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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

KARLSRUHE

DATE

5 SEPTEMBER 1944

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AAF 147 APO 558

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27 September 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, KARLSRUHE, 5 September 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 5 September 1944.
- b. Primary Target and Order of Battle -
- Karlsruhe M/Y
- 96th CEW (467th, 466th, 458th BG)
14th CEW (491st, 44th, 392nd BG).
2nd CEW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG)

c. Secondary Target -

If PFF - Karlsruhe M/Y - all Combat Wings

- d. Last Resort Target - Any military objective positively identified east of the Rhine in Germany.

2. Narrative.

a. Planning.

(1) Eighth Air Force called for a force of eighteen Squadrons to attack visually or by use of H2X equipment the M/V at Karlsruhe.

- (2) Nine H2K A/C were dispatched for this operation.

b. Execution.

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

(a) A front was encountered in the Paris area at 24,000 feet, resulting in some deterioration of the Division column and deviation from the briefed route.

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3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

a. All units visually attacked their assigned target except one Squadron of the 445th Group did not attack its assigned target due to a rack malfunction in the lead aircraft, which jettisoned its bombs at 4835N-0815E; the remainder of the aircraft in the Squadron dropped on this release.

b. Strike photographs show the following:

Primary Target - Karlsruhe

All MPI's were well blanketed. Hits were scored on the M/Y area, buildings and target installations.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

a. Meager to moderate and fairly accurate predictor control fire was encountered by all formations in the target area, with the exception of the last three Squadrons of the first wave which encountered only a fixed barrage. Several white anti-aircraft bursts were seen which emitted fragments from which came smoke trails. A fragment was found in one A/C which apparently resembled an incendiary pellet.

b. Meager inaccurate heavy gunfire was encountered on route at Pforzheim and Strasbourg.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was good to excellent along the entire route.

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Two aircraft were lost to anti-aircraft fire and three to unknown causes.

b. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

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

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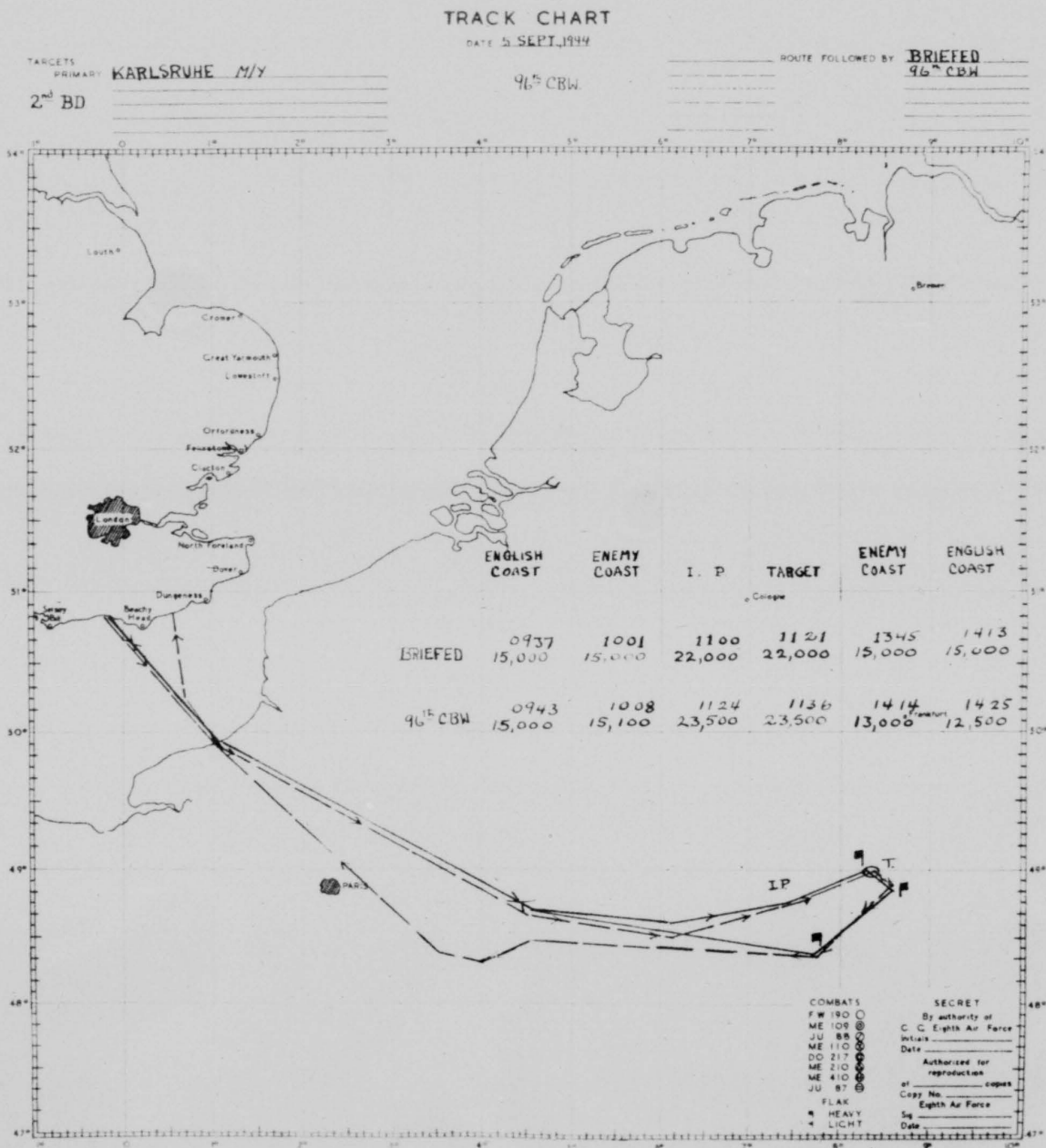
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 5 September 1944

GROUP OF RUN	OF RUN	DIRECT LENGTH	ALTITUDE	RELEASE	PILOT	TIME OF FLEW AUTO FLEW RANGE &		TOTAL BOOMS & TYPE	NO. A/C DROPPED ON BOMBING H2X OR CH VIS.		
						MANUAL DEFLECT	RANGE		H2X	OR CH	VIS.
						KARLSRUHE	H.E.	INCEND.			
467	77	10 min.	22,700	1135	X		212x500		22/2	H2X	X
458	70	4 min.	21,000	1137	X		180x500		18/2	H2X	X
466	78	1 min.	24,200	1139		X	200x500		21		X
389	70	11 min.	23,000	1140	X		180x500		18/1	H2X	X
453	79	3 min.	22,000	1141	X		199x500		20/2	H2X	X
445	80	10 min.	22,300	1143	X		84x500		10		X
491	82	3 min.	23,000	1153 1/2	X			274x500	25		X
392	75	1 min.	24,000	1141	X		216x500		18/2	H2X	X
44	98	5 min.	24,500	1157	X			139x500	12		X
44	68	5 min.	25,000	1141	X		143x500		12		X

- a. The assigned primary target for this mission was the M/Y at Karlsruhe.
- b. Bombing was done visually by Squadrons, five Squadrons being led by H2X A/C.
- c. Due to a rack malfunction in the lead A/C of the lead Squadron of the 445th Group, the target was not attacked. Bombs were jettisoned and the balance of the Squadron dropped on this release. A total of 84x500 HE bombs were dropped near the rally point at 4835N-0815E. All other A/C over the target bombed - no malfunctions.
- d. Results of bombing were good to very good. All MPI's were very well hit. Bombfall mostly in marshalling yard area, buildings and target installations.
- e. Disposition of bombs by H2X A/C: Karlsruhe 9 A/C 30x500 HE
- f. Disposition of leaflet bombs: 467 - Karlsruhe 5xKG13; 5xKG19
 491 - " 5xUZG49; 5xKG26
 389 - 4835N-0815E 20 leaflet bombs jettisoned

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

6 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 5 September 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O.	450
C.	Date of Operation	5 September 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Karlsruhe M/Y
E.	A/C Airborne.	23
F.	A/C Sorties	20
G.	A/C Attacking	18
H.	A/C Not Attacking	4
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	18 - 180 X 500 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.	1 - 42-51097
R.	Time of Take Off.	0640
S.	Average Time of Flight.	9:00
T.	Comments :	Bombed Visually

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

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MISSION #171

FORMATION PLAN

5 Sept. 1944

LEAD "B" GROUPBRUMBY-O'NEILL

FFF : 34.4

HESS

Z5 : 059T

K-21

WALKER

TV : 314L

K-22

PURCELL-WOODWARD

PFF : 609T

HOUSER

J3:179P

K-21

SKIDMORE

Z5 : 018J

WILLIAMS

Z5 : 110P

BUARK

J3 : 320W

K-21

ABORTFLOYD

J3:183U

FRENCHJ3: 316N ABORTALLEN

J3 : 40YP

K-22

STONEBURNER

TV : 457Q

K-20

LOW LEFT "B" GROUPMATZE-CORWELL

J4 : K

K-22

KLUSMEYER

J3 : 342S

K-21

BESTON

Z5 : 126L

MATHAWAY-BETZOW

TV : 502A

K-21

WARNER

TV: 179X

K-21

MITCHELL

TV : 311P

KENYON

J3 : 097T

DOYLE

Z5 : 305N

K-20

ABORTANDERSON

TV : 050J

GRICE

TV : 4550

KLIEN

Z5 : 596R

SWARTZ

Z5 : 108M

COMPOSITION OF 96TH COMBAT WING"A" Group467 (Lincoln Green #1)467 (Lincoln Green #2) 466 (Lincoln Blue #1)"B" Group453 (Lincoln Red #1)458 (Lincoln Red #2) 466 (Lincoln Blue #2)ORDER OF TAKE OFFRUNWAY 23

WEST	SHIP	NO.	SHIP	DISP.	WEST	SHIP	NO.	SHIP	DISP.	EAST
2	697Z	1			19	502A	13			
32	314L	2			8	126L	14			
11	320W	3			9	305N	15			
		4	457Q	Hgr. #1	4	108M	16			
14	407R	5			3	596R	17			
10	059T	6			17	342S	18			
16	179P	7			27	179X	19			
		8	110F	Hgr. #2	15	097T	20			
7	018J	9			33	311P	21			
20	316N	10			28	4550	22			
18	183U	11			28	050J	23			
		12	264K	47						

CAUTION: PERIMETER TRACK IS STILL BLOCKED AT END OF RUNWAY 05.

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
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	ALLEN, G	122	2			42-100407	407	R	J3	44	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	ANDERSON	122	1			42-95050	050	J	7V	43	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	BESTEN	122	4			44-40126	126	L	Z5	22	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	BRUMBY	122	13	O'NEILL	L1	42-50599	599	K	T9	--	466BG/784SQ	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	DOYLE	122	ABT			41-29305	305	N	Z5	--	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	ABORT - GAS FUMES 16,000 (OPS RPT LISTS 41-29340)
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	FLOYD	122	10			42-95183	183	U	J3	38	BRINEY MARLIN	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	FRENCH	122	ABT			42-95316	316	N	J3	--	PRINCESS PAT	ABORT - PILOT FETH #2 RUNNING ROUGH (OPS RPT LISTS 42-95219)
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	GRICE	122	1			42-52455	455	O	7V	56	PLUTOCRAT	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	HATHAWAY	122	22	BETZOLD	D2	42-50502	502	A	7V	4	LARRUPIN' LINDA	FP READS "BETZOW"
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	HAUSER	122	29			42-51179	179	P	J3	34	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	HESS	122	3			42-110059	059	T	Z5	36	UNKNOWN 056	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	KENYON	122	19			42-51097	097	T	J3	43	UNKNOWN 022	CRASH LAND ON CONTI
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	KLEIN	122	4			41-29596	596	R	Z5	50	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	KLUSMEYER	122	3			41-29342	342	S	J3	45	ROUGH RIDERS	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	MATZE	122	19	GORRELL	L2	44-40264	264	K	J4	15	KISS ME BABY	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	MITCHELL	122	3			42-100311	311	P	7V	47	YOKUM BOY	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	PURCELL	122	--	WOODWARD	D1	42-95609	609	T	T9	--	466BG/784SQ	NOT 458TH SHIP or PLT
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	RUARK	122	26			42-50320	320	W	J3	42	UNKNOWN 018	ABORT - SORTIE
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	SKIDMORE	122	3			42-95018	018	J	Z5	42	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	STONEBURNER	122	2			42-52457	457	Q	7V	56	FINAL APPROACH	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	SWARTZ	122	3			42-95108	108	M	Z5	36	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	WALKER	122	27			42-50314	314	L	7V	52	ETO PLAYHOUSE	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	WARNER	122	34			42-95179	179	X	7V	43	HERE I GO AGAIN	
05-Sep-44	KARLSRUHE	WILLIAMS, E	122	5			42-51110	110	P	Z5	40	TOP O' THE MARK	