

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

MISSION No. **179**

^{DEC}
Date: **11 NOV., 44**

TO: **FRANKFURT, GERMANY**

T A B L E O F C O N T E N T S

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: FRANKFURT, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the 94th "B" Group. Two PFF A/C were included in the lead squadron and one PFF in the high. A spare accompanied each formation.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: FRANKFURT, GERMANY
2. a. Group Leader: Capt. A.H. CHAPMAN (Brown) Deputy: 1st Lt. R.S. HUBBELL
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. D. BROWN (Dresbach-"Mickey")
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. F. SCHEIFER
Extra Navigator: Capt. C. M. SMITH
- b. Low Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. R. M. FOWLER (Keeling)
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. M. RUSH
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. M. SCANLON
- c. High Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. M. J. CHRISTENSEN
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. P. J. KING
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. M. E. MCCLENDON
3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Just after takeoff the Group Leader returned and took off in another ship. The remaining aircraft took off normally.

b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

The Deputy Leader assembled the Group over the Cottesmore buncher. The formation assembled rapidly and well and departed the buncher on time, on course.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

3. c. Route Over England:

The course over England was as briefed. However, as Beachy Head was approached a 360° turn was made to fall into correct division position and timings. It was at this point that the Group Leader returned and assumed command of the formation. The 94th "B" departed Beach Head one minute late, on course.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Proper Division position (#6) was maintained to the target. Considerable "S"ing was experienced over the channel but the French coast was reached on course. Flight to the target was approximately as briefed, the IP was made good.

b. Bombing Run:

Cloud cover all the way was 10/10ths. The Mickey man took control of the ship at the IP and made a straight PFF run into the target. Bombing was done in Group formation. The group lead salvoed when the indices met; the Low and High squadrons leaders salvoed on his smoke marker; all others used a 75' intervalometer setting. The AFCE functioned properly. Results were unobserved.

c. Flight from Target:

Group rally was at 1127 hours and was effected immediately after the target. No flak was encountered over the target or on the route back. The Division Leader did not return over Paris as briefed. (94th "B" followed the column out over Belgium. The Deputy Leader took over when the Leader fell out with two engines out.

d. Return to Base:

Lead A/C 44-8258 landed at B-60 in Belgium and was abandoned: One other A/C landed away because of mechanical trouble. All others returned to base and landed without casualties.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 9/10-10/10ths low undercast from continental coast, solid over target. Two layers, one low, the other 20-24,000' on route back. Light non-persistent contrails over target.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was very good.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

4. g. Comments on Formation:

The high squadron had a difficult time keepin up on way to target, otherwise the group and squadron formations were good. The 94th "B" was one-half minute and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles behind the preceding group.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Low Squadron: A/C 44-6146 - Not Sortie. Returned early after take-off when #1 turbe was only putting out 25" at 10,000'. Was unable to stay with formation.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air or ground opposition encountered. No flak.

7. Battle Damage:

None.

8. Casualties:

None.

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

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Due to solid undercast results were unobserved.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron: All 12 A/C E.E.T. attacked the secondary target, dropping 142 X 500# M64 bombs. The spare returned 12 bombs to base.

Low Squadron: All 12 A/C E.E.T. attacked the secondary target, dropping 143 X 500# M64 bombs. The spare returned 12 bombs to base.

High Squadron: All 12 A/C E.E.T. attacked the secondary target, dropping 144 X 500# M64 bombs. A/C 146 aborted and returned 12 bombs to base.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Concl'd)

10. c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Num- ber	Bombs			
	Over Target	Bomb- ing		Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail	
Main Bombfall	36	36	429	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			429*	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures			-	-	-	-	-
Bombs Returned			36	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			465	500#	M64	1/10	1/100

* Incl 203 RDX Bombs.

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

(A/C 44-8258 - abandoned on continent)

Submitted by:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer



(SAV-401A/LEAD/864-1)(11-12-14)(8330-7-25000) FRANKFURT - CONF.

EASTMAN REGULAR SAFETY

EASTMAN REGULAR

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CHAPMAN Date: 11 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HUBBELL

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT CHRISTENSEN

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

BROWN (CHAPMAN)
258

LEAD SQ 94 B GROUP
FORMATION AT TAKEOFF,
ON CRUISE AND OVER TARGET.

~~ST AUBYN~~
322

~~HUBBELL~~
033

~~614~~ SQDN

~~615~~ SQDN

~~GROZIER~~
330

~~MC KAY~~
810

~~FONDREN~~
478

~~MORAN~~
677

~~HAIRE~~
664

~~HANSEN~~
758

~~WITTMAN~~
464

~~KING~~
646

~~THOMPSON, R~~
659

SPARES

~~MORTON~~
151 (returned)

Combat Sq. Leader: Lt Fowler Date: 11 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Jennings

Deputy Gp. Leader: Lt Christensen

401st Low Squadron Formation
At Take Off, Assembly and
On Cruise.

SQDN

613

612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCUB
615 IY BUZZARD

KEELING (FOWLER)

607

STEELE

947

JENNINGS

132

SQDN

613

SQDN

615

CARSON

588

COOPER

146

aborted

CURRAN

072

HOPLEY

862

GRIMM

911

SOMBART

730

DOUGLAS

591

KELSO

791

BRADLEY

313

COK

706

SPARES

Combat Sq. Leader: LT CHRISTENSEN Date: 11 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT CROMER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT CHRISTENSEN

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

CHRISTENSEN
947 HI SQ 94 B GROUP
FORMATION AT TAKEOFF,
ON CRUISE & OVER TARGET

RITTING 992
CROMER 733

612 SQDN 615 SQDN

AIKEN 628
MALONEY 125

JONES 393
BLOETSCHER 788
DJERNES 425
JORDON 551

THORNE
993

LONG 637
COX 662
SPARES

HUDNALL
541 (returned)

Lt Fowler

11 Dec 44

Combat Sq. Leader:

Date:

Lt Jennings

Deputy Sq. Leader:

Lt Christensen

Deputy Gp. Leader:

401st Low Squadron Formation 613
Over Target.

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

KEELING (FOWLER)

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

607

STEELE

JENNINGS

947

132

613

SQDN

615

SQDN

CARSON

SOMBART

588

730

CURRAN

HOPLEY

COX

GRIMM

072

362

706

951

DOUGLAS

591

KELSO

BRADLEY

791

313

SPARES

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

Date 11 December 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Frankfurt
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 0749 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0900 hours on Cottesmore brancher at 10000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0934 hours at Colchester
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

360 made before English Coast out to lose time as C.p. leader took over

- e. Methods of Navigation over England.
 See - Pilotage
- f. Division formation was joined at 1007 hours at Beachy Head
- g. Flight to IP was (~~not~~) as briefed.

- h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.
 See, D.R.

1. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 90
- (3) Actual Drift 45
- (4) Altitude over Target 24500
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1123
- (6) Wind used for bombing 260/50k
- (7) Method of target identification.

PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 140 T.H.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at Stugard at 1156 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, D.R., Pilotage

- o. Winds aloft were (not) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (not) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey None
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass ^{OK}
- (4) Fluxgate ^{OK until return}
- (5) Other Equipment ^{OK}

/s/ J. M. Rush
J. M. RUSH
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator. , 10w Sq.

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

Date 11 December 1944

Deputy

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Frankfurt, 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 0750 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0900 hours on Cottesmore Lancher at 11000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0935 hours at Colchester
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.
Gee, Pilotage

- f. Division formation was joined at 1005 hours at Beachy Head
- g. Flight to IP was (~~not~~) as briefed.

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

1. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 81.
- (3) Actual Drift 49.
- (4) Altitude over Target 25000.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1123.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 245/55k.
- (7) Method of target identification.

PTT

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 140 T.H.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 49-57 08-58 at 1127 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

Deputy followed Lead until taking over at Charleroi, Belgium.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee and mickey

- o. Winds aloft were (not) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (not) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/s/ G. J. Moore

G. J. MOORE

1st Lt. A. C.

Deputy Lead Navigator.

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

Date 11 December 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Frankfurt

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 0745 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0845 hours on Cottesmore buncher
at 12000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.
Gee - mickey

- f. Division formation was joined at 1006 hours at Beachy Head
- g. Flight to IP was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.
D.R.

1. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 105
- (3) Actual Drift 43
- (4) Altitude over Target 27000
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1123
- (6) Wind used for bombing 28k/6k
- (7) Method of target identification. PTT

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

**We were overrunning Lead Sq. - indicating 140.
Mickey out.**

(9) Weather over Target.
10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 190.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at 1145 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Pilotage, DR, Gee

- o. Winds aloft were (not) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (not) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/s/ Paul J. King

PAUL J. KING

1st Lt. A. C.

Lead Navigator., High Sq.

PILOT **Lt. R. S. Habbell** NAVIGATOR **Lt. G. J. Moore** DATE **11 December 1944**

FFF - Lt. J. F. Goodman

STATIONS	0620	ENGINES	0720	TAXI	0735	T.O.	0750
LEAVE	BASE	Cottesmore	0904				
COAST OUT			1005				
ENEMY COAST			1019				
I.P.			1119				
TARGET			1128				
ENEMY COAST		English Coast	1505		1558		
E.P.R.X			1638				

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH Fast Slow RATE secs / hour Gaining Losing
 At G.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.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.
Ass 10000 Lead													0904	Depart
Cott Y Buncher														
52 44N 00 39W	280	10000	150	150	080	-3	077	10	087	173	19	06 1/2	0911	
Spaulding "B"	25		-13											
52 47N 00 09W	284	12000	150	155	145-	A7	152	10	162	174	67	23	0934	
Colchester "D"	27	14000	-16											
51 53N 00 54E	290	15000	150	162	216	10	266	10	236	151	45	18 1/2	0953	
Seven Oaks "K"	30	16000	-22											
51 17N 00 12E	290	17000	150	167	178	10	188	10	198	176	34	12	1005	English Coast
Beachy Head	30	17500	-26											C.P. #1
50 44N 00 15E	290	19000	150	173	099	-2	097	A9	106	202	53	16 -2	1019	Coast
50-37N 01-35E	30	20500	-30											
	290	23500	150	187	099	-3	96	A8	104	246	152	37 A2	1058	C.P. #2 1058
50-16N 05-30E	62	26500	-37											
	250	26500	150	198	097	A7	104	A7	111	246	34	8 A1	1107	
50-12N 06-22E	56		-41											
	2	26500	150	198	097	A7	104	A6	110	246	35	8	1125	
50-08N 07-17E		26500	150	198	078	A2	80	A6	86	254	15	4	1119	I.P.
50-11N 07-40E			-41											
I.P.	290	26500	150	198	095	A10	105	A6	111	227	38	10	1128	TARGET
TARGET	46	start descent												
50-07N 08-38E	290	25500	170	221	129	A11	140	A5	145	225	18	4	1132	
49-57N 08-58E	45	24500	-40											
	232													
49-20N 09-08E	45	24500	150	191	170	A12	182	A5	187	166	38	14 -1	1145	
	252	24500	150	191	197	A13	210	A5	215	156	42	16 -1	1200	
48-40N 08-50E	54													
		24500	150	191	225	A7	232	A6	238	142	28	12	1212	(Field order timings) 1224 GP 3 48-26N 1242 07-30E
48-20N 08-20E	start descent													
	-28	260/48	18000	170	199	-4	274		281	117	63	26		
48-48N 03-12E	-15	280/38	11500	150	154	278	0	278	A7	285	116	137 200	1:11 1:37	1349 1421
			11500	150	154	270	A9	273	A8	281	117	42	22	1411 1449
48-49N 02-01E			-15											
Crosser	270/22	7000	150	143	354	-9	345	A9	354	139	248	1:47	1558	English Coast
			-7											
Kings Lynn	258/20	2000	160	146	253	A1	254	A10	264	126	36	18	1616	wing break up
			-3											
Base	258/20	2000	150	132	247	A2	249	A10	259	112	40	22	1638	RTR
			0											

FLIGHT RECORD

0921 LTTO Takes 44 min to climb.

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		TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME	DIST.	TIME	
0750					Airborne									6
0820		252/19			Weather ship wind. Circling Cottesmore Buncher		152	11200 -12						
0904	78	-3	75		Leave Cottesmore 5 mi S.		156	11100 -12						
0911	143	A7	150		5 miles SW Ft. B		150	11200						
0915			149		52-40N 00-09E		155	11300 -13						
0921	139	262/37 A11	150		52-26N 00-27E		150	12400 -14	155	171	171	38	13 1/2	0934 1/2
0927	164	A11	175		Airspeed indicator out		157-	13500			171	21	7 1/2	0934 1/2
0933	212	A10	222		Ft. D - 7 mi. right			14000						
0935 1/2	204	A6	210		51-48N 00-41E			13400						
0951			195		51-20N 00-16E			16600 -23						
1006	209	A6	215		Making 360 deg. English Coast - 5 miles L course		150	17800						
1010			107		50-35N 00-40E		147	18000						
1017	99	A1	100		50-41N 01-08E - Formation *S*-ing		155	19000 -25			202	17	5	1022
1021					French Coast - on course									
1027	99	-3	96		50-36N 02-14E		150	20500 -26						

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	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	
1033	90	272/80	92		50-37N 02-55E		150 21500	181		26	6	260	101	23	1056
1041	105	-5	100		27 @ 360 - Ghent		154 22900	184				264	70	16	1057
1045	24	245/55			VHF wind										
1054	105	-1	104		50-24N 05-22E		150 24600								
1100	98	255/58	105		50-21N 06-00E Gee Wind		150 25300	194		245	6	245	50	12	1112
1008	98	27	105		50-07N 07-06E		150 26500						23	6	1114
1116			81		I. P.		145 26400								
1123	78	23	81		BOMBS AWAY		150 25000					226			
1125	129	211	140				145 24600								
1130	182	28	190				145 24200								
1136	225	25	230				140 "								
1139	225	27	232				150 23800								
1143	237	211	248				150 23300	31 189							
1200	225	25	230				154 20000	185							
1202		270/72	245		Pin-point 48-34N 08-45E	VHF wind	"	"							
1218	278	-1	277				155 18700								
1230			248				154 18500	180							
1233	278	27	285		Strasbourg - 15 @ 28		165 18200	180				118	170	1:27	1400
1242	310	-12	298		Saarburg - 15 @ 326		152 1700			15	9	100			
1243			295		48-38N 07-02E		150 "								
1256	310	-8	302		06-45N 08-58E 48-55N		150 17500								
1306			285				154 17700								
1316	310	-8	302		49-19N 05-58E Cirrus dissipated		154 18000								
1322	310	-8	302		50-04N 05-36E		154 18000								
1331	310	-10	300		50-10N 05-28E		152 18000				9				
1335	310	-10	300				156 "								
1352	310	-10	300		50-10N 04-55E		175 18000								
1358	"	"	"		50-20N 04-37E		155 16400			16	6	161	84	31	1429
1410	310	"	300				154 18900								
1415	310	"	300		20 @ 10 - Ghent					44	17	155	41	15 1/2	1430 1/2
1430	328	-10	318		Belgian Coast 5 mi E. Ostend		175 18500								
1438	328	-13	315		51-22N 02-57E		170 16400								
1439	328	-2	326		51-42N 02-42E		" 13400			21 1/2	7	184	89	29	1508
1450	328	-8	320		52-05N 02-15E		" 9700			28	11	153	60	23 1/2	1513 1/2
1504	328	-7	321		English Coast - 5 mi. E Lowestoft		155 "								
1513	328	-8	320		Gronow - 5 mi. S. W.		170 4000								
1515	253	2	255		52-51N 01-11E		" 2700								
1521	253	23	256		52-49N 00-51E		160 2500			122	6	122	17	8 1/2	1529 1/2
1530	253	21	254		Kings Lynn - 3 miles S		" "								
1532 1/2	247	23	250		52-43N 00-18E		160 2300								
1538 1/2	247	23	250		52-38N 00-02E		" "					132	21	9 1/2	1548
1550					Over field										
1600					Landed										

I certify that this is a true copy of the Lead Deputy Lead Navigator's Log. (Lead crew landed in Belgium)

E. W. BROWN
Lt. Colonel, A. C.
S.O., 401st Bomb Group (H)
SIGNED _____ NAVIGATOR

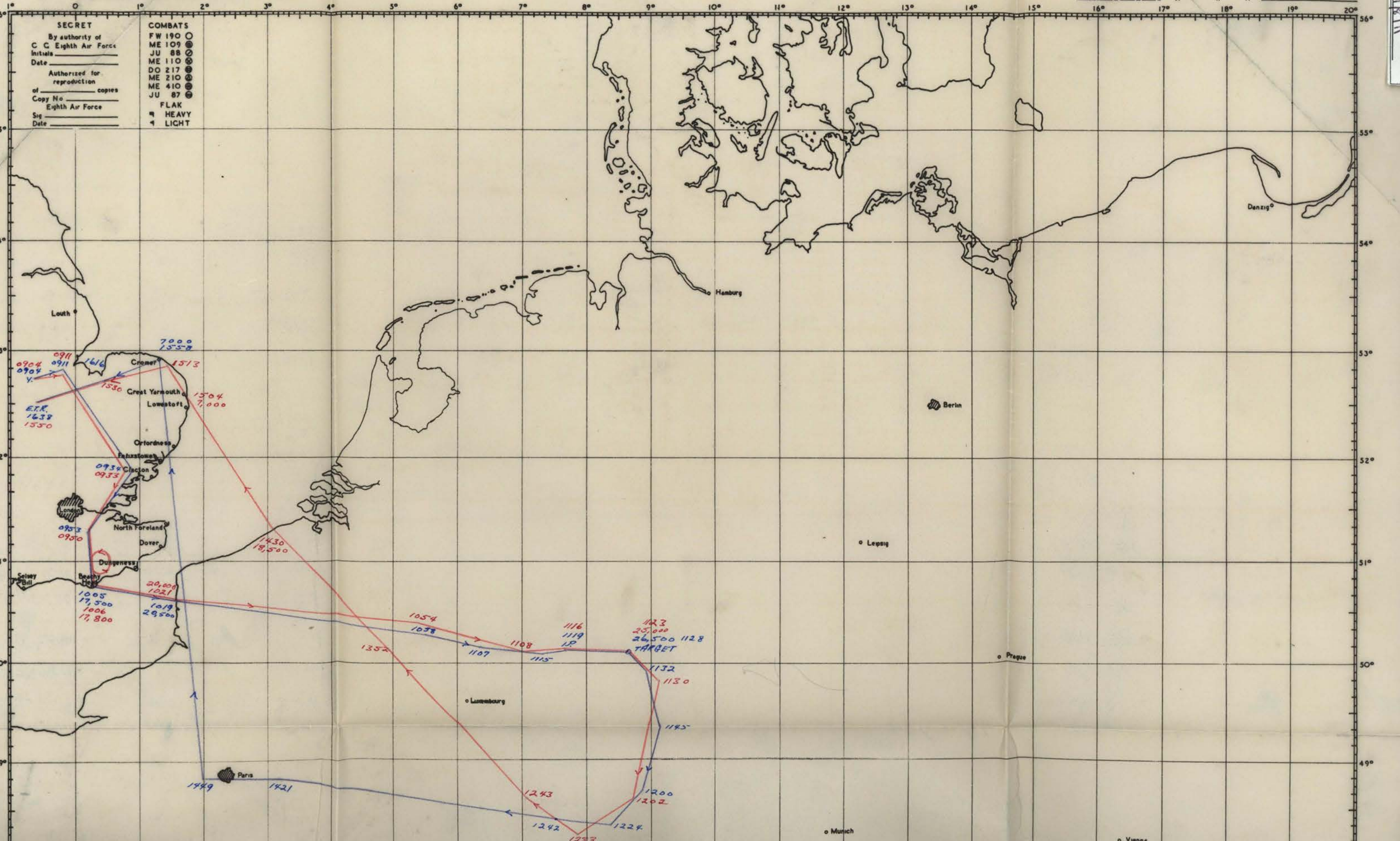
TRACK CHART

DATE Dec. 11, 1944

TARGETS
PRIMARY

Frankfurt, Germany

Blue ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Briefed
Red 40th B. G. (H)



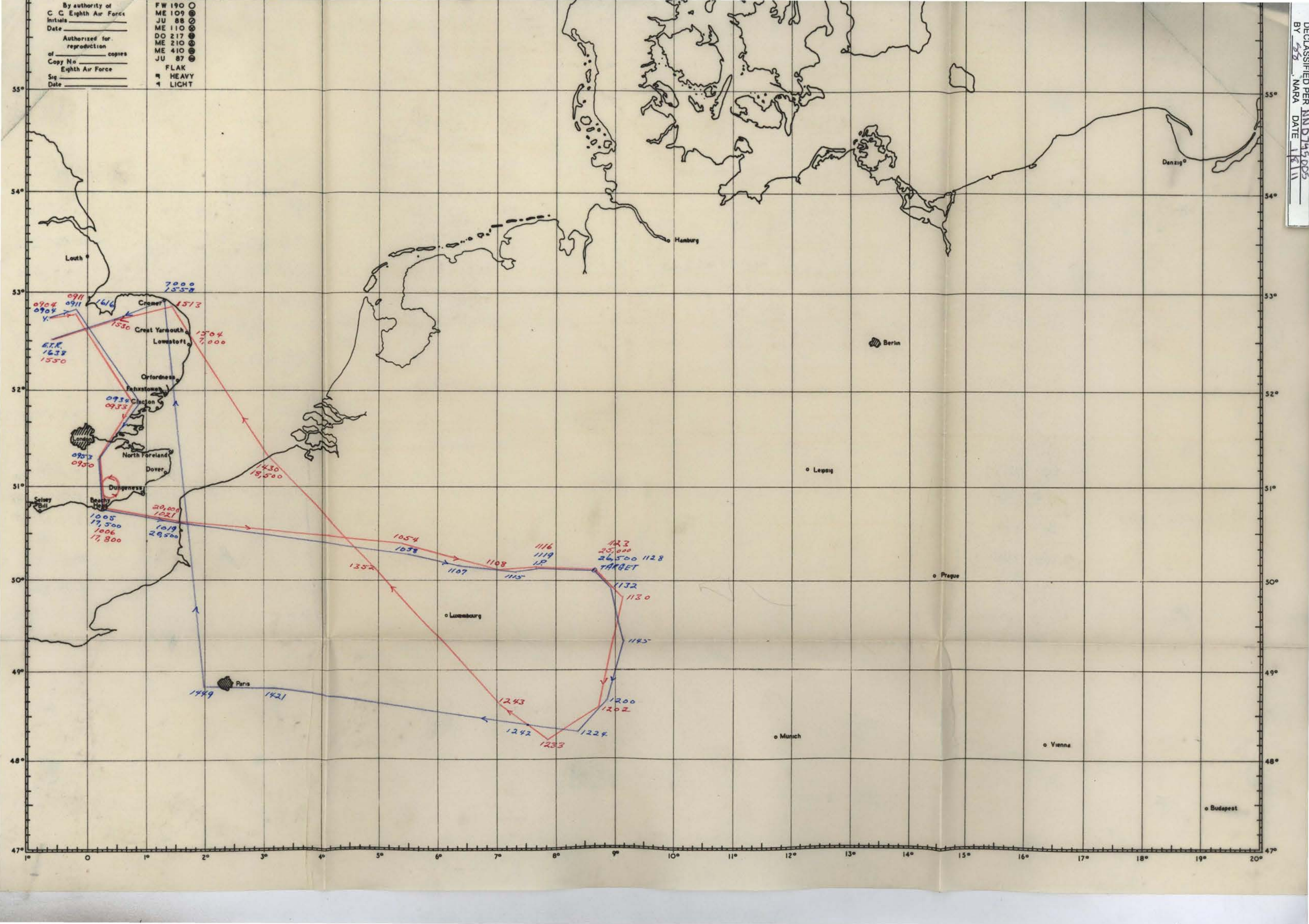
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group

1st BD F. O. 578

Date of 11 Dec 44

94th "B" Group

	LEAD		HIGH		LOW
		IFF - GH		IFF - GH	
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	2	12	1	13
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	2	11	1	13
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	2	11	1	12
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	11	1	12
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-	-	-	1
(a) Early Returns Included					(1)
7. Name of Primary Target	FRANKFURT (VIS)				
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of bombs					
8. Name of Secondary Target	FRANKFURT (PFF)				
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	11	1	12
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	120	22	132	11	144
	500# M64	500# M64	500# M64	500# M64	500 # M64
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	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
13. - to Flak					
14. - to Flak & F/A					
15. - to Enemy A/C					
16. - to Accident					
17. - to Unknown					

STAT SUMMARY (cont'd)

	LEAD	HIGH	LOW
8. Time of Takeoff	0750	0745	0749
19. Time of Attack	1123	1123	1123
20. Average Time of Flight	8.3	8.4	8.2
21. Altitude of Release	24,900	26,400	23,900
22. Visual or PFF	PFF	PFF	PFF
23. Enemy Resistance - Int. Acc.	NONE	NONE	NONE
24. - Fighters	-	-	-
25. - Bomber	-	-	-
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

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1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. Flieg DATE 11 Dec 1944

PILOT Lt. Hubbell (Deputy leader) TAKE OFF 0750

NAVIGATOR Lt. Moore AIRPLANE _____

WING 94 B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1600

OBJECTIVE Frankfurt, Germany (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 56 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: 55

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M 64 FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/100

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 429 (222 Incl 203 box) RELEASED 429

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: FFF

Altitude of Target <u>310</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>-40</u> Actual <u>-38</u>
True Altitude above target <u>24900</u>	Mag Head, order <u>108</u> Actual <u>87</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>25500</u>	True Heading <u>81</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>4669</u>	Drift, Est <u>9L</u> Actual <u>3L</u>
Altimeter setting <u>29.92</u>	True Track <u>78</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>150</u>	Actual Range <u>14.195</u>
G.S. Est <u>265</u> Actual <u>250</u>	B.S. Type <u>M-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>230</u> Actual <u>245</u>	Time of Release <u>1125</u>
Wind Veloc, Metro <u>53</u> Actual <u>64</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>7500</u>
D.S. <u>124.5</u> Trail <u>61</u> ATF <u>41.8</u>	Length of Bombing Run <u>48 miles</u>
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.57</u> Actual <u>.57</u>	C-1 Pilot <u>Yes</u> A-5 _____
Mean Temp: Metro <u>-14</u> Actual <u>-14</u>	Manual Pilot _____
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>7500</u>

TRUE ALTITUDES
HIGH BOX --- 26400
LOW BOX --- 23900

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

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Reference Field Order 578.

11 DECEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 179.

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>0</u>
Splashers	<u>1</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>35</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>12</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>39</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

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

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>33</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>32</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>9216</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>2</u>	6. Gee	<u>1</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	7. H2X, MICRO-H	<u>1</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	8. Carpet	<u>3</u>
4. Liaison	<u>0</u>	9. IFF	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	10. SCS-51	<u>0</u>

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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

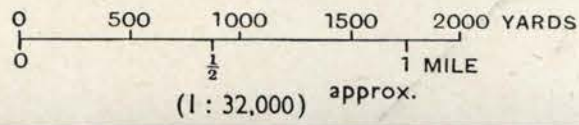
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RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD,
Etc.

FRANKFURT a. M.
(GERMANY)

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- A. RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD.
- B. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.
- C. GOODS STATION.

Air Force Formation- 1 Div A Force 9 Gp (we are sixth)
 B " 5 GP
3 Div 14 GP
2 Div A force 8 Gp
 B force 5 GP

A Force formation-40(ABCD) 94(ABC) 1(AB)

Targets are all transportation and have been requested by Army.

We hit the M/Y at Frankfurt which were only lightly damaged the last time.

1 Div B force hits Maximilian RR ~~M/Y~~ bridge
3 Div hits Giessen M/Y
2 Div hits Hanau M/Y and Maximilian

Secindaty is same as primary-Last resort M/Y

Route-- We approach Beachy head from gravesend and our div assembly line is B.H. to first co-ord.

Interval between gps 1 min.--Sparès turn back at French coast. Every attempt will be made to keep good formation until past Paris on the way home(don't stop).Div break up point is the French coast.

3 PFF to the GP

Gas load 2780

Base reference alt 25000

Bomb alt 26500

interval sett visual salvo-PFF 75 ft(target expected overcast)

loading 12x500 GP

Relay a/c--scouting force--screening force operate as usual but remember there are Mosquitoes in screening force as well as 17s don't shoot . You will release chaff 9 min before target for 12 min
Div CO Col Sutton-Wing CO Maj Richardson--GpCO Capt Chapman
Fighter Cover is 6 gp close support for A force with 2 more in area support.

Flak-124 guns in-range-none known at LR target.

There are many e/a in area but weather is expected to keep em down

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OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 401st Bombardment Group (H)

11 December 1944
 Mission # 179

SUBJECT : Loading List

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

Plane # 43-97947

P	Christensen, Marvin J.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Kleppe, Fred H.	1st Lt.	"
N	King, Paul J.	1st Lt.	"
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	"
RC	Zepper, James D.	T/Sgt	"
TTG	Hereford, Gerald F.	T/Sgt	"
EG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Norris, Robert V.	S/Sgt	"
MG	Fraioli, Frank F.	1st Lt.	"

Plane # 43-37628

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

Plane #42-31662

P	Cox, Walter E.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Amundson, Glenn R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Ankron, Lowell J.	S/Sgt	"
NO	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXX	X
ITG	Warren, Emmitt E.	S/Sgt	"
RC	Hill, Robert H.	S/Sgt	"
BTG	Pope, Leroy G.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	S/Sgt	"
FG	Dunn, Dale D.	S/Sgt	"

Plane # 43-38753

P	Cramer, Joseph L.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Freut, Ralph W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Phillips, Michael I.	1st Lt.	"
B	Waldhoff, Jack G.	1st Lt.	"
RC	Goodman, Martin R.	T/Sgt	"
ITG	Stott, Douglas W.	T/Sgt	"
BTG	Coffin, Robert J.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Villagio, Vincent V.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Clerk, Eugene F.	S/Sgt	"

Plane # 42-38788

P	Bloetscher, Andrew F.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	"
RC	Robinsky, Charles J.	Sgt	"
ITG	Richards, Carl R.	S/Sgt	"
BTG	Skaggs, Irl R.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Nickols, Clint S. Jr.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Giles, Otho W.	S/Sgt	"

Plane # 43-38637

P	Long, Robert L.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Watterson, Stuart E.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Crick, Lawrence A.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Watson, Reynoldia S.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	York, Dennis A.	S/Sgt	"
TTC	Hovenzak, Henry (NMI)	S/Sgt	"
SEC	O'Neal, Hayes E. Jr.	S/Sgt	"
IG	Iles, Earl L.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Willich, Edward L.	S/Sgt	"

Plane # 42-106992

P	Ritting, Carl G.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Stein, William F.	1st Lt.	"
N	Reese, Victor S.	1st Lt.	"
Log.	Zabel, Bruce H.	Sgt	"
RO	Fendley, Garland E.	S/Sgt	"
TTC	Luccioni, John (NMI)	T/Sgt	"
SEC	Cherubini, Peter J.	Sgt	"
IG	Bunn, Charles F.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Williams, Clarence P.	T/Sgt	"

Plane # 42-102393

P	Jones, Dale G.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Siepak, Stanley J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Wishnoff, Aaron (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Moran, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Madryak, Chester F.	S/Sgt	"
TTC	Graupman, Richard C.	S/Sgt	"
SEC	Rogers, Charles G.	Pvt	"
IG	Watters, Kenneth G.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Wallace, Robert W.	S/Sgt	"

Plane # 43- 591

P	Madgall, Carl L.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Mitchell, Frank G. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Earl R. Wilde,	2nd Lt.	"
B	Boardall, Keith E.	Sgt	"
RO	Knight, Adam (NMI)	S/Sgt	"
TTC	Hocman, Loyd F.	T/Sgt	"
SEC	Gyles, Alfred R.	Sgt	"
IG	Farker, Robert H.	Sgt	"
FG	Farker, Matt M.	Sgt	"

Plane # 42-39995

P	Thorne, Walter W.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Mosain, George (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
N	Farr, Charles (NMI) Jr	2nd Lt.	"
B	Smith, Floyd G.	S/Sgt	"
RO	Lawson, Harry G.	T/Sgt	"
TTC	Himmons, Alston H.	S/Sgt	"
SEC	McGrath, Joseph A.	S/Sgt	"
IG	Hunford, John V.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Karagoza, Albert R.	S/Sgt	"

End.

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

11 December 1944

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-2607	P	1st Lt.	KEELING	CHARLES	W.
	CP	1st Lt.	FOWLER	RUSSELL	M.
	N	1st Lt.	RUSH	JAMES	M.
	B	1st Lt.	SCANLON	WILLIAM	M.
	RO	T SGT.	KNOX	ROBERT	C.
	TT	T SGT.	FRIEST	MAURICE	C.
	BT	S SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.
	TG	S SGT.	MOORE	WAVERLY	W.
	WG	S SGT.	PAPAZIAN	STEPHEN	A.
43-38791	P	2d Lt.	KELSO	ARTHUR	D. JR.
	CP	F/O	HAGGARD	WILKY	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)
44-6132	P	1st Lt.	JENNINGS	WILLIAM	R.
	CP	1st Lt.	GARTON	FRED	M.
	N	1st Lt.	FOLKS	WILLIAM	M.
	B	1st Lt.	SCHLOVEN	ISAAC	(NMI)
	RO	T SGT.	CURTIS	JAMES	W.
	TT	S SGT.	FORMAN	RICHARD	T.
	BT	S SGT.	SELZLE	THOMAS	R.
	TG	S SGT.	OLIVER	KENNETH	C.
	WG	S SGT.	EWEN	DONALD	L.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	2d Lt.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
	N	2d Lt.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	G.
	B	2d Lt.	GORMAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	T SGT.	SHEETZ	JOHN	H.
	BT(BT)	S SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	BT(TT)	S SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
	TG	S SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S SGT.	CHANCE	BUFFORD	D.
44-6313	P	2d Lt.	BRADLEY	AUDREY	J. JR.
	CP	2d Lt.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2d Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	J.
	B	SGT.	ELINS	HERMAN	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	BOWERS	JACOB	JR. J.
	TT	M SGT.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	E.
	BT	SGT.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	SGT.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	SGT.	DEFERBAUGH	NORMAN	(NMI)
42-102947	P	2d Lt.	STEELE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2d Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	2d Lt.	D'AGOSTINI	BENEDICT	R. (615)
	B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	STACHRA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	SGT.	MYERS	ERROLL	A.
	TG	SGT.	LUTZ	LEO	B.
WG	SGT.	WCWAK	CHESTER	A.	

44-6588	P	1st Lt.	CARSON	FRANK	(NMI)
	CP	1st Lt.	MORE MOE	MORRIS	E.
	N	2nd Lt.	LAWLESS	HARRIS	E.
	B	1st Lt.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	RO	T SGT.	SHERMAN	LEO	(NMI)
	TT	T SGT.	MAC GEHEE	RAY	E.
	BT	S SGT.	LEE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	S SGT.	GERALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S SGT.	JAMES	LLEWELYN	(NMI)

43-37706	P	F/O	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	SGT.	TANAZEVIH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.

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	H.
	TT	SGT.	JOHNSON	EIMO	E.
	BT	SGT.	ZENOR	HAROLD	M.
	TG	SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	SGT.	HARDIN	ROY	(NMI)

43-38862	P	1st Lt.	HOPIFY	CHARLES	W.
	CP	2d Lt.	GOETZ	FRANK	V.
	N	2d Lt.	MAG DONALD	RICHARD	E.
	B	S SGT.	JACOBS	JOHN	R.
	RO	S SGT.	DUNNING	CHARLES	R.
	TT	T SGT.	HARDIN	WILLIAM	A.
	BT	S SGT.	MERRIMAN	JAY	S.
	TG	S SGT.	VAN PELT	HAROLD	S.
	WG	S SGT.	ANDERSON	WAYNE	L.

FLYING WITH 615th SQUADRON :

	S SGT.	KISSACK	JOHN	D.
	S SGT.	HUCKINS	GARTH	N.
	S SGT.	GUESS	WILLIAM	J.

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

AAF Station # 128
31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE # 44-8258 8258			
P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	614th Sq.
CP	Capt.	CHAPMAN, ALVAN H. JR.	"
H	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN D.	"
H	Capt.	SMITH, CHARLES M.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESEBACH, JOHN T.	"
B	1st Lt.	SCHLEPPER, WILLIAM P.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Arellano, Gerardo J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Hoffman, Leon W.	"
TG	1st Lt.	HAYES, LESLIE R.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Martin, Norman D.	"

PLANE # 44-8085			
P	1st Lt.	MEYER HUBBELL, RICHARD S.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	GOULET, AMEROSE P.	"
H	2nd Lt.	MOORE, GEORGE J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FLING, STANLEY W.	"
MO	2nd Lt.	GOODMAN, JAMES W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Pool, Clyde W.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Ross, Richard D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Bell, W. S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Harris, John C.	"

PLANE # 42-97322			
P	1st Lt.	ST AVEYN, GLENN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, WALLACE	"
H	F/O	KAHN, CHARLES	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Buckley, John P.	"
RO	Sgt.	Rubinson, Jerome J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Dearborn, Harry R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lichtenberger, Gustav	"
TG	Sgt.	Hickey, Harold J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Falkowitz, Irving	"

PLANE # 42-38530			
P	1st Lt.	CROZIER, JOHN C.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	WEBER, MORRIS	"
H	2nd Lt.	POLSTER, ERVING	"
B	2nd Lt.	WHITING, RICHARD L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Hapner, Clayton	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Ligon, James E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McCormack, Edison C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kitts, Keith D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Merrill, Richard B.	"

PLANE # 43-38677

P 1st Lt.
 CP 2nd Lt.
 N 1st Lt.
 B 2nd Lt.
 RO Sgt.
 TT Sgt.
 BT Sgt.
 TG S/Sgt.
 WG Sgt.

MORAN, ROBERT E.
 WELLMAN, SILAS H.
 LE BLANC, JOHN S.
 DUNCAN, ROBERT W.
 Brown, Arnold P.
 Stromberg, Warren S.
 Detty, Hibert J. Jr.
 Clark, Charles E.
 Miller, James J.

614th Sq.

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PLANE # 42-97478

P 2nd Lt.
 CP 2nd Lt.
 N 2nd Lt.
 B 2nd Lt.
 RO S/Sgt.
 TT Sgt.
 BT Sgt.
 TG Sgt.
 WG Sgt.

FONDREN, JOHN E.
 VIA, JAMES C.
 COYNE, JOHN T.
 FACKRELL, JESSE L.
 Wensel, John W.
 Brobst, Clyde J.
 Wickline, John H.
 Wilbers, Herman R.
 Youmans, Henry A.

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PLANE # 44-6464

P 2nd Lt.
 CP 1st Lt.
 N 1st Lt.
 CTG S/Sgt.
 RO T/Sgt.
 TT T/Sgt.
 BT S/Sgt.
 TG S/Sgt.
 WG S/Sgt.

WITTMAN, PAUL F.
 HOSLEY, ROBERT A.
 O'HERN, MELVIN C.
 Jackson, John A.
 Mitchell, Joseph G.
 Collett, John E.
 Eaton, Carl E.
 Langford, Allie G.
 Richey, Leland B.

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PLANE # 42-102659

P 2nd Lt.
 CP 2nd Lt.
 N 2nd Lt.
 B 2nd Lt.
 RO Sgt.
 TT Sgt.
 BT Sgt.
 TG Sgt.
 WG Sgt.

THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.
 CASSIDY, CLARENCE
 LUPOWITZ, HYMAN
 BRUCE, WILLIAM M.
 Bode, Robert E.
 Willkson, Rodney V.
 Christensen, James P.
 Heikes, Dale L.
 Dane, Edward G.

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PLANE # 43-38677 6464

P 2nd Lt.
 CP 2nd Lt.
 N 2nd Lt.
 CTG S/Sgt.
 RO Sgt.
 TT T/Sgt.
 BT Sgt.
 TG Sgt.
 WG Sgt.

KING, MYRON L.
 SWERNEY, WILLIAM J III
 LOVE, RICHARD I Jr.
 Pyne, Robert E.
 Devito, Patsy A.
 Reinohl, Philip A.
 Atkinson, George E Jr.
 Speelman, K. Hampton

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GAY, CLIFFORD E.

PLANE # 42-107151			614th Sq.
P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
GP	2nd Lt.	RITCHIE, RALPH	"
N	2nd Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	HELM, CHARLES L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Block, William Joseph	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Powers, Willard E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Whittington, Charles S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglass B.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRSHOFF
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

11 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 # 43-38810

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Altieri	Alfonso	A.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Gannizzaro	Ralph	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"

PLANE # 43-38758

P	1st Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	F/O	Greenberg	Martin	(RMI)	"
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	(RMI)	"
FG	Sgt.	Karcher	Alonzo	A.	"

PLANE # 42-97864

P	1st Lt.	Maire	Frederick	H.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Deen	Robert	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Burns	Raymond	G.	"
B	Sgt.	Weigel	Clifford	H.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Mabrey	William	T.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Barr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Floyd	Norris	C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Landry	Lawrence	B.	"
FG	Sgt.	Nowak	Frank	F.	"

PLANE # 43-38125

P	1st Lt.	Maloney	Milton	F.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Magee	Eldon	C.	"
N	1st Lt.	Schultz	John	J.	"
B	Sgt.	Elston	Mack	A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Dodson	James	C.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Huckins	Garth	N.	615th
BT	T/Sgt.	Miro	Edward	O.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Roberts	James	D.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Kissack	John	D.	615th

LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 43-37551

P	2nd Lt.	Jordan	Robert	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	O.	"
N	F/O	Braslowsky	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	P.	"
FG	Sgt.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"

PLANE # 43-38425

P	2nd Lt.	Djernes	Carl	P.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Spiva	Raymond	H.	"
N	F/O	Canale	John	F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Davis	Rex	D.	"
RO	Sgt.	Lacourse	Lucien	(NMI)	"
TT	Sgt.	Ghiu	Donald	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Reiher	Gordon	A.	"
FG	Sgt.	Akins	Ora	R.	"

PLANE # 44-6146

P	1st Lt.	Cooper	Louis	E.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Spansel	Kaye	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	Ellis	George	O.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Gue	Charles	M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Sherrill	Bascom	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Sexton	Myron	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Maroncelli	Harry	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence	Ralph	I.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Guess	William	J.	613th

PLANE # 42-51730

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.G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Andrews	Leroy	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Smith	Elmer	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Livezey	Lowell	G.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Dailey	J. (io)	B. (io)	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 43-38779 613

P	1st Lt.	Grimm	William	F.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	1st Lt.	McMullen	Willard	G.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J., Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Matts	Dudley	F.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jaranson	David	A.	"

1st Lt. DAgostini Benedict R. flew with 613th

STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF 128 APO 557
US ARMY

CONFIDENTIAL

11 December 1944

INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 11 DECEMBER 1944

BASE AT TAKE OFF: 0746. 9/10 stratocu base 4000. Visibility 2 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 8/10 stratocu base 4000 tops 7000 becoming 2-4/10 cumulus tops 6000 over English coast to mid channel. 7/10 alto cu base 12000 tops 14000 becoming nil over English coast to mid channel then 8-10/10 alto cu and cu tops 14-16000 with occasional tops to 20000 to target. Low cloud visible thru breaks. Nil high cloud.

TARGET: 1123. Frankfurt. 10/10 cumulus tops 18000 with occasional tops to 20000. 2-4/10 cirrus cloud above 27000. Visibility aloft unrestricted.

ROUTE BACK: 10/10 swelling cu tops 18000 with occasional tops to 22000 becoming 5-7/10 to mid channel then 4-6/10 cumulus base 4000 tops 6000 to base with scud cloud to 2500 ft. 7/10 alto cu base 12000 tops 14000 over England. 2-4/10 cirrus cloud base 27000 from target to continental coast.

BASE AT RETURN: 1527 8/10 stratocu base 2500 tops 6000. 7/10 alto cu base 12000. Visibility 3 miles.

REMARKS: Dense persistent contrails above 27000 from Germany to continental coast. Wind at 50°N and 8°E at 19000 270/65k -30'

Charles C. La Penna
CHARLES C. LA PENNA
2nd Lt. A.C.

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE DEC 11 1944
 PERIOD 0800-1800
 AG P BR HQ SOS 122929

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET TO BASE	C	D
WEATHER	Partly cloudy with haze becoming cloudy.	Cloudy becoming partly cloudy to cloudy with haze over base.		<p>NOTE: Light non-persistent contrails base 25,000' base, moderate dense persistent associated with cirrus near target and over continent on return.</p> <p>For target surface pressure altitude add target elevation to plus 669 ft.</p> <p>Target surface pressure for sea level 29.21 inches.</p>
CLOUDS	<p>2-4/10 stratus, in thin patches between 3,000' and 10,000' except 10/10 base 2,000' tops 10,000' extreme northern bases base 5-7/10 large cumulus base 2-3,000' tops 10-12,000' isolated tops 12,000' over channel according to 4-6/10 inland and increasing to 6-8/10 base 2-3,000' tops 12-15,000' isolated tops 15,000' west of 05 deg. East. 10/10 middle cloud base 2-3/10 altostratus and</p>	<p>Large cumulus decreasing to 4-6/10 cumulus base 2-3,000' tops 6-8,000' west of 05 deg. East increasing to 6-8/10 large cumulus base 2-3,000' tops 10-12,000' isolated tops 15,000' over channel decreasing to 4-6/10 base 2-3,000' tops 6-8,000' over England 3-5/10 altostratus and alto clouds base 10,000' tops 10,000' breaking to all over channel and England. 3-5/10 cirrus base 25,000'</p>	<p>increasing gradually to 5-7/10 west of 05 deg. East breaking to all over channel.</p> <p>altostratus in large patches near target area base 10,000' tops 15,000'. 10/10 high clouds base 25,000' west of 05 deg. East.</p>	
ICING	4,000' will become moderate clear in large cumulus.	As A 3.		
VISIBILITY	2-3 miles haze, unrestricted aloft.	Unrestricted aloft haze. 4-6 miles at base.		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	0800. 270 20	270 20	270 20	270 20
500 FT	270 20	280 30	270 30	260 30
1000 FT	280 25	280 35	260 35	250 35
1500 FT	290 30	280 45	260 45	240 40
2000 FT	290 30	290 55	260 50	240 45
2500 FT	300 35	290 65	250 55	230 45
3000 FT	300 35	290 75	250 60	230 50

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.09 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. Plus 17.5 TARGET MEAN TEMP. Plus 17.5
 TEMP. AT 25,500 FT. Minus 11 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 29.21

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

F-A-1

APO 557
8 December 1944

SUBJECT: Abortive Report.

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

The following aircraft aborted from the mission of 6 December 1944, due to the reasons stated:

a. A/C #42-106992 - Returned early because of a broken external supply line to the prop governor, causing a loss of oil. This line had been changed approximately 150 hours previously.

b. A/C #42-31485 - Returned early because pilot stated that the #4 supercharger was erratic. At 22000 ft. it was only possible to get 25" Hg. The manifold pressure continued to drop off as the ship continued to climb. The aircraft was ground checked and no malfunctions were found. It was then test flown to 27000 ft. by the same pilot, and all engines operated satisfactorily.

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

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 -- APO 887
U. S. ARMY

D-2-1

6 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 887, 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 B. Cooper, Pilot A/C 8810, say they are not given enough food to be taken on missions.
7. Lt. Julian Roadman, Pilot A/C 7039, stated that the low section, low squadron was in poor formation most of the day.
8. Lt. Col. Burton K. Voorhees, Division Leader, reported that a third Division Group (insignia square-P) flew through the 94th "A" Group formation prior to control point one, so close that a portion of 94th "A" Group was caught in prop wash of the third Division Group.

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

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

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APO 557
7 December 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

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

1. Negative Armament Malfunction Mission Report is submitted for the mission of 6 December 1944.
2. There were twenty-nine (29) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

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LEAD SQ 94 "A" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT COL VOORHIES Date: 6 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: MAJ DE JONCKHEERE

Deputy Gp. Leader: MAJ DE JONCKHEERE

Today gas load
Breakfast - 0200
Briefing - 0315
etc. - 0515

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

GUSEMAN (VOORHIES)
IN C 8454

ANNIS
IN U 7706

MC HODRICK (DE JONCKHEERE)
IN P 8449

613 SQDN

613 SQDN

CARSON
IN D 8588

CAMPBELL
IN H 8607

BRADLEY
IN F 6313

DOUGLAS
IN J 1591
Booster Pump Out.
W-R - 780

TAUSIG
IN R 6113

CARLY
IN B 8132

HOPLEY
IN N 8862

KELSO
IN G 8791

CUREAN
IN K 1072

SPARES

STEELE
IN S 2947

WX A/C IW L 0001 (Capt Kirkhuff)

~~PTF SPARE LEAD IN A 8258 disp 52~~

SC Q 8153 disp 14
IW R 780 GROUND SP.

Lead sq 20-250 GP 1/10 - 1/40



791 - #759 Lorkis
779 - ~~779~~ Comp. notes
680



Low Squadron, 24th A Group

Captain Harb

6 Dec 44

Combat Sq. Leader: LT Crower Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: Maj De Jankhove

Deputy Gp. Leader: 612

*Three ships clusters
10 ftdgs clusters
38-clusters*

SQDN
SCHAUSSMAN (HARB)
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCUB
615 IY BUZZARD

SC J 7947

CAMPBELL

CROWER

SC F 8541

SC K 8733

612

612

SQDN

SQDN

AIKEN

SCHLIMMANN

~~SC A 7022~~ Mag Out.

SC J 7790

FRENCH

LONG

COX

BODDIE

SC N 6596

SC L 8637

SC B 7992

SC H 2338

BOATMAN

LOAD these 3 A/C with incendiaries coming from Basingbourne

SC M 7039

BLOTTSCHEK

HUDHALL

SC R 2305

SC S 8690

SPARES

~~REF Spare Lead IX + 5253, disp 32
SC Q 8165, disp 14~~

MARTIN

SC D 8392

Weather A/C IN L 001 (Capt Kirkhuff)

High Squadron, 94th A Group

Combat Sq. Leader: Major Havey Date: 6 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Haskett

Deputy Gp. Leader: Major Dejonckheere

20-250 GP
1/10-1/40

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

CAMPBELL (HAVEY)

IY H 7636

GRIMM, W. F.

IY O 8779

HASKETT

IY Q 8077

~~615~~ SQDN

~~615~~ SQDN

STEGEMAN

IY C 2468

UBY

IY K 8225

HANSEN

IW X 3565

SOMBART

IY E 1730

JONES

IW P 2012

MALONEY

IY X 1485

COOPER

IY N 3810

JORDAN

IY L 7551

GRIMM, A. R.

IY F 7664

SPARES

~~Ground Spare Pff: IY A 8250, disp 32
SC Q 8153, disp 14~~

GRACRAFT

IY D 8125

Weather A/C IW L 0001 (Capt Kirkhuff)

"SCREENING FORCE"

34th "D" Squadron

Combat Sq. Leader: Captain LOGGIE Date: 6 Dec 61

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Usher

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

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

BROWN (WCH R)
IW C 8033

~~SPULER~~
IW B 8733

~~UTER~~
1YA 258
IW R 7780

~~614~~ SQDN

~~614~~ SQDN

~~MORTON~~
IW B 7151

~~SIBSON~~
IW A 8508

~~WHEPP~~
IW B 8484

~~RICHARDSON~~
IW K 8677

~~KING~~
IW Q 7931

~~BABCOCK~~
SC F 1891

~~OSBORN~~
IW Q 7473

~~THOMPSON, R.~~
8846
IW T REBAR

~~ST. AUBYN~~
IW D 7322

SPARES

~~SEDER~~
IY R 8146

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028 IN ...

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612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER
STATION 128
APO 557

6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

TO: Engineering Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army

1. The following is the battle damage report for the airplanes operated by this squadron on the combat mission completed this date.

AIRPLANE NO.	BATTLE DAMAGE
43-37790	1. Flak hole in bottom of right elevator, station 130. 2. Flak hole in bottom of right aileron, station 31.
44-6506	1. Flak hole in bottom of right stabilizer, station 188. Went through stabilizer and out top of elevator. Stabilizer change. 2. Flak cut in top of left wing, station 17.
42-107039	1. Flak hole in right bombay door.
42-97947	1. Flak hole in top leading edge of right elevator.
42-31662	1. Flak hole in top of right stabilizer, station 149. 2. Flak hole in bottom leading edge of left stabilizer, station 78.
42-102398	1. Flak hole in right side of fuselage, station EM 6e. 2. Flak hole in top of left stabilizer, station 78. 3. Flak hole in top of right wing, station 30.
42-102393	1. Flak hole in # 4 ring cowling, 9 o'clock. 2. Flak hole in leading edge of right wing, station 16. 3. Flak hole in left aileron, station 33.
43-38680	1. Flak hole in bottom of right flap, station 13. 2. Flak hole in right bottom side of fuselage, station 3a. 3. Flak hole in left side of chin turret apron. 4. Flak hole in leading edge of # 2 ring cowling, 6 o'clock. 5. Flak hole in bottom of left wing, station 18. 6. Flak hole in bottom leading edge of left wing, station 32. 7. Flak hole in top trailing edge of left wing, station 25.
43-38541	1. Negative.
43-38733	1. Negative.
43-38637	1. Negative.
42-31891	1. Negative.
42-106992	1. Did not return to base.

Herbert O. Kimmel
HERBERT O. KIMMEL
Capt, Air Corps
Engineering Officer