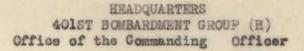
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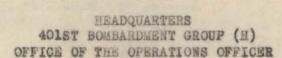
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SUBJECT: Group Leader's Narrative, Attack on Emden, Germany, on 11 December 43.

TO : Commanding Officer, 92nd Combat Wing, Station 110

- 1. The 4Clst Group took off on schedule and joined the Wing as briefed.
 The Wing S.O.P. was used entirely, the aircraft ascending through the overcast as briefed and assembled in accordance with the procedure as set up.
 The Group is enthusiastic over its success with the Wing S.O.P. and feels
 that it is fine--it saves gas consumption, it saves times, it gives ample
 opportunity for assembly.
- 2. The indentification of lead aircraft and lead groups was accomplished, however, it is recommended that a procedure be set up for facilitating assemblies. The dropping of colored flares can not always be seen, if used, hence the junction of groups is not too easily accomplished.
- 3. Twenty one (21) of the aircraft scheduled bombed the target and returned to England. One of these was hit and damaged by flak and found it necessary to land at Lyndholm. Twenty (20) returned to home base, some with light flak damage. One aircraft taking off later attached itself to another group, bombed with them and returned.
- 4. Flak was moderate over target, visibility was good, and target was apparantly hit successfully.

H.W. BOWMAN Colonel, Air Corps Group Leader



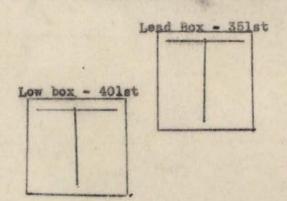
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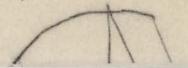
SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No 4, Emden, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group, APO 634.

- 1. Twenty two (22) sircraft took off for the mission of 11 December 1943. One ship, 42-31116, landed at Kings Cliffe 20 minutes after take-off because of the loss of No 3 engine and propellor. One ship, 42-31098, landed at Lyndholm with the Pilot and Contain aboard. Two Officers and six enlisted men bailed out over enemy territory. Rendezvous was made 30 miles off the English Coast with the 92nd Combat Wing. The Wing made a 360 turn and 'S' turns to enable the 401st Group to move into position. Assembly of the Group was made above the overcast on Splasher 16 (Wing SOP on assembly). The 351st was late on the assembly line and hence did not make the wing assembly as briefed. Wing formation for the flight into enemy territory and return was normal and as briefed.
- 2. The 92nd Combat Wing was the 3rd wing to hit the target. The 401st Group was low box in the wing formation. Fighter support was given from 15 minutes before the IP to the IP. The aircraft which landed at Lyndholm was hit by flak over the target. It was seen to gradually loose altitude and disappear into the clouds over Tessel Island. An undetermined number (later verified as 8) of parachutes were observed to leave the plane. The plane continued to England with the Pilot and Company.
 - 3. See attached formation sheet.
 - 4. See attached formation sheet.
 - . 5. The 401st Group was low box in the 92nd Combat Wing formation:



ALLISON C BROOKS, Major, Air Corps, Operations Officer.



GROUP	FORMATION
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Deputy Flight Leader: Capt.	PECK (Date)
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Applies to par 3 & 4 of Narrative Report GROUP FORMATION

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HEADQUARTERS __ 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

APO 634	
SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Mission Flown 11 December 1948	SUBJECT:
TO : Commanding Officer. 401st Bombardment Group (H). APO 634	TO :
1. Flight Plan and log attached.	1.
2. Track Chart attached.	2.
3. Narrative.	3.
a. T/O at _0832 hours.	
b. Group formed at 0932 hours at 11,000 feet.	
c. Formed CBW at 1117 hours at 22,000 feet.	
d. Began climb at 1058 hours.	
e. Reached altitude at 1117 hours.	
f. Weather encountered over England:	
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(2) Visability miles.	*
(3) Wind at altitude 90 degrees. 64 knots per hour.	
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i. Joined task force at 1117hours at 22,000 / (city, splasher, Coordinates)	
j. Departed English Coast at 1058 hours.	
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- (1) Going in: 1245 hours.
- (2) Coming Back: None hours.
- 1. Wind used for bombing:
 - (1) 90 degrees,
 - (2) knots per hour. 64
 - (3) How Determined:

Gee

- m. Description of Bomb Run and Method of target Identification:
 - (1) Reached IP at 1305 hours.

 - (2) Mag heading over target 222 degrees:
 (3) Altitude over target 22,000 feet.
 (4) Time bombs away 1311 hours.
 (5) Method of target Identificat on and weather over target:

Takes on Approach Bays and Canals Smoke pots on target

n. Difficulties encountered with Radio, compass, and special equipment:

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o. Gee:

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- (1) Coordinates of furthest fix 04010.
 - (2) Time 1339 hours.
- p. Comments:

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JAMES F. EGAN Captain, Air Corps Losd Havigator

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HEADQUARTERS 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) 6FFIGE OF THE DOMBING OFFICER APO634

E-F-6

12 December 1943

SUBJECT: Group Bombardier's Narrative, Mission No.4. Emden GE.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group, APO # 634.

- 1. 882 Incendiary bombs carried to primary objective, 825 hit objective, 42 released late and hit outskirt of city, 13 salvoes in channel, and 2 brought back.
- 2. Bombing equipment was in excellant condition (C-1 and bombsights) Two racks froze resulting in two bombs being returned.
- 3. Only two aircraft turned in picture, on set shows group crossing tafget, the other shows airplane on another heading (Navigation report) indicates bombs released late in that particuliar plane and in a turn.
- 4. New Bombardier seats that have been moved back proves excellant in allowing more room for the bombardiers.

JULIUS PICKOFF, Captain, Air Corps, Group Bombing Officer. HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE BOMBING OFFICER

E-F-5

APO 634 12 December 1943

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission NO. 4, Emden, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

- 1. The Group reached the IP at 1805, after the lead group uncovered, the navigator had the pilot turn at Esens. The Group then took up a true heading of 215 degrees. Immediately after the group uncovered the pilot turned the ship over to the lead Bombardier on C-1 Auto-Pilot.
- 2. The general location of Emden was noted from the IP, as smoke pots surrounded the city. The smoke and sun gave the city a very hagy appearance.
- 3. The data was approximately pre set and after making a slight evasive turn the bomb run was started. The lakes helped to get a line on the run and immediately began synchronizing on the approximate position of the MPI. The fact that the Channel and Fulden's Basin could be fairly well seen aided in picking a point to synchronize on. After an 80 second run the bombs were released, as we came closer to the city it could be more easily see, and then noted that the sychronization point was at the corner of the MPI.
- 4. The bombs hits were not observed by the lead bombardier but verified by the ball turnet gunners of several planes that the bombs did hit at the MPI and around the city.
- 5. The piloting and navigation was excellent in that the group uncovered well and in position to make a successful bomb run.

JULIUS PICKOFF, Capt, Air Corps, Lead Bombardier. A.C. Form 12 E Modified 25-9-43 8 BC APO 634

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER ² JULIUS FICKOFF .	DATE 11 December 1943
PILOT ² COL H. W. BOWMAN	TAKE OFF 0832
NAVIGATOR ² CAPT JAMES F. EGAN	
ORGANIZATION 401st Bombardment Group (H)	
OBJECTIVE ³ RMDEN GERMANY	
AIMING POINT (MPI) CENTER OF TOWN	
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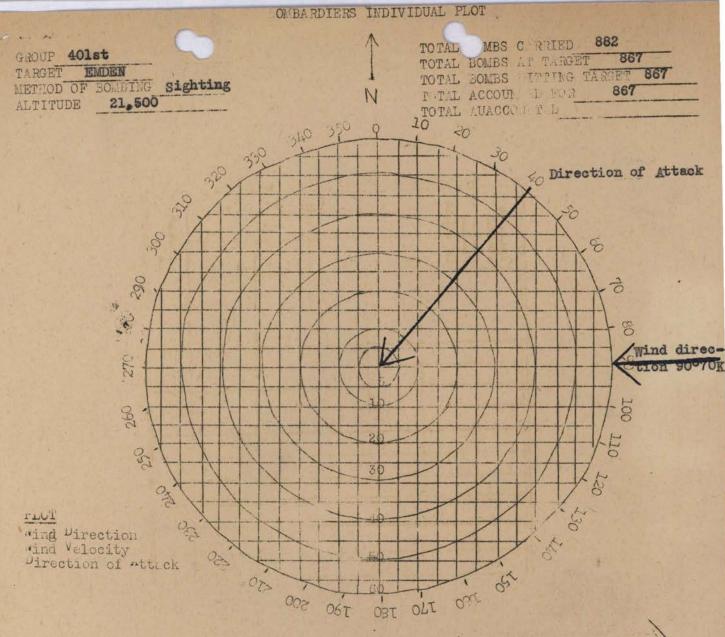
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BOWBARDIER'S LOG

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HEADQUARTERS STATION NO. 128 APO 634

11 December, 1943

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-31116 failed to complete mission for the reason # 3 Engine failed in flight.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-31081 - Small flak hole in leading edge of left wing, outer panel; Small hole in top of right wing, outer panel, near leading edge, caused by flak; Small rip in top of left elevator, near center caused by flak; Small dent in leading edge of left wing, to left of # 1 nacelle caused by flak; Flak hole in underside of left wing, outer panel, near center; Small flak hole in skin on left side of fuselage, above Navigator's window; Small flak hole in skin on Right side of fuselage, below Navigator's window; Navigator's astro-dome broken by flak or spent shell casing.

b. 42-31090 - Small flak hole through right elevator near center; Small dent in top of right wing, outer panel, near center, cuased by spent shell casing; Large dent in top of left wing, to right of # 2 nacelle, caused by flak. Small flak hole in top of ring cowl, # 1 engine; Flak hole in plexiglas nose section; Small flak hole in underside of fuselage, beneath Navigator's compartment; Small hole in underside of # 4 nacelle, cuased by flak; Small flak hole in underside of left wing, near edge of outer panel.

cl 42-31037 - Small dent in top side of left wing, between # I and # 2 nacelle, near leading edge, caused by spent shell casing; Small flak dent in top side of left wing, outer panel, near center; # 3 propeller damaged by flak; Small flak hole in top side of # 3 ring cowl; Small flak hole in # 4 propeller; Small flak hole in right side of fuselage, forward of waist position; Small flak hole in top side of fuselage, left of vertical stabilizer, near station # 8.

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report (continued)

- d. 42-31072 Two flak holes through fabric of right elevator, possible structural damage; Small flak hole in skin of fuselage, near station # 11, to right of vertical stabilizer; Several flak holes through right wing, structural members damaged; Small dent in top side of left wing, outer panel, near edge, caused by spent shell casing; Flak hole in skin of fuselage, to rear and right of upper turret, rudder cable cut and Hydraulic Line broken; # 2 propeller damaged by flak; Top side of # 2 Ring cowl damaged by flak; Fabric on under side of left elevator torn by flak; Small rip in skin on under side of right horizontal stabilizer, caused by flak; stringer broken; Large flak hole through fuselage near station # 6D, electric wiring cut, oxygen line cut, radio equipment damaged, two stringers broken; Small hole in skin of fuselage on right side, below radion hatch, caused by flak;
- e. 42-3507 Flak hole in leading edge of right wing, outer panel, de-icer boot damaged, de-icer pressure lines broken; 2" flak hole in top side of fuselage, near nose section; Small rip in fabric on top side of left alleron, caused by flak; Slight flak damage to de-icer boot on right horizontal stabilizer, near fuselage; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, beneath Navigator's window; Small flak hole in right side of fuselage, beneath Navigator's window.
- fl 42-37770 Small flak hole in right side of fuselage to rear of radio position, caused by flak.
- g. 42-31036 Large flak hole through right wing tip, corrugation ripped and hole in bulkhead # 33; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, near station 6D, circumferential stiffener broken; Small flak hole in under side of fuselage, near Bomb Bay; 3# flak hole in # 1 access cowl, fire wall damaged.
- h. 42-39846 3" hole in left side of plexiglas Nose Section.
- 1. 42-37843 Flak hole in leading edge of right wing; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, above Navigator's window.
- 1. 42-31077 Small flak hole in under side of left wing, behind # 2 necelle.
- k. 42-39873 Small flak hole in top side of left wing, to left of # 1 nacelle, near leading edge.
- 1. 42-31069 Small flak hole in left side of fuselage beneath Navigator's window.
- m. 42-31089 Small flak hole in under side of might wing, outer panel.

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report (continued)

n. 42-31087 - Small flak hole beneath left waist window; Flak hole in under side of right wing; outer panel, near center; Flak hole in fairing joining right wing and fuselage; Dent in under side of left wing between # 1 and # 2 nacelles.; Small flak hole in under side of left wing at station # 22; Small flak hole in under side of left horizontal stabilizer, near tip and trailing edge.

o. 42-39837 - Small flak hole throught right wing tip near trailing edge; Go-pilot's windshield cracked by flak; Small flak hole in left side of Chin Turret; Flak hole in top side of left horizontal stabilizer; Two small dents in top side of left wing, left of # 1 nacelle, caused by spent shell casings.

p. 42-31034 - Small flak hole in leading edge of left horizontal stabilizer, de-icer boot damaged; Flak hole in under side of left horizontal stabilizer near tip; Small flak hole in top side of right horizontal stabilizer, near fuselage.

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

APO 634 11 December, 1943

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 4, 11 December, 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 634, U. S. Army.

1. The following armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 11 December, 1943.

a. One Ball Turret was found to have a bad leaking vickers unit.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR. 2nd Lt., Air Corps, Group Armament Officer



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MISSION REPORT - AND UNITION

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HEADQUARTERS
LOIST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

(J-A-2)

11 DECEMBER 1943

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 4.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401ST BOMB GP (H), AAF STA 128, APO 634.

1. A. USE OF VHF SET.

VHF CHANNELS A, B, AND D AVAILABLE. ROUTINE FORMATION TRANSMISSIONS ON CHANNEL A.

B. USE OF COMMAND SET.

COMMAND SET 6140 KCS AVAILABLE. ROUTINE AIM-TO-GROUND COMMUNICATION WITH "SILVESTER".

C. MF/DF FIXES.

NONE OBTAINED.

D. QDM'S.

NONE OBTAINED.

E. NAVIGATIONAL AIDS.

NAVIGATORS REPORTED USE OF RADIO COMPASS AS INDICATED:

PLANE	BEACONS USED
034	SPLASHERS 4, 5, 6, 16 - DEENETHORPE BUNCHER
087	4, 5, 6, 16 - "
837	4, 2, 1, 10 -
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089	SPLASHERS 4, 5, 6, 7, 16
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090	" 4, 6, 16 - DEENETHORPE BUNCHER
507	" 4, 16 - MULTI-GROUPS C
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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 4, 11 DEC 43.

- F. FUNCTIONING OF "GEE" EQUIPMENT.

 MAXIMUM RANGE OBTAINED WITH NORMAL TRANSMISSIONS SHIP
 036, 5400N 0004E
- G. FUNCTIONING OF SEA AND JAY BEAMS.
- H. USE OF MF/DF SECTION.

 SECTION "H" AVAILABLE. NOT USED.
- NONE.
- J. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FAILURES.

PLANE
REPORTED FAILURES

VHF FAILED (FUSE SWITCH IN OFF POSITION)

NAVIGATOR'S INTERPHONE OUT

TO LEFT WAIST GUNNER'S INTERPHONE OUT

VHF FAILED

- K. ABORTIVES DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS.
- L. INFORMATION ON MEACONING.
- M. OTHER COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES.
- N. REMARKS.

NAVIGATIONAL AID VERY USEFUL. DEENETHORPE BUNCHER BEACON OPERATED SATISFACTORY. DEFICIENCIES BEING INVESTIGATED AND CORRECTED. SHIP 098 LANDED AT LYNDHOLM.

> Harold M. Hennard Gra by 988. HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR. 1ST LT, AIR CORPS, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

1 INCL: | - RADIO OPERATORS LOG, LEAD SHIP (036).

/S / ROBERT B. PYLE (RADIO OPERATOR'S NAME) 12/11/43 DATE

SHIP NO. \$36 NO. OF QDM'S - Ø NO. OF FIXES - Ø NO. OF SOS'S - Ø

NOTE: THE ABOVE IS TO BE FILLED AFTER LANDING.

1ST DIV COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN: SWOT M/F D/F SECTION: H 92ND CBW COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN: XNCC SHIP CALL SIGN: LAGX

TIME: 0800, WATCH OPENED: NAME: S/SGT ROBERT B. PYLE

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COMMAND: OK VHF : OK

LIAISON: OK IFF: OK

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9819			CUT ENGINES #4 ON FIRE
Ø815 I			START ENGINES
Ø819 I			TAXI
9832 1			TAKE OFF IFF ON DET PLUG IN
Ø835 Ø84Ø			IFF CHECK OK
9849 1			PULL PINS IN BOMBS
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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER STATION 128 - APO 634 U. S. ARMY

11 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Marrative Report of Emden Operation.

- TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), Station 128.
- 1. 22 A/C took off to attack the center of the built-up area of the port city of Emden. Northwest Germany. 21 A/C attacked the primary target, dropping 867XM47 I.B. in the target area, MPI being visible through smoke and hase. Effective smoke screen over the target area observed to surround the entire general vicinity of Emden. Results observed by some crews, consensus of opinion that all bombs hit built-up area. 30 minutes from this station on route out, A/C No. 116 landed at Kings Cliff with No. 3 engine out. A/C No. 098, badly damaged, landed by Pilot and Co-Pilot at Lindholme, England, on return from target, eight crew members having bailed out over enemy territory, believed to be Holland. All other A/C returned to this station.
- 2. At least two twin-engine and eight or ten single-engine fighters were encountered; however, no combat claims were made. Friendly fighter support, which picked up 92nd Combat Wing off the enemy coast in spite of late arrival of Wing at rendezvous point, was described as very effective from rendezvous to target; thereafter, close fighter support was not apparent, although some crews observed distant area patrol by friendly fighters.
- 3. Meager flak was encountered at enemy coast going in. Moderate flak over target, and meager south of Groningen, Leeuwarden and Tessel Island. Black bursts, continuously following and fairly accurate as to height and deflection over target.
- 4. Only personnel casualties reported were the eitht men bailing out as above set forth. 13 A/C suffered category "A" battle-damage and 3 A/C category "AC".
- 5. Wing assembly was not as specified by Field Order, and bombing run was made direct into sun, making sighting and observation difficult.

W. B. FRY, Major, A.C., Group S-2 Officer. BY IN NARA DATE 2 19 11

HEADQUARTERS 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) Intelligence Office APO 634

11 Dec. 43

SUBJECT : Combat Claims and Crew Tactical Suggestions Emden Mission This Date

TO : 1st Bombardment Division, 92nd Combat Wing, APO 634.

- 1. There were not combat claims for E/A destroyed, probably destroyed or damaged on this mission.
 - 2. Crew members did not make any tactical suggestions.

W.B.FRY Major A.C. Group S-2 Officer BY IN , NARA DATE 2 19 11

INTERROGATION FORM

1.	401st 614th 9036 X 11/12/43 GROUP SQUADRON A/C NO. LETHER DATE	
	POSITION BRIEFED Flight Leader POSITION OVER TARGET Lead	
		perfects.
	T/O TIME 0830 TIME LANDED 1500 PILOT 2nd Alvah H. Chapman Obs. Maj. I. W. Eveland TOP TURRET S/Sgt. George S. Wilson	and a
	CO-PHIOT Col. Harold W. Bowman BALL TURRET S/Sgt. Bruno J. Spatilson	
	NAVIG. Capt. James P. Egan R. WAIST S/Sgt. Michael G. Brennan	
	BOMB. Capt. Julius Pickoff L. WAIST S/Sgt. James E. Dayton	
4.0	RADIO S/Sgt. Robert B. Pyle TAIL GUN 2nd Lt. Jack B. Evans	
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	miles off English coast on course - over Baltrum to IP Esens - Target - then sou along east side of Bollart, then on heading of 2700 south of Groningen and Beeuw left enemy coast over middle of Tassel island at 1220	th
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4.	FIGHTER SUPPORT: LOCATION Seen just off enemy coast	
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5.	CREW OBSERVATIONS 1235 Saw a B-17 leave high Group on North heading - looked	
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7.	WEATHER As briefed - 7/10 to 8/10- 25 miles North of target - Clear ever target	lona .
8.	SPECIAL QUESTIONS FOR A/C RETURNED EARLY: TIME OF TURN BACK ALTITUDE	
	LOCATION	95046
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> HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 128 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP APO 634-US ARMY

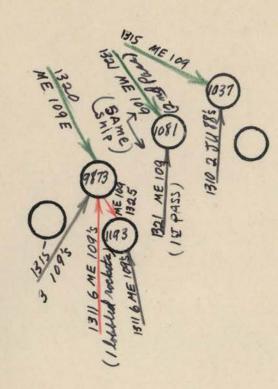
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HOT NEWS SUMMARY

On today's mission to Emden, the following Hot News item was reported:

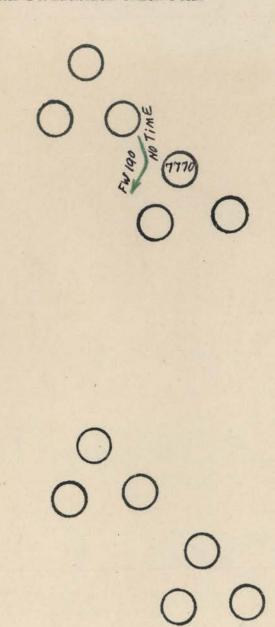
1. Cur A/C # 069 K (B-17G) at 22000 feet reported seeing at 1326 our A/C # 1098 B (Lt. Kaufman, Pilot) going down at heading of approximately 207 degrees magnetic. Observing aircraft was over enemy-occupied territory, approximately 10 to 15 miles inland from coast. One engine was reported smoking. Five men were reported as seen to bale out over Holland and chutes to open. Approximately 10 minutes later three other men were seen to bale out, also over Holland. (It was later determined that Lt. Kaufman and his co-pilot landed at Lindholme).

Hugh M. Hamill 1st Lt. A.G. S-2 Staff DATE // Wee. 43.



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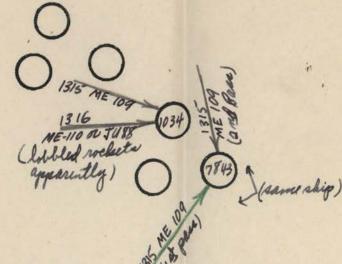
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Show direction, approx. time and type E/A of each attack with arrow.

Above with red arrow - Below with green - Level with black.





Write numbers of our A/C in circles.

Draw lines through circles not applying.

Block out our missing A/C in Red.



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TO B M P AND 92 C W

ADDITION TO S-5 12 DEC TELETYPE A \$2 401ST BOMB GROUP A/C 1098 LANDED AT LINDHOLME AERODROME AT 1500 12 DECEMBER WITH 2ND LT. RICHARD A. KAUFMAN(PILOT) AND 2ND LT. ROBERT C. FITZGERALD GREYXERXERRE (BOMBARDIER) ON BOARD. FLEW WITH OUR GROUP AS MO. 2 SECOND ELEMENT LEAD SQUADRON ON WAY OUT AND OVER TARGET. JUST AFTER BOMBING PRIMARY TARGET RELEASING 42 I.B. THE A/C WAS HIT BY FLAK CAUSING THE FROP ON NO. 3 TO RUN AWAY AND NO. 1 ENGINE TO SMOKE. ALTITUDE 21400 ft AT 1312 HR. FLAK WAS TRACKING AND THIRD BURST HIT PLANE. COLOR WAS BLACK TURNING TO WHITE. LEFT WAIST GUNNER REPORTED TO PILOT THAT NO. 1 ENGINE WAS ON FIRE WHICH BOMBARDIER CONFIRMS. NO. 1 ENGINE CONTINUED TO RUN. PILOT TRIED TO REMAIN WITH FORMATION BUT DROPPED OUT JUST OVER DUTCH BORDER AFTER MAKING RIGHT TURN INTO HOLLAND. THE PLANE WAS VIBRATING VIOLENTLY NO. 1 ENGINE STILL BURNING LOSING ALTITUDE AND DROPPING BEHIND WHEN PILOT ORDERED GREW TO BAIL OUT. THE A/C WAS THEN AT 18000 FT EVERYTHING HEAVY HAD BEEN JETTISONED THREE ME 109'S HAD MADE A PASS AT THEM WITHOUT FIRING AND OUR PLANE LOSING ALTITUDE. CO-PILOT REPORTED THAT ALL E/M HAD BAILED OUT AND THEN BAILED OUT HIMSELP ON PILOT'S ORDERS. WIND WAS BLOWING FROM THE EAST AND NO ONE WAS INJURED AT TIME OF BAILING OUT. EXCEXXEXXEXIBILEIGHT CHUTES WERE REPORTED BY OTHER CREWS TO BE SEEN OPEN. PILOT SET C-1 AND ENTERED NAVIGATOR'S HATCH. HE FOUND THE BAMBARDIER THERE ENDTAVORING TO OPEN BOMB BAY DOORS TO ASSIST CREW IN BAILING OUT. NO. 3 PROP PROZE AT THAT TIME AND THE FIRE IN NO. 1 ENGINE SEEMED TO BE OUT ALTHO SMOKING SO IT WAS DECIDED TO TRY TO BRING PLANE BACK. AT A PRIVATE CREW BRIEFING THE NAVIGATOR HAD CIVEN THEM A HEADING TO PLY BACK TO ENGLAND IN CASE OF TROUBLE. THEY FINALLY FOUND A HOLE IN CLOUDS OVER ENGLAND AND A LANCASTER FROM LINDHOLME ESCORTED THEM TO THAT FIELD. LANDED WITH ONE BOMB BAY DOOR PROZEN OPEN BALL TURRET GUNS POINTED DOWN NO'S 1 AND 3 ENGINES OUT AND FLAK HOLES IN WINGS.

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 128 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) APO 634 - US ARMY

11 December 1943.

UNUSUAL ENEMY TACTICS AGAINST OUR AIRCRAFT

In the mission to Emden today the following enemy tactics against our aircraft were reported:

- 1. An ME-109 at 1315 made an attack against our B-17G A/C #7843 at 23000 feet, after target was passed. It attacked from 7 o'clock low and fired rocket. It pulled up in front of formation and came back at approximately 11 o'clock and fired another rocket while passing our aircraft.
- 2. An ME-109 made an attack against our B-17G A/C #507 right after target at 1315 at 21000 feet; it attacked from 6 o'clock, came in to 300-400 yards, fired and peeled off.

Another ME-109 made an attack against same aircraft at approximately same time from 12 o'clock, went under formation and peeled off at about 600 yards behind formation.

Another ME-109 made an attack against same aircraft at approximately same time level from 9 o'clock to about 300 yards.

5. Two JU-88's at 1310 attacked our B-17G A/C #1037. They fired from behind and peeled off. One had a rocket under the left wing. One fired a rocket which exploded below the second element's right wing ship.

An ME-109, of a dark green color, at 1315, was seen by our A/C #1037 at about 1 o'clock. It followed our aircraft right through the entire flak area just after the target; then after leaving the flak area, it

attacked our aircraft from about 930 and is believed to have fired a rocket.

- 4. Twin-engine enemy aircraft---either ME-110 or JU-88----at 1316 at 1000 yards at 9 o'clock seemed to fire rocket at our B-17G A/C #1034.
- 5. Our B-17G A/C #1087 reported: "Just before we hit target, five single-engined enemy ships were out at 2000 yards, weaving and circling around tailend of whole formation from three to nine o'clock. All of them broke off finally until one came in at about 750 to around 1200 yards. From his right wing there was a burst of red flame and I observed two bursts---large and black---at about 600 yards, close together, almost simultaneously."
- 6. Our B-17G A/C #9873 reported that at 1311 six ME-109's were at 6 o'clock; five came in to attack; one stayed out and lobbed rockets from over 1000 yards; height of fire was accurate.

HUGH M. HAMILL, 1st Lt. AC, S-2 Staff. BY IN , NARA DATE 2 1911

HEAD TERS 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (Intelligence Office APO 634

11 Dec. 43

SUBJECT: Comments of Crew Members Participating in Emden Operation.

- to : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

 (through Air Executive and Operations Officer)
- l. The following comments by crew members participating in the Emden Operation this date, as taken from the Intelligence Interrogation forms, are submitted for your information:
- a. A/C 770. Lt. Stimson said no evasive action was taken after bombs were away. Sgt. Sherman said an additional jack box was nmeded in the radio room. Lt. Stimson also said that the bomb run was into the
- b. A/C 843. Lt. Christensen said the briefing did not specify the formation and that before, during or after the briefing he was never given information as to, the formation procedure over the home base.
- c. A/C 034. The entire crew complained that it was forced to weit 45 minutes for the interrogation
- d. A/C 069. Several members of the crew suggested that the ground crew should clean glassfor the crews did not know which ships they would fly before hand.
- e. #/C 846. Lt. Cammack & Lt. Harger said that the flak suits are both too wide and bulky for pilot & co-pilot. Lt. Cammack suggests that camera wells be wiped clean of moisture before 22 T/O to avoid freezing. He said one A/C in the high sq. allowed one bomb to fall immediately bomb bay doors were opened, endangering other ships in the formation.
- f. A/C 077. Lt. Arnold said bombardier seat gets in the way and should be moved.
- g. A/C 837. Lt. Sellers said prior to the mission transporation was not available. Sgt. Parrish complained of frost on the inside of top turret windows. Sgt. Smith said grease in the range control pedal of the ball turret was too heavy.
- h. A/C 087. Lt. Dailey said the leader of the second element of the lead sq. was too low and too far back on the entire trip.
- i. A/C 835. The entire crew declared that the equipment room was not adaquately manned or guarded.

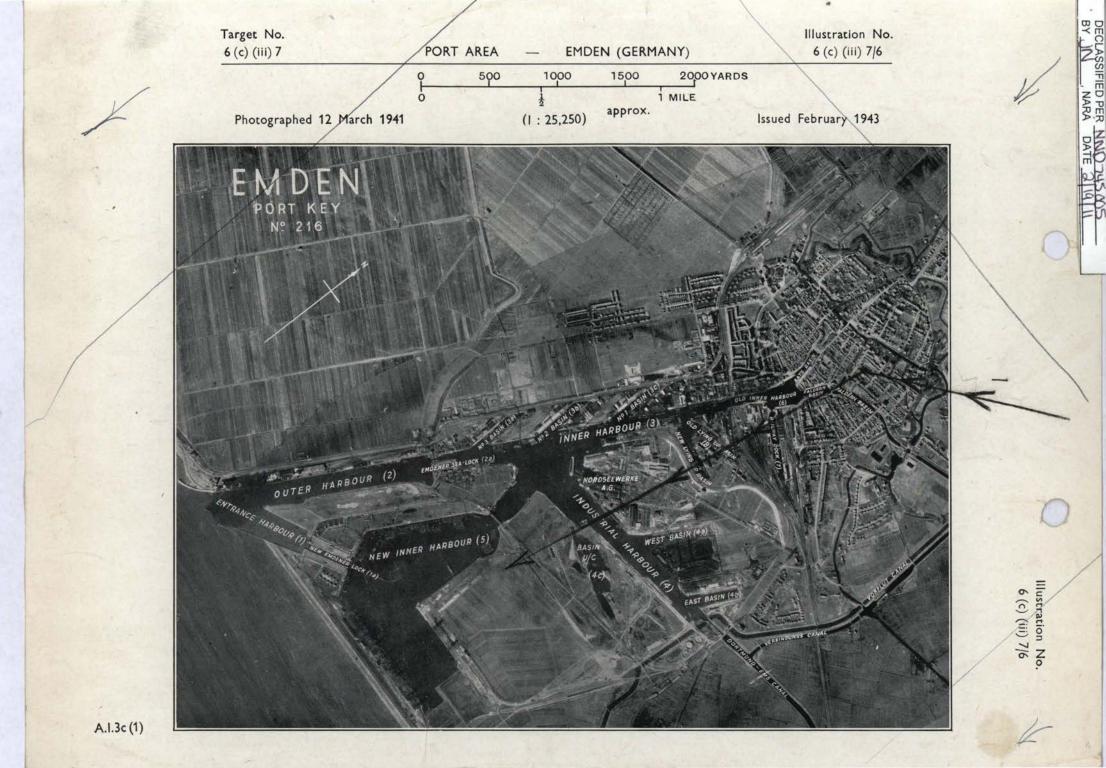
- j. A/C 072. Lt. Wysocki said lead groups in the formation bearing the markings, triangle "J" flew too fast.
- k. A/C 081. Lt. Fowler said the formation flew too fast all the way and suggested better organization for assembly. Lt. Murphy said the formation was under the high group.
- 1. A/C 873. Capt. Stans suggests that the I. P. be picked so that the formation does not fly into the sun over the target.
- m. A/C 193. Lt. Lawry said that the formation was poor. Lt. Self said that if another ship is used that equipment should not be removed. Cushins were missing from the cock-pit.
- n. A/G 090. Lt. Piper said better formation flying is necessary and that descent is too rapid, being 1000 to 1500 feet per minute. No trucks were available when the crew landed. Sgt. Brandt (BTG) requests new boat equipment.
- o. A/C 809. Lt. Chapman said the group should be more careful of prop wash from the high sq. Gunners said there were not enough candy bars on board.
- p. A/C 036. Maj. Eveland said, "keep the interphone free on the bomb run". Lt. Chapman said more time needed between starting of engines and taxing. Suggests this be increased from ten to fifteen minutes because "lots can go wrong with engines on cold mornings".
- q. A/C 037. Lt. Wood urges a better system for issuing equipment. Sgt. Cohen said the A'lO mask is no good for the BTG.
- r. A/C 833. It. Neag said there was no transportation when the crew landed. Sgt. Purwin and Lt. DeRaimo said the interphone extensions are too short. Lt. England said a necklace is needed to hang an exygen hose in front of a man. He further said that armament and ammunition was rusty and in bad shape as well as being muddy. Crew members complained that no armament personnel or crews chiefswere on the line this morning. Sgt. Brown said that walk around bottles were not filled and that five more were needed. Lt. Neag said the bomb run was into the sun. Sgt. Bardon said the radio opr. should have a head set with a frequency meter.

Jr. S. R. Closway

Jow W. B. FRY,

Maj. A. C.,

Group S-2.



GROUP

Date 11/12/43

FLAK REPORT

TARGET ____

1. Route followed:

Made lendfall just east of Baltrum Island, then to I.P. at

Esens, then to target, came out blong east side of Bollart, then turned on heading
of 270°, leaving enemy coast across middle of Tossel Island.

2. Visibility at Target. (Any condensation trails?)

GAVU No don trails

3. No. of A/C over Target:

21

Pormation over target, with height of each A/C. Those A/C damaged by Flak to be circled, and if seriously damaged, insert small "S". If any A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-

Over

4.a. What evasive action was taken?

Probably not intentional evasive action but there was considerable weaving just before Bomb aum.

5. General Axis of attack. (From lead A/C if possible).

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6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

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7. Turn after bombing.

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8. Position of group in relation to other Groups:

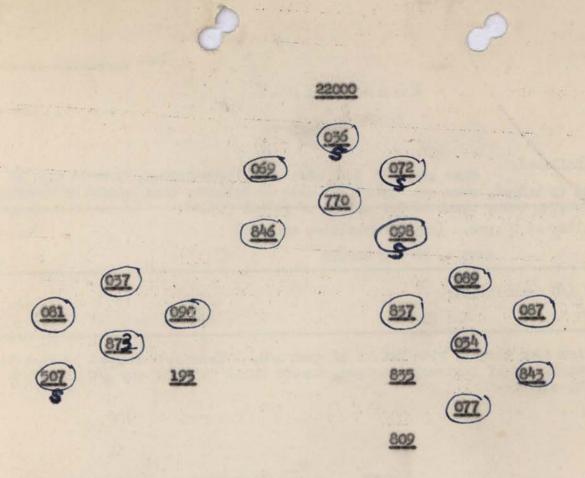
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9. A short description of Flak en route (if any), and at the Target, including if possible a suggestion as to type of fire control employed - e.e. Continuous following, predicted concentrations, predicted barrages, or fixed barrages.

Meager inaccurate flak encountered over Baltrum Island at Abndfall, moderate and fairly accurate flak, catinuously pointed, over target, meager and inaccurate flak just south of Groningen, Lecuwarden and middle of Tessel Island. All Black bursts.

10. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

One crew reported seeing on two or three occasions black bursts much larger than ordinary flak bursts. These up have been from rockets. Two otherways observed bursts along coast coming out, leaving long, jagged trails smoke extending downward several thousand feet.



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STATION WEATHER OFFICE AAF STATION 128 APO 634

11 December, 1943

Weather Interrogation Summary for Operations on 11 December, 1943

- 1. Takeoff: Takeoff at 0830 hours. There was 8-10/10 stratocumulus, base 2500 ft., tops 8-9000 ft. Visibility 5-6 miles. Surface wind estimated 10 mph from 060 degrees.
- 2. Route Out: (Base to 55 Deg N and 5 Deg. E) 10/10 stratocumulus base 2500 ft tops increasing to 14000 ft at 55 Deg N and 05 Deg E, but breaking and decreasing enroute to target from that point. Visibility unrestricted above clouds.
- 3. Target: Target time was 1310 hours. Clear with visibility 6-10 miles.
- 4. Return Route: Same as route out but 10/10 mint altostratus becoming 3-5/10 from English Coast to Base.
- 5. Base at Return: 3-4/10 stratocumulus, base 3500 ft, tops 7-8000 ft. Visibility 4-6 miles. Surface wind 7 mph from 070 Deg.
- 6. Remarks: Temperatures at 17, 19, 21, and 23000 ft were -20, -26, -26, and -30 Deg C respectively. Winds at 53 N and 33' N and 02 Deg and 30' E was 68 knots at 068 Degrees. Winds at 53 Deg and 29' N and 01 Deg and 22' E was 70 knots at 075 Degrees. Surface wind at target from 090 Degrees at 20-25 mph. Moderate icing in clouds during takeoff and climb. Contrails non-persistent at 28000 ft. There was towering cumulus N of 55 Deg N and 05 Deg E. There was a 40-50 square mile clear area at target.

RUDOAPH P. BASHAM 2nd Lt., Air Corps, Asst. Weather Officer

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TARGET MEAN TEMP______TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT)

(a) BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER APO # 634

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SUBJECT: Loading List.

: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APD #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's Missich 42-31089 *PLANE #___

LAST (NAME) RANK JEIRST (MI) 0-665678V. SQUADRON 1at Lt. 0-424978 Martin Malcolm K. P - Major 12. P. 0-683234 Frank OP - 2nd Lt. Fraidli 11 30. 0-735233 Donald _ 2nd Lt. Anderson 78 J. 16099737 James B _ S/Sgt. Graham 13 **TT - T/Sgt. BT - Sgt. Smith
TO - Sgt. Henders
LWG- Sgt. Markle
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CP 2nd Lt. Jeffery Morey
N 2nd Lt. Winn Roy
B 5/Sgt. DiPierro Cosimo
RO 3/Sgt. Gibson Earl
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N -2nd Lt.	Santos	Elmer	S.	0-676132	
B -2nd Lt.	DeRaimo	Okey	(NMI)	0-679382	11
HO -8/3gt.	Bardon	William	C.	35666460	11
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37 - Sgt.	Daskiewicz			20-21031	
10 - Sgt.	Farrell	James	E.	35540640	18 .
Fig - Sgt.	Purwin .	Bert	A.	36405703	
ING - Sgt.	Parrett	John	L.	13100644	
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*Flane # 42-391	357				
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CP - 2nd Lt.	Sellers	William	D.	0-666363	
N - 2nd Lt.	George .	Jack	E.	0-747545	
B - 2nd Lt.	Shapiro	Aaron	(NMI)	0-128459	
RO - S/Sgt.	Rementeria	David	A.	0-749333	
**TT - 8/8gt.	Lehr	MJesse	H.	34473124	
BE - S/Sgt.	Parrish	Donald	O.	16109825	
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2nd Lt.	Smith	Stuart	E.	0-000705	11
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APO # 634

11 Dec. 1943

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SUBJECT: Loading List.

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: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APB #634.

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

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DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(M1)	A.D.N.	PAOTITION
P - CP - B - N - RO - **TT - BT - LWG- RWG- *PLAN	Capt. 2d tt. 2d tt. T/Sgt. T/Sgt. S/Sgt. S/Sgt. S/Sgt.	Stann Nason Gould Duce Wagner Jumper Leavitt Willman Ogborn Biggs	Leon Stephen Alvin Jack Robert Warren Eldon Herbert Donald W. Clarence	(NMI) G. A. F. H. W. F.	024863 0671466 0669399 0683508 34209104 33237530 35740180 3933215 1237704 33374505	613th
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614th DOWBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER APO # 634

December 17 19 43

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO

: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APB #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today!s Mission.

*PLANE # 42-31116

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DUTY RANK LAST (NAME FIRST (MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADRON
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P - Capt. PECK, JOHN C.	024830	614th
CP - 2nd Lt. THOMPSON, HARRY C.	0684792	614th
N - 2nd Lt. CRANDALL, WILLIAM C. Wort	0801119	614 th
B - 1st Lt. CAMERON, THOMAS L.	0728625	614th
RO - S/Sgt. Stanforth, Joseph R.	15195089	614th
**TT - T/Sgt. Noveselich, George	35381019	614th
BT - Urich, Lawrence C. S/Sgt.	19096322	614th
TG - S/Sgt. Tullie, Albert T.	31149829	614 th
LWG- S/Sgt. LeBailly, Arthur	32461439	614th
RWG- S/Sgt. Kolasz, Henry A.	32474396	614th
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*PLANE # 42-31098		
P - 2nd Lt. KAUFMAN, RICHARD H.	0802121	614th
CP - 2nd Lt. ROBINSON, FREDERICK B.	0684556	Ħ
N - 2nd Lt. BARRETT, JOHN A.	0683892	11
B - 2nd Lt. FITZGERALD, ROBERT C.	0679459	n
RO - Sgt. Carlson, Donald H.	39329973	
**TT - S/Sgt. Shaw, Howard A/	33253277	. 11
BT - S/Sgt. Cope, Forrest R.	35680079	11
TG - S/Sgt. Masterman, Edward W.	39196860	
LWG - Nielsen, Tage R. Sgt.	37434765	- 11
RWG - Bergfrede, Henry L.	37228695	- 11
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*PLANE # 42-29846		
P - 2nd Lt. CAMMACK, VERNON K.	0802719	61.4th
CP - 2nd Lt. HARGER, ROBERT W.	0805448	
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B - 2nd Lt. WHITE, WILLIAM C.	0679423	11
RO - T/Sgt. Slate, Chester A.	14134208	n
**TT - T/Sgt. Timme, Glenn A.	32581704	n /
BT - S Sgt. Ames, Ensign S.	6864952	
TG - S/Sgt. Price, John R.	16151789	n
LWG -S/Sgt. La Fountain, Louie M.	38183420	Tr.
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*PLANE	#- 42-87770					
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CP ±		BESON, BOODINGT			0799495	614th
N -		LO, BOWLE W.			0748693	Some Survivor
B -		RAL, JOHN E.			0671169	
RO -		RICK, GEORGE C.	Commence of		0878940	
*TT -		a. Esbon G.			31172263	
BT -		rin, Mari B.			75301989	
TG -	3gb. Welia,				32895521	
IWG -	Sht. Gentry				54434724	
RWG -		mdry, Daniel C.			15114586	
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615th SQUADRON (E) WRATIONS-OFFICER 634

December 11 19 43

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APB #634.

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

*PLANE # 42-31977 A.S.N. SQUADRON (MI) FIRST DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) A. 0-800905 615th P -1st Lt. Clyde Lewis S. Emmett CP -2nd Lt. Sutton 0-684790 615th 0-749643 615th N -2nd Lt. Eaton William M. Arnold Harold S. 0-681515 615th B -2nd Lt. R. Miner Clarence 12098549 .615th RO -Sgt. C. E. Jr. **TT -T/Sgt. BT -S/Sgt. 37271444 35398898 .615th Weber Melvin James Howell TG -Sgt. Cushing 19074527 35431664 В. 615th Leonard LWG-Sgt. William 615th Tosh A. 11114505 615th Marshall Alfred P .. RWG_Sgt. *PLANS# 7833 M. 0-800846 lst Lt. Ralph Dempsey 615th P A. 0-680678 CP 2nd Lt. Mitchell Lewis 615th 0-736661 615th 2md Lt. Sellers Lloyd N 0-741142 615th 2nd Lt. Dolan William W. B 6257280 615th RO SET. Beller James E. **TT T/Sgt. 615th S. Zander Harold 33240304 14. 19138375 BT Sat. Cantin Merlin 615th TG SASSt. N. 39540171 615th Phil Knapp Battista 615th Fatica 1. 35324899 Merlino 31208150 Frank 615th RWG SASSt. A. *PLANE #_ 42-37809 Chapman 0-800354 2nd Lt. Harold J. 615th 0-750770 615th CP 2nd Lt. Carter George L. 2nd Lt. J. 615th Hurlburt Harrison N G. 2nd Lt. 0-679411 Wallis Donald 615th B W. RO Sgt. Chaffin Hugh 35424898 615th Roundtree Charles L. 38076003 615th **TT Sg.t. E. Turvy 35418681 BT S/Sgt. John 615th L. TG Sgt. Reed Francis 15382546 615th J. Powell Gerald 38415204 615th LWGSgt. WGSgt. Johnson Denzel Enter complete number of aircraft Designate Engineer RWGSgt. 17159678 D. 615th

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*PLANE # 42-378	43				
P _2nd Lt.	Christensen	Ellsworth		0-801593	615th
CP *2nd Lt.	. Rustand	Ronald	L.	0-753815	615th
N _2nd Lt.	Wong	Delbert	E.	0-750236	615th
B _2nd Lt.	Reynolds Cheatham	Herbert	A. R.	0-749931	615th 615th
RO _Sgt.	Draginis	Donald	L.	16133104	615th
*TT _Set. BT _Set.	Ross	Harry	A.	13145459	615th
BT _Sgt.	Nonemaker	Jack	D.	19175334	615th
IWG - Sgt.	Batson	Allen	L.	39268048	615th
RWG _ Sgt.	Johnson	Russell	V.	32466408	615th
*Plane # 820	NO TAK	E OFF		Authority	
P 2nd Lta	Grinham	Fred	D.	0-729337	615th
CP _ 2nd Lt.	Brown	Fred	(NMI)	0-748548	615th
N _2nd Lt.	Whitney	Ray	F.	0-676904	615th
B _2nd Lt.	Wolfe	Ralph	and the same of th		615th
RO _Sgt.	Lewis	Cherles	W:	13143036	615th 615th
*TT _Sst.	Craft	Allen	Harman Harman	37225198	615th
BT _S/Sgt.	Hamilton	James	R.	35664584	615th
Clark	Cummings	William	T.	33346986	615th
IWG - Set.	Housman	Herbert	N.	12156697	615th
*PLANE #072					
P _2nd Lt.	Wysock1	Stephen	(NMI)	0-677398	615th
np let Lt.	Gould	George	(NMI)	0-900201	615th
N 2nd Lt.	Hildinger	Lawrence	J.	0-734914	615th
B _ 2md Lt.Gurv	1nggxxggxgg	ZzaRober'		0-676945	615th
RO - Sgt.	Kenny	Gerald	No.	12157361	615th
*TT Sgt.	MoIntyre	William	(NMI)	33289742	615th
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The /Target today is the German city of Emden. On North side of the Dollart (large, natural harbor (at mouth of river Ems. Is the terminal of 2 principal transportation canals, serving the Ruhr...exporting coal and importing iron and timber from Sweden. A naval station and base for mine-layers and minesweepers. Shipbuilding and drydock port. facilities.

> Population (1934) 34,000 Built-up area, 625 acres.

auth 92d Wing's MPI is centre of town. Closely built-up, seberal storeyed buildings, grouped around the market place (at head of Rote Belft. The closely built up area is not more than half a square mile in extent. and this Gp. will

Carry 1, B. 's. Local industries bro, whole value of blotting Emden from the face of Hit sets Germany lies in its transportation importance. Ranks high among German seaports, doing a vast export, as well as import, business. The ship-building and repair facilities and naval installations are a major factor in the waxkamingxRaxm overburdened German transportation system.

The large marking of the two other bomb divisions in concentrating on the Naval and shipbuilding areas, in Emden with 500 lb. G. F.

1.P. is over the town of Reens

ROUTE (on large map) Cross English coast at Louth, swing up over North Sea (54 deg. 20"), cutting in to enemy coast, over East Frisian islands, to East of Emden, IP being just in from the coast at Esens. Heading then 200 deg. mag. 5.5 W to target. Coming out, almost straight South (187 deg. mag.), then due West over island of Texel , seaward.

FIGHTER ESCORT: ALL Way 2 Groups P-47%s, one just after you cross coast, turning into IP. The other group after swing West on way home, over Hoogesund P-389 + P-515 Supporting other Div. (2)
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SECONDARY: EBlde, Holland. airfield, Mil being the Repair hangars, loos-ted at edge of runways, in amoung compositration of other airport bldgt.

EPIDIASCOPE. 1-1:500,000, crossing E. Frisian islands, I.P., Esen, just inside coastline; heading 200 deg. to target, PASSING DIRECTLY OVER CENTER OF THICKLY BUILT-UP AREA. Port and lock system extends E. NE from Dollart, Point Like Finger at Center of Built-up area. Rate Lock Out - Borger Germany - Holland.

3- Photo (appearance from high altitude). 4- Flak map

over target, MISSIONS

FLAK: Will encounter only a very small percentage of AA as compared with

Bermen and Solingen. DIVISION EXPRESSLY STIPULATES --- KEEP TO SOUTH

OF LEEUWARDEN ON ROUTE BACK.

Approaching enemy coast, area of E. Frisian islands, you will encounter flak.

On route back, over the island, there is a battery in place and it is suggested you swing south to avoid it.

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LAST-MINUTE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION:

Town and port area completely circled by smoke pots. Wind is predicted to be from NE to E; having been preceded by other combat wings, a large amount of smoke should be in evidence. Wind is assimated to be light area at ground level over target. by the expected

On the route out, a friendly convey will be proceeding North at approximate zero hour, at which time it should be crossing your line of flight. There is a possibility of an additional FRIENDLY convey on the way home.

SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not talk of target or route. Empty pickets.

Co.P. draw escape kits
Look at landing Etrips #10

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To Briefing Officer:

There are 46 guns at the target but only 30 within range.

As you approach the enemy coast on the toute out, you will cross an area containing 8 to 12 guns.

On the route back you will near an area containing one 16-gun battery. It is suggested you swing to the south to avoid this.

Lt.G.R.Closway Flak Officer BY NARA DATE 2 19 11

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

APO 634 11 December, 1943

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 4, 11 December, 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 634, U. S. Army.

1. The following armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 11 December, 1943.

a. One Ball Turret was found to have a bad leaking vickers unit.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR. 2nd Lt., Air Corps, Group Armament Officer

HEADQUARTERS STATION NO. 128 APO 634

12 December 1943

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 11 December 1943.

TO : Group Commander (Copy to Wing A-4)

1. Abortives.

a. 401st Bomb Group.

(1) A/C No. 42-31116 failed to complete mission for the reason that No. 3 Engine failed in flight.

2. Other Equipment and Personnel Failures.

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

Engine Failures (1); Cylinder Head Temperature Guages Out (3); Generators Out (1); Superchargers Out (1); Bomb Bay Door Retracting Mechanism Out (1); Rough Engine (1); Normal Inverter Out (1); Carburetor Temperature Guage Out (1); Flap Indicator Out (1)

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

Leaking Vicker's Unit (1)

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

Broken Oxygen Line (1); Heated Shoes Out (3); Heated Gloves Out (2); Heated Suits Out (1)

3. The following battle damage was received.

	TOTAL NO. OF A/C	MAJOR DAMAGE	MINOR DAMAGE	BY FLAK	FLAK & FRIEND
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CHARLES W. HUNT, lst Lt., Air Corps, Group Engineering Officer.

HEADQUARTERS STATION NO. 128 APO 634

11 December, 1943

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-31116 failed to complete mission for the reason # 3 Engine failed in flight.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-31081 - Small flak hole in leading edge of left wing, outer panel; Small hole in top of right wing, outer panel, near leading edge, caused by flak; Small rip in top of left elevator, near center caused by flak; Small dent in leading edge of left wing, to left of # 1 nacelle caused by flak; Flak hole in underside of left wing, outer panel, near center; Small flak hole in skin on left side of fuselage, above Navigator's window; Small flak hole in skin on Right side of fuselage, below Navigator's window; Navigator's astro-dome broken by flak or spent shell casing.

b. 42-31090 - Small flak hole through right elevator near center; Small dent in top of right wing, outer panel, near center, cuased by spent shell casing; Large dent in top of left wing, to right of # 2 nacelle, caused by flak. Small flak hole in top of ring cowl, # 1 engine; Flak hole in plexiglas nose section; Small flak hole in underside of fuselage, beneath Navigator's compartment; Small hole in underside of # 4 nacelle, cuased by flak; Small flak hole in underside of left wing, near edge of outer panel.

cl 42-31037 - Small dent in top side of left wing, between # I and # 2 nacelle, near leading edge, caused by spent shell casing; Small flak dent in top side of left wing, outer panel, near center; # 3 propeller damaged by flak; Small flak hole in top side of # 3 ring cowl; Small flak hole in # 4 propeller; Small flak hole in right side of fuselage, forward of waist position; Small flak hole in top side of fuselage, left of vertical stabilizer, near station # 8.

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- d. 42-31072 Two flak holes through fabric of right elevator, possible structural damage; Small flak hole in skin of fuselage, near station # 11, to right of vertical stabilizer; Several flak holes through right sing, structural members damaged; Small dent in top side of left wing, outer panel, near edge, caused by spent shell casing; Flak hole in skin of fuselage, to rear and right of upper turret, rudder cable out and Hydraulic Line broken; # 2 propeller damaged by flak; Top side of # 2 Ring cowl damaged by flak; Fabric on under side of left elevator torn by flak; Small rip in skin on under side of right horizontal stabilizer, caused by flak; stringer broken; Large flak hole through fuselage near station # 6D, electric wiring cut, oxygen line cut, radio equipment damaged, two stringers broken; Small hole in skin of fuselage on right side, below radion hatch, caused by flak;
- e. 42-3507 Flak hole in leading edge of right wing, outer panel, de-icer boot damaged, de-icer pressure lines broken; 2° flak hole in top side of fuselage, near nose section; Small rip in fabric on top side of left aileron, caused by flak; Slight flak damage to de-icer boot on right horizontal stabilizer, near fuselage; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, beneath Navigator's window; Small flak hole in right side of fuselage, beneath Navigator's window.
- fl 42-37770 Small flak hole in right side of fuselage to rear of radio position, caused by flak.
- g. 42-31036 Large flak hole through right wing tip, corrugation ripped and hole in bulkhead # 33; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, near station 6D, circumferential stiffener broken; Small flak hole in under side of fuselage, near Bomb Bay; 3# flak hole in # 1 access cowl, fire wall damaged.
- h. 42-39846 3" hole in left side of plexiglas Nose Section.
- 1. 42-37843 Flak hole in leading edge of right wing; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, above Navigator's window.
- j. 42-31077 Small flak hole in under side of left wing, behind # 2 nacelle.
- k. 42-39873 Small flak hole in top side of left wing, to left of # 1 nacelle, near leading edge.
- 1. 42-31069 Small flak hole in left side of fuselage beneath Navigator's window.
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SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report (continued)

- n. 42-31087 Small flak hole beneath left waist window; Flak hole in under side of right wing; outer panel, near center; Flak hole in fairing joining right wing and fuselage; Dent in under side of left wing between # 1 and # 2 nacelles.; Small flak hole in under side of left wing at station # 22; Small flak hole in under side of left horizontal stabilizer, near tip and trailing edge.
- o. 42-39857 Small flak hole throught right wing tip near trailing edge; Go-pilot's windshield cracked by flak; Small flak hole in left side of Chin Turret; Flak hole in top side of left horizontal stabilizer; Two small dents in top side of left wing, left of # 1 nacelle, caused by spent shell casings.
- p. 42-31034 Small flak hole in leading edge of left horizontal stabilizer, de-icer boot damaged; Flak hole in under side of left horizontal stabilizer near tip; Small flak hole in top side of right horizontal stabilizer, near fuselsge.

OF A/C	MAJOR DAMAGE	MINOR DAMAGE	PLAK	FRIEND
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CHARLES W. HUNT 1st Lt., Air Corps. Group Engineering Officer