

Referring to my log book, I'll list some of our targets; Stettin, Dormstadt, Konigsberg, Le Havre, Boulogne, Bermerhaven, Rheydt, Munster, Dartmund, Ems Canal, Karlsruhe, Bremen, Kaiserslautern, Wilhelmshaven, Flushing, Brunswick, Bergen, Homburg, Harburg, Dusseldorf, Mitterland canal, Munich, Heilbrown, Geissen. I would consider them all pretty "hot targets" but we were a pretty hot crew. I wasn't 21 yet, and I was the oldest one in our crew. We were fearless and, I think that is what got us through.

One experience will stick in my mind even though I wasn't involved. I witnessed two pathfinder mosquitoes collide over Lincoln while I was "on the town". I never seen fireworks to equal that. One plane just exploded, the other spiraling down in the middle of "it" minus one wing. Those things happened but certainly not advertised.

Well, that pretty well concluded my ops. I completed 31 operational trips. I was awarded my little gold operational wings that I cherish. I was put in charge of a bombing range (I was a warrant officer and had to be put in charge of something) until transportation home became available.

Adrian, our Skipper, was awarded the DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) probably because I called "dummy run" a few times and he had the guts to take me around again so we got the bombs on the target.

Flying was in my blood, now. Ask me about any of these experiences or any of my civilian experiences that I encountered over the following 68 years; believe me there were a few!

