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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

TARGETS IN NORTHERN
FRANCE AND BELGIUM

DATE

7 AUGUST 1944

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5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and area fighter support was good throughout the mission.

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Losses and Claims were Nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles E. Westover
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Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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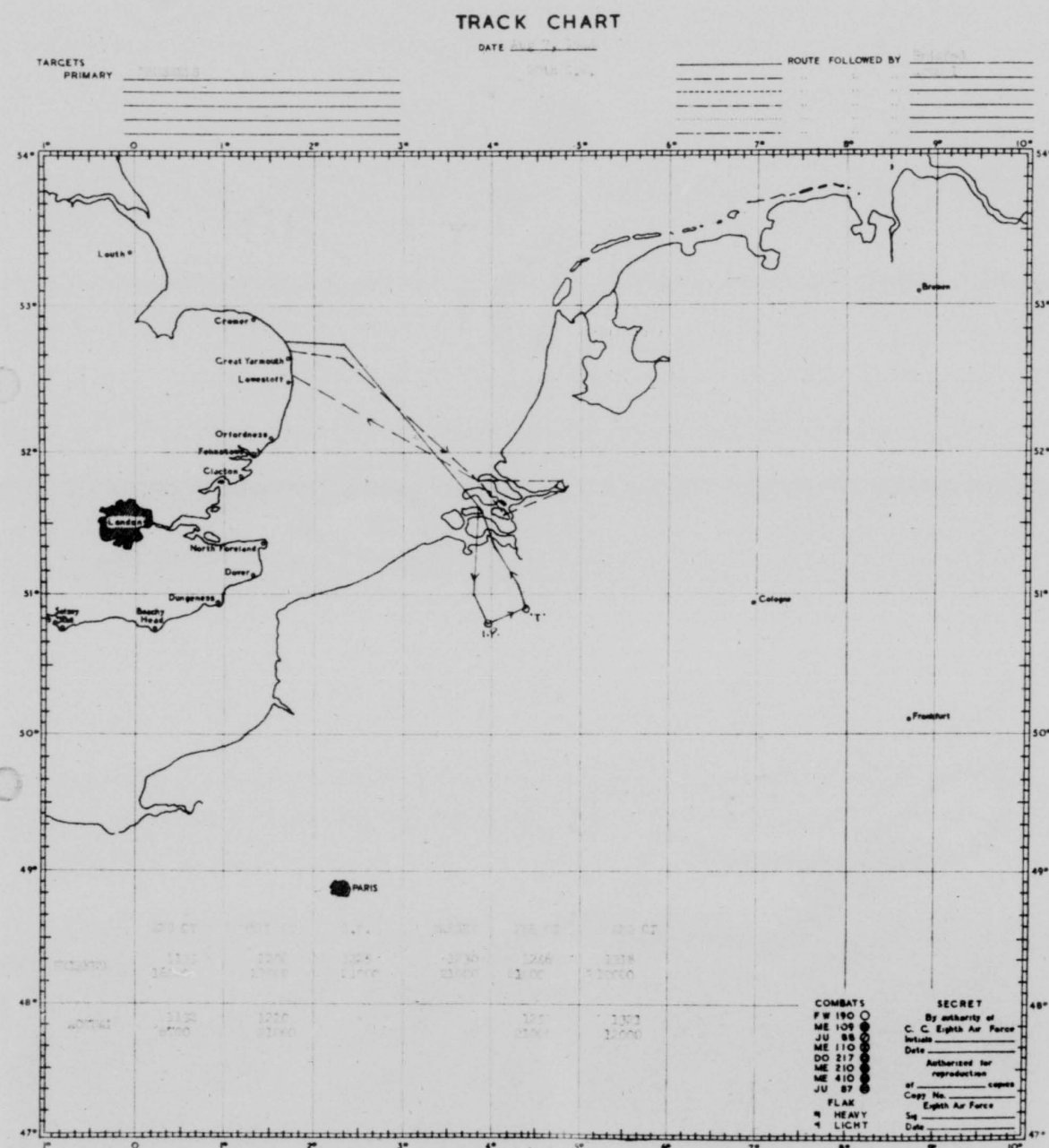
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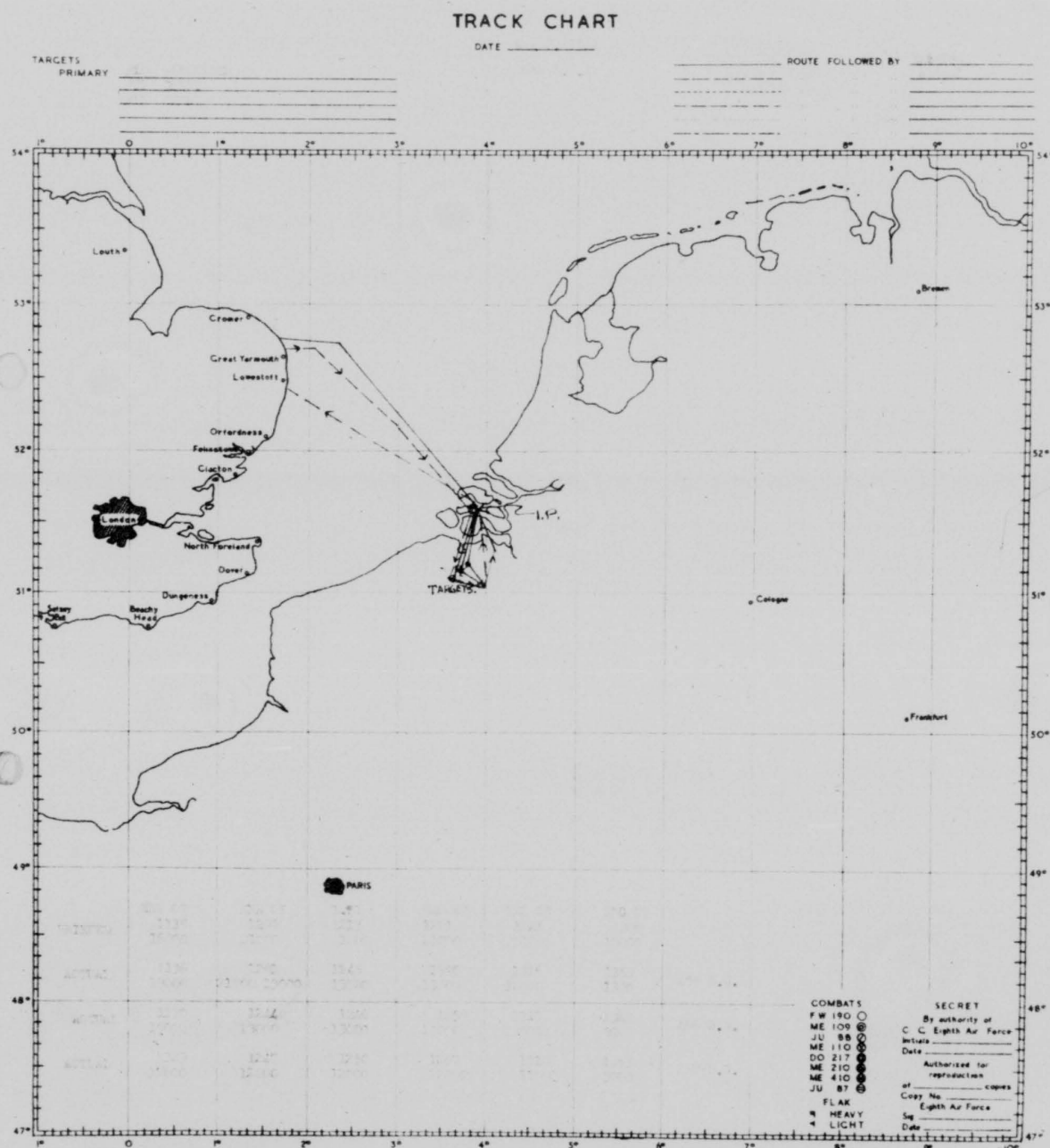
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 7 August 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLEW AUTO FLEW RELEASE	PILOT	RANGE & DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C DROPPED ON BOMBING	H2K OR CH	VISUAL
453	62	1 min.	21,000	1154	C-1	<u>FREVENT</u> 1 1	H.E. 120x1000	15		X
453										
453										
445						<u>LIRO SUR LYS</u>				
389	74	2½ min.	22,000	1143	C-1	<u>RECOQUES</u> 2 2	552x250	23		X
44	279	5 min.	20,000	1248	C-1	<u>S.L.E.M.</u> 2 2	166x300; 406x250	24		X
						<u>OSTEND</u>				
492										
						<u>PERRONE</u>				
93										
						<u>BRUSSELS</u>				
448										
446										
						<u>DOULLENS</u>				
491	342	1 min.	18,300	1248	C-1	1 1	96x1000	12		X
491	340	1 min.	18,000	1249	C-1	1 1	95x1000	12		X
491	342	1 min.	18,700	1250	C-1	1 1	104x1000	12 / 1 of 448th		X
						<u>BOIS DE LA HOUSSEIRE</u>				
489										
						<u>WONDELGEM</u>				
458	360	30 sec.	14,000	1309	C-1	1 1	566x100	12		X
						<u>GHENT</u>				
467	202	1 min.	12,000	1257½	A-5	1 1	24x500; 156x250	9		X
466	210	15 sec.	11,400	1249	A-5	1 1	468x100	10		X

a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were Tank and Wagon works at Saleux, bridges at Perrone and Doullens, petrol dump at Reques, tankage depot at Liro Sur Lys, junction and embankment at Frevent, fuel dump at Bois de la Houssiere, fuel storage at Brussels, oil depot at Wondelgem and Ostend and oil storage at Ghent.

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- b. Bombing was done visually by Squadrons. Due to bad weather, many targets were not attacked and bombs were returned. The 458th Group assigned to Wondelgem attacked an industrial plant near the assigned target after making two runs on the target, due to cloud cover.
- c. One A/C did not bomb due to a rack malfunction and one A/C jettisoned due to engine failure. One A/C attacked Nung A/F as a T/O dropping 4x1000HE bombs.
- d. Results of bombing:

Frovent	Good	Hits on M/Y, roadway and built-up area.
Reques	Good	Target area well hit.
Saloux	Good to very good	Hits on RR lines, installations and buildings in the target area.
Doullens	Very good	Hits on RR lines, bridge, main roadway, M/Y, and adjacent installations.
Wondelgem	Good	Hits on factory buildings.
Ghent	Good	Hits on oil storage, target installations and roadway.

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

10 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 7 August 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O.	425
C.	Date of Operation	7 August 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Ghent - Belgian Shell Oil Refinery
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.	Nil
J.	A/C Attacking Secondary Target.c.	Nil
K.	A/C Attacking Last Resort Target.	Nil
L.	A/C Attacking Opportunity Target.	12 - 566 X 100 GP (10 bombs jettisoned) Industrial Plant 8 mi. No. Ghent
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.	0941
S.	Average Time of Flight.	4:27
T.	Comments: 1st Sqdn made 2 runs on Primary Tgt obscured by clouds. 2nd Sqdn dropped no bombs due to 10/10 overcast. Bombing was visual.	

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

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1ST SECTIONHENRICK-LAROCHE

J3 : 907D

ASH

TV : 340N

HAYZLETT-CLAGGETT

TV: 118E

WAGNER

J3: C97T

LIVERMORE

Z5 : 163K

NEFF

J4: 288S

BARNHART

Z5: 596R

K-21DOYER~~45-611~~

J3 342S

KRAMER

J4: 141U

141

DAVIDSON

J4 : 201N

K-20

Howe

320TJ3

K-22

FRENCH

J3 : 425

K-21

2ND SECTIONURBANIAK-BOOTH

J3 : 407A

K-21

GLAGCLA

J3: 120M

K-21

TRACY

J4: 285H

K-22

MCCLEOD

J4: 275I

WALKER

TV: 219W

KENYON

J3: 516K

K-20

GLASS

J3: 179P

Cook

Z5: 070E

K-21

KOBHN

TV: 942U

HARGAN

TV: 179X

BVDLEY

Z5: C18 J

NEVELL

TV: 314L

Runway C5

MARSHALLING PLAN

WEST DISP	A/C	T.O.	A/C	EAST DISP
2	697Z	1		
26	907D	2		
23	118E	3		
		4	34C	27
		5	288S	38
6	163K	6		
15	C97T	7		
		8	201N	Hang #4
		9	141U	40
17	342S	10		
3	596R	11		
20	425C	12		
11	320W	13		
22	407A	14		
		15	275I	45
		16	285H	37
4	070E	17		
15	120M	18		
		19	219W	29
		20	314L	32
7	018J	21		
		22	179P	Hang 3
17	516K	23		
		24	179X	27
		25	942U	31

ASSEMBLY: McCullough (HENSEN)A/C 697Z

SPARE6

516B

441I

303H

DISP

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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
07-Aug-44	GHENT	ASH	107	9			41-29340	340	N	7V	43	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	BARNHART, E	107	8			41-29596	596	R	Z5	38	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	BRADLEY	107	20			42-95018	018	J	Z5	34	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	COOK	107	11			42-110070	070	E	Z5	26	ELMER / LADY LUCK	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	DAVIDSON	107	20			44-40201	201	N	J4	9	SILVER CHIEF	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	DeNEFFE	107	31			44-40288	288	S	J4	13	BAD GIRL	VISIBLE NAME: NEFF
07-Aug-44	GHENT	DWYRE	107	6			41-29342	342	S	J3	38	ROUGH RIDERS	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	FRENCH	107	18			42-100425	425	O	J3	22	THE BIRD	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	GLAGOLA	107	19			42-95120	120	M	J3	33	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
07-Aug-44	HAMBURG	GLASS	107	6			42-51179	179	P	J3	28	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	HAYZLETT	107	13	CLAGGETT	D1	42-95118	118	E	7V	13	ALFRED V (Trnsf to 392 nd BG)	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	HEMRICH	107	20	LaROCHE	L1	42-50907	907	D	J3	1	LILY MARLENE	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	HORGAN	107	2			42-95179	179	X	7V	31	HERE I GO AGAIN	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	KENYON	107	12			42-7516	516	K	J3	25	GATOR	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	KOEHN	107	2			41-28942	942	U	7V	24	HEAVENLY BODY	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	KRAMER	107	4			42-110141	141	U	J4	11	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	121 CROSSED OUT
07-Aug-44	GHENT	LIVERMORE	107	12			42-95163	163	K	Z5	36	DIXIE BELLE	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	McCOLLOUGH	107	ASSY	HENSON	L	41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A9	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW
07-Aug-44	GHENT	MORFORD	107	12			44-40275	275	I	J4	9	SHACK TIME	TYPO (S/B L)
07-Aug-44	GHENT	NEWELL	107	22			42-50314	314	L	7V	43	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	RUARK	107	19			42-50320	320	W	J3	37	UNKNOWN 018	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	TRACY	107	14			44-40285	285	H	J4	24	TABLE STUFF	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	URBANIAK	107	20	BOOTH	L2	42-100407	407	A	J3	37	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	WAGNER	107	17			42-51097	097	T	J3	37	UNKNOWN 022	
07-Aug-44	GHENT	WALKER	107	24			42-95219	219	W	7V	22	PATCHIE	