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November 19, 1944

We hit Vienna, Austria. It was pretty rough, but we made it okay.

November 20, 1944

We hit a target of opportunity – Zelin, Czechoslovakia. Did a good job.

December 6, 1944

We had bad luck and got off late. We failed to catch our formation and returned bombs to base. Received credit.

December 17, 1944

We hit Vienna, Austria again. We had pretty good luck.

December 18, 1944

We went to Blechhammer. Got shot up, but made it back okay.

December 20, 1944

We were briefed for Brux, but we had to hit Pilsen, Czechoslovakia instead.

December 22, 1944

We hit Graz, Austria. It wasn't too bad, but we did get hit a few times. Two boys in the plane flying on our wing were killed.

December 24, 1944

We went to Vienna, Austria again. Everything went okay with us, but one of the other crews got it.

December 26, 1944

We went to Osweicim, Poland. I never saw anything like that much flak before in all my flying. We got hit several times, but nobody was hurt. Some of the other crews had some wounded, but no one was killed.

December 27, 1944

We hit Odertal M/Y. It was rough, but it wasn't as bad as yesterday's target. Lots of flak, but no one hurt that I know of.

December 31, 1944

We went to Moosbierbaum. It was plenty rough.