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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

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BRUNSWICK AREA

5 AUGUST 1944

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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
AAF 147 APO 558

6 September 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, BRUNSWICK AREA, 5 August 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 5 August 1944.

b. Primary Targets and Order of Battle -

Brunswick/Wilhelmiter - 95th CBW (489th, 491st BG).
 Brunswick, Brunswick/Neupetritor - 14th CBW (44th, 492nd, 392nd BG).
 Brunswick/Querum - 2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG).
 Brunswick/Waggum - 96th CBW (466th, 458th, 467th BG).
 Fallersleben - 20th CBW (93rd, 446th, 448th BG).

c. Secondary Targets -

Bielefeld - 95th CBW
 Minden - 14th CBW
 Hildersheim - 2nd CBW
 Goslar A/F - 96th CBW
 Halberstadt A/F - 20th CBW

d. Last Resort Target - Any military objective positively identified in Germany.

2. Narrative.

a. Planning.

(1) Eighth Air Force called for a force of thirty-nine Squadrons to visually attack targets in the Brunswick Area.

(2) Seventeen H2X aircraft were dispatched for this operation in the event visual bombing could not be employed.

b. Execution.

(1) Assemblies were accomplished without difficulty.

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

(a) The 96th Wing "S-ed" frequently to maintain proper interval from landfall to Wing IP.

(b) The 20th Combat Wing turned fifteen miles short of Wing IP and accomplished uncovering as the approach to the Group IP was made.

(c) The 96th Combat Wing turned eight to twenty miles inside of Wing Rally Point from Group Rally Point. Departed enemy coast four to ten miles off briefed route.

(d) The 20th Combat Wing withdrew five to twenty-five miles inside of Wing Rally Point from Group Rally Point to common turning point. Departed enemy coast eight miles off briefed route.

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3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

a. All units visually attacked their assigned targets except the following:

(1) One Squadron visually attacked its secondary target, Goslar A/F, due to bomb smoke covering the MPI and an auto-pilot malfunction at the primary target.

b. Strike photographs show the following:

Primary Targets -

Fallersleben - MPI's completely covered. Hits on several large workshops, factory buildings and built-up areas.

Wilhelmiter - MPI's completely covered. Hits on workshops, power station, store houses, railroad line and intersection, built-up areas and adjacent airfield.

Neupetritter - hits on main factory buildings, workshops, offices, stores, railroad junction and built-up area.

Bussing - hits on railroad lines and M/Y, main workshops and built up area.

Querum - Hits on main factory buildings, workshops and adjacent built-up area.

Waggum - hits on hangars, armament shop, engine factory, workshops and machine gun testing range.

Target of Opportunity

Goslar A/F - hits on highway and open fields.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

a. All Groups attacking Brunswick encountered moderate to intense and accurate predictor control fire. Most formations also reported fixed barrages in the target area, and as four different targets were attacked, it seems probable that each gun position automatically fired a barrage over their priority target during any period of the attack that no formations were within range of them.

b. The first Group to attack Fallersleben encountered moderate and fairly accurate predictor control fire. The second Group, following closely behind, only encountered an inaccurate fixed barrage. The last Group encountered moderate to intense and accurate predictor control fire.

c. Several rockets were seen at both targets.

d. Meager, fairly accurate gunfire was encountered on route at Cuxhaven, Wesermunde and Nordholz A/F.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was good to excellent all the way.

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Six aircraft were lost to anti-aircraft fire and one to an unknown cause.

b. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
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 Colonel GSC
 Chief of Staff

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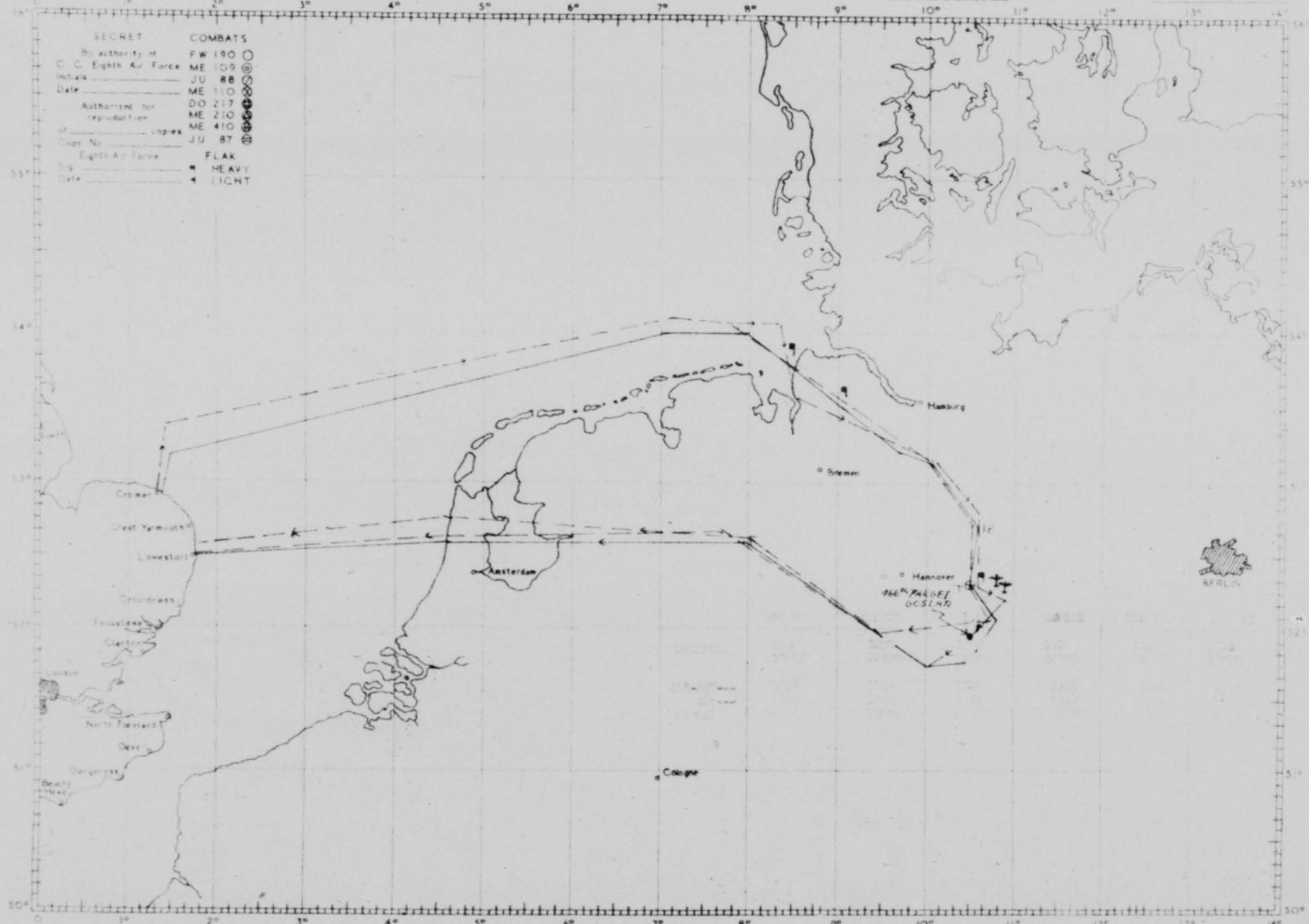
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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLEW AUTO RELEASE	PILOT	FLEW RANGE & M. NULL DEFLECT RANGE		TOTAL BOMBS AND TYPE		NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2K OR GH	VISUAL
						FALLERSLEBEN	H.E.	INCEND.				
446	134	5 min.	22,200	1336	A-5	1	2	42x1000		7 / 1	H2K	X
446	150	2 min.	22,700	1335	A-5	1	2	50x1000		10		X
446	122	40 sec.	22,000	1337	A-5	1	2	66x1000		11		X
93	140	3 min.	23,500	1337	C-1	1	1	64x1000		8		X
93	143	2 min.	24,000	1337½		X	1	72x1000		9		X
93	140	3 min.	24,300	1337		X	1	62x1000		8		X
448	152	2 min.	22,200	1337	A-5	1	1	48x1000		8 / 1	H2K	X
448	150	1 min.	20,900	1338	C-1	1	1	66x1000		11		X
448	120	5 min.	22,500	1339	A-5	1	1	66x1000		11		X
						<u>BRUNSWICK/WILHELMITOPF</u>						
491	151	1 min.	22,000	1315	C-1	1	1	143x100	96x500	11 / 2	H2K	X
491	125	2 min.	22,700	1315½	C-1	1	1	154x100; 2x500	100x500; 10 Leaf	13		X
491	122	2 min.	23,500	1316	C-1	1	1	126x100; 2x500	90x500; 10 Leaf	11		X
439	125	50 sec.	23,600	1318½	C-1	1	1	143x100	99x500	11 / 2	H2K	X
439	140	3 min.	23,000	1319	A-5	1	1	104x100	72x500	8		X
439	120	2 min.	24,000	1320½	A-5	1	1	143x100	98x500	11		X
						<u>BRUNSWICK/NEUBETRIFF</u>						
44	165	9 min.	22,000	1318	A-5	1	1	117x100	80x500	9 / 2	H2K	X
44	165	3 min.	21,500	1318½	A-5	1	1	143x100	99x500	11		X
44	160	3 min.	22,500	1319	C-1	1	1	143x100	99x500	11		X
						<u>BRUNSWICK/BUSSING</u>						
492	130	9 min.	21,400	1321½	A-5	1	1	54x1000		9 / - 2	H2K	X
492	150	3 min.	21,900	1322	C-1	1	1	72x1000		9 / 3 A/C of 392nd		X
392	175	45 sec.	23,000	1325	A-5	1	2	66x1000		11		X
392	172	1½ min.	22,100	1324	A-5	1	2	66x1000		11		X
						<u>BRUNSWICK/QUERUM</u>						
445	180	3 min.	22,000	1326	A-5	1	1	102x500		9 / - 2	H2K	X
445	150	3 min.	21,500	1329	A-5	1	1	114x500		10		X
445	220	3 min.	23,000	1329	A-5	1	1	118x500		10		X
445	184	3 min.	23,000	1333½	C-1	1	1	4x500	460x100 20 Leaf	11		X
453	184		22,500	1330	C-1	1	1	120x500		10		X
453	180		22,000	1330½	C-1	1	1	130x500		11		X
453	182		22,100	1331	C-1	1	1	144x500		12		X
389	180	3 min.	22,000	1332	A-5	1	1		520x100	19 / 1	H2K	X
389	154	3 min.	21,500	1333	C-1	1	1		136x100	9		X

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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLEW AUTO RELEASE	FLEW PILOT	RANGE & DEFLECT		TOTAL BOMBS AND TYPE	NO. A/C DROPPED ON BOMBING	H2K OR CH	VISUAL
						BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	H.E.				
456	170		21,500	1332	A-5	1	1	120x500	10		X
456	170		23,200	1335	A-5	1	1	120x500	4 / 6 A/C of 458th		X
458	180	3 min.	22,200	1333	C-1	1	1	120x500	10		X
458	183	2 min.	22,000	1334	C-1	1	1		11		X
457	160	8 min.	22,300	1333	A-5	1	1		11 / 2	H2K	X
457	136	8 min.	21,500	1334	A-5	1	1	144x500	12		X
						GOSLAR A/F (SECONDARY)					
456	245		22,000	1402	C-1	1	1	84x500	7 / 2	H2K	X

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission was the auto works at Fallersleben, and targets in Brunswick, the Wilhelmitor, Querum, Neupetritor air armament factories and the Bussing Tank Factory.
- b. Bombing was done visually by Squadrons, ten Squadrons dropping visually on H2K leaders. One Squadron of the 467th Group attacked the assigned secondary due to bomb smoke covering the MPI and an auto-pilot malfunction.
- c. The following targets and coordinates were attacked by A/C due to mechanical failures:
- | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 A/C Felligoland | 10x500 HE | 1 A/C 5330N-0903E | 6x1000 HE | 1 A/C 5346N-0833E | 13x100HE / 9x500 IB |
| 2 A/C Nordholz A/F | 24x500 HE | 1 A/C 5352N-0849E | 6x1000HE | 1 A/C 5246N-0935E | 13x100HE / 9x500 IB |
| 1 A/C Fedelstorf | 8x1000 HE | 1 A/C Balstrum A/F | 6x1000HE | 1 A/C Borkum | 12x500 HE |
- Two A/C did not bomb due to rack malfunctions and three A/C did not bomb due to mechanical failures.
- d. Results of bombing:
- | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Fallersleben | Very good | MPI's completely covered. Hits on several large workshops, factory buildings and built-up areas. |
| Wilhelmitor | Very good | MPI's completely covered. Hits on workshops, power station, store houses, railroad line and inter-section, built-up areas and adjacent airfield. |
| Neupetritor | Very good | Hits on main factory buildings, workshops, offices, stores, railroad junctions and built-up areas. |
| Bussing | Good | Hits on railroad lines and M/Y, main workshops and built-up area. |
| Querum | Very good | Hits on main factory buildings, workshops and adjacent built-up areas. |
| Waggum | Good to very good | Hits on hangars, armament shop, engine factory, workshops and machine gun testing range. |
| Goslar A/F | Poor | Hits on highway and open fields. |
- e. Disposition of bombs by H2K A/C:
- | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|----------|-------------|-------|----------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Fallersleben | 2 A/C | 4x1000HE | Wilhelmitor | 4 A/C | 40x100HE | Neupetritor | 2 A/C | 40x100HE |
| Bussing | 2 A/C | 4x1000HE | Querum | 2 A/C | 4x500 HE | Querum | 1 A/C | 10x100IB |
| Waggum | 2 A/C | 8x500HE | Goslar | 2 A/C | 8x500 HE | | | |

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

6 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 5 August 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	<u>Main Formation</u>	<u>With 466th</u>
A. Group	458	458
B. Division F.O.	423	423
C. Date of Operation	5 August	5 August
D. Ordered Primary Target.	Waggon A/D - ME Assembly Plant	
E. A/C Airborne.	24	6
F. A/C Sorties	22	6
G. A/C Attacking	21	6
H. A/C Not Attacking	3	Nil
I. A/C Attacking Primary Target.	10 - 120 X 500 GP 11 - 570 X 100 M47 (2 bombs ret'd)	6 - 72 X 500 GP Nil
J. A/C Attacking Secondary Target.	Nil	Nil
K. A/C Attacking Last Resort Target. c.	Nil	Nil
L. A/C Attacking Opportunity Target.	Nil	Nil
M. A/C Lost - Flak	Nil	Nil
N. A/C Lost - Flak and E/A	Nil	Nil
O. A/C Lost - E/A.	Nil	Nil
P. A/C Lost - Accident	Nil	Nil
Q. A/C Lost - Cause Unknown.	1	Nil
R. Time of Take Off.	0832	0845
S. Average Time of Flight.	7:00	7:00
T. Comments: 6 A/C formed composite Sqdn with 466th in lead. Bombed visually.		

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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LEAD SQUADRON

12 X 500# GP-1N-.01T

LOCKRIDGE-LAROCHE

BROWN

C

25 : 768A

LATZE

PISCIN

7V : 050J

NELSON
25 : 366B

J4 : 264K

J4 : 273T

HORGAN

K-21 HAYNES

K-21

PREVOST

MCCORMICK

WINTERS

ABORT 7V : 352K

7V : 457Q

D J3 : 359J

ABORT J4 : 705W

J4 : 134R

GLASS K-21

HAUSER

K-20

J3 : 183U

: 516K

52 X M-47 IB's

HIGH RIGHT ON LEAD SQUADRON - 458TH

HENRICH-GRIFFITH

C

J3 : 407A

ANDREW

FRENCH

K-21

DLUM

HOOVEN

J4 : 431B

J3 : 288L

J3 : 433B

25 : 018J

FUSON

TRACY

HAYDON

K-21

NEWELL

K-21

BRADLEY

ABORT J4 : 288S

J4 : 285H

D 7V : 340N

7V : 303H

25 : 596R

K-22 WLACER

WARNER

7V : 314L

7V : 709I

K-20

12 X 500# GP

COMPOSITE SQUADRON ON 466TH

466th

JUDGE

466th

466th

MCARDIE

25 : 163K

COOK

K-21

LIVERMORE

466th

J3 : 120M

J4 : 287J

25 : 165S

466th

466th

HUALK

J3 : 320W

FLOYD

K-22

K-22

J4 : 141

ORDER OF TAKE OFF

WEST		EAST		RUNWAY 05		WEST		EAST	
DISP	SHIP	NO.	SHIP	DISP		DISP	SHIP	NO.	SHIP
9	768A	1							
		2	264K	47					
10	366B	3						21	709I
16	359J	4						22	314L
		5	273T	42				23	285H
		6	050J	31				24	288S
		7	134R	47		15	120M	25	
		8	705W	36		6	163K	26	
8	516K	9				40	141H	27	
18J	183U	10				11L	320W	28	
		11	457Q	32		5	165S	29	
		12	352K	30				30	287J Hgr 1
22	407A	13							
24	433B	14							
11	288L	15							
		16	340N	27					
7	018J	17							
		18	431B	37					
3	596R	19							

SPARES:

311A-25 Bombs: 12 X 500# GP
 735V-37 12 X 500# GP
 126D- 8 52 X M-47 II

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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
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	ANDREW	105	28			42-100431	431	B	J4	33	BOMB-AH-DEAR	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	BLUM	105	8			42-100433	433	B	J3	36	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	BRADLEY	105	18			41-29596	596	R	Z5	36	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	BROWN, W	105	11			42-95050	050	J	7V	36	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	COOK	105	9			44-40287	287	J	J4	10	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	COMPOSITE w/466
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	FLOYD	105	4			42-110141	141	U	J4	10	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	FRENCH	105	17			41-29288	288	L	J3	44	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	FUSON	105	12			44-40288	288	S	J4	11	BAD GIRL	ABORT - NOT ON OPS RPT (735?)
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	GLASS	105	5			42-95183	183	U	J3	30	BRINEY MARLIN	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	HAUSER	105	24			42-7516	516	K	J3	24	GATOR	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	HAYDON	105	28			41-29340	340	N	7V	42	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	HAYNES	105	2			42-52457	457	Q	7V	49	FINAL APPROACH	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	HEMRICH	105	19	GRIFFITH	L2	42-100407	407	A	J3	35	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	HOOVEN	105	11			42-95018	018	J	Z5	32	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	HORGAN	105	ABT			41-29352	352	K	7V	--	WOLVE'S LAIR	ABORT - ALL 4 GENERATORS FAILED
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	JUDGE	105	32			42-95163	163	K	Z5	34	DIXIE BELLE	COMPOSITE w/466
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	LIVERMORE	105	11			42-95165	165	S	Z5	22	COOKIE	COMPOSITE w/466
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	LOCKRIDGE	105	12	LaROCHE	L1	42-50768	768	A	Z5	4	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	MATZE	105	12			44-40264	264	K	J4	9	KISS ME BABY	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	McARDLE	105	20			42-95120	120	M	J3	32	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	COMPOSITE w/466
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	McCORMICK	105	ABT			41-28705	705	W	Z5	--	YE OLDE HELLGATE	ABORT - PILOT RPT #1 ENG OIL PRES DROP
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	NELSON	105	16			42-100366	366	B	Z5	42	MIZPAH	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	NEWELL	105	20			41-29303	303	H	Z5	36	LIBERTY LIB	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	PISKIN	105	10			44-40273	273	T	J4	11	HOWLING BANSHEE	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	PREVOST	105	FTR			41-29359	359	J	J3	52	TAIL WIND	DITCHED IN CHANNEL
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	RUARK	105	18			42-50320	320	W	J3	35	UNKNOWN 018	COMPOSITE w/466
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	TRACY	105	13			44-40285	285	H	J4	22	TABLE STUFF	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	WALKER	105	23			42-50314	314	L	7V	42	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	WARNER	105	24			41-28709	709	I	7V	32	LUCKY STRIKE	
05-Aug-44	BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM	WINTERS	105	3			44-40134	134	R	J4	12	UNKNOWN 039	