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"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 50
13TH. APRIL, 1944

94TH. COMBAT BOMB WING
401ST. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **50**

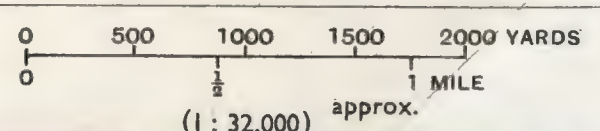
Date: **13 APR. 44**

TO: **SCHWEINFURT , GER.**

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- A. KUGELFISCHER.
- B. FICHTEL & SACHS A.G.
- C. V.K.F. (WERK II).
- D. DEUTSCHE STAR.
- E. V.K.F. (WERK I).



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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
 STATION 128 - APO 557
 U. S. ARMY

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15 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Schweinfurt,
 15 April 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557, U.S. Army. (Thru
 Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks).

1. Major Delwyn E. Silver, Group Leader, requested that the newspaper "Stars and Stripes" be notified that the Luftwaffe has not been entirely eliminated from the skies.

2. Lt. George R. VanDyke, Navigator A/C 9943, says he had only two wed flares in his aircraft. The entire crew of this aircraft (Lt. William J. Kelly, Pilot) thinks P-47's should change back to white noses instead of red because they are confused with PW-190. They also believe P-51's should have white noses. Lt. Daniel J. Coyns, Co-Pilot, states that S-2 briefing this morning did not include reference to places where fighter rendezvous was to take place.

3. Lt. Benjamin H. Johnson, Jr., Pilot A/C 0050, also mentioned the fact that briefing did not disclose point of rendezvous.

4. Although friendly fighter escort was generally described as effective, Lt. Benjamin H. Johnson, Jr., Pilot A/C 0050, wondered why P-51's who were giving top cover did not come down when Me-109's were attacking 7 minutes before target was reached. Lt. Vincent J. Kaminski, Pilot A/C 1983, thought there was a scarcity of friendly fighters over the target area, as did Lt. Marion O. Hagan, Jr., Pilot A/C 9993, who also stated that there are more desirable positions to fly than low box.

5. Lt. Marion O. Hagan, Jr., Pilot A/C 9993, says his crew needs more lunch to take along.

6. The crew of Lt. Edward T. O'Neil, Pilot A/C 1591, would rather have hotcakes for breakfast instead of dried eggs.

7. The crew of Lt. Paul E. Campbell, Pilot A/C 1521, very much appreciated the late briefing (0700 hours), which enabled them to sleep longer.

8. Lt. Dow C. Pruitt, Co-Pilot A/C 1072, believes the wing should have missed Ostend on the enemy coast, because the flak there is known to be very accurate.

9. S/Sgt. John C. Klimek, LMG A/C 1072, says the enclosed waist window of the modified B-17G limits his range of fire; he could have had many more shots in an unmodified B-17.

10. Lt. Robert P. Walsh, Pilot A/C 8448, states that cumulous clouds extending to an altitude of 20,000 feet create an ideal situation for enemy A/C, and are primarily responsible for the loss of bombers even when an over-

whelming fighter escort is present.

11. Lt. Mervin J. Christensen, Pilot A/C 9837, stated that a formation of C-47's flew across the traffic pattern just as he took off this morning.

12. Lt. Earl C. Owens, Jr., Pilot A/C 1496, highly commended Pvt. M. Belfond for sticking to his guns although wounded.

13. Lt. Robert P. Walsh, Pilot A/C 8448, commended his bombardier, Lt. Guy R. Porter, for bravery shown while assisting in getting out bombs which stuck on the rack, and then, while using a walk-around oxygen bottle which slipped out of his hand and fell to earth, cranking the bomb-bay doors shut.

14. Lt. Carlton L. Wilson, Pilot A/C 7043, commends his ROG, T/Sgt. Carl D. Anderson, for refusing to leave his radio even though his right leg was shattered by a 20 mm. shell. Lt. Francis M. Fogarty, Bombardier on this crew, left his post after bombs away, applied a tourniquet to Sgt. Anderson's leg, gave him a drug and made him comfortable. During this time Lt. John K. Connery, Navigator, took over the nose guns and continued firing at attacking aircraft in a manner which resulted in submission of 2 combat claims. Incidentally, Lt. Wilson landed this badly shot up aircraft with no brakes in a manner which was commented upon by a number of aircraft commanders.

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

APR 19 1944

*Lt Hunt
Eng*

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 557
U. S. ARMY

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18 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to ORANIENBERG,
18 April 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army (Thru
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks).

1. Lt. J. R. Locher, pilot, and crew, state that breakfast was very poor. Eggs were cold and potatoes were greasy.
2. Lt. West states that breakfast was poor and that they had to wait truck while other crew changed their guns.
3. Lt. D. M. Stephens states that a beautiful job in navigation was done and that this route should be flown into Germany again. Also stated that breakfast was very poor.
4. Lt. Busse and Stephens expressed desire to attend Group Critique for pilots and co-pilots, so navigators and bombardiers can get the benefit of Group Critique which could be accomplished by a supplementary Critique for navigators and bombardiers.
5. Lt. J. E. Ferdyn - "element leaders did not hold position."
6. Lt. C. S. Ksieniewicz states that high box flew thru prop wash all day. Lt. W. J. Murphy made the same statement.
7. Lt. John Schulz - objects to having oxygen masks and flak suits with blood stains on them.
8. Lt. S. E. Smith - "Poor wing formation, both wings behind ^{passed} past our our wing."
9. Lt. E. A. Post - believes our Group Leader could have bombed visually on Primary Target.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 cy - Col Bowman
- 1 cy - Col Voorhees
- 1 cy - Col Brooks
- 2 cy - Each Sq C.O.
- 1 cy - Lt Hunt, Eng. ✓

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

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

A.P.O. 557
18 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-31891 returned early, with the pilot reporting a decrease in fuel pressure, a decrease in cylinder head temperature and the # 1 engine running rough. A thorough ground check was made and the only discrepancy found was the presence of air in the line from the fuel pressure transmitter. The engine operates normally on the ground, but no crew was available for flight check.

b. Airplane No. 42-31087 returned early because of loss of power and smoke coming from # 2 engine. A ground check revealed a crack in the collector ring at the # 3 cylinder. This crack had allowed hot gases to burn the fin from the cylinder and caused a loss of manifold pressure.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-107009 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing between # 3 nacelle and fuselage hitting # 3 fuel tank, change necessary.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>
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CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

18 April, 1944

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 18 April, 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557
ATTN: Statistical Control Section

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

Generators Out (2) Oxygen Leak (1)

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

Faulty bomb racks (1)

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

Heaters Out (1)

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

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

A.P.O. 557
18 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 50, 18 April, 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 18 April, 1944.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
42-31116	Ball Turret	Jerky in Azimuth at altitude.	Equipment

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION

a. 42-31863 - One station failed to release bombs due to faulty shackle.

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

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STATION WEATHER OFFICE
 AAF STATION 128
 APO 557 • U.S. ARMY

13 April 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 13 APRIL 1944.

BASE AT TAKE OFF: (1020) 8/10 Altocumulus base 8000', 2/10 cirrus at 20,000'
 Visibility 3 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Two layers 8-10/10 Alto-cumulus altostratus base of first layer 8000' top 10,000', base of second layer 12,500' top 15,500' over England breaking over Channel. 3-5/10 building cumulus tops 7-8000' over Channel and Continent. 6-8/10 thin cirrus above 22,000'. Visibility unrestricted.

TARGET: (1413) 4-6/10 Building cumulus tops 7-8,000' with 6-8/10 thin cirrus above 22,000'. Visibility good at flight altitude, downward visibility restricted by industrial haze over target area.

RETURN ROUTE: 4-6/10 building cumulus tops 7-8,000' becoming 5-8/10 building cumulus tops 17,000' occasionally 19,000' becoming 3-5/10 building cumulus top 6-7,000' over Channel and 3-5/10 stratocumulus over England tops 6-7,000' base 4,000'. Layer 8-10/10 altostratus base 10,000' top 12,000' over Channel base of cloud lowering to 8,000' over England. 6-8/10 thin cirrus above 22,000'. Visibility good above clouds becoming 1-3 miles in haze and rain near base area.

BASE ON RETURN: (1700- 1725) 4/10 stratocumulus base 4,000', 10/10 altostratus base 8,000'. Visibility 3 miles in light rain.

REMARKS: Winds; direction good, Velocity 10 - 15 knots stronger than forecast. Temperatures were 3-5 degrees warmer than forecast. Dense persistent contrails were reported at 15,000' over England and dense non-persistent contrails by fighters at 22,000' and above over the Continent.

Walter A. Hurley
 WALTER A. HURLEY,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Station Weather Officer.

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 13 April 1964

PERIOD 1000-1900 hrs

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/69M/22929

	A Base to 07 Deg East	B 07 Deg East to Target to 07 Deg East	C 07 Deg East to Base	D
1 WEATHER	Cloudy with Haze and Fog in Patches	Cloudy with Haze	Cloudy with Occasional Thunderstorms With Rain over Continent	
2 CLOUDS	Patchy Stratocumulus base 800-1000ft Tops 2-3000ft Becoming by 1100 Hrs. 4-6/10 Cumulus base 1500ft Tops 4-5000ft. 5-7/10 Altocumulus base 7000ft Tops 9000ft. 5-7/10 Layered Altocumulus from 12-15,000 Feet. 6-8/10 Cirrus-stratus base 22,000 Feet Tops 28,000 Feet	4-6/10 Cumulus base 1500 Tops 4-5000ft Becoming 5-5/10 East of 09 Deg East. Layered Altocumulus and Altocumulus Decreasing to NIL to 3/10. Patches of Altocumulus East of 09 Deg East at 12,000ft Tops 14,000ft. 6-8/10 Cirrostratus base 22,000ft Tops 28,000ft.	3-5/10 Cumulus base 1500 Tops 4-5000ft Becoming 4-6/10 Towering Cumulus Tops 8-10,000ft With Occasional Cumulonimbus Tops to 20,000ft Decreasing to 4-6/10 Stratocumulus At 1500-2000 Tops 4-6000 over England. NIL to the 3/10 Altocumulus Becoming 7-9/10 Alto-Cumulus Castellatus base 12,000ft Tops 15,000ft With Occasional Tops to	20,000ft Decreasing to 4-6/10 Altocumulus and Altostratus At 12,000ft Tops 15,000ft Over England. 6-8/10 Cirrostratus base 22,000 Tops 28,000ft. ---NOTE--- Contrails Persistent 15,000 Feet and Above Becoming Dense 1000 Feet Below and in Cloud Layers.
3 ICING	6000 Feet Light Rime	6000 Feet Light Rime	6000 Feet. Heavy Clear ice in Cumulus. Moderate Rime in Middle Cloud	
4 VISIBILITY	1000-2000 Yards Becoming 6 Miles Plus Over Continent.	15-20 Miles	4-6 Miles	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to 07 Deg East	07 Deg East to Target	Target to Base	
5000 FT	140 10	170 10	PLUS 03	
10,000 FT	180 10	240 10	- 07	
15,000 FT	190 15	240 15	- 17	
20,000 FT	200 20	250 20	- 27	
25,000 FT	210 30	260 20	- 38	
30,000 FT	220 25	260 25	- 50	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.83 TARGET SURFACE TEMP PLUS 17 TARGET MEAN TEMP Minus 5.5
 TEMP. AT 19,000 FT. Minus 25 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) PLUS 800ft

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612th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 APO 557

AAF Station 128
 13 April 1944.

SUBJECT : Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), AAF
 Station 128, APO 557.

Plane 42-31081

P	Currie, Donald A.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Silver, Delwin E.	Maj.	401st Gp.
N	Jeffery, Morey B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Winn, Roy R.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	DiPierro, Cosimo A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Gibson, Earl C.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Graf, Cecil L.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Johnston, Clayton A.	2nd Lt.	"
LWG	Severson, Marvel T.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Amber, Joe R.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-79943

P	Kelly, William J.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	1st Lt.	"
N	Vandyke, George R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Majewski, Louis J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Vanduren, Paul R.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Johnson, Morris W.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Stengel, Percy J.	T/Sgt.	"
TG	Garity, John B.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Peacock, George P.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Connor, Jay L. Jr.	T/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-40050

P	Johnson, Benjamin H. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Waller, Jack E.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Fishbeck, Howard D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Musso, David M.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Melvin A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Sellitto, John N.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Schaefer, Donald E.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Blaugh, Joseph M.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Shannon, James L.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Litchfield, Russell E.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-79993

P	Hagan, Marion O. Jr.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Dunn, John B. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Cordell, Wilbur F.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Graham, Fred E.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Barr, Martin A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Simmons, Harry G. Jr.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Cox, Wade M.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Henson, William W.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Plate, Robert B.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Stone, James A.	S/Sgt.	"

**613th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
AAF STATION 128, APO # 557**

13 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP, AAF STATION 128, APO # 557

1. FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S MISSION.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
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PLANE NO. 42-91591

P	2nd Lt.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
CP	2nd Lt.	IRWIN	JAMES	R.
N	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DENE	C.
RO	SGT.	FAHNESTOCK	JAMES	E.
TT	S/SGT.	HARP	MORRIS	C.
BT	S/SGT.	GREGORY	DYLIN	V.
TG	S/SGT.	STREET	VICTOR	P.
LNG	S/SGT.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	D.
RWG	S/SGT.	MacCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

PLANE NO. 42-31037

P	2nd Lt.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2nd Lt.	HUSS	VINCENT	J.
N	2nd Lt.	STEPHENS	DAVID	M.
B	2nd Lt.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	FINNIE	CHARLES	S.
TT	M/SGT.	OLIVER	HAROLD	K.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	PAT	H.
TG	S/SGT.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
NE LNG	S/SGT.	TOBINE	RODNEY	T.
RWG	SGT.	DRAIN	JAMES	A.

PLANE NO. 42-91508

P	2nd Lt.	VOKATY	ALFRED	E.
CP	2nd Lt.	GAMBRELL	WILLIAM	L. JR.
N	2nd Lt.	SCHACHTER	SHEA	(NMI)
B	1st Lt.	STRODE	CHARLES	R.
RO	T/SGT.	HALPIN	RONALD	C.
TT	T/SGT.	BOROS	JOSEPH	J.
BT	S/SGT.	CRULL	HOWARD	M.
TG	S/SGT.	CANTER	WARREN	M.
LNG	S/SGT.	SANDERS	ROY	G. JR.
RWG	S/SGT.	CAMPBELL	JOHN	F.

PLANE NO. 42-31072

P	1st Lt.	LOCHER	JAMES	R. JR.
CP	2nd Lt.	FRUITT	DON	C.
N	1st Lt.	DUQUETTE	FRED	D.
B	1st Lt.	BROWN	JOHN	F.
RO	T/SGT.	BRADY	OTHO	H.
TT	T/SGT.	KENNEDY	GEORGE	L.
BT	S/SGT.	DEWITT	FRANK	F.
TG	S/SGT.	MERRILL	CLARK	G.
LNG	S/SGT.	KLIMEK	JOHN	C.
RWG	S/SGT.	DOMM	HAROLD	H.

PLANE NO. 42-31593

P	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
CP	2nd Lt.	PRIEST	GORDON	S.
N	2nd Lt.	JAFFE	LEWIS	S.
B	2nd Lt.	DESHIMER	HAROLD	W.
RO	S/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	S/SGT.	GREER	CECIL	D.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TG	S/SGT.	FENZLER	ELMER	M.
LNG	S/SGT.	BAEHLER	JAMES	E.
RWG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.

SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

AAF Station # 128
 13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), AAF, Station # 128,
 APO # 557.

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

*Plane 42-31496

P	1st Lt.	OWENS, ERLIE G. JR.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	BERGERSON, CLIFFORD G. JR.	"
N	1st Lt.	NOLTE, EDWARD P.	"
B	1st Lt.	FITZGERALD, ROBERT G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Stimmel, Bert W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Spaack, Anthony V.	"
BT	Cpl.	Murphy, James J.	"
TG	Pvt.	Belfond, M.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Parratt, John L.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Elliott, Ralph D.	"

*Plane 42-31087

P	1st Lt.	KIRKHUFF, DONALD V.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	SOBOLAK, BENNIE W.	"
N	1st Lt.	PIERCE, MYRON E. JR.	"
B	1st Lt.	MONTONE, LIBER J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Harlow, Clevy D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Nicholas, Charles L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Merritt, William E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Cohn, Leroy (NMI)	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Koehler, Earl E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Michel, Delmar E.	"

*Plane 42-38448

P	2nd Lt.	WALSH, ROBERT D.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	LONG, JOHN C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MATRICIAN, MICHAEL (NMI)	"
B	2nd Lt.	PORTER, GUY R.	"
RO	Cpl.	Zappala, Vincent (NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Stallcup, Mose H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Gollie, Perry O.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Brgoch, Ludvick J.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Cartmill, Charles L.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Layland, John M.	"

Loading List (Con't)

*Plane 42-37464

P	1st Lt.	STIMSON, BOUDINOT (NMI)	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	TIMBERLAKE, ROBERT H.	"
N	1st Lt.	O'NEAL, JOHN B. JR.	"
B	1st Lt.	PFAPPMAN, JACK L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mancuso, Carman L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Kukurin, Karl E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	LeSage, Alfred (NMI)	"
LWG	Cpl.	Allen, Andrew L.	"
RWG	Cpl.	McQueen, John C.	"

*Plane 42-107043

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	KELLEY, CURTIS C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Anderson, Carl D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Quinn, Robert E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Passeno, William W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald N.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	McMahon, James F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

**SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 AAF - Sta 128 - APO - 557**

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Loading list

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO # 557.

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

PLANE # 42-31521

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
EMG P	2nd Lt.	Campbell	Paul	E.	615th
FMG CP	2nd Lt.	De Siano	Ambrose	(NMI)	615th
IC N	2nd Lt.	Wilhelm	Andrew	C.	615th
BL B	2nd Lt.	Malone	Ralph	B.	615th
LL RO	T/Sgt.	Anderson	Martin	A.	615th
NO TT	S/Sgt.	Hensley	Ora	H.	615th
B BT	S/Sgt.	Brown	Saul	H.	615th
H TG	Sgt. 1st	Standafer	Stanley	(NMI)	615th
CL LWG	S/Sgt.	Smith	Alan	E.	615th
L RWG	S/Sgt.	Kendrick	Joseph Jr.	W.	615th

PLANE # 42-31091

EMG P	1st Lt.	Wyspoki	Stephen	(NMI)	615th
FMG CP	2nd Lt.	Shelton	Horace	H.	615th
IC N	1st Lt.	Taylor	James	(NMI)	615th
BL B	1st Lt.	Gurvin	Robert	M.	615th
LL RO	T/Sgt.	Kenny	Gerard	M.	615th
NO TT	T/Sgt.	Sartor	William	D.	615th
B BT	S/Sgt.	Clare	David	E.	615th
H TG	S/Sgt.	McHiligott	Herbert	F.	615th
CL LWG	S/Sgt.	Koon	Ernest	H.	615th
L RWG	S/Sgt.	Ostrowski	Julius	F.	615th

PLANE # 42-31983

EMG P	1st Lt.	Kaminski	Vincent	J.	615th
FMG CP	1st Lt.	Malden	Richard	W.	615th
IC N	1st Lt.	Hildinger	Lawrence	H.	615th
BL B	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (10)	Doc	615th
LL RO	T/Sgt.	Cherthan	Elmer	F.	615th
NO TT	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
B BT	S/Sgt.	Dowell	Gerald	J.	615th
LWG RH	S/Sgt.	Robidoux	Jay Clarence	H.C.	615th
TG KH	S/Sgt.	Draginis	Donald	L.	615th
L RWG	T/Sgt.	Leadholt	Jay	T.	615th

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
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PLANE # 45-2701A

PLANE # 42-31077

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Lodray	Vincent	L.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	M. H.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	C.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Cramer	Charles	F.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Roman	Emanuel	L.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Lutz	Frank	R.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Thompson	Walter Jr.	F.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Banger	Alva	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-40002

P	2nd Lt.	Losinski	Stephen	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Child	Ridon	R.	615th
N	P/O	Rush	Louis	H.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Hughes	Harold	E.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Weber	Bernard	J.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Mercario	Michael	J.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Keller	James, Jr.	F.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Saxon	Clarence	F.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Brockton	Kenneth	K.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Williams	John	A.	615th

PLANE # 42-97073

P	2nd Lt.	Octon	Walter	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Mincy	Frank	(WMI)	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Wade	Jay	(A.)	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Lutz	Robert	F.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Reddy	Hugh	D.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Gouldson	George	F.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Warlow	Charles	R.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Cumpson	John	A.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Gravley	Eugene	(F.)	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Bushendorf	Everett	M.	615th

DUAL NVAL AVMS (PVAL) AIRSI (MI) SQUADRON

AVMS # 43-21851

FOR INFORMATION TO THE USE OF COMBAT GROUP BELONGING TO THE 615th SQUADRON
 TO : OPERATIONAL OFFICER, 615th SQUADRON (H) VPO # 43-21851
 SUBJECT: PERSONNEL LIST

12 JULY 1944

VVA - 825 J25 - VPO - 824
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONAL OFFICER
 1000 HARRISON VAD AIRFIELD BIRMINGHAM 20 (H)
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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 557
U. S. ARMY

D-J-4

23 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplement to Tactical Analysis Report on SCHWEINFURT Mission
13 April 1944.

TO : Captain Frank M. Schap, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.
Att: A-2

1. Crews report the following described E/A encountered just prior to target area.

(a) Quite a number (could not say whether 5 or 20) of new shiny E/A attacked in this area. Looked like they just came out of factory. They came in to 50 yards before peeling off and crew had a close look at them. Fuselage was silver, wing tips were square, tail assembly set high like 109, extremely long nose with inline engines, a big heavy air scoop under belly.

2. They were mistaken for P-51's while flying along above formation and were not fired on until they attacked our formation. This crew is good at A/C recognition but were unable to say if it was a modified PW 190 - ME 109 or a new type A/C.

3. We were unable to get a description of armament.

15 May - 44

*Capt. Schap advised by Pbx
that time of above encounter
was 1404 at location (5006-0940E.)*

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

13 April 44

MISSION TO SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY
13 April 1944

ROUTE: The enemy coast is crossed in the vicinity of the COXYDE-FURNES A/F in BELGIUM. Thence straight SE, running South of GHENT, BRUSSELS and LIEGE. The BELGIAN-GERMAN is crossed at a point just north of the BELGIAN-GERMAN-LUXEMBURG border. The formation will turn East at a point approximately five north of WORMS, which lies between WIESBADEN-MAINZ-FRANKFURT on the North and LUDWIGSHAVEN-MANNHEIM on the South. The Easterly direction is maintained until a point about twenty miles South of ASCHAFFENBURG is reached. The formation then turns NE and approaches the IP. The IP is at GEMUNDEN, which is easily recognized as it is the junction point of three rivers and two railroads. It is approximately twenty miles almost due East to the Target Area at SCHWEINFURT. A sharp turn to the left off the target heads the wing in a NW direction which is maintained until GIESSEN is reached when the formation turns SW until it rejoins the route in at a point on the MOSSELLE RIVER West of TRABEN-TRARBACH. Thence back to base retracing route in.

LRT: RR Yards in Koblenz. No bomb occupied countries.

MAPS: 1/250,000; British Night Map; Perspective Map, Photos, Flak Map.

INSTRUCTIONS: PW: Head for Belgium, first, France, second.
Friendly A/C: P-47's and P-51's have cowlings and spinners painted various colors.

Enemy A/C: Watch out for 4-engine A/C of transport type (JU 290) and Jet-propelled plane, which has a round fuselage and very swept back wings, tear drop construction.

Land-mines: Crew members landing on English beaches - watch out for land-mines. If in dinghy, wait for rescue personnel.

- Pockets:** Be sure to empty all pockets of all information.
- DOES YOUR HARNESS FIT?
 - DO YOU HAVE IDENTITY PHOTOS?
 - DO YOU HAVE DOG TAGS?
 - DO YOU HAVE GI SHOES?
 - DO YOU HAVE YOUR ESCAPE KIT AND PURSE?

Planes equipped with K-20 cameras: Take pictures of bombs away and strikes. Give Navigator or radio operator a call when taking pictures of anything so that he can enter it in the log.

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HAMILTON COIT
Captain, Air Corps
Briefing Officer