

R E P O R T O F O P E R A T I O N A L
D A Y

MISSION No. **25**

Date: **21 FEB. 44**

TO: **LIPPSTADT (RHEINE
GOURDOVEN), GER.**

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

E- -1

21 February 1944

SUBJECT: Leaders Narrative, 401st Lead Group Formation, Mission Of
21 February 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. The 94th Combat Wing assembly was on Splasher 4. Wing assembly was good and the combat wing departed Splasher 4 on time. The 94th Combat Wing arrived at the initial point of the Division assembly line two minutes early. An 'S' turn was made to lose time and the 94th Wing assembled with a wing which was assumed to be the 94th 'A' Wing. It was never definitely identified as the 94th 'A' Wing. The course was as briefed to the IP.
2. The weather was undercast over the North Sea and well into Germany. Then it was clear until approximately the IP. It became undercast at the IP again and in addition there were high clouds at the same altitude as the Combat Wings were flying. These clouds gave some trouble to the low box of the 94th 'B' Combat Wing.
3. It could be observed that the target was overcast so the 94th 'B' Combat Wing turned inside the briefed route and returned to the clear area behind us to search for a target of opportunity.
4. Several good targets were observed which could not be bombed because of the proximity of other wings or groups. A railroad and warehouse was finally bombed by the lead group near the town of Emlichheim, Germany. The 401st Low Box bombed an airdrome. It is not known at this time what the ~~451st~~ High Box bombed.
5. Flak was avoided except for two very small areas which were not shown on the map.
6. Fighter cover was excellent during the whole mission. Enemy fighters made several attacks on other groups but none on the 94th Combat Wing, other than a single attack on the low box.
7. There were no losses from the 94th 'B' Combat Wing.
8. Descent was started at the enemy coast. The route home was deviated from slightly to take advantage of a large hole in the undercast which permitted the descent of individual groups. Return to base was made by individual groups.

EDWIN W BROWN,
Major, Air Corps,
Wing Air Commander.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 834

22 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Leaders Narrative, 401st Low Box, Mission of 21 February 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
APO 834.

1. The 401st Low Box assembled with the 94th B Combat Wing over Splasher 4. The 401st Low Box was assembled and in formation 15 minutes before the Wing departed Splasher 4. The formation and assembly were very good. Good formation was maintained to the IP at which time the Low Box uncovered in trail.

2. High thin clouds were encountered at the target area and the Wing Air Commander was asked to climb 500 feet, the Low Box was forced to fly through some of these clouds. The clouds were thin and scattered and formation was maintained with some difficulty.

3. The Low Box uncovered at the IP and remained uncovered in trail until bombs were released. Several unsuccessful attempts to contact the Wing Air Commander on VHF were made in order to learn his plans. The 94th B Wing Deputy Air Commander was contacted and he informed the Low Box that an airfield directly ahead was to be bombed. A very short run was made and the bombing results were excellent. The airfield was near RHEINE. After bombing the Low Box joined formation with the Lead Box and returned.

4. Meager flak was encountered and evasive action taken.

5. Fighter cover was excellent. Enemy fighters were driven away by friendly fighter cover. One enemy fighter made an unsuccessful attack on the Low Box lead ship with rockets and guns.

6. No losses occurred in the Low Box.

7. Formation was maintained until the Wing was dispersed over England. The Low Box followed the Lead Box through a hole in the overcast, the box remaining in formation until the landing.

RALPH J. WHITE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Low Box Leader.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER

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22 February 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No. 25, 21 February 1944.
(Lead Box).

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

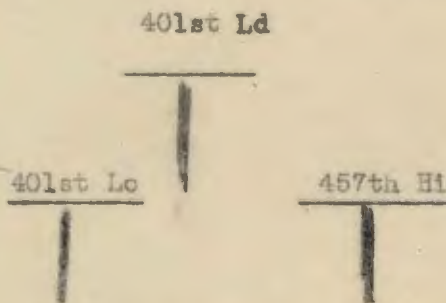
1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 401st Group furnished 18 ships for the lead box for the mission of 21 February 1944. Assembly was over a splasher above a broken undercast. It was accomplished normally. The Wing assembly was accomplished by the time the Wing departed point Z. The route in was as briefed, but the target area was overcast and neither the primary nor the secondary targets were bombed. The route out was not as briefed, targets of opportunity being chosen.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 17 ships were dispatched. One having aborted due to engine failure (42-31077). The abortive is credited to 100% mechanical failure.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: Enemy action was light, and no ships were lost out of the lead box.

4. FORMATION:

- a. Take off and cruise (see attached diagram)
- b. Over target
- c. The Lead Box lead the 94th "B" Wing formation, as follows:



5. RESULTS: Bombing was on a target of opportunity. Results not yet determined from photographs.

For the Group Commander:

Allison C. Brooks
ALLISON C. BROOKS
Lt., Col, Air Corps
Group Operations Officer

401st Lead Box - 94th OHW

Combat Flight Leader _____ 21 FEB 44
Date
Deputy Flight Leader _____
Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
GROUND CONTROL _____

- 612th SC PATHETIC
- 613th IN SILVERWARE
- 614th IW CARMICHAHLL
- 615th IY FLANCE

613 SQDN

MAJ BROWN

081

Lead box at takeoff and on cruise

KEITH

HINKLE

208

881

LOCHER

084

VOKATY

HESS

930

557

614 SQDN

612 SQDN

KIRKHUFF

FOX

847

087

WEBER

OWENS

HERSLEY

SELLERS

077 (abortive)

389

498

837

CAMPBELL

SMITH SE

855

993

ARNESON

WILSON OL

WELLS

DUNAWAY

843

002

840

765

SPARES

401ST LEAD BOX

Combat Flight Leader _____ 21 FEB 44
Date

Deputy Flight Lead _____

Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____

GROUND CONTROL _____

- 612th SC PAMELTC
- 613th IW SILVERWARE
- 614th IW CARMICHAHLL
- 615th IY FLANCE

SQDN
BROWN

081

LEAD BOX FORMATION
OVER TARGET

KEITH

202

HINKLE

861

LOCHER

034

VOKATY

980

BESS

557

SQDN

KIRKHOFF

847

SQDN

FOX

087

WILSON, C.L.

002

OWENS

389

HERSHEY

496

SELLERS

837

CAMPBELL

855

SMITH, S.E.

993

ARNESON

843

WELLS, K.O.

840

DUHANEY

765

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER

E-C-3

22 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No. 25, 21 February 1944. Low Box.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
APO 634.

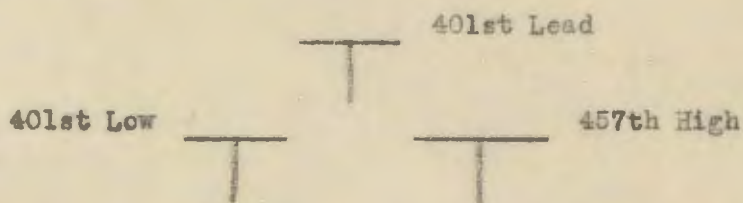
1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 401st Group furnished 18 ships for the Low Box for the mission of 21 February 1944. Assembly was over a splasher and was accomplished normally at briefed altitude minus 2000 feet. Wing assembly was normal and was accomplished before reaching point Z. The route in and out and the target bombed were the same as for the Lead Box.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: 17 ships were dispatched. One ship (42-31226) aborted due to mechanical failure. Abortive is credited to 100% mechanical failure.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: Enemy action was light. No ships from the low box were lost. All ships returned to base.

4. FORMATION:

- a. At take-off and cruise (see attached diagram)
- b. Over target.
- c. The Low Box flew low position in the 94th B Wing Formation.



5. RESULTS: Bombing was visual on a target of opportunity. Results are not yet reported.

Allison C. Brooks
ALLISON C. BROOKS,
Lt Col., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

1st Low Box - 94th GBW "B"

GROUP FORMATION

Combat Flight Leader: _____ 21 FEB 44
 (Date)
 Deputy Flight Leader: _____
 Group Call Sign: _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
 Ground Control: _____

615 SQDN

Formation at takeoff and on cruise

WILTS
 Call A/C#
 485

<u>BYRD</u>	<u>DEMPSEY</u>
Call A/C#	Call A/C#
873	091

GRINHAM
 Call A/C#

KERRYN 521 PARSON

<u>PERDUE</u>	<u>TRIMBLE</u>
Call A/C#	Call A/C#
619	089

614 SQDN

612 SQDN

STIMSON
 Call A/C#
 440

DAILEY
 Call A/C#
 083

KAUFMAN
 Call A/C#
 098

SMITH WR
 Call A/C#
 315

PANNER
 Call A/C#
 945

JOHNSON
 Call A/C#
 979

STINE
 Call A/C#
 488

WEST
 Call A/C#
 487

JONES
 Call A/C#
 226 (abort)

FITCHETT
 Call A/C#
 593

LEW
 Call A/C#
 932

SHEAFAN
 Call A/C#
 467

SPARES

Call A/C#

401ST LOW BOX

Combat Flight Leader _____ 21 FEB 44

Date

Deputy Flight Leader _____

Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____

GROUND CONTROL _____

- 612th SC PATHECIC
- 613th IN SILVERWARE
- 614th IW CARMICHAH
- 615th IY FLANCE

615

WHITE

485

LOW BOX FORMATION
OVER TARGET

BYRD

873

DEMPSEY

091

GRAHAM

521

PERDYN

619

TRIMBLE

069

614 SQDN

SQDN

STILSON

440

DALLEY

033

KAUFMAN

098

SMITH, W.R.

315

TANNER

943

JOHNSON

979

STINE

488

WEST

487

FITCHETT

595

LEW

932

SHERMAN

457

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Air Statistical Officer

AAF Station 128
 22 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st Group (Low Box), Mission of 21 February 44.
 TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group, AAF Station 128.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....18
 Number of A/C Spares..... 0
 A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.....18
 Number of A/C Dispatched.....17
 Number of Sorties (E.E.T.).....17
 Number of Returns Early (Not E.E.T.).... 1
 Number of A/C Attacking.....17
 Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 1

Number of A/C Lost: None

TABULAR SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF BOMBS OVER TARGET

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Attacks: (T. of O.: A/D near Rheine, Ger.)	17	17	(574 (10 (2	100# 500# 100#	GP GP Smoke Bombs	Inst. 1/10	1/100
Bombs on Target			586	x	x	x	
Other Bomb Expenditures			--	--	--	--	--
Bombs Returned			37	100#	GP	Inst.	
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			(611 (10 (2	100# 500# 100#	GP GP Smoke Bombs	Inst. 1/10	1/100

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer

**HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Air Statistical Officer**

AAF Station 128
 22 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st Bomb Group (Lead Box), Mission of 21 Feb 44
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group, AAF Station 128.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....18
 Number of Spares..... 0
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 Number of A/C Dispatched.....17
 Number of Sorties (E.E.T.).....17
 Number of Returns Early (Not E.E.T.).... 1
 Number of A/C Attacking.....16
 Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 2

Number of A/C Lost: None

TABULAR SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF BOMBS OVER TARGET

	Aircraft		Bombs			
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail
Main Bombfall	--	--	--	--	--	-- --
Other Attacks (T. of O.: (Eulenheim, Ger.)	17	16	(72 (166 (2	100# 500# 500#	GP GP Smoke Bombs	Inst. 1/10 1/100
Bombs on Target			240	500#	x	x
Other Bomb Expenditures			12	500#	GP	1/10 1/100
Bombs Returned			12	500#	GP	1/10 1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			(190 (72 (2	500# 100# 500#	GP GP Smoke Bombs	1/10 1/100 Inst.

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

APO 634

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative, Mission Flown FEBRUARY 21, 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO 634

1. Flight Plan and log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.
 - a. T/O at 1018 hours.
 - b. Group formed at 1137 hours at 10000 feet.
 - c. Formed CEW at 1137 hours at 10000 feet.
 - d. Began climb at 1146 hours.
 - e. Reached altitude at 12500 hours.
 - f. Weather encountered over England:
 - (1) Clouds 10/10ths
 - (2) Visability 10 miles
 - (3) Wind at altitude 70 degrees, 45 Knots per hour.
 - g. Means of navigation over England.
SEE - RADIO - PILOTAGE
 - h. Means of checking Metro Winds
See
 - i. Joined task force at 1146 hours at Spaulding.
(Splasher, City or Coord)
 - j. Departed English Coast at 1225 hours.
Arrived at Enemy Coast at 1310 hours.

k. Fighter Rendezvous:

- (1) Going in: 1307 hours.
- (2) Coming Back: 1459 hours.

l. Wind used for bombing:

- (1) 60 degrees.
- (2) 55 knots per hour.
- (3) How determined:

None

m. Description of Bomb Run and Method of target Identification:

- (1) Reached IP at _____ hours.
- (2) Mag heading over target 320 degrees.
- (3) Altitude over target 19,700 feet.
- (4) Time bombs away 1500 hours.
- (5) Method of target Identification and weather over target:

Target of Opportunity - Salickhein

n. Difficulties encountered with Radio, Compass, and special equipment:

None

o. Gee:

- (1) Coordinates of furthest fix 52 38 N 04 34 E.
- (2) Time 1515 hours.

p. Comments:

SIGNATURE
1st Lt. A C
Lead Navigator

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Lt. W. H. Hooper NAVIGATOR Lt. Wm. A. Anderson DATE Feb 21, 1944

STATIONS	0645	ENGINES	0935	TAXI	1000	T.O.	1015
LEAVE BASE:	1137						
COAST OUT:	1216						
ENEMY COAST:	1311						
I.P.:	1426						
TARGET:	1433						
ENEMY COAST:	1519						
	1554						
	Base 1627						

WIND 1000

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	A. M.	P. M.

WATCH FAST SLOW RATE SEC'S GAINING PER HOUR LOSING

FROM TO	W/V USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNC.	VAR	MAG. HDNC.	G/S	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.		
Base "1"	60	10000	/	138	20	48	28	10	30	114	54	28				
Splasher #4 "4"	35		/													
53 237 00 098	60	10000	155	156	195	-9	186	10	196	178	34	12	1137			
Splashing "1"	35		-7										1149			
52 478 00 098	60	10000	150	153	95	-7	88	10	98	124	28	20	1200	Control Point		
Large 1788	25	12000	-10													
52 158 00 218	60	12000	155	161	75	-3	68	10	78	140	35	15 1/2	1216	Control Point		
Greater "1"	30		-11													
52 168 01 208	60	12000	150	166	99	-9	90	9	100	130	123	51	1311			
52 308 01 378	45	20000	-22													
	60		155	181	91	-6	83	7	90	132	109	42	1354			
52 308 07 308	55		-33													
			/		114	-14	100	6	106	144	47 1/2	18	1415			
52 158 06 308			/													
52 008 07 108			/		140	-17	123	6	129	162	20	07	1422			
			/		212	-8	204	6	210	228	14	04	1426	IF		
52 408 09 028			150	176	258	45	263	6	269	238	24 1/2	07	1433	TARGET		
51 438 08 228			/		278	411	289	6	295	216	36	11	1444			
51 208 07 247			/		314	416	320	7	327	178	40 1/2	13	1457			
51 308 02 308			/		291	414	305	8	313	206	72	22	1519			
52 308 04 378	65	20000	170	177	266	4	270	9	279	204	106	31	1554			
Lowest	23	5000	412													
52 408 01 458	70	5000		162	271	43	274	10	284	157	86	33	1627			
Base	16		/													
				Let down Santhorpe Buoy 10 degree mag heading												

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAG. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & TEMP.	T.A.S.	D.R. C.S.	DIS. TO RUN	TIME	E.T.A.
1016			60		Departed Base		140	500					
1030			42		See 7.02 52 138 44.08 00 208		150	6000					
1036			42		See 5.27 53 038 44.24 00 158		150	9000		114	30 1/2	6	1147
1045			0		Splasher #4 Beginning to circle Splasher & Assembly Group			10000					
1137			206		Departed Splasher #4								
1140					See 4.73 44.24								
1145			186		6.26 44.11								
1146			186		Two wings on our right	Begin climb "splashing" "1"	150	10600					
1154			90		See 7.01 43.78								
1203	95	-8	87	97	5.26 43.70		150	13000		130	47	22	1225
1215	91	-8	83	93	5.43 42.53						22	10 1/2	1231
1224			90		4.40 42.01 English Coast			16700					
1228			110		4.45 Point "2" off right wing		150	17000					
1239			109		5.22 41.28		150	17600					
1248			104		5.32 See Wing 71 degrees 40 feet					174	130	25	10

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC	MAC HDNC	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & A. TEMP.	T.A.S.	D.R. C.S.	DIS. TO RUN	TIME	E.T.A.
1248	100	-5	95	104	5.38		150 131	19,200 -2		125 130	32 71	15 33	1322
1259				101	5.43 03 19 39.80 52 45		155	20000					
1307				101	Fighters at 0300 high.	(Contrails showing)	150	20000	(Coast)				
1315				95	5.34 38.93		150	20000					
1318	83	-1	82	90	Enemy Coast	Flak (black) wing on our right getting it	150 131	-33	121	138			
1330	87	-2	85	98	See 5.34 38.87								
1334	91	-3	88	96			150	20000					
1335				92	Pilotage on 05 418 52 38						71 39	31 17	1406
1345				92	Fighters at 1 o'clock high	2 of them leading back	155	19800					
1348				88									
1350				88			150	20000		138	34	15	
1354		-4		86	F-47's at 0500		150	20000					
1401				110	Pilotage on 52 408 07 31								
1409				110	Airbase bombed by wing ahead of us					160	25	9	1418
1416	139	-10	129	135	on 52 298 09 00								
1421	215	-10	205	210						210	31	9	1430
1429				310	on 110 at 0900		155	20800					
1433				270	Flak at 1100			20700					
1436				294									
1439	285	-6	291	314	Fighters at 0500 high		155						
1446					B-17 going down at 0300		180						
1449					Fighters at 1200	Target of Opportunity sighted	155	20400					
1453	303	-9	311	330	ENEMY COAST		160	19700					
1509	266	-2	268	276			155	20400					
1514	271	-2	273	280	Luftwaffe		150	19900			44	12	1526
1528				282	Enemy Coast		150	19900					
1537				289	5.55 54 38 39.11 40 39	Letting Down	165	19300					
1540	262	-1	263	273			165	14500					
1549	254	-1	253	263	5.50 39.89					165	20	11	1600
1600				282	6.38 1601 English Coast 39.38		155	7300					
1604				282	6.59 40.50			5000					
1608				280	6.52 40.78								
1613	266		266	271	7.60 41.01								
1618					6.51 41.63								
1620				272	6.50 41.50		165	2000					
1623				272	7.03 42.12								
1625				256	7.11 42.25								
1627				260	7.10 42.40								
1630					7.20 42.61						24	10	1640
1636				230			145	1500					
1640				230									

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

TARGET

TRACK CHART
Date 2-21-44

GREEN
RED

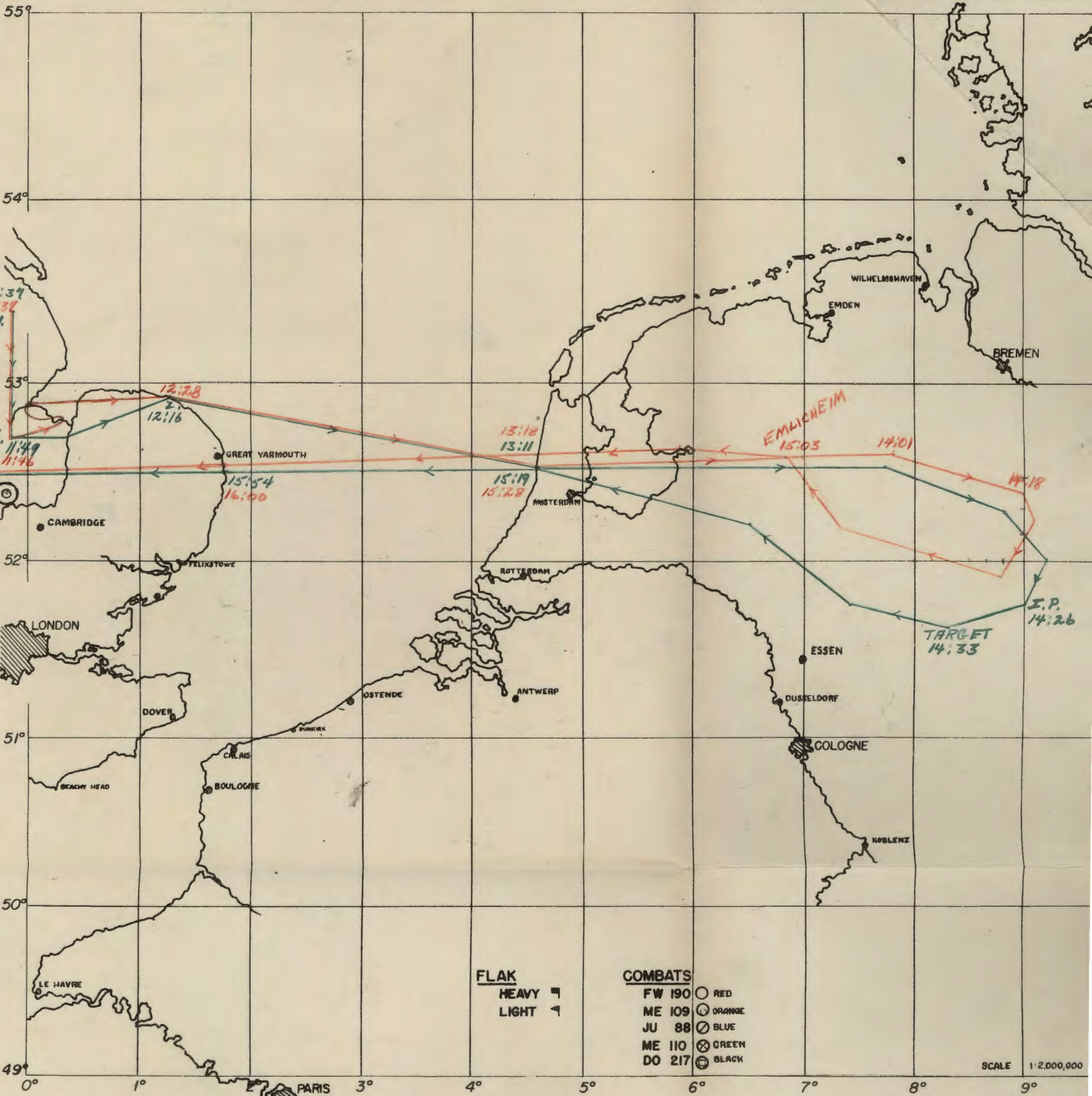
Route followed by
" " "
" " "
" " "
" " "

BRIEFED COURSE
401ST BOMB G.P.C.

Primary LIPPSTADT

Secondary

Last Resort EMMICHHEIM & RUINE A/D



FLAK
HEAVY \blacksquare
LIGHT \blacktriangle

COMBATS
FW 190 \bigcirc RED
ME 109 \bigcirc ORANGE
JU 88 \bigcirc BLUE
ME 110 \bigcirc GREEN
DO 217 \bigcirc BLACK

SCALE 1:2,000,000

TRACK CHART
Date 2-21-44

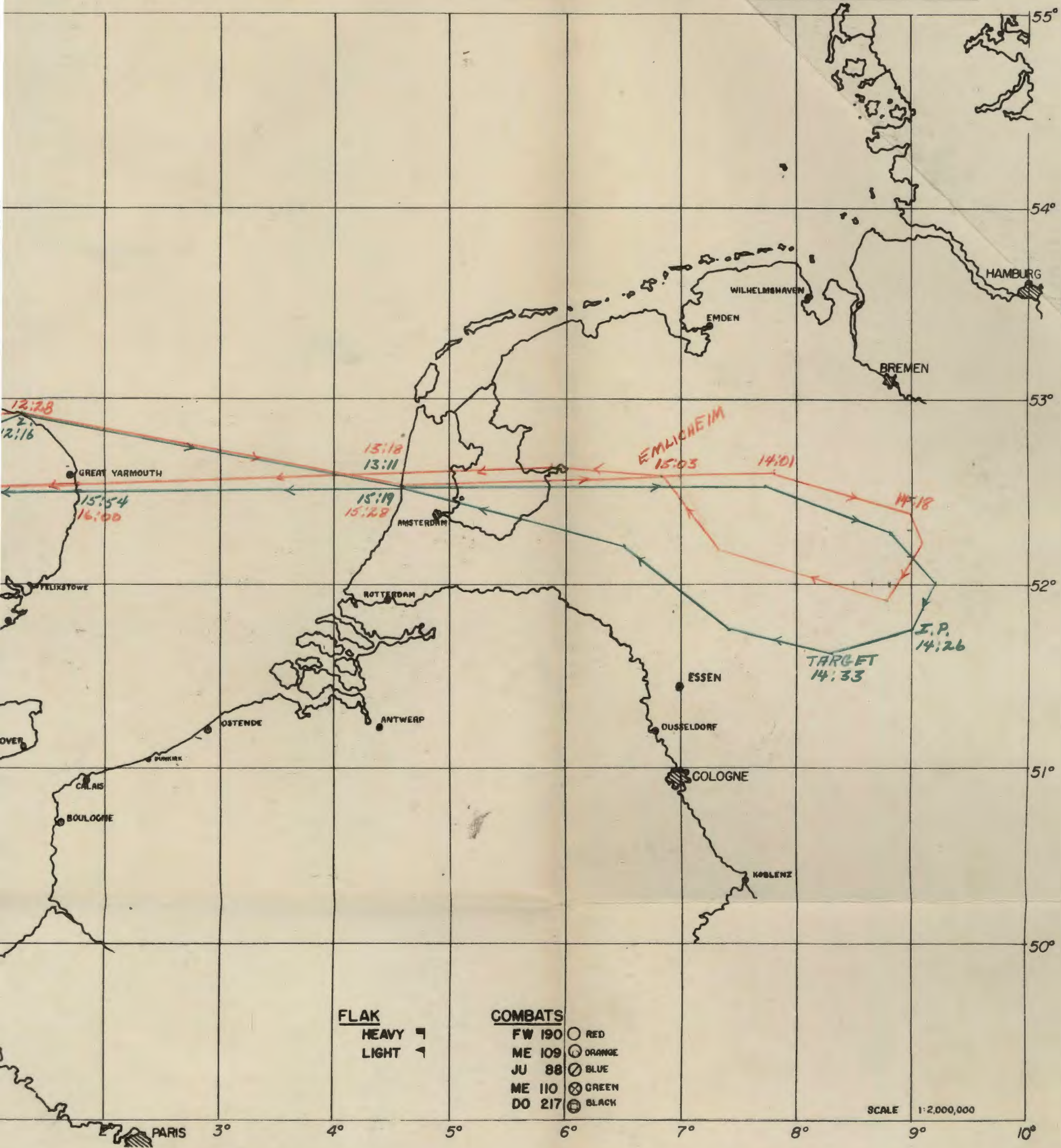
GREEN
RED

Route followed by

BRIEFED COURSE
401ST BOMB GP. (H)

LIPPSTADT

Sort EMLICHEIM ERWEINE A/D



HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 634, U. S. Army

21 February 1944

SUBJECT: Group Bombardier's Narrative

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO 634, U. S. Army

I. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS - LEAD GROUP-

1. Fourteen (14) a/c of the Lead Group dropped 166 X 500 GP bombs on a Target of Opportunity. Two (2) a/c loaded with 72 X 100 GP bombed with the Lead Group. One a/c Jettisoned 12 X 500 GP in the Channel because the Bombardier and Navigator thought that the Group was over Holland at the time of Bombs Away. The lead a/c dropped 2 smoke bombs at the Target.

II. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS - LOW GROUP-

1. Seventeen (17) a/c of the Low Group dropped 574 X 100 GP bombs on a Target of Opportunity. One a/c dropped 10 X 500 GP and 2 smoke bombs with the Low Group. One a/c was loaded with only 35 X 100 GP bombs instead of 36 X 100. One a/c had one bomb hang up and returned with it to the base.

III. RESULTS

1. Two targets of opportunity were bombed by the two groups. Photos show excellent results in both cases.

JULIUS PICKOFF
Major, Air Corps
Group Bombing Officer

**401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (K)
OFFICE OF THE BOMBING OFFICER
A.P.O. 634, U.S. Army**

21 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Lead Box, Mission of 21 Feb 44.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (K)

1. BOMBING APPROACH AND RUN: The 401st Lead Box hit the enemy coast at the briefed point and proceeded in to the first turn slight north of course. After the first turn the formation came over 10/10 overcast, this overcast continued on over the target area. Having no PPF it was decided to proceed on to the secondary target, however this was also completely covered. The Lead Group then proceeded out considerably north of the course, where it was much clearer, trying to find a target of opportunity. Two airports were seen, but they were either too close for synchronization or the group was forced away by other wings. Just before reaching the Holland border a small town with what looked like a very promising factory area on its southern perimeter was seen. Sighting was taken on this factory and bombs were released. Good results were observed on the factory area, no bombs hit the town proper.

2. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS: See separate report.

3. TYPE OF RELEASE: Salvo, interverloimeter setting: minimum.

**DURWARD W FESMIRE,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Lead Bombardier, Lead Box.**

401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE BOMBING OFFICER
A.P.O. 634, U.S. Army

21 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Low Box, Mission of 21 Feb 44.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)

1. BOMBING APPROACH AND RUN: The 401st Low Box hit the enemy coast as briefed and proceeded on to IP of Primary Target. Because of complete cloud coverage neither primary nor secondary target could be bombed. Turning north, a target of opportunity, an airfield at $52^{\circ} 12' N - 07^{\circ} 35' E$ (near Rheine, Germany), was selected by the Group Leader. A sharp turn was made on to target leaving only 30 or 40 seconds to sight target and synchronize. Owing to the absence of hangars or other large installations, a small clump of buildings to the left (west) of the runways was selected for the aiming point. The bomb pattern was good and the bombs were observed to cover the target. Time of release: 1450 hours.

2. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS: See separate report.

3. TYPE OF RELEASE: Salvo, interverlometer setting: minimum.

JAMES D. HAFFNER,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Lead Bombardier, Low Box.

W.D.
 A.G. Form
 12 E. Modified
 25-9-43, 8 BC APO 634

LEAD & LOW BOMBS

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. D. H. Fessire 606806 DATE 21 Feb 44
 PILOT 1st Lt. W. Siegler TAKE OFF 1015
 NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. W. E. Anderson LANDED 1047
 ORGANIZATION _____ Squadron 401st Group AIRPLANE _____

OBJECTIVE TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY

AIMING POINT (MPI) _____

INITIAL POINT _____

METHOD OF ATTACK _____
 Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing

NUMBER OF ATTACKING A/C IN GROUP 2 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP leads of Lead and Low Groups COMPOSITE GROUP _____

RANGE SIGHTING ONLY, GROUP _____ COMPOSITE GROUP _____

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 100# and 500# M-43 GP Bombs & 4 100# Snake Bombs

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 648 100# GP 4 100# Snake Bombs RELEASED 200 X 500# 4 X 100#
176 500# GP 611 X 500# (Snake)

FUZING, NOSE _____ TAIL _____

SYNCHRONIZATION On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of target <u>245</u>	Mag. Head. Order <u>267</u> Actual <u>250</u>
True Altitude above target <u>18100</u>	True Heading <u>312</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>20000</u>	Drift, Est. <u>4.1</u> Actual <u>3.1</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>-017</u>	True Track <u>321</u>
Altimeter setting <u>29.92</u>	Actual Range _____
C.E.A.S. <u>150</u>	B... Type _____
T.A.S. <u>302</u>	Time of Release <u>15:05</u>
G.S., Est. <u>212</u> Actual _____	Intervalometer setting <u>1115</u>
Wind Direc. Metro <u>60</u> Actual <u>60</u>	Length of Bombing Run _____
Wind Veloc., Metro <u>34</u> Actual <u>36</u>	C-1 Pilot _____
D.S. Trail ATF <u>34.00</u>	A-5 Pilot <u>Yes</u>
TAN. D. A. Est. <u>65</u> Actual <u>47</u>	Manual Pilot _____

TYPE OF RELEASE

Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN

~~Good hits observed on target of opportunity~~

NAVIGATION DATA:

MEAN TEMP.

METRO

ACTUAL

WINDS

ALTITUDE

DIRECTION

VELOCITY

TEMP. C.

Metro

Actual

Metro

Actual

Metro

Actual

1000
 5000
 10000
 15000
 17000
 19000
 20000
 25000
 28000
 30000

60

60

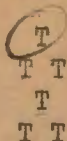
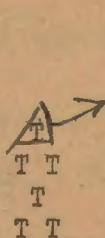
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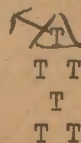
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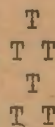
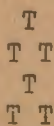
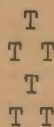
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



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


COMPOSITE GROUPS



Bombardier making complete sighting operation 

Bombardier making range operation only 

Bombardier dropping on leader, with arrow indicating leader's position. 

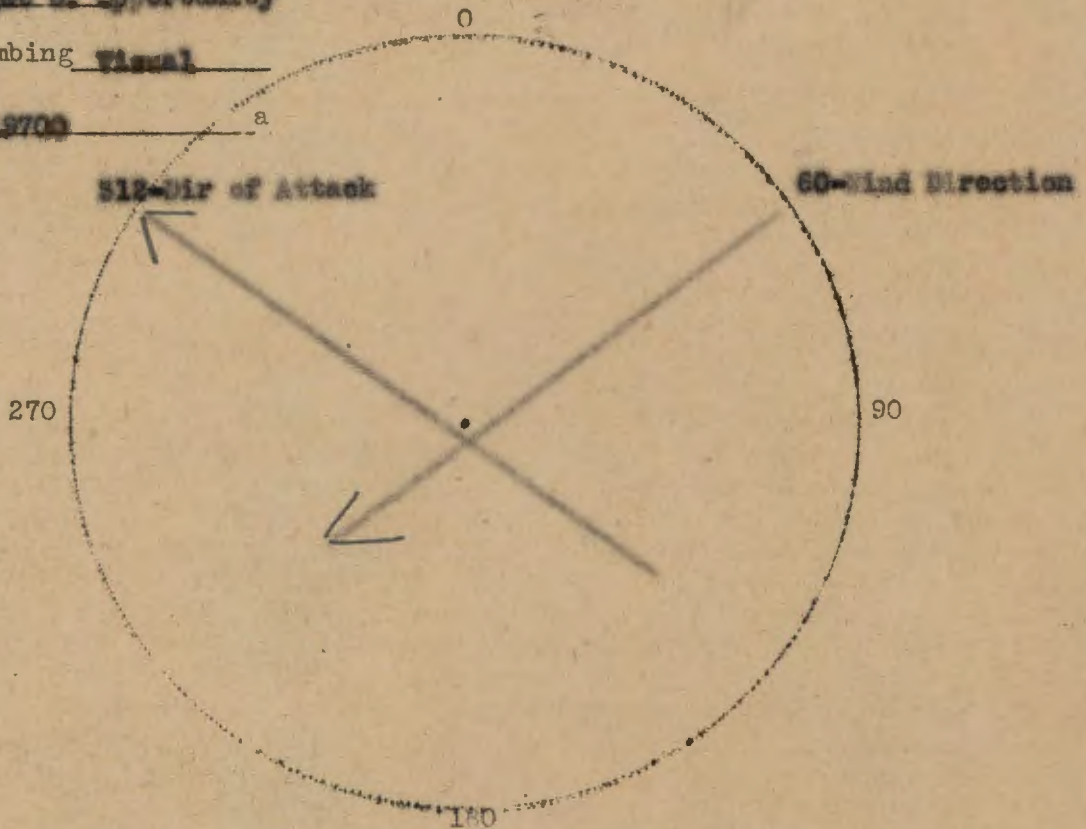
LEAD & LOW BOMBS

BEBARDIER'S ILLUSTRATED PLOT

Target Target of Opportunity

Method of Bombing Visual

Altitude 19700 a



PLOT

Wind Direction 60

Wind Velocity 36

Direction of attack 512 (True Heading)

REMARKS----- **For disposition of bombs see separate report**

- A/C Bombs at the target. - - - - -
- A/C Returned Bombs to the Base- - - - -
- A/C Emergency Salvaged Bombs- - - - -
- Bombs were unaccounted for**- - - - -

TOTAL BOMBS A' COUNTED FOR

Types of Bombs used 100 and 500 GP Bombs

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Engineering Officer
Station 128

A.P.O. 634
21 February, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 634.

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-31226 returned early because Pilot noticed oil coming out of breather of # 3 engine. Engine was shut off and propeller feathered. Ground check revealed internal failure of engine. Pieces of piston ring were found on the magnetic plug in the sump.

b. Airplane No. 42-31077 returned early because # 3 engine was throwing excessive oil and running rough. Ground check revealed valves out of adjustment.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-30855 - Flak hole through # 2 ring cowl and damaging engine. Engine change necessary.

b. 42-39840 - Cal. 303 hole in bottom of right wing, puncturing inboard tokio tank. Wing change necessary.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FIGHTER</u>
2	2	0	1	1

CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
STATION 128

A.P.O. 634
21 February, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 25, 21 February, 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
APO 634, U.S. Army.

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 21 February, 1944.

a.

<u>A/G No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Armament</u>
42-97496 -	Left Waist	Heater burned out	Equipment
42-39840 -	Ball Turret	Power failure, main fuse	Equipment
42-38002 -	Chin Turret	Would not fire, guns improperly assembled	Personnel
42-38002 -	Ball Turret Right Gun	Would not fire	Solenoid failure

b.

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION

a. 42-31069 - One station failed to release one 100lb bomb electrically. Bomb was salvoed.

b. 42-39847 - Bombardier did not attempt to toggle bombs and failed in attempt to salvo. Pilot pulled emergency release.

c. 42-39932 - Bombardier could not toggle bombs and salvoed by emergency release. Ground check revealed short in toggle switch.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer

S E C R E T

FORM 00-AMM-2A

MISSION REPORT - AMMUNITION

AAF STATION NO. 128

DATE 21 FEBRUARY 1944

GROUP 1401ST BOMB GP (H)

TYPE AIRCRAFT B-17 G

I - AIRCRAFT: DEPARTED 36 DID NOT ATTACK TARGET 1
 RETURNED EARLY 2
 ATTACKING TARGET 33
 LOST 0

	SIZE	QUANTITY	FUZING
II - BOMBS: INITIAL LOAD (TOTAL)	100 LB. G.P.	683	INST. NOSE, TAIL
	500 LB. G.P.	200	1/10, 1/100
EXPENDED (ON TARGET)	100 LB.	646 (PLUS 2 SKY MARKERS)	
	500 LB.	176 (PLUS 2 SKY MARKERS)	
(JETTISONED)	100 LB.	0	
	500 LB.	12	
RETURNED	100 LB.	37	
	500 LB.	12	
UNACCOUNTED FOR	100 LB.	0	
	500 LB.	0	

III - FLARES: LANDING, BOMBING & PHOTOFLASH CARTRIDGES

IV - EXPENDITURES OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION (PER GUN POSITION)

POSITION	CAL.	NO. OF GUNS	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	
			CAL. .30	CAL. .50
CHIN TURRET	.50	72		770
LEFT NOSE		22		200
RIGHT NOSE		36		325
UPPER TURRET		72		720
LOWER TURRET		72		775
RADIO GUN		36		315
LEFT WAIST		36		385
RIGHT WAIST		36		355
TAIL GUNS		72		910
TOTALS				

(OVER)

S E C R E T

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TOTAL A/C REPORTED BY GUN POSITION:

CAL..30 _____ RDS.

CAL..50 4755 RDS.

TOTAL EXPENDED FROM ABORTIVE A/C:

CAL..30 _____ RDS.

CAL..50 _____ RDS.

EXPENDED A/C LOSS OR MISSING:

CAL..30 _____ RDS.

CAL..50 _____ RDS.

GROUP TOTALS:

CAL..30 _____ RDS.

CAL..50 4755 RDS.

V - REMARKS:

FOUR A/C FUZED LONG DELAY AS FOLLOWS:

A/C/	42-31521	6	(X-7)	BOMB LOAD: 36 M30, INST NOSE AND TAIL
A/C	42-31488	6	(X-7)	" " " " " " " "
A/C	42-97487	6	(X-7)	" " " " " " " "
A/C	42-39993	1	(Y-3)	BOMB LOAD: 12 M43, 1/10 AND 1/100
		1	(Y-6)	
		4	(X)	

A/C NOS. 42-31521, 42-31488, 42-97487 EXPENDED BOMBS ON TARGET. A/C NO. 42-39993 JETTISONED BOMBS.

James C. David

(SIGNED) JAMES C. DAVID, CAPT., ORD. DEPT.
STA ORD OFF OR ASS'T

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
AAF STA 128, APO 634

(J-A-1)

21 FEBRUARY 1944

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 25.
(REFERENCE FIELD ORDER 287)

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401ST BOMB GROUP (H), AAF STA 128,
APO 634.

1. USE OF VHF SET.

CHANNELS "A", "B", "C" AMERICAN, AND "D" AVAILABLE.
ROUTINE FORMATION MESSAGES ON CHANNEL "A".

2. VHF/DF BEARINGS.

NONE.

3. HF/DF BEARINGS.

NONE.

4. MF/DF FIXES.

NONE.

5. DISTRESS ACTION TAKEN.

NONE.

6. RADIO BEACONS USED.

SPLASHERS		MULTI-GROUP		BUNCHER	
BEACON	USED BY	BEACON	USED BY	BEACON	USED BY
4	23	A	2	4	18
5	22	B	6		
6	18	C	4		
7	9				
8	2				
9	1				
16	10				

7. INFORMATION ON MEACONING.

- 979 REPORTS SPLASHERS 5,6,7 MEACONED AT 1520.
- 033 REPORTS SPLASHER 6 MEACONED (UNSPECIFIED TIME).
- 487 REPORTS SPLASHERS 4,6 MEACONED AT 1515.
- 098 REPORTS SPLASHERS 5,6,7 MEACONED AT 1500.
- 488 REPORTS SPLASHER 6 MEACONED AT 1500.
- 315 REPORTS SPLASHER 5 MEACONED AT 1530.
- 619 REPORTS SPLASHER 5 MEACONED AT 1309.
- 521 REPORTS SPLASHER 5 MEACONED AT 1530.

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8. USE OF GEE.

MAXIMUM RANGE OBTAINED:
 NORMAL - 0500E 5235N.

9. BREACHES OF RADIO DISCIPLINE.

NONE.

10. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES.

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>REPORTED DEFICIENCIES</u>
034	INTERPHONE NAV MIKE BUTTON OUT. COMPASS LOOP TURNS ON LOOP POSITION.
837	BOMB MIKE BUTTON OUT. COMPASS NEEDLE SPINS.
496	BALL TURRET INTERPHONE TRANSMITTER OUT. COMMAND ANTENNA BROKEN. COULD NOT TUNE COMPASS.
943	INTERPHONE PILOT MIKE BUTTON OUT. BOMB MIKE BUTTON CUTS IN AND OUT.
979	CHECK INTERPHONE. CHECK COMPASS AUTOMATIC SENSE ADJUSTMENT.
932	INTERPHONE PILOT MIKE BUTTON OUT.
593	VHF; SIDE TONE LOUD SQUEAL.
840	INTERPHONE LEFT WAIST, TOP TURRET MIKE OUT.
369	INTERPHONE PILOT SWITCH BAD. COULD NOT GET TOWER ON COMMAND.
8002	INTERPHONE; CHECK BOMB MIKE BUTTON.
315	INTERPHONE; NAV SWITCH STICKS. COMPASS NEEDLE SPINS.
619	INTERPHONE; CHECK BALL TURRET.
091	INTERPHONE; VHF FILTERS INTO INTERPHONE POSITION. CHECK COPILOT JACK BOX. VOLUME CONTROL ERRATIC.
485	WEAK RECEPTION ON COMMAND SET.
521	LIAISON OFF CALIBRATION.

11. GEE EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES.

087 - STROBE TIME BASE CONTRACTED ON RETURN HOME.

12. ABORTIVES DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS.

NONE.

13. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE BUNCHER.

BUNCHER IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. GOOD RESULTS REPORTED BY NAVIGATORS.

14. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE VHF/DF STATION.

STATION IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. NO HOMINGS GIVEN.

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15. REMARKS.

NONE.

Harold M. Kennard Jr.
HAROLD M. KENNARD JR.
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,
GP COMM O.

2 INCL:

- INCL #1 -LEAD SHIP RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG, LEAD BOX.
- INCL #2 -LEAD SHIP RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG, LOW BOX.

FEBRUARY 21, 1944
 (DATE)
RAYMOND G. MEHLMANN
 (NAME)

SHIP NO 1185
 NO OF QDM'S 0
 NO OF FIXES 0
 NO OF SOS'S 0

SHIP CALL SIGN JFSX

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS
0955			NO 1 ENGINE STARTED
1005			TAXI
1034			TAKE OFF - IFF DET PLUG IN
1030		7MT	-2-VVV-X445-1034A AR
1042	TOLL	7MT	-R-X639-K
		TOLL	-R-AR
1045	ZRUC	PHYZ	-X259-6-BR 2-AAA POINT B POCK AS
			-NR 2- GR 15-GR 15 BT TMNI KKIW VXEA EDNI IMYA
			ILIM NIED YATO UGKZ IMYA MXJU QDCL EHED KKIM
1050			WE BT 1048A - DECODED-
1100	XRM	7MT	-5-VVV-X445-1104A AR
1105	ZRUC	PHYZ	NR 3 GR 15 BT TMNI KKIW VXEA DNII MYA ILIM NIED
			YASM UGKZ IMYA MKJU DCL EAFD KKIM WE BT 1105A
1130		7MT	-7-VVV-X445-1134A AR
1200		7MT	-9-VVV-X445-1204A AR
1205	7MT	NVJV	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
	NVJV	R-NR 1-Y-GR 3	BT YOKQ VXKK PNRH BT 1205A K
		7MT	-R-NR 1-AR
		7MT	-R-NR 1-AR
1214	7MT	MFKC	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
		MFKC	-R-NR 1-Y-GR 3 BT OTRT UGCR VXRH BT 1130A-K
		7MT	-R-NR 1 AR
1218	7MT	UFVP	-X259-K
	AAA	7MT	-R-K
		UFVP	-R-NR 1-Y-GR 1 BT XSUM BT 1218A-K
		7MT	-R-NR 1-AR
1226	7MT	TOLL	-X259-K-INT 1-K
		7MT	-R-1-508-K
		TOLL	-NR 1-P-Y-GR 1 BT DMUM BT
		7MT	-R-NR 1 AR
1230		7MT	-1-VVV-X445-1234A AR
1235	7MT	TOLL	-X259-K-3-K
		7MT	-R-3-136-K
		TOLL	-R-NR 2-P-Y-GR 1 BT NVUM BT 1234A-K
		7MT	-R-AR
1200			TEST FIRED GUN-OK
			COULDN'T GET DIVISION ON RECEIVER
1307	7MT	NVJV	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
		NVJV	-R-NR 2-Y-GR 5 BT LIRT UMCP IMNI CLPY UX BT
			1307 K
		NVJV	NR 2-Y-GR 5 BT LIRT UMCP IMNI CLPY UX BT 1307A-K
		7MT	-R 2 AN 2
		NVJV	-R-X314-

LEAD SHIP RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG, CONTD.

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS
1315	7MT	MVJV	-X259-K -R-IMI-NR 2 GR 1 BT LIRT BT K
		7MT	-IMI-
		MVJV	-NR 2-Y-GR 5 BT LIRT UMOP IMNI CLPY UX BT 1307A-K
1330		7MT	-2-VVV-X445-1334A AR
1400		7MT	-5-VVV-X445-1404A AR
1423			IP
1425			BOMBAY DOORS OPEN
1432			FLAK
1450			BOMBS AWAY
1500	SWVC	7MT	-X259-NR 1-F-GR 5 BT ZJVN MGTQ UBSN TXGF OK BT 1445A K
1515			DECODED- GIVEN TO PILOT
1516		7MT	-R-K
	7MT	NXWO	-R-NR 1-P-Y-GR 9 BT YRPO NITO TMNI EDVX KZIW KKVX MXCL TQ BT 1440A-K
1505			PILOT CALLED- TOLD TO SEND IN BOMBER STRIKE MESSAGE.
1510	7MT	JFSX	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
		JFSX	-R-NR 1-Y-GR 2 BT YRUG CLTQ BT 1450A-K
		7MT	-R-NR 1-AR
1513	7MT	MFKC	-X259
	7MT	NVJV	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-X625-K
		NVJV	-R-AR
1520	7MT	MFKC	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
		MFKC	-R-NR 2-Y-GR 2 BT YRNI CLTQ BT 1503AA K
		7MT	-R-NR 1 AR
		MFKC	-R-INT 7-K
		7MT	-R-7-155-K
		MFKC	-R-C-AR
1525	KBAS	7MT	-R-X625-K K
			-R-X613-K
1540	7MT	LBAP	-X259-K
		7MT	R-K
		LBAP	-R-NR 1-Y-GR 2 BT YRUG CLIM BT 1352A-K
		7MT	-R-AR
1535			NAVIGATOR CALLED- IFF SWITCH ON AND CHECKED OK.
1553	LBAP	7MT	-IMI-GR 2-K
		LBAP	-R-CLSM-BT K
		7MT	-R-AR
1600	SWVC	7MT	-X259-VE NR 1-F-GR 5 BT ZJVN MGTQ QBSN TXGF OK
1600			IFF CHECKED OK
1615			IFF CHECKED OK
1630	SWVC	7MT	X259-VE-NR 1-F-GR 5 BT ZJVN MGTQ QBSN TXGF OK BT 1445A AR
1645			CHECKED IFF OK
1700		7MT	-8-VVV-X445-1704A-AR
1700			SIGHTED BASE- IFF OFF-DET PLUG OUT.
1715			LANDED
1725			DISPERSAL AREA
1730			ENGINES CUT-ALL SWITCHES OFF-EQUIPMENT CHECKED- MALFUNCTIONS REPORTED.
1731			OFF WATCH

S/SGT RAYMOND G. MEHLMANN

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS (OR) TRAFFIC
		7MT	-R-NR1 AR
1221	7MT	UFVP	-X259-K
	AA	7MT	AA
		UFVP	-R-NR1-Y-GR1 BT XSUM BT -K INTERFERENCE
		7MT	-R-NR1 AR
1224			LEFT ENGLISH COAST
	7MT	TOLL	-X259-TNT 1 K
1227		7MT	-R-TNT 1-508 K
		TOLL	-R-NR1-P-Y-GR1 BT DMIT BT 1225A K
		7MT	-R-NR1 AR
1230		7MT	-1-VVV-X145-1234A AR
1235	7MT	TOLL	-X259-TNT 3 K
	TOLL	7MT	-R-TNT 3-136-K
		TOLL	-R-NR2-P-Y-GR1 BT NVUM BT 1234A K
		7MT	-R-NR1-AR
1300		7MT	-8-VVV-X145-1304A AR
			BALL TURRET OUT
1308	7MT	NVJV	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
			-R-NR2-Y-GR5 BT LIRT UMCP FINN CLPY UX BT 1307 K
		7MT	-TNT 0 BT LIRT UMCP IMNI CLPY UX BT TNT K
		NVJV	-R-C-K
		7MT	-R-NR2 AR
1312	NVJV	7MT	-TMT NR2 TMT NR2 K
		NVJV	-R-NR2-Y-GR5 BT LIRT UMCP IMNI CLPY UX BT 1307A K
		7MT	-R-X114 X114 NR2 NR2
		NVJV	-R-AS
		7MT	-R
	7MT	NVJV	-R-X314 X314 5 K
		7MT	-R-AR

DID I SIGN OFF WATCH??????????

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS (OR) TRAFFIC
1324	7MT	NVJV	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
		NVJV	-R-TMT NR2-GR1 LIRT-K
		7MT	TMT K
		NVJV	-R-NR2-Y-GR5 BT ILRT TMT BT ILRT UMCP WNI CLPY UX BT 1307A K
		7MT	TMT C BT LRT UMCP WNI CLPY VX BT K
		NVJV	-R-GR5 UX TMT UX C ILRT UMCP WNI CLPY UX BT K
		7MT	-X114-GR5 VX TMT K
		NVJV	-R C K
		7MT	-R-NR2 AT
1318			CROSSED ENEMY COAST
1330		7MT	-5-VVV-X115-1330A AT
1355			P-47 ESCORT
1400		7MT	-5-VVV-X115-1400
1402			ESCORT GOOD
1403			AIR BASE BELOW
1430		7MT	-5
1432			ESCORT GOOD P-47'S
1433			LIGHT FLAK
1434	TOLL	7MT	-R-TMT B 047 K
	TOLL		-R-NR3-P-Y-GR2 BT YRUG CLTQ BT 1424A K
		7MT	-R-NR3 AT
	SBVC	7MT	-NR1-F-GR5 BT ZJVN MBTQ QBSN TXGF OK BT 1415A AR DECODED GIVEN TO PILOT
	AA	AA	OR BT YRPO NI TM TMI EDVX KZIW KKVX MXCL TQ BT 1418A K
		7MT	-R-NR1 AT
1415	7MT	TSFK	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-

DID YOU SIGN OFF WATCH??????????

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS (OR) T. FIC
		TSFK	-R-NR1-Y-GR2 BT YRUG CLTQ BT 1450A K
		7MT	-R-NR1 AR
			BALL TURRET MAN WITH OXYGEN
1517	7MT	MFKC	-X259-K
	7MT	NVJV	-X259-K
	7MT	AA	AA STATIC
		7MT	-R-NR3 AR
1522	7MT	MFKC	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
		MFKC	-R-NR2-Y-GR2 BT YRNI CLTQ BT 1503A K
		7MT	-R-NR2-AR
		MFKC	-R-TNT 7 K
		7MT	-R-TNT 7 155 K
		MFKC	-R-TMT TNT 7 K
		7MT	-R-CAR
	AA	7MT	-X625
	KBAS	7MT	-R-613 X613 K
		KBAS	AA TOO MUCH STATIC
1528		7MT	AS LERT ENEMY COAST
		7MT	-1-VVV-X445-1534A AR
1530	SWVC	7MT	-X259-NR1-F-GR5 BT ZJVN MGTQ QBSN TXGF OK BT 1445A K
1540			IFF ON OK (DECODED GIVEN TO PILOT)
1550	7MT	LBAP	-X259-K
	AA	7MT	-TMT-K
	7MT	LBAP	-X259-K
		7MT	-R-K
		LBAP	-R-NR1-Y-GR2 BT YRUG CLIM BT 1452A
		7MT	-R-NR1-AR
	7MT	KBAS	-X259-K
1555	LBAP	7MT	IMI GR2 IMI GR2 K

DID YOU SIGN OFF WATCH??????????

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of _____

Time of Preparation _____

Target 21/2/44

Telephoned to A-2 2020

Lippstadt

2050

(1) Designation of Group _____

(2) Total No. of A/C 401st
airborne, incl. spares _____

LEAD
(SPARES _____)

(3) Total No. of A/C 18
Dispatched _____

(4) No. of A/C Attacking 17

(5) No. of A/C Dispatched 16
but not Attacking _____

Due to:

) 1

- (a) Mechanical Failure _____
- (b) Weather _____
- (c) Enemy Action _____
(lost before target)
- (d) Other _____

(6) No. of A/C Lost _____

Due to:

0

1

- (a) Anti-aircraft fire _____
- (b) Enemy fighters _____
- (c) Flak and fighters _____
- (d) Accident _____
- (e) Reasons Unknown _____

(7) Times of Attack _____

(8) Altitudes of Attack 1503

(9) Bombs on Each Target 29,700 - (20,500)

(c) Type _____

(10) Personnel Casualties 166

Type: 100#
500#

G.P.
G.P.

72
166
7 0

- (a) Number Killed _____
- (b) Number Wounded _____
- (c) Number Missing _____

(11) A/C Suffering Battle 3
Damage _____

Category:

- (a) Minor 3
- (b) Major _____
- (c) Salvage 1

REMARKS: _____

Preparing Officer
Lt. D. V. McCallum

(12) 0

(13) 0

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 634
U. S. ARMY

D-D-1

21 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in LIPPSAD Mission, this date.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 634, (Thru Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. A/C #9840 - Lt. Wells stated that lead ship of high squadron of lead group flew poor formation.
2. A/C #7496 - S/Sgt. Peacock said the communication system was bad.
3. A/C #1930 - Lt. Vekaty said the assembly was good but said it should have been pathfinder mission because of uncertain weather. Members of the crew said A/C 081 fired about 5 rounds while waiting to get clearance after landing. They believed the tail gunner did the firing.
4. A/C #1034 - Lt. Lecher said that transportation should be furnished to go to armament and also stated that the bus service stops too early in case of a late mission.
5. A/C #9847 - Entire crew believe the village should not have been hit. They believed the bombs could have been salvaged in open field.
6. A/C #9993 - Lt. Chuma said high squadron leader was not holding formation at any time. Lt. Reese asked what triangle U group was doing. Its low squadron was level with and crowding on out of formation.
7. A/C #9881 - Capt. Hinkle said that the 457th Group flew a good formation but talked too much on VHF.
8. A/C #9837 - Sgt. Mace said "We want more to eat in mess hall - not only today but every day".
9. A/C #1485 - Capt. White: "Suggest fighter reconnaissance prior to bomber's takeoff, their observations to govern attack by bombers".
10. A/C #1467 - Lt. Sheahan said parking place was changed between takeoff and return causing crew to lose transportation. Lt. Davis stated that there should be binoculars in each ship.
11. A/C #1515 - Lt. W. R. Smith wondered why formation went through clouds when target obviously was overcast. S/Sgt. Castronova said a spring is needed on radio gun to give balance to gun.

12. A/C #9932 - Lt. Low said the box had a good leader but #2 ship in second element of high squadron in low box was out of position, flying #4 position in lead element of high squadron.

13. A/C #1069 - Lt. Lenke wants coffee instead of cocoa. He also wants to know why they can't have Gee's installed - his ship is all wired for it.

14. A/C #1619 - Lt. Manning, navigator, said the maps of target area seem to have poor details.

15. A/C #9979 - Lt. Johnson said the Navigators building, where lectures are held, is filthy. It hasn't been cleaned out in two days.

16. A/C #1521 - Lt. Wolfe, bombardier, said the weather was not as briefed and not suitable for visual bombing.

17. A/C #1593 - Lt. Gibson said fighter protection was good.

18. A/C #1098 - Lt. Kaufman said the formation was good today. Entire crew stated there was very little supper after mission last night. Didn't get sufficient food.

19. A/C #1091 - Entire crew stated the wing flew a very good formation. Lt. Dempsey said "Let's come straight home instead of cruising around England". Lt. Mitchell said it was a very good breakfast. He also stated there were too many violations of VHF.

W. B. FRY,
Major, A.C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
Station 128 - A.P.O. 634
U. S. Army

21 February, 1944

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition and Tactical Analysis Report.

TO : A-2, 1st Bombardment Division (H)
A.P.O. 634, U. S. Army.

1. Attacks by enemy aircraft were not numerous and were weak generally. No damage to our A/C were reported. The attacking e/a included ME-109's, ME-210's, FW-190's and a JU-88. Attacks were generally from nine to eleven o'clock. Colors of e/a included black, white and orange tan.

a. A/C 873 reported one pass from the front by a black FW-190.

b. A/C 202 reported 4 or 5 ME-109's near Lippstadt simulating a dog-fight. They were tan-orange in color. A/C 202 also reported one attack by an ME-210 at 1426 hours; e/a broke off the attack at 300 yards.

c. A/C 521 reported attack by a twin-engined e/a with single tail which "came in low and broke off low at 300 yards.

d. A/C 847 reported an all-black JU-88 which came alongside, a little low, at 400 yards and opened fire, but nothing happened.

e. A/C 619 reported one attack by an ME-210 from between 10 and 11 o'clock low. This was at 1430 hours near Lippstadt.

f. A/C 091 reported an attack at 5148 N-0853 E by a black ME-210. E/a came from behind on left low, reached level of group, then turned in and fired rockets.

g. A/C 440 reported an attack by a white FW-190 from 11 o'clock over the primary target.

h. A/C 315 reported an attack by a black ME-210 from 12 o'clock level; e/a broke off attack at 200 yards.

i. A/C 369 reported an attack by a black ME-210 at 1440 hours from 10 o'clock, breaking off at 400 yards, and an attack by an ME-109 at 1443 hours from 11 o'clock breaking off at 100 yards.

j. A/C 485 reported an ME-210 attacking from 9 o'clock level 5 minutes before target.

W.B. FRY
Major, AC
Group S-2

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of 21/2/44

Time of Preparation 2020

Target Lippstadt

Telephoned to A-2 2050

- (1) Designation of Group 401st LOW
- (2) Total No. of A/C
airborne, incl. spares 18 (SPARES _____)
- (3) Total No. of A/C
Dispatched 17
- (4) No. of A/C Attacking 17
- (5) No. of A/C Dispatched
but not Attacking 0 Due to:
 - (a) Mechanical Failure _____
 - (b) Weather _____
 - (c) Enemy Action
(lost before target) _____
 - (d) Other _____
- (6) No. of A/C Lost 0 Due to:
 - (a) Anti-aircraft fire _____
 - (b) Enemy fighters _____
 - (c) Flek and fighters _____
 - (d) Accident _____
 - (e) Reasons Unknown _____
- (7) Times of Attack 1450
- (8) Altitudes of Attack 18,000 - 19,500
- (9) Bombs on Each Target (a) 10 (b) Size 100 (c) Type G.P. Smoke
- (10) Personnel Casualties 0 Type:
 - (a) Number Killed _____
 - (b) Number Wounded _____
 - (c) Number Missing _____
- (11) A/C Suffering Battle
Damage 2 Category:
 - (a) Minor 2
 - (b) Major _____
 - (c) Salvage _____

REMARKS: _____

Lt. D. V. McCallum
Preparing Officer

(12) 0

(13) 0

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Assigned Lippstadt

1. Target: Bombed Lead - Emlichheim (Factory Area) Date of Mission 21/2/44
Low - 5222 - 0752E (Airport)

2. Route as Flown:- As briefed to Primary Target, then circuitous to target of opportunity, then North along Holland - German border, then home as briefed.

3. Weather conditions: (a) At target of opportunity - CAVU
 (b) En route. Scattered to Primary target, then 10/10 undercast

4. Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target. No Flak
 Any Condensation trails? Yes (b) En route.....

5. Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

H11

6. Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced).
Meager, inaccurate at Enemy coast on landfall, 1317, other scattered bursts seen en route, but none near formation.

7. Was CHAFF carried? No
 How discharged?

8. Position of Group 401st Lead 401st Low 457 High (94th ACW)

9. Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bomb away	Height	Axis of Bomb Attack	Bomb Run
401st Lead	17	3	0	?	1603	20,000	276M	3 min.
401st Low	17	2	0	?	1451	19,000	330M	30 sec.
Totals								

10. Comments - Phenomena:-

Large black "container" seemed to drop out of flak burst near Osnabruck. A few rockets seen far away in Primary Target area.

J. S. R. Closway

BRIEFING NOTES

1. With the exception of possible mobile units, there will be no flak to speak of at the target. There are NO GUN EMBLACEMENTS there.
2. Fighter Cover all the way.
3. The target is the airfield situated 3 miles NNE of the village by the same name. There is a small woods to the south and S.W. of the airfield. The S.E. Boundary is the BOKOR canal.

TARGET IS AN ALL IMPORTANT STORAGE DEPOT FOR THE GERMAN AIR FORCE AND SUPPLIES FW 190's and ME 109's. For the Western Front.

Possible Secondary--if you see the Wing ahead of you turn off--is the airfield at Handorf which is 5 miles N.E. of Munster.

Bombing altitude is 20,000 feet.

Diversions

6 Combat Wings of 3rd Division on Brunswick and Diepholz
Second Division on Handorf

In the 1st Division: 1st and 94th A (351st & Glatton) on Gutersloh
 40th and 94th B on Lippstadt
 41st A and B on Werl

264° Mag heading is Axis of Attack NO CONVOYS EXPECTED

P-38's without camouflage paint
47's with red, yellow or blue noses instead of white
Only 1 group of 47's operating without white stripes on tail

REMEMBER --- In Germany Military Targets Only are Bombed

FIGHTER SUPPORT

1 Gp 47's 5234-0540

2 Gps 47's 5234-0700

2 Gps 38's 5217-0840

One thru your target

One thru Werle

1 Gp 47's will be at Gutersloh to furnish withdrawal support

SECONDARY AND LAST RESORT--

Any military objective positively identified as being
in Germany which can be attacked without disrupting
Fighter Support

Time of divisions in----

3rd

1st

2nd

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 21 February 1955

PERIOD 1700-1730

Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/15227

	A <u>Bases to 07 Deg East</u>	B <u>07 Deg East to Target</u>	C <u>07 Deg East to Bases</u>	D
WEATHER	Overcast with some flight to moderate snow showers.	Overcast becoming cloudy in target area.	Overcast with occasional clouds.	
CLOUDS	10/10 Stratocumulus base 2-3000 tops 5-7000ft. Nil medium. Nil to 1/10 cirrus at 22,000 to 24,000 ft.	10/10 Stratocumulus base 2-3000ft. tops 5-7000 ft. 5-1/10 base 2-3000 ft. tops 5-7000 ft. with some large breaks in target area. Nil medium cloud. Nil to 1/10 cirrus at 22,000ft. to 24,000ft.	5-10/10 Stratocumulus base 2-3000ft. tops 5-7000ft. Nil medium cloud. Nil to 1/10 cirrus at 22,000ft to 24,000ft.	NOTE Ceiling is Non-Predicted above 21,000 ft Predicted above 24,000ft
ICING	300-500 ft. Moderate rime in cloud	500 ft. Moderate rime in cloud	500 ft. Moderate rime in cloud.	
VISIBILITY	2-3 miles falling to 1 mile in some snow showers	3-5 miles below cloud unlimited above cloud	2-4 miles	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	090 10 20	Temperature		
5000 FT	070 10 25	0		
10000 FT	070 10 30	+15		
15000 FT	060 10 35	+20		
20000 FT	060 10 40	+25		
25000 FT	050 10 45	+30		
30000 FT	050 10 50	+35		

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.0 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. +32 TARGET MEAN TEMP. -16
 TEMP. AT 20,000 FT. +34 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -57

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HEADQUARTERS
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Staff Weather Officer
APO 634, U.S. Army

21 February, 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 21 FEBRUARY, 1944

TAKEOFF: 1015. 6/10 Strato-cumulus, base 3000', tops 5500'. Nil middle and nil high clouds. Visibility 6 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 8-9/10 Strato-cumulus, base 4-5000', tops 6000' over England, becoming 10/10 over the channel and continent as far as 7 Deg. E and 6-8/10 from 7 deg. E to target. Nil middle and nil high clouds. Visibility unrestricted at flight level.

BRIEFED TARGET: 1425. 9/10 plus Strato-cumulus, tops 6-8000'. Nil middle and high cloud. Dense persistent contrails at 19-20,000'. Visibility unrestricted at flight level.

BOMBED TARGET: 1502. 2/10 Strato-cumulus, tops 6-8000'. Nil middle and high cloud. Visibility unrestricted at flight level.

ROUTE BACK: Variable 2-5/10 Strato-cumulus over Western Germany and the Low Countries, tops 6-8000', becoming 9-10/10 over the channel and 8/10 over England where bases are 2500-3000', tops 5000'. Nil middle and nil high cloud. Visibility unrestricted at flight level.

BASE ON RETURN: 1635. 7/10 strato-cumulus, base 1500', tops 5000'. Nil middle cloud. 2/10 cirrus at 20,000'. Visibility 8 miles.

REMARKS: Dense persistent contrails at 19-20,00' observed only in target area. Moderate non-persistent contrails from fighters all along route at about 25,000'. Moderate, clear ice in strato-cumulus upon ascent and moderate rime in strato-cumulus on descent. Winds nearly as briefed. Wind at 20,000' over the continent 30 degrees at 40 knots. Temperatures as briefed.

Arthur B. Street
Arthur B. Street
Captain, A. C.
Staff Weather Officer

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612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 A.P.O. #634

SUBJECT: Loading List.

21 February 1944.

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in to-days Mission.

Plane 42-39765

P-2nd	Dunaway		John	A.	0-745054	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Kane	Henry	(NMI)	0-690106	"
N	2nd Lt.	Mock	William	J.	0-811775	"
B	2nd Lt.	Krol	Theodore	J.	0-688595	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Mastronardi	Francis	J.	34613370	"
TT	Sgt.	Horst	Harry	C.	33289777	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Johns	Carl	W.	37248950	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Garity	John	B.	16155719	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Henderson	Pete	D.	38213690	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Yeatts	Lawsch	K.	34450792	"

Plane 42-31033 033

P	1st Lt.	Dailey	Scribner	C.	0-801940	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Stokes	Alexander	C.	0-801571	"
N	2nd Lt.	Jeffery	Morey	B.	0-685689	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hutson	Waymen	T.	0-406409	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Hildreth	Arthur	W.	11055299	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Flynn	William	B.	16046687	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Callahan	Michael	J.	18150617	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Surprise	Walter	L. Jr.	17129684	"
LWG	Sgt.	Plate, Robert	XXXXXXXX	B.	36268711	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Hagen	Charles	T.	37315748	"

Plane 42-31087

P	1st Lt.	Fox	Gaston	M.	0-802737	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Blasie	XXXX Gerald	L.	0-748328	"
N	2nd Lt.	Wilson	Darrel	D.	0-750174	"
B	2nd Lt.	Mendelson	Leonard	J.	0-749917	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Brandt	Duane	G.	39193489	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brown	Allen	D.	38294087	"
BT	Sgt.	Van Booven	Donald	W.	37232922	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Estess	Cecil	C.	34425600	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Gallas	Joseph	(NMI)	33394658	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Sierra	Charles	P.	12155142	"

Plane 42-39837

P	1st Lt.	Sellers	William	D.	0-666363	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	George	Jack	E.	0-747545	"
N	2nd Lt. H	Shapiro	Aaron	(NMI)	0-128459	"
B	2nd Lt.	Rementeria	David	A.	0-744333	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Lehr	Jesse?	H.	34473124	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Parrish	Donald	C.	16109825	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Mace	Kenneth	I.	12165700	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Rishel	Dale	E.	32590316	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Judd	Lloyd	J.	31152069	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Connor	Jay	L.	33443398	"

Plane 42-39993

P	1st Lt.	Smith	Stuart	E.	0-802795	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Chuma	Stalslaw	R.	0-684687	"
N	2nd Lt.	Reese	Victor	S.	0-749451	"
B	2nd Lt.	Majewski	Lewis	J.	0-747598	"
RO	T/Sgt.	McCawley	Fred	E.	38321224	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Carr	Maurice	A.	16035651	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Davies	Leonardo	F.	32506396	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Parker	Harry	C.	39030361	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Scicchitano	Frank	J.	32489249	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Hopkins	Calvin	W.	32076946	"

Plane 42-87487

P	2nd Lt.	West	George	E.	0-802628	612th
CP	2nd Lt.	McKinnon	Douglas	H.	0-752008	"
N	2nd Lt.	Nutter	Mloyd	A.	0-752502	"
B	2nd Lt.	Monggomery	Thomas	B.	0-686111	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Andrus	Robert	L.	32583791	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Russell	Francis	L.	17154673	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Womble	John	L.	34355686	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Lefkin	Michael	(NMI)	32496129	"
LWG	Sgt.	Russell	Hugh	D.	15019006	"
RWG	Sgt.	Morini	Alfred	J.	32492617	"

Plane 42-39979

P	2nd Lt.	Johnson	Benjamin	H. Jr.	0-72583	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Waller	Jack	E.	0-121913	"
N	2nd Lt.	Fishbech	Howard	D.	0-68730	"
B	2nd Lt.	Musso	David	M.	0-682584	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Brandt	Malvin	A.	37318955	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Sellitto	John	N.	32425913	"
BT	Sgt.	Shaffer	Donald	E.	36704434	"
TG	Sgt.	Blaugh	Joseph	M.	35598397	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Shannon	James	L.	13057826	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Litchfield	Russell	E.	37271053	"

Plane 42-39943

P	2nd Lt.	Tanner	John	R.	0-803901	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	McDaniel	Robert	E.	0-687317	"
N	2nd Lt.	Ström	Kenneth	L.	0-690690	"
B	2nd Lt.	Szunyi	John	P.	0-749656	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Van Duren	Paul	R.	0-165646	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Cabel	Harvey	T.	39531286	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Norris	John	B.	14093939	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Staley	Philip	C.	39151977	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Daniel	Edward	P.	39251499	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Francis	Raymond	R.	39038724	"

Plane 42-97496

P	2nd Lt.	Hershey	Harry	J.	0-803198	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Woods	Robert	R.	0-677390	"
N	2nd Lt.	Buder	Eugene	H.	0-1575801	"
B	2nd Lt.	Boxer	Martin	W.	0-684132	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Cherry	Noel	C.	39853397	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Pugh	Alfred	E.	18050687	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stengel	Percy	J.	36276698	"
TG	Sgt.	Joseph	Meloid	C.	11114921	"
LWG	Sgt.	Catello	Hubert	C.	38195262	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Peacock	George	P.	6573365	"

Plane 42-39840

P	2nd Lt.	Wells	Kenneth	C.	0-677365	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Guinn	Euin	M.	0-803975	"
M B	2nd Lt.	Lingenfelter	Leo	I	0-682580	"
E N	2nd Lt.	Gelula	Warren	(NMI)	0-809579	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Bartlett	Edward	M.	11122117	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Marris	W.	35493817	"
BT	Sgt.	Convintin	Rico	S.	12096330	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Weatherman	James	H.	6923486	"
LWG	Sgt.	Price	William	(NMI)	33054780	"
RWG	Sgt.	Chapman	William	E.	12074439	"

THE END

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613th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

21 FEBRUARY

19 **44**

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb GP (), APO #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's Mission.

*Plane # 12-91593

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A.S.I.	SQUADRON
P -	2nd Lt.	FITCHETT	LAWRENCE	E.	0745067	613th
CP -	2nd Lt.	CAMPBELL	BRUCE	M.	0690926	"
N -	2nd Lt.	FRIFTER	LAWRENCE	W.	0810979	"
B -	2nd Lt.	GIBSON	RAYMOND	E.	0676254	"
RO -	S/SGT.	BERGNER	MAX	H.	39901903	"
BT -	S/SGT.	PARSLOW	HERITAM	(M)	3231029	"
FG -	SGT.	SASSI	LOUIS	M.	32814117	"
WG -	SGT.	ROSE	ANTHONY	F.	36631940	"
LWG -	SGT.	HANNABURY	RALPH	A.	11117424	"
RWG -	SGT.	PETRO	JOHN	(M) JR.	3259059	"

*Plane # 12-9157

P *	1st Lt.	LOCHER	JAMES	R. JR.	0802585	"
CP *	2nd Lt.	FRUITT	DOW	C.	0684771	"
N *	2nd Lt.	DUQUETTE	FRED	D.	0736692	"
B *	2nd Lt.	BROWN	JOHN	F.	0673723	"
RO -	S/SGT.	BRADE	OTHO	H.	34445440	"
BT -	T/SGT.	KENNEDY	GEORGE	L.	16008922	"
FG -	S/SGT.	DEWITT	FRANK	G.	19064865	"
LWG -	S/SGT.	MERRILL	CLARK	G.	13098613	"
RWG -	S/SGT.	KLINK	JOHN	G.	36414442	"
	S/SGT.	DOMM	HAROLD	E.	18176517	"

*Plane # 12-9157

P -	1st Lt.	HESS	CHARLES	F.	0802852	"
CP -	2nd Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.	0745475	"
N -	2nd Lt.	PRIEST	JACK	B.	0736652	"
B -	2nd Lt.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN	(M) JR.	0738535	"
RO -	T/SGT.	CHARLES	HUGH	W.	35497617	"
BT -	T/SGT.	TRYBA	ALEXANDER	F.	36605554	"
FG -	S/SGT.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.	17160414	"
LWG -	S/SGT.	KASNER	CHARLES	D.	15333266	"
RWG -	S/SGT.	HADSELL	DAVID	H.	32473097	"
	S/SGT.	FLORIS	LOUIS	(M)	19028859	"

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DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (MI) A.S.N. SQUADRON

*Plane # 42-91467

P	-	2nd Lt.	SHEAHAN	WILLIAM	G.	0746138	613th
CP	-	2nd Lt.	OGDEN	ELLIOTT	B.	0687202	•
N	-	2nd Lt.	DAVIS	ROBERT	G.	0808000	•
B	-	2nd Lt.	CONWAY	DOUGLAS	M.	0685775	•
RO	-	S/SQT.	SILVERSTEIN	DONALD	W.	12156493	•
TT**	-	S/SQT.	RICKY	RICHARD	W.	15054437	•
BT	-	SQT.	JUSTICE	HAZARD	(NMI)	15340143	•
TG	-	SQT.	O'MARA	JOHN	W.	15063833	•
LWG	-	S/SQT.	PAIK	SEYMOUR	(NMI)	17037059	•
RWG	-	SQT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	P.	14159387	•

*Plane # 42-99932

P	-	2nd Lt.	LEW	SANDY	(NMI)	0746981	•
CP	-	2nd Lt.	FRIEST	GORDON	B.	0751758	•
N	-	2nd Lt.	SCHLIEPER	ROGER	F.	0689664	•
B	-	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.	0732822	•
RO	-	T/SQT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.	36188975	•
TT**	-	T/SQT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.	11055078	•
BT	-	S/SQT.	FRANKLIN	PAT.	H.	16088190	•
TG	-	S/SQT.	HIRS	ARLIE	E.	36633189	•
LWG	-	S/SQT.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	D.	35277805	•
RWG	-	S/SQT.	MCCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.	32479218	•
		Pvt	ALLEN	FRANCIS	G.	3712484	•

*Plane # 42-91930

P	-	2nd Lt.	VOKATY	ALFRED	E.	0803717	•
CP	-	2nd Lt.	GAMBRELL	WILLIAM	L. JR.	0750783	•
N	-	2nd Lt.	SCHACHTER	SHEA	(NMI)	0809734	•
B	-	2nd Lt.	STRODE	CHARLES	R.	0747060	•
RO	-	S/SQT.	HALPIN	RONALD	C.	32428821	•
TT**	-	S/SQT.	BOROS	JOSEPH	J.	33285703	•
BT	-	SQT.	CRULL	HOWARD	H.	15339917	•
TG	-	SQT.	CANTER	WARREN	(NMI)	15116266	•
LWG	-	SQT.	SANDERS	ROY	G. JR.	37499328	•
RWG *	-	PVT.	CAMPBELL	JOHN	F.	13053658	•

*Plane # 42-91226

P	-	1st Lt.	JONES	DONALD	E.	0733759	•
CP	-	2nd Lt.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.	0745163	•
N	-	1st Lt.	BENNETT	CYRUS	P.	0749419	•
B	-	1st Lt.	GRATE	LOUIS	B.	0661617	•
RO	-	T/SQT.	SCHONBERGER	NICHOLAS	D.	35406951	•
TT**	-	T/SQT.	URSON	THOMAS	(NMI)	35310871	•
BT	-	SQT.	CARPENTER	ARNOLD	H.	6361641	•
TG	-	SQT.	DEGINQUE	LOUIS	A.	32269844	•
LWG	-	S/SQT.	SCHAIR	ARTHUR	(NMI)	12088058	•
RWG	-	S/SQT.	FERLAND	ARTHUR	W.	11110359	•

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BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

21 MARCH

1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb GP (H), APO #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's mission.

*Plane # 42-31282

UTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADR
-	1st Lt.	KEITH	WALTER	B. JR.	0802311	6131A
P-	2nd Lt.	HANKS	WARDLAW	H. JR.	0681729	"
-	2nd Lt.	FLOYD	CARL	T.	0672335	"
-	2nd Lt.	HOWE	ROBERT	W.	0750095	"
CO-	T/SGT.	HESSEN	BENJAMIN	Z.	13095360	"
PT-	PVT.	McQUAIN	JOHN	G.	10600642	"
BT-	SFC.	COLE	THOMAS	B.	11050737	"
FG-	S/SGT.	HERR	ROBERT	V.	19091519	"
LTC-	SGT.	SHODDERS	GEORGE	W.	20321945	"
R/C-	COL.	NELSON	HAROLD	J.	12182527	"

*Plane # 42-31081

P *	MAJ.	BROWN	EDWIN	W.	023051	"
CP *	1st Lt.	RIGGIER	WILLIAM	(MEX)	0720732	"
P -	1st Lt.	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	H.	0720329	"
B -	1st Lt.	HESBING	DURWARD	W.	0535093	"
CO -	T/SGT.	LIPA	MILTON	J.	11071562	"
PT -	T/SGT.	GLICK	LEONARD	W. JR.	18129168	"
BT -	S/SGT.	JACK	JOHN	C.	15333173	"
FG -	1st Lt.	GUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.	0680131	"
LTC -	S/SGT.	OHANIAN	NESHAN	(MEX)	11032287	"
R/C -	S/SGT.	MOORE	ROYCE	W.	18051910	"

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- P -
- CP -
- N -
- B -
- CO -
- PT -
- BT -
- FG -
- LTC -
- R/C -

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** Designate Engineer

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BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

February 21, 19 44

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb GP (1), APO #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's mission.

*Plane # 42-31091

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A.S.I.	SQUADRY
P	1st Lt.	Dempsey	Ralph	M.	0-800846	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Mitchell	Lewis	A.	0-680678	615th
N	1st Lt.	Sellers	Lloyd	W.	0-736661	615th
B	1st Lt.	Dolan	William	W.	0-741142	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Beller	James	E.	6247280	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Zander	Harold	S.	33240304	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Howell	James	E.	35398898	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	McElligott	Herbert	F.	38426974	615th
WNG	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Harry	E.	6850574	615th
EWG	S/Sgt.	Koon	Ernest	H.	34441033	615th

*Plane # 42-31485

P	* Captain	Rumsey	William	M.	0-728740	615th
CP	* Captain	White	Ralph	J.	0-23885	615th
N	-1st Lt.	Walsh	Michael	R.	0- 638185	615th
B	-1st Lt.	Haffner	James	D.	0-739024	615th
RO	-S/Sgt.	Mehlman	Raymond	G.	32438897	615th
TT	-T/Sgt.	Roberts	Donald	B.	32377788	615th
BT	-S/Sgt.	Lieberman	Irving	I.	13103453	615th
TG	-2nd Lt.	Kaercher	Robert	D.	0-681433	615th
WNG	-S/Sgt.	Rothwell	Frank	A.	33330990	615th
EWG	-S/Sgt.	Lee	Ivan	R.	12073240	615th

*Plane # 42-30855

P	-2nd Lt.	Campbell	Paul	E.	0-745614	615th
CP	-2nd Lt.	De Siano	Ambrose	(NMI)	0-751279	615th
N	-2nd Lt.	Wilhelm	Andrew	C.	0-809788	615th
B	-2nd Lt.	Malone	Ralph	B.	0-746818	615th
TT	-S/Sgt.	Anderson	Martin	A.	36525889	615th
T	-S/Sgt.	Hensley	Ora	N.	35440605	615th
BT	-S/Sgt.	Brown	Saul	H.	32478555	615th
TG	-S/Sgt.	Ross	Harry	A.	13145459	615th
WNG	-S/Sgt.	Powell	Gerald	J.	38715204	615th
EWG	-Sgt.	Kendrick Jr.	Joseph	W.	14150904	615th

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** Designate Engineer

DUTY RANK LAST(NAME) FIRST (MI) A.S.N. SQUADRON

*Plane # 42-31521

P	-1st Lt.	Grinham	Fred	D.	0-729337	615th
CP	-2nd Lt.	Brown Jr.	Fred	(NMI)	0-748548	615th
N	-2nd Lt.	Whitney	Ray	F.	0-750325	615th
B	-2nd Lt.	Wolfe	Ralph	W.	0-676904	615th
RO	-T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	M.	11103284	615th
TT**	-T/Sgt.	Cockerham	Roy	W.	13143046	615th
BT	-S/Sgt.	Hardy	Charles	E.	11097732	615th
TG	-S/Sgt.	Hamilton	James	R.	35664584	615th
LWG	-S/Sgt.	Cummings	William	T.	33346986	615th
RWG	-S/Sgt.	Housmen	Herbert	M.	12156697	615th

*Plane # 42-39873

P	-2nd Lt.	Byrd	G. (io)	C.	0-803551	615th
CP	-2nd Lt.	Calfee	Fred	M.	0-690825	615th
N	-2nd Lt.	Patterson	Wayne	D.	0-809968	615th
B	-2nd Lt.	Gallagher	Joe 5	C.	0-679495	615th
RO	-S/Sgt.	Exnowski	Joseph	C.	36566748	615th
TT**	-S/Sgt.	Patterson	Delbert	L.	18162265	615th
BT	-S/Sgt.	Clare	David	E.	13092668	615th
TG	-S/Sgt.	Holzman	Michael	(NMI)	32265851	615th
LWG	-Sgt.	Hussey	Wayne	T.	11122241	615th
RWG	-Sgt.	Muscarella	Larence	S.	32472575	615th

*Plane # 42-31069

P	-2nd Lt.	Trimble	William	W.	0-802891	615th
CP	-2nd Lt.	Shant	Fred	L.	0-745197	615th
N	-2nd Lt.	Lenke ^Z	Beryle	L.	0-690672	615th
B	-2nd Lt.	Cury	Enver	C.	0-670027	615th
RO	-S/Sgt.	Mackey	Jack	L.	14041992	615th
TT**	-S/Sgt.	Tracey	Edward	(NMI)	32143812	615th
BT	-Sgt.	Schaeffer	John	E.	35395238	615th
TG	-Sgt.	Asbell	William	R.	14182638	615th
LWG	-Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	38076003	615th
RWG	-S/Sgt.	Courtad	Paul	K.	35424839	615th

*Plane # 42-31619

P	-2nd Lt.	Ferdyn	Joseph	E.	0-807320	615th
CP	-2nd Lt.	Enstad	Robert	J.	0-687686	615th
N	-2nd Lt.	Manning	Charles	H.	0-753015	615th
B	-2nd Lt.	Black	J. (io)	Dee	0-749667	615th
RO	-S/Sgt.	Kenny	Gerald	M.	12147361	615th
TT**	-T/Sgt.	Agee	Jack	D.	6962724	615th
BT	-Sgt.	Johnson	Joe	R.	18162671	615th
TG	-Sgt.	Hertzan	Harold	(NMI)	32438490	615th
LWG	-S/Sgt.	May	William	M.	37409202	615th
RWG	-S/Sgt.	Bushendorf	Everett	M.	36264715	615th

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 ** Designate Engineer

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614th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

21 FEBRUARY 19 44

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb GP (H), APO #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's Mission.

*Plane # 42-39881

DUTY	RANK	LAST (F. N.)	F. I. S. F.	(MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADRON
P -	1st Lt.	CAMMACK	VERNON	K.	0802719	614th
CP -	Captain	HINKLE	CARL	C.	0248293	"
R -	2nd Lt.	HASKINS	CECIL	A.	0685604	"
B -	2nd Lt.	WHITE	WILLIAM	C.	0679423	"
RO -	T/Sgt.	Timme	Glenn	A.	32481704	"
PT -	T/Sgt.	Slate	Chester	A.	14134208	"
SE -	S/Sgt.	Ames	Ensign	S.	6864052	"
RG -	S/Sgt.	Gentry	Ray A.	A.	34434724	"
WNG -	S/Sgt.	Mooney	William	R.	18169545	"
WNG -	S/Sgt.	Harlow	Clevy	D.	36425472	"

*Plane # 42-31369

P *	2nd Lt.	OWENS	ERLE	C.	0679108	614th
CP *	2nd Lt.	BERGERSON	CLIFFORD	G. JR.	0748529	"
R -	2nd Lt.	NOLTE	EDWARD	P.	0683296	"
B -	2nd Lt.	FITZGERALD	ROBERT	G.	0679459	"
RO -	T/Sgt.	Stimmel	Bert	W.	35532272	"
PT -	T/Sgt.	Spacek	Anthony	V.	32378819	"
BT -	Sgt.	Murphy	James J.		33143267	"
IG -	Pvt.	McNab	Thomas	D.	12095352	"
LWC -	S/Sgt.	Parratt	John	L.	13100644	"
RW -	S/Sgt.	Brennan	Michael	G.	31192434	"

*Plane # 42-39847

P -	1st Lt.	KIRKHUFF	DONALD	V.	0801995	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	SOBOLAK	BENNIE	W.	0684571	"
N -	2nd Lt.	PIERCE	MYRON	E.	0749399	"
B -	1st Lt.	MONTONE	LIBER	J.	0732639	"
CP -	T/Sgt.	Cook	Harold	(NMI)	35458366	"
P -	S/Sgt.	Nicholas	Charles	L.	13084635	"
BT -	S/Sgt.	Merritt	William	E.	31203844	"
IG -	S/Sgt.	Cohn	Leroy	(NMI)	39279686	"
WNG -	S/Sgt.	Koehler	Earl	E.	16133877	"
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Michel	Delmar	E.	17166768	"

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** Designate Engineer

DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (MI) A.S.N. SQUADRON

*Plane # 42-31077

P	-						
CP	-	2nd Lt.	WERNER	EMMA	S.	0804435	614th
N	-	2nd Lt.	FRAGOCK	GEORGE	S.	0887758	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	WINDL	CHARLES	H.	0690530	"
RO	-	2nd Lt.	OLIVER	WALTER	L.	0748502	"
TT**	-	T/Sgt.	Krekorian	Ruben	H.	51173020	"
BT	-	Subst/sgt.	Ruber	John	A.	15023157	"
TG	-	Cpl.	Cohen	Walden	B.	58252133	613th
LWG	-	S/sgt.	Schellenburg	Clarence	H.	160049924	614th
RWG	-	S/sgt.	Kinsey	Robert	S.	17129375	"
		S/sgt.	Sanichas	George	T.	11110633	"

*Plane # 42-30899

P	-						
GP	-	1st Lt.	WILSON	JAMES	P.	0687823	614th
N	-	2nd Lt.	DETTI	ELMER	V.	0748822	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	SUDANOV, LAURENCE	H.		0740268	"
RO	-	2nd Lt.	DALY	JOHN	J.	0759145	"
TT**	-	T/Sgt.	Kelley	Robert	V.	36273962	"
BT	-	T/Sgt.	Corley	Jesse	V.	34303015	"
TG	-	T/Sgt.	LaMountain	Louis	H.	58139420	"
LWG	-	S/sgt.	Sokol	Leonard	H.	57461553	"
RWG	-	S/sgt.	Tesi	Oliver	H.	13100414	"
		S/sgt.	Wolf	William	S.	57201936	"

*Plane # 42-30002

P	-						
CP	-	2nd Lt.	WILSON	CARLTON	L.	0605329	614th
N	-	2nd Lt.	WALSH	ROBERT	P.	0684771	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	HARDING	JAMES B.		0750168	"
RO	-	2nd Lt.	FEDRO	ORLANDO	J.	02544996	"
TT**	-	S/sgt.	Anderson	Carl	B.	36012328	"
BT	-	S/sgt.	Quinn	Robert	H.	36812632	"
TG	-	Sgt.	Passano	William	H.	36839194	"
LWG	-	Sgt.	Pottit	Gerald	H.	13100913	"
RWG *		Sgt.	McMahon	James	F.	32714728	"
		Sgt.	Smith	George	R.	13131441	"

*Plane # 42-7345

P	-						
CP	-	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON	VENNEN	A.	0741375	614th
N	-	2nd Lt.	ELKINING	JEROME	S.	0678677	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	DEAN	JOHN	H.	0809551	"
RO	-	2nd Lt.	GIMBRE	GEORGE	J.	0682107	"
TT**	-	Cpl.	Wilber	Maurice	V.	12152342	"
BT	-	Sgt.	Gaults	Glennie	C.	34472857	"
TG	-	S/sgt.	Provencher	Armand	L.	11033968	"
LWG	-	S/sgt.	Schmidt	Richard	S.	36724944	"
RWG	-	Sgt.	Shutes	Adrian	L.	13124339	"
		Sgt.	Trambitsky	Edward	(MI)	12963118	"

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614th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

21 FEBRUARY 19 44

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb GP (), APO #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's Mission.

*Plane # 42-39440

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADR
P -	1st Lt.	STIMSON	BOUDINOT	(NMI)	0799493	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	TIMBERLAKE	ROBERT	H.	0687721	"
N -	2nd Lt.	O'NEAL	JOHN	E. JR.	0671169	"
B -	2nd Lt.	PFAMMAN	JACK	L.	0749735	"
RO -	S/Sgt.	Mancuso	Carman	L.	32582642	"
IT -	T/Sgt.	Kukurin	Karl	E.	33301988	"
BT -	S/Sgt.	Melia	Paul	S.	32806521	"
TG -	S/Sgt.	LeSage	Alfred	(NMI)	13068963	"
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Dayton	James	E.	39032317	"
RWG -	Cpl.	McCarthy	John	J.	32554924	"

*Plane # 42-31315

P *	1st Lt.	SMITH	WALLACE	R.	0801313	614th
CP *	F/O	FAULHABER	DONALD	A.	T-121885	"
N -	2nd Lt.	CRANE	RENFRO	V.	0688629	"
B -	2nd Lt.	LEVEY	JAMES G.		0674688	"
RO -	S/Sgt.	Gastronova	Salvatore	L.	32550405	"
IT -	S/Sgt.	Fair	Charles	H.	37211030	"
BT -	S/Sgt.	McKendry	Daniel	C.	13114386	"
TG -	S/Sgt.	Sundberg	David	C.	6878362	"
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Roberts	Marion	E.	14159491	"
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer	Gerald	R.	16109129	"

*Plane # 42-31098

P -	2nd Lt.	KAUFMAN	RICHARD	H.	0802121	614th
CP -	2nd Lt.	LONG	JOHN	C.	0753901	"
N -	2nd Lt.	MATRICIAN	MICHAEL	(NMI)	0690478	"
B -	2nd Lt.	PORTER	GUY	R.	0748098	"
RM -	Pvt.	Zappala	Vincent	(NMI)	32578092	"
I -	S/Sgt.	Tweed	Stanley	A.	34209697	"
BT -	Sgt.	Collie	Ferry	O.	36427682	"
TG -	Sgt.	Brgeoch	Ludvick	J.	19180643	"
LWG -	Sgt.	Gartmill	Charles	L.	35560963	"
RWG -	Sgt.	Layland	John	M.	37457551	"

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** Designate Engineer

DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (MI) A.S.N. SQUADRON

*Plane # 42-31488

P	-					
CP	-	2nd Lt.	STEIN	ROBERT	G.	0608391 614th
N	-	2nd Lt.	SMITH	ROBERT	J.	0752209 "
B	-	2nd Lt.	MILLEN	LEE	S.	0609680 "
RO	-	2nd Lt.	HEWIC	WALTER	P.	0662091 "
TT**	-	S/Sgt.	Keeney	Frank	S.	32625979 "
BT	-	S/Sgt.	Trump	Paul	W.	13119981 "
TG	-	Sgt.	Risi	John	M.	13176766 "
LWG	-	S/Sgt.	Cohen	Franklin	C.	14044098 "
RWG	-	Sgt.	Thill	Richard	G.	16146854 "
		Sgt.	Phillips	Eward	J.	38296663 "

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RWG	*					

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N	-					
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RO	-					
TT**	-					
BT	-					
TG	-					
LWG	-					
RWG	-					

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HEADQUARTERS
GRABER 834

21 February, 1944

SUBJECT: 8-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 21 February, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634.

1. The following Engineering failures were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Runaway propeller due to faulty prop governor (1)
Flux Gate Compass inoperative (2)
Generators inoperative (1) Heaters inoperative (2)
Cylinder Head Temperature Guage Out (1)
Engine Oil leaks (2) Leaking Oxygen System (1)

2. The following Armament failures were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Faulty Bomb Releases (3) Gun Heaters burned out (1)
Power failure Ball Turret (1) Solenoid failure Ball T (1)

3. The following failures other than Engineering and Armament were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Heated Gloves Burned Out (2)

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HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Engineering Officer
Station 128

A.P.O. 634
21 February, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report
TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 634.

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-31226 returned early because Pilot noticed oil coming out of breather of # 3 engine. Engine was shut off and propeller feathered. Ground check revealed internal failure of engine. Pieces of piston ring were found on the magnetic plug in the sump.

b. Airplane No. 42-31077 returned early because # 3 engine was throwing excessive oil and running rough. Ground check revealed valves out of adjustment.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-30855 - Flak hole through # 2 ring cowl and damaging engine. Engine change necessary.

b. 42-31840 - Cal. 303 hole in bottom of right wing, puncturing inboard tokio tank. Wing change necessary.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FIGHTER</u>
2	2	0	1	1

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
STATION 129

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SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 25, 21 February, 1944.
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
APC 634, U.S. Army.

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 21 February, 1944.

a.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Armament</u>
42-97496 -	Left Waist -	Heater burned out -	Equipment
42-39840 -	Ball Turret -	Power failure, main fuse -	Equipment
42-38002 -	Chin Turret -	Would not fire, guns improperly assembled -	Personnel
42-38002 -	Ball Turret - Right Gun	Would not fire -	Solenoid failure

b.

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION

a. 42-31069 - One station failed to release one 100lb bomb electrically. Bomb was salvoed.

b. 42-39847 - Bombardier did not attempt to toggle bombs and failed in attempt to salvo. Pilot pulled emergency release.

c. 42-39932 - Bombardier could not toggle bombs and salvoed by emergency release. Ground check revealed short in toggle switch.

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615TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401st Bombardment Group (H)
AAF Station 128
APO 634 US Army

21 February 1944.

ABORTIVE REPORT:

SQUADRON 615th AIRPLANE #42-31077 PILOT 2nd Lt., E.S. Weber
CP 2nd Lt. G. M. Peacock.

PILOTS STATEMENT:

Abortive from mission due to the No. 3 Engine running very rough when above 20 hg manifold pressure is used.

INSPECTION OF AIRCRAFT OR EQUIPMENT REVEAL THE FOLLOWING DEFECTS OR MALFUNCTION:

Engine checked and found running very rough due to valves coming out of adjustment.

R. W. Newman
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