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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGET

MUNICH

DATE

11 JULY 1944

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11 August 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 11 July 1944.

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

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 11 July 1944.
- b. Primary Targets - if visual - Munich A/F
if PFF - City of Munich
- c. Secondary and Last Resort Targets - Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany.
- d. Units Participating - 2nd CBW (445th, 389th BG).
14th CBW (492nd, 44th, 392nd BG).
20th CBW (448th, 446th, 93rd BG).
95th CBW (489th, 491st BG).
96th CBW (467th, 466th, 453th BG).

2. Narrative.

a. 434 aircraft were dispatched to visually attack Munich Airfield. Fifteen H2X aircraft were assigned for navigational purposes and to be used in bombing if visual means were impossible. Three Groups of P-51s, three Groups of P-47s and two Groups of P-38s provided fighter support.

b. Assemblies were accomplished with difficulty because of 10/10 middle cloud extending up to 14,000 feet. The route was flown generally as briefed. Some of our units experienced interference from the B-17s due to the fact that they were late in clearing target area.

c. The target area was covered by 10/10 cloud and the city of Munich was attacked on H2X equipment with unobserved results. The H2X equipment of one Group failed over Munich but became serviceable after leaving the target area and this Group attacked the city of Augsburg, a target of opportunity, with unobserved results. One Squadron was out of formation at the primary target due to interference by unidentified planes and attacked the marshalling yards at Ebingen, a target of opportunity, through breaks in the clouds. Bursts were observed from the center of the city, extending through the residential district.

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d. All Groups encountered moderate to intense fixed barrage fire over the target, which was fairly accurate for some formations, but quite inaccurate for others. Moderate, intense fairly accurate barrages were encountered over Augsburg. Meager gunfire was encountered enroute at Brussels and Karlsruhe. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was good. Losses were ten to unknown causes, five to flak and one to an accident, this aircraft crash landing in the UK. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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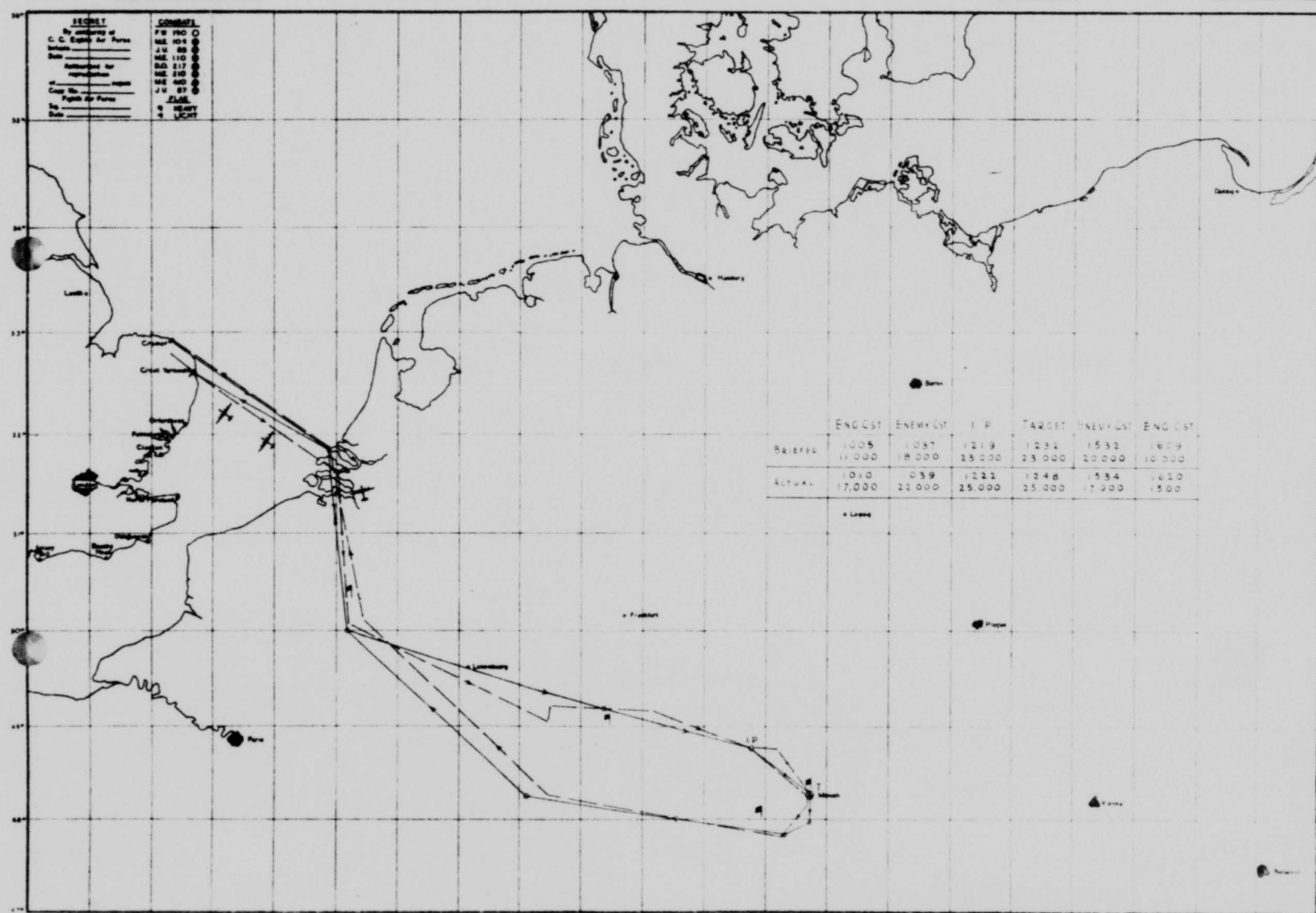
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TARGETS
PRIMARY MUNICH
96° 11' E

TRACK CHART
DATE JULY 11, 1944
F O 390

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY BRIEFED
96° 11' E



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GROUP	DIRECT LENGTH OF RUN	TIME OF FLEW AUTO FLEW RANGE & ALTITUDE RELEASE PILOT MANL DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPES	NO. A/C BOMBED	DROPPED ON H2X GH VISUAL
<u>MUNICH</u>					
492	177	15 min. 22,900 1242 X	106x1000	20/2 H2X	H2X
44	185	10 min. 23,600 1243 X	108x1000	18/2 H2X	H2X
392	184	16 min. 23,000 1242 X	114x1000	19	492nd Gp
489	168	15 1/2 min. 23,800 1243 X	594x250	33/2 H2X	H2X
491	148	12 min. 21,500 1244 X	604x250 20xUSG45 Leaf.	36/2 H2X	H2X
467	165	8 min. 23,500 1245 X	110x1000	22/2 H2X	H2X
466	330	8 min. 24,500 1248 X	766x100	22/1 H2X	H2X
58	187	23,000 1246 X	320x100	8	466th Gp
458	155	24,000 1248 X	340x100	9	467th Gp
448	176	23,050 1250 X	87x1000 52x100 (incend)	19/2 H2X	H2X
446	112	13 min. 23,200 1248 X	616x250	27/1 H2X	H2X
445	164	7 min. 24,000 1253 X	1060x100 4x500		
			20xUSG45 Leaflets	30/2 H2X	H2X
453	180	6 min. 23,000 1255 X	210x500 54x1000	32/1 H2X	H2X
453	160	6 min. 24,000 1258 X	44x1000	9	389th Gp
389	164	7 min. 24,000 1258 X	108x1000	22/1 H2X	H2X
<u>EBINGEN M/Y</u>					
448	300	21,000 1340 X	1 322x100 (incendiary)	8	Visual
<u>AUGSBURG</u>					
93	187	30 min. 23,000 1442 X	60x1000 196x250 486x100	30/1 H2X	H2X

- The assigned primary target for this mission was the airfield at Munich if visual, and the center of the city of Munich if bombing was to be PFF.
- Thirteen Groups attacked the city of Munich through 10/10 cloud on H2X equipment. One Group attacked Augsburg because of failure of the H2X equipment at the primary. The H2X equipment became serviceable after leaving the primary target area. One Squadron was out of formation at the primary and attacked the M/Y at Ebingen through a break in the clouds.
- All A/C over the target bombed. No malfunctions. One A/C aborted and jettisoned 10x500 bombs at 4913N and another A/C dropped 52x100 incendiary bombs at Rottweil.

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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 11 July 44 (cont'd)

d. The following disposal of bombs by H2X A/C was made:

22x1000	Munich
30x100	"
16x250	"
2x1000	Augsburg

e. The bombing results of this mission were unobserved except on the Ebingen M/Y which was partially observed on residential area.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Practically all Groups encountered moderate to intense fixed barrage fire over the target which was fairly accurate for some formations, but quite inaccurate for others. The last two Groups over the target were not engaged at all, although they observed other formations being engaged in the area. There were some indications that the batteries on the outskirts of the city endeavored at times to engage our formations by means of predictor control "unseen" fire, but the main defences of the city appeared to rely entirely on fixed barrage fire. A few rockets were seen but these were generally very inaccurate.
- b. Moderate to intense and fairly accurate predicted concentrations and fixed barrages were encountered at Augsburg.
- c. Meager gunfire was encountered on route at Brussels and Karlsruhe.
- d. Four A/C were believed to have been damaged by AA fire over the target and failed to return to base. None of these A/C were seen to crash.
- e. Comment of Anti-Aircraft Officer.
 - (1) The operation was carried out in conjunction with 1st and 3rd Divisions, and the enemy defences appear to have been saturated fairly effectively by the weight of the attack.

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5. Communications.

- a. Nineteen H2X aircraft were dispatched. All bombing was done through overcast. No major malfunctions of H2X equipment were reported. Three A/C were dispatched by the 466th Bomb Group on their first H2X mission. Other facilities were satisfactory. VHF relay aircraft was used with excellent results.

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FORM N-11		11 July 1944								
UNIT		2BD	389	389PFF	445	453	44	44PFF	392	492
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	434	23	8	34	47	22	8	24	22
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	434	23	8	34	47	22	8	24	22
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	384	22	8	30	42	18	8	19	20
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	50	1		4	5	4		5	2
	NO. A/C SORTIES	395	22	8	31	42	18	8	21	20
BOMBERS	TARGET	NO. A/C	255	22	8	30	41	2		
	NO. & TYPES	214x500GP	1214x250GP	20x100GP						
			2583x100GP	16x250GP	1060x100GP	98x1000GP				
		415x1000GP	108x1000GP	4x1000GP	4x500GP	210x500GP	4x1000GP			
	TONNAGE	542.2	54	5	54	101.5	2			
	TARGET				LR-4913N-0325	ST-Munich	ST-Munich	ST-Munich	ST-Munich	ST-Munich
	NO. OF A/C	129				1	18	6	19	20
		860x100GP	812x250GP							
		400x1000GP								
	NO. & TYPE	10x500GP			10x500GP	103x1000GP	12x1000GP	114x1000GP	106x1000GP	
TONNAGE	347.				2.5	54	6	57	53	
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		839.2	54	5	54	104	54	8	57	53
CATTLE	A/C LOST TO FLAK	5							2	2
	A/C LOST TO E/A									
	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A									
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	1								
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN	10	1		3	1	1	1		
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED									
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	8-0-0-140	9-0-0-12		0-0-0-27	0-0-0-2	0-0-0-16		0-0-0-19	0-0-0-19
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,									
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
CAT. A-AC-B-E		12-2-0-0								2-0-0-0

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

11 July

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UNIT		93	446	448	489	491	458	466	466PFF	467
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	32	34	34	35	38	24	22	3	24
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	32	34	34	35	38	24	22	3	24
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	30	27	27	33	36	17	22	3	22
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	2	7	7	2	2	7			2
	NO. A/C ESCAPED	30	30	31	33	36	17	22	3	23
B O M B S	NO. A/C			19	33	36	17	22	3	22
	NO. & TYPES			52x100GP 87x1000GP	594x250GP	604x250GP	680x100GP	766x100GP	10x100GP 4x1000GP	110x1000GP
	TONNAGE			46.1	74.3	75.5	34	38.3	2.5	55
	TARGET	LR-Augsburg	ST-Munich	LR-Bottendorf						
	NO. OF A/C	30	27	7						
	NO. & TYPE	486x100GP 196x250GP 60x1000GP	616x250GP	374x100GP						
	TONNAGE	78.8	77	18.7						
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	78.8	77	63.8	74.2	75.5	34	38.3	2.5	55
	A/C LOST TO FLAK		1							
	A/C LOST TO E/A									
B A T T L E	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A									
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT		1							
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN		2				2			1
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED									
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA		6-0-0-14	0-0-0-1			0-0-0-20			2-0-0-10
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,									
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
S	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
	CAT. A-AC-B-E	0-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0					1-0-0-0

TACTICAL REPORT OF ACTION
C. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONSPrepared by:
STATISTICAL CONTROL
2d Bombardment Division

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

11 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 11 JULY 44, MUNICH.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. NO FLAK ENCOUNTERED ENROUTE TO AND FROM TARGET, HOWEVER, AT THE TARGET THE FORMATION ENCOUNTERED INTENSE, FAIR TO ACCUARTE FLAK OF THE BARRAGE TYPE. THREE OF OUR A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. NO OBSERVATIONS REPORTED DUE TO 10/10THS CLOUD COVERAGE.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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

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SECTION I

Schulze-O'Neil
126:25D K-20

Judge
163:25K

Gerrall
050:7VJ ABORT

Brumby
433:J3B K-21

Glagola
120:J3M K-20

Livermore
ABORT 116:25V K-22
Long Delay
Fuzzing

Gabriel
705:25W ABORT

Jones
341:J44 K-22

Quirk
ABORT 342:J3C

Wagner
097:J3T

Tracey
163:J4M

McGortick
285:J4H

SECTION II

Slaton-Chamberlain
407:J3A

Gibson
300:J3Y K-21

Riskin
431:J4B K-22 ABORT 116:7VE

Hathaway

Monahan
117:7VM K-21

Boyle
735:J3V

Hausar
441:J3I K-20

LeBeuf
682:25I

Warner
314:7VI

Govla
179:7VX ABORT

Cook
108:25M

Klohe
305:25N

Long Delay Fuz.

ASSEMBLY: Taylor
MARSHALLING: Nyman

MARSHALLING PLANRunway 23

WEST	WEST	EAST	WEST	EAST
Disp	A/C	T.C.	A/C	Disp
		1	69725Z	2
		2	12625D	8
24	433J3B	3		
23	0507VJ	4		
		5	341J44	39
		6	16325K	6
15	120J3M	7		
		8	285J4H	37
		9	163J4M	39
		10	70525W	8
		11	11625V	10
15	097J3T	12		
17	342J3S	13		

SPARE

183J3U
1107VP

3407VN
3657VB (Spare Jay)

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
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	BOYLE	88	7			41-28735	735	V	J3	33	UNKNOWN 005	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	BRUMBY	88	6			42-100433	433	B	J3	32	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	COOK	88	4			42-95108	108	M	Z5	20	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	COYLE	88	ABT			42-95179	179	X	7V	--	HERE I GO AGAIN	ABORT - PILOT RPT ELEC TROUBLE AT ALT
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	GABRIEL	88	ABT			41-28705	705	W	Z5	--	YE OLDE HELLGATE	ABORT - PILOT RPT #2, 3 TRUBOS FLUCTUATING
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	GIBSON, S	88	19			41-29300	300	Y	J3	34	LORELEI	LOSS UNKNOWN CAUSE
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	GLAGOLA	88	11			42-95120	120	M	J3	21	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	GORRELL	88	ABT			42-95050	050	J	7V	--	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	ABORT - #2 CARB OUT AT ALT, #2 ENG OUT
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	HATHAWAY	88	15			42-95118	118	E	7V	9	ALFRED V (Trnsf to 392 nd BG)	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	HAUSER	88	13			42-52441	441	I	J3	39	LAST CARD LOUIE	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	JONES, J	88	FTR			42-100341	341	A	J4	23	SATAN'S MATE	OUT OF GAS HOLLAND
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	JUDGE	88	20			42-95163	163	K	Z5	26	DIXIE BELLE	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	KLOHE	88	1			41-29305	305	N	Z5	27	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	LeBEUF	88	17			41-28682	682	I	Z5	43	UNKNOWN 003	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	LIVERMORE	88	ABT			42-95116	116	V	Z5	--	JUNIOR	ABORT - #1 SUPER CHG FLEX COUPL BLEW
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	McCORMICK	88	5			44-40285	285	H	J4	7	TABLE STUFF	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	MONAHAN	88	16			42-95117	117	M	7V	29	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	NYMAN	88	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALLING CHIEF
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	PISKIN	88	ABT			42-100431	431	B	J4	--	BOMB-AH-DEAR	ABORT - #4 ENG CYL BLOWN OFF CRANKCASE
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	QUIRK	88	ABT			41-29342	342	S	J3	--	ROUGH RIDERS	ABORT - GAS LEAK IN RIGHT TOKYO TANK
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	SCHULZE	88	32	O'NEILL	L1	44-40126	126	D	Z5	11	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	SLATON	88	27	CHAMBERLAIN	L2	42-100407	407	A	J3	31	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	TAYLOR, O	88	ASSY			--		--	--	--		ASSEMBLY - NO A/C LISTED
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	TRACY	88	5			42-110163	163	M	J4	6	TIME'S A WASTIN	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	WAGNER	88	8			42-51097	097	T	J3	29	UNKNOWN 022	
11-Jul-44	MUNICH	WARNER	88	ABT			42-50314	314	I	7V	--	ETO PLAYHOUSE	ABORT - #1, 4 SUPER CHG RAN AWAY