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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
APO 558

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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

<u>FIELD ORDER NO.</u>	<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
723	AIRFIELDS AT ST. AVORD, BOURGES AND ROMORANTIN. TACTICAL TARGETS IN THE MELUN AREA	4 JUNE 1944

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AAF 147

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APO 558 Initials *LBP*Date *7 July 1944*

5 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 4 June 1944.

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

## 1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 4 June 1944.
- b. Primary Targets - Airfields at St. Avord, Bourges and Romorantin. Tactical targets in the Melun Area (Azon).
- c. Secondary Target - Chateaudun, Orleans/Bricy.
- d. Last Resort Target - Any airfield in occupied territory not close to built-up areas.
- e. Units Participating - 14th CBW (392nd, 492nd BG).  
96th CBW (458th, 467th EG).  
2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd EG).  
753rd Sqdn (Azon).

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a. Three Combat Wings dispatched 185 aircraft to attack airfields at St. Avord, Bourges and Romorantin. One Combat Wing dispatched five aircraft to attack the airfield at Melun, using the Azon method of bombing. Excellent fighter support was provided by three Groups of P-47s and two Groups of P-51s.

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

c. In the 14th Combat Wing, three Squadrons attacked the airfields at Avord. The second Squadron of the 392nd Group was forced off the bombing run by the high Squadron of the 492nd Group and did not bomb. Results were very good with hits on hangars, dispersal areas, landing ground and perimeter strips. Three Squadrons of the 96th Combat Wing bombed the airfield at Bourges. Good results were observed with hits covering the dispersal areas and landing ground. Six Squadrons of the 2nd Combat Wing attacked the Romorantin airfield with very good results; hits covered the dispersal areas and landing ground. A large warehouse or factory building was hit. Five ships of the 753rd Bomb Squadron, using Azon method bombing, attacked targets in the Melun area with good results.

d. Flak was intense and accurate at St. Avord and Melun. No enemy aircraft were seen.

For the Commanding General:

*CHARLES B. WESTOVER*  
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Colonel GSC  
Chief of Staff

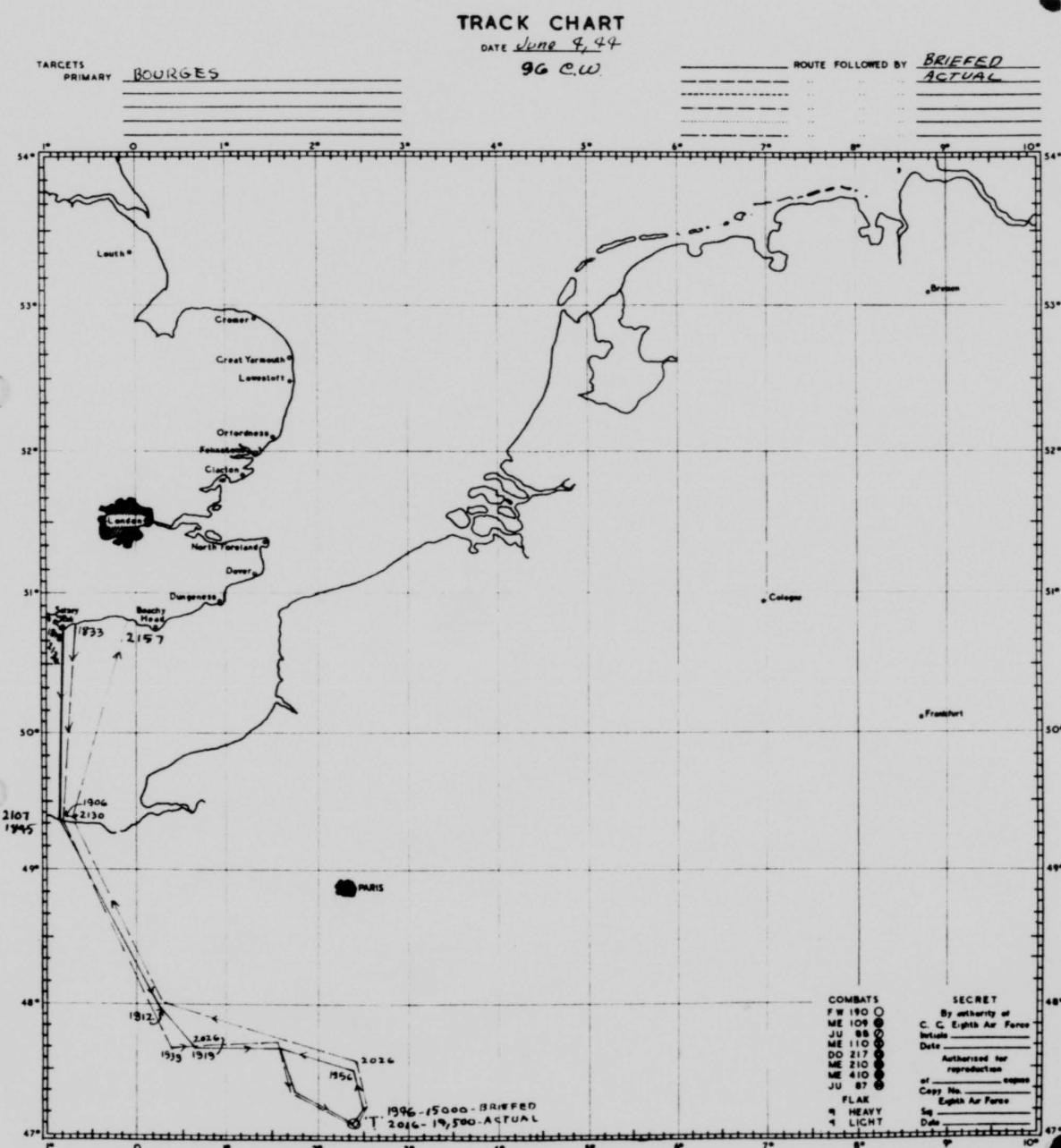
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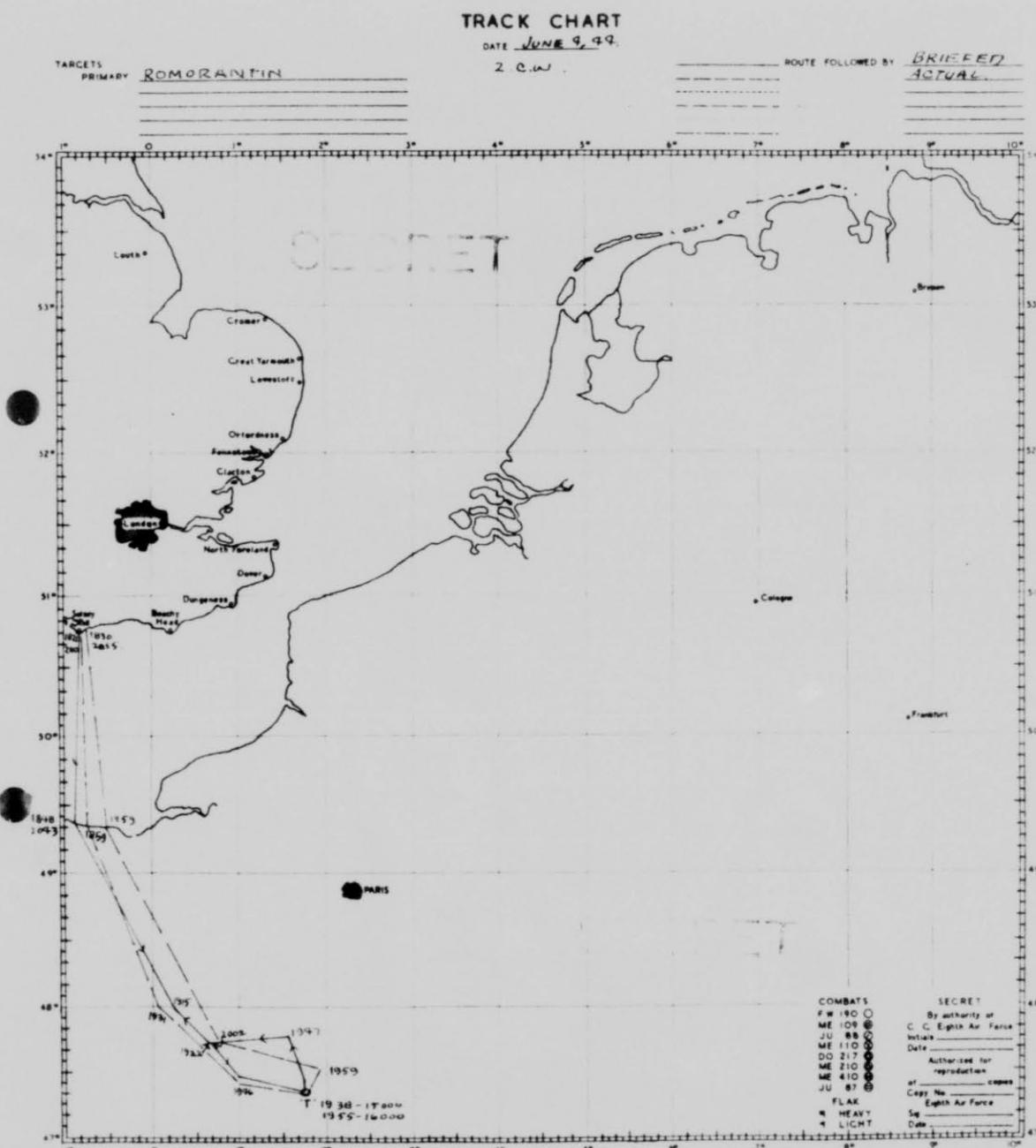


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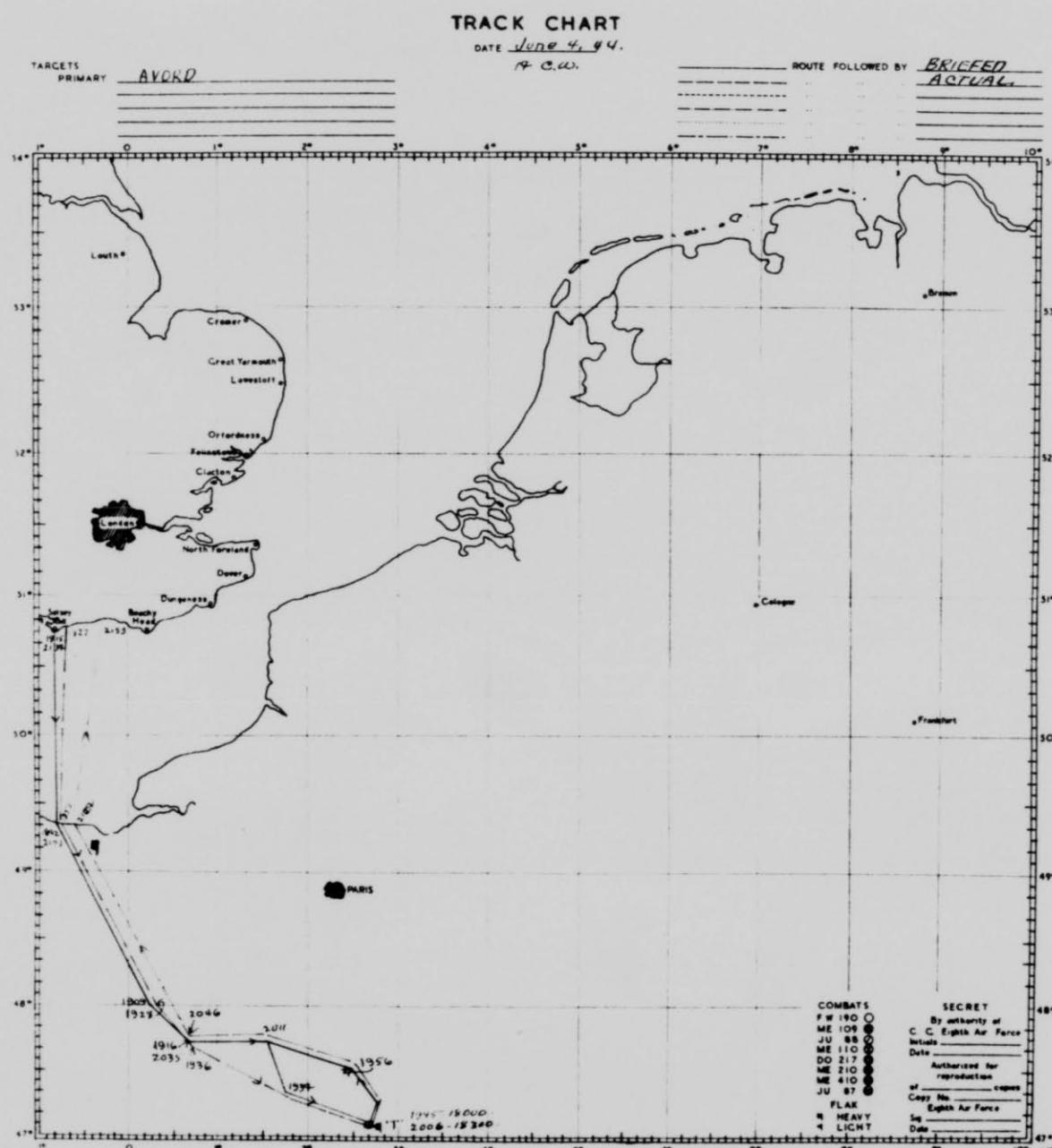
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## Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 4 June 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT	RANGE	NUMBER A/C DOUBLED
<u>AVORD A/F</u>									
392	129	80 sec.	18,000	2006	X		2	2	24
492	123	2 min.	17,500	2008	X		3	6	31
<u>BOURGES A/F</u>									
458	132	2 min.	15,000	2011	X		2	2	23
467	130	1½ min.	16,000	2014 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>		X	1	1	11
<u>ROMORANTIN A/F</u>									
389	108	5 min.	16,000	1955	X		2	2	22
453	120	2 min.	17,000	1955	X		1	1	13
453	98	2 min.	16,500	1958	X		1	1	13
445	104	4 min.	15,000	1958	X		2	2	23

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were the airfields at Avord, Bourges and Romorantin, France.
- b. Avord was attacked by two Groups, Bourges by two Groups, and Romorantin by three Groups. Bombing was done in Squadron formation.
- c. One Squadron failed to bomb due to interference on the bomb run by another Group. One A/C attacked Bourges A/F as a last resort target.
- d. Results of bombing at Avord A/F were very good with hits on hangars, dispersal areas, landing ground and perimeter strips. Results of bombing at Bourges A/F were good with hits on hangars, dispersal areas and landing ground. Results at Romorantin A/F were very good with hits covering the dispersal areas and landing ground. A large warehouse or factory type building was hit. This building was not an assigned MPI but was one briefed by the Group S-2.

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5. Communications.

a. Satisfactory performance was obtained except for reported interference on two HF/DF channels. "Window" was discharged by the 14th Combat Wing.

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b. Six Azon equipped aircraft were dispatched. No equipment malfunctions were reported. Communications channels were satisfactory.

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FORM V-11		4 June 1944							
	UNIT	2BD	309	445	453	392	492	450	467
A	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	185	24	24	26	36	37	24	14
I	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	185	24	24	26	36	37	24	14
R	NO. A/C ATTACKING	161	23	23	26	24	31	23	11
R	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	24	1	1	-	12	6	1	3
F	NO. A/C SORTIES	174	24	23	26	36	31	23	11
P	NO. A/C	160	22	23	26	24	31	23	11
R	156x1000GP								
I	990x100GP								
M	687x500GP								
M	2659x120FB								
G	NO. & TYPES	264x500GP	1194x120FB	156x1000GP	288x500GP	897x120FB	990x100GP	568x120FB	
O									
R									
E									
M									
Y									
B	TONNAGE	458.8	66	71.6	78	72	87.6	49.5	34.1
B									
S	TARGET	-	IR-Bourges A/F	-	-	-	-	-	-
T									
A	NO. OF A/C	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
E									
R	12x500GP	12x500GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E									
T	NO. & TYPE	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
S	TONNAGE								
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	461.8	69	71.6	78	72	87.6	49.5	34.1	
B	A/C LOST TO FLAK								
A									
T	A/C LOST TO E/A								
L	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A								
E									
R	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT								
E	A/C LOST UNKNOWN								
S	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED	10-1-3-0	-	-	-	0-1-1-0	10-0-2-0	-	-
U	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA								
L	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,								
T	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	8-3-0-0	-	1-0-0-0	-	3-2-0-0	4-1-0-0	-	-
CAT	A-AC-B-E								

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6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Prepared by:  
STATISTICAL CONTROL  
2d Bombardment Division

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HEADQUARTERS  
STATION 123 APO 558  
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

6 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 4 JUNE 44 (BOURGES A/F)

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT FIRE

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. MEAGER, FAIR FLAK OF THE CF VARIETY WAS ENCOUNTERED JUST EAST OF THE TARGET AT NOHANT. TWO OF OUR A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. ONE BLUE SINGLE ENGINE E/A ON BOURGES A/F AT 2013.  
SMOKE SCREEN AT MEAUX.

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

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**450TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)**  
AAF 323                    APC 558

7 June 1964.

RE SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 4 June 1944.

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

## SURGICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	450
B.	Division No.	325
C.	Date of operation	4 June 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target	Roujzer Airfield
E.	A/C Dispatched	24
F.	A/C Sorties	23
G.	A/C Attacking	23
H.	A/C Not Attacking	1
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target	23
		5 - 50 X 100 GR
		1 - 50 X 100 WP
		17 - 30 X 100 GP
		(yds bursts)
J.	A/C Attacking - Secondary Target	nil
K.	A/C Attacking - Last Escort Target	nil
L.	A/C Attacking - Opportunity Target	nil
M.	A/C Lost - Flak	nil
N.	A/C Lost - Flak and E/A	nil
O.	A/C Lost - E/A	nil
P.	A/C Lost - Accident	nil
Q.	A/C Lost - Cause Unknown	nil

**for the Commanding Officers.**

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## FORMATION PLAN

Mission for 4 June 1944

Mission # 79

Woodward-

<u>K21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>:366B</u>
<u>Jones</u>		<u>McCullough</u>
<u>Z5</u>	<u>:095Q</u>	<u>K20</u> <u>7V</u> <u>:118E</u>

<u>Vogel</u>				
<u>K20</u>	<u>J3</u>	<u>:320W</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>:108M</u>
<u>Melton</u>	<u>Stewart</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>K21</u>	<u>Z5</u> <u>:163K</u>
<u>J3</u> <u>:719Q</u>	<u>J3</u> <u>:179P</u>	<u>25</u> <u>:116V</u>		

<u>Simes</u>		
<u>K21</u>	<u>Z5</u>	<u>:018J</u>
<u>Vermergin</u>		<u>Hopkins</u>
<u>Z5</u>	<u>:596R</u>	<u>Z5</u> <u>:096F</u>

<u>Slaton</u>		
	<u>K21</u>	<u>J3</u> <u>:407A</u>
<u>Schaaf</u>	<u>Haydon</u>	<u>McNamara</u>
<u>K20</u> <u>7V</u> <u>:314L</u>	<u>7V</u> <u>:219W</u>	<u>J3</u> <u>:184F</u>
<u>Thompson</u>	<u>Zimmerman</u>	
<u>7V</u> <u>:050J</u>	<u>K21</u> <u>7V</u> <u>:110P</u>	<u>Wells</u>
		<u>K20</u> <u>Z5</u> <u>:316F</u>
<u>Olney</u>		<u>Gibson</u>
<u>J3</u> <u>:359J</u>		<u>J3</u> <u>:735V</u>

<u>Burtis</u>		
<u>J3</u>	<u>:097T</u>	
<u>Rowland</u>	<u>Riesen</u>	<u>Lebet</u>
<u>J3</u> <u>:288L</u>	<u>K21</u>	<u>J3</u> <u>:059F</u>

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1- 366B	20- 359J
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4- 320W	23- 059E
5-108M -----	24- 288L
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7- 179P	
8- 719Q	
9- 163K	
10- 116V	
11- 096F	
12- 596R	
13- 407A	
14- 184F	
15-219W	
16- 316F	
17- 314L	
18- 097T	
19 735V	

## 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
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	BURTIS	54	29			42-51097	097	T	J3	15	UNKNOWN 022	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	GIBSON, S	54	5			41-28735	735	V	J3	24	UNKNOWN 005	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	HAYDON	54	8			42-95219	219	W	7V	11	PATCHIE	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	HOPKINS, H	54	5			42-95096	096	F	Z5	4	BOMBS AWAY	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	JONES, E	54	6			42-51095	095	Q	Z5	7	SHOO SHOO BABY	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	JUDGE	54	5			42-95116	116	V	Z5	2	JUNIOR	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	LARSON	54	6			42-95163	163	K	Z5	13	DIXIE BELLE	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	McCOLLOUGH	54	24			42-95118	118	E	7V	1	ALFRED V (Trnsf to 392 <sup>nd</sup> BG)	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	McNAMARA	54	18			42-110184	184	F	J3	1	GWEN	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	MELTON	54	29			41-28719	719	Q	J3	29	PADDLEFOOT	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	OLNEY	54	23			41-29359	359	J	J3	36	TAIL WIND	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	RIESEN	54	ABT			42-110059	059	E	J3	--	UNKNOWN 056	ABORT - LOSS OF ALL OXY
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	ROWLAND	54	1			41-29288	288	L	J3	24	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	SCHAAF	54	30			42-50314	314	L	7V	17	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	SIMES	54	17			42-95018	018	J	Z5	11	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	SLATON	54	18		L2	42-100407	407	A	J3	22	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	STEWART	54	27			42-51179	179	P	J3	3	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	THOMPSON	54	7			42-95050	050	J	7V	17	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	VERMEIREN	54	8			41-29596	596	R	Z5	13	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	VOGEL	54	29			42-50320	320	W	J3	21	UNKNOWN 018	Landing Acc Sta 123 Nose wheel up
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	WELLS	54	31			42-95316	316	F	Z5	11	PRINCESS PAT	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	WOODWARD	54	22		L1	42-100366	366	B	Z5	25	MIZPAH	
04-Jun-44	BOURGES A/F	ZIMMERMAN	54	23			42-51110	110	P	7V	8	TOP O' THE MARK	