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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGET

MOERDIJK RR BRIDGE (AZON)

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26 AUGUST 1944

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14 September 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, AZON, 26 August 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AF 101, APO 694.

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 26 August 1944.
- b. Primary Target - Moerdijk RR Bridge - 96th CGW (458th BG) - 9 Azon A/1
- c. Secondary Target - Heider RR Bridge
- d. Last Resort Target - None

2. Narrative.a. Planning.

(1) Eighth Air Force called for an attack by nine Azon aircraft on the RR bridge at Moerdijk, Belgium.

b. Execution.

- (1) Assemblies were accomplished without difficulty.
- (2) The mission was flown as planned.

3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

- a. No bombs were dropped due to cloud cover in the target area.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

- a. No anti-aircraft was encountered in the target area.
- b. Moderate, accurate predictor control "seen" fire was encountered at Gilze Rijen A/F.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

- a. No enemy aircraft were encountered and fighter support was good all along the route.

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

27 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 26 August 1944 (Azone).

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group . . . . .	458 - 753rd Azone Sqdn.
B.	Division F.O. . . . .	444
C.	Date of Operation . . . . .	26 August 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target. . . . .	Tactical - Bridge at Moerdijk
E.	A/C Airborne. . . . .	9
F.	A/C Sorties . . . . .	9
G.	A/C Attacking . . . . .	Nil
H.	A/C Not Attacking . . . . .	9 Bomb load - 44 X 1000 GP 4 bombs jettisoned, 40 returned
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. . . . .	1600
S.	Average Time of Flight . . . . .	2:57
T.	Comments: . . . . .	Unable to bomb due to undercast.

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS  
1st Lt, AC  
Statistical Officer

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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
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	ALVESTAD	AZ13	29			44-40134	134	R	J4	20	UNKNOWN 039	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	DAVIDSON	AZ13	27			44-40201	201	N	J4	15	SILVER CHIEF	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	EVANS	AZ13	17			42-100431	431	B	J4	38	BOMB-AH-DEAR	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	FUSON	AZ13	21			44-40288	288	S	J4	21	BAD GIRL	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	MATZE	AZ13	17	GRIFFITH		42-50499	499	U	J3	9	COOKIE/OPEN POST	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	McCARTHY	AZ13	23			42-110163	163	M	J4	24	TIME'S A WASTIN	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	MORFORD	AZ13	15	HENSLER		44-40275	275	L	J4	14	SHACK TIME	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	PISKIN	AZ13	20			44-40273	273	T	J4	21	HOWLING BANSHEE	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	TRACY	AZ13	NTO			UNK	--	--	--	--	--	LISTED ON BRIEFING SHEET
26-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	VINCENT	AZ13	6			44-40277	277	P	J4	9	MISS USED	NO DROP - SORTIE CREDIT