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

MISSION No. **233**

Date: **21 MAR. 45**

TO: **HOPSTEN , GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: HOPSTEN, GERMANY (A/D)
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. Three GH A/C were furnished, one for each squadron - plus a PFF A/C in the lead squadron. A spare accompanied both lead and high squadrons.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: HOPSTEN, GERMANY (vis)
2. a. Group Leader: Major E. T. DE JONCKHEERE (Reigler)
 Lead Navigator: Capt. H. C. WOOD (Eaton-MO)
 GH Navigator: 2nd Lt. E. G. HUDSPETH
 Lead Bombardier: Capt. H. W. MEADVILLE
- b. Low Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. J. D. GERBER
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. E. LOWRY (Dean*MO)
 GH Navigator: 2nd Lt. E. P. GROSS
 Lead Bombardier: 2nd Lt. A. R. BIASELLA
- b. High Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. R. S. HAYES
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. C. B. MINOR (Barnes-MO)
 GH Navigator: 2nd Lt. E. F. VERCELLI
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. R. W. MURPHY
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

Accomplished just before dawn and as briefed. This group was 94th "B", second in the Division column.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assembly was as briefed on the Cottesmore buncher. Accomplished in good time and in good order.

c. Route Over England:

Group left buncher on course one minute early. Route to control point #1 was as briefed with the group falling in behind 94th "A" in Wing column, between points "B" and "D". The coast was departed somewhat north of course as 94th "B" was following the Division leader.

4. Attack:a. Flight To Target:

As briefed with out incident. Times at control point #2 and IP were correct and course was as briefed. A few minutes before the IP "Buckeye Blue" reported target conditions as visual. Squadrons uncovered and prepared to bomb in trail.

b. Bombing Runs:

94th "B" Group bombed the # 1 priority target, visually, with excellent results. The cloud cover was about 1-2/10ths all the way, with considerable haze present restricting visibility somewhat. The lead squadron made the IP good and started the bomb run with the GH operator setting the bombardier straight on course. About 15 miles away the bombardier picked up the Aircrome and made a good 2 minute visual bomb run. The pre-set data was very close to the final data used so only small corrections in rate were necessary and none had to be made in course. Bombs were salvoed by the leader and dropped with a 150' intervalometer setting by all others in the squadron.

The High and Low squadrons were told at the IP to bomb visually and in trail. They uncovered and made individual bomb runs of approximately 2 minutes in length. Both had excellent results. The two squadron leaders salvoed; all others in the low and high squadrons used a 100' intervalometer setting. No AFCE equipment malfunctions were reported throughout the entire group.

c. Flight From Target:

As briefed without incident except that 94th "B" preceded 94th "A" which had bombed farther to the East. Course and altitude was as briefed. Letdown was made over channel.

d. Return to Base:

Group broke up at Kings Lynn and high and low squadrons went to respective stand off points. Lead squadron came directly to base. All ships landed safely at home base.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

4. e. Weather:

Weather en route was nil with some ground haze, which was also present at target area. Air to ground visibility was described as between 8 to 10 miles and target was readily identified.

g. Fighter Support:

Very good.

g. Comments on Formation and Interval:

Interval between 94th "A" and 94th "B" was as briefed- two minutes. Formation was very good especially in lead squadron at "bombs away" as evidenced by bomb pattern.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Consider mission as being entirely successful and accomplished almost exactly as briefed.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

All scheduled A/C attacked the target.

6. Enemy Opposition:

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

7. Battle Damage:

<u>Minor</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
2	1	3

8. Casualties:

None.

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

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Results were excellent. Lead squadron's bomb covered assigned MPI, pattern being approximately 2500' by 2500'. Low and high squadrons hit assigned MPI, pattern of low approximately 1200' by 4000' with high squadron strikes alongside and in area cover by lead and low.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Concl'd)

10. b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 142 X 500# GP's. The spare returned 12 GP's to base.

Low Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 456 X 100# M30 GP bombs.

High Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 417 X 100# M30 GP's and 12 X 500# GP's. The spare returned 38 X 100# M30 GP's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail	
Main Bombfall	36	36	873 154*	100# 500#	M30 GP	1/10 -	1/40 1/100
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			873 154	100# 500#	M30 GP	1/10 -	1/40 1/100
Other Expenditures			-	-	-	-	-
Bombs Returned			38 12	100# 500#	M30 GP	1/10 -	1/40 1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			911 166	100# 500#	M30 GP	1/10 -	1/40 1/100

* Incl Long delays as follows: 2 - 2 hr.
 2 - 6 hr.
 2 - 12hr.
 2 - 24 hr.
 2 - 36 hr.
 2 - 72 hr.

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted by:

MEN. W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer



LEAD
PATTERN: 1530X 2583
98% IN 2000
75% IN 1000
10% IN 500

LOW
PATTERN: 1107X 3690
85% IN 2000
40% IN 1000 ?

HIGH
PATTERN: 1655-2837
90% IN 2000
50% IN 1000

(SAV-401 112374 HIGH X21-3-4-14 - 8708-12-230 OOKHOPSTEN)
CONFIDENTIAL

Combat Sq. Leader: RIEGLER(DE JONCKHEERE) Date: 21 March 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SqDn
RIEGLER(DE JONCKHEERE)
613 SC LINDOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW COLFOUB
615 IV BULZARD

707(GH)

MAHARICK

BODDIE

591

653(PFF)

SqDn

SqDn

JONES

MAY

160

125(spot)

BERNEBURG

NIELSON

GERREN

YOUNG

2947(L.D.)

588(spot)

6113

146

CAREY

862

BRADLEY

LITCHFIELD

842

313

SPARRS

LEVY

401st Lead Sqdn 94th "B" Gp. at
T/O. Cruise & OVER TARGET.

730(returned)
{ early }

Combat Sq. Leader: **LT GERBER** Date: **21 March 1945**

Deputy Sq. Leader:

Deputy Gp. Leader:

SQDN

GERBER

- 612 SC LENOCK
- 613 IR MACRAE
- 614 IW GOLPERUB
- 615 IY BULLARD

825(GH)

GUILER

HART

992

767

SQDN

GRIMM

SQDN

MAIRE

810(spot)

664

MORAN

HUDNALL

MARTIN

SPENCE

398

680

039

637(spot)

SMITH

790

BLOMQUIST

HOWARD

733

662

**401st Low Sqdn, 94th "B" Gp. at
T/O, Cruise & (OVER TARGET)**

SPARES

Combat Sq. Leader: Capt HAYES Date: 21 March 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN
HAYES
612 SC LINCOLN
613 IN MACRO
614 IW COLFCOLUB
616 IY BULLZARD

GRAY

708(GH)

SPEER

780

8947

SQDN
THOMPSON, R.

SQDN
STAUFFER

646(spot)

677

VIERMAN

JAMES

PARK

LINDSET

738

565(spot)

983

931

HOLMES

322

SALISBURY

STEINMAN

478

151

401st High Sqdn, 94"B" Gp. at
T/O, Cruise & OVER TARGET

SPANAG

SORENSEN

395

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

Date 21 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Hopsten, Germany

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

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track chart attached.
3. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 0645 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0814 hours on Cottescore buncher.
at 13000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0839 hours at 53-10N 01-30E
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

DR, Gee, Radio, Pilotage

f. Division formation was joined at 0849 hrs. at GP 1

g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee, PFF, DR, Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

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

(2) True heading over target 120

(3) Actual drift 31

(4) Altitude over target 22400

(5) Time bombs away 0550

(6) Wind used for bombing 320/34

(7) Method of target identification.

Started G-H run, but sighted target and bombed visually.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 012

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 5251N 0750E at 0915 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at " " at " " hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at " " at " " hrs.
- m. Flight home was ~~(inst)~~ as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, DR, Pilotage, PFF

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey **Good**
- (2) Gee **Good**
- (3) Radio Compass **Good**
- (4) Fluxgate **Good**
- (5) Other equipment. **Good**

/s/ Horace D. Wood
HORACE D. WOOD
Capt., A. C.

Lead Navigator, Lead Sq.

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

Date 21 Mar. 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Rheine Hopsten A/D

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

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track chart attached.
3. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 0647 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0805 hours on Coll. Y buncher.
at 12000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0839 hours at 53-10 00-30
- d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

Pilotage, Sec, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0849 hrs. at CP 1
- g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Pilotage, Sec, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 110
- (3) Actual drift -1 N
- (4) Altitude over target 21600 (Ind)
- (5) Time bombs away 0750
- (6) Wind used for bombing 23/42
- (7) Method of target identification.

Pilotage, D-R

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 358 TH

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 5251N 0750E at 0956 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, DR, Pilotage, PFF

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/ Lawrence E. Lowry
LAWRENCE E. LOWRY
 1st Lt., A. G.

Lead Navigator. , Low Sq.

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

High

Date 21 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Rhine/Neusten A/D

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

- 1. Flight plan and Log attached.
- 2. Track chart attached.
- 3. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 0645 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0814 hours on Bothescore buncher.
at 13000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0830 hours at 3-10 0830N.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.
Gee, DR, Pilotage, Radio Compass

- f. Division formation was joined at 0849 hrs. at OP 1.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
Gee, PFF, DR, Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 120
- (3) Actual drift 30
- (4) Altitude over target 2700
- (5) Time bombs away 0950
- (6) Wind used for bombing 300/34
- (7) Method of target identification.

Started C-1 run; sighted target; bombed visually.

~~(8) Difficulties on bomb run.~~

None

(9) Weather over Target.

Clear, little haze. Facing sun.

(10) Axis of withdrawal 015

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 52-37N 07-37E at 1001 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, D.R., Gee

- 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** - Checked by astro-compass
- (5) Other equipment. **OK**

/s/ G. B. Minor
G. B. MINOR
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator, High B

PILOT Capt. W. Riegler

NAVIGATOR Capt. H. J. Wood

DATE 21 March 1945

Mickey - 2nd Lt. N. N. Eaton

STATIONS	0520	ENCINES	0620	TAXI	0635	T.O.	0650
LEAVE BASE	0815						
COAST OUT	0848						
ENEMY COAST	0921						
I.P.	0937						
TARGET	0950						
ENEMY COAST	1050 Eng. Coast 1143						
ETA 1225							

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

.. Hr. 0800
 Ref alt - 22000
 Bomb alt - 22000
 Oxygen - 3:45

WATCH Fast Slow RATE secs/hour Gaining Losing

At G.M.T. Div assembly - Clackson to 52-448 04-38E
 Letdown - /Cottesmore Buncher - Normal 010 Mag.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-448 00-39E Buncher on Treat (1)	256/33	13000	150	159	345	-12	333	11	364	185	21	08	0815 0823	Depart			
53-048 00-48E Point D	259/34	16000	150	163	074	-1	073	A10	083	197	55	17	-2	0838			
53-208 00-40E Grouser (CP 1) Begin climb	264/37	16000	150	170	136	A10	146	A10	156	190	35	11	-1	0848	English Coast, CP 1		0848
52-568 01-20E 52-448 04-38E	270/40	22000	150	178	095	A1	096	A9	105	218	121	33		0921	Coast, CP 2, 0921		
52-398 06-20E IP	284/52	22000	150	184	095	-2	093	A7	100	235	62	16		0937	IP		
52-328 07-33E T.	284/52	22000	150	184	112	A9	115	A6	121	235	49	12 1/2	A1	0950	Target		
52-368 07-45E	282/51	20000	170	206	085	-14	012	A6	018	212	17	05	A1	0956			
52-448 04-38E Grouser	280/50	20000	150	178	275	A2	277	A7	284	128	113	53	A1	1050	Coast		
52-508 01-21E Kings Lynn	252/31	2000	170	175	275	-4	271	A9	280	146	121	50	A5	1143	English Coast		
52-508 01-21E Buncher	240/25	2000	150	133	254	-3	251	A10	261	109	36	20		1203	Wing Break up		
52-458 00-24E Buncher	240/25	2000	150	133	247	-1	248	A10	258	108	39	22		1225	ETA		
Base Grouser	248/25	0 to 18000	150	149	070	0	070	A10	080	178	75	26	A9	0803 0828	LYTO	Takes 45 min to climb.	
Cottesmore Grouser	260/35	13 to 18000	150	164	081	0	081	A10	091	199	73	22		0826 0828	Last time for Group Departure		
Authentication - Grand Hotel																	
Abandon mission - "George-Faker-Victor"																	
Chief - Discharge 6 min after IP; continue 12 minutes.																	
Interval - 2 min between groups																	
Spares - Turn back 04-00E.																	

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. 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	
0645					Take off										
0705					Turned back to Buncher 53-088 00-40E		150	8000							
0715		305/16 N. S.			Cottesmore, began to circle Buncher			12500							
0814			341		Dept. Y, on course, 1 min early. S. formed, Group formed		150	13000							
0815 1/2			342		52-478 00-40E		150	13000	161						
0819			344												
0823			344		53-078 00-43E, Point D, on time		150	13000	161						
0826			70		53-108 00-29E		150	14000							
0828			75		53-108 00-29E		150	14000							
0829			75		53-128 00-13E		150	15000		19	6	190	53	10 1/2	0839 1/2
0833	82	-7	75		305/30E		150	15500	168	22	7	189	20	6 1/2	0839 1/2
0839			75		53-178 00-30E, Point D, 1 min late		150	16000							
0843 1/2			120		53-218 53-128 01-05E		150	17500							
0848 1/2			135												
0849			145		CP. #1, 1 min late, 5 mi N.E.		150	18000							

COAST OUT	0828
ENEMY COAST	0921
I.P.	0937
TARGET	0950
ENEMY COAST	1050 Eng. Coast 1143
ETA	1225

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH..... Fast Slow RATE.....secs/hour Gaining Losing
 At.....G.M.T. Div assembly - Clacton to 52-44N 04-38E
 Letdown - /Cottesmore Buncher - Normal 010 Mag.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-44N 00-39N Remark on Treat (17)	256/33	13000	150	159	345	-12	333	11	344	185	21	08	0815 0823	Depart			
53-04N 00-48N Point D	259/34	16000	150	163	074	-1	073	A0	083	197	55	17	-2 0838				
53-20N 00-40N Crotter (CP 1) Begin climb	264/37	16000	150	170	136	A0	146	A0	156	190	35	11	-1 0848	English Coast, CP 1 0848			
52-56N 01-30E 52-44N 04-38E	270/40	22000	150	178	095	A	094	A9	105	218	121	33	0921	Coast, CP 2, 0921			
52-39N 06-30E IP	284/52	22000	150	184	095	-2	093	A7	100	235	62	16	0937	IP			
52-21N 07-33E T. start descent	284/52	22000	150	184	112	A9	115	A6	121	235	49	14	A 0950	Target			
52-36N 07-45E	282/51	20000	170	206	085	-14	012	A6	018	212	17	05	A 0956				
52-41N 04-38E Crotter	280/50	20000	150	178	275	A2	277	A7	284	128	113	53	A 1050	Coast			
52-50N 01-21E Kings Lynn	252/31	2000	170	175	275	-4	271	A9	280	146	121	50	A 1143	English Coast			
52-49N 00-24E Base	240/25	2000	150	133	254	-3	251	A0	261	109	36	20	1203	Wing Break up			
	240/25	2000	150	133	247	-1	248	A0	258	108	39	22	1225	ETA			
Base Crotter	240/25	0 to 18000	150	149	070	0	070	A0	080	178	75	26	A 0832 0838	LTTC Takes 45 min to climb.			
Cottesmore Crotter	260/35	13 to 18000	150	164	081	0	081	A0	091	199	73	22	0826 0828	Last time for Group Departure			
Authentication - Grand Hotel Abandon mission - George-Taker-Victor Chaff - Discharge 6 min after IP; continue 12 minutes. Interval - 2 min between groups Spare - Turn back 04-00E.																	

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		TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME	DIST.	TIME	
0645					Take off									
0705					Turned back to Buncher 53-08N 00-40N		150	8000						
0715		305/16 N. S.			Cottesmore, begins to circle Buncher			12500						
0814			341		Dept. Y, on course, 1 min early. S. formed. Group formed		150	13000						
0815			341		52-47N 00-40N		150	13000	161					
0819			344											
0823			344		53-07N 00-43N, Point B, on time		150	13000	161					
0826			70		53-10N 00-29N		150	14000						
0828			75		53-10N 00-29N		150	14000						
0829			75		53-12N 00-13N		150	15000		19	6	190	53	10 0839
0833	82	-7	75		305/30E		150	15500	168	22	7	189	20	6 0839
0839			75		52-17N 00-30N, Point B, 1 min late		150	16000						
0843			120		53-12N 01-05E		150	17500						
0849			145		CP. #1, 1 min late, 5 mi N.E.		150	18000						

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAG. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0852			105		52-52N 01-43E		150	18700							
0857			95		52-52N 02-14E		150	20000							
0905	99	-7	92		52-47N 03-00E 320/24E		150	22000	186	28	8	210	59	17	0922
0910			88		52-48N 03-27E		150	22000							
0921			91		Keggy Coast, CP #2, on course, on time		150	22000							
0923			91		52-44N 04-50E		150	22000							
0931			86		52-41N 05-37E		150	22000		28	7	224	27	7	0938
0938			86		I.P.		150	22000							
0950			120		BOMBS AWAY		150	224 00							
0953			12		52-25N 07-45E, G.		150	22000							
0956			360		52-31N 07-30E		150	22000							
0959			279		52-35N 07-41E, G.		150	21000							
1008	281	-2	279		52-40N 07-05E, P. 273/55 P.		165	20000	204 -22	27	9	150	52	21	1029
1017			273		52-47N 06-32E. 242/59E, Bomb drift		155	20000				150	33	14	1031
1025			270		52-42N 05-58E, P.		155	20000							
1031			270		52-42N 05-36E, P.		155	20000							
1037			270		52-41N 05-15E, P.		155	20000		26	12	131	22	10	1047
1046			270		52-43N 04-38E, Coast out		155	19500							
1052			285		52-46N 04-13E		160	19600							
1102			285		52-50N 03-33E		170	14000		25	09	158	80	30	1132
1110	282	7	285		52-54N 03-04E 296/37E, G.		170	10000	182	47	17	147	62	25	1139
1116			275		52-55N 02-38E		165	8400							
1123			277		52-57N 02-15E		172	7800		29	13	139	35	15	1138
1138			270		Eng. Coast. Overtrend		176	4000							
1158			251		"		176	4000							
1163			256		52-19N 00-02E, P.		168	2000		14	5	168	21	7	1150
1155			256		Kings Lynn		159	2000		36	17				
1155			240		"		159	2000				159	39	17	
1215			220		Base										
1218					Landed										

I certify that this is a true copy of the Lead Navigator's log.

JAMES F. SHAN
 Major, A. C.
 Group Navigator

TRACK CHART

DATE Mar. 21, 1942

TARGETS
PRIMARY

Hopsten, Germany

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Blue
B. ADM-4 Briefed
 401st B.G. (A)



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

FLAK
 ■ HEAVY
 ▲ LIGHT

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Bomb Group (H)

1st AD F. O. 663

Date of 21 March 1945

PART I -- ATTACKS & RESULTS

94th "B" Group

	Lead	LOW	HIGH
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Sorties	11-1-1*	11-1*	12-1*
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp	10-1-1	11-1	11-1
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	10-1-1	11-1	11-1
5. No. of Effective Sorties	10-1-1	11-1	11-1
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties	-	-	-
(a) Early Returns Included			
7. Name of Primary Target	HOPSTEN (Mis)		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	12	12	12
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	142 X 500#GP	456 X 100#GP	417 X 100#GP 12 X 500#GP
8. Name of Secondary Target			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
9. Name of Last Resort Target (LRT)			
(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 of Opportunity			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
12. No. of A/C MIA - TOTAL	None	None	None
13. No. of A/C MIA - Flak			
14. No. of A/C MIA - Flak and E/A			
15. No. of A/C MIA - Enemy Aircraft			
16. No. of A/C MIA - Accident over E.T			
17. No. of A/C MIA - Other & Unknown			
18. Time of Take Off	0645	0647	0645
19. Time of Attack	0950	0950	0950
20. Total Time for Mission	69:40	69:40	69:40
21. Altitude of Release	22,800	21,600	22,700
22. Type of Sighting (Vis., H2X, GH, etc)	Vis-	Vis	Vis
23. Enemy Resistance --AA Inten & Acc	Meager - Acc	Meager -Acc	Meager - Acc
24. Enemy Resistance - Fighters	-	-	-
25. Enemy Resistance - Bombers	-	-	-
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-	-	-
27. No. of Passes made by Enemy A/C	-	-	-
28. Degree of Success	Exc.	Exc.	Exc.

None A/C borrowed from Groups: * Each squadron had 1 GH A/C
 Lead squadron had 1 PFF A/C
 None A/C loaned to Groups:

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Gp Mission # 233

Date 21 March 1945

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

94th "B" Group

	LEAD	BORROW	LOW	BORROW	HIGH	BORROW
29 Non-Effective Sorties	None		None		None	
(a) Weather						
(b) Personnel	1					
(c) Enemy Action	1					
(d) Other Non-Mechanical	1					
(e) Mechanical & Equipment						
30 Mechanical & Equipment Failures						
(a) Engine						
(b) Oil System						
(c) Fuel System						
(d) Supercharger						
(e) Propeller & Governor						
(f) Communication System						
(g) Guns & Turrets						
(h) Bomb Release						
(i) Bomb Doors						
(j) Electric System						
(k) Instruments						
(l) Oxygen Equipment						
(m) Bomb Sights						
(n) A/C in General						

31. Reasons for Failure to Attack:

None.

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER CAPT MEADVILLE DATE 21 March 1945
 PILOT CAPT BINGLER TAKE OFF 0845
 NAVIGATOR CAPT WOOD AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1218
 OBJECTIVE HOPSTEE, GERMANY (MPI)
 METHOD OF ATTACK _____
 Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 5000 GP FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL 1/100
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 142 RELEASED 142

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target <u>180</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>27</u> Actual <u>25</u>
True Altitude above target <u>22670</u>	Mag Head, order <u>121</u> Actual <u>128</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>22400</u>	True Heading <u>120</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>348 @ SL</u>	Drift, Est <u>31</u> Actual <u>31</u>
Altimeter setting <u>29.92</u>	True Track <u>117</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>210</u>	Actual Range <u>14.982</u>
G.S. Est <u>263</u> Actual <u>285</u>	B.S. Type <u>502</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>280</u> Actual <u>270</u>	Time of Release <u>0850</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>50</u> Actual <u>68</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>150ft</u>
D.S. <u>135.5</u> Trail <u>15</u> ATF <u>18</u>	Length of Bombing Run <u>Radio</u>
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.62</u> Actual <u>.65</u>	C-1 Pilot <u>OK</u> A-5 _____
Mean Temp: Metro <u>10</u> Actual <u>8</u>	Manual Pilot _____
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>150ft</u>

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Group Bombing Officer

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. BIASELLA DATE 21 March 1945
 PILOT LT. GERBER TAKE OFF 0610
 NAVIGATOR LT. LEBBY AIRPLANE _____
 WING 84th B GROUP 401st SQDN Low LANDED 1214
 OBJECTIVE HOPSTEIN, GERMANY (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK _____
 Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 100/CP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/10
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 456 RELEASED 456
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
 Altitude of Target 180 Temp Aloft: Metro 30 Actual 36
 True Altitude above target 21520 Mag Head, order 121 Actual 116
 Ind. Altitude 21600 True Heading _____
 Pressure alt of target 346 @ SL Drift, Est 31 Actual 32
 Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track _____
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 214 Actual Range 14,180
 G.S. Est 268 Actual 2 66 B.S. Type 2-0
 Wind Direc Metro 260 Actual 295 Time of Release 0350
 Wind Veloc. Metro 50 Actual 52 Intervalometer Setting 100ft
 D.S. 132.6 Trail 59 ATF 40.10 Length of Bombing Run 2min
 Tan. D.A. Est .50 Actual .60 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 _____
 Mean Temp: Metro -10 Actual -9 Manual Pilot _____
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 100ft

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. MURPHY DATE 21 March 1945
 PILOT LT. HAYES TAKE OFF 0647
 NAVIGATOR LT. WING AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQUADRON High LANDED 1810
 OBJECTIVE HORSTEN, GIBBERY (MPI)

METHOD OF ATTACK _____
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____

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

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 31/ TAIL 1/100

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 100# H 30 GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 417 H 30 18 GP RELEASED 417 H 30 18 GP

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target <u>130</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>-20</u> Actual <u>-27</u>
True Altitude above target <u>22900</u>	Mag Head, order <u>121</u> Actual <u>123</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>22700</u>	True Heading <u>117</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>-346 @ 35</u>	Drift, Est <u>8L</u> Actual <u>2R</u>
Altimeter setting <u>29.38</u>	True Track <u>119</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>215</u>	Actual Range <u>14,820</u>
G.S. Est <u>263</u> Actual <u>250</u>	B.S. Type <u>H-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>280</u> Actual <u>314</u>	Time of Release <u>0951</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>58</u> Actual <u>46</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>100ft</u>
D.S. <u>127.3</u> Trail <u>55</u> ATF <u>41.54</u>	Length of Bombing Run <u>10min</u>
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.57</u> Actual <u>.65</u>	C-1 Pilot <u>OK</u> A-5 <u>--</u>
Mean Temp: Metro <u>-10</u> Actual <u>-7</u>	Manual Pilot <u>--</u>
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>100ft</u>

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

J-A-3/3

413.44

21 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 233 . (Field Order 663)

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>
a. MF Beacons	<u>1</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings (QDM's)	<u>0</u>
b. Bunchers, England	<u>36</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
c. Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	5. Distress Action (SOS's)	<u>0</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF RADAR

	<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>		<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>
1. Gee	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	4. Gee-H	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
2. H2X	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	5. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>
3. Micro-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	6. Carpet (Spot)	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
7. Total aircraft releasing Chaff		<u>32</u>			
8. Total number of units released		<u>9,216</u>			

SECTION THREE - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>0</u>	7. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	8. H2X	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	9. Micro-H	<u>0</u>
4. Liaison	<u>0</u>	10. Gee-H	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	11. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>0</u>
6. SCS-51	<u>0</u>	12. Carpet (Spot)	<u>0</u>

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

Harold M. Kennard, Jr.
 HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 Maj, A C,
 Gp Com O.

S E C R E T

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

ASSIGNED... Hopsten, Germany.....

1. TARGET: DATE OF MISSION. 21 Mar. 45...
 BOMBED... Hopsten.....

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

Generally as Briefed.

	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>Nil/10th's camp base</u>	<u>CAVE</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Seen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

Flak observed beyond bomb away point directed at 457th Group. Flak ~~was~~
~~was~~ encountered by this Group. ~~Flak~~ consisted of approximately 6 to 15
 bursts at Low Squadron. Accurate.

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

None

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

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th "B" - 2nd.....

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>126°</u>	<u>010°</u>	<u>0950</u>	<u>22,400</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>							<u>123°</u>	<u>015°</u>	<u>0951</u>	<u>22,700</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>							<u>116°</u>	<u>002°</u>	<u>0950</u>	<u>21,600</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>								
TOTALS	<u>36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				

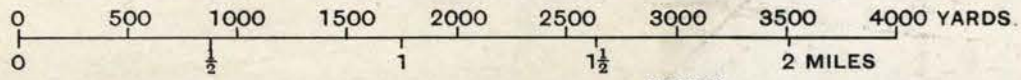
9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

Lt. P. R. Myers.

Target No.
3/AIR/212

AIRFIELD — HOPSTEN near RHEINE (GERMANY)
Lat. 52° 21' N. Long. 07° 33' E.

Illustration No.
3/AIR/212/3



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Issued November 1944



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LEAD SQUADRON 94th B GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT COL SILVER Date: 19 Mar 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT TAUSIG

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT TAUSIG

10-500 Sp
1/10 - 1/40

614 SQDN
612 SC JAWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW COLFCUB
615 IY BUZZARD

CAMPBELL(SILVER)
IY A 8449 PFF

LINDSEY
IW A 7931

TAUSIG
IY O 8153 PFF

614 SQDN

614 SQDN

THOMPSON R.
IW T 8646 Spot

DJERNES
IW S 2468

GRAY
IW B 7151

SCRENSSEN
IN R 6146

HOLMES
IW D 7322

JORDAN
IN P 8758

TAUFFER
IW K 8677

PARK
IW X *8565*
8565

VIEHMAN
IW N 8738 Spot

0700-1300-RR
1300-1900-RY

JAMES
IW P 2012

Spare PFF IY M 8707 Disp 29
Grnd spares SC R 2393 Disp 18
SC P 1891 Disp 22

LOW SQUADRON 94th B GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HUBBELL Date: 19 Mar 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HART

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT TAUSIG

613 SQDN
612 SC JANWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLOB
615 IY BOLLEARD

HUBBELL
IY D 8550 PFF

GEREN HART
IN M 9125 Spot IY L 8941 VIS

613 SQDN 613 SQDN
SHELLER NIELSEN
IN A 8458 IN F 6313

MC KENNEY CAREY KELSO LITCHFIELD
IN U 7706 Spot IN N 8862 IN V 6842 IN G 1983

SMITH
IN C 8160

BERNEBURG MAHARICK
IN S 2947 IN J 1591

SPARES

Spre PFF IY M 8707 Disp 29
Grnd spares SC R 2393 Disp 18
SC P 1891 Disp 22

94th B GROUP HIGH SQDN

Combat Sq. Leader: LT KOCHER Date: 19 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT BODDIN

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT TAUSIG

612 SQDN

- 612 SC JAWOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFOUB
- 615 IY BULLARD

KOCHEL (STRAUSS)

IY U 7947 PFF

NOLAN

BODDIN

SC L 8637

IY P 6947

612 SQDN

612 SQDN

CAMPBELL *

MAIRE

SC K 8733

SC X 7664

HOWARD

MARTIN

DE MARCO

STEPHENS

SC B 1662

SC M 7039

SC J 7790

SC O 7113

SMITH

SC V 8810

SPENCE *

MORAN

SC T 8788

SC H 2398

SPARES

PFF SP LD IY M 8707 Disp 29

AHLERS

GRND SPARES: SC R 2395 Disp 18
SC P 1891 " 22

IN B 6132

DATE: 21 March 45

DUTY OFFICER: Capt Hill

BRIEFING OFFICER: Lt Miller

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

15th March PRO 16-262'440 SE

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group:

Primary: ~~See~~ The HOPSTEN Airfield which is an

operational base for ^{1st LINE} SE fighters, the EW runway which is your target is about 1400 yds. Two other runways roughly forming a triangle are N-S 1300 yds. SW-NE 1350 yds. This airfield has all the normal facilities of an operational airfield including Hanger, Workshops, Ammunition, Fuel storage, Barracks Block, + Dispersal areas

Secondary: Intersection of rail lines on E side of Osnabruck

VISUAL

Last Resort: Hg X Same

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: Gletton HIGH same as 401st lead
" " " " " " " " " " " "

Polebrook - area bombing N. of runway

(3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD: Rhine + 2nd

Group on your target.

b. 2nd AD: 1st 3rd DIV. 0-45
" 3rd " 0+15
" 3rd " 0+17

c. 3rd AD:

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast:

b. Fighter Support: P-51's

3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION.

a. Flak: #1 Target - 25 guns in area - 20 guns in range
#2+3 Targets - 79 guns in area - 68 guns in range
Suggested heading 90°-120° to target - out heading 60°

b. Enemy Fighters:

c. Smoke Screens:

d. Camouflage:

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

a. Wing Assembly:

b. Air Commanders: Col. Raming - Maj. Dyson

c. Zero Hour and Date: 0800

d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force:

5. SUPPLY:

a. Gas Load: 2400

b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) Lead HIGH 12X500
Hi & Low 38X100

c. Chaff Load (point and Time of Commencing Discharge)

d. Screening Force:

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares and Lamps:

Charles B. Minor 615

James D. Ward 615

Ed H. Bridges 615

G. J. Whiting 615

Laurence E. Lowry 615-

Robert H. M. Simon 615

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

21 March 1945

LOADING LIST

<u>PLANE NO.</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MI</u>
42-102947	P	F/O	BERNEBURG	LAFRUE	L.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FUNK	PHILIP	B.
	N	F/O	HEUSCHER	CLIFTON	J.
	B	SGT.	BAILEY	FRANK	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	FERGUSON	HUGH	R.
	TT	SGT.	BUSH	WILBUR	E.
	BT	SGT.	EACKUS	MARVIN	L.
	TG	SGT.	KIN	JAMES	W. JR.
	WG	SGT.	DICK	CHARLES	B.
44-6842	P	2nd Lt.	LITCHFIELD	DONALD	D.
	CP	F/O	BURTON	FREDERICK	C.
	N	2nd Lt.	DACHSHEN	HARRY	(NMI)
	B	SGT.	PASCHAL	ROBERT	W.
	RO	SGT.	OGHURN	FRED	N.
	TT	SGT.	SIMONDS	CHESTER	F.
	BT	SGT.	DAVIS	WALTER	A.
	TG	SGT.	JANAKES	NICK	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	MAURER	FREDERICK	R. JR.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	MAHARICK	MATT	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	ROBERSON	WENDALL	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	ROWLEY	RONALD	E.
	B	S/SGT.	ROBERSON	ROBERT	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	REED	WILLIAM	H. JR.
	TT	S/SGT.	LANIER	LESLIE	H.
	BT	SGT.	MOORE	WILLIAM	F.
	TG	SGT.	WEBB	WENDALL	R.
	WG	SGT.	MOULTON	GEORGE	W.
44-6313	P	1st Lt.	BRADLEY	AUDREY	J. JR.
	CP	2nd Lt.	PINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	(NMI)
	B	S/SGT.	ELMS	HERMAN	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	BOWERS	JACOB	J.
	TT	M/SGT.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	S/SGT.	BEPEBAUGH	NORMAN	(NMI)
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	GEREN	THURMAN	N.
	CP	2nd Lt.	GOLLISS	EUGENE	E.
	N	F/O	ANDLER	LYLE	E.
	B	S/SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.
	RO	S/SGT.	SITTON	WILLIAM	C.
	TT	T/SGT.	MC CRAHY	LEON	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	CHANCE	BUFORD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
43-38862	P	1st Lt.	CANEY	KARL	F.
	CP	2nd Lt.	PREW	JAMES	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
	B	S/SGT.	PAPAZIAN	STEPHEN	A.
	RO	T/SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	ODOM	HENRY	T.
	WG	S/SGT.	PIROMALLI	EUGENE	B.

PALME NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-8707 (615th)	P	CAPT.	RIEGLER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	CP	MAJOR	DE JONCKHEERE	ERIC	T.
	N	CAPT.	WOOD	HERACE	C.
	B	CAPT.	MEADVILLE	HARRY	W.
	V	1st Lt.	EATON	HARRY	M. (615th)
	CH. N.	2nd Lt.	HUBSMITH	EDWIN	G. (615th)
	RO	T/SGT.	MOLER	THEODORE	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	SKELY	KARL	W.
	TG	2nd Lt.	MILLER	WALTER	A.
	WG	S/SGT.	QULST	HAROLD	(NMI)
42-31730	P	2nd Lt.	LEVY	MEYERS	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	SOUTH	VEEDER	(NMI) JR.
	N	2nd Lt.	HUNT	CALVIN	T.
	B	SGT.	CROSSLEY	CHARLES	A.
	RO	SGT.	LAUDERDALE	WILBUR	C.
	TT	SGT.	LESTER	DAVIS	M.
	BT	SGT.	NICHOLAS	MIKE	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	HEDSON	JOHN	W.
	WG	SGT.	FOLBY	ROBERT	J.
	44-9125	P	1st Lt.	MAY	JAMES
CP		2nd Lt.	VOLTZ	DONALD	L.
N		2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
B		SGT.	RECKERS	RUSSELL	E.
RO		S/SGT.	PAULK	ALBERT	L. JR.
TT		S/SGT.	SMITH	CHESTER	J.
BT		SGT.	KROZEL	JOSEPH	A.
TG		SGT.	MC KEE	WILLIAM	J.
WG		SGT.	NACHTIGAL	FRED	C.
RCM		SGT.	FRITCH	HOMER	(NMI)
44-6146	P	2nd Lt.	YOUNG	CHARLES	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	SEAVEY	FRANK	R.
	B	S/SGT.	MOORE	WAVERLY	W.
	RO	SGT.	PETERS	JOHN	W.
	TT	SGT.	BRAMBLE	JOHN	F.
	BT	SGT.	ESHAM	GLENN	E.
	TG	SGT.	JOHNSON	CARL	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	HENNIG	CHARLES	J.
	44-6588	P	1st Lt.	NIELSON	HANS
CP		2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
N		2nd Lt.	TUMMELSON	HERSHAL	G.
B		S/SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
RO		T/SGT.	HAPPOWE	EMANUEL	(NMI)
TT		T/SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	G.
BT		S/SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
TG		S/SGT.	STELKA	FRANCIS	S.
WG		S/SGT.	DE PRA	ARTHUR	R.
RCM		SGT.	FOGLEMEN	JAMES	(NMI)
43-38160	P	1st Lt.	JONES	ROBERT	S.
	CP	2nd Lt.	DUNIGAN	MAURICE	(NMI)
	N	P/O	STEINMAN	PHILIP	B.
	B	S/SGT.	CANN	RICHARD	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	BELONG	BILLIE	D.
	TT	T/SGT.	KOZYRA	JOSEPH	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	NELSON	HOWARD	J.
	TG	S/SGT.	FOUCH	JAMES	W.
	WG	S/SGT.	GIEGER	Lewis	O.

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

AAF Station # 128
21 March 1945

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 42-97780

P	2nd Lt.	GRAY, CARL M.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	SMITH, CHARLES	"
N	2nd Lt.	STEWART, RICHARD D.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Ginthwain, Edward A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fort, Collins G.	"
TT	Sgt.	Kirby, Lee D. Jr.	"
BT	Sgt.	Harrell, Jean F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Saenz, Hector J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Bonanno, Joe M.	"

Plane 43-38646

P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	1st Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bode, Robert L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Genauer, Lawrence	"

Plane 43-38565

P	2nd Lt.	JAMES, HERBERT W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	PARKER, VICTOR E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MENZEL, GEORGE H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Branch, Willard A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kent, Donald R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Parker, Robert S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Toloso, Melvin N.	"
TG	Sgt.	McCallon, Lynn G.	"
WG	Sgt.	Baumann, Archie M.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Allison, Carl M.	"

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Plane	<u>43-38738</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	VIEHMAN, EUGENE A.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	COUTTS, HAROLD K.	"
N	1st Lt.	STALZER, JAMES J.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Orlando, Peter	"
RO	Sgt.	Retzlaff, James A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Schwarz, Edwin D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Hobson, Kenneth E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Rutkowski, Joseph E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Hay, David M.	"

Plane	<u>42-98322</u>		
P	1st Lt.	HOLMES, GENE H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	FREDERICK, RALPH A.	"
N	1st Lt.	JAMES, KENNETH W.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Watkins, Jack W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Cox, Clyde F.	"
TT	Sgt.	Knight, Eddie R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Jakubanski, Juluis J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Kennedy, Jack W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Peverill, Edward S.	"

Plane	<u>42-102151</u>		
P	1st Lt.	STEHMAN, ROBERT M.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	BUSH, FRANK R.	"
N	1st Lt.	SACKS, DAVID W.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Petrowsky, Albert F.	"
RO	Sgt.	Bacon, George S. Jr.	"
TTT	Sgt.	Crowe, Harold F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Royal William E.	"
EG	S/Sgt.	Grasela, Edward B.	"
WG	Sgt.	Bateman, Maurice B.	"

Plane	<u>42-97478</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	SALISBURY, THOMAS E.	"
CP	F/O.	WYLIE, RONALD J.	"
N	2nd Lt.	BOUCHER, JAMES D. JR.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Wagener, Norman N.	"
RO	Sgt.	Pinkerton, Oliver	"
TT	Sgt.	Benthall, Clyde T.	"
BT	Sgt.	Walls, Joseph F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chapman, Guy W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Cain, Hobart P.	"

Plane	<u>43-38677</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	COSDEN, BRYAN L.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Eidemiller, Wilmer P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Tuchin, Howard	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wright, Arthur L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dobson, William J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Lunn, Berlyle J.	"

Loading List Cont'd.

Plane 43-97931

P	2nd Lt.	LINDSEY, JOHN E.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	MADLEY, WILLIAM M.	"
N	F/O.	BRUMMETT, JAMES O.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Green, Warren H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Ippolito, Samuel	"
TT	S/Sgt.	James, Robert WARNER, CARL F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Sanders, William H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Portier, Ellis A.	"
WG	Sgt.	York, John O.	"

Plane 42-97602 *1983*

P	1st Lt.	PARK, COLIN I.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	DUNNE, MICHAEL D.	"
N	F/O.	O'NEILL, LAWRENCE H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Salie, Howard W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Sayre, James O.	"
TT	Sgt.	Fields, Richard D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wirth, Thomas J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Snyder, Edwin M.	"
WG	Sgt.	Gracyzyk, Clarence J.	"

Plane 42-97395

P	1st Lt.	SORENSEN, MELVIN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	TROUPE, JOHN T.	"
N	2nd Lt.	AUFRANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Lee, William J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Collins, John G.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Senoric, Steve S.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Leppanen, Calvin E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Nichols, Norman D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Turner, Eldon A.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHUFF
 CAPT, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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

21 March 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

PLANE #44-8825

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt	Gerber	John	D	615th
GP	2nd Lt	Max Gentry	James	H	"
GHO	2nd Lt	Gross	Eugene	P	"
N	1st Lt	Lowry	Lawrence	E	"
M/O	2nd Lt	Dean	Hugh	G	"
B	2nd Lt	Biasella	Armond	R	"
RO	T/Sgt	Freitas	Daniel	D	"
TT	T/Sgt	Sheldon	James	R	"
TG	S/Sgt	Atchinson	Alfred	E	"
FG	S/Sgt	Geierman	Edward	F	"

PLANE #44-8708

P	Capt	Hayes	Ralph	S	615th
GP	1st Lt	Mead	Clarence	E	"
N	1st Lt	Minor	Charles	B	"
M/O	1st Lt	Barnes	James	H	"
GHO	F/O	Vercelli	Edward	F	"
B	1st Lt	Murphy	Roland	W	"
RO	T/Sgt	Fuston	William	P	"
TT	T/Sgt	Lucewicz	John	(NMI)	"
TG	S/Sgt	Smith	Chas	E	"
FG	S/Sgt	Pahl	Arthur	L	"

PLANE #44-8653

P	1st Lt	Bodden	Frederick	R	615th
GP	1st Lt	Devlin	James	H	"
N	1st Lt	Uhrain	Andrew	(NMI)	"
M/O	2nd Lt	Hehir	Hewitt	G	"
B	1st Lt	Miller	Donald	A	"
RO	T/Sgt	Kornegay	Ryan	G	"
TT	T/Sgt	Richardson	Paschal	(NMI)	"
TG	S/Sgt	Noble	Chester	C	"
FG	S/Sgt	Langham	Theodore	E.N.	"

PLANE #767 (613th)

P	2nd Lt	Hart	Jerald	E	615th
GP	2nd Lt	Taylor	Richard	W	"
N	2nd Lt	Max Andrews	Melvin	H	"
B	1st Lt	Rowe	Robert	W	"
RO	S/Sgt	Reiss	Herbert	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt	Ransy	Robert	E	"
BT	Sgt	Knight	Victor	(NMI)	"
TG	Sgt	Pickering	Edward	M	"
FG	Sgt	Smukler	Myron	M	"

PLANE #44-6947

P	2nd Lt	Speer	Kenneth	D.	"
GP	1st Lt	Kelly	James	J.	"
N	2nd Lt	Simon	Robert	M.	"
B	1st Lt	Scanlon	William	M.	"
RO	S/Sgt	Yohay	David	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt	Gupp	Gordon	G	"
BT	Sgt	Gross	William	D.	"
TG	Sgt	Thompson	Leonard	E.	"
FG	Sgt	Averett	Jack	G.	"
GHO	2nd Lt	Hudspeth	Edwin	G	flying with 613th
M/O	2nd Lt	Eaton	Harry	M	flying with 613th