

**Rainer Hoymann**

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**Von:** "Rainer Hoymann" <rainer-hoymann@t-online.de>  
**An:** "Ismael Cant" <llanesrural@gmail.com>  
**Gesendet:** Mittwoch, 3. September 2008 18:30  
**Betreff:** Re: photo Kleve 1944

Dear Ismael,

I have integrated the photo in my web content. You can find it here:  
[http://www.heimat-kleve.de/impressionen\\_II/zerstoerung/zerstoerung.htm](http://www.heimat-kleve.de/impressionen_II/zerstoerung/zerstoerung.htm)  
 If you are able to send the photo in a better pixel, I will change it.

Kleve was often bombed. Most only with low damage. More than 80 % were destroyed on 7. Okt. 1944 at 13:40 h. 335 english aircrafts throw more 1728 tons dynamite on the town. A second big bombing happend on 7th february 1945 (285 aircrafts, 1384 tons). It could be that the photo was made to document the effect of the second big bombing.

Regards.

Rainer Hoymann  
 Kleve - Germany

Message -----

**From:** [Ismael Cant](#)  
**To:** [Rainer Hoymann](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 02, 2008 11:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: photo Kleve 1944

Dear Rainer, of course you can use the photograph as you like, thanks for the google map photo really is hard to see the old photo, the city is like a cheese.

About your question about the dated, is interesting, first of all I must say that I´m a old helmets collector "Germans principally" and in a journey last summer 2007 to England, I went to see the Stonehenge very known place there, well I rent a room there for my and my wife in a "Bed and Breakfast" and the woman owner that place speaking with me known that I used to collect that things and she said she had some stuffs from the wwii era because in the zone was an base american&canadian for that time well she give me two bags from canadian airborne with much thing and one of them was a bag for plans and there was this photographs, in the other side of the photographs there is an ink from "INTELLIGENCE R.A.F Station, Spilsby from 24/february/1945 Kleve and 26/february/45 Goch well, I think the man that wrote 1944 make an error and the correct was 1945 is what I think but would be good if you could say to me the exact dates Kleve was bombarded.

With the photos came and North Sea map marked from U.K to Wesel and another map from Operation Varsity 24/march/1945 (Zone Wesel).

This is all the History and about the rest of the thing founded in the bags was a very impressive collection of items helmet, scabbards, Knife, Uniforms well much things (probably in the future I sell all this in ebay) only I´m interested in the Helmet.

Well Rainer if I can I send you the photo in better pixels for show better in the computer.

Regards.

Ismael Cantero  
 Asturias - Spain

2008/9/2 Rainer Hoymann <[rainer-hoymann@t-online.de](mailto:rainer-hoymann@t-online.de)>

Dear Mr. Cant,

thanks a lot for the foto. For me it is a new one. I will use it in my internet - presentation, if you allow.

It needs a little bit time to recognize this town is my hometown. But there is no doubt. I made a screenshot from the same area today. It is the attachment "kleve\_2006".

Still some questions remain:

on the foto is written "14 **FEB** 44". Kleve was bombed in autumn 1944 and spring 1945. What does this mean?

On which way did you get this picture?

Are there some more?

Once again: thanks a lot!

Yours sincerely

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Ismael Cant](mailto:Ismael Cant)

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**Sent:** Monday, September 01, 2008 9:26 PM

**Subject:** photo Kleve 1944

I have this aerial photograph original from 1944 Kleve city and thought you like to have an scan of that.

Regards from Spain.