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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL DAY

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ASSIGNMENT

- 1. Assigned Target: MERSEBURG, GERMANY
- 2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the 94th "A" Group for Division Lead, together with 94th "C" Squadron which operated as a Screening Force. Two PFF A/C were included in the lead squadron, one in each of the other two squadrons and also <sup>2 PFF's</sup> the Screening Force. A spare accompanied each formation.

EXECUTION

- 1. Target Bombed: MERSEBURG, GERMANY
- 2. a. Division and Gp Leader: Lt. Col. B. K. VOORHEES (Cushman)
  - Lead Navigator: Capt. W. B. ANDERSON (Strong-"Mickey")
  - Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. W. M. FOLKS
  - Lead Bombardier: Capt. D. W. FESMIRE
- b. Low Squadron Leader: Capt. W. S. HARB (Schaunaman)
  - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. R. E. PURRIER (Howard-"Mickey")
  - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. K. E. SANDOE
- c. High Squadron Leader: Capt. P. E. CAMPBELL
  - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. E. F. WHITNEY (Walters-"Mickey")
  - Lead Bombardier: Capt. H. B. ARNOLD
- d. Screening Force Leader: Capt. J. R. LOCHER (Brown)
  - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. P. BROWN (Dresbach-"Mickey")
  - Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. F. W. RICKS
  - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. F. SCHIEFER



MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was normal and without incident. One aircraft in the low box failed to take off.

b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Squadron and Group assemblies over the Cottesmore buncher were very good and the formation departed the buncher on time and on course.

c. Route Over England:

All control points over England were made as briefed and the formation headed for Clacton. As the coast was departed on course the Division seemed to be falling in behind in a satisfactory fashion. One 3rd Division Group (Square P) flew through the formation before CP #1 for no apparent reason and caused part of formation to get into prop-wash, however, group left coast as briefed.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

The flight to the target was as briefed, no unusual circumstances were experienced. Visual contact was maintained with the following two groups. The 41st CBW caught up after being behind for awhile. East of Hannover the weather became 10/10ths hence a PFF run was set up.

b. Bombing Run:

Going into the target it was evident that the pathfinder technique would be used to drop the bombs. The turn into the target from the IP was as briefed with the squadrons staying in group formation. The Mickey Operator was getting excellent returns from the target. The data in the bombsight checked all the way down the bomb run with the Mickey readings. Bombs were salvoed as indices met at 1152. The leads of the other two squadrons salvoed on group lead with the balance of the formation dropping with 50' intervalometer setting. The run was made using the C-1 pilot. No interference was experienced.

c. Flight From Target:

The turn from the target was as briefed and the Division continued out in normal fashion. No flak was encountered other than in the target area. Letdown was started over Holland and Cromer was passed at the briefed 2000' altitude.

d. Return to Base:

Formations proceeded to base, arriving a little late because of strong winds encountered over the channel. All ships landed safely with no casualties.

e. Weather:

(see next page)



MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (cont)

4. e. Weather:

Weather was described as 8/10ths low undercast until Hannover area was reached, becoming 10/10ths undercast east of Hannover and in target area.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter Support was excellent.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formation was generally good, and interval behind division lead seemed to be as briefed.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Information received from "Buckey Blue" and "Red" was correct and helpful. The H2X equipment in all PFF A/C and Screening Force operated satisfactorily.

i. Screening Force:

94th "C" Squadron Screening Force flew the exact briefed route, opened formation and discharged chaff as briefed at the extreme edge of the envelope of fire at the target area. Crews observed that chaff seemed to be effective, and screening force tacked on Division column as briefed and proceeded to base without incident.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Low Squadron: A/C 42-106992 - Not Sortie. Returned early due to external supply line to prop governor being broken.

High Squadron: A/C 42-31485 - Not Sortie. Returned early when pilot claimed #4 manifold pressure was lagging. Flight check revealed no malfunction.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition was seen or encountered. (See Flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage:

<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
3	28	31

8. Casualties:

None.

9. Statistical Summary of Operations (See attached form)



MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Due to complete undercast, results were unobserved. A good PFF run was made and results are thought to be good.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

**Lead Squadron:** Of the 12 scheduled A/C E.E.T., eleven bombed the secondary target, dropping 218 X 250# M57 bombs. A/C 6132 encountering release trouble attacked an unknown target of opportunity at 5123-1150E. The spare returned 20 bombs to base.

**Low Squadron:** Of the 12 scheduled A/C eleven penetrated enemy territory and dropped 416 X M1A1 Frags on the secondary. Aborting A/C 992 returned 24 bombs to base.

**High Squadron:** Of the 12 scheduled A/C eleven penetrated enemy territory attacking the secondary with 219 X 250# M57 bombs. Aborting A/C 485 jettisoned 20 bombs in the channel. The spare returned 12 bombs to base.

**Screening Force:** Of the 12 A/C E.E.T. all dropped the briefed amount of chaff on target. The spare returned to base with its load.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs			
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail
Main Bombfall	34*	33	(437 (417	250# 100#	M17 M1A1	1/10 1/40 - -
Other Attacks (Unknown T. of O.)	(1)	1	20	250#	M17	1/10 1/40
Total Bombs on Targets			(457 (417	250# 100#	M17 M1A1	1/10 1/40 - -
Other Expenditures			20**	250#	M17	1/10 1/40
Bombs Returned			( 32 ( 24	250# 100#	M17 M1A1	1/10 1/40 - -
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			509 441	250# 100#	M17 M1A1	1/10 1/40 - -

\* Does not incl Screening Force.

\*\* Long delay fuses.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted By:

KEN W. DAUBLE  
Captain, Air Corps  
Statistical Officer



LEAD SQDN "A" Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: lt col voorhees Date: 6 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

401st at T/O, Cruise.

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

GUSHMAN

454

ANNIS

7706

MC GOLDRICK

449

SQDN

CARSON

588

SQDN

CAMPBELL

607

BRADLEY

318

DOUGLAS

780

TAUSIG

113

CAREY

132

HOPNEY

862

KELSO

791

CURRAN

072

SPARES

STELLE

2947 (ret early).



**LEAD SQDN "A"**

Combat Sq. Leader: COL VOORHEES Date: 6 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

**401 BOMB GP OVER TARGET**

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

CUSHMAN

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

454

ANNIS

MC GOLDRICK

706

449

SQDN

CARSON

SQDN

CAMPBELL

588

BRANDLEY

DOUGLAS

TAUSIG

607

CAREY

313

780

113

132

HOPLEY

882

KELSO

CURRAN

791

072

SPARES

LOW SQDN "A" Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT HARB Date: 8 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

401st at T/O, Cruise.

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

CAMPBELL 7947 CROMER

541 733

SQDN SQDN

SCIGIEMANN

790

FRENCH 506 LONG 637 RITTING 662 BODDIN 393

ROADMAN

039

HUNELL 680 BLOETSCHER 393

SPARES

MARTIN

992 (aborted)



LOW SQDN "A"

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT HARB Date: 6 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

401 Bomb Gp OVER TARGET

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

SCHAUNAMAN

7947

*Campbell*  
541

CROMER

733

SQDN

SQDN

LONG

SCHUEMANN

625

637

790

FRENCH

RITTING

BODDIN

506

662

398

ROADMAN

039

HUDNALL

ELOETSCHER

680

593

SPARES

HIGH SQDN "A" GP

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CAMPBELL Date: 6 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

401st at T/O and Cruise.

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

GRIMM, W.R.      636      HASKETT

779      077

SQDN      SQDN  
STEGEMAN      UDY

HANSEN      468      SOMBART      JONES      425      MALONEY

565      COOPER      730      012      485 (abort)

JORDAN      610      GRIMM, A.R.

551      664

SPARES  
CRACRAFT

125 (ret Early)



HIGH SQUADRON "A"

CAPT CAMPBELL

6 December 1944

Combat Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

401st Bomb Group  
over target.

SQDN

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

CAMPBELL

636

GRIMM

HASKETT

779

8077

SQDN

SQDN

STEGEMANN

UDY

468

425

HANSEN

SOMBART

JONES RS

565

730

012

COOPER

JORDAN

810

GRIMM

551

664

SPARES

SCREENING FORCE "C" SQDN

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT LOGHER Date: 6 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

*Taken* y  
401 BOMB GP OVER TARGET.

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

BROWN

033

SPUHLER

UTTER

8738

258

SQDN

SQDN

MORTON

SISSON

151

508

WHITE

RICHARDSON

KING

BABCOCK

464

677

951

891

CROZIER

478

THOMPSON

ST AUBYN

646

322

SPARES

*SQDN*  
146 (R.E.)



HEADQUARTERS  
FOUR HUNDRED FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Navigation Officer

Date 6/12/44

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Merseberg Germany .

TO : Commanding Officer, Four Hundred First Bombardment Group (H),  
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.
  - a. T/O at 0752 hours.
  - b. Group formed at 0900 hours on Cottesmore buncher  
at 8000 ft.
  - c. Wing assembly was completed at 0938 hours at 12000 .
  - d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.
  
  - e. Methods of Navigation over England.  
Gee and D.R.
  
  - f. Division formation was joined at 0945 hours at 12000 .
  - g. Flight to IP was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.
  
  
  - h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.  
Gee and D.R.
  
  
  - i. Bomb run.
    - (1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.
  
  
    - (2) True heading over target 93 .
    - (3) Actual Drift -4 .
    - (4) Altitude over Target 25,000 .
    - (5) Time Bombs Away 1152 .
    - (6) Wind used for bombing 300/48 .
    - (7) Method of target identification.

PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target. 10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 300 degrees.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 51 33-11 31E at 1202 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- m. Flight home was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee Mickey D.R.

- o. Winds aloft were (~~xxx~~) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey
- (2) Gee OK
- (3) Radio Compass
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other Equipment

WILLIAM E. ANDERSON

Capt. Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Lead Sqd



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APO 557, U. S. Army.

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3. Narrative.
  - a. T/O at 0745 hours.
  - b. Group formed at 0900 hours on Cottesmore buncher at 7000 ft.
  - c. Wing assembly was completed at \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England,  
PFF Pilotage Gee and D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Flight to IP was (~~not~~) as briefed.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

PFF D.R. GEE

i. Bomb run.

(1) Actual I. P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

- (2) True heading over target 85.
- (3) Actual Drift -5.
- (4) Altitude over Target 24300.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1153.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 300/28.
- (7) Method of target identification.

PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target. 9-10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 290 degrees.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at See Lead at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (~~xxxx~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee PFF Pilotage D.R.

- o. Winds aloft were (~~xxxx~~) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (~~xxxx~~) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey Bad Type - Couldn't use H Much
- (2) Gee Good
- (3) Radio Compass Average
- (4) Fluxgate Good
- (5) Other Equipment Good

ROBERT E. PURRIER

1st Lt, Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Low Sqd



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  - b. Group formed at 0900 hours on Cottesmore buncher at 9000 ft.
  - c. Wing assembly was completed at \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.  
Gee and Pilotage

- f. Division formation was joined at \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Flight to IP was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.  
Mickey and Gee

- i. Bomb run.
  - (1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.
  - (2) True heading over target 80.
  - (3) Actual Drift -7.
  - (4) Altitude over Target 25800.
  - (5) Time Bombs Away 1152 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
  - (6) Wind used for bombing 296/55.
  - (7) Method of target identification.  
PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target. 10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 300 degrees.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at See Lead at        hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at        at        hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at        at        hrs.
- m. Flight home was ~~(xxxx)~~ as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Mickey, Gee, D.R.

- o. Winds aloft were ~~(xxxx)~~ called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were ~~(xxxx)~~ as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass GOOD
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other Equipment

RAY F. WHITNEY  
1st Lt, Air Corps  
Lead Navigator. High Squadron



FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Lt. T.R. Cushman NAVIGATOR 1st Capt. W.E. Anderson DATE 6 December 1944

STATIONS	0525	ENCINES	0625	TAXI	0640	T.O.	0655
LEAVE BASE	Cottesmore 0907						
COAST OUT	0945						
ENEMY COAST	1028						
I.P.	1136						
TARGET	1151						
ENEMY COAST	1245						
	1459						
	BTR 1541						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH ..... Fast Slow RATE ..... secs / hour Caining Losing  
At ..... C.M.T.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COU-RSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNC.	VAR.	MAG. HDNC.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52 44N 00 39E Donington	290 38	8000 8000	150 -11	144	059	-12	47	10	57	165	19 1/2	7	0907 0914	Depart			
52 54N 00 12W L. Wretham "E"	290 40	10000 11000	150 -15	148	126	f4	130	10	140	186	44	14	0928				
52 29N 00 49E Sudbury	294 44	11500 12000	150 -18	152	184	f19	203	10	213	163	25	9 1/2	0938				
52 03N 00 43E Glaeton	294 44	12000 12000	150 -19	153	139	f8	147	10	157	200	23	7	0945	English Coast C.P. #1			
"	295	16000	150	163	069	-12	57	9	66	192	137	43	1028	C.P. #2 1028			
52 37N 04 37E	47	20000	-28	178	090	-6	84	7	92	225	61	16 1/2	1044				
52 37N 06 17E	52	23000	-39	186	093	-5	83	6	94	240	62	15 1/2	1100				
52 34N 07 58	58	25000	-45	189	133	f9	142	6	148	233	14	24	1104	C.P. #3 1104			
52 25N 08 15E	55	-47		095	-2	93	6	99	243	34	8 1/2	1113					
52 23N 09 10E	"	"	"	146	f12	158	5	163	223	84	22 1/2	1136					
51 13N 10 26E I.P.	"	"	"	084	-5	079	f4	083	241	59	15	1151					
51 19N 12 00E Y.	"	"	"	210	306	-6	300	4	304	161	21	08	1159				
51 32N 11 32E	53	23000	-45	183	297	-5	292	5	297	134	78	35	1234				
52 07N 09 40E	51		-43	310	-8	302	5	307	137	24 1/2	11	1245	C.P. #4 1245				
52 23N 09 10E	"	"	"	275	f1	276	6	282	133	34	15	1300					
52 25N 08 15E	"	"	"	313	-7	304	6	310	138	14	6	1306					
52 34N 07 58E	290	"	"	273	f5	278	6	284	129	62	29	1335					
52 37N 06 17E	56	23000	150	270	6	276	7	283	130	61	28 1/2	1404	Div Break Up				
52 37N 04 37E	290	13000	170	174	279	f2	261	8	289	133	121	55	1459				
52 37N 04 37E	41	2000		132	253	f5	258	10	268	111	35	19	1518				
K Lynn Base	24	2000	f2	132	247	f6	253	10	263	113	39	23	1541				

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAG. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E. T. A.	
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME		
					TO 0752											
0754			355		Heading toward Cott	Climbing to Alt	150	1000								
0800			355		Two mi Right of Cott			4500								
0807			180		Heading back to Cott Ea ( Wind 290/30)		150	6500								
0812			180		Cott Bancher beginning to Assemble Up			8000								
0907			360		Departed Point "Y"		150	8000								
0909			047		52 46N 00 31W		150	8000				165	13	05	0913	
0912			047		52 52N 00 19	Pt "C" off left Win										
0914 1/2			130		Began Climb		150	8000								
0917			122		52 45N 00 02W							34 1/2	11		0928	
0919			118		52 41 1/2N 00 07E											
0921			120		52 38N 00 15E		150	10000			19 3/4	6 1/2	182	22 1/2	07 1/2	0928 1/2
0924 1/2			120				150	11000					182	12 1/2	04	0928 1/2
0926					52 30N 00 47E Point "E"		150	10500							10	0938
0929 1/2			20 3		52 23N 00 48E											
0932			203				150	12000					168	16 1/2	06	0938
0935 1/2			202				150	12000					168	5	03	0938



FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.	
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME		
0938			185		Point "P"		150	12000 -14								
0940			147									195	14	04	0945	
0942			147		51 53N 00 59E											
0945			120		51 47N 01 10E O.P. #1 English Coast		150	12000 -14						43	1028	
0947			57		01 18N 51 48W		150	12000								
0956	67	-10	57		51 58N 01 58E		150	14500		27	9	180				
1000			58		52 03N 02 17E		150	15800 -21		39	13	180				
1004	68	-11	57		52 08N 02 34E Gee Wind at 15000 305/37		150	17000	163	51	17	180				
1011			57		52 16N 03 10E		150	19000 -26								
1016			57		52 22N 03 34E		150	20000 -31		38	12	192	41	13	1029	
1020	68	-11	57		52 27N 03 57E		150	20200		30	9	201	27	08	1028	
1028			55		Enemy Coast GP #2		150	21000						16	1044	
1035			63		Friendly fighters P-51's		150	22500								
1040			82				150	22000		42	12	200				
1044			88		52 37N 06 12E TP		150	24000		58	16	218		16	1100	
1049			85		52 36N 06 35E		150	25000								
1055			88				150	25000 -43		39	10 3/4	220	24	06	1101	
1059	94	-6	88		Gee Wind 300/48											
1101			88				150	25000						04	1105	
1108			90				"	"					21	05	1114	
1112			90		52 23N 08 58		150	25000								
1114			158		TP 52 22N 09 10E									23	1137	
1122			160		Göttingen 352 degrees 12 1/2 miles		150	25000								
1138			120		I.P. 51 13N 10 26E		150	25000				230	59	15	1153	
1147			57		Flak at 12 o'clock		150	25000 -43								
1151			92		Flak high and low at 12 and 9 o'clock											
1151					Flak high and level											
1152			93	97	Bombs Away 10/10ths unobserved		150	25000						10	1202	
1154			15		Flak Accurate Fluxgate Compass out		150	25000								
1202			300		51 33N 11 31E Magdeburg 35 mi Liepsig 32 mi									35	1237	
1213			297		3 mi left of Blankenburg											
1224			297		Hannover 31 mi Braunschweig 22 miles							134	22	10	1234	
1228			297		Fighters at 2 o'clock							134	16	07	1236	
1235			307		TP 52 07N 09 40E		150	23700						11	1246	
1241			307		Fighters at 11 o'clock		150	23200						5	02	1244
1243			347		TP 52 23N 09 10E									15	1258	
1253			282		T.P. 52 22N 08 20E		150									
1255 3/4			310		wind 23000 310/40									06	1302	
1300			289		TP 52 31N 07 58E		150	23000								
1311	273	A5	288	294			150	23000		14	23					
1320			284							40	19	125	15	07	1327	
1328			283		52 40N 06 17E		150									

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ NAVIGATOR







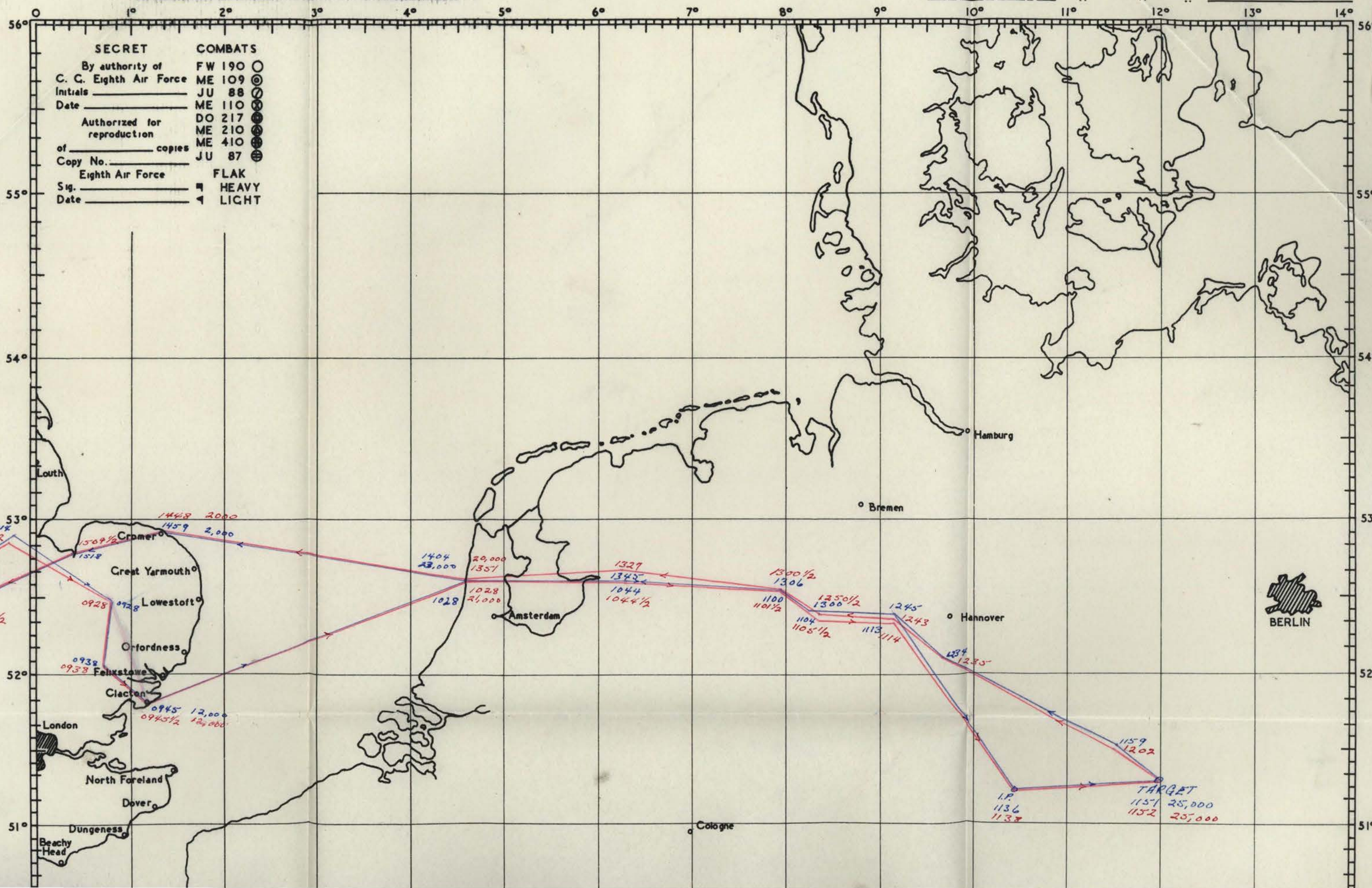
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TARGETS  
PRIMARY

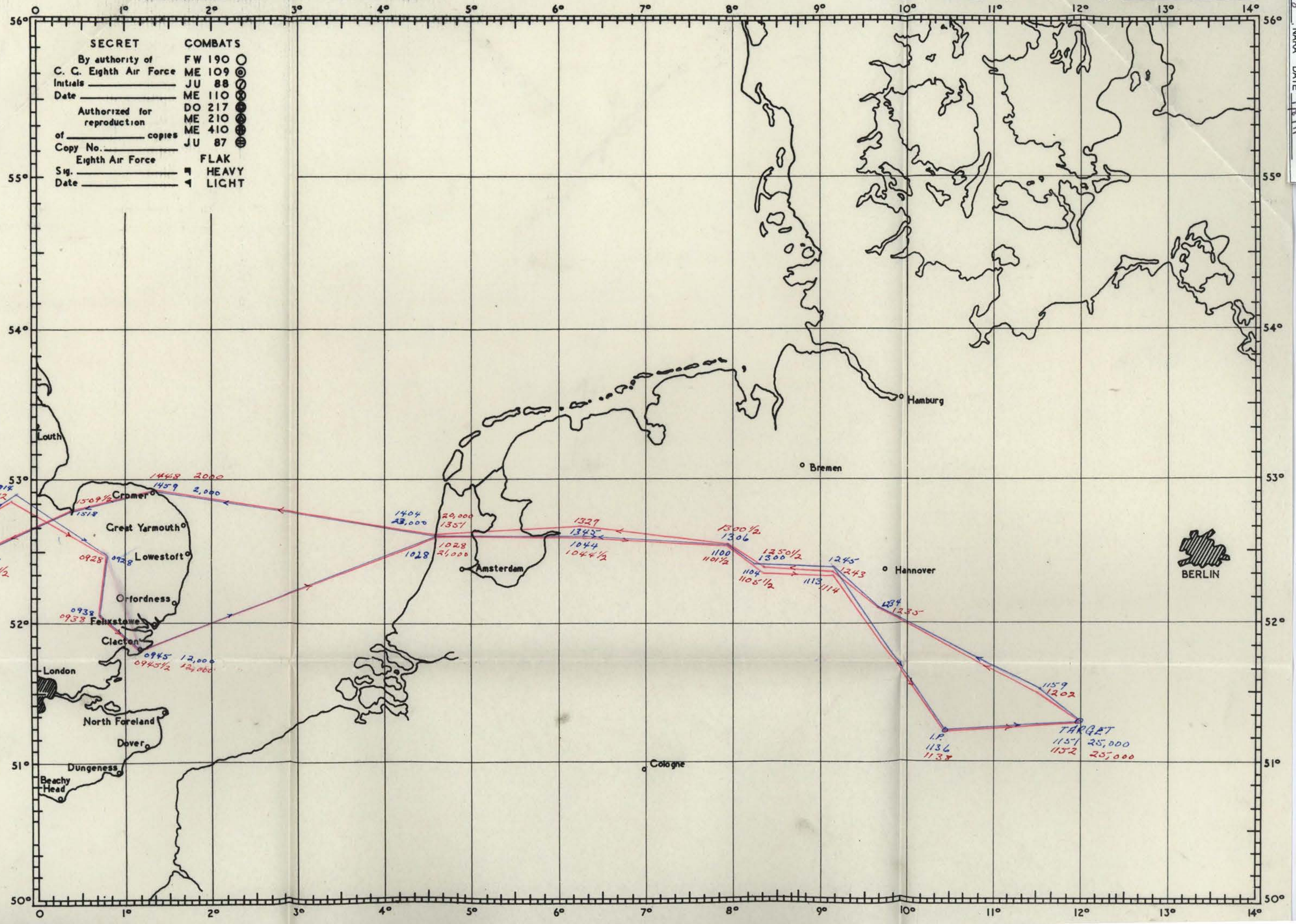
Merseburg, Germany

Blue ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Briefed  
Red .. .. 101st B.G. (H)



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**COMBATS**

FW 190 ○  
 ME 109 ⊙  
 JU 88 ⊙  
 ME 110 ⊙  
 DO 217 ⊙  
 ME 210 ⊙  
 ME 410 ⊙  
 JU 87 ⊙

FLAK  
 HEAVY ■  
 LIGHT ◀

0912  
0912  
0907  
0907  
1541  
1533 1/2

1448 2000  
1459 2,000

1509 1/2  
1518

0928  
0928

0938  
0938

0945 12,000  
0945 1/2 12,000

1404 23,000  
1028 21,000  
1028

1327  
1343  
1044  
1044 1/2

1300 1/2  
1306  
1100  
1101 1/2  
1104  
1105 1/2

1245  
1243  
1113  
1114

1159  
1202

I.P.  
1136  
1138

TARGET  
1151 25,000  
1152 25,000



BERLIN



Target No.  
I (a) (iii) 15

I. G. FARBENINDUSTRIE — MERSEBURG (Leuna)  
A.G. (GERMANY)

Illustration No.  
I (a) (iii) 15/13

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

Photographed 1941-1943

(1 : 32,000) approx.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

801st Group

1st BD F. O. 574

Date of 6 Dec 1944

	LEAD		LOW		HIGH	
		PFF - GH		PFF - GH		PFF
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	2	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	2	11	1	12	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	2	11	1	11	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	2	10	1	10	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	10	1	10	1
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-	1	-	1	-
(a) Early Returns Included			(1)		(1)	
7. Name of Primary Target	MERSEBURG (VIS)					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of bombs						
8. Name of Secondary Target	MERSEBURG (PFF)					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	9	2	10	1	10	1
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	180 250# M57	38 250# M57	380 100# M1A1 Fr	36 100# M1A1 Fr	200 250# M57	19 250# M57
9. Name of Last Resort Target						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs						
10. Name of Target of Opportunity	UNKNOWN - 5123-1150E					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	1					
(b) No., Size, & type of Bombs	20 250# M57					
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						



STAT SUMMARY (Cont'd)

	LEAD	LOW	HIGH
18. Time of Takeoff	0752	0745	0750
19. Time of Attack	1152	1153	1152 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Average Time of Flight	7.8	7.9	7.8
21. Altitude of Release	23,450	23,350	24,660
22. Visual or PFF	PFF	PFF	PFF
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int.&ACC	Mod to Int Inacc to Acc	Mod to Int Inacc to Acc	Mod to Int Inacc to Acc
24. - Fighters	-	-	-
25. - Bombers	-	-	-
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-	-	-
27. Degree of Success	Unobserved	Unobserved	Unobserved

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

NONE

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as Follows:

NONE

NOTES:

NONE

27. Degree of Success  
 21. Altitude of Release



STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group

1st BD F. O. 574

Date of 6 Dec 44

94th "C" Sqdn

	SCREENING FORCE		PFF - GH	PFF - GH
		PFF - GH		
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-		
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	2		
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	2		
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	2		
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	2		
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-		
(a) Early Returns Included				
7. Name of Primary Target	<u>MERSEBURG</u>			
(a) No of A/C Attacking	10	2		
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	500	-		
	Cartons	-		
	Chaff	-		
8. Name of Secondary Target				
(a) No of A/C Attacking				
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs				
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	None	-		
13. - to Flak				
14. - to Flak & E/A				
15. - to Enemy A/C				
16. - to Accident				



STAT SUMMARY (Cont'd)

	94th "C"		
18. Time of Takeoff	0750		
19. Time of Attack	1144		
20. Average Time of Flight	8.7		
21. Altitude of Release	27,000 (Indicated)		
22. Visual or PFF	PFF		
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int.&ACC.	Mod to Int Inacc to Acc		
24.                   - Fighters	-		
25.                   - Bombers	-		
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-		
27. Degree of Success	Unobserved		

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

NONE

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as Follows:

NONE

NOTES:

NONE



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

J-A-4

Reference Field Order 574B .

6 DECEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 178 .

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

### SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:		2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>1</u>
Splashes	<u>9</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>1</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>39</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>51</u>

### SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

	<u>H2X</u>	<u>Micro-H</u>
1. Total A/C dispatched	<u>6</u>	<u>        </u>
2. Total A/C over target	<u>6</u>	<u>        </u>
3. Total sets usable for bombing	<u>6</u>	<u>        </u>

### SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>30</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>33</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>46,800</u>

### SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>2</u>	6. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	7. H2X, <del>XXXXXX</del>	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>1</u>	8. Carpet	<u>2</u>
4. Liaison	<u>1</u>	9. IFF	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	10. SCS-51	<u>NOT USED</u>

### SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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

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1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Capt Fesmire DATE 6 Dec 1944

PILOT Lt. Cushman ( Voorhees) TAKE OFF 0752

NAVIGATOR Lt. Anderson AIR PLANE \_\_\_\_\_

WING 94 A GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1536<sup>1</sup>

OBJECTIVE Herseberg, Germany (MPI) \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF ATTACK \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 58 COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C On Leader : 32

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 250<sup>1</sup> M 57 FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 100<sup>1</sup> M 1A1 Frag FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL --

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 437 437 GP 417 Frag RELEASED 437 GP 417 Frag

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: PPF

Altitude of Target 50 Temp Aloft: Metro -45 Actual -43

True Altitude above target 23450 Mag Head, order 93 Actual 97

Ind. Altitude 25000 True Heading 93

Pressure alt of target 277 Drift, Est 0 Actual 92

Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 102

C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 14773

G.S. Est 265 Actual 273 B.S. Type M-9

Wind Direc Metro 270 Actual 300 Time of Release 1152

Wind Veloc. Metro 52 Actual 55 Intervalometer Setting 50ft

D.S 129.4 Trail 83 ATF 41.5 Length of Bombing Run 59mi

Tan. D.A. Est .565 Actual 63 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 \_\_\_\_\_

Mean Temp: Metro -21.5 Actual -16 Manual Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 50ft

TRUE ALTITUDE  
LOW SQDN: 23350  
HIGH SQDN: 24660



S E C R E T

REPORT ON A. A. GUNFIRE.  
 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)

ASSIGNED..... Karschburg, Germany.....  
 1. TARGET: DATE OF MISSION. 6 Dec. 44 ...  
 BOMBED..... Karschburg, Germany.....

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

Generally as Briefed.

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>1/10<sup>+</sup></u>	<u>2/10<sup>+</sup></u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>Semi Persistent</u>	<u>Semi Persistent</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Unseen</u>	<u>Seen &amp; Unseen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

Moderate to intense increasing in accuracy as formation left target area, Crews report observing flak in bunches of about 20 bursts. Good for altitude but scattered. Duration in flak approximately 6 - 8 minutes. Barrage and predicted concentration type.

5. FLAK ENCOUNTERED OR OBSERVED ENROUTE: (IN ORDER EXPERIENCED)

None.

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED:..... As Briefed.....

7. POSITION OF GROUP:..... 44th "A" Group -- Division Lead.....

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN. POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE		A/C LOST TO				AXIS OF		TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
		MAJ.	MIN.	AA	EA	ACC	UK	ATTK	WITH		
<u>Lead</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>97°M</u>	<u>285°M</u>	<u>1152<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>85°M</u>	<u>300°M</u>	<u>1152<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>25,800</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>11</u>	-	<u>8</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>91°M</u>	<u>290°M</u>	<u>1153</u>	<u>24,300</u>
<u>Screening force</u>	<u>12</u>	-	<u>2</u>	-	-	-	-				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>								

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

Lt. P. B. Myers.



OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
STATION 128 - APO 857  
U. S. ARMY

D-8-1

6 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 857, U.S. Army.

1. Most all crews were of the opinion that the mission was very well led and that navigation could not have been better.
2. Generally, because of the fact that there were 48 crews to be transported to the briefing room upon return from mission, there were numerous complaints concerning crews who had to wait for trucks. Also for this reason, interrogation proceeded slowly.
3. A large number of crews, when advised that they would be expected to attend a P/W lecture at 2000 hours, voiced an unfavorable reaction (this lecture was called off however).
4. The crew of Lt. Herman Tausig, Pilot A/C 8113, suggests that at least one flight surgeon remain at the briefing room until all crews have reported for interrogation.
5. More complaints were made concerning crowded latrines in the briefing room and the general unsanitary atmosphere created when approximately 500 men used this small latrine in a very short space of time.
6. The crew of Lt. Louis E. Cooper, Pilot A/C 8810, say they are not given enough food to be taken on missions.
7. Lt. Julian Rodman, Pilot A/C 7038, stated that the low section, low squadron was in poor formation most of the day.
8. Lt. Col. Burton K. Voorhes, Division Leader, reported that a third Division group (insignia square-P) flew through the 84th "A" Group formation prior to control point one, so close that a portion of 84th "A" Group was caught in prop wash of the third division group.

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



Pre Briefing Notes

Proof  
PLAN B

1. Targets- Primary is ~~Politz~~ **MERSEBURG**  
Secondary the same except by H2X  
Last resort is ~~Kiel~~ (dock area)

The 2nd Div will attack Lohne, Germany (marshalling yards) and the marshalling yards at Bielefeld.

The 3rd Div. will follow the 1st Div. with 6 groups also going to Politz.

2. The 401st group will lead the 1st Division and by the same token the 94th Wing.  
Lt. Col Voorhies will be both the Division and Wing Commander

Following the 401st will be the 457th.

In addition to the regular force of 36 A/C put up by this group there will also be a screening force composed of 12 A/C which will fly in the high high position. This force designated as C Squadron will have Capt Locher as Air Commander. (Point out on map where this force breaks off.

3. Fighter escort will consist of 11 groups of P-51s besides 12 P-51's which will give support of the screening force while they are dropping chaff.

4. Bomb load will be as follows:

| one A/C per group will be loaded with an equal number of long delay fuses from 6 to 144 hour as available.

| The low sq. of the group will load 9 A/C with frag clusters and 3 a/c with white phos. incend.

| The low sq. will (if visual) bomb flak installations.

| All other a/c will be loaded with 20 X250's with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fusing.

Intervalometer settings are salvo if visual, 50 feet if P.F

It is believed that bombing will be done by P.F.F. with visual assistance and if so bombing will be done by sqdns if H 2 x equipment is working,



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

Mission # 178  
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 43-27947

P	Schaunman, George S.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Harb, Wallace S.	Captain	612th
H	Furrler, Robert E.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Sandoe, Kenneth E.	1st Lt.	612th
MO	Howard, Robert W.	1st Lt.	612th
RO	Kopitnikoff, Irving G.	T/Sgt	612th
TI	Morris, Thomas F.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Williams, Clarence P.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Willet, Edward H.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-31662

P	Ritting, Carl G.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Siepak, Stanley J.	2nd Lt.	612th
H	Folkerts, Arthur (NMI)	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Ankron, Lowell J.	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Hill, Robert H.	S/Sgt	612th
TI	Warren, Emmitt E.	S/Sgt	612th
BT	Pope, Leroy G.	S/Sgt	612th
IG	Importe, George (NMI)	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Dunn, Dale D.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-107039

P	Woodman, Julian (NMI)	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Compton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	612th
H	Knuesse, Robert H.	F/O	612th
B	Whitlock, James P.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Uchiesak, Alfred (NMI)	S/Sgt	612th
TI	Landers, John A.	S/Sgt	612th
BT	Hall, Eugene H.	S/Sgt	612th
IG	Wood, Donald S.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Hill, Earle R., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-37790

P	Schliemann, Donald H.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Keyrowitz, Irving (NMI)	F/O	612th
H	Schneck, David (NMI)	F/O	612th
B	Swatosh, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Fendley, Garland D.	S/Sgt	612th
TI	Kelly, John G.	S/Sgt	612th
BT	Kates, Duane H.H.	S/Sgt	612th
IG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Phelps, Durwood, W.	S/Sgt	612th



A/C 43-38680

P	Hudnall, Carl L.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Mitchell, Frank, G., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Martin, Phillip A.	F/O	612th
B	Beardall, Keith E.	Sgt	612th
RO	Knight Adam (NMI)	Sgt	612th
TI	Moorman, Loyd F.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Gyles, Alfred R.	Sgt	612th
TG	Parker, Robert H.	Sgt	612th
FG	Parker, Matt M.	Sgt	612th

42-106992

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Matthiessen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Hill, Ben F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Deaner, Charles E.	Sgt	612th
RO	Nague, Kenneth A.	Sgt	612th
TI	Delawder, Joseph A.	S/Sgt	612th
BT	Sopror, Norwood E.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Becker, Alex A.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38637

P	Long, Robert L.	F/O	612th
CP	Watterson, Stuart E., Jr.	F/O	612th
N	Watson, Reynolds, S.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Mainprize, Jack E.	S/Sgt	612th
RO	York, Dennis A.	S/Sgt	612th
TI	Hovczak, Henry (NMI)	S/Sgt	612th
BT	Morris, Robert V.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Iles, Earl L.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Willick, Edward L.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-37628

P	Aiken, Charles H.	1st Lt	612th
CP	Hanford, Charles J., Jr.	1st Lt	612th
N	Osborne, Chries R.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Benton, David (NMI)	1st Lt.	612th
RO	Barrow, John D.	T/Sgt	612th
TI	Peterson, Harry A.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Gaal, Ernest A.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Milhone, Robert J.	Sgt	612th
FG	Potter, Howard J., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38541

P	Campbell, Charles J.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Foy, Phillip W.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Gruhn, David B.	N/O	612th
B	Emery, Robert I.	Sgt	612th
RO	Fee, Gene M., Jr.	Sgt	612th
TI	Kartes, Charles F., Jr.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Sullivan, Earl (NMI), Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Dalton, Charles K.	Sgt	612th
FG	Murray, Howard M.	Sgt	612th



A/C 42-102393

P	Bloetscher, Andrew F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	Sgt	612th
TI	Richards, Carl R.	S/Sgt	612th
BT	Skaggs, Irl R.	Sgt	612th
TG	Nickolas, Clint S., Jr.	Sgt	612th
FG	Giles, Otho H.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-102398

P	Bodden, Frederick R.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Devlin, James H.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Uhrain, Andrew (NMI)	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Miller, Donald A.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Kornegay, Ryan G.	Sgt	612th
TI	Richardson, Paschal (NMI)	Sgt	612th
BT	Noble, Chester O.	Sgt	612th
TG	Klindworth, Louis O.	Sgt	612th
FG	Langham, Theodore E.N.	Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38733

P	Crower, Joseph L.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Trout, Ralph W.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Phillips, Michael T.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Waldhoff, Jack G.	1st Lt.	612th
RO	Goodman, Martin B.	T/Sgt	612th
TI	Stott, Douglas W.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Coffin, Robert J., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Villaggio, Vincent V.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Clark, Eugene F.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 44-6506

P	French, Millard H.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	McKale, William L.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Cannon, Thomas P.	F/O	612th
B	Johnson, Jerry M.	Sgt	612th
RO	Alleroft, James W.	Sgt	612th
TI	Hansen, Arthur W.	Sgt	612th
BT	Deck, Floyd J.	Sgt	612th
TG	LaGrange, Wesley (NMI)	Sgt	612th
FG	Devore, Arthur D.	Sgt	612th

THE END!



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

6 DECEMBER 1944

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-8454 (94 GW)	P	1st Lt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.
	CP	LT. COL.	VOORHEES	BERTON	K.
	N	CAPT. ANDERSON		WILLIAM	B.
	B	1st Lt.	FOLKS	WILLIAM	M.
	V	CAPT.	FESMIRE	DURWARD	W.
	RO	1st Lt.	STRONG	WILLIAM	W.
	TT	T SGT.	KNOX	ROBERT	C.
	TG	S SGT.	SEELY	KARL	W.
	WG	2d Lt.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
		S SGT.	HOPE	WILLIAM, JR.	(NMI)
44-8449	P	1st Lt.	MC GOLDRICK	JOHN	W.
	CP	MAJOR	DE JONCKHEERE	ERIC.	T.
	N	2d Lt.	LEWIS	LESTER	G.
	B	2d Lt.	PEEK	GEORGE	W.
	V	2d Lt.	PETERSON	GEORGE	E.
	RO	S SGT.	BECK	GERARD	L.
	TT	S SGT.	SHELDON	JAMES	F.
	TG	2d Lt.	MILLER	HENRY	C.
	WG	S SGT.	LINDSAY	JAMES	R.
44-6588	P	1st Lt.	CARSON	FRANK	(NMI)
	CP	1st Lt.	MOE	MORRIS	E.
	N	2d Lt.	LAWLESS	HARRIS	E.
	B	2d Lt.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	RO	T SGT.	SHERMAN	LEO	(NMI)
	TT	T SGT.	MAC GEEHE	RAY	E.
	BT	S SGT.	LEE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	S SGT.	GERALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S SGT.	JAMES	LLEWELYN	(NMI)
	42-51591 770	P	1st Lt.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER
CP		2d Lt.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
N		2d Lt.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	G.
B		2d Lt.	GORMAN	WILLIAM	L.
RO		T SGT.	SHEETZ	JOHN	H.
TT		T SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
BT		S SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
TG		S SGT.	AIRO	LOUIS	P.
WG		S SGT.	CHANCE	BUFFORD	D.
44-6313		P	2d Lt.	BRADLEY	AUDREY
	CP	2d Lt.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2d Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	J.
	B	<del>SEELY</del> SGT.	ELINS	HERMAN	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	BOWERS	JACOB	J. JR
	TT	M SGT.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	E.
	BT	SGT.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	SGT.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	SGT.	DEFEBAGH	NORMAN	(NMI)
43-38862	P	1st Lt.	HOPLEY	CHARLES	W.
	CP	2d Lt.	GOETZ	FRANK	V.
	N	2d Lt.	MAC DONALD	RICHARD	E.
	B	S SGT.	JACOBS	JOHN	R.
	RO	S SGT.	DUNNING	CHARLES	R.
	TT	S SGT.	HARDIN	WILLIAM	A.
	BT	S SGT.	HERRIMAN	JAY	S.
	TG	S SGT.	VAN FELT	HAROLD	S.
	WG	S SGT.	ANDERSON	WAYNE	L.



42-31072

P	2d Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
CP	2d Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
N	2d Lt.	BAUTZ	JOHN	J.
B	2d Lt.	JONES	BEN	F.
RO	SGT.	GIESKEN	GEORGE	J.
TT	SGT.	JOHNSON	ELMO	E.
BT	SGT.	ZENOR	HAROLD	M.
TG	SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
WG	SGT.	HARDIN	ROY	(NMI)

43-38791

P	2d Lt.	KELSO	ARTHUR	D.
CP	2d Lt.	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
N	2d Lt.	TONNE	ALVIN	E.
B	SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
RO	SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
TT	SGT.	HARPER	JAMES	T.
BT	SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	D.
TG	SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
WG	SGT.	TOOMBS	GEORGE	(NMI)

42-102947

P	2d Lt.	STEELE	RICHARD	H.
CP	2d Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
N	F/O	WHITE	LINN	R.
B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
TT	SGT.	STACHURA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
BT	SGT.	MEYERS	ERROLL	A.
TG	SGT.	IDTZ	LEO	B.
WG	SGT.	WOWAK (WOWAK)	CHESTER	A.

44-2607

(615)

P	1st Lt.	CAMBELL	ROBERT	B.
CP	2d Lt.	RANDIE	RICHARD	W.
N	2d Lt.	D'AGOSTINI	BENEDICT	R.
B	2d Lt.	ISHAM	LAWRENCE	W.
RO	T SGT.	CHALUPCZYNSKI	WINCENT	M.
TT	T SGT.	JUSTICE	ANDREW	C.
BT	S SGT.	BOSTIAN	ANDREY	L.
TG	S SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
WG	S SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.

44-6132

P	2d Lt.	CAREY	KARL	F.
CP	2d Lt.	FREW	JAMES	R.
N	2d Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
B	SGT.	STITT	JOHN	L.
RO	SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	M.
TT	SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
BT	SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	B.
TG	SGT.	ODOM	HENRY	T.
WG	SGT.	FISHER	MELVIN	C.

44-6113

P	2d Lt.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
CP	2d Lt.	CAMPER	DONALD	W.
N	2d Lt.	WALKER	DENSON	F.
B	2d Lt.	LAWSON	EDMERT	E.
RO	SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
TT	SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
BT	S SGT.	CLOYD	SHIRLEY	E.
TG	SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
WG	SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.

43-37706

P	1st Lt.	ANNIS	ROMIE	E.
CP	2d Lt.	CLARK	FORREST	E.
N	2d Lt.	MADDEN	BERNARD	R.
B	2d Lt.	JENSEN	JIM	B.
RO	T SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	M.
TT	T SGT.	CORLISS	JOHN	M.
BT	S SGT.	SCOTT	EDWARD	R.
TG	S SGT.	JOHNSON	LESLIE	C.
WG	S SGT.	BROOKS	GEORGE	E.

FLYING WITH 614th SQUADRON :

CAPT.

		LOCHER	JAMES	R.
	S SGT.	ROGEN	HARLAND	J.
	S SGT.	MURRAY	DALE	B.
	S SGT.	QUIST	HAROLD	(NMI)



Loading List (Cont)  
 PLANE # 43-38677

P	2nd Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	614th Sq
CP	1st Lt.	HIBBERT, CARL D.	"
N	F/O	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Racick, John	"
RO	Sgt.	Rubinson, Jerone J.	"
TT	Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wells, Cleburne B.	"2
TG	Sgt.	McCrary, Leon A.	613th Sq
WG	Sgt.	HOOD, CLYDE L.	614th Sq
WG	S/Sgt.	Smith, William F.	"

PLANE # 43-6464

P	2nd Lt.	WHITE, WYLIE K.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	POTTER, FRED R.	"
N	F/O	BRINER, WILLIAM L.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Ward, Charles A.	"
RO	Sgt.	McCommis, Max I.	"
TT	Sgt.	Whitney, Paul A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Viescas, Arturo B	"
WG	Sgt.	McQuade, John B.	"
WG	Cranz, Edwin R.	Sgt.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dreon, Louis L.	"

PLANE # 42-97478

P	1st Lt.	CROZIER, JOHN C.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	WEBER, MORRIS	"
N	2nd Lt.	<del>KENKI</del> POLSTER, ERVING	"
B	1st Lt.	WHITING, RICHARD L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Hapner, Clayton	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Ligon, James E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McCormick, Edson C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kitts, Keith D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Merrill, Richard E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Wilson, Billy J.	"

PLANE # 42-97322

P	1st Lt.	ST AUBYN, GLENN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, WALLACE	"
N	F/O	KAHN, CHARLES	"
CTG	Sgt.	Buckley, John P.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bayes, Willie J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Dearborn, Harry R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lichtenberger, Gustav	"
TG	Sgt.	Hickey, Harold J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Falkowitz, Irving	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Connors, Robert A.	"

PLANE # 43-38646

P	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMANN	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Kilgore, Edmund W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Bode, Robert E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
TG	Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Rogen, Harold J.	613th Sq



PLANE # 44-6146

P	Capt.	SEDER, ARTHUR R. JR.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	RUBINOFF, LOUIS W.	"
N	1st Lt.	CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
CTG.	S/Sgt.	Affel, Richard H.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Backlin, John F.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Antill, Clarence W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Harris, Cecil D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Allison, Carl M.	"
WE	Sgt.	Genauer, Lawrence	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Cole, <del>XXXXXXXX</del> William I.	"

PLANE # 44-6508

P	1st Lt.	SISSON, NORMAN L.	814th
CP	1st Lt.	HOEMANN, EUGENE E.	"
N	1st Lt.	Crossen, Lavern	"
B	2nd Lt.	PICKER, NATHAN	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Haluck, Andrew S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Carter, Peter J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stevens, Calvin J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ritchie, Francis T.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Torres, Jose M.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Cole, Harry R.	"

PLANE # 891

P	1st Lt.	BABCOCK, FREDRICK H.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	BOUSFIELD, JOHN	"
N	2nd Lt.	STEWART, LEON F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	MENZEL, GEORGE H.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Bilby, John F. Jr.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Caldwell, Carroll L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wilczynski, Walter J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Parnham, Walter E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Casselman, Charles R.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Murray, Dale R.	613th

PLANE # 931

P	2nd Lt.	KING, MYRON L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	SWEENEY, WILLIAM J. III	"
N	2nd Lt.	LOWE, RICHARD I. JR.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Pyne, Robert E.	"
RO	Sgt.	DeVito, Patsy A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Killiam, Dani <del>ll</del> M.	"
BT	Sgt.	Reinoehl, Philip A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atkinson, George E. Jr.	"
WG	<del>XXXXXXXX</del> Sgt.	Speelman, K. Hampton	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Quist, Harland	613th

For the Squadron Commander:

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



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

AAF STATION # 128  
 6 November 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. The following is the loading list for today's mission.

PLANE # 44-8033

P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	614th Sq
CP	Capt.	LOCKER, JAMES R.	613th Sq
N	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN D.	614th Sq
N	1st Lt.	RICKS, FRANK W.	"
B	1st Lt.	SCHIEFER, WILLIAM F.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESBACH, JOHN T.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Arellano, Garciano J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Hoffman, Leon W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ellis, James	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Martin, Norman D.	"

PLANE # 44-8258

P	1st Lt.	UTTER, CHARLES W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	ODEN, EDWARD C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	DAMP, EDWARD	"
B	2nd Lt.	HOPE, JOHN F. JR.	"
MO	1st Lt.	THORP, R. W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fulton, David W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	La Vigne, Robert N.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Zaborsky, Stephen J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	St Peter, Donald A.	"

PLANE # 43-38738

P	1st Lt.	SPUHLER, EDWIN R.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CURRENT, DONALD D.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MC ADAMS, ROBERT C.	"
B	2nd Lt.	OSTER, LEWIS H.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hendrick, William J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Wells, Richard D.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Benedict, Cloide W. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hughes, James E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Power, James E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Gurnicki, Sigmund A.	"

PLANE # 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	RITCHEY, RALPH	"
N	2nd Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	HELMS, CHARLES L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Block, Willard B.	"
BE	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, Sterling S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Whittington, Charles S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglas B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Monacella, Joseph L. Jr.	"



## SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

## FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Office of the Operations Officer

AAF - Sta - 128 - APO - 557

6 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading 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 # 43-38779

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Grimm	William	F.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	1st Lt.	McMullen	Willard	C.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Matts	Dudley	F.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jaranson	David	A.	"

PLANE # 42-102468

P	1st Lt.	Stegemann	Charles	W.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Walter	Albert	C.	"
N	1st Lt.	McCaslin	Clayton	W.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	McKenna	Joseph	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Mais	John	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Tamburino	Joseph	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Waeer	Martin	C.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Cook	Clayton	W.	"

PLANE # 43-38810

P	1st Lt.	Cooper	Louis	E.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Spansel	Kaye	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	Ellis	George	C.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Gue	Charles	N.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Sherrill	Bascom	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Sexton	Myron	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Maroncelli	Harry	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	John Cremillion	John	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Geierman	Edward	F.	"

PLANE # 43-38125

P	2nd Lt.	Cracraft	George	K.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Karant	Martin	(NMI)	"
N	1st Lt.	Hrozok	Chester	W.	"
B	Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fenwick	Gordon	B.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Schemel	Paul	L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hudson	Leonard	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Vecchio	Murray	H.	"

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Loading list. (Cont'd)

PLANE # 43-38077

P	1st Lt.	Haskett	Harry	E.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Morrow	Russell	E.	"
N	1st Lt.	Howse	Sturat	A.	"
B	1st Lt.	Buvinghausen	Kenneth	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Lynch	Brendon	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Eudaley	Orville	A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hutchison	William	D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Tarr	McKie Clyde	M.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jones	William	D.	"

PLANE # 42-31730

P	1st Lt.	Sombart	George	W.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Shapiro	Leo	(NMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	Miley	Junior	B.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H. C.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Andrews	Leroy	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Smith	Elmer	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Livezey	Lowell	G.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Dailey	J. (10)	B. (10)	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 43-38565 614th

P	1st Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	End Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	F/O	Greenberg	Martin	(NMI)	"
B	Sgt.	Morrison	James	L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Ferguson	Hugh	R.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Miller	Raymond	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Brunson	Wade	T.	"
TG	Sgt.	McKnight	Leroy	M.	"
FG	Sgt.	Karcher	Alonzo	A.	"

PLANE # 43-37551

P	2nd Lt.	Jordon	Robert	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	O.	"
N	F/O	Braslawsky	Max	(NMI)	"
B	S/Sgt.	Seeley	Duane	F.	"
RO	Sgt.	Mauldin	Harold	M.	"
TT	Sgt.	Anderson	Howard	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Caruth	Merton	A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Corwin	Clarence	F.	"
FG	Sgt.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"

PLANE # 42-97664

P	2nd Lt.	Grimm	Alfred	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Regan	John	J.	"
N	F/O	Coates	Alvin	B.	"
B	Sgt.	Boyer	William	O.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kapson	George	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Geers	Louis	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Cox	Clyde	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chambers	Arthur	R.	"
FG	Sgt.	Hunsperger	Henry	(NMI)	"



Loading list. (Cont'd)

PLANE #	Rank	Name	Grade	Unit
43-50425				
P	1st Lt.	Udy	(NMI)	615th
GP	1st Lt.	Rockaday	Sgt	"
N	1st Lt.	Touel	Sgt	"
B	S/Sgt.	Oviatt	Sgt	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Knowles	C.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Young	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Albert	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Warn	E.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jencks	L.	"

PLANES #	Rank	Name	Grade	Unit
42-39012				614th
P	2nd Lt.	Jones	S.	615th
GP	2nd Lt.	Dunigan	(NMI)	"
N	F/O	Steinman	B.	"
B	Sgt.	Carr	W.	"
RO	Sgt.	DeLong	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Kozyra	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Nelson	W.	"
TG	Sgt.	Foutch	W.	"
FG	Sgt.	Geiger	O.	"

PLANES #	Rank	Name	Grade	Unit
42-31485				
P	1st Lt.	Maloney	F.	615th
GP	2nd Lt.	Magee	E.	"
N	1st Lt.	Schultz	J.	"
B	Sgt.	Elaton	A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Dodson	C.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Comer	C.	"
BT	Sgt.	McKenna	P.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Roberts	D.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	McKeon	T.	"

PLANE #	Rank	Name	Grade	Unit
42-97036				
P	Captain	Campbell	E.	615th
GP	1st Lt.	Child	R.	"
N	1st Lt.	Whitney	F.	"
N	1st Lt.	Walters	E.	"
B	Captain	Arnold	S.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Roberts	L.	"
TT	Sgt.	Makseyn	W.	"
BT	---	---	-	-
TG	Sgt.	Atchison	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Martin	I.	"



Loading list. (Cont'd)

PLANE #	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	(1st Lt.)	1st Lt.
GP	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.
N <sup>o</sup> 1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.
B <sup>o</sup>	S/Sgt.	S/Sgt.	S/Sgt.	S/Sgt.	S/Sgt.
"	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.
"	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.
"	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.
"	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.
"	S.	S.	S.	S.	S.

PLANE #	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.
P	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.
GP	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.
H	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O
B	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
NO	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
YT	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
BT	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
TO	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
PO	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.

PLANE #	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.
P	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.
GP	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.
H	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.
B	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
NO	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O
YT	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O
BT	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
TO	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O
PO	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O

PLANE #	Captain	Captain	Captain	Captain	Captain
P	Captain	Captain	Captain	Captain	Captain
GP	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.
H	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.	1st Lt.
B	Captain	Captain	Captain	Captain	Captain
NO	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O	S/O
YT	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
BT	---	---	---	---	---
TO	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.
PO	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.	Sgt.



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

6 DECEMBER 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION ON 6 DECEMBER 1944.

BASE AT TAKE OFF: 0749. No low cloud. 6/10 cirrus at 20,000 ft. Visibility 3000 yds in haze.

ROUTE OUT: No low cloud becoming 5-8/10 stratocumulus and building cumulus tops 6-10,000 ft over the Channel, breaking to 3-5/10 stratocumulus over the Continental Coast, becoming covered by middle cloud over the Continent. 0-2/10 altostratus base 13-15,000 ft over England becoming nil over Channel increasing to 2-4/10 altocumulus and altostratus tops 10-12,000 ft over the Continental Coast becoming 7-9/10 at 6 degrees E and breaking to 4-5/10 near 10 degrees E and then increasing again to 8-10/10 altocumulus and altostratus tops 16-18,000 ft East of 11 degrees E. 4-6/10 cirrus base 20,000 ft over England breaking to nil to 2/10 over the Channel and to nil over the Continent. Visibility unrestricted becoming restricted in the Target area.

TARGET: 1152. 9-10/10 altocumulus and altostratus tops 18,000 ft. Visibility restricted by haze.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except over England. 7-10/10 altostratus tops 15-16,000 ft base 8-9,000 ft. with 4-6/10 stratocumulus base 2-3000 ft tops 6-8,000 ft in the Eastern districts of England becoming 5-8/10 stratocumulus base 800-1000 ft with rain in the Base Area. Visibility unrestricted except over England.

BASE ON RETURN: 1537. 7/10 stratocumulus base 800 - 1000 ft. 10/10 altostratus base 6-8,000 ft. Visibility 2 miles in haze and rain.

REMARKS: Winds were 10-20 knts. lighter than forecast to about 8deg E. the forecast winds were good in the target area. Direction forecast good. Temperatures were 2-3 degrees warmer than forecast. Light to moderate non-persistent contrails above 22-24,000 ft.

*Walter A. Hurlley*  
WALTER A. HURTLLEY,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Station Weather Officer.



# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD 0630 - 1700 hrs

AG P BR HQ 505 /22929

	A Base to Target	B Target to Base	C	D
WEATHER	1 Clear with haze, locally thick, becoming cloudy over Continental Coast, becoming partly cloudy to cloudy east of 10 Deg East.	Reverse of A-1 except partly cloudy with haze over Bases	PLAN "B"	CONFIDENTIAL
CLOUDS	2 Clear becoming swelling Cumulus base 2000ft tops 800-12,000ft isolated tops 16,000ft over Continental Coast, decreasing gradually inland to 1-6/30 east of 10 Deg East and over the Target.	Reverse of A-2 except 3-5/10 small Cumulus base 3000ft tops 6-8000ft over England.		
ICING	3 3000ft moderate to heavy CB and ice in swelling Cumulus	As in A-3 except light ice in small Cumulus over England.		
VISIBILITY	4 1-2 miles locally 100yd base n, unrestricted Aloft.	Unrestricted Aloft becoming 3-5 miles over bases on return.		Target Pressure Altitude for Sea Level FLW: 227 ft.
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to 02 Deg East 200 20 to 08 Deg East	02 Deg East to 08 Deg E 270 20	08 Deg East to Target 260 20	Temperature (alt: and Target) Plus 05
500 FT	290 30 20	280 30	270 30	-04
1000 FT	290 30 25	280 35	270 35	-15
1500 FT	300 30 40	290 40	280 40	-26
2000 FT	300 30 45	290 50	280 45	-36
2500 FT	300 30 50	290 60	280 50	-47
3000 FT	310 35 60	300 70	290 60	-53

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.55 TARGET SURFACE TEMP 18.05 TARGET MEAN TEMP 25,000 ft -20.2  
 TEMP. AT 25,000 FT. -17.0 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 227

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

F-B-2

APG 557  
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Abortive Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), AAF Station 128  
ATTN: Air Statistical Officer

1. The following aircraft aborted from the mission of 5 December 1944, for the reasons stated:

a. A/C # 44-6506 - Returned early due to a combination of troubles experienced on # 1, 2 and 4 engines. The airplane had been airborne about 2-1/2 hours and was at altitude of 20,500 feet when the pilot turned back. The # 1 engine ran rough and smoked all the way to altitude at power settings varying from 36" Hg to 38" Hg. Pilot said that no mixture control position would correct trouble. The # 2 propeller could not be controlled by the prop governor controls. The RPM's would go to 2550 RPM and no manipulating of prop governor controls would control the RPM. The # 4 engine ran hot. The cylinder head temperature ran to 250o. Opening cowl flaps cooled it to 100o. The RPM fluctuated steadily either side of RPM setting of 2300 RPM: Flight check revealed that # 2 propeller governor operation was faulty. This is a mechanical abort.

b. A/C # 43-37602 - Returned early after 2 hours in the air because the # 1 engine failed. At time trouble was noticed, the airplane was at 21,000 feet. The pilot had used 2400 RPM and 40" Hg for 40 minutes in order to climb satisfactorily. Pilot claimed ship was sluggish at power setting of 38" Hg and 2300 RPM. He climbed 300 feet per minute at 140 I.A.S. He was operating outboard engines in emergency rich because they were running hot. A ground check revealed fine metal particles on cuno, however, the magnetic sump plug was clean. This is a mechanical failure.

FRANK E. WILSON  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Ass't Group Eng'g O.



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

F-C-1

APO 557  
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.  
ATTN: Division Armament Officer.

1. Date of Mission: 5 December 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. No turret malfunctions were reported.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
  - a. A/C #44-8258 - Four bombs hung due to a faulty A-4 Release. This release has been replaced and racks checked satisfactory.
  - b. A/C #42-31591 - Two bombs failed to release in train and were salvoed. Ground check of racks revealed no malfunction.
5. There were thirty-four (34) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

SAM P. BROOMHALL, JR.,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Group Armament Officer.



LEAD SQ 94 B Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CURRIE Date: 5 Dec

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT LAWRENCE

Deputy Gp. Leader: MAJ HAVESY

*Not good load*

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

CURRIE (GOODMAN)

SC Q 8153 ✓

MARTIN

SC K 8733 ✓

LAWRENCE

IY M 8371 ✓

612 SQDN

613 SQDN

AIKEN

SC A 7628 ✓

CARSON

IN R 6113 ✓

SCHLIEMANN

SC J 7790 ✓

BODDIN

SC M 7039 ✓

CURRAN

IN K 1072 ✓

ANNIS

IN S 2947 ✓

IY Q 077

*or leak in Co-  
Pilots  
sys*

ROADMAN

SC N 6506 ✓

ASCHENBACH

SC F 8541 ✓

LONG

SC L 8637 ✓

SPARES

FRENCH

SC T 8788 ✓

PTF SPARE LEAD IW C 8033 Disp 9 ✓  
VIS " " IY Q 8077 Disp 31 ✓

GRND SPARES: ~~SC S 8680 Disp 22~~  
~~SC R 2395 Disp 18~~  
~~IW N 8738 Disp 49~~

*6-500 GP 1/10 - 1/100*

*4 M17*

*load as per chart IV - except no M17 on Sta 21742*



HIGH SQDN 94 Gp  
Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ HAVEY Date: 5 Dec

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT UTTER

Deputy Gp. Leader: MAJ HAVEY

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

BROWN (HAVEY)

IW G 8259 ✓

ST AUBYN

IW D 7322 ✓

UTTER

IW H 6464 ✓

614 SQDN

613 SQDN

MAYS

IW O 7602 ✓

CAMPBELL

~~IW B 6132~~  
S2 680

*#4 Eng. 74. may inop*

WHITE

IW Q 7478 ✓

MORTON

IW B 7151 ✓

BRADLEY

~~IW F 6313~~  
IW

DOUGLAS

IN J 1591 ✓

CROZIER

IW Z 8330 ✓

RICHARDSON

IW A 6508 ✓

KING

IW X 8565 ✓

SPARES

THOMPSON, R.

IW T 8646 ✓

PFF SPARE LEAD IW G 8033 Disp 9  
VIS " " IY Q 8077 Disp 31

GRND SPARES: ~~SC S 8680 Disp 22~~  
~~SC R 2395 " 18~~  
~~IW N 8738 " 49~~



LO SQ 94 "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT FOWLER Date: 5 Dec 44  
Deputy Sq. Leader: LT TURK  
Deputy Gp. Leader: MAJ HAVEY

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

LOZINSKI (FOWLER)  
IY A 8258 ✓

*#2 oil cooler*  
MALONEY  
IY X 1485 ✓  
*rough engine*  
SE 373

TURK  
IY O 8779 ✓

615 SQDL

613 SQDL

STEGEMAN  
IY K 8425 ✓

HOPLEY  
IN N 8862 ✓

SOMBART

MAIRE

CAREY

TAUSIG

IY B 1750 ✓  
IW 8738

IY F 7864 ✓

IN G 8791 ✓

IN A 8160 ✓

COOPER

IY L 7551 ✓

CRACRAFT

JONES

IY N 8810 ✓

IY C 2458 ✓  
IW K 8677

SPARES

GRIMM, AR

IN D 6588 ✓

PFF SPARE LEAD IW C 8033 disp 9  
~~VIS SPARE LEAD IY Q 8077 disp 31~~

GROUND SPARES - SC S 8680 disp 22  
SC R 2398 disp 18  
~~IW N 8738 disp 49~~