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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGET

MUNICH

DATE

12 JULY 1944

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12 August 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 12 July 1944.

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

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## 1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 12 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 CEW (453rd, 389th, 445th BG).  
14th CEW (44th, 392nd, 492nd BG).  
20th CEW (93rd, 446th, 448th BG).  
95th CEW (491st, 489th BG).  
96th CEW (466th, 458th, 467th BG).

## 2. Narrative.

a. 512 aircraft were dispatched to visually attack Munich Airfield. Eighteen H2X aircraft were dispatched for navigational purposes and to be used in bombing if visual bombing could not be effected. Two Groups of P-38s, two Groups of P-51s and one Group of P-47s provided fighter support.

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

c. The target area was covered with 10/10 cloud cover and all units attacked the city of Munich on H2X equipment with unobserved results.

d. Moderate to intense fixed barrages of varying accuracy were encountered by all Groups at Munich. A few rockets were also seen in the target area. Meager to moderate gunfire was encountered enroute at Saarbrücken, Mannheim, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Antwerp and Brussels. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was good throughout the mission. Losses were six to flak and six to unknown causes. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

*Charles B. Westover*  
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 Chief of Staff

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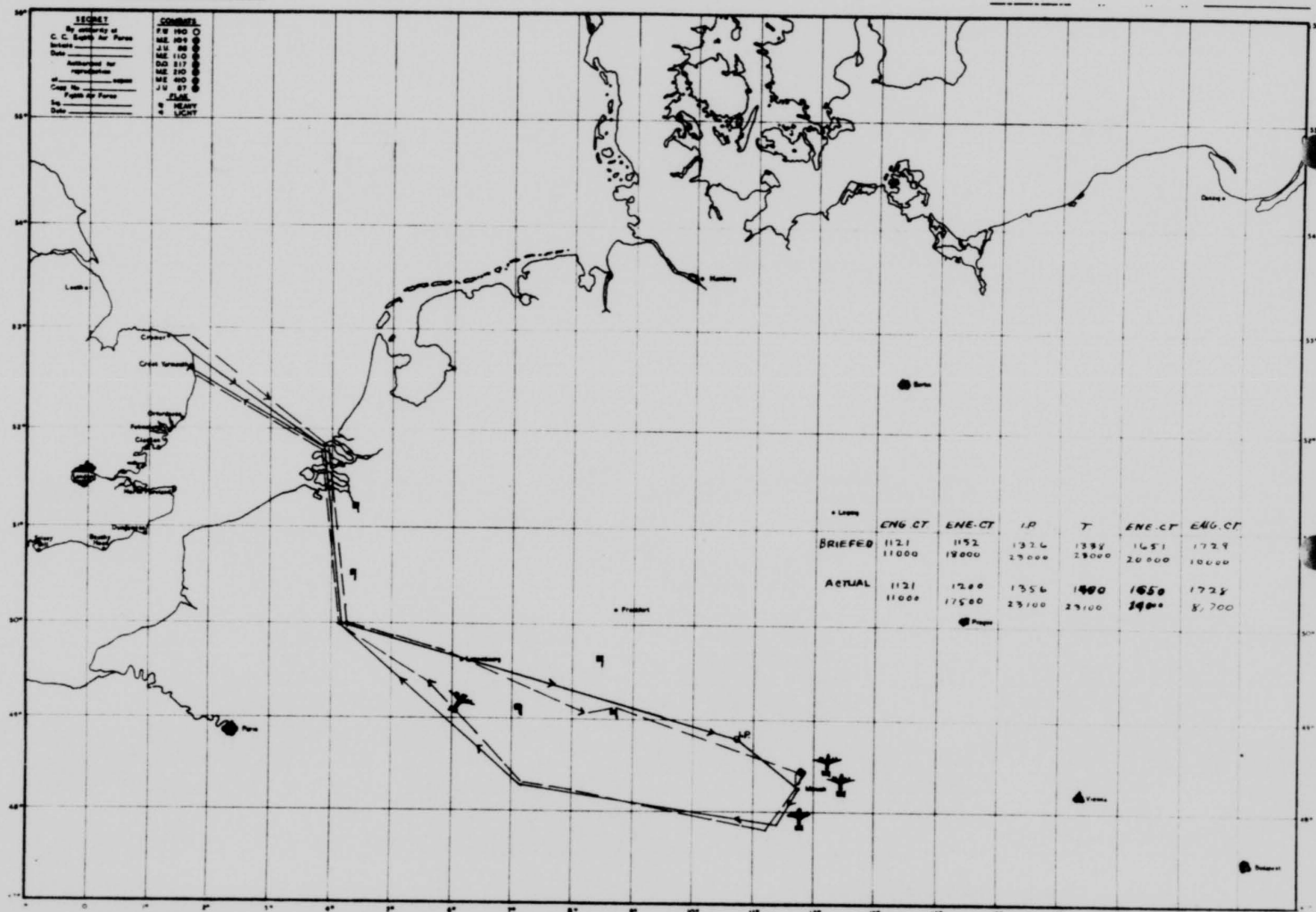
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TARGETS:  
PRIMARY MUNICH

## TRACK CHART

DATE JULY 12 44.  
1st Mission  
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ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Planned  
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GROUP	OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLEW AUTO FLEW RGE & RELEASE	PILOT	MANL DEFLECT	RANGE TOTAL BOMBS & TYPES		NO. A/C BOMBED	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	
							MUNICH	H.E.		INCEND.	
44	159	8 min.	23,200	1346	X			186x500	31 1/2	H2X	H2X
392	170	5 min.	23,000	1347	X			186x500	31 1/2	H2X	H2X
492	144		24,200	1349		X		132x500	22		44th Gp
489	180	10 min.	23,000	1332	X			240x500			
								144x500			
491	175	5 min.	23,000	1352	X			214x500	34 1/4	H2X	H2X
								40x500			
491	130	5 min.	24,600	1354		X		36x500	20xG23	Leaflets	
466	220	14 min.	23,000	1401	X			138x500	37 1/2	H2X	H2X
458	170	12 min.	22,400	1352	X			92x500	6 1/6	489th	Flares
467	170	10 min.	24,000	1353	X			84x500	23 1/2	H2X	H2X
467	210	3 min.	23,500	1401	X			96x500	19 1/4	H2X	H2X
453	180	7 min.	22,880	1355 1/2	X			60x500	24		458th Gp
389	180	4 min.	23,000	1352	X			40x500	10 1/2	458th	466th Gp
445	181	5 min.	23,500	1357	X			180x500	30 1/2	H2X	H2X
								102x500	31 1/4	H2X	H2X
								168x500			
446	180	8 min.	23,000	1351	X			192x500	10xG23	Leaflets	
448	125	7 min.	22,700	1405	X			128x500	43x1	H2X	H2X
93	190	6 min.	23,000	1402	X			164x500	32 1/4	H2X	H2X
								180x500	41 1/4	H2X	H2X
								120x500	30 1/4	H2X	H2X

- a. The assigned primary target for this mission was the airfield at Munich, Germany, if visual, and the center of the city of Munich if bombing was done by PFF methods.
- b. Fourteen Groups attacked the city of Munich through 10/10 clouds on H2X equipment.
- c. All A/C over the target bombed. No malfunctions.
- d. The following disposal of bombs by H2X A/C is listed:
- |              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| 26x500 HE    | Munich |
| 26x500 Incen | "      |
- e. Results of bombing were unobserved due to 10/10 cloud.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Moderate to intense fixed barrages of varying accuracy were encountered by all Groups in the target area. A certain amount of fairly accurate predictor control "unseen" fire was also encountered by some formations, particularly from the outskirts of the city, this type of fire being particularly accurate on the last Group which was late and which attacked the target after the main force had left. A few rockets were also seen in the target area.
- b. Meager to moderate gunfire was encountered on route at Saarbrücken, Mannheim, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Antwerp and Brussels.
- c. Phenomena.
  - (1) Balls of fire were seen suspended from a parachute. These were believed to have emanated from a rocket.
  - (2) An AA burst was seen from which emerged a parachute with a small bomb attached to it which was slightly larger than a hand grenade. This bomb exploded after floating in the air for a short time.
- d. Losses.
  - (1) Four A/C are believed to have been damaged by AA in the target area and did not return. None of these A/C were seen to crash, and they were all last seen heading towards Switzerland.
- e. Anti-Aircraft Officer's Comment.
  - (1) The defenses at the target appear to have been saturated fairly effectively once again both by the weight of the attack and by the use of "Chaff". However, the AA was, on the whole, slightly more accurate than that encountered on the previous day, probably due to the fact that the attack was less concentrated.

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5. Communications.

- a. Communications facilities performed satisfactorily. Eighteen H2X aircraft were dispatched of which three gave unsatisfactory results. Maximum ranges up to 100 miles were obtained. "Window" and "carpet-blinker" equipment were used for RCM purposes.

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UNIT		289	389	987	445	453	44	447	392	492
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	512	33	7	46	34	34	7	34	24
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	512	33	7	46	34	34	7	34	24
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	469	31	7	43	30	31	7	31	22
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	43	2		3	4	3		3	2
	NO. A/C SCOUTS	485	31	7	44	33	31	7	31	23
B O M B E R S	NO. A/C	469	31	7	43	30	31	7	31	22
	NO. & TYPES	178x500LB 5x100LB	102x500LB		168x500LB	119x500LB	124x500LB		124x500LB	88x500LB
	TONNAGE	2710x500GP	184x500GP	14x500GP	240x500GP	180x500GP	186x500GP	26x500GP	186x500GP	132x500GP
	TARGET	1123.7	71.5	3.5	102	74.8	77.5	6.5	77.5	55
	NO. OF A/C									
	NO. & TYPE									
	TONNAGE									
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	1123.7	71.5	3.5	102	74.8	77.5	6.5	77.5	55
	A/C LOST TO FLAK	6								1
	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	6	1			1				
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED									
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	0-1-1-116	0-0-0-10			0-0-0-10			0-0-1-0	0-0-0-11
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,									
	PROB. DAM. NO CLAIM									
S	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
	CAT. A-AC-B-E	28-2-0-0	0-1-0-0		4-0-0-0	4-0-0-0				6-1-0-0

6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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UNIT		93	446	Comp. 446	448	489	491	Comp. 491	458	Comp. 458
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	30	35	1	44	43	40	6	22	5
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	30	35	1	44	43	40	6	22	5
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	30	31	1	41	40	37	6	19	2
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING		4		3	3	3		3	3
	NO. A/C SORTIES	30	34	1	41	41	39	6	20	2
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	30	31	1	41	40	37	6	19	2
	NO. & TYPES	120x500IB 180x500GP	124x500IB 186x500GP	4x500IB 6x500GP	164x500IB 246x500GP	5x500IB 240x500GP	140x500IB 214x500GP	24x500IB 36x500GP	76x500IB 114x500GP	8x500IB 12x500GP
	TONNAGE	75	77.5	2.5	102.5	96.3	88.6	15	47.5	5
	TARGET									
	NO. OF A/C									
OTHER TARGETS	NO. & TYPE									
	TONNAGE									
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	75	77.5	2.5	102.5	96.3	88.6	15	47.5	5
	A/C LOST TO FLAK		1		3		1			
	A/C LOST TO E/A									
REMARKS	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A									
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT									
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN								1	1
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA		0-0-0-10		0-0-0-26		0-1-0-9		0-0-0-19	
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
STATISTICS	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
	CAT. A-AC-B-E		1-0-0-0		6-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0			

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UNIT		466	466PT	467
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	27	4	36
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	27	4	36
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	23	3	34
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	4	1	2
	NO. A/C SITES	26	3	35
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	23	3	34
	NO. & TYPES	92x500IB 136x500GP	12x500GP	136x500IB 204x500GP
	TONNAGE	57.5	3	85
	TARGET			
	NO. OF A/C			
OTHER TARGETS	NO. & TYPE			
	TONNAGE			
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	57.5	3	85
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			2
RESULTS	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED			
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA			0-0-0-19
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,			
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM			
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE			
CAT. A-AC-B-E		2-0-0-0		

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6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONSPrepared by:  
STATISTICAL CONTROL  
3d Bombardment Division

HEADQUARTERS  
STATION 123 APO 558  
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

13 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 12 JULY 44 (MUNICH M/Y)  
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. FLAK OVER MUNICH WAS INTENSE AND INACCURATE TO FAIRLY ACCURATE OF THE NON-VISUAL BARRAGE VARIETY. FOUR TO FIVE INACCURATE ROCKETS OBSERVED AT MUNICH. ENROUTE TO MUNICH, MEAGER, INACCURATE OF FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED AT SAARBRUCKEN, FIRED NON-VISUALLY. NO AA ENCOUNTERED ENROUTE FROM MUNICH TO BASE.

3. FIVE OF OUR A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

4. ONE UNIDENTIFIED B-24 OBSERVED HEADING FOR SWITZERLAND AT 1350.

THREE UNIDENTIFIED B-24'S, BELIEVED TO BE FROM THE 467TH GROUP, LEFT FORMATION TEN MINUTES AFTER BOMBS AWAY AND TURNED TOWARD SWITZERLAND WITH FIGHTER COVER.

A/F JUST NORTH OF MUNICH EFFECTIVELY COVERED BY SMOKE SCREEN.

TWO WHITE EGG-SHAPED BALLOONS, OF METRO SIZE, OBSERVED ABOVE AND TO RIGHT OF FORMATION AT 20,000 FEET SHORTLY AFTER CROSSING ENEMY COAST. ONE CREW REPORTS SEEING FURTHER BALLOONS AT HALF HOUR INTERVALS ENROUTE TO MUNICH.

5. A/C 365B AND 096U OF THIS GROUP FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE. A/C 365 LAST OBSERVED 10 MINUTES AFTER BOMBS AWAY, APPARENTLY NOT IN TROUBLE, FLYING WITH 466TH GROUP. 466TH GROUP REPORTS ONE UNIDENTIFIED B-24, UNDAMAGED HEADING FOR SWITZERLAND AT 1520 AT 18,000 FEET. AT 1530 NEAR METZ, A B-24 PRESUMED TO BE 096U CALLED OVER VHG THAT IT WAS HEADING FOR SWITZERLAND DUE TO GAS CONSUMPTION. IT WAS ESCORTED AND HAD #3 ENGINE FEATHERED.

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

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## STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

		Composite with 466th
1. Group . . . . .	458	458
2. Division F.O. . . . .	391 B	391 B
3. Date of Operation . . . . .	12 July 1944	12 July 1944
4. Ordered Primary Target. . . . .	Munich Marshalling Yards	Same
5. A/C Airborne. . . . .	22	5
6. A/C Sorties . . . . .	20	2
7. A/C Attacking . . . . .	19	2
8. A/C Not Attacking . . . . .	3	3
9. A/C Attacking Primary Target. . . . .	19 - 76 X 500 M17 - - - 8 - -114 X 500 GP - - - -12 - 20 - bombs jett - -Nil- 10 - bombs ret. - -30 -	2
10. A/C Attacking Secondary Target. . . . .	Nil	Nil
11. A/C Attacking Last Resort Target. . . . .	Nil	Nil
12. A/C Attacking Opportunity Target. . . . .	Nil	Nil
13. A/C Lost - Flak . . . . .	Nil	Nil
14. A/C Lost - Flak and E/A . . . . .	Nil	Nil
15. A/C Lost - E/A . . . . .	Nil	Nil
16. A/C Lost - Accident . . . . .	Nil	Nil
17. A/C Lost - Cause Unknown. . . . .	1	1
18. Time of Take Off. . . . .	0917	0929
19. Time of Attack . . . . .	1354	1354
20. Average Time of Flight. . . . .	7:10	7:10
21. Altitude of Attack. . . . .	23,000	23,000
22. Visual or PFF . . . . .	PFF	PFF
23. Enemy Resistance. a . . . . .	I	I
b . . . . .	IN	IN
c . . . . .	Nil	Nil
24. US A/C Engaged by E/A . . . . .	Nil	Nil
25. Degree of Success . . . . .	Unobserved	Unobserved
26. Comments: NONE		

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

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FORMATION PLAN

LEAD

~~ABORT JONES-LAROCHE~~

Booth

Long delay

MARTIN

J3 : 183U

K-20

FRENCH

J3 : 288L

WHITLOW

Z5 : 059E

K-21

RIESEN

J3 : 097T

BRADLEY

Z5 : 108M

D

NEWELL

Z5 : 163K

K-21

NELSON

Z5 : 705W

HAYDON

TV : 4550

K-20

LOY

TV : 303H

BROWN

TV : 340N

K-21

SECTION II

~~WEBER-BOOTH~~

HINCKLEY

TV : 812D

K-21

HANCOCK

J3 : 425D

Long delays

WARNER

K-20: 214L

HOPKINS

MIA Z5 : 096U

SHAW

Z5 : 366B

K-21

ABORT

EVANS

J4 : 285W

ROBERTS

TV : 457Q

K-21

COYLE

TV : 179X

GLAGOLA

J3 : 120M

D

BOYLE

J3 : 735V

KENYON

J3 : 516K

K-20

COMPOSITE HIGH RIGHT "A" WING "B" GROUP

466th

466th

466th

GORRELL

TV : 110P

ABORT

466th

466th

466th

ONOHAN

TV : 311A

K-20

THOMPSON

TV : 222U

LIVERMORE

Z5 : 116V

K-22

QUIRK

J3 : 342S

DANE

Z5 : 126D

K-20

NTO

MIA



## 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
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	BOYLE	89	8			41-28735	735	V	J3	34	UNKNOWN 005	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	BRADLEY	89	12			42-95108	108	M	Z5	21	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	BROWN, W	89	1			41-29340	340	N	7V	35	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	COYLE	89	8			42-95179	179	X	7V	25	HERE I GO AGAIN	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	DANE	89	ABT			44-40126	126	D	Z5	--	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	ABORT - OXY SYST OUT 6 EMERG VALVE SEALS BROKEN
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	EVANS	89	5			44-40285	285	W	J4	8	TABLE STUFF	(IS "W" TYPO?)
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	FRENCH	89	11			41-29288	288	L	J3	36	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	GLAGOLA	89	12			42-95120	120	M	J3	22	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	GORRELL	89	ABT			42-51110	110	P	7V	--	TOP O' THE MARK	ABORT - #4 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	HANCOCK	89	13			42-100425	425	D	J3	17	THE BIRD	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	HAYDON	89	18			42-52455	455	O	7V	43	PLUTOCRAT	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	HOPKINS, H	89	FTR			42-95096	096	U	Z5	25	BOMBS AWAY	SWITZERLAND
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	JONES	89	ABT	LaROCHE	L1	42-51154	154	M	T9	--	466BG/784SQ	ABORT - UNKNOWN
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	KENYON	89	6			42-7516	516	K	J3	19	GATOR	ABORT - SORTIE #2 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	LIVERMORE	89	3			42-95116	116	V	Z5	19	JUNIOR	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	LOY	89	11			41-29303	303	H	7V	34	LIBERTY LIB	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	MANKER	89	23			42-110163	163	M	J4	7	TIME'S A WASTIN	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	MARTIN, L	89	7			42-95183	183	U	J3	18	BRINEY MARLIN	LONG DELAY
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	MONAHAN	89	ABT			42-100311	311	A	7V	--	YOKUM BOY	ABORT - #4 SUPER CHG FLEX COUPL BLOWN
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	NELSON	89	6			41-28705	705	W	Z5	39	YE OLDE HELLGATE	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	NEWELL	89	14			42-95163	163	K	Z5	27	DIXIE BELLE	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	QUIRK	89	FTR			42-100365	365	B	7V	36	WOLFGANG	342S t OUT - SHOT DOWN
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	RIESEN	89	9			42-51097	097	T	J3	30	UNKNOWN 022	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	ROBERTS, J	89	16			42-52457	457	Q	7V	38	FINAL APPROACH	
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	SCHOEFFLER	89	1	BOOTH	L1	42-110141	141	N	J4	4	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	CMD P HINCKLEY t OUT
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	SHAW, C	89	ABT			42-100366	366	B	Z5	--	MIZPAH	ABORT - PILOT RPT OXY SYST MALFUNC AT ALT
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	THOMPSON	89	NTO			41-28942	942	U	7V	--	HEAVENLY BODY	NO TAKE OFF - REASON UNKNOWN
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	WARNER	89	14			42-50314	314	L	7V	31	ETO PLAYHOUSE	LONG DELAYS
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	WEBER	89	ABT	HINCKLEY	L2	42-109812	812	D	7V	--	UNKNOWN 016	ABORT - ELEV TRIM TAB LINKAGE BROKEN
12-Jul-44	MUNICH	WHITLOW	89	28			42-110059	059	E	J3	25	UNKNOWN 056	