

HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

318

TARGETS

BERCK SUR MER
STELLA PLAGE
BEAUVOIR
ST. AUBIN

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2 JUNE 1944

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1 July 1944

HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
 AAF 147 APO 558

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 2 June 1944

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF 101, APO 634.

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 2 June 1944
- b. Primary Targets - Berck Sur Mer, Stella Plage, Beauvoir and St. Aubin
- c. Secondary Target - None
- d. Last Resort Target - None
- e. Units Participating - 96th CBW (458th, 466th, 467th BG)
 14th CBW (492nd, 44th, 392nd BG)
 2nd CEW (453rd, 445th, 389th BG)
 20th CBW (448th, 446th BG)

2. Narrative.

a. Four Combat Wings dispatched 293 aircraft to attack coastal installations on H2X equipment and a Noball target in France on GH equipment. Four Groups of P-47's, two Groups of P-51's and one Group of P-38's provided fighter support.

b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and routes to the targets were flown as briefed.

c. The 96th, 14th and 2nd Combat Wings bombed the coastal installations at Stella Plage, Berck Sur Mer and St. Aubin on H2X with unobserved results. The Noball target at Beauvoir was attacked by the 20th Combat Wing on GH with unobserved results.

d. Moderate inaccurate flak was encountered in the target areas. No enemy aircraft were seen and there were no losses.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
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 Colonel GSC
 Chief of Staff.

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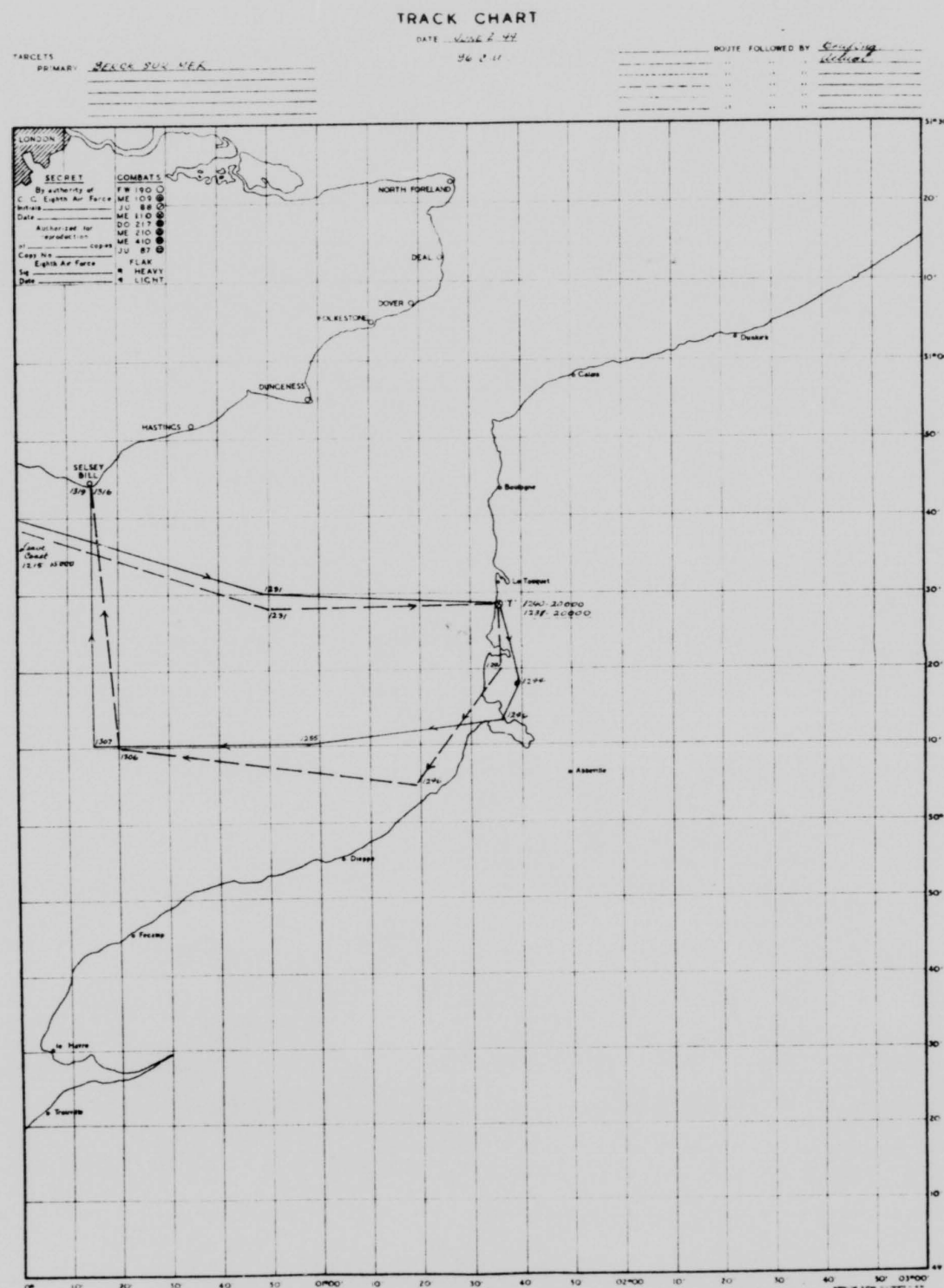
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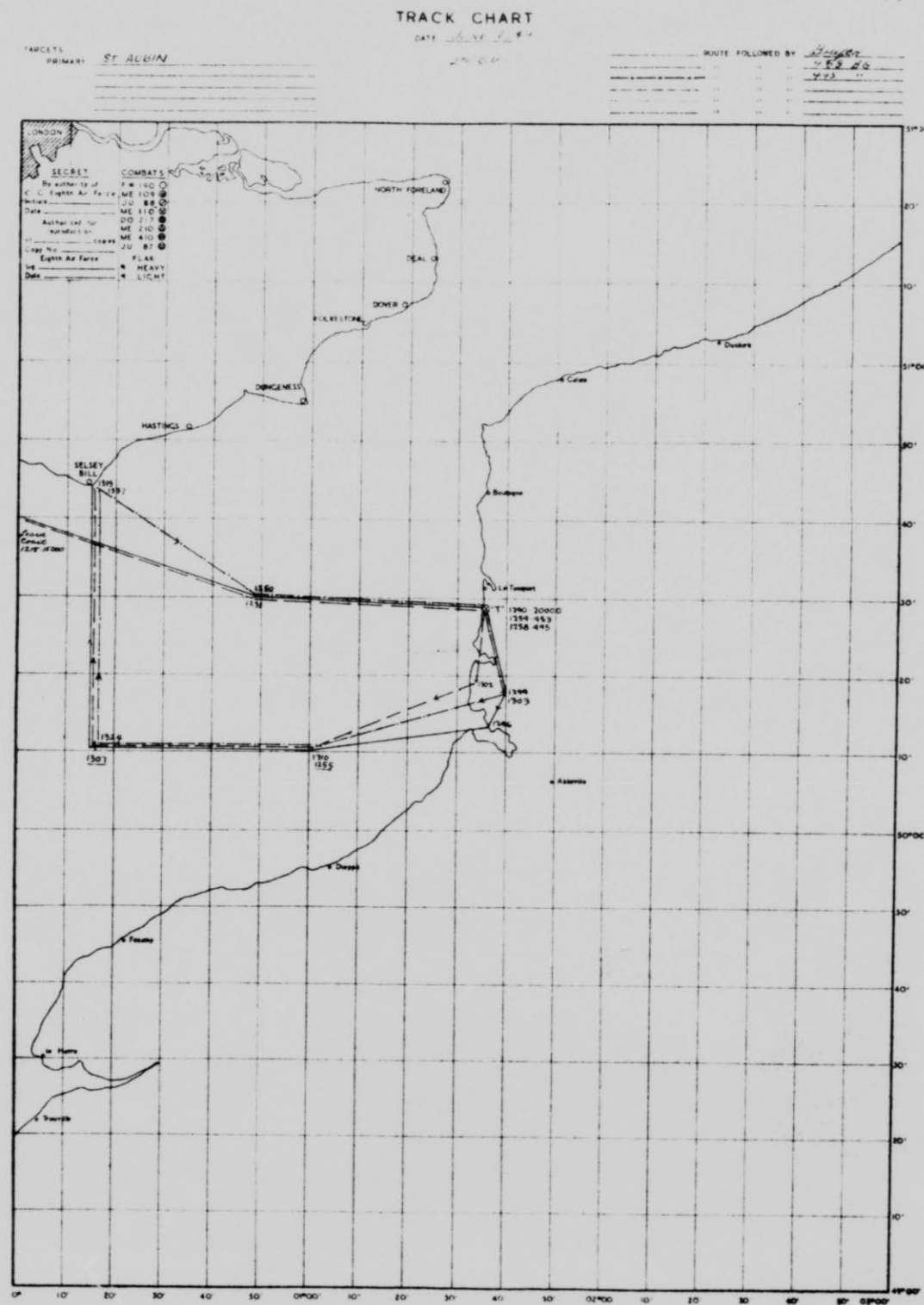
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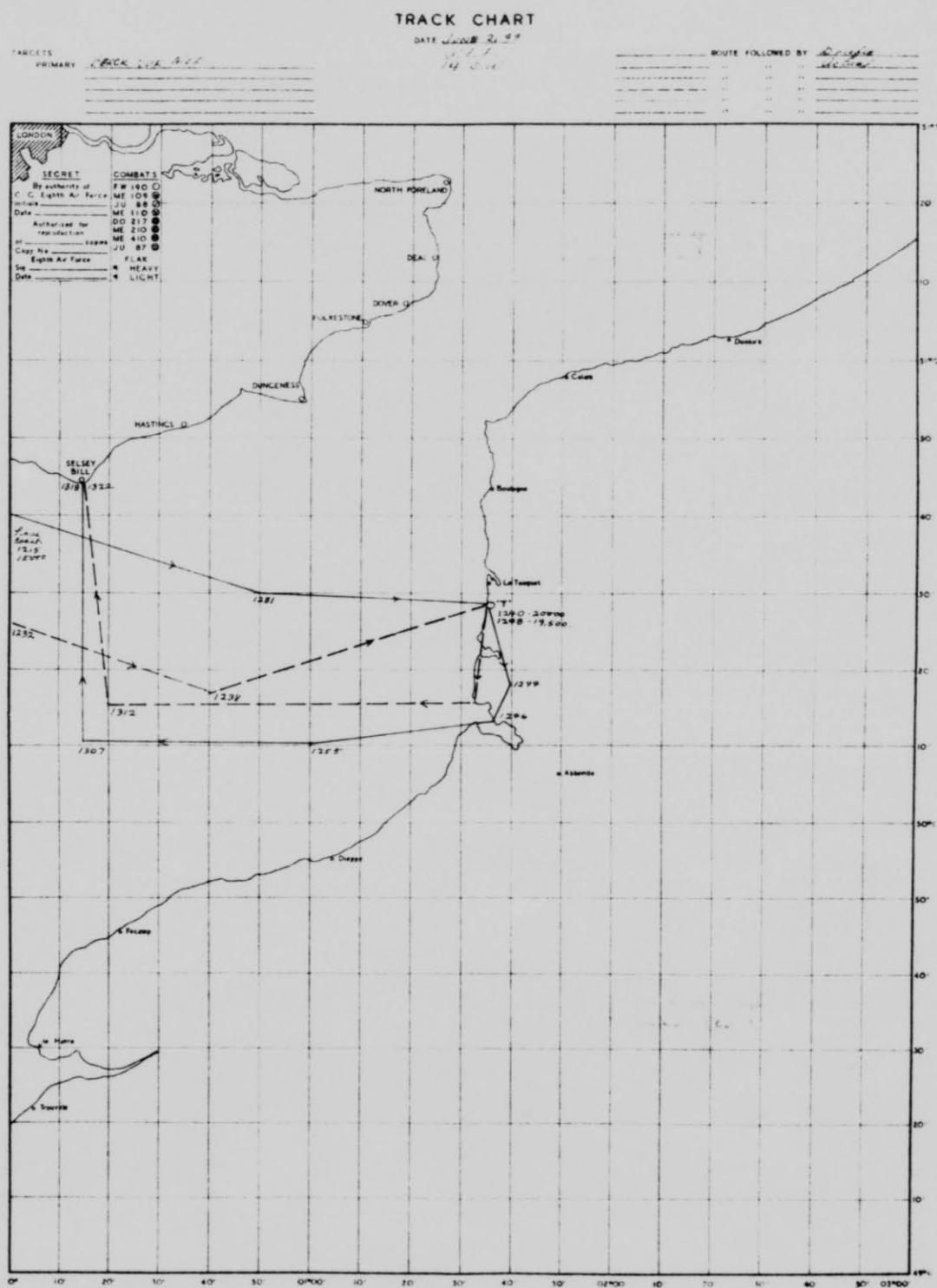
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TACTICAL REPORT OF BOMBING, MISSION 2 June 1944

1st Mission									
GROUP	DIR. OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO-PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLEC.	RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOMBED
<u>Stella Plage</u>									
458	107°	5 min.	20,000'	1238		X	Dropped on lead PFF A/C		22 + 2 PFF A/C
467	105°	10 min.	20,500'	1243		X	" " " "		22 + 2 PFF A/C
466	105°		21,500'	1240	X		" " 453th		12
466	100°		20,500'	1246		X	" " 467th		11
<u>Bercks-Sur-Mer</u>									
492	94°	18 min.	19,000'	1248	X		Dropped on Lead PFF A/C		22 + 2 PFF A/C
44	60°	18 min.	19,500'	1248½	X		" " " "		22 + 2 PFF A/C
392	105°	12 min.	19,000'	1250		X	" " " "		21 + 2 PFF A/C
389	92°	5 min.	18,000'	1300	X		" " " "		24 + 2 PFF A/C
445	112°	8 min.	17,900'	1259		X	" on 389th		12
<u>St. Aubin</u>									
453	103°	4 min.	18,000'	1252		X	" on lead PFF A/C		23 + 2 PFF
445	114°	8 min.	18,000'	1256		X	" " 453rd		12
<u>Noball (Beauvoir)</u>									
448	80°	13 min.	21,000'	1311	X		Dropped on Lead GH A/C		9 + 1 GH A/C
448	88°	14 min.	22,900'	1312		X	" " " "		9 + 1 GH A/C
448	100°	8 min.	23,000'	1314		X	" " " "		12 + 1 GH A/C
446	100°	12 min.	21,200'	1332		X	" " " "		19 + 1 GH A/C
446	94°	10 min.	22,000'	1334		X	" " 1st Sq.		9

1. The assigned primary targets for this mission were tactical targets in the Boulogne Area at Bercks-Sur-Mer, Stella Plage, and St. Aubin. The assigned primary target for the special Noball Mission was Beauvoir.
2. Bercks-Sur-Mer was attacked by four Groups plus one Squadron of another Group. Stella Plage was attacked by three Groups and St. Aubin was attacked by one Group plus one Squadron of another Group. Bombing was done by PFF methods through 10/10 undercast. Beauvoir was attacked by two Groups bombing by Squadrons through 10/10 undercast on GH equipment.
3. Three A/C did not bomb due to rack malfunctions and two failed to bomb due to mechanical failures.
4. The results of bombing at all targets were unobserved due to 10/10 cloud cover.

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3. Anti-aircraft Fire.

- a. Targets:
- (1) Various targets in Berck-sur-Mer area
 - (2) Noball No. 79b
 - (3) Creil A/F
 - (4) Bretigny A/F
- b. No AA fire was encountered on the operations against Berck-sur-Mer and Noball No. 79. A few rockets were seen in the vicinity of Berck-sur-Mer.
- c. Moderate and fairly accurate gunfire was encountered at Bretigny, and meagre but accurate gunfire was encountered at Creil.
- d. Moderate to intense and very accurate gunfire was encountered on route at Dieppe, Rouen, Beauvais, Chartres, Saumeray, Caen, and Neufchatel.
- e. Comment of Anti-Aircraft Officer:
- (1) Groups got badly off course whilst returning from the attack on Creil A/F and Bretigny A/F, and sustained most of their damage and losses at Beauvais, Rouen, Dieppe, and possibly Neufchatel.
 - (2) In the Pas de Calais area the enemy as usual held their fire, presumably on account of the weather conditions and the use of "Chaff".

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5. Communications.

- a. Heavy traffic and some interference was reported on all channels of communication. Window was discharged in target areas. Eleven H2X aircraft were dispatched. Three sets had malfunctions; unsteady inverter voltage, intermittent spoking and weak bombing circle respectively. None of these malfunctions prevented bombing on H2X. Six GH aircraft were also dispatched. All equipment operated well, although one aircraft aborted because of engine generator trouble.

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FORM V-11 Bercks-Sur-Mer - Stella Plage

2 June 1944

UNIT		2RD	389	389PFF	445	453	44	44PFF	392	492
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	293	22	11	24	24	22	6	23	23
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	293	22	11	24	24	22	6	23	23
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	279	22	10	24	23	22	6	21	22
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	14	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	1
	NO. A/C SIGHTED	284	22	10	24	23	22	6	23	23
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	279	22	10	24	23	22	6	21	22
	NO. & TYPES	1559x500GP 42x1000GP 514x2000GP	65x2000GP 22x1000GP	20x1000GP	95x2000GP	90x2000GP	264x500GP	36x500GP	252x500GP	263x500GP
	TONNAGE	924.8	76	10	95	90	66	9	63	65.8
	TARGET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NO. OF A/C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NO. & TYPE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TONNAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		924.8	76	10	95	90	66	9	63	65.8
BATTLE	A/C LOST TO FLAK									
	A/C LOST TO E/A									
	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A									
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT									
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN									
REMARKS	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED									
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA									
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,									
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
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FORM V-11

2 June

1944

UNIT		93CH	446	448	458	466	467
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	6	32	33	22	23	22
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	6	32	32	22	23	22
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	5	28	30	21	23	22
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	1	4	3	1	-	-
	NO. A/C SORTIES	5	28	31	22	23	22
B O M B S	P R I M A R Y T A R G E T S	5	28	30	21	23	22
	NO. A/C						
	NO. & TYPES	50x500GP	335x500GP	359x500GP	84x2000GP	92x2000GP	88x2000GP
	TONNAGE	12.5	83.8	89.7	84	92	88
	T A R G E T S						
	TARGET	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NO. OF A/C	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NO. & TYPE	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TONNAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	12.5	83.8	89.7	84	92	88
B A T T L E R E S U L T S	A/C LOST TO FLAK						
	A/C LOST TO E/A						
	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A						
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT						
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN						
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED						
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA						
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM						
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	CAT. A-AC-B-F						

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

3 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 2 JUNE 44 (STELLA PLAGE)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. NO AA ENCOUNTERED. SOME CREWS REPORT SEEING ROCKETS AT THE TARGET, BUT THESE WERE NOT EFFECTIVE. NO BATTLE DAMAGE SUFFERED.

OBSERVATIONS

3. 10/10THS CLOUDS OVER THE TARGET PRECLUDED ANY OBSERVATIONS.

JOHN H. DAVIS
CAPT. AC,
GROUP S-2

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HEADQUARTERS 458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Group Operations Officer
AAF 123 APO 558

3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 2 June 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 2d Bombardment Division
AAF 147, APO 558. ATT: Statistical Control.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A. Group	458	
B. Division F.O.	319	
C. Date of Operation	2 June 1944	
D. Ordered Primary Target.	Stella Plague	
E. A/C Taking Off.	22	
F. A/C Dispatched.	22	
G. Sorties	22	
H. A/C Attacking	21	
I. A/C Not Attacking	1	
J. A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	21	4 X 2000# GP (84 Bombs)
K. A/C Attacking - Secondary Target.	Nil	
L. A/C Attacking - Last Resort Target.	Nil	
M. A/C Attacking - Opportunity Target.	Nil	
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	

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, Air Corps
Group Statistical Officer

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For mation for Mis sion of 2 June

Mis sion No. 76

Pff (Henson)

Burtis
097T J3

Schulze
126D Z5 K20

Davis
108M Z5 K20

Stillson
165S Z5

Brudos
179P J3

Hopkins
682I Z5

Jones
095Q Z5

Judge
163K Z5
K21

Larson
K21 106L Z5

Olney
359J J3 K21

Hancock
288L J3

Pff (Hensler)

OK
Vogel
320W J3 K22

Taylor
179X J3

Whitlow
059E J3 K21

Wells
000R J3

Belton
316N J3 K20

Nyman
942U 7V K20

Zimmerman
110P 7V K21

Stout
709I 7V

Walker
219N 7V

Crugan
314L 7V

Gulick
340N 7V

SPARES 733
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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
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	BRUDOS	53	26			42-51179	179	P	J3	2	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	BURTIS	53	28			42-51097	097	T	J3	14	UNKNOWN 022	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	CRAGUN	53	29			42-50314	314	L	7V	16	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	DAVIS	53	27			42-95108	108	M	Z5	7	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	FRAZIER	53	--	HENSON	L1	41-28696	696	E	YO	--	389TH SHIP	NOT 458TH PILOT
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	GULICK	53	25			41-29340	340	N	7V	24	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	HANCOCK	53	4			41-29288	288	L	J3	23	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	HOPKINS, H	53	4			41-28682	682	I	Z5	31	UNKNOWN 003	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	JONES, E	53	5			42-51095	095	Q	Z5	6	SHOO SHOO BABY	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	JUDGE	53	4			42-95163	163	K	Z5	12	DIXIE BELLE	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	LARSON	53	5			42-95106	106	L	Z5	5	MISS PAT	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	LITWILLER	53	--	HENSLER	L2	41-28684	684	B	YO	--	389TH SHIP	NOT 458TH PILOT
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	MELTON	53	28			42-95316	316	N	J3	10	PRINCESS PAT	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	NYMAN	53	22			41-28942	942	U	7V	4	HEAVENLY BODY	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	OLNEY	53	22			41-29359	359	J	J3	35	TAIL WIND	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	SCHULZE	53	25			44-40126	126	D	Z5	1	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	STILSON	53	22			42-95165	165	S	Z5	11	COOKIE	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	STOUT	53	17			41-28709	709	I	7V	17	LUCKY STRIKE	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	TAYLOR, O	53	33			42-95179	179	X	7V	7	HERE I GO AGAIN	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	VOGEL	53	28			42-50320	320	W	J3	20	UNKNOWN 018	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	WALKER	53	5			42-95219	219	N	--	10	PATCHIE	TYPO (S/B W)
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	WELLS	53	30			42-95008	008	R	J3	10	UNKNOWN 035	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	WHITLOW	53	20			42-110059	059	E	J3	16	UNKNOWN 056	
02-Jun-44	STELLA/PLAGE	ZIMMERMAN	53	22			42-51110	110	P	7V	7	TOP O' THE MARK	