

Target for Tonight  
“The 'ell Cat” - Lancaster Mk 1

Multiplayer Campaign 3 Mission 8 Total Campaign Mission 48 1944 Mission 28  
Berneval, France - night of May 1st and morning of May 2nd, 1944  
The 'Ell Cat's 11<sup>h</sup> Combat Mission.

Crescent Moon – weather on take off - 'good'.

We celebrate May Day by dishing out some retribution against the German communications/radar hub at Berneval, France near the beaches where the ill-fated Dieppe raid occurred. The 'ell Cat's mostly Canadian crew is relishing the payback we are to dish out tonight. These Wurzburg radar installations are critical to German interception of our bombing raids. We must knock these out.

The 104<sup>th</sup> will be in the middle bomber stream and The 'ell Cat is aircraft number 8 in that stream. We take off in good weather and our bombers fade into the night.

As we make our navigational adjustment to the Southeast near Colechester, we begin dumping Window as we fly over the Channel at 16,000 feet.

Evans takes his bomb aimer position after dumping Window as we approach the Normandy beaches. In the distance we see green flares marking the position of the radar/communications hub. The target is partially obscured owing to ground haze. In the distance are searchlights and flak bursts but none come close. The “ack ack boys” don't seem to be at the top of their game tonight. “Bomb doors open,” reports Evans. “Bombs dropped.” 50% of our bombs drop on the installations. There are massive secondary explosions as the bombs from over 30 heavy bombers paste the area.

We turn to our return course. The rest of the trip back to base is uneventful. We have survived 11 combat missions. Hopefully, this war will be over soon.