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FORM V-12
2d Bombardment Division

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 315

DATE OF OPERATION 31 May 1944

C O M M A N D I N G O F F I C E R	A I R C R A F T G R O U P	N O. O F A I R C R A F T	N O. O F B O M B S	N O. O F D I V E R S	N O. O F B O M B S C A R R Y I N G	N O. O F B O M B S N O T C A R R Y I N G	T A R G E T S B O M B E D		B O M B S O N T A R G E T S (N U M B E R & W E I G H T)			A I R C R A F T L O S T				C A S U A L T I E S									
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T A G E S T S 1 T H R U 5	96th	458	5	4	4	1	4	PT	Targets 1 thru 5	20x1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		280	5	4	4	1	4	PT	Targets 1 thru 5	20x1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

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 FROM 458BOMB GROUP 753RD BOMB SQDN.
 TO 2BD A-3 ATT: DIVISION NAVGATOR
 INFO 96TH COMBAT WING

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 LEAD NAVIGATORS TELETYPE REPORT.

96TH COMBAT WING 458TH BOMB GROUP (H) 753D BOMB SQ (H)
 MISSION OF MAY 31 1944 OBJECTIVES 1. MELUN 2. MELUN 3. VERBERIE
 4. PRACY 5. BEAUMONT SUROISE

A. 1. TIME OF SQUADRON ASSEMBLY 0900 AS BRIEFED
 2. ASSEMBLY DIFFICULTIES NONE

B. ENGLISH COAST OUT: TIME 0957
 CO-ORDINATES 50 DEG 43'N OODEG 47'W
 ALTITUDE 16,000'

C. DEVIATIONS FROM COAST TO I.P. 10 MILES NORTH JUST PRIOR TO I.P.

D. TIME AND ALTITUDE AT SQUADRON I.P. 1121 18,000

E. BOMBING INFORMATION:

	TARGET	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
1. IAS		160	160	160	160	160	160
2. ALTITUDE		18,000	17,900	18,000	18,000	17,900	17,800
3. TIME		1125	1133	1154	1207	1215	1218
4. MI		100 DEG	310 DEG	310 DEG	290 DEG	180DEG	330DEG
5. ACTUAL TARGET		MELUN	MELUN	VERBERIE	PRACY	BEAUMONT	SUROISE

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
6. NO, A/C ATTACKING	4	0	1	1	4	3

F. TIME AND LOCATION OF SQUADRON RALLY 1223 48DEG 51'N 01DEG 53'E

G. DEVIATIONS IN ROUTE FROM S.I.P. 10 MILES SOUTH ON WITHDRAWAL

H. ENEMY COAST OUT. TIME /: 1254
 CO-ORDINATES: 49 DEG 48' N OODEG 28' E
 ALTITUDE 17,900

I. ENGLISH COAST IN: TIME: 1317
 COORDINATES: 50 DEG 49' N OODEG 21 ' W
 ALTITUDE 7,000

J. TIME OVER BASE: 1405

MK. UNBRIEFED MANEUVERS WITH TIMES, REASONS, AND POSITON: TARGET 6 WAS
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 UNBRIEFED BUT BECOME OPPORTUNE DUE TO CLOUD COVER. PARRALLELED
 COURSE OUT TO ESCAPE FLAK.

L. NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT FAILURES: NONE

M. COMMENTS NONE

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AZON MISSION #1
753rd Bombardment Squadron

Mission of 31 May 1944

Formation at DepartureTOOMAN

J4 : 431 B

Shaw
J4 : 285 HLensing
J4 : 277 PDeNeffe
J4 : 288 SLarned
J4 : 281 Q

Take Off Order	Ship	Runway 05 Disp
1	431 B	37
2	277 P	38
3	285 H	41
4	288 S	40
5	281 Q	43

* Each Ship carrying a K-22 Camera

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AZON MISSION #1
753rd Bombardment Squadron

Mission of 31 May 1944

Formation leaving CoastTOOMAN

J4 : 431 B

Shaw

J4 : 285 H

Lansing

J4 : 277 P

DeNeffe

J4 : 288 S

Larned

J4 : 281 Q

Take Off

<u>Order</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Runway 05</u> Disp
1	431 B	37
2	277 P	38
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* Each ship carrying a K-22 Camera.

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AZON MISSION #1
753rd Bombardment Squadron

Mission of 31 May 1944

Formation over TargetTOOMAN
J4 : 431 BDeNeffe Laasing
J4 : 288 S J4 : 277 PLarned
J4 : 281 Q

Take Off Order	Runway 05	
	Ship	Disp
1	431 B	37
2	277 P	28
3	285 H	41
4	288 S	40
5	281 Q	43

* Each ship carrying a K-22 Camera.

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HEADQUARTERS
458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

2 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Not Attacking, Mission of 31 May 1944 (753 Sq Azon).

TO: Commanding General, 2d Bombardment Division.
Attention: Statistical Control.

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

- A. A/C Taking Off 5
- B. A/C Attacking. 4
- C. A /C Not Attacking 1
- D. Reasons Why A/C Did Not Attack:

44-40285 Not pathfinder. Dispatched. No sortie. Returned bombs.
Pilot could not find formation in clouds. Further investigation being made.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH B. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Group Statistical officer

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458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

Date	Target	Pilot	458th Msn	Pilot Msn	Cmd Pilot	Ld	Serial	Last 3	RCL	Sqdn	A/C Msn	A/C Name	Comments
31-May-44	5 BRIDGES	DeNEFFE	AZ01	25			44-40288	288	S	J4	1	BAD GIRL	AZON MISSION FROM 753 RECS
31-May-44	5 BRIDGES	LANSING	AZ01	1			44-40277	277	P	J4	1	MISS USED	
31-May-44	5 BRIDGES	LARNED	AZ01	1			44-40281	281	Q	J4	1	A DOG'S LIFE	
31-May-44	5 BRIDGES	SHAW, C	AZ01	ABT			44-40285	285	H	J4	--	TABLE STUFF	ABORT - COULD NOT FIND FORMATION
31-May-44	5 BRIDGES	TOOMAN	AZ01	16	O'NEILL	L	42-100431	431	B	J4	21	BOMB-AH-DEAR	