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TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

333

TARGETS

RR BRIDGE WEST OF RENNES
FLERS
ANGERS
LE MANS
LAVAL A/D
VICOMIE BRIDGE
PONTABAULT

DATE

8 JUNE 1944

JUL 1944 AM
EIGHTH AIR FORCE
A-3
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b. Meager flak was encountered.

7. Route Out.

a. Generally as briefed except some units made deviations after attacking various secondaries and targets of opportunity.

8. Losses and Claims.

a. One aircraft was lost to enemy aircraft and two enemy aircraft were claimed as destroyed.

For the Commanding General:

Charles D. Westover
CHARLES D. WESTOVER
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

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Bombing - Tactical Report of Mission 8 June 1944, F.O. 333

<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>
Rennes Bridge	RR tracks and Sidings - T.O.	309th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0947	16,000	Unobserved
Flers	T.O. Precoy	453rd (1 Squadron)	GH	0828	18,300	Unobserved
Flers	T.O. Redon	453rd (1 Squadron)	GH	0830	18,300	Unobserved
Angers	Primary	44th (1 Squadron)	GH	0856	19,000	Good - from a damage standpoint
Angers	Primary	44th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0851	18,200	Unobserved
Angers	Primary	492nd (1 Squadron)	GH	0900	18,000	Fair
Angers	T.O. Pontabault	492nd (1 Squadron)	GH	0824	18,500	Fair
Le Mans	Primary	392nd (1 Squadron)	GH	0006	18,000	Fair to Good
Laval A/D	T.O. Granville Harbor	93rd (1 Squadron)	Visual	1024	15,300	Fair
Laval A/D	Highway Bridge 4837N-0121W - T.O.	93rd (1 Squadron)	Visual	1024	15,000	Unobserved
Laval A/D	T.O. Granville Harbor	93rd (1 Squadron)	Visual	1035	14,000	Fair
Vicomie Bridge	T.O. Bridge at 4839N-0200W	409th (1 Squadron)	Visual	0910	20,000	Unknown
Pontabault	Primary	458th (1 Squadron)	GH	0823	19,000	Unobserved
Pontabault	Primary	458th (1 Squadron)	GH	0825	18,000	Unobserved
Pontabault	T.O. Unknown	467th (1 Squadron)	GH	0826	17,000	Unknown
Pontabault	T.O. Unknown	467th (1 Squadron)	GH	0826	17,100	Unknown
Pontabault	T.O. Unknown	466th (1 Squadron)	GH	0828	18,500	Unknown
Pontabault	T.O. Unknown	466th (1 Squadron)	GH	0853	15,000	Unknown
Pontabault	T.O. Unknown	491st (1 Squadron)				Unknown
Pontabault	T.O. Unknown	491st (1 Squadron)				Did not bomb
Rennes Bridge	T.O. Bourg	445th (1 Squadron)	Visual	1147	20,500	Poor
Rennes Bridge	T.O. Bourg	445th (1 Squadron)	Visual	1139	21,500	Unknown
Rennes Bridge		445th (1 Squadron)				Did not bomb - cloud cover

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

9 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 8 JUNE 44 (PONTAUBAULT)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. NO FLAK ENCOUNTERED.

OBSERVATIONS

3. AT 0831, (4932-0150) A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL BOATS WERE OBSERVED.

A NUMBER OF CREWS REPORT OBSERVING A CONCENTRATION OF BOATS IN ST. MALO BAY.

SEVEN LARGE BOATS WHICH LOOKED LIKE TRANSPORTS AT 4840-01050, TIME 0832.

AROUND 200 SHIPS WERE OBSERVED AT 4840-0150, CREWS REPORT THESE SHIPS LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE BEING LOADED AND THESE SHIPS WERE THE SIZE OF LANDING BARGES.

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

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

8 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 8 June 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group	458	
B.	Division F.O. No.	333	
C.	Date of Operation	8 June 1944	
D.	Ordered Primary Target.	Pontaubault - Tactical	
E.	A/C Dispatched.	24	
F.	A/C Sorties	21	
G.	A/C Attacking	20	
H.	A/C Not Attacking	4	
	1. Weather	Nil	
	2. Personnel	Nil	
	3. Mechanical.	4	276-G Oxygen, interphone, turbo 359-J Landing gear would not retract 300-Y #3 engine internal failure 179-P Rack malfunction
	4. Formation	Nil	
	5. Other	Nil	
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target.	20	19 - 6 X 1000 GP 1 - 5 X 1000 GP (119 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	

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For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt, AC
Group 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
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	ARMOUR	60	NTO			41-28682	682	I	Z5	--	UNKNOWN 003	NO TAKE OFF - REASON UNKNOWN
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	BRUDOS	60	29			42-51179	179	P	J3	6	DUSTY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	BURTIS	60	31			42-51097	097	T	J3	17	UNKNOWN 022	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	CLARK	60	18	FREEMAN	L2					--	YARD BIRD	NTO #311 McCOLLOUGH - (see Fifer Diary)
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	CURTIS	60	18			42-95316	316	N	J3	16	PRINCESS PAT	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	GIBSON, S	60	7			41-29359	359	J	J3	40	TAIL WIND	ANA - LANDING GEAR WOULD NOT RETRACT
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	GORRELL	60	3			42-95219	219	W	7V	15	PATCHIE	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	HANCOCK	60	7			41-29288	288	L	J3	26	BIG-TIME OPERATOR	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	HOPKINS, H	60	7			42-95096	096	F	Z5	6	BOMBS AWAY	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	JUDGE	60	7			42-95163	163	K	Z5	14	DIXIE BELLE	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	LARSON	60	9			42-95106	106	L	Z5	9	MISS PAT	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	LeBEUF	60	4			41-29276	276	G	Z5	11	URGIN VIRGIN/The ROTTEN SOCK	ANA - OXY, INTERPHONE, TURBO
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	LOCKRIDGE	60	4			42-95116	116	V	Z5	6	JUNIOR	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	McARDLE	60	4			41-28962	962	G	7V	6	FLAK MAGNET II	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	McNAMARA	60	20			42-110184	184	F	J3	3	GWEN	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	MIDDLETON	60	5			42-95117	117	M	7V	14	YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	MONAHAN	60	6			42-52457	457	Q	7V	23	FINAL APPROACH	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	NYMAN	60	26			41-28942	942	U	7V	8	HEAVENLY BODY	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	RIESEN	60	4			41-28719	719	Q	J3	34	PADDLEFOOT	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	ROWLAND	60	3			41-29300	300	Y	J3	28	LORELEI	ANA - #3 ENG INTERNAL FAILURE
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	SCHULZE	60	27	HINCKLEY	D1	44-40126	126	D	Z5	3	SPIITTEN KITTEN / SKY TRAMP	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	SLATON	60	20	ISBELL	L1	42-100407	407	A	J3	24	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	STEWART	60	30			41-28721	721	V	7V	27	DOWNWIND LEG	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	STILSON	60	25			42-95165	165	S	Z5	14	COOKIE	
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	THOMPSON	60	9			42-95179	179	X	7V	11	HERE I GO AGAIN	ANA - RACK MALFUNCTION
08-Jun-44	PONTAUBAULT	VERMEIREN	60	11			41-29596	596	R	Z5	17	HELL'S ANGEL'S	