

<i>GROUPS</i>	Target	Assigned Mission	Aborted Unauth.	Bombs on Target (%)	Returns Repairable	Crew Lost	Individual Results
400 th	Fulda	17	2	8.8	11	36	0.0%
800 th	Fulda	16	1	20.0	14	15	46.7%
Wing Total		33	3	14.2	25	51	23.3%

Bombs on Target	14.2 Percent	Fair
B17 Survival Expectation	6.4 Missions	Fair
Crew Survival Expectation	6.3 Missions	Fair
Individual Results	23.3 Percent	Draw

Marginal Luftwaffe Victory

SQUADRONS		Assigned Mission	Aborted Unauth.	Bombs on Target (%)	Returns Repairable	Crew Lost	Individual Result
400th							
Ten Angels	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Shamrock Shelly	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Pete's Pieces	B-17G	Y	Y				
Aluminum Overcast	B-17G	Y	N	60	Y	0	Win
<i>400th Total</i>		4	1	22.5	3	0	66.7%
401st							
Sherry Baby	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	2	Win
Scarecrow	B-17G	Y	N	0	N	10	Loss
Inner Demons	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Tipsy Pete	B-17G	Y	Y				
Sack Time	B-17G	Y	N	0	N	2	Loss
<i>401st Total</i>		5	1	6.0	2	14	-25.0%
402nd							
Marge's Barge	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	2	Draw
Bloody Angel	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Sweet Charlene	B-17G	Y	N	0	N	10	Loss
Reich Raider	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Root'n Toot'n Shoot'n	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Pandora's Boxers	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Suffolk Punch	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Dakota Blizzard	B-17G	Y	N	0	N	10	Loss
<i>402nd Total</i>		8	0	3.8	6	22	-12.5%
Group Total		17	2	8.8	11	36	0.0%

Zone: 8

Target: Fulda

Bombs on Target:	8.8 Percent	Fair
B17 Survival Expectation:	4.0 Missions	Poor
Crew Survival Expectation:	4.5 Missions	Poor
Individual Results:	0.0 Percent	Loss

Decisive Luftwaffe Victory

SQUADRONS		Assigned Mission	Aborted Unauth.	Bombs on Target (%)	Returns Repairable	Crew Lost	Individual Result
403rd							
Susan Tall	B-17G	Y	N	20	N	0	Loss
Sassy Sadie	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	1	Draw
Honest Abe	B-17G	Y	N	20	Y	0	Win
The Duchess	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	1	Win
October Monday	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	3	Draw
<i>403rd Total</i>		5	0	14.0	4	5	20.0%
804th							
Spirit of 1776	B-17G	Y	N	10	Y	2	Draw
Wrath of God	B-17G	Y	N	40	Y	1	Win
Bell of the Brawl	B-17G	Y	N	10	Y	1	Draw
Geordie Lass	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	3	Win
Damn Yankee	B-17G	Y	N	40	Y	0	Win
<i>804th Total</i>		5	0	26.0	5	7	60.0%
805th							
Hard Eight	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Last Call	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Furious Francine	B-17G	Y	Y				
Lucky Duck	B-17G	Y	N	60	Y	1	Win
Miss Match	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	2	Draw
Crushing Avenger	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
<i>805th Total</i>		6	1	20.0	5	3	60.0%
Group Total		16	1	20.0	14	15	46.7%

Zone: 8

Target: Fulda

Bombs on Target	20.0	Percent	Good
B17 Survival Expectation	16.1	Missions	Good
Crew Survival Expectation	10.7	Missions	Fair
Individual Results	46.7	Percent	Win

Marginal 8th AF Victory

Analysis Notes

The analysis is based on the criteria in section 7.0 of the rules, "How to Win."

Victory Conditions

Listed as "Individual Result" on the spreadsheet, a crew records a Win if their bomb run is On Target, and the aircraft is fit for further missions. A Loss is recorded if the aircraft cannot fly further missions. Any other outcome is a Draw.

The standard for the Group is based on considering an individual win as +1, an individual draw as zero, and an individual loss as -1. The Group has a win if the average of these values exceeds half the standard deviation. The Group has a Loss if the crews have more losses than the square root of the number of crews assigned. Any other result is a Draw. For the purpose of calculating an overall result for the group, +1 point is awarded for a win, and -1 point is awarded for a loss. Zero points are awarded for a draw.

Crews and aircraft that do not fly, for whatever reason, do not affect this determination.

Bomb Run Result

The average bomb run percentage ("BOT Pct") for all crews assigned to the mission, including those that do not fly ("Abort Unauth.") is calculated and compared to the chart in section 7.3. For the purpose of calculating an overall mission result for the group, +1.5 points are awarded for an Excellent result, +0.5 for Good, -0.5 for Fair, and -1.5 for Poor.

B-17 and Crew Survival Expectation

A B-17 and a Crew Member loss rate per zone are each calculated. The reciprocal of this rate is the most likely number of zones a B-17 or Crew Member could expect to survive. This is converted to an expected number of missions based on the weighted average target distance of 7.44 zones in the "Queen in Germany" variant. The results are compared to the chart in section 7.3. For both B-17 Survival and Crew Survival, when calculating an overall mission result for the group, +2 points are awarded for an Superb result, +1 for Excellent, zero for Good, -1 for Fair, and -2 points for Poor.

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Overall Group Result

While all these criteria might be measuring the same thing (e.g., if the Luftwaffe does well, there will probably be more individual losses than wins, a low bomb run average, and poor survival expectations), the two survival expectations are probably most closely related. Thus, the points for the two survival expectations are averaged, then added to the sum of points for Individual Results and Bomb Run Results. Totals between -1 and +1 indicate a Draw. The 8th Air Force wins with totals +1 or greater, while the Luftwaffe wins with results -1 or less. Because my youth was spent playing SPI games, victories are Marginal with totals from +/- 1 to +/- 2, Substantive with totals from +/- 2 to +/- 3, and Decisive with totals from +/- 3 or beyond.