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DATE	SQ SORTIE NO	TYPE MISSION	OBJECTIVE	FLT TIME	CLAIM	REMARKS	CONFIRMED BY	INIT- IALS	SORTIE CREDITS
JAN. 13	161/308	VR	Heinsberg, Breven- broich, Cologne Ar.	1:00	Unsuccessful	10/10 STCU 3000'	Capt. Gentry	BBJ	1
14	161/317	VR	Roermond, Gladbach, Neuss Area	1:45	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	BBJ	1
16	161/331	VR	Duren, Bruhl, Bonn, Euskirchen Area	1:45	Successful	Wing Man	Lt. Wolf	Law	1
21	161/347	VR	Duren, Bruhl, Bonn, Euskirchen Area	2:00	Successful	Wing Man	Lt. Wolf	Law	2
22	161/363	VR	Roermond, Gladbach Neuss Area.	2:00	Successful	Noted MET and engines.	Capt. Gentry	BBJ	2
24	161/391	VR	Heinsberg, Greven- broich, Cologne Area	1:00	Unsuccessful Had rough eng.	Wing Man	Lt. Wolf	Law	1

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JAN 25	161/407	VR	Heinsberg, Greven- broich, Cologne Area	2:00	Successful	Took photos. Noted RR cars.	Lt. Wolf	<i>Law</i>	1
27	161/417	VR	Duren, Bruhl, Bonn, Euskirchen Area	1:40	Successful	Wing Man.	Capt. Gentry	<i>BBB</i>	1
29	161/432	ARTY/R	Church at Wildenrath	2:10	Successful	Took photos. Hit the church.	Capt. Gentry	<i>BBB</i>	1
FEB 2	161/442	VR	Heinsberg, Greven- broich, Cologne Area.	2:00	Successful	Wing Man	Lt. Parnicky	<i>WP</i>	1
2	161/453	VR	Roermond, Gladbach, Neuss Area.	1:00	Unsuccessful	10/10 STCU base 2000'	Capt. Gentry	<i>BBB</i>	1
3	161/461	VR	Heinsberg, Greven- broich, Cologne Area.	1:50	Successful	Wing Man.	Lt. Wolf	<i>Law</i>	1

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FEB 6	161/467	VR	Monschau, Rhielbach and Sinzig area	1:15	Unsuccessful	10/10 Cu., Base 500', Tops 7000'	Maj. Kapplin	<i>[Signature]</i>	1
10	161/491	VR	Julich, Cologne and Duren area.	2:00	Successful	Wing Man	Lt. Wolf	<i>[Signature]</i>	1
13	161/507	VR	Hitdorf, Thier, Sieburg, Cologne area	1:30	Successful	Noted condition of bridges, M/Ys 50% filled, saw a/c at airfield.	Lt. Parnick	<i>[Signature]</i>	1
14	161/519	VR	Hitdorf, Thier, Sieburg, Cologne area	2:00	Successful	Photos. taken, box- cars in M/Ys, train act. RR cars loaded with tanks, supply dump. BDA on bombing affld. Good report.	Capt. Gentry	<i>[Signature]</i>	1
15	161/591	VR	Hitdorf, Thier, Sieburg Area	2:00	Unsuccessful	10/10 Ground Fog	Lt. Wolf	<i>[Signature]</i>	1

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FEB. 16	161/594	BR	Julich, Cologne, Duren Area	2:00	Successful	Wing Man	Maj. Kapplin	<i>[Signature]</i>	1
21	161/605	VR	Julich, Cologne and Duren area.	1:45	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	<i>BBB</i>	1
22	161/614	VR	Julich, Cologne and Duren area.	1:15	Successful	Train & MET activity RR cars in M/Ys- Possible CP, Flat cars with MET and engine attached. Good Report.	Maj. Kapplin	<i>[Signature]</i>	1
23	161/630	Arty/R	Surveillance mission	2:00	Successful	Many hits on town.	Lt. Wolf	<i>[Signature]</i>	1
23	161/643	Arty/R	Surveillance mission	1:30	Successful	Direct hits on chateau & in the town. Good Mission.	Capt. Gentry	<i>BBB</i>	1
24	161/655	VR	Hilderf, Theif, Sie- berg area.	1:30	Unsuccessful-10/10 STCU base 2000'	Wing Man. tops 3500'	Maj. Kapplin	<i>[Signature]</i>	1

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FEB 25	161/668	Arty/R	Search & adjust mission.	2:15	Successful	photos. taken-one direct on bldg. with gun positions-near misses on 15 to 20 trucks-excellent results-good mis.	Lt. Wolf	<i>Law</i>	1
28	161/683	VR	Grevenbroich, Col- ogne, Wipperfurth Ar	1:30	Successful	Wing Man	Lt. Wolf	<i>Law</i>	1
MAR 1	161/689	VR	Gladbach, Dusseldorf, Soligen area.	2:00	Successful	MET act.-many RR cars & trains in M/Ys	Lt. Wolf	<i>Law</i>	1
8	161/725	VR	Duisberg, Essen Dusseldorf area.	1:15	Unsuccessful	10/10 STCU, base 1500' tops 5000'	Lt. Wolf	<i>Law</i>	1
13	161/737	VR	Hagen, Witten Wuppertal area.	1:45	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	<i>BY</i>	1

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MAR 14	161/743	VR	Hamm, Dortmund Lunen area.	1:50	Successful	Wing Man	Lt. Wolf	Jan	1
15	161/755	VR	Westhoren, Bochum, Brekerfeld area.	2:00	Successful	Took photos-noted mil. train-many RR cars & engs. in W/ys- MET-factories. Good report.	Lt. Wolf	Jan	1
17	161/758	VR	Westhofen, Bochum Area	1:00	Unsuccessful	Heavy layer of haze & smoke. Vis	Capt. Gentry	BY	1
18	161/770	ARTY/R	A/F at Duisberg	1:00	Unsuccessful 10/10 STCU Base 2500'	Wing Man	Lt. Wolf	Jan	1
18	161/782	VR	Duisberg, Essen, Dusseldorf Area	1:30	Unsuccessful 10/10 STCU up to 5000' Heavy haze.	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	BY	1

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DATE	MISSION NO.	TYPE	OBJECTIVE	HIT TIME	CLAIM	REMARKS	CONFIRMED BY	INITIALS	SCORE CREDITS
MAR. 19	161/799	PR	Photos of bomb strikes	1:00	Successful	Took photos of bomb strikes on building. Photos good. Good mission.	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
20	161/816	PR	BDA of Dusseldorf area	1:00	Unsuccessful	Unable to take photos due to faulty radio contact with fighter bombers.	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
21	161/828	PR	Photos of bomb hits	1:15	Successful	Took photos of bomb hits on buildings	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
21	161/836	PR	Photos for BDA	1:15	Successful	Took photos of bomb hits on factory	Lt. Wolf	Law	1
22	161/845	PR	Factory at Hattigen	1:15	Successful	Took photos of bomb hits on factory	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
22	161/854	PRP	BDA photos	1:15	Successful	Took photos of bomb hits	Lt. Wolf	Law	1

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MAR									
23	161/968	VR	Dortmund, Hamm area	1:50	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
24	161/880	VR	Barken, Haltern area	2:30	Successful	Took photos, located 116th Panzer division moving to the front. led fighterbombers to target Excellent mission.	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
25	161/892	Arty/R	Search & adjust in Duisberg area	2:20	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
25	161/905	Arty/R	Registration on bridge at Duisberg	2:15	Successful	Took photos, 4 hits on RR bridge, bridge 5 hits on lock gates Good mission.	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
26	161/916	VR	Borken, Haltern area	2:00	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	B2	1
28	161/928	VR	Borken, Haltern area	2:00	Successful	BDA on M/Ys & MET activity	Capt. Gentry	B2	1

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MAR 30	161/942	VR	Route Recce. Gutersloh Merford, Paderborn	2:00	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry	BH	1

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APR 4	161/962	VR	Dusseldorf, Essen, Duisberg Area	1:00	Successful	RR cars & engines with steam up in M/Ys	Capt. Gentry	BBG	1
5	161/977	VR	Minster, Warendorf	0:45	Unsuccessful	10/10 STCU, 1500'	Capt. Gentry	BBG	1
7	161/990	ARTY/R	Search & adjust in Essen area	2:00	Successful	5 direct hits on roundhouse, 8 near misses on engines Excellent mission	Capt., Gentry	BBG	1
8	161/1007	ARTY/R	Search & adjust in Essen area	2:00	Successful	Artillery declined targets found by pilot. 1 tank, engines in steam, MET activity.	Capt. Gentry	BBG	1
9	161/1022	VR	Hannover, Hilden- shein, Bockenem	2:10	Successful	Ammo dumps, train activity, a/f appeared serviceable	Capt. Gentry	BBG	1

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APR 11	161/1038	VR	Celle	3:15	Successful	Many RR cars, MET activity, 20 a/c on a/f.	Capt. Gentry		1
12	161/1053	VR	Madenburg, Genthin	3:50	Successful	15 tanks dispersed in town, many engines & RR cars, MET activity, 1000 foot troops in town, ammo dump burning. Good report.	Capt. Gentry		1
14	161/1068	VR	Lenzen, Wittstock, Rhinow	3:30	Successful	Wing Man Destroyed (2) W-34s	Capt. Gentry		1 20
17	161/1084	VR	Werben, Rhinow, Neustadt area	2:00	Successful	MET activity, town being shelled, many fire s observed.	Capt. Gentry		1
18	161/1095	VR	Witingen, Wittenberg Neuholdensleben	2:45	Successful	Wing Man	Capt. Gentry		1

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Apr 19	161/1110	VR	Tangermunde, burg & Brandenburg.	3:00	Successful	RR activity, supplies & A/C on A/F.	Capt. Gentry	^{SRg}	1

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