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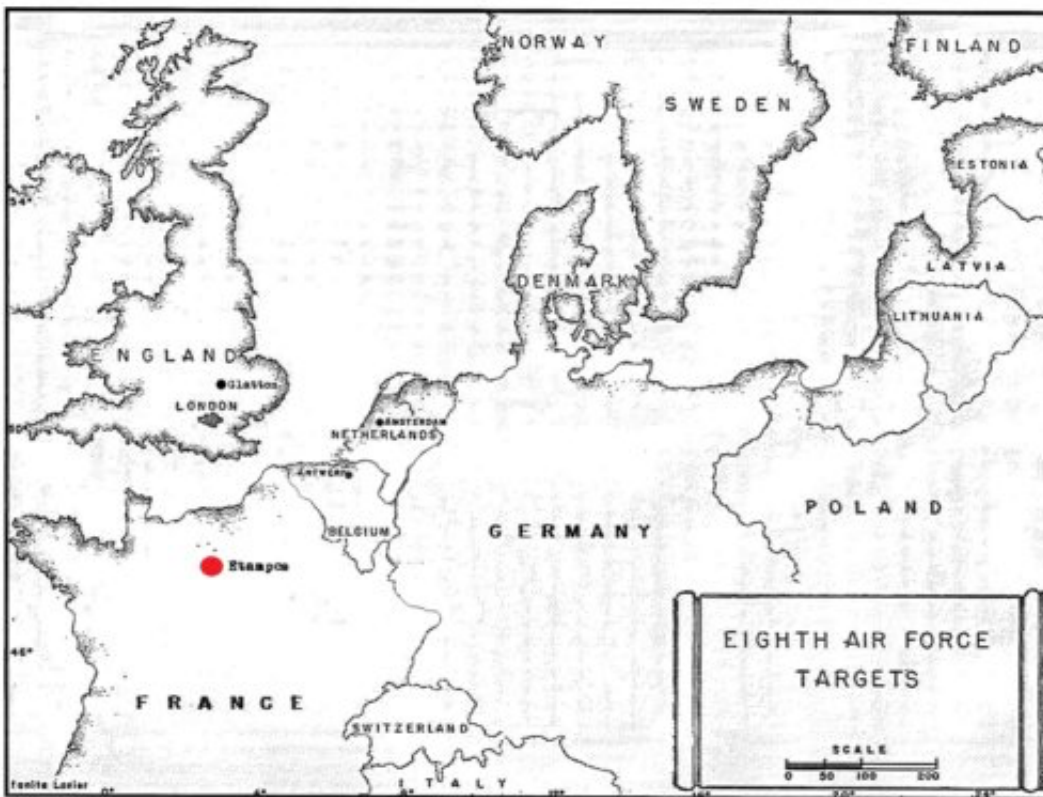
MISSION NO. 62

Missions

TARGET: DOUBLE RAILROAD INTERSECTION

ETAMPES, FRANCE

8 JUNE, 1944



The 457th sent a complete Combat Wing of three 12- aircraft boxes to destroy the double railroad intersection at Etampes, thirty miles south of Paris on the main rail line from Orleans to Tours. Major Leroy Watson was Air Commander with Lt. Edward B. Dozier as pilot. Captain J. L. Smith was Commander of the low box, and Mark R. Belcher was pilot, and Major George A. Beere was Commander of the high box with Captain William L. Gibbons as pilot.

There was a complete undercast over the target area. As no PFF equipment was available, the planned attack on Etampes was abandoned. After searching for targets of opportunity until several aircraft were low on fuel, the formation returned to the Base without bombing. No enemy fighter opposition was encountered; however, several craft sustained battle damage due to flak. The sky was clear over the Channel and the Group had an excellent view of the many ships, from battleships to barges, that filled the Channel. Near Cherbourg a battleship was shelling the Coast.

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June 8th 1944

	748th Squadron	749th Squadron	750th Squadron	751th
	A/C # 458	A/C # 062	A/C # 098	A/C #
p	Lt Mark R. Belcher	Lt William L. Gibbons	Lt Edward B. Dozier	L
cp	Lt Jesse L. Smith	Lt George A. Beere	Lt Leroy H. Watson	L
n	Lt William H. Dupont	Lt William J. Brandt	Lt Roland O. Byers	L

b	Lt Clement H. Rosen	Lt Roy A. Hoegy	Lt Marsh M. Callaway	Sg
tt	Sgt Eldon D. Krug	Lt Patrick A. Walls	Sgt Henry P. Loades	Sg
ro	Sgt William C. Bolger	Sgt Paul A. Birchen	Sgt Dwight M. Anderson	Sg
bt	Sgt William N. Barrett	Sgt Jasper L. Smith	Sgt William C. Young	Sg
lwg	Sgt Woodrow W. Hammons	Sgt Paul O'Neal	Sgt Gerald E. Poston	Sg
rwg	Sgt Byron E. Smull	Sgt Paul Holder	Sgt Frederick L. Exley	Sg
tg	Sgt John M. Bristow	Sgt John R. Graham	Sgt Donald K. Goss	Sg
		F/O Bernard J. Yavorosky		

	A/C # 190	A/C # 060	A/C # 084	A/C #
p	Lt Robert E. Brofft	Lt Robert L. Wetherald	Lt Robert M. Krumm	L
cp	Lt Joseph F. Reilly	F/O Francis G. Bogle	Lt Leo R. Green	L
n	Lt Reynold J. Kohmetscher	Lt Thomas W. Burns	Lt Julius H. Drummond	L
b	Lt Robert I. Braun	Lt Alex W. Fisher	Sgt Anthony Tozzi	L
tt	Sgt Lyle E. Thrall	Sgt Cleo F. Corder	Sgt Lawrence J. Walsh	Sg
ro	Sgt Abraham H. Feller	Sgt George Stiller	Sgt Billy E. Hightower	Sg
bt	Sgt Herbert L. Webster	Sgt Secondo P. Pentacolone	Sgt Raymond J. Kristoff	Sg
lwg	Sgt William L. Black	Sgt Onnie B. Baskette, Jr	Sgt Martin H. Belt	Sg
rwg	Sgt Rex W. Burke	Sgt Frank R. Machak	Sgt Shirley Marx	Sg
tg	Sgt Earl S. West	Sgt	Sgt	Sg

	A/C # 101	A/C # 064	A/C # 923	A/C #
p	Lt Cornelius R. Woolf	Lt Wade E. Knudson	Lt Charles C. Canfield	L
cp	Lt Kinney Hellums	Lt Paul W. Gilbert	Lt Clarence E. Ross	L
n	Lt Julius Venerofsky	Lt Andrew Brown, Jr	Lt Donald H. Snyder	L
b	Sgt Gerard J. Hyink	Lt James Duffy	Lt Charles L. Hilton	L
tt	Sgt Alden B. Orr	Sgt Anthony G. Wodek	Sgt Morgan J. Newman	Sg
ro	Sgt John L. Batts	Sgt David C. Foltz	Sgt Milton E. Bunch	Sg
bt	Sgt Roman A. Zelazo	Sgt Raymond Conway	Sgt Herbert P. Barte	Sg
lwg	Sgt Samuel I. Craft, Jr	Sgt Ernest D. Pappalardo	Sgt Julius Smith	Sg
rwg	Sgt Ernest R. Campen	Sgt Charles H. Borland	Sgt Alvin E. Merriam	Sg
tg	Sgt	Sgt Robert V. Moore	Sgt	Sg

	A/C # 662	A/C # 073	A/C # 571	A/C #

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