

MISSION 647 • 25 SEPTEMBER 1944 • KOBLENZ

# Telephone Flash Report.

| MISSION | DATE        | TARGET  | DOCUMENT                         |
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WHAT THIS DOCUMENT IS

Within hours of landing, an officer telephoned higher headquarters and read a numbered list: how many aircraft were airborne, how many attacked, what they bombed and how (visual or radar), whether they met enemy fighters, losses.

A clerk typed what was said. The result is abrupt, numbered, and sometimes slightly at odds with the polished letter that followed.

It is the first official snapshot of the day — what Division heard while the facts were still being counted.

HOW TO READ IT

- 01 **Read it as a flash.** Numbered lines, not a story. Airborne, attacking, method, e/a, losses.
- 02 **Times are approximate.** TOT here may disagree with the bombing table by half a minute.
- 03 **Missing is not final.** A ship called missing on this sheet may be on the ground in Belgium.
- 04 **Compare the letter.** The group narrative was written after this call.

THIS REPORT

First flash to Division: 35 airborne, 35 attacking, TOT about 11:59:30, method PFF. Losses still being counted. Numbered and abrupt. Compare it with the signed group letter; a ship called missing here may already be on the ground in Belgium.



Scan for the full mission record

Crew loading lists, aircraft, losses and sources for Mission 647, at [hardwickskies.com](http://hardwickskies.com).  
[hardwickskies.com/mission/mission-647-1944-09-25](http://hardwickskies.com/mission/mission-647-1944-09-25)

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25 September 1944

FROM: HARDWICK D S  
TO : 20TH COMBAT WING A-2  
TO : INFORMATION COPIES TO BUNGA Y, SEETHING AND HALESWORTH S-2.

93 BG, MISSION TELEPHONE REPORT, COBLENZ, 25 SEPTEMBER 1944

1. 93 BG, Captain Hamilton
2. 35
3. 35
4. 35 Coblenz Mosel M/Y, P.F.F.
5. Nil
6. One - e.
7. 1200 hrs.
8. 23,000
9. 144 M17's; 256 G.P's
10. b. One frost bite  
c. 10
11. Nil
12. Nil

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