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AAF 147 APO 558

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Initials <i>RRS</i>
Date <i>19 July 1944</i>

17 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 18 June 1944.

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

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 18 June 1944.
- b. Primary Target - Watten, Noball installation.
- c. Secondary Target - None.
- d. Units Participating - 20th CBW (448th, 446th, 93rd BG).
95th CBW (491st, 489th BG).
96th CBW (466th, 467th BG).

2. Narrative.

a. 66 aircraft flying as six Squadrons, each led by a GH aircraft, were dispatched to attack the Noball installation at Watten. Two Groups of P-51s and one Group of P-38s provided fighter support.

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

c. Five Squadrons attacked the primary target on GH with unobserved results due to 10/10 cloud cover. One composite Squadron of the 446th and 448th Groups did not bomb due to a rack malfunction of the lead GH aircraft.

d. No enemy anti-aircraft fire was encountered. No enemy aircraft were seen and friendly fighter support was good. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	PILOT	FILED AUTO PILOT	FILED MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT	RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOMBED
448	276	5 min.	21,000	1302	WATTEN		X	Dropped on lead GI A/C	7 + 1 GI	
448	Composite Squadron did not bomb									
446										
93										
467	284	19 min.	21,000	1311		X		" " " " "	11 + 1 GI	
458	276	16½ min.	21,300	1313½			X	" " " " "	9 + 1 GI	
491	274	15 min.	20,500	1312			X	" " " " "	13 + 1 GI	
489	274	15 min.	21,300	1313			X	" " " " "	12 + 1 GI	

- The assigned primary target for this mission was Watten, France.
- The target was attacked by five Squadrons bombing on GI equipment through 10/10 undercast.
- One composite Squadron of the 448th and 446th Groups did not bomb due to a rack failure in their lead GI A/C.
- Results of bombing were unobserved due to 10/10 undercast.

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Tactical Report of Mission, 13 June 1944.

5. Communications.

- a. All facilities functioned normally. Six GH aircraft were dispatched. All equipment functioned satisfactorily, but one aircraft failed to bomb because of rack malfunctions.

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FORM V-11		18 June 1944							
UNIT		23D	93GH	446	448	489	491	458	467
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	66	6	3	10	13	13	10	11
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	66	6	3	10	13	13	10	11
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	58	5	1	7	12	13	9	11
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	8	1	2	3	1	-	1	-
	NO. A/C SOWING	63	6	3	9	12	13	9	11
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	58	5	1	7	12	13	9	11
	NO. & TYPES	219x2000GP 9x500GP	15x2000GP	4x2000GP	28x2000GP	47x2000GP	52x2000GP	33x2000GP	40x2000GP 9x500GP
	TONNAGE	221.3	15	4	28	47	52	33	42.3
	TARGET								
	NO. OF A/C								
	NO. & TYPE								
	TONNAGE								
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		221.3	15	4	28	47	52	33	42.3
BATTLE	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								
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED								
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA								
STATISTICS	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,								
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM								
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE								
CAT. A-AC-3-B									

Tactical Report of Mission
6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONSPrepared by:
STATISTICAL CONTROL
2d Bombardment Division

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

19 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 18 JUNE 44 (WATTEN-NOBALL)

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

2. NO FLAK ENCOUNTERED.

OBSERVATIONS

3. NO OBSERVATIONS REPORTED DUE 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 18 June 1944 #2.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	352
C.	Date of Operation	18 June 1944 (#2)
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	No Ball - Watten
E.	A/C Dispatched.	10
F.	A/C Sorties	9
G.	A/C Attacking	9
H.	A/C Not Attacking	1
	(3) Mechanical & Equipment.	1 - 42-28719 - Excessive Fuel Consumption S
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	9 - 33 X 2000 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	NNil

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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Phoned 2BD
1600 hrs
19 June

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MISSION #99

MISSION #2 June 13, 1944

~~John F. Brennan~~

:1260

Hauser

: 097T

Lockridge

:705H NTO

Larson

018 J

Hannaman

719 ABORT

MF/DF

K-20

Newel I

096 F

K-20

Henrick

433 B

Rolland

735 V NTO

McNamara

184 F

Hathaway

340 N

Middleton

441 H

705

Warner

352 K

ORDER OF TAKE OFF

RUNWAY 05

WEST

EAST

12 1260 1

2 705H 2

15 097T 3

4

433B 24

17 018J 5

6

340N Hangar #1

7

184F 24

16 735V 8

9 096F 9

13 7190 10

11

352K 32

14 441I 12

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
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	HANNAMAN	70	ABT			41-28719	719	Q	J3	--	PADDLEFOOT	ABORT - MSN #2 - EXCESSIVE FUEL CONSUMPTION
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	HATHAWAY	70	11			41-29340	340	N	7V	28	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	MSN#2
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	HAUSER	70	3			42-51097	097	T	J3	21	UNKNOWN 022	MSN#2
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	HEMRICH	70	11			42-100433	433	B	J3	29	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT	MSN #2 SPELLED HEMRICK
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	LARSON	70	12			42-95018	018	J	Z5	19	OLD DOC'S YACHT	MSN#2
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	LOCKRIDGE	70	NT0			41-28705	705	H	J4	--	YE OLDE HELLGATE	NO TAKE OFF - MSN #2 - REASON UNK
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	McNAMARA	70	22			42-110184	184	F	J3	5	GWEN	MSN#2
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	MIDDLETON	70	7			41-28705	705	H	J4	33	YE OLDE HELLGATE	MSN #2 441 I SCRATCHED OUT
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	NEWELL	70	4			42-95096	096	F	Z5	13	BOMBS AWAY	MSN #2
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	ROWLAND	70	NT0			41-28735	735	V	J3	--	UNKNOWN 005	NO TAKE OFF - MSN #2 - REASON UNK
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	SCHULZE	70	29	FREEMAN	L1	44-40126	126	O	--	5	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	RCL "O"?
18-Jun-44	WATTEN	WARNER	70	8			41-29352	352	K	7V	28	WOLVE'S LAIR	MSN#2