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APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

1404

TARGET

BINGEN M/T

DATE

10 DECEMBER 1944

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16 January 1945

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, BINGEN M/Y, 10 December 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data

- a. Date of Mission - 10 December 1944.
- b. Primary Target and Order of Battle -
 Bingen M/Y
 14th CBW (44th, 491st BG)
 20th CBW (446th, 93rd BG)
 96th CBW (466th, 467th, 458th BG)
 2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG)
- c. Secondary Target -
 Mainz - All Units
- d. Last Resort Target - Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany and east of the Rhine River.

2. Narrative

- a. Planning
 (1) Eighth Air Force called for a force of twenty-two Squadrons to attack Bingen M/Y on GH equipment.
- b. Execution
 (1) Assemblies were accomplished without incident.
 (2) The mission was flown generally as planned.

3. Bombing Tactics and Results

- a. Bombing was accomplished on GH equipment.
- b. All units attacked their assigned target except the 44th and 491st Groups which did not attack due to failure of GH equipment.
- c. No photographs are available due to cloud cover at the target.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire

- a. Very meager and inaccurate anti-aircraft was encountered at a few undetermined places enroute.
- b. Meager and inaccurate anti-aircraft was encountered by some Groups at the target, while others reported encountering none at all. A few shells, or rockets, were seen which on bursting emitted smoke streamers similar to PFF markers.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support

- a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was very good.

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6. Losses and Claims

a. Losses and claims were nil.

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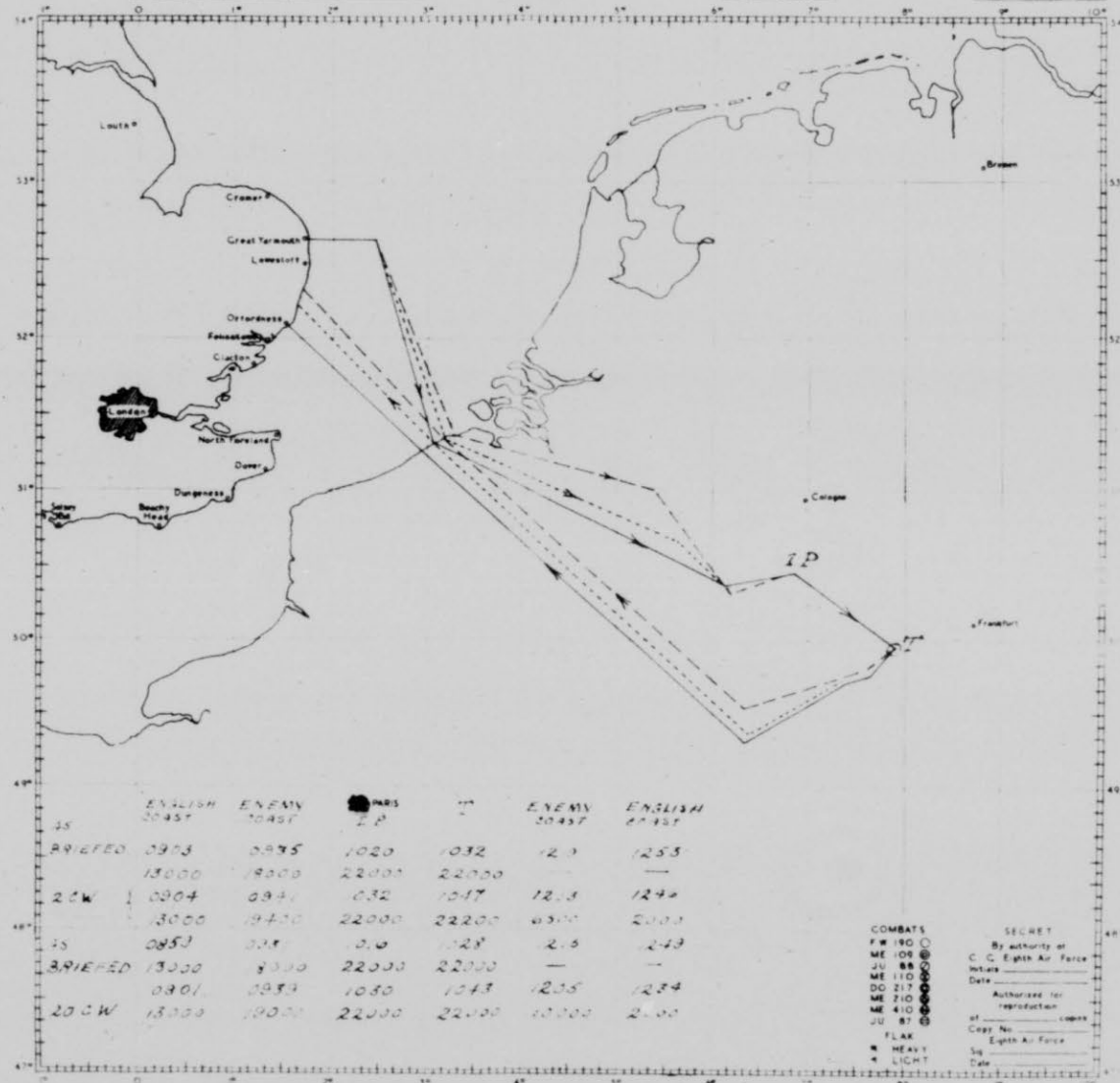
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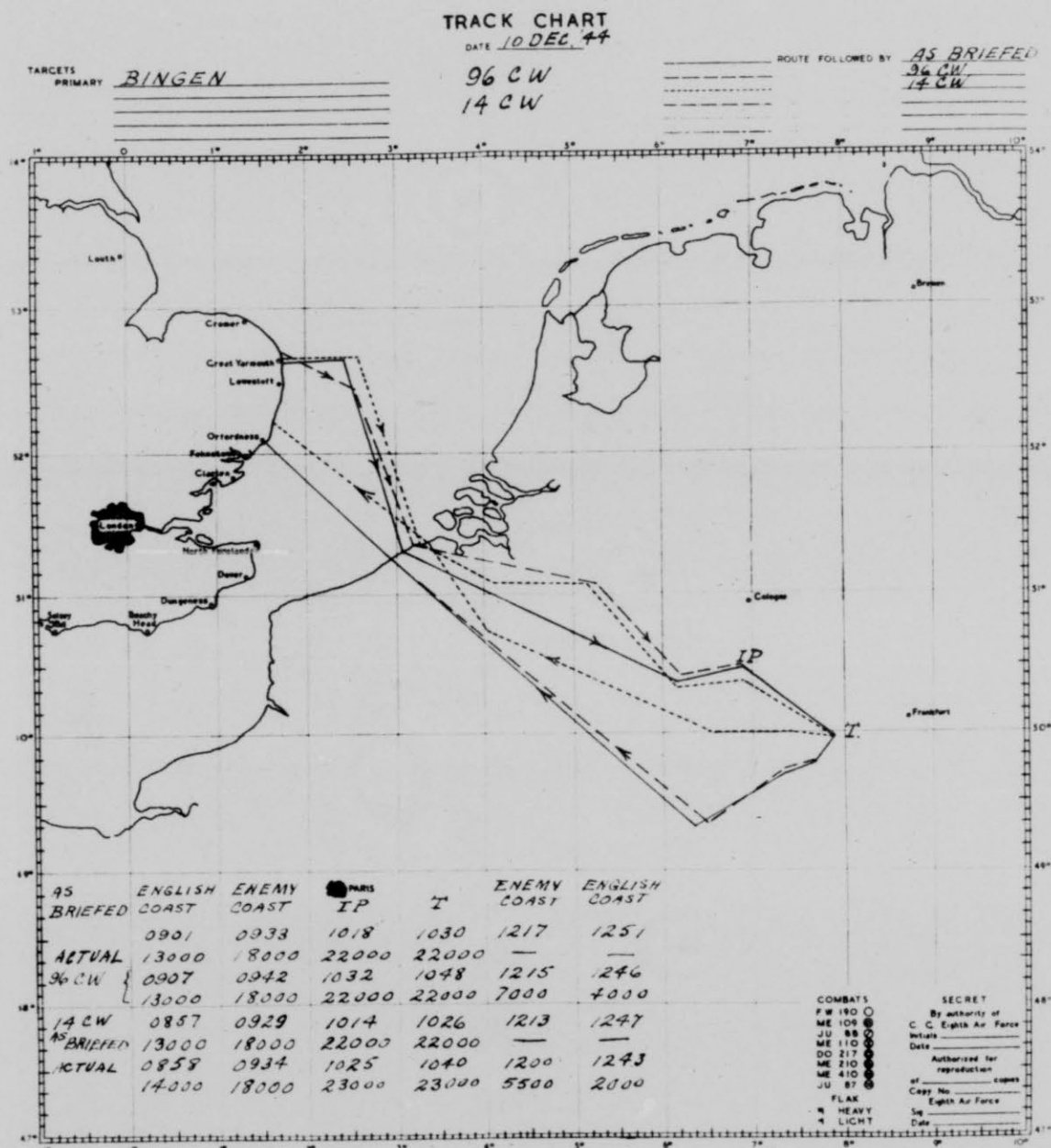
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TARGETS
PRIMARY BINGENROUTE FOLLOWED BY 13 BRIEFED2 CW
20 CW2 CW
20 CW

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GROUP	DIR. OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	PILOT	FLEW AUTO- MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLEC.	RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS & TYPE	NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2X OR GH	VISUAL
							<u>B I N G E N M/Y</u>		<u>H.E.</u>		<u>INCEND.</u>	
44 } 491 }	Did not bomb											
446	141°	12 min.	22,000'	1043	X		GH		816x100	36x500	19+1	GH
446	150°	12 "	20,750'	1044	X		GH		740x100 - 2x500	31x500	18+1	GH
93	160°	10 "	22,500'	1044	X		GH		720x100	32x500	18	GH
466	147°	---	22,300'	1049	X		GH		372x100	16x500	10	GH
466	150°	---	22,500'	1049		X	GH		328x100	13x500	9	GH
467	141°	---	23,300'	1049½	X		GH		655x100 - 3x500	28x500	17+1	GH
458	140°	---	21,300'	1050	X		GH		630x100	34x500	18+1	GH
389	152°	2 min.	22,300'	1047	X		GH		840x100	38x500	20	GH
445	152°	2 "	22,000'	1035	X		GH		698x100 - 6x500	32x500	18+1	GH
453	152°	8 "	21,800'	1048	X		GH		849x100	38x500	20+1	GH

1. The assigned primary target was the M/Y at Bingen, Germany.
2. Bombing was done in group formation through 10/10 cloud.
3. The 44th and 491st Groups did not bomb due to failure of GH equipment.
4. Bombing results were unobserved.

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GROUP 458th

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

DATE OF OPERATION 10 Dec 1944

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 539

ORDERED TARGET: Primary Bingen M/Y
Secondary Mainz Ord Depot

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 UNUSE 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 Flew LR on Gp. A	8	8	8	0	8	PT	Bingen M/Y	318 X 100 GP 14 X 500M-17 2 X M 47	-	-	-	-	-	-	0750	5:20	
A HR	10	10	10	0	10	PT	Bingen M/Y	410 X 100 GP 20 X 500M-17	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTALS	18	18	18	0	18	PT	Bingen M/Y	728 X 100 GP 34 X 500 GP 2 X M 47							0750	5:20	

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BOMB TYPE	EXPENDED					FUSES				AMMUNITION				PYROTECHNICS	
	INITIAL LOAD	ON TGT	JETT	UNACTD FOR	RETD	NOSE FUSE	NOSE DELAY	TAIL FUSE	TAIL DELAY	CALIBER	LINKAGE	LINKAGE RATIO	AMOUNT EXPEND.	TYPE	AMOUNT EXPEND.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
100 GP	728	728	x	x	x	-	-	M100 A1	1/40	.50	API-T	2-1	775		
500 M17	34	34	x	x	x	M138	34.2	-	-						
CHB	2	2	x	x	x	M100 A1	1/10	M100 A1	1/10						
M 47	2	2	x	x	x	M126	Inst	-	-					M-8	8

Formation Plan

2 BD Cont. Lockridge-Jamison
J3 : 684B
Fudges Scope K-20 Harrison-Speer
Z5 : 298E GM : 503L
Cook
Z5 : 126L 8 AF Cont.
Sherrill K-20 Boyle
Z5 : 456D Z5 : 180A
 K-21 K-22

2 BD Spare
Dwyre
 RCM Z5 : 059T 2BD Spa
Fletcher K-21 Gabriel
Z5 : 6400 Z7 : 1831

High Right Squadron

2BD Cont. Urbanik-Wagner
J3 : 5750
Tebbs K-22 Moran
7V : 206S RCM J3 : 740Q
McGough
 8AF Cont. 7V : 215B
Sievertson K-21 Ferriell
7V : 475D 7V : 352K
Simpson
7V : 050J
 K-20

Lehr
7V : 502E
Giesen K-21 Perry
7V : 812V 7V : 4250

Assembly Ship: Lt Dahm
 Marshalling: Lt Stoesser

Order of Take Off

West	Ship	No.	Ship	East
Disp				Disp
26	684B	1		
2	697Z	2		
5	298E	3		
8	126L	4		
7	059T	5		
12	199A	6		
6	456D	7		
12	183U	8		
5	6400	9		
19	575Q	10		
18	740Q	11		
29	206S	12		
		13	215B	Hgr 1
		14	502E	35
		15	352K	Hgr 1
		16	475D	53
		17	4250	37
		18	812V	37
34	050J	19		

Spares: 316H-7V-31 578F-Z5-1
 407R-7V-35 954A-J3-24 PFF
 070K-Z5-2 487R-J3-25

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
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	BOYLE	154	30			42-51199	199	A	Z5	14	UNKNOWN 023	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	COOK	154	36			44-40126	126	L	Z5	30	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	DAHM	154	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A34	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	DWYRE	154	22			42-110059	059	T	Z5	50	UNKNOWN 056	2 BD SPARE
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	FERRIELL	154	1			41-29352	352	K	7V	60	WOLVE'S LAIR	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	FLETCHER	154	2			42-50640	640	O	Z5	17	BUGS BUNNY	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	GABRIEL	154	21			42-95183	183	U	Z5	60	BRINEY MARLIN	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	GIESEN	154	8			42-109812	812	V	7V	47	UNKNOWN 016	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	HARRISON	154	--	SPEER	D1	503	503	L	GH	--		NOT 458TH SHIP
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	HODGES	154	14			44-40298	298	E	Z5	16	THE SHACK	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	LEHR	154	19			42-50502	502	E	7V	17	LARRUPIN' LINDA	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	LOCKRIDGE	154	23	JAMISON	L1	42-50684	684	B	J3	7	A&G FISH SHOPPE	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	McGOUGH	154	18			42-51215	215	B	7V	16	UNKNOWN 024	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	MORAN	154	12			42-50740	740	Q	J3	10	OUR BURMA	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	PERRY	154	12			42-100425	425	O	7V	37	THE BIRD	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	SHERRILL	154	1			42-50456	456	D	Z5	16	DOROTHY KAY SPECIAL	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	SIEVERTSON	154	12			44-40475	475	D	7V	15	JOLLY ROGER	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	SIMPSON	154	11			42-95050	050	J	7V	61	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	STOESSER	154	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	TEBBS	154	15			42-51206	206	S	7V	23	THE PIED PIPER	
10-Dec-44	BINGEN	URBANIAK	154	30	WAGNER	L2	42-50575	575	O	J3	13	UNKNOWN 020	