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"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 43
24TH. MARCH, 1944

94TH. COMBAT BOMB WING
401ST. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **43**

Date: **24 MAR. 44**

TO: **SCHWEINFURT, GER.**

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

D-3-5

24 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions, Mission of 24 March 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Major Edwin W. Brown, who lead the 94th Combat Wing, praised the effectiveness of the friendly fighter escort; his opinion was shared by all airplane commanders and crew members.

2. Lt. Warren (NMI) Gulula (Navigator) A/C 1087, stated that the mission was well planned and excellently run from the stand-point of navigation; this comment was seconded by Lt. Kenneth C. Wells (Pilot) A/C 1087.

3. Lt. Donald E. Jones (Pilot) A/C 1508, commented that the leader of the 94th Combat Wing did a very excellent job.

4. Lt. Benjamin H. Johnson, Jr. (Pilot) A/C 9943, commented that some interrogators appear to be in a hurry and don't pay enough attention to crew members' observations; he felt that by making light of what crew members report by way of observations would have the tendency to defeat efforts to encourage observations.

5. Adverse criticism of the breakfast served by the combat mess, particularly the sausages, was made by the following: Lt. Edward T. O'Neil (Co-Pilot) A/C 1508, the crew of Lt. Robert O. Stine (Pilot) A/C 9847, the crew of Stuart E. Smith (Pilot) A/C 0050 and the crew of Lt. Gaston M. Fox (Pilot) A/C 1891.

6. T/Sgt. Nicholas D. Schoenberger (ROG) A/C 1508, stated that handling chaff and taking pictures gives the ROG too much to do at one time.

7. Lt. Robert P. Schleiper (Navigator) A/C 2008, thinks flashlights should be issued to crew.

8. Lt. Victor S. Reese (Navigator) A/C 0050, shared the opinion of Lt. Gulula, item #2 above, concerning navigation.

Lt. D. V. McElhenny
for W. B. FRY,
Major, A. C.,
Group 8-2 Officer.

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

D-G-5

24 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplement to "Crew Comments and Suggestions", Mission of 24 March 44.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128 - APO 857, U. S. Army.

1. Several crew members report top turret gunner in lead A/C fired at P-51 escort. Major Edwin W. Brown, who led the 94th Combat Wing, stated at interrogation that tactics employed by one ship of this escort very much resembled those of a German single engine fighter, inasmuch as the P-51 pointed his nose at the formation and came in very close.

2. Lt. George R. Van Dyke (Navigator) A/C 9993, stated that chaff discharged by Combat Wing which preceded the 94th Combat Wing over the target was apparently very effective in deflecting fire put up by flak installations; a large number of flak bursts in the Schweinfurt area were concentrated to the South and East of the attacking force, at an altitude several thousand feet lower than that at which the formation was flying.

W. B. Fry

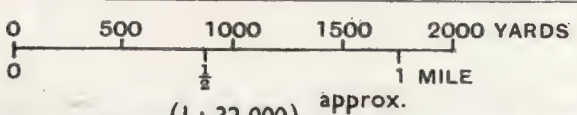
W. B. FRY,
Major, A. C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

PRIMARY

Target No.
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KUGELFISCHER, Etc. — SCHWEINFURT (GERMANY)

Illustration No.
4 (a) 7/9



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- A. KUGELFISCHER.
- B. FICHTEL & SACHS A.G.
- C. V.K.F. (WERK II).
- D. DEUTSCHE STAR.
- E. V.K.F. (WERK I).

MAR 29 1944

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 557
U. S. ARMY
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26 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Watten, France.
26 March 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557, U S Army.

1. Lt Majewski, Bombardier and Lt Chmura, Copilot of A/C 9873 make mention that there was too little of evasive action. What little evasive action there was, was too violent. Both officers believe navigation lead was poor.
2. Lt Reese, Navigator, A/C 9873 says there is no first aid kit in cockpit and nose. Suggest that a check be made.
3. Lt Rowe, Bombardier and Lt Eckert, Copilot, A/C 1598 say our formation should have been stepped up when bombing by squadrons, the effect of which would be to avoid prop wash of planes ahead and also when discharging chaff.
4. Lt Knight, Pilot of A/C 1983 says that abbreviated briefing for this mission was poor and asks why briefed course wasn't followed.
5. Capt Hinkle, Copilot and Group Leader, A/C 1081 commented that the Group or Combat Wing Leader should be instructed that he may use a **certain** amount of discretion in deviating from a briefed route which passes over flak installations. He also comments that breakfast was good this morning.

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W. B. FRY,
Major, AC
Group S-2.

Target, Schweinfurt, Germany

1. Concentrated here are a little more than 50% of the total Axis production of ball and roller bearings of all types. This city ranks as the most important industrial centre of its size in Germany and Occupied Europe. If knocked out completely, it can become the most vital bottleneck in Germany's armament and A/C industries.

2. The specific target is the ball-bearing works of Kugelfischer and is comprised of 5 separate plants, all situated on the N bank of the River Main and in the SW end of town.

2 parts-your target is one of them-are N, while the remaining 3 are S of, the town's large marshalling yard. 2 of these targets lay in a sparsely built up area, fairly closely grouped, while the 5th. is in a densely built up section.

4 of the plants together constitute the most important center of this industry in Germany. ~~YOUR MPI IS A LARGE MACHINE SHOP WITH A # 1 PRIORITY AND APPEARS TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT FROM A STRATEGIC STANDPOINT.~~
 Your target produces a wide range of bearings and is the most important of the entire target group. It was estimated in Jan. to be producing about 24% of the total Axis requirements. This plant employs about 11,000 persons and covers an area of 50 acres.

Your MPI is a large machine shop with a # 1 priority and appears to be the most important from a strategic standpoint.

3. All CBW's in the 1st. Div. have been assigned the same target and MPI. If the first wing ever gets this then you will hit on another building just below the assigned MPI. If they don't hit it, you and each succeeding W will try for it.

IN ANY EVENT, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE FIRST BUILDING BE DESTROYED.

Considerable quantities of oil and other inflammable materials are used in the mfg. of ball bearings and if these stores are hit, it will certainly help the damage done by bombing.

This same target was hit by our forces last Aug. and Oct. and again by you in Feb. In fact the night of the day you hit it, the RAF plastered it too. However, the Jerries have shown extraordinary powers of recovery and reconstruction and this target ~~that~~ MUST BE WIPED OUT. You'll have the stuff to do it. You'll be carrying 1,0000 pounders and dropping from a height of 20,000'.

3. The 2nd. Div. will be attacking in France.

4. The secondary target for all CBW's is the rubber plant at HANAU.

5. The last resort is any military installation in Germany positively identified that will not disrupt fighter support.

show route on map 1:50,000

9. Fighter Support

2	Gps	47's
2	"	"
3	"	51's
2	"	"
2	"	47's
2	"	47's

8. Flak and flak map ^{1) Chaff. -}
2) ^{2) 1 min. in Flak.}

9. Show route on Map 1:250,000

10 Show Nite Target chart for P/T

a. No snow expected on the ground in this area.
b. Smoke screens can be expected, but to our knowledge they are located on the S and SW edge of town and the wind is from the N which should leave your target clear.

11. Show photo of P/T

12. Show ~~NNNNX~~ Geerling perspective.

13. Show photo of S/T

14. Special instructions.

1. Some German fighters have been reported as having their ~~wingtips and fins~~ fins and rudders painted white. This is believed to denote Formation leaders or experienced pilots.

2. If strange B-17's try to get into your formation, try to get any markings from him.

3. If any one lands away, be sure to call in thru Flight Control and particularly to give the condition of the crew, whether or not you went over the target, and the disposal of bombs.

4. P/W --

If forced down in target area the best objectives are to try for Belgium and Holland. These frontiers are not closely guarded and there is no wire at the borders. Don't try to cross into France thru Alsace Lorraine for this is a heavily fortified area, well guarded for a zone 3 miles deep, along the border. Don't try to cross at Luxembourg either, for it is thickly populated with Germans.

Don't approach native Germans for help, but imported foreign laborers might be of some assistance. Hide by day and travel by night, and be sure to get a supply of water at the first opportunity.

If directly around the target area, you might even try for Swit.-the distance is about the same. If you don't cross ~~thru the lake~~ near the lake for the N edge is all German. Cross the border a little S of the Lake itself. The Swiss guards are helpful and friendly.. If caught here, state you are an escaper and ask for the Amer. consul.

5. Read Swit. SOP

6. Clean pockets-have identify photos, dog tags and GI shoes.

7. DON'T MENTION THE TARGET.

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612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 APO 634

AA F Station 128
 24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

Plane 42-31891

P	Fox, Gaston M.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Hoyt, Richard H.	1st Lt.	"
N	Wilson, Darrel D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Mendelson, Leonard J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Duane G.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Brown, Allen D.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	VanBooven, Donald W.	Sgt.	"
TG	Estess, Cecil C.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Gallas, Joseph (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Sierra, Charles P.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-39993

P	Kelly, William J.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	VanDyke, George R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Troy, Ephraim F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	VanDuren, Paul R.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Johnson, Morris W.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Stengel, Percy J.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Garity, John B.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Peacock, George P.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Cannon, Jay L. Jr.	T/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-40050

P	Smith, Stuart E.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Chmura, Stanislaw R.	1st Lt.	"
N	Reese, Victor S.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Majewski, Louis J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cohen, William B.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Carr, Maurice A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Norris, John B.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Sanders, Charles W.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Scicchitano, Frank J.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Hopkins, Calvin W.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-39943

P	Johnson, Benjamin H. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Waller, Jack E.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Fishbeck, Howard D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Musso, David M.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Melvin A.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Sellitto, John N.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Schaefer, Donald E.	Sgt.	"
TG	Blaugh, Joseph M.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Shannon, James L.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Litchfield, Russell E.	S/Sgt.	"

Subj. Loading List: 612th Bomb. Sq., dd. 24 March 1944, Contd.

Plane 42-31496

P	Hershey, Harry J.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Woods, Robert R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Buder, Eugene H.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Boxer, Martin W.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cherry, Noel G.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Pugh, Alfred E.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Chiccino, Joseph R.	Sgt.	"
TG	Joseph, Meload C.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Civello, Hubert C.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Gulan, Frank F.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31087

P	Wells, Kenneth C.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Guinn, Euin N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gelula, Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lingenfelter, Leo E.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Bartlett, Edward M.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Larson, Robert D.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Covertino, Rico S.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Weatherman, James H.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Price, William (NMI)	Sgt.	"
RWG	Chapman, William E.	Sgt.	"

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

24 MARCH 1944

SUBJECT: LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 408th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF STATION 128, APO 557

1. FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S MISSION.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31226</u>				
P	1st LT.	STELZER	ROBERT	L.
CP	2nd LT.	JOHNSON	WENDELL	T.
N	2nd LT.	HOBBS	HERBERT	L.
B	2nd LT?	WARREN	ROBERT	(NM)
RO	T/SGT.	HECKER	DONALD	A.
TT	T/SGT.	BACK	JESSE	O.
BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	JAMES	P?
TG	S/SGT.	NICELY	JOHN	H.
LEG	S/SGT.	RICE	EDWARD	J.
RWG	S/SGT.	HOLLAND	THOMAS	H.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-31508</u>				
P	1st LT.	JONES	DONALD	H.
CP	2nd LT.	O'NEILL	EDWARD	T.
N	1st LT.	BENNETT	CYRUS	P.
B	1st LT.	GRATE	LOUIS	B.
RO	T/SGT.	SCHENBERGER	NICHOLAS	D.
TT	T/SGT.	UMSON	THOMAS	(NM)
BT	S/SGT.	WEAVER	WILMER	F.
TG	S/SGT.	DEQUINQUE	LEWIS	A.
LEG	S/SGT.	SCHAIR	ARTHUR	(NM)
RWG	S/SGT.	FERLAND	ARTHUR	W.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-3507</u>				
P	1st LT.	LOCHER	JAMES	R. JR.
CP	2nd LT.	FRUITT	DON	C.
N	2nd LT.	DUQUETTE	FRED	D.
B	1st LT.	BROWN	JOHN	F.
RO	T/SGT.	BRAUN	OTHO	H.
TT	T/SGT.	KENNEDY	GEORGE	L.
BT	S/SGT.	DEWITT	FRANK	G.
TG	S/SGT.	MERRILL	CLARK	O.
LEG	S/SGT.	KLINK	JOHN	C.
RWG	S/SGT.	DOSS	HAROLD	E.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-32005</u>				
P	2nd LT.	LEE	DAVEY	(NM)
CP	2nd LT.	FRIEST	GORDON	S.
B	2nd LT.	SCHLIPER	ROGER	F.
B	2nd LT.	DESHAMER	HAROLD	V.
RO	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	PAT	H.
TG	S/SGT.	HIBBS	ARLIE	E.
LEG	S/SGT.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	D.
RWG	S/SGT.	MC CARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

PATHFINDER SHIP :

MAJOR BROWN - P
 1ST LT. ANDERSON - N
 2ND LT. CUSHMAN - TG.

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

AAF Station # 128
 24 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

*Plane 42-31116

P	1st Lt.	KIRKHOFF, DONALD V.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	SOBOLAK, BENNIE W.	"
N	1st Lt.	PIERCE, MYRON E. JR.	"
B	1st Lt.	MONTONE, LEBER J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cook, Harold (NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Nicholas, Charles L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Herritt, William E.	"
TG	Pvt.	Morrissey, John E.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Kochler, Earl E.	"
ENG	S/Sgt.	Michel, Delmar E.	"

*Plane 42-31369

P	1st Lt.	OWENS, ERLE G. JR.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	BERGEMAN, CLIFFORD C.	"
N	1st Lt.	HOLTE, EDWARD P.	"
B	1st Lt.	FITZGERALD, ROBERT G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Stimmel, Bert W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Spaeck, Anthony V.	"
BT	Pvt.	Murphy, James J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Farratt, John L.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Wanke, Charles P.	"
ENG	S/Sgt.	HIGHLEN, Harold, A.	"

*Plane 42-39440

P	1st Lt.	STINSON, BOUDINOT (NMI)	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	TIMMERLAKE, ROBERT H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	HARDING, JAMES B.	"
B.	1st Lt.	PFAPPEAN, JACK L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Manouso, Carmen L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Kukurin, Karl E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	LeSage, Alfred (NMI)	"
LNG	Cpl.	Amos, Paul J.	"
ENG	Cpl.	Allen, Andrew L.	"

Loading List (Con't)

*Plane 42-31098

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	614th
CP	P/O	PAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
H	2nd Lt.	CRANE, REMPRO V.	"
B	2nd Lt.	LEVY, JAMES G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Castronova, Salvatore L.	"
YT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKendry, Daniel C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David C.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RNG	S/Sgt.	Gatsensyer, Gerald R.	"

*Plane 42-38162

P	1st Lt.	DARMS, WILLIAM R. JR.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	PRATT, JOHN D.	"
H	2nd Lt.	SCHUBERG, JOHN A.	"
B	2nd Lt.	VAN NOY, RUSSELL W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Brown, Walter L. Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Morell, Otto A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Price, John R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Gentry, Ray A.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Teel, Oliver E.	"
RNG	S/Sgt.	Cohen, Franklin C.	"

*Plane 42-38847

P	1st Lt.	STINE, ROBERT O.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	REICH, ROBERT J.	"
H	2nd Lt.	MILLER, LEE S. JR.	"
B	2nd Lt.	EMPHIO, WALTER P.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Keeney, Frank E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Trump, Paul W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Risi, John M.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Prager, Gilbert (HMI)	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Thill, Richard G.	"
RNG	S/Sgt.	Sokol, Leonard E.	"

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

24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

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

PLANE # 42-31435

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	1st Lt.	Dempsey	Ralph	M.	615th
CP -	Captain	White	Ralph	J.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Sellers	Lloyd	W.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Dolan	William	W.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Beller	James	E.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Zander	Harold	S.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Sweepe	William	H.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Carson	John	H.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Knapp	Phil	H.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Merlino	Frank	A.	615th

PLANE # 42-39873

P -	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Ledray	Vincent	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Edward	M. H.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	V.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	H.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Romano	Emmanuel	L.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Lutzi	Frank	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Thompson, Jr.	Walter	F.	615th
LWG-	Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Bunger	Alva	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-37843

P -	1st Lt.	Ferdyn	Joseph	E.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Enstad	Robert	J.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Wade	Jay	A.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (io)	Dee	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Binklin	Nathan	C.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Sartor	William	D.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Johnson	Joseph	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Hortman	Harold	(NMI)	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Max	William	Max	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Bushendorff	Everett	M.	615th
LT -	S/Sgt.	Belongio	Joseph	J.	615th
RT -	S/Sgt.	Hopel	Belongio	J.	615th
B -	S/Sgt.	Hopel	Belongio	J.	615th
N -	S/O	Hopel	Belongio	J.	615th
LT -	S/O	Hopel	Belongio	J.	615th
RT -	S/O	Hopel	Belongio	J.	615th

PLANE # 42-21037

PLANE # 42-31521

P -	2nd Lt.	Lozinski	Stephen	J.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Child	Eldon	R.	615th
N -	F/O	Rush	Louis	R.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Hughes	Harold	R.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Weber	Bernard	J.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Mercurio	Michael	J.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Keller, Jr.	James	W.	615th
TC -	Sgt.	Friedman	Irvin	W.	615th
LC -	S/Sgt.	Brook	Kenneth	(H)	615th
FW -	S/Sgt.	Williams	John	W.	615th
EL -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	William	D.	615th
BO -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	William	D.	615th
H -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
M -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
CB -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
B -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th

PLANE # 43-22243

RO -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
TC -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
LC -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
EL -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
BO -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
H -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
M -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
CB -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
B -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th

PLANE # 43-28842

RO -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
TC -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
LC -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
EL -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
BO -	S/Sgt.	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
H -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
M -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
CB -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th
B -	Sgt. 1st	W. Col.	W. Col.	D.	615th

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STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 123
APO 557 • U.S. ARMY

24 March 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION 24 MARCH 1944.

BASE AT TAKE OFF: (0557) 10/10 stratocumulus base 3000'. Visibility 1 mile.

ROUTE OUT: 10/10 Stratocumulus base 3000' - 3500' , tops 5-6000' with occasional break over Channel and Continent. 2-3/10 cirrus over English coast at 23,000' becoming 3-5/10 cirrus over the continent at 27,000' Visibility unrestricted.

TARGET: (1000) 10/10 stratocumulus tops 5-6000'; 3-5/10 Cirrus at 27,000'.
Visibility unrestricted.

RETURN ROUTE: Similar to route out.

BASE ON RETURN: (1336) 10/10 stratocumulus, base 3000'. Visibility 2000 yds.

REMARKS: Winds: direction more northeasterly than forecast, velocity good (20,000' 045° 42 knts). Temperatures were 5-8 degrees warmer than forecast. Dense persistent contrails for short periods of time 100 miles west of target at 21,000'

Walter A. Hurtley
WALTER A. HURTLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Station Weather Officer.

ROUTE FORECAST

DATE.....
PERIODS. 0600 - 1330 hrs.

	(A) Base to 06 Deg East	(B) 06 Deg East to Target to 06 Deg East.	(C) 06 Deg East to Base	(D)
WEATHER	(1) Cloudy to Overcast with Base	Cloudy	Cloudy with Base	—NOTES— 1- Base layer top 7000ft. over England.
CLOUDS	(2) 6-8/10 Stratocumulus base decreasing south of 52 Deg N to variable 3-5/10 Stratocumulus base 3-4000ft tops 5-6000ft. and to Nil South of 50 Deg North. 7-9/10 Alto-cumulus at 11-12,000ft. becoming Nil south of 54 Deg North and 5-7/10 East of 06 Deg East. 3-5/10 Alto-cumulus patchy in thin layers 17-20000ft north of 50 Deg North 4-6/10 Cirrocumulus 25,000ft and above becoming 3-5/10 south of 50 Deg. North.	3-5/10 Stratocumulus base 3-4000ft. tops 5-6000ft. becoming 5-7/10 base 2-3000 tops 5-6000ft. after 1100 hrs. 5-7/10 Alto-cumulus 11-12,000ft. decreasing to 4-5/10 Alto-cumulus at Target. 4-6/10 Cirrocumulus at 25,000ft. and above increas-ing to 7-9/10 at target.	5-7/10 Stratocumulus base 2-3000ft. tops 5-6000ft. decreasing to nil to 3/10 mid South of 50 Deg North. Becom-ing 4-6/10 over England 5-7/10 Alto-cumulus 11-12000ft. decreasing to Nil over England and South of 51 Deg North. 4-6/10 Cirrocumulus at 25,000ft. and above.	2- Contrails Non persistent at 17,000ft. becoming Dense Persistent 23,000 ft and above.
WORKING LEVEL	(3) 4000 ft. Light Blue in Low Cloud	3000 ft. Light Blue in Low Cloud	4000 ft. Light Blue	
VISIBILITY	(4) 1500-2500 yds becoming 4-6 miles over Continent.	6-8 miles	3-4 mile	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY Base to 03 Deg East	DIRECTION VELOCITY 03 Deg East to Target	DIRECTION VELOCITY Temperatures.	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE (5)	260 10	320 10	Plus 05	
5000 Ft. (6)	290 15	330 15	-04	
10000 Ft. (7)	300 20	340 20	-07	
15000 Ft. (8)	310 25	350 30	-17	
20000 Ft. (9)	320 30	360 40	-23	
25000 Ft. (10)	330 40	360 50	-38	
30000 Ft. (11)	330 45	010 60	-50	

BASE ALTITUDE SETTING..... 30.24. TARGET SURFACE TEMP..... Plus 05. TARGET MEAN TEMP..... -40.0

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 138
APO 557

26 March, 1944

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 26 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

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

Flap motor burned out (1) A.F.G.E. out (1)
Oil gages out (2)

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

Bomb Bay Door motor burned out (1)

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

None Reported.

CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557
 26 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557.

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-3507 - Flak hole through left horizontal stabilizer, causing slight structural damage; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, near station 3; Flak hole in top of # 3 ring cowl.

b. 42-31557 - Small flak hole through fuselage, above ball turret.

c. 42-31226 - Large flak hole through right wing tip, causing structural damage; Small flak hole through right wing, outer panel.

d. 42-31619 - Two small flak holes in bottom of left wing, inner panel.

f. 42-31077 - 3 small flak hole in bottom of right wing, outer panel.

g. 42-97496 - Small flak hole in bottom of right wing, near tip.

h. 42-31091 - Numerous small flak holes in both wings; Small flak hole in top of # 1 nacelle.

i. 42-39873 - Small flak hole through right wing, outer panel; damaging front spar; Small flak hole in side of co-pilot's compartment.

k. 42-31069 - Small flak hole through left wing, inner panel.

l. 42-37983 - Small flak hole in bottom of right wing, between fuselage and # 3 nacelle.

m. 42-107092 - Flak hole in leading edge of left wing, and out top.

TOTAL NO. OF A/C	MAJOR DAMAGE	MINOR DAMAGE	BY FLAK
11		11	11

CHARLES W. HUNT
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557
26 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 43, 26 March, 1944

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

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 26 March, 1944.

a. A/C # 42-31226 - Bomb Bay Door motor burned out.

SAM P. BROOKHALL JR
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer