

HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

763

TARGET

Melun Airfield
Bretigny A/F
Guyancourt A/F
Laval A/F
Le Mans A/F

DATE

17 June 1944

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: 2d Bomb Division :
: Initials *ASD* :
: Date *10 July 1944* :
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8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 17 June 1944 - F. O. 348

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

Force

14th Combat Wing

44th Group - Melun Airfield
392nd Group - Melun Airfield
492nd Group - Melun Airfield

2nd Combat Wing

445th Group - Bretigny Airfield
389th Group - Bretigny Airfield

96th Combat Wing

467th Group - Guyancourt Airfield
458th Group - Guyancourt Airfield

20th Combat Wing

446th Group - Laval Airfield
93rd Group - Le Mans Airfield
448th Group - Le Mans Airfield1. Planning

a. Planning called for five airfields in the Paris and Laval-Le Mans area to be attacked on GH. Three Groups of P-47's and three Groups of P-51's provided fighter support. 157 aircraft were dispatched for this mission.

2. Assembly

a. Substantially as briefed except the 389th Group in the 2nd Combat Wing had difficulty in assembling due to weather conditions and joined the 446th Group of the 96th Combat Wing.

3. Route In

a. Generally as briefed.

4. Difficulties on Bombing Runa. 8/10 to 10/10 cloud cover.
b. Light but accurate flak.5. Bombing

a. See attached form.

6. Enemy Action Encountereda. Moderate accurate flak was encountered in the target areas and enroute at Caen.
b. No enemy fighters were encountered.7. Route Out

a. Generally as briefed.

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8. Losses and Claims

a. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff.

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BOMBING - MISSION OF 17 JUNE 1944

<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>
Laval	Primary	446th (2 Squadrons)	GH	1253	22,300	Unobserved
Le Mans	Primary	93rd (1 Squadron)	GH	1251	22,000	Poor
Le Mans	Primary	448th (1 Squadron)	GH	1259	22,600	Unobserved
Melun	T.O. 4825-0053E	44th (1 Squadron)	Visual	1312	20,100	Unobserved
Melun	Primary	492nd (1 Squadron)	GH	1306 $\frac{1}{2}$	23,100	Unobserved
Melun		392nd (1 Squadron)				Did Not Bomb
Bretigny	Primary	445th (2 Squadrons)	GH	1300	22,000	Unobserved
Bretigny	T.O. Laval	389th (1 Squadron)	Visual	1253	22,500	Unobserved
Guyancourt	Primary	467th (2 Squadrons)	GH	1257	22,000	Unobserved
Guyancourt		458th				Did Not Bomb

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

18 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 17 JUNE 44, (GUYANCOURT A/D)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. MODERATE FLAK OF FAIR INTENSITY OF THE BARRAGE TYPE WAS ENCOUNTERED OVER DREUX AT 1247. OCCASIONAL SMOKE ROCKETS WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE COURSE WEST OF PARIS. NONE OF OUR A/C RECEIVED BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. NO OBSERVATIONS REPORTED DUE TO 9 TO 10/10THS CLOUDS.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

18 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 17 June 1944 #1.
TO: Commanding General, 2d Bombardment Division.
Attention: Statistical Control.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458		
B.	Division F.O. No.	349		
C.	Date of Operation	17 June 1944 (#1)		
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Guyencourt Airdrome		
E.	A/C Dispatched.	11		
F.	A/C Sorties	5		
G.	A/C Attacking	2		
H.	A/C Not Attacking	9		
	(1) Weather	Nil		
	(2) Personnel	2	41-28709 - Engineer Sick	2
			42-95163 - Ball Gnr Sick	4
	(3) Mechanical.	3	42-95050 - #3 Engine Oil Leak	✓
			42-28719 - #4 Engine Oil Leak	5
			42-110184 - Could not catch Form. (44-40118 was scrubbed due to dead batteries)	2
	(4) Enemy Action.	Nil		
	(5) Formation	Nil		
	(6) Other	4	42-95316 - Could not find target.	5
			41-29359 - Could not find target.	5
			42-95116 - Could not find target.	4
			42-95008 - Could not catch formation. (Late in taking off due to misunderstanding in clearance)	5
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	Nil		
J.	A/C Attacking Secondary Target.	Nil		
K.	A/C Attacking Last Resort Target.	Nil		
L.	A/C Attacking Opportunity Target.	2	1 - 10 X 500 GP - St Valery A/D	
			1 - 10 X 500 GP - Dreux M/Y	
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

Phoned 280
18 June
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MISSION # 97

17 JUNE 1944

Whitlow-Jamison

C Armour 059 K21 J-3
576 125-
Lammers-Williamsom
362 125-A

D Jones MF/DF

018 125-J

Wagner

Gulick
179 17V-X K20

Newell

Morley

097 J3-T

Loy

Warner

305 125-N
K20

M18

106 125-L
221

Quirk

K21

Hauser

219 17V-W

352 17V-K

320 J3-W

441 J3-1

TAKE OFF ORDER

RUNWAY 05

WEST	A/C	Disp	Disp Order No.	Disp	EAST A/C
	059 E	25	1		
	362 A	8	2		
	596 R	1	3		
	097 T	15	4		
	018 J	7	5		
			6	27	179 X
	441 I	14	7		
	320 W	11	8		
	106 L	12	9		
	305 N	9	10		
			11	30	352 K
			12	34	219 W

Spares: 288 L Disp 22
117 M Disp 31

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
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	CLARK	67	--	OLLUM	L	42-95124	124	K	RE	--	93BG/329SQ	EX-458 PILOT
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	HANCOCK	67	10		L	41-29359	359	--	J3	43	TAIL WIND	
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	HAYZLETT	67	ABT			42-95050	050	--	7V	--	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	ABORT - #3 ENG OIL LEAK
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	JUDGE	67	ABT			42-95163	163	--	Z5	--	DIXIE BELLE	ABORT - BALL GUNNER SICK
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	LeBEUF	67	8		L	42-95096	096	--	Z5	12	BOMBS AWAY	
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	McARDLE	67	ABT			41-28719	719	--	J3	--	PADDLEFOOT	ABORT - #4 ENG OIL LEAK
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	McCOLLOUGH	67	ABT			42-110184	184	--	J3	--	GWEN	ABORT - COULD NOT CATCH FORM
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	REW	67	ABT			42-95008	008	--	J3	--	UNKNOWN 035	ABORT - LATE T/O COULD NOT CATCH FORM
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	THOMPSON	67	14		L	41-28942	942	--	7V	13	HEAVENLY BODY	
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	URBANIAK	67	ABT			41-28709	709	--	7V	--	LUCKY STRIKE	ABORT - ENGINEER SICK
17-Jun-44	GUYANCOURT	VERMEIREN	67	12			42-95116	116	--		11	JUNIOR	