

Lt Pete Ebersole arrived at Rattlesden on December 22, 1944 as copilot of the Coleman crew (709th). Below is Ebersole's flying log; first a day-by-day account of his time in the service, followed by comments on his hours of flying time.

Photos and details provided by Mr. Pete Ebersole and Mr. Keith Hardie

DATE	MEMORANDA
5/10/43	Qualified for Aviation Cadet Training (Atlanta, Ga.)
6/16/43	Sworn in U.S. Army (Fort McPherson-Ga.)
7/1/43	Basic Training (Keesler Field - Miss.)
8/3/43	Colledge Training Detachment (W.R.U. - Cleveland, Ohio)
10/1/43	Began Flying (C.T.D. - Cleveland, Ohio)
11/8/43	Classification Center (SAACC - San Antonio, Texas)
11/18/43	Classified Pilot (SAACC - San Antonio, Texas)
12/7/43	Pre Flight School (AAF.P.S. - San Antonio, Texas)
2/8/44	Primary Flying School (AAFFTD - Pine Bluff, Ark)
3/7/44	First Solo After 9 hrs. 13 Min. ^(Dual) (AAFFTD - Pine Bluff)
3/11/44	Checked Out of Traffic (AAFFTD - Pine Bluff)
4/16/44	Basic Flying School (IAAF Independence Kansas)

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4-29-44	Soloed BT-14 (6 hrs. Dual) (IAAF Independence Kansas)
5-17-44	First Formation Flying (" " ")
6-4-44	Began Night Flying (" ")
6-29-44	Advanced Flying School (Twin Engin) (Frederick Okla.)
8-6-44	Upper Class "Advanced" (FAAF Fredrick Okla.)
s) 8-19-44	Passed 50-3 (Instrument Check) (FAAF Fredrick Okla.)
9-8-44	Graduated "Pilot" AAF 2 nd Lt. (FAAF Fredrick Okla.)
9-9-44	Home on Leave (Wow!) Orders to Report
x) _____	to Deco Texas (instructor) After 16 Days Leave
9-20-44	Change of orders (Report Tampa Fla.) 3 AFRTD
_____	Classified C-P on E-17 (No Transition)
9-27-44	Arrived Tampa Fla.

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10-10-44	Rush orders! Repair Iron Park pla. To Replace C-P on B-17 Crew. Arrived Same Day
10-14-44	Started Flying with Crew.
11-10-44	Finished Flying At Iron Park, (Destination Unknown)
11-20-44	Arrived Hunter Field ^{Picked Up New B-17} ... ^{Issue} & Processing (Savannah Ga)
12-3-44	Landed Dan Field "POE" Bangor Maine (Startages) ^{1st Leg of} Over Sea movement.
12-11-44	Arrived Gander Field weathered in for 4 days ^{TA-2} Took off For England (Gander Newfoundland)
12-16-44	Landed At Valley Wales After 2100 Miles over Water & in weather Half the way (Valley Wales)
12-17-44	Flew from Valley to Burton Wood England To Leave Plane For Modifications (Burton Wood England)
12-18-44	Rode To Stone England For Replacement To Permanent Base
12-22-44	Left Stone England & Scow Market England ^{447TH Bomb Gr. 709 Sq. 8TH Air Force}
1-29-45	⁵⁰ Mission: Came Back Alone. Hit Flack At Coast Out 12-500 GP. LBU

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2-1-45	2 ND Mission: Hit Secondary Target Crefeld Marshalling Yards SBU 6-1000-GP 10% Undercast - Light Inc. Flack (Rhine Valley) p80.
2-6-45	3 RD Mission: Air Field & Marshalling Yards At Leipzig Hit Flack At Bad Coast in - IP to RP Over Lines - Fighters Over Target - Low angles weather
2-14-45	4 TH Mission: Request Target By Ground Troops - Bridge over Rhine By Wesel 61000 PR1 All Bombs Hit inside 1000 Ft @ On Target - Flack At Target GP
2-16-45	5 TH Mission: Marshalling Yards At Rheine Heavy Accurate Flack At Target SBU Got 7 Holes in Ship Turret Gunner Hit On Flack Helmet Directed To Crail
2-19-45	6 TH Mission: Road Bridge At Wesel - Couldn't see it - Didn't Hit it PBU No Flack or Fighters - Air Medal
2-23-45	7 TH Mission: Hit Marshalling Yards And Completely Destroyed Yards & Town PA1 Bombed At 10,000 Ft. No Flack or Fighters
2-25-45	8 TH Mission: Bombed Underground Oil Dumps. Lost Engin At IP Couldn't Finally Vibrated Loose Prop & Nose Sect. Fell Off on Land. Feather
2-26-45	9 TH Mission: Bombed Center of Berlin Light Flack Inaccurate. No Fighters Met. Thank Germany Has Had It. PBU
3-1-45	10 TH Mission: Marshalling Yards Bombs in Left Back Hung Up, Had to PR2 Pric them out. Otherwise An Easy Mission
3-3-45	11 TH Mission: Armament Factory At Brounschweig Lead Ship PA6 Dropped Late. Sqdn Missed Target. Moderate Flack At Target.
3-11-45	12 TH Mission: 0.1 Target At Hamburg Heavy Inc. Flack Lost one PA6 Plane Over Target Saw Jets on way Home 51's Chased Them
3-15-45	13 TH Mission: Rail way Checkpoint At Berlin No 3 Very Acc Flack Lost 5 PA5 Ships in our Gc. 4 Parachutes Seen. 2 Blew Up. Got Hit on Foot with Flack. Berlin Has Recoverated.

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3-17-45	14 TH Mission:	Ruhrland - Synthetic Oil Plant Bad weather Hit the way Heavy Flack For 20 Min - Off course	PBU
3-18-45	15 TH Mission:	Berlin. Marshalling Yards 10/10 Until 1P, Then Visual BOMBED RAIL FIELD IN W GERMANY - Had To Keep Fighters From	PAS
3-24-45	16 TH Mission:	Battering Patton's Crossing Rhine Each Gr. Hit Diff. one From Rail Rd. Yards At Hanover 10/10 overcast - 2000-30,000	SBU
3-28-45	17 TH Mission:	From England To France Formed over Cant. Oxy Syn. Shot out at 10000 Oil at Hamburg Bombs Wouldn't Release Saw wood From Capt	PBU
3-30-45	18 TH Mission:	Intense Tracking Flack Jets made passes At Formation Bröndersburg Marshalling Yards 2ight incc Flack	PBU
3-31-45	19 TH Mission:	Jets in Area But No Attacks Sub pens At Keil Bombed PFF Very Heavy Flack	SBU
4-3-45	20 TH Mission:	Naval Guns Mostly - Jerry Must Be Trying To Use All His Ammo Schwann - Marshalling Yards Only saw 2 Dories of	SBU
4-7-45	21 ST Mission:	Flack One Hit Us Bandits in Area Saw 3-4 Me 109's R. Günde in S. France They Seem To Be Doubtful of Where	PAS
4-14-45	22 ND Mission:	Lines in Germany Area. No Flack - New Fizz Formation 38-100 Frag Cl. Bombed Rooyan At Mouth of Bay Leading to Bordeaux.	PAS
4-15-45	23 RD Mission:	French Are Cleaning Area Of 10000 Germans - 6-100 Frag Bombs BOMBED TANK BARRIERS AT ROYON. French Troops Moved in 10 Min	PAS
4-16-45	24 TH Mission:	After Bombs Army French Fleet Were Shelling Area 12-100 Frag Bombs Marshalling Yards At Dresden S. Light Flack. at R.R.	PAS
4-19-45	25 TH Mission:	Hit By Jets No 262 ND Lost one Plane As Jets Came Through Our Formation.	PAS

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4-20-45	26 TH Mission:	Marshalling Yards At Neuruppin No Flack - Fighters in Area A Sqdn. Almost Hit Us on Bomb Run. Hit Target 10-100 2-2	PAS
4-21-45	27 TH Mission:	Center of Town - Iqolstadt - Heavy Weather All The Way. Flew Three A Squall line No Flack or Fighters Hellard Mission 38-100 Frag Cl.	SBU
4-29-45	Promoted To 1 ST Lt AC.		
5-8-45	Germany Surrenders		
5-13-45	Orders To go home Delayed! Probably go With Gr.		
7-22-45	Arrived Chorley England "Going Home"		
8-23-45	Arrived Southampton To Leave on Empire M'Key: SNAFU Again, Lend lease Stopped, M'Key No Longer Used For Troops. Waiting At C-18 For Another Ship?		
8-15-45	Japan Accepts Allied Surrender Terms War Is Over!!		
9-5-45	Sailed from Southampton On Queen Mary Bound For N.Y.		
9-10-45	Landed Docked N.Y. Harbor - Sent to Camp Kilmer N.Y.		
9-12-45	Camp Gordon Augusta Ga. Processing.		
9-13-45	Back Home Again!		

BREAKDOWN OF TRIP TIME INTO CLASSIFICATIONS							REMARKS					
Instrument	Altitude	Day	Night	CP	OD							
44	30	13	00	20	48	30	153	20	3	45		
			6	25			6	25	2	14	Mission #4: Request Target By Ground	6-1000 GP
		0	45	6	00		6	00	2	16	Mission #5: Marshaling Yards Hit Flack	6-1000 GP
0	25	0	30	1	15		1	15			At Target Diverted To Creil	GP
		0	15	5	30		5	30	2	19	Weather Had Good Time Stayed 3 days	
		1	15	6	55		6	55	2	23	Mission #6: Bridge At Wesel Milk Run	6-1000 GP
			0	50							Mission #7: Low Alt Mission Bombed 10,000	
		1	30	8	00		8	00	2	25	Tried For Another Mission Engine wcht	
			9	00			9	00	2	26	Bombd Oil Dumps Lost Engin AT	
			7	50			7	50	3	1	IF Dropped Bombs & Came Back Along	
			7	15			7	15	3	3	Center of Berlin Was MPI	
		1	30	2	30		4	00			Mission #9: No Flack or Fighters or Trouble	
											Mission #10: Marshaling Yards Lower Bomb	
											Hung up Wadged in & others Prised out	
											Mission #11: It. Moderate Flack At Target	
											Practice Mission	
44	55	18	45	78	05	48	30					
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44	55	18	45	78	05	48	30		3	45		
		0	15	6	45		6	30	3	11	Mission #12: Oil Target At Hamburg	
			7	15			7	15	3	15	Heavy Incr Flack Jets Seen	
			8	25			8	25	3	17	Railway Choke Point At Berlin	
			7	10			7	10	3	18	Mission #13: Mod Very Rec: Flack - lost 5 ships	
			4	50			4	50	3	24	Mission #14: Flack For 20 Min Bad Weather	
			3	45			3	45			Oil Factory At Heavy	
		1	30	7	15		5	45	3	28	Mission #15: Tail Gunner Hit in Leg & Arm	
			7	10			7	10	3	30	Big B Again. Heavy Flack Rec.	
			30	7	35		7	05	3	31	Mission #16: Air Field - Patton's Army Crossed	
			30	7	00		6	30	4	3	Mission #17: Rhine - Object Keep Fighters Down	
			2	10			2	10			Wing Recall	
											Mission #18: Rail Road Yards At Hanover	
											Bad Weather Mod Flack	
											Mission #19: Oil Target At Hamburg Rock Halls	
											Dropped Late Intense Trunk Flack - Fighters	
											Mission #20: Marshaling Yards At Brandenburg	
											Light Incr Flack Jets Seen	
											Mission #20: Harbor Installations At Kiel	
											Very Heavy Flack (Naval Guns)	
											Aborted - Prop Shaft Broke	
44	55	21	30	149	25	48	30					
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Instrument	Inst	Alt	Day	Night	Dual	CP	Solo	00	00	
44	55	21	30	14	25	48	30		3 45	
			4 00		4 00					Slow Time
			7 45		7 45	4	7			Mission #21: Marshalling Yards Light Fleet Bandits in Area.
			1 40		1 40					Tested Bomb Racks.
			7 40		7 40	4	14			Mission #22 Little Hard up For A Target Banned B. Girards in France 32-1006
			6 45		6 45	4	15			This Mission #22 Were To Help French Troops Clear out Bordeaux Area
			7 10		7 10	4	16			Mission #24 Bordeaux Area Again French Fleet were Shelling Army Road To A
			8 45		8 45	4	17			Mission #25 Choke point in Marshalling Yards Fleet + Fighters
			7 20		7 20	4	20			Mission #26 Marshalling Yards No Fleet Fighters in Area. 10-0000
		6 00	9 35		9 35	4	21			Mission #27 Center of town Tie up Transp. Heavy Weather All The Way
			2 15		2 15					Camera Gunnery Mission
				1 55	55	1	00			Nite Landings
44	55	27	30	20	25	51	25		4 45	

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44	55	27	30	20	25	51	25		4 45	
			1 30	30	2 10				2 10	Practice Instruments.
			2 45	30	3 25			40	2 45	Radio Compass Proc. Basic Instr.
			1 45	45		2 30			1 45	50-3 Instr. Check Nite Transition
					3 00				3 00	Celestial x country
					2 55				2 55	" "
					35				35	Test Hop.
			2 00	50	3 20			50	2 30	Slow Time (Buzzed Cloudy)
					50				50	
			30		1 30	10			30	Nite Transition
			2 00		4 00	4 00				Nite Celestial
					30	1 05	1 35			
55	20	30	05		66	25			21 45	

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