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APO 558

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TARGET

Noyenneville, Bonnières,
Watten, Mimoyecques, Wizernes,
Siracourt

DATE

27 April 1944

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 : 2d Bomb Division :
 : Initials *RCB* :
 : Date *25 May 1944* :
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 25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 27 April 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634.

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 27 April 1944.
- b. Primary Target - Moyenneville, Bonnieres, Watten, Mimoyecques, Wizernes, Siracourt.
- c. Secondary Target - None
- d. Last Resort Target - None
- e. Units Participating - 14th CEW (392nd, 44th BG)
 96th CEW (458th, 466th, 467th BG)
 20th CEW (446th, 448th, 93rd BG)
 2nd CEW (389th, 453rd, 445th BG)

2. Narrative.

a. 203 aircraft were dispatched from four Combat Wings to attack military installations at Moyenneville, Bonnieres, Siracourt, Wizernes, Watten and Mimoyecques. Seven Groups of P-47's gave excellent fighter support.

b. Assemblies were without incident and the Division departed the English coast as planned. Routes were flown generally as briefed.

c. Targets were difficult to find due to thick haze and partial overcast. In some cases this made bombing runs so short that results were poor; however, Moyenneville, Wizernes, Siracourt, Bonnieres, Hidrequent and Watten were bombed with fair to excellent results.

d. Moderate but accurate flak was encountered enroute, and in the target areas, accounting for one loss. No enemy fighters were seen.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
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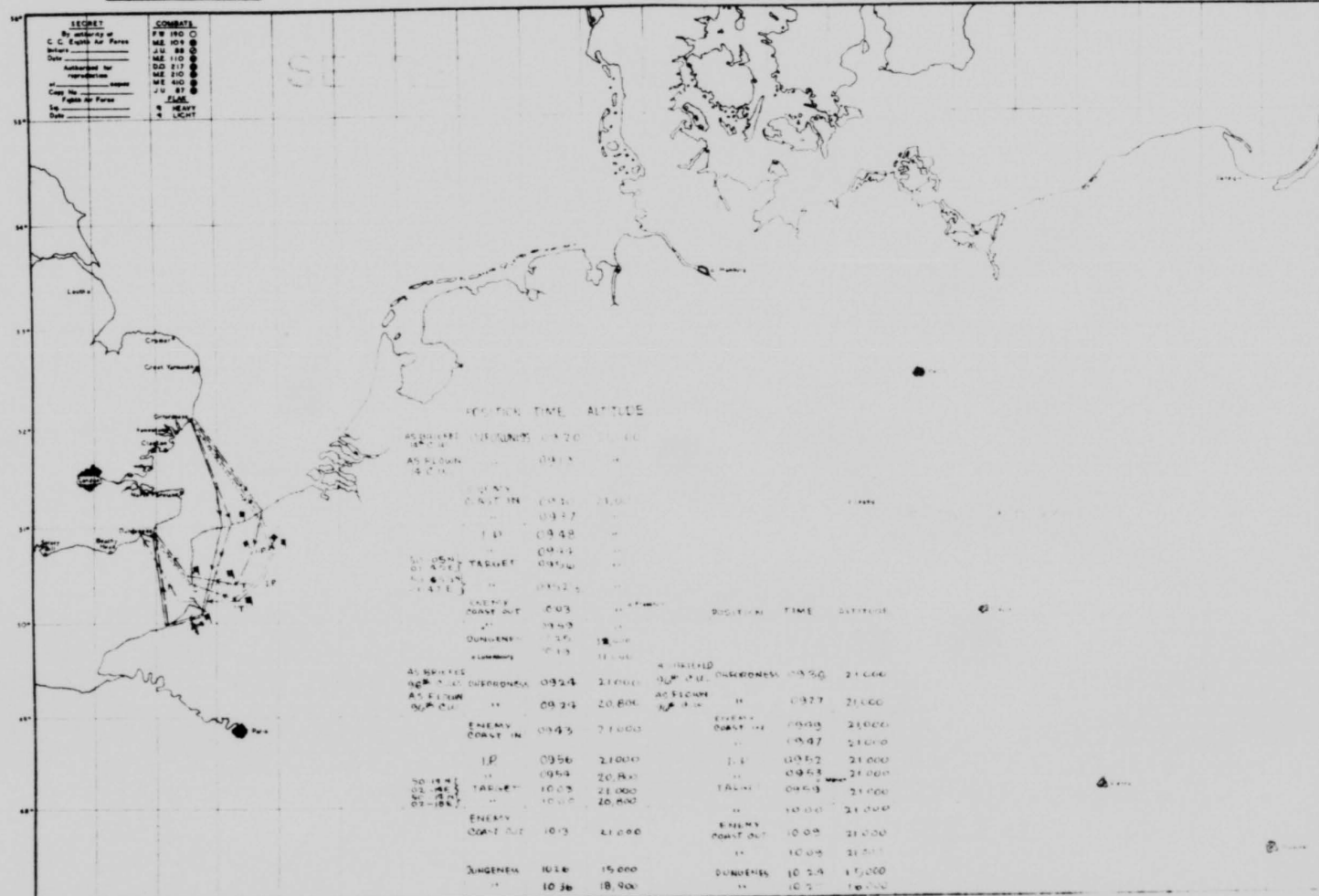
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TARGETS
 PRIMARY MOYENNEVILLE 14th CW
 DONNIEGES 96th CW-458 AG
 SIRACOURT 96th CW-1. OPS.

TRACK CHART

DATE April 27, 1944.

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY BRIEFED 14th CW
 14th CW
 BRIEFED 96th CW (458)
 96th CW (458)
 BRIEFED 96th CW (2 GP)
 96th CW (2 GP)



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SECRETTACTICAL BOMBING MISSION REPORT - 27 April 1944.

GROUP	DIR. OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO-PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLEC.	RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOMBED
					<u>MOYENNVILLE</u>				
392	182°	45 sec.	21,000'	0952½	X		1	1	8
44	195°	2 min.	21,000'	0955	X		1	1	19
					<u>BONNIERES</u>				
458	253°	1 min.	21,000'	1003		X	1	1	8
					<u>SIRACOURT</u>				
466	216°	18 sec.	21,000'	1000	X		1	1	11/1 A/C of 458th
467	300°	1 min.	21,000'	1008	X		2	2	20
					<u>WIZERNES</u>				
446	230°	80 sec.	21,000'	0958½	X		2	2	16
448	235°	2 min.	21,000'	1002		X	2	2	19
					<u>WATTON</u>				
93	176°	1½ min.	21,000'	1014	X		1	1	5
389	170°	3 min.	21,000'	0955	X		2	2	16
					<u>MARQUIS/HIDREQUENT</u>				
453	175°	15 sec.	21,000'	1002	X		1	1	9
					<u>MIMOYECQUES</u>				
453	188°	1 min.	21,000'	1001	X		1	1	9
445	160°	2 min.	21,000'	1002	X		2	2	18
					<u>CRAMONT A/C</u>				
458	241°	1½ min.	22,000'	1004		X	1	1	8

1. The assigned primary targets for this mission were Moyennville, Bonnieres, Siracourt, Wizernes, Watton, and Mimoyecques.
2. Moyennville was attacked by a group and one squadron. Bonnieres was attacked by one squadron, the second squadron encountered prop wash and poor visibility and attacked Cramont A/C. One group and a squadron attacked Siracourt. Wizernes was attacked by two groups. One group and one squadron attacked Watton. One group and a squadron attacked Mimoyecques. Marquis/Hidrequent was attacked by one squadron which failed to identify its target in time to bomb.
3. Three Squadrons failed to bomb due to not identifying their targets. One A/C failed to bomb due to mechanical failure between select lever and racks. One A/C jettisoned its bombs before the target due to battle damage. A lead A/C bombs did not release electrically and had to be salvaged late. One Squadron did not pick up its target and was lost.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. (1) The 392nd Group encountered moderate and accurate predictor control fire at Target No. 61. The 44th Group encountered an accurate predicted concentration at this target which was put up just after bombs were released and which shot down one A/C at 21000 ft.
- (2) The leading Squadron of the 389th Group encountered meager to moderate and very accurate predictor control fire at Target No. 1, but the second Squadron which were following closely behind encountered only inaccurate fire. The 93rd Group encountered meager but very accurate predictor control fire at this target.
- (3) The 453rd Group encountered meager to moderate predictor control fire at Target No. 5, but the 445th Group which were following closely behind encountered only inaccurate fire.
- (4) The 446th Group encountered an inaccurate predicted concentration at Target No. 9, and the 448th Group encountered moderate to intense but inaccurate predictor control fire at this target.
- (5) The 458th Group encountered moderate and fairly accurate predictor control fire at Target No. 85.
- (6) Both the 466th and 467th Groups encountered meager to moderate but accurate predictor control fire at Target No. 7.
- (7) Meager to moderate but generally accurate predictor control fire was encountered on route at Etaples, Hazebrouck, Dunkirk, Boulogne, Calais and Armentieres. The AA at Armentieres may possibly have come from Lille.
- b. Anti-Aircraft Officer's Comment.
- (1) This operation again showed the value of formations following each other as closely as possible during the bombing run.
- (2) "Chaff" appears to have been ineffective.

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5. Communications.

- a. Satisfactory results were indicated on all channels. GEE was subject to less interference and jamming than usual. RCM "Window" was scheduled for discharge in target area for periods up to 30 minutes for some units.

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FORM V-11		NOBAIL					27 April		1944	
UNIT		2BD	389	445	453	44	392	93	446	448
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKEN DOWN	210	19	18	18	20	18	18	18	20
	NO. A/C DISAPPEARED	203	18	18	18	20	18	15	16	20
	NO. A/C NOT RECOVERED	169	18	18	18	19	8	5	16	19
	NO. A/C NOT RECOVERED	41	1	-	-	1	10	13	2	1
	NO. A/C NOT RECOVERED	202	18	18	18	20	18	15	16	20
B O M B S	NO. A/C	152	18	18	9	19	8	5	16	19
	NO. & TYPE	753x1000GP 84x2000GP 432x500GP	64x2000GP 9x1000GP	144x1000GP	72x1000GP	228x500GP	96x500GP	20x2000GP	128x1000GP	152x1000GP
	TORRENT	568.5	68.5	72.0	36.0	57.0	24.0	20.0	64.0	76.0
	TORRENT	-	-	-	TO-Marquise	-	-	-	-	-
	NO. OF A/C	17	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
	NO. & TYPE	72x1000GP 96x500GP	-	-	72x1000GP	-	-	-	-	-
	TORRENT	60.0	-	-	36.0	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL TORRENT	628.5	68.5	72.0	72.0	57.0	24.0	20.0	64.0	76.0
	A/C LOST TO FLAK	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	A/C LOST TO FLAK - B/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R E S U L T S	A/C LOST TO FLAK - B/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CASUALTIES - KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING, CAPTURED, etc.	4-0-0-10	-	-	-	0-0-0-10	-	4-0-0-0	-	-
	CASUALTIES - B/A DESTROYED, PROB., D.M., NO CLAR.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	SWT A-C-R-E	20-8-0-0	0-4-0-0	1-0-0-0	-	1-2-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-2-0-0	2-0-0-0	-

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UNIT		455	466	467
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	20	21	20
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	19	21	20
	NO. A/C ATTENDING	17	11	20
	NO. A/C NOT ATTENDING	3	10	-
	NO. A/C SORTIES	18	21	20
BOOMERS	NO. A/C	9	11	20
	NO. & TYPE	108x500GP	88x1000GP	160x1000GP
	TORNADE	27.0	44.0	80.0
	TARGET	TC-Conteville	-	-
	NO. OF A/C	8	-	-
BATTLE	NO. & TYPE	96x500GP	-	-
	TORNADE	24.0	-	-
	TOTAL TORNADE ALL TARGETS	51.0	44.0	80.0
	A/C LOST TO FLAK	-	-	-
	A/C LOST TO E/A	-	-	-
RESULTS	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A	-	-	-
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-	-
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN	-	-	-
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED, MISSING, CAPTURED, L.	-	-	-
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM	-	-	-
A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	-	7-0-0-0	7-0-0-0
	CAT-A-C-B-R	-	-	-

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453TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Office of the Group Operations Officer

AMF 123

AP0 558

29 April 1944

**SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 27 April 1944,
Bonnières, France.**

**TO : Commanding Officer, 453th Bombardment Group (H)
AMF 123, AP0 5 58**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A. Group	453
B. Division F.O. No.	276
C. Date of Operation	27 April 1944
D. Ordered Primary Target.	No Ball, Bonnières, France
E. A/C Taking Off	20
F. A/C Dispatched	18
G. Sorties	18
H. A/C Attacking	17
I. A/C Not Attacking	3
J. A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	8 - 12 X 500 GP
K. A/C Attacking - Secondary Target.	Nil
L. A/C Attacking - Last Resort Target.	Nil
M. A/C Attacking - Opportunity Target.	8 - 12 X 500 GP - Conteville Airdrome 1 - 12 X 500 GP - With 466th Bomb Gp
N. A/C Lost - Flak	Nil
O. A/C Lost - Flak and E/A	Nil
P. A/C Lost - E/A	Nil
Q. A/C Lost - Accident	Nil
R. A/C Lost - Cause Unknown.	Nil

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Group Statistical Officer

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FORMATION PLAN

MOORE-SULLIVAN

: 127

SECTION IWELDER-LAROCHE

K-21 : 365 B

ROBERTSON

K-21: 706 P

NEWMAN

K-20: 303 H

OLIVER-CHAMBERLIN

K-21: 311 A

ANDREWS

K-21: 733 P

McCullough

K-20: 340 N

WHEELER-Schaff

K-21 : 457 Q

MANKER

: 320 J D

CHAMES

K-20: 735 S

TAYLOR

: 718 M

SECTION IIWOODWARD-HENSLEY

K-20 : 172 D

BURTIS

D K-20: 288 L

GOLDSMITH

: 738 O

BARTON-WRIGHT

K-20 : 018 J

WILSONK-20 : 682 I **ABOLT**MELTON

: 719 Q

CURTIS: 274 H **ABOLT**OLNEY

: 359 J

DAVIS

: 279 T

PHUDOS

K-21: 342 S

SPARES: 812 - 005

Extra Navigators and Bombardier:

LANE - 752nd - 365

ROGERS - 754 - 172

MOSKOWSKI - 752nd - 311

ORDER OF TAKE OFF - RUNWAY # 23

WEST	EAST
	1. 127-3
365-25	2.
311-23	3.
303-34	4.
	5. 706-36
	6. 733-40
457-31	7.
340-28	8.
	9. 735-47
	10. 320-42

WEST	EAST
218-39	11.
	12. 172-12
	13. 018-13
	14. 738-5
298-11	15.
	16. 682-1
274-15	17.
719-13	18.
	19. 279-2
359-16	20.

WEST	EAST
	11.
	342-17 21.

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
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	ANDREW	29	7			41-28733	733	P	J4	21	RHAPSODY IN JUNK	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	BARTON	29	7	WRIGHT	D2	42-95018	018	J	Z5	1	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	BRUDOS	29	16			41-29342	342	S	J3	12	ROUGH RIDERS	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	BURTIS	29	14			41-29288	288	L	J3	9	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	CLAGGETT	29	10	CHAMBERLAIN	D1	42-100311	311	A	7V	16	YOKUM BOY	EXTRA NAV - NOSAREWSKI 752nd
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	CURTIS	29	ABT			42-52274	274	H	J3	--	UNKNOWN 029	ABORT - ?? FLEW 516 SORTIE
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	DAVIS	29	15			42-50279	279	T	Z5	2	ENVY OF 'EM ALL	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	GOLDSMITH	29	12			41-28738	738	O	Z5	13	MEAT AROUND THE CORNER	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	GRIMES	29	1			41-28735	735	S	J4	15	UNKNOWN 005	NOT A 458TH PILOT
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	MANKER	29	13			42-50320	320	J	J4	2	UNKNOWN 018	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	McCOLLOUGH	29	13			41-29340	340	N	7V	10	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	GULICK CROSSED OUT
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	MELTON	29	16			41-28719	719	Q	J3	18	PADDLEFOOT	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	MOORE	29	ASSY	SULLIVAN, JF	I	42-40127	127	Z	Z5	--	FIRST SERGEANT	ASSEMBLY CREW
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	NYMAN	29	10			41-29303	303	H	Z5	21	LIBERTY LIB	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	OLNEY	29	8			41-29359	359	J	J3	20	TAIL WIND	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	ROBESON	29	20			41-28706	706	F	J4	13	DREAM BOAT/SPARE PARTS	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	SCHAAF	29	18			42-52457	457	Q	7V	19	FINAL APPROACH	ZIMERMANN t OUT
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	TAYLOR, O	29	18			41-28718	718	M	7V	26	BO	
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	WATSON	29	ABT			41-28682	682	I	Z5	--	UNKNOWN 003	ABORT - ?? SORTIE
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	WEBER	29	13	LaROCHE	L1	42-100365	365	B	7V	17	WOLFGANG (maybe)	EXTRA NAV - LANE 752nd
27-Apr-44	BONNIERES	WOODWARD	29	12	HENSLER	L2	42-110172	172	D	Z5	1	UNKNOWN 017	EXTRA NAV - ROGENMUSER 754th