

HEADQUARTERS  
2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
APO 558

TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

<u>FIELD ORDER NO.</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
668	Siracourt - Noball	21 MAY 1944

TABLE OF CONTENTS

2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION

- ANNEX 1 - ROUTES
- ANNEX 2 - BOMBING
- ANNEX 3 - ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE
- ANNEX 4 - ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS (NONE)
- ANNEX 5 - COMMUNICATIONS
- ANNEX 6 - STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

T  
H  
I  
S  
  
P  
A  
G  
E  
  
I  
S  
  
U  
N  
C  
L  
A  
S  
S  
I  
F  
I  
E  
D

DECLASSIFIED  
DOD DIR 5200.9, 27 Sep 58

COPY NO. 2

SECRET

SECRET  
 :By auth, of C. G.  
 :2d Bomb Division  
 :Initials *CHB*  
 :Date *14 June 1944*  
 10 June 1944

HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
 AAF 147 APO 558

SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 21 May 1944

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

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 21 May 1944
- b. Primary Target - Siracourt - Noball
- c. Secondary Target - None
- d. Last Resort Target - None
- e. Units Participating - 14th CBW (44th, 392nd, 492nd BG)  
 96th CBW (458th, 467th, 466th BG)

2. Narrative.

- a. Nine twelve-ship Squadrons from the 14th and 96th Wings, each led by a GH ship, were dispatched to attack the Noball installation at Siracourt. One Group of P-47's provided fighter support.
- b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and the route was flown as briefed.
- c. All Squadrons bombed by GH through 8 to 10/10 cloud with unobserved results. GH equipment performed efficiently.
- d. No anti-aircraft fire was reported in the target area but a few rockets were seen. Meager inaccurate gunfire was encountered enroute at Lille and Hesdin. No enemy aircraft were seen and fighter support was excellent. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

*Charles B. Meljoer*  
 CHARLES B. MELJOER,  
 Colonel, GSC,  
 Chief of Staff.

T  
H  
I  
S  
P  
A  
G  
E  
I  
S  
U  
N  
C  
L  
A  
S  
S  
I  
F  
I  
E  
D

SECRET



S E C R E T

T

Tactical Report of Mission, 21 May 1944

3. Anti-Aircraft Fire.

a. "Noball" No. 7

- (1) No AA fire was encountered in the target area, but a few rockets were seen here.
- (2) Meager and inaccurate gunfire was encountered on route at Lille and Hesdin.

T  
H  
I  
S  
  
P  
A  
G  
E  
  
I  
S  
  
U  
N  
C  
L  
A  
S  
S  
I  
F  
I  
E  
D

S E C R E T

0 3 8 8

SECRET

Tactical Report of Mission, 21 May 1944

5. Communications.

a. W/T and R/T channels were very satisfactory. Three aircraft reported radio compass trouble on the frequency of buncher beacon 15. All aircraft discharged "window" in the target area. The initial operational use of "Carpet-blinker" RCM equipment was made. Two aircraft were dispatched from the 44th Bomb Group. Operators reported apparently successful jamming on several enemy radar stations. GH equipment was used for bombing through overcast. All sets performed efficiently.

T  
H  
I  
S  
  
P  
A  
G  
E  
  
I  
S  
  
U  
N  
C  
L  
A  
S  
S  
I  
F  
I  
E  
D

SECRET



THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

FORM V-11		SIRACOURT		21 May						1944
UNIT		2BD	44	392	492	458	466	467	93GH	
A I R C R A F T	NO. A/C TAKING OFF	110	16	17	22	22	12	12	9	
	NO. A/C DISPATCHED	110	16	17	22	22	12	12	9	
	NO. A/C ATTENDING	99	14	16	19	20	11	10	9	
	NO. A/C NOT ATTENDING	11	2	1	3	2	1	2	-	
	NO. A/C SORTIES	106	16	17	21	21	12	10	9	
B O M B S	NO. A/C	99	14	16	19	20	11	10	9	
	NO. & TYPE	20x500GP 720x1000GP	112x1000GP	128x1000GP	152x1000GP	140x1000GP	77x1000GP	69x1000GP	20x500GP 42x1000GP	
	TONNAGE	365	56	64	76	70	38.5	34.5	26	
	TARGET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NO. OF A/C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NO. & TYPE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TONNAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOT. TONNAGE ALL TARGETS	365	56	64	76	70	38.5	34.5	26	
	A/C LOST TO FLAK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	A/C LOST TO E/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
A/C LOST TO FLAK - E/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
A/C LOST TO ACCIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
A/C LOST UNKNOWN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
CASUALTIES-KILLED, WOUNDED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SERIOUSLY, SLIGHTLY, MIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
CLAIMS - E/A DESTROYED,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PROB., DUB., NO CLAIM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
A/C BATTLE DAMAGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

6  
STATISTICAL SECTION OF OPERATIONSPREPARED BY:  
STATISTICAL CONTROL  
2d BOMB DIVISION