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2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
APO 558



TACTICAL MISSION REPORT

FIELD ORDER NO.

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TARGET

MOERDIJK BRIDGE (AZON)

DATE

25 August 1944

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HEADQUARTERS 2d BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
 AF 147 APO 558

13 September 1944

SUBJECT : Tactical Report of Mission, AZON, 25 August 1944.  
 TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AF 101, APO 634.

SUMMARY OF MISSION1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission - 25 August 1944.
- b. Primary Target - Moerdijk Bridge - 96th CGW (458th BG) - 10 AZON A/C
- c. Secondary and Last Resort Target - None.

2. Narrative.a. Planning.

(1) Eighth Air Force called for ten AZON aircraft to attack Moerdijk Bridge in Belgium.

b. Execution.

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

3. Bombing Tactics and Results.

- a. Two flights of five aircraft each attacked the assigned target, using AZON equipment.
- b. A total of 40x1000 HE bombs were released, scoring three hits on the bridge.

4. Anti-Aircraft Gunfire.

- a. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered on this operation.

5. Enemy Aircraft Encountered and Fighter Support.

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

6. Losses and Claims.

- a. There were no losses or claims.

For the Commanding General:

*Charles B. Westover*

CHARLES B. WESTOVER  
 Colonel GSC  
 Chief of Staff

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

26 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary of Operations, Mission of 25 August 1944 (Azona)

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

A.	Group . . . . .	458 (753rd Azona)
B.	Division F.O. . . . .	441
C.	Date of Operation . . . . .	25 August 1944
D.	Ordered Primary Target. . . . .	Tactical Target - Bridge 5143N, 0438E
E.	A/C Airborne. . . . .	10
F.	A/C Sorties . . . . .	10
G.	A/C Attacking . . . . .	10
H.	A/C Not Attacking . . . . .	Nil
I.	A/C Attacking - Primary Target. . . . .	10 - 40 X 1000 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 . . . . .	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. . . . .	1700
S.	Average Time of Flight. . . . .	3:10
T.	Comments:	None

For the Commanding Officer:

JOSEPH S. WILLIAMS  
1st Lt, AC  
Statistical Officer

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"AZONE"

BRIEFING ATTENDANCE

25 August 1944

PILOT

P CP N B EO G G G G

PILOT	P	CP	N	B	EO	G	G	G	G	
ALVESTAD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	G.O.
DAVIDSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
EVANS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
FUSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S-2
MATZE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	S-3
McCARTHY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
MORFORD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	COMM
PISKIN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	WEATHER
TRACY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	OTHERS AND AUTHORITY
VINCENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

*Radio Operator*

## 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
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	ALVESTAD	AZ12	28			44-40134	134	R	J4	19	UNKNOWN 039	HEATH, LF 1Lt (Obs)
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	DAVIDSON	AZ12	26			44-40201	201	N	J4	14	SILVER CHIEF	SELLERS, RC Capt
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	EVANS	AZ12	16	HENSLER		44-40275	275	L	J4	13	SHACK TIME	ADKINS, GF 2Lt (Pltg Nav)
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	FUSON	AZ12	20			44-40288	288	S	J4	20	BAD GIRL	TORRES, WE 2Lt (Nav)
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	MATZE	AZ12	16			42-100408	408	D	J4	29	BEASTFACE	SMITH, AL 2Lt (Pltg Nav)
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	McCARTHY	AZ12	22			42-110163	163	M	J4	23	TIME'S A WASTIN	BYESS, WF 1Lt (Pltg Nav)
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	MORFORD	AZ12	14	WRIGHT, FW		42-50499	499	U	J3	8	COOKIE/OPEN POST	NELSON, JW 2Lt (Pltg Nav)
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	PISKIN	AZ12	19			44-40273	273	T	J4	20	HOWLING BANSHEE	
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	TRACY	AZ12	19			42-110141	141	N	J4	17	BREEZY LADY / MARIE / SUPERMAN	LONG, G F/O (Nav)
25-Aug-44	MOERDIJK, NETHERLANDS	VINCENT	AZ12	5			44-40277	277	P	J4	8	MISS USED	