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HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.
774

TARGETS
AUTHEUX
ST. MARTIN L'HERTIER
FIEUVILLIERS
BACHINONT
REGNAUVILLE
FLEURY
CREPY
FEIFS
ENGUINNE-GATTE
OISEMONT

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20 JUNE 1944

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20 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 20 June 1944.

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

1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 20 June 1944.

b. Primary Targets

2nd Combat Wing - Authoux, St. Martin L'Hortier, Pienvilliers.

95th Combat Wing - Bachimont, Regnauville, Fleury, Croy, Pélifs,
Enguinno-Gatte.

96th Combat Wing - St. Martin L'Hortier, Oisemont.

c. Secondary Target - None.

d. Last Resort Target - None.

e. Units Participating - 2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG).
95th CBW (489th, 491st BG).
96th CBW (451th, 466th, 467th BG).

2. Narrative.

a. 148 aircraft were dispatched in twelve Squadrons, each led by a
GH aircraft, to attack ten Heball targets in the Pas de Calais area. One
Group of P-47s provided fighter support.b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and the briefed
route was generally flown.c. The assigned targets were attacked on GH with the following
results, shown by strike attack verticals: Pienvilliers excellent, Fleury
very good; Authoux, Regnauville and Pélifs good; St. Martin and Croy fair;
and Bachimont and Enguinno-Gatte poor. Oisemont was attacked on GH with
unobserved results.d. Moderate gunfire was encountered at St. Pol, Montdidier, Abbeville,
Lille, Oisemont, Dieppe, the Croyde/Furnes area, Dunkirk, Nieuport, Berck sur
Mer and St. Omer. Meager AA fire was encountered at Arras, Hesdin, Siracourt,
Authoux, Lens, Arras, Achiet, Le Treport and Vivillé sur Mer. No enemy air-
craft were encountered and fighter support was good. One aircraft was lost
to enemy AA fire. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

 CHARLES B. TESTOVER
 Colonel GSC
 Chief of Staff

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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 20 June 1944

| GROUP | DEFLECT OF RUN | LENGTH OF RUN | ALTITUDE | TIME OF RELEASE | PILOT | FLEW AUTO MANUAL | RANGE & DEFLECT | RANGE | NUMBER A/C BOMBED |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| <u>ST. MARTIN L'HORTIER</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 467) Comp. 458) | 107 | 9 min. | 21,000 | 0642 | X | | Dropped on lead GH A/C | 3 / 1 GH | 6 A/C of 458th |
| 445 | 107 | 25 min | 21,000 | 0647 | X | | " " " " " | 11 / 1 GH | |
| <u>OISEMONT</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 455 | 103 | 20 min. | 21,000 | 0644 1/2 | X | | " " " " " | 13 / 1 GH | |
| 456 | Did not bomb | | | | | | | | |
| <u>FIENVILLERS</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 453 | 93 | 20 min. | 21,000 | 0649 | | X | " " " " " | 10 / 1 GH | |
| <u>AUTHEUX</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 339 | 98 | 30 min. | 21,000 | 0646 | X | | " " " " " | 7 / 1 GH | |
| <u>BACHIMONT</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 439 | 80 | 17 min. | 21,000 | 0642 | | X | " " " " " | 11 / 1 GH | |
| <u>REGHAUVILLE</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 439 | 88 | 25 min. | 21,000 | 0639 | X | | " " " " " | 13 / 1 GH | |
| <u>FLEURY</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 439 | 72 | | 21,000 | 0644 | | X | " " " " " | 11 / 1 GH | |
| <u>CREPY</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 431 | 92 | 25 min. | 21,000 | 0639 | | X | " " " " " | 10 / 1 GH | |
| <u>FEIFS</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 431 | 86 | 20 min. | 21,000 | 0643 | | X | " " " " " | 12 / 1 GH | |
| <u>EGUINNE-GATTE</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 431 | 87 | 25 min. | 21,000 | 0642 | | X | " " " " " | 11 / 1 GH | |

1. The assigned primary targets for this mission were tactical targets in the above mentioned locations.
2. Bombing was done by squadrons, each squadron being led by a GH A/C bombing through 3/10 to 10/10 cloud.
3. One squadron did not bomb as they had no GH leader. Two A/C failed to bomb due to rack malfunctions.
4. Results of Bombing:

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4. Results of Bombing (Continued)

| | <u>DAMAGE</u> | | <u>ACCURACY</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| St. Martin | 467) Comp. 458) | Fair - few bursts in target area | Fair |
| St. Martin | 445 | Fair - one burst on MPI | Poor |
| Oisemont | 466 | Unobserved | |
| Fienvillers | 453 | Very good - bombfall concentrated in target area. | Excellent |
| Autheux | 389 | Good - Bombfall in Noball area | Good |
| Bachimort | 489 | Poor - bombfall in open fields and roadway | Poor |
| Regnauville | 489 | Fair - Target area and open fields | Good |
| Fleury | 489 | Fair - Target area and roadway and fields | Very good |
| Crepy | 491 | Poor - Open fields and roadway | Fair |
| Feifs | 491 | Fair - Target area - roadway - open fields | Good |
| Enguigne-Gatte | 491 | Poor - Open fields and roadway | Poor |

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Targets -
- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) Bachimont | (8) Crepy |
| (2) Regnaucville | (9) Fiefs |
| (3) Fleury | (10) St. Martin L'Hortier |
| (4) Fienvillers | (11) Wisernes |
| (5) Oisemont | (12) Siracourt |
| (6) Autheux | (13) Berlin |
| (7) Enguinne-Gatte | (14) Abortive |
- b. (1) Moderate gunfire was encountered at St. Pol, Montdidier, Abbeville, Lille, Oisemont, Dieppe, the Coxyde/Furnes area, Dunkirk, Nieuport, Berck sur Mer and St. Omer.
- (2) Meager gunfire was encountered at Amiens, Hesdin, Siracourt, Autheux, Lens, Arras, Achiet, Le Treport, and Biville sur Mer.
- (3) Rockets were seen at various places, a concentration of approximately 18 being seen at 5018N-0200E.
- (4) One A/C of the 445th Group was shot down at 21,000 ft in the vicinity of St. Martin L'Hortier, probably by the Montdidier defenses.
- (5) One A/C of the 489th Group was badly damaged by AA fire in the vicinity of Autheux and eventually crashed near the enemy coast.

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5. Communications.

- a. Mission led by GH aircraft. Equipment difficulties prevented the use of one out of the 12 GH aircraft dispatched. Communications facilities were normal and satisfactory.

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| FORM N-11 | | NOBALL | | 20 June | | | | | | | 1944 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------|------|------|----------|------|-----|------|
| UNIT | | 2BD | 389 | 445 | 452 | 489 | 491 | 458 | 466 | 467 | |
| AIRCRAFT | NO. A/C TAKING OFF | 148 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 37 | 34 | 6 | 22 | 5 | |
| | NO. A/C DISPATCHED | 148 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 37 | 34 | 6 | 22 | 5 | |
| | NO. A/C ATTACKING | 130 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 35 | 33 | 6 | 11 | 3 | |
| | NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING | 18 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | |
| | NO. A/C SORTIES | 139 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 35 | 33 | 6 | 20 | 3 | |
| BOMBERS | NO. A/C | 130 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 35 | 33 | 6 | 11 | 3 | |
| | 220x250GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 445x100GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 271x500GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 352x100GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| BOMBERS | NO. & TYPES | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 220x250GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 445x100GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 271x500GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 352x100GP | | | | | | | | | | |
| BOMBERS | TONNAGE | 318.0 | 17.6 | 32.8 | 26.0 | 84.8 | 79.2 | 18.0 | 27.5 | 9.0 | |
| | TARGET | | | | | | | | | | |
| | NO. OF A/C | | | | | | | | | | |
| | NO. & TYPE | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TONNAGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BATTLE | A/C LOST TO FLAK | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | A/C LOST TO E/A | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A/C LOST UNKNOWN | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESULTS | CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED | 3-1-0-11 | | 0-0-0-10 | | | | 3-1-0-1 | | | |
| | SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, | | | | | | | | | | |
| | PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A/C BATTLE DAMAGE | | | | | | | | | | |
| CAT. A-AC-3-E | | EST | 10-2-1-0 | | | | | 10-2-1-0 | | | |

6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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20 June

1944

| UNIT | | 930H |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| AIRCRAFT | NO. A/C TAKING OFF | 12 |
| | NO. A/C DISPATCHED | 12 |
| | NO. A/C ATTACKING | 12 |
| | NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING | - |
| | NO. A/C SORTIES | 12 |
| BOMBERS | NO. A/C | 12 |
| | NO. & TYPES | 32x500GP 302x100GP |
| | TONNAGE | 23.1 |
| | TARGET | |
| | NO. OF A/C | |
| OTHER TARGETS | NO. & TYPE | |
| | TONNAGE | |
| | TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS | |
| 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 | |
| REMARKS | CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED | |
| | SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA | |
| | CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, | |
| | PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM | |
| | A/C BATTLE DAMAGE | |
| CAT A-AC-B-E | | |

FACTICAL REPORT OF LOSS
6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

20 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 20 JUNE 44 (ST. MARTIN L'HORTIER)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. IN THE TARGET AREA AND ON THE BOMB RUN THE FORMATION ENCOUNTERED INTENSE AND ACCURATE FLAK OF THE CF VARIETY. AT ARRAS THE FLAK WAS MODERATE BUT ACCUARTE OF THE CF VARIETY. TWENTY FOUR ROCKETS WERE FIRED FROM THE LEFT OF THE TARGET AND SEVERAL SCARECROW AND STREAMERS WERE ALSO OBSERVED. ALL SIX A/C OF THE FORMATION SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. A 10/10THS UNDERCAST PREVENTED ANY OBSERVATIONS BEING REPORTED.

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

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

23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 20 June 1944 (#2).

TO: Commanding General, 2d Bombardment Division.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

| | | |
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| A. | Group | 458 |
| B. | Division F.O. No. | 356 |
| C. | Date of Operation | 20 June 1944 |
| D. | Ordered Primary Target. | No Ball - St Martin L'Hortier |
| E. | A/C Dispatched. | 6 |
| F. | A/C Sorties | 6 |
| G. | A/C Attacking | 6 |
| H. | A/C Not Attacking | Nil |
| I. | A/C Attacking Primary Target. . . | 6 - 72 X 500 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. | Nil |

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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Mission #2 for 20 June 1944

Mission #103

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | <u>Haydon</u> | |
| | 331A 7V K21 | |
| <u>LeDuef</u> | | <u>Jones</u> |
| 070E 25 | | 578U 25 |

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Boyle</u> | |
| | T097 J3 F 1 | |
| <u>McArdle</u> | | <u>LeV CORRE 11</u> |
| 300Y J3 | | 721V K21 7V |

Marshalling and Take-Off

| West | | | East | |
|------|---------|------|------|---------|
| Disp | Station | T.O. | Disp | Station |
| | | 1 | 25 | 311A |
| 9 | 578U | 2 | | |
| 4 | 070E | 3 | | |
| 15 | 097T | 4 | | |
| | | 5 | 23 | 721V |
| 18 | 300Y | 6 | | |

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 |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|-----------|--------|-----|------|---------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 20-Jun-44 | ST MARTIN-L'HORTIER | BOYLE | 74 | 2 | | | 42-51097 | 097 | T | J3 | 23 | UNKNOWN 022 | MSN #2 |
| 20-Jun-44 | ST MARTIN-L'HORTIER | GORRELL | 74 | 6 | | | 41-28721 | 721 | V | 7V | 31 | DOWNWIND LEG | MSN #2 PILOT "LOY" t OUT |
| 20-Jun-44 | ST MARTIN-L'HORTIER | HAYDON | 74 | 13 | | L1 | 42-100311 | 311 | A | 7V | 31 | YOKUM BOY | |
| 20-Jun-44 | ST MARTIN-L'HORTIER | JONES, J | 74 | 5 | | | 42-50578 | 578 | U | Z5 | -- | UNKNOWN 048 | MSN #2 (752 pilot listed in recs) |
| 20-Jun-44 | ST MARTIN-L'HORTIER | LeBEUF | 74 | 11 | | | 42-110070 | 070 | E | Z5 | 11 | ELMER / LADY LUCK | MSN #2 |
| 20-Jun-44 | ST MARTIN-L'HORTIER | McARDLE | 74 | 9 | | | 41-29300 | 300 | Y | J3 | 32 | LORELEI | MSN #2 |