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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
AJF 147
APO 558

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21 June 1944

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 21 June 1944.

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

1. Data.

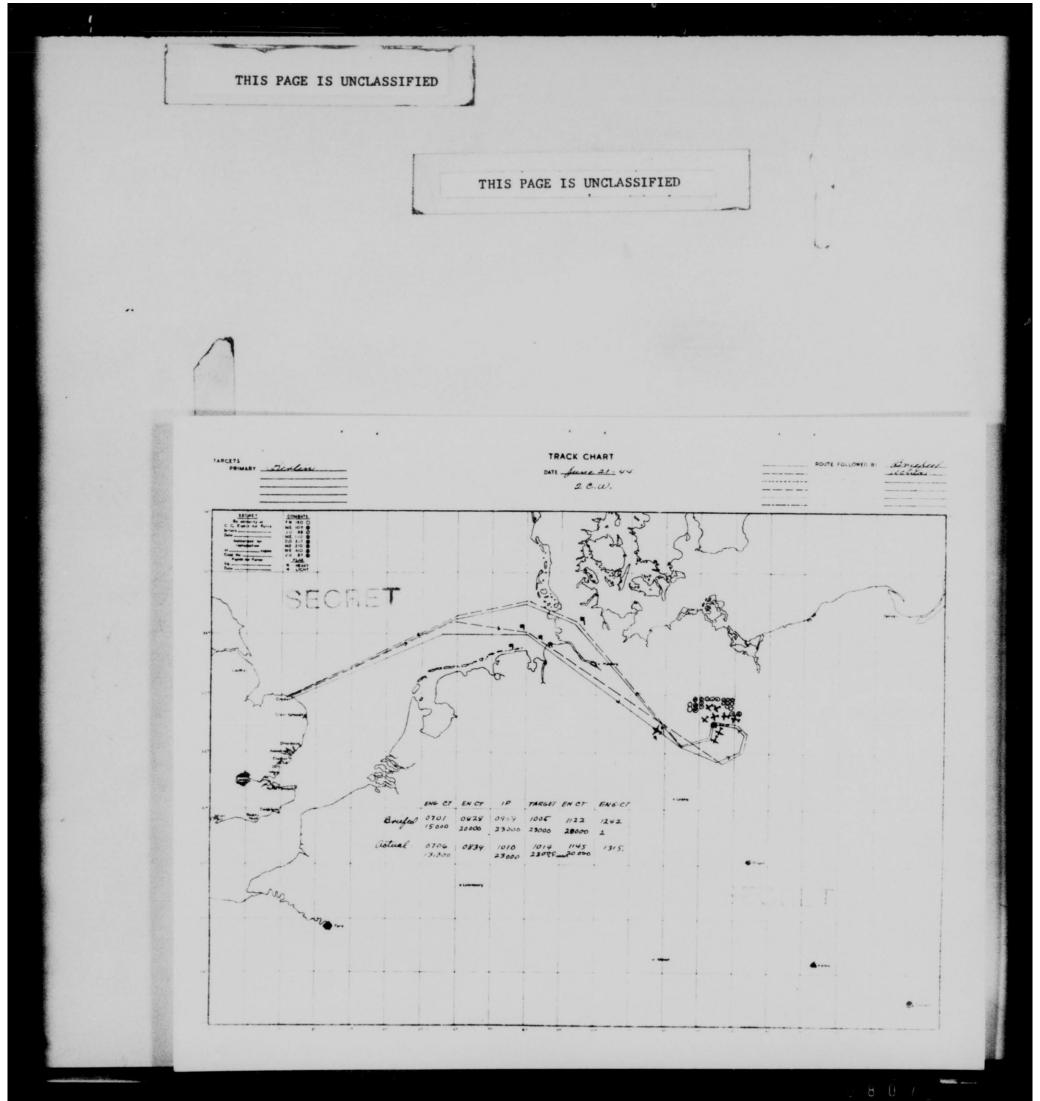
- a. Date of Mission 21 June 1944.
- Primary Targets 2nd Combat Wing Neiderschonweide, Marienfield.
 14th Combat Wing Genshagen.
 20th Combat Wing Genshagen, Marienfield.
 96th Combat Wing Genshagen.
- c. Secondary Target All Combat Wings Center of Berlin.
- d. Last Resort Target Any military installation 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).

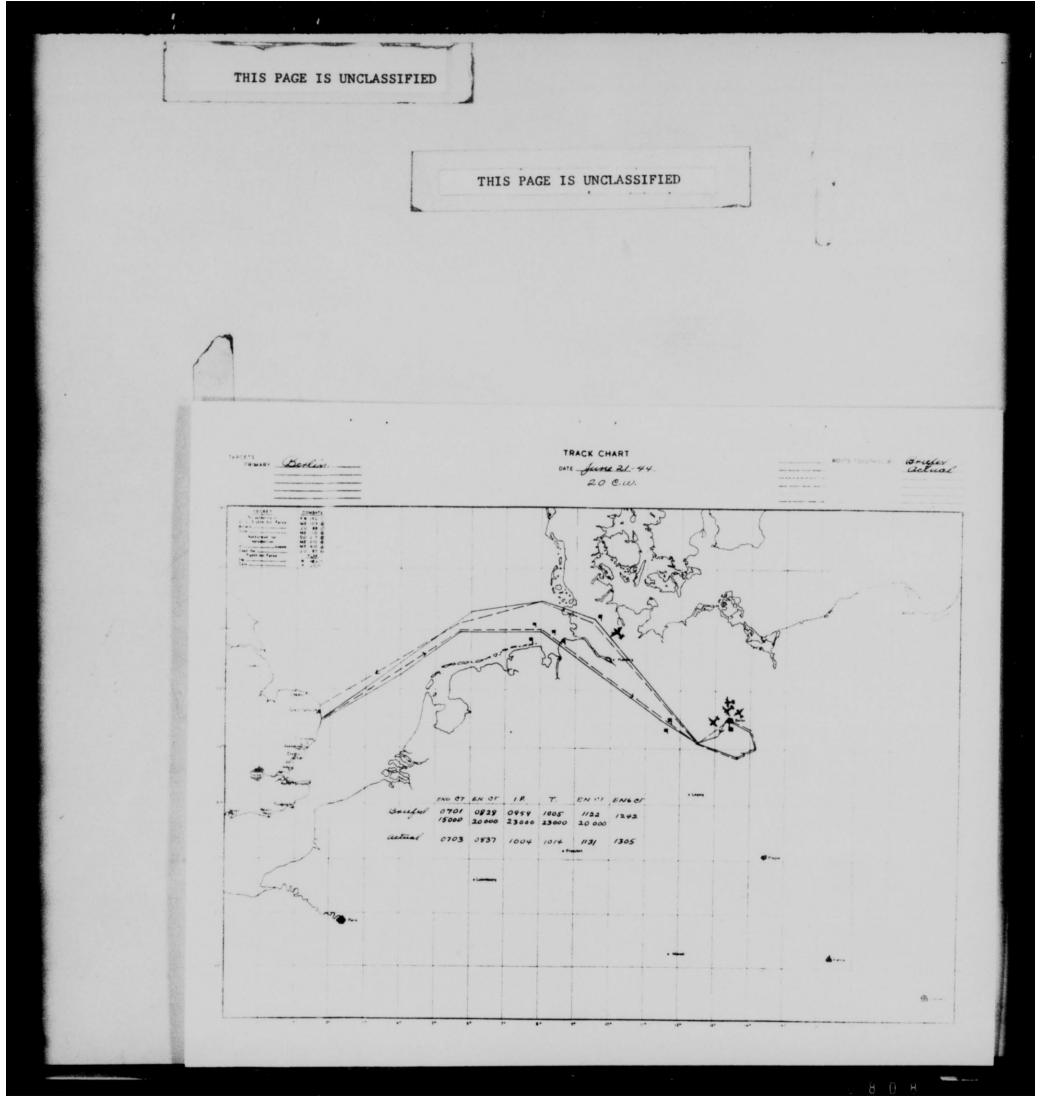
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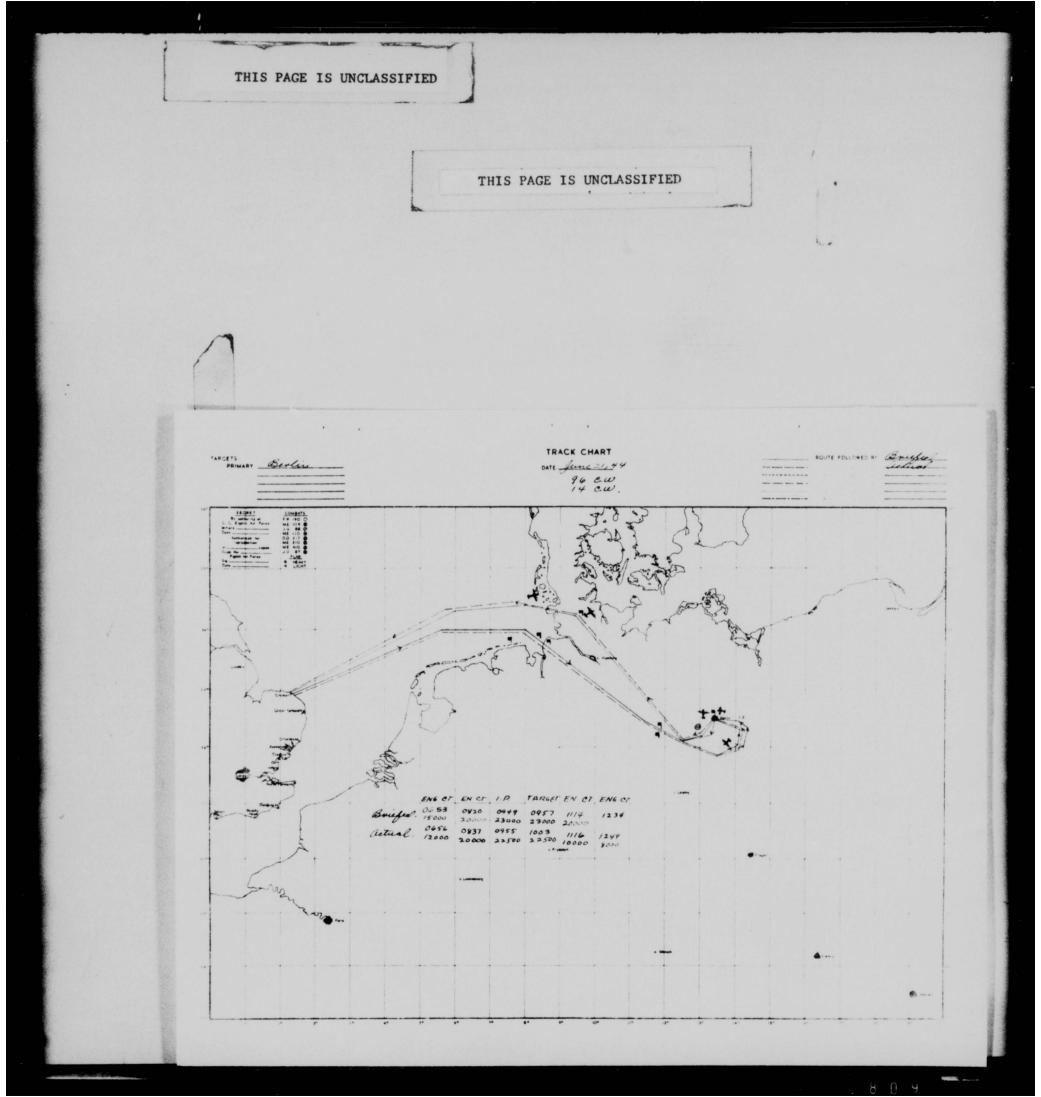
- a. 367 aircraft were dispatched to visually attack industrial targets at Genshagen, Marienfield and Neiderschoneweide in the Berlin area. Seventeen H2X aircraft were dispatched to aid in navigation and for use in the event Pathfinder bombing was necessary. Four Groups of P-47s, three Groups of P-38s and three Groups of P-51s provided fighter support.
- b. Assemblies were accomplished without difficulty and in very good order. The route was flown generally as briefed throughout the mission.
- c. The target areas were covered with 5/10 to 10/10 cloud, and bombing was accomplished by H2X methods. Most units attacked the secondary target, the center of Berlin. One primary target, Neiderschoneweide, attacked by three Squadrons which scored hits on the MPI, railroad and inclurial area. Results were for the most part unobserved, but PRU reports show more than 30 concentrations of bursts over a widespread area in the heart of the city. At least six large fires were started among industrial, mercantile and residential districts. Direct hits were made on a wide variety of installations, manufacturing plants, government buildings and railway facilities. Direct hits were also scored on three of the most important railway stations, the Potsdamer, Anhalter and Friedrickstrasse Stations. The following targets of opportunity were attacked with good to unobserved results: Potsdam, Stendal, Michendorf, Rangsdorf, Trebbin and Selzig.
- d. Intense accurate gunfire was encountered over Berlin by all Groups. Numerous rockets were also encountered over Berlin, but these were generally inaccurate. Moderate gunfire was encountered enroute at Longeog Island, Burg Airfield, Rendsburg, Magdeburg and Scharnhorn Island. Approximately 125 enemy aircraft were encountered in the target area. The majority of these were engaged by the friendly fighter support and only 1/3 of them succeeded in attacking the bombers. Escorting fighter protection was described as excellent. Losses were seven to enemy AA fire, two to enemy aircraft and ten to unknown causes. Claims were ten destroyed, three probably destroyed and nine damaged.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff







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	DIRECT	LENGTH		TIME OF	FLEW AUTO FLEW	RANGE &		NUMBER A/C
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					GENSHAGEN			
93	272	7 min.	23,000	1011	X	Dropped on	lead PFF A/C	20 / 2 PFF
392	290	3 min.	22,200	1010	X	1	1	8
44	270	3 min.	23,000	1015	X	Dropped on	lead PFF	21 / 2 PFF
					MARIENFIELD	••		,
448	281	5 min.	22,600	1017	X	Dropped on	lead PFF A/C	18 # 2 PFF
1.16	296		21,600	1017	X	Dropped on		11
					BERLIN	zpp on	440 011	**
10/	297	1 min.	23,300	0958	X	Dropped on	lead PFF A/C	20 / 1 PFF
67	335	4 min.	24,400	10071	X	Dropped on		7
66	330	1 min.	23,000	1001	X		lead PFF A/C	26 / 1 PFF
.58	310		23,000	1004	X	Dropped on		17
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46	260		22,800	1014	Y	1	1	21
	200		22,000	1014	POTSDAM	-	1	21
192	265	2 min.	23,000	1013	y POISDIAN	Dropped on	lead PFF A/C	18 / 2 PFF
92	273	3 min.	23,000	1013	. 7	Dropped on		12 7 2 171
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189	318	3 min.	23,200	1021	Y Y	Dropped on	Teau IFF MO	20 7 2 FFF 16
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~ /	200	O milite	25,200	1017	TREBBIN	propped on	lead FFF L/C	16 ≠ 2 PFF
45	220	l min.	23,500	1023	V IREBEIN	1	1	10
4)	220	T HILL.	25,500	1025	A SELECT	1	1	10
45	300	15 sec.	24,000	1031	SELSIG	1	,	
4)	200	1) 500.	24,000	1031	A COMMINITY T	1	1	8
11	360	2 min	22 700	1026	STENDAL	-		
44	300	2 min.	22,700	1036	X	1	1	11

a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were Berlin and Genshagen, Germany. PFF ../C were assigned to each Wing for navigational purposes and in the event Pathfinder bombing was necessary. If Pathfinder bombing was recessary, the target was the center of the city.

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- b. Due to cloud conditions in the primary target areas, various targets were attacked both visually and on PFF equipment.
- c. All A/C over the targets dropped bombs.
- d. Results of bombing:

Genshagen - partially unobserved to poor. Bombfall observed was in open fields.

Marienfeld - Unobserved.

Berlin - Fair. Hits in south part of city in built-up areas and railroad sidings, partially unobserved.

Michendorf - Fair. Bombfall on railroad sidings and open fields.

Potsdam - Partially unobserved - some bombs in open areas.

Neiderschoneweide - Good. Hits on MPI, railroad and industrial area.

Rangsdorf - Poor. Bombfall in open fields.

Trebbin - Unobserved.

Selzig - Unobserved.

Stendal - Fair. Hits on railroad and built-up area.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Targets (1) Genshagen (Berlin) (2) Marienfelde (Berlin)
 - (3) Neiderschoneweide (Berlin) (4) Various targets in Berlin
- b. Intense and accurate gunfire was encountered by all Groups over Berlin. In some areas fixed barrages were fired, while in others predictor control fire was employed. Although no definite conclusions can be drawn, it is probable that fixed barrages were fired whenever weather conditions prevented visual laying. Numerous rockets were also encountered over Berlin, but these were generally inaccurate.
- c. Moderate gunfire was encountered on route at Langeoog Island, Burg A/F, Rendsburg, Mc_deburg and Scharnhorn Island. Crews estimated that there were approximately 8 guns in the immediate vicinity of Burg A/F.
- d. Meager gunfire was encountered at Heligoland and Cuxhaven.
- e. Six A/C were shot down over Berlin and one at Magdeburg.

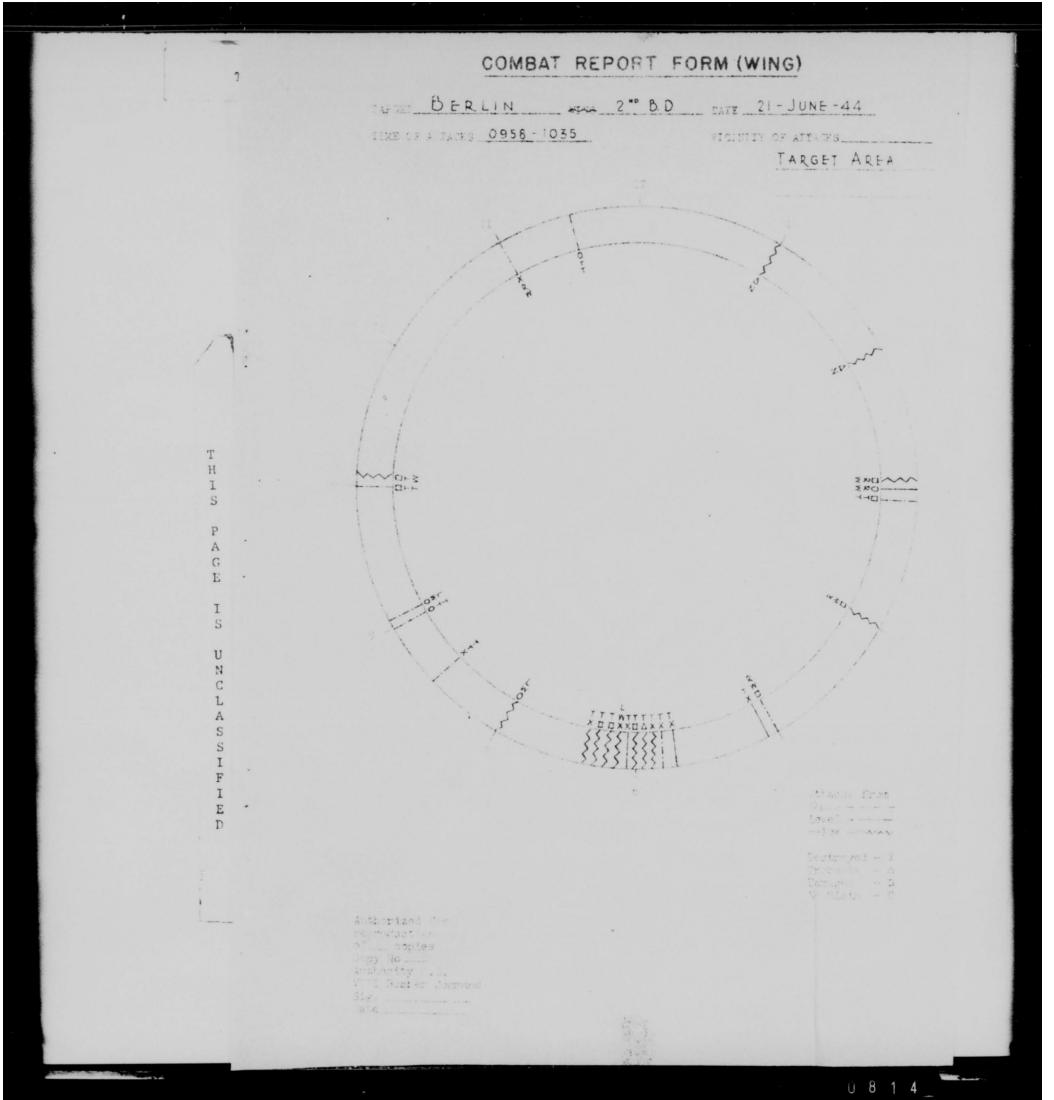
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4. Enemy Aircraft Encounters.

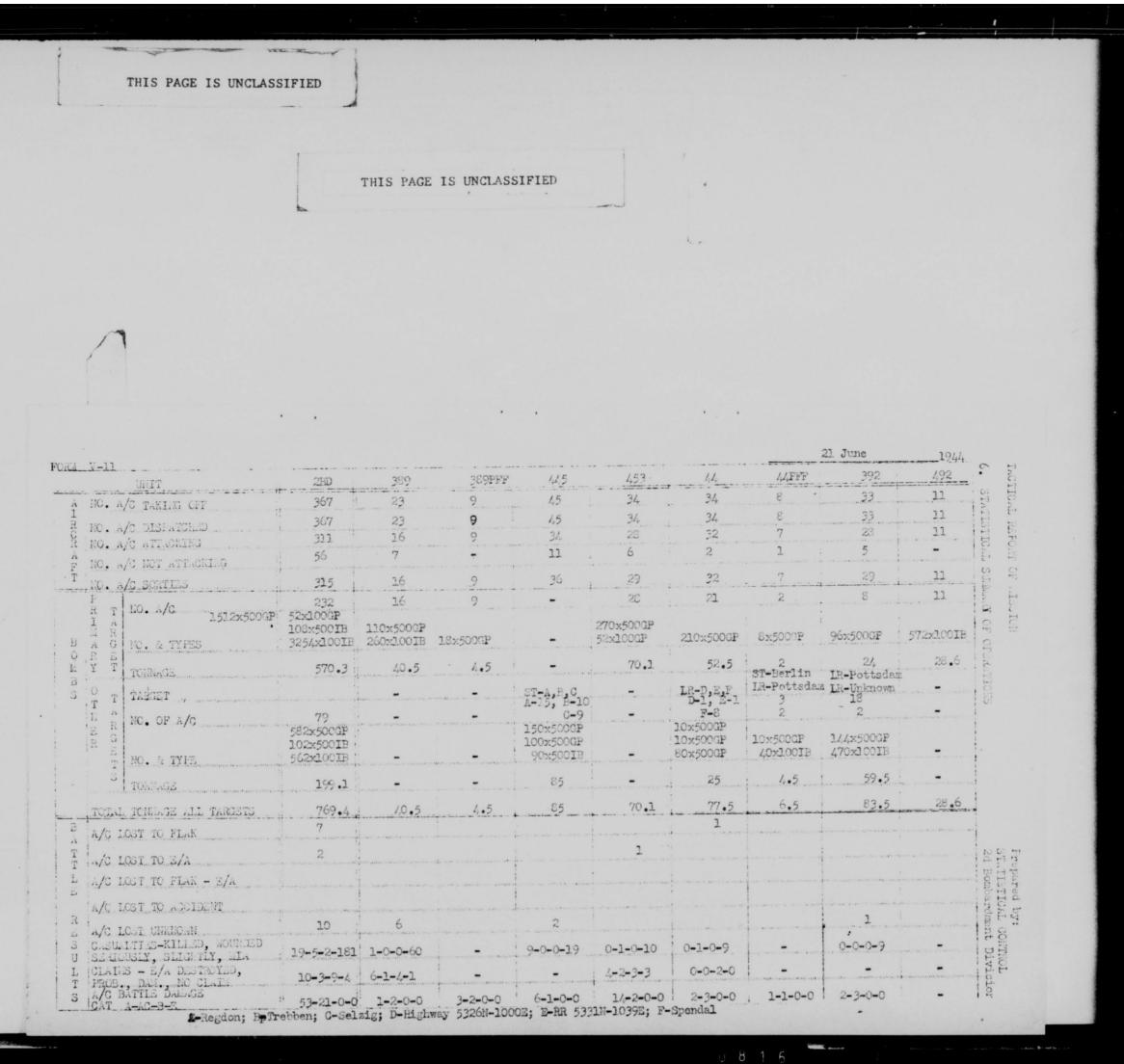
- a. The leading Group of the leading Combat Wing, 96%, report sightings of 10 SE E/A in the Berlin area, but suffered no attacks. The high Group of this Wing also reports nil opposition. The lead Group of 96B Combat Wing report attacks in the Berlin area, from 1007 to 1012 hours, by 20-25 FW 190s and Me 109s. Attacks were generally from 3 to 9 o'clock level and from 7 o'clock low.
- b. The lead Group of the 14th Combat Wing reports nil opposition. The Group flying echeloned right report an attack by 4 Me 109s on a straggler in the Berlih area at 1010 hours. Attacks on the straggler were by pairs of E/A from 6 o'clock low to level. Only one pass was made as the E/A were driven off by escorting by P-38s. The Group flying high right on the lead report 5 Me 109s in the Furstenwalde area but were not attacked.
- c. The 20th Combat Wing reports nil opposition.
- d. The lead Group of the 24 Combat Wing reports 6 JU 88s, 6 Me 410s and 20 Me 109s in the Berlin area. The JU 88s attempted to make a frontal attack, in trail, on a following Group but were driven off by P-51s. The lead Group of the 2B Combat Wing report observations of about 65 E/A. This Group was subjected to several attacks. Approximately 25 Me 109s and 12 FW 190s attacked in the area 5152N-1338E at 0958 hours. One pass was made from 2 to 3 o'clock level and to within 200 yards before breaking away. The FW 190s were observed to have markings similar to our P-47s. A few scattered attacks were from the rear. Again in the area of Heinersdorf to Zassen in the Berlin area. The Group was attacked by 10-12 Me 109s and FW 190s. These attacks were from 11 to 12 o'clock high, pressing in very close before breaking away. Four separate attacks of this nature were made in the area mentioned. The Group flying high right on the lead Group report approximately 25 TE E/A in the Furstenwalde area. These started an attack from 2 o'clock high but P-51s broke it up before it became effective. At the target more attacks were experienced by 20-40 FW 190s and Me 109s. Attacks were from the nose and the tail, high to low.
- e. Enemy action against units of this Division was relatively weak considering the estimated sorties flown by E/A. It is estimated that 125 E/A operated against this Division. All sightings and encounters were generally in the target area. Conspicuous by their absence were the large number of TE Me 410s which were encountered on the strategical mission of 20 June. A few Me 410s and JU 88s were seen but the coordinated rocket and cannon attacks were lacking. Escorting fighter protection was described as excellent.

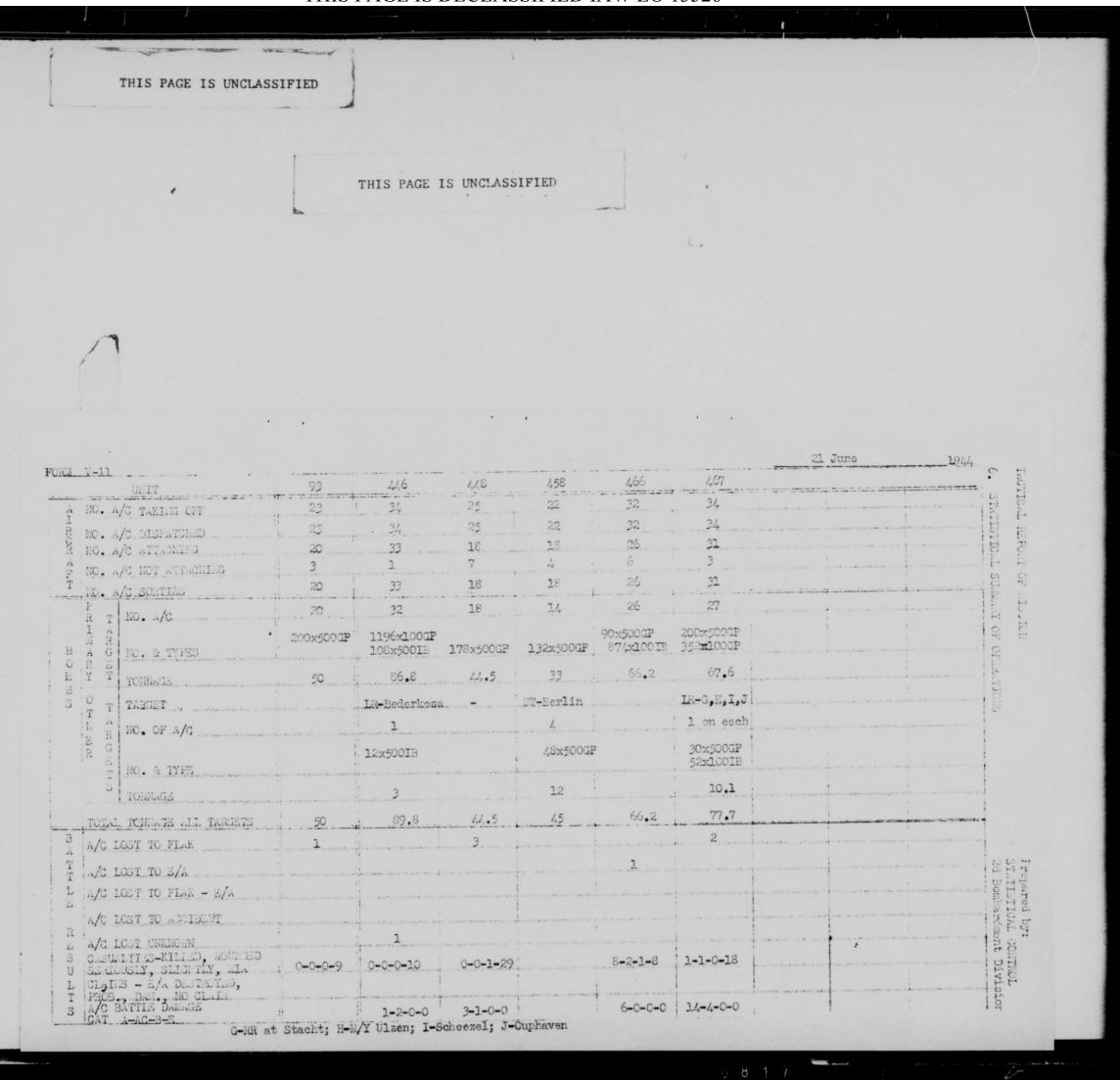
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HEADQUARTERS STATION 123 APO 558 OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

21 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 21 JUNE 44 (BERLIN)

COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558. TO

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. MEAGER, INACCURATE FLAK OF THE CF VARIETY WAS BEEN AT WESERMUNDE ENROUTE IN. INTENSE AND ACCURATE FLAK, BARRAGE TYPE WAS ENCOUNTERED OVER BERLIN. MODERATE, ACCURATE CF FLAK AT BRANDENBURG ENROUTE BACK. SIX OF OUR A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. A LARGE NUMBER OF PLANES DISPERSED ON TEMPLEHOF A/D. TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY PLANES DISPERSED ON A/D AT

MUNSTER.

TWENTY PLANES DISPERSED ON FIELD AT SACHAU. LONG RUNWAYS (VERY WIDE) IN MIDDLE OF WOODS AT

5242-1140, AND 5313-1102.

SMOKE SCREENS WERE-OBSERVED OVER HANNOVER, BRUNS-WICK, MAGDEBURG, AND RENDSBURG. SMOKE SCREEN OVER AIRFIELD AT GIFHORN AND WOODED AREA NEXT TO FIELD.

THREE LARGE EMPLACEMENTS SURROUNDED BY BARRACKS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION JUST NORTH OF BOIXENBURG, (5323-1044).

JOHN-H. DAVIS, 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 21 June 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 2d Bombardment Division.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A .	Group 458
B.	Division F.U. No
C.	Date of Operation 21 June 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target Daimler Benz Motor Works, Genshagen
	A/C Dispatched
F.	A/C Sorties 18
G.	A/C Attacking 18
	A/W Not Attacking 4
	(3) Mechanical 4 42-52441 #2 engine internal failure
	41-28735 Gas leak
	41-29352 2 superchargers
	42-95018 3 turbos
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target Nil
	A/C Attacking Seconcary Target. 18 - 12 X 500 RDX
	120 X 500 GP
	48 X 500 SAP
	Rredrichstrasse Station - Berlin
K.	A/C Attacking Lest Resort Target Nil
	A/C Attacking Opportunity Target Nil
	A/C Lost Nil
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	For the Commanding Officer:
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JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS lst Lt, AC Group Statistical Officer

SECTION I

Whitlow-Feiling K-21: 059 J3-E

Gor rell K-20 5 179 7VX Kenyon Slaton-Ollom 441 : J3I AGORT 407 : J3A

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Roberts K-21:457 7VQ

Erumby K-20 097 J3T

Quirk 735:J3V ABOUT

Gibson 359 : J3-J

Glagola K-21 008.J3R 362 Z5R Rigley 342 : J3S ABORT

SECTION II

Hansen-Hengon K-20 070:25-R

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Vermerien 596:Z5-R Lame

Judge 096 : Hooven K-21 018:Z5-J ABOUT

352: 7VK ABOUT

MF/DF

Monoh on K-21 117:7V-M Thompson K-20 709:7V-I Watson K-21 108:25-M

Urbaniek Newell 314 7VL Abast 163:J4M

SPARES

118 - 7V-E 362 - Z5-A

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
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	BOYLE	75	3			42-95117	117	М	7V	21	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU	PILOT "MONOHAN" t OUT
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	BRAUER	75	30			41-28682	682	1	Z5	38	UNKNOWN 003	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	BRUMBY	75	5			42-51097	097	Т	J3	24	UNKNOWN 022	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	FRENCH	75	6			41-28709	709	1	7V	23	LUCKY STRIKE	PILOT "THOMPSON" t OUT
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	GIBSON, S	75	12			41-29359	359	J	J3	47	TAIL WIND	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	GLAGOLA	75	5			42-100362	362	Α	Z5	10	SWEET LORRAINE/BOOMERANG	SHIP #008 R J3 t OUT
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	GORRELL	75	7			42-95179	179	Х	7V	18	HERE I GO AGAIN	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	HANSEN	75	13	HENSON	L2	42-110070	070	Е	Z 5	12	ELMER / LADY LUCK	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	HAUSER	75	6			42-51110	110	Р	7V	15	TOP O' THE MARK	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	HAYDON	75	ABT			41-29352	352	Κ	7V		WOLVE'S LAIR	ABORT - 2 SUP CHG OUT
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	HOOVEN	75	ABT			42-95018	018	۲	Z 5		OLD DOC'S YACHT	ABORT - 3 TURBOS
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	JUDGE	75	13			42-95096	096	С	Z 5	16	BOMBS AWAY	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	KENYON	75	ABT			42-52441	441	_	J3		LAST CARD LOUIE	ABORT - #2 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	LAMERS	75	7			44-40126	126	D	Z 5	7	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	NEWELL	75	6			42-110163	163	М	J4	2	TIME'S A WASTIN	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	QUIRK	75	ABT			41-28735	735	V	J3		UNKNOWN 005	ABORT - GAS LEAK
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	REW	75	5			41-28721	721	٧	7V	32	DOWNWIND LEG	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	RIGLEY	75	1			41-29342	342	S	J3	25	ROUGH RIDERS	ABORT - SORTIE CREDIT
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	ROBERTS, J	75	8			42-52457	457	О	7V	31	FINAL APPROACH	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	SLATON	75	24	OLLUM	D1	42-100407	407	Α	J3	28	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	URBANIAK	75	14			42-50314	314	L	7V	25	ETO PLAYHOUSE	ABORT - SORTIE CREDIT
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	VERMEIREN	75	15			41-29596	596	R	Z 5	23	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	WATSON	75	29			42-95108	108	М	Z 5	14	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
21-Jun-44	BERLIN	WHITLOW	75	25	FEILING	L1	42-110059	059	Е	J3	21	UNKNOWN 056	