen</i> is back from repairs.
19	Sunday, Jan. 7, 1945	Paderborn, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Germans had been pushed out of the bulge
20	Monday, Jan. 8, 1945	Frankfurt, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Awakened at 0230 for 4th consecutive mission. Took heavy flak,
21	Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1945	Karlsruhe, Germany: Marshalling Yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Foggy day with freezing rain. Only four of the squadron got over the
22	Sunday, Jan. 14, 1945	Magdeburg, Germany: Oil Refinery	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	0855 hrs, flak hit navigator lightly on back of the neck. Had to feather # 3
23	Monday, Jan. 15, 1945	Augsburg, Germany: Aircraft Plant	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	0855 hrs, flak hit navigator lightly on back of the neck. Had to feather # 3
24	Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1945	Dessau, Germany: Oil Plant	#080		At 9.5 hrs, longest mission to date. Had to hand crank bomb bay doors
25	Saturday, Jan. 20, 1945	Heilbronn, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Deputy squadron leader for 1st time. 67 degrees below centigrade, cabin
26	Sunday, Jan. 21, 1945	Mannheim, Germany	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Second day of bitter cold, had to hand crank Max Shepherd out of his
27	Monday, Jan. 29, 1945	Kassel, Germany: aircraft plant, marshalling yards as secondary target	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Flew deputy lead
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>	Flight was 9 hrs 10 min. Poor visibility - almost mid air collision on
30	Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1945	Wesel, Germany: highway bridge	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Botched mission - had to feather # 3 engine. Made second bomb run in

31	Friday, Feb. 16, 1945	Wesel, Germany: rail bridge	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Squadron leader had to abort. As deputy leader I took over.
32	Monday, Feb. 20, 1945	Nurnberg, Germany: marshalling yards	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Poor visibility. Bomb rack hangup and couldn't get full release. Almost a
33	Sunday, Feb. 25, 1945	Neuberg, German: rail line	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Had to feather # 3 engine. Flew back down low and all alone.
34	Monday, Feb. 26, 1945	Berlin, Germany: Alexanderplatz railway station	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	The last and largest 8th Air Force bombing of Berlin, assisting the
35	Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1945	Leipzig, Germany: communication center	43-38719	<i>Blue Hen Chick</i>	Finished 35th mission as the youngest first pilot in the 447th: age
	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		Capt. Wm. Walsh and Lt. Minker led the Low group of 4D Wing
37	Saturday, April 21, 1945	Inglostadt, Germany: airfield	A/C #786		Last mission of the war for the 447th
	Week of May 1-6, 1945	Liberty Tours			Tours conducted for ground troops at the end of the war