

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF STATION 128

A.P.O. 557
25 April, 1944

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 25 April, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557
ATTN: Statistical Control Officer.

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

Cylinder Head Temperature Gauge Out (1)
Tachometer Out (1)

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

None Reported.

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

Rheostat Out (1)

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

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

A.P.O. 557
25 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

None.

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

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

A.P.O. 557
25 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, on Mission 25 April, 1944

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

1. Negative Armament and Bomb Rack malfunction report
is submitted for the mission of 25 April, 1944.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR.
1st Lt., AirCorps,
Group Armament Officer

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **56**

Date: **25 APR. 44**

TO: **NANCY/ESSEY, FRANCE**

Target No.
S. 5686

AIRFIELD — NANCY / ESSEY (FRANCE)

Illustration No.
S. 5686/1

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1 MILE
Photographed 26 August 1942 (1 : 18,000) approx. Issued September 1943



Illustration No.
S. 5686/1

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

(D-M-5)

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to HANCOCK, 25 April 44.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 557, U. S. Army.
 (Thru Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. Lt. Bryan M. Shotts (Pilot) A/C 1081, commented on excellent leadership of high squadron lead and low squadron lead. Lt. Shotts and Lt. Eugene H. Buder (Navigator) A/C 2393, both complimented Wing navigator for excellent job of navigation.

2. Major Ralph J. White (Co-pilot) A/C 9904, was of the opinion that half of the 360° turns were uncalled for. Lt. Lloyd W. Sellers (Navigator) A/C 9904 - "In letting down on the Deenethorpe buncher why not use it. Took 30 minutes hunting for a hole".

3. Lt. Sandy Low (Pilot) A/C 1037, says "worst formation I ever saw, don't know whether group leader or squadron leader is to blame". Lt. William J. Kelly (Pilot) A/C 6992 also said group and wing formation "very poor".

4. The following comments were made concerning the Combat Mess:

- a. Crew of Lt. William J. Kelly (Pilot) A/C 6992, said breakfast was too ~~XXX~~ greasy and caused stomach disorder.
- b. Lt. John J. Kelly (Bombardier) A/C 1037, "poor mess insult to crews to eat such food".
- c. Lt. Jay A. Wade (Navigator) A/C 7843, and crew complained they could not eat breakfast. Eggs not seasoned and greasy black potatoes.
- d. Crew of Lt. Charles F. Hess (Pilot) A/C 1591, suffered gas pains from breakfast which included cold and greasy potatoes. Navigator, Lt. Charles W. Bryant had never suffered like this before.
- e. Lt. David H. Stephen (Navigator) A/C 7043, complained of poor food on return from late mission.
- f. S/Sgt. Michael Lefkin (TG) A/C 7039, and entire crew complained that breakfast was not fit to eat.

5. T/Sgt. Charles F. Casner (ROG) A/C 1077, says that he always misses his transportation because of having to take "flimsie" to communications. Suggests and requests that they be collected by communications at Interrogation.

6. Lt. Edwin A. Post (Pilot) A/C 1077, advises friendly fighters not to come through formation out of the sun - to much risk of not being recognized as

friendly.

7. Lt. John J. Kelly (Bombardier) A/C 1037, heard whole crew talking on Sea Channel, VHF all about target. Unable to identify.

Paul R. Myers rnd Lt.
W. B. FRY,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2 Officer.

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

~~401st~~ BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Assigned HANGY, REEF
Target: Bomed . . . NONE Date of Mission 25 April/4

Route as Flown:- As briefed except five miles south of course all the way - 360° right turn at IP and one at ST (St Dezier)

Weather conditions: (a) At target 8/10ths
(b) En route 8/10ths to 10/10ths
Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target Unseen
(b) En route Unseen
Any condensation trails?

Description of Flak at target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL
NONE

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)										
Encountered	0823 hrs	(4950-0114E)	18,000	-	Meg	-	Fair	Good	-	Blk. Following
Observed	0835 hrs	Beauvois	20,000	-	Med	-	Good	Poor	-	" Barrage
"	0905 hrs	(4925-0250E)	20,000	-	Med	-	Poor	Poor	-	" "
"	0925 hrs	(4955-0120E)	19,000	-	Med	-	Good	Good	-	" Following
Encountered	1030 hrs	(4831-0400E)	20,000	-	Meg	-	Good	Poor	-	" Barrage
"	1145 hrs	(4958-0110E)	20,000	-	Meg	-	Poor	Poor	-	" Following
Observed	1210 hrs	(Dieppe)	20,000	-	Med	-	Poor	Poor	-	" Barrage

Was CHAFF carried? NO
How discharged?

Position of Group
Lead Box

Details:-									
Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Pattern	
401st	18	0	0	0842	None	21,000	None	None	
Totals									

Comments - Phenomena:-
* Extra large burst green top, red bottom.
0836 hrs - near Beauvois - ground rocket - white straight trail, brown burst twice size of flak. Poor accuracy.
0837 hrs - (4925-0739E) two crews report very large burst the sized of a B-17 exploding. No A/C seen - no smoke trail. Burst was black greasy smoke with flame center - particles were burning and left black smoke streams.
SPECIAL NOTE: A/C 1077 reports they were shot at by flak just after leaving English Coast.

612th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 APO 557

AAF Station 128
 25 April 1944.

SUBJECT : Loading List.

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

A/C 42-31662

P	Dailey, Scribner C.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Stokes, Alexander C.	1st Lt.	"
N	Shapiro, Aaron (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lott, Eugene F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Hildreth, Arthur W.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Flynn, William B.	T Sgt.	"
BTG	Sabel, Jerome (NMI)	S Sgt.	"
TG	Sanders, Charles W.	S Sgt.	"
LWG	Plate, Robert B.	S Sgt.	"
RWG	Hagan, Charles T.	T Sgt.	"

A/C 42-107039

P	West, George E.	1st Lt.	"
CP	McKinnon, Douglas H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Nutter, Lloyd A.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Montgomery, Thomas B.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Andrus, Robert L.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Russell, Francis L.	T Sgt.	"
BTG	Womble, John L.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Lefkin, Michael (NMI)	S Sgt.	"
LWG	Russell, Hugh D.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Morini, Alfred J.	S Sgt.	"

A/C 42-102393

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

A/C 42-106992

P	Kelly, William J.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	VanDyke, George R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Grate, Louis B.	1st Lt.	613th
RO	VanDuren, Paul R.	S Sgt.	612th
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	Markle, Burton, A.	S Sgt.	"

Leading List, 612th Sqdn., 26 April 1944, Con't.

A/C 42-39943

P	Tanner, John R.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McDaniel, Robert H.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Stora, Kenneth L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Szangyi, John P.	2nd Lt.	"
RC	Cohen, Weldon R.	S Sgt.	"
TTG	Cable, Harvey T.	T Sgt.	"
ETG	Marrie, John B.	S Sgt.	"
TC	Francis, Raymond R.	S Sgt.	"
LWG	Carey, Joe R.	S Sgt.	"
RWG	Staley, Phillip G.	S Sgt.	"

A/C 42-31037

P	Wells, Kenneth G.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Guinn, Edin R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gelula, Warren (HMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lingenfelter, Lee I.	2nd Lt.	"
RC	McCawley, Fred H.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Lamson, Robert R.	T Sgt.	"
ETG	Converline, Rico S.	S Sgt.	"
TC	Parker, Harry G.	S Sgt.	"
LWG	Daniel, James P.	S Sgt.	"
RWG	Chapman, William E.	S Sgt.	"

619th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
AAF STATION 128, APO # 557

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25 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST.

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF STATION 128, APO # 557.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31591</u>				
P	1st LT.	HESS	CHARLES	F.
CP	2nd LT.	IRWIN	JAMES	R.
N	2nd LT.	BRYANT	CHARLES	W.
B	2nd LT.	ROWE	ROBERT	W.
RO	S/SGT.	FAHNESTOCK	JAMES	E.
TT	T/SGT.	HARP	MORRIS	O.
BT	S/SGT.	GREGORY	DAYCIA	C.
TG	S/SGT.	STREET	VICTOR	P.
LNG	S/SGT.	KLOIBER	STEPHENS	F.
RWG	S/SGT.	CARPENTER	ARNOLD	H.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-31557</u>				
P	1st Lt.	SCHARFF	PAUL	F.
CP	2nd Lt.	ECKERT	CHARLES	A.
N	2nd Lt.	SCHWARTZ	BERNARD	(NMI)
B	2nd Lt.	HOOVER	ROBERT	R.
RO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	URMSON	ELMER	A.
BT	S/SGT.	REDELL	CHARLES	H.
TG	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	M.
LNG	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	P.
RWG	S/SGT.	SCHAIR	ARTHUR	(NMI)

<u>PLANE NO. 42-30855</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	CONNOLLY	JOHN	J.
CP	2nd Lt.	BOGGS	JAMES	B.
N	2nd Lt.	KRISE	THOMAS	H.
B	2nd Lt.	BOLLER	EDWARD	H.
RO	SGT.	HURLEY	BARCLAY	J.
TT	S/SGT.	MILLS	CARL	W.
BT	SGT.	PEREZ	FRANK	D.
TG	SGT.	D'AGASTINO	VICTOR	(NMI)
LNG	SGT.	FRIEDMAN	MAURICE	(NMI)
RWG	PVT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	W.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-107043</u>				
P	1st Lt.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2nd Lt.	HUSS	VINCENT	J.
N	2nd Lt.	STEPHEN	DAVID	H.
B	2nd Lt.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	MAHLER	ARTHUR	P.
TT	T/SGT.	OLDER	HAROLD	K.
BT	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
TG	S/SGT.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
LNG	S/SGT.	TOBINE	RODNEY	T.
RWG	SGT.	DRAIN	JAMES	A.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-31005</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
N	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MURICK	J.
B	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DENE	C.
RO	S/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	T/SGT.	PACK	JESSE	O.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TG	S/SGT.	FETZER	ELMER	M.
LNG	S/SGT.	BAEHLER	JAMES	E.
RWG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.

PLANE NO. 42-31097

P	1st Lt.	LEW	SANDY	(NMI)
CP	2nd Lt.	PRIEST	GORDON	S.
N	2nd Lt.	SCHLIEPER	ROGER	F.
B	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
RO	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	PAT	H.
TG	S/SGT.	HIBBS	ARLIE	VE.
LNG	S/SGT.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	I.
RWG	S/SGT.	MCCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

PLANE NO. 42-31081

P	1st Lt.	SHOTTS	BRYAN	M.
CP	LT. COL.	VOORHEES	BURTON	K.
N	1st Lt.	SAVAGE	WILLIAM	F.
N	CAPT.	EGAN	JAMES	F.
B	MAJOR	PICKOFF	JULIUS	(NMI)
RO	SGT.	REEDY	ROBERT	L.
TT	T/SGT.	SWOFFORD	LOLAND	L.
BT	S/SGT.	RIEGER	HARVEY	W.
TG	2nd Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
LNG	S/SGT.	SONICHSEN	DONALD	H.
RWG	S/SGT.	JONES	WILLIAM	F. JR.

TO FLY WITH 612th Sq.

1st Lt. GRATE LOUIS B. SHIP NO. 42-106992 AS A B.

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

AAF Station # 128
 25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

*Plane 42-39478

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	614th
CP	P/O.	PAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	ORANE, BENFRO V.	"
B	2nd Lt.	PEDRO, ORLANDO J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Castrobona, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKenney, Daniel C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David C.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.	"

*Plane 42-31863

P	2nd Lt.	BARTLEY, LEO S.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND, HOWARD W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RYAN, WILLIAM F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	CARTER, JAMES P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Frederick, Eugene D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Rader, Richard A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hurd, Robert O.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	DeGraff, Andrew D.	"
RWG	Cpl.	Sherman, Gilbert	"

*Plane 42-39440

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	"
CP	1st Lt.	HARGER, ROBERT W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Stimmel, Best W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Quinn, Robert E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Passeno, William W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald E.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	McMahon, James F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

WILLIAM C. GARLAND
 CAPT, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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

25 April 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 # 42-39904

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	1st Lt.	Dempsey	Ralph	M.	615th
CP -	Major	White	Ralph	J.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Sellers	Lloyd	W.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Dolan	William	W.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	M.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Zander	Harold	S.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H. C.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Merline	Frank	A.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Cope	Frederick	(RL)	615th
PLANE # <u>42-107092</u>					
BL -	2nd Lt.	Haminski	Vincent	J.	615th
PL -	1st Lt.	Mallon	Richard	W.	615th
CP -	1st Lt.	Hildinger	Lawrence	J.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Black	J. (to)	Deen	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Cheatham	Elmer	R.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Draginis	Donald	L.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Clare	David	E.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Powell	Gerald	J.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Robideaux	Jay	W.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Leadholt	Jay	T.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.				
PLANE # <u>42-31521</u>					
BL -	1st Lt.	Trimbel	William	W.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Shantz	Fred	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Lenke	Beryle	b.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Chapman	Edward	G.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Healey	Jack	(RL)	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Tracy	Edward	(NMI)	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Keller	James, Jr.	F.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Asbell (NMI)	William	(RL)	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Acker	Joseph	F.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Courtad	Paul	K.	615th

PLANE #	42-37043	NAME	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
DUTY	RANK					
P	1st Lt.	Mitchell	Lewis	(MAL)		615th
GP	2nd Lt.	Lincoln	Frank	(NMI)		615th
N	2nd Lt.	Madison	Jay	A:		615th
B	2nd Lt.	Lotze	Robert	F:		615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Reddy	Hugh	D:		615th
IT	S/Sgt.	Gould	George	F:		615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Warlow	Charles	R.		615th
TG	Sgt.	Campson	John	A.		615th
LWG	Sgt.	McGaha	James	H.		615th
RWG	Sgt.	Neck	Ralph	F.		615th
PLANE #	42-31077					
P	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A:		615th
GP	2nd Lt.	LeDray	Vincent	B:		615th
N	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	MCH.		615th
B	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	V:		615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Casner	Charles	F:		615th
IT	T/Sgt.	Roman	Emanuel	B:		615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Lutsi	Frank	R.		615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Pacely	Charles	L.		615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.		615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Fitchell	Sherrys	(NMI)		615th
PLANE #	42-23804					
P	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A:		615th
GP	2nd Lt.	LeDray	Vincent	B:		615th
N	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	MCH.		615th
B	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	V:		615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Casner	Charles	F:		615th
IT	T/Sgt.	Roman	Emanuel	B:		615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Lutsi	Frank	R.		615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Pacely	Charles	L.		615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.		615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Fitchell	Sherrys	(NMI)		615th

NAME RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (MI) SQUADRON

PLANE # 42-23804

1. Following is the list of names belonging to the 615th Squadron.

10. Operations Officer: Major Bond (H) VBO # 221

Subsequent: Reserving List

22 VBO # 221

VBO - 221 - 133 - VBO - 221
 Office of the Operations Officer

Room Number and Line Bombardment Group (H)
 Six Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Bombardment Squadron (H)

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TARGET:

The target is the airfield at Nancy/Messey (only indicate with pointed). This is an old French civilian and military field and is one of the best in France. It was first used by the Germans as a transport base and later as a flying school and the activity has increased and continued since. Lecture Rooms are located in the town, and were filled generally with fighter pilots the last reports indicate. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

There are 8 Hangars: (2 double, 1 quadruple at NE, 4 double at SE, 1 and 1 small at W. In addition there are 6 rectangular buildings at NE and 4 at SE which may be used as workshops or hangars. Other buildings such as power house, barracks, administration buildings, etc complete the installations.

This target may appear to you to have little value but it is very essential that our Air Forces put out of commission and keep out of commission the best operational Airdromes that the German Air Force has access to in France to assist the preparation for any forthcoming Invasion effort. Therefore, make sure your bombs count for this mission

EXTRA POOP--S/E fighter school, next stage after basic, ordinarily 100AC and 180 students present. Operation base for Twin Engine A/C. 44 AC on Apr 6

SUGGESTED SECONDARIES:

Toul (CROIX DE Metz)
St. Dizier-Robinson
Bourges

FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

3 CBW's of 2nd Bomb Division (Mannheim)
2 CBW'd of 3rd Bomb Division on Dijon-Longvic

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

1-47's
1-47's
1-38's
1-47's
1-47's

Also " Gps p-51's area sweep of target just before Bombers..

12 Gps fighters escorting other two BD

FLAK.

Flak route should be pretty good if the route is flown as briefed. That is outside of the notorious Pas de Calais area. You can expect several guns in the target area.

PW

LAST MINUTE INTELLIGENCE

NO CONVOYS.

Empty pockets
get photos and escape kits,
adjust parachute harness.

INSTRUCTIONS

DEE
401

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

25 April 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 25 APRIL 1944.

BASE AT TAKE OFF: (0615) No clouds. Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Nil low cloud; 0-4/10 cirrus at 23,000' over England; 5-7/10 altocumulus tops 12,000' base 10,000' over Continent. Middle clouds starting 20 to 30 miles in from Continental Coast. Visibility unrestricted.

TARGET: (0943) 5-6/10 altocumulus tops 12,000' base 10,000'. Visibility unrestricted at altitude, downward visibility 15 miles.

RETURN ROUTE: 5-6/10 altocumulus tops 12,000' base 10,000' becoming 8-9/10 altocumulus tops 13,000' base 10,000' over continent breaking to 3-5/10 altocumulus tops 12,000' base 10,000' over channel and continental coast. 7-9/10 building cumulus base 1500-2500', tops 5-6,000' over England. Visibility unrestricted.

BASE ON RETURN: (1325) 6/10 building cumulus base 3000' tops 5-6,000'. Visibility 7 miles.

REMARKS: Winds were more northerly than forecast, velocity forecast good (ex. 20,000' 350° 60 knts). Temperatures were 3-7 degrees colder than forecast. No contrails were reported.

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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 25 APRIL 1944

PERIOD 0531 - 1430 hrs

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	A Bases to 05 Deg East.	B 05 Deg East to Target	C Target to Bases	D
1 WEATHER	Clear	Clear becoming partly Cloudy to Cloudy	Cloudy	
2 CLOUDS	NIL Cloud	3-5/10 Altocumulus base 10,000ft tops 12,000ft. 3-5/10 Fine Cirrus above 22,000 ft.	NIL low cloud becoming 5-7/10 Large Cumulus base 2000ft tops 8-10,000ft. North of 50 Deg North. 3-5/10 altocumulus base 10,000ft tops 12,000ft. decreasing to NIL by 05 Deg East. 3-5/10 fine Cirrus above 22,000ft decreasing to nil by 05 Deg East.	
3 ICING	5000ft NIL	6000ft NIL	6000ft becoming 5000ft Light Clear Ice.	
4 VISIBILITY	3-5 miles becoming 20 miles Plus	20 miles Plus	20 miles Plus becoming 3-10 miles	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Bases to 04 Deg East	04 Deg East to Target	Temperatures	
5000 FT	320 21	300 15	Plus 15	
10000 FT	320 35	300 25	Plus 04	
15000 FT	320 50	300 40	-02	
20000 FT	320 65	290 50	-11	
25000 FT	320 75	290 60	-24	
30000 FT	320 85	290 65	-36	
	320 95	290 70	-46	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.4211 TARGET SURFACE TEMP Plus 13 TARGET MEAN TEMP -03
 TEMP. AT 20,000 FT. -24 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -102.1

Add Target Elevation