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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

332

TARGETS

LISEUX
ALEMCON
ARGENTEN
LAIGLE

DATE

7 JUNE 1944

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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
 AAF 147 APO 558

3 July 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission 7 June 1944 - F.O. 332.

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

Force:

14th Combat Wing
 392nd Group - Lisieux
 44th Group - Lisieux

20th Combat Wing
 93rd Group - Alencon
 448th Group - Alencon
 446th Group - Alencon

2nd Combat Wing
 389th Group - Argenton
 445th Group - Argenton
 453rd Group - Argenton

95th Combat Wing
 491st Group - Laigle
 489th Group - Laigle

96th Combat Wing
 458th Group - Lisieux
 467th Group - Lisieux
 466th Group - Laigle

1. Planning.

a. 293 aircraft were dispatched to attack four tactical targets in the Le Mans area on GH. Twelve GH ships were available for this mission. Each assigned to lead one Squadron with a second Squadron bombing on the markers of the first. Six Groups of P-51s and two Groups of P-47s gave area support for this mission.

2. Assembly.

a. Assembly was accomplished without difficulty.

3. Route In.

a. The route in was flown generally as briefed.

4. Difficulties on Bombing Run.

a. The 20th Combat Wing had the wrong GH data on their target through a teletype error in Eighth Air Force's Field Order and the 448th Group bombed forty miles NE of the target. The 93rd Group, realizing something was wrong, bombed on markers from another unit, and the 446th Group returned with its bombs.

5. Bombing.

a. See attached form.

6. Enemy Action Encountered.

a. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered at any of the targets. Moderate fairly accurate gunfire was encountered at Le Havre and St. Malo. Several rockets were encountered in the Laigle area.

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b. No enemy aircraft were seen.

7. Route Out.

a. Generally as briefed.

8. Losses and Claims.

a. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

Charles B. Westover

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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Bombing - Tactical Report of Mission 7 June 1944, F.O. 332

<u>Target Assigned</u>	<u>Target Bombed</u>	<u>Force Employed</u>	<u>Method of Bombing</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Results</u>
Lisieux	Primary	392nd (1st Squadron)	GH	1345	19,600	Good
		(2nd Squadron)	GH	1347	19,200	Poor
		44th (1st Squadron)	GH	1355	20,500	Poor
		(2nd Squadron)	GH	1355	19,800	Poor
		458th (1 Squadron)	GH	1346	20,500	Poor
		467th (1 Squadron)	GH	1348	19,500	Poor
Argentan	Primary	309th (1st Squadron)	GH	1342	20,000	Unobserved
		(2nd Squadron)	GH	1342	19,900	Unobserved
		445th (1st Squadron)	GH	1346	20,500	Unobserved
		(2nd Squadron)	GH	1346 $\frac{1}{2}$	20,500	Unobserved
		453rd (1st Squadron)	GH	1347	20,000	Unobserved
		(2nd Squadron)	GH	1349	19,500	Unobserved
Alencon	T.O. Gisore	93rd (1st Squadron)	GH	1350	20,000	Unobserved
		(2nd Squadron)				Did not bomb
	T.O. East of Rouen	448th (1 Squadron)	GH	1406	20,000	Unobserved
		446th (1 Squadron)				Did not bomb - GH
Laigle	Primary	489th (1st Squadron)	GH	1406	20,000	Unobserved
		(2nd Squadron)	GH	1407	20,500	Unobserved
		466th (1st Squadron)	GH	1400	20,500	Unobserved
		(2nd Squadron)				Did not bomb - rack failure in lead ship

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

8 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 7 JUNE 44 (LISIEUX, FRANCE)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. NO AA ENCOUNTERED.

OBSERVATIONS

3. NO OBSERVATIONS REPORTED.

JOHN H. DAVIS
CAPT, AC,
GROUP S-2

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458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF 123 APO 558

7 June 1944.

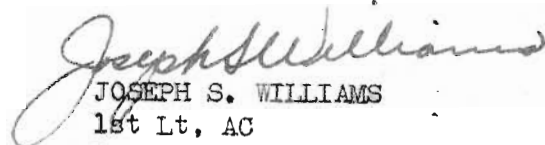
SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 7 June 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458	
B.	Division F.O. No.	332	
C.	Date of Operation	7 June 1944	
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Liseux - Bridges and Highway	
E.	A/C Dispatched.	12	
F.	A/C Sorties	12	
G.	A/C Attacking	12	
H.	A/C Not Attacking	Nil	
I.	A/C Attacking Primary Target.	12	11 - 12 X 500 GP 1 - 11 X 500 GP (143 bombs)
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	

F or the Commanding Officer:


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

MISSION OF 7 JUNE 1944

MISSION NO. 84

OLLUM

GH

Monohan

K20 : 5179X 7V

Weber

K21 : 812D 7V

Haydon

:219W 7V

McArdle

K20 : 274H J3

Thompson

: 352K 7V

Lamers

K20 : 095Q Z5

Arnour

:582E Z5

LeBuef

K20 : 596R Z5

Judge

: 305M Z5

Curtis

:316W J3

Roland

K21 : 359J J3

Biesen

K20 : 739Q J3

MARSHALLING AND TAKE-OFF ORDER

Runway 23 - West Perimeter

Di no	Ship	F.O.
27	812	1
25	5179	2
34	219	3
8	095	4
13	316	5
12	719	6
16	359	7
20	274	8
29	352	9
9	682	10
3	596	11
3	305	12

Spare Ships

19 721V 7V
11 425D J3

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
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	ARMOUR	59	2			41-28682	682	I	Z5	34	UNKNOWN 003	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	CLARK	59	--	OLLUM	L1	--		--	RE	--	93BG/329SQ	EX-458 PILOT
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	CURTIS	59	17			42-95316	316	N	J3	15	PRINCESS PAT	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	HAYDON	59	10			42-95219	219	W	7V	14	PATCHIE	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	JUDGE	59	6			41-29305	305	N	Z5	19	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	LAMERS	59	3			42-51095	095	Q	Z5	9	SHOO SHOO BABY	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	LeBEUF	59	3			41-29596	596	R	Z5	16	HELL'S ANGEL'S	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	McARDLE	59	3			42-52274	274	H	J3	6	UNKNOWN 029	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	MONAHAN	59	5			42-95179	179	X	7V	10	HERE I GO AGAIN	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	RIESEN	59	3			41-28719	719	Q	J3	33	PADDLEFOOT	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	ROWLAND	59	2			41-29359	359	J	J3	39	TAIL WIND	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	THOMPSON	59	8			41-29352	352	K	7V	23	WOLVE'S LAIR	
07-Jun-44	LISIEUX	WEBER	59	27			42-109812	812	D	7V	24	UNKNOWN 016	