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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

886

TARGETS

NOBALL TARGETS IN
PAS DE CALAIS AREA

DATE

17 JULY 1944

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

a. Date of Mission - 17 July 1944

Blongerment, Remaisnil, Le Grand Vallee,
Haut Maisnil, Ville L'Hospital, Belloy
Sur Somme and Bois de Queue.

adjacent to a built-up area that can positively be identified and a visual sighting must be made

95th CBW (489th BG)
96th CBW (458th, 466th, 467th BG)

a. 114 aircraft were dispatched to visually attack Noball targets in the Pas de Calais area. One Group of P-51's provided fighter support.

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

c. The assigned targets were visually attacked and the following are the results, as obtained from S.A.V.'s: Ville L'Hospital, Belloy Sur Somme, and La Houssaye very good; Haut Maisnil, good; Wadicourt, Blangermont, Remaisnil, Le Grand Vallee, Bois De Queue, and St. Sylvestre, poor.

d. Moderate accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Belloy Sur Somme and Blangermont. Meager accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Haut Maisnil and Ville L'Hospital. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered at St. Sylvestre, La Housseye, Remaisnil, Le Grand Vallee, Bois De Queue and Wadicourt. Meager to moderate gunfire was encountered enroute at Cleres, Rouen, Neufchatel, Blangy and Le Crottoy. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was excellent. Losses and claims were nil.

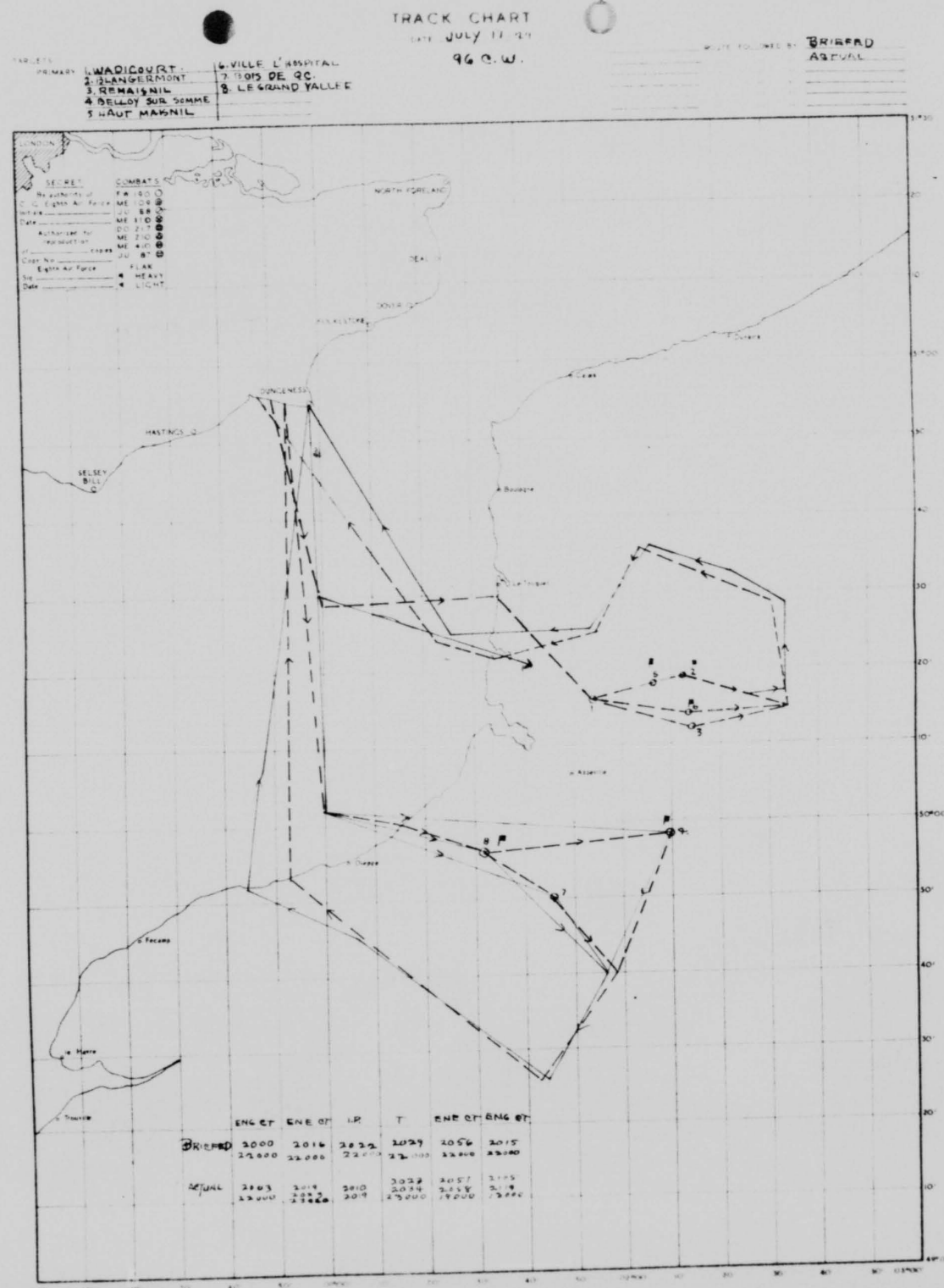
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Chief of Staff.

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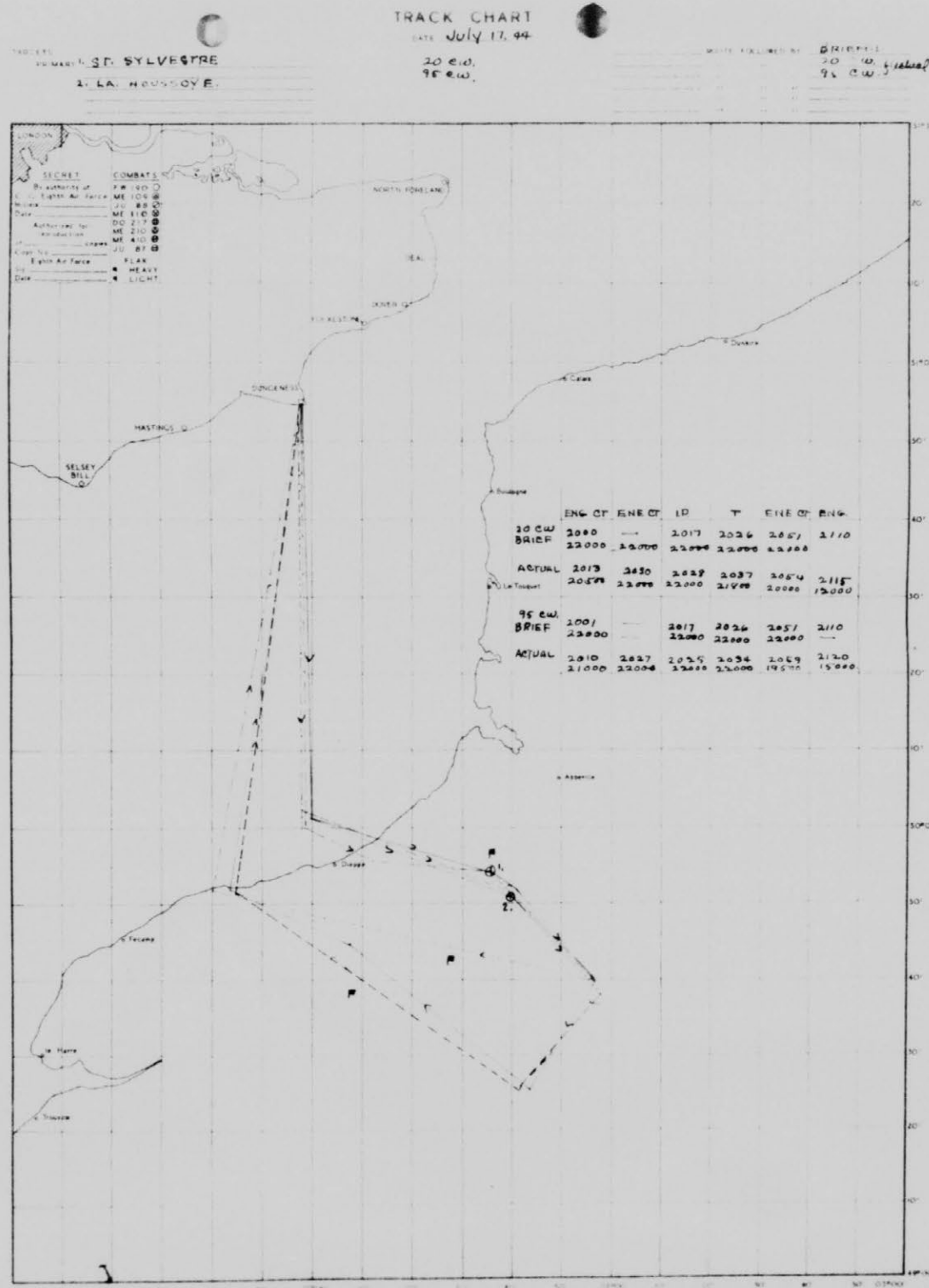
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GROUP	DIR. OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO-PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLEC.	RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS AND TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	VISUAL
									H.E.			
466	125°	10 sec.	22,000'	2023	X		WADICOURT	1	2	229x250	12	
466	109°	30 sec.	23,000'	2022	X		BLANGERMONT	1	2	240x250	12	
458	112°	1½ min.	23,000'	2027	X		REMAISNIL	1	1	240x250	10	
458	126°	20 sec.	21,800'	2031	X		LEGRAND VALLEE	1	1	130x500	12	
467	114°	20 sec.	22,000'	2028	X		HAUT MAISNIL	1	1	162x250	10	
467	125°	1 min.	22,000'	2034	X		VILLE L'HOSPITAL	1	1	136x250	10	
467	100°	1 min.	21,800'	2031½	X		BELLOU-SUR-SOMME	1	1	176x250	10	
467	122°	20 sec.	22,000'	2029	X		BOIS DE QUEUE -COMTESSE	1	1	186x250	6	3 A/C of 458th
489	126°	1 min.	22,000'	2034	X		LA HOUSSAYE	1	1	44x1000	6	
489	126°	1 min.	22,000'	2057	X			1	1	44x1000	6	
448	120°	30 sec.	21,800'	2037		X	ST. SYLVESTRE	1	1	49x1000	7	
448	Did not bomb											

1. The assigned primary targets for this mission were Noball installations in the above listed locations.
2. Bombing was done visually by Squadrons. One Squadron did not bomb due to a C-1 malfunction causing the run to be too short.
3. Five aircraft did not bomb because the lead A/C did not bomb. One A/C lost an engine and jettisoned 8x1000 GP bombs on a previously bombed site at 4935N-0128E.

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4. Results of bombing:

	<u>Damage</u>	<u>What was hit</u>	<u>Accuracy</u>
Wadicourt	Poor	Open areas	Gross error
Blangermont	Poor	Open area near another Noball	" "
Romaisnil	Poor	Open area	" "
LeGrand Vallee	Poor	Target area and woods	Poor
Haut Maisnil	Fair	Roads and fields, possible hits on installations.	Good.
Ville L'Hospital	Good	Target area - possible hits on installations.	Very good.
Belloy Sur Some	Poor	Open fields	Very good.
Bois De Queue	Poor	Open fields	Gross error.
La Houssaye 1st Sq.	Fair	Open fields	Fair.
2nd Sq.	Fair	Target area and woods	Very good.
St. Sylvestre	Poor	Woods	Gross error.

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Tactical Report of Mission, 17 July 1944.

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Targets -
- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) St. Sylvestre | (6) Haut Maisuil |
| (2) La Houssoye | (7) Ville L'Hopital |
| (3) Remaisuil | (8) Bois de Queue Comtesse |
| (4) Belloy sur Somme | (9) Wadicourt |
| (5) Le Grand Vallee | (10) Blangermont |
- b. (1) Moderate accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Belloy sur Somme and Blangermont.
- (2) Meager accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Haut Maisuil and Ville L'Hopital.
- (3) No AA fire was encountered at St. Sylvestre, La Houssoye, Remaisnil, Le Grand Vallee, Bois de Queue Comtesse and Wadicourt.
- (4) Meager to moderate Gunfire was encountered on route at Cleres, Rouen, Neufchatel, Blangy and La Crotoy.

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FORM V-11		17 July 1944								
UNIT		2BD	448	489	458a	458b 458b	466a 458	466a	466b	467a
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	114	12	13	13	12	4	12	12	10
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	114	12	13	13	12	4	12	12	10
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	106	7	13	13	10	3	12	12	10
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	8	5			2	1			
	NO. A/C CONTINUED	111	12	13	13	10	3	12	12	10
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	104	7	12	12	10	3	12	12	10
	NO. & TYPES	137x1000GP 130x500GP 1359x250GP	49x1000GP	88x1000GP	130x500GP	240x500GP	72x250GP	229x250GP	240x250GP	162x250GP
	TONNAGE	270.9	24.5	44	32.5	30	9	28.6	30	20.3
	TARGET	LR-4935N-0128E LR-4947N-0138E								
	NO. OF A/C	2	1	1						
OTHER TARGETS	NO. & TYPE	8x1000GP 12x500GP		8x1000GP	12x500GP					
	TONNAGE	7		4	3					
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	277.9	24.5	48	35.5	30	9	28.6	30	20.3
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									
RESULTS	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	1-4-1-0	0-0-1-0					1-3-0-0		0-1-0-0
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
	GAT 4-AC-B-E	7-4-1-1	0-1-0-1	0-0-1-0				3-1-0-0		4-2-0-0

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6. Statistical Summary of OperationsPrepared by:
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FORM V-11

17 July

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UNIT		467b	467c	467a
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	10	10	6
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	10	10	6
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	10	10	6
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING			
	NO. A/C SIGHTED	10	10	6
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	10	10	6
	NO. & TYPES	136x250GP	176x250GP	104x250GP
	TONNAGE	17	22	13
	TARGET			
	NO. OF A/C			
OTHER TARGETS	NO. & TYPE			
	TONNAGE			
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	17	22	13
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, MIA			
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,			
	RECE., DAM., NO CLAIM			
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE			
CAT. A-AC-B-E				

Tactical Report of Mission
6. Statistical Summary of Operations

Prepared by:
STATISTICAL CONTROL
24 Bombardment Division

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

18 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 17 JULY 44 (3 NOBALLS)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. ALTHOUGHT FLAK WAS OBSERVED IN THE DISTANCE NONE WAS DIRECTED AT OUR FORMATION AND NO BATTLE DAMAGE WAS SUFFERED.

OBSERVATIONS

3. A B-17 WITH NO MARKINGS OR BALL TURRET WAS OBSERVED IN THE FORMATION NEAR ROUEN ENROUTE BACK. IT CAME TO WITHIN 400 YARDS OF OUR A/C 285 AND THE TAIL GUNNER OPENED FIRE. IT THEN DROPPED BACK TO ABOUT 1000 YARDS AND FOLLOWED THE FORMATION JUST PAST THE ENGLISH COAST THEN TURNED WEST.

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

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

19 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 17 July 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	Section I	Section II	Section III With 467th
A. Group	458	458	458
B. Division F.O. No.	400	400	400
C. Date of Operation	17 July 1944	17 July 1944	17 July 1944
D. Ordered Primary Target.	Le Grande Vallee - No Ball	Remainnil - No Ball	Bois de Que Comtesse - No Ball
E. A/C Airborne.	13	12	4
F. A/C Sorties	13	10	3
G. A/C Attacking	13	10	3
H. A/C Not Attacking	Nil	2	1
I. A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	12 130X500 GP	10 240X250 GP 48 jettisoned	3 72X250 GP 24 returned
J. A/C Attacking - Secondary Target.	Nil	Nil	Nil
K. A/C Attacking - Last Resort Target.	Nil	Nil	Nil
L. A/C Attacking - Opportunity Target.	1 12X500 GP with 489th 4947N-0136E	Nil	Nil
M. A/C Lost - Flak	Nil	Nil	Nil
N. A/C Lost - Flak and E/A	Nil	Nil	Nil
O. A/C Lost - E/A.	Nil	Nil	Nil
P. A/C Lost - Accident	Nil	Nil	Nil
Q. A/C Lost - Cause Unknown.	Nil	Nil	Nil
R. Time of Take Off.	1731	1739	1759
S. Average Time of Flight.	4:40	4:18	4:13
T. Comments:	Nil	Nil	Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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MISSION OF 17 JULY 1944

		<u>Whitlow-Jamison</u>				<u>Section I</u>	
		059 J3-E				500# GP	
		<u>Bruchy</u>	K21	<u>Gleam</u>		<u>Mc Ardle</u>	
		425 J3-D		070 J2-E		120 J3-M	
<u>Nelson</u>	<u>Hocven</u>	<u>Bradley</u>		K21		<u>Pravost</u>	
366 J2-B	108 J2-M	682 J2-I				719 J3-V	
K21							
		<u>Fuson</u>	K22	<u>Evans</u>			
		285 J4-H		441 J3-I			

		<u>McNamara-Ollom</u>				<u>Section II</u>	
		184 J3-F				250# GP	
		<u>Haydon</u>	K21	<u>Urbanik</u>		<u>Warner</u>	
		455 J7V-O		311 J7V-A		314 J7V-L	
<u>Houser</u>	<u>Martin</u>	<u>Wagner</u>		<u>Judge</u>		K20	<u>Brown</u>
179 J3-F	183 J3-U	216 J35-N		126 J25-D		352 J7V-K	340 J7V-N
	K20			K21			
		<u>ABORT</u>	<u>done</u>	<u>Livermore</u>		<u>ABORT</u>	
			305 J25-N	116 J25-V			

		<u>466th</u>				<u>Section III</u>	
		57 J7V				250# GP	
		<u>466th</u>		<u>466th</u>		<u>Kloho</u>	
						457 J7V-V	
<u>Tracy</u>	<u>McCarthy</u>	<u>Morford</u>		<u>Le Beuf</u>		K21	<u>Neumann</u>
	288 J3-L	050 J7V-J		110 J7V-P			942 J7V-U
		K21					
		<u>466th</u>		<u>466th</u>			

ABORT

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
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	ANDREW	92	21			42-110163	163	M	J4	9	TIME'S A WASTIN	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	BRADLEY	92	13			41-28682	682	I	Z5	46	UNKNOWN 003	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	BROWN, W	92	3			41-29340	340	N	7V	37	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	BRUMBY	92	7			42-100425	425	D	J3	19	THE BIRD	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	DANE	92	ABT			41-29305	305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	ABORT - PILOT RPT #2,3 SUPER CHG FLUCT
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	EVANS	92	6			42-52441	441	I	J3	40	LAST CARD LOUIE	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	FUSON	92	6			44-40285	285	H	J4	10	TABLE STUFF	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	GLENN	92	30			42-110070	070	E	Z5	18	ELMER / LADY LUCK	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	HAUSER	92	15			42-51179	179	P	J3	17	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	HAYDON	92	20			42-52455	455	O	7V	45	PLUTOCRAT	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	HOOVEN	92	5			42-95108	108	M	Z5	23	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	JUDGE	92	23			44-40126	126	D	Z5	13	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	KLOHE	92	ABT			42-52457	457	Q	7V	--	FINAL APPROACH	ABORT - #1, 2 PROP RUN AWAY, MORE...
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	LeBEUF	92	19			42-51110	110	P	7V	22	TOP O' THE MARK	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	LIVERMORE	92	ABT			42-95116	116	V	Z5	--	JUNIOR	ABORT - PILOT RPT #2 PROP RAN AWAY
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	LOY	92	13			41-29352	352	K	7V	36	WOLVE'S LAIR	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	MARTIN, L	92	10			42-95183	183	U	J3	20	BRINEY MARLIN	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	McARDLE	92	15			42-95120	120	M	J3	24	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	McCARTHY	92	9			41-29288	288	L	J3	38	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	McNAMARA	92	28	OLLUM	L2	42-110184	184	F	J3	13	GWEN	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	MORFORD	92	5			42-95050	050	J	7V	28	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	NELSON	92	8			42-100366	366	B	Z5	32	MIZPAH	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	NEUMANN	92	1			41-28942	942	U	7V	19	HEAVENLY BODY	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	PREVOST	92	1			41-28719	719	Q	J3	39	PADDLEFOOT	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	RUARK	92	14			41-29342	342	S	J3	31	ROUGH RIDERS	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	TRACY	92	6			--		--	--	--		SERIAL NOT LISTED
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	URBANIAK	92	16			42-100311	311	A	7V	35	YOKUM BOY	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	WAGNER	92	9			42-95316	316	N	J3	28	PRINCESS PAT	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	WARNER	92	17			42-50314	314	L	7V	34	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
17-Jul-44	3 NO BALLS	WHITLOW	92	29	JAMISON	L1	42-110059	059	E	J3	26	UNKNOWN 056	