SECRET Tŀ HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION APO 558 TACTICAL MISSION REPORT DATE FIELD ORDER NO. 18 JULY 1944 882 GRENTHEVILLE CAIN HUBERT FOLIE TROARN T S A G S TABLE OF CONTENTS U 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION N ANNEX 1 - ROUTES C ANNEX 2 - BOMBING ANNEX 3 - ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ANNEX 4 - ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS (NONE) ANNEX 5 - COMMUNICATIONS E ANNEX 6 - STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS SECRET

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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION: Hq 2d Bomb Division:

AAF 147

APO 558: Initials.

Date.

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 18 July 1944

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

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission 18 July 1944
- b. Primary Targets Grentheville, Caen, Hubert Folie, and Troarn
- c. Secondary and Lest Resort Any A/D, M/Y, R.R. Bridge, enemy column or convoy on the road, concentration of troops or equipment. All above must be adjacent to a built-up area and must be positively identified as one of the above objectives and a visual sighting must be made.
- e. Units Participating 14th CBW (44th, 392nd, 492nd BG)
 96th CBW (458th, 466th, 467th BG)
 95th CBW (489th BG)
 20th CBW (446th, 448th, 93rd BG)
 2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG)

2. Narrative.

a. 471 aircraft were dispatched to attack targets in the Caen area in support of ground troops. Bombing was to be visual by Squadrons from 14,000 to 17,000 feet. One Group of RAF Spitfires was to provide area support.

b. Assembly was accomplished without difficulty and force left the English coast on time and in columns of Squadrons as briefed. The mission was flown as planned.

c. The assigned primary targets were areas south of Caen, near Troarn, Grentheville and Hubert Folie. Bombing was visual but low clouds and haze caused difficulty in identifying targets. Evaluation of actual bombing results is impossible in this type of operation due to the large areas covered and various unknown factors.

d. Moderate, inaccurate to intense accurate gunfire was encountered at all targets. No enemy aircraft were observed. One aircraft was lost to an unknown cause and there were no claims. Fighter support was satisfactory.

For the Commanding General:

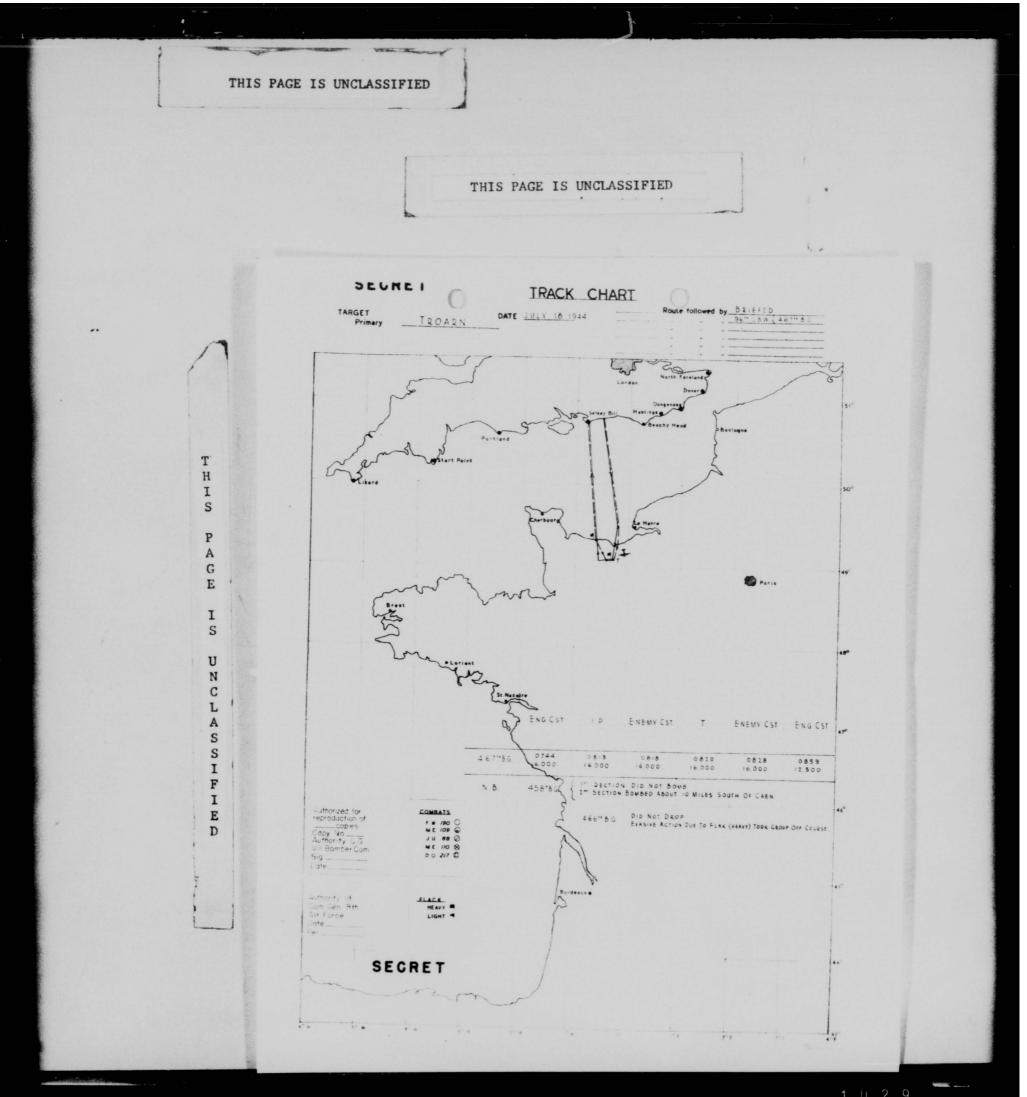
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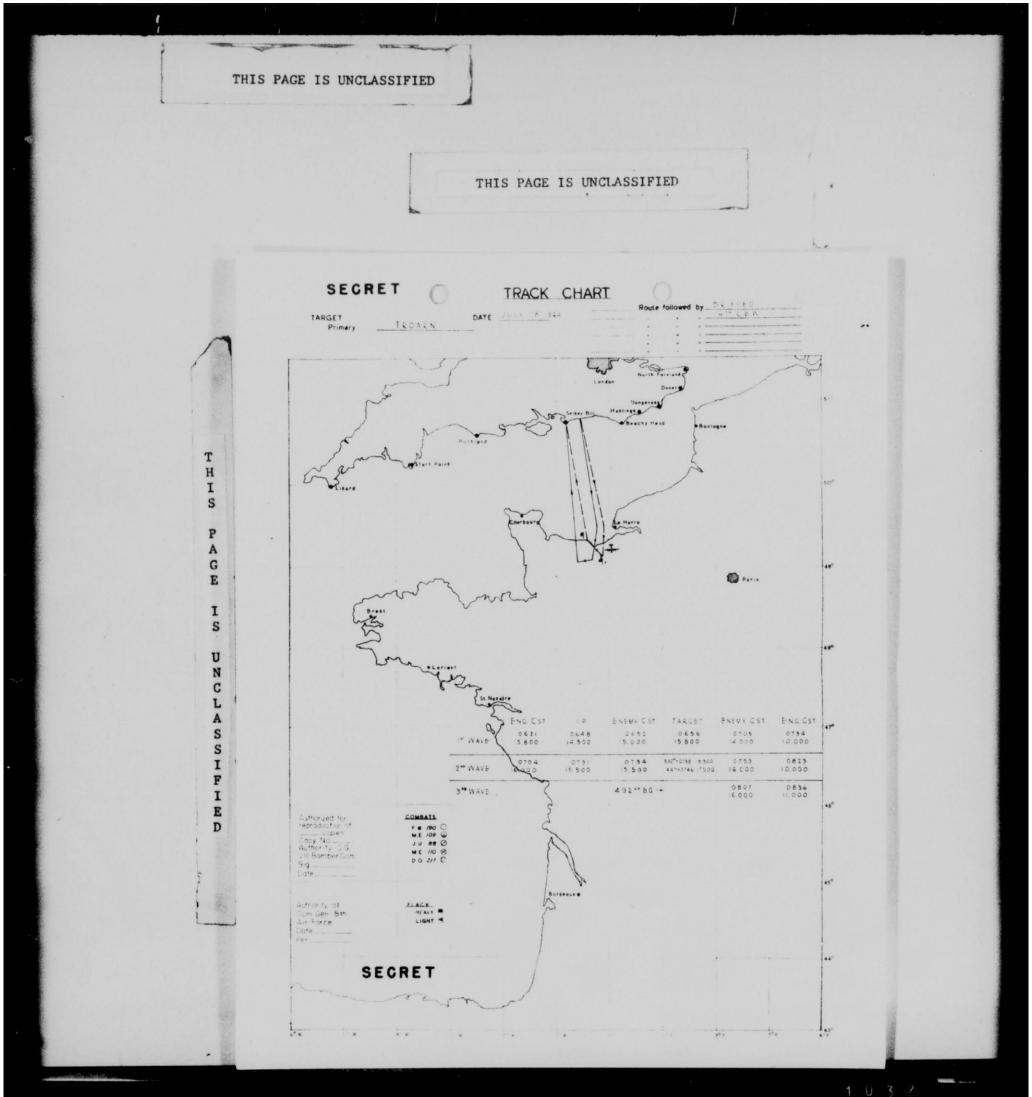
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GROUP	RUN	OF RUN	ALTITUDE	RELEASE	PILOT	MANUAL	DEFLEC.	RANGE			BOMBING	H2X OR GH	VISUAL
						GRENTHEVILL			HE	FRAG.			
489	1980	45 sec.	16,000	0838	X		1	1	624x100		12		X
489	200°	2 min.	16,6001	0830	X		1	1		440x120	11		Х
189	200°	2 min.	15,500	0831	X		1	1	728x100		14		Х
93	192°	4 min.	16,0001	0836	X		1	1	622x100		12		Х
93	210°	45 sec.	15,500	0839	X		1	1	572x100		11		X
93	195°	4 min.	16,5001	0838	X		1	1		440x120			Х
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445	186°	3 min.	18,000	0848	X		1	1	468x100		10		X
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GROUP	DIR. OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO- PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLEC.	RANGE	TOTAL AND TY		NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	VISUAL
					TROARN	(CONT'D)			HE	FRAG			
458	190°	2 min.	16,000*	0744	х		1	1	96x100	480x120	12		X
466	178°	2 min.	16,300	0821	X		1	2		330x120	9		Х
466	188°	22 min.	17,600	0822	X		1	2		370x120	10		Х
467	1850	4 min.	16,000	0820	X		1	1		387x120	10		X
67	1800	5 min.	16,9001	0822	X		1	1		410x120	11		Х
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^{1.} The assigned primary target for this mission was an area south of Caen, and near Troarn, Grentheville and Hubert Folie in support of ground forces.

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^{2.} Bombing was done by Equadrons under visual conditions, although considerable haze was encountered in the target area.

^{3.} Five Squadrons did not bomb due to the bombardiers not being able to identify the target through haze. One Squadron bombed the M/Y at Mezidon due to a navigational error. Two Squadrons bombed 11 miles south of their assigned area due to an error in target identification. One A/C had an accidental release in the target area and another A/C did not bomb due to broken linkage to the bomb racks.

^{4.} Due to the large areas covered and various unknown factors in this type of operation, it is not possible to give the results of bombing.

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3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

- a. Target Caen Area.
- b. (1) Moderate fairly accurate predictor control fire was encountered by all Groups in the target areas. Gun sites were observed just south of the railway to the southeast of Caen, and rockets were also seen coming up from the southeast of the town.
 - (2) Gunfire was also encountered at Bougy A/F, Rocquancourt A/F, Villers Bocage and Evrecy. Crews estimated that there were approximately 4 guns at Rocquancourt and 12 guns at Villers Bocage.

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5. Communications.

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a. Communications were generally satisfactory, except for a temporary malfunction of VHF ground equipment at Division Headquarters. This fault was corrected with a minimum of delay, and W/T channels were used for air-to-ground communication in the meantime. Window and carpet-blinker were used for RCM purposes. One H2X aircraft was dispatched for navigational purposes only.

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HEADQUARTERS STATION 123 . APO 558 OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

18 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 18 JULY 44 (TROARN)

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

- 2. THE ONLY AA ENCOUNTERED BY THE FORMATION WAS FROM BATTERIES IN THE SOUTH AND WEST OF CAEN. THE FLAK WAS OF THE CF VARIETY RANGING FROM ACCURATE TO FAIR BUT WITH A HEAVY DEGREE OF INTENSITY.
 - 3. SEVENTEEN OF OUR A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

4. THREE OR FOUR FREE BARRAGE BALLOONS WERE ENCOUNTER-ED OVER LONDON ABOUT 12 TO 15,000 FEET BUT WERE SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED.

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

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

19 July 1944.

SUBJECTION Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 18 July 1944.

TO: Commanding Ceneral, 2d Bemberdment Division. Attention: Statistical Control.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CPLATICES

A.,	Group
B.	Division F No
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9.	Ordered Primary Target
	Photo Sheets K21-22/23;
	1x1-22/23; J21-22/23.
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	96 X 100# CF Jettisomed
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J.	A/C Attacking Secondary Target Nil
K.	A/C Attacking Lest Recort Target
T.	A/C Attacking Opportunity Target Nil
14.	A/G lost - Flek
57	A/C Lost - Flak and E/A
50 G	A TO TAKE WALL OF HE A LA A
40	A/C Lost - E/A
	A/G Lost - Accident
	A/C Lost - Tause Unknown
	Time of Take Off
	Average Time of Flight 4:27
T.	Comments: Primary Target was heavy concentration of Enemy Troops and Equipment.
	No Illustration Number was available. Only photo sheets indicated.
	First Section did not bomb due to 10/10 undercast.
	Second Section bombed what they thought was MFI, but they missed by
	some distance.
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For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH E. WILLIAMS 1st Lt. AC Group Statistical Officer

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J3 : 059E
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7V : 110P
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                                         HANCOCK
                                          : 184F
                       : 366B
                      K-21
       7V : 314L
                              GLAGOLA
          K-20
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                  J3 : 3425
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SECTION I - 48 X 100# CP's

FORMATION PLAN

Mission of 18 July 1944

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
18-Jul-44	TROARN	BLUM	93	3			41-29342	342	S	J3	32	ROUGH RIDERS	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	BOYLE	93	9			42-52441	441	I	J3	41	LAST CARD LOUIE	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	BRADLEY	93	14			42-95116	116	V	Z 5	21	JUNIOR	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	BROWN, W	93	4			42-95050	050	J	7V	29	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	DANE	93	5			42-110070	070	Е	Z 5	19	ELMER / LADY LUCK	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	GLAGOLA	93	13			42-95120	120	М	J3	25	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	GORRELL	93	15			42-51110	110	Р	7V	23	TOP O' THE MARK	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	HANCOCK	93	14			42-110184	184	F	J3	14	GWEN	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	HAUSER	93	16			42-51179	179	Р	J3	18	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	HAYDON	93	21			44-40126	126	D	Z 5	14	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	KLOHE	93	2			42-100366	366	В	Z 5	33	MIZPAH	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	LAMERS	93	11	FREEMAN	L2	42-50768	768	Α	Z5	1	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	LOCKRIDGE	93	10			42-50578	578	F	Z 5	3	SKY ROOM	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	LOY	93	14			41-29352	352	K	7V	37	WOLVE'S LAIR	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	LUFT	93	1			42-100311	311	Α	7V	36	УОКИМ ВОУ	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	MARTIN, L	93	11			42-95183	183	U	J3	21	BRINEY MARLIN	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	MATZE	93	5			42-52457	457	Q	7V	41	FINAL APPROACH	
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18-Jul-44	TROARN	SPEER	93	7			44-40285	285	Н	J4	11	TABLE STUFF	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	SULLIVAN, E	93	1			42-50314	314	L	7V	35	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
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