

Target for Tonight
“The Phantom of the Ruhr” - Lancaster Mk 1

Multiplayer Campaign 3 Mission 20 Total Campaign Missions 60
1944 Mission 40

Castrop, Germany - night of September 10th, morning of September 11th, 1944

The Phantom of the Ruhr's 3rd Combat Mission.

Crescent Moon – weather on takeoff 'good'.

The Phantom is crewed by:

Pilot	Rueben Woodyear	P/O
Wireless	Harvey Rumble	F/SGT
Tail Gunner	Peter Wilson	SGT
Navigator	Owen Hanks	WO
Mid-Upper	Harry Goodyear	F/SGT
Bomb Aimer	Archie Smothers	WO
Engineer	Fred Ray	WO

The targets for tonight are the synthetic oil factories which litter the city of Castrop, Germany. We are to area bomb the whole city and set the oil refineries to hell. This we will do willingly as this synthetic oil helps keep the Reich's panzers on the move.

The Phantom of the Ruhr is the 7th bomber in the mid bomber stream inhabited by the 104th. Take off is by the book at by 8 pm on September 10th, we join the bomber stream and slowly raise to our combat altitude of 24,000 feet.

As we fly towards the sea, our starboard engine #4 experiences an engine fire which is soon extinguished. None the less, our speed is lowered significantly, and we can't keep up with the bomber stream. We are left with no choice but to abort and head back to base. Reluctantly, we return to base and the landing is textbook.

The crew relaxes and awaits the next mission.