

HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

770

TARGETS

NOBALL TARGETS IN
CALAIS AREA

DATE

19 JUNE 1944

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17 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 19 June 1944.

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

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 19 June 1944.

- b. Primary Targets -

2nd Combat Wing
453rd Group - Fienwilliers
309th Group - Beloy sur Somme
445th Group - Vignacourt

14th Combat Wing
492nd Group - Coulbronne
392nd Group - Mont Louis Perme
44th Group - Authoux

20th Combat Wing
446th Group - Bachimont and Haute Cote

95th Combat Wing
489th Group - Crauche d'Eques
451st Group - Fressin

96th Combat Wing
466th Group - Corneflos
458th Group - Regnauville

- c. Secondary Target - None.

- d. Last Resort Target - None.

- c. Units Participating - 2nd CDW (453rd, 389th, 445th BG).
14th CDW (492nd, 392nd, 44th BG).
20th CDW (446th BG).
95th CDW (489th, 491st BG).
96th CDW (466th, 458th BG).

2. Narrative.

- a. Planning called for thirteen Hoball targets in the Calais area to be attacked by one Squadron per target, each led by a GH aircraft. 157 aircraft were dispatched for this mission. Two Groups of P-51s and two Groups of P-47s provided fighter support.

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

- c. All Squadrons attacked the assigned targets on GH with unobserved results due to 10/10 cloud cover.

- d. Meager inaccurate fire was reported from Fienvilliers, Coulbronno and Cauche d'Eques. Meager fairly accurate fire was reported at Mont Louis Fozne and at Authoux. No enemy fighters were seen and 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	FLEW AUTO PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT	RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOILED
453	265	21 min.	21,000	0947	<u>FLEUVILLERS</u> X		Dropped on lead GH A/C		10 + 1 GH A/C
389	245	17 min.	21,000	1028	<u>BELLOX S.R. SOME</u> X		" " " "		11 + 1 GH A/C
445	267	15 min.	21,000	1044	<u>VIGNACOURT</u> X		" " " "		11 + 1 GH A/C
492	246	14 min.	21,000	1019	<u>COUBRONNE</u> X		" " " "		7 + 1 GH A/C
392	252	17 min.	21,000	1023	<u>MONT LOUIS FERME</u> X		" " " "		11 + 1 GH A/C
44	267	15 min.	21,000	1024	<u>AUTHIEUX</u> X		" " " "		11 + 1 GH A/C
446	269	15 min.	21,000	0952	<u>BACHIMONT</u> X		" " " "		9 + 1 GH A/C
446	255	12 min.	21,000	1039	<u>HAUTE COTE</u> X		" " " "		11 + 1 GH A/C
489	245	6 min.	21,000	1055	<u>CAUCHE D'ECQUES</u> X		" " " "		10 + 1 GH A/C
489	255	12 min.	21,000	1039	<u>HOLQUE</u> X		" " " "		5 + 1 GH A/C
491	272	18 min.	21,000	1028 ¹ / ₂	<u>FRESSIN</u> X		" " " "		11 + 1 GH A/C
466	258	20 min.	21,000	1029	<u>CORENFLOS</u> X		" " " "		10 + 1 GH A/C
458	262	16 min.	21,000	1030	<u>REGNAUVILLE</u> X		" " " "		10 + 1 GH A/C

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were tactical targets at the above listed locations.
- b. Bombing was accomplished by Squadrons, each Squadron being led by a GH A/C, bombing through 10/10 cloud on GH equipment. Three A/C did not bomb due to rack malfunctions.
- c. The results of bombing were unobserved due to 10/10 cloud.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

a. Targets:

- (1) Fienvilliers
- (2) Belloy sur Somme
- (3) Cauchie d'Eques
- (4) Haute Cote
- (5) Authoux
- (6) Mont Louis Ferme
- (7) Coubronno
- (8) Gorenflos
- (9) Regnaucourt
- (10) Vignacourt
- (11) Bachimont
- (12) Fressin
- (13) Holque

- b. Very little fire was encountered and that was of "unseen" type. Meager inaccurate fire was reported from Fienvilliers, Coubronno and Cauchie d'Eques. Meager fairly accurate at Mont Louis Ferme, moderate accurate at Authoux. All fire was predictor controlled. No fire was reported from the other targets. One Group reported meager inaccurate fire from Douai en route. Rockets were seen at 504ON-0218E.

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5. Communications.

- a. All communications equipment functioned satisfactorily on this mission.

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19 June

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UNIT		2BD	309	309PTF	445	453	44	392	492	93
A I R C R A P T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	156	10	1	11	11	11	22	11	22
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	156	10	1	11	11	11	22	11	22
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	148	10	1	11	10	11	21	11	18
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	8	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4
	NO. A/C SORTIES	153	10	1	11	10	11	21	11	21
B O E B S	NO. A/C	148	10	1	11	10	11	21	11	18
	NO. & TYPES	6092x100GP 140x500GP	380x100GP	10x100GP	540x100GP	488x100GP	423x100GP	1058x100GP	544x100GP	801x100GP
	TONNAGE	339.6	19.0	.5	27.0	24.4	21.2	52.9	27.2	40.0
	TARGET									
	NO. OF A/C									
B A T T L E	NO. & TYPE									
	TONNAGE									
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	339.6	19.0	.5	27.0	24.4	21.2	52.9	27.2	40.0
	A/C LOST TO FLAK	1								1
	A/C LOST TO E/A									
R E S U L T S	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A									
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT									
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN									
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	0-0-2-10								0-0-2-10
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
S C A T	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	19-3-0-0			1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0		5-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	1-1-0-0
	CAT A-AC-B-E									

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FORM N-11

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UNIT		93 rd	44 th	489 th	491 st	458 th	466 th
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	12	12	5	6	11	11
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	12	12	5	6	11	11
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	12	12	5	4	11	11
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	-	-	-	2	-	-
	NO. A/C SORTIES	12	12	5	6	11	11
B O M B S	NO. A/C	12	12	5	4	11	11
	NO. & TYPES	8x500GP 418x100GP	480x100GP	212x100GP	208x100GP	530x100GP	132x500GP
	TONNAGE	22.9	24.0	10.6	10.4	26.5	33.0
	TARGET						
	NO. OF A/C						
	NO. & TYPE						
	TONNAGE						
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		22.9	24.0	10.6	10.4	26.5	33.0
B A T T L E	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						
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM						
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE						
CAT. A-AC-B-E		2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0			2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0

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HEADQUARTERS
2ND BATTALION DIVISION
APO 550

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19 JUNE 1944

TACTICAL LESSON REPORT

TARGETS

NO. 11 TARGETS IN
THE 2ND BATTALION AREA

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

20 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 19 JUNE 44 (REGNAUVILLE)

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. THE FORMATION WAS IN FLAK THE ENTIRE TIME FROM THE IP TO THE TARGET. THE FLAK WAS FROM VERY HEAVY GUNS AND ALTHOUGH MEAGER, WAS EXTREMELY ACCURATE AND CHAFF WAS SEEMINGLY COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE.

ALL ELEVEN A/C IN THE FORMATION SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. APPROXIMATELY SIX FREIGHT TRAINS WERE LINED UP AT LILLE.

A SHIP WITH AIR CORPS MARKINGS AND BLACK TAIL FLEW BELOW US AND ABOUT 500 YARDS BACK, FROM LANDFALL TO LANDFALL THEN TURNED BACK.

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, Missions of 19 June 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458	
B.	Division F.O. No.	354	
C.	Date of Operation	19 June 1944 (#1)	
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	No Ball - Regnauville	
E.	A/C Dispatched.	11	
F.	A/C Sorties	10	
G.	A/C Attacking	10	
H.	A/C Not Attacking	1	
	(3) Mechanical & Equipment.	1 - 41-29305 - Oil leak #2 Engine	4
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	10 - 488 X 100 GP	
		(1 A/C loaded 20 bombs, long delay)	
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	Nil	

A.	Group	458	
B.	Division F.O. No.	354	
C.	Date of Operation	19 June 1944 (#2)	
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	No Ball - Regnauville	
E.	A/C Dispatched.	11	
F.	A/C Sorties	11	
G.	A/C Attacking	11	
H.	A/C Not Attacking	Nil	
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	11 - 530 X 100 GP	
		6 X 100 GP Returned	
		(1 A/C loaded 20 bombs, long delay)	
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	Nil	

For the Commanding Officer:

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

*Phoned 280
19 June
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Mission #1 - 19 June 1944

FORMATION PLAN

HINDSLEY

: CH

MCARDLE

316 : J3N

HAUSER

516 : J3K

WHITLOW

059 : J3E

BRADY

682 : J51

QUINN

008 : J3R

RISSEN

120 : J3M

ZEDIGERMAN

110 : J7P

BRADLEY

305 : J5N ABORT 274 : J3H

ARMOUR

ROBERTS

457 : J7Q

URBANIAK

455 : J7O

Mission #2 - 19 June 1944.

FORMATION PLAN

BOOTH

: CH

MCARDLE

179 : J7X

RUANE

183 : J3U

ROUBAL

312 : J7A

HANCOCK

359 : J3J

WARRNER

709 : J7I

LOK

721 : J7N

GULICK

340 : J7H

LE BEUF

096 : J5F

GLAGOLA

097 : J3T

RAYZLETT

288 : J8I

JONES

578 : J5U

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
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	ARMOUR	71	8			42-52274	274	H	J3	7	UNKNOWN 029	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	BRADLEY	71	ABT			41-29305	305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	ABORT - MSN #1 - #2 ENG OIL LEAK
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	BRAUER	71	28			41-28682	682	I	Z5	36	UNKNOWN 003	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	HAUSER	71	4			42-7516	516	K	J3	16	GATOR	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	McARDLE	71	8			42-95316	316	N	J3	22	PRINCESS PAT	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	QUIRK	71	4			42-95008	008	R	J3	14	UNKNOWN 035	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	ROBERTS, J	71	6			42-52457	457	Q	7V	29	FINAL APPROACH	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	URBANIAK	71	12			42-52455	455	O	7V	33	PLUTOCRAT	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	WHITLOW	71	24			42-110059	059	E	J3	20	UNKNOWN 056	MSN #1
19-Jun-44	REGNAUVILLE	ZIMMERMAN	71	28			42-51110	110	P	7V	13	TOP O' THE MARK	MSN #1