The other missions were either support missions or missions that were carried out on smaller targets such as bridges, communication depots, troop concentrations and so on.

On a mission to Friedrichshafen (to knock out the ball bearing factory), the airplane was hit by heavy flak and Lt. Porter was struck in the head and knocked unconscious. His co-pilot had flown only five hours in a B24 before this mission. When Lt. Porter came to, he was in a redout and could not see anything. With good first aid treatment by the navigator, sight was restored in his right eye. He took the controls and brought the plane back into formation, while the crew was shooting down two German fighters. With help of the co-pilot, radioman, and navigator, Lt. Porter was able to land the airplane back at the base before he was taken to the hospital to have the flak removed from the area around his left eye. Porter was told by his night surgeon that there would be a small piece of flak in the bone by his left eye forever.

After the mission to Friedericshafen, Lt. Porter was given a 10 day rest and recuperation time at the Isle of Capri. When he reported back for duty, he was made one of the very few ever to be selected as a combat instructor and flew crews on their 1st combat missions. On his 50th mission, he flew with Lt. Grose from Michigan. After having half of the tail shot off, he flew the plane back to the homebase. At the 484th Bomb Group Reunion in October, 1990, at the 826th Bomb Squadron meeting, Lt Grose introduced himself and said, "I am here today because of Porter. After we were hit I wanted to bail the crew out and leave the airplane; but Porter said, sit still, the farther we fly the less we walk."

Lt. Porter flew 50 missions from the 30th of April 1944, until the 6th day of September, 1944. During that time he was awarded the Bronze Battle Star for participation in the Southern France Campaign, the Unit Citation for the 484th Bomb Group, the European Theater Ribbon with 4 stars, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.