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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

329

TARGETS

FORET DE CERISY
VILLERS BOCAGE
ST. LO
COUTENANCES

DATE

6 JUNE 1944

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AAF 147 APO 558

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3 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission 6 June 1944 - F.O. 329.

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

Force:

14th Combat Wing
36 aircraft - Foret De Crisy

96th Combat Wing
34 aircraft - Villers Bocage

95th Combat Wing
98 aircraft - St. Lo and Coutenances

2nd Combat Wing
33 aircraft - St. Lo

20th Combat Wing
36 aircraft - Coutenances

1. Planning.

a. No H2X aircraft were available, but it was decided to send out the 95th Combat Wing and the remaining force, less six Squadrons of the other Wings, to bomb visually, if possible, tactical targets just beyond the beaches.

b. 237 aircraft were dispatched for this mission.

2. Assembly.

a. Generally as planned.

3. Route In.

a. Generally as planned.

4. Difficulties on Bombing Run.

a. 10/10 cloud cover.

5. Bombing.

a. All aircraft returned with bombs because of 10/10 undercast.

6. Route Out.

a. Substantially as briefed.

7. Enemy Action Encountered.

a. Meager inaccurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered in the vicinity of Pointe de la Percee, Guernsey, Jersey and St. Malo.

b. No enemy fighters were seen.

8. Losses and Claims.

a. There were no losses or claims.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

6 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 6 JUNE 44, #2(VILLERS-BOCAGE)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. NO AA ENCOUNTERED.

OBSERVATIONS

3. 10/10THS CLOUDS PREVENTED ANY OBSERVATIONS BEING NOTED.

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

458TH BOMB GROUP
IMMEDIATE ACTION REPORT

Date 6 JUNE 44

A - Bombing Results NIL DID NOT BOMB DUE TO 10/10THS WEATHER

B - Observations - (time, place & alt.) NIL

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TIME REPORT

TARGET VILLERS-BOCAGE NUMBER A/C TAKING OFF 10 MISSION NO. 82

A - Bombing Results NIL NO BOMBING DUE TO 10/10THS CLOUDS

B - Additional Observations (time, place & alt.)

1 - Flak NIL

2 - Observations NIL

C - Enemy Air Opposition NIL

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STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 123
APO 558

6 JUNE 1944

GROUP SUMMARY OF WEATHER ENCOUNTERED ON #2 OPERATIONAL MISSION
OF 6 JUNE 1944.

A. BASE AT TAKEOFF - (0600 HOURS) NIL LOW CLOUD. 3/10
ALTOCUMULUS WITH BASE AT 6500 FT AND TOPS AT 7-8000 FT. NIL
HIGH CLOUD. VISIBILITY 10 MILES. SURFACE WIND WNW AT 15 MPH.

B. ROUTE IN TO TARGET - 2-4/10 STRATOCUMULUS AND CUMULUS
WITH BASE AT 2500 FT AND TOPS AT 4000 FT BECOMING 8-10/10 STRATO-
CUMULUS AND CUMULUS WITH TOPS AT 8000 FT IN SOUTH ENGLAND. 3/10
ALTOCUMULUS WITH BASE AT 6500 FT AND TOPS AT 7-8000 FT INCREASING
TO 8-10/10 OVER SOUTH ENGLAND WITH TOPS RISING IN CUMULUS AND
ALTOCUMULUS TO 12-14000 FT OVER FAR SIDE OF CHANNEL. OCCASIONAL
LARGE BREAKS OVER SOUTH ENGLAND AND CHANNEL. NIL-3/10 CIRRUS
AT 23000 FT. VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED ALOFT.

C. TARGET - (0905 HOURS) 49 05'N 00 39'W. NIL LOW CLOUD.
10/10 ALTOCUMULUS WITH TOPS AT 12-14000 FT. NIL HIGH CLOUD.
VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED ALOFT.

D. RETURN ROUTE - SAME AS ROUTE IN EXCEPT FOR 8-10/10 STRATO-
CUMULUS WITH BASE AT 15-2500 FT AND TOPS AT 8000 FT OVER ENGLAND.

E. BASE ON RETURN - (1153 HOURS) 9/10 STRATOCUMULUS WITH
BASE AT 1500 FT AND TOPS AT 8000 FT. NIL MIDDLE OR HIGH CLOUD.
VISIBILITY 8 MILES. SURFACE WIND NW AT 15 MPH.

F. WINDS AND TEMPERATURES - AS BRIEFED.
WINDS OVER TARGET AT 15000 FT 307/64 K.

REMARKS: NIL CONTRAILS.

GEORGE J. HEBEL
CAPT, AIR CORPS
STATION WEATHER OFFICER



TARGET

(GM 61-1-458) (Mission No. 82) (SECRET)

By NARA Date 6/13/10

ebourg St. Mère Eglise 37

Pte. de la Percée

Grandcamp les B.

81

Port en B.

St. Aubin sur M.

Crepon

Courseulles sur M.

Lion sur M.

Cabou

Isigny sur M.

Trevières

Bayeux

Douvres Plumetot

Ouistreham

74

Carpiquet

Caen

Colombelles

Argentan

St. Jean de D.

Airel

Littry

Ballerou

Tilly sur S.

54

Fleurbaey

Carmelles

Evrecy

Rocquancourt

122

St. Sylvain

Conde sur L.

Erne

Marigny

Canisy

209

Caumont

Cahagnes

Villers Bocage

26

Aunay sur O.

Bretteville sur L.

49°

Cerisy la S.

Torgny sur V.

St. Amand

263

Tessy sur V.

Pontfarcy

le Beny Bocage

365

Bougy P.A.

Thury Harcourt

St. Rémy

306

Percy

272

Landelles et Coupigny

Vire

St. Martin des B.

Clécy

Conde sur N.

Vassy

264

Athis

Flers

Putanges

Coulouvray

Roisbenâtre

Tinchebray

105

POSITION PLAN
Hudson JR

6 June 1944

EDWARD-FREEMAN
X3 : 966B

McCarthy
74 : 066V

McCallough-Swarts
7V : 012B

Lawson
74 : 163M

Bardon
7V : 709I

Blumen Arnoff
J3 : 274M 2 5.733X

Walker
7V : 721V

Marshall Legend
7V : 311A 7V : 179X

SHIP	LTN	SQDN	Call	Sign
812	B	7V		
311	A	7V		
274	H	J3		
733	X	X3		
966	B	X3		
179	X	7V		
722	V	7V		
709	X	7V		
066	V	J4		
163	M	J4		

Legend
7V-- 752nd Sqdn
X3-- 754th Sqdn
J3-- 755th Sqdn

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
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	ARMOUR	57	1			41-28733	733	X	J4	30	RHAPSODY IN JUNK	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	HAYDON	57	9			41-28709	709	I	7V	18	LUCKY STRIKE	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	LAMERS	57	2			42-110163	163	M	J4	1	TIME'S A WASTIN	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	LeBEUF	57	2			42-95179	179	X	7V	9	HERE I GO AGAIN	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	McCARTHY	57	4			44-40066	066	V	J4	1	S.O.L.	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	McCOLLOUGH	57	25	SCHWARTZ	D1	42-109812	812	D	7V	23	UNKNOWN 016	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	MONAHAN	57	4			42-100311	311	A	7V	26	YOKUM BOY	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	RIESEN	57	2			42-52274	274	H	J3	5	UNKNOWN 029	MSN #2
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	WALKER	57	6			41-28721	721	V	7V	26	DOWNWIND LEG	
06-Jun-44	VILLERS BOCAGE	WOODWARD	57	23	FREEMAN	L1	42-100366	366	B	Z5	26	MIZPAH	MSN #2