

HEADQUARTERS
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

<u>FIELD ORDER NO.</u>	<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
764	ANGERS AIRFIELD TOURS AIRFIELD	17 JUNE 1944

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SECRETF. O. 350BOMBING - Mission of 17 June 1944

<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>
Tours	Primary	392nd (1 Squadron)	Visual	2040	20,000	Unknown - No Photos
Tours	Primary	492nd (1 Squadron)	Visual	2100	19,400	Poor
Angers	Primary	489th (3 Squadron)	Visual	2020	18,000	1 Sqn excellent, 2 Sdns very good.
Angers	Primary	491st (3 Squadrons)	Visual	2021 $\frac{1}{2}$	17,000	1 Sqn poor 2 Sdns unobserved.
Tours	Primary	458th (1 Squadron)	Visual	2027	20,500	Good
Tours	Primary	466th (2 Squadrons)	Visual	2027	20,000	1 Sqn excellent, 1 Sqn fair.
Tours	Primary	467th (1 Squadron)	Visual	2028	21,500	Excellent

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

18 JUNE 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 17 JUNE 44 (TOURS A/F)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO E/A ENCOUNTERED.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

2. OVER THE TARGET THE AA WAS MODERATE WITH FAIR ACCURACY OF THE CF TYPE. HOWEVER, OVER CAEN ALTHOUGH THE AA WAS MODERATE IT WAS EXTREMELY ACCURATE. A/C #106 OF THE 754TH SQ. WAS HIT BY FLAK IN LEFT WING ROOT WHILE OVER CAEN. THE ENTIRE FUSELAGE THEN BURST INTO FLAMES AND A/C NOSED DOWN. TAIL TWISTED OFF DURING SPIN AND A/C WAS SEEN TO CRASH. ONE "CHUTE" REPORTED. EIGHT OTHER A/C SUFFERED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE.

OBSERVATIONS

3. A FOUR FLAK GUN POSITION WAS NOTED AT 4926-0047, ON S.E. SIDE OF THE SEINE RIVER IN THE EDGE OF WOODS. OIL TANKS WERE SEEN RIGHT AFTER THE TARGET ALONG THE RIVER IN THE LARGEOIS AREA. SOME CREWS REPORT CAEN ABLAZE.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF123 APO 558

18 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 17 June 1944 #2.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A. Group 458
B. Division F.O. No. 350
C. Date of Operation 17 June 1944(#2)
D. Ordered Primary Target. Tours Airdrome
E. A/C Dispatched. 12
F. A/G Sorties 12
G. A/C Attacking 11
H. A/C Not Attacking 1
 (4) E/A 1-42-95106 - Destroyed by Flak. 4
I. A/C Attacking Primary Target. . . 11 - 110 X 500 GP
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 1 - 42-95106
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

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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Phoned 2BD
18 June
1400 HRS

Mission of 17 June 1944

458th Bomb Gp (H)

FORMATION - DEPARTURE FROM BASE

Olson
GH

Ray Thompson McCallough French
008 ABORT 942 184 ABORT 316

Bayliff Urbanick Vermeiren Moatle Hancock
050 ABORT 709 ABORT 116 729 ABORT 359

Judge LeBeuf
163 ABORT 096

FORMATION OVER THE TARGET

Olson
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Thompson Vermeiren
942 116

LeBeuf French
096 316

Hancock
359

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
17-Jun-44	TOURS	FRENCH	68	5			42-95316	316	--	J3	20	PRINCESS PAT	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	GULICK	68	30			42-95179	179	X	7V	15	HERE I GO AGAIN	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	HAUSER	68	2			42-52441	441	I	J3	33	LAST CARD LOUIE	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	JONES, J	68	3			42-95018	018	J	Z5	18	OLD DOC'S YACHT	754th pilot listed in recs
17-Jun-44	TOURS	LAMERS	68	6	WILLIAMSON	D1	42-100362	362	A	Z5	9	SWEET LORRAINE/BOOMERANG	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	LOY	68	4			42-95219	219	W	7V	19	PATCHIE	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	MORLEY	68	FTR			42-95106	106	L	Z5	13	MISS PAT	SHOT DOWN FLAK
17-Jun-44	TOURS	NEWELL	68	3			41-29305	305	N	Z5	21	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	QUIRK	68	3			42-50320	320	W	J3	22	UNKNOWN 018	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	WAGNER	68	3			42-51097	097	T	J3	20	UNKNOWN 022	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	WARNER	68	6			41-29352	352	K	7V	27	WOLVE'S LAIR	
17-Jun-44	TOURS	WHITLOW	68	23	JAMISON	L1	42-110059	059	E	J3	19	UNKNOWN 056	