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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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KIEL

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6 JULY 1944

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 : 2d Bomb Div
 : Initials *RWS*
 : Date *13 Aug 1944*
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11 August 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 6 July 1944.

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

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 6 July 1944.
- b. Primary Target - Kiel.
- c. Secondary Target - None.
- d. Last Resort Target - None.
- e. Units Participating - 14th "A" CBW (492nd, 44th BG).
 14th "B" CBW (392nd, 44th BG).
 96th CBW (467th, 458th, 466th BG).
 95th CBW (489th, 491st BG).

2. Narrative.

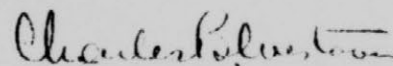
a. Planning called for an attack on the submarine installations at Kiel. Ten H2K aircraft were assigned to lead, as it was expected that the target would be overcast. Three Groups of P-51s provided fighter support.

b. The assemblies were accomplished and routes were flown as briefed.

c. When the formation was 30 minutes from the target, the weather ship reported that bombing would be visual. The formations uncovered to bomb by Squadrons, but 15 minutes from the target the weather ship reported that the visibility was becoming bad. It was then too late to reform into Combat Wings and bomb on H2K equipment. Some formations attacked visually, but the majority bombed on the special equipment. 232 aircraft attacked the city of Kiel with good to fair results. Many hits were observed in the built-up area in the center of the city.

d. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate to intense and fairly accurate with predictor control and fixed barrage types over the city of Kiel. Three aircraft were lost and there were no claims. No enemy aircraft were seen and fighter support was excellent.

For the Commanding General:



CHARLES B. WESTOVER
 Colonel GSC
 Chief of Staff

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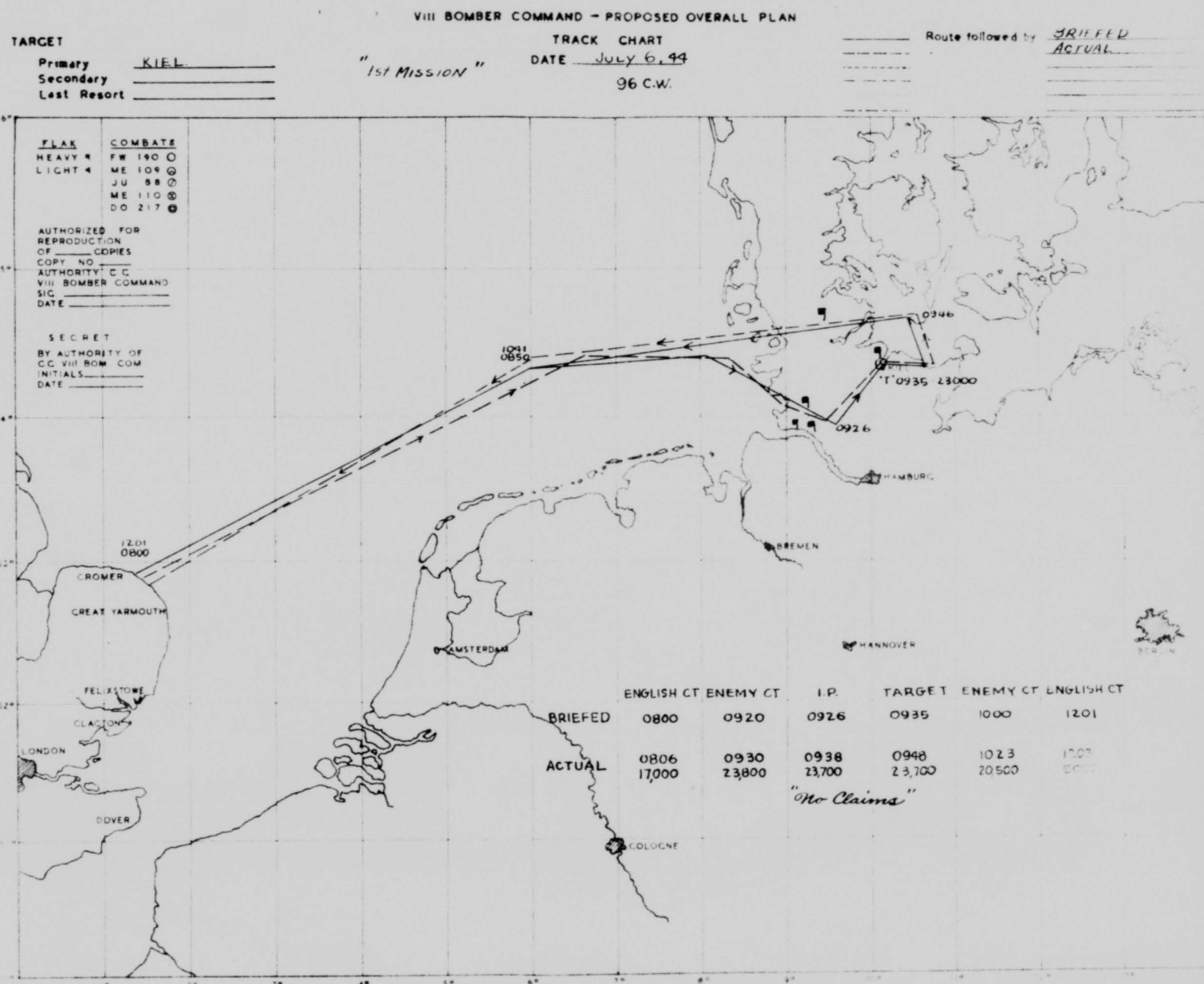
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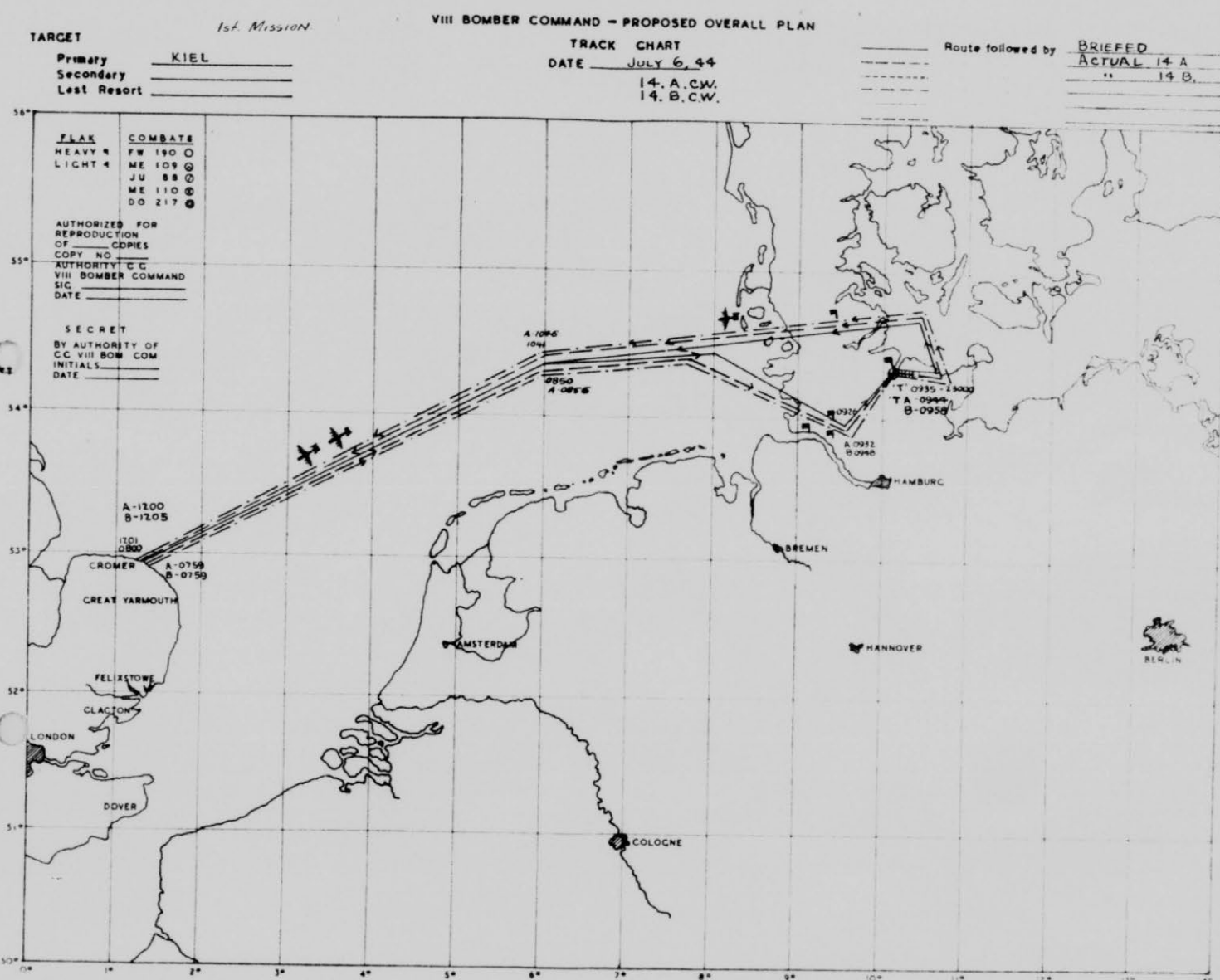
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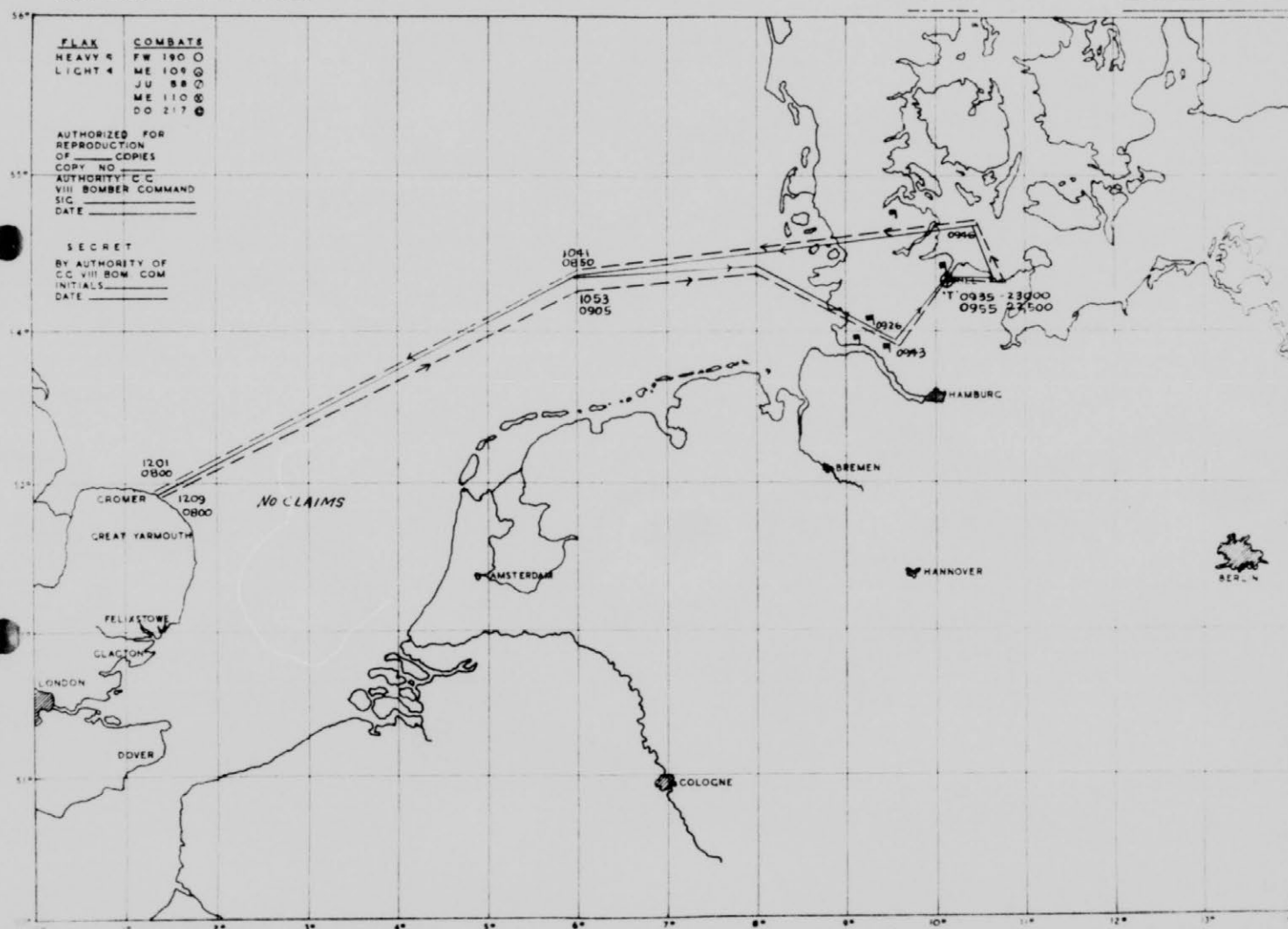
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VIII Bomber Command - PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TARGET
 Primary KIEL
 Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

TRACK CHART
 DATE JULY 6, 44
"1st Mission" 95 C.W.

Route followed by BRIEFED
ACTUAL



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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT	RANGE BOMBED	NO. A/C DROPPED ON	DROPPED ON GH OR PFF
					<u>KIEL</u>					
467	60	5 min.	23,000	0949	X				29 / 2	PFF
458	52	12 min.	22,500	0950	X				21 / 1	PFF
466	58		23,800	0949	X				9	Markers
466	50		24,300	0953	X				12	"
492	52	5 min.	23,000	0943	X				29 / 2	PFF
392	50	6 min.	23,000	0958		X			31 / 2	PFF
44	70	45 sec.	24,300	0944	X		1	1	11	
44	32	30 sec.	23,000	0947		X	1	1	12	
491	55	7 min.	23,000	0953	X				34 / 2	PFF
439	43	5 min.	23,000	0955	X				33 / 1	PFF

- a. The assigned primary target for this mission was Kiel, Germany.
- b. Eight Groups were assigned to this target. Bombing was done by PFF lead A/C both visually with PFF assist and on instruments. One Group performed a visual sighting operation.
- c. All A/C over the target dropped their bombs. One A/C aborted and jettisoned its bombs near Kappelin, Germany.
- d. The result of bombing was fair to good from the standpoint of damage with a good percentage of the bombs hitting in the city.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. The leading two Groups were probably engaged visually and encountered intense but inaccurate predictor control fire. All the following Groups were almost certainly engaged by "unseen" methods and encountered a combination of predictor control and fixed barrage fire which was accurate for some formations but inaccurate for others. The enemy continued to put up a fixed barrage well after the last formation had left the target area, which indicated that the "Chaff" was effective. Exceptionally large flashes were seen when some of the shells burst, and it is probable that these were fired by 128 mm guns.
- b. Moderate gunfire was encountered on route at Hochdonn and Itzehoe.
- c. Meager gunfire was encountered on route at Brunsbittel and Flensburg.
- d. The three missing A/C were all known to have been damaged by AA fire at the target and failed to return to base. None of them crashed in the target area.

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5. Communications.

- a. 10 H2K aircraft were dispatched. One set failed to perform properly, apparently because of low pressurization which caused malfunction of the automatic frequency control. Two carpet-blinker aircraft were dispatched for RCM purposes, one of these crashed on take-off, the other operated well throughout the mission.

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FORM V-11

6 July

1944

UNIT		21	30	44	44	37	49	49	41	43
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	201	3	25	7	34	34	38	38	28
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	241	3	25	7	34	34	38	38	28
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	232	3	23	7	31	30	32	31	24
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	29		2		3	4	6	4	7
	NO. A/C SORTIES	235	3	23	7	31	31	32	31	24
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	231	3	23	7	31	29	32	31	24
	NO. & TYPES	1241-5000F 1241-5000M	6-5000F 6-5000M	138-5000F 138-5000M	21-5000F 21-5000M	186-5000F 186-5000M	174-5000F 174-5000M	192-5000F 192-5000M	192-5000F 192-5000M	126-5000F 126-5000M
	TONNAGE	69.8	1.5	69	7	93	86.3	93	96	68
	TARGET						12-8000-11			
	NO. OF A/C	1					1			
COUNTER TARGETS	NO. & TYPE	6-5000F 6-5000M					6-5000F 6-5000M			
	TONNAGE	3					3			
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	66.8	1.5	69	7	93	89.3	93	96	68
BATTLE	A/C LOST TO FLAK	2					2			
	A/C LOST TO E/A									
	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A									
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT									
RESULTS	A/C LOST UNKNOWN	1				1				
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED									
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0		0-0-0-0	0-0-0-11			
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
CAT. A-AC-B-E		20-1-3-0		2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	13-1-0-0	2-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	

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6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONSPrepared by:
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FORM N-11

6 May 1944

6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

FACTICAL REPORT OF MISSION

UNIT		466	467
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	24	30
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	22	28
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	22	29
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	2	1
	NO. A/C SCRIBES	24	29
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	22	29
	NO. & TYPES	1500LB 15000LB	1500LB 15000LB
	TONNAGE	62.5	87
	TARGET		
	NO. OF A/C		
OTHER	NO. & TYPE		
	TONNAGE		
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	62.5	87
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		
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED		
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA		
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DMI., NO CLAIM		
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE		
	CAT. A-AC-B-E	5000	

Prepared by:
STATISTICAL CONTROL
2d Bombardment Division

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

6 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 6 JULY 44 (KIEL)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. THE INTENSE AA ENCOUNTERED AT THE TARGET WAS OF BOTH BARRAGE AND CF VARIETY, RANGING FROM INACCURATE TO FAIRLY ACCUARTE. SIX OF OUR A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE SMOKESCREENS WERE OBSERVED AT KIEL, OSTERMOOR, CUXHAVEN, ECKENFORDE, AND AT I.P.

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

HEADQUARTERS

7 July 1944.

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

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	383
C.	Date of Operation	6 July 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Kiel Submarine Building Area
E.	A/C Dispatched.	28
F.	A/C Sorties	21
G.	A/C Attacking	21
H.	A/C Not Attacking	7
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	21 - 126 x 500g M17 (incendiary) - 126 x 500g M64 (G.P.)
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

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

ALCOA

Mission of 6 July 1944

FORMATION PLAN

SECTION I

JAMISON

: PFF

BRADLEY

: 25G

HOPKINS

C : 25U

WOODWARD

K-21: 25B

GORRELL

K-21: 7VE

NEILSON

K-21: 25M ABORT

JUDGE

: 25J ABORT

MARTIN

K-20: J3U ABORT

LCY

: 7VV

COYLE

: 7VA

WAGNER

: J3P

HAUSER

: J3I

SECTION II

GLENN-OLLUM

K-21: J3B

MC ARDLE

: J3T

FRENCH

C : J3D

URBANIAK

: 7VD

WATSON

K-21: 25K

KENYON

K-20: J3L

RUARK

: J3W

MIDDLETON

K-20: 7VL ABORT

NEWELL

: 25N

GABRI

: 2F

WALKER

K-21: 7VM

HAYDON

: 7VO

FOLLOWING ARE FLYING LOW LEFT AND
HIGH RIGHT ELEMENT
ON 467th GROUP

LE BEUF

: 25I

ABORT

GIBSON

: J3N

MONOHAN

K-20: 7VK

ABORT

COCK

K-21: 7VQ

FUSON

: J3K

MCARTHY

K-21: J3V

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
06-Jul-44	KIEL	BRADLEY	85	10			41-29276	276	G	Z5	16	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	COOK	85	1			42-52457	457	Q	7V	37	FINAL APPROACH	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	FRENCH	85	10			42-100425	425	D	J3	16	THE BIRD	NO TAIL # GIVEN
06-Jul-44	KIEL	FUSON	85	4			42-7516	516	K	J3	17	GATOR	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	GABRIEL	85	1			UNK		?	Z5	--		RCL CUT OFF
06-Jul-44	KIEL	GIBSON, S	85	17			42-95316	316	N	J3	26	PRINCESS PAT	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	GLENN	85	29	OLLUM	L2	42-52274	274	H	J3	9	UNKNOWN 029	J3-H - NO SERIAL LISTED
06-Jul-44	KIEL	GORRELL	85	12			42-95118	118	E	7V	7	ALFRED V (Trnsf to 392 nd BG)	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	HAUSER	85	10			42-52441	441	I	J3	36	LAST CARD LOUIE	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	HAYDON	85	17			42-52455	455	O	7V	40	PLUTOCRAT	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	HOPKINS, H	85	15			42-95096	096	U	Z5	23	BOMBS AWAY	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	JUDGE	85	ABT			42-95018	018	J	Z5	--	OLD DOC'S YACHT	ABORT - #2 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
06-Jul-44	KIEL	KENYON	85	4			41-29288	288	L	J3	35	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	LeBEUF	85	ABT			41-28682	682	I	Z5	--	UNKNOWN 003	ABORT - #1 ENG ROUGH AT ALTITUDE
06-Jul-44	KIEL	LOY	85	9			41-28721	721	V	7V	37	DOWNWIND LEG	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	MARTIN, L	85	ABT			42-95183	183	U	J3	--	BRINEY MARLIN	ABORT - #2, 3 SUPER CHG GAVE NO BOOST AT ALT
06-Jul-44	KIEL	McARDLE	85	12			42-51097	097	T	J3	27	UNKNOWN 022	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	McCARTHY	85	7			41-28735	735	V	J3	31	UNKNOWN 005	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	MIDDLETON	85	12			42-50314	314	L	7V	29	ETO PLAYHOUSE	ABORT - NOT ON OPS RPT - SORTIE
06-Jul-44	KIEL	MONAHAN	85	ABT			41-29352	352	K	7V	--	WOLVE'S LAIR	ABORT - #2 SUPER CHG QUIT FUNCTIONING
06-Jul-44	KIEL	NELSON	85	ABT			42-95108	108	M	Z5	--	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	ABORT - #2 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
06-Jul-44	KIEL	NEWELL	85	11			41-29305	305	N	Z5	24	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	RUARK	85	ABT			42-50320	320	W	J3	--	UNKNOWN 018	ABORT - #3 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
06-Jul-44	KIEL	STANHOPE	85	--	JAMISON	L1	41-28785	785	B+	QK	--	44BG/66SQ	44BG PILOT
06-Jul-44	KIEL	URBANIAK	85	15			42-109812	812	D	7V	30	UNKNOWN 016	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	WAGNER	85	6			42-51179	179	P	J3	14	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	WALKER	85	12			41-29340	340	N	7V	34	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	WATSON	85	34			42-95163	163	K	Z5	23	DIXIE BELLE	
06-Jul-44	KIEL	WOODWARD	85	ABT			42-100366	366	B	Z5	--	MIZPAH	ABORT - TAIL VIBRATED EXCESSIVELY