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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

1061

TARGETS

DULMEN
SALZBERGEN
EMMERICH
LUDWIGSHAFEN

DATE

26 AUGUST 1944

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b. Strike photographs show the following:

- Dulmen - target area well hit as well as railways and roadways.
- Salzbergen - refinery area well hit. Good concentration throughout the entire target area.
- Eindhoven - hits on ammunition storage, dispersal area, taxiways.
- Ludwigshafen - hits in industrial area, built-up area, bridge and canal area.
- Ehrang - hits on M/Y proper, M/Y buildings, north choke point and sidings.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

- a. Intense and very accurate predictor control fire was encountered by both Groups attacking Ludwigshafen. The leading Group believed that a predicted concentration was fired just after bombs were released.
- b. Meager gunfire was encountered from approximately eight guns at Eindhoven which was accurate for the lead Squadrons but inaccurate for the others.
- c. No anti-aircraft was encountered at Ehrang, Dulmen, Emmerich or Salzbergen.
- d. Meager to moderate and accurate gunfire was encountered on route at Antwerp, Roosendaal, both ends of Texel I, Turnhout and Baerle Nassau.
- e. Several rockets were seen east of Twente Enschede.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

- a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was very good all along the route.

6. Losses and Claims.

- a. Six aircraft were lost to anti-aircraft fire and one to an unknown cause.
- b. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover
 CHARLES B. WESTOVER
 Colonel GSC
 Chief of Staff

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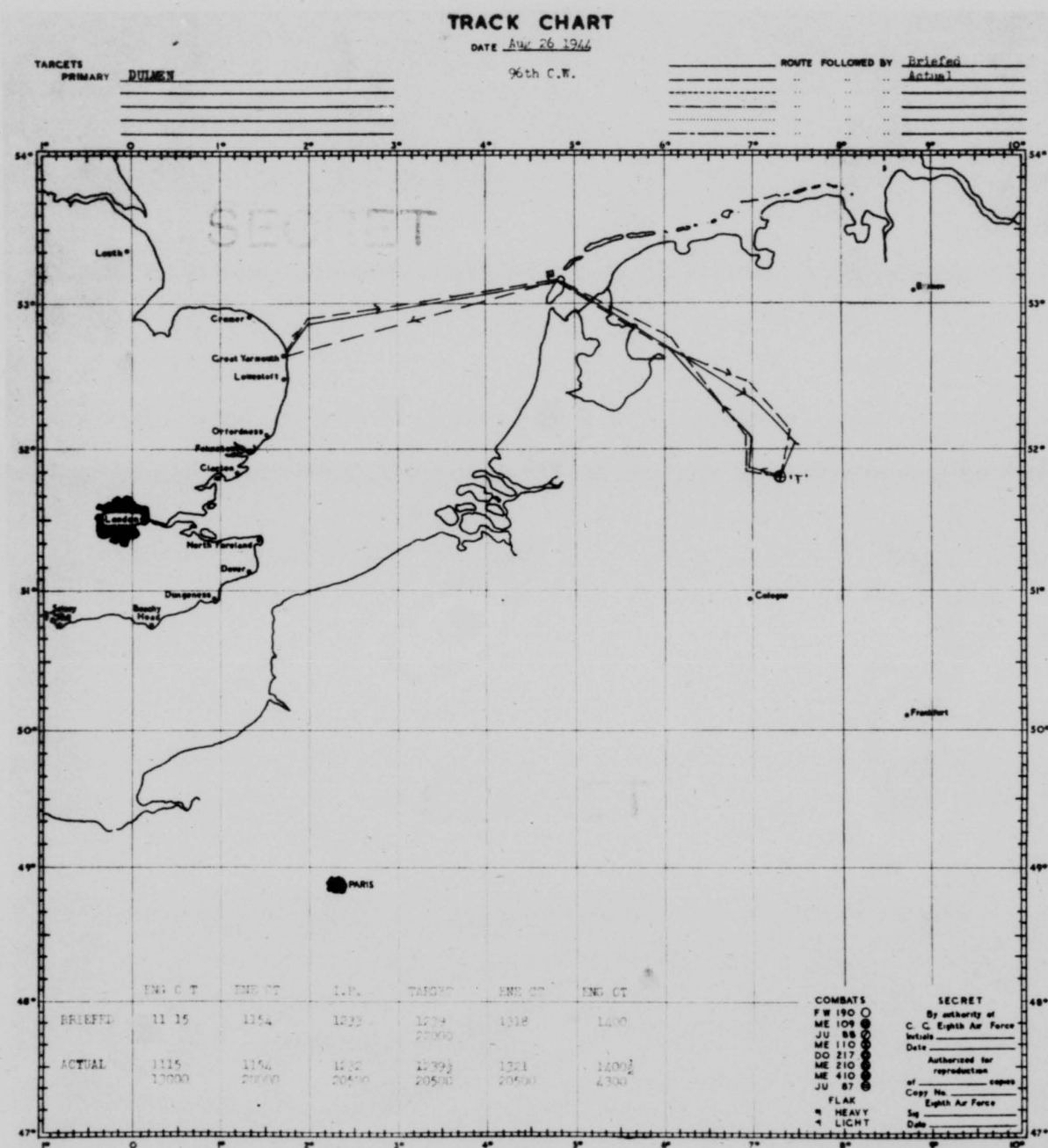
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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	FLEW AUTO PILOT	FLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS AND TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR CH	VISUAL
467	200	2 min.	20,000	1239	X		<u>DULMEN</u> 2 2	H.E. 540x250	24 / 2	H2X	X
466	200	55 sec.	21,000	1242	X		2 2	172x1000	22 / 2	H2X	X
458	216	2 min.	21,500	1242	X		1 1	283x250	12		X
458	200	2 min.	21,500	1245	X		1 1	528x100	11		X
44	228	1 1/2 min.	20,000	1248	X		<u>SALZBERGEN</u> 2 2	526x250	22 / 2	H2X	X
392	230	45 sec.	20,000	1245	X		2 2	475x250	20 / 2	H2X	X
491	230	50 sec.	21,000	1246	X		2 2	595x250	25		X
389	183	30 sec.	20,100	1225	X		<u>EMMERICH</u> 2 4	524x250	22 / 2	H2X	X
445	198	8 min.	21,000	1227	X	High on 389		283x250	12	Flares	X
453	274	1 min.	20,000	1247	X		<u>EINDHOVEN A/F (SECONDARY)</u> 2 2	551x250	23 / 1	H2X	X
445	270	1 min.	20,500	1247 1/2			1 1	288x250	12		X
446	60		21,900	1026	X		<u>LUDWIGSHAVEN</u> 2 4	436x250	19 / 2	H2X	X
448	32	30 sec.	23,000	1033	X		3 3	280x500	28 / 2	H2X	X
446	270	2 min.	21,800	1055	X		<u>KONIG HEINRICH M/Y (SECONDARY)</u> 1 2	216x250	9		X
489	282	1 1/2 min.	21,000	1055	X		<u>WEHLING M/Y (SECONDARY)</u> 3 3	742x250	31 / 2	H2X	X

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were oil installations at Dulmen, Salzbergen, and Emmerich and chemical and oil plants at Ludwigshaven.
- b. Bombing was done visually by Squadrons, nine Squadrons being led by H2X A/C. One Squadron dropped on TFF flares due to cloud cover.
- c. Due to clouds three Squadrons assigned to Emmerich attacked the assigned secondary at Eindhoven. Four Squadrons assigned to Ludwigshaven attacked their assigned secondary due to heavy smoke screens and haze. One A/C did not bomb due to mechanical difficulties and 2 A/C attacked the town of Moisenheim, Germany, as a T/O dropping 48x250 HE.

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d. Results of bombing:

Dulmen	Good	Target area well hit, also railways and roadways.
Salzbergen	Very good	Refinery area well hit.
Emmerich	Unobserved	
Eindhoven	Good	Hits on ammunition storage, dispersal area, taxiways.
Ludwigshaven	Fair to good	Hits in industrial area, built-up area, bridge and canal area.
Pons Marthaus	Poor	Hits on canal and open fields.
Ehrang	Very good	Hits on M/Y proper, M/Y buildings, north choke point and sidings.

e. Disposition of bombs by HZK --/C:

Emmerich	2 ./C	8x250 HE
Eindhoven	1 ./C	4x250 HE
Salzbergen	4 ./C	32x250 HE
Ludwigshaven	2 ./C	8x250 HE
Ludwigshaven	2 ./C	4x500 HE
Ehrang	2 ./C	8x250 HE
Dulmen	2 ./C	12x250 HE
Dulmen	2 ./C	4x1000 HE

f. Disposition of Leaflets:

446th Group	10 bombs
467th Group	10 bombs

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 26 August 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O.	443
C.	Date of Operation	26 August 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	GAF Fuel Depot - Dulmen
E.	A/C Airborne.	24
F.	A/C Sorties	23
G.	A/C Attacking	23
H.	A/C Not Attacking	1
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	23 - 288 X 250 GP 528 X 100 GP (48 X 100 GP jettisoned)
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.	0938
S.	Average Time of Flight.	4:46
T.	Comments:	Bombed visually

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, MC
Statistical Officer

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BOMB LOAD:

24 X 250 GP

Fuzing - No Nose

1/40 Tail

HIGH RIGHT SECTION ON 467TH GP

ASSEMBLY

Martin 6972

ROBERTS-SPEER

7V : 502A

K-22

GLAGOLA

J3 : 3426

K-21

COOK

25 : 596R

GABRIEL

25 : 578E

WARNER

7V : 457Q

K-21

MITCHELL FLOYD

J3:316N J3 : 183U

WILLIAMS

25 : 110P

K-20

SMITH

7V:179X

GIESSEN

7V : 314L

BESTON

25 : 108W

K-21

DOYLE

25 165S

B G

HIGH RIGHT SECTION ON 466THBOMB LOAD:

48 X 100 GP

Fuzing - No Nose

1/40 Tail

HELAICH - GORRELL

J3 : 907D

K-22

LOY

7V:219W

K-21

MC GOUGH

J3 : 407R

HATHAWAY

7V : 504D

NEWELL

25 : 018J

TERRE

7V:311F

MORGAN

7V:455O

HOUSER

J3 : 179P

K-21

MORAN

7V:812V

JOSEPHSON

7V:118A

K-21

GLASS

J3 : 097T

K-20

BLANK

J3 : 288L

ABART

SPARES:

340 7V N 24 X 250 GP

425 J3 O

366 25 H 48 X 100 GP

276 25 O

Runway 22

MARSHALLING PLAN

WEST	DIST	SHLT	"A" GROUP		DIST	DISP	"B" GROUP			
			T.O.	SHLT			DISP	SHLT	T.O.	DIST
			1	697E	4		21	502A	14	
26		907D	2						15	578F 12
13		504D	3						15	596R 3
14		407R	4						17	110I 7
16		179P	5						16	
			6	018J	7	22	457J	19		
31		218W	7			17	342E	20	165S	5
			8	288L	11			21	108M	6
15		097T	9						22	
34		118R	10			32	314L	23		
33		812V	11			30	179X	24		
28		455O	12			18	183U	24		
25		311F	13			20	316N	25		

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
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	BESTEN	120	2			42-95108	108	M	Z5	34	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	COOK	120	18			41-29596	596	R	Z5	48	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	DOYLE	120	2			42-95165	165	S	Z5	33	COOKIE	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	FLOYD	120	9			42-95183	183	U	J3	36	BRINEY MARLIN	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	GABRIEL	120	12			42-50578	578	E	Z5	12	SKY ROOM	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	GIESEN	120	2			42-50314	314	L	7V	50	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	GLAGOLA	120	23			41-29342	342	S	J3	43	ROUGH RIDERS	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	GLASS	120	9			42-51097	097	T	J3	41	UNKNOWN 022	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	HATHAWAY	120	21			42-50504	504	D	7V	2	UNKNOWN 019	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	HAUSER	120	28			42-51179	179	P	J3	32	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	HEMRICH	120	24	GORRELL	L2	42-50907	907	D	J3	6	LILY MARLENE	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	HORGAN	120	7			42-52455	455	O	7V	55	PLUTOCRAT	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	JOSEPHSON	120	1			44-40118	118	R	7V	5	WE'LL GET BY	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	LOY	120	28			42-95219	219	W	7V	30	PATCHIE	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	MARTIN, L	120	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A12	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	McGOUGH	120	4			42-100407	407	R	J3	42	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	MITCHELL	120	2			42-95316	316	N	J3	42	PRINCESS PAT	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	MORAN	120	1			42-109812	812	V	7V	41	UNKNOWN 016	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	NEWELL	120	29			42-95018	018	J	Z5	40	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	ROBERTS, J	120	23	SPEER	L1	42-50502	502	A	7V	3	LARRUPIN' LINDA	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	RUARK	120	ABT			41-29288	288	L	J3	--	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	ABORT - #3 TURBO OUT AT 18,000 FT; #2 ENG OIL LEAK
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	SMITH, WF	120	6			42-95179	179	X	7V	41	HERE I GO AGAIN	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	TEBBS	120	1			42-100311	311	P	7V	45	YOKUM BOY	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	WARNER	120	32			42-52457	457	Q	7V	54	FINAL APPROACH	
26-Aug-44	DULMEN	WILLIAMS, E	120	3			42-51110	110	P	Z5	38	TOP O' THE MARK	