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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

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TARGETS

TACTICAL TARGETS IN SUPPORT
OF GROUND TROOPS

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7 September 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, TACTICAL TARGETS IN SUPPORT OF GROUND TROOPS, 13 August 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION

1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 13 August 1944.

b. Primary Targets and Order of Battle -

2nd Combat Wing

445th Group - St. Malo, Coastal Battery.

453rd and 389th Groups - Ile De Cozembre, Coastal Battery.

95th Combat Wing

489th and 491st Groups - Area No. 1, Seine Area

14th Combat Wing

392nd and 44th Groups - Area No. 2, Seine area

96th Combat Wing:

467th, 458th, and 466th Groups - Area No. 3, Seine Area.

20th Combat Wing

93rd, 446th, and 448th Groups - Area No. 4, Seine Area

c. Secondary and Last Resort Targets - None.

2. Narrative.

a. Planning.

(1) The Eighth Air Force called for a force of thirty-two Squadrons to visually attack three coastal batteries and tactical targets in the Seine area in direct support of the Ground Forces.

(2) In the Seine Area, planning called for all highway approaches on both sides of the Seine River to be cut, with roads on the westerly side having highest priority.

b. Execution.

(1) Assemblies were effected without difficulty.

(2) The mission was flown as planned.

3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

a. All units visually attacked their assigned targets.

b. The islands near St. Malo were attacked in Squadron formation and the targets in the Seine area by flights of six aircraft.

c. Strike photographs show the following:

St. Malo - excellent results, direct hits scored on island area, buildings and installations.

11c De Cozembre - excellent results, direct hits scored on island area, buildings and installations.

Seine Area - from available photographs, the effectiveness of the bombing was good to very good.

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4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

- a. No anti-aircraft was encountered at St. Malo.
- b. Moderate and generally accurate gunfire was encountered at Falaise, Meziden, St. Julien le Foucault, Elbeuf, Echauffeur, La Mailleraye sur Seine and Vimoutiers.
- c. Meager and generally accurate gunfire was encountered at Dieppe, Lisieux, Rouen, Yvetot, Point Audemer, Quillebeuf and Courtonne la Ville.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

- a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and good area fighter support was given throughout the operation.

6. Losses and Claims.

- a. Five aircraft were lost to anti-aircraft fire.
- b. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles D. Westover
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 Colonel GSC
 Chief of Staff

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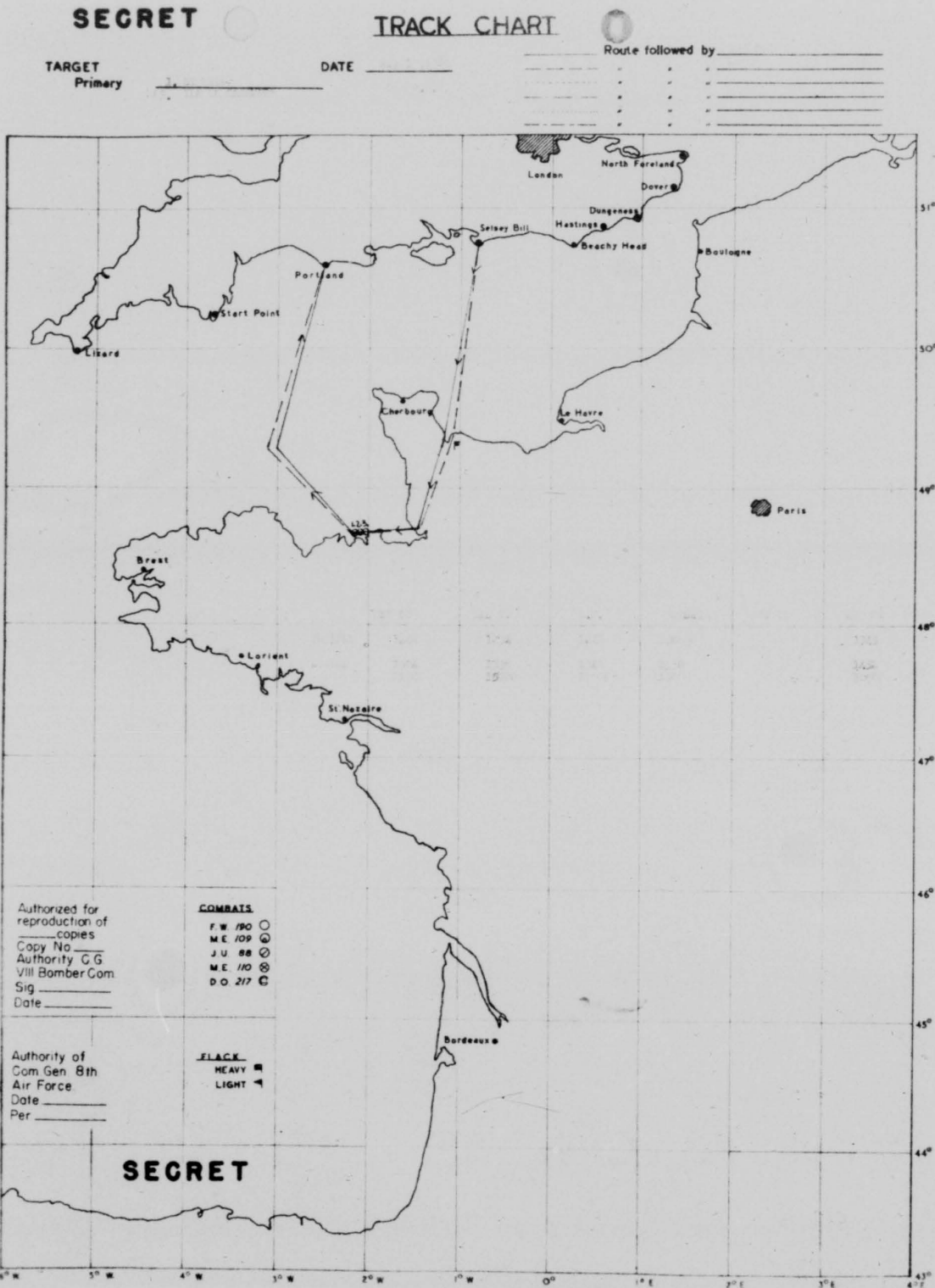
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 13 August 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLEW/ AUTO RELEASE	FLEW/ PILOT	RANGE & DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2K OR GH	VISUAL
<u>ST. MALO</u>										
389	270	4 min.	15,000	1404	C-1	1 1	48x2000	12		X
389	290	6 min.	14,600	1417	C-1	1 1	48x2000	12		X
445	274	6 min.	15,400	1407½	A-5	1 1	32x2000; 16x1000	10		X
<u>ISLE DE CERMERE</u>										
445	277	5 min.	15,000	1358	A-5	1 1	35x2000; 16x1000	11		X
445	278	6 min.	14,500	1358½	C-1	1 1	32x2000; 16x1000	10		X
445	275	9 min.	16,000	1359	A-5	1 1	32x2000; 24x1000	12		X
453	272	3 min.	15,800	1400½	A-5	1 1	48x2000	12		X
453	280	3 min.	14,400	1402	A-5	1 1	47x2000	12		X
453	271	3 min.	16,000	1417	A-5	1 1	48x2000	12		X
<u>SEINE AREA - SUPPORT OF GROUND TROOPS</u>										
489	58		18,500	1314-1317	X	4 4	1245x100	24 / 1	H2K	X
491	32	4 min.	18,000	1320-1321	X	4 4	1335x100	26		X
392	55	2 min.	18,500	1318-1329	X	6 6	1771x100	36		X
44	58	1 min.	18,000	1326½-1335	X	4 4	1161x100	23		X
446	30		15,500	1346-1414	X	6 6	1346x100	36		X
448	50		18,400	1352-1417	X	6 6	1780x100	35		X
93	52	3 min.	18,000	1352-1407	X	4 4	1193x100	23		X
467	37	2 min.	17,500	1336-1342	X	4 4	1068x100	24		X
458	22	1 min.	18,000	1339-1348	X	4 4	826x100	19		X
466	50	1 min.	18,000	1343-1345	X	4 4	966x100	23		X

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were gun emplacements on islands off the coast of St. Malo, France, and roads and road junctions in four areas along the Seine River.

Area No. 1	4915N-0006E	4928N-0030E	4943N-0047E	No. Boundary
	4913N-0012E	4925N-0035E	4942N-0052E	So. Boundary
Area No. 2	4913N-0012E	4925N-0035E	4943N-0052E	No. Boundary
	4911N-0020E	4923N-0042E	4940N-0057E	So. Boundary
Area No. 3	4911N-0020E	4923N-0042E	4940N-0057E	No. Boundary
	4908N-0027E	4920N-0050E	4937N-0104E	So. Boundary

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Area No. 4	4920N-0050E	4920N-0050E	4937N-0104E	No. Boundary
	4917N-0036E	4917N-0100E	4927N-0103E	So. Boundary

- b. Bombing was done visually by Squadrons on the islands near St. Malo and 6 A/C flights on the four areas along the Seine River.
- c. One A/C of the 453rd Group dropped 1x2000 HE bomb at 484240N-012430W when opening bomb bay doors. Through personnel error one A/C of the 453rd Group dropped one minute early and 2 A/C dropped on this release.

d. Results of bombing:

St. Malo	Excellent	Island area, buildings, and installations well hit.
Ile de Cezembre	Excellent	" " " "
Seine Area	With as high as three to five targets per 6 A/C flight, a system of MFI's cannot present the bombing picture with any degree of facility. As a whole the probable effectiveness of the bombing was good to very good on one-third of the attacks of which there was photo coverage, fair on one-third and poor on the remaining one-third.	

e. Disposition of bombs by H2X A/C:

Seine Area	1 A/C	20x100 HE
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Note: On the Seine area targets, direction of run and altitude are given as an average of the attacking flights.

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

14 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 13 August 1944 (Tactical)

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	<u>Flight I</u>	<u>Flight II</u>	<u>Flight III</u>	<u>Flight IV</u>
A. Group	458	458	458	458
B. Division F.O.	432	432	432	432
C. Date of Operation	13 August	13 August	13 August	13 August
D. Ordered Primary Targets	8 Tactical Targets - Road Junctions.			
#1.	4914-0027	4915-0032	4913-0030	4914-0033
#2.	4920-0030	4922-0043	4918-0040	4922-0046
E. A/C Airborne.	6	6	6	6
F. A/C Sorties	6	5	6	5
G. A/C Attacking	6	5	5	3
H. A/C Not Attacking	Nil	1	1	3
I. A/C Attacking Primary Target.				
#1.	6-156X100GP	5-144X100GP	Nil	3-72X100GP
#2.	5-132X100GP	4-96X 100GP	5-156X100GP	3-72X100GP
Jet'd	Nil	Nil	120X100GP	Nil
Ret'd	Nil	48X 100GP	36X100GP	96X100GP
	(1 A/C Flt IV, dropped bombs with Flt III)			
J. A/C Attacking Secondary Tgt	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
K. A/C Attacking Last Resort Tgt	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
L. A/C Attacking Opportunity Tgt	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
M. A/C Lost - Flak	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
N. A/C Lost - Flak and E/A	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
O. A/C Lost - E/A.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
P. A/C Lost - Accident	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Q. A/C Lost - Cause Unknown.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
R. Time of Take Off.	1030	1034	1031	1040
S. Average Time of Flight.	4:37	4:34	4:29	4:19
T. Comments:	Formation flew and bombed visually by flights, each flight with 2 targets. Total of 4 flights with 8 tactical targets. 7 of 8 targets hit.			

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

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FORMATION PLAN

13 AUG 1944

SECTION I - FLT I

HANSON-HENSON

C 25 : 578F

MARTIN

J3 : 120M

MANKER

J4 : 275L

GADRIAL

25:768A

WAGNER

K-21

KENYON

J3 : 516K

J3 : 316N

FLT IIHEURICH

J3 : 907D

HORGAN

7V : 352K

K-22

STOESSER

7V : 050J

COOK

25 : 596R

NEWELL

K-20

DWIRE

25 : 018J

K-21

ABORT 25 : 305NFLT IIILAMERS-HINCKLEY

C 25 : 602A

LIVERMORE

25 : 165S

URBANIAK

7V : 487D

LOY

7V : 311P

K-20

WARNER

7V : 219W

ASH

7V : 812V

FLT IVROBERTS

J3 : 864B

WINTERS

J4 : 273T

KRAMER

J4 : 285H

K-22

GLASSJ3 : 441I ABORTMCCOUGH

J3 : 4250

K-21

FLINN

J3 : 719Q

SPARES: 340N-7V-27
 070K-25-6
 721G-J4-49
 179X-TV-27

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
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	ASH	112	11			42-109812	812	V	7V	37	UNKNOWN 016	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	COOK	112	15			41-29596	596	R	Z5	42	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	DWYRE	112	8			42-95018	018	J	Z5	36	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	FLOYD	112	6			41-28719	719	Q	J3	42	PADDLEFOOT	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	GABRIEL	112	11			42-50768	768	A	Z5	7	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	GLASS	112	ABT			42-52441	441	I	J3	--	LAST CARD LOUIE	ABORT - #3 ENG DROP IN OIL PRES
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	HANSEN	112	21	HENSON	L1	42-50578	578	F	Z5	9	SKY ROOM	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	HEMRICH	112	21			42-50907	907	D	J3	3	LILY MARLENE	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	HORGAN	112	4			41-29352	352	K	7V	49	WOLVE'S LAIR	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	KENYON	112	16			42-7516	516	K	J3	26	GATOR	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	KRAMER	112	7			44-40285	285	H	J4	27	TABLE STUFF	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	LAMERS	112	16	HINCKLEY	L3	44-10602	602	A	J3	1	TEN GUN DOTTIE	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	LIVERMORE	112	14			42-95165	165	S	Z5	26	COOKIE	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	LOY	112	24			42-100311	311	P	7V	42	YOKUM BOY	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	MANKER	112	30			44-40275	275	L	J4	11	SHACK TIME	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	MARTIN, L	112	23			42-95120	120	M	J3	37	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	McGOUGH	112	1			42-100425	425	O	J3	26	THE BIRD	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	NEWELL	112	ABT			41-29305	305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	ABORT - #4 ENG CYL #6 BLOWN OFF
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	ROBERTS, J	112	21			42-50864	864	B	J3	2	JOLLY ROGER (II?)	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	STOESSER	112	2			42-95050	050	J	7V	39	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	URBANIAK	112	22			44-10487	487	D	J3	5	Girl on surfboard (no name)	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	WAGNER	112	18			42-95316	316	N	J3	37	PRINCESS PAT	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	WARNER	112	29			42-95219	219	W	7V	26	PATCHIE	
13-Aug-44	LIEUREY	WINTERS	112	6			44-40273	273	T	J4	15	HOWLING BANSHEE	