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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

HAMBURG OIL REFINERY
KIEL JET ENGINE FACTORY
SCHULAU OIL REFINERY

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6 September 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, HAMBURG, KIEL, SCHULAU, 6 August 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 6 August 1944.

b. Primary Targets and Order of Battle -

Hamburg Oil Refinery - 2nd CBW (453rd, 389th, 445th BG).
 Hamburg Oil Refinery - 96th CBW (458th, 466th, 467th BG).
 Hamburg Oil Refinery - 14th CBW (492nd, 44th, 392nd BG).
 Kiel Jet Engine Factory - 20th CBW (448th, 93rd, 446th BG).
 Schulau Oil Refinery - 95th CBW (489th, 491st BG).

c. Secondary Targets -

Nordholz A/F - 2nd CBW
 Einsworden A/F - 96th CBW
 Einsworden A/F - 14th CBW
 Hemmingstedt Oil Refinery - 20th CBW
 Nordholz A/F - 95th CBW

d. Last Resort Target - Any military installation positively identified as being in Germany. If in occupied territory, any M/Y, any 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. A visual sighting must be made.

2. Narrative.

a. Planning.

(1) Eighth Air Force called for a force of thirty-nine Squadrons to visually attack oil refineries at Hamburg and Jet Engine works at Kiel.

(2) Eighteen H2K aircraft were dispatched for this operation.

b. Execution.

(1) Assemblies were accomplished without incident.

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

(a) At landfall the 20th Combat Wing was ten minutes late. By turning twenty miles south of Combat Wing IP to Group IP, four minutes were picked up.

(b) The 95th Combat Wing withdrew from enemy coast fifteen miles south of briefed point.

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3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

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

(1) One Squadron of the 448th and one Squadron of the 446th Groups bombed with the assistance of H2X equipment because of heavy smoke screen at Kiel.

(2) Two Squadrons, one of the 93rd and one of the 448th Groups, visually attacked their secondary target, Hemmingstedt because of heavy smoke screen at the primary.

(3) The lead aircraft of the 448th Group, upon abandoning the mission salvaged its bombs and one Squadron of this Group dropped on its release.

b. Strike photographs show the following:

Hamburg - hits on refineries and oil storage areas. MPI's of all refineries well covered.

Schulau - hits on refinery and power plant.

Kiel - hits in area around canal and built-up area.

Hemmingstedt - hits on MPI and refinery area.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

a. All Groups encountered very intense and accurate predictor control fire at Hamburg, and a considerable amount of fixed barrage fire was also seen. Several rockets and a few "scarecrow" flares were also seen in the target area.

b. The first Group to attack Schulau encountered moderate to intense and accurate predictor control fire, and the following Group encountered an accurately placed fixed barrage.

c. The first Group to attack Kiel encountered intense and accurate predictor control fire. The two following Groups encountered moderate and accurate predictor control fire and also fixed barrages. A number of ships in Kiel Bay were seen firing.

d. Meager gunfire was encountered en route at Heligoland, Cuxhaven, Wesermünde, Nordholz, Rendsburg and Molln.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and the fighter support was reported by all units from good to excellent.

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Eight aircraft were lost to enemy anti-aircraft gunfire.

b. Claims were nil.

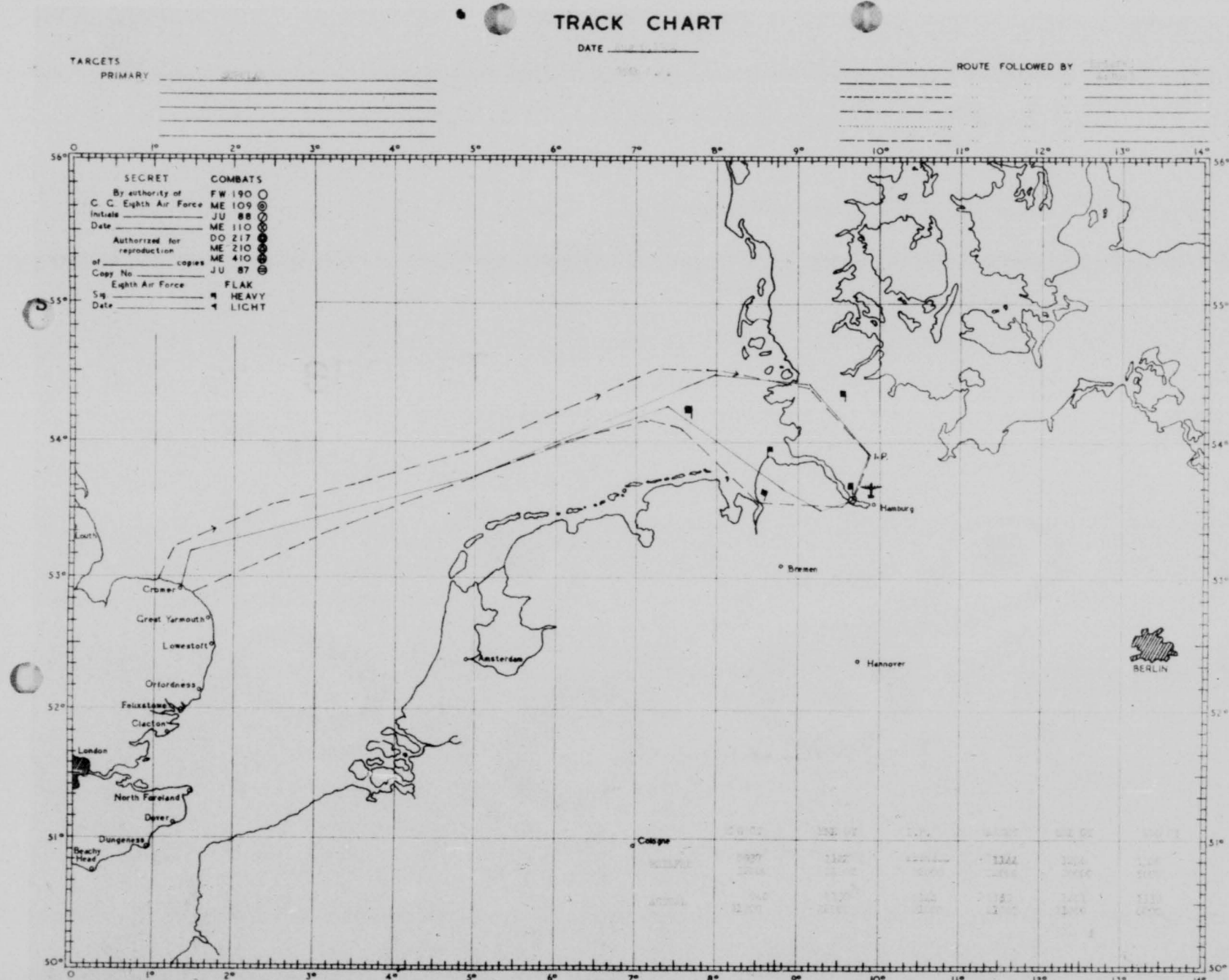
For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
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Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLEW	AUTO FLEW	PILOT	RANGE &		TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C DROPPED ON BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	VISUAL
							MANUAL DEFLECT	RANGE				
							<u>HAMBURG</u>		<u>H.E.</u>	<u>INCEND.</u>		
453	280	3 min.	23,000	1154	A-5		3	3	708x250	31 / 2	H2X	X
339	288	3 min.	23,000	1154	C-1		3	3	528x250	27		X
445	294		22,800	1157	C-1		3	3	756x250; 4x500	35		X
457	290	7 min.	23,000	1159	A-5		2	2	264x500	22 / 2	H2X	X
458	304	5 min.	23,000	1202	C-1		2	2	264x500	22		X
456	312		23,000	1203	A-5		3	3	303x500	26 / 2	H2X	X
(472)									288x500	492		X
Comp(392)	298	10 min.	23,000	1209	A-5		3	3	72x500	392		X
392	300	9 min.	23,000	1210	A-5		2	4	220x500	19 / 2	H2X	X
44	300	10 min.	23,500	1205	C-1		2	2	252x500	21 / 1	H2X	X
							<u>SCHULAU</u>					
439	176	2 min.	21,000	1153	A-5		3	3	383x500	32 / 2	H2X	X
491	197	1 min.	21,000	1154	C-1		3	3	424x500	37 / 1	H2X	X
							<u>KIEL</u>					
448	213	2 min.	22,000	1153	C-1		1	1	70x500	7 / 2	H2X	
93	40	3 min.	26,000	1154		X	1	1	144x500	12		X
446	221	9 min.	22,000	1158	A-5		2	4	216x500	13 / 2	H2X	
446	210		22,000	1158	A-5		1	2	96x500	8		X
446	210		23,500	1205	A-5		1	2	106x500	9		X
							<u>HENNINGSTADT</u>					
448	270	30 sec.	21,200	1209	C-1		1	1	110x500	11		X
93	290	10 min.	23,500	1214	C-1		1	1	144x500	12		X
							<u>LANGEHEIDE</u>					
448	160	Salvo	22,000	1157		X			100x500	10		

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were four oil refineries in the Hamburg area and an oil refinery at Schulau; also an engine works at Kiel.
- b. Bombing was done visually by Squadrons except one Squadron of the 448th and 446th Groups bombed visually with assistance by H2X equipment due to a heavy smoke screen at Kiel.

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- c. Two Squadrons attacked the assigned secondary target due to heavy smoke screens covering the MPI's. One Squadron of the 443th Group dropped on the lead A/C when he salvoed his bombs as he was aborting. Three A/C jettisoned due to mechanical difficulties, one A/C did not bomb due to a rack malfunction and one A/C had an accidental release at the IP.

d. Results of Bombing:

Hamburg	Very good	Hits on refineries and oil storage areas. MPI's of all refineries well covered.
Schulau	Very good	Hits on refinery and power plant.
Kiel	Fair to good	Hits in area around canal and built-up area.
Hemmingstadt	Very good	Hits on MPI and refinery area.
Langerado	Poor	Bombfall in wooded area and water.

e. Disposition of bombs by H2K A/C:

Hamburg	11 A/C	44x500HE
Kiel	4 A/C	8x500 HE
Schulau	3 A/C	6x500 HE

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APQ 558

7 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 6 August 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458	
B.	Division F.O. No.	424	
C.	Date of Operation	6 August 1944	
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Hamburg - Oil Refinery	
E.	A/C Airborne.	24	
F.	A/C Sorties	22	
G.	A/C Attacking	22	
H.	A/C Not Attacking	2	
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	22 - 264 X 500 GP	
			2 A/C loaded Long Delay Fuses
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	1 - 42-100433 - Exploded over Tgt	
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.	0801	
S.	Average Time of Flight.	6:05	
T.	Comments	Bombed visually	

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

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1ST SQUADRONHANSEN & O'NEILL

Z5 : 578F

PISKIN

J4 : 273T

BOYLE

J3 : 32CW

GOORMICK

J4 : 287J

K-22

FUSON

J4 : 288S

K-20

LEHR

7V : 457Q

K-21

BROWN LDF

7V : 050J

BLUM-BARTZ

J3 : 407D

K-21

BRADLEY

Z5 : 018J

K-21

COOK

Z5 : 596R

BARNHART

Z5 : 165E

KOEHN

7V : 4550

2ND SQUADRONHANCOCK-CHAMBERLAIN

J3 : 433B

K-21

DANE

Z5 : 126D

GORELL

7V : 34CN

K-22

HOOVEN

Z5 : 108M

NEWELL

Z5 : 163K

K-21

MC CARTHY

J4 : 431B

K-21

EVANS

J4 : 281Q

MCARDLE LDF

J3 : 183U

WAGNER

J3 : 342S

K-20

HCOO

J3 : 28E Abort

ALVESTAD

J4 : 134R

WINTERS

J4 : 285H

K-22

ORDER OF TAKE OFFRUNWAY 05

<u>WEST</u>					<u>EAST</u>				
Disp	SHIP	T.O.	SHIP	DISP	Disp	SHIP	T.O.	SHIP	DISP
2	697Z	1					14	287J	49
12	578F	2			5	1658	15		
22	407A	3			7	018J	16		
11	320W	4					17	431B	37
		5	433B	26	8	126D	18		
		6	281Q	43	10	183U	19		
		7	34CN	27			20	285H	37
		8	050J	31			21	134R	47
		9	273T	42	6	163K	22		
3	596R	10			4	108M	23		
		11	4550	28	11	288L	24		
		12	457Q	29	17	342S	25		
		13	288S	36					

SFARIS:

516K 17

705W 36

314L 32

ASSEMBLY SHIP A/C No. 697

PILOT GLENN

CCM. PILOT JAMISON

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
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	ALVESTAD	106	22			44-40134	134	R	J4	13	UNKNOWN 039	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	BARNHART, E	106	7			42-95165	165	S	Z5	23	COOKIE	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	BLUM	106	9	SCHWARTZ	D1	42-100407	407	D	J3	36	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	BOYLE	106	16			42-50320	320	W	J3	36	UNKNOWN 018	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	BRADLEY	106	19			42-95018	018	J	Z5	33	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	BROWN, W	106	12			42-95050	050	J	7V	37	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	COOK	106	10			41-29596	596	R	Z5	37	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	DANE	106	8			44-40126	126	D	Z5	19	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	EVANS	106	12			44-40281	281	Q	J4	10	A DOG'S LIFE	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	FUSON	106	13			44-40288	288	S	J4	12	BAD GIRL	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	GLENN	106	ASSY	JAMISON		41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A8	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	GORRELL	106	ABT			41-29340	340	N	7V	--	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	ABORT - NOT ON OPS RPT (314?)
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	HANCOCK	106	FTR	CHAMBERLAIN	L2	42-100433	433	B	J3	37	BIG DICK, HARD TO HIT	DIRECT FLAK HIT
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	HANSEN	106	20	O'NEILL	L1	42-50578	578	F	Z5	7	SKY ROOM	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	HOOD	106	ABT			41-29288	288	L	J3	--	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	ABORT - #2, 3 SUPER CHG OUT
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	HOOVEN	106	12			42-95108	108	M	Z5	30	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	KOEHN	106	1			42-52455	455	O	7V	49	PLUTOCRAT	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	LEHR	106	3			42-52457	457	Q	7V	50	FINAL APPROACH	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	McARDLE	106	21			42-95183	183	U	J3	31	BRINEY MARLIN	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	McCARTHY	106	17			42-100431	431	B	J4	34	BOMB-AH-DEAR	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	McCORMICK	106	12			44-40287	287	J	J4	11	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	NEWELL	106	21			42-95163	163	K	Z5	35	DIXIE BELLE	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	PISKIN	106	11			44-40273	273	T	J4	12	HOWLING BANSHEE	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	WAGNER	106	16			41-29342	342	S	J3	37	ROUGH RIDERS	
06-Aug-44	HAMBURG	WINTERS	106	4			44-40285	285	H	J4	23	TABLE STUFF	