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By: Captain, Air Corps

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REK: S/Sgt.

Date: 31 Dec 1945

DUTY: Gunner

A.S.N.: 39342695

306th

Date of Missions	Group Mission Numbers	Indiv. Mission Numbers	Geographical Location of Targets	Combat Time	Total Comba Time
Jan. 6		1	KOLN, GERMANY	6:50	
7		2	URSKIRCHEN, GERMANY	7:15	
8		3	SPYER, GERMANY	7:05	
10		4	GUNNICH, GERMANY	7:30	
11		5	MANFRIM, GERMANY	8:30	
13		6	BERLIN, GERMANY	8:25	
16		7	FULDA, GERMANY	8:40	
19		8	WENTERODA, GERMANY	8:35	
20		9	DULMEN, GERMANY	7:20	
20		10	DARTMUND, GERMANY	7:55	
20		11	WURZBURG, GERMANY	7:50	
21		12	NURNBERG, GERMANY	8:55	
22		13	LUDWIGSLUST, GERMANY	9:35	
24		14	HAMBURG, GERMANY	8:40	
27		15	LEIPZIG, GERMANY	8:55	
28		16	WAGEN, GERMANY	8:00	
Mar. 4		17	WIM, GERMANY	7:50	
8		18	CHLSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY	6:55	
11		19	PRESEN, GERMANY	7:20	
12		20	SWINDENDE, GERMANY	10:10	
15		21	ZOSEN, GERMANY	9:00	
17		22	WALDIS, GERMANY	9:10	
22		23	FORSTEN, GERMANY	7:05	
23		24	GOESFELD, GERMANY	6:20	
24		25	HESELE, GERMANY	6:20	
25			RECALL	2:00	
28		26	BERLIN, GERMANY	8:35	
31		27	HALLE, GERMANY	9:00	
Apr. 3		28	KIEL, GERMANY	7:35	
4		29	WASSBERG, GERMANY	8:25	
5		30	WEDEN, GERMANY	10:15	
8		31	FAIRBERSTADT, GERMANY	8:50	
10		32	ORANIENBURG, GERMANY	8:50	
15		33	ROYAN, FRANCE	7:25	
17		34	DRESDEN, GERMANY	9:05	
18		35	ROSENHEIM, GERMANY	9:25	289:35

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COMBAT DIARY
S/Sgt. Anthony J. Conroy
306th BOMB GROUP
368th BOMB SQUADRON
THURLEIGH, ENGLAND
JAN.4, 1945 - APRIL 18, 1945

#5

- # 1 Jan. 6 Cologne, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
Ship # 814
- 6 Hours / 50 Minutes
- Moderate flak
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- # 2 Jan. 7 Urskirchen, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
(Bonn)
- 7 Hours / 15 Minutes
- Moderate flak
-
- # 3 Jan. 8 Speyer, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
(Landau)
- 7 Hours / 5 Minutes
- Moderate flak
-
- # 4 Jan. 10 Gymnich, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
(Cologne)
Ship # 148
- 7 Hours / 30 Minutes
- Very heavy and accurate flak.
- Navigator and bombardier passed out
- Badly hit by flak.
- Came home alone.
- Ears frostbitten.
- Grounded.
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- # 5 Feb. 1 Mannheim, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
-8 Hours / 30 Minutes
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- # 6 Feb. 3 Berlin, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
Ship # 802
- 8 Hours / 25 Minutes
- Very heavy and accurate flak.
- Badly hit by flak.
- #3 engine out before target.
- #4 engine hit by flak. Out.
- #2 engine hit by flak.
- Came home alone.

7 Feb. 6[✓] Fulda, Germany
(Dresden)
Ship # 802
Railroad Marshalling Yards
- 8 Hours / 40 Minutes
- 38 Below
- Went alone to Dutch coast.
- Caught flak on coast.
- Slight flak over target.
- Good turret.
- Camera didn't work.
- Ran low on gas.
- Landed at RAF field on coast.
- Stayed overnight.

8 Feb. 9[✓] Menteroda, Germany
(Mersberg)
Ship # 148
Oil Refineries
- 8 Hours / 35 Minutes
- 44 Below
- Heavy flak.
- Ball turret hit.
- Jacket and gloves went out.
- Slight case of anoxia.
- Waist gunner passed out.

9 Feb 10[✓] Dulmen, Germany
Ship # 802
- 7 Hours - 20 Minutes
- 42 below.
- Heavy flak.
- Made two bomb runs.
- Ran low on gas.
- Came home alone.
- Fair turret.
- Jammed turret when unstowing it.
- No electric system in right waist.
- Nose slightly frostbitten.
- Waist gunner passed out.

10 Feb. 16[✓] Dortmund, Germany
Ship # 802
Oil Refineries
- 7 Hours / 55 Minutes
- Heavy flak.
- Good turret.

11 Feb. 20 Nurnberg, Germany
Ship # 802
Railroad Marshalling Yards
- 7 Hours / 50 Minutes
- 40 Below.
- Heavy flak.

12 Feb. 21 Nurnburg, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
 Ship # 802
 - 8 Hours / 55 Minutes
 - 38 below.
 - Light flak

13 Feb. 22 Ludwislust. Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
 Ship # 928
 - 9 Hours / 35 Minutes
 - 38 below.
 - Bomb run at 12,000'.
 - Two bomb runs.
 - No flak.
 - Watched fighter escort strafing.
 - Big turret.

14 Feb. 24 Hamburg, Germany Oil Refineries
 Ship # 802
 - 8 Hours / 40 Minutes
 - 38 below.

15 Feb. 27 Leipsig, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
 Ship# 802
 - 8 Hours / 55 minutes
 - 38 below.
 - Slight flak.

16 Feb. 28 Hagen, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
 Ship # 802
 - 8 Hours
 - 33 below
 - Slight Flak

17 Mar. 4 Ulm, Germany Ordinance Factory
 Ship # 802
 - 7 Hours / 50 Minutes
 - 33 below.
 - No flak.

18 Mar. 7 Gelsenkirchen, Germany Oil
 Ship # 802
 - 6 Hours / 55 Minutes
 - Heavy but inaccurate flak.
 - 10/10 visablity.

19 Mar. 11 Bremen, Germany Submarine Pens
Ship # 802
- 7 Hours / 20 Minutes
- 35 below.
- Light but inaccurate flak.
- 10/10
- Good mission.

20 Mar. 12 Swindemunde, Germany Warships
Ship # 802
- 10 Hours / 10 minutes.
- 34 below.
- Light inaccurate flak.
- 10/10

21 Mar. 15 Zossen ,Germany German High Headquarters
Ship # 802
- 9 Hours
- Flak all the way in and out.
- None on target
- Visual

22 Mar. 17 Moblis, Germany Power Plant
Ship # 802
- 9 Hours / 10 Minutes
- 45 below.
- Heavy but inaccurate flak.
- Ran out of gas.
- Landed at field on coast.
- Landed downwind with no flaps.

23 Mar. ²²23 Dorsten, Germany (Feldhousen)
Ship # 570
- 7 Hours / 5 Minutes
- Flew as waist gunner.
- 36 below.
- Light but accurate flak.
- Deputy lead.

24 Mar. 23 Coesfeld, Germany Airfield
Ship # 814
- 6 Hours / 20 Minutes
- 37 below.
- Visual
- Light and inaccurate flak.

25 Mar. 24 Hesepe, Germany Airfield
Ship # 802
- 6 Hours / 20 Minutes
- Very little flak.
- Visual

26 Mar. 28 ✓ Berlin, Germany Factories
Ship # 203
- 8 Hours / 35 Minutes
- 36 below.
- Flew as waist gunner.
- 10/10
- Deputy lead.
- Ron Fran (?)
- Moderate flak.
- Bad engine - come home alone.

27 Mar. 31 Halle, Germany
Ship # 575
- 9 Hours
- 40 below.
- 9/10
- 2 bomb runs.
- Squadron came home alone.

28 Apr. 3 Kiel, Germany Harbor Installations
Ship # 802
- 7 Hours / 35 Minutes
- 42 below.
- Deputy Lead
- 9/10
- Light inaccurate flak.

29 Apr. 4 Fassberg, Germany
Ship # 387
- 8 Hours / 25 Minutes
- Deputy Lead
- 12,000 feet.
- 2 bomb runs.
- Didn't drop bombs.
- Slight flak.
- 7/10

30 Apr. 5 Weiden, Germany (Grafenwohr)
Ship # 802
- 10 hours / 15 Minutes
- Visual
- Deputy Lead
- 15,000 feet
- No flak.
- Came back

31 Apr. 8 Halberstadt, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
(Grafenwohr)
Ship # 802
- 8 Hours / 50 Minutes
- Deputy Lead.
- 28 below.
- Visual.
- Excellent bombing.

32 Apr. 10 Oranienburg, Germany Airfield
Ship # 802
- 8 Hours / 50 Minutes
- Deputy Lead
- 34 below
- Watched B17 go down.
- Watched 2 B17s collide and crash.
4 chutes out.
- Watched P-47s strafing German
aircraft on ground.
- Long hard mission.

33 Apr. 15 Royan, France Gun Emplacements
Ship # 916
- 7 Hours / 25 Minutes
- Deputy Lead
- Could see Paris in distance on way i
- 12 below.
- Visual
- 1 burst flak.
- 2 bomb runs.

34 Apr. 17 Dresden, Germany Railroad Marshalling Yards
- 9 Hours / 5 minutes
- Visual
- Very heavy accurate flak.
- Watched 2 B17's go down.
SAW COUSIN JIM BROOKHOUSE

35 Apr. 18 Rosenheim, Germany - 9 Hours / 25 Minutes
Last mission - 25 below.
Ship # 575 - Visual
- Light but accurate flak.

SUMMARY

Total combat time : 289 hours 35 minutes

Average mission: 8 hours 13 minutes

Longest mission: # 30 Weiden - 10 hours 15 minutes.

Shortest mission: #25 Hesse = 6 hours 20 minutes

Deputy Lead: 8 missions

Best mission: #32 Royan, France

Worst mission: # 4 Cologne - ~~Feb. 4~~ JAN. 10
6 Berlin - Feb. 6

Grounded 21 days.

11 missions scrubbed.

2 times D.R.

1 group recall - 2 hour flight.

20 missions in ship # 802

isc=306 mtgs)

A. J. Conroy Missions

Red = A. J. Missions



	<u>306th Missions</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	Jan 6	Cologne	Rail Yards	6h-50m
2.	Jan 7	Erskirchen	Rail Yards	7h-15m
3.	Jan 8	Speyer	Rail Yards	7h-5m
4.	Jan 10	Cologne	Rail Yards	7h-30m
	Jan 14	A.J. Grounded		
	Jan 15	A.J. Grounded		
	Jan 17	A.J. Grounded		
	Jan 20	A.J. Grounded		
	Jan 21	A.J. Grounded		
	Jan 28	A.J. Grounded		
	Jan 29	A.J. Grounded		
5.	Feb 1	Mannheim	Rail Yards	8h-30m
6.	Feb 3	Berlin	Rail Yards	8h-25m
	Feb 5			
7.	Feb 6	Fulda /Dresden	Rail Yards	8h-40m
8.	Feb 9	Lutzkerdorf	Oil Refinery	8h-35m
9.	Feb 10	Dulmen	???	7h-20m
	Feb 14			
10.	Feb 16	Dortmund	Oil Refinery	7h-55m
	Feb 19			
11.	Feb 20	Nurnberg	Rail Yards	7h-50m
12.	Feb 21	Nurnberg	Rail Yards	8h-5m
13.	Feb 22	Ludwislust +	Rail Yards	9h35m
	Feb 23			
14.	Feb 24	Hamburg	Oil Refinery	8h-40m
	Feb 26			
15.	Feb 27	Leipzig	Rail Yards	8h-55m
16.	Feb 28	Hagen	Rail Yards	8h
- MORE -				
	Mar 1			
	Mar 2			
17.	Mar 4	Ulm	Ordinance Factory	7h-50m
	Mar 7			
18.	Mar 8	Gelsenkirchen	Oil	6h-55m
	Mar 10			
19.	Mar 11	Bremen	Sub. Pens	7h-20m
20.	Mar 12	Swinemunde	Battleships	10h-10m
	Mar 14			
21.	Mar 15	Zossen +	German 'Pentagon'	9h
22.	Mar 17	Moblis	Power Plant	9h-10m

	Mar 18			
	Mar 19			
	Mar 21			
23.	Mar 22	Dorsten	???	7h-5m
24.	Mar 23	Coesfeld	Rail Yards	6h-20m
25.	Mar 24	Hespe	Air Field	6h-20m
	Mar 25	Recall		
26.	Mar 28	Berlin	Factories	8h-35m
	Mar 30			
27.	Mar 31	Halle	???	9h
28.	Apr 3	Kiel	Harbor Installations	7h-35m
29.	Apr 4	Fassberg	???	8h-25m
30.	Apr 5	Weiden +	???	10h-15m
	Apr 6			
	Apr 7			
31.	Apr 8	Strassfurt	Rail Yards	8h-50m
32.	Apr 10	Oranienburg	Air Field	8h-50m
	Apr 11	(In London)		
	Apr 13	(In London)		
	Apr 14	(In London)		
33.	Apr 15	Royan, France	Gun Emplacements	7h-25m
	Apr 16			
34.	Apr 17	Dresden	Rail Yards	9h-5m
35.	Apr 18	Rosenheim	Rail Yards	9h-25m
	Apr 19			

Average Length >> 8h-13m

Mission
Scrubbed
Prior to Takeoff
11 Times

TARGETS
16 Rail Marshalling Yards
5 Unkown
4 Oil Refineries
2 Air Fields
1 Submarine Pens
1 Ordinance Factory
1 Power Plant
1 Factory
1 Battleships
1 Harbor Installations
1 Gun Emplacements
1 German "Pentagon"

WORLD WAR II STATIONS

(306mtg)

#7

A. J. Conroy > Dec. 1943 - Oct. 1945

		<u>States</u>
1.	Fort Lewis Army Base, Tacoma, WA (Induction) (Private)	Washington
# 2.	<i>Amarillo Air Field, Texas</i> (Basic Training)	Texas
		Utah
3.	Salt Lake City Air Field, Utah (Reclassification)	Louisiana
		Arizona
		Florida
# 4.	<i>Alexandria Air Field, Louisiana</i> (Flight Line)	Georgia
		New Jersey
# 5.	<i>Kingman Air Field, Arizona</i> (Gunnery Training)	California
6.	Yucca Air Field, Arizona (Gunnery Training)	Mississippi
		Utah
		(PFC)
7.	Plant Park Air Station- Tampa , Fla. (Replacement Depot)	
		<u>COUNTRIES</u>
# 8.	<i>Avon Park Air Field, Florida</i> (Aircrew Training)	Scotland
		(Corporal)
		England
9.	Hunter Air Field, Savanna, Geogia (Transit)	
10.	Camp Kilmer Army Base, New Brunswick, New Jersey (Port of Embarkation) ^ ^	
11.	New York to Glasgow , Scotland (Queen Elisabeth)	
12.	Stone Armory Air Station, England (Transit)	
# 13.	<i>Thurleigh Air Field, England</i> (306 Bomb Group)	
		(Sgt) - (Staff Sgt)
14.	Stone Armory Air Station, England (Transit)	
15.	Liverpool,England to New York (British Convoy)	
16.	Camp Kilmer Army Base, New Brunswick, New Jersey (Port of Demarkation) ^ ^	
17.	Fort Lewis Army Base, Tacoma, WA (Transit)	
18.	Santa Ana Air Station, California (Reclassification)	
19.	Biloxi Air Field, Mississippi (Transit)	
20.	Gowen Air Field, Boise, Idaho (Separation)	
#	Permanent Assignment	