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NOBALL TARGETS IN
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23 July 1944

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 20 June 1944.

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

1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 20 June 1944

b. Primary Targets

2nd Combat Wing - St. Martin L'Hortier
14th Combat Wing - Enguinne-Gatte, Crepy and Feifs
20th Combat Wing - Siracourt
95th Combat Wing - Wazernes, Oisemont, Fienvilliers,
Autheux, St. Martin, Fleury
96th Combat Wing - Minoyecques, Bachimont and Regnau-
ville

c. Secondary Target - None

d. Last Resort Target - None

e. Units Participating - 2nd CBW (453rd BG)
14th CBW (44th, 392nd BG)
20th CBW (93rd, 446th, 448th BG)
95th CBW (489th, 491st BG)
96th CBW (458th, 466th, 467th BG)

2. Narrative.

a. 207 aircraft were dispatched in eighteen Squadrons to visually attack thirteen Noball targets in the Pas de Calais area. Area fighter support was provided for this mission.

b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and the briefed route was generally flown.

c. The target areas were covered with 3/10 to 10/10 cloud, which resulted in generally poor bombing. Two Squadrons, one attacking Siracourt and the other Oisemont, obtained fair results, with hits in the target area. The remaining units attacked with poor results. One Squadron attacked an unidentified village seven miles southwest of Regnaudville through mistaken identity. Seven Squadrons failed to attack due to cloud conditions.

d. Moderate accurate gunfire was encountered at St. Pol, Montdidier, Abbeville, Oisemont, Dérppe, Berck Sur Mer and St. Omer. Meager anti-aircraft fire was encountered at Siracourt, Authieux, Le Treport, and Viville Sur Mer. No enemy fighters were seen and fighter support was good. One aircraft was lost to enemy anti-aircraft fire. Claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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TACTICAL REPORT OF BOMBING - 20 June 1944 (3rd Mission)

GROUP	DIR. OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	PLEW AUTO-PILOT	PLEW MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLEC.	RANGE	NUMBER A/C BOMBED
<u>ST. MARTIN L'HORTIER</u>									
453	98°	2 min.	21,000'	2018	X		1	1	12
491	70°	5 min.	21,000'	2020	X		1	1	12
<u>SIRACOURT</u>									
448	98°	3 min.	21,000'	2022	X		1	2	10
93)									5 - 93
446) Comp.	100°	2 min.	21,500'	2024		X	1	1	3 - 446th
448)									3 - 448th
<u>OISEMONT</u>									
491	70°	10 sec.	21,000'	2017	X		1	1	11
489	Did not bomb. Failed to identify target due to dense haze.								
<u>FLEURY</u>									
491	90°	2 min.	21,000'	2030	X		1	1	12
<u>WIZERIES</u>									
491	110°	30 sec.	21,000'	2028	X		1	1	13
489	Did not bomb - 10/10 cloud at target								
<u>CREPY</u>									
392	Accidental Release								
<u>FEIFS</u> (Attacked Barlin, France, instead of Feifs)									
392	89°	4 min.	20,600'	2033	X		1	1	4/4 A/C of 492nd
<u>BACHIMONT</u>									
466	115°	3 min.	21,000'	2022		X	1	1	8
<u>REGNAUVILLE</u> (Attacked unidentified village 7 mi. SW of Regnauville)									
466	115°	1 min.	21,000'	2021	X		1	1	9
<u>MINOYECQUES</u>									
458	Did not Bomb) 10/10 cloud at target.								
467	Did not bomb)								
<u>ENGUINNE-GATTE</u>									
44	Did not Bomb - 10/10 cloud at target.								
<u>PIENVILLERS</u>									
489	Did not Bomb - Lead A/C hit by flak. Aborted too late for deputy to take lead.								
<u>AUTHEUX</u>									
489	Did not Bomb - Lead A/C hit by flak. on bomb run. MIA. Formation did not bomb.								

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1. The assigned primary targets for this mission were tactical targets at the above listed locations.
2. Bombing was done by Squadrons on a visually planned mission.
3. Seven Squadrons did not bomb because of difficulties stated in the tabulation of targets. Two Squadrons attacked targets of opportunity when they could not identify the primary due to 5/10 cloud and haze. One Squadron had an accidental release before reaching the target due to a toggle switch malfunction. The 453rd Group chose the wrong HPI at their target due to dense haze.
4. Results of Bombing:

The composite Squadron composed of the 93rd, 446th and 448th, bombing Siracourt, and the 491st bombing Oisemont obtained fair results with hits in their target areas. The balance of the Squadrons bombing was poor with the bombfall in open areas.

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Tactical Report of Mission, 20 June 1944.

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

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|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Targets - | (1) Bachimont | (8) Crepy |
| | (2) Regnauville | (9) Fiefs |
| | (3) Fleury | (10) St. Martin L'Hortier |
| | (4) Fienvilliers | (11) Wizernes |
| | (5) Oisemont | (12) Siracourt |
| | (6) Autheux | (13) Barlin |
| | (7) Enguine-Gatte | (14) Abortive |

- b. (1) Moderate Gunfire was encountered at St. Pol, Montdidier, Abbeville, Lille, Oisemont, Dieppe, the Coxyde/Furnes area, Dunkirk, Nieuport, Berck Sur Mer and St. Omer.
- (2) Meager Gunfire was encountered at Amiens, Hesdin, Siracourt, Autheux, Lens, Arras, Achiet, Le Treport, and Biville Sur Mer.
- (3) Rockets were seen at various places, a concentration of approximately 18 being seen at 50°18'N 02°00'E.
- (4) One A/C of the 445th Group was shot down at 21000 ft in the vicinity of St. Martin L'Hortier, probably by the Montdidier defenses.
- (5) One A/C of the 489th Group was badly damaged by AA Fire in the vicinity of Autheux and eventually crashed near the enemy coast.

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FORM V-11 Mobil

FORM V-11		Moball		20 June 1944						
UNIT		28D	452	44	392	492	92	446	448	489
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	207	12	12	16	4	5	4	14	51
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	207	12	12	16	4	5	4	14	51
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	107	12	-	4	4	5	3	13	-
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	100	-	12	12	-	-	1	1	51
	NO. A/C SORTIES	191	12	12	16	4	5	4	13	49
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	103	12	-	-	4	5	3	13	-
	NO. & TYPES	40x500GP 174x1000GP 66x1000GP 92x2000GP	14x500GP			196x1000GP	40x1000GP	22x1000GP	40x2000GP 24x1000GP	
	TONNAGE	324.2	36.0			9.8	20.0	11.0	52.0	
	TARGET				TO - Berlin					
	NO. OF A/C	4			4					
OTHER	NO. & TYPE	168x1000GP			168x1000GP					
	TONNAGE	8.4			8.4					
TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS		332.6	36.0		8.4	9.8	20.0	11.0	52.0	
BATTLE	A/C LOST TO FLAK	1								1
	A/C LOST TO E/A									
	A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A									
	A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT									
	A/C LOST UNKNOWN									
REMARKS	CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED									
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	0-2-4-12								0-2-4-12
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,									
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM									
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE									
CAT. A-AC-B-E		EST 16-4-0-0								16-4-0-0

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FORM V-11

UNIT		491	458	466	467
AIRCRAFT	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	50	9	20	10
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	50	9	20	10
	NO. A/C ATTACKING	47	-	19	-
	NO. A/C NOT ATTACKING	3	9	1	10
	NO. A/C SORTIES	48	9	19	-
BOMBERS	NO. A/C	47	-	19	-
	NO. & TYPES	264x500GP 624x100GP 52x2000GP		924x1000GP	
	TONNAGE	149.2		46.2	
	TARGET				
	NO. OF A/C				
OTHER TARGETS	NO. & TYPE				
	TONNAGE				
	TOTAL TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	149.2		46.2	
BATTLE	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				
	CASUALTIES - KILLED, WOUNDED				
	SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, ETC.				
	CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,				
	PROB., DAM., NO CLAIM				
	A/C BATTLE DAMAGE				
CAT A-AC-B-E					

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STATISTICAL CONTROL
2d Bombardment Division

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HEADQUARTERS
458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 20 June 1944 (#3).

TO: Commanding General, 2d Bombardment Division.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	357
C.	Date of Operation	20 June 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	No Ball - Marquise/Mimoyesque
E.	A/C Dispatched.	9
F.	A/C Sorties	Nil
G.	A/C Attacking	Nil
H.	A/C Not Attacking	9
	(1) Weather	9
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target. . .	Nil
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.	Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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Mission #3, 20 June 1944

FORMATION PLAN

SCHULZE-FREEMAN

	C	126 : Z5D		
<u>COYLE</u>	<u>BRADLEY</u>	K-21	<u>LOCKRIDGE</u>	<u>RUARK</u>
<u>HAYZLETT</u>	096 : Z5U		362 : Z5A	441 : J3I
311 : 7VA.				
K-21	<u>HAYZLETT</u>	<u>ZIMMERMAN</u>	<u>FUSCH</u>	<u>HANCOCK</u>
	352 : 7VK N70	812 : 7VD	300 : J3Y	316 : J3N
<u>WALKER</u>		K-21	K-20	K-21
721 : 7VV	<u>ARMOUR</u>			
ME/DF	018 : Z5J	<u>ELSKIN</u>		
		008 : J3R	N70	

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<u>WEST DISP</u>	<u>SHIP</u>	<u>NO.</u>
12	126D	1
8	362A	2
9	366U	3
14	721V	4
25	316N	5
19	352D	6
20	316N	7
18	300Y	8
30	255X	9
23	721V	10
20	008R	11
7	018J	12

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
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	ARMOUR	REC	--			42-95018	018	J	Z5	--	OLD DOC'S YACHT	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	BRADLEY	REC	--			42-95096	096	U	Z5	--	BOMBS AWAY	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	COYLE	REC	--			42-100311	311	A	7V	--	YOKUM BOY	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	FUSON	REC	NTO			41-29300	300	Y	J3	--	LORELEI	NO TAKE OFF - MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	HANCOCK	REC	--			42-95316	316	N	J3	--	PRINCESS PAT	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	HAYZLETT	REC	NTO			41-29352	352	K	7V	--	WOLVE'S LAIR	NO TAKE OFF - MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	LOCKRIDGE	REC	--			42-100362	362	A	Z5	--	SWEET LORRAINE	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	PISKIN	REC	NTO			42-95008	008	R	J3	--	UNKNOWN 035	NO TAKE OFF - MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	RUARK	REC	--			42-52441	441	I	J3	--	LAST CARD LOUIE	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	SCHULZE	REC	--	FREEMAN	L1	44-40126	126	D	Z5	--	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	WALKER	REC	--			41-28721	721	V	7V	--	DOWNWIND LEG	MSN #3 RECALL
20-Jun-44	NOBALL FRANCE	ZIMMERMAN	REC	--			42-109812	812	D	7V	--	UNKNOWN 016	MSN #3 RECALL