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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGETS

BASDORF
ORANIENBURG
FINOW

DATE

27 AUGUST 1944

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SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, BASDORF, ORANIENBURG, FINOW, 27 August 1944

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

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data.

a. Date of Mission - 27 August 1944.

b. Primary Targets and Order of Battle -

Oranienburg - 14th "A" CBW (392nd, 491st DG).
 Oranienburg - 96th "A" CBW (467th, 466th DG).
 Oranienburg - 20th "B" CBW (93rd, 446th, 448th, 489th DG).
 Basdorf - 2nd CBW (453rd, 389th, 445th DG).
 Basdorf - 14th "B" CBW (44th DG).
 Finow A/F - 96th "B" CBW (458th, 467th, 466th DG).

c. Secondary Targets -

Ludwigslust A/F - 14th "A" CBW
 Ludwigslust A/F - 96th "A" CBW
 Parchin A/F - 20th CBW
 Withstock A/F - 2nd CBW
 Neuruppin A/F - 14th "B" CBW
 Neuruppin A/F - 96th "B" CBW

d. Last Resort Target - Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany that can be attacked without disrupting fighter support.

2. Narrative.

a. Planning.

(1) Eighth Air Force called for a force of thirty-six Squadrons to visually attack air armament plants in the Berlin area.

(2) Fourteen H2X aircraft were dispatched for this operation.

b. Execution.

(1) Assemblies were effected without difficulty.

(2) The mission was flown as planned until towering clouds were encountered over the North Sea, which caused the force to return to base.

3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

a. The 392nd Group attacked the island of Heligoland, a target of opportunity, on H2X equipment through 10/10 cloud.

b. The remaining units returned their bombs.

c. No photographs are available because of cloud coverage.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

a. Meager flak was encountered at the Danish coast and at Heligoland.

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5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

a. No enemy aircraft were seen and fighter support was good.

6. Losses and Claims.

a. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles D. Westover

CHARLES D. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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Tactical Bombing Report of Mission, 27 August 1944

GROUP	DIRECT OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	PILOT	FLEW AUTO MANUAL	RANGE & DEFLECT RANGE	TOTAL BOMBS AND TYPE		NO. A/C BOMBING	DROPPED ON H2K OR CH	VISUAL
								H.E.	INCEND.			
392	186	5 min.	21,000	1410	K		HELIGOLAND	240x500	144x500	32 / 2	H2K	

- a. The assigned primary targets for this mission were airfields at Dardorf, Oranienburg and Finow.
- b. The mission was recalled due to weather. The 392nd Group attacked the island of Heligoland in Group formation on H2K equipment through 10/10 cloud.
- c. Results of bombing:
Heligoland - unobserved
- d. Disposition of bombs by H2K A/C:
Heligoland - 2 A/C - 8x500 HE

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AAF 123 APO 558
Office of the Operations Officer

28 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 27 August 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458
B.	Division F.O. No.	446
C.	Date of Operation	27 August 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Finow A/F - Berlin
E.	A/C Airborne.	30 30
F.	A/C Sorties	30
G.	A/C Attacking	Nil
H.	A/C Not Attacking	30 - Weather - Recalled.
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 - 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
R.	Time of Take Off	1117
S.	Average Time of Flight.	5:10
T.	Comments: Mission recalled over Danish Islands due to weather. Sortie credit withheld on mission until 26 November 1944. Now given credit VOGO.	

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Statistical Officer

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21 X 250# GP's

FIELD SQUADRON "B" GP 96TH WING

ENLISTED-T-HOGG

C PFF : 910R

WARNER

7V : 219W

COYLE

7V : 179K

BRUMBY-WILLIAMSON

J3 : 907D

WILLIAMS

7V : 126L

TERDS

7V : 311P

K-21

LEHR

7V : 118R

K-21

WAGNER

J3 : 316N

K-22

KLEIN

J3 : 342S

BOWERS

J5 : 288L

KLUSSEYER

J3 : 119P

K-20

ALLEN

J3 : 407R

K-21

21 X 250'a

LCW LEFT SQUADRON

HAYZLETT-BRAY-KIS

7V : 487B

FREDERICK

J3 : 120M

BOYLE

J3 : 183U

K-22

MCARDLE

J3 : 602L

KENYON

J3 : 425O

STOESSER

J3 : 709I

K-21

LOY

7V : 314L

HOOD

J3 : 097T

K-20

SIEVERSTC

J3 : 516K

JOSEPHSON

7V : 457Q

K-21

MORAN

7V : 352K

K-20

16 X 300#

HIGH RIGHT SQUADRON

LOCKRIDGE-CLAGGETT

C Z5 : 516B

COOK

Z5 : 596R

HELFERICH

Z5 : 276G

K-22

DEMO

Z5 : 366H

SWARTZ

Z5 : 110P

CANADY

Z5 : 018J

K-21

MCCORMICK

J4 : 285H

DOYLE

Z5 : 059T

SKIDMORE

Z5 : 108M

BETCHEL

J4 : 705W

BESTON

7V : 340T

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TAKE CARE OF YOUR ENGINES, STAY IN FORMATION, AND START MAKING YOUR POST-WAR PLANS.

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
27-Aug-44	FINOW	ALLEN, G	121	1			42-100407	407	R	J3	43	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	BECHTEL	121	2			41-28705	705	W	J4	42	YE OLDE HELLGATE	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	BENO	121	1			42-100366	366	H	Z5	46	MIZPAH	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	BESTEN	121	3			41-29340	340	N	7V	51	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	BOWERS	121	2			41-29288	288	L	J3	47	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	BOYLE	121	20			42-95183	183	U	J3	37	BRINEY MARLIN	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	BRUMBY	121	12	WILLIAMSON	D1	42-50907	907	D	J3	7	LILY MARLENE	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	CANADY	121	6			42-95018	018	J	Z5	41	OLD DOC'S YACHT	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	COOK	121	19			41-29596	596	R	Z5	49	HELL'S ANGEL'S	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	COYLE	121	21			42-95179	179	X	7V	42	HERE I GO AGAIN	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	DOYLE	121	3			42-110059	059	T	Z5	35	UNKNOWN 056	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	ENGLEHARDT	121	15	HOGG	L1	41-28910	910	R	T9	--	466BG/784SQ	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	FREDERICK	121	6			42-95120	120	M	J3	42	HOOKEM COW / BETTY	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	HAYZLETT	121	18	BREVAKIS	L2	44-10487	487	B	7V	7	Girl on surfboard (no name)	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	HELFRECHT	121	8			41-29276	276	G	Z5	29	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	HOOD	121	5			42-51097	097	T	J3	42	UNKNOWN 022	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	JOSEPHSON	121	2			42-52457	457	Q	7V	55	FINAL APPROACH	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	KENYON	121	18			42-100425	425	O	J3	30	THE BIRD	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	KLEIN	121	3			41-29342	342	S	J3	44	ROUGH RIDERS	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	KLUSMEYER	121	2			42-51179	179	P	J3	33	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	LEHR	121	9			44-40118	118	R	7V	6	WE'LL GET BY	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	LOCKRIDGE	121	15	CLAGGETT	L3	42-50516	516	B	Z5	5	STARDUST	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	LOY	121	29			42-50314	314	L	7V	51	ETO PLAYHOUSE	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	McARDLE	121	24			44-10602	602	A	J3	4	TEN GUN DOTTIE	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	McCORMICK	121	13			44-40285	285	H	J4	33	TABLE STUFF	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	MORAN	121	2			41-29352	352	K	7V	51	WOLVE'S LAIR	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	SIEVERTSON	121	2			42-7516	516	K	J3	29	GATOR	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	SKIDMORE	121	2			42-95108	108	M	Z5	35	ENVY OF 'EM ALL II	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	STOESSER	121	6			41-28709	709	I	7V	33	LUCKY STRIKE	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	SWARTZ	121	2			42-51110	110	P	Z5	39	TOP O' THE MARK	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	TEBBS	121	2			42-100311	311	P	7V	46	YOKUM BOY	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	WAGNER	121	20			42-95316	316	N	J3	43	PRINCESS PAT	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	WARNER	121	33			42-95219	219	W	7V	31	PATCHIE	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV
27-Aug-44	FINOW	WILLIAMS, E	121	4			44-40126	126	L	Z5	21	SPITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	MISSION CREDIT IN NOV