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SUBJECT: AA Report, 2d Bombardment Division, No. FLO/2BD/441.

TO : Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, AAF 101,
APO 634, Attention: AA Officer.

1. GENERAL: TARGET : (a) Bielefeld
(b) Minden Aqueduct
DATE : 6 December 1944
CONDITIONS : (a) 7 - 9/10th cloud (b) 8 - 10/10 cloud
ROUTE ORDERED : 52°37'N 04°37'E-52°37'N 05°00'E-52°37'N
06°17'E-(a) 52°03'N 06°37'E-52°13'N 07°40'E-
Bielefeld-51°56'N 08°50'E-52°08'N 09°15'E-
52°23'N 09°10'E. (b) 52°34'N 07°58'E-Minden-
52°23'N 09°10'E-52°25'N 08°17'E-52°34'N
07°58'E-52°37'N 04°37'E.
ALTITUDE ORDERED : 21,000 ft.
AXIS OF ATTACK ORDERED: (a & b) 115°
FORECAST WIND : 60 mph from 290°

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS: Both targets were attacked by means of H2X equipment. No Chaff Screening Force was used.

3. FLAK: En route Flak was encountered at Ijmuiden (A), Zwolle (A), Osnabruck (A), Egmond (B) and the Dummer Lake Area (B).

No Flak was encountered at Bielefeld.

Meagre inaccurate predictor control "unseen" fire was encountered at Minden.

Some of the Groups returning from Bielefeld flew south of the briefed route and encountered Flak at both Minden and Osnabruck.

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cc: AC of S, A-2, 1st and 3rd Bomb Divisions,
Attn: AA Officers
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TARGET: BIELEFELD

EFFECTIVE
NUMBER OF GUNS: 8

CW	GROUP	SORTIES	DAMAGED		A/C LOST				Axis Attack	Axis With- drawal	T.O.T.	Altitude
			Sli.	Ser.	Flak	F.A.	Acc.	Unkn				
96	458th	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	90-95°	115°	1144	21-21500'
96	467th	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	90°	115°	1144	19500-20000'
96	466th	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	65-75°	115°	1145	21-21500'
14	392nd	20	3	2	-	-	-	-	90-100°	100°	1204	20-21000'
14	44th	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	95-110°	100°	1204	21500-22000'
14	491st	30	4	1	-	-	-	-	95-110°	100°	1204-1206	20-21500'
TOTALS:		115	7	4	-	-	-	-	65-110°	100-115°	1206	19500-22000'
Percentages:			6.1%	3.5%								

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TARGET: MINDEN AQUEDUCT

EFFECTIVE

NUMBER OF GUNS: 16

CW	GROUP	SORTIES	DAMAGED		A/C LOST				Axis Attack	Axis With- drawal	T.O.T.	Altitude
			Sli.	Ser.	Flak	E.A.	Acc.	Unkn.				
2	389th	39	2	2	-	-	-	-	105-115°	30°	1151	21-23000'
20	448th	31	-	1	-	-	-	-	85-100°	40°	1157	21-23000'
20	446th	38	-	1	-	-	-	-	85-115°	40°	1157-1158	20-22500'
2	453rd	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	90-175°	30°	1158-1200	20500-23000'
TOTALS:		150	2	4	-	-	-	-	350-175°	30-40°	1151-1200	20-23000'
Percentages:			1.3%	2.7%								

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458th

DATE OF OPERATION 6 Dec 1944

DIVISION 1 D ORD 537

ORDERED TARGET: Primary: Dielefield Via-
duct
Second: Dielefield M/Y

SQUADRON	A/C Airborn		A/C SORT.	A/C NOT ATKG.	A/C ATKG.	TGT	NAME OF TARGET	NO. & TYPE BOMBS ON TARGET	IRCS & LOST						TIME OF T.O.	AVG. TIME FLIGHT	COMMENTS
	TOTAL	LESS FUSE SPARE							TO-TAL	FLAK	FLAK & E/A	E/A	ACC	UN-KN.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
A L	9	9	8	1	8	ST	Dielefield M/Y	56X1000 M44	-	-	-	-	-	-	0856	5:10	
A LL	10	10	9	1	9	ST	Dielefield M/Y	70X1000 M44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	19	19	17	2	17	ST	Dielefield	126X1000 M44	-	-	-	-	-	-	0856	5:10	

GROUP 458th

DATE 6 Dec 1944

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 537

BOMB TYPE	EXPENDED					FUSES				AMMUNITION				PYROTECNICS	
	INITIAL LOAD	ON TGT	JETT	UNACTD FOR	RETD	NOSE FUSE	NOSE DELAY	TAIL FUSE	TAIL DELAY	CALIBER	LINKAGE	LINAGE RATIO	AMOUNT EXPEND.	TYPE	AMOUNT EXPEND.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
1000 H ANM 44	144	126	2	-	16	M 103	1/10	M102A2	1/100	.50	API-T	2-1	1500		
CHB Skymarker	3	3	-	-	-	M100 A1	1/10	M100A1	1/10	-	-	-	-	M-8Grenade	4

Formation Plan - Lincoln Red #1

<u>Brumby-Hogg</u>		<u>RCM-2BD Spare</u>	
<u>Craver</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Betzold-Matze</u>	<u>Sullivan</u>
7V : 050J	RCM	J3 : 954A	RCM-2BD 7V : 179X
K-22	McGough	Scope	Perry K-21
2 BD Cont.	7V : 215B	D	7V : 110M
Glass	K-21	Pebs	7V : 96
7V : 206S		7V : 457Q	

Low Left Squadron - Lincoln Red # 2

<u>Floyd-Darelius</u>		<u>Hathorn</u>	
<u>RCM</u>	2 BD Cont.	J3 : 487R	
<u>Sealy</u>	Glagola	K-22	J3 : 608W
2BD Spare J4 : 200B	8 AF Cont. J4 : 980V	Vincent	
Bechtel	Hadden	J4 : 118S	2 BD Spar
J4 : 201N	J4 : 281Q	D	Hood
	K-21	Boucek	J4 : 154E
		J4 : 449W	
		Kenyon	K-20
		J4 : 141U	

Spares: 557 H-J3-22
504S -J3-17
283I -J4-40
502E -7V-35
316H -7V-34

Assembly Ship: 755th - Lt Dyer
Marshalling Chief: 752nd - Lt Smith

Order of Take Off

<u>West</u>		<u>Runway</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>East</u>
<u>Disp</u>	<u>Ship</u>				<u>Disp</u>
2	697Z		1		
23	575Q		2		
26	684B4		3		
24	954A4		4		
29	050J		5		
Hgr 1	215B		6		
Hgr 1	179X		7		
27	457Q		8		
31	206S		9		
28	963T		10		
Hgr 1	110M		11		
25	487R		12		
11	608W		13		
			14	980V	43
51	118S		15		
			16	200B	42
			17	134R	47
			18	449W	36
			19	281Q	36
			20	201N	42
			21	141U	40

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
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	BECHTEL	153	12			44-40201	201	N	J4	31	SILVER CHIEF	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	BETZOLD	153	1	MATZE	D1	42-50954	954	A+	J3	8	UNKNOWN 021	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	BOUCEK	153	11			42-50449	449	W	J4	20	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	BRUMBY	153	22	HOGG	L1	42-50684	684	B+	J3	6	A&G FISH SHOPPE	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	CRAVER	153	5			42-95050	050	J	7V	60	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	DYER	153	9			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	9	SPOTTED APE	COMBAT MISSION?
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	FLOYD	153	20	DARELIUS	L2	44-10487	487	R	J3	20	Girl on surfboard (no name)	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	GLAGOLA	153	31			41-28980	980	V	J4	12	UNKNOWN 009	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	GLASS	153	20			42-51206	206	S	7V	22	THE PIED PIPER	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	HADDEN	153	9			44-40281	281	Q	J4	18	A DOG'S LIFE	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	HATHORN	153	11			42-50608	608	W	J3	10	FILTHY McNAUGHTY	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	HOFFMAN	153	ABT			41-28963	963	T	7V	--	UNKNOWN 007	ABORT - #2 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	HOOD	153	12			44-40134	134	R	J4	33	UNKNOWN 039	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	KENYON	153	27			42-110141	141	U	J4	28	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	McGOUGH	153	17			42-51215	215	B+	7V	15	UNKNOWN 024	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	PERRY	153	11			42-51110	110	M	7V	56	TOP O' THE MARK	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	SEALY	153	11			42-51200	200	B+	J4	1	STINKY	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	SMITH, WF	153	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	SULLIVAN, E	153	21			42-95179	179	X	7V	64	HERE I GO AGAIN	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	TEBBS	153	14			42-52457	457	Q	7V	69	FINAL APPROACH	
06-Dec-44	BIELEFELD	VINCENT	153	ABT			44-40118	118	S	J4	--	WE'LL GET BY	ABORT - #3 ENG LOSS OF POWER