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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION 2d Bomb Div
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: By Auth of CG :
: APO 558 Initials :
: Date 7 July 1944 :
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5 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, 4 June 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF 101, APO 634.

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 4 June 1944.
- b. Primary Targets - Airfields at St. Avord, Bourges and Romorantin. Tactical targets in the Melun Area (Azon).
- c. Secondary Target - Chateaudun, Orleans/Bricey.
- d. Last Resort Target - Any airdrome in occupied territory not close to built-up areas.
- e. Units Participating - 14th CBW (392nd, 492nd BG).
96th CBW (458th, 467th BG).
2nd CBW (389th, 445th, 453rd BG).
753rd Sqdn (Azon).

2. Narrative.

a. Three Combat Wings dispatched 185 aircraft to attack airfields at St. Avord, Bourges and Romorantin. One Combat Wing dispatched five aircraft to attack the airfield at Melun, using the Azon method of bombing. Excellent fighter support was provided by three Groups of P-47s and two Groups of P-51s.

b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and routes to the target were flown as briefed.

c. In the 14th Combat Wing, three Squadrons attacked the airdromes at Avord. The second Squadron of the 392nd Group was forced off the bombing run by the high Squadron of the 492nd Group and did not bomb. Results were very good with hits on hangars, dispersal areas, landing ground and perimeter strips. Three Squadrons of the 96th Combat Wing bombed the airfield at Bourges. Good results were observed with hits covering the dispersal areas and landing ground. Six Squadrons of the 2nd Combat Wing attacked the Romorantin airfield with very good results; hits covered the dispersal areas and landing ground. A large warehouse or factory building was hit. Five ships of the 753rd Bomb Squadron, using Azon method bombing, attacked targets in the Melun area with good results.

d. Flak was intense and accurate at St. Avord and Melun. No enemy aircraft were seen.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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FORM V-11 Melun

4 June 1944

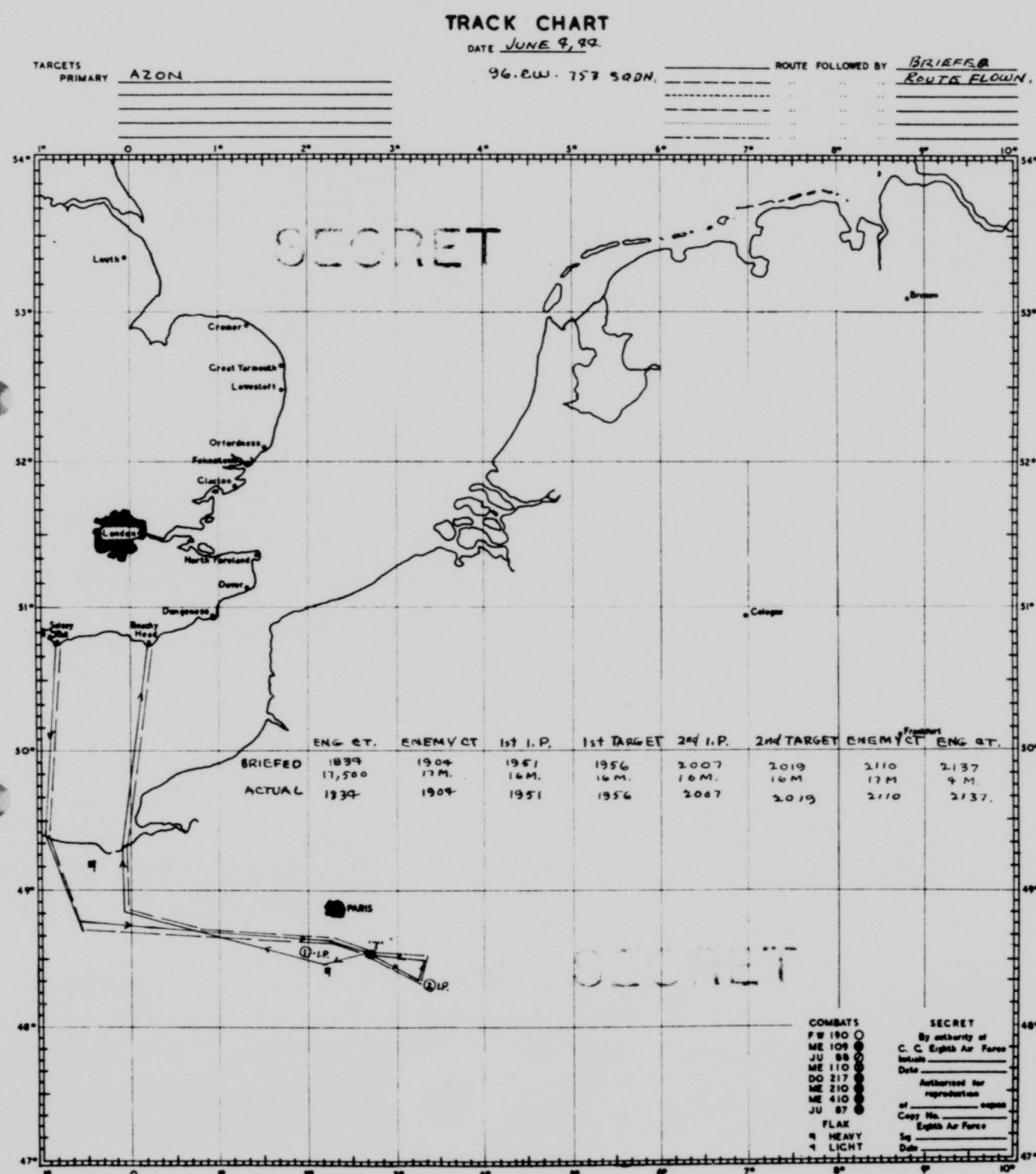
UNIT		2BD	458
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	6	6
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	6	6
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	5	5
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	1	1
	NO. A/C SORTIES	6	6
B O M B S	NO. A/C	5	5
	NO. & TYPES	13x1000GP	13x1000GP
	TONNAGE	6.5	6.5
	TARGET	-	-
	NO. OF A/C	-	-
	NO. & TYPE	-	-
	TONNAGE	-	-
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		6.5	6.5
B A T T L E	A/C LOST TO FLAK	-	-
	A/C LOST TO E/A	-	-
	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A	-	-
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN	-	-
R E S U L T S	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED	-	-
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	-	-
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,	-	-
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM	-	-
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	-	-
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Tactical Report of Mission
6. Statistical Summary of OperationsPrepared by:
Statistical Control
2d Bombardment Division

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

6 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 4 June 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A. Group	753rd sqdn (Azona) of 458
B. Division F.O. No.	326
C. Date of Operation	4 June 1944
D. Ordered Primary Targets	Molun - Tactical Targets
E. A/C Dispatched	6
F. A/C Sorties	6
G. A/C Attacking	5
H. A/C Not Attacking	1
I. A/C Attacking - Primary Targets	5
	1 - 4 x 1000 GP
	3 - 2 x 1000 GP
	1 - 3 x 1000 GP
	(13 bombs - 5 on #1
	8 on #2)
J. A/C Attacking - Secondary Target	Nil
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	Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Group Statistical Officer

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

7 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Not Attacking Report, Mission of 4 June 1944, (Azona #3)

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

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

A/	A/C Taking Off	6
B.	A/C Attacking.	5
C.	A/C Not Attacking.	1
D.	Reason Why A/C Did Not Attack	

44-40288 Not pathfinder. Sortie. Jettisoned bombs in channel.
Flak hit #3 engine. #4 engine supercharger blew flexible
coupling connecting airduct and supercharger due to increased
manifold pressure. B

For the Commanding Officer:

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Mission of 4 June 1944

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FUEL CONSUMPTION REPORT
753rd Squadron - Azon

AUTH: _____
 INITIALS: _____
 DATE: _____

MODEL	SERIAL NO.	PILOT	TOTAL FUEL CONSUMED	FLIGHT TIME	COMPUTED GALS PER HOUR	GALS PER HOUR GROUP AVERAGE
B-24 J	42-100431	Tooman	1740	6:30	267	
B-24 J	44-0261	Larned	1650	6:00	275	
B-24 J	44-0265	Speer	1800	6:45	266	
B-24 J	44-0258	Griffith		4:45	Flak hole in fuel cell, not serviced	
B-24 J	44-0277	Lansing	1800	6:30	276	
B-24 J	44-0275	O'Neill	1725	6:30	260	<u>268</u>

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
 1st Lt. Air Corps
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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
04-Jun-44	2 TACTICAL TARGETS	DeNEFFE	AZ03	26	O'NEILL	L	44-40275	275	L	J4	1	SHACK TIME	AZON MISSION FROM 753 RECS
04-Jun-44	2 TACTICAL TARGETS	GRIFFITH	AZ03	3			44-40288	288	S	J4	--	BAD GIRL	BATTLE DAMAGE - FLAK
04-Jun-44	2 TACTICAL TARGETS	LANSING	AZ03	2			44-40277	277	P	J4	2	MISS USED	
04-Jun-44	2 TACTICAL TARGETS	LARNED	AZ03	2			44-40281	281	Q	J4	2	A DOG'S LIFE	BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION
04-Jun-44	2 TACTICAL TARGETS	SHAW, C	AZ03	23	SPEER		44-40285	285	H	J4	1	TABLE STUFF	
04-Jun-44	2 TACTICAL TARGETS	TOOMAN	AZ03	17			42-100431	431	B	J4	22	BOMB-AH-DEAR	