

## The Soldier's Prayer.

Dear God, watch over her for me,  
That she may safely guarded be,  
Help her each lonely hour to bear  
As I would, Lord, if I were there.

When she is sleeping, watch her then,  
That she will make her dreams offend,  
Be ever near her through the day,  
Let none but goodness come her way.

Sweet, faithful girl, that waits for me,  
Beyond a wide and spacious sea,  
Be merciful, Oh God, I pray,  
Take care of her while I'm away.

To the Sweetest Person in the  
world from her everloving  
Daddy, Jim.

## Bomb Missions

#1. Podgorica, Yugoslavia  
May 5, 1944 3hr 10min  
10 G.P. Bombs 85% hits 3:30

#2. Craiova, Rumania  
May 6, 1944 6hr 10min  
8 G.P. Bombs 45% hits 6:15

#3 Parma, Italy  
May 13, 1944 6 hours 20min  
8 G.P. Bombs 75% hits 6:20

#4 Piombino, Italy  
May 17, 1944 5hr 30min  
8 G.P. Bombs 60% hits 5:30

#5 Forli, Italy  
May 19, 1944 4 hours 50min  
10 G.P. Bombs 95% hits 5 hrs

#6 Valmontone, Italy no flight time credited  
May 23, 1944 4 hr. 30 min.  
10 G.P. Bombs - None dropped.

#7 Livorno, France  
May 25, 1944 8 hrs 25min  
8 G.P. Bombs 85% hits 8:45

#8 Nîmes, France

May 27, 1944 8 hr 30 min

8 GP Bombs 7570 hits 8:40

#9 and 10 Vienna, Liesing,  
Keiner Neustadt, Austria.

May 29, 1944 6 hours <sup>40</sup> min

8 GP Bombs Intense, accurate <sup>7 hrs</sup>

Flak. ME 110 shot down <sup>long</sup> <sup>high</sup> <sup>white</sup>

#11 Ferrara, Italy

June 5, 1944 5 hr 10 min

40 GP <sup>100 lb</sup> Bombs 5:05

#12 Leghorn, Italy

June 7, 1944 6 hrs 20 min

16 GP-250s 6:35

#13 & 14 Munich, Germany

June 9, 1944 7 hrs 05 min 6:50

5-1000 HC GP. 30 & 40 ME 109 & FW 190s

#15 Trieste & Faenza, Italy

June 10, 1944 6 hrs 25 min <sup>6 hrs</sup>

10-500 # GP. BOMBED BOTH TARGETS

#16 + 17 Munich, Germany

June 13, 1944 7 hrs. 10 min 6:50

40-100 Incendiary Bombs. Good hits

#18 + 19 Jiviu, Rumania

June 23, 1944 7 hr 30 min

40-100 Incendiary Bombs. 7:25

#20 Sete, France

June 25, 1944 8 hrs 35 min 9:55

8-500 GP bombs Good hits sunk ship.

#21 + 22 Vienna, Austria

June 26, 1944 7 hr. 25 min.

14-300 Demo bombs Good hits. 7:35

Toughest mission yet. Plane badly  
shot up. Had my Mamma's birthday.

#23 Timisoara, Rumania

July 3, 1944 5 hrs 45 min 5:55

40 GP bombs best hits yet

#24 Venice, Italy

July 6, 1944 5 hr 40 min 5:30

10 GP bombs. pretty good hits

in submarine pens.

#25+26 Vienna, Austria 7 hrs  
July 8, 1944 6 hr 55 min.  
10 H.P. Bombs. Good hits, intense fld, 50-ME 109

#27 Venice, Italy  
July 14, 1944 5 hr 55 min  
10 3 in. Bombs MF. A2F. N.G. 6 hrs

#28+29 Vienna Austria 6:15  
July 16, 1944 6 hr 20 min  
5-1000 P. G.P. 40 ME 109, BEAT FLAK BUT LOW.

#30+31 Friedrichshafen, Germany  
July 20, 1944 <sup>20 min</sup> 7:20  
5-1000 P.G.P. 7 engines out and radio out.  
5 fuel cells + 2 gals. out.

#32 Ploesti, Rumania 7:05  
July 28 1944 7 hr 30 min  
10-500 LB G.P. SEEN SMOKE RISE 17,000 FT

#33 Genoa, Italy 6:15  
Aug. 2, 1944 6 hr 25 min  
10-500 LB G.P. LOT OF SMOKE + FIRE

#34 Budapest, Hungary 6 hrs  
Aug 9, 1944 6 hrs. 10 min  
10-500<sup>th</sup> G.P. GOOD HITS FIELD CAMOUFLAGED

#35 Sets, France

8:30

Aug 13, 1944 (<sup>over</sup> Day) 8 hr 25 min  
10-500\* G.P. Mc Bride credited with 10570 hits

#36 + 37. Vienna, Austria 7 hrs

Aug 23, 1944 6 hrs 50 min  
Flew lead ship with Col. 10-500\* G.P.

#38 + 39 Prostějov, Czechoslovakia

Aug. 25, 1944 7 hr 30 min. 8:05

10-500\* G.P. NO FLAK. FLEW OVER 5 COUNTRIES

#40 + 41 <sup>Moravia</sup> Olomouc, <sup>Czechoslovakia</sup> ~~Prague~~

Aug 29, 1944 7 hrs 20 min 7:10

10-500\* G.P. SOME FLAK FLEW OVER POLAND

#42 <sup>Bronzola</sup> Brennero, Italy (Brenner Pass)

Sept 4, 1944 6 hr 30 min

10-500\* G.P. GOOD HITS NO FLAK. 6:30

#43 + 44 Vienna, Austria No Record

Sept 10, 1944 6 hr 55 min

10-500\* FORCED DOWN ON VIS, PLSD.

#45 <sup>HATVAN</sup> ~~HATVAN~~, HUNGARY 7:30

Sept, 20, 1944 7 hours.

10 G.P. 300\* BOMBED AT 12300 FT  
FIRST MISSION WITH STAGE CREW

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Casarsa

# 46 Udine Area Italy <sup>11:30</sup>

Sept 23, 1944 5 hrs 55 min

2-2000<sup>#</sup> Block Buster Bombed at 13,700 ft.  
RDX

# 47 & 48 Ersekaujvar, Hungary

Oct 7, 1944 7 hrs 20 <sup>11:40</sup>

10-500<sup>#</sup> RDX No Flak Bombed at 17,500 ft.

# 49 Perdenone Italy <sup>5:30</sup>

Oct. 10, 1944 5 hrs 20 min

10-500<sup>#</sup> RDX FLAK IN YUGO NO BOMBS DROPPED.

# 50 Bologna Italy

Oct 12, 1944 6 hrs <sup>6:30</sup>

20-100<sup>#</sup> Dives Some Flak. No Fighters.

Two miles from our lines.

Azincito!

243 COMBAT HOURS

Should be 11 more hours = 254