

MISSION NO. 157

To: COLOGNE , GERMANY

401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
R E P O R T O F O P E R A T I O N A L
D A Y

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 157

Date 17 October 1944

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: COLOGNE, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st furnished three 12 A/C squadrons each including a PFF A/C; to comprise the 94th "B" Group. A spare accompanied each squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: COLOGNE, GERMANY (PFF)
2. a. Group Leader: Capt. C. A. LEWIS (Heenan)
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. M. KANE (Chaffey-"Mickey")
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. R. E. BLOCK
 Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. H. D. FISHBECK
- b. Low Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. R. M. FOWLER (Gushman)
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. W. B. ANDERSON (Peterson-"Mickey")
 Lead Bombardier: Capt. D. W. FESMIRE
- c. High Sqdn Leader: Capt. T. D. CARROLL
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. P. F. KAISER (Dresback-"Mickey")
 Lead Bombardier: Capt. W. T. HUTSON
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff: Pre-dawn takeoff and climb to Cottesmore Buncher for assembly was normal and as briefed.
 - b. Sqdn and Gp Assemblies: As briefed with lead squadron at 11,000'. Group assembled quickly, keeping its circle within 3-4 miles of buncher at all times and departed a little South of buncher one minute early.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont.)

c. Route Over England: 94th "A" was a little behind and to the right of 94th "B" as it departed the buncher. We flew parallel to 94th "A" and fell in behind them on the final leg before C.P. 1. At C.P. 1 94th "B" crossed over on top of 94th "A" and flew abreast of 94th "A". Division assembly line was from C.P. 1 to Belgium coast.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target: 94th "B" was 2nd group of "B" task force, which was to bomb at 25,500'. "A" force was to be at 27,000' and "C" was to bomb at 24,000'. Accordingly, the various forces were stacked, all the way into the IP. 94th "B" flew about abreast of and to the right of 94th "A" until approximately 10 minutes before the IP. The interval between the groups never exceeded 30 seconds. At the IP 94th "B" was approximately 15 seconds behind 94th "A"'s high squadron. Buckeye Red had announced the weather over the target as 10/10ths and recommended PFF bombing. 94th "B" bombed in group formation. On the bombing run the Mickey blew a fuse just after the bombardier had clutched in. The Mickey had already killed his course and rate. Our bombs went away in the immediate vicinity of the smoke trails left by two preceding groups. 94th "A" was at least a mile to our right at bombs away. On the bomb run ships of the various task forces were stacked at the different altitudes and bombs were literally "raining down". Flak was moderate and fairly inaccurate on the run.

b. Bombing Run: The group turned on the IP on course and started the bombing run. Because of almost solid undercast the run had been turned over to the "Mickey", after clutching in at 70°. However, the "Mickey" went out just before the target. As the 401st was following another group which was bombing in group formation it was decided to drop on its smoke bombs. Bombs were dropped when the indices met and checked with the smoke bombs. The high and low squadrons were to drop on the group leader and this was accomplished satisfactorily. There were a few small holes in the clouds but the target city was not visible.

c. Flight from Target: As briefed, except we let down 500' off the target to increase our speed and that we flew a little south of course when we were near the Rhine as several groups were flying abreast of us. We let down to 10,000' after crossing the "front line". Camera ships were sent home at mid channel.

d. Return to Base: Over the channel we let down on course through a big break to 2000'. The squadrons separated and proceeded individually. All ships landed safely at home base with no casualties.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

- e. Weather: Weather over continent varied from 9/10ths plus to 10/10ths, strata-cumulus clouds, tops approximately 8,000', with no middle in clouds. Visibility, horizontally, was unrestricted. The same conditions prevailed over the target.
- f. Fighter Support: Fighter support was excellent to superior.
- g. Comments on Formation: The formations flown on this mission were the best the group has flown in a good many missions. The squadron leaders did an exceptionally good job and all pilots were praiseworthy of the formation throughout the entire mission.
- h. Conclusions and Recommendations: Stacking the groups and "Ganging up" over the target certainly splits the flak coverage. When this plan works by all groups making good their respective time for bombs away flak losses at bombs away should be kept to a minimum.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking: All scheduled aircraft attacked.

6. Enemy Opposition: No air opposition. (see Flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage:

<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
1	10	11

8. Casualties: None.

9. Statistical Summary of Operations: (see attached form)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations: Results were unobserved. The target city was not visible, but glimpses of the surrounding area indicated that the bomb-fall was well within the city. There were a larger number of fires burning before and after bombs away.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron: All the 12 A/C E.E.T. bombed the target dropping 397 x GP's and 21 IB's. Two A/C had release troubles, one returned 7 GP's and 2 IB's and the other jettisoned 4 GP's and 1 IB'. The spare returned 34 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Concl'd)

Low Squadron: All of the 12 A/C E.E.T. bombed the target, dropping 406 GP'S and 24 IB's. The spare returned 34 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

High Squadron: All of the 12 A/C E.E.T. bombed the target, dropping 405 GP's and 24 IB's. The spare returned 34 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombs-ing	Num-ber	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	36	36	(1208 (69	100# 500#	M30 M17	- M127	1/40 -
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			(1208 (69	100# 500#	M30 M17	- M127	1/40 -
Other Expenditures			(4 (1	100# 500#	M30 M17	- M127	1/40 -
Bombs Returned			(109 (8	100# 500#	M30 M17	- M127	1/40 -
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			1321 78	100# 500#	M30 M17	- M127	1/40 -

11. Lost Aircraft: None.

Submitted By:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group

1st BD F. O. 523

Date of 17 Oct 1944

	LEAD		HIGH		LOW	
		PPF - GH		PPF - GH		PPF
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	12	1	12	1	12	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	11	1	11	1	11	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	11	1	11	1	11	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	11	1	11	1	11	1
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	0	0	0	0	0	0
(a) Early Returns Included						
7. Name of Primary Target	COLOGNE (Visual)					
(a) No of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of bombs						
8. Name of Secondary Target	COLOGNE (PPF)					
(a) No of A/C Attacking	11	1	11	1	11	1
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	365 100# M30 19 500#M17	32 100#M30 2 500#M17	373 100#M30 22 500#M17	32 100# M30 2 500#M17	373 100# M30 22 500# M17	33 100#M30 2 500#M17
9. Name of Last Resort Target						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs						
10. Name of Target of Opportunity						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size, & type of Bombs						
11. Name of Target Opportunity						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of Bomb						
12. No of A/C Lost - TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. -- to Flak						
14. -- to Flak & E/A						
15. -- to Enemy A/C						
16. -- to Accident						
17. -- to Unknown						

STAT SUMMARY (Cont'd)

	LEAD	HIGH	LOW
18. Time of Takeoff	0615	0620	0620
19. Time of Attack	0929	0929	0929
20. Average Time of Flight	6.3	6.7	6.7
21. Altitude of Release	25,400	26,835	24,735
22. Visual or PFF	PFF	PFF	PFF
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int.&ACC	Meager to Mod Trace to Acc	Meager to Mod Trace to Acc	Meager to Mod Trace to Acc
24. - Fighters	-	-	-
25. - Bombers	-	-	-
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-	-	-
27. Degree of Success	UNOBS.	UNOBS	UNOBS

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows: **None**

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows: **None**

NOTES:

Combat Flight Leader CAPTAIN LEWIS Date 17 Oct

Deputy Flight Leader LT BAKER

615 SQDN

- 612 SC JABWOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFCLUB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

401st Gp Lead Sqdn on T/O,
Cruise, and Over Target.

HEENAN (LEWIS)

947

MC KAY

169

BAKER

607

615 SQDN

SULLIVAN

115

612 SQDN

AIKEN

938

SOMBART

730

DOW

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COX

662

CROMER

733

STEGEMANN

125

GRIMM

674

GALLAWAY

983

SPARES

COOPER

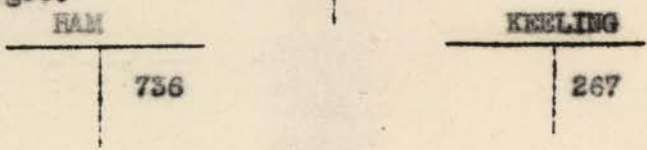
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Combat Flight Leader LT FOWLER Date 17 Oct

Deputy Flight Leader LT KEELING

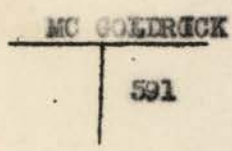
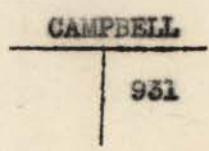
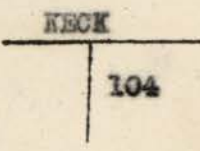
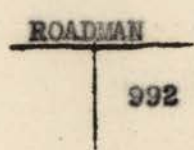
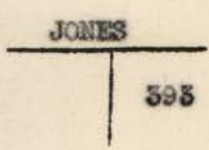
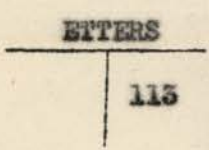
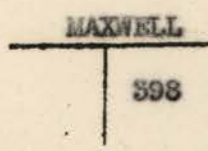
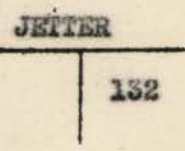
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GUSHEMAN (FOWLER)
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

401st Gp Low Sqdn on T/O,
cruise, and Over Target.

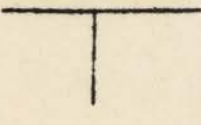
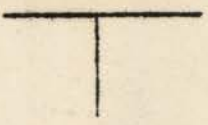
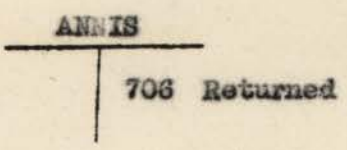


613 SQDN

612 SQDN



SPARES



Combat Flight Leader CAPTAIN CARROLL Date 17 Oct

Deputy Flight Leader LT BROWN

614 SQDN

- 612 SC JABWOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFCLUB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

401st Gp High Sqdn on T/S,
Cruise, and Over Target.

CARROLL

258

SPUHLER

738

BROWN

565

614 SQDN

RUNDELL

659

612 SQDN

GIBSON

506

MORAN

677

HUBBELL

395

BONNEY

790

HARLAN

637

MAYS

602

WITTMAN

464

GROZIER

478

SPARES

SISSON

508 Returned

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

17 October

1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative

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

1. Flight plan, Log, and Track Chart Attached.

2. Narrative:

a. T/O at 0615 hours; Land at 1238 hours.

b. Group formed at 0731 hours at 11,000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0731 hours at 11,000 feet.

d. Began climb at 0746 hours; reached alt. at 0912 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 6 / 10th - Visibility 3 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 300 degrees, 58 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Gee, Pilotage

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee, PFF

h. Joined task force at 0818 hrs. at Clacton
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 0818 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0839 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 0909 hrs.

(2) Coming back _____ hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 280 degrees, 50 Knots.

(2) Determined by Gee, PFF, Metro
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications:

(1) Reached IP at 0916 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 4 37 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 25,500 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 0929 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target.

PFF

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 50-18 N. 05-32 E.

(2) Obtained at 1036 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.
PFF out over target

Lead - Bombs Away 0929, M.H. 4, 25,500'.
COMMENTS: Low - Bombs Away 0929, M.H. 16, 24,500'.
High - Bombs Away 0929, M.H. 17, 25,800'.

/s/ James M. Kane
JAMES M. KANE

1st Lt. A. C.
SIGNATURE Lead Nav., Lead Sq.

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b. Group formed at 0736 hours at 10,000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0736 hours at 10,000 feet.

d. Began climb at 0748 hours; reached alt. at 0918 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 4 / 10th - Visability 10 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 305 degrees, 55 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage, Gee.

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee

h. Joined task force at 0758 hrs. at East Drereham
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 0818 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0839 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 0904 hrs.

(2) Coming back 0936 hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 305 degrees, 55 Knots.

(2) Determined by Gee
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

(1) Reached IP at 0918 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 16 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 24,500 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 0928 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target.

PFF

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 50-37 N. 05-08 E.

(2) Obtained at 0904 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

None

COMMENTS:

/s/ W. E. Anderson

W. E. ANDERSON

1st Lt., A. C.

SIGNATURE

Lead Copy, Low Box

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b. Group formed at 0737 hours at 11,000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0737 hours at 11,000 feet.

d. Began climb at 0746 hours; reached alt. at 0906 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 4 / 10th - Visability 9 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 275 degrees, 30 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Gee, D. R.

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee, Double drift

h. Joined task force at 0817 hrs. at Clacton
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 0817 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0838 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 0856 hrs.

(2) Coming back _____ hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) PFF On lead degrees, _____ Knots.

(2) Determined by _____
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

(1) Reached IP at 0918 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 17 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 26,100 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 0923 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target.

PFF

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 51-13 N. 05-31 E.

(2) Obtained at 1026 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

None

COMMENTS:

/s/ P. F. Kaiser
P. F. KAISER
1st Lt., A. C.

SIGNATURE Lead Nav., High Sq.

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A. S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E. T. A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0731		296/30			Group formed										
0735		68	45		Depart pt. X, 5 mi. S-W		11000								
0746					Pt. B, on time, 4 mi. E.		11000								
0757			180		Turning pt. 52-43N 01-00E		13000	159			175	55	19	0826	
0758		267/25			Pt. D, 2 mi E, behind 351st										
0804			184		381 behind us										
0806		276/52	181												
0811			183				15000	165							
0813					7 mi. S. C. P. 1		16000	168			168	22	8	0821	
0818							17000								
0827			113				18000	174			228	43	12	0839	
0834	111	284/52	112				19000	177		27	7	232			
0839	105	296/60	105		CP 2, on course, on time		20000	180							
0842			102		Ghent 24 mi @ 82°										
0845		308/54	98		Ghent 15 mi @ 72		21000								
0849	104	-8	96		Ghent 8 mi @ 6°		22000	182		25	06	230	109	31	0910
0858			90		Louvain 15 mi @ 18°								37	09	0902
0907			101		Liege 4 mi @ 74°		25000								
0912	330	-13			Liege 20 mi @ 297		25000	198			210				
0916			20		I.P. kickey out		25500								
0929			357		BOMB AWAY, Primary		25000								0936
0931			104		12 mi. 280° to target		25000								
0936	147	A0	157		50-50N 07-38E						190	26	08	0944	
0941	186	A15	201		50-25N 08-00E						190	13	04	0945	
0945	274	A2	276		50-06N 08-00E										
0949	274		272		Weisbaden 15 mi @ 96°		24800				148				1015
0956					34 mi. @ 96°										
1001			300		Koblenz 33mi 26 mi @ 35°. Straight contrail										
1005			272		Black flak, low, moderate 50-06N 07-12E		24400				150	45	18	1025	
1009			282		Koblenz 40 mi @ 55°. Straight contrail dense, persistent										
1010			300				29000	198							
1014			290												
1015					45 mi @ 313, Liege					28			18	07	1022
1020					37 @ 326, Liege. Being laddown 50-08N 06-00E						145	52	19	1039	
1025			297		25 mi. S. of Verriers										
1039			302		01-48N 50-28E. Continue laddown		18000								
1121			295		Coast at Ostend		10000								1159
1146			302		50-49N 01-16E		2000								
1223					Base land										
1238															

TRACK CHART

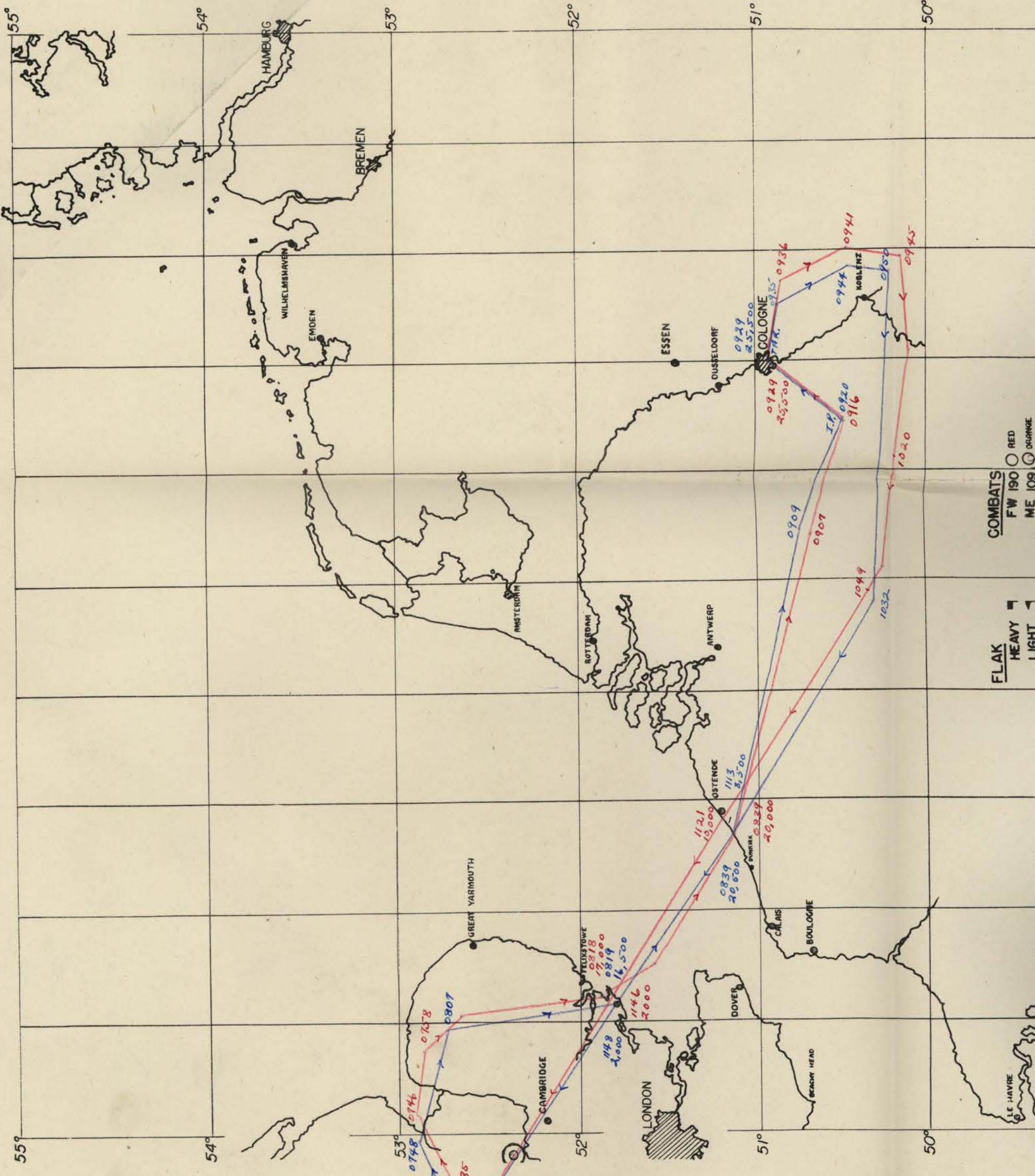
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Primary Cologne, Germany

Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

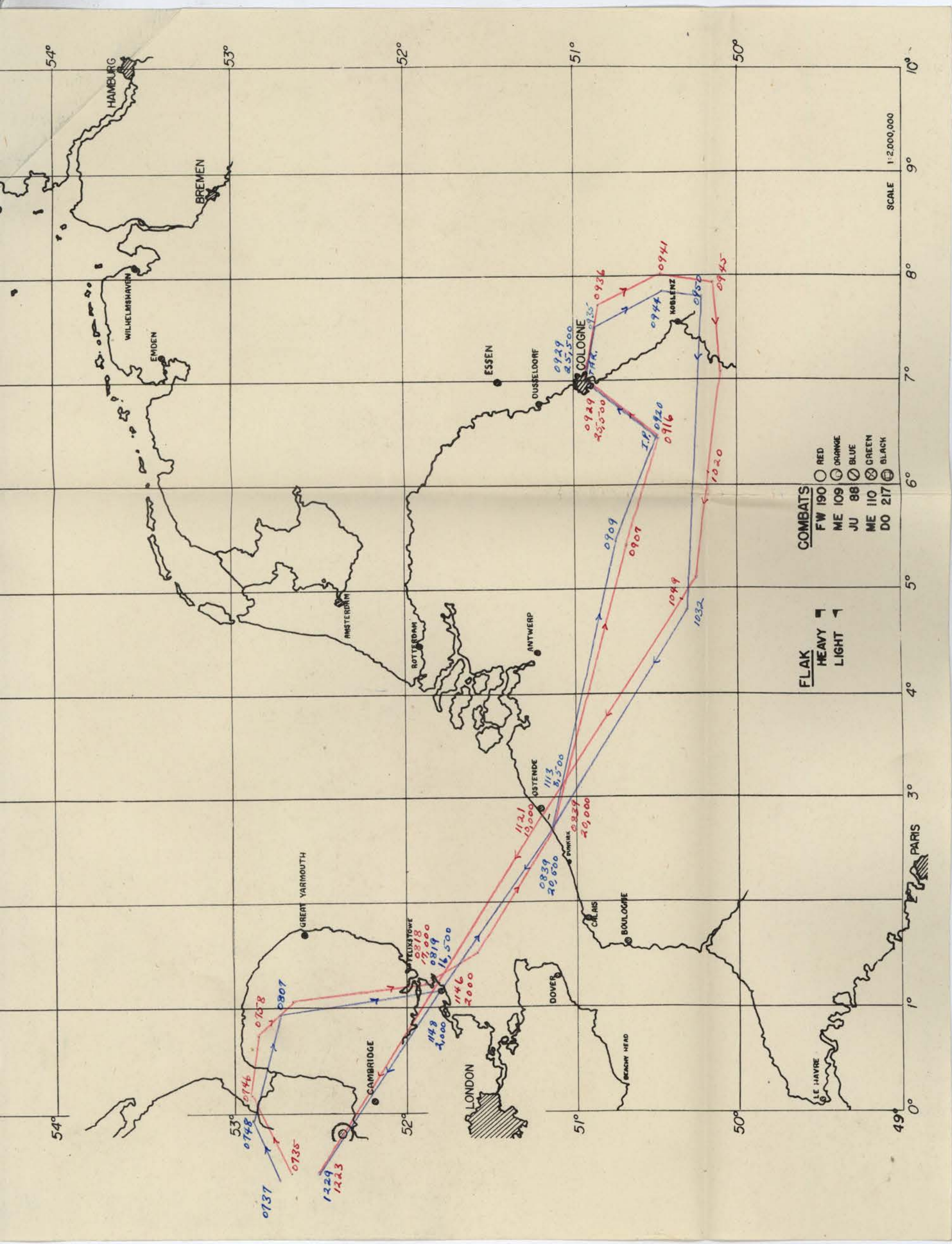
Route followed by Briefed Course
406-H, B.C.(H)

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FLAK
 HEAVY █
 LIGHT █

COMBATS
 FW 190 ○
 ME 109 ○



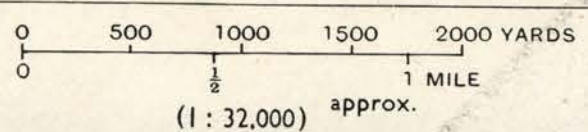
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KALK-NORD MARSHALLING
YARD

KÖLN or COLOGNE (Kalk)
(GERMANY)

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TYPE A

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W.D.A.G.FORM
 12 E. Modified
 1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. Brock DATE 17 Oct 1944
 PILOT Lt. Heenan. (Lewis) TAKE OFF 0615
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Kane AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th B Gp GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1238
 OBJECTIVE Cologne, Germany (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK _____
 _____ Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 100# M 30 GP FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL 1/40
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M 17 IB FUSING: NOSE M 127 TAIL _____
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 408 GP 24 IB RELEASED 397GP 21 IB
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: PF
 Altitude of Target 165 Temp Aloft: Metro -39 Actual -32
 True Altitude above target 25400 Mag Head, order 43 Actual 4
 Ind. Altitude 25500 True Heading 11
 Pressure alt of target 4446 Drift, Est 4 1/2 Actual 13 R
 Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 23 24
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range ----
 G.S. Est 270 Actual 242 B.S.Type M-9
 Wind Direc Metro 200 Actual 270 Time of Release 0929
 Wind Veloc. Metro 52 Actual 58 Intervalometer Setting 150ft
 D.S 119.9 Trail 50 ATF --- Length of Bombing Run 5min
 Tan. D.A. Est 53 Actual --- C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
 Mean Temp: Metro -12 Actual -7 Manual Pilot _____
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 150ft

W.D.A.G. FORM
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 1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Capt Hutson DATE 17 Oct 1944
 PILOT Capt Carrall TAKE OFF 0620
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Kaiser AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th B Gp GROUP 401st SQDN High LANDED 1302
 OBJECTIVE COLOGNE, GERMANY (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 13 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: ~~13~~
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 100# M 30 GP FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL 1/40
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M 17 IB FUSING: NOSE M 127 TAIL _____
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 405 GP 24 IB RELEASED 405 GP 24 IB
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: PTF
 Altitude of Target 165 Temp Aloft: Metro -39 Actual -30
 True Altitude above target 26835 Mag Head, order 43 Actual 17
 Ind. Altitude 26100 True Heading 24
 Pressure alt of target 4448 Drift, Est 4 1/2 L Actual ---
 Altimeter setting 29192 True Track ---
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range ---
 G.S. Est 270 Actual 279 B.S. Type M-9
 Wind Direc Metro 200 Actual 200 Time of Release 0927~~9~~
 Wind Veloc. Metro 52 Actual 52 Intervalometer Setting 150ft
 D.S. 119.9 Trail 46 ATF --- Length of Bombing Run 5min
 Tan. D.A. Est .58 Actual PTF C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
 Mean Temp: Metro -12 Actual -- Manual Pilot _____
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 150ft

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Communications Officer
 AAF Sta 128, APO 557

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Reference Field Order 523 .

17 OCTOBER 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 157 .

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), AAF Sta 128, APO 557.

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. VHF/DF Bearings:		5. Radio Beacons used:	
to 401st A/G	<u>∅</u>	Splashers	<u>3</u>
to other A/C	<u>∅</u>	Fixed Beacons	<u>∅</u>
2. HF/DF Bearings	<u>∅</u>	Bunchers	<u>35</u>
3. MF/DF Fixes	<u>∅</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>36</u>
4. Distress Action	<u>∅</u>	Maximum Fix	<u>4958N 0651E</u>

SECTION TWO - REPORTED EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

1. Liaison	<u>1</u>	5. Interphone	<u>1</u>
2. Command	<u>∅</u>	6. Gee	<u>∅</u>
3. VHF	<u>2</u>	7. IFF	<u>∅</u>
4. Compass	<u>1</u>	8. Others, H2X	<u>∅</u>

SECTION THREE - REMARKS

BROKEN SAFETIED VHF SWITCHES:

790 - CALLED LEADER

733 - FIGHTERS CALLED

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 Capt, Air Corps,
 Gp Comm O.

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401st

BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Cologne, Germany

Assigned 17 Oct 44
 Target: Cologne, Germany Date of Mission
 Bombed

I.P.

Route as Flown:- 0839 (5108-0244E) - 0907 (50430530E) - 0915 (5030-0630E) -
0929 (Target) - 0936 (5030-0738E) - 0941 (5025-0800E) - 0945 (5006-0800E) -
1120 (5108-0244E).

9/10-10/10 strata cumulus

Weather conditions: (a) At target
9/10-10/10 strata cumulus

(b) En route Unseen
 Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target . . Unseen.
No. (b) En route

Any condensation trails?

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

Meager to moderate, fair to good for altitude but scattered and ineffective.
Black and white bursts observed, tracking fire. Exceptionally large black
burst of flak at target, reported to linger longer than usual.

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)

Encountered 1002 (5010-0712E) 25,000 ft. - Meager, good - black - tracking.
1020 (5013-0615E) 25,000 ft. - Meager - poor - black - 4 gun. Observed
in uncharted area.

Yes

Was CHAFF carried?
As briefed

How discharged?

Position of Group 94th "B" Group

Details:-

	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Axis of Withdrawal Bomb Run
Lead	12	3	0	0929	0929	25,500	4°M	110°M
High	12	2	0	0928½	0928½	25,800	17°M	127°M
Low	12	6	0	0928½	0928½	24,500	16°M	122°M
ls	36	11	0					

Comments - Phenomena:-

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

D-K-4

17 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 557, US Army. (Thru Lt. Col. W. T. Seawell.)

1. The following crews expressed their approval of the swarming method of bombing over target today. Permitted more A/C over target in less time and was believed to be responsible for confusing flak gunners and dispersing flak directed at this Group: Lt. George W. Sombart, P A/C 730; Lt. Roger G. Gibson, P A/C 6506; Lt. Roy E. Bonney, P A/C 7790; P/O Paul F. Wittman, P A/C 464; Lt. Hal C. Mays, P A/C 602; Lt. Robert E. Moran, P A/C 677; Lt. Francis E. Rundell, P A/C 659; Lt. Arthur C. Jetter, P A/C 6132; Lt. Charles P. Keeling, P A/C 267; Lt. Raymond H. Hillestad, P A/C 009.
2. Lt. Eldon R. Child, CP A/C 458, said that A/C 662 dropped bombs over the Squadron below on return. This happened over the channel, the bombs falling through the Squadron below, which was unidentified.
3. Lt. Richard S. Rubbell, P A/C 395, claims that Lead A/C of Low Element flew to high and to close to Lead Element.
4. Lt. Joseph P. Nash, N A/C 6113, states that bombardier folders are left in places where target can be given away before take-off.
5. Lt. Robert B. Campbell, P A/C 7931, says landing formation was poor and takes too long to land.

W. B. FRY,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2 Officer.

BRIEFING NOTES (18~~7~~ October 19~~4~~)

TARGET: Again your efforts are directed toward the all-important transportation facilities which are at present contributing greatly in sending the vital supplies to the German Armies on the Western Front, particularly Southern Holland and the Aachen area. Today's Intelligence Annex indicates that although quite heavy damage was inflicted in the built up area of the Target City very slight damage only was inflicted on the Marshalling Yardx.

The Group is to split up at the I.P. and ~~xxx~~ each Squadron will be bombing a different Marshalling Yard if the Bombing is Visual. These three Yards are also being attacked by other outfits as well.

We don't have to tell you how important this or these targets are. Good bombing and good formations ~~xxx~~ will possibly eliminate a return trip as well.

SECONDARY: Pff on the same MPI that is assigned to the Lead Squadron for Visual bombing. All three Squadrons will bomb this. Don't think that your bombs are wasted if they hit in the built up area. That will be just that much City that the Ground Forces will not have to reduce to rubble in their process of ousting the Germans and naturally would expedite their advances.

LAST RESORT: Again you have the Airfield (landing ground) on your route out. This target was undergoing further construction in ~~September~~^{May} with barracks, Hangars and extension of the landing ground on both ends of the field being made. Possible Jet based aircraft here.

FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES: 3rd BD leads 1st BD on same route to attack with 12 Groups of bombers at same place--their target two Marshalling Yards.

2nd Bd follows 1st with 12 Gps of bombers going to same area (north part of city) to bomb a Motor Transport Works making lorries, etc for the Germans and an Oil Refinery.

For the rest of the 1st Division there will be ~~xxxx~~ 11 other Groups along with ours, a total of 4 Gps each attacking the same M/Ys as we do.

FIGHTERS AND ROUTE:

4 Groups of P51's to give close support from

EPISCOPE: Flak Route---Intense at Target, split up should disrupt enemy.

LEAD BOMBARDIER

LMI: None received.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:.

P/W----

K-20 reminder and 16 MM reminder

Read letter on Skymarker bombs.

Read letter on bombs leaving with arming wires remaining attached.

Empty Pockets, carry escape kit, and G.I. shoes, etc.

DON'T MENTION TARGET ANYWHERE ANYPLACE(

ETR --- 12/16

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

17 OCT. 1944

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PLANE NO.	DUTY	L-C-A-D-I-N-G		L-I-S-T	
		RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-37706	P	2nd Lt.	ANNIS	ROMIE	A.
	CP	2nd Lt.	CLARK	FORREST	E.
	N	2nd Lt.	MADDEN	BERNARD	J.
	B	2nd Lt.	JENSEN	JIM	B.
	RO	SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	L.
	TT	SGT.	CORLISS	JOHN	M.
	BT	S/SGT.	LEE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	SGT.	JOHNSON	LESLIE	C.
	WG	SGT.	BROOKS	GEORGE	E.
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42-97931	P	2nd Lt.	CAMPBELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	RANDLE	RICHARD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HURLEY	JIM	D.
	B	2nd Lt.	ISHAM	LAWRENCE	B.
	RO	S/SGT.	CHALUPENSKI	NINCENT	M.
	TT	SGT.	JUSTICE	ANDREW	C.
	BT	SGT.	BOSTIAN	AUDREY	I.
	TG	SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
	WG	SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.
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42-102009	P	2nd Lt.	HILLESTAD	RAYMOND	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	KRICH	JOHN	H.
	N	2nd Lt.	CAMPBELL	FREDERICK	L.
	B	SGT.	MONTOYA	CHRIS	A.
	RO	SGT.	KRIZ	RAYMOND	E.
	TT	SGT.	DRYDEN	JAMES	B. JR.
	BT	SGT.	ANDREN	ROBERT	M.
	TG	S/SGT.	FISHBEIN	HAROLD	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	DI CIGCO	PATSY	C.
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42-31591	P	2nd Lt.	Mc GOLDRICK	JOHN	W.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MILLER	HENRY	C.
	N	2nd Lt.	LEWIS	LESTER	G.
	B	SGT.	LINDSAY	JONES	R.
	RO	SGT.	BECK	GERALD	L.
	TT	SGT.	SHELDON (SHELDON)	JONES	F.
	BT	SGT.	CHUMANN	JONES	R.
	TG	SGT.	ST. LEDGER	ROBERT	E.
	WG	SGT.	IUCA	RUDOLPH	C.
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44-6113	P	1st Lt.	ETTERS	ROY	C.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MISENHEIMER	IRA	W. JR.
	N	1st Lt.	NASH	JOSEPH	P.
	B	1st Lt.	ANDREU	ROBERT	A.
	RO	T/SGT.	SCOLL	EMANUEL	T.
	TT	T/SGT.	Mc GEE	EDWARD	T.
	BT	S/SGT.	MAES	BERT JR.	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	WOOD	FREDERICK	A.
	WG	S/SGT.	HICKINS	GARTH	N.
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44-6104

P	2nd Lt.	KECK	ROBERT	J.
CP	2nd Lt.	ISTEL	LAWRENCE	A.
N	F/O	FREEMAN	HOLLIS	W. JR.
B	F/O	SHEPARD	SAMUEL	(NMI)
RO	SGT.	ENGLER	RICHARD	H.
TT	SGT.	STOEGER	LEONARD	V.
BT	SGT.	NORN	ELWOOD	W.
TG	SGT.	FIALKOWSKI	EDWARD	(NMI)
WG	SGT.	NACHTIGAL	FRED	C.

44-6132

P	1st Lt.	JETTER	ARTHUR	C.
CP	2nd Lt.	Mc LEOD	REGINALD	L.
B N	1st Lt.	HIRSH	HARRY	(NMI)
B	S/SGT.	FETTERS	WILLIAM	J.
RO	T/SGT.	SHERMAN	LEO	(NMI)
TT	T/SGT.	NELSON	RICHARD	D.
BT	S/SGT.	KNAPP	MARTIN	F.
TG	S/SGT.	BAIER	JOHN	J.
WG	S/SGT.	ROBERSON	ROBERT	E.

42-38267

P	1st Lt.	KEELING	CHARLES	P.
CP	2nd Lt.	DONALSON	JEFF	N.
N	2nd Lt.	RUSH	JAMES	M.
B	2nd Lt.	SCANLON	WILLIAM	M.
RO	T/SGT.	KNOX	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	LUCHFELD	MARVIN	E.
BT	S/SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.
TG	S/SGT.	MOORE	WAVENLY	M.
WG	S/SGT.	PAPAZIAN	STEPHEN	A.

43-38607

P	1st Lt.	BAKER	KAY	A.
CP	2nd Lt.	SWISHER	HAROLD	P.
N	2nd Lt.	KORETSKY	HARRY	(NMI)
B	2nd Lt.	MOORE	CARLTON	R.
RO	T/SGT.	YORIC	FRANCIS	P.
TT	T/SGT.	BACCHUS	GEORGE	B.
BT	S/SGT.	CLOYD	SHIRLEY	E.
TG	S/SGT.	SLATER	HAROLD	H.
WG	S/SGT.	MORRISON	JULIUS	J.

615th Sq.

42-38600

P	1st Lt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.
CP	1st Lt.	FOWLER	RUSSELL	M.
N	2nd Lt.	PETERSON	GEORGE	E.
B	CAPT.	FESMIRE	DURWARD	W.
N	1st Lt.	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	B.
RO	T/SGT.	SCHLAEGEL	OTTO	N.
TT	SGT.	SEBLEY	EARL	W.
TG	S/SGT.	QUIST (QUIST)	HAROLD	(NMI)
WG	S/SGT.	HOPE	WILLIAM JR.	(NMI)

43-37736

P
CP
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B
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TT
BT
TG
WG

1st Lt.
2nd Lt.
1st Lt.
S/SGT.
T/SGT.
S/SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.

HAM
GLAXTON
GUTTMANN
NEWBY
LE FLEUR
ROWE
MERRIMAN
Mac GOWAN
ANDERSON

PORTER
HERBERT
HENRY
CLIFFORD
BELMORE
ROBERT
JAY
BATES
WAYNE

R.
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612th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

17 October 1944.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO 567, AAF Sta. 128.
 SUBJECT : Loading List.

Plane 42-51662

P	Cox, Walter E.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Admanson, Glenn R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Ankrom, Lowell J.	Sgt.	"
RO	Hill, Robert H.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Warren, Emmett E.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Pope, LeRoy G.	Sgt.	"
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	Sgt.	"
FG	Dunn, Dale D.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-106992

P	Roadman, Julian A.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Compton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Knuess, Ralph H.	P/O	"
B	Whitlock, James P.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Elchisak, Alfred	Sgt.	"
TTG	Landers, John A.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Hall, Eugene H.	Sgt.	"
TG	Wood, Donald S.	Sgt.	"
FG	Hill, Earle R. Jr.	Sgt.	"

Plane 44-8506

P	Gibson, Roger G.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Tompkins, David G.	1st Lt.	"
N	Brand, George G.	1st Lt.	"
B	Kenlar, Arden G.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Heikkinen, Carl R.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Williamson, Joseph R.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Roethler, Roland V.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	King, Francis E. Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
FG	Phelps, Burwood W.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-103393

P	Jones, Dale G.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Slapak, Stanley J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Wishnoff, Aaron (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Milhone, Robert J.	Sgt.	"
RO	Madrzyk, Chester P.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Serafino, Ernest H.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Rogers, Charles G.	Sgt.	"
TG	Watters, Kenneth O.	Sgt.	"
FG	XXXXXXXXXX	S/Sgt.	"

GRUCHAWKA, JOHN

Plane 42-102308

P	Maxwell, Charles T.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McLeod, Lucien P.	2nd Lt.	"
H	Billman, James E.	2nd Lt.	"
B	O'Brien, Eugene B.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Searcy, Marion E.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Thomas, Robert L.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Doogan, Arthur J. Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Welborn, Luther B.	S/Sgt.	"
FG	Bunn, Charles T.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 43-37938

P	Aiken, Charles H.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Hanford, Charles J. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
H	Osborne, Charles R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Benton, David (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Barrow, John D.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Peterson, Harry A.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Gaal, Ernest H.	Sgt.	"
TG	Laabeth, Benson W.	Sgt.	"
FG	Potter, Edward J. Jr.	Sgt.	"

Plane 43-37790

P	Bonney, Roy H.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Jolley, Edward R.	1st Lt.	"
H	Glsen, John B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Wilde, Earle R.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Pettings, Paul S.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Lenzen, Ben (NMI)	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Peters, Winfield H.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Souder, William M.	S/Sgt.	"
FG	Dill, Donald D.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 43-38637

P	Harlan, Thomas J. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Thorne, Walter W.	2nd Lt.	"
H	Reese, Victor B.	1st Lt.	"
B	Folkerts, Arthur (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Robinson, Paul D.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Lee, Reed L.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Smith, Floyd G.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Munford, John V.	S/Sgt.	"
FG	Zaragoza, Albert R.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 43-38733

P	Cromer, Joseph L.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Kleppe, Fred H.	1st Lt.	"
H	Phillips, Michael T.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Walchoff, Jack G.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Goodman, Martin B.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Stott, Douglas W.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Coffin, Robert J. Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Clark, Eugene F.	S/Sgt.	"
FG	Villagio, Vincent W.	S/Sgt.	"

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

AAF Station # 128
 APO # 557
 17 October 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. Following is the loading list for today's mission.

PLANE 44-8258

P	Captain	CARROLL, TED D.	614th Sq
CP	1st Lt.	LEASER, FREDERICK G.	"
N	1st Lt.	KAISER, PAUL F.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESBACH, JOHN T.	"
B	Captain	HUTSON, WAYMAN T.	612th Sq
RO	T/Sgt.	Curtin, John W.	614th Sq
TT	T/Sgt.	Leuenberger, Arnold J.	"
TG	T/Sgt.	Campbell, Clarence L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Mell, Jack R.	"

PLANE 43-38565

P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	MUSZALSKI, JOSEPH F.	"
N	2nd Lt.	BROWN, JOHN D.	"
B	2nd Lt.	SCHIEFER, WILLIAM F.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Arellano, Garciano J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Hoffman, Leon W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wells, Cleburna D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ellis, James	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Martin, Norman D.	"

PLANE 43-38738

P	2nd Lt.	SPUHLER, EDWIN H.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	CURRENT, DONALD D.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Mc Adams, ROBERT C.	"
B	2nd Lt.	OSTER, LEWIS H.	"
RO	Cpl.	Hendrick, William J.	"
TT	Cpl.	Wells, Richard D.	"
BT	Cpl.	Benedict, Cloide Jr.	"
TG	Cpl.	Hughes, James E.	"
WG	Cpl.	Power, James E.	"

PLANE 42-102659

P	1st Lt.	RUNDELL, FRANCIS E.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	JOHNSON, RAYMOND E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CHAMPAGNE, RENE P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	SHEARER, WILLIAM M. JR.	"
RO	Sgt.	Trojanowski, Arthur J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Mears, Harold B.	"
BT	Sgt.	Smith, William F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Ice, Robert E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Huffman, James J.	"

Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 42-97395

P	1st Lt.	HUBBELL, RICHARD S.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	GOULET, AMBROSE F.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MOORE, GEORGE J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FLIEG, STALEY W.	2
RO	Sgt.	Pool, Clyde W.	"
TT	Sgt.	Ross, Richard D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Revette, John L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Bell, W. S.	"
WG	Sgt.	Harris, John C.	"

PLANE 43-38677

P	2nd Lt.	MORAN, ROBERT E.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	WILLMAN, SILAS H.	"
N	1st Lt.	LE BLANC, JOHN S.	"
OTG	XXXX Sgt.	Miller, James J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Brown, Arnold F.	"
TT	Sgt.	Stromberg, Warren B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	James, Harold L. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Clark, Charles B.	"
WG	Sgt.	Detty, Hibert J. Jr.	"

PLANE 42-97602

P	1st Lt.	MAYS, HAL C.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTON, HERMAN	"
N	2nd Lt.	KOSKI, MATTHEW P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	SCHAEFER, ROBERT L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bayes, Willie J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Gay, Clifford E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cole, William I.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Monacella, Joseph L. Jr.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Wilson, Billy J.	"

PLANE 42-97478

P	1st Lt.	GROZIER, JOHN C.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	WEBER, MORRIS	"
N	2nd Lt.	POLSTER, IRVING	"
B	2nd Lt.	WHITING, RICHARD L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hapner, Clayton	"
TT	Cpl.	Ligon, James E.	"
BT	Cpl.	Mc Cormick, Edson C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kitts, Keith D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Merrill, Richard E.	"

PLANE 44-6464

P	F/O	WITTMAN, PAUL F.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	HOSLEY, ROBERT A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SCHNEIDER, JAMES M.	"
B	2nd Lt.	O'HERN, MELVIN C.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Russell, James R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Collett, John E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Reynolds, William H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Schwiederek, John J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Healy, John L.	"

Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 44-6508

P	1st Lt.	SISSON, NORMAN L.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	HOEMANN, EUGENE E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CROSSEN, LAVERN	"
B	2nd Lt.	PICKER, NATHAN	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Haluck, Andrew S.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Carter, Peter J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stevens, Calvin J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Ritchie, Francis T.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Kosiba, Frank T.	"

CP	2nd Lt.	CLAXTON, HERBERT W. flying with 613th Sq
RO	T/Sgt.	Le Fleur, Delmore H. flying with 613th Sq

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHUFF,
 CAPT., Air Corps,
 Actg Opns Officer.

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

17 October 1944

SUBJECT: Leading list.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), Sta - 128 - APO - 557.

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

PLANE # 42-102874

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Grinn	William	F.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	2nd Lt.	McMullen	Willard	G.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Burns	Raymond	G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	Pfc.	Matts	Dudley	F.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	Sgt.	Duko	William	M.	"

PLANE # 42-31933

P	1st Lt.	Callaway	Robert	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Lawson	Robert	B.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Griffin	Warren	S.	"
B B/X	S/Sgt.	Peltz	Chester	C.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Dodson	James	C.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Southerland	James	C.	"
BT	Sgt.	Altieri	Alfonso	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Roberts	James	D.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Trendelman	Frederick	S.	"

PLANE # 43-38125

P	1st Lt.	Stegemann	Charles	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Walter	Albert	C.	"
N	F/O	McCaslin	Glayton	W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Schultz	John	J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	McKeena	Joseph	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Mais	John	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Tasburine	Joseph	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Naer	Martin	C.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"

PLANE # 44-6146

P	1st Lt.	Cooper	Louis	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Spansel	Kaye	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Ellis	George	O.	"
B	2nd Lt.	D'Agostini	Benedict	R.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Sherrill	Bascom	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Sexton	Myron	W.	"
BT	Pfc.	Maroncelli	Harry	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence	Ralph	I.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Gue	Charles	M.	"

Loading list. (Cont'd)

PLANE # 43-37947 PFF 612th

P	1st Lt.	Heenan	William	M.	615th
CP	Captain	Hewis	Clyde	A.	"
N	1st Lt.	Kane	James	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	Fishbeck	Howard	D.	612th
Ms	1st Lt.	Chaffey	Charles	G.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Brock	Russell	B.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Spiglanin	John	V.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Loper	Cloyd	E.	"
TG	F/O	EMIL Callahan	Raymond	J.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Ollila	Raymond	J.	"
0	MAJ.	DE JONCKHEERE	ERIC	T.	613

PLANE # 43-39159

P	2nd Lt.	McKay	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hecker	Robert	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"
BT	T/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
FG	Sgt.	Gannizzaro	Ralph	J.	"

PLANE # 43-38458

P	1st Lt.	Bow	Herbert	V.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Ghild	Eldon	R.	"
N	1st Lt.	King	Robert	J.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Machasick	Alfred	(NMI)	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Garr	Gene	(NMI)	"
TT	M/Sgt.	Adams	Leroy	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Macchietto	Richard	D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sokolowski	Edward	A.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Greenberg	Harold	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42431730

P	2nd Lt.	Sombart	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Shapiro	Leo	(NMI)	"
N	F/O	Miley	Junior	B.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Mrozek	Chester	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Andrews	Leroy	E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Smith	Elmer	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Blodgett	Clifford	W.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dailley	J. (io)	B.	"
FG	Sgt.	Livesey	Lowell	G.	"

PLANE # 42-107115

P	1st Lt.	Sullivan	Paul	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cox	Edward	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Sassaman	James	R.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Ramsey	John	R.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Brown	George	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Raciti	Anthony	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Daley	John	P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Stora	James	L.	"
FG	Sgt.	Cross	William	L.	"

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