

HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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HAMBURG

DATE

30 OCTOBER 1944

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b. Moderate, fairly accurate anti-aircraft was encountered at Wesermunde, and meager inaccurate anti-aircraft was encountered at Cuxhaven.

c. Meager gunfire was encountered on route at Texel, Osnabruck and in the Dummer Lake area.

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. Two aircraft were lost to unknown causes.

b. Claims were nil.

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Major General, U.S.A.
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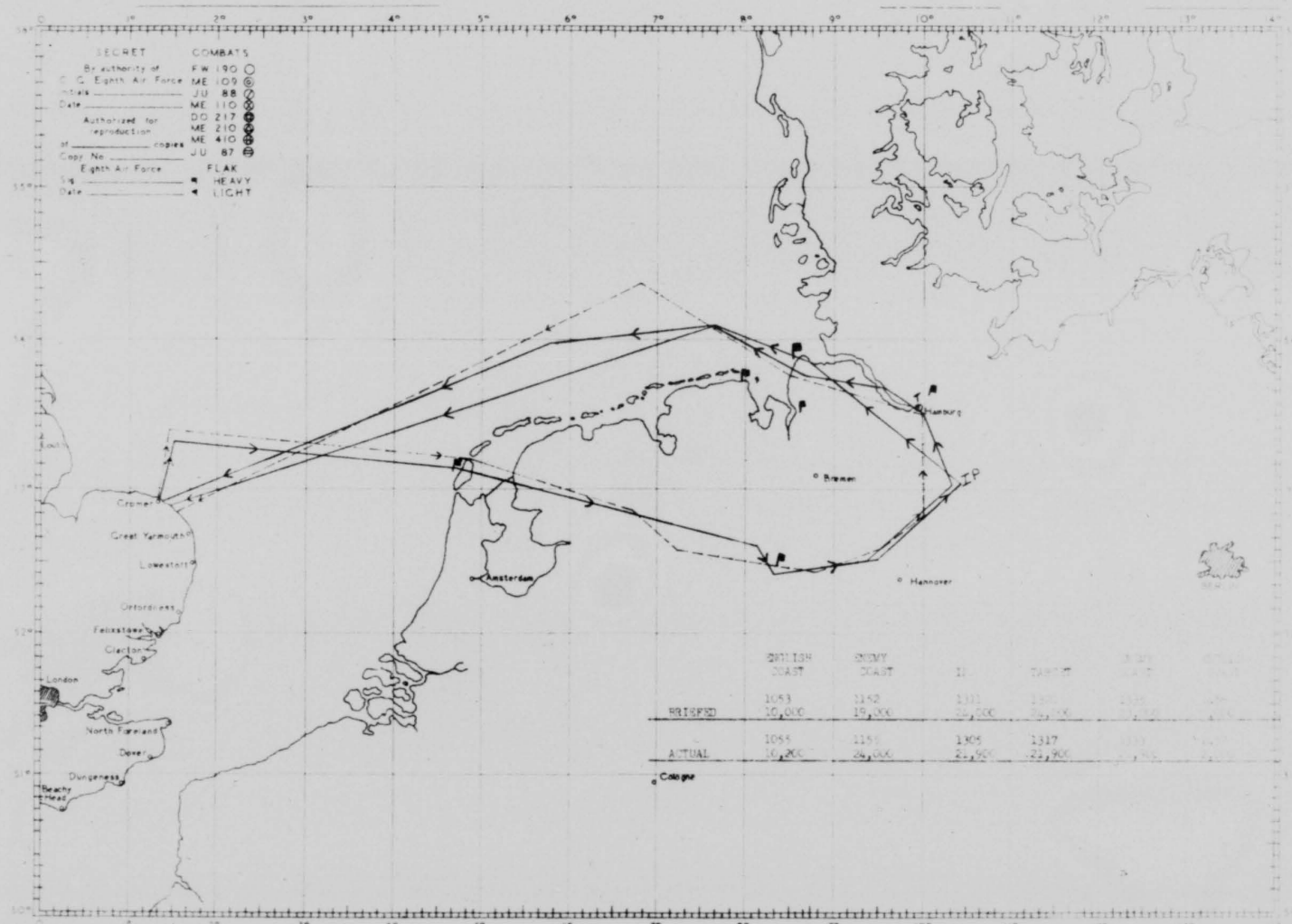
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ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

2ND COMBAT WING

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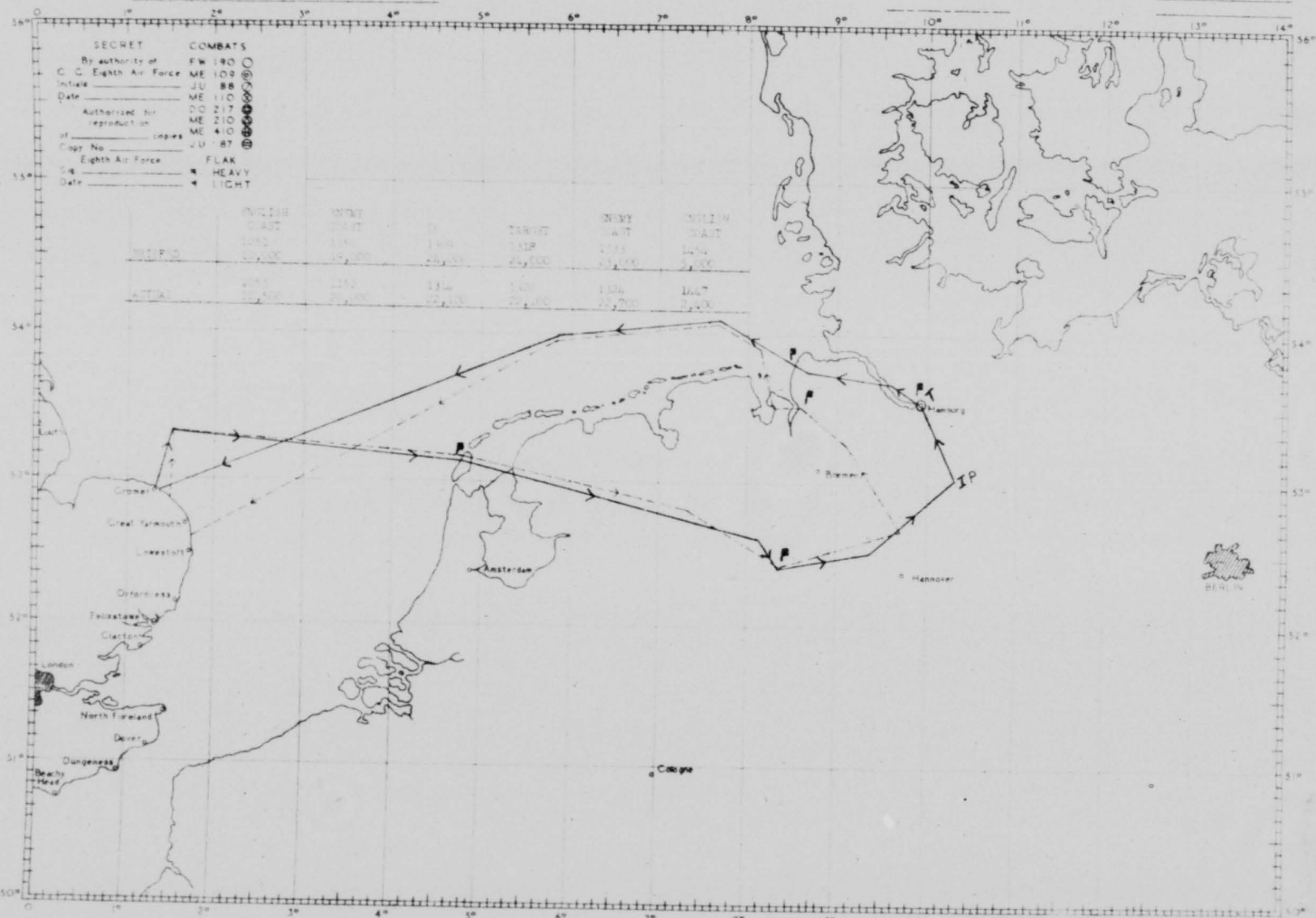
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20TH BOMBARDING GROUP

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY 1ST BOMBARDING GROUP

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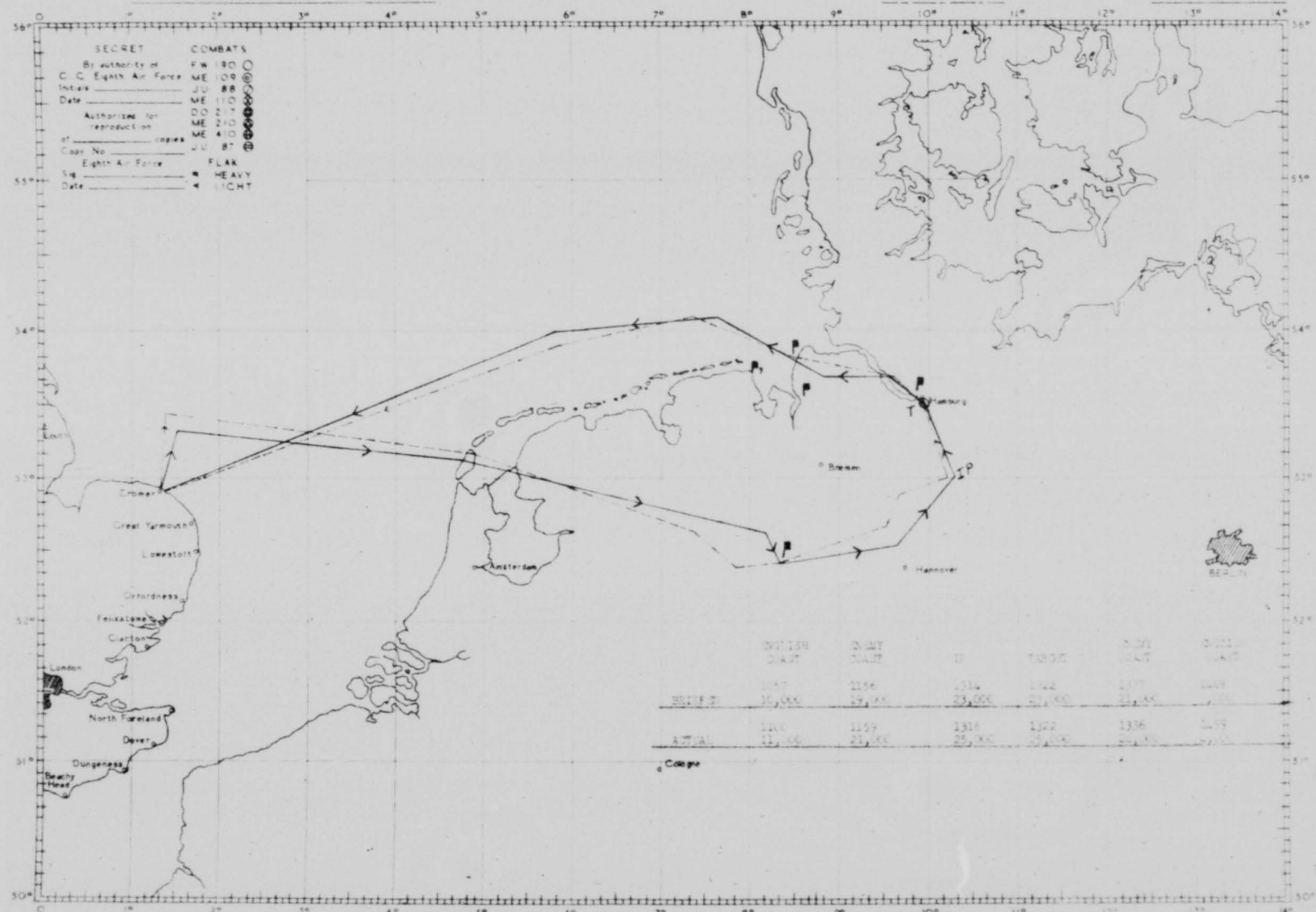
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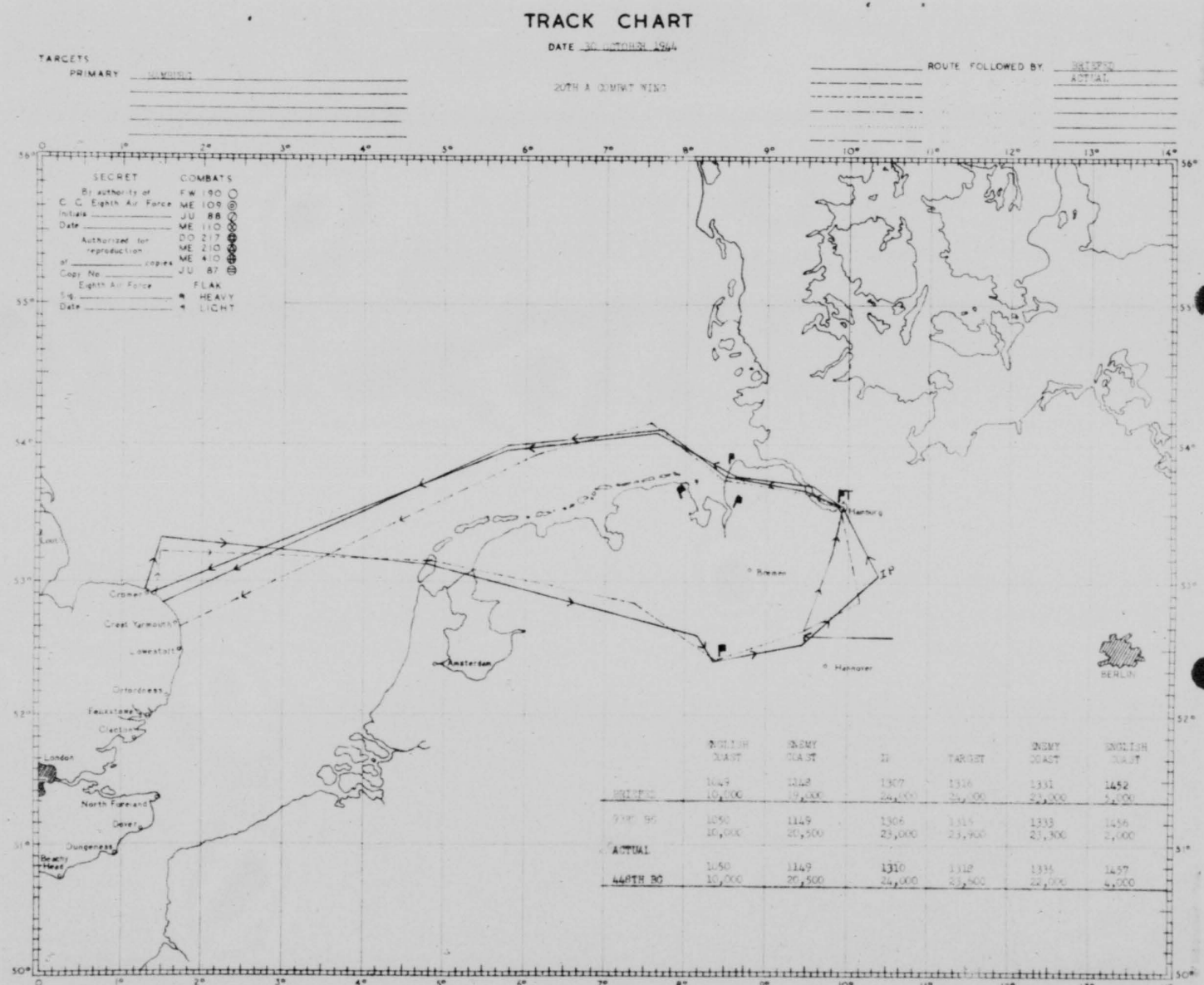
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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 30 October 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	PILOT	MANUAL DEFLECT RANGE	FLEW AUTO FLEW RANGE & DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X or GH	VISUAL
93	360	9 min.	23,900	1315	X		HAMBURG 1 1	H.E. 438x250	21	H2X	
448	36		23,600	1319	X		1 1	305x300	17	H2X	
389	360	2 min.	21,800	1317	X		2 2	615x300	29	H2X	
458	338		25,000	1324	X		1 1	668x250	30	H2X	
467	281	8 min.	24,000	1330		X	1 1	384x300 24x250	22	H2X	
44	11	8 min.	26,000	1320	X		1 1	423x250	19	H2X	
392	45	3 min.	25,000	1325		X	1 1	466x250	21	H2X	
491	Recalled due to bad weather										
44	60	8 min.	24,500	1324	X		UTERSEN 1 1	241x250	9	H2X	
453	313	5 min.	23,500	1338	X		CUXHAVEN 1 1	355x250	17	H2X	
466	330		26,000	1343	X		1 1	347x250	16	H2X	
446	292		22,100	1320	X		WESTMUNDE 1 1	360x300	20	H2X	

- The assigned primary and H2X secondary target for this mission was an oil refinery at Hamburg.
- Bombing was done in Group formation on H2X equipment through 10/10 cloud on the H2X secondary target MPI. Adverse weather condition was the cause of bombing T/O's.
- Six Squadrons and part of another Squadron did not bomb due to adverse weather conditions. Towering cumulus clouds broke up many formations and caused difficulty in formation flying in many Groups. One Squadron of the 448th Group jettisoned in the Hamburg area due to bad weather.
- Results of bombing were unobserved at all targets due to 10/10 cloud.

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

31 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 30 October 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O.	501
C.	Date of Operation	30 October 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Harburg Oil Refinery
E-1	A/C Airborne.	40
E-2	A/C Airborne Less Unused Spares	40
F.	A/C Sorties	40
G.	A/C Attacking	30
H.	A/C Not Attacking	10
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	Nil
J.	A/C Attacking Secondary Target.	30 - 668 X 250 GP (83.5 tons) 70 bombs jettisoned 168 bombs returned Harburg Oil Refinery
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 - 42-100431
R.	Time of Take Off.	0931
S.	Average Time of Flight.	5:45
T.	Comments: Target ordered as PT if visual, ST if PFF.	

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

S E C R E T

8 AF

DANE-INSURELL

2 ID Cont J3 : 554R
ALVESTAD Scope
 J4 : 133K

VINCENT

J4 : 449W

ATIN

J4 : 980V

HARD

J4 : 285H

K-21

8 AF

SIMES-STEER

J3 : 954A

Scope

8 AF Cont

GLADULA

J4 : 283I

K-21

2 ID

FUSON

J4 : 201N

2 ID

BOUOK

J4 : 277R

D

BECKSTROM

J4 : 134R

LOW LEFT SQUADRONDANE-INSURELL

2 ID Cont J3 : 740P
 ROM GRICE K-21
 7V : 110M

GLASS

7V : 206S

IVORY

7V : 050J

GRAVEN

7V : 475D

8 AF

NATHAN

J3 : 575E

8 AF Cont

GIRSE

7V : 812V

2 ID ROM

SULLIVAN

7V : 179K

2 ID

JOHN

7V : 316H

D

FAVRE

7V : 152E

K-21

HIGH RIGHT SQUADRON

8 AF

LOCKRIDGE-DRAVAKIS

2 ID Cont J3 : 578H
HODGES K-22
 25 : 059T

8 AF

FLOYD

J3 : 504D

WILLIAMS

25 : 179P

8 AF Cont

CANADY

25 : 120M

BLADLEY

25 : 366H

SKIMMIE

25 : 018J

HIGH HIGH RIGHT SQUADRON

8 AF

EVANS-BETZOLD

J3 : 768J

8 AF

URDANIAK

J3 : 487B

2 ID Cont

HELBRECHT

25 : 298E

8 AF Cont

KENYON

J4 : 141U

ROM

McGUGH

7V : 215H

ROM D

CHIMPERS

25 : 196Q

K-21

DAHM

25 : 199A

JOSEPHSON

7V : 165L

K-21

SIEVERTSON

7V : 497R

CURLAND

J4 : 431U

SPARES: 4250-7V-25
 5670-7V-34
 4080-7V-35
 1830-25-12

Assembly A/O: 753rd-Tracy

*LDF denotes long delay fuses.

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
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	AKIN	139	6			41-28980	980	V	J4	8	UNKNOWN 008	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	ALVESTAD	139	31			42-95133	133	K	J4	8	LADY JANE	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	BECKSTROM	139	4			44-40134	134	R	J4	26	UNKNOWN 039	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	BLUM	139	18	CLAGGETT	L2	42-50740	740	F	J3	5	OUR BURMA	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	BOUCEK	139	6			44-40277	277	P	J4	18	MISS USED	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	BRADLEY	139	30			42-100366	366	H	Z5	57	MIZPAH	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	CANADY	139	12			42-95120	120	M	Z5	51	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	CHIMPLES	139	8			42-51196	196	Q	J3	7	THE GYPSY QUEEN	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	COOK	139	29			41-29596	596	R	Z5	64	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	CRAVEN	139	4			44-40475	475	D	7V	8	JOLLY ROGER	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	CRAVER	139	1			41-29352	352	K	7V	56	WOLVE'S LAIR	HIGHLY ILLEGIBLE
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	CURLAND	139	7			42-100431	431	B	J4	41	BOMB-AH-DEAR	SORTIE - DISAPEARED FROM FORMATION
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	DAHM	139	7			42-51199	199	A	Z5	9	UNKNOWN 023	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	DANE	139	16	ISBELL	L1	42-95554	554	E+	J3	3	UNKNOWN 050	CRSH ON CONT NOV 26?
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	EVANS	139	21	BETZOLD	L4	42-50768	768	J	J3	14	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	FLOYD	139	15			42-50504	504	D	7V	10	UNKNOWN 019	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	FUSON	139	26			44-40201	201	N	J4	22	SILVER CHIEF	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	GIESEN	139	5			42-109812	812	V	7V	44	UNKNOWN 016	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	GLAGOLA	139	27			44-40283	283	I	J4	12	LASSIE COME HOME	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	GLASS	139	15			42-51206	206	S	7V	12	THE PIED PIPER	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	GRICE	139	9			42-51110	110	M	7V	46	TOP O' THE MARK	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	HATHORN	139	6			42-50575	575	E	J3	6	UNKNOWN 020	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	HELFRECHT	139	13			44-40298	298	E	Z5	7	THE SHACK	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	HODGES	139	5			42-110059	059	T	Z5	42	UNKNOWN 056	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	HOOD	139	7			44-40285	285	H	J4	40	TABLE STUFF	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	IVORY	139	2			42-95050	050	J	7V	50	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	JOSEPHSON	139	9			42-95165	165	L	7V	40	COOKIE	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	KENYON	139	22			42-110141	141	U	J4	23	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	LOCKRIDGE	139	21	BREVAKIS	L3	42-50578	578	H	J3	16	SKY ROOM	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	MASSARO	139	3			42-95108	108	B	Z5	42	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	McGOUGH	139	11			42-51215	215	B	7V	8	UNKNOWN 024	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	SIEVERTSON	139	9			42-100407	407	R	7V	52	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	SIMES	139	20	SPEER	D1	42-50954	954	A+	J3	3	UNKNOWN 021	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	SIMPSON	139	5			42-95316	316	H	7V	50	PRINCESS PAT	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	SKIDMORE	139	11			42-95018	018	J	Z5	52	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	SULLIVAN, E	139	10			42-95179	179	X	7V	53	HERE I GO AGAIN	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	SWARTZ	139	10			42-50456	456	D	Z5	8	DOROTHY KAY SPECIAL	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	TRACY	139	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A26	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW - 753
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	URBANIAK	139	28			44-10487	487	B	J3	14	Girl on surfboard (no name)	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	VINCENT	139	12			42-50449	449	W	J4	9	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	
30-Oct-44	HARBURG	WILLIAMS, E	139	14			42-51179	179	P	Z5	43	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	