

HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGET

LA FRILLIERS
TOURS
CINQ MARS
LE PORT
ST. CYR
GUYANCOURT

DATE

15 JUNE 1944

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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
AAF 147

APO 558

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: By auth. of C.G. :
: 2d Bomb Division :
: Initials *W.P.* :
: Date *15 June 1944* :
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: 8 July 1944 :

SUBJECT: Factical Report of Mission, 15 June 1944 - F. O. 345

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

Force

14th Combat Wing
 44th Group - La Frilliere
 392nd Group - La Frilliere
 492nd Group - La Frilliere

20th Combat Wing
 93rd Group - Tours
 446th Group - Tours
 448th Group - Cinq Mars

2nd Combat Wing
 389th Group - Le Port
 445th Group - Cinq Mars
 453rd Group - Le Port

95th Combat Wing
 489th Group - St Cyr
 491st Group - St Cyr

96th Combat Wing
 458th Group - Guyancourt
 466th Group - Guyancourt
 467th Group - Guyancourt

1. Planning

a. This mission called for six targets, each to be attacked by seventy-two aircraft. The 14th, 20th and 2nd Combat Wings flew in that order to attack bridges in the Tours area. The 95th and 96th Combat Wings attacked airdromes at St. Cyr and Guyancourt. Two Groups of P-51's and one Group of P-47's gave fighter support. 446 aircraft were dispatched for this mission.

2. Assembly

a. As briefed, except for interference between 389th Bomb Group and 96th Combat Wing; and interference with 96th Combat Wing by B-17 formation.

3. Route In

a. Flown as briefed.

4. Difficulties on Bombing Run

a. Meager flak in target area.

b. Heavy haze which caused two Squadrons to attack other targets.

c. Run into the sun at St. Cyr.

d. Collision course on bomb run resulted in two Squadrons attacking other targets.

5. Bombing

a. See attached form.

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6. Enemy Action Encountered

- a. Flak reported meager at target to intense and accurate over Paris.
- b. 14th Combat Wing was attacked by twenty-five ME 109's in the vicinity of Paris.

7. Route Out

- a. As briefed, however, 3rd Division B-24's disrupted 2d Division formation by crossing in front of the 96th Combat Wing.

8. Losses and Claims

- a. 14th Combat Wing lost one aircraft to enemy fighters and one aircraft crash-landed in England due to damage caused by enemy fighters.
- b. One aircraft from the 466th Group of the 96th Combat Wing crash-landed on our Beach Head in Normandy due to damage caused by flak.
- c. Claims were: seven destroyed, four probables and four damaged.

For the Commanding General:

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

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SECRETBOEMING - Mission 15 June 1944F. O. 345

<u>Target Assigned</u>	<u>Target Bombed</u>	<u>Force Employed</u>	<u>Method of Bombing</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Results</u>
Le Port Boulet	Primary	389th (3 Squadrons)	Visual	0806	19,000	Excellent
Le Port Boulet	Primary	453rd (3 Squadrons)	Visual	0755	20,000	1 Sqn excellent, 1 Sqn very good
Tours-Laroche	Primary	93rd (3 Squadrons)	Visual	0750	20,000	2 Sqdns good, 1 Sqn poor.
Tours-Laroche	Primary	446th (3 Squadrons)	Visual	0752	20,000	2 Sqdns excellent 1 Sqn good
La Frilliere	Primary	492nd (1 Squadron)	Visual	0747	20,000	Excellent
La Frilliere	T.O. Port Lieu	492nd (1 Squadron)	Visual	0748	19,500	Fair
La Frilliere	Primary	392nd (2 Squadrons)	Visual	0751	21,000	Excellent
La Frilliere	Primary	44th (2 Squadrons)	Visual	0749	19,000	Excellent
Guyancourt-Caudron	Primary	466th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0713	23,000	Poor
Guyancourt-Caudron	T.O. Evereaux	466th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0744	22,200	Good
Guyancourt-Caudron	Primary	458th (2 Squadrons)	Visual	0714	23,000	1 Sqn excellent, 1 Sqn poor
Guyancourt-Caudron	Primary	467th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0710	23,500	Poor
Guyancourt-Caudron	T.O. Evereaux	467th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0756	23,500	Poor
St. Cyr	T.O. Evereaux	491st (1 Squadron)	Visual	0714	23,000	Poor
St. Cyr	T.O. Evereaux	491st (1 Squadron)	Visual	0745	23,000	Did not bomb
St. Cyr	T.O. Evereaux	489th (2 Squadron)	Visual	0713	25,000	Poor
Cinq Mars	Primary	445th (3 Squadrons)	Visual	0749	20,000	Fair
Cinq Mars	Primary	443th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0612	20,200	2 Sqdns excellent, 1 Sqn good
Cinq Mars	Le Port Boulet T.O.	448th (2 Squadrons)	Visual	0604	21,000	Excellent 1 Sqn excellent 1 Sqn good

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

16 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 15 JUNE 44 (GUYANCOURT A/F)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. MEAGER AND INACCURATE FLAK OF THE BARRAGE TYPE WAS ENCOUNTERED IN THE TARGET AREA. FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED AT CHATRES, EVREUX, DREUX, ELBERG AND ROUEN RANGING FROM MEAGER TO MODERATE AND FROM FAIR TO ACCURATE. TWO OF OUR A/C RECEIVED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE AND ANOTHER CLASSIFIED AS MAJOR.

OBSERVATIONS

3. OIL REFINERY AT 4928-0035.
A SMOKE SCREEN WAS OBSERVED OVER WOODS AT 4919-0051, WHERE A CONCENTRATION OF TRUCKS WAS NOTED.
TWO LARGE VESSELS WERE NOTED IN THE SEINE AT 4925-0056.

AN A/F WAS NOTED AT 4853-0107 ON WHICH WERE PARKED APPROXIMATELY 15 S/E FIGHTERS. THREE LARGE BUILDINGS WERE LOCATED NEAR THIS FIELD WITH ONE BEING CAMOUFLAGED.

ABOUT 25-30 STORAGE TANKS WERE NOTED ON THE SEINE NEAR NORVILLE AND TWO FREIGHTERS MAKING PORT AT FE COMP AT 0816.

A CAMOUFLAGED WAR SHIP WAS OBSERVED AT VATTETOT, WARPED TO THE SHORE AT 0813 FROM 19000 FEET.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF L23 APO 558

15 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 15 June 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	345
C.	Date of Operation	15 June 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Guyancourt Airdrome
E.	A/C Dispatched.	24
F.	A/C Sorties	23
G.	A/C Attacking	23
H.	A/C Not Attacking	1
	(1) Weather	Nil
	(2) Personnel	1 41-29288 - Could not locate formation. 5
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	23 - 898 X 100# GP
J.	A/C Attacking Secondary Target.	Nil
K.	A/C Attacking Last Resort 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 Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Group Statistical Officer

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Mission of 15 June 1944

FORMATION PLAN

SECTION I

SLATON-FEILING

K-21 : 407A

WOODWARD-HINCKLEY

K-20 : 366B

CURTIS

K-20: 316N

URBANIAK

: 110P

C

LOY

: 352K

RODER TS

K-21 : 457Q

LEBEUF

K-20: 095Q

OUTER

: 183U

RUARK

: 441I

WARNER

: 050J

BRADLEY

: 165S

NEWELL

K-21: 018J

SECTION II

ROUBAL-WILLIAMSON

K-21 : 812D

C

ARMOUR

: 596R

ELTHAWAY

: 118E

MONOHAN

K-21: 117M

DAVIS

K-20: 108M

JUDGE

K-21 : 163H

FRENCH

K-20 : 008R

THOMPSON

K-20 : 942U

COYLE

: 5179Q

HOPKINS

: 096F

BOYLE

: 120M

KENYON

: 288L

ABERT

SP. RES: 126D

106L 12
342S 12
219W 34

WEST	EST	SHIP	NO.	SHIP	DISP	EAST
22	407A	1	697Z	3		
30	352K	4	095Q	8		
32	110P	7	316N	20		
		8	018J	7		
		9	165S	5		
33	457Q	10				
21	050J	11				
14	441I	12				
18	183U	13				
19	812D	14				
21	118E	15				
20	008R	16	596R	1		
31	117M	17	108M	4		
11	288L	18				
15	120M	19				
		20				
		21	5163K	6		
		22	096F	7		
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ORDER OF TAKE OFF

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
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	ARMOUR	66	7			41-29596	596	R	Z5	22	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	BOYLE	66	1			42-95120	120	M	J3	12	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	BRADLEY	66	2			42-95165	165	S	Z5	17	COOKIE	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	COYLE	66	1			42-95179	179	Q	7V	14	HERE I GO AGAIN	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	CURTIS	66	21			42-95316	316	N	J3	19	PRINCESS PAT	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	DAVIS	66	33			42-95108	108	M	Z5	11	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	FRENCH	66	4			42-95008	008	R	J3	--	UNKNOWN 035	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	HATHAWAY	66	10			42-95118	118	E	7V	3	ALFRED V (Trnsf to 392 nd BG)	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	HOPKINS, H	66	12			42-95096	096	F	Z5	11	BOMBS AWAY	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	JUDGE	66	1			42-95163	163	K	Z5	18	DIXIE BELLE	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	KENYON	66	ABT			41-29288	288	L	J3	30	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	ABORT - COULD NOT LOCATE FORM
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	LeBEUF	66	7			42-51095	095	Q	Z5	13	SHOO SHOO BABY	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	LOY	66	3			41-29352	352	K	7V	26	WOLVE'S LAIR	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	MONAHAN	66	10			42-95117	117	M	7V	18	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	NEWELL	66	2			42-95018	018	J	Z5	17	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	QUIRK	66	2			42-95183	183	U	J3	7	BRINEY MARLIN	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	ROBERTS, J	66	4			42-52457	457	Q	7V	27	FINAL APPROACH	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	ROUBAL	66	26	WILLIAMSON	L2	42-109812	812	D	7V	27	UNKNOWN 016	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	RUARK	66	3			42-52441	441	I	J3	32	LAST CARD LOUIE	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	SLATON	66	22	FEILING	L1	42-100407	407	A	J3	26	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	THOMPSON	66	13			41-28942	942	U	7V	12	HEAVENLY BODY	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	URBANIAK	66	10			42-51110	110	P	7V	12	TOP O' THE MARK	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	WARNER	66	5			42-95050	050	J	7V	20	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
15-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	WOODWARD	66	26	HINCKLEY	D1	42-100366	366	B	Z5	29	MIZPAH	