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APO 553

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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11 DECEMBER 1944

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16 January 1945

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, HANAU M/Y, 11 December 1944.

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data

a. Date of Mission - 11 December 1944

b. Primary Target and Order of Battle -

Hanau M/Y

20th CBW (448th, 93rd BG)

14th CBW (491st, 392nd BG)

2nd CBW (445th, 453rd BG)

96th CBW (467th, 458th BG)

c. Secondary Target - Hanau M/Y - 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 thirty-four Squadrons to
visually attack Hanau M/Y.

b. Execution

(1) Difficulty was experienced in effecting assemblies due to cloud
layers in the assembly areas.(2) The mission was flown generally as planned with the following
exception:(a) Units deviated five to fifteen miles from the briefed route
on withdrawal to avoid high clouds.3. Bombing Tactics and Results

a. Bombing was accomplished on H2X equipment.

b. All units attacked their assigned target.

c. No photographs are available due to cloud cover at the target.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfirea. Moderate inaccurate gunfire was encountered on route from the out-
skirts of Stuttgart and Linburg, and heavier gunfire and automatic weapons were
encountered by a few aircraft which flew over Dunkirk at 2000 feet.b. Heavier, inaccurate, predictor control "unseen" fire was encountered
at the target.

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5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support

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

6. Losses and Claims

a. Seven aircraft were lost to unknown causes.

b. Claims were nil.

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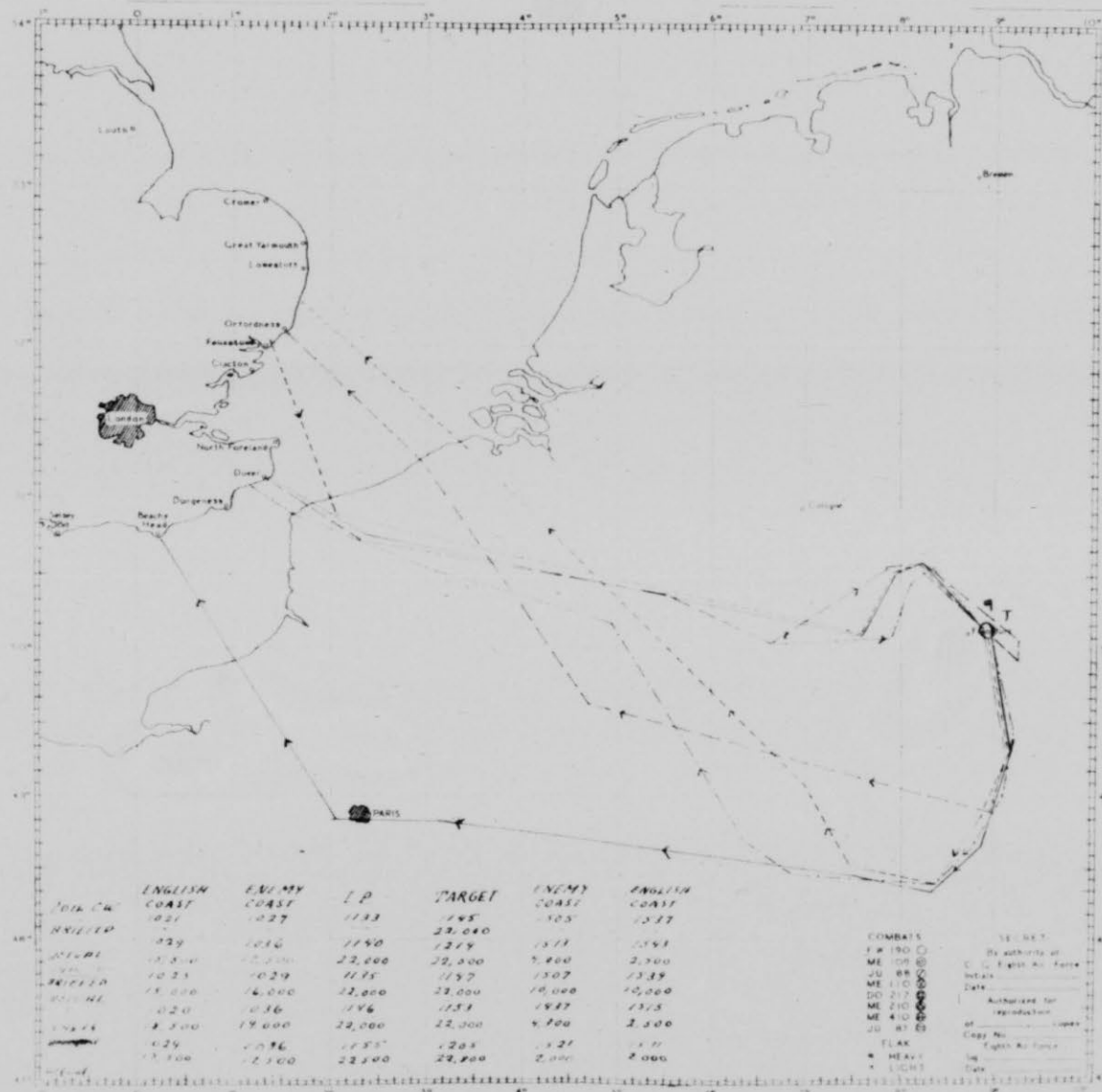
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20TH COMBAT WING
14TH " "

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY *2416 F60*
20th Cn
19th Cn
18th Cn

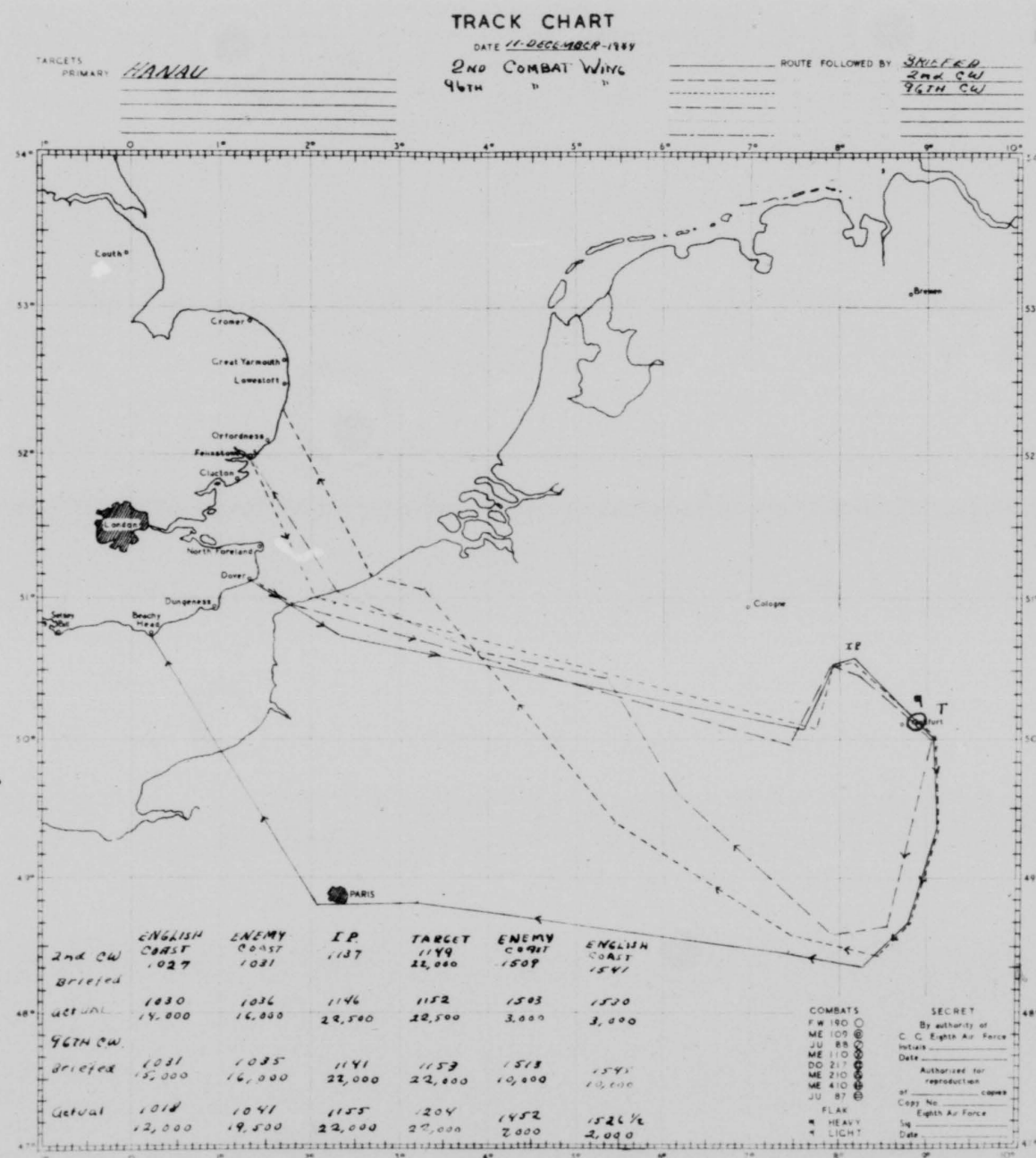


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GROUP	DIR. OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	PILOT	FLYING AUTO- MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLC. RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS AND TYPE	NO. A/C DROPPED ON BOMBING	H2X OR GH	VISUAL
								H.E. INCEND.			
445	163°	10 min.	22,000'	1151	X		H2X 0	704x100; 6x500 32x500	19	H2X	
445	146°	10 "	22,900'	1151	X		H2X 0	704x100; 4x500 32x500	18	H2X	
Comp. (453)	132°	4 "	22,000'	1151	X		H2X 0	832x100; 6x1000 38x500	22	H2X	
453	154°	4 "	22,500'	1203	X		H2X 0	138x1000; 6x500	24	H2X	
491	140°	3 "	22,300'	1153 $\frac{1}{2}$	X		H2X 0	54x1000; 86x100 14x500	11	H2X	
491	161°	8 "	22,400'	1207		X	0 0	30x1000; 98x100 10x500	10	450th smoke markers	
392	135°	2 "	22,300'	1152 $\frac{1}{2}$	X		H2X 0	878x100 37x500	24	H2X	
448	165°	5 "	22,000'	1205	X		H2X 0	183x1000	41	H2X	
93	286°	15 "	23,300'	1221	X		H2X 0	192x1000	34	H2X	
467	156°	6 "	22,000'	1204	X		H2X 0	155x1000	27	H2X	
467	161°	7 "	23,000'	1205	X		H2X 0	136x1000; 2x500	18	H2X	
458	141°	6 "	21,700'	1206	X		H2X 0	152x1000	26	H2X	
458	138°	7 "	21,000'	1207	X		H2X 0	98x1000	17	H2X	

1. The assigned primary and secondary target for this mission was Hanau H/Y.
2. Bombing was done in group formation on H2X equipment through 10/10 cloud.
3. One A/C over the target failed to bomb due to personnel error.
4. Results of bombing was unobserved.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458

DATE OF OPERATION 11 December 1944

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 541

ORDERED TARGET: Primary: Hanau - M/Y
Secondary: Hanau M/Y (H2X)

SQUADRON	Airborn		A/C SORT.	A/C NOT ATKG.	A/C ATKG.	TGT	NAME OF TARGET	NO. & TYPE BOOMBS 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	9	0	9	ST	Hanau - M/Y	50 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	0841	7:13	-
A LL	9	9	9	0	9	ST	Hanau - M/Y	54 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A HR	9	9	8	1	9	ST	Hanau - M/Y	48 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A L	9	9	9	0	9	ST	Hanau - M/Y	50 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A LL	9	9	8	1	9	ST	Hanau - M/Y	48 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	45	45	43	2	43	ST	Hanau - M/Y	250 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	0841	7:13	-

GROUP 458

DATE 11 December 1944

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 541

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
1000 M65	262	250	-	-	12	M 103	1/10	M102 A2	1/100	.50	API-T	2-1	1820	-	-
CHB Skymarker	6	6	-	-	-	M100 A1	1/10	M100 A1	1/10	-	-	-	-	M-8 Grenade	12

"A" Wing

ASSEMBLY &
WEATHER
Stoesser (752)
A/C 697Z Z5

Marshalling
Chief
Alvestad (753)

Lead Squadron - Lincoln Red #A-1

Lamers-Hinchley
J3 610D (Scope)

2 BD cont
Vehslage Allen-Bravakis
7V 316H K-21 J3 628K

8 AF
Sullivan
7V 475D K-21

2 BD spare
Glass Josephson Craver
7V 206S 165L 7V 7V 030J

Hoffman Hicks
7V 157Q 7V 352K K-21

Low Left Sqdn - Lincoln Red #A-2

Hathaway-Betzold
J3 467R

Werrell
J4 118S
RC. 2 BD cont
LaJeunesseWilburn
J4 449W 201N J4
K-21

Fields
J4 287J
8 AF cont
Vincent
J4 283I

2 BD spare
McCormick
J4 980V K-21

Bowers
J3 499U K-22
2 BD spare
Hood
J4 134R

High Right Sqdn - Lincoln Red #A-3

Roberts-Booth
J3 608W

2 BD cont
Canady
298E Z5
K-21

Polliard
J3 516V
RCM
Besten
Z5 6400

2 BD spare
Helfrecht
Z5 059T
RCM
Hess
196Q Z5
Z5 183U
K-21

RCM 8 AF cont
French
Z5 070K

Minor
Z5 456D K-22

"B" WingLead Squadron - Lincoln Red #B-1

Hale - Breeding
J3 939G (Scope)

2 BD cont
Simpson
7V 567G

Anderson
J3 743F

Konyon
J4 111U

Glagola
J4 768V

8 AF cont
Hoey
J4 285H

Iden
J4 555T
K-21

Haynes Svertson
K-22 7V 502E 7V 407R K-20

Low Left Sqdn - Lincoln Red #B-2

Floyd - Quinn
J3 602P

RCM
Jones
215B 7V K-20

Hathorn
J3 5750

2 BD cont
Coode
Z5 305N

Hodges
Z5 018J K-21

SPARE:
570F Z5
disp 1

8 AF cont
Beckstrom Gabriel Perry
J4 281Q Z5 199A 7V 4250

2 BD spare
Craven
7V 812V

K-21

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
11-Dec-44	HANAU	ALLEN, G	155	14	BREVAKIS	L	42-95628	628	K	J3	2	UNKNOWN 038	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	ALVESTAD	155	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 753RD
11-Dec-44	HANAU	ANDERSON	155	10			44-49743	743	F	J3	1	EASTERN BEAST	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	BECKSTROM	155	12			44-40281	281	Q	J4	19	A DOG'S LIFE	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	BESTEN	155	17			42-50640	640	O	Z5	18	BUGS BUNNY	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	BOWERS	155	10			42-50499	499	U	J3	22	COOKIE/OPEN POST	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	CANADY	155	19			44-40298	298	E	Z5	17	THE SHACK	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	COODE	155	8			41-29305	305	N	Z5	40	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	CRAVEN	155	11			42-109812	812	V	7V	48	UNKNOWN 016	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	CRAVER	155	6			42-95050	050	J	7V	62	GAS HOUSE MOUSE	DID NOT LAND AT HORSHAM
11-Dec-44	HANAU	DAHM	155	11			42-95183	183	U	Z5	61	BRINEY MARLIN	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	FIELDS	155	13			44-40287	287	J	J4	26	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	FLOYD	155	21	QUINN	L5	44-10602	602	P	J3	19	TEN GUN DOTTIE	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	FRENCH	155	31			42-110070	070	K	Z5	46	ELMER	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	GABRIEL	155	22			42-51199	199	A	Z5	15	UNKNOWN 023	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	GLAGOLA	155	32			42-50768	768	Y	J4	18	ARISE MY LOVE AND COME WITH ME	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	GLASS	155	21			42-51206	206	S	7V	24	THE PIED PIPER	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HADDEN	155	10			42-50555	555	A	J4	5	BABY SHOES	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HALE	155	8	BREEDING	L4	42-51939	939	G	J3	8	UNKNOWN 028	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HATHAWAY	155	29	BETZOLD	L2	44-10487	487	R	J3	21	Girl on surfboard (no name)	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HATHORN	155	12			42-50575	575	O	J3	14	UNKNOWN 020	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HAYNES	155	15			42-50502	502	E	7V	18	LARRUPIN' LINDA	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HELFRECHT	155	ABT			42-110059	059	T	Z5	--	UNKNOWN 056	ABORT - 2ND T/O, C/N CATCH FORM
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HESS	155	17			42-51196	196	Q	J3	15	THE GYPSY QUEEN	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HICKS	155	1			41-29352	352	K	7V	61	WOLVE'S LAIR	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HODGES	155	15			42-95018	018	J	Z5	59	OLD DOC'S YACHT	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HOEY	155	11			44-40285	285	H	J4	45	TABLE STUFF	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HOFFMAN	155	1			42-52457	457	Q	7V	70	FINAL APPROACH	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	HOOD	155	13			44-40134	134	R	J4	34	UNKNOWN 039	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	JONES, W	155	4			42-51215	215	B	7V	17	UNKNOWN 024	DID NOT LAND AT HORSHAM
11-Dec-44	HANAU	JOSEPHSON	155	13			42-95165	165	L	7V	49	COOKIE	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	KENYON	155	28			42-110141	141	U	J4	29	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	LaJEUNESSE	155	1			42-50449	449	W	J4	21	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	LAMERS	155	23	HINCKLEY	L1	42-95610	610	D	J3	6	UNKNOWN 037	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	McCORMICK	155	14			41-28980	980	V	J4	13	UNKNOWN 009	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	MINOR	155	1			42-50456	456	D	Z5	17	DOROTHY KAY SPECIAL	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	PERRY	155	ABT			42-100425	425	O	7V	--	THE BIRD	ABORT - GAS SYPHONING FROM TOKYO TANKS
11-Dec-44	HANAU	POLLIARD	155	8			42-50516	516	V	J3	12	STARDUST	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	ROBERTS, J	155	29	BOOTH	L3	42-50608	608	W	J3	11	FILTHY McNAUGHTY	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	SIEVERTSON	155	13			42-100407	407	R	7V	58	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	SIMPSON	155	12			41-29567	567	G	7V	7	MY BUNNIE / BAMBI	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	STOESSER	155	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A35	SPOTTED APE	ASSY & WTHR SHIP (752ND)
11-Dec-44	HANAU	SULLIVAN, E	155	22			44-40475	475	D	7V	16	JOLLY ROGER	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	VEHSLAGE	155	15			42-95316	316	H	7V	60	PRINCESS PAT	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	VINCENT	155	17			44-40283	283	I	J4	23	LASSIE COME HOME	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	WARRELL	155	10			44-40118	118	S	J4	18	WE'LL GET BY	
11-Dec-44	HANAU	WILBURN	155	1			44-40201	201	N	J4	32	SILVER CHIEF	