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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

War Plan 7-4

TACTICAL MISSION REPORTFIELD ORDER NO.

882

TARGETS

GRENTHEVILLE
CAEN
HUBERT FOLIE
TROARN

DATE

18 JULY 1944

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16 August 1944

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

a. Date of Mission - 18 July 1944

b. Primary Targets - Grentheville, Caen, Hubert Folie, and Troarn

c. Secondary and Last 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, Grontheville 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:

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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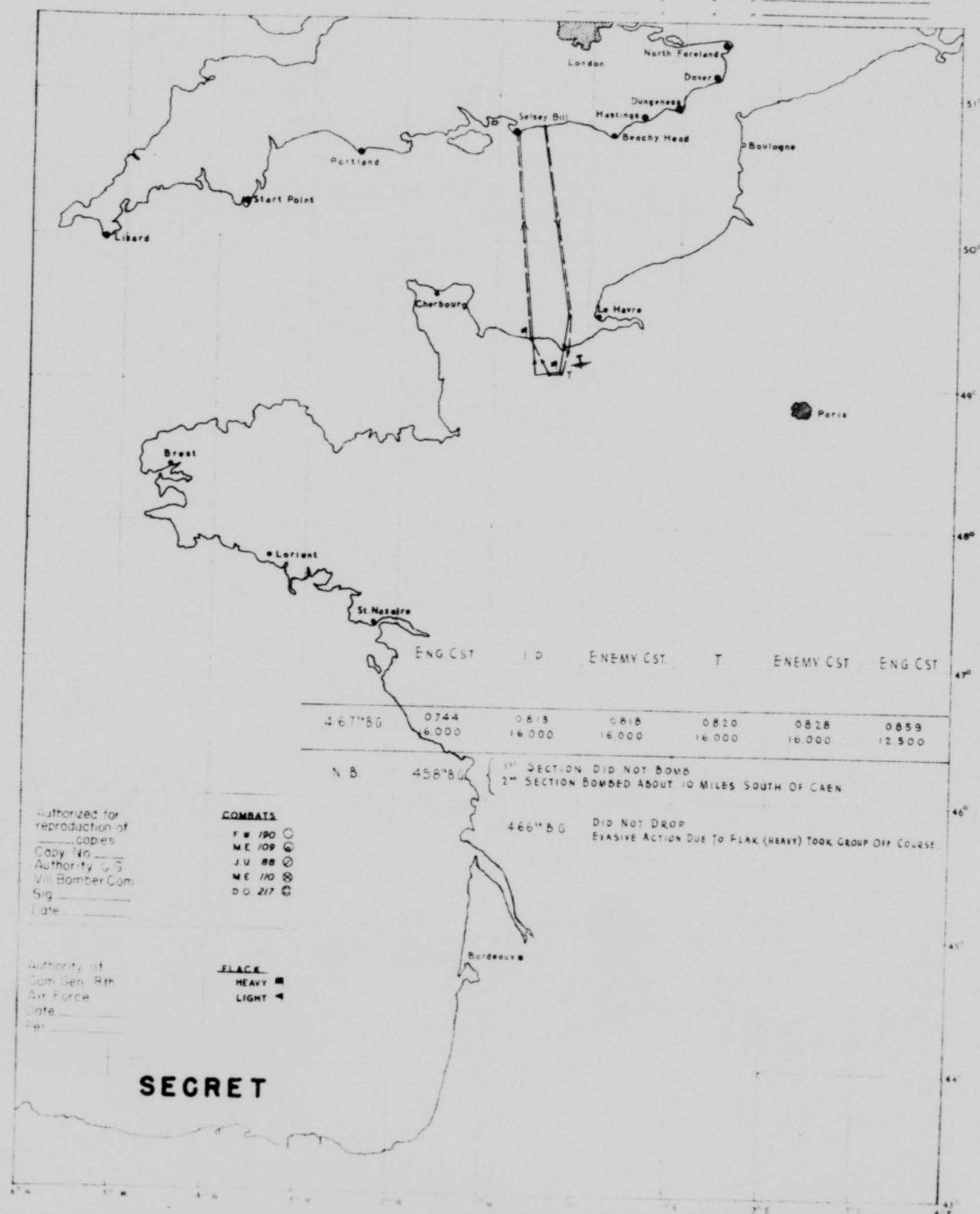
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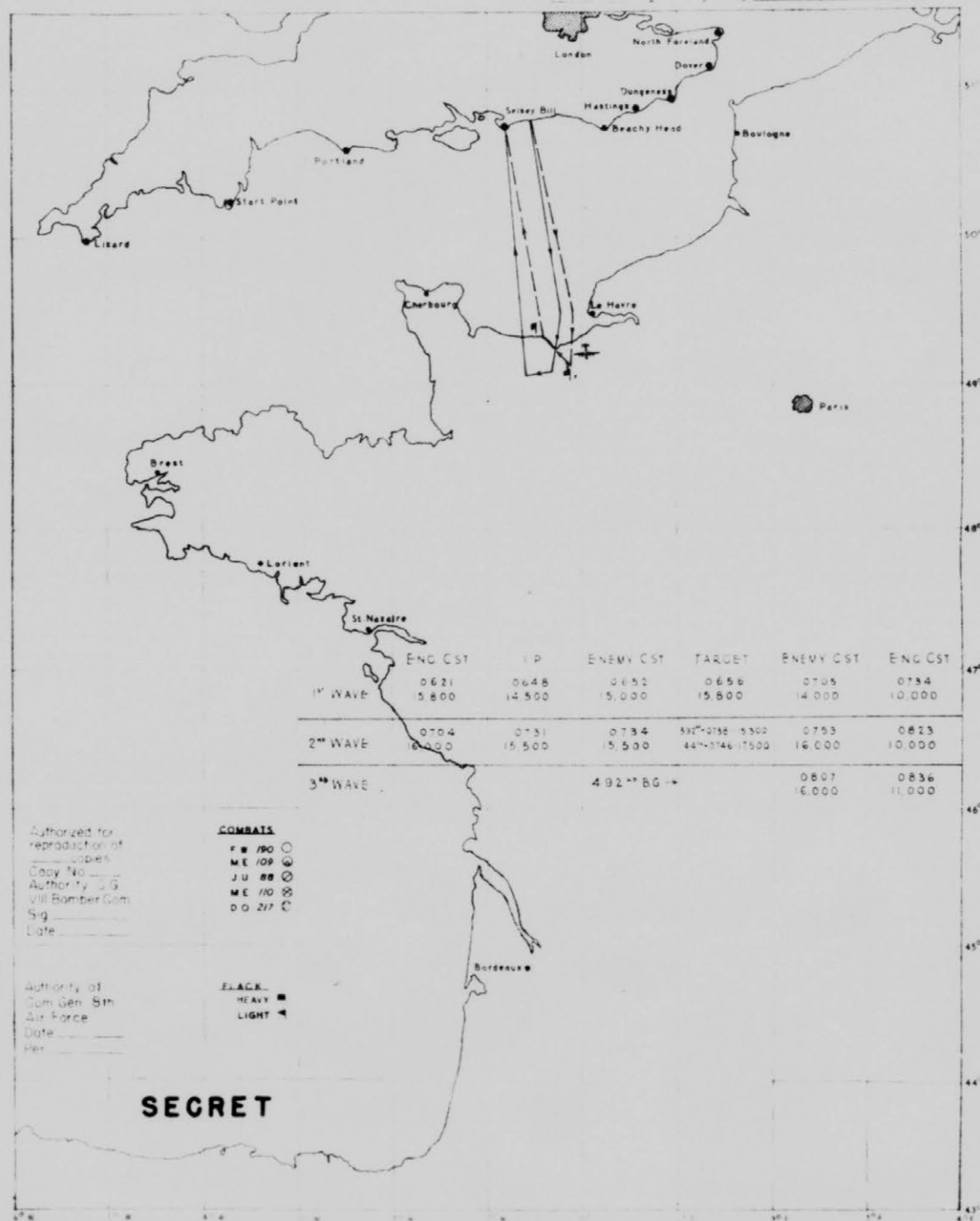
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TACTICAL REPORT OF BOMBING, MISSION 18 July 1944

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
<u>GRENTHEVILLE</u>												
									<u>HE</u>			
489	198°	45 sec.	16,000'	0838	X		1	1	624x100	12		X
489	200°	2 min.	16,600'	0830	X		1	1	440x120	11		X
489	200°	2 min.	15,500'	0831	X		1	1	728x100	14		X
93	192°	4 min.	16,000'	0836	X		1	1	622x100	12		X
93	210°	45 sec.	15,500'	0839	X		1	1	572x100	11		X
93	195°	4 min.	16,500'	0838	X		1	1	440x120	11		X
448	190°	1½ min.	16,200'	0841	X		1	2	610x100	12		X
448	178°	2 min.	16,300'	0851	X		1	2	618x100	12		X
448	180°	1½ min.	15,300'	0843	X		1	2	469x100	10		X
<u>CAEN</u>												
446	182°	2 min.	15,800'	0832	X		1	2	440x120	11		X
446	212°	1½ min.	16,400'	0832½	X		1	2	400x120	10		X
446	185°	2 min.	16,900'	0833	X		1	2	440x120	11		X
446	188°	1½ min.	15,400'	0834	X		1	2	140x120	11		X
453	200°	2 min.	16,000'	0846	X		1	1	479x120	12		X
453	192°	2 min.	16,400'	0846	X		1	1	399x120	12		X
453	190°	2 min.	16,700'	0847	X		1	1	440x120	11		X
453	174°	2 min.	17,600'	0849	X		1	1	440x120	11		X
<u>HUBERT FOLIE</u>												
389	206°		15,700'	0841		X	1	1	552x100	11	1 H2X	H2X
389	220°		16,300'	0843	X		1	1	479x120	12		X
445	197°	3 min.	16,000'	0845	X		1	1	545x100	11		X
445	184°	2 min.	16,340'	0846	X		1	1	572x100	11		X
445	195°	1 min.	17,000'	0846	X		1	1	565x100	11		X
445	186°	3 min.	18,000'	0848	X		1	1	466x100	10		X
<u>TROARN</u>												
44	180°	30 sec.	14,500'	0656	X		1	1	621x100	12		X
44	182°	3 min.	15,200'	0657	X		1	1	674x100	13		X
492	205°	2 min.	14,200'	0700	X		1	1	544x100	12		X
492	200°	2 min.	16,000'	0701	X		1	1	544x100	12		X
492	190°	2 min.	16,000'	0757	X		1	1	634x100	12		X
392	190°	2 min.	15,000'	0740	X		1	1	129x100	15		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 BOMBS AND TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	VISUAL
									<u>HE</u> <u>FRAG</u>			
458	190°	2 min.	16,000'	0744	X		1	1	96x100	12		X
466	178°	2½ min.	16,300'	0821	X		1	2		9		X
466	188°	2½ min.	17,600'	0822	X		1	2		10		X
467	185°	4 min.	16,000'	0820	X		1	1		10		X
'67	180°	5 min.	16,900'	0822	X		1	1		11		X
.67	180°	5 min.	17,000'	0824	X		1	1		11		X
44	190°	1 min.	15,900'	0745	X		1	1		11		X

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.
2. Bombing was done by Squadrons 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.

- 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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18 July 1944

UNIT		2 BD	389	389PFF	445	453	44	392	492	93
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	471	23	1	43	46	38	47	36	34
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	471	23	1	43	46	38	47	36	34
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	413	23	1	43	46	37	15	36	34
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	58	-	-	-	-	1	32	-	-
	NO. A/C SORTIES	466	23	1	43	46	37	47	36	34
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	400	23	1	43	46	24	15	36	34
	NO. & TYPES	10240x100GP 7629x120FB	552x100GP 479x120FB	10x100GP	2202x100GP	1758x120FB	1295x100GP 474x120FB	129x100GP 474x120FB	1722x100GP	1194x100GP 440x120FB
	TONNAGE	969.7	56.3	.5	110.1	105.5	64.8	34.8	86.1	86.1
	TARGET						LR Mazidon M/Y			
	NO. OF A/C	13					13			
	NO. & TYPE	478x120FB					478x120FB			
	TONNAGE	28.7					28.7			
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		998.4	56.3	.5	110.1	105.5	93.5	34.8	86.1	86.1
BATTLE RESULTS	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	1								
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	1-0-7-11				1-0-1-0	0-0-1-0		0-0-3-1	
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED, PROB., DAN., NO CLAIM	-								
STATISTICS	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	40-2-1-0	1-0-0-0		8-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	6-1-0-0	6-0-0-0	
	CAT. A-AC-B-E									

6. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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18 July

1944

UNIT		446	448	489	458	466	467
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	44	35	39	24	28	33
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	44	35	39	24	28	33
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	43	34	38	12	19	32
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	1	1	1	12	9	1
	NO. A/C SIGHTED	43	34	38	24	28	32
B O M B S	NO. A/C	43	34	38	12	19	32
	NO. & TYPES	1720x120FB	1698x100GP	1342x100GP 440x120FB	96x100GP 480x120FB	700x120FB	1133x120FB
	TONNAGE	113.2	84.9	93.5	33.6	42.0	68.3
	TARGET						
	NO. OF A/C						
B A T T L E	NO. & TYPE						
	TONNAGE						
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	113.2	84.9	93.5	33.6	42.0	68.3
	A/C LOST TO FLAK						
	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					1	
	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED						
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA		0-0-1-0		0-0-1-0	0-0-0-10	
C A T	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,						
	PROB., D.M., NO CLAIM						
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	7-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	
CAT 1-0-0-0							

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

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 ENCOUNTERED OVER LONDON ABOUT 12 TO 15,000 FEET BUT WERE SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED.

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 18 July 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A. Group	458
B. Division F.O. No.	401
C. Date of Operation	18 July 1944
D. Ordered Primary Target.	Tactical - West of Troon Photo Sheets K21-22/23; L21-22/23; J21-22/23.
E. A/C Airborne.	24
F. A/C Sorties	24
G. A/C Attacking	12
H. A/C Not Attacking	12
I. A/C Attacking Primary Target.	12 - 480 X 120# Frag Clusters 96 X 100# GP Jettisoned 480 X 100# GP Returned
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
R. Time of Take Off.	0501
S. 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 MPI, but they missed by some distance.	

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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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	Z5	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	E	Z5	19	ELMER / LADY LUCK	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	GLAGOLA	93	13			42-95120	120	M	J3	25	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	GORRELL	93	15			42-51110	110	P	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	P	J3	18	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	HAYDON	93	21			44-40126	126	D	Z5	14	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	KLOHE	93	2			42-100366	366	B	Z5	33	MIZPAH	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	LAMERS	93	11	FREEMAN	L2	42-50768	768	A	Z5	1	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	LOCKRIDGE	93	10			42-50578	578	F	Z5	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	A	7V	36	YOKUM BOY	
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	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	NELSON	93	9			42-95108	108	M	Z5	24	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	SLATON	93	28	ISBELL	L1	42-110059	059	E	J3	27	UNKNOWN 056	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	SPEER	93	7			44-40285	285	H	J4	11	TABLE STUFF	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	SULLIVAN, E	93	1			42-50314	314	L	7V	35	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	THOMPSON	93	24			41-28942	942	U	7V	20	HEAVENLY BODY	
18-Jul-44	TROARN	TRACY	93	7			42-100431	431	B	J4	27	BOMB-AH-DEAR	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD
18-Jul-44	TROARN	WAGNER	93	10			42-95316	316	N	J3	29	PRINCESS PAT	DID NOT BOMB - 10/10 CLOUD