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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORTFIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

BOIS DE CASSIN
FORET DE L'ISLE
MERY SUR OISE
LE CULOT

DATE

5 JULY 1944

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26 July 1944

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

- a. Date of Mission - 5 July 1944.
- b. Primary Targets - Bois de Cassin, Foret de L'Isle, Mery sur Oise and Le Culot.
- c. Secondary Target - Any military objective that can be positively identified and not near a built-up area.
- d. Last Resort Target - Any military objective that can be positively identified and not near a built-up area.
- e. Units Participating - 2nd GFW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG).
20th GFW (93rd, 446th BG).
96th GFW (458th, 466th, 467th BG).

a. 172 aircraft were dispatched to attack Le Culot A/F in Belgium, two supply dumps, Foret de L'Isle and Bois de Cassin, and Mery sur Oise, a tunnel entrance in the Paris area, using GH equipment. One Group of P-51s and one Group of P-47s provided fighter support.

b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and the routes were flown as briefed with the exception of one Combat Wing which was 21 minutes late at Control Point 2 due to winds being other than briefed.

c. Le Culot A/F was visually attacked by three Squadrons with good results. Hits postholed the landing ground. The remaining targets in the Paris area were attacked on GH equipment with unobserved results due to cloud cover. One Squadron did not attack its assigned target due to failure to make rendezvous with the lead GH aircraft and visually attacked Melbruck A/F, a target of opportunity, with poor results.

d. Meager to moderate accurate gunfire was encountered at Foret de L'Isle, Bois de Cassin and at Le Culot A/F. Moderate gunfire was encountered enroute at Abbeville, Brussels and Antwerp. No enemy fighters were encountered and fighter support was good. Losses and claims were nil.

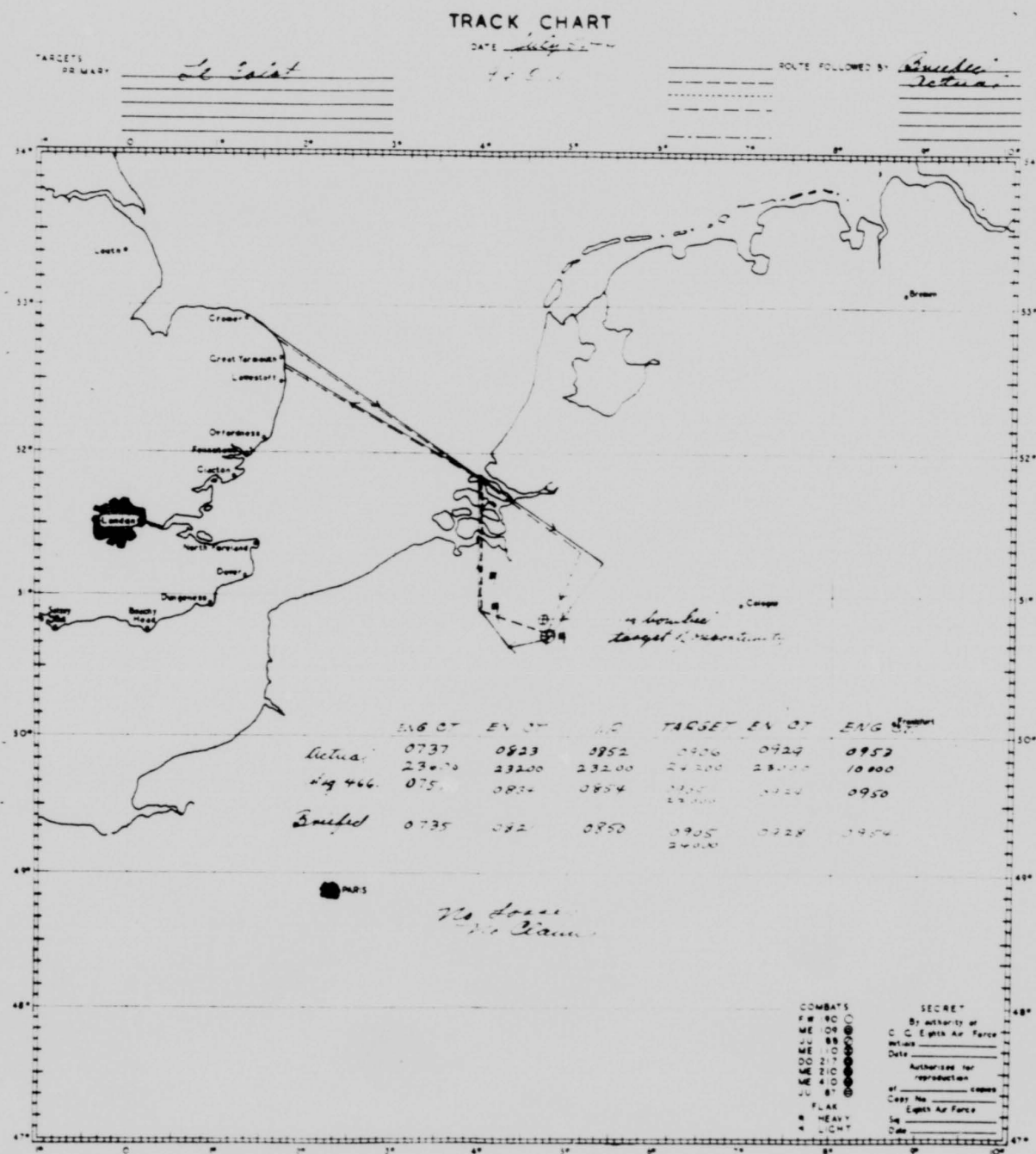
CHARLES B. WESTOVER
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Chief of Staff

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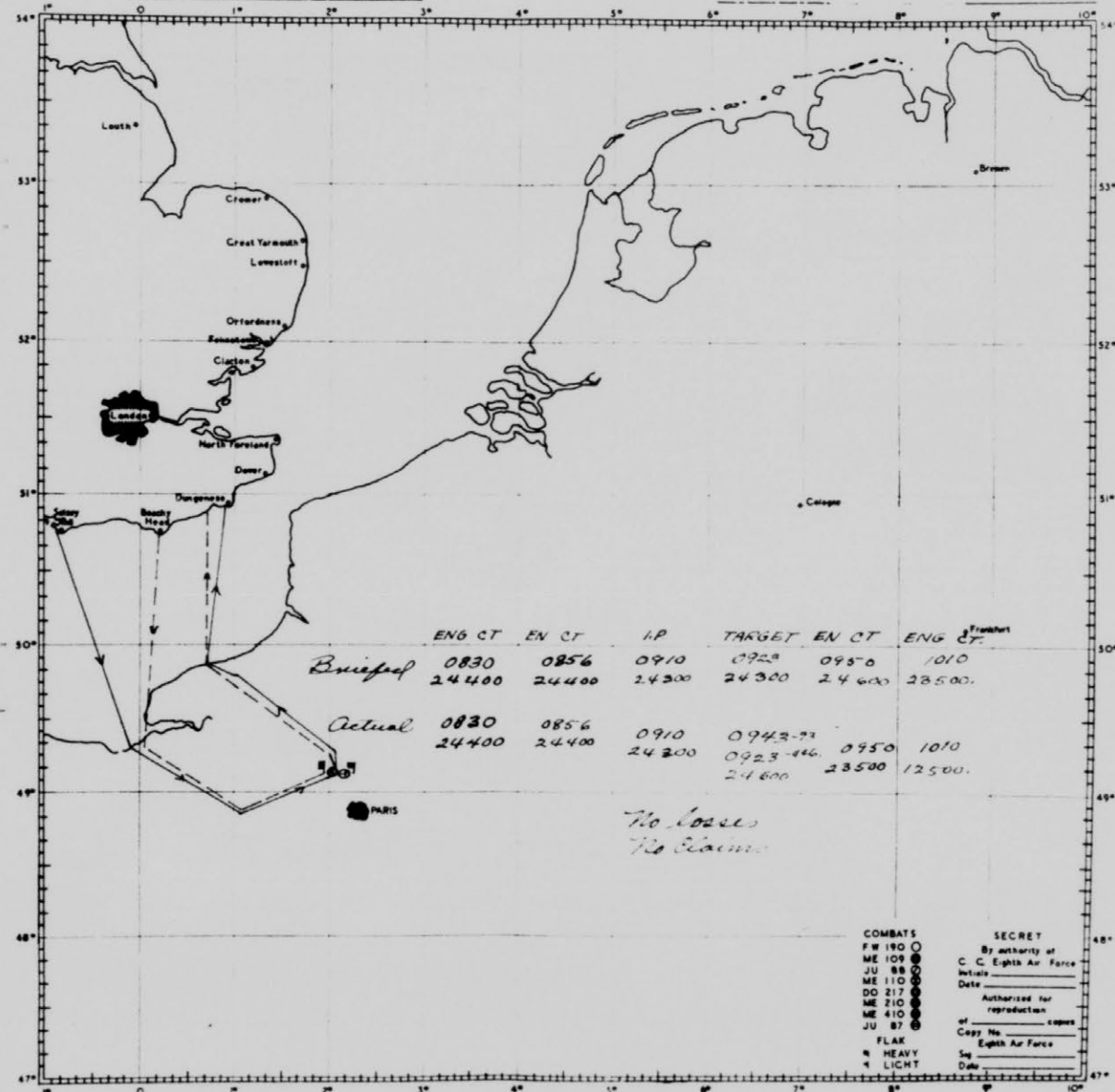
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 TARGETS
 PRIMARY 1. Bois de Cassan
2. L'Isle Adam

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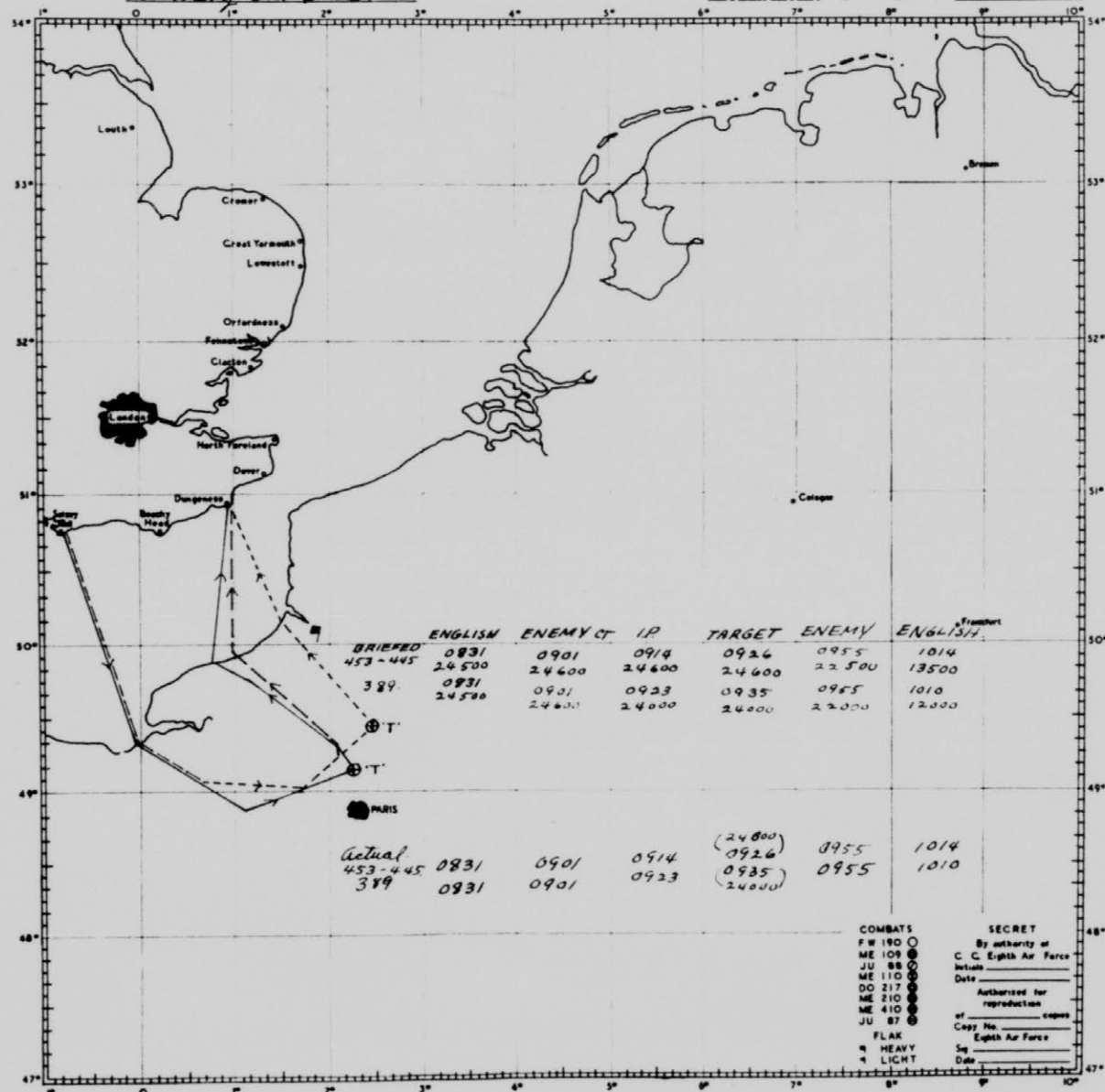
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TRACK CHART

DATE July 5TARGETS
PRIMARY1. Bois de Cassan.2. L'Isle Adam3. Méry sur Oise.

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ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 5 July 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	PILOT	FLEW AUTO	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT	RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON GH OR PFF
<u>LE CULOT A/F</u>											
466	218	20 min.	23,000	0858			X			5 / 1	GH visual
467	220	12 min.	23,000	0902	X					12 / 1	GH visual
458	216	11½ min.	23,900	0905			X			9 / 1	GH visual
<u>FORET DE L'ISIE</u>											
93	66	13 min.	24,000	0923	X					19 / 1	GH
446	62	12½ min.	24,600	0922½			X			8 / 1	GH
<u>BOIS DE CASSIN</u>											
446	64	13 min.	24,000	0914			X			8 / 1	GH
446	68	9 min.	24,300	0924			X			11 / 1	GH
453	55	14 min.	24,600	0926			X			10 / 1	GH
453	60	8 min.	24,900	0925			X			10 / 1	GH
<u>MERY SUR OISE</u>											
445	67	12 min.	24,000	0926	X					9 / 1	GH
445	76	12 min.	24,000	0929	X					9 / 1	GH
389	65	16 min.	24,600	0932	X					8 / 1	GH
<u>BRUSSELS-MELBRUCK (T/O)</u>											
466	265	45 sec.	22,000	0905			X	1	1	10	

- The assigned primary targets for this mission were the A/F at Le Culot and two supply dumps and a tunnel in the Paris area.
- Bombing was accomplished in Squadron formation on GH equipment through 10/10 cloud on the targets in the Paris area. At Le Culot bombing was done by GH leaders on equipment and visual assistance.
- One Squadron attacked a T/O with poor results when they failed to form with their GH lead A/C. Four A/C did not bomb due to mechanical difficulties.
- Results of bombing at Le Culot were good with hits postholing the landing ground. The bombing results at the rest of the targets were unobserved.

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UNIT		1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	172	22	22	22	22	24	28	44	42	
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	172	22	22	22	22	24	28	44	42	
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	143	3	22	23	13	15	19	6	9	
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	29	3	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	
	NO. A/C SQUINTS	130	4	23	23	19	24	19	9	9	
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	157	8	12	23	23	25	19	6	9	
	NO. B TYPES	157	8	12	23	23	25	19	6	9	
	TOWNS	157.1	8.3	72.5	62.9	79.3	84.4	52.0	8.0	17.0	
	TARGET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NO. OF A/C	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OTHER TARGETS	NO. A TYPE	23-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOWNS	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TARGET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NO. OF A/C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOWNS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL TOWNS ALL TARGETS		157.1	8.3	72.5	62.9	79.3	84.4	52.0	8.0	17.0	
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, ETC.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CAT. A-AC-B-E		22-2000	2-2000	2-2000	-	-	2-2000	0-2000	-	0-2000	

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UNIT		100	107
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	22	22
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	22	22
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	27	22
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	7	-
	NO. A/C SORTIES	22	22
B O M B E R S	NO. A/C	21	22
	NO. & TYPES	22-2-000	22-2-000
	TONNAGE	22.2	22.2
	TARGET	10-0-000	-
	NO. OF A/C	6	-
C O M M O N D E N T I F I C A T I O N	NO. & TYPE	22-2-000	-
	TONNAGE	2.2	-
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	22.2	22.2
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		
C A S U A L T I E S	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED		
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA		
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,		
	PROB., DMI., NO CLAIM		
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE		
CAT A-AC-B-E		22-2-000	22-2-000

6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Prepared by:
STATISTICAL CONTROL
2d Bombardment Division

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

5 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 5 JULY 44 (LE COULET A/F)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. THE ONLY FLAK ENCOUNTERED BY THE FORMATION WAS OVER THE TARGET AREA AND CONSISTED OF THE CF VARIETY IN A MODERATE DEGREE OF FAIR ACCURACY. SIX OF OUR A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. 10/10THS CLOUD COVERAGE PREVAILED ALL THE WAY IN WITH EXCEPTION OF THE TARGET AREA.

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

MISSION NO. 119

DATE 5 July 1944

Hansen
GR

RUARK
320 J3-W

WHITLOW
433 J3-B
K-21

ROBERTS
457 7V-Q
K-21

TRACY
719 J3-Q ABERT
K-20

WARNER
340 7V-N

WALKER
352 7V-K ABERT
K-20

MORFORD
288 J3-L ABERT

MATZ
316 J3-N

LE BEUF
116 Z5-V
K-22

DANE
108 Z5-M

QUIRK
120 J3-M

BRADLEY
276 Z5-G

Assembly Pilot:

STEWART

SPARE Ships:

163 Z5-K
050 7V-J
682 Z5-I

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

5 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 5 July 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	381
C.	Date of Operation	5 July 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Le Goulet Airfield, Belgium
E.	A/C Dispatched.	12
F.	A/C Sorties	9
G.	A/C Attacking	9
H.	A/C Not Attacking	3
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	9 - 340 X 100 GP (1 A/C loaded 20 bombs only)
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, AG
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
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	BRADLEY	84	9			41-29276	276	G	Z5	15	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	DANE	84	2			42-95108	108	M	Z5	19	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	HENSON	84	2			--		GH	--	--		SERIAL NOT LISTED
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	LeBEUF	84	15			42-95116	116	V	Z5	18	JUNIOR	
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	MATZE	84	4			42-95316	316	N	J3	25	PRINCESS PAT	
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	MORFORD	84	ABT			41-29288	288	L	J3	--	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	ABORT - EXHAUST EXT COUPL BURNED OUT
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	QUIRK	84	10			42-95120	120	M	J3	18	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	ROBERTS, J	84	13			42-52457	457	Q	7V	36	FINAL APPROACH	
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	RUARK	84	9			42-50320	320	W	J3	27	UNKNOWN 018	
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	STEWART	84	ASSY			--		--	--	--		ASSEMBLY - NO A/C LISTED
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	TRACY	84	ABT			41-28719	719	Q	J3	--	PADDLEFOOT	ABORT - PILOT RPT #2 ENG LOST OIL PRES
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	WALKER	84	ABT			41-29352	352	K	7V	--	WOLVE'S LAIR	ABORT - #2, 4 SUPER CHG SURGED
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	WARNER	84	13			41-29340	340	N	7V	33	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	SHOT UP BY FLAK
05-Jul-44	LE COULET, BEL A/F	WHITLOW	84	27			42-100433	433	B	J3	31	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT	