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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 550



TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

LYON/BRON
DOLE/TAVAU
DIJON/LONGVIC
FISMES/ANIZY LE CHATEAU

DATE

14 August 1944

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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
AAF 147 APO 558

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, LYON/BRON, DOLE/TAVAU, DIJON/LONGVIC,
ANIZY LE CHATEAU, FISIES, 14 August 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 14 August 1944.
- b. Primary Targets and Order of Battle -

Lyon/Bron A/F - 14th CBW (392, 44 BG)
Lyon/Bron A/F - 95th CBW (489th, 491st BG)
Dole/Tavaux A/F - 96th CBW (467th, 458th, 466th BG)
Dijon/Longvic A/F - 20th CBW (93rd, 44th, 443rd BG)
Fismes, Anizy Le Chateau - 2nd CBW (389th, 453rd, 446th BG)

c. Secondary Targets -

Le Creusot, Steel Works - 14th CBW
Le Creusot, Steel Works - 95th CBW
St. Dizier A/F - 96th CBW
Villeneuve Vertus A/F - 20th CBW
Perrone, Ham Sur Somme - 2nd CBW

d. Last Resort Target -

Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany or in any occupied territory any A/D, any H/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-one Squadrons to visually attack three airfields and two bridges in France.

- (2) Nine H2X aircraft were dispatched for navigational purposes.

b. Execution.

- (1) Assemblies were effected without difficulty.
- (2) The mission was flown as planned with the following deviation:

- (a) The 445th Group of the 2nd Combat Wing withdrew on a direct route from target to the briefed withdrawal point on enemy coast being five to thirty miles west of the briefed withdrawal route.

3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

- a. All units visually attacked their assigned targets except one Squadron of the 445th Group, which attacked a target of opportunity, Liart RR, when unable to pick up the primary.

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b. Strike photographs show the following:

Lyon/Bron A/F - Landing ground well blanketed. Hits on hangars, workshops, fuel dump, perimeter track and control tower.
 Dole/Tavaux A/F - Hits on dispersal areas, A/C shelters, hangar, workshops, fuel dump and runway.
 Dijon/Longvic A/F - Hits on machine shops, hangars, dispersal area, runway and landing ground.
 Anizy - Hits on bridges, railroad lines, wooded areas.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

a. Meager, fairly accurate, predictor control fire was encountered at Anizy le Château.

b. Meager inaccurate, predictor control fire was encountered at Dijon/Longvic A/F.

c. Moderate gunfire was encountered on route at Chalons sur Marne, Mourmelon le Grand, Epernay, Laon, Soissons, Rotterdam, Grammont, Mons and Ghent. Gun positions were observed both northwest and southwest of Chalons sur Marne which corresponds with the known positions of the railway batteries.

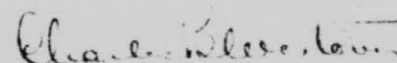
5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

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

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:



CHARLES B. WESTOVER
 Colonel GSC
 Chief of Staff

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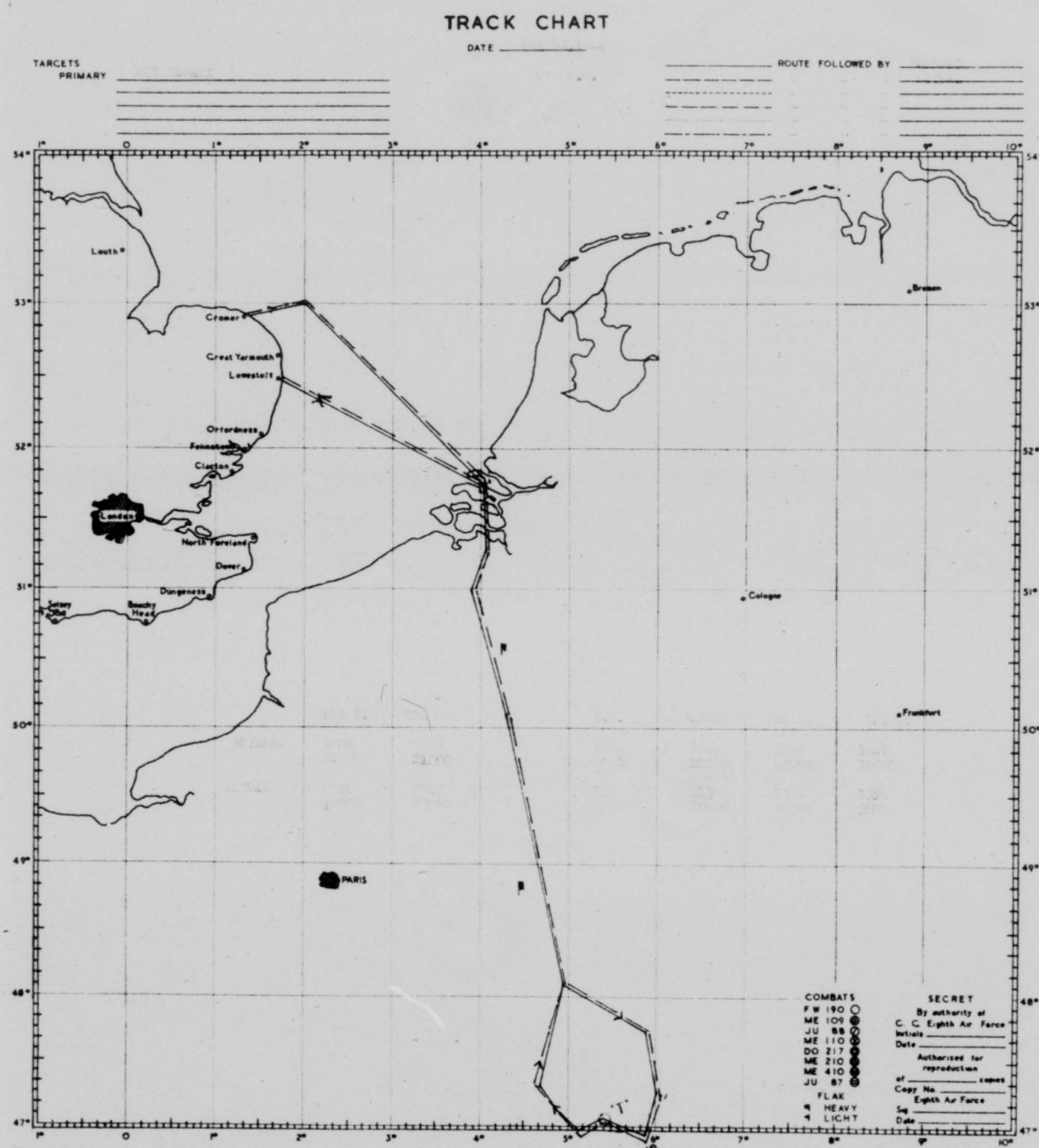
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 14 August 1944.

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FILED AUTO PILOT	FILED RANGE 2 DEFLECT	RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	VISUAL	
						<u>LYON/BRON A/F</u>		<u>H.E.</u>		<u>INCEND.</u>		
392	320	2 min.	20,000	1143	A-5	2	4	264x500	22+1	H2X	X	
392	314	2 min.	21,000	1144	A-5	1	2		12		X	
44	303	-	20,100	1145	C-1	2	2	230x500	23+1	H2X	X	
491	341	8 min.	20,200	1150	A-5	1	1		518x100	10+2	X	
491	340	8 min.	20,570	1151		X	1	618x100	12		X	
489	330	3 min.	19,800	1151	C-1	2	2	1195x100	24+1	H2X	X	
						<u>DOLE/TAUVAUX A/F</u>						
467	270	7 min.	20,000	1130	A-5	2	2	109x100	24+1	H2X	X	
458	302	3 min.	20,500	1131	C-1	High on 467	1	1	480x100	10		X
458	300	3 min.	22,000	1136 ¹ / ₂	C-1	High on 466	1	1	576x100	12		X
466	290	1 min.	21,000	1134	A-5	2	2	860x100	22+1	H2X	X	
						<u>DIJON/LONGVIC A/F</u>						
448	293	2 min.	21,000	1136	C-1	2	2	196x500	20		X	
448	295	2 min.	19,800	1136		X	1		623x100	12	X	
93	291	2 min.	21,500	1138	C-1	1	1		612x100	12	X	
93	295	3 min.	21,800	1138		X	1	80x500	8		X	
446	245	1 ¹ / ₂ min.	21,000	1140	A-5	1	2		468x100	9	X	
446	300	1 ¹ / ₂ min.	20,000	1141 ¹ / ₂	A-5	2	4	1141x100	22		X	
						<u>ANLEY LE CHATEAU</u>						
453	100	2 min.	20,200	1131	A-5	3	3	135x2000	34		X	
389	88	6 min.	21,300	1132	C-1	1	1	43x2000	11		X	
						<u>FLINES RR BRIDGE</u>						
445	62	5 min.	20,200	1141	A-5	3	3	80x2000; 16x1000	22+2	H2X	X	
389	115	11 min.	21,800	1143	C-1	1	1	39x2000	10		X	
						<u>LIART RR T/O</u>						
445	360	1 min.	20,000	1154	C-1	1	1	40x2000; 16x1000	12		X	

a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were airfields at Lyon/Bron, Dole/Tavaux, Dijon/Longvic and railroad bridges at Anizy le Chateau and Fismes.

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- b. Bombing was done visually by squadrons, seven squadrons being led by H2X A/C.
- c. One squadron of the 445th Group attacked a T/O when they could not pick up the primary after making two runs. One A/C did not bomb due to an accidental release at the I.P. and 5 A/C due to mechanical failures. 2 A/C aborted and jettisoned. One A/C dropped 52x100 HE on Harrie A/F and one A/C dropped 52x100 HE on Liart RR.
- c. Results of Bombing -

Lyon/Bron A/F	Very Good	Landing ground well blanketed. Hits on hangars, workshops, fuel dump, perimeter track and control tower.
Dole/Tavaux A/F	Good to very good	Hits on dispersal areas, A/C shelters, hangar, workshops, fuel dump and runway.
Dijon/Longvic A/F	Very Good	Hits on machine shops, hangars, dispersal area, runway and landing ground.
Anizy	Good	Hits on bridges, railroad lines, wooded areas and open fields.
Fismes	Fair	445th had no photo coverage. 389th hits on highway, railway junction but no bursts on bridge.
Liart	Poor to Fair	2 bursts on RR lines - balance in open fields near railway.

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

15 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 14 August 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A. Group	458
B. Division F.O.	433
C. Date of Operation	14 August 1944
D. Ordered Primary Target.	Dole/Tavaux - A/F
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 - 1056 X 100 GP
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	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.	0726
S. Average Time of Flight.	6:55
T. Comments.	Bombed Visually

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AG
Statistical Officer

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FORMATION PLAN

HAYZLETT-BOOTH

C 7N : 487B

<u>GIBNEY</u>	<u>LIVERMORE</u>	<u>LAMERS</u>	<u>HESS</u>
<u>ABORT</u> &V : 340N	25 : 165E	25 : 508E	25 : 018J
<u>KOHN</u> K-22	ASH :	<u>WALKER</u>	<u>DWYRE</u> K-21
7N : 050J	7N : 179X	<u>ABORT</u> 7N : 219W	25 : 596R
K-21	<u>HAYNES</u>	<u>LOY</u>	<u>BRADLEY</u>
	7N : 118R	7N : 311P	25 : 070K
	K-21	K-20	

SECTION IIBUM-GRIFFITH

J3 : 864E

<u>ALVESTAD</u>	<u>BOYLE</u>	<u>URBANIAK</u>	<u>GLAGOLA</u>
J4 : 194R	J3 : 288L	J3 : 602A	J3 : 120M
<u>WINTERS</u>	<u>TRACY</u>	<u>PISKIN</u>	<u>HOOD</u> K-21
J4 : 288S	J4 : 285H	J4 : 273T	J3 : 516K
	K-21	<u>MANKER</u>	<u>DAVIDSON</u>
		J4 : 141U	J4 : 201N
			K-20
			K-20

ORDER OF TAKE OFFRUNWAY 05

<u>WEST</u>	<u>SHIP</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>SHIP</u>	<u>EAST</u>
<u>DISP</u>				<u>DISP</u>
697Z	2	1		
		2	487B	23
578E	12	3		
165S	5	4		
		5	219W	31
		6	340N	27
018J	7	7		
		8	311P	25
		9	118R	34
		10	179X	27
		11	050J	28
070K	6	12		
596R	3	13		
864E	22	14		
602A	24	15		
288L	11	16		
		17	273T	42
		18	134R	47
120M	15	19		
		20	201N	38
		21	141U	40
		22	285H	37
		23	288S	38
316N	18	24		
516K	17	25		

SPARES:

352K-7V-30

275L-J4-45

812V-7V-19

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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
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	ALVESTAD	113	24			44-40134	134	R	J4	14	UNKNOWN 039	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	ASH	113	12			42-95179	179	X	7V	36	HERE I GO AGAIN	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	BLUM	113	12	GRIFFITH	L2	42-50864	864	B	J3	3	JOLLY ROGER (II?)	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	BOYLE	113	17			41-29288	288	L	J3	46	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	BRADLEY	113	23			42-110070	070	K	Z5	31	ELMER / LADY LUCK	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	DAVIDSON	113	23			44-40201	201	N	J4	12	SILVER CHIEF	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	DWYRE	113	9			41-29596	596	R	Z5	43	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	GIBNEY	113	ABT			41-29340	340	N	7V	--	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	ABORT - GAS LEAK FROM AUX FUEL CELL CAP
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	GLAGOLA	113	21			42-95120	120	M	J3	38	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	HAYNES	113	5			44-40118	118	R	7V	2	WE'LL GET BY	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	HAYZLETT	113	16	BOOTH	L1	44-10487	487	B	7V	6	Girl on surfboard (no name)	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	HESS	113	1			42-95018	018	J	Z5	37	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	HOOD	113	2			42-7516	516	K	J3	27	GATOR	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	KOEHN	113	4			42-95050	050	J	7V	40	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	LAMERS	113	17			42-50578	578	F	Z5	10	SKY ROOM	LAST 3 ILLEGIBLE
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	LIVERMORE	113	15			42-95165	165	S	Z5	27	COOKIE	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	LOY	113	25			42-100311	311	P	7V	43	YOKUM BOY	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	MANKER	113	31			42-110141	141	U	J4	14	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	McGOUGH	113	2			42-95316	316	N	J3	38	PRINCESS PAT	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	PISKIN	113	14			44-40273	273	T	J4	16	HOWLING BANSHEE	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	TRACY	113	16			44-40285	285	H	J4	28	TABLE STUFF	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	URBANIAK	113	23			44-10602	602	A	J3	2	TEN GUN DOTTIE	
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	WALKER	113	ABT			42-95219	219	W	7V	--	PATCHIE	ABORT - #1 ENG SMOKING, LOSING OIL
14-Aug-44	DOLE/TAVAU	WINTERS	113	7			44-40288	288	S	J4	16	BAD GIRL	