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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558



TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

TARGETS

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NOBALL TARGETS IN
PAS DE CALAIS AREA

2 JULY 1944

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Targets: (1) Mersy sur Oise
(2) L'Isle Adam II
(3) Bois de Cassan
(4) Le Culot A/F
- b. Meager to moderate fairly accurate predictor control "unseen" fire was encountered at L'Isle Adam II and Bois de Cassan.
- c. Moderate accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Le Culot, and it is uncertain whether this AA was fired by "seen" or "unseen" methods. A few rockets were also seen at this target.
- d. Moderate gunfire was encountered on route at Abbeville, Brussels and Antwerp.
- e. Meager gunfire was encountered at Mantes Gassicourt and Meulan les Mureaux.

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: Initials *WJP* :
: Date *31 July 44* :
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28 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 2 July 1944.

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

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 2 July 1944.
- b. Primary Targets - 2nd Combat Wing - Renescure and Sautrecourt.
20th Combat Wing - Crepy and Feifs.
96th Combat Wing - Coubronne and Blanc Pignon
Forme.
- c. Secondary Target - None.
- d. Last Resort Target - None.
- e. Units Participating - 2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG).
20th CBW (93rd, 446th, 448th BG).
96th CBW (467th, 458th BG).

2. Narrative.

a. 182 aircraft in 15 Squadrons, each led by a GH aircraft were dispatched to attack seven Noball targets in the Pas de Calais area. Area fighter support was provided for this mission.

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

c. Fourteen Squadrons attacked the assigned targets on GH equipment, with unobserved results due to 8/10 to 10/10 cloud cover. One Squadron did not attack the assigned target due to failure of the lead GH ship's equipment, and attacked Feifs, dropping on the markers of another Group.

d. Moderate inaccurate gunfire was encountered at Sautrecourt. Meager inaccurate gunfire was encountered at Feifs and Crepy. Meager gunfire was encountered enroute at Hazebrouck, Lille, Calais and Dunkirk. No enemy fighters were encountered and fighter support was good. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
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Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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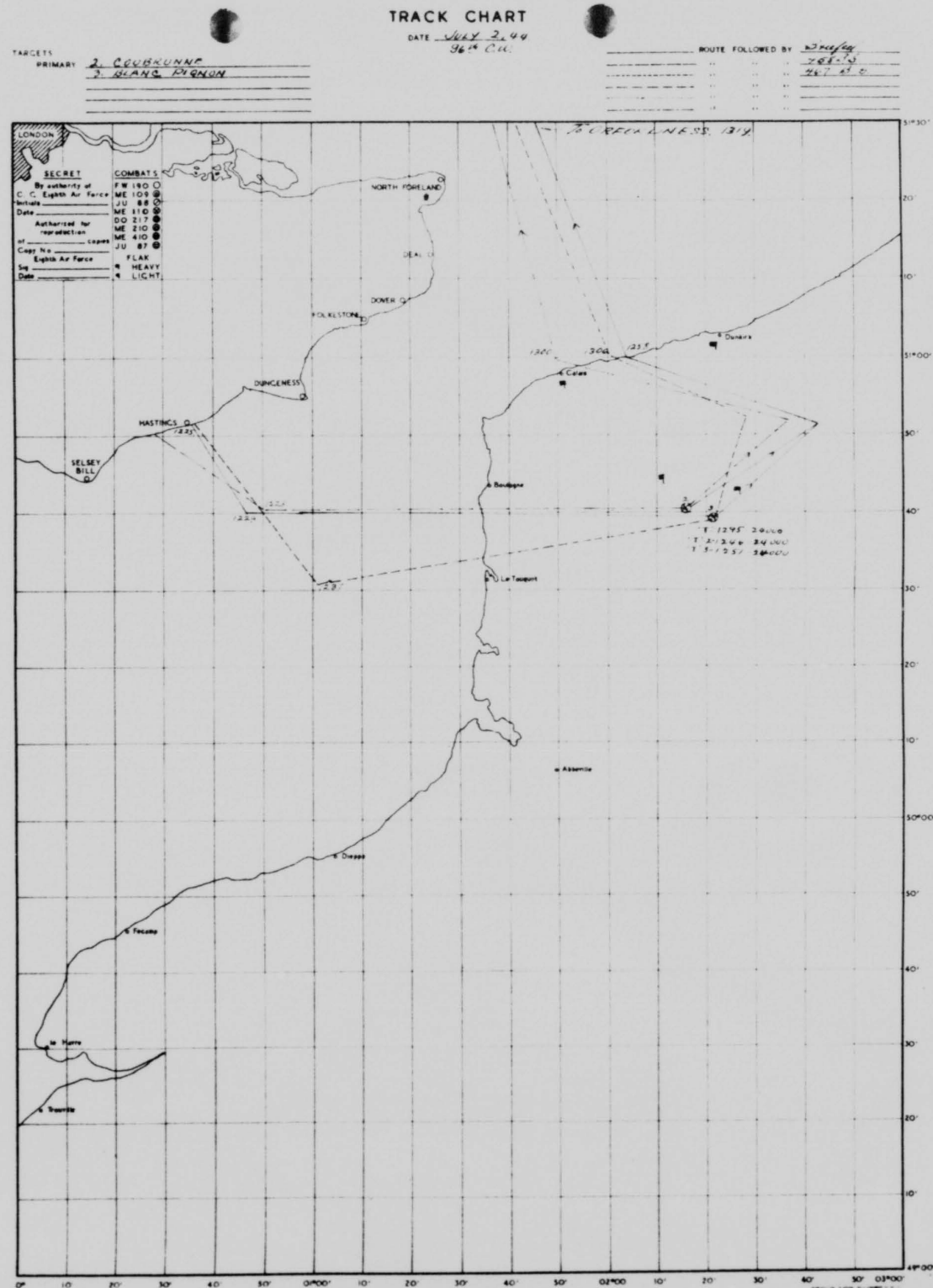
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 2 July 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	<div> <div>FLEW AUTO PILOT</div> <div>FLEW MANUAL</div> </div>	RANGE & DEFLECT RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON GH OR PFF
<u>COUBRONNE</u>								
458	89	18 min.	24,000	1247			9 / 1	GH
458	86	18 min.	24,300	1247		X	11 / 1	GH
<u>BLANC PIGNON FERME</u>								
467	83	18 min.	24,000	1250	X		12 / 1	GH
467	71	15 min.	24,300	1253	X		11 / 1	GH
<u>FEIFS</u>								
448	88	14 min.	24,000	1253		X	12 / 1	GH
448	95	15 min.	24,300	1255		X	10 / 1	GH
93	166	13 min.	24,000	1256		X Dropped on 448th Gp	11	
<u>CREPY</u>								
446	88	10 min.	24,000	1256	X		10 / 1	GH
446	83	8 min.	24,000	1259		X	10 / 1	GH
445	83	18 1/2 min.	24,000	1257 1/2		X	13 / 1	GH
<u>RENESECURE</u>								
389	91	15 min.	24,000	1235	X		11 / 1	GH
389	Did not bomb - GH equipment failure							
453	85	16 min.	24,000	1246	X		8 / 1	GH
<u>SAUTRECOURT</u>								
453	84	13 min.	24,600	1300		X	12 / 1	GH
445	Did not bomb - GH equipment failure							

- The assigned primary targets for this mission were Noball targets at the above listed locations.
- Bombing was accomplished in Squadron formation on GH equipment through 10/10 cloud cover.
- Two Squadrons did not bomb due to GH equipment failure and two A/C did not bomb because of mechanical failures.
- The results of bombing for this mission were unobserved due to 10/10 cloud cover.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Targets - Renescure Crepy
 Sautrecourt Coubronne
 Feifs Blanc Pignon Ferme
- b. Moderate inaccurate gunfire was encountered at Sautrecourt.
- c. Meager inaccurate gunfire was encountered at Feifs and Crepy.
- d. No AA fire was encountered at Renescure, Coubronne or Blanc Pignon Ferme.
- e. Moderate fairly accurate predictor control "unseen" and fixed barrage fire was encountered at St. Omer.
- f. Meager and generally inaccurate gunfire was encountered at Hazebrouck, Lille, Calais and Dunkirk.

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5. Communications.

- a. Radio channels were satisfactory. GH was used for bombing. Five GH sets reported malfunctions or weak signals. Reasons for failure or weakness of signals in certain sets is not known, but no definite equipment malfunctions were reported.

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FORM V-11		P.O. 377		2 July							1244
UNIT		2ND	309	445	453	93	9321	446	448	458	
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	182	21	22	22	11	15	22	24	22	
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	182	21	22	22	11	15	22	24	22	
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	150	11	13	20	10	13	20	22	20	
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	32	10	9	2	1	2	2	2	2	
	NO. A/C SCRIBES	171	21	21	20	11	15	20	22	20	
B O M B I N G S	NO. A/C	140	11	13	20	-	13	20	22	20	
	NO. & TYPES	528x500GP	1857x250GP	132x500GP	156x500GP	240x500GP	342x100GP	56x250GP	479x250GP	424x250GP	178x250GP
	TONNAGE	381.3	33.0	39.0	60.0	-	24.1	59.9	53.0	59.8	
	TARGET	-	-	-	-	ST-Flare	-	-	-	-	
	NO. OF A/C	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	
	NO. & TYPE	200x250GP	-	-	-	200x250GP	-	-	-	-	
	TONNAGE	25.0	-	-	-	25.0	-	-	-	-	
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	406.3	33.0	39.0	60.0	25.0	24.1	59.9	53.0	59.8	
	A/C LOST TO FLAK										
	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										
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM										
A/C BATTLE DAMAGE											
CAT A-AC-B-E											

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6. Statistical Summary of OperationsPrepared by:
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UNIT		457
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	23
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	23
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	21
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	2
	NO. A/C SCUTTLED	21
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	21
	NO. & TYPES	420x2500F
	TONNAGE	52.5
	TARGET	-
	NO. OF A/C	-
REMARKS	NO. & TYPES	-
	TONNAGE	-
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	52.5
	A/C LOST TO FLAK	-
REMARKS	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	-	

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6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONSPrepared by:
STATISTICAL CONTROL
2d Bombardment Division

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

3 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 2 JULY 44 (NOBALL, COUBRONNE)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. MEAGER INACCURATE FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED AT THE COAST ENROUTE IN, IN THE TARGET AREA, AND AT THE COAST ON THE WAY OUT. CREWS REPORTED CHAFF EXCEPTIONALLY EFFECTIVE. ✓

3. NO BATTLE DAMAGE SUFFERED.

OBSERVATIONS

4. OBSERVATIONS PRECLUDED BY 10/10THS CLOUDS.

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

SECTION I

Pierce - Hensler
GH : 188V

Brudos
120:J3M

Burtis
K-20:316 J3N

Weber-Freeman
K-21:365 TVB

Watson
K-20:362 Z5A

Wagner
719:J3Q

McArdle
1179:J3P

Gulick
K-21:721 TVV

Bradley
276 Z5-G

Nelson
705:Z5W

Hayden
455:7V-0

Roberts
457:7VQ

SECTION II

Parks-Hinckley
GH 682 O

Nyman
K-20:352 7VK

Coyle
5179:7VX

Lockridge
070:Z5E

Martin
183:J3U

Thompson
K-21:117 7VM

Walker
340:7VN

Zenas
096:Z5-U

Quark
K-21 050 7VJ

Quirk
K-20:441 J3I

Judge
K-21:163 Z5-K

Dane
K-22:116 Z5V

RUNWAY 23

MARSHALLING PLAN

WEST		T.O.		EAST	WEST		T.O.		EAST
<u>Disp</u>	<u>A/C</u>		<u>A/C</u>	<u>Disp</u>	<u>Disp</u>	<u>A/C</u>		<u>A/C</u>	<u>Disp</u>
27	365	1			30	179X	13		
		2	316	20			14	096	4
23	721	3			32	352	15		
		4	120	15			16	183	18
		5	362	8			17	441	14
		6	705	3	19	050	18		
		7	276	1			19	116	10
		8	179P	14			20	163	6
		9	719	13	34	340	21		
33	457	10			31	117	22		
28	455	11							
		12	070	4					

SPARES

Assembly Ship---Davis 6972----Disp.2
Marshalling ----Spencer

812 7V-D ----Hang.1
305 Z5-N ----Disp.9

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

5 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 2 July 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	377
C.	Date of Operation	2 July 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	No Ball - Coubronne
E.	A/C Dispatched.	22
F.	A/C Sorties	20
G.	A/C Attacking	20
H.	A/C Not Attacking	2
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	20 - 478 X 250 GP (2 bombs jettisoned)
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 - Flak.	Nil
N.	A/C Lost - Flak and E/A.	Nil
O.	A/C Lost - E/A.	Nil
P.	A/C Lost - Accident	Nil
Q.	A/C Lost - Cause Unknown.	Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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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
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	BRADLEY	83	8			41-29276	276	G	Z5	14	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	BRUDOS	83	32			42-95120	120	M	J3	17	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	BURTIS	83	34			42-95316	316	N	J3	24	PRINCESS PAT	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	COYLE	83	6			42-95179	179	X	7V	23	HERE I GO AGAIN	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	DANE	83	1			42-95116	116	V	Z5	17	JUNIOR	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	DAVIS	83	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A3	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	GULICK	83	33			41-28721	721	V	7V	36	DOWNWIND LEG	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	HAYDON	83	16			42-52455	455	O	7V	39	PLUTOCRAT	NAME "HAYDEN"
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	JUDGE	83	19			42-95163	163	K	Z5	22	DIXIE BELLE	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	LOCKRIDGE	83	8			42-110070	070	E	Z5	16	ELMER / LADY LUCK	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	MARTIN, L	83	6			42-95183	183	U	J3	17	BRINEY MARLIN	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	McARDLE	83	ABT			42-51179	179	P	J3	--	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	ABORT - #4 AMPLIFIER BURNED OUT
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	NELSON	83	5			41-28705	705	W	Z5	38	YE OLDE HELLGATE	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	NYMAN	83	29			41-29352	352	K	7V	34	WOLVE'S LAIR	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	PARKS	83	--	HINCKLEY	L	42-7682	682	O	RE	--	93BG/329SQ	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	PIERCE	83	--	HENSLER	L	42-110188	188	V	RE	--	93BG/329SQ	EX-458 PILOT
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	QUIRK	83	9			42-52441	441	I	J3	35	LAST CARD LOUIE	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	ROBERTS, J	83	12			42-52457	457	Q	7V	35	FINAL APPROACH	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	RUARK	83	8			42-95050	050	J	7V	25	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	SPENCER	83	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALLING CHIEF
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	THOMPSON	83	20			42-95117	117	M	7V	27	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	WAGNER	83	ABT			41-28719	719	Q	J3	--	PADDLEFOOT	ABORT - #1, 3 SUPER CHG BLOWN
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	WALKER	83	11			41-29340	340	N	7V	32	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	WATSON	83	33			42-100362	362	A	Z5	12	SWEET LORRAINE/BOOMERANG	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	WEBER	83	28	FREEMAN	L	42-100365	365	B	7V	34	WOLFGANG	
02-Jul-44	COUBRONNE	ZENAS	83	1			42-95096	096	U	Z5	22	BOMBS AWAY	