

<i>GROUPS</i>	Target	Assigned Mission	Aborted Unauth.	Bombs on Target (%)	Returns Repairable	Crew Lost	Individual Results
400 th	Chemnitz	15	0	17.3	13	25	46.7%
800 th	Chemnitz	14	1	23.9	13	5	84.6%
Wing Total		29	1	20.5	26	30	64.3%

Bombs on Target	20.5 Percent	Good
B17 Survival Expectation	20.7 Missions	Excellent
Crew Survival Expectation	13.8 Missions	Good
Individual Results	64.3 Percent	Win

Substantive 8th AF Victory

SQUADRONS		Assigned Mission	Aborted Unauth.	Bombs on Target (%)	Returns Repairable	Crew Lost	Individual Result
400th							
Ten Angels	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	3	Draw
No Offense	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Big Time Operator	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Aluminum Overcast	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Rigg's Rig	B-17G	Y	N	20	Y	0	Win
<i>400th Total</i>		5	0	16.0	5	3	60.0%
401st							
Sherry Baby II	B-17G	Y	N	0	N	10	Loss
Thumper	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	1	Draw
Sky Avenger	B-17G	Y	N	20	Y	1	Win
Bloody Angel	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Singing Angel	B-17G	Y	N	0	N	10	Loss
<i>401st Total</i>		5	0	4.0	3	22	-20.0%
402nd							
Pony Boy	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Mic Y Fin	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Red Hot Skillet Licker	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Blue Ridge Heaven	B-17G	Y	N	40	Y	0	Win
Sultan's Delight	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
<i>402nd Total</i>		5	0	32.0	5	0	100.0%
Group Total		15	0	17.3	13	25	46.7%

Zone: 11

Target: Chemnitz

Bombs on Target:	17.3 Percent	Good
B17 Survival Expectation:	11.1 Missions	Good
Crew Survival Expectation:	8.9 Missions	Fair
Individual Results:	46.7 Percent	Win

Marginal 8th AF Victory

SQUADRONS		Assigned Mission	Aborted Unauth.	Bombs on Target (%)	Returns Repairable	Crew Lost	Individual Result
403rd							
Green Eyes	B-17G	Y	N	20	Y	1	Win
Sassy Sadie	B-17G	Y	N	20	Y	1	Win
Honest Abe	B-17G	Y	N	20	Y	0	Win
Windy City	B-17G	Y	N	5	Y	2	Draw
October Monday	B-17G	Y	N	60	Y	0	Win
<i>403rd Total</i>		5	0	25.0	5	4	80.0%
804th							
Spirit of 1776	B-17G						
Wrath of God	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	1	Win
Bell of the Brawl	B-17G	Y	N	20	Y	0	Win
Geordie Lass	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Damn Yankee	B-17G	N					
<i>804th Total</i>		3	0	26.7	3	1	100.0%
805th							
Hard Eight	B-17G	Y	N	0	Y	0	Draw
Last Call	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Spirit of Hal	B-17G	Y	Y				
Lucky Duck	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Hammer	B-17G	Y	N	30	Y	0	Win
Crushing Avenger	B-17G	Y	N	40	Y	0	Win
<i>805th Total</i>		6	1	21.7	5	0	80.0%
Group Total		14	1	23.9	13	5	84.6%

Zone: 11

Target: Chemnitz

Bombs on Target	23.9 Percent	Good
B17 Survival Expectation	25.0 Missions	Superb
Crew Survival Expectation	25.0 Missions	Superb
Individual Results	84.6 Percent	Win

Decisive 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 wins. 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.