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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

SINDELFINGEN
STUTTGART
STRASBOURG

DATE

9 AUGUST 1944



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SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, SINDELFINGEN, STUTTGART, STRASBOURG,
9 August 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 9 August 1944.

b. Primary Targets and Order of Battle -

Stuttgart, Hirth Motoron - 20th CWM (93rd, 446th, 448th BG).
 Stuttgart, Ball Bearings - 96th CWM (453rd, 467th, 466th BG).
 Sindelfingen, Daimler-Benz - 14th CWM (392nd, 44th BG).
 Sindelfingen, Daimler-Benz - 95th CWM (491st, 489th BG).
 Strasbourg, Fuel Depot - 2nd CWM (445th, 453rd, 369th BG).

c. Secondary Targets -

Saarbrücken - 20th CWM
 Stuttgart - 96th CWM
 Saarbrücken - 14th CWM
 Saarbrücken - 95th CWM
 Haguenau - 2nd CWM

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-three Squadrons to visually attack targets at Sindelfingen, Stuttgart and Strasbourg.

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

b. Execution.

(1) Due to adverse weather conditions in the base area at take-off time, the 20th and 95th Combat Wings were unable to take off.

(2) The remaining units effected assembly without incident with the 96th Wing assuming the Division lead in place of the 20th Wing.

(3) The mission was flown as planned with the following deviation:

(a) The 445th and 369th Groups of the 2nd Combat Wing maintained route substantially as led by the 96th Combat Wing. The 453rd Group of the 2nd Combat Wing became separated in clouds and sought a target of opportunity.

3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

a. Due to clouds, the 392nd Group was the only Group to visually attack its primary target.

b. The 453rd Group was broken up by high clouds and returned to base with its bombs.

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c. The remainder of the force attacked Saarbrücken on H2K equipment, except one Squadron from the 44th Group, which made a visual run on the M/Y at Saarbrücken.

d. Strike photographs show the following:

Sindelfingen - hitson shops at northwest end of plant.
Saarbrücken - many hits observed in marshalling yard, on railroad facilities, built-up areas in city and road bridge.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

a. Most Groups encountered intense and accurate predictor control fire at Saarbrücken, but the last Group to attack encountered only a fixed barrage.

b. Meager, inaccurate predictor control fire was encountered at Sindelfingen.

c. Moderate gunfire was encountered at Aachen, Liège, Zweibrücken, Strasbourg and Eindhoven.

d. Meager gunfire was encountered on route at Maastricht and Dreda.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was very good to excellent for all units.

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Three 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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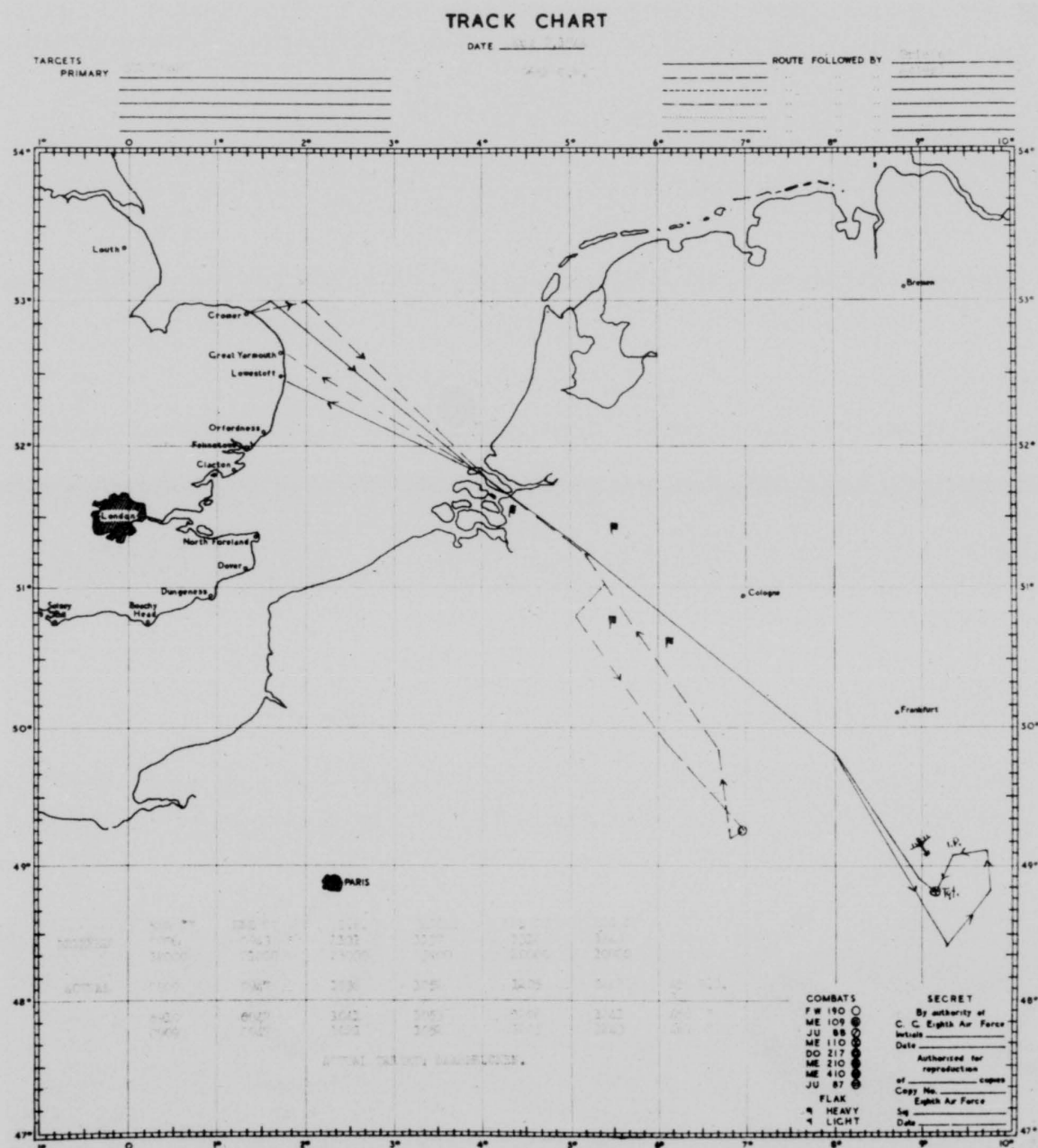
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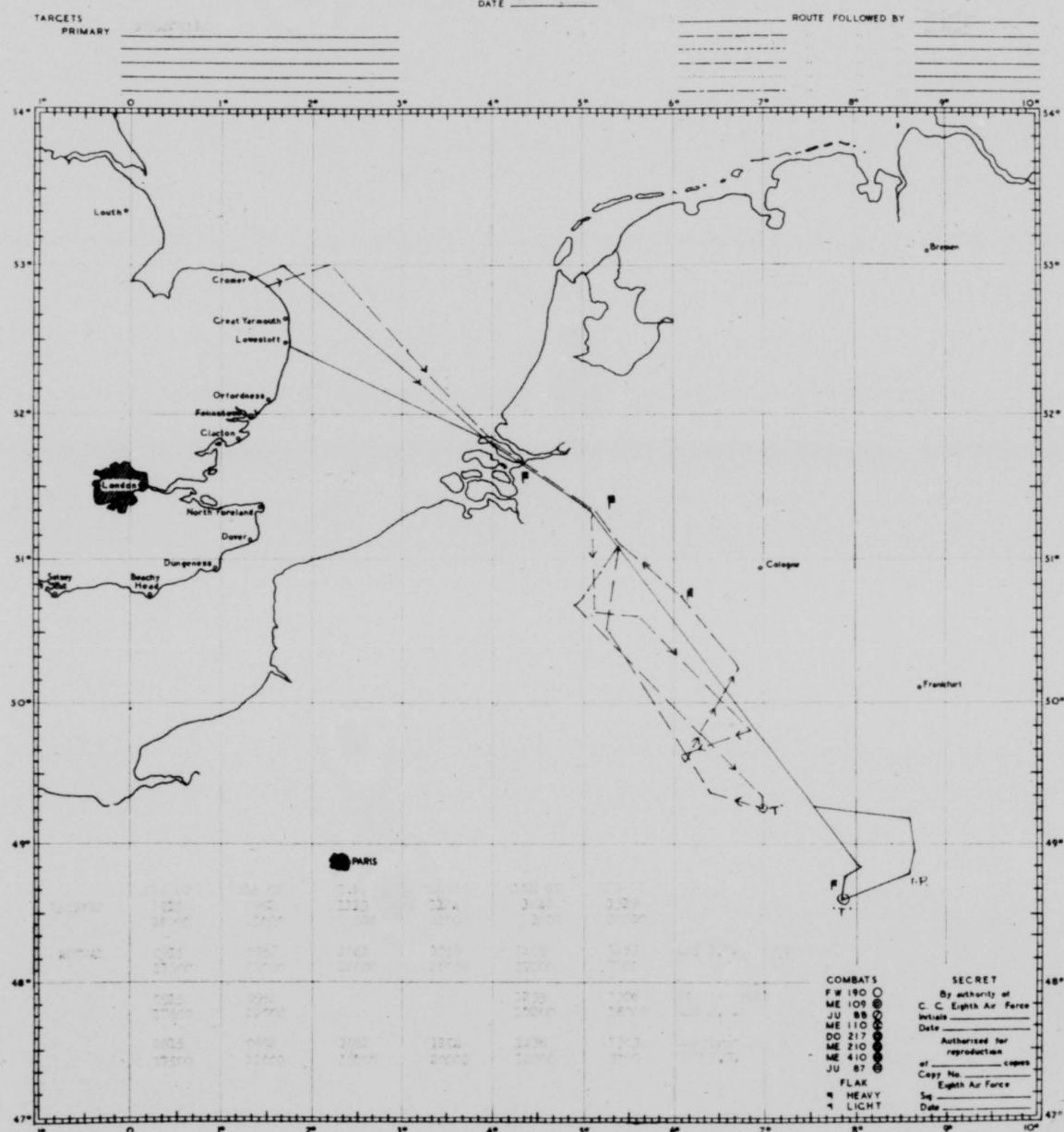


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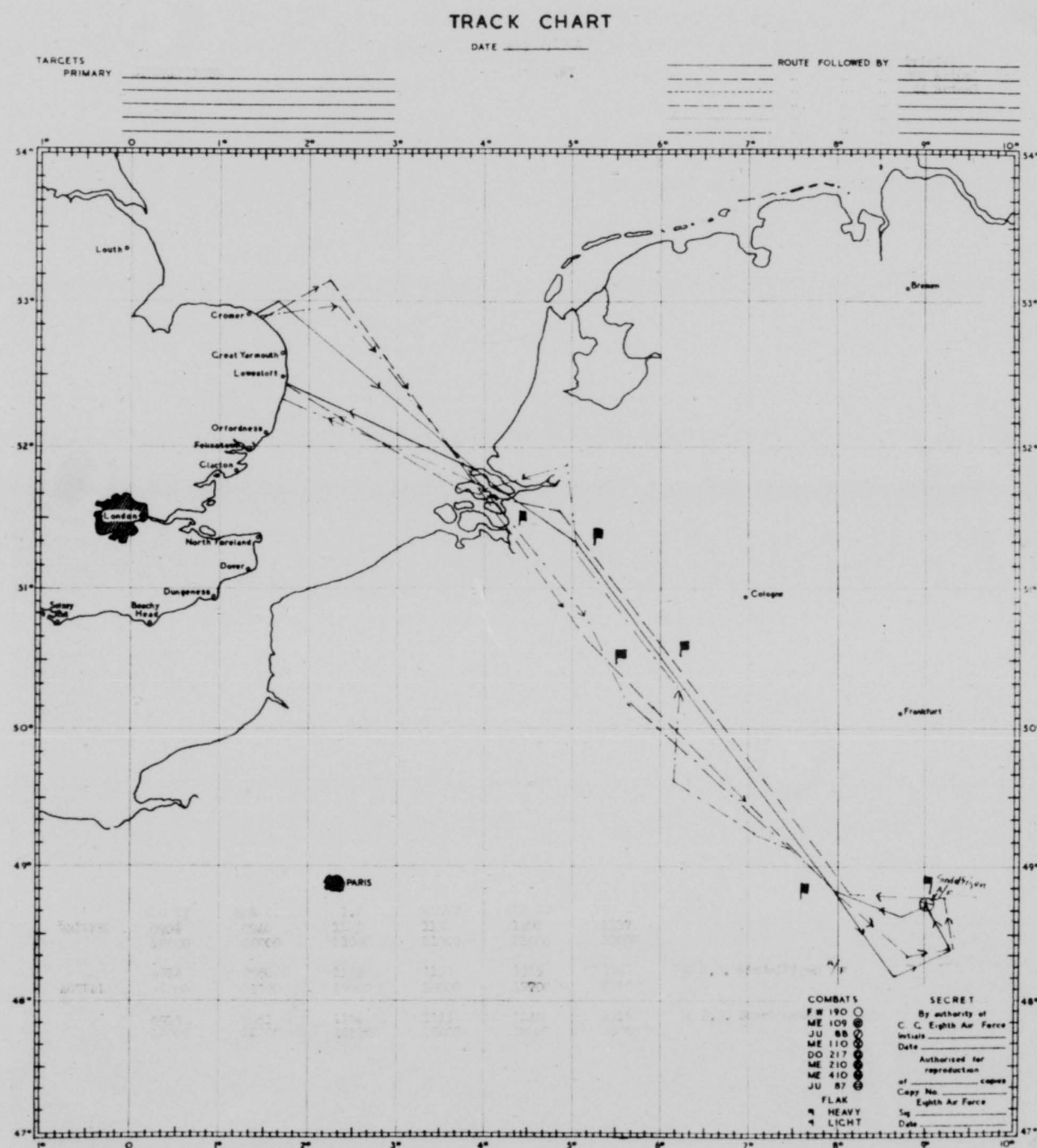
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 9 August 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLY	RELEASE	PILOT	MANUAL DEFLECT	RANGE & RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	VISUAL
392	306		19,500	1139½	A-5		2	4	272x500	25		X
458	153	1½ min.	19,000	1052	C-1		1	1	125x1000	25 / 2	H2X	
457	155	20 min.	17,000	1052	A-5		1	1		23 / 2	H2X	
456	180		20,000	1053	A-5		1	1	90x1000	18 / 1	H2X	
445	150	10 min.	20,000	1102	A-5		1	1	548x250	29 / 2	H2X	
339)									460x250	389 23 / 1	H2X	
392)	154	10 min.	19,000	1104	C-1		1	1		24x500 392 2		
44	301	2 min.	20,400	1115	A-5		1	1	96x500	8 / 1	H2X	X
44	270	3 min.	20,000	1121	A-5		1	1	32x500	7 / 1	H2X	

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were Stuttgart, Sindelfingen and Strasbourg.
- b. Due to bad weather the 392nd Group was the only Group to reach their primary target. The 455rd Group was broken up by high clouds and returned their bombs. The balance of the force attacked Saarbrücken by H2X methods except one Squadron of the 44th Group which sighted the M/Y at Saarbrücken visually. Bombing was done in Group formation at Saarbrücken and by Squadrons at Sindelfingen.
- c. One A/C did not bomb due to a rack malfunction, one A/C due to a bomb bay door malfunction and 5 A/C due to mechanical failures.
- d. Results of bombing:
- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--|
| Sindelfingen | Fair | Hits on shops at northwest end of plant, secondary roads and open fields. |
| Saarbrücken | Fair to good | Part of bombfall unobserved, many hits observed in marshalling yard, on railroad facilities, built-up areas in city and a road bridge. |
- e. Disposition of bombs by H2X A/C:
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| Saarbrücken | 10 A/C | 40x500 HE |
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HEADQUARTERS
458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

10 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 9 August 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O.	427
C.	Date of Operation	9 August 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Bad Cannstatt - Ball Bearing Plant.
E.	A/C Airborne.	33
F.	A/C Sorties	25
G.	A/C Attacking	25
H.	A/C Not Attacking	8
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	Nil
J.	A/C Attacking Secondary Target.	5 - 125 X 1000 GP Saarbrücken M/Y (10 bombs jettisoned) (30 bombs returned)
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 1-4245163 - Crash on landing
Q.	A/C Lost - Cause Unknown.	1 - 41-28942 - 9 men.
R.	Time of Take Off.	0710
S.	Average Time of Flight.	5:42
T.	Comments:	Bombed PFF

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

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SECTION I

5 X 1000 GF 1/10 NOSE 1/40 T.

ENGLEHARDT
FFF : 557E

WALKER
TV 179X

NELSON
Z5 : 07CE
K-21

BULLBY
FFF : 569G

DE NEFFE
J4 : 431B
K-21

WARNER LEHR
TV : 219W TV : 340N
K-22

BOYLE
Abort J3 : 179P

TRACY
J4 : 285H
K-22

DAVIDSON
J4 : 201N

FRENCH KEMYON
J3 : 407R J3 : 342B
K-20

SECTION II

EVANS-WRIGHT
J4 : 281Q

ANDREW
J4 : 408D
K-21

WARNER
J3 : 316N

GABRIEL
Z5 : 516B

NEWELL
Z5 : 110P Abort
K-21

MANKER PISKIN
J4 : 141U J4 : 273Y

THOMPSON
Z5 : 942U

HELFACHT HESSE
Z5 : 596R 163K : Z5 Abort
K-22

NTD KOSHN HORGAN
TV : 352K Z5 : 314L
K-21 K-20

SECTION III

HAYZLETT-SPEER
TV : 499F

BARNHART
Z5 : 016M

LOY
TV : 311A
K-21

DANE MCARDLE
Z5 : 576F Abort J3 : 097T Abort

DAYER SHAW
Abort Z5 : 276G TV : 303H

RUARK GL 56
J3 : 320W Abort J3 : 120M
K-20

ALVESTAD
Abort J4 : 705M

KRAMER
J4 : 275L
K-20

FUSON
J4 : 288G

SPARES
116E
268L
768A

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
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	ALVESTAD	109	ABT			41-28705	705	W	Z5	--	YE OLDE HELLGATE	ABORT - PILOT RPT A/C SLUGGISH ALSO STRONG FUEL SMELL
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	ANDREW	109	30			42-100408	408	D	J4	27	BEASTFACE	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	BARNHART, E	109	9			42-95108	108	M	Z5	--	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	FORM PLAN SHOWS: 018M
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	BOYLE	109	ABT			42-51179	179	P	J3	--	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	ABORT - #4 GAS CAP LEAKIG IN FLIGHT
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	BRUMBY	109	10		L	42-95569	569	G	T9	--	466BG/784SQ	COMPOSITE SQDN 466 ,458
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	DANE	109	ABT			42-50578	578	F	Z5	--	SKY ROOM	ABORT - PILOT RPT CTRLS WERE STIFF
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	DAVIDSON	109	22			44-40201	201	N	J4	11	SILVER CHIEF	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	DeNEFFE	109	32			42-100431	431	B	J4	36	BOMB-AH-DEAR	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	DWYRE	109	ABT			41-29276	276	G	Z5	--	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	ABORT - #1, 4 GEN OUT; #2, 3 TURBOS FLUCTUATING
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	ENGLEHARDT	109	13		L1	42-95557	557	E	T9	--	446BG/784SQ	458TH SHIP LATER?
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	EVANS	109	13	WRIGHT	L2	44-40281	281	Q	J4	11	A DOG'S LIFE	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	FRENCH	109	19			42-100407	407	R	J3	38	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	FUSON	109	15			44-40288	288	S	J4	15	BAD GIRL	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	GABRIEL	109	9			42-50516	516	B	Z5	3	STARDUST	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	GLASS	109	ABT			42-95120	120	M	J3	--	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	ABORT - GAS STREAMING OUT OF REAR BOMB BAY ON T/O
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	HAYZLETT	109	14	SPEER	L3	42-50499	499	F	7V	5	COOKIE/OPEN POST	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	HELFRECHT	109	2			41-29596	596	R	Z5	39	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	HESS	109	ABT			42-95163	163	K	Z5	--	DIXIE BELLE	ABORT - #1 RAN AWAY, FEATHERED Crash Landing Sta 123
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	HORGAN	109	3			42-50314	314	L	7V	45	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	KENYON	109	13			41-29342	342	S	J3	39	ROUGH RIDERS	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	KOEHN	109	NTD			41-29352	352	K	7V	--	WOLVE'S LAIR	NO TAKE OFF - REASON UNKNOWN
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	KRAMER	109	6			44-40275	275	L	J4	10	SHACK TIME	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	LEHR	109	5			41-29340	340	N	7V	45	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	LOY	109	22			42-100311	311	A	7V	40	YOKUM BOY	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	MANKER	109	29			42-110141	141	U	J4	13	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	McARDLE	109	ABT			42-51097	097	T	J3	--	UNKNOWN 022	ABORT - #2 ENG CAUGHT FIRE - EMERG LAND RACKHEATH
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	NELSON	109	18			42-110070	070	E	Z5	28	ELMER / LADY LUCK	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	NEWELL	109	ABT			42-51110	110	P	Z5	--	TOP O' THE MARK	ABORT - LOST FORMATION UNABLE TO CATCH UP
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	PISKIN	109	13			44-40273	273	Y	J4	14	HOWLING BANSHEE	RCL TYPO (S/B "Y")
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	RUARK	109	20			42-50320	320	W	J3	39	UNKNOWN 018	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	SHAW, C	109	26			41-29303	303	H	Z5	37	LIBERTY LIB	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	THOMPSON	109	FTR			41-28942	942	U	7V	26	HEAVENLY BODY	ALL 9 CREW POW
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	TRACY	109	15			44-40285	285	H	J4	26	TABLE STUFF	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	WALKER	109	25			42-95179	179	X	7V	33	HERE I GO AGAIN	
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	WARNER	109	26			42-95219	219	W	7V	24	PATCHIE	2 WARNER'S??
09-Aug-44	SAARBRUCKEN	WARNER	109	27			42-95316	316	N	J3	34	PRINCESS PAT	2 WARNER'S??