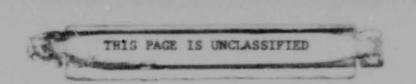


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6 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Concerned.

1. This is the 96th Combat Bomb Wing history for August 1944. An index provides the key to location of material.

2. In the Operations Section will be found Missions Summary, Daily Activity Report, and a special report on aircraft lost in the month of July, 1944.

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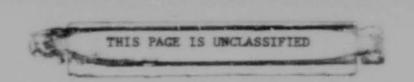
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SECTION II.

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MEMORANDUM:

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Summery of missions from the let of August 1944 to date.

1. The mission of 1 August 1944 involved an attack on construction works at he Grande Vallee, Belloy-sur-Somme, Bois de Gueue Contesse, Wadiscurt, Montlevis, Remnisall, and Villers L'Hopital.

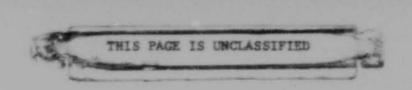
a. The Division formation was made up of the 96th, 2d. 20th, 10th, and 95th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group made up of lead and low left squa drons from the 467th and a lead and high right squadron from the 466th, and a "B" Group made up of lead, low left, and high right squadrons from the 458th. The ships of the 466th were loaded with 3 x 2000 1b 0.2.'s and the 467th and 458th with Max x 250 1b 0.2.'s. 2300 gallons of gasoline were carried. The bombing altitude was at 22,000 feet.

b. Force Mapatched.

#### 458th Group 466th Group 467th Group 36 M/C Took off. 24 M/C Attacked a target 25 A/C Took off. 3 A/C Aborted for the 26 A/C Took off. D A/S Attacked - Hission following ressons: of last resort. regalled due to 12 M/o Did not attack 1-gas look 10/10ths cloud due to 10/10ths (personnel failure) cover (no cortica) 1-low oil pressure 0 A/C Were lost. overcast. 1-turbos out O A/C Were lost. 22 A/C Did not attack due to weather. O A/C Were lost.

c. Marrative. The 166th and 167th Groups and one squadron of the 158th abandoned the mission due to the heavy cloud coverage. A last resort target, a railroad at Cleres, France was bombed visually with fair results by two squadrons of the 158th Group. Ho enemy fighters were seen, but meager and accurate flak was encountered. A good Group and Ming assembly was accomplished and the routes were adhered to until the targets were abandoned.

2. The mission of 2 August 19th involved attacks on construction works at Blancermont, Maut Maismil, Remaismil, Villers L'Hopital, Montlouis Ferne, Madigourt, and Belloy-sur-Somme, France.



a. The Division formation was made up of the 96th, 95th, 14th, and 20th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group with two squadrons from the 467th flying lead and low left and two squadrons from the 467th flying lead and high right, and a "B" Group with three squadrons from the 458th flying lead, low left, and high right positions. The 466th flew high right on the 467th Group. The ships carried 24 x 250 lb 6. P. bombs and 2000 gallons of gasoline. The altitude for bombing was 22,000 feet.

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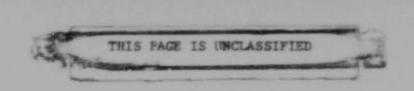
458th Group	466th Group	467th Group
3h A/O Took off. 29 A/O Attacked the	22 A/C Took off. 21 A/C Attacked the	24 A/C Took off.
Primary target.	primary target.	12 A/C Attacked the primary target.
5 A/C Aborted for the following reasons:	1 A/C Aborted due to personnel error.	1 A/C Aborted due to internal engine
2-internal engine failures	O A/C Were lost.	failure.
1-generators failed 2-low oil pressure 0 A/C Were lost.		due to weather. O A/C Were lost.

c. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually by the 466th Group with fair results. The 458th and 467th Groups bombed the primary target by GM. No enemy fighters were encountered and the flak was very light. A good Group and Wing assembly was effected and the route was followed as briefed.

# 3. The mission of 3 August 1944 involved attacks on construction works at Rois de Queue Comtesse, La Grande Vallee, St. Sylvestre, La Houssoye, and on fuel depots at Marquette-Wambrechies and Lille-Sequedin.

a. The Division formation was made up of groups from the 95th, 96th, 95th, 14th, 20th, and 2d Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing was composed of an "A" Group with lead and low left squadrons from the 466th, and a "B" Group with three squadrons from the 467th. The bomb load was 24 x 250 1b 6.F.'s and the gasoline load was 2000 gallons. Bombing altitude was at 23,000 feet.

	14	58th Group		466	th Group		46	7th Group
24	A/O	Took off.	23	NO	Took off.	33	A/G	Took off.
		Attacked the			Attacked the			Attacked the
		primary target.			primary target.			primary target.
2	40	Aborted for the	1	4/0	Aborted due to	2	MC	Aborted due to
		following reasons:			mechanical failure.			internal engine
		1-engine misfired.	0	M/C	Were lost.			failures.
		excessive oil				11	A/C	Did not attack
		consumption.						due to weather.
		1-oil leak.				0	40	Vere lost.
0	WC.	Were lost.					100	



c. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually with fair results. No enemy fighters were encountered and the flak was meager and inaccurats. Very good Group and Wing assemblies were accomplished. The briefed route was followed except at the rally point where the My8th turned short due to flak and took the lead. The remainder of the briefed route was adhered to.

## h. The first mission of h August involved an attack on an aircraft factory at Rostock, Germany.

s. The Division formation was made up of the 96th, 20th, 2d.

95th, and 14th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing flew en "A" Group
composed of a lead and low left squadron from the 452th and a high right and
high right squadron from the 467th, and a "B" Group composed of lead,
high right, and low left squadrons from the 466th. The "B" Group was echeloned
left and high. 12 x 500 G.P. bombs were carried by the ships of the 466th
Group, 52 x M-47 I.B.'s by the 458th, and 12 x 500 G.P.'s by the 467th. 2500
gallons of gasoline were carried. Sombing altitude was at 22,000 fact.

b. Force Dispatched.

## 458th Group

# 22 A/O Took off. 18 A/O Attacked the primary target. 4 A/O Aborted for the following remone: 1-gas leak 1-feathered engine 1-broken cylinder 1-generators feiled 0 A/O Mere lost.

#### 466th Group

38 A/C Teck off.
33 A/C Attacked the primary target.
1 A/C Attacked a target of opportunity.
3 A/C Aborted for the following reasons:
1-pilot could not find formation
1-#3 engine out
1-low oil pressure
1 A/C Did not ottack due to rack malfunction.
0 A/C Were lost.

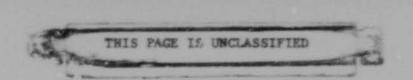
#### 467th Group

25 A/O Took off.
22 A/O Attacked the primary target.
3 A/O Aborted for the following reasons:
1-gas leak
2-internal engine failures
0 A/O Were lost.

c. Marrative. The primary target was attacked visually with good results. Enemy fighters were seen attacking B-17's but none attacked the B-24's. Flak was neager but rather accurate. A good Group and Wing assembly was accomplished and the briefed route was followed.

## 5. The second mission of h August 1944 involved an attack on construction works at Bois de Jusus Comtesse, France.

a. The Division formation was under up of the 2d, 20th, 14th, and 96th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up a single squadron from the 458th Group. The ships were leaded with 20 x 250 lb G.F. bombs and 2000 gallons of ga soline. The bombing altitude was 21,000 feet.



b. Force Dispatched.

#### 458th Group

12 A/C Fook off.
12 A/C Attacked a target of
opportunity (Achlet A/F).
0 A/C Were lost.

c. Marrative. A target of opportunity, an airfield at Achlet.

France, was bombed visually with good results. No enemy aircraft and no flak was encountered. A good assembly was made and the briefed route was followed.

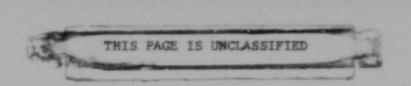
## 6. The mission of 5 August 1944 involved an attack on an aircraft factory at Waggun, (near Brunswick) Germany.

a. The Division formation was composed of the 95, 14th, 2d, 96th, and 20th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group comprising a lead and low left squadron from the 466th and a lead and high right squadron from the 458th, and a "B" Group comprising a lead and low left squadron from the 467th and a composite squadron made up of ships from the 466th and 458th Groups in high right position. The high right squadron of the 458th and the lead squadron of the 467th carried 52 x N-47 I.B.'s and all other squadrons carried 12 x 500 9.P.'s. The gasoline load was 2300 gallons. Beabing altitude was at 22,000 feet.

#### b. Force Dispatched.

458th Group	466th Group	467th Group
30 A/G Took off.  27 A/G Attacked the primary target.  3 A/G Aborted for the following reasons: 1-generator out 1-turbos fluctuated 1-low oil pressure, feathered engine  1 A/G Lost - cause unknown.		2h A/G Feek off. 23 A/G Attacked the primary target. 1 A/G Attacked a target of opportunity. 2 A/G Lost due to flak

e. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually by the 455th and 466th Groups with good results. No enemy fighters were seen. The flak enrouts was light but at the target it was heavy and securate. Due to



smoke and have the M66th did not bomb the primary target and moved on to the secondary target, an airfield at Coslar, which they bombed visually. A satisfa ctory assembly was effected and the briefed course was followed.

## 7. The mission of 6 August 1944 involved an attack on an oil storage depot and refinery at Hamburg, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 2d, 96th, 14th, 20th, and 95th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing flew an "A" Group led by the 467th with lead and low left squadrons, two squadrons from the 458th on the high right of the 467th, and a "B" Group with three squadrons from the 466th. The ships carried 12 x 500 lb 0.P. Bombs and 2500 gallons of gasoline. The bombing altitude was 23,000 feet.

b. Force Dispatched.

458th Group	466th Group	467th Group
24 A/C Took off. 22 A/C Attacked the primary target. 2 A/C Aborted for the following reasons: 1-engine failure 1-supercharger out. 1 A/C Lost due to flak.	35 A/C Took off. 30 A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/C Attacked a target of opportunity. 3 A/C Aborted for the following reasons: 1-gunner passed out with oxygen 1-turbo out. 1 A/C Did not attack due to flak damage. 0 A/C Were lost	24 A/C Took off.  22 A/C Attacked the primary target.  2 A/C Aborted for the following reasons: 1-loose hose clamp on turbo 1-co-pilot fell out of A/C  2 A/C Lost due to flak.

c. The primary target was bombed visually with fair results. No enemy fighters were encountered. Flak was intense and accurate at the target. A good assembly was accomplished and the briefed course was followed.

## 8. The mission of 7 August involved attacks on fuel storage depots at Wondelcom and Gent-Terneuzen Canal.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 14th, 20A, 95th, 2d, 95B, 20B, 96th, and 14th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up two squadrons from the 458th in lead and low left positions, two squadrons from the 467th in low right position, and two squadrons from the 466th echeloned left and slightly above the 458th. The 458th and 466th Groups carried Max x 100 lb G. P. bombs and the 467th carried Max x 250 lb G. P.'s. 2000 gallons of gasoline were carried by the ships. Bombing altitude was at 21,000 feet.

b. Force Dispatched.

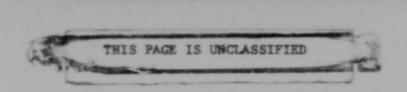
#### 158th Group

#### 466th Group

#### 467th Group

24 A/C Took off. 12 A/C Attacked a target of opportunity.

24 A/C Took off... 10 A/C Attacked the primary target. 20 A/C Took off. 9 A/C Attacked the primary target.



## 10. The mission of 9 August 1944 involved an attack on marshalling yards at Searbrucken, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 20th, 96th, 14th, 95th, and 2d Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group led by the 458th with three squadrens, and a "B" Group with the 467th flying lead and low left squadrens and the 466th flying high right on the 467th with lead and high right equadrens. The "B" Group flow high right on "A" Group during assembly. The 458th and 466th Groups carried 5 x 1000 lb G.P. bombs and the 467th carried 10 x M-17 I.B.'s. 2700 gallons of gasoline were carried. The Bombing altitude was 23,000 feet.

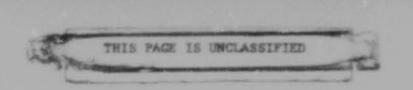
#### b. Force Dispatched.

458th Group	466th Group	467th Group
33 A/C Took off. 25 A/C Attacked the secondary target. 8 A/C Aborted for the following reasons: 2-gas leak 1-feathered engine, crashed on landing 1-controls stiff - personnel 1-lest formation 1-generators set wro: 1-inverters out, engine shuggish, faite keep with formation 1 A/C Lost - cause unknown.	out 1-oil lenk 2 A/C Lost due to flak. ag	24 A/C Took off. 23 A/C Attacked the secondary target. 1 A/C Aborted due supercharger failure. 0 A/C Vere lost.

The secondary target, a marshalling yard at Scarbrucken, Germeny, was bombed visually by part of the equadrons of the three Groups and by FFF by the remainder. Intense and accurate flak was encountered but no enemy aircraft were seen. The 96th Wing lead the Mytrien, taking the place of the 20th Wing which was late at the assembly. The route was followed as briefed.

## 11. The Mission of 11 August 1944 involved an attack on railroad marshalling yards at Strasbourg, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 14th, 20th A, 96th, 95th, 2d, and 20th B Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group made up of lead and low left squadrons from the 467th and a high right squadron from the 466th, and a "B" Group made up of lead and low left squadrons from the 458th and a high right squadron from the 466th. The ships carried 12 x 500 G. P. bombs and 2500 gallens of gasoline. Bombing altitude was at 21,000 feet.



#### b. Force Dispatched (Cont'd).

#### 458th Group

#### 12 A/C Did not attack due to 10/10ths cloud cover. O A/C Were lost.

#### 466th Group

14 A/C Did not attack due to 10/10ths cloud cover. 0 A/C were lost.

#### 467th Group

1 A/C Aborted due to internal engine failure. 10 A/C Did not attack due to cloud cover. 0 A/C Were lost.

c. Marretive. The primary target was bombed visually with fair results by one squadron of the 466th Group and one squadron of the 467th Group. The 458th did not attack the primary target due to the heavy cloud cover. However, one squadron of the 458th bombed a target assigned to the 466th Group. A good assembly was accomplished and the briefed route was adhered to until reaching the target.

## 9. The mission of 8 August 1944 involved an attack on an airfield at Clastres.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 95th, 96th, 14th, 20th, and 2d Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group with the 467th flying lead and low left and the 466th flying high right, and a "B" Group with the 458th flying lead and low left and the 466th flying high right. A flight of three aircraft from the 466th flew high right on the low left squadron of the 467th, and a flight of three aircraft from the 458th flew low left on the low left squadron of the 467th Group. 52 x 100 lb G.F. bombs were carried by the 458th and 466th Groups and 2h x 250 lb G.F.'s by the 467th. 2000 gallons of gasoline were carried by the ships. The altitude for bombing was 21,000 feet.

#### b. Force Dispatched.

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27 A/O Took off.
27 A/O Attached the primary target.
O A/O Morted.
O A/O Ware lost.

#### 466th Group

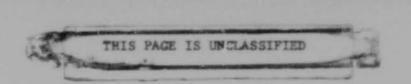
27 A/O Took off.
24 A/O Attacked the
primary target.
2 A/O Aborted for the
following reasons:
1-engine caught
on fire
1-gas leak
1 A/O Did not attack due to
rack malfunction.

#### 467th Group

19 A/C Rook off. 19 A/C Attacked the primary target. 0 A/C Aborted. 0 A/C Were lost.

c. Marrativo. The primary target was bombed visually with good results. No enemy fighters were seen. The flak was moderate and inaccurate. A good Group and Wing sessembly was effected and the briefed route was adhered to.

0 M/O Were lost.



#### b. Force Dispatched.

21 A/C Attacked the 23 A/C Attacked the 22 A/C primary target.	7th Group
generator failure.  O A/C Were lost.  1-generator failure 1-engine prop governor out 1-turbo out	Took off. Attacked the primary target. Aborted for the fellowing reasons: 1-supercharger failure 1-amable to hold formation Were lost.

c. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually with fair results by the "A" Group, but a rack malfunction in the lead ship of the "B" Group delayed dropping of the bombs. Ho enemy aircraft were seen but moderate flak was encountered. A good assembly was effected and the briefed course was adhered to.

## 12. The mission of 12 August 1944 involved an attack on an airfield at Reins, France.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 95th, 20th, 14th, and 96th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group with the 458th flying lead and low left squadrons, and "B" Group with the 467th flying lead and low left squadrons, and a composite group with the 466th flying high right on the 458th and 467th Groups. The 458th and 467th Groups carried 12 x 500 G.P. bombs and the 466th carried 52 x 100 G.P.'s. A gasoline load of 2300 gallons was carried by the ships. Bombing altitude was at 20,000 feet.

458th Group	466th Group	467th Group
2h A/C Took off. 21 A/C Attacked the primary target. 3 A/C Aborted for the following reasons: 1-#1 Engine out 1-internal engine failure 1-lev oil pressure feathered engine. 0 A/C Were lost.		26 A/G Took off. 26 A/G Attacked the primary target. 0 A/G Aborted. 0 A/G Were lost.

c. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually with good results. No enemy aircraft were seen and the flak was very light at the target. Heavy clouds impeded a good assembly, but after leaving the coast the weather was clearer and the briefed course was adhered to.

## 13. The mission of 13 August 19hh involved attacks on highway approaches to the Seine River in the Area of Routet, Pavilly, and Montfort, France.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 2d, 95th, 14th, 96th, and 20th Wings flying in that order. The squadrons flew in trail. The 96th Wing put up three Groups of two squadrons each. The ships carried 48 x 100 G. P. bombs and a gasoline load of 2300 gallons. The bombing altitude was at 18,000 feet.

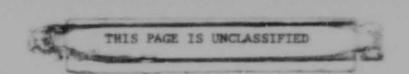
#### b. Force Dispatched.

458th Group	466th Group	467th Group
24 A/O Took off.  19 A/O Attacked the primary target.  4 A/O Aborted for the following reasons: 1-confusion in signals from lead 1-cylinder blown off 1-low oil pressure 1-turbo, #3 engine smoking  1 A/O Mid not attack due to a rack malfunction.  0 A/O Were lost.	24 A/C Took off. 23 A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/C Did not attack - Lost due to flak.	27 A/C Took off. 24 A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/C Aborted due to cylinder blown loose. 2 A/C Did not attack for the following reasons: 1-damaged by parts flying from another A/C which expleded 1-exploded when hit by flak. 1 A/C Lost due to flak.

c. Marrative. The primary targets were bombed visually with fair results. So many aircraft were seen but intense and accurate flak was encountered. A very good Group and Wing assembly was effected and the route was flown as briefed.

## 14. The mission of 14 August 1944 involved an attack on an airfield at Bole/Tavaux, France.

a. The Mvision formation was made up of Groupe from the 2d, 14th, 95th, 14th, 95th, 96th, and 20th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up as "A" Group with the 467th in lead and low left positions and the 456th on the high right, and a "B" Group with the 466th in lead and low left positions and the 458th on the high right. The ships were leaded with 46 x 100 1b 6. P. bombs and 23,000 gallons of gasoline. The bembing altitude was 20,000 feet.



#### b. Force Dispatched

458th Group	466th Grown	467th Group
24 A/C Took off.  22 A/C Attacked the primary target.  2 A/C Aborted for the following reasons:  1-feathered engine  1-gas look	25 A/G Teck off. 24 A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/G Aborted due to personnel failure. 0 A/G Were lost.	24 A/C Took off. 24 A/C Attacked the primary target. 0 A/C Aborted. 0 A/C Were lost.

c. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually with fair results. No enemy fighters and no flak was encountered on the mission. Good assemblies were effected by the Groups and the Wing, and the route was flown as briefed.

## 15. The mission of 15 August 1944 involved an attack on an sirfield at Vechta, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 20th, A, 96th, 2d, 14th, and 20th B Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group composed of lead and low left squadrons from the 467th and a high right squadron from the 466th, and a "B" Groups composed of lead and low left squadrons from the 458th and a high right squadron from the 466th. The whips carried 4 x 1000 G. P. and 4 x 500 M-17 I. B. bombs and 2300 gallens of gasoline. The altitude for bombing was 21,000 feet.

#### b. Force Dispatched.

458th Group	466th Graup	467th Group	
22 A/C Took off. 19 A/C Attacked the primary target.	27 4/0 Took off. 23 4/0 Attacked the primary target.	24 A/G Took off. 24 A/G Attacked the primary target.	
2 A/G Aborted for the following reasons; 1-cylinder head blown 1-generator failure	4 A/C Aborted for the following reasons: 1-gas leak 1-internal engine failure	0 A/G Aborted. 0 A/G Were lost.	
1 A/O Bid not attack due to feath-red engine on bomb run.	2-supercharger tro	uble	
O A/C Were lost.			

e. Marrative. Group and Ving assemblies were accomplished as briefed. Some confusion was caused in uncovering at the IP as the low left equadron in "A" Group was not in close enough to the lead equadron to go in and bomb second. The high right equadron in "A" Group had to "S" to drop back to allow the low left equadron to go in which caused the whole "B" Group to "S" near the IP. However, good bombing results were accomplished by all

squadrons, they having scattered themselves out at the time the target was reached. The only unusual point in the bombing was the fact that the first squadron of the 467th was unable to pick up the target on the first run which necessitated a second run. A rally was accomplished without difficulty while the 466th was moving from the position it had assumed in the rally to its briefed position on the route out. It was attacked by enemy fighters and lost four ships.

## 16. The mission of 16 August 1944 involved an attack on an Aero Marine Factory at Magdeburg, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 20th, 96th, 2d, and 14th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing flew an "A" Group composed of three squadrons from the 467th, and a "B" Group composed of load and low left squadrons from the 458th and a high right squadron from the 466th. The "B" Group flew high right on the "A" Group. The 458th Group and two squadrons of the 467th carried 12 x 500 G. P. beabs and the 466th Group and one squadron of the 467th carried 12 x M-17 I.B.'s. A gasoline load of 2500 gallons was carried by the ships. The bosbing altitude was 22,000 feet.

#### b. Force Dispatched.

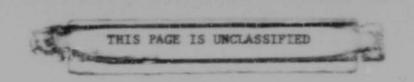
high Group	166th Group	467th Group	
22 A/C Took off.  19 A/C Attacked the primary target.  3 A/C Aborted for the following reasons:  1-exhaust coupling malfunction  1-engineer ill  1-pilot could not keep formation  0 A/C were lost.	16 A/C Took off. 15 A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/C Aborted - none wheel would not retreat. 0 A/C Were lost.	36 A/C Took off. 33 A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/C Attacked a target of opportunity. 1 A/C Aborted due to blown cylinder head. 1 A/C Did not attack due to rack malfunction. 1 A/C Lost to flak.	

c. The primary target was bombed visually with good results.

Macay fighters were seen by the 458th Group after reaching the target but none attacked. Flak was heavy and accourate. A good assembly was accomplished and except for a slight deviation to the north on the withdrawal the route was followed as briefed.

## 17. The mission of 15 August 19hh involved on attack on Aero Engine Works at Wolvey (near Mets), France.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 2d, 96th, 20th, and 15th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group composed of three squadrons from the 567th, and a "B" Group composed of two squadrons from the 56th flying lead and low left and one squadron from the 56th flying high right. The ships of the 56th Group and two squadrons of the 567th were



loaded with 12 x 500 0. P. boxbs and the ships of the 466th Group and one equatron of the 467th were loaded with Nex x M. 17's. A gasoline load of 2300 gallons was carried. The altitude for bambing was 18,000 feet.

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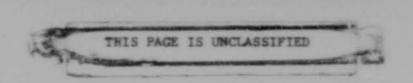
#### 466th Group 467th Group 455th Group 24 A/C Took off. 9 A/C Attacked the 12 A/C Took off. 11 A/C Attacked the 38 A/C Took off. 38 A/C Astacked the primary target. 0 A/0 Aborted. 0 A/0 Were lost. primary target. 1 A/C Aborted due to of opportunity. turbo failure and high cas following reasons: concumption 1-low oil pressure, 0 A/C Were lost. consumption. 1-gas leak 2 M/C Did not attack for the following reasons: 1-mings demaged in collision when plane was caught in prop 1-rack malfunction 0 A/G Were lost.

e. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually with very good results. No enemy sireraft were seen. No flak was encountered at the target but light fle k was encountered at Romelly. Very good assemblies were effected by the three Groups and the route was followed as briefed.

18. The mission of 24 August 1944 involved an attack on an Cil Refinery at Risburg, Cormany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 96th, 19th, 2d, and 20th wings flying in that order. The 96th wing put up an "A" Wing led by the 467th Group with three equadrons, a "B" Wing led by the 458th Group with three squadrons, and two squadrons from the 466th, one flying high high right on the "A" Wing and one flying high high right on the "B" Wing. The ships of the 467th Group were loaded with 12 x 500 lb G.F.'s, and those of the 458th and 466th Groups with 24 x 250 lb G.F.'s. A 2500 gallon gasoline load was carried. The bombing altitude was 22,000 feet.

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1558h Group	166th Group	167th Green
32 A/C Took off. 25 A/C Atta ched the primary target.	29 A/C Took off. 23 A/C Attacked the primary target.	37 A/G Took off. 37 A/G Attached the primary target.



#### b. Force Dispatched (Contd).

#### 458th Group

3 A/C Attacked targets of epportunity. 1 A/C Aborted due to gas leak. 0 A/C Were lest.

#### 466th Group

6 A/C Aborted for the following reasons:
1-gunner sick
1-prop governor out
3-oil leaks and low oil pressure
1-rack malfunction
0 A/C Were lost.

467th Group

O A/C Aborted.

O A/O Here lost.

c. Marrative. The 96th Wing has in the lead of the 5th Air Force. The primary target was bombed visually with good results by the 455th and 467th Groups and with fair results by the 466th. All Groups of the 96th Wing effected good assemblies. On the route in the 466th flew over the channel a little farther to the right than briefed. Some delay was caused at the withdrawal when the 14th Wing cut in. With the exception of one squadron of the 466th, flying high high on "B" Group, which returned alone, the beturn route was flown by the Wing as briefed.

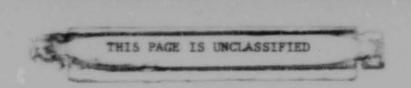
## 19. The first mission of 25 August 1944 involved an attack on an aircraft factory at lubeck, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 14th, 96th, 2d. and 20th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up an "A" Group led by three squadrons of the 467th, and a "B" Group with two squadrons from the 458th in lead and low left positions and two squadrons from the 466th in lead and high right positions. 10 x 500 G. P. bombs were carried by all the ships except two in the 467th Group, one carrying 5 KG 20 bombs and the other 5 KG 25 bombs. A gasoline load of 2700 gallons was carried. The bombing altitude was 22,000 feet.

#### b. Force M spatched.

4588A Group	466th Group	467th Group
23 A/G Took off.  22 A/G Attacked the primary target.  1 A/C Did not attack - Lost due to flak.	27 A/C Took off. 26 A/C Attacked the primary terget. 1 A/C Aborted due to gas leak. 0 A/C Were lost.	36 A/G Took off. 34 A/G Attacked the primary target. 1 A/G Attacked a target of opportunity. 1 A/G Aborted due to internal engine failure. 1 A/G Lost due to flak.

c. Engrative. The primary target was bombed visually with good results. Enemy aircraft were seen engaged in dog fights but none attacked the formation. Light and accurate flak was encountered at the coast. A good Group and Ming assembly was made and the route was followed as briefed.



#### 20. The record mission of 25 August 1944 involved an attack on a Synthetic Assonia and Sensol Plant at Tertre, Belgium.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 96th, 2d, and 20th Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing led the Division with one squadron from the 456th Group. The ships carried a bomb load of 12 x 500 lb 0.F.'s and a gasoline load of 2000 gallons. The bombing altitude was at 20,000 fent.

b. Force Mapatched.

#### 458th Group.

12 4/C Took off.

S A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/C Attacked the secondary target.

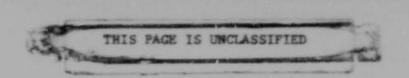
5 A/C Did not attack due to flak dawnge. O A/O Were lost.

c. Harrative. The primary target was bombed visually with good results. No enemy fighters were seen, but the flak was intense and accurate along the entire route. The assembly was accomplished as briefed. The briefed route was closely followed to the target except for a slight deviation to the right to avoid the intense flak. Two runs were made on the target. A normal withdrawal was made and the briefed return route was adhered to.

## 21. The mission of 26 August 1944 involved on attack on an gil storage depot at Dulmen, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 2d, 96th, 1hth, and 20th Mings flying in that order. The 96th Ming put up an "A" Group composed of lead and low left squadrons from the 467th and a high right squadron from the 458th, and a "B" Group composed of lead and low left squadrons from the 466th, and a high right squadron from the 458th. 2h x 250 lb G.P. bombs were carried by the ships of the 467th Group and by one squadron of the 458th, 8 x 1000 lb G.P.'s by the 466th, MS x 100 lb G.P.'s by one squadron of the 458th, and 10 G 26 bombs by one ship of the 467th. The ships carried 2000 gallons of gaseline. Bombing was at an altitude of 20,000 feet.

hasth Group	466th Group	467th Group	
24 A/G Took off.	27 M/C Took off.	24 A/G Took off.	
23 A/C Attacked the primary target.	26 A/C Attacked the primary target.	24 A/O Attacked the primary target.	
1 A/C Aborted due to turbo feilure and oil leak.	1 A/C Aborted due to supercharger failure.	O A/C Aborted. O A/C Were lost	
O A/C Were lest.	0 A/C Vere 1005.		



c. Marrative. The primary target was bombed visually and the results were excellent by the 455th Group, good by the 457th, and fair by the 456th. We enemy fighters were seen and the flak was meager. A normal assembly was made by the Wing and the briefed route was adhered to.

## 22. The mission of 27 August 194h involved an attack on an aircraft factory at Orienburg, Germany.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 14A, 96A, 20th, 26, 14B, and 96B Wings flying in that order. The 96th Wing put up on "A" Group composed of a lead and low left squadron from the 467th and a high right squadron from the 466th, and a "B" Group led by the 458th with three squadrons, a squadron from the 467th on the high right. The "A" Group, comprising two squadrons from the 467th and one from the 466th, carried 10 x 500 1b G.P. bombs. In the "B" Group two squadrons from the 458th carried 300 1b G.P.'s, one squadron from the 458th 250 1b G.P.'s, and one squadron from the 467th and one from the 466th carried K-47's. A gasoline load of 2700 gallons was carried. The bombing altitude of the "A" Group was 23,000 feet, and of the "B" Group 21,000 feet.

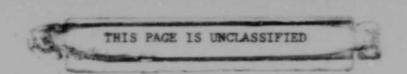
#### b. Force Dispatched.

		467th Group
30 4/0 Took off. 30 4/0 Did not attack due to weather. 0 4/0 Were lost.	28 A/C Took off. 28 A/C Did not attack due to venther. 0 A/C Yere lost.	35 A/C Took off. 33 A/C Did not attack due to weather. 2 A/C Aborted for the following reasons: 1-wheels would not lock up in position 1-personnel error 0 A/C were lost.

c. Marrative. The assembly was accomplished as scheduled and the briefed course was followed until reaching the coast when the mission was abandoned due to adverse weather conditions. Neither enemy aircraft nor flak was encountered enroute.

## 23. The mission of 30 August 1944 involved an attack in the area of Villers L'Hopital.

a. The Division formation was made up of the 2d, 1 hth, and 96th Wings flying in that order. The squadrons on each target flow in trail stepped up at 300 feet each, with the lead squadron at bombing altitude. The 96th Wing put up three squadrons from the 166th Group. The ships carried 24 x 250 lb 6. P. bombs and 2300 gallons of gasoline. Bombing was at an altitude of 23,000 feet.



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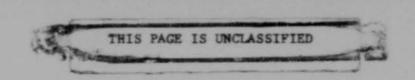
Date	Alerted	96th 7.0.	2 3D 7.0.	Target	Remarks
1/8/44	Yes	145	416	Vadicourt, Montlouis Ferme, Remaisnil, Belloy- sur Somme, Villers L'Hepital, Bois de Queue Comtesse, La Grands Valles.	The 466th & 467th Groups and one squadron of the 455th abandoned the mission due to weather. Two squadrons of 458th bombed a target of last resort visually.
5/8/4	No No		417 418		Mission cancelled. 20th & 2d Wings participated.
2/8/14	Yes	146	419	Blangermont, Haut Maisnil Remaisnil, Villers L'Hopital, Montlouis Ferme, Wadicourt, Belloy- sur-Somme.	
3/8/44	Yes	147	1420	Bois de Quome Comtesse, La Grande Vallee, St. Sylvestre, La Houseoye, Marquette/Wambrechies, Lille, Seguedin.	targets visually.
4/8/44	Tes	148	421	Rostoak.	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
11/8/11	Yes	149	422	Bois de Queue Contesse.	One squadron of the 458th bombed a target of opportunity visually.
5/8/4	Tes	150	423	Brunewick (Waggum A/F).	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bembed the primary target visually.
6/8/44	Too	151	424	Hamburg (Minewarden).	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
7/8/14	Yes	152	125	Chent-Fernousen.	One squadron of the 466th and one squadron of the 467th bembed the primary target visually. One squadron of the 458th bembed a target of opportunity.
8/8/44	Yes	153	426	Clastres.	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bembed the primary target visually.

#### b. Force Dispatched.

#### 466th Group

35 A/C Took off. 34 A/C Attacked the primary target. 1 A/C Aborted due to a mechanical failure. 0 A/C Were lost.

c. Earrative. The primary target was bombed by CH. Ho enemy aircraft were seen, but moderate and accounte flak was encountered. A good assembly was accomplished by the Group and the briefed route was closely adhered to.



Date	Alerted		2 BD 7.0.	Target	Reserve
9/8/hh	Tes	154	427	Searbrucken	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the secondary target, part of the squadrons by FFF and part visually.
10/8/44	No No		428 429		20th & 95th participated. 20th & 95th participated.
11/8/14	Yes	155	430	Strasbourg	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
12/8/4	Yes	156	431	Reims	Three Groupe of the 96th Wing bembed the primary target visually.
13/8/44	Yes	157	432	Seine Aren	Three Groups of the 96th Ving bombed the primary target visually.
14/8/44	Yes	158	433	Dole/Tavaux	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
15/8/44	Yes	159	434	Vechta	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
16/8/44	Yes	160	435	Magdeburg	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
18/8/44	Yes	161	437	Velppy	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
54/8/市	Yes	162 163	438	Kieburg	Mission scrubbed. Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
25/8/44	Tee	164	7110	Labeck	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bombed the primary target visually.
25/8/44	Yes	165	442	Tertre (Belgium)	Only 458th participated. Bombed primary target visually.
26/8/44	Yes	166	443	Dalmen	Three Groups of the 96th Wing bonded the primary target visually.
27/8/44	Yes	167	1445		Mission cancelled.
27/8/44	Yes	168	446	Orienburg & Finov	Missisz recalled due to weather.
30/8/44	Tes	169	447	Villers L'Hopital	Only 466th Group participated, bombed primary target by GR.