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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

841

TARGETS

NOBALL TARGETS IN PAS DE CALAIS
TACTICAL TARGETS N.E. OF PARIS

DATE

8 JULY 1944

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11 August 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 8 July 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF 101, APO 694.

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1. Data.

a. Date of Mission, 8 July 1944.

b. Primary Targets -

2nd Combat Wing - Jussy and Beaurort
 14th Combat Wing - Esternay
 20th Combat Wing - Heri Sur Seine, Pommerehne and La Montagne
 95th Combat Wing - Nanteuil
 96th Combat Wing - Fismes and Aulnay

c. Secondary Targets - None.

d. Last Resort Targets - Any military objective not adjacent to a built-up area and one that can be visually sighted.

e. Units Participating - 2nd CGW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG).
 14th CGW (44th, 492nd, 392nd BG).
 20th CGW (93rd, 446th, 498th BG).
 95th CGW (489th, 491st BG).
 96th CGW (453th, 466th, 467th BG).

2. Narrative.

a. 392 aircraft were dispatched to visually attack Hobart targets in the Pas de Calais area and tactical targets northeast of Paris. Three Groups of P-51s and three Groups of P-38s provided fighter support.

b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and the route to the enemy coast was flown as briefed. High cloud at the enemy coast and beyond forced 11 Squadrons to abandon the mission.

c. Two Squadrons bombed targets of opportunity. One attacked Schere Railroad Bridge with good results, scoring hits on railroad line and the bridge. The other Squadron attacked a marshalling yard at Welles with good results, scoring hits on the marshalling yards and a highway bridge over a railroad.

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Tactical Report of Mission, 8 July 44 (cont'd)

Three additional aircraft attacked a target of opportunity at 5127N-0400E with unobserved results. One aircraft bombed with B-24s of the 3rd Division.

d. Meager gunfire was encountered at Brussels, Antwerp, Flushing and Neuzen. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was good. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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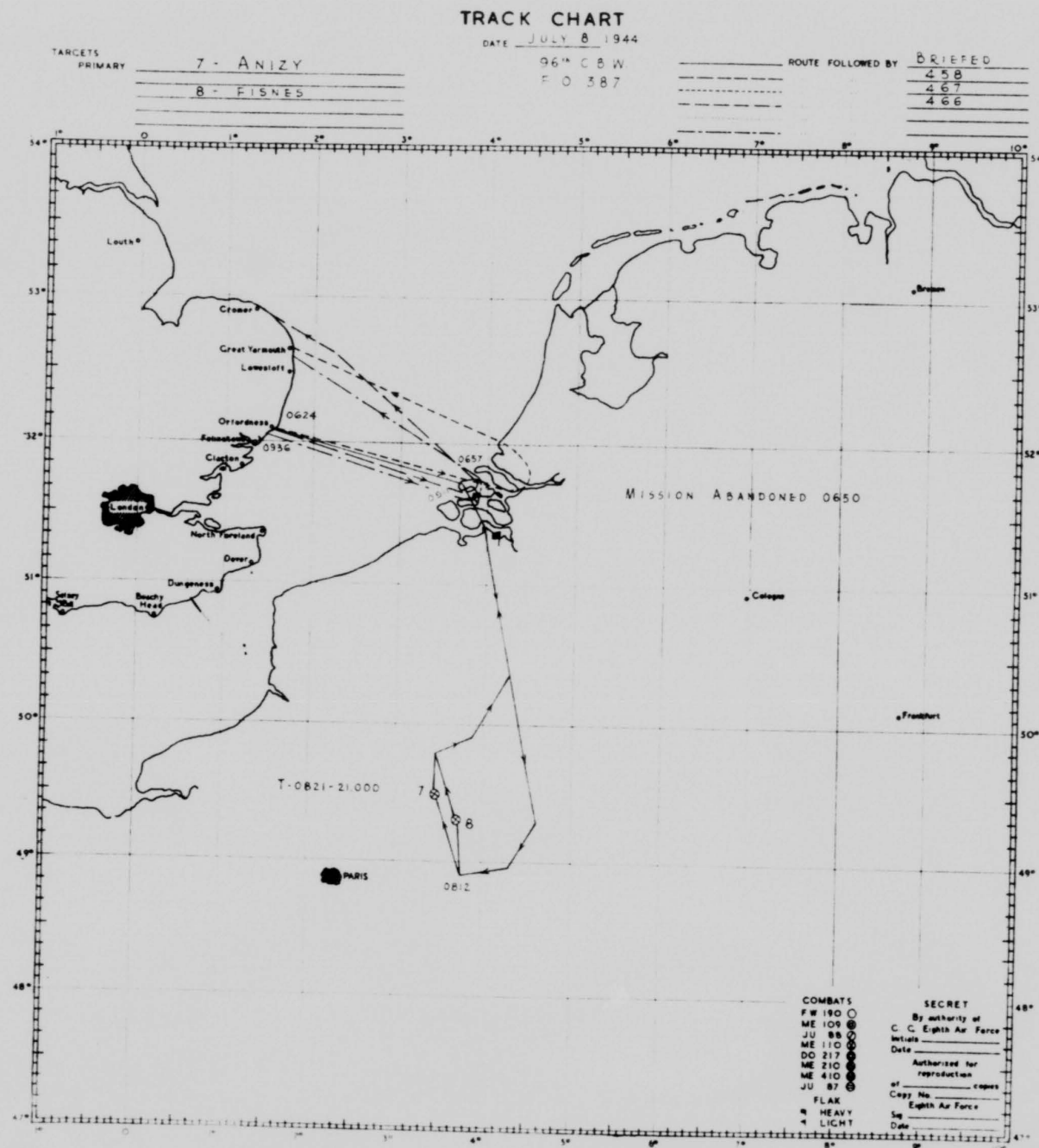
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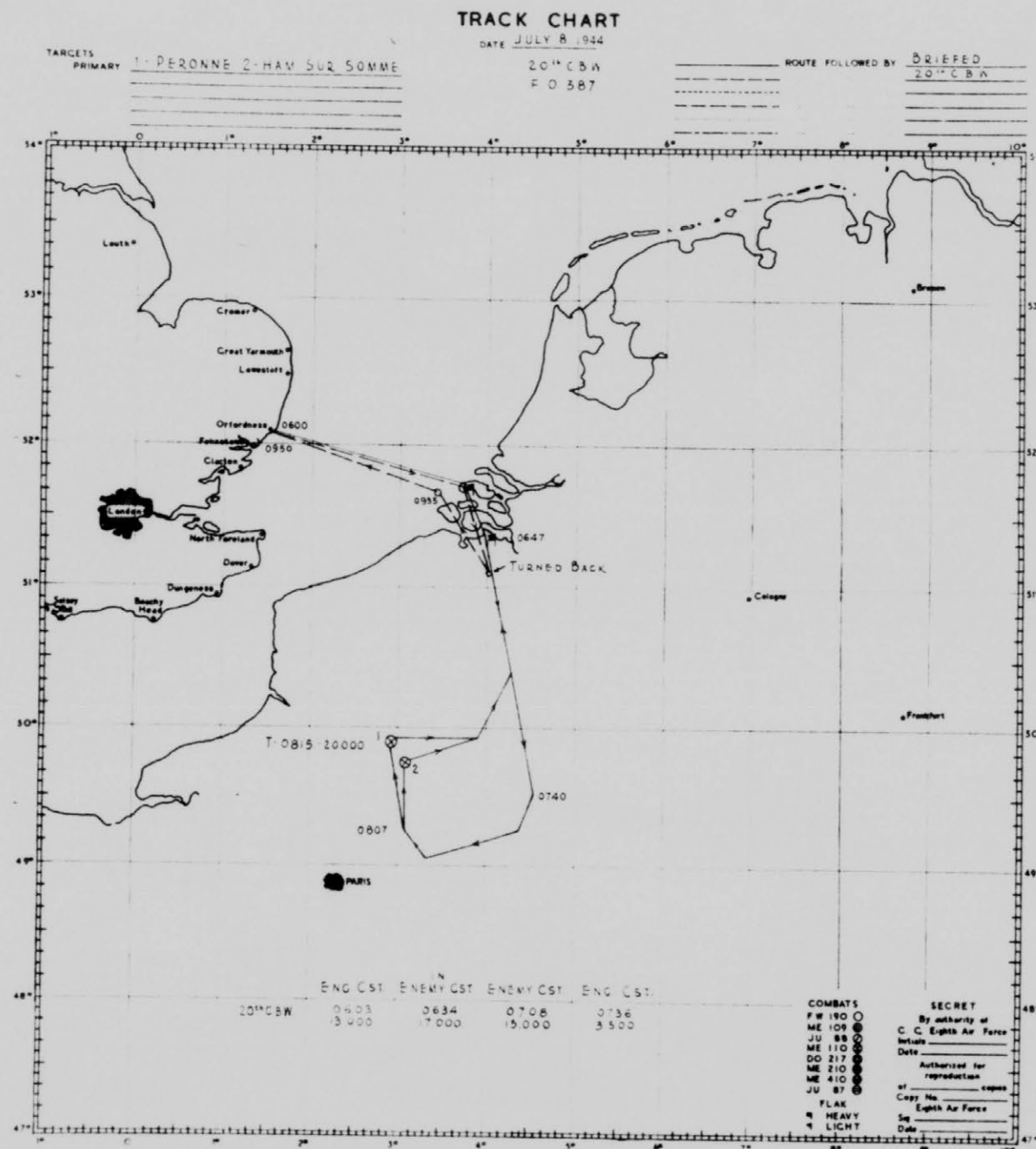
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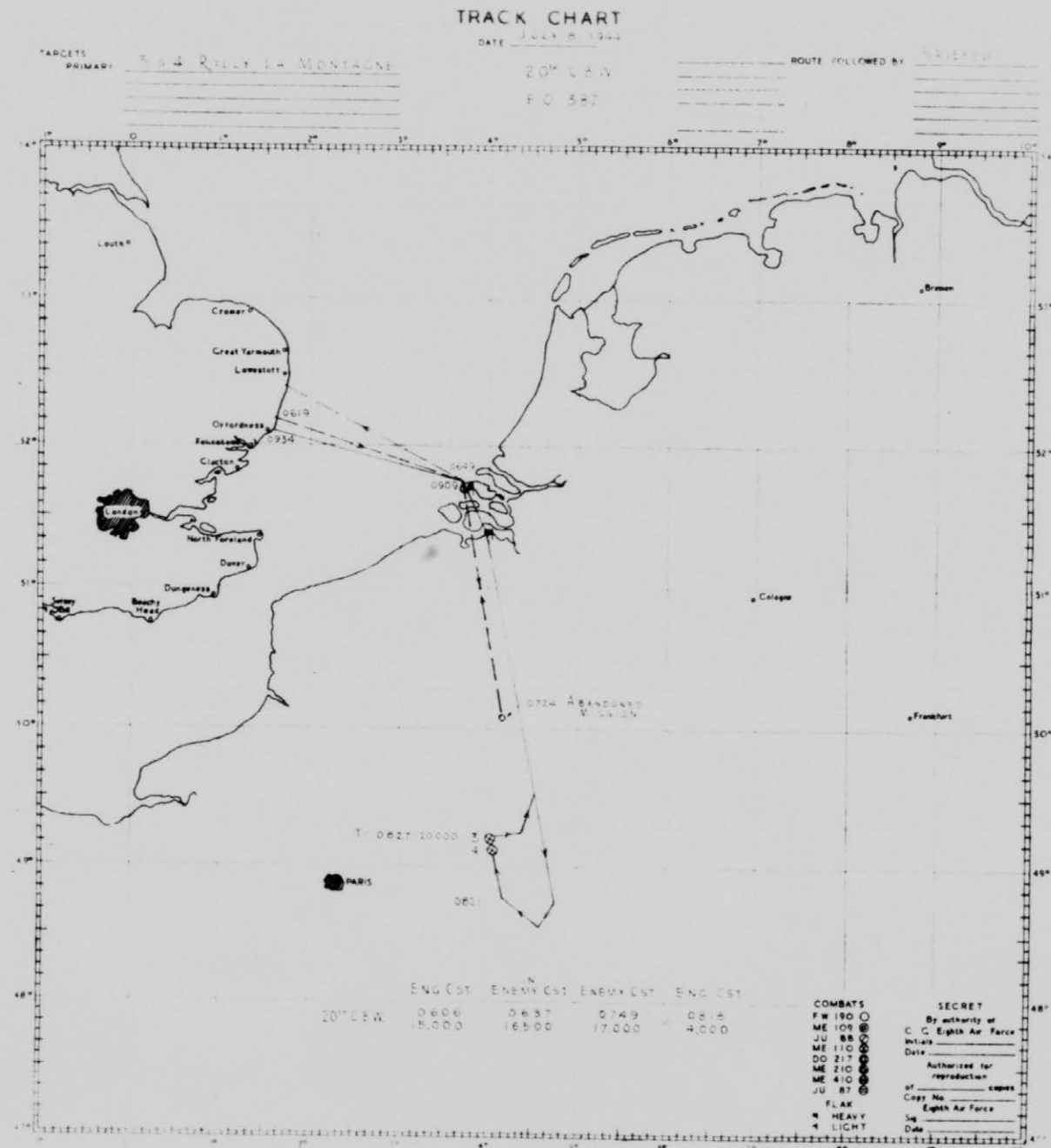
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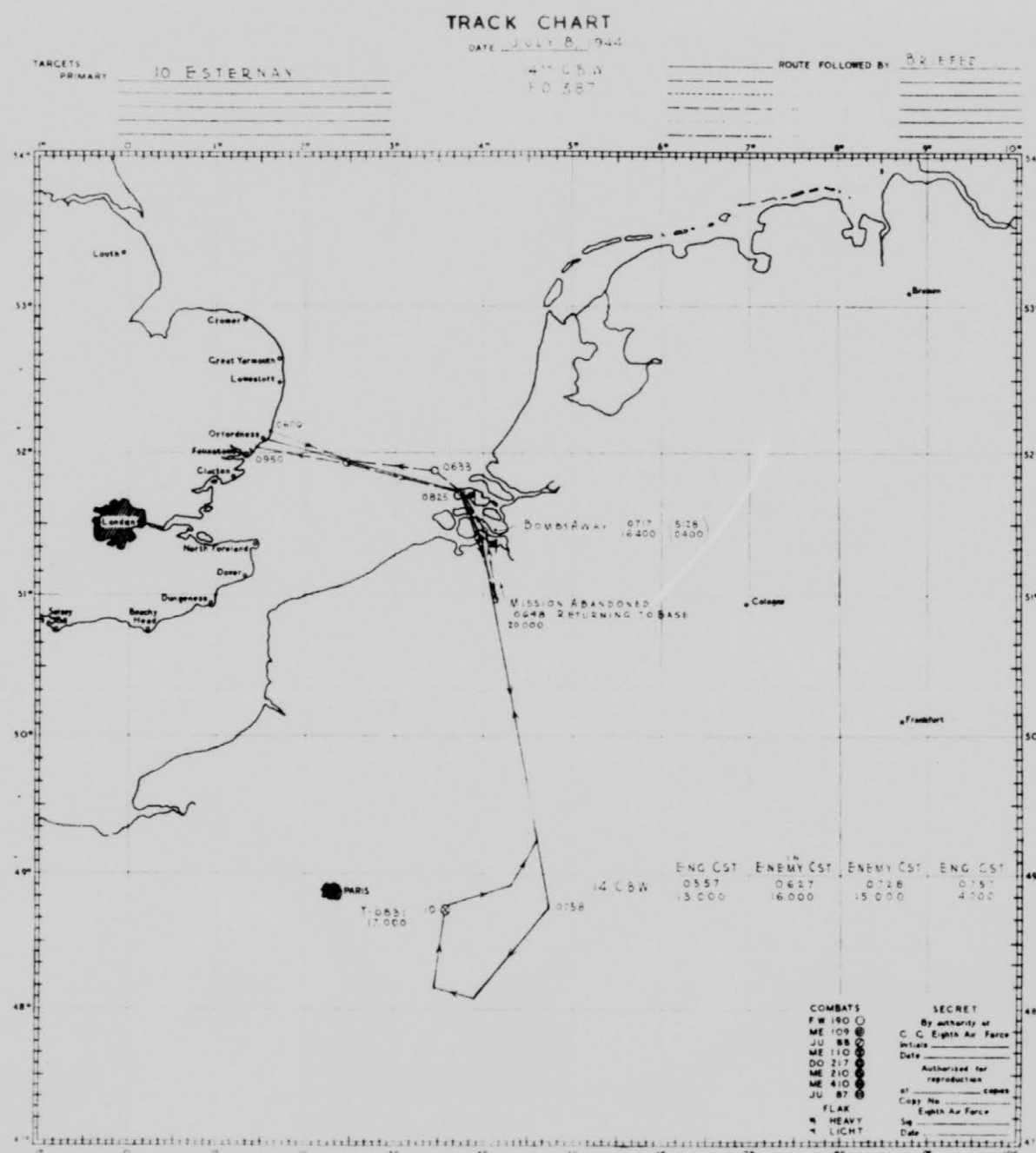
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 8 July 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW INTO PILOT MANUAL DEFLECTOR RANGE	RANGE & DEFLECTOR RANGE	NO. A/C BOOMING
				<u>SEABOARD RAILROAD BRIDGE</u>			
44	164	2 min.	18,500	0717	X	1 1	9
				<u>M/V AT WELLES - 5054N-0400E</u>			
492	240	1½ min.	19,000	0741	X	1 1	10
				<u>T.O. - 5127N-0400E</u>			
392	175	1½ min.	17,500	0716	X	1 1	3

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were Nobell and tactical targets at Perrone, Han Sur Saine, Rilly La Montagne, Jussy, Beauter, Anizy, Fismes, Nanteuil and Esternay.
- b. Due to weather conditions and the mission being planned for visual conditions, 11 Squadrons abandoned the mission. Two Groups bombed targets of opportunity and 3 A/C of another Group bombed an unidentified target of opportunity at 5127N-0400E. One A/C bombed with B-24s of 3rd Division.
- c. All A/C over the targets bombed. No malfunctions.
- d. Results of bombing on Sahore Bridge were good. Hits on railroad lines and bridge. Results at Welles were good. Hits in marshalling yard and a highway bridge over a railroad.

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Tactical Report of Mission, 8 July 1944

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Meager gunfire was encountered at Brussels, Antwerp, Flushing and Neuzen.

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UNIT		2BD	389	445	453	44	44PFF	392	492	93
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	332	12	24	30	11	1	11	12	34
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	332	12	24	30	11	1	11	12	34
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	25		1		9	1	3	10	
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	307	12	23	30	2		8	2	34
	NO. A/C SORTIES	267		12	19	9	1	11	12	33
B O M B S	T A R G E T	NO. A/C								
	A R Y	NO. & TYPES								
	C O U N T	TONNAGE								
	T A R G E T	TARGET								
	E R G E T S	NO. OF A/C								
		NO. & TYPE								
		TONNAGE								
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		95		4		36	1	12	40	
B A T T L E R E S U L T S	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., DAM., NO CLAIM									
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
CAT. A-AC-B-E		7-0-0-0		3-0-0-0						

6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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8 July 1944

TACTICAL REPORT OF MISSION

6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

UNIT		446	448	439	491	453	465	467
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	36	48	27	14	22	24	26
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	36	48	27	14	22	24	26
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	1						
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	35	48	27	14	22	24	26
	NO. A/C SORTIES	36	24	27	14	21	24	26
BOMBERS	NO. A/C							
	NO. & TYPES							
	TONNAGE							
	TARGET	LR-Unknown						
	NO. OF A/C	1						
	NO. & TYPE	2x2000AP						
	TONNAGE	2						
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		2						
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. DAM. NO CLAIM							
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE							
CAT. A-AC-B-E								

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

9 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 8 July 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O.	387
C.	Date of Operation	8 July 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	RR Embankment - Aisne Canal Illustration - 4040/146
E.	A/C Airborne.	22
F.	A/C Sorties	21
G.	A/C Attacking	Nil
H.	A/C Not Attacking	22
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	Nil
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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HEADQUARTERS
458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

10 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Not Attacking Report, Mission of 8 July 1944.

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

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

A. A/C Airborne 22
B. A/C Attacking. Nil
C. A/C Not Attacking. 22
D. Reasons Why A/C Did Not Attack:

41-29288 Not pathfinder. No sortie. Returned bombs. Internal failure
#4 engine. Necessitates change. E
X

(NOTE: 21 A/C were in formation over enemy territory when they were recalled,
due to weather.)

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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MISSION OF 8 JULY 1944

MISSION NO 123

SECTION I

La Roche
Woodward-Hinckley
K-21 366:25B

C

Thompson
K-20 942:7VU

Roberts
303:7VH

McNamara-Hinckley
184:J3F

Gibson
735:J3V

D

Walker
K-21 721:7VV

Loy
455:7VO

Watson
K-20 163:25K

Quirk
342:J3S

Quark
K-20 441 J3

Dane
682:25I

Cook
K-22 431:J4B

SECTION II

Roubal-Ollom
118:7VE

C

Jones
K-21 341:J4A

Gabriel
163:J4M

Hayzlett
812:7VD K-21

Middleton
K-20 050:7VJ

D

Speer
285:J4H
K-20

Newell
305:25N

Hauser
K-20 120:J3M

Evans
110:7VP

McCormic
K-21 311
7VA

SPARE SHIPS

433 J3B 719 J3Q

Kenyon
516:J3K

French
288:J3L ABORT

WEST				EAST		MARSHALLING PLAN		WEST				EAST	
A/C	Disp	T.O.	Disp	A/C	Runway 28	A/C	Disp	T.O.	Disp	A/C	Disp	T.O.	
36625B	10	1				1187VE	21	13					
		2	Hang 3	184 J3F		8127VD	19	14					
3037VH	34	3						15	37	163J4M			
735J3V	16	4				0507VJ	23	16					
		5	6	16325K		120J3M	15	17					
9427VU	32	6						18	39	341J4A			
441J3I	14	7				3117VA	25	19					
342J3S	17	8				1107VP	31	20					
		9	37	431J4B		288J3L	11	21					
		10	5	68225I		516J3K	17	22					
4557VO	28	11						23	9	30525N			
7217VV	33	12						24	39	285J4H			

MARSHALLING CHIEF - Melton
ASSEMBLY PILOT - Hemrich

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
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	Rew	--	ACC			41-28721	721	V	7V	--	Downwind Leg	Mid Air Coll (Buzzing) Sta 123 Non-Op
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	COOK	87	3			42-100431	431	B	J4	26	BOMB-AH-DEAR	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	DANE	87	3			41-28682	682	I	Z5	42	UNKNOWN 003	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	EVANS	87	4			42-51110	110	P	7V	20	TOP O' THE MARK	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	FRENCH	87	ABT			41-29288	288	L	J3	--	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	ABORT - #4 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	GABRIEL	87	3			42-110163	163	M	J4	5	TIME'S A WASTIN	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	GIBSON, S	87	18			41-28735	735	V	J3	32	UNKNOWN 005	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	HAUSER	87	12			42-95120	120	M	J3	20	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	HAYZLETT	87	8			42-109812	812	D	7V	31	UNKNOWN 016	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	HEMRICH	87	ASSY			--		--	--	--		ASSEMBLY - NO A/C LISTED
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	JONES, J	87	7			42-100341	341	A	J4	22	SATAN'S MATE	754th pilot listed in recs
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	KENYON	87	5			42-7516	516	K	J3	18	GATOR	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	LOY	87	10			42-52455	455	O	7V	42	PLUTOCRAT	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	McCORMICK	87	4			42-100311	311	A	7V	33	YOKUM BOY	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	McNAMARA	87	25	HINCKLEY	D1	42-110184	184	F	J3	10	GWEN	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	MELTON	87	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALLING CHIEF
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	MIDDLETON	87	14			42-95050	050	J	7V	27	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	NEWELL	87	13			41-29305	305	N	Z5	26	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	QUIRK	87	11			41-29342	342	S	J3	28	ROUGH RIDERS	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	ROBERTS, J	87	15			41-29303	303	H	Z5	33	LIBERTY LIB	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	ROUBAL	87	30	OLLUM	L2	42-95118	118	E	7V	8	ALFRED V (Trnsf to 392 nd BG)	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	RUARK	87	11			42-52441	441	I	J3	38	LAST CARD LOUIE	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	SPEER	87	5			44-40285	285	H	J4	6	TABLE STUFF	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	THOMPSON	87	21			41-28942	942	U	7V	16	HEAVENLY BODY	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	WALKER	87	14			41-28721	721	V	7V	38	DOWNWIND LEG	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	WATSON	87	35			42-95163	163	K	Z5	25	DIXIE BELLE	
08-Jul-44	ANIZY, FRANCE	WOODWARD	87	27	LaROCHE	L1	42-100366	366	B	Z5	30	MIZPAH	HINCKLEY ALSO LISTED