

HEADQUARTERS  
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
AAFSTATION 128

A.P.O. 557  
24 April, 1944

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 24 April, 1944

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

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

Heaters Out (2) Flight Indicator Out (1)  
Cylinder Head Temperature Gauge Out (1)

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

Faulty Bomb Backs (1)

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

Leaking Oxygen Systems (1)

CHARLES W. HUNT  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 657  
24 April, 1944

SUBJECT: **Mission Summary Report.**

TO : **Group Operations, Station 128, APO 657.**

1. **Abortives.**

a. 42-106992 - Returned early because one of the waist gunners became ill.

b. 42-30855 - Returned early because of lack of vacuum to operate flight instruments. During ground inspection it was found that a book had been placed on the ledge behind the instrument panel and it had lodged under the air intake screen on the vacuum manifold, shutting off the supply of air. If a check of the back of the instrument panel had been made in flight, this discrepancy would have been easily noticed.

2. **Battle Damage.**

a. 42-107009 - Small flak hole in bottom of left wing; Flak hole through fuselage, near tail.

b. 42-31226 - Three holes through right bomb bay door caused by fire from ball turret gunner; Small flak hole in bottom of fuselage, forward of bomb bay.

c. 42-39932 - Three flak holes through left wing and aileron; Flak hole in bottom of right wing, puncturing tokio tank.

d. 42-97395 - 20mm hit # 4 prop and went out through side of engine cowl, necessitating change of prop, cylinder, push rod and ignition harness.

e. 42-31485 - Several flak holes in wings, damaging tokio tank; Three small flak holes in vertical stabilizer; Two flak holes in left side of fuselage near tail.

f. 42-31983 - Small flak hole in top of right wing, tip; Flak hole in plexiglass nose section.

g. 42-97073 - Numerous flak holes in wings damaging main front spar of right wing; Several flak holes through horizontal stabilizer; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, beneath co-pilot's window; Flak hole in left side of fuselage, aft of ball turret.



SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report (continued)

<u>TOTAL NO. OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY FLAK</u>	<u>BY FLAK &amp; FIGHTER</u>	<u>BY FLAK &amp; FRIEND</u>
7	1	6	5	0	1
<u>BY FLAK, FIGHTER &amp; FRIEND</u>		<u>BY FIGHTER</u>			
0		1			

CHARLES W. HUNT  
Capt., Air Corps.  
Group Engineering Officer

HEADQUARTERS  
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
AAF STATION 128

A.P.O. 557  
24 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 54, 24 April, 1944

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

1. Negative Armament malfunction report is submitted for the mission of 24 April, 1944.

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION

42-39932 - Six I.B.'s hung up on salvo release. Bombardier hit salvo again, and they released.

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



MAIL BOX 94TH CBW

Combat Flight Leader: MAJOR ~~SEWELL~~ Sewall 24 April 1944  
 (Date)

Deputy Flight Leader: Lt Locher

Group Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Ground Control: \_\_\_\_\_

613 SQDN 612th SC JABWOCK  
 613th IN MACRO  
 614th IW GOLFO LUD  
 61st IY BUZZARD

**Group Sewall**

IY X 1485

O'NIEL		LOCHER	
IN M	2005	IN J	1591

LEW	
IN H	9932 <i>Abont</i>

SHARP		CONNOLLY	
IN E	7009	IN N	0855

612 SQDN 614 SQDN

JOHNSON		OWENS	
SC G	1034 <i>Personell</i>	IW M	9846

TANNER		KELLY		WALSH		WILSON C L	
SC F	9943	SC D	6992	IW X	1863	IW Q	7478

BINGHAM		SMITH W R	
SC M	7039	IW D	2394

WELLS		WEST		TRIMBLE		BARTLEY	
SC K	1087	SC O	7487	IY E	7092	IW F	7395

SPARES

MITCHELL	
IY N	7073

KNIGHT		FERDYN	
IY G	1983	IY L	1619

Spare Lead SC P 1891  
 Ground spares IN G 1226 *Abont*  
 IW L 0001

*Max-M-47 A-1*

*11/11*

Classification changed to  
**SECRET**  
RESTRICTED by auth of

C. AAF Sta 128 by  
JACKSON M. PHIPPS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

# "MISSION SUMMARY"

*MISSION NO. 55*  
*24TH. APRIL, 1944*

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



REPORT OF OPERATIONAL  
DAY

MISSION No. **55**

Date: **24 APR. 44**

TO: **ERDING , GER.**

Target No.  
3/AIR/26

AIR EQUIPMENT DEPOT  
AND AIRFIELD

— ERDING (Near MÜNCHEN or MUNICH)  
(GERMANY)

Illustration No.  
3/AIR/26/1

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS  
0 1/2 1 MILE

(1 : 29,000) approx.

Photographed 17 January 1943

Issued February 1943



- X. DISPERSED STORAGE UNIT.
- Y. HUTTED CAMP.



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

D-G-1

24 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Erding, 24 Apr 44.

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

1. Major William T. Seawell, Group Leader, commented that the low box of the 94th Combat Wing uncovered too soon and too far at the beginning of the bombing run, which was unnecessary because of their relative position in the Group; this procedure made it necessary for Major Seawell to make several "g" turns between the IP and the target.
2. Capt. Rufus S. Causey, Lead Navigator, commented the Lead Navigator of the 94th Combat Wing for his excellent navigation. Comments concerning the excellent navigation by the Group and Wing Lead Navigator were made by Lt. Warren Gelula, Navigator A/C 1087, Lt. Edward T. O'Neil, Pilot A/C 1005, and Lt. Alexander R. Livingstone, Co-Pilot A/C 1005 and Lt. James R. Locher, Jr., Pilot A/C 1591.
3. Several comments praising the leadership of the 401st Group in respect to excellent formation flying, avoidance of flak area and avoidance of prop wash were made by Lt. Edward T. O'Neil, Pilot A/C 1005, Lt. Alexander R. Livingstone, Co-Pilot A/C 1005, Lt. James R. Locher, Jr., Pilot A/C 1591, Lt. Kenneth G. Wells, Pilot A/C 1087 and Lt. Warren Gelula, Navigator A/C 1087.
4. Lt. Emver C. Gury, Bombardier A/C 7092, cannot understand why the course is always plotted over the heavy flak area at Ostend and recommends change in the direction of Dieppe as being safer.
5. Lt. James G. Levey, Bombardier A/C 2394, does not like having pieces of wire placed in the bomb in lieu of pins.
6. T/Sgt. Alvin A. Johnson, ROG A/C 9932, complains that the closed hatch in the radio room of the new model B-17 limited range of vision and of fire.
7. The following comments were made concerning the combat mess:
  - a. Lt. John J. Kelly, Bombardier A/C 9932, Lt. Robert G. Fitzgerald, Bombardier A/C 226 and T/Sgt. Anthony V. Spacek, PTG A/C 226, state that food served the crews upon their return from late missions is always poorly prepared.
  - b. The crew of Lt. George E. West, Pilot A/C 7487 and Lt. Lewis A. Mitchell, Pilot A/C 7073 are tired of boiled eggs and want fried eggs served occasionally.

8. The crew of Lt. Lewis A. Mitchell, Pilot A/C 7073, complained that flak suits which have recently been issued to them are generally not complete.

9. The only comment concerning transportation was made by Lt. Lewis A. Mitchell, Pilot A/C 7073, who complained that his crew had a long wait before a truck picked them up to take them to the interrogation.

W. B. FHY,  
Major, A. C.,  
Group 5-2 Officer.



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

D-G-4

24 April 1944.

**SUBJECT:** Narrative of Enemy Fighter Tactics on ERDING Mission, 24 April 1944.

**TO :** COMMANDING GENERAL, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, ATTN: A-2.

1. The 401st Bomb Group sent 18 A/C on this mission and flew high box, with the 351st leading and the 457th low. Forty to fifty E/A were observed, all S/E. Most attacks were made on low box. Fighter support was excellent.

2. Observations: FW 190's were observed with the following markings:
- Silver fuselage with red band and cross and belly tank.
  - Black fuselage, silver wings and tail.

FW 190's appeared faster than P-38's. Outclimbed, outmaneuvered them. Most attacks came from out of the Sun. Two unidentified E/A were seen. One at 1510 hours (4927 - 0754 E). It had tapered leading and trailing edge, wings with round tips. Tail was similar to ME 109. Some crews described it as an inline engine, others said it was radial. It was a definite blue color with no marks or crosses on the wings. A similar E/A was described at 1405 hours, unknown location. The E/A was shot down by the ball turret gunner of a B-17 in a Group on our right and went down flaming into a patch of woods.

3. Details of attacks:

- 1302 hrs. - 20 miles south of Stuttgart ME 109 attacked from 6 o'clock high. Not aggressive. FW 190's also seen at this point.
- 1338 hrs. - (4838 - 1128 E) silver colored ME 109 paralleled up at 1 o'clock but did not directly attack us. 2 FW 190's were following the ME 109.
- 1347 hrs. - (4819 - 1158 E) 7 ME 109's attacked high and level with yellow stripe on wing roots. Did not press attack.
- 1352 hrs. - (4825 - 1128 E) 2 ME 109's attacked from 11 o'clock position, level, opened fire at 1000 yards breaking off at 50 yards. 1 E/A was black and came right through formation. Second ME 109 was dark green with yellow figures.
- 1402 hrs. - Wurm Lake, 6 ME 109's painted with white stripes on wings similar to P-51's attacked from 12 o'clock level, in pairs. One came within 40 yards and peeled off to go through formation. One E/A had belly tank.
- 1407 hrs. - (4900 - 1103 E) 1 FW 190 attacked from 6 o'clock position, low to high and merely flow through formation.
- 1410 hrs. - (4805 - 1055 E) 1 E/A attacked from high to level at 500 yards and flow through our formation. E/A was silver colored with black nose and belly tank. About five consecutive attacks were made on squadron.
- 1418 hrs. - (4828 - 1610 E) 2 E/A attacked from level to high and flow through formation without firing. They were silver with red cross right behind cockpit and a figure 9 in front of cross. Said to resemble P-39. These 2 E/A were shot down by our fighters immediately afterward.

- i. 1448 hrs. - (4917 - 0910 E) MS 109 - silver body with red spinner attacked from 12 O'clock high and flew through formation.
- j. 1510 hrs. - (4923 - 0800 E) MS 109 attacked from 3 O'clock level. Not aggressive.

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



1. Target: ERDING, Germany

Today's target is an operational GAF Station and Air Equipment depot, as well as a repair and overhaul depot for E/A.

Your MPI is the main storage building, ~~is~~ 1 3/4 miles ~~from~~ NNW of the A/D itself. This depot is one of the most important in Germany and supplies much of the A/C and equipment required in the Med and Balkans.

Today's whole effort is again aimed at knocking out the GAF on the ground. If they can't get off the ground, they can't fight!

The 1st CBW will hit the same target as you, ahead of you, but will bomb on different MPI's.

The remaining CBW in the 1st. Div will be hitting other A/D in the same vicinity (Landsberg and Oberpfaffenafen)

There are no diversions, but the 3rd Div will be hitting down in Friedrichshafen and the 2nd. Div will be hitting around Gablingen.

Your target is assigned if the bombing is visual and you will be going in at 20,000', but if for some reason it is missed, there are 4 secondaries suggested, all A/D in the same vicinity (Landsberg, Leipheim, Lechfeld and Neckarsulm) with Lechfeld holding the highest priority.

If bombing is PFF, the target will be Stuttgart and the formation will climb to 25,000'

As a last resort, you may bomb any military objective in Germany or any A/D in occupied countries not situated close to a built up area and which can be attacked without disrupting fighter support.

2. Show route on map 1:500,000

3. Fighter support

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 Gp 47's | 1 Gp 51's for units on Landsberg and Ober. from 4833-1100 |
| 1 47's    | 1 47's  |
| 1 51's    | 1 47's  |
| 1 51's    |   |

Also, 1Gp 51's to sweep the area from Frankfurt to Ludwigshafen.

1 47's sweep area from 4948-0700, 15 min. after bombers have passed thru for stragglers.

1 47's from 5030-0505, 30 min after bombers have passed thru for stragglers.

8 Gps 47's; 3 Gps 51's (with one RAF unit) and 2 Gps 38's will be in support of 2nd. and 3rd. Div.

4. Flak

1. Route in
2. No known guns at the P/T
3. At rec S/T, ME flak and at other 3 suggested S/T, none.

Chaff will be thrown out by  
CBW ahead.

4. At PFF, S/T, MOD flak can be expected.
5. Route out.

5. Show route on map 1:250,000; nite target chart; and photo of P/T and S/T.

6. Special instructions

1. Possibly one W bound convoy on route out.
2. P/W Instructions
3. SOP Swit.
4. A/C unable to make base on return, land at Earle's Colne
5. Security.

Lt. Fred H. Rea



CONFIDENTIAL (PRIORITY)

FROM: DPE

TO : C.G. 1ST BOMB DIV (THRU 94TH COMBAT WING)

NARRATIVE TELETYPE

Reference F.O. 333.

1. No leaflets were carried for the reason that none were on hand.
2. Strike photos were taken but are not yet available. Crews observed that a majority of the incendiary bombs which were dropped by this Group hit over the MPI; however, hits were observed on the MPI, on buildings on the east ~~west~~ side of the target, starting some fires. G.P. bombs dropped by the Low ~~High~~ Group in the 94th Combat Wing were observed to strike west of the target area.
- 4/5. Meager to moderate flak was encountered, generally good for altitude, fair to good for deflection. No flak at target. Most accurate flak was at Ostend.
3. Approximately 40 E/A were observed, mostly Me-109's with a few FW-190's. Attacks were pressed with E/A passing through formation but they were not effective in damaging our A/C. Most attacks were made on low box. Intermittent attacks were made from 1302 hours to 1510 hours over our route from 20 miles south of Stuttgart to ~~the~~ a point south of Liege. An unidentified E/A was encountered and shot down at about (4805-0055E). It was a definite blue with no markings or crosses. It had tapered lead and trail edges to wings and rounded tips. The tail assembly resembled a Me-109. Engine was thought to be in line. Our Claims are 2-0-0. Fighter support was excellent.
5. Weather was described as approximately 6/10 over England while the Wing was forming, with a Strata of clouds above departing altitude; 3/10 undercast over the Channel, clearing as the continent was penetrated and remaining clear, with the exception of a ground haze, to the vicinity of Brussels on the route home; scattered clouds and undercast prevailed from Brussels to base.
6. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS:
  - a. 1121 hours, location (5010-0102E), 34 vessels traveling south in line astern, all same size.
  - b. 1248 hours, effective smoke screen observed over Strasbourg.
  - c. 1300 hours, location (4830-0830E), a number of A/C were observed in covered dispersal areas resembling Nissen huts; approximately 15 dispersal areas newly constructed.
  - d. 1305 hours, smoke screen observed which blanketd the entire city of Stuttgart thinly.



- e. 1308 hours, streamers of smoke observed rising from 4 areas believed to be airdromes surrounding Stuttgart, possibly contributing to smoke screen over town.
- f. 1312 hours, location (4825-0923E), crews observed installation resembling large army camp; regularly spaced buildings resembling group of Nissen huts; described as large enough to accommodate a full ~~an~~ army division of troops.
- g. 1331 hours, Neuburg Airdrome, crews observed 50 single engine E/A, some Me-109's in process of taking off and joining the attack.
- h. 1337 hours, dummy airdrome, surrounded by smoke screen, observed immediately west of Gunsburg airdrome.
- i. 1340 hours, this Group passed over Gunsburg airdrome and ~~observed~~ counted a definite 50 ~~single~~ twin-engine, single tail E/A ~~with~~ described as having wings with straight leading edge and elliptical trailing edge on the field, 2 A/C in process of taking off. This Group passed over Gunsburg airdrome again at 1450 hours on the route home, observing that all hangars except one were ablaze, 3 A/C afire on ground and incendiary fires in the town.
- j. 1341 hours, Isar River crossed on route to target, observed muddy and overflowing, all tributaries being clear. Along the river were 3 basins with concrete walls and sections wider than the river itself. Each basin filled with water and covering as large an area as the city of Preising. These sections were made of concrete dividing walls.
- k. 1345 hours, crews observed FW-190's taking off from runways at primary target just before bombing.

~~xxxxxx(4825-0923E)xx~~

- l. 1400 hours, crews observed large airdrome at Bad Aibling with many hangars and 25 unidentified A/C on field, some apparently in process of taking off.
- m. 1405 hours, crews observed that airdrome at Ober Alting had been effectively bombed, buildings burning and installations described as 50% destroyed.
- n. 1410 hours, crews observed that Landsberg airdrome had been bombed with good results. 20 silver colored single engine A/C on field and approximately 50 A/C dispersed away from field in surrounding farms.
- o. 1412 hours, crews observed that Lechfeld airdrome was deserted, all buildings catacombed and appearing completely destroyed.
- p. 1440 hours, Langweid airdrome (5 miles north of Augsburg), all buildings apparently aflame and much smoke rising.
- q. 1445 hours, smoke screen in operation at Ludwigsburg and 15 barges observed in canal.
- r. 1502 hours, 30 barrage balloons observed flying over ~~Staxx~~ Steyr. Large building resembling factory observed opposite Steyr across river.
- s. 1535 hours, large army camp observed at Bitburg (5001-0630E), as large as a small city, buildings described as much larger than Nissen huts.

7. OTHER INFORMATION:

- a. Fighter support rendered by P-38's, 47's and 51's was described as excellent, some friendly fighters being apparent at all times.
- b. A/C in Distress:
  - (1) 1127 hours, unidentified B-17 hit by flak and exploded, no chutes observed.
  - (2) 1303 hours, location (4833-0845E), P-38 shot down an FW-190 which hit ground and exploded, no chute observed.
  - (3) 1310 hours, location (4840-0950E), 4 P-51's engaged enemy formation and shot down 3 single engine E/A, no further observation.
  - (4) 1330 hours, location (4840-1110E), unidentified B-17 exploded, 6 chutes observed.



- (5) 1336 hours, near IP, B-17 on ground smoking, no flame, 5 chutes observed.
- (6) 1336 hours, 3 chutes observed between IP and target, landing in wooded area.
- (7) 1342 hours, between IP and target, unidentified B-17 hit by flak, under control while six chutes came out and then exploded.
- (8) 1347 hours, one minute past target, B-17 from wing ahead hit by ~~many~~ enemy fighters, disintegrated and 3 chutes observed.
- (9) 1350 hours, location (1138-4748E) single engine E/A crashed to ground and exploded, no chute observed.
- (10) 1352 hours, location (4800-1130E), P-47 or P-51 shot down by E/A, a fire, no chute observed.
- (11) 1355 hours, location (4748-1138E), B-17 spun down on fire and crashed, no chutes observed.
- (12) 1410 hours, location (4925-0800E), friendly fighter thought to be P-47 shot down by E/A, one chute observed. P-47's observed to shoot down 2 FW-190's at same time and place.
- (13) 1509 hours, location (4920-0803E), dog-fight observed with one P-47 and one Me-109 going down, chute emerging from P-47, no chute from Me-109.
- (14) 1511 hours, location (4928-0800E), Me-109 shot down by 4 P-38's, chute observed.
- (15) 1528 hours, location (4950-0852E), P-47 and FW-190 both shot down as result of dog-fight, one white chute observed.



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

AAF, Station No. 128  
 April 24, 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), 612th Bomb Sq (H).  
 APO # 557, AAF Station # 128.

A/C 42-06992

~~P -- Kelly, William J. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 CP -- Coyne, Daniel J. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 N -- Van Dyke, George H. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 B -- Grate, Louis B. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 RO -- Van Duren, Paul B. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 TTG -- Johnson, Morris W. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 BTG -- Stengel, Percy J. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 TG -- Garity, John B. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 LWG -- Peacock, George P. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 RWG -- Connors, Jay L. Jr. --- T/Sgt. -612~~

A/C 42-97487

P -- West, George E. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 CP -- McKinnon, Douglas H. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 N -- Nutter, Lloyd A. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 B -- Montgomery, Thomas B. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 TTG -- Russell, Robert L. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 RO -- Andrus, Robert L. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 BTG -- Womble, John L. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 TG -- Lefkin, Michael, --- S/Sgt. -612  
 LWG -- Russell, Hugh D. --- Sgt. -612  
 RWG -- Morini, Alfred J. --- S/Sgt. -612

A/S 42-107039

P -- Bingham, George F. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 CP -- Hoyt, Richard H. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 N -- Tomlinson, Harvey G. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 B -- Lott, Eugene F. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 RO -- Giorgiani, Alex --- T/Sgt. -612  
 TTG -- Dunn, Johnny K. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 BTG -- Johns, Carl W. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 TG -- Yeatts, Lawson K. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 LWG -- Carey, Joe R. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 RWG -- Callahan, Michael J. --- Sgt. -612

A/C 42-39943

P -- Tanner, John R. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 CP -- McDaniel, Robert E. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 N -- Strom, Kenneth L. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 B -- Szungyi, John P. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 RO -- Cohen, Waldon B. --- Sgt. -612  
 TTG -- Cable, Harvey T. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 BTG -- Norris, John B. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 TG -- Francis, Raymond R. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 LWG -- Daniel, Edward P. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 RWG -- Staley, Phillip C. --- S/Sgt. -612

A/C 42-31034

P -- Johnson, Benjamin H. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 CP -- Waller, Jack E. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 N -- Fishbeck, Howard D. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 B -- Musso, David M. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 RO -- Brandt, Melvin A. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 TTG -- Sellitto, John N. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 BTG -- Schaefer, Donald E. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 TG -- Blaugh, Joseph M. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 LWG -- Shannon, James L. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 RWG -- Litchfield, Russell --- S/Sgt. -612

A/C 42-31087

P -- Wells, Kenneth C. --- 1st Lt. -612  
 CP -- Guinn, Ewin M. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 N -- Gelula, Warren --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 B -- Lingenfelter, Leo I. --- 2nd Lt. -612  
 RO -- McCawley, Fred E. --- T/Sgt. -612  
 TTG -- Larson, Robert D. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 BTG -- Convertino, Rico S. --- Sgt. -612  
 TG -- Parker, Harry C. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 LWG -- Blate, Robert B. --- S/Sgt. -612  
 RWG -- Chapman, William E. --- Sgt. -612



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

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: LOADING LIST.

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF STATION 128.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-99932</u>				
P.	1st Lt.	LEW	SANDY	(NMI)
CP.	2nd Lt.	FRIEST	GORDON	S.
N.	2nd Lt.	SCHLIEPER	ROGER	F.
B.	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
RO.	T/Sgt.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT.	T/Sgt.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT.	S/Sgt.	FRANKLIN	PAT	H.
TG.	S/Sgt.	HIBBS	ARLIE	E.
LWG.	S/Sgt.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	E.
RWG.	S/Sgt.	MC CARTHY	WILLIAM	A.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-107009</u>				
P.	1st Lt.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP.	2nd Lt.	HISS	VINCENT	J.
N.	2nd Lt.	STEPHEN	DAVID	H.
B.	2nd Lt.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO.	T/Sgt.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.
TT.	M/Sgt.	OLDER	HAROLD	K.
BT.	Sgt.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
TG.	S/Sgt.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
LWG.	S/Sgt.	TOB INE	RODNEY	T.
RWG.	Sgt.	DRAIN	JAMES	A.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31005</u>				
P.	2nd Lt.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
CP.	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
N.	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B.	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DENE	C.
RO.	S/Sgt.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT.	T/Sgt.	URMSON	THOMAS	(NMI)
BT.	S/Sgt.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TG.	S/Sgt.	FETZER	ELMER	M.
LWG.	S/Sgt.	BAEHLER	JAMES	E.
RWG.	S/Sgt.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31591</u>				
P.	1st Lt.	LOCHER	JAMES	R.JR.
CP.	2nd Lt.	JOHNSON	WENDELL	T.
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.
LWG.	S/Sgt.	KLIMEK	JOHN	C.
RWG.	S/Sgt.	DOMM	HAROLD	H.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-32275</u>				
P.	2nd Lt.	CONNOLLY	JOHN	J.
CP.	2nd Lt.	BOGGS	JAMES	B.
N.	2nd Lt.	KRISE	THOMAS	H.
B.	2nd Lt.	BOLLER	EDWARD	H.
RO.	SGT.	HERLEY	BARCLAY	J.
TT.	S/SGT.	MILLS	CARL	W.
BT.	SGT.	PEREZ	FRANK	D.
TG.	S/SGT.	KASNER	CHARLES	D.
LWG.	SGT.	HADSELL	DAVID	N.
RWG.	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	W.
<u>FLYING WITH OTHER SQUADRONS</u>				
CP-614th	2nd Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
B- 612th	1st Lt.	GRATE	LOUIS	B.

*Alfred*



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

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: LOADING LIST.

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF STATION 128.

TYPE	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. A2-9932</u>				
P.	1st Lt.	LEN	BARRY	(RMI)
CP.	2nd Lt.	FRIEST	GORDON	S.
N.	2nd Lt.	SCHLIEFER	ROGER	F.
B.	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
NO.	T/Sgt.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TY.	T/Sgt.	THAYER	ELIEN	F.
BT.	S/Sgt.	FRANKLIN	PAT	H.
TO.	S/Sgt.	HIBBS	ARLIE	E.
LNO.	S/Sgt.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	E.
HNO.	S/Sgt.	MC CARTHY	WILLIAM	A.
<u>PLANE NO. A2-167009</u>				
P.	1st Lt.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP.	2nd Lt.	HESS	VINCENT	J.
N.	2nd Lt.	STEPHEN	DAVID	H.
B.	2nd Lt.	BURSE	MYLES	R.
NO.	T/Sgt.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.
TY.	M/Sgt.	OLMER	HAROLD	K.
BT.	Sgt.	SEEMIS	JOHN	J.
TO.	S/Sgt.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
LNO.	S/Sgt.	TOB INN	BOBBY	T.
HNO.	Sgt.	DRAIN	JAMES	A.
<u>PLANE NO. A2-31005</u>				
P.	2nd Lt.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
CP.	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
N.	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B.	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DENE	C.
NO.	S/Sgt.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TY.	T/Sgt.	URMON	THOMAS	(RMI)
BT.	S/Sgt.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TO.	S/Sgt.	FETZER	ELMER	H.
LNO.	S/Sgt.	BAHLER	JAMES	E.
HNO.	S/Sgt.	MANTINELLI	ALEXANDER	H.
<u>PLANE NO. A2-31591</u>				
P.	1st Lt.	LOCHER	JAMES	R.JR.
CP.	2nd Lt.	JOHNSON	WENDELL	T.
N.	1st Lt.	DUQUETTE	FRED	D.
B.	1st Lt.	BROWN	JOHN	F.
NO.	T/Sgt.	BRADY	OTHO	H.
TY.	T/Sgt.	KENNEDY	GEORGE	L.
BT.	S/Sgt.	DEWITT	FRANK	F.
TO.	S/Sgt.	MERRILL	CLARK	G.
LNO.	S/Sgt.	KLECK	JOHN	C.
HNO.	S/Sgt.	DOHN	HAROLD	H.
<u>PLANE NO. A2-36855</u>				
P.	2nd Lt.	CONNOLLY	JOHN	J.
CP.	2nd Lt.	BOGGS	JAMES	B.
N.	2nd Lt.	HAISE	THOMAS	H.
B.	2nd Lt.	BOLLER	EDWARD	H.
NO.	SGT.	HEALY	BARCLAY	J.
TY.	S/SGT.	MILLS	CARL	V.
BT.	SGT.	PEREE	FRANK	D.
TO.	S/SGT.	KASHER	CHARLES	D.
LNO.	SGT.	HADCELL	DAVID	H.
HNO.	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	V.
<u>FLYING WITH OTHER SQUADRONS</u>				
CP-614th	2nd Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
B-612th	1st Lt.	GRATE	LOUIS	B.



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

AAF Station # 128  
24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE ~~42-3954~~ 226

P	1st Lt. OWENS, EARLE G.	614th Bomb Sq (H)
CP	1st Lt. BERGERSON, CLIFFORD C.	"
N	1st Lt. HOLTE, EDWARD P.	"
B	1st Lt. FITZGERALD, ROBERT G.	"
RO	T/Sgt. Stimmel, Bert W.	"
TT	T/Sgt. Spacek, Anthony V.	"
BT	Cpl. Murphy, James J.	"
TG	S/Sgt. Farratt, John L.	"
RWG	E/Sgt. Jones, Scott D.	"
LWG	Sgt. Elliott, Ralph D.	"

PLANE 42-51865

P	1st Lt. WALSH, ROBERT P.	614th Bomb Sq (H)
CP	2nd Lt. Murphy, Walter J.	615th Bomb Sq (H)
N	2nd Lt. MATRICIAN, MICHAEL	614th Bomb Sq (H)
B	2nd Lt. PORTER, GUY R.	"
RO	Cpl. Zappala, Vincent	"
TT	T/Sgt. Stallcup, Moss H.	"
BT	S/Sgt. Cellie, Perry O.	"
TG	S/Sgt. Brgoch, Ludvick J.	"
LWG	S/Sgt. Gartall, Charles L.	"
RWG	S/Sgt. Layland, John M.	"

PLANE 42-59473

P	WILSON, CARLETON L.	614th Bomb Sq (H)
CP	2nd Lt. KELLEY, CURTIS C.	"
N	2nd Lt. CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt. FOXHARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	T/Sgt. Harlow, Clevy D.	"
TT	T/Sgt. Quinn, Robert E.	"
BT	S/Sgt. Passeno, William	"
TO	S/Sgt. Pettit, Gerald N.	"
LWG	S/Sgt. McMahon, James F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt. Smith, George R.	"

PLANE 42-102394

P	1st Lt. SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	614th Bomb Sq (H)
CP	F/O. PAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
N	2nd Lt. CRANE, RENNRO V.	"
B	2nd Lt. LEVEY, JAMES G.	"
RO	T/Sgt. Castronova, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt. Pair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt. McKendry, Daniel C.	"
TO	S/Sgt. Sundberg, David C.	"
LWG	S/Sgt. Roberts, Marion E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt. Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.	"

PLANE 42-97396

P	2nd Lt. BARTLEY, LEO S.	614th Bomb Sq (H)
CP	2nd Lt. HAMBOND, HOWARD W.	"
N	2nd Lt. RYAN, WILLIAM F.	"
B	2nd Lt. CARTER, JAMES P.	"
RO	S/Sgt. Frederick, Eugene D.	"
TT	S/Sgt. Rader, Richard A.	"
BT	S/Sgt. Hurd, Robert O.	"
TO	S/Sgt. Cohen, Franklin C.	"
LWG	S/Sgt. DeGraff, Andrew D.	"
RWG	X/Sgt. Sherman, Gilbert	"



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

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24 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 # 42-31485

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	1st Lt.	Grinham	Fred	D.	615th
CP -	Major	Seawell	William	T.	615th
N -	Captain	Causey	Rufus	F.	615th
B -	Captain	Kuenning	Arnold	C.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	M.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Cookerham	Ray	W.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Hardy	Charles	B.	615th
TG -	1st Lt.	Brown	Fred, Jr.	(NMI)	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Cummings	William	T.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Housman	Herbert	M.	615th

PLANE # 42-107092

PO -	1st Lt.	Trimble	William	W.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Shanley	Fred	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Londes	Beryl	L.	615th
BO -	1st Lt.	Gury	Ever	C.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Hackey	Jack	L.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Tracey	Edward	(NMI)	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Schnauffer	John	(NMI)	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Asbell	William	R.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Acker	Joseph	F.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Courtad	Paul	K.	615th

PLANE # 42-31619

PO -	1st Lt.	Ferdyn	Jospen	E.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Enstad	Robert	J.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	M. H.	615th
BO -	2nd Lt.	Black	(10)	Dec	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Beller	James	E.	615th
TT -	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Joe	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Hertzen	Harold	(NMI)	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Bushendorf	Everett	(NMI)	615th

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PLANE # 42-27322



PLANE # 42-31983

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
PILOT	End Lt.	Knight	Dan	(MC)	615th
CP	End Lt.	Huegin	William	B.	615th
N	End Lt.	Cummings	Lawrence	T.	615th
B	End Lt.	Shalters	Edward	C.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Casner	Charles	P.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Romanó	Emmanuel	L. H.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Mackowiak	William	N.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Pacoly	Charles	L.	615th
LWO	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	J.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Cope	Frederick	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-97073

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
PILOT	1st Lt.	Mitchell	Lewis	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Lino	Frank	(MI)	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Wade	Jay	(MI)	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Lots	Robert	F.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Reddy	Hugh	D.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Donald	George	F.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Harlow	Charles	R.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Campson	John	A.	615th
LWO	Sgt.	McGaha	James	H.	615th
RWG	Sgt.	Meeks	Ralph	W.	615th

END	S/Sgt.	Holtzman	Harold	H.	615th
END	S/Sgt.	Chapman	Myrtle	L.	615th
LO	1st Lt.	Bloom	Elmer	(MI)	615th
BL	S/Sgt.	Helfer	Charles	H.	615th
IL	S/Sgt.	Goodman	Ken	H.	615th
HO	S/Sgt.	Garrett	Charles	H.	615th
H	S/Sgt.	Whitman	Victor	O.	615th
H	S/Sgt.	Garrett	Charles	H.	615th
CB	S/Sgt.	Garrett	Charles	H.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Garrett	Charles	H.	615th

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
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PLANE # 45-21482

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 FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE  
 SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE

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

24 April 1944

WEATHER INFORMATION SUMMARY OF MISSION OF 24 APRIL 1944.

BASE ON TAKE OFF: 0855. 4/10 low stratus base 700'. 8-10/10 stratocumulus low cloud 2000' tops 3500-4500'. Nil medium cloud. 3-5/10 thin cirrus above 21000'. Visibility 8 miles.

ROUTE OFF: 8-10/10 stratocumulus tops 4-5000' becoming nil at continental coast. Nil medium cloud. 3-5/10 thin cirrus above 21000'. Visibility unlimited aloft.

TARGET: 1346. Nil low or medium cloud. 3-5/10 cirrus high cloud above 21000'. Downward visibility unrestricted.

RETURN ROUTE: Nil low cloud becoming 4-6/10 cirrus base 2000' tops 5-6000' over England. Nil medium cloud becoming 3-5/10 altocumulus base 13-14000' tops 17-18000' with base layer extending 4-5000' below over Belgium; medium cloud dispersing at continental coast, base persisting over channel. 3-5/10 thin cirrus above 21000'. Visibility unlimited except in base layer.

BASE ON RETURN: 1306. 3-5/10 cirrus low cloud base 2000' tops 5-6000'. Nil medium cloud. 3-5/10 thin cirrus above 21000'. Visibility 12 miles with very light rain.

REMARKS: Nil icing. Light non-persistent contrails at 20000' in Luxembourg area. Temperatures about as briefed, e.g., plus 4 at 5000' and minus 23 at 21000'. Winds as briefed.

*Walter J. Sancier*  
WALTER J. SANCIER  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Weather Officer



# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 21 APRIL 1944

PERIOD 0800-1800

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/65M/22929

	A BASES TO CONTINENTAL COAST	B CONTINENTAL COAST TO TARGET TO CONT. COAST	C CONT. COAST TO BASES	D
1 WEATHER	Cloudy With Haze or Mist	Cloudy Becoming Partly Cloudy.	Partly Cloudy Becoming Cloudy.	
2 CLOUDS	Variable 3-5/10 Stratocumulus Base 1-2000 Tops 3-4,000 With Large Clear Areas Increasing To 7-9/10 At South English Coast and Over Channel. 3-5/10 Alto cumulus and Altopstratus Base 10,000 Tops 12,000 ft. Decreasing To Nil At Continental Coast. 4-5/10 Abundant Fine Cirrus Base 22,000 ft.	7-9/10 Stratocumulus. Base 1-2000 Tops 3-4,000 Breaking Rapidly Inland But Increasing To 3-5/10 Cumulus Base 2-3000 Tops 4-5000 At Target. Nil Middle Cloud. 4-6/10 Abundant Fine Cirrus Above 22,000 ft. Base Lifting to 25,000 Over Target. Similar on Return But Low Cloud Remaining 3-5/10 Cumulus To Cont. Coast.	3-5/10 Cumulus Base 2-3000 ft. Tops 4-5000 Increasing Over England To 6-8/10 Stratocumulus Base 2000 Tops 5-7000 Nil Middle Cloud Bang. 6-8/10 Layered Altopci. and Stratocum. Base 8000 Tops 12,000. 4-6/10 Fine Cirrus Above 22,000 Bang. 6-8/10 Fine Cirrus Base 20,000.	NOTE: Haze Top Over England At 4,000 Ft. Moderate To Dense Persistent Contrails 1000 Ft. Below Cirrus.
3 ICING	7,000 ft. Nil.	9,000 ft. Nil.	7,000 ft. Light Rime In Medium Cloud.	
4 VISIBILITY	1-2000 yds. Becoming Unlimited Aloft.	Unrestricted Aloft. Downward Visibility 10-20 Miles.	Unrestricted at Flight Level Bang. 4-6 Miles At BASES.	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	BASES TO 06 Deg. East	06 Deg. East To Target	Temp - Plus 15	
5,000 FT	250 25	280 10	+ 5	
10,000 FT	250 35	300 15	Minus 4	Target Winds
15,000 FT	250 40	300 20	- 12	
20,000 FT	250 45	310 25	- 22	360 25
25,000 FT	250 50	320 30	- 34	360 30
30,000 FT	260 55	320 30	- 45	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.27 TARGET SURFACE TEMP Plus 15 TARGET MEAN TEMP Minus 6  
 TEMP. AT 24,000 FT. Minus 24 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 319  
 Add Target Elevation

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