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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

1245

TARGETS

LEVERKUSEN
COLOGNE

DATE

17 OCTOBER 1944

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b. One exceptionally large burst of AA fire was seen over the target from which appeared two parachutes with objects resembling bombs attached to them.

c. A number of white smoke trails were seen coming up from the ground in the target area which were presumed to be rockets but were not seen to burst. Crews believed that they were intended to be decoy PFF smoke markers.

d. Meager gunfire was encountered on route in the vicinity of St. Goar.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

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

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Losses and claims were nil.

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Major General, U.S.A.
Commanding

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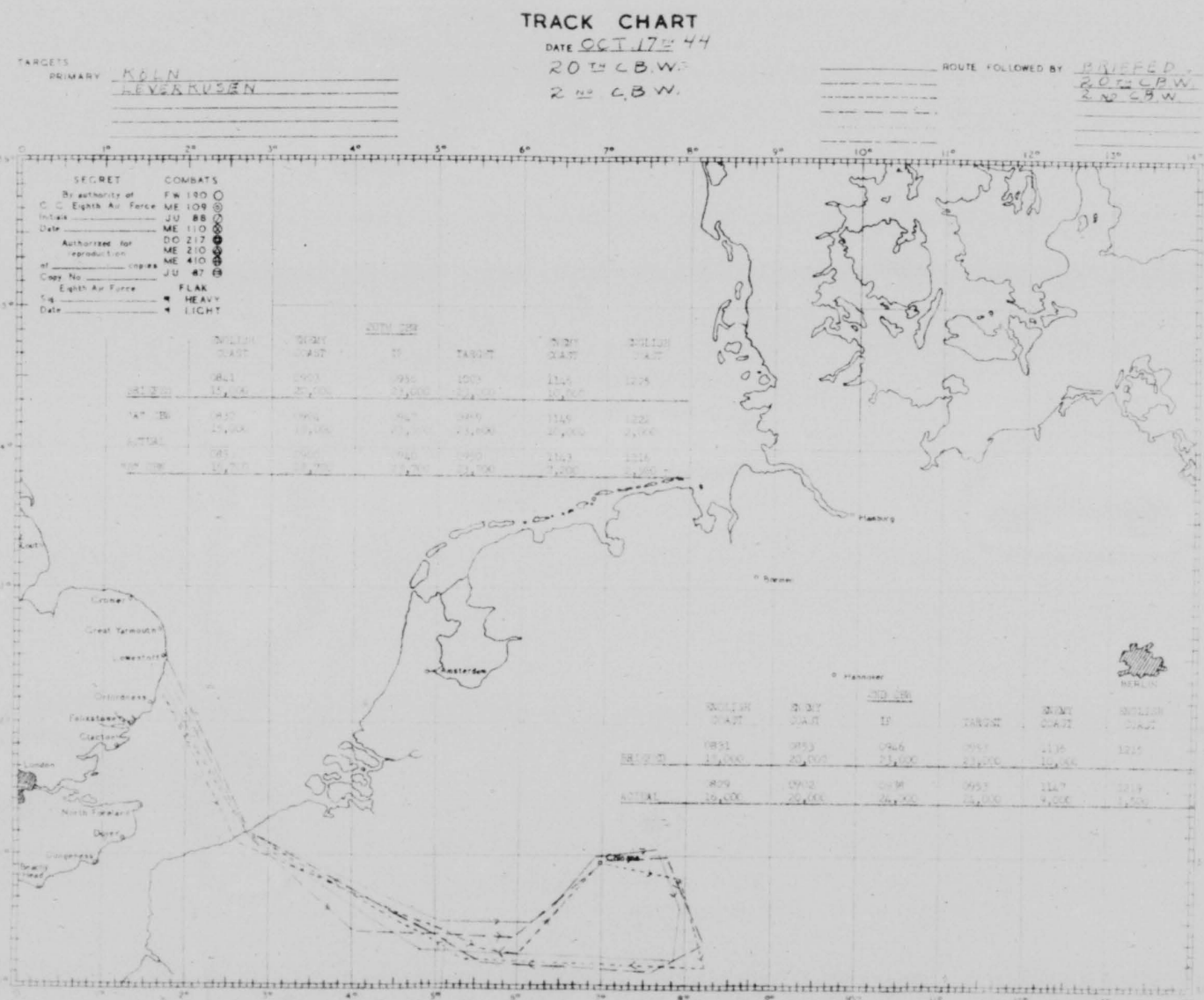
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GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF FLEW AUTO FLEW RANGE & RELEASE PILOT	MANL DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS AND TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X or GH	VISUAL
						COLOGNE KALK M/Y			
						H.E.			
44	16	10 min.	23,500	0935	X	182x500	32	H2X	
491	20	7 min.	24,500	0937	X	142x500	26	H2X	
392	31	13 min.	23,500	0938	X	146x500	25	H2X	
453	08		24,500	0950	X	189x500	33	H2X	
466	20		23,000	0950	X	164x500	28	H2X	
467	44	8 min.	24,300	0949	X	200x500	35	H2X	
						COLOGNE GEREON M/Y			
445	10		24,500	0954	X	40x500	22	H2X	
453	08	13 min.	23,500	0956 $\frac{1}{2}$	X	803x250	36	H2X	
389	05	11 min.	24,600	0957 $\frac{1}{2}$	X	804x250	36	H2X	
445	17		25,200	0955	X	144x500	12	H2X	
448	17	8 min.	23,600	0959 $\frac{1}{2}$	X	189x500	32	H2X	
93	06	4 min.	24,500	0957	X	404x500	37	H2X	
446	22		23,500	0951	X	170x500	31	H2X	
489	09	8 min.	23,500	0949	X	146x500	25	H2X	

- The assigned visual primary target for this mission was Leverkusen Chemical Works (near Cologne). The assigned PFF secondaries were the Kalk and Gereon Marshalling Yards in Cologne.
- Bombing was done on H2X equipment through 10/10 cloud on the PFF secondaries.
- All A/C over the target bombed.
- Results of bombing were unobserved due to 10/10 cloud.

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

18 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of
17 October 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458	
B.	Division F.O.	488	
C.	Date of Operations	17 October 1944	
D.	Ordered Primary Target	Cologne M/Y	
E-1	A/C Airborne	34	
E-2	A/C Airborne Less Unused Spares	34	
F.	A/C Sorties	33	
G.	A/C Attacking	33	
H.	A/C Not Attacking	1	
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target	Nil	
J.	A/C Attacking - Secondary Target	33	189 X 500 GP 180 X 500 M17 11 GP jettisoned 12 M17 jettisoned Kalk-Nord M/Y Cologne
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	0630	
S.	Average Time of Flight	6:05	
T.	Comments	Bombed PTF	

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

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I. DEAN SQUADRON (LINCOLN RED # 1)

17 Oct 1944

Brumby-Williamson

34 939A PFF

Olvestad

34 133E

Hale-Martin

7V 557E (PFF)
(Scope)

Vincent

34 066YK-21

OUCER

34 449E

HECKSTROM

34 273Y K-22

Boston

25 366H

LOW LEFT (LINCOLN RED #2)

Morford-Wright

34 275L K-22

Healy

34 277F

Bowers

25 768A K-21

Fields

34 237S K-21

Gurland

34 134R

DOOLEY

34 163E

Hodges

25 070K

HIGH RIGHT (LINCOLN RED #3)

Lockridge

25 608E

Robert

25 286E

Huthorn

25 572E

Walt

25 180E

Stevenson

25 124E

Chapman

25 479E

Heeb

25 298E

HIGH-HIGH RIGHT (LINCOLN RED #4)

Bathaway

7V 504D K-21

Walker

7V 457U

French

34 141U

Giesen

7V 567E

Simpson

7V 179E

Fenclage

25 215E

Rebbs

7V 812V

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
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	BECKSTROM	135	3			44-40273	273	T	J4	28	HOWLING BANSHEE	MSN #3
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	BESTEN	135	8			42-100366	366	H	Z5	54	MIZPAH	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	BOUCEK	135	4			42-50449	449	W	J4	5	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	BOWERS	135	5			42-50768	768	A	Z5	13	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	BOYLE	135	25			42-95183	183	U	J3	48	BRINEY MARLIN	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	BRUMBY	135	16	WILLIAMSON	L1	42-51939	939	A	J3	2	UNKNOWN 028	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	CANADY	135	10			42-50640	640	O	Z5	4	BUGS BUNNY	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	CHIMPLES	135	6			42-51179	179	P	J3	42	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	COOK	135	27			41-29596	596	R	Z5	61	HELL'S ANGEL'S	K-21
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	CURLAND	135	ABT			44-40134	134	R	J4	--	UNKNOWN 039	ABORT - #3 ENG VIBRATION, SMOKING, OIL
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	DAHM	135	4			44-40126	126	L	Z5	26	SPIITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	DOOLEY	135	3			42-110163	163	M	J4	30	TIME'S A WASTIN	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	EISERT	135	4			42-51206	206	S	7V	8	THE PIED PIPER	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	FIELDS	135	5			44-40287	287	J	J4	17	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	FRENCH	135	25			42-110141	141	U	J4	21	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	GIESEN	135	4			41-29567	567	G	7V	1	MY BUNNIE / BAMBI	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	HALE	135	3		D1	42-95557	557	E	7V	7	LADY PEACE	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	HANSEN	135	25	SIMES	L5	42-50578	578	F	Z5	15	SKY ROOM	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	HATHAWAY	135	25		L4	42-50504	504	D	7V	8	UNKNOWN 019	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	HATHORN	135	5			42-50575	575	E	J3	3	UNKNOWN 020	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	HEALY	135	4			44-40277	277	P	J4	15	MISS USED	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	HODGES	135	3			42-110070	070	K	Z5	41	ELMER	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	LOCKRIDGE	135	19		L3	42-50608	608	W	Z5	4	FILTHY McNAUGHTY	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	MORAN	135	7			44-10487	487	B	7V	13	Girl on surfboard (no name)	K-22
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	MORFORD	135	18	WRIGHT	L2	44-40275	275	L	J4	19	SHACK TIME	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	SIEVERTSON	135	7			42-95120	120	M	J3	49	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	SIMPSON	135	3			42-95179	179	X	7V	50	HERE I GO AGAIN	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	SKIDMORE	135	9			42-51199	199	U	Z5	6	UNKNOWN 023	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	SWARTZ	135	7			42-50456	456	D	Z5	5	DOROTHY KAY SPECIAL	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	TEBBS	135	4			42-109812	812	V	7V	43	UNKNOWN 016	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	VEHSLAGE	135	7			42-51215	215	T	7V	6	UNKNOWN 024	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	VINCENT	135	10			44-40066	066	Y	J4	10	S.O.L.	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	WALKER	135	33			42-52457	457	Q	7V	61	FINAL APPROACH	
17-Oct-44	COLOGNE	STOESSER	136	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A22	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY SHIP - 752nd