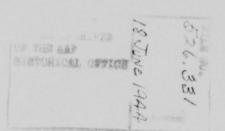
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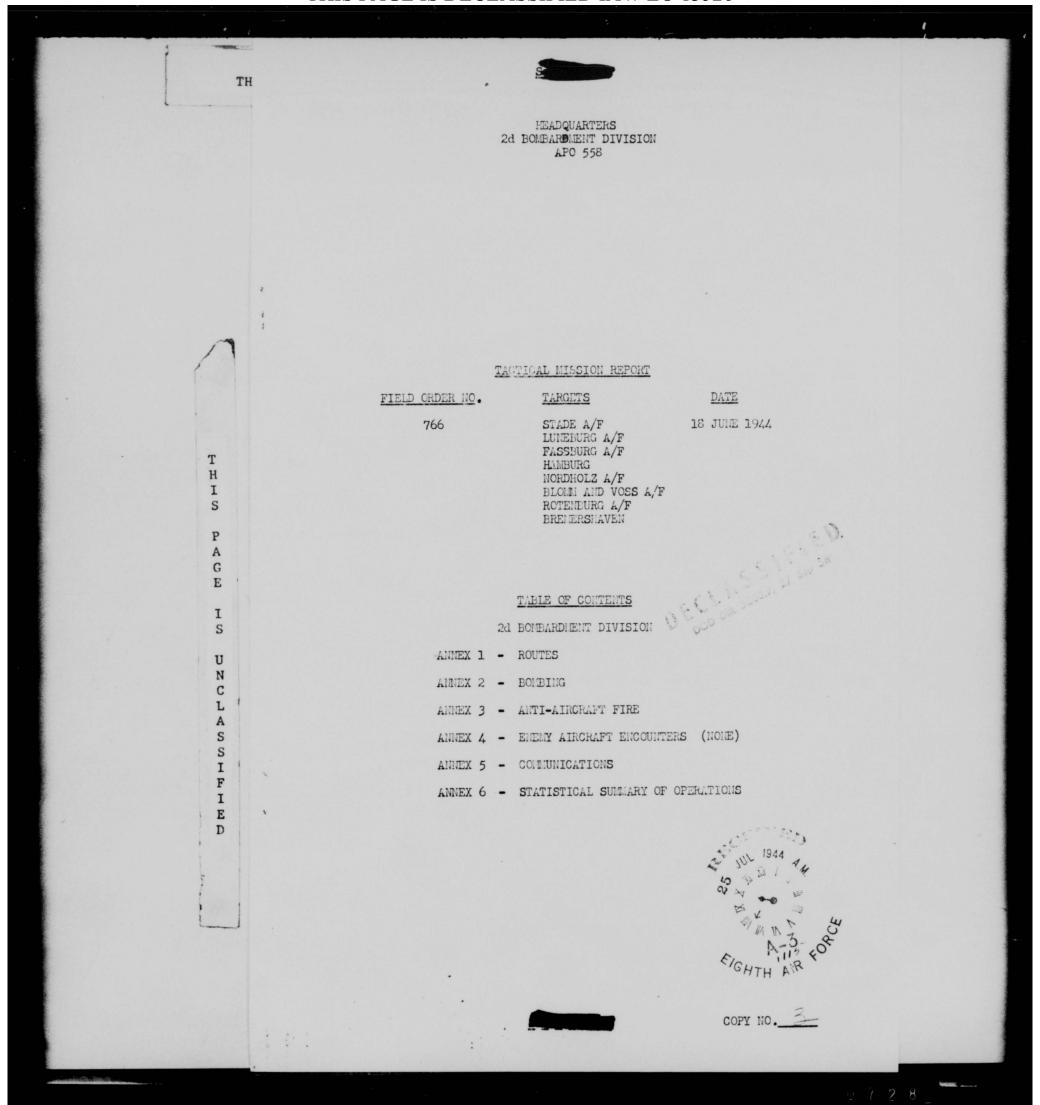
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SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 18 June 1944

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

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a. Date of Mission - 18 June 1944

b. Primary Targets:

If Visual:

2nd Combat Wing - Stade A/F

14th Combat Wing - Luneburg A/F

20th Combat Wing - Fassburg A/F

96th Combat Wing - Fassburg A/F and Luneburg A/F

If PFF:
All Combat Wings - City of Hamburg

c. Secondar Targets:

If Visual:

2nd Combat Wing - Nordholz A/F

14th Combat Wing - Blomm and Voss A/F

20th Combat Wing - Rotenburg A/F

If PFF:
All Combat Wings - City of Bremershaven

d. Last Resort Target: Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany.

e. Units Participating - 2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG) 14th CBW (44th; 392nd, 492nd BG) 20th CBW (93rd, 446th, 448th BG) 96th CBW (458th, 466th, 467th BG)

2. Narrative.

a. 421 aircraft from four Combat Wings were dispatched to visually attack Stade, Luneburg and Fassburg airfields in Northwestern Germany. Twelve H2X ships were dispatched for navigational purposes and for use in bombing if visual methods could not be employed.

b. Assembly was accomplished without incident and the briefed route was generally flown.

c. Target area was covered with 5/10 to 10/10 cloud and only one Group visually attacked the assigned primary target, Stade A/F, with poor results. Three Squadrons visually attacked various targets of opportunity: Haussum A/F with good results, hits being scored on the hangars and landing ground; Mordenham with good results with hits on docks and built-up areas around the docks; and Heligoland with poor results. The PFF primary target, the city of Hamburg, was attacked on H2X by twelve Squadrons. Hits were observed in industrial areas, dock areas and a railway junction. Six Squadrons attacked Bremershaven on H2X, the PFF secondary target, with good results. Several warehouses were destroyed or damaged. Four Squadrons attacked Wesermunde, a target of opportunity on H2X. Hits were observed in the center of the city.

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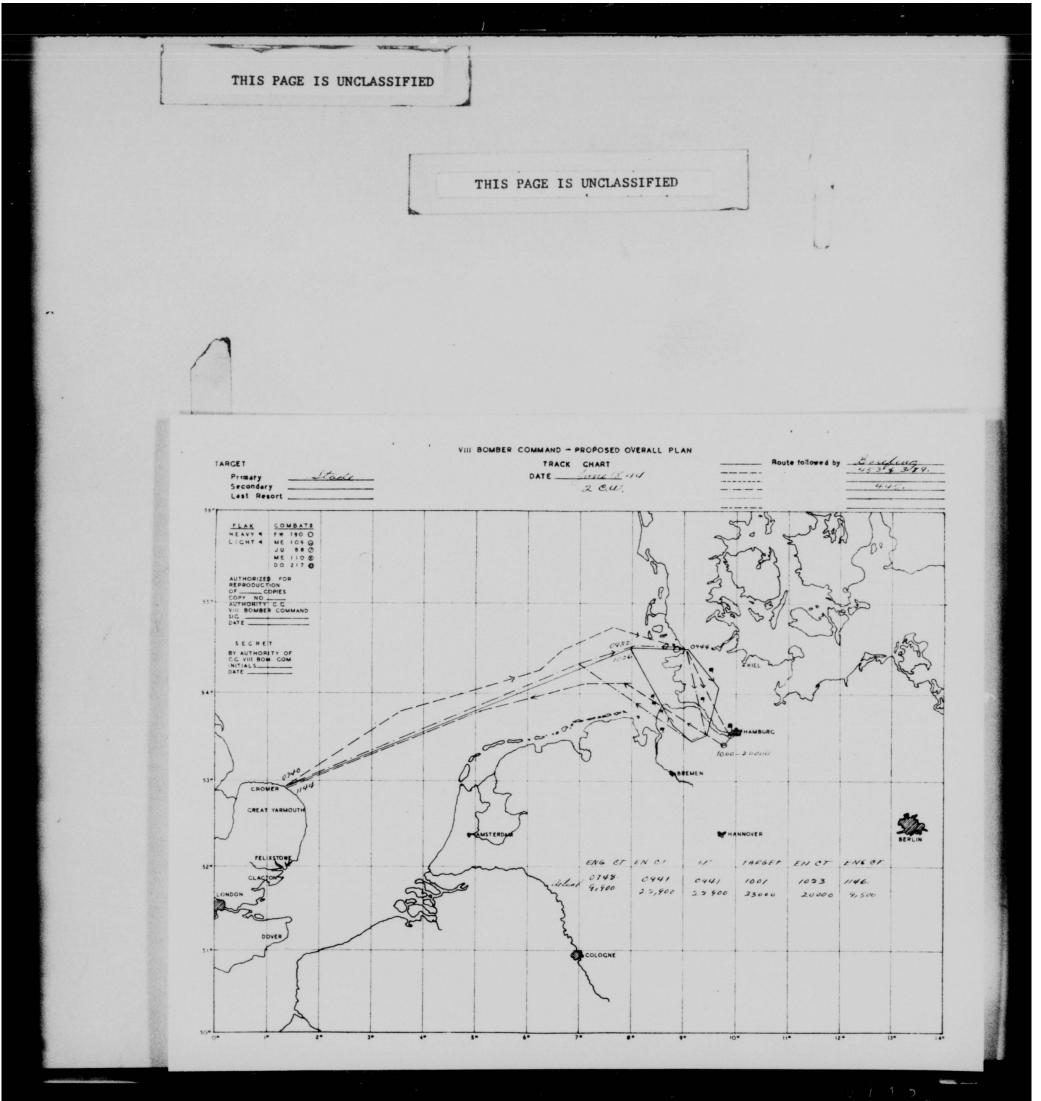
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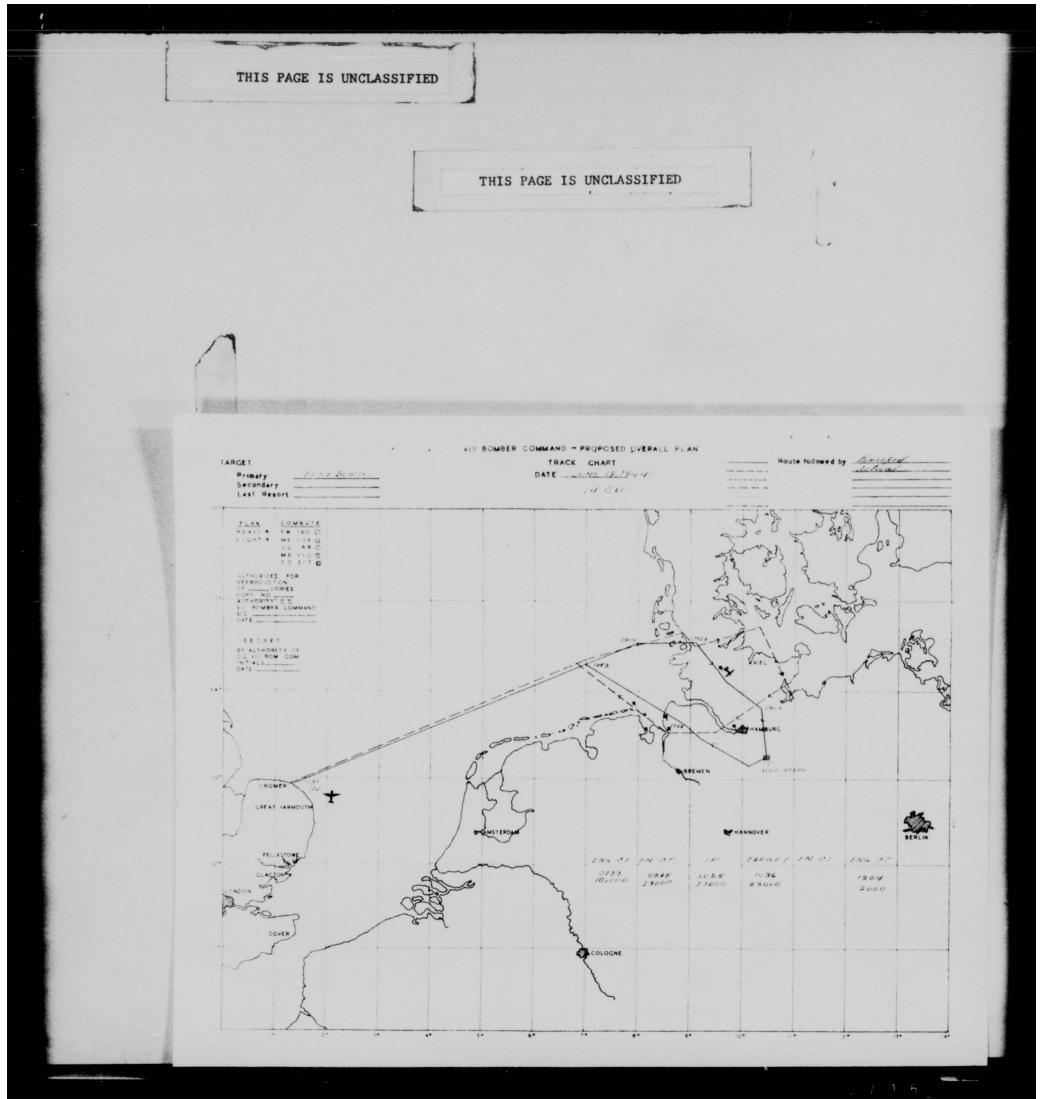
d. Moderate to intense accurate flak was encountered over Bremershaven and Hamburg. Moderate gunfire was encountered enroute at Cuxhaven, Wilhelmshaven and from ships off Wilhelmshaven. Meager gunfire was encountered enroute at Itzehol, Neumunster, Rendsburg, Heligoland, Neuwerk, Scharnhorn Island, Wangerooge, and Schwerin A/F. No enemy aircraft were encountered and friendly fighter support was very good. Four aircraft were lost to enemy anti-aircraft fire. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

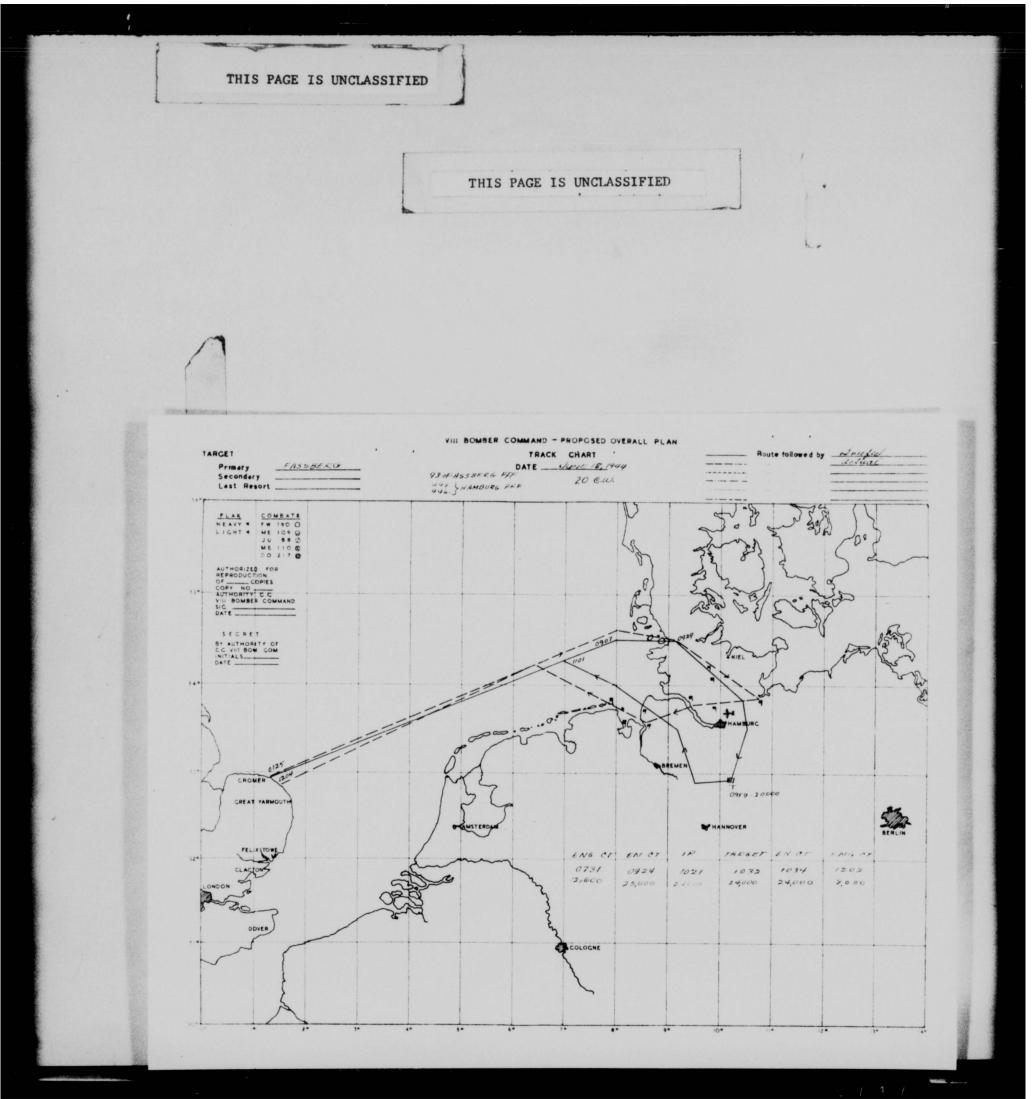
CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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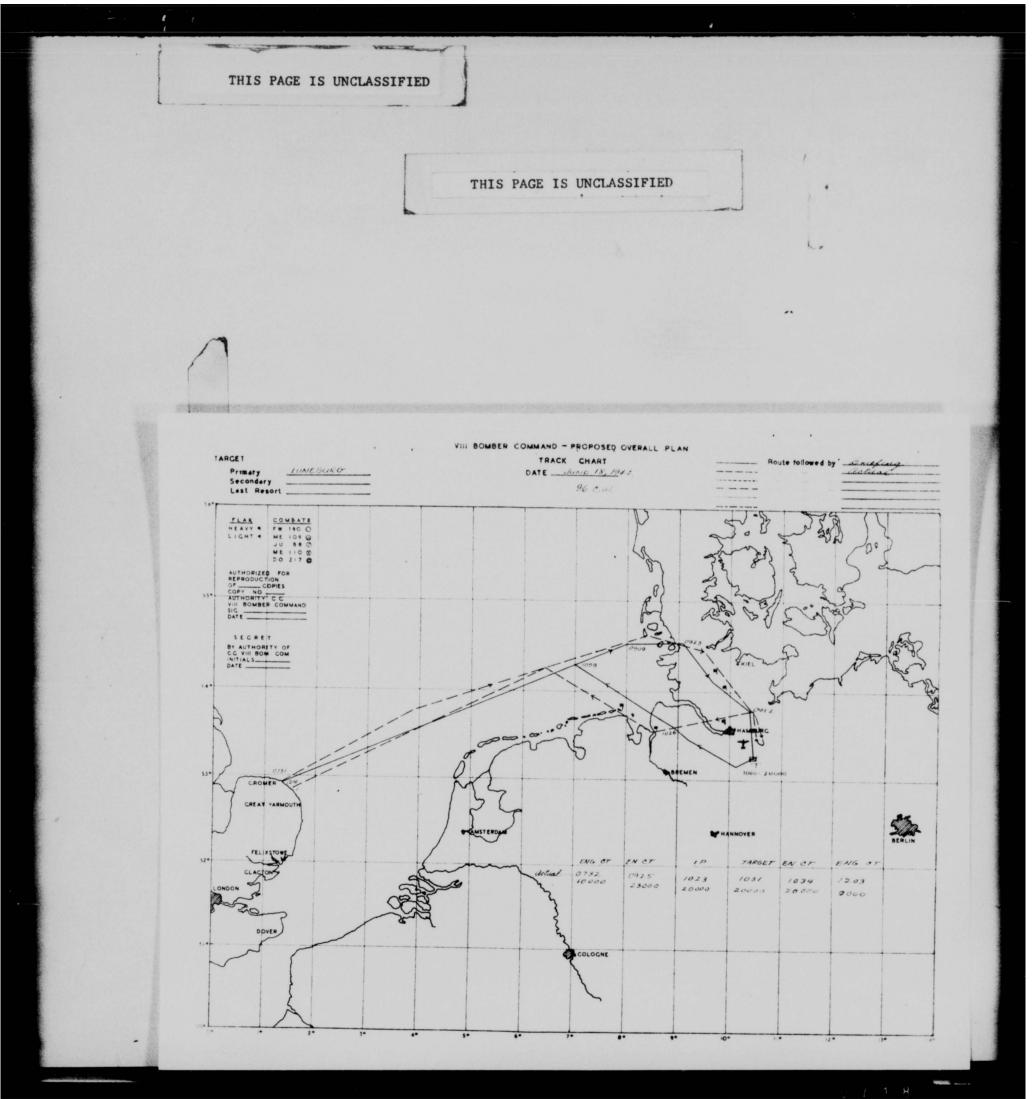




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|       | DIR. OF | LENGTH OF       |          | THE        | OF FLET AUTO-      | FIEV   | RANGE &    |               | NUMBER A/C |
|-------|---------|-----------------|----------|------------|--------------------|--------|------------|---------------|------------|
| CROU? | RUN     | OF RUN          | ALTITUDE | RELEAS     |                    | MANUAL | DEFLEC.    | RANGE         | BOMBED     |
|       |         |                 | *        |            | STADE A/F          |        |            |               |            |
| 445   | 198°    | 5 min.          | 23,000   | 1008       |                    | X      | Dropped on | lead PFF A/C  | 45 / 1 PFF |
|       |         |                 |          |            | HALBURG            |        |            |               |            |
| 93    | 180°    |                 | 23,0001  | 0938       |                    | X      |            | lead PFF A/C  | 32 / 1 PFF |
| 446   | 1690    |                 | 23;100   | 0939       |                    | X      |            | lead PFF A/C  | 27         |
| 448   | 1810    | 2 min.          | 23,300   | 0946       |                    | X      | Dropped on | lead PFF A/C  | 21 / 1 PFF |
| 453   | 1400    | 4 min.          | 23;0001  | 1001       | X                  |        | Dropped on | lead PFF A/C  | 45 / 2 PFF |
| 389   | 1780    |                 | 23,0001  | 1007       | X                  |        | Dropped on | lead PFF A/C  | 34 / 3 PFF |
|       |         |                 | ,        |            | HAUSSUN A/F (T.O.) |        |            |               |            |
| 448   | 10°     | 1 min.          | 23,7001  | 1011       | X                  |        | 1          | 2             | 13         |
|       |         |                 |          |            | MESERMUNDE         |        |            |               |            |
| 458   | 2440    |                 | 20;0001  | 1031       |                    | X      | Dropped on | lead PFF A/C  | 10 / 1 PFF |
| 466   | 2400    |                 | 22,0001  | 1032       |                    | X      | Dropped on | PFF Sky Harke |            |
|       |         |                 |          |            | BRE ERSHAVEN       |        |            |               |            |
| 467   | 2480    | 2 min.          | 21;000!  | 1027       | X                  |        | Dropped on | 458th Group   | 13         |
| 467   | 2480    | 2 min.          | 21;100'  | 1035       | X                  |        |            | PFF Sky Marke |            |
| 44    | 245°    | 5 min.          | 23;0001  | 1031       | X                  |        |            | Lead PFF A/C  | 24 / 2 PFF |
| 392   | 240°    | 2 min.          | 24;800   | 1035       |                    | X      |            | Lead PFF A/C  | 18 / 1 PFF |
| 392   | 230°    | 2 min.          | 21;5001  | 1032       | X                  |        | Dropped on | 44th Group    | 10         |
| 492   | 270°    | 2 min.          | 21,0001  | 1037       | X                  |        | Dropped on |               | 23         |
|       |         |                 |          | 1611111111 | NORDENHAH          |        |            |               |            |
| 492   | 1730    |                 | 21,0001  | 1040       | X                  |        | 1          | 2             | 9          |
|       |         |                 |          |            | HELIGOLAND         |        |            |               |            |
| 458   | 200     | <b>3</b> 0 sec. | 18,000   | 1045       | X                  |        | 1          | 1             | 9          |

The assigned primary targets for this mission, if visual, were the airfields at Stade, Luneburg, and Fassburg,
 Germany. If bombing was PFF, the primary was Hamburg and the secondary, Bremershaven.

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<sup>2.</sup> There was some confusion in the target area as to whether bombing was to be done on the visual targets or PFF targets. In most cases the visual primary targets were covered by 10/10 cloud and formations attacked the PFF primary and secondary.

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- 3. Nine A/C did not bomb when they were scattered on the bomb run through interference by other Groups. Two A/C did not bomb due to rack malfunctions, and six A/C did not bomb due to mechanical difficulties.
- 4. Results of Borbing:

  Stade A/F Poor Bombfall in open fields, 2 miles SE of target.

  Hamburg partially unobserved hits in industrial areas, dock areas and railway junction.

  Haussum A/F Good hangars and landing ground hit.

  Wesernunde partially unobserved Incendiary bombs hit in center of city.

  Dremershaven Good several warehouse buildings destroyed and damaged.

  Nordenhan Good Hits on docks and built up areas around docks.

  Heligoland Poor Bombfall in the water.

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#### 3. Anti-aircraft Fire.

- a. Targets:
  - (1) Bremerhaven
  - (2) Hamburg
  - (3) Stade A/F
- b. All Groups encountered moderate to intense and fairly accurate gunfire over Bremerhaven. Most of this fire appears to have been chiefly a combination of fixed barrages and predicted concentrations, although some predictor control fire was also encountered presumably whenever the weather conditions permitted "seen" fire.
- c. Whe AleffingwasouncounterembutgStadouAfFred an accurate predicted concentration, but the following Groups encountered mainly fixed
- d. barrages although a small amount of predictor control fire was also encountered at this target.
- d. No AA fire was encountered at Stade A/F.
- e. Moderate gunfire was encountered on route at Cuxhaven, Wilhelmshaven, and from ships off Wilhelmshaven.
- f. Meager gunfire was encountered enroute at Itzehoe, Neumunster, Rendsburg, Heligoland, Neuwerk, Scharnhorn I, Wangerooge, and Schwerin A/F. A 4-gun position was also pinpointed between Spieka and Nordholz.
- g. Rockets were seen at both Hamburg and Bremerhaven, a few of which emitted a cloud of silver sparklers when they burst. Rockets were also seen at Wenzendorf which emitted wires with burning objects attached to them. A rocket was seen at Hamburg which burst into a puff of black smoke from which grey streamers of smoke shot out.
- h. An unidentified B-24 flew a parallel course to the 492nd Group, approximately 2000 yards to the right of the formation, from Hamburg to Wilhelmshaven. This Group encountered exceptionally accurate gunfire, and as this B-24 appeared to have no markings, it is suspected of being hostile and may have been correcting the height of the fire by wireless.
- i. One of the A/C of the 448th Group was shot down over Hamburg at 22000 ft. One A/C of the 492nd Group was badly damaged by AA fire at Rendsburg and landed in Sweden. Another A/C of the 492nd Group was badly damaged by AA fire at Bremerhaven and ditched in the

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#### 5. Communications.

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a. In addition to normal use of "window" as a radar counter-measure, the spot-jamming "carpet-blinker" equipment was used. Two aircraft dispatched jammed frequencies from 525 to 570 mcs. The presence of numerous GL radar transmissions in the lower frequency end of the Wurzburg range was noted in the target area. 15 H2X equipped aircraft were dispatched from two squadrons. Five used grid system of bombing, three bombed by H2X, and four bombed visually. Equipment difficulties prevented use of remaining sets.

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THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED FORM V-11 A NO. A/C TAKING CFF 46 48 NO. A/C DISPATCHED NO. A/C ATTACKING NO. A/Q NOT ATTACKING 1, NO. A/C SORTIES 920x120FB 920x120FB 572×100IB 572x100IB 132x500GP 2x500GP NO. & TYPES 134x500GP TONNAGE LR-Unknown LR - A LR - B Hamburg Hamburg TARGET ... 34 444x1.20FB NO. OF A/C 40x100FB 4x5000P 52x100IB 12x500QP 720x120FB 572x100TB 40x100FB 10x100IB 416x100IB 335x500GP 144x500GP 10x500GP 335x500GP 408x500GP 14x500GP T NO. & TYPE 204x500GP 79.3 86.8 130.6 61.1 887.4 79.3 TOTAL TOWNAGE ALL TARGETS 1004.7 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 CASUALTIAS-KILLED, WOUNDED 0-0-4-19 Division 0-2-0-0 CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM A/C BATTLE DAMAGE CAT A-AC-B-E 0-1-0-0 2-0-0-0 11-0-0-0 0-1-0-0 36-7-4-0 E-Heligoland B-Schillig C-Westermunde D-Nordenham

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IR - A IR-Hasun IR-Wrist M/Y IR-Berteheite IR-A 21 13 572x100IB 518x100IB | 516x100IB 220x500GP 262x500GP 229x500GP 1000x100IB 264x500GP 80x500GP NO. & TYPE 65.5 57.3 73. TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS A/C LOST TO FLAK A/C LOST TO B/A A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT A/C LOST UNKNOWN
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# HEADQUARTERS STATION 123 APO 558 OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

19 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 18 JUNE 44 (FASSBERG A/F)

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

## ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENOOUNTERED.

#### ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. AT BREMERSHAVEN, FLAK WAS INTENSE, ACCURATE OF THE CF VARIETY FIRING VISUALLY. ON ROUTE IN, MODERATE FAIRLY ACCURATE FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED OVER LUBECK. SECOND SUADRON. RAN INTO INTENSE CF FIRE OF FAIR ACCURACY FROM CUXHAVEN AND HELIGOLAND DEFENSES.

OUR A/C 733 X, OF THE 754TH SQ. LEFT FORMATION IN VICINITY OF HAMBURG WITH #1 ENGINE SMOKING. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME BUT AIR-SEA RESCUE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THIS PLANE.

TEN A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE AND ONE A/C IN THE CATAGORY OF MAJOR.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

3. 12 FREIGHTERS AND 9 ESCORT VESSELS IN ELBE ESTUARY, COURSE 90 DEGREES AT 1040 FROM 20,000 FEET.

SMOKE SCREEN AT KIEL AT 0930 FROM 21,000 FEET.

SEVERAL S/E A/C SEEN ON NEUMUNSTER A/D AT 0929
FROM 21,000 FEET.

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

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

19 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 18 June 1944 #1.

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

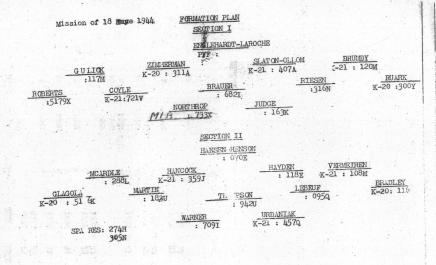
#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

| A.  | Group 458   |
|-----|---|
| B.  | Division F.O. No  |
| G.  | Date of Operation 18 June 1944 (#1)                                 |
| D.  | Ordered Primary Target Fassberg A/F                                 |
| E.  | A/C Dispatched 23   |
| F.  | A/C Sorties 23  |
| G.  | A/C Attacking   |
| Н.  |   |
| 11. | (4) Enemy Action  |
| I.  | A/C Attacking Primary Terget Nil                                    |
|     | A/C Attacking Secondary Target Nil                                  |
| J.  |   |
| к.  | A/C Attacking Last Resort Target Nil                                |
| Lie | A/C Attacking Opportunity Target 22 13 - 154 X 500 GP - Wessermunde |
|     | 8 = 96 X 500 GP - Helgoland   |
|     | $1 - 12 \times 500 \text{ GP} - \text{Wrist M/Y}$                   |
| M.  | A/C Lost - Flak 1 41-28733  |
| N.  | A/C Lost - Flak and E/A Nil   |
| 0.  | A/G Lost - E/A Nil  |
| P.  | A/C Lost - Accident Nil   |
|     |   |
| 40  | A/C Lost - Cause Unknown Nil  |
|     |   |

For the Commanding Officer:

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





#### 458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

| Date      | Target       | Pilot      | 458th<br>Msn | Pilot<br>Msn | Cmd Pilot | Ld | Serial    | Last 3 | RCL | Sqdn       | A/C<br>Msn | A/C Name                                 | Comments             |
|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----|-----------|--------|-----|------------|------------|--|----------------------|
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | BRADLEY    | 69           | 3            |           |    | 42-95116  | 116    | V   | Z5         | 12         | JUNIOR                                   | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | BRAUER     | 69           | 27           |           |    | 41-28682  | 682    | - 1 | Z5         | 35         | UNKNOWN 003                              | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | BRUMBY     | 69           | 4            |           |    | 42-95120  | 120    | М   | J3         | 13         | HOOKEM COW / BETTY                       | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | COYLE      | 69           | 2            |           |    | 41-28721  | 721    | ٧   | 7V         | 29         | DOWNWIND LEG                             | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | ENGLEHARDT | 69           | 10           | LaROCHE   | L1 | 41-28794  | 794    | G+  | QK         |            | 44BG/66SQ                                | MSN #1 PFF           |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | GLAGOLA    | 69           | 3            |           |    | 42-7516   | 516    | K   | J3         | 15         | GATOR                                    | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | GULICK     | 69           | 31           |           |    | 42-95117  | 117    | М   | 7V         | 19         | YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU               | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | HANCOCK    | 69           | 11           |           |    | 41-29359  | 359    | J   | J3         | 44         | TAIL WIND                                | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | HANSEN     | 69           | 12           | HENSON    | L2 | 42-110070 | 070    | Е   | Z5         | 10         | ELMER / LADY LUCK                        | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | HAYDON     | 69           | 12           |           |    | 42-95118  | 118    | E   | 7V         | 4          | ALFRED V (Trnsf to 392 <sup>nd</sup> BG) | MSN #1 NAME "HAYDEN" |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | JUDGE      | 69           | 12           |           |    | 42-95163  | 163    | K   | <b>Z</b> 5 | 19         | DIXIE BELLE                              | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | LeBEUF     | 69           | 9            |           |    | 42-51095  | 095    | Q   | Z5         | 14         | SHOO SHOO BABY                           | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | MARTIN, L  | 69           | 2            |           |    | 42-95183  | 183    | U   | J3         | 8          | BRINEY MARLIN                            | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | McARDLE    | 69           | 7            |           |    | 41-29288  | 288    | L   | J3         | 31         | BIG-TIME OPERATOR                        | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | NORTHROP   | 69           | FTR          |           |    | 41-28733  | 733    | Χ   | J4         | 31         | RHAPSODY IN JUNK                         | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | RIESEN     | 69           | 5            |           |    | 42-95316  | 316    | N   | J3         | 21         | PRINCESS PAT                             | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | ROBERTS, J | 69           | 5            |           |    | 42-95179  | 179    | Χ   | 7V         | 16         | HERE I GO AGAIN                          | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | RUARK      | 69           | 4            |           |    | 41-29300  | 300    | Υ   | J3         | 31         | LORELEI                                  | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | SLATON     | 69           | 23           | OLLUM     | D1 | 42-100407 | 407    | Α   | J3         | 27         | LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY                      | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | THOMPSON   | 69           | 15           |           |    | 41-28942  | 942    | U   | 7V         | 14         | HEAVENLY BODY                            | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | URBANIAK   | 69           | 11           |           |    | 42-52457  | 457    | Q   | 7V         | 28         | FINAL APPROACH                           | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | VERMEIREN  | 69           | 13           |           |    | 42-95108  | 108    | М   | Z5         | 12         | ENVY OF 'EM ALL II                       | MSN #1               |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | WARNER     | 69           | 7            |           |    | 41-28709  | 709    | I   |            | 20         | LUCKY STRIKE                             |                      |
| 18-Jun-44 | FASSBERG A/D | ZIMMERMAN  | 69           | 27           |           |    | 42-100311 | 311    | Α   | 7V         | 29         | УОКИМ ВОУ                                | MSN #1               |