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HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

RUSSELHEIM
LEIPHEIM
LAUPHEIM
KEMPTEN
STRASBOURG

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19 JULY 1944

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29 August 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, RUSSELHEIM, LEIPHEIM, LAUPHEIM, KEMPTEN,
STRASBOURG, 19 July 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION

1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 19 July 1944.

b. Primary Targets and Order of Battle -

Kempton - 96th CBW (458th, 466th, 467th BG).
 Leipheim - 2nd "A" CBW (445th, 453rd BG).
 Kempton - 95th CBW (489th, 491st BG).
 Laupheim - 2nd "B" CBW (389th, 453rd BG).
 Strasbourg M/Y - 20th CBW "A" (446th, 93rd BG).
 Russelheim - 14th CBW (44th, 392nd, 492nd BG).
 Russelheim - 20th CBW "B" (448th BG).

c. Secondary Targets -

Koblenz M/Y - 14th and 20th "B" Combat Wings.
 Sindelfingen (DB Plant) - 2nd "A" and "B" Combat Wings.
 Stuttgart (Bobbinger A/F) - 95th and 96th Combat Wings.
 Saarbrücken M/Y - 20th "A" Combat Wing.

d. Last Resort Targets - Any military objective in Germany or in an occupied country, any airdrome, any M/Y, and railroad bridge, any road bridge, any enemy column or convoy on the road, any concentration of troops or equipment. All above targets must not 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.

2. Narrative.

a. Planning.

(1) Eighth Air Force called for a force of forty Squadrons to attack six targets: airfields, marshalling yards and armament plants, ranging from Russelheim to Kempton.

(2) Eight H2X aircraft were dispatched for navigational purposes.

b. Execution.

(1) Assemblies were accomplished without difficulty.

(2) The mission was flown essentially as planned with the following deviations:

(a) The 93rd Group was scheduled to fly low left off the 446th, but flew wing lead because it lost sight of the 446th on assembly.

(b) The 20th "A" Combat Wing did not make Rally Point good and the 2nd "B" Combat Wing departed the enemy coast 40 miles north of course.

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3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

a. Three Groups visually attacked Kempton and two Groups assigned Kempton as a primary target attacked their secondary at Stuttgart.

b. Two Groups visually attacked the A/F at Laupheim and one Group plus one Squadron of another Group attacked the A/F at Leipheim.

c. Two Groups attacked the M/Y at Strasbourg and due to cloud cover at the primary four Groups assigned to Russelheim attacked their secondary target, the M/Y at Koblenz on HZK equipment.

d. Three Squadrons and three aircraft visually attacked targets of opportunity at Germaunde, Herrenburg, Forback Dam and Baden Baden.

e. Two Squadrons did not attack because of the time element involved in securing information concerning the type of bombing to be used.

f. Strike photographs show the following:

Primary Targets:

Kempton - hits on factory buildings, choke point M/Y, railroad lines and built-up areas.
 Laupheim - hits on administrative buildings, airfield area and possible destruction of aircraft.
 Strasbourg - hits on M/Y, choke point north of M/Y, rolling stock, built-up areas, and main roadway.

Secondary Targets:

Stuttgart - hits on workshops, barracks and surrounding buildings, airfield area, and near misses on hangars.
 Koblenz - hits on choke point of M/Y, highly built-up areas, round houses and adjacent installations.

Target of Opportunity:

Baden Baden - bombfall in forested area.

g. Bombing Data - see attached form.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

a. Moderate fairly accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Koblenz and Strasbourg. Meager to moderate and fairly accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Bobbingen A/F. No gunfire was encountered at Kempton or Leipheim. Meager to moderate heavy gunfire was encountered on route at Aachen, Antwerp, Eindhoven, Kaiserslautern, Ramstein, Turnhout, Duren and Tilburg.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

a. A few enemy aircraft were seen but none attacked. Fighter support was excellent.

6. Losses and Claims.

a. One aircraft was lost to an unknown cause. It was last reported heading for Switzerland.

b. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
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 Colonel - GSC
 Chief of Staff

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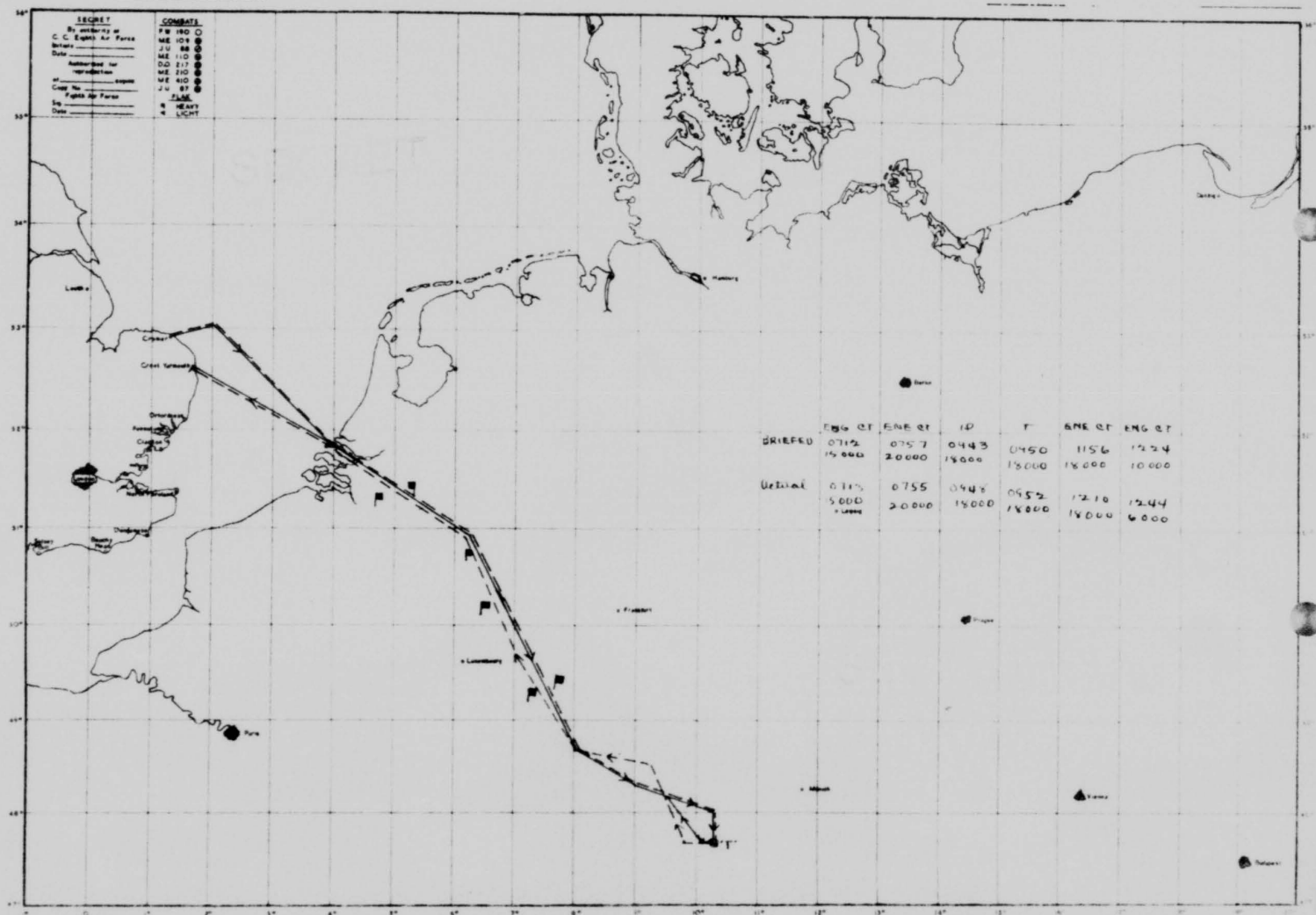
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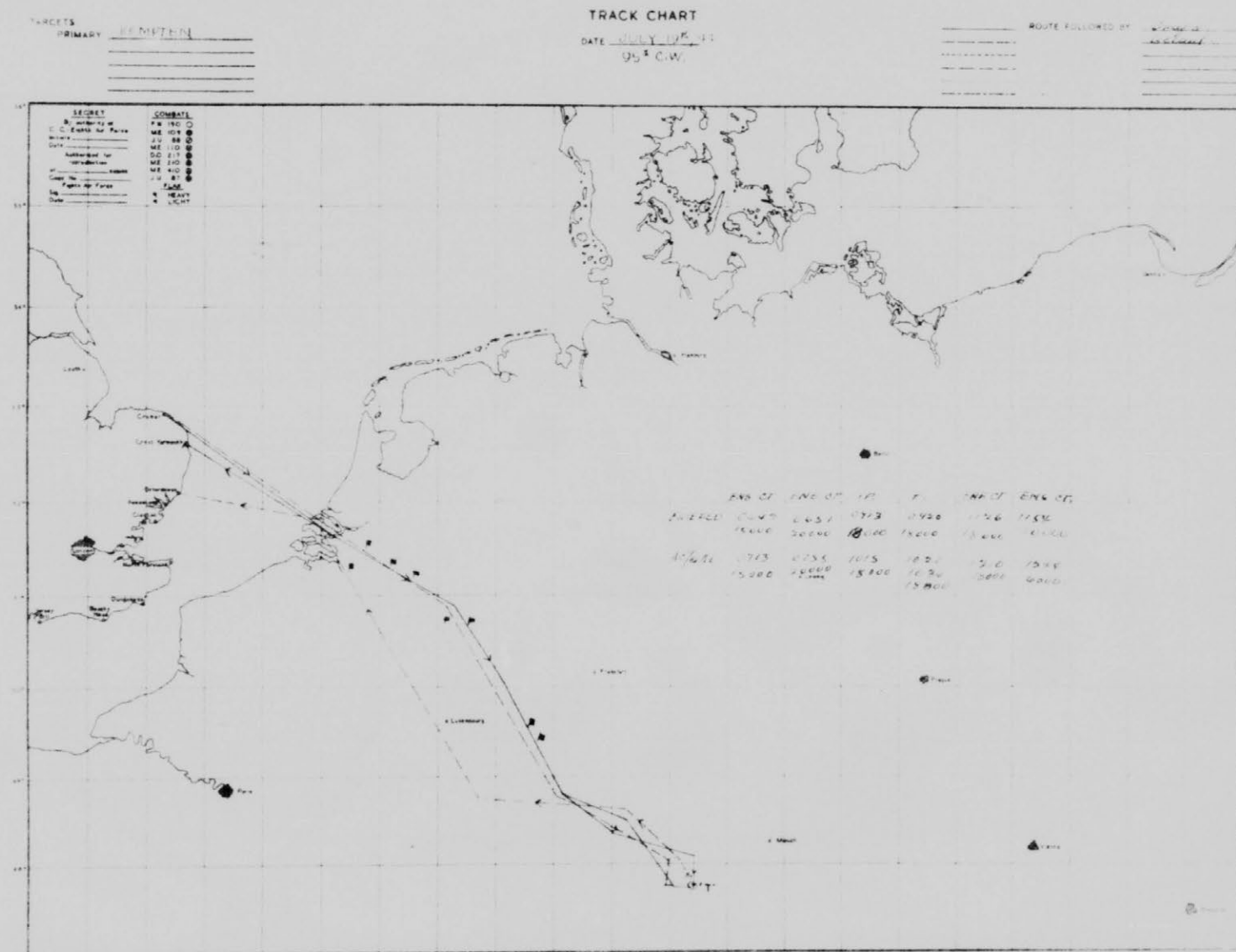
TARGETS
PRIMARY KEMPTON

TRACK CHART
DATE July 19, 94.
96 C.W.

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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO PILOT	FLEW RANGE & MANUAL DEFLECT RANGE		TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE			NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X or GH VIS.	
						H.E.	INCEND.	FRAG.	H2X	GH		VIS.	
467	198	1 min.	18,000	0944	X	1	1	100x500			10/2	H2X	X
467	200	3 min.	17,500	0945	X	1	1	130x500			13		X
458	188	1½ min.	18,500	0947	X	2	2	180x500			18		X
466	200	45 sec.	19,500	0945	X	1	1		970x100		19		X
<u>STUTTGART-DOHLINGEN (SECONDARY TARGET)</u>													
489	20	1 min.	17,700	1020		1	1		624x100		12		X
489	25	1 min.	19,000	1024	X	1	1		624x100		12		X
491	345	5 min.	18,000	1019	X	1	3	299x500			30		X
<u>LAUFHEIM A/F</u>													
389	20	45 sec.	18,000	0949	X	2	2	210x500			21		X
453	14	1 min.	19,000	0950	X	2	2		1248x100		24		X
<u>LEIPHEIM A/F</u>													
445	360	8½ min.	18,000	0947	X	3	3	260x500			26/2	H2X	X
445	006	8 min.	18,100	0951	X	1	1			440x120	11		X
453	001	2 min.	19,300	0949	X	1	1			379x120	10		X
<u>STRASBOURG M/Y</u>													
446	180	1½ min.	20,000	0908		1	2	103x500			9/2	H2X	X
446	185	1½ min.	23,500	0913½	X	2	4	276x500			22		
(93	196	4 min.	20,000	0913	X	2	3	343x500 (93rd)			29/3	A/C of 446th	X
Comp. (446								96x500 (446th)					
<u>KOBLENZ (SECONDARY TARGET)</u>													
392	90	10 min.	23,000	0905	X	1	1	132x500			11/2	H2X	
492	90		22,000	0906		-	-	216x500			20	Flares	
492	90		22,500	0906		-	-		374x100		7	"	
44	32	2 min.	22,000	0908	X	1	1	156x500			13		X
44	110	45 sec.	22,500	0907½	X	1	1	12x500	624x100		13		X
44	110		22,000	0912	X	-	-	156x500			13	Flares	
448	112	4 min.	22,400	0909	X	-	-	70x500	104x100		9/1	H2X	
<u>GEFLUNDEN T/O</u>													
392	215	1 min.	22,900	0914	X	1	1		672x100		12		
<u>HERRENBURG T/O</u>													
466	193	20 sec.	20,000	0947	X	1	1		156x100		3		X

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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO PILOT	FLEW NULL	RANGE & DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C DROPPED ON BOMBING H2X or CH	VISUAL
								H.E. INCEND. FRAG.		
489	244	2 min.	18,000	1034	X		1 1	136x500	14	X
389	340	1 min.	18,000	1024	X		1 1	90x500	9	X

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were an A/C factory at Kempten, A/F at Laupheim, A/F at Leipheim, M/Y at Strasbourg and an A/C factory at Russelheim, Germany. Secondary targets at Koblenz, Sindelfingen, Stuttgart and Saarbrücken were assigned.
- b. Three groups attacked Kempten and two Groups assigned Kempten as a primary target attacked the secondary at Stuttgart. Two Groups attacked the A/F at Laupheim and one Group plus one Squadron of another Group attacked the A/F at Leipheim. Two Groups attacked the M/Y at Strasbourg and four Groups assigned to Russelheim attacked their secondary target, the M/Y at Koblenz on H2X equipment.
- c. Two Squadrons failed to attack due to confusion over which type of bombing was to be done. Visual or H2X. One Squadron did not attack due to the lead A/C aborting and the deputy lead taking over and falling too far in back of the rest of the formation.
- d. Results of bombing:
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|---------------|-----------|---|
| Kempten | Good | Hits on factory buildings, choke point of M/Y, railroad lines and built-up areas. |
| Stuttgart | Good | Hits on workshops, barracks and surrounding buildings, airfield area, and near misses on hangars. |
| Laupheim | Good | Hits on administrative buildings, airfield area and possible destruction of aircraft. |
| Leipheim | Very good | Hits on hangars and adjacent installations, runways and airfield area. |
| Strasbourg | Good | Hits on M/Y, choke point north of M/Y, rolling stock, built-up areas & main roadway. |
| Koblenz | Good | Hits on choke point of M/Y, highly built-up areas, round houses and adjacent installations. |
| Gernsheim | Unknown | No photo coverage. |
| Herrnburg | Unknown | No photo coverage. |
| - Forback Dam | Good | Hits on front of dam. |
| Baden Baden | Poor | Bombfall in forested area. |

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

20 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 19 JULY 44 (KEMPTEN)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO DIRECT ATTACKS WERE MADE ON OUR FORMATION, BUT THREE SINGLE ENGINE E/A BELIEVED TO BE FW 190'S WERE OBSERVED JUST PRIOR TO "BOMBS AWAY" ABOUT 2000 FEET BELOW THE FORMATION. THESE E/A WERE ENGAGED BY THE ESCORTING P-51'S.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. NO AA OVER THE TARGET BUT INTENSE AND ACCURATE FLAK OF THE CF VARIETY WAS ENCOUNTERED OVER STUTTGART INFLECTING MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE TO SIX OF OUR A/C.

OBSERVATIONS.

3. A NEW A/F WAS OBSERVED NEAR BISCHWELLER WITH ONE RUNWAY COMPLETED AND OTHERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 100 TRUCKS OR TANKS AT 4930-0700 NEAR NOHFELDEN.

BARRAGE BALLOONS REPORTED OVER DAMS AT 4942-0820, 4957-0814, 4829-0847.

SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN BARGES ON RHINE RIVER NEAR BADEN-BADEN.

THIRTY TO FORTY A/C ON A/F AT MEMMINGEN AND TEN TO TWENTY TWIN ENGINE A/C ON A/F AT BOBLINGEN.

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

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

21 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 19 July 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	403
C.	Date of Operation	19 July 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Kempton ME A/C Factory
E.	A/C Airborne.	24
F.	A/C Sorties	21
G.	A/C Attacking	20
H.	A/C Not Attacking.	4
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	18 - 180 X 500 GP
J.	A/C Attacking - Secondary Target.	Nil
K.	A/C Attacking - Last Resort Target.	Nil
L.	A/C Attacking - Opportunity Target.	2 - 10 X 500 GP - with 93rd Strasbourg M/T - 10 X 500 GP - from M/T
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.	0521
S.	Average Time of Flight.	7:13
T.	Comments	Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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Mission #133

19 July 1944

First Section

Hanson-Tsbell

25:570F

McCarthy
J4:163MMartin
J3:183U
K20Henrich-Wright
J3:059E
K21Judge
25:163K K21Speer
J4:285HMorford
TV:457Q
K21Brown
TV:050JBradley
25:108MBarnhart
25:305NCoyle
TV:110PAsh
TV:942U
K20ABORT

Second Section

Lockridge-Hinckley

25:768A

ABORTKloh e
25:682IMonohan
TV:117M
K21Brumby
25:070E
K20Glagole
J3:120M K21Gabriel
25:596FLivermore
25:116V K22Manker
J3:431B K22Prevost
J3:316N K20Hauser
J3:179FMatze
TV:709ITracy
TV:314LSPARES:352K-30
J18J-7
366B-10

WEST		Take Off Order	EAST	
Disp	Ship		Ship	Disp
		1	697Z	2
		2	578F	12
		3		
26	059E	4		
18	183U	5		
19	050J	6	163M	39
		7	163K	6
31	942U	8		

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
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	ASH	94	1			41-28942	942	U	7V	21	HEAVENLY BODY	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	BARNHART, E	94	ABT			41-29305	305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	ABORT - PILOT RPT #2 ENG DROP IN FUEL PRES
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	BRADLEY	94	15			42-95108	108	M	Z5	--	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	ABORT - SORTIE? OPS RPT LISTS 42-95316 (108 NOT ON OPS)
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	BROWN, W	94	5			42-95050	050	J	7V	30	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	BRUMBY	94	8			42-110070	070	E	Z5	20	ELMER / LADY LUCK	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	COYLE	94	10			42-51110	110	P	7V	24	TOP O' THE MARK	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	GABRIEL	94	ABT			41-29596	596	R	Z5	--	HELL'S ANGEL'S	ABORT - #4 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	GLAGOLA	94	14			42-95120	120	M	J3	26	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	HANSEN	94	18	ISBELL	L1	42-50578	578	F	Z5	4	SKY ROOM	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	HAUSER	94	17			42-51179	179	P	J3	19	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	HEMRICH	94	16	WRIGHT	D1	42-110059	059	E	J3	28	UNKNOWN 056	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	JUDGE	94	24			42-95163	163	K	Z5	29	DIXIE BELLE	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	KLOHE	94	3			41-28682	682	I	Z5	47	UNKNOWN 003	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	LIVERMORE	94	4			42-95116	116	V	Z5	22	JUNIOR	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	LOCKRIDGE	94	ABT	HINCKLEY	L2	42-50768	768	A	Z5	--	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	ABORT - RATE OF CLIMB, HORZ IND ERRATIC-INST DEFECTIVE
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	MANKER	94	24			42-100431	431	B	J4	28	BOMB-AH-DEAR	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	MARTIN, L	94	12			42-95183	183	U	J3	22	BRINEY MARLIN	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	MATZE	94	6			41-28709	709	I	7V	25	LUCKY STRIKE	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	McCARTHY	94	10			42-110163	163	M	J4	10	TIME'S A WASTIN	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	MONAHAN	94	17			42-95117	117	M	7V	32	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	MORFORD	94	6			42-52457	457	Q	7V	42	FINAL APPROACH	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	PREVOST	94	2			42-95316	316	N	J3	30	PRINCESS PAT	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	SPEER	94	8			44-40285	285	H	J4	12	TABLE STUFF	
19-Jul-44	KEMPTEN	TRACY	94	8			42-50314	314	L	7V	36	ETO PLAYHOUSE	