

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

F-A-1

A.P.O. 557
26 May 1944

SUBJECT: 3-4 Combat Mission Report for Mission 25 May 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:

Turbo Amplifier Out (1); Runaway Prop (2)
Landing Gear Motor Burned Out (1)
Meshing Solenoid Out (1); Flight Indicator Out (1)
Cylinder Head Temperature Guage 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:

None Reported

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 May, 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 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission of 25 May, 1944

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

Negative Armament and Bomb Rack malfunction report is
submitted of mission of 25 May, 1944.

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

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 567
U. S. ARMY

D-G-4

25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 567, Sta 128, (Thru Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. The crew of Lt. William E. Massy reported that their crew chief was not at their A/C (#9837) this morning, that there was no Form 1 available and "Put Put" was not started.

2. Lt. James A. Gruman, pilot A/C 7207, says his A/C was not ready this morning.

3. T/Sgt. Salvatore L. Castranova suggests that latrines which can be flushed be installed in the briefing building.

4. S/Sgt. A. W. Holdreth says radio room plexiglass in A/C 2393 is broken and hinders discharge of chaff.

5. Lt. John W. Myrtestus, pilot A/C 1499, said the taxiing order of the 401st Group was mixed up this morning. He also wondered why #4 A/C dropped chaff over the target.

6. Lt. Myrick J. Whiting, navigator A/C 1005, stated that truck was 30 minutes late in picking up his crew at dispersal area #42.

7. Lt. James R. Howell, navigator A/C 7210, says coordinates of target as given at briefing were actually situated in the English Channel.

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

Cing.
10-5000
1/10

HIGH BOX 94TH "B" WING

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR WHITE Date 25 MAY 1944
 Deputy Flight Leader CAPT. DEMPSEY
 Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
 Ground Control _____

2780
2300 Gal
B. 2
13-3
2-5

Sta 345
E.T.R. 12:00

615th ^{SQDN}

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

CAMPBELL (DEMPSEY)

IY X 1485 ✓

GILLESPIE DEMPSEY

IY K 1069 ✓ IY C 2468 ✓

SQDN

SQDN

CHRISTENSEN

KELLY

IY Q 9873 ✓

SC D 6992 ✓

KNIGHT

POST

TOUSSAINT

OPTE

IY G 1888 ✓
 IY-E 7092 ✓

IY M 2674 ✓

SC G 1034 ✓

SC K 1087 ✓

TRIMBLE

IY J 7113 ✓

DE SIANO

OCHSENHIRT

BROWN

IY F 7664 ✓

IY H 7222 ✓

SPARES IW-F 395 ✓

KEITH

IN R 1557 ✓

Return

CARTER

FOX

SC A 9765 ✓

IN P 7344 ✓

SPARE LEAD IW P 2012
 GROUND SPARES IN J 1591
 IW Q 7478

Weather

30-10
11-10
10-9
14-9

- 092 - ~~Knights~~ Check Thrustles for spring tension
- 873 - ~~OK~~ Christensen gyro compass and flight indicator out
- 468 - Flaps creep: Dampsey
- 992 - Center fluorescent light out - Pilots fluorescent switch missing Kelly
- 113 - OK Trimble
- 069 - #1 & 3 fuel pres. gauges out #2 turbo sluggish Gillespie
- 674 - Flaps creep: Elevator trim-lake will not stay in selected position Post
- 664 - #2 turbo still lags (check on Bullet Proof) Christensen
- 395 - Flaps creep - Pilots fluorescent light out De Siano
- 087 - #1 cyl head temp out = Primer Pump leak O'Pie
- 034 - O.K. Toussaint

Pilots failing to Report
None

615
485
690
468
873
092
674
113
699

614
395
478
012

12-

613
557
344
591 G.S.

612
034
992
087

2780

LEAD BOX 94TH "C" WING

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR HINKLE Date 25 MAY 1944
 Deputy Flight Leader MAJOR GARLAND
 Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
 Ground Control _____

613 SQDN

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

RIEGLER (HINKLE)

P

7636 ✓

LEW

CHRISTENSEN (GARLAND)

IN H

9932 ✓

E

7649 ✓

HAMMOND

IN M

2005 ✓

SCHARFF

KEELING

IN Q

2580 ✓

IN D

1043 ✓

614 SQDN

612 SQDN

SMITH, W.R.

IN C

1315 ✓

DATLEY

SC R

2393 ✓

LA FAVOR

GRUMAN

MC CORD

BINGHAM

IN H

7210 ✓

IN O

7207 ✓

SC M

7039 ✓

SC C

9993 ✓

WALSH

IN X

1863 ✓

MASSEY

SC L

9857 ✓

FISSETTE

KENNEY

MYRTETUS

WOODS

IN B

7084 ✓

IN K

1369 ✓

SC Q

1496 ✓

SC N

7811 ✓

SPARES

WILSON

IN A

7440 ✓

LINGOLN

IN R

7780 ✓

GROUND SPARES

IN B 7043

IN K 1072

IN E 7009

496 - #1 Prop run away on T.O. could only get 1900 rpm after
 #2 turbo amplifier out Rt. vacuum pump read low
 (Wood) #1 Eng. Rough, Bomb bay motor out: ~~2000~~
 944 fuel burnt out

580 - AFCE lights out (Scherff)

993 - Check on Bulld. fuel gauges: Siler's fell need
 (Bingham) replacing #2 Eng. L-Mag lost 100 R.P.M.

393 - O.K. (Dailay) | 207 - O.K. (Gruver)

005 - O.K. (Hammond) | 039 - O.K. (McChord)

932 - wheels will come up about half way, then
 (Law) toggle switch has to be activated to operate
 wheels rest of the way up.

837 - No Crew chief at plane on Station time
 (Mossy)

084 - O.K. (Fisette) | 369 - O.K. (Kennedy)

043 - Rt. wheel motor out (Keeling)

315 - Run away prop on #3 Eng - had to work prop
 (Smith) through several times

811 - #1 meshing seized out: #2 prop gov. leaks
 (Myrtus)

280 #3 Eng Rt Mag dropped 150 RPM (To From)

Pilots failing to Report

Riegler — 636

Christensen — 649

Walsh — 863

Check with Crew
 chief on 037

P.F.F.
 615

P.F.F.
 780
 440
 369
 084
 863
 210
 207
 315
 615
 1900

009.65
 072.65
 003.65
 005
 580
 037
 932
 615

118
 496
 837
 866
 993
 039
 893
 219

Normal
 1900

Classification changed by
SECRET
RESTRICTED by auth of
CO AAF Sta 128 by

JACKSON M. PHIPPS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 75
25TH. MAY, 1944

(DOUBLE MISSION)

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

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

MISSION No. **75-A**

Date: **25 MAY 45**

TO: **FECAMP , FRANCE**

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

MISSION No. **75-B**

Date: **25 MAY 44**

TO: **METZ , FRANCE**

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Leader's Narrative, 401st Formation, 94th "C" CBW, Mission to Fecamp, 25 May 1944.

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

1. The 94th "C" CBW consisted of one 18 ship Box furnished by the 401st Group. The purpose of the mission was to experiment with bombing Coastal installations by use of PFF equipment.

2. Assembly was normal over the Field at 2,000 feet, later climbing to 5,000 feet before departing Deenethorpe. The route over England, into the target, and out was as briefed and all points were made on time. No flak or enemy fighters were seen. Friendly fighters were present over the target. There were no abortives. 18 ships bombed the target; two spares returning at mid-channel.

3. Bombing was done from 15,000 feet by the use of PFF equipment. The formation was excellent throughout with a very good bomb pattern. Weather over the target was CAVU.

4. The experiment was highly successful. A few mistakes were found that when remedied should aid future operations of this nature. The lead navigator was briefed that the coordinates of the target were one mile south west of Fecamp. Later it was found that the target was actually 2 miles southwest. The mistake seemed to have been one of difficulty in transcribing coordinates from a physical map to "Gee" map. As it turned out the point actually plotted on the "Gee" map was the one which was bombed. It is recommended that more precision be used in plotting coordinates of targets and that the bomb sight be used in conjunction with the PFF equipment for greater accuracy.

CARL C HINKLE JR,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Leader.

HEADQUARTERS
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Group Leader's Narrative, Mission to Metz, France, 25 May 1944.

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

1. The 401st Group flew high box for the 94th "B" Combat Wing. Assembly was over Splasher 10, and the Wing was formed 30 minutes prior to departure. The high box was complete with 2 spares. One point enroute was cut off by the Wing which caused the next points to be made early. Several "S" turns were made making the formation difficult. The 94th "B" Wing was parallel to three other wings crossing the channel and making landfall. "S" turns were made until the group was at the end of the column. At the IP the lead box flew a diverging course from that flown by the low and high boxes. The low and high boxes were on the briefed course, hence the lead box made a 360° turn and bombed last. The high bombed second with superior results. After bombing the low and high boxes made a 360° turn while waiting for the lead box. The remainder of the course was as briefed.

2. Meager flak was encountered and avoided. There was no flak at the target. No ships in the 401st were damaged.

3. No enemy fighters were seen. Friendly fighter support was excellent.

4. A S. O. P. weather penetration was made just before reaching the English Coast and the planes returned individually and by elements.

R. J. WHITE
Major, Air Corps,
High Box Leader.

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

E-C-5

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No. 75, 25 May 1944. (Single Box)
(C Wing)
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. The 401st Group furnished eighteen ships, including two spares, for the single box of the 94th CBW "C" formation. Two PFF ships were also supplied for this formation. Take Off and Assembly were as briefed. For the route in, bombing, and route out see the box leader's narrative and the Navigator's log.

2. Two ships returned early. Both were spares; there were no abortions.

3. ENEMY OPPOSITION: This formation encountered no flak and no enemy A/C. No ships were lost.

4. FORMATION:

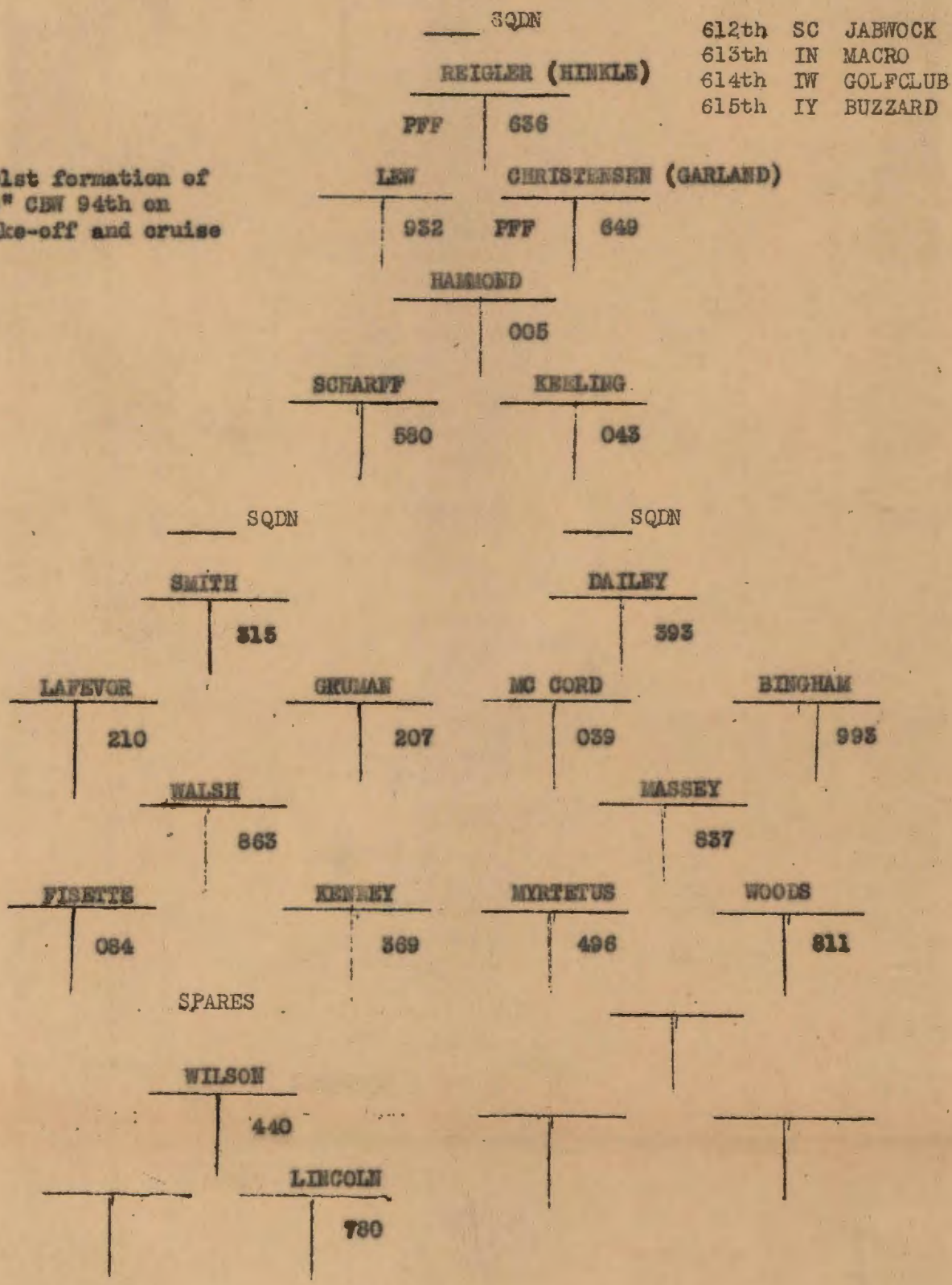
- A. Take Off and Cruise (see attached diagram)
- B. Over Target (see attached diagram)
- C. No wing formation.

5. BOMBING: Bombing was PFF on the primary. This was as ordered, though the target was visible. The bomb strike appears to be about 5,000 feet off in deflection, though good for range. It possibly hit another target in the area.

ALLISON C BROOKS,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

Combat Flight Leader _____ Date 25 May 1944
Deputy Flight Leader _____
Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
Ground Control _____

401st formation of
"C" CBW 94th on
take-off and cruise



Combat Flight Leader _____ Date 25 May 1944

Deputy Flight Leader _____

Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____

Ground Control _____

401st Group
(Single Box - 94th "C" CBW)
Over Target

SQDN

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

HINKLE

PFF

LEW

932

GARLAND

PFF

HAMMOND

005

SCHARFF

580

KEELING

043

SQDN

SQDN

SMITH

315

DALLEY

393

LA FAVOR

210

GRUMAN

207

Mc GORD

039

BINGHAM

993

WALSH

863

MASSEY

837

FISETTE

084

KENNEY

369

MYRTETUS

811

WOODS

496

SPARES

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 APO 557, US ARMY

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st Lead Box "C" Wing, Mission of 25 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group, APO 557.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....18
 Number of Spares..... 2
 A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.....16
 Number of Sorties (B.E.T.).....16
 Number of A/C Returning Early (Not B.E.T)...0
 Number of A/C Attacking.....16
 Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 0

Number of A/C Lost: None

TABULAR SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF BOMBS OVER TARGET

	<u>Aircraft</u>		<u>Bombs</u>				
	<u>Over</u> <u>Target</u>	<u>Bomb-</u> <u>ing</u>	<u>Num-</u> <u>ber</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Fusing</u>	
						<u>Nose</u>	<u>Tail</u>
Main Bombfall	16	16	192	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Attacks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Bombs On Targets			192	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures			--	--	--	--	--
Bombs Returned			24	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			216	500#	GP	1/10	1/100

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer

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

E-C-5

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No. 75 "B", 25 May 1944.
(High Box, "B" Wing).

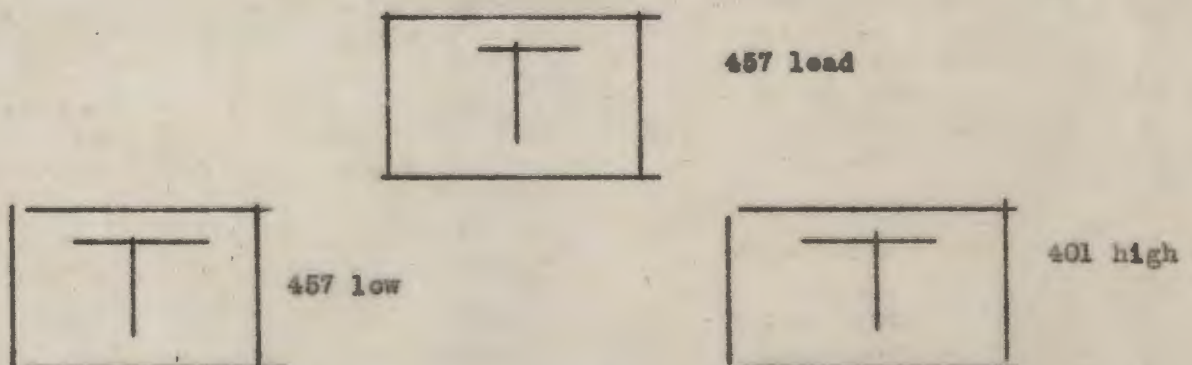
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 401st Group furnished fourteen ships, including two spares, for the high box of the 94th CBW "B" formation. Take Off and Assembly were as briefed. For the route in, bombing, and route out refer to the box leader's narrative and navigator's log.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Two ships returned early. Both were spares; there were no abortions.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: Flak was encountered at several points enroute. It was mostly meager and inaccurate. No attacks by E/A were reported. No ships were lost.

4. FORMATION: A. Take Off and cruise (see attached diagram).
B. Over Target (see attached diagram).
C. 94th CBW "B" Formation:

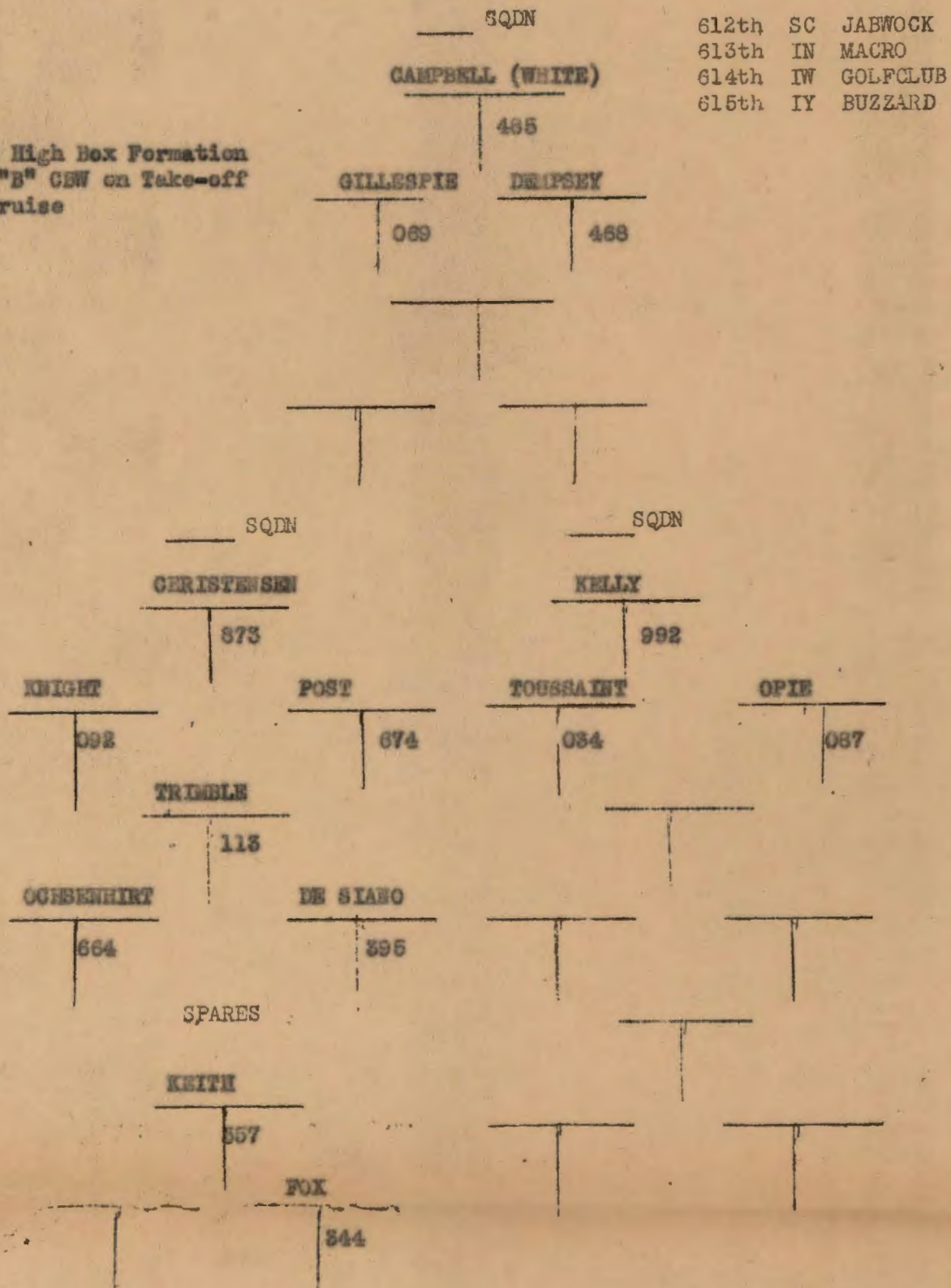


5. RESULTS: Bombing was visual on the primary. Results are reported as good to excellent.

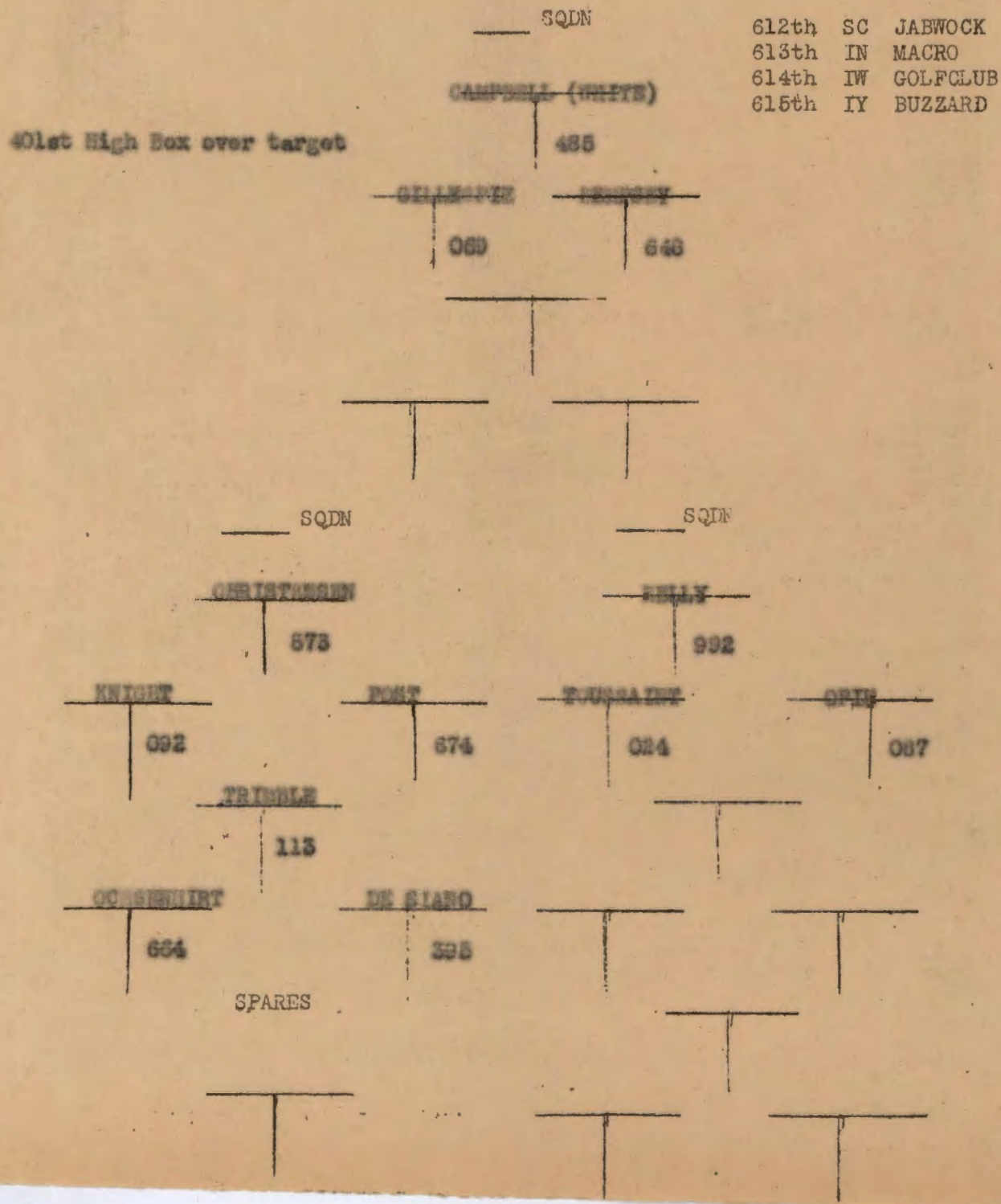
ALLISON C BROOKS,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

Combat Flight Leader _____ Date 25 May 1944
Deputy Flight Leader _____
Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
Ground Control _____

401st High Box Formation
94th "B" CW on Take-off
and cruise



Combat Flight Leader _____ Date 25 May 1944
Deputy Flight Leader _____
Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
Ground Control _____



HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 APO 557, US ARMY

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st High Box "B" Wing, Mission of 25 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group, APO 557.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....14
 Number of Spares..... 2
 A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.....12
 Number of Sorties (E.E.F.).....22
 A/C Returning Early (Not E.E.F.)..... 0
 Number of A/C Attacking.....12
 Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 0

Number of A/C Lost: None

TABULAR SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF BOMBS OVER TARGET

	Aircraft		Num- ber	Type	Bombs Size	Fusing	
	Over Target	Bomb- ing				Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	12	12	119	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Attacks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Bombs On Targets			119	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures			--	--	--	--	--
Bombs Returned			20	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			139	500#	GP	1/10	1/100

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DABLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative

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

1. Flight plan, Log, and Track Chart Attached.

2. Narrative:

a. T/O at 0550 hours; Land at 1214 hours.

b. Group formed at 0626 hours at 2200 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0626 hours at 2200 feet.

d. Began climb at 0630 hours; reached alt. at 0723 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds / 10th - Visability miles.

(2) Wind at altitude degrees, Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage, Gee, and Radio

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Pilotage and Gee

h. Joined task force at hrs. at (Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at hrs.; Enemy Coast in at hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in hrs.

(2) Coming back hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) degrees, Knots.

(2) Determined by (Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

(1) Reached IP at hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target degrees.

(3) Altitude over target feet.

(4) Bombs away at hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target:

Visual, target clear

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix N. E.

(2) Obtained at hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

COMMENTS:

C. H. SMITH
1st Lt., A. C.
Lead SIGNATURE

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Major Hinkle

NAVIGATOR Smith C.M. 1st Lt. AG

DATE 25 May 1944

STATIONS	0430	ENGINES	0530	TAXI	0545	T.O.	0600
LEAVE BASE	0650						
COAST OUT	0800						
ENEMY COAST							
I.P.	0815						
TARGET	0826						
ENEMY COAST	0835						
BASE	0944						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH..... Fast Slow RATE.....secs/hour Gaining Losing
At.....G.M.T.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE		
														TIME	BODY	ALT. AZI.
BASE 1	261	5000	150	142	070	-1	069	10	079	153	30	112	0701			
2nd beach 1	11	7000	150										0713			
52 40 00 100	269	7000		150	164	45	169	10	179	153	50	191	0733			
Sp 7 B	14	12000														
52 52 00 320	275	12000		160	185	46	191	10	201	159	51	19	0752			
Sp 28 G	17	15000														
51 02 00 420	280	"		162	227	47	234	10	244	155	20	09	0800	ENEMY Coast		
20																
2 48 00 000	"	"		"	174	47	211	10	211	160	37 1/2	14	0814	IP		
00 30 00 100																
TARGET	"	"		"	145	46	151	10	161	171	37 1/2	13	0827	TARGET		
42 48 00 210	"	"		"	021	-7	024	10	024	165	74	27	0854			
Dungeness																
50 54 00 520	270	15000	170	175	345	-5	340	10	350	170	59	31	0915			
Sp 47	15	6000	248													
52 52 00 130	260	6000	140	144	112	-3	309	10	319	140	67	29	0914	SEA		
Sp 58	7	2000	228													

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		G.S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0553			220	230	Takeoff		150	1800							
0600			"	"	Circling to form group		150	1700							
0616			"	"	Group Formed		150	1800							
0630			"	"	Circling Base		150	2200							
0645			"	"	Circling Base		150	4500							
0659			060	070	Depart Pt "A" 2 min early		150	5000							
0703			060	070	Over Peterborough		150	5900				18			
0706			070	080			150	6500				18			
0709					3 miles N Pt A 4 min early		150	7300				24 1/2	0007 1/2	0007 1/2	
0712	068	-2	070	080	Kings Lynn		150	8000							
0713	166	414	180	190	Wind 250 @ 47 turn to 14 B		150	8300							0734
0720			180	190	52 27 00 310 Pilotage using Sp 7		150	9600							0731
0725	180	414	204	214			150	10500							
0729	180	414	194	204	" 52 05 00 34		150	11500							0732
0732	180	414	194	204	over Pt B		150	12200-4							

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

TRACK CHART

TARGET

Primary
Secondary
Last Resort

FECAMP, FRANCE

DATE MAY 25, 1944

GREEN
CRANCE

Route followed by

BRIEFED COURSE
401st B.C. (H)



COMBATS

FW 190 ○
ME 109 ⊙
JU 88 ⊗
ME 110 ⊗
DO 217 ⊕



HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

25 May

1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative

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

1. Flight plan, Log, and Track Chart Attached.

2. Narrative:

a. T/O at 0450 hours; Land at 1209 hours.

b. Group formed at 0625 hours at 14000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0625 hours at 13000 feet.

d. Began climb at 0658 hours; reached alt. at 0802 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 6 / 10th - Visability 30 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 330 degrees, 36 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage and radio.

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Pilotage.

h. Joined task force at 0727 hrs. at Sp1 62
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 0739 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0802 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 0801 hrs.

(2) Coming back hrs. Continuous

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 330 degrees, 36 Knots.

(2) Determined by Pilotage and radio
(Method)

1. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications

(1) Reached IP at 0820 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 321 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 24000 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 0850 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target:

Visual; saw with haze

m. Geo:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix N. E.

(2) Obtained at hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

"G" receiver unit caught fire 10 minutes after take off.

COMMENTS:

RUFUS F. CAUSEY

Capt., A. C.

Lead Navigator

PILOT 0345 Major White NAVIGATOR Capt. R. F. Causey DATE 25 May 1944

STATIONS	0345	ENGINES	0445	TAXI	0500	T.O.	0515
LEAVE BASE			0651				
COAST OUT			0738				
ENEMY COAST			0755				
I.P.			0919				
TARGET			0928				
ENEMY COAST			1038				
ENGLISH COAST			1101				
BASE			1131				

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH..... Fast Slow RATE.....secs/hour Gaining Losing
At.....C.M.T.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE			
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
Base	264/12	14000		145									0651				
Spl. #10 (Y)																	
51-21N 00-40W	270/19	14000		163	325	-5	320	10	330	149	14	6	0659				
Menley on Thames																	
51-32N 00-52W (O)	280/20	17000		170	40	-6	34	10	44	179	27	9	0709				
Luton (D)																	
51-53N 00-26W	288/20	19500		174	132	-3	135	10	145	192	41	13	0722				
Gravesend (E)																	
51-26N 00-22E	290/20	21000		180	173	-6	179	10	189	188	25	8	0730				
Spl #8 (F)																	
51-02N 00-27E	292/21	21000		183	207	-7	214	10	224	179	20	7	0738	(1)			
Beachy Head																	
50-45N 00-15E	295/23	24000		187	135	-2	137	9	146	209	60	17	0755	(2)			
50-03N 01-20E																	
"	320/35	24000		192	122	-3	119	9	128	226	68	18	0813	(3)			
49-26N 02-50E																	
"																	
48-09N 04-40E	"	"		"	137	-2	136	8	144	227	106	28	0841	(4)			
"	"	"		"	90	-8	82	-7	89	213	80	22	0903				
48-10N 06-40E	"	"		"	354	-6	248	7	355	162	41	16	0919	I. P.			
48-50N 06-36E	"	"		"	312	-2	314	7	321	157	24	9	0928	Target			
Target																	
49-06N 06-10E	"	"		"	354	-6	348	7	355	162	31	12	09 40	(5)			
49-37N 06-05E	"	"		"	328	0	328	7	335	180	47	16	0956				
"																	
50-18N 05-28E																	
"	298/24	24000		192	295	0	295	8	303	168	118	42	1038				
51-07N 02-30E																	
Clacton	286/20	12000		198	305	-2	303	9	312	178	69	23	1101				
"																	
Base	266/13	2000		164	304	-3	301	10	311	154	77	30	1131				

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIE	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
					Engines 0450										
0523			215		T.O. on runway 230										
0531			90		5 S. Peterborough	Turn to Spl #10	135	5000							
0532					G box caught on fire - out (in receiver)										
0539			200		Bedford 5 right										
0548 1/2		7L	200		Over Luton	265/20K Pilotage	125	11000	153				146		
0602			210		Over Spl 10		150	14100							
0625			240		Group and wing formed over Spl. 10		150	11000							
0651			319		Departing Spl. 10, Point 'Y'		150	14000							
0655			318		Reading 3 mi. at 11:00		148	14000							
0658			330		Point "O" over - 1 min. early		149	14000							
0707			60		Heasel Hempstead 4 right - on course		148	16000							
0709			90		Luton 4 left - out to point "E"		148	16000							
0714			118		over edge of London (on course)		147	17500							
0720			140		Gravesend "E" Over 2' early		147	19000							
0725			180		Townbridge 5 right			20000							

FLIGHT RECORD

[illegible]

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

TARGETS:
PRIMARY METZ, FRANCE

TRACK CHART

DATE MAY 5, 1944

GREEN
ORANGE

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY SPOTTED GUNSE
401st B.C. (H)

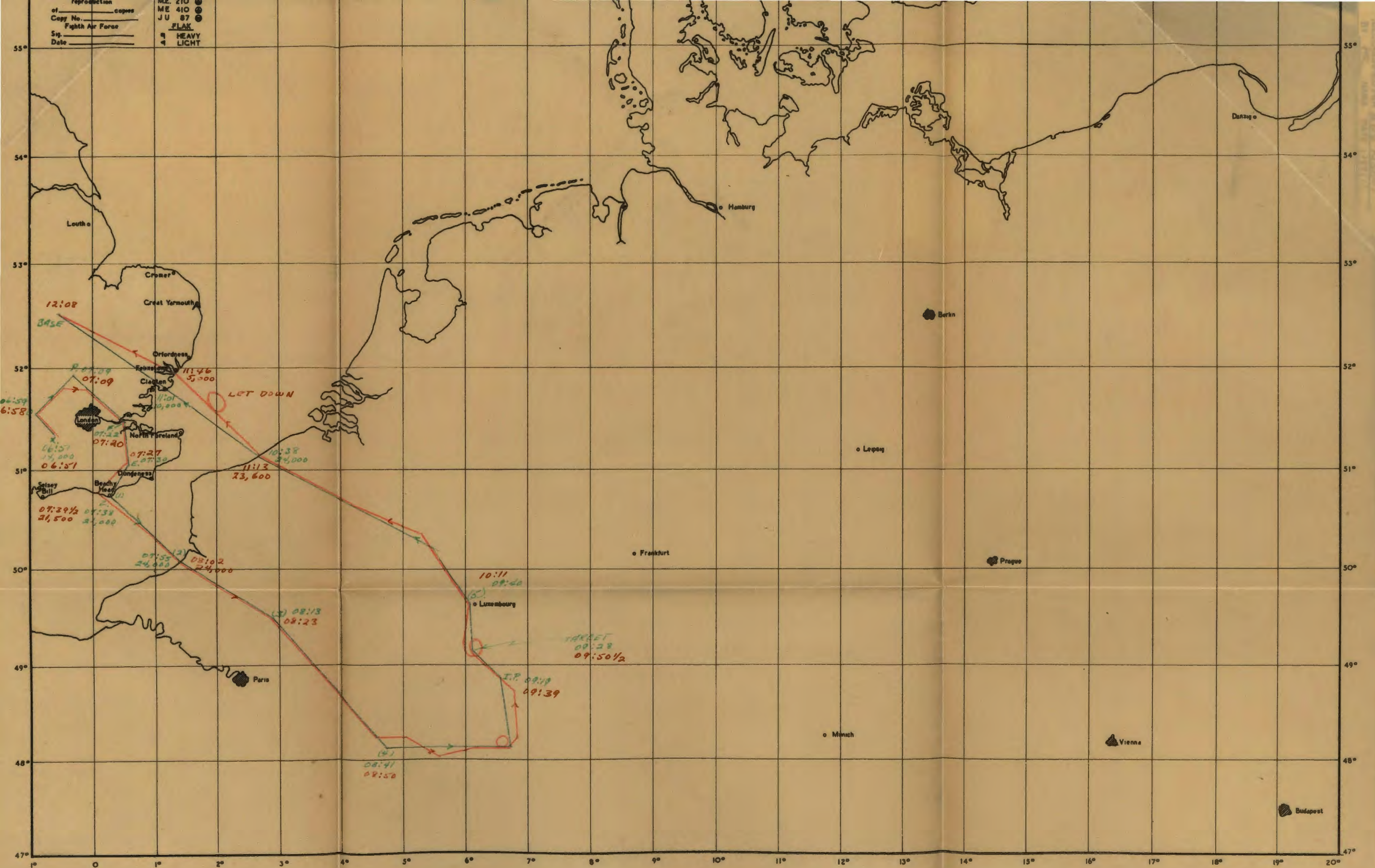


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ME 109 ●
JU 88 ○
ME 110 ●
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ME 210 ●
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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION #126
APO #557, U. S. ARMY

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission to Pecamp, France.

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

1. BOMBING APPROACH AND RUN: We turned on course at the I.P. right on time. Since the mickey had nothing but the coast to pick up in his set, we computed the distance from the coast to the center of the target in seconds. When we crossed the bomb release line for the coast I started a stop watch, and dropped the bombs when the time ran out.

2. The D. R. navigator set up the course with 'Gee'. Due to incomplete instructions the position of the target on the 'Gee' map was about a mile to the left of the actual position.

3. The run was very good, but I could see that we were going to hit left and over. However, briefing instructions were not to make any corrections with the sight.

4. If the coordinates had been correct I believe we would have hit at least very near the assigned target.

DURWARD FESWINE
1st Lt., A. C.
Lead Bombardier

W.D.
A.G. Form
12 E. Modified.
25-9-43, 8 BC APO 634

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. D. Fennire DATE 25 May 1944
PILOT Major Hinkle TAKE OFF 0550
NAVIGATOR Lt. G. M. Smith AIRPLANE B-17D
ORGANIZATION SQUADRON GROUP 401 LANDED 1014
OBJECTIVE Pesand, France (MPI) _____
INITIAL POINT 50-48N 00-00
METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 18 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: Lead
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP _____ COMPOSITE GROUP _____
RANGE SIGHTING ONLY, GROUP _____ COMPOSITE GROUP _____
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 214 RELEASED 214
FUZING, NOSF 1/10 TAIL 1/40
SYNCHRONIZATION X
On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of target	<u>192</u>	Mag Head, order	<u>165</u>	Actual	<u>155</u>
True Altitude above target	<u>15222</u>	True Heading	<u>145</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>15000</u>	Drift, Est.	<u>44L</u>	Actual	<u>44L</u>
Pressure alt of target	<u>-226</u>	True Track	<u>1492</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	Actual Range	<u>10,060</u>		
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u>	I.A.S. <u>150</u>	B.S. Type	<u>M-2</u>		
G.S., Est <u>223</u>	Actual <u>186</u>	Time of Release	<u>0624</u>		
Wind Direc. Metro <u>310</u>	Actual <u>260</u>	Intervalometer Setting			
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>34mph</u>	Actual <u>35 mph</u>	Length of Bombing Run			
D.S. <u>167</u>	Trail <u>.43</u>	ATF			
Stan. D.A. Est.	Actual	C-1 Pilot	<u>A-5</u>		
		Manual Pilot			

Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN _____

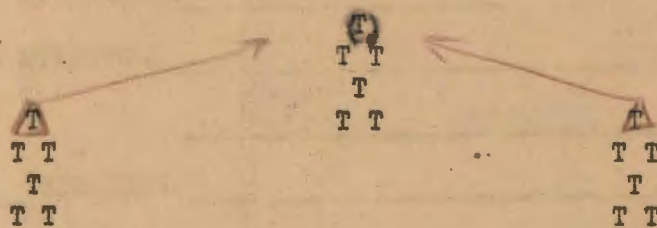
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MEAN TEMP. METRO _____ ACTUAL _____

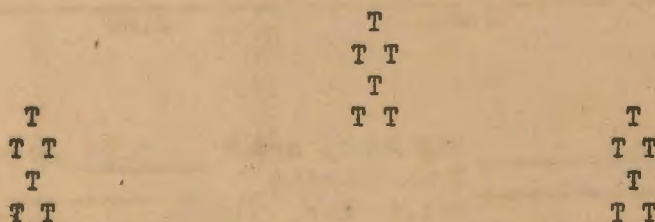
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ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP. C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
1000						
5000						
10000						
15000	--	310	260	34mph 35mph	-10	-8
17000						
19000						
20000						
25000						
28000						
30000						

METHODS OF BOMBING



COMPOSITE GROUPS



Bombardier making complete sighting operation

Bombardier making range operation only

Bombardier dropping on leader, with arrow indicating leader's position.

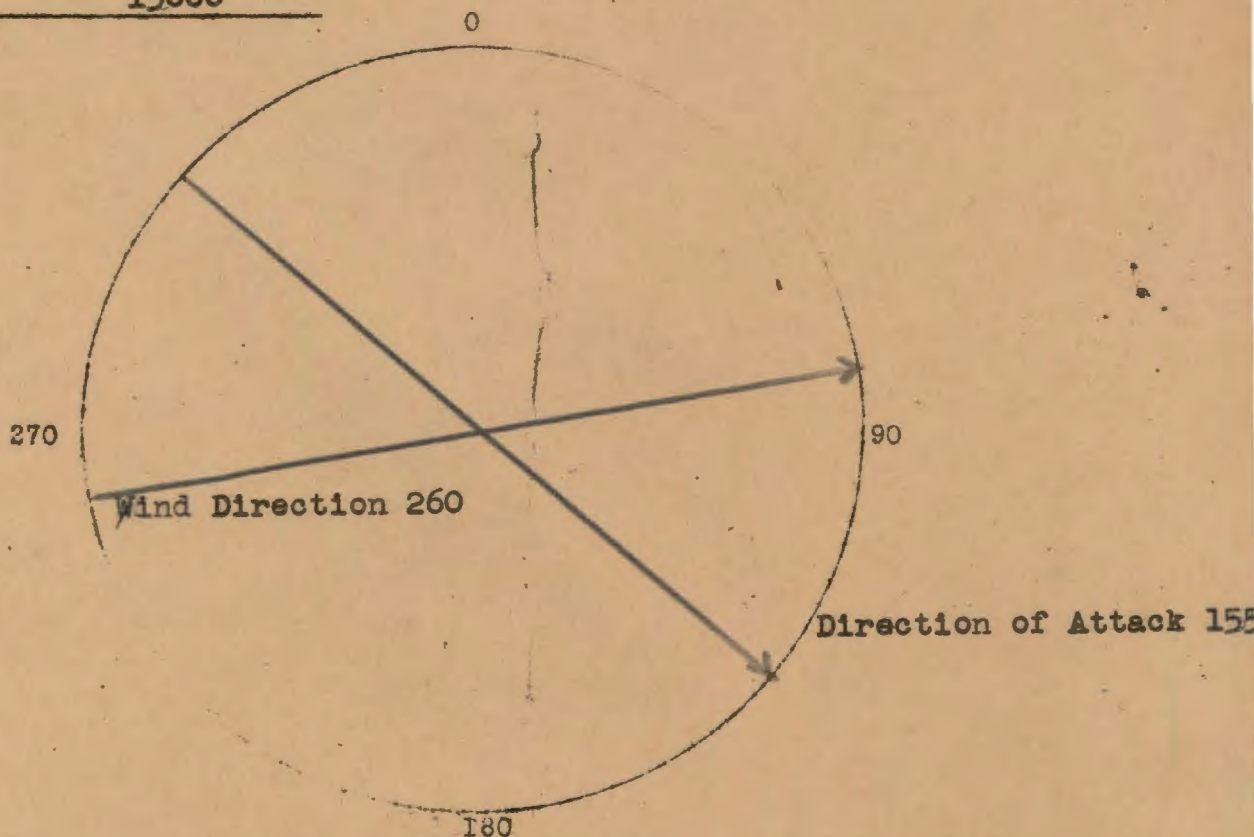


BOMBARDIER'S INDIVIDUAL PLOT

Target Fecamp, France

Method of Bombing Visual

Altitude 15000



PLOT

Wind Direction 260

Wind Velocity 30 K

Direction of attack 155

REMARKS - - - - -

16 A/C of 401st Group dropped 192 x 500 GP on primary.
2 PFF dropped 22 x 500.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardiers Narrative, Mission to Metz, 25 May 1944.

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

1. The 94th "B" CBW was to the right of course, so when a turn was made toward the I.P. from a point about 10 miles southeast of it, the low and high boxes uncovered at this point, passing over the I.P. on a D. R. heading toward Metz. For some reason the lead box turned away during the run and did a 360° to bomb third, so that the low box hit the target first and the 401st box second.

2. The target area was easily located by a series of check points, although the buildings themselves could not be seen from a distance due to a haze. Meters data, checked on several headings prior to reaching the I.P., proved quite accurate. The drift and dropping angle pre-set on the bomb-sight were close enough that only minor corrections were necessary, although several turns were made during the run for evasive tactics and to assure clearance of the low box flying ahead.

3. Bombs were seen to strike the rail yards and also the shops on the northeast side, with a few falling into the surrounding residential area.

4. No flak was encountered during the run or at the target.

ARNOLD C. KUENNING
Captain, Air Corps
Lead Bombardier

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 25-9-43, 8 BC APO 634

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Capt. Kuenning DATE 25 May 1941
 PILOT Major White TAKE OFF 0450
 NAVIGATOR Capt. Gausey AIRPLANE B-17A
 ORGANIZATION SQUADRON GROUP 401 LANDED 1209
 OBJECTIVE Nets, France (MPI)
 INITIAL POINT 48-30N 06-36E
 METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: Lead
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP COMPOSITE GROUP
 RANGE SIGHTING ONLY, GROUP COMPOSITE GROUP
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 119 RELEASED 119
 FUZING, NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 SYNCHRONIZATION X On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of target	<u>620</u>	Mag Head, order	<u>321</u>	Actual	<u>314</u>
True Altitude above target	<u>23700</u>	True Heading	<u>306</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>24000</u>	Drift Est.	<u>141</u>	Actual	<u>41</u>
Pressure alt of target	<u>7305</u>	True Track	<u>302</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	Actual Range	<u>10,100</u>		
C.I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	B.S. Type	<u>M-2</u>		
G.S., Est	<u>181</u>	Time of Release	<u>0950</u>		
Wind Direc. Metro	<u>320</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>min.</u>		
Wind Veloc. Metro	<u>40 mph</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>3 min.</u>		
D.S.	<u>131</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>on</u>	A-5	
Stan. Dev. Est.	<u>.31</u>	Manual Pilot			

POINT OF IMPACT IF SE _____

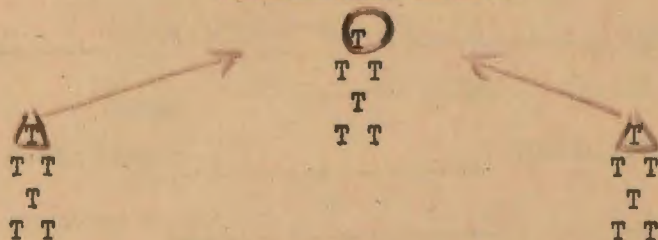
NAVIGATION DATA:

MEAN TEMP. METRO _____ ACTUAL _____ -8

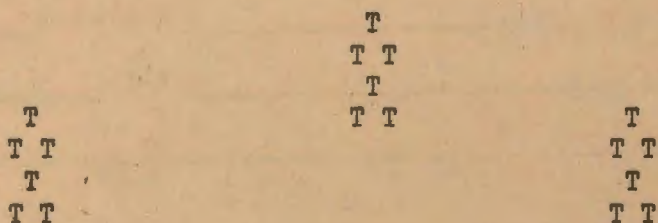
WINDS

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP. C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
1000						
5000						
10000						
15000						
17000						
19000						
20000						
25000	---	320	330	40 44	-26	-27
28000						
30000						

METHODS OF BOMBING



COMPOSITE GROUPS



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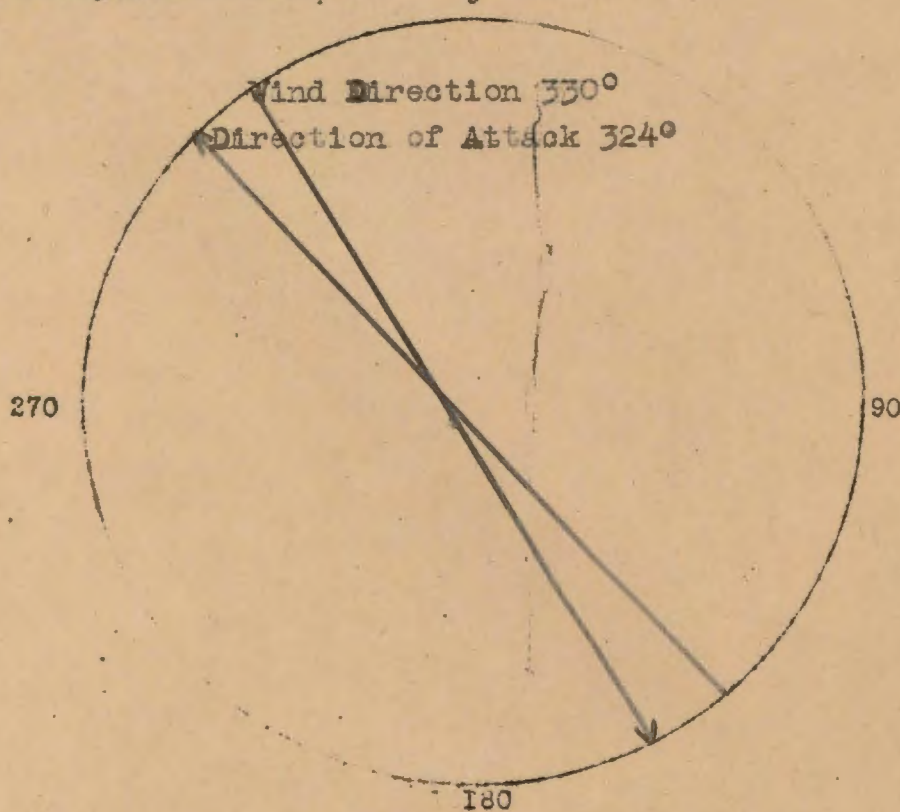


BOMBARDIER'S INDIVIDUAL PLANS

Target Metz, France

Method of Bombing W. Bomb

Altitude 23700



PLOT

Wind Direction 330
Wind Velocity 44 mph
Direction of attack 324

REMARKS - - - - -

12 A/C of 401st Group dropped 119 x 500 GE
on primary target.

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

A.P.O. 557
25 May, 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 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission of 25 May, 1944

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

Negative Armament and Bomb Rack malfunction report is
submitted of mission of 25 May, 1944.

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

SECRET

Form OO-AMM-2B

MISSION EXPENDITURES - AMMUNITION

(Div. or Comd) 1ST BOMB DIVISION

Operations No. 364

Date of Operations 25 MAY 44

Group 1	Bomb Type 2	FUZES				EXPENDED					AMMUNITION				PYROTECHNICS	
		Nose Fuze 3	Nose Delay 4	Tail Fuze 5	Tail Delay 6	Initial Load 7	On Target 8	Jet- s'nd 9	Unactd for 10	Retd 11	Cal. 12	Linkage 13	Linkage Ratio 14	Amount Expended 15	Type 16	Amount Expended 17
401	500-LB. G.P. AN-M64	AN-M103	1/10	AN-M101	1/100	139	119	0	0	20	.50	AP	STR	3050		
	500-LB. G.P. AN-M64	AN-M103	1/10	AN-M101	1/40	216	192	0	0	24						
	TWO (2) P.F.F.'S LOADED:															
	500-LB. G.P. AN-M64	AN-M103	1/10	AN-M101	1/40	20	20	0	0	0					SKY MARKER	2

Check one of the following:

Report complete XXX

Supplement will follow _____

Reason for Supplement _____

Additional Remarks _____

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
 AAF STA 123, APO 557

J-1-2

REFERENCE FIELD ORDER 364 25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 75.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H).

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. VHF/DF BEARINGS TO 401ST A/C	<u>0</u>
VHF/DF BEARINGS TO 94TH CBW A/C	<u>0</u>
2. HF/DF BEARINGS	<u>3</u>
3. MF/DF FIXES	<u>0</u>
4. DISTRESS ACTION	<u>0</u>
5. RADIO BEACONS USED	
SPLASHERS	<u>42</u>
FIXED BEACON	<u>0</u>
BUNCHERS	<u>23</u>
6. TOTAL A/C EQUIPPED WITH GEE	<u>25</u>
MAXIMUM FIX OBTAINED	<u>0409E 4833N</u>

SECTION TWO - REPORTED EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

1. LIAISON	<u>3</u>	5. INTERPHONE	<u>2</u>
2. COMMAND	<u>2</u>	6. GEE	<u>4</u>
3. VHF	<u>2</u>	7. IFF	<u>0</u>
4. COMPASS	<u>2</u>	8. OTHER	<u>3</u>

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 CAPT, AIR CORPS,
 GP COMM CO.

SS Form 90

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORTMission of 25 May

Time of Preparation _____

Target PHUONG PHU CAMP

Telephoned to A-2 _____

(1) Designation of Group _____

(2) Total No. of A/C
airborne, incl. spares _____401(3) Total No. of A/C
Dispatched _____18

(4) No. of A/C Attacking _____

18(5) No. of A/C Dispatched
but not Attacking _____16

Due to:

- (a) Mechanical Failure _____
 (b) Weather _____
 (c) Enemy Action _____
 (lost before target) _____
 (d) Other _____

(6) No. of A/C Lost _____

0

Due to:

- (a) Anti-aircraft fire _____
 (b) Enemy fighters _____
 (c) Flak and fighters _____
 (d) Accident _____
 (e) Reasons Unknown _____

(7) Times of Attack _____

0925

(8) Altitudes of Attack _____

14700

(9) Bombs on Each Target (a) _____ (b) Size _____ (c) Type _____

191500G.P.

(10) Personnel Casualties _____

Type: _____

- (a) Number Killed _____
 (b) Number Wounded _____
 (c) Number Missing _____

(11) A/C Suffering Battle
Damage _____0

Category:

- (a) Minor _____
 (b) Major _____
 (c) Salvage _____

(12) Claims _____

(13) Leaflets _____

REMARKS: _____

Preparing Officer
LT. S. S. S. S.

SEC.

Target No.
S. 5783

RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD — LUMES (FRANCE)

Illustration No.
S. 5783/1

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1 MILE
approx.

Photographed 25 March 1944

(1 : 32,000)

Issued April 1944



A.I.3c (1)

TYPE A

Illustration No.
S. 5783/1

Target No.
S. 5592

RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD and
RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

METZ
(FRANCE)

Illustration No.
S. 5592/1

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1 MILE

Photographed 14 May 1943

(1 : 32,000) approx.

Issued March 1944



Illustration No.
S. 5592/1

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

D-3-4

25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 557, Sta 128, (Thru
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhes and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. The crew of Lt. William E. Massey reported that their crew chief was not at their A/C (#9837) this morning, that there was no Fern 1 available and "Put Put" was not started.

2. Lt. James A. Gruman, pilot A/C 7207, says his A/C was not ready this morning.

3. T/Sgt. Salvatore L. Castranova suggests that latrines which can be flushed be installed in briefing building.

4. S/Sgt. A. W. Hildreth says radio room plexiglass in A/C 2393 is broken and hinders discharge of chaff.

5. Lt. John W. Myrtatus, pilot A/C 1490, said the taxiing order of the 401st Group was mixed up this morning. He also wondered why #4 A/C dropped chaff over the target.

6. Lt. Myrick J. Whiting, navigator A/C 1005, stated that truck was 30 minutes late in picking up his crew at dispersal area #42.

7. Lt. James R. Howell, navigator A/C 7210, says coordinates of target as given at briefing were actually situated in the English Channel.

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

SS Form 90

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORTMission of 25 May 1944.Time of Preparation 1430Target METZ, FRANCETelephone to A-2 1430

(1) Designation of Group 401st(2) Total No. of A/C
airborne, incl. spares 14(3) Total No. of A/C
Dispatched 14(4) No. of A/C Attacking 12(5) No. of A/C Dispatched
but not Attacking 2

Due to:

- (a) Mechanical Failure _____
 (b) Weather _____
 (c) Enemy Action _____
 (lost before target) _____
 (d) Other 2 Spares

(6) No. of A/C Lost 0

Due to:

- (a) Anti-aircraft fire _____
 (b) Enemy fighters _____
 (c) Flak and fighters _____
 (d) Accident _____
 (e) Reasons Unknown _____

(7) Times of Attack 0951(8) Altitudes of Attack 23,800(9) Bombs on Each Target (a) 119 (b) Size 500 (c) Type GP(10) Personnel Casualties 4 0 Type:

- (a) Number Killed _____
 (b) Number Wounded _____
 (c) Number Missing _____

(11) A/C Suffering Battle
Damage 0

Category:

- (a) Minor _____
 (b) Major _____
 (c) Salvage _____

(12) Claims 0(13) Leaflets 0REMARKS: _____

Lt. D. J. Sutherland
 Preparing Officer

SECRET

Report on A . . . Gunfire.

~~401st~~ BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Target: Assigned . . . Recamp Date of Mission 25 May 44
Bombed . . . Recamp

Route as Flown:-
0800 hrs. (5047 - 0004W) 0823 (4845 - 0002E) 0823 (4945 - 0021E)
0830 (4952 - 0037 E) 0858 (5104 - 0103E).

Weather conditions: (a) At target . . . CAVU
(b) En route . . . CAVU
Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target . . . SEEN
(b) En route . . . SEEN
Any condensation trails? . . NO

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

NONE

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)

NONE

Was CHAFF carried? YES
How discharged? NOT DISCHARGED
Position of Group
. LEAD BOX "C"

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 Run
401	16	0	0	0823	0825	14,700	180°	2 Mins.
Totals								

Comments - Phenomena:-

Target Area - 2 red streaks like rockets came from ground. Altitude good, deflection poor. 5 miles north target - 5 smoke streamers yellow and green. At peak they burst into "debris" which floated down. Altitude good, deflection poor.

Lt. Sutherland.

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Target: Assigned METZ, FRANCE Date of Mission 25 May/44
Bombed METZ, FRANCE

Bombed • METZ • FRANCE

Route as Flown:- 0802 (5001-0118E) 0938 (4850-0656E) 360 ° Turn
to allow lead to bomb - 1115 (5107-0258E) 1148 (5155-0155E)

Weather conditions: (a) At target
CAVU

(b) En route ~~4/10/68~~ ~~to~~ ~~6/10/68~~ ~~USRRus~~
 were our A/C "seen" or "unseen" targets? (a). At target ~~USRRus~~

Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a). At target

(b) En route

Any condensation trails? • ~~Non persistent~~ • • • • •

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

NONE ENCOUNTERED

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)

0807 (4948-0417) 25,900 Med GG Blk (wing to left lost 2 A/C)

0819 (MONTIDIER) 24,000 Mod PP Blk C.P.

1103 (5050-0513E)23,000 Mag. PP Blk Eight Gun Barrage

Was CHAFF carried? . ~~YES~~

How discharged? ~~As briefed~~

Position of Group . High 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 Run
401-12	22	0	0	0050	0050	24,000	317 °	2 min.
Totals:								

1. Comments - Phenomena :-

Two P-17's from another wing were hit four miles South of Abbeville. One blew up the other was on fire in the left wing; observers thought flak to be incendiary.

S E C R E T

BRIEFING NOTES - MISSION OF 25 MAY 1944

PLAN "A"

94th A and B CBW (high box, 12 a/c from 401st Bomb Gp)

TARGET: Primary Target is the large MARSHALLING YARDS at METZ in France. This is one of the most important rail communications centers in the eastern part of the country. At this stage of the game it assumes additional importance in that its destruction would seriously impair any German rail movements of troops or materiel from the interior to the invasion coast. Your MPI is the locomotive workshops.

Secondary Target is the MARSHALLING YARDS AT LUMES, near MEZIERES-CHARLEVILLE. This is strategically and tactically nearly as important as your primary. But, remember, it is very near the BELGIAN BORDER.

ROUTES: Point out on Wall Map.

FIGHTERS: Not in at Briefing Time.

94th C CBW (Special 18 a/c box - all from 401st Bomb Gp)

Your Target is one of the series of coastal batteries defending Hitler's Festung Europa. It is said to have 6 gun emplacements holding 4.5" to 7" guns and in addition to be defended by about 4 AA guns. Knocking this installation out means one less with which the boys in the landing barges will have to cope. Several missions have used this point to enter occupied Europe, and very likely it will appear familiar to many. It is to be bombed by H2X methods regardless of visibility conditions.

ROUTES: Point out on Wall Map

FIGHTERS: Not in at Briefing Time.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

PW - Stay away from Paris - head south.

FRIENDLY A/E Watch for TEMPEST with RAF markings. Looks like TYPHOON.

HOSPITAL SHIP: German Hospital Ship, white with green stripe and Geneva Red Cross Forward and Aft.

94th "B" CBW only: Sw iss attack formations of over two a/c. Signal to land, green flares and visual signals.

DONT FORGET ESCAPE KITS
 DONT FORGET TO EMPTY POCKETS
 DONT FORGET PARACHUTE HARNESS FIT
 DONT FORGET GI SHOES
 DONT FORGET PASSPORT PHOTOS
 DONT FORGET DOG TAGS

PLAN B - 94th B CBW only

TARGET: Center of MUNICH, GERMANY. Probably a strictly PFF job, but on an important target. City contains Marshalling Yards, a large rubber factory and switching stations, not to mention a good many of the enemy.

ROUTE: Point out on Wall Map.

FIGHTERS: Not in at Briefing Time.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Same as Plan A.

Hamil Coit
HAMILTON COIT
Captain, Air Corps
Briefing Officer

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

25 May 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 25 MAY 1944.

BASE ON TAKE-OFF: 0523. Nil low or high cloud. 4/10 altostratus-altocumulus middle cloud at 12000'. Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Nil low becoming 1-3/10 stratocumulus tops 4-5000' over England, increasing to patchy 5-6/10 tops 4-5000' over Channel, and decreasing to Nil-3/10 over continent. 1-4/10 middle cloud bases 12-14,000' tops 16-17000' becoming Nil at English coast. Nil high cloud becoming 5-8/10 cirrus at 25000' over England but decreasing to 1-4/10 over the continent. Visibility unrestricted at operational altitude.

TARGET: 0951. Nil low or middle cloud. 1-3/10 cirrus at 25000'. Vertical visibility 10 miles plus through light haze.

RETURN ROUTE: Nil-3/10 low cloud increasing to 3-5/10 cumulus tops 6-7000' becoming 8-10/10 at continental coast and decreasing to Nil-2/10 over Channel. 6-9/10 layered stratocumulus base 1500' tops 6000' over England. Nil middle cloud becoming 6-9/10 base 10-12000' from Channel northward. 1-4/10 thin cirrus 25000' over continent. Visibility unrestricted at altitude.

BASE ON RETURN: 1225. 6/10 stratocumulus 1500'. 6-9/10 altostratus middle cloud about 18000'. Visibility 4 miles with light rain.

REMARKS: Contrails light persistent between 16000' and 18000' and dense persistent above 21000' over Channel only. Winds over England slightly higher than forecast, e.g., 10000' 280 25. Temperatures warmer than briefed, e.g., 23400' -25.

Walter J. Saucier
WALTER J. SAUCIER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Weather Officer

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 25 May 1964
 PERIOD 0830 - 1030 hrs
 AG P BR HQ SOS 122929

	A Base to Target 1	B Target to Base	C	D
1 WEATHER	Cloudy with haze	Cloudy with haze	PLAN C	
2 CLOUDS	All Low Cloud: 5-7/10 Layered Altostratus and Altostratus associated. base 1200ft tops 15000 decreasing to 3-5/10 at Target base 1200ft tops 14000ft. 5-7/10 Fine Cirrus base 23000ft decreasing to 4-6/10 base 20000ft.	All Low Cloud becoming 6-3/10 stratocumulus base 2000ft tops 4000ft. 3-5/10 Altostratus and Altostratus associated decreasing to 12000ft tops 10000ft increasing to 7-9/10 Altostratus and Altostratus associated base 12000ft tops 10000ft.	base 10,000ft tops 16,000ft. 4-6/10 Cirrus base 2,000ft increasing to 8-10/10 over bases.	Haze restricting vertical visibility over Target. Light non-existent Contrails at Middle Cloud level. Haze persistent Contrails 22,000ft and above.
3 ICING	5000ft All	5000ft Light rime in middle cloud.		
4 VISIBILITY	1-2 miles becoming unrestricted aloft, but vertical visibility 10-	unrestricted aloft becoming 2-3 miles on return.		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to Target 1	Target to Base	Base to 50 Deg North	50 Deg North to Target.
5000 FT	200 10	200 10	200 10	300 10
10000 FT	200 10	200 10	200 10	300 10
15000 FT	200 10	200 10	200 10	300 10
20000 FT	200 10	200 10	200 10	300 10
25000 FT	200 10	200 10	200 10	300 10
30000 FT	200 10	200 10	200 10	300 10

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.21 in TARGET SURFACE TEMP 51 TARGET MEAN TEMP 51
 TEMP AT 5000 FT. 51 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 51

Target Sea Level Pressure 30.21 in

Add Height of Target.

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 25 May 1941
 PERIOD 0500 - 1300 Hrs
 AG P BR HQ SOS 122929

	A Base to 50 Deg North	B 50 50 Deg North to Target to 50 Deg North	C 50 Deg North to 50 Base	D
1 WEATHER	Cloudy with Haze	Cloudy with Haze	Cloudy with Haze	<i>Plan A</i>
2 CLOUDS	Nil Low Cloud. 5-7/10 Layered Medium Cloud base 12,000 tops 15,000ft decreasing enroute to 5-5/10 Altocumulus and Altostratus associated at 50 Deg North base 12,000 tops 14,000ft. 5-7/10 Cirrus base 22,000ft decreasing to 4-6/10 at 50 Deg North.	Nil Low Cloud becoming Patchy Stratocumulus 4-6/10 base 2000ft tops 4000ft East of 05 Deg North. 3-5/10 Altocumulus and Altostratus base 12,000ft tops 14,000ft. decreasing to Nil at target. 4-6/10 Cirrus base 22,000ft decreasing to 3-5/10 Cirrus base 22000 at Target. Reverse on return to 50 Deg North.	Nil Low Cloud becoming 0-3/10 Stratocumulus base 2000ft tops 4000ft 3-5/10 Altocumulus and Altostratus base 12000 tops 14,000ft increasing to 7-9/10 layered Alto-cumulus and Altostratus base 10000ft tops 16000 on return. 4-6/10 Cirrus 22000ft increasing to 8-10/10 over bases.	---NOTE--- Haze restricting vertical visibility over target. Light Non Persistent Contrails at Medium Cloud Level. Dense Persistent Contrails 22000ft and Above.
3 ICING Visibility	1-2 miles becoming unre- stricted aloft. Vertical visibility 10-15 miles	Unrestricted aloft Vertical visibility 10- 15 miles.	Unrestricted aloft becoming 4-6 miles on Return.	
4 VISIBILITY ICING	9000 ft NIL	9000ft NIL	10000ft Light Rime.	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to 50 Deg North 250 05	50 Deg North to Target 300 10	Target to Base Plus 09	
5000 FT	260 10	300 15	00	
10000 FT	270 15	310 25	-02	
15000 FT	280 20	310 30	-10	
20000 FT	290 20	320 30	-20	
25000 FT	300 20	320 35	-35	
30000 FT	300 25	320 35	-42	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 31.15 in TARGET SURFACE TEMP Plus 09 TARGET MEAN TEMP -06.7
 TEMP AT 23,000 FT. -26 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -315 ft
 Target Sea Level Pressure 30.27 in Add Height of Target:

DECLASSIFIED PER NND 745003
 BY 602 NARA DATE 1/22/11

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 792827-24 enaif
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Office of the Operations Officer

APC (557) 11879-24 enaif
 Station 128
 APO 657

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
 A/F Station 128, APO 657

Plane 42-31034

P	Toussaint, Francis W.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Beck, Walter H. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gelula, Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Schmidt, James W. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Likins, Robert E.	2nd Sgt	"
TTG	Greene, William B.	2nd Sgt	"
BTG	Minor, Wallace G.	2nd Sgt	"
TG	Longenour, Charles W.	2nd Sgt	"
LWG	Hamp, Robert B.	2nd Sgt	"
RWG	McNicholas, Joseph D.	2nd Sgt	"

Plane 42-102393

P	Dailey, Scribner, G.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Stokes, Alexander C.	1st Lt.	"
N	Nutter, Lloyd A.	1st Lt.	"
B	Hutson, Wayman T.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Hildreth, Arthur W.	2nd Sgt	"
TTG	Flynn, William B.	2nd Sgt	"
BTG	Sabel, Jerome (NMI)	2nd Sgt	"
TG	Sanders, Charles W.	2nd Sgt	"
LWG	Plate, Robert B.	2nd Sgt	"
RWG	Hagan, Charles T.	2nd Sgt	"

Plane 42-79993

P	Pincham, George F.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Johnston, Clayton	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tomlinson, Harvey G.	1st Lt.	"
B	Anderson, Donald M.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Cassiani, Alex (NMI)	2nd Sgt	"
TTG	Dun, Johnny E.	2nd Sgt	"
BTG	Johnson, Carl W.	2nd Sgt	"
TG	Yeatts, Lawson K.	2nd Sgt	"
LWG	Carey, Joe R.	2nd Sgt	"
RWG	Callahan, Michael J.	2nd Sgt	"

Plane 42-106992

P	Kelly, William J.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	1st Lt.	"
N	VanDyke, George R.	1st Lt.	"
B	Weisman, Karl K.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Bartlett, Edward M.	2nd Sgt	"
TTG	DeKees, Foster E.	2nd Sgt	"
BTG	Graf, Cecil G.	2nd Sgt	"
TG	Garity, John B.	2nd Sgt	"
LWG	Surprise, Walter L.	2nd Sgt	"
RWG	Wright, Irvin L.	2nd Sgt	"

Plane 42-79837 (H) BORDAULT THE MINARDIERE T5104
(H) 410000 THE MINARDIERE T5104

P	Massey, William E.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Ceresa, Dominic (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
N	Nealon, William T.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Stelljes, Lewis B.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Eames, Harold L.	3 Sgt	"
TTG	Faulkner, James P.	3 Sgt	"
BTG	Mahler, Robert L.	1 Sgt	"
TG	White, Paul A.	3 Sgt	"
LWG	Walters, Alfred E.	3 Sgt	"
RWG	Berard, Francis J.	3 Sgt	"

Plane 42-97811

42013-24 00014

P	Woods, Robert R.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Boyt, Richard H.	1st Lt.	"
N	Anderson, (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
B	Daniel, James A.	1st Lt.	612th
RO	Faughender, Doyce E.	1st Lt.	612th
TTG	Sonnhalter, Robert W.	3 Sgt	"
BTG	Chiccano, Joseph	3 Sgt	"
TG	Graf, William H.	3 Sgt	"
LWG	Severson, Marvel E.	3 Sgt	"
RWG	Gulan, Frank F.	3 Sgt	"

Plane 42-31087

206301-24 00014

P	Olis, Kermit H.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Laney, Edward A.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Schwartz, Joseph M.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Malke, Wallace W. Jr.	3 Sgt	"
RO	Simons, Harold	3 Sgt	"
TTG	Fleetwood, Gerald G.	3 Sgt	"
BTG	Bodle, John F.	3 Sgt	"
TG	Yantzie, Alvin (NMI) Jr.	3 Sgt	"
LWG	Brauer, Harry A.	3 Sgt	"
RWG	Burns, Ralph F.	3 Sgt	"

Plane 42-107039

206301-24 00014

P	McCord, Richard D.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Mathray, John R.	1st Lt.	"
N	Abraham, Marvin C.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Dobree, Irvin L.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Kirkman, Charles	3 Sgt	"
TTG	Weatherbee, Winfield H.	3 Sgt	"
BTG	Fornaleric, Thomas J. Jr.	3 Sgt	"
TG	Edmonds, Elroy (NMI)	3 Sgt	"
LWG	Peyreigne, Pierre V.	3 Sgt	"
RWG	Strickland, ZD	3 Sgt	"

Plane 42-31496

206301-24 00014

P	Mytatus, John W.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Davis, Charles C. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Stead, Thomas B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Greer, Thyr J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Wyatt, Fred J.	3 Sgt	"
TTG	Faine, Malcolm K.	3 Sgt	"
BTG	Brown, Clarence F.	3 Sgt	"
TG	Briston, Robert L.	3 Sgt	"
LWG	McClelland, George E.	3 Sgt	"
RWG	Brotherton, Douglas F.	3 Sgt	"

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

25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST

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

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

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-99932</u>				
P	1st Lt.	LEN	SANDY	(NMI)
GP	2nd Lt.	PRIEST	GORDON	S.
N	1st 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	THOMAS	(NMI)
TG	S/SGT.	HIEBS	ARLIE	E.
LWG	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
RWG	S/SGT.	MacCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31005</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND	WARDLAW	M.
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
N	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2nd Lt.	COBER	DENE	C.
RO	T/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	W.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TG	S/SGT.	FETZER	ELMER	M.
LWG	S/SGT.	KINE TOBINE	KINE RODNEY	K T.
RWG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-21037 107043</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	KEELING	CHARLES	W.
CP	2nd Lt.	FRAZIER	DONALD	F.
N	2nd Lt.	WOLIVER	IRVING	(NMI)
B	F/O	LEWIS	GEORGE	R.
RO	T/SGT.	MUSSER	BENJAMIN	Z.
TT	S/SGT.	PRIEST	MAURICE	C.
BT	SGT.	LARSON	DEAN	C.
TG	SGT.	PICO	WILLIAM	J.
LWG	SGT.	GUESS	WILLIAM	J.
RWG	SGT.	PARKHURST	IEA	A.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-102580</u>				
P	1st Lt.	SCHARFF	PAUL	F.
CP	2nd Lt.	ECKERT	CHARLES	A.
N	1st Lt.	SCHWARTZ	BERNARD	(NMI)
B	2nd Lt.	HOOVER	ROBERT	R.
RO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	KARL	RICHARD	A.
BT	S/SGT.	BEDELL	CHARLES	L.
TG	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	M.
LWG	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	P.
RWG	SGT.	FYNIGAR	FREDERICK	G.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31557</u>				
P	1st. LT.	KEITH	WALTER	B.
CP	2nd LT.	HENNESSY	JAMES	T.
N	2nd LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	H.
B	2nd LT.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	MAHLER	ARTHER	P.
TT	T/SGT.	URMSON	THOMAS	(NMI)
BT	SGT.	BECKOWITZ	PETER	(NMI)
TG	SGT.	D'AGASTINO	VICTOR	(NMI)
LWG	SGT.	CASS	LEO	C.
RWG	SGT.	BARNES	MERLE	E.

PLANE NO. 42-97944

P	2nd LT.	FOX	MARSHALL	S.
CP	2nd LT.	BERG	ROY	A.
N	2nd LT.	HORTON	THERON	S.
B	F/OBENNETT	DRAKE	WALTER	F.
RO	S/SGT.	AVERY	WILLIAM	R.
TT	S/SGT.	HILL	JAMES	B.
BT	SGT.	DALTON	JOHN	B.
TG	SGT.	SANDERS	ROBERT	T.
LWG	SGT.	JORDON	JOHN	W.
RWG	SGT.	GUILFOY	THOMAS	P.

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

25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST

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

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

POS	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-99932</u>				
P	1st Lt.	LEW	SANDY	(MHI)
CP	2nd Lt.	PHINST	GORDON	S.
N	1st Lt.	SCULLINER	ROGER	F.
B	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
NO	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	THOMAS	(MHI)
TO	S/SGT.	HEDDS	ARLIE	E.
LG	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
RG	S/SGT.	McCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

POS	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-91095</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND	WARDLAW	H.
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
N	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DENE	C.
NO	T/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	W.
BT	S/SGT.	O'DWYEN	JOHN	D.
TO	S/SGT.	FRITZER	ELMER	M.
LG	S/SGT.	KANE TORINE	KANE RODNEY	EX T.
RG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	H.

POS	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-91097 107043</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	KIELING	CHARLES	W.
CP	2nd Lt.	FRAZIER	DONALD	F.
N	2nd Lt.	WOLIVER	IRVING	(MHI)
B	P/O	LEWIS	GEORGE	R.
NO	T/SGT.	MUSKER	BENJAMIN	Z.
TT	S/SGT.	PIRST	MAURICE	C.
BT	SGT.	LAWSON	DEAN	C.
TO	SGT.	PICO	WILLIAM	J.
LG	SGT.	QUESS	WILLIAM	J.
RG	SGT.	PARKHURST	IRA	A.

POS	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-102580</u>				
P	1st Lt.	SCHARFF	PAUL	F.
CP	2nd Lt.	ECKERT	CHARLES	A.
N	1st Lt.	SCHWARTZ	BERNARD	(MHI)
B	2nd Lt.	HOOVER	ROBERT	R.
NO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	KARL	RICHARD	X.
BT	S/SGT.	BEWELL	CHARLES	L.
TO	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	H.
LG	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	P.
RG	SGT.	FYNIGAR	FREDERICK	G.

DETY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. A2-51557</u>				
P	1st. LT.	KEITH	WALTER	B.
CP	2nd LT.	HENNESSY	JAMES	T.
N	2nd LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	H.
B	2nd LT.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	MAHLER	ARTHUR	P.
TT	T/SGT.	UNISON	THOMAS	(NMI)
BT	SGT.	BECKOWITZ	PETER	(NMI)
TG	SGT.	D'AGASTINO	VICTOR	(NMI)
ING	SGT.	CASS	LEO	C.
WIG	SGT.	HAINES	MERLE	E.

DETY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. A2-97344</u>				
P	2nd LT.	FOX	MARSHALL	S.
CP	2nd LT.	BRIG	ROY	A.
N	2nd LT.	HENTON	TERON	S.
B	F/SGT.	IMAKE	WALTER	F.
RO	S/SGT.	AVERY	WILLIAM	R.
TT	S/SGT.	HILL	JAMES	B.
BT	SGT.	DALTON	JOHN	B.
TG	SGT.	SANDERS	ROBERT	T.
ING	SGT.	JORDON	JOHN	S.
WIG	SGT.	GUILFOY	THOMAS	P.

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

AAF Station # 128
25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

Plane 42-31315

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	FAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
N	1st Lt.	CRANE, RENFRO V.	"
B	2nd Lt.	BROWN, VINCENT E.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Gastroneva, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKendry, Daniel C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David C.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gatzmeyer, Gerald R.	"

Plane 42-107207

P	1st Lt.	GRUMAN, JAMES A.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	MELTON, LAVATA T.	"
N	2nd Lt.	GRISSET, JACKUES	"
B	2nd Lt.	ANDREWS, RICHARD J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Jacobson, Kenneth M.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Snyder, Ernest M.	"
BT	Sgt.	Harwell, Wilton W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Modling, Odom W.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Campbell, David H.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Shanks, Herbert H.	"

Plane 42-107210

P	2nd Lt.	LA FEVOR, GEORGE L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HELM, WESLEY H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	HOWELL, JAMES R.	"
B.	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, DON L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Fidler, Charles K.	"
TT	Sgt.	Berg, Bernard B.	"
BT	Sgt.	Stanford, Leland (NMI)	"
TG	Sgt.	Carpenter, William L.	"
LWG	Pvt.	Hayden, Andrew J.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Bilyeu, Russell E.	"

Plane 42-31863

P	1st Lt.	WALSH, ROBERT P.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	EVANS, JACK B.	"
N & B	1st Lt.	PORTER, GUY R.	"
CT	S/Sgt.	Jones Scott D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Gray, John A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Stallcup, Mose H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Michael, Delmar E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Cohn, Leroy (NMI)	"
LWG	T/Sgt.	Garen, Alex (NMI) Jr.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Berg, Edgar M.	"

Loading List (Con't)

Plane 42-51369

P	2nd Lt.	KENNEY, JOSEPH R.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HEARN, ROBERT F.	"
N	2nd Lt.	JAFFE, LEWIS S.	"
B	2nd Lt.	WILSON, JOHN H.	"
RO	Cpl. XXXXXXXXXX	Cohen, Roy V.	"
TT	Cpl. D	Dixon, William B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hambright, Richard P.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Higbee, Mark (NMI)	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Pearlman, Herman (NMI)	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Peschon, Raymond J.	"

Plane 42-102084

P	2nd Lt.	FISSETTE, ROBERT L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, CHARLES F.	"
N	F/D	Rhinehart, William E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FULGIN, WILLIAM P.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Crites, Emory (NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Garlin, Harry C. JR.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Tellefson, Lawren M.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Long, Albert D.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Wright, Dale L.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Mack, Allen W.	"

Plane 42-39440

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	KELLEY, CURTIS C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	X Stuebing, Ephraim G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Quinn, Robert E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Fasseno, William W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald N.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	McMahon, James F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

Plane 42-102780

P	2nd Lt.	LINCOLN, CLIFFORD A.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	MYERS, JOSEPH H. JR.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RICKS, FRANK W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DANILAVEZ, STEPHEN J.	"
RO	Johnson, Oscar M.	T/Sgt.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Bredelis, Raymond G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Steits, Clarence R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Classick, Jehn F. Jr.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Moll, Robert C.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Haley, Daniel J. Jr.	"

P	Major	GARLAND, WILLIAM C.	PFF SHIP
P	Major	HINKLE, CARL A.	PFF SHIP
N	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, JOSEPH A.	612th Ship Lt. Woods P

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 May 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List. Code

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

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

PLANE # 42-102468

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	Captain	Dempsey	Ralph	M.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Maloney	Milton	F.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Whitney	Ray	F.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Dolan	William	W.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Merlino	Frank	A.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	McIntyre	William	(MI)	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Sweeps	William	H.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H. O.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Finckhall	Sherwyn	(MI)	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Knap	Phil	H.	615th

PLANE # 42-97664

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	2nd Lt.	Oohsenhirt	Harry	J.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Ballenger	William	H.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Boekstanz	Ernest	L.	615th
B -	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Harry	E.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Finckleton	Richard	A.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Westberg	Raymond	E.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Martin	Robert	K.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Hussey	Ambrose	(H.)	615th
LWG -	Sgt.	Harley	Jerome	V.	615th
RWG -	Sgt.	Martin	Russell	J.	615th

PLANE # 42-31486

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	1st Lt.	Campbell	Paul	E.	615th
CP -	Major	White	Ralph	J.	615th
N -	Captain	Causey	Rufus	F.	615th
B -	Captain	Kuening	Arnold	G.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Anderson	Martin	A.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Hensley	Ora	H.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Brown	Saul	H.	615th
TG -	2nd Lt.	Swisher	Harold	E.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Smith	Alan	E.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Kendrick	Joseph, Jr.	W.	615th

PLANE # 42-39873

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	1st Lt.	Christensen	Ellsworth	E.	615th
CP -	1st Lt.	Rustand	Ronald	L.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Wong	Delbert	E.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Reynolds	Herbert	A.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Hohlmann	Raymond	G.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Green	Roland	J.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Ross	Harry	A.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Hatson	Allen	L.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Russell	H.	615th

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DATA 42-31486

PLANE # 42-31069

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	2nd Lt.	Gillespie	Elmer	C.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Chapman	Theodore	(NME)	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Mason	Hodge	E.	615th
B -	W/O JO	Thibodeaux	Nolan	L.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	McFall	Charlie	A.	615th
TT -	Sgt.	Ziruel	Don	D.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Browning	Elmer	E.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Dickson, Jr.	Jefferson	D.	615th
LWG -	Sgt.	Bush	Robert	J.	615th
RWG -	Sgt.	Lambert	Thomas	M.	615th

PLANE # 42-102674

P -	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Ledray	Vincent	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	M. H.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	V.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Casner	Charles	F.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Romano	Emanuel	L.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Lutsi	Frank	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Thompson	Halger, Jr.	F.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Kunger	Alva	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-107113

P -	1st Lt.	Trinble	William	W.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Shantz	Fred	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Lemke	Beryl	L.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Cury	Enver	C.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Macley	Jack	L.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Tracey	Edward	(NMI)	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Schaeffer	John	E.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Armstrong	William	C.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Acker	Joseph	F.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Courtad	Paul	K.	615th

PLANE # 42-97395

P -	2nd Lt.	De Siano	Ambrose	(NMI)	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Knstad	Robert	J.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (io)	Dee	615th
B -	S/Sgt.	May	William	M.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Cooper	Larry	R.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Agas	Jack	D.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Joe	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Hertson	Harold	(NMI)	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Standafer	Stanley	(NMI)	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Bundendorf	Everett	H.	615th

PLANE # 42-107092

P -	2nd Lt.	Knight	Dan	U.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Huegin	William	B.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Manning	Charles	C.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	O.	615th
RO -	Sgt.	Dengler	Walter	E.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Sartor	William	D.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Wackowiak	William	E.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Pacely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	J.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Cope	Frederick	L.	615th

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

29 May 1944

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 29 May, 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:

Heaters Out (1) Tail Wheel Retracting Motor Out (1)
Cylinder Head Temperature Gauge Out (1)

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

Chin Turret Inoperative Elevation (1)

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

Leaking Oxygen System

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
29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-37843 - Flak hole through bottom and out right side of fuselage, near nose section; Flak hole in bottom of left wing, behind # 1 nacelle causing internal structural damage to wing; Flak hole through left wing, puncturing # 9 tokio tank and causing structural damage.

b. 42-37981 - Flak hole in bottom of right horizontal stabilizer; Flak hole in bottom of right wing, outer panel; Flak hole in plexiglass nose section.

c. 42-97344 - Flak entered through open bomb bay doors, damaging # 4 bulkhead and circumferential stiffener.

d. 42-31072 - Flak hole in # 1 ring cowl, damaging push rod housing.

e. 42-31496 - Flak hole in trailing edge of left wing forward of flap near station 8, in top out bottom cutting flux gate compass cable; Flak hole in right bottom side of fuselage near station 3g and 4, cutting band around oxygen bottle; Small flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 18.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>
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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
29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission 29 May, 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 29 May, 1944.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
42-37843	Chin Turret	Would not operate in elevation. Faulty Amplidyne.	Equipment

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTIONS

Negative bomb rack malfunctions report is submitted for the
mission of 29 May 1944.

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

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

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SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), (Thru Lt. Col
B.K. Voorhes, and Lt. Col. A.C. Brooks,

1. Several crews observed an encounter in which a single P-51 destroyed 4 ME 410's. The action took place at 1329 at approximately 5300 N-1546 E. where 4 ME 410's were queued up to attack our group. The P-51 attacked from low and behind, shooting down 2 E/A on the first pass. Then made 360 degree turn and destroyed third ME 410 at about 10,000 ft., the ME 410 having immediately dived at first attack. Three pilots bailed out and the E/A were observed to burn on the ground. The fourth ME 410 was reported destroyed shortly afterwards near the ground.

2. Major Ralph J. White, group leader, commented that the 351st group led the 94th CBW in an excellent manner. This comment was seconded by several crew members.

3. Lt. Ray F. Whitney, navigator for Major White, complimented the Lead Navigator for the Wing. Other navigators were of the same opinion.

4. Lt. William W. Trimble, pilot A/C 7981, stated that 401st group formation was very good and was well led today. Several other airplane commanders made the same observations.

5. Lt. George P. Bingham and Lt. Richard H. Hoyt, pilot and co-pilot of A/C 9993, stated that the leader of the low squadron flew the smoothest formation they have yet experienced.

6. Lt. George P. Bingham, pilot A/C 9993, observed that P-38 fighter escort salvaged their gas tanks much to ~~pl~~ close to the formation.

7. Lt. Clinton J. Parr, Pilot A/C 7113, severely criticized the fact that his enlisted men were scheduled for a tour of guard duty right after they returned from the mission. Other Officers and enlisted have the same criticism.

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8. Lt. Warren Gelula, navigator A/C 1072, observed that the top turret of A/C 811 was empty and did not move for seventy five minutes, the TTG apparently having left his position while the formation was still 140 miles from the English coast.

9. Capt. Scribner C. Dalley, pilot A/C 2780, observed that someone put a 50 caliber bullet through one of his propellers.

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

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

29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

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

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

AIRPLANE NO.

BATTLE DAMAGE

42-31496

1. Flak hole in trailing edge of left wing
just ahead of flap near station 8, in top out
bottom. Cut flux gate compass cable.
2. Flak hole in right bottom side of fuselag near
station 3g & 4. Cut band around oxygen bottle.
3. Small flak hole in bottom of right wing near
station 18.

42-39993

1. Negative.

42-102398

1. Negative.

42-97811

1. Negative.

HERBERT O. KIMMEL
1st Lt, Air Corps
Engineering Officer