

MISSION 647 • 25 SEPTEMBER 1944 • KOBLENZ

Flak Report.

MISSION
647

DATE
25 Sep 1944

TARGET
Koblenz

DOCUMENT
1 pages • Flak

WHAT THIS DOCUMENT IS

Flak is anti-aircraft fire — from the German Fliegerabwehrkanone. After the mission, group intelligence wrote to the Division flak officer: where the formation was shot at, whether the fire was meager, moderate, or intense, and whether it looked aimed or barrage.

Families often inherit a story about getting shot up over the target. This is the group putting that story on official paper, in the language they used with Division.

A report of no fire directed at this formation is still a report. It is how we know the day was quiet for this group even when Division saw bursts on another wing.

HOW TO READ IT

- 01 **Meager, moderate, intense.** Those three words are the scale. Aimed vs barrage is the pattern.
- 02 **This formation only.** Do not copy 2nd Bomb Division flak onto the 93rd if this sheet says none.
- 03 **Place and time.** Where they were shot at matters more than a single adjective.
- 04 **Crew sheets can disagree.** A meagre burst on one interrogation may not make the group letter.

THIS REPORT

None directed at this formation (group flak report and almost every interrogation).

Whitman 535-O: meagre rocket at the target, 11:57, 23,200 ft, inaccurate. McCullough 505-E: meagre barrage, inaccurate, 12:04, just crossing the Rhine at 50°10'N 07°30'E, 22,200 ft.



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HEADQUARTERS
NINETY THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
AAF 104 APO 558

D/HJR/hdk

25 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Flak Report for Mission 25 September 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 2nd Bombardment Division, AAF 147, APO 558.
Attn: Major King.

1. Target Coblenz. Negative. No flak was directed at this formation.

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