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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

INTOPS SUMMARY NO. 252

PERIOD: 0001 hours 7 January to 2400 hours 7 January 1945

A. STATISTICS

	Missions	Disp.	Sorties	Atkg.	Tonnage	Claims	E/A	Losses			Total
								F/E	OT		
Heavy Bomber Atks.	15	1067	1023	1016	3016.7	0-0-0	0	0	3	5	7 (a)
Fighter Escort	11	561	541	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	5	5
Fighter Sweeps	2	94	88	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter Bombing	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Photo Recon.	3	8	7	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Weather Recon.	7	49	49	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Air/Sea Rescue	7	20	20	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Operations	4	15	13	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	49	1814	1741	1016	3016.7	0-0-0	0	0	2	10	12

(a) 3 believed safe on Continent

B. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY1. Bomber Attacks

1067 a/c (763 B-17s, 304 B-24s) dispatched from three Air Divisions in four forces against five communication centers, three W/Ys, two viaducts, one oil storage depot, three bridges and one rail junction in the tactical area. 1016 a/c dropped 2924.7 tons GP and 92 tons IB - total 3016.7 tons on assigned targets and several T/Os. Three primary targets not attacked. Assigned targets bombed on PFF. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 7 a/c (5 to unknown causes, 2 to mid-air collision).

First Force

Seven group formations (265 B-17s, 3rd Air Division) dispatched against one oil depot and two viaducts. 259 a/c dropped 769.5 tons GP on two assigned

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secondaries and several T/Os at 1130-1141 hours from 22,000-26,000 feet. All bombed on H2X. Leaflets dropped on Bielefeld. Weather: 10/10 undercast over all targets. Flak: generally meager, inaccurate. Battle Damage: 3 minor, 1 major. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

Fighter Support: Four groups (204 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0938-1006 hours, down 1356-1500 hours. 197 sorties. One group strafed Harburg area, destroying 11 locos and damaging 50 goods wagons and 4 tank cars. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 2 P-51s to unknown reasons (pilots believed safe on continent).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Ruthen (Oil Depot)	112	Not Attacked		
Altenbeken (Viaduct nr. Paderborn)	77	Not Attacked		
Bielefeld Viaduct	76	Not Attacked		
<u>Other Targets</u>				
Hamm H/Y (Sec.)		109	325.0	Unobserved
Paderborn H/Y		74	220.5	Unobserved
Bielefeld H/Y (Sec.)		74	218.0	Unobserved
2 T/Os		2	6.0	Unobserved
Totals	265	259	769.5	

Second Force

Nine group formations (351 B-17s, 1st Air Division) dispatched against five communication centers. 335 a/c dropped 983.5 tons GP on all assigned primaries, and one T/O at 1130-1203 hours from 24,400-26,200 feet. Bombing by Gee-H and H2X. Leaflets dropped on Kall, Euskirchen, Bitburg. Weather: 8/10-10/10 en route, 10/10 at all targets. Flak: meager, fairly accurate at Euskirchen. Battle Damage: 3 major. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 a/c to unknown causes.

Fighter Support: Three groups (160 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0942-1012 hours, down 1404-1420 hours. 159 sorties. One group dropped Chaff. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 2 P-51s (believed safe on Continent).

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<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>Results</u>
Blankenheim (Comm. Center)	39	39	115.0	Unobserved
Kall (Comm. Center)	39	39	110.8	Unobserved
Gemund (Comm. Center)	39	37	109.5	Unobserved
Bitburg (Comm. Center)	116	110	321.7	Unobserved
Euskirchen (Comm. Center)	118	75	221.5	Unobserved

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<u>Other Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GF</u>	<u>Results</u>
Coblenz/Lutzel Bridge	—	35	105.0	Unobserved
Totals	351	335	983.5	

Third Force

Four group formations (147 B-17s, 3rd Air Division) dispatched against two bridges in Cologne area. 139 a/c dropped 407.5 tons GF on assigned targets and numerous T/Os at 1130-1202 hours from 22,000-27,000 feet. All bombed on Micro-H or H2X. Weather: 10/10 undercast over all targets. Flak: meager, inaccurate. Battle Damage: 10 minor. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 2 B-17s due to mid-air collision.

Fighter Support: Two groups (95 P-51s) dispatched. Up 0940-0948 hours, down 1414-1420 hours. 91 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 1 P-51 (believed safe on Continent).

Details of bomber attacks as follows:

<u>Assigned Targets</u>	<u>Dispatched</u>	<u>Attacking</u>	<u>Tonnage</u> <u>GF</u>	<u>Results</u>
Hohenzollern Rail & Rd. Br.	71	14	60.0	Unobserved
Rodenkirchen Rd. Br.	76	22	63.0	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>				
Cologne/Kalk M/Y (Sec.)		80	218.0	Unobserved
T/O Limburg		11	32.0	Unobserved
T/O Coblenz		11	31.5	Unobserved
U/I T/O	—	1	3.0	Unobserved
Totals	147	139	407.5	

Fourth Force

Eleven group formations (304 B-24, 2nd Air Division) dispatched against three marshalling yards and two communication centers. 283 a/c dropped 764.2 tons GF and 92.0 tons IB - total 856.2 tons on all primaries and two T/Os at 1213-1239 hours from 19,500-25,000 feet. Bombing by Gee-H on primaries; visual on T/Os. Leaflets dropped on Rastatt and Kiaserslautern. Weather: 8/10-10/10 undercast along route, 7/10-10/10 over targets with heavy haze up to 30,000 feet. Flak: nil to meager, inaccurate. Battle Damage: 10 minor. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 4 a/c to unknown causes.

Fighter Support: Two groups (102 P-51s) dispatched. Up 1005-1020 hours, down 1457-1510 hours. 94 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

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Details of bomber attack as follows:

Assigned Targets	Dispatched	Attacking	Tonnage		Results
			GF	IB	
Landau M/Y	63	54	181.6	26.5	Unobserved
Achern (Rail & Comm. Center)	32	31	99.8	15.5	Good
Kaiserslautern (Rail over-pass & lines)	30	26	70.5		Unobserved
Zweibrücken M/Y	66	64	136.5	28.0	Unobserved
Rastatt M/Y	113	99	249.8	22.0	Unobserved
<u>Other Targets</u>					
Durrmenz (City)		8	23.0		Poor
Karlsruhe (City)		1	3.0		Unobserved
Totals	304	283	764.2	92.0	

2. Fighter Escort

Eleven groups (561 P-51s) dispatched to escort heavy bombers attacking targets in northwestern Germany and in the tactical area. Up 0938-1020 hours, down 1356-1510 hours. 541 sorties. One group strafed Hamburg area, destroying 11 locos and damaging 50 goods wagons and 4 tank cars. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: 5 P-51s (2 to unknown causes, pilots believed safe; other three a/c believed safe on Continent).

3. Fighter Swoops

Two groups (54 P-51s, 40 P-47s, 94 a/c) dispatched to patrol Aachen-Cologne and Osnabrück-Paderborn areas. Up 1005-1020 hours, down 1457-1510 hours. 88 sorties. E/A Opposition: nil. Claims: nil. Losses: nil.

4. Fighter Bombing

Nil.

5. Photo Reconnaissance

8 a/c (2 F-5s, 2 Mosquitoes, 4 P-51s) dispatched on photo reconnaissance as follows:

2 F-5s for D/A photos of targets in Germany.

2 Mosquitoes, escorted by 4 P-51s on special photo mission over N. Holland and N. Germany. One a/c returned early due to mechanical failure.

No losses.

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6. Weather Reconnaissance

49 a/c dispatched as follows:

2 B-17s completed routine flights over NW of Lands End.
1 B-17 completed routine flight from the Azores.
5 Mosquitoes completed special weather reconnaissance over North Sea, Central France, north, west and SW Germany. 8 P-51s escorted.
33 P-51s weather scouts for bomber formations.

No losses.

7. Air/Sea Rescue

20 a/c (12 P-47s, 4 P-51s, 4 B-17s) dispatched on routine patrols. No incidents. All a/c returned safely.

8. Special Operations

14 a/c (7 B-24s, 6 B-17s, 1 Mosquito, 1 A-26) dispatched as follows:

7 B-24s on RCM missions: 4 on Mandrel, jamming from 0711-1203; 1 on special mission, jamming from 1340-1445 hours. 2 a/c failed to complete mission due to mechanical reasons. All a/c returned safely.

6 B-17s dispatched as screening force for bomber operations. All a/c completed mission and returned safely.

2 a/c (1 Mosquito, 1 A-26) dispatched on special operation. Both a/c returned safely.

C. INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Air Opposition

Extremely adverse weather conditions must have made GAF operations of any kind out of the question. Not a single e/a was sighted.

2. Flak

Euskirchen	- meager to moderate, fairly accurate
Rastatt	- meager, inaccurate
Achern	- meager, inaccurate
Cologne	- meager to moderate, inaccurate
Rodernkirchen	- meager to moderate, inaccurate
Coblenz	- moderate, inaccurate
Hamm	- meager to moderate, inaccurate
Paderborn	- meager, inaccurate

3. Observations

Trains jammed M/Y at Baden Baden.
Much rail activity at Appenweier M/Y.
Flat cars filled railroad siding southwest of Lahr, 4821-0752E.
Many railway cars at Karlsruhe RR yard.

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4. Damage to Enemy Installations

Achern - Good Results

Three concentrated patterns of GP and IB squarely on the closely built-up area of the town and road junction with additional bursts on the rail line. Incendiaries seen to be starting large fires at end of attack.

Durmenz - Poor Results

Bursts observed in open field and lightly built-up area.

Balance of targets unobserved due to 10/10 cloud cover.

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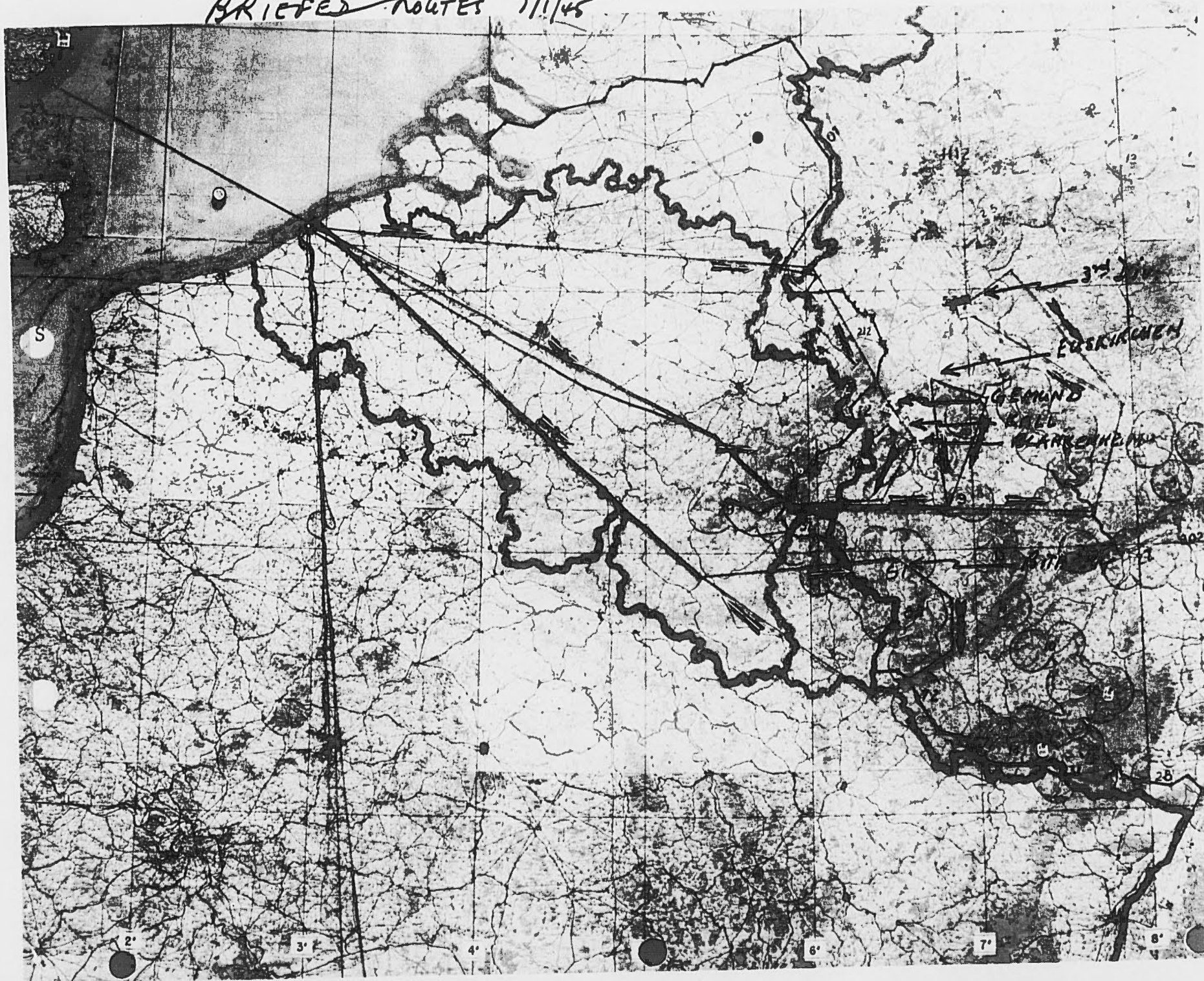
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12 January 1945

SUBJECT: AA Report, 2d Air Division, No. FLO/2AD/464.

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

1. GENERAL: TARGET : Various Tactical Targets as listed

DATE : (7) January 1945

2. NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS: All targets were attacked by group formations and by GH methods with the exception of Achern which was attacked visually by squadrons.

3. FLAK: En route, meagre accurate predictor control fire was encountered at 48°40'N, 08°00'E(A).

At the targets, meagre fairly accurate predictor control fire was encountered at Rastatt and Achern. No Flak was encountered at Zweibrucken, Kaiserslautern or Landau.

4. PHENOMENA: In the vicinity of Baden Baden yellow tracer was seen which appeared to be coming up from the ground. This tracer passed a formation flying at approximately 22000 ft but the shells were not seen to burst. No enemy aircraft were observed throughout the whole of this operation.

5. STATISTICS:

TARGET	SORTIES	DAMAGED SLT SER	A/C LOST FLAK UNK	AXIS OF ATTACK	TOT	ALTITUDE	CONDITIONS
RASTATT	101	6 -	- -	05°-25°	1236-1238	22000-25000 ft	8-10/10th cloud
ACHERN	31	- -	- 1	20°-45°	1237-1238	19500-21500 ft	Clear
ZWEIBRUCKEN	64	- -	- -	15°-35°	1222-1225	21500-23500 ft	10/10 cloud
KAISERSLAUTERN	27	- -	- -	360°-05°	1215	21000-22000 ft	10/10 cloud
LANDAU	56	1 -	- -	10°-15°	1218-1221	22000-23000 ft	10/10 cloud
TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY	9	- -	- -	-	-	21500 ft	-

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GROUP 458

ORDERED TARGET: Primary Rastett M/Y

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DIVISION FIELD ORDER 567

Secondary Pforzheim 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	IRC OF 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	8	8	8	-	8	PT	Rastett M/Y	46 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	0900	7:05	Bombed GH
A LL	10	10	9	1	9	PT	Rastett M/Y	53 X 1000 GP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bombed on flares of 466th. Same MPI
A HR	10	9	9	-	9	PT	Rastett M/Y	48 X 1000 GP	1*	-	-	-	1*	-	-	-	Bombed on GH of Gp. Lead Sqdn
Totals	28	27	26	1	26	PT	Rastett M/Y	147 X 1000 GP	1*	-	-	-	1*	-	0900	7:05	
									* A/C ACC. Crew safe								

GROUP 458

DATE 7 January 1945

DIVISION FIELD ORDER 567

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	162	147	5	6	4	M 103	1/10	M 102	1/100	.50	API-T	2-1	1300 (3500)	M-8 Grenade	4
CHB Skymarker	6	6	-	-	-	M100 A1	1/10	M100 A1	1/10	-	-	-	-	-	-

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
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	BARNHART, L	166	1			41-28963	963	T	7V	14	UNKNOWN 007	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	BOUCEK	166	17			42-50449	449	W	J4	31	HEAVENLY HIDEAWAY	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	DIEHL	166	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 753RD
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	DUKE	166	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 754TH
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	FLETCHER	166	7			42-95120	120	M	Z5	61	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	FLOYD	166	ABT	PHILLIP	L2	42-50608	608	W	J3	--	FILTHY McNAUGHTY	ABORT - 42-95557(OPS RPT) #2 ENG OIL PRES
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	GABRIEL	166	28			44-40126	126	L	Z5	40	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	GLASS	166	26			42-51110	110	M	7V	63	TOP O' THE MARK	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	HAYNES	166	19			42-50502	502	E	7V	22	LARRUPIN' LINDA	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	HEALY	166	11		D3	44-10602	602	P	J3	24	TEN GUN DOTTIE	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	HESS	166	24			42-51196	196	Q	J3	25	THE GYPSY QUEEN	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	HODGES	166	22			42-95108	108	B	Z5	54	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	HOEY	166	16			44-40201	201	N	J4	36	SILVER CHIEF	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	HOFFMAN	166	4			41-29352	352	K	7V	66	WOLVE'S LAIR	LANDED AT WOODBRIDGE
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	HOOD	166	19			44-40277	277	P	J4	33	MISS USED	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	JOSEPHSON	166	19			42-95165	165	L	7V	55	COOKIE	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	KLEIN	166	26			42-110059	059	T	Z5	56	UNKNOWN 056	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	LOCKRIDGE	166	26	JAMISON	L1	42-51936	936	I	J3	4	UNKNOWN 027	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	McCORMICK	166	20			44-40287	287	J	J4	32	BACHELOR'S BEDLAM	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	MINOR	166	7			42-51179	179	P	Z5	57	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	MITCHELL	166	15			42-50499	499	U	J3	25	COOKIE/OPEN POST	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	MORFORD	166	24	WAGNER	L3	42-51939	939	G	J3	13	UNKNOWN 028	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	NO NDIN	166	--	SPEER	D1	717	717	Y	GH	--		NOT 458TH SHIP/PILOT
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	PATAK	166	6			41-29596	596	R	Z5	79	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	PREVOST	166	MSHL			--		--	--	--		MARSHALING CHIEF- 754TH
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	SEALY	166	ASSY			41-28697	697	Z	Z5	A47	SPOTTED APE	ASSEMBLY CREW - 753
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	SHANNON	166	4			44-40283	283	I	J4	29	LASSIE COME HOME	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	SIEVERTSON	166	18			42-100425	425	O	7V	43	THE BIRD	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	SKIDMORE	166	20			42-50640	640	O	Z5	27	BUGS BUNNY	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	VEHSLAGE	166	18			42-95316	316	H	7V	66	PRINCESS PAT	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	WARRELL	166	13			42-110163	163	M	J4	45	TIME'S A WASTIN	
07-Jan-45	RASTATT	WILLIAMS, DG	166	5			44-40285	285	H	J4	52	TABLE STUFF	