

**For those of you who are following Steve Dixon's 3rd *Target For Tonight!* Campaign game...** The date for this mission is the night of 5/6 June 1944 and No. 104 Squadron is heading for Aufevre, France. Here is "R for Roger's" mission AAR. Hope you enjoy!

No. 104 Squadron (KX) Bomber Command - "R for Roger"

5/6 June '44

Mission 12/ TGT - Aufevre, France, Zone 6. (Communications/Radar)

Formation - First 1/3.

Moon Phase: Full Moon

**Crew:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Position</b>
Malcolm Fraser	Warrant Officer	Flight Engineer (Wnd)
Gerry Hansen (Lt Wnd-rec) - 1 Fw-190A5)	Flight SGT	Bomb Aimer (MB - Well Done Mission #2)
Jacob Morton Do-217N2, 1-Me-110 F4, 1-Ju-88C6)	Sergeant	Rear Gunner (1-Ju88c6, 2- ME-110 G4, 1-
Alfie "Binky" Williams	Pilot Officer	Navigator
Theodore "Teddy" Fernsby	Flying Officer	Pilot
Jeremiah "Jerry" MacKenzie Fw-190A5, 1-Me-110F-4, 1-Ju-88G7, 1-Ju-88G7)	Sergeant	Mid-Upper Gunner (2-Ju88c6, 2-Do-217, 1-
Oscar Addington	Flight SGT	Wireless Operator/Gunner (2nd Wnd) (Do-217J1)
Sidney Cartwright	Warrant Officer	Senior Erk

**"Day of Days... The Mission to Aufevre..."**

Mission Synopsis:

The Group Commander had said it was the "Day of Days"... A time all of history would remember as the Allies landed on the European Continent to defeat Germany...

R for Roger's pilot, Teddy Fernsby looked around the night sky. The full moon illuminated the channel and as far as the eye could see Allied ships were leaving port and moving toward the French coastline for the D-Day landings... Over a million men and all of their equipment was on the move toward Europe... or so it seemed... A weather front was moving into the channel leaving a small window of time for the Allies to invade. "Stormy" our weather briefer said there would be a window of clear weather coming along that would allow reinforcements if the six invasion beaches in Normandy could be taken and held. No. 104 Squadron had an important role to play. It was vital that communications and Radar be taken down before the invasion began. No. 104 Squadron would be the lead Squadron bombing a vital communications and Radar station at Aufevre France behind Omaha Beach in the American Sector...

"Stormy" had been right... Southern England and the Channel had had a storm blowing thru with cloud cover ranging from 50 to 100% in some areas... Teddy had decided upon a low altitude approach ... "Stormy had said that from the German perspective this storm was going to last for

awhile and it appeared that many of their units were not on high alert... There was no recall issued as we left England to cross the channel... Teddy didn't think they would recall the Invasion once it really started...

"Roger" made it across the channel without any Night Fighter contacts ... A desultory AA Gun position fired upon "Roger" as the big bomber crossed the coastline near Cherbourg but there was no damage ... Teddy was thinking that "Jerry" was only interested in trying to stay warm and dry.

Navigation was spot on and "Roger" got lined up on the bomb run... The "window" that F/SGT Addington was throwing out the chute must have been really effective ... There were no night fighter contacts on the run in and AA fire was light with only a couple of superficial hits... F/SGT Gerry Hansen, "Roger's" Bomb Aimer put the bombs right On Target... with 93% of the bombs hitting in the target zone!

A solo night fighter made one pass at "Roger" as the bomber crossed over the coast line going "Feet Wet"... The NF was driven off with heavy fire from Roger's gunners... the attack knocked out the oxygen system to the Navigator and Wireless Operators station...

Roger returned for a safe landing. Senior Erk WO Cartwright advised "Roger" will be ready for the next mission.

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93% of the bombs dropped were On Target.  
No Casualties  
No Night Fighters Claimed

Photos:  
"R for Roger"  
The "Aufevre" Mission Map