

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

MISSION No. **216**

Date: **26 FEB. 45**

TO: **BERLIN , GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

R E P O R T O F O P E R A T I O N A L
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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 216

Date 26 February 1945

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: BERLIN, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 12 A/C 94th "C" Group Screening Force formation. Also three spares were furnished both the 351st and 457th Group formations -- one being used in each group.

EXECUTION

1. Target Attacked: BERLIN, GERMANY
2. Screening Force Leader: Capt. W. RIEGLER
 Lead Navigator: Capt. H. D. WOOD (Peterson - MO)
 Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. J. W. RUSH
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was at 0810 and in daylight hours. No one experienced any difficulty as the load was very light. One layer of low cloud 1,000 ft. thick, but no middle or high cloud.
 - b. Squadron Assemblies:

The squadron was slow in forming for unexplainable reasons but we left the buncher on time, on course and with all planes in formation and one spare. Assembly altitude was 11,000 feet.
 - c. Route Over England:

We followed the briefed route over England and were on time and on course at all control points.
4. Attack:
 - a. Flight to Target:

We approached Control point #.1 a little early but the required 360° turn killed our time for us. We then made our other timings good

Mission Summary Report(Cont'd)

4. a. Flight to Target (Cont'd)

but since 40th "A", division leader, was $11\frac{1}{2}$ minutes late we did another 360° turn at IP. We were still well in front and were discharging chaff when division leader reached IP.

b. Flight from Target:

The flight from target was very uneventful. Our fighter support was good and we were just a little late on our timings. We reached control point # 4 four minutes late. Went out over coast at 18,000' instead of 16,000' as briefed.

c. Return to Base:

We let down over the channel to 1,700 feet and came in underneath the low cloud. All ships landed safely at base.

d. Weather:

Shortly after entering continental coast weather became 10/10's with the exception of a slight break over the Zuider Zee area. It then continued to be 10/10's to target.

e. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was not evident until IP was reached and then was described as good.

f. Comments on Formation:

Formation was good through out the entire mission.

g. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Spares Flying with 351st and 457th Groups:

Each filled in there respective formations and flew normally to the target. Each bombed on the leader and returned encountering no air opposition nor flak.

6. Aircraft Not Attacking:

A/C 43-38160 - Not Sortie. Returned early with loss of oil pressure. Check revealed material failure of external oil line, # 3 engine.

7. Enemy Opposition:

No flak nor air opposition encountered.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

8. Battle Damage:

None.

9. Casualties:

None.

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

11. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Chaff was discharged as briefed at the target.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Screening Force:

36,000 units of chaff were discharged on the primary target.

Spares flying with 351st and 457th:

A/C 468 (with 351st Gp) dropped 5 X 500# RDX and 4 X 500# IB on the secondary target. 1 bomb hung up and was jettisoned at 5240-1348 E.

A/C 662 (with 457th Gp) dropped 6 X 500# GP and 4 X 500# IB on the secondary target.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall (Scr. Force)	11	11	36,000 units of chaff				
Other Attacks	2	2	(5	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			(6	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(8	500#	IB	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			(5	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			(6	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(8	500#	IB	-	-
Other Expenditures			1	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			(24	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(16	500#	IB	-	-
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			6	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			30	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			24	500#	IB	-	-

12. Lost Air Craft: None.

The End.

SCREENING FORCE
 94th C Group

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT RIEGLER Date: 26 Feb 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT TAUSIG

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Bomb Group
 Takeoff. -
 over Target

613 SQU.

613 SC. LADNOCK
 614 IN. ALORD
 614 W. GOLDFELUB
 615 TY BUZZARD

RIEGLER

449

CURRAN

791

TAUSIG

648

615 SQU.

614 SQU.

JONES

THOMPSON, R.

160 (Abort)

161

MAIRE

551

CRACRAFT

146

WHITE

602

TOBIN

478

STRAUSS

637

SCHLEIMANN

992

BLOESTCHER

506

SPANES

VIEHMAN

595

SPARES FOR PLK & GLATTON

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDL

612 SC JALBOCK

613 TR ALORO

614 WF GILFILLUB

615 TI BUZZARD

401st Bomb Group

Takeoff.

POLEBROOK
SQDL

GLATTON
SQDL

COX

591

MARTIN

662

BAKER

947

BERNEBURG

468

MORAN

113

HARVESON

680

SPARES

Screening Force

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

Date 26 Feb. 1945

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

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

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

Sqn. a. T/O at 0802 hours.
b. ~~Group~~ formed at 0900 hours on Gottesmore buncher.
at _____ ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, D.R., Radio

f. Division formation was joined at _____ hrs. at _____.
g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee, Mickey, Pilotage, D.R.

i. Bomb run. -- **Screening force - not applicable**

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

- (2) True heading over target _____.
- (3) Actual drift _____.
- (4) Altitude over target _____.
- (5) Time bombs away _____.
- (6) Wind used for bombing _____.
- (7) Method of target identification.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal _____.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, Mickey, Pilotage, D.R.

- o. Winds aloft were (~~not~~) called out to the formation.
p. Fighter rendezvous were (~~not~~) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/s/ H. D. Wood

H. D. WOOD

Captain, A. C.

Lead Navigator, Screening force.

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Capt. Wm. Riegler NAVIGATOR Capt. H. D. Wood - 1st Lt. J.M. Rush DATE 26 Feb. 1945

Mickey - 1st Lt. G. E. Peterson

STATIONS	064	ENGINES	0740	TAXI	0755	T.O.	0810
LEAVE BASE	CONT. 0905						
COAST OUT	0939						
ENEMY COAST	1025						
I.P.	1056						
TARGET	1154						
ENEMY COAST	1423						
END COAST	1530						WTR 1616

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

3. Hr. = 0900
Ref alt = 23000
Oxygen = 5:30

WATCH Fast Slow RATE secs / hour Gaining Losing

At G.M.T. Div. assembly - Felixstowe to 52-44N
Letdown on Cottesmore Buncher - 010 Mag. 04-38E

FROM	TO	W/V USED	HEIGHT	IAS MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE			
															TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-44N 00-39E	Donnington (G)	262/51	11000	150	154	056	-9	047	10	057	187	19	06	0905	Depart			
52-55N 00-12E	Old Buckingham (D)	260/52	13000	150	156	120	-13	133	10	143	192	54	17 -1	0927				
52-29N 01-05E	Felixstowe (CP 1)	276/53	14000	150	162	162	-18	180	9	189	168	32	11 1/2	0939	Eng. Coast, CP 1, 0939			
51-58N 01-21E		270/58	21000	150	173	070	-7	063	8	071	226	129	34 1/8	1025	Complete 8 min. 360° turn at coast			
52-44N 04-38E		270/63	25000	150	188	093	-1	094	7	101	250	86	21 1/4	1047				
52-40N 07-00E		290/65	25000	150	194	095	-5	90	6	096	256	34	08 1/4	1056	CP 3, 1056			
52-38N 07-56E		"	"	"	"	133	-7	140	6	146	251	20	05	1101				
52-24N 08-20E		"	"	"	"	077	-10	067	5	072	247	142	34 1/2	1136	4 min. ahead of 40 A			
52-55N 12-05E		"	"	"	"	132	-7	139	4	143	253	32	07 1/2	1144	Discharge chaff			
52-33N 12-15E		"	25000	150	"	018	-18	360	4	004	187	28	09 1/4	1154	End chaff			
52-00N 13-00E	Letdown	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"				
52-05N 11-05E		286/63	23500	170	216	275	-4	278	4	282	150	15 1/2	06 32	1227				
52-24N 08-20E		284/62	"	150	185	248	-11	259	5	264	122	108	49 1/2	1318				
52-38N 07-56E		"	"	"	"	313	-9	304	6	310	128	20	09 1/2	1328	CP 4, 1328			
52-40N 07-00E		"	"	"	"	275	-3	278	6	284	123	34	17	1345				
52-44N 04-38E		270/63	22000	150	"	273	-1	272	7	279	123	55	27 1/2	1423	Coast. Set down at 05-30E			
52-44N 04-38E		270/59	16000	170	200	273	-1	140	32	86	140	32	19 40 -2	1423				
52-44N 04-38E		260/48	9000	170	170	276	-5	271	8	279	124	58	28 1/2	1530	Eng. Coast			
52-44N 04-38E		260/37	20000	150	133	276	-4	272	9	281	097	63	121 39	1530				
Kings Lynn		260/37	2000	150	135	253	-2	255	10	265	096	35	22	1552				
Base		"	2000	"	"	247	-4	251	10	261	097	39	24	1616	WTR			
Base		260/44	0 to 14000	150	144	114	-10	124	10	134	178	78	26	0904	1770	Taken 35 min. to climb		
Felixstowe		"	"	150	144	114	-10	124	10	134	178	78	26	0939				
Cottesmore		268/54	11 to 14000	150	162	121	-11	132	10	142	204	87	26	0913	Last time for Group			
Felixstowe		"	"	150	162	121	-11	132	10	142	204	87	26	0939	Departure.			

Flares - Normal. VHF - Auth "Bob Tail". Abandon Mission - "Sugar-Charlie-Dog". L.R. - Neurguppin 52-57N 12-49E

FLIGHT RECORD

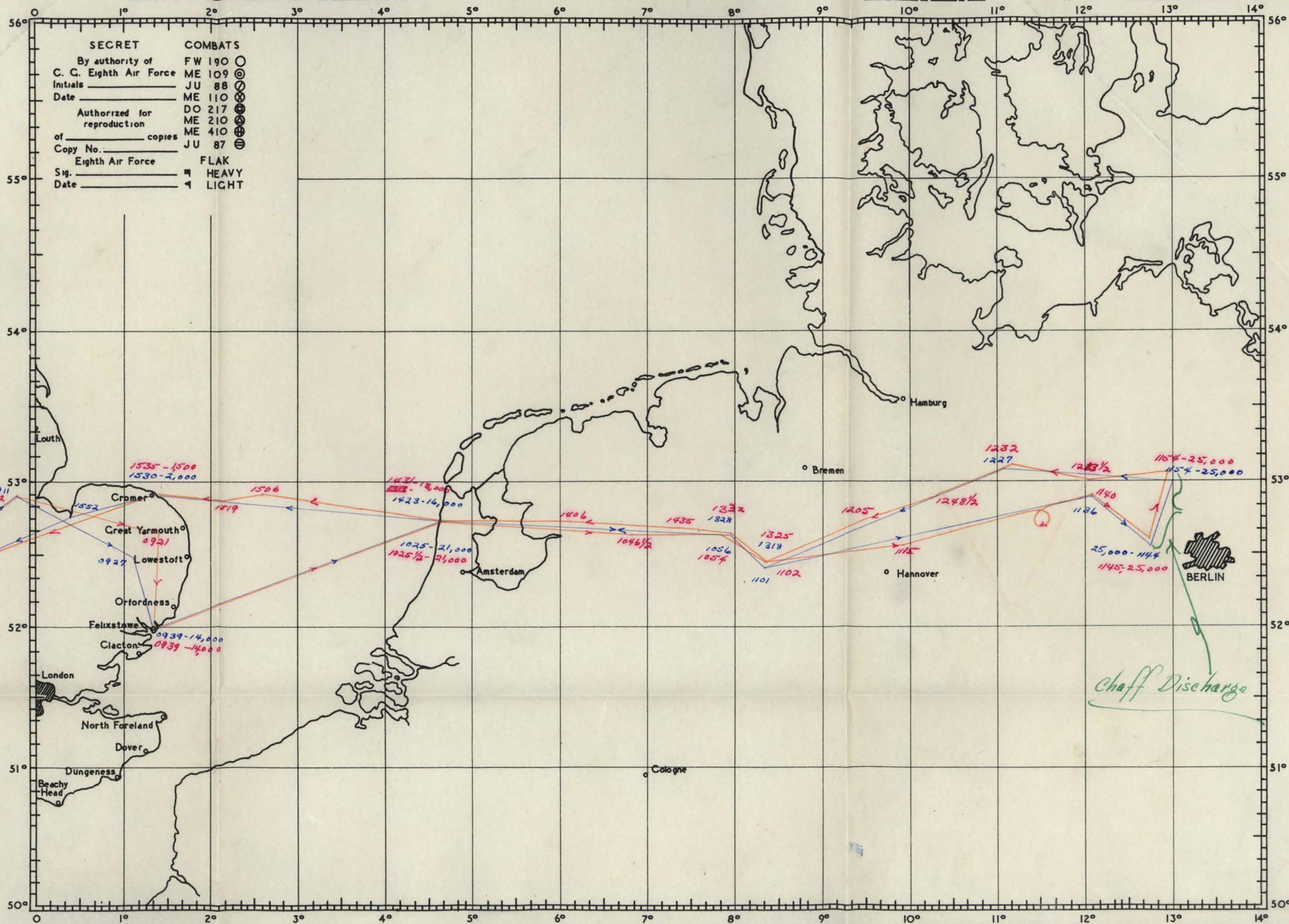
TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIE	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0802					Take off										
0825	278/60				Weather ship	Cottesmore. Began circle	140	8400							
0900						Formation Complete. Depart 0905	150								
0912						Point C	150	11000							
0915							150								0939
0921			130		52-38N 00-23E		150			20	06	200	26 1/2	8	0929
0939			70		CP. #1. On time, on course		150	14000							
0942			63		51-58N 01-30E		150	15000							
0957	67	-4	63				150		162	47	15	189	82	26	1023
1001 1/2			61		52-21N 02-58E		150	18000							
1005	78	-17	61		285/70K		150	19000	175	30	8	225	54 1/2	14 1/2	1019 1/2
1011		285/71	55		52-31N 03-52E		150	19700							
1025 1/2			87		CP. #2		150	21000							
1028 1/2			87		52-44N 04-10E		150	21400	186						
1033			84				147	22000							

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1039	93	-11 302/76K	82				150	23000	190	44	10 1/2	126 252	71	17	1056
1046 1/2			78		52-38N 06-48E		145	24600		56	19 1/2	250	41	10	1056 1/2
1054			137		52-38N 07-50E. CP #3. 1 1/2 min. early. on course		150	25000							
1102			61		52-27N 08-20E		145	25000							
1104 1/2			64		52-29N 08-47E		145	25000	191			296	124	31	1135 1/2
1115	82	-17 304/84K	65		52-31N 09-56E 304/84K		147			46 1/2	10 1/2	122 244	82	20	1135
1122			56		52-40N 10-32E		147	25000		66	17 1/2				
1135					360° turn to lose time		147	25000							
1140			139		Turned on IP		147	25000							
1145			340		Began chaff discharge 52-36N 12-44E		150	25000							
1157			283		53-03N 12-56E		160	24000				118	67	34	1231
1205	262	-21	283		12-26E 52-59N		160	22000 -28							
1213 1/2	278	-16	294		53-00N 12-00E. (12-17 dropped bombs and turned north)			22000	186	34	16 1/2	124	33	16	1229 1/2
1223		306/80K	294		53-04N 11-39E					13	9 1/2	98			
1232			294		Turned at 52-06N 11-11E			22150							
1234 1/2			269		52-07N 11-04E, M.		150	22100							
1244 1/2			269		53-00N 10-40E, M.		145	22000 -28	180	18 1/2	10	112			
1248 1/2	245	-24	269		52-55N 10-20E 307/80K		150	22000 -28		30	14	128	128	36 1/2	1325
1305			269		D.R. 52-44N 04-27E		147	22160		35	16 1/2	128			
1312			265		52-36N 09-04E, M.		150	22150		41	23 1/2				
1325			309		52-26N 08-20E		147	22200							
1332			283		52-30N 07-56E		150	22200							
1340			285		52-39N 07-39E		163	21500							
1345			284		52-41N 07-20E		161	19600		11 1/2	5	138	64 97	28 42	1413 1427
1352			280		52-44N 06-55E		161	19000							
1358							161	18500							
1406			270		52-43N 06-7E		150	18000							
1431			280		Enemy Coast 52-44N 04-37E		160	18000							
1440			276				165	13500							
1447 1/2			276		52-49N 03-42E		170	9500		15 1/2	7 1/2	125	88	42	1529 1/2
1459			276				170	5000							
1506			276		52-55N 02-35E		152	1500							
1515			276		52-52N 02-22E		150	1500							
1519			276		52-52N 02-09E		150	"		9	4	135	30	13 1/2	1532 1/2
1535			250		English Coast										
1542			260							14	7	120	63	31 1/2	1613 1/2
1620					Pass										

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR



TRACK CHART

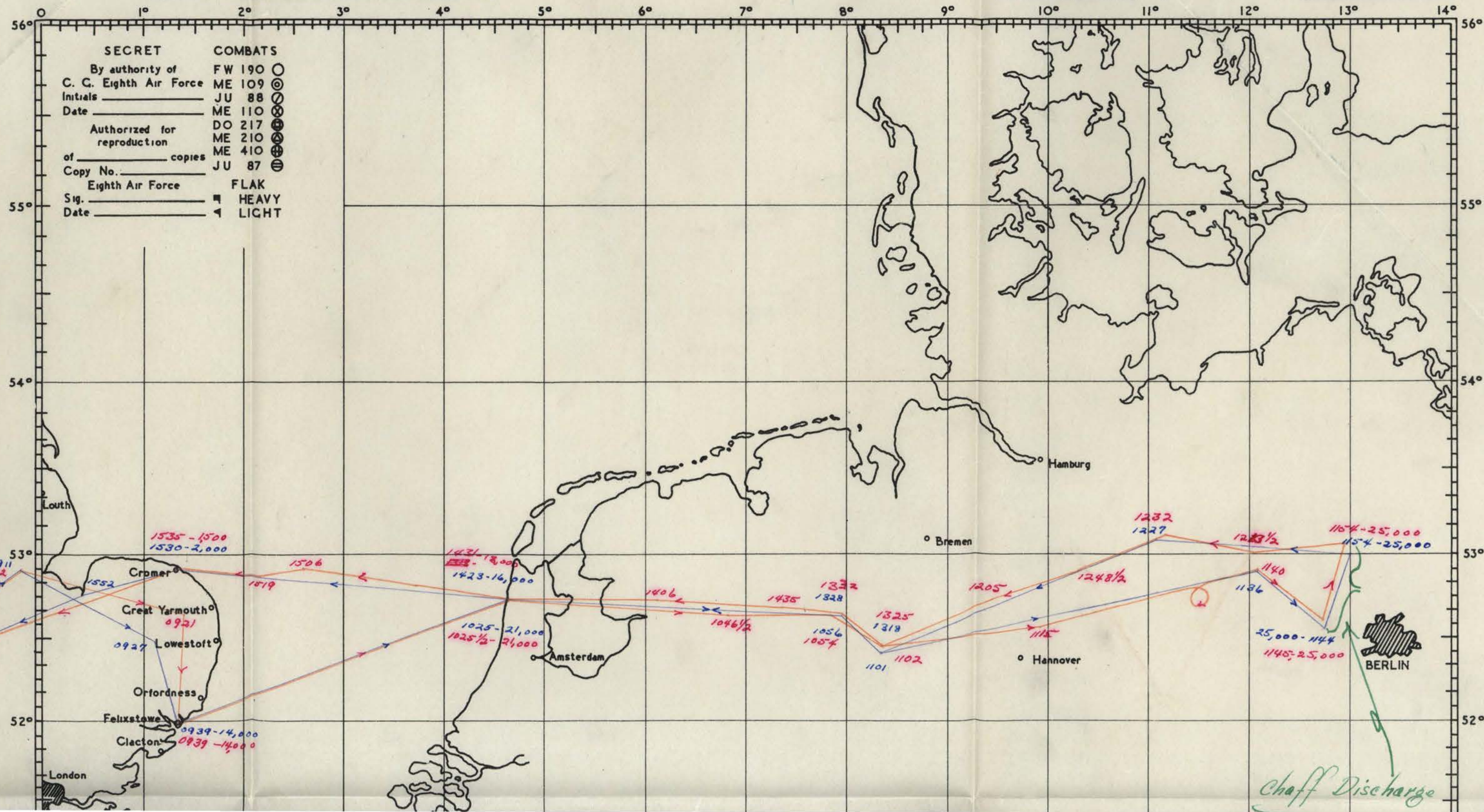
DATE Feb. 26, 1945

TARGETS
PRIMARY

Berlin, Germany

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Blue
Red
.....
.....
.....

Briefed
401st B. G. (H)



Target No.
3 (k) 28

SIGNAL EQUIPMENT DEPOT

BERLIN (Schöneberg)
(GERMANY)

Illustration No.
3 (k) 28/1

PRIMARY "A"

Illustration No.
3 (k) 28/1

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1 MILE
approx.

Photographed 31 May 1944

(1 : 32,000)

Issued September 1944



A.1.3c (1)

The target is indicated by the letter 'a.' The other letters refer to targets listed
in Tactical Target Dossier 5213E. (Advance Material Issue No. 1 August 1944.)

TYPE A

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Gp Mission # 216

Date 26 February 1945

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

	94th "C"	94th "A"	94th "B"
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
29. Non-Effective Sorties	1		
(a) Weather			
(b) Personnel			
(c) Enemy Action			
(d) Other Non-Mechanical			
(e) Mechanical & Equipment	(1)		
30. Mechanical & Equipment Failures			
(a) Engine			
(b) Oil System	1		
(c) Fuel System			
(d) Supercharger			
(e) Propeller & Governor			
(f) Communication System			
(g) Guns & Turrets			
(h) Bomb Release			
(i) Bombay Doors			
(j) Electric System			
(k) Instruments			
(l) Oxygen Equipment			
(m) Bomb Sights			
(n) A/C in General			

31. Reasons for Failure to Attack:

A/C 43-38160 - No Credit. Returned early with loss of oil pressure. Check revealed material failure of external oil line # 3 engine.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Bomb Group (H)

1st AD P. O. 641

Date of 26 February 1945

PART I - ATTACKS & RESULTS

94th "C"

	Sern Force	94th "A"	94th "B"
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--	--	--
2. No. of A/C Sorties	13	3	3
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp	13	1	1
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	12	1	1
5. No. of Effective Sorties	12	1	1
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties	1	--	--
(a) Early Returns Included	(1)		
7. Name of Primary Target	BERLIN		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	12		
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	Chaff		
8. Name of Secondary Target	BERLIN (PFF)		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking		1	1
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs		5X500/RDX 4X580/IB	6X500/GP 4X500/IB
9. Name of Last Resort Target (LRT)			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
10. Name of Target of Opportunity			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
11. Name of Target of Opportunity			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
12. No. of A/C MIA - TOTAL			
13. No. of A/C MIA - Flak			
14. No. of A/C MIA - Flak and E/A			
15. No. of A/C MIA - Enemy Aircraft			
16. No. of A/C MIA - Accident over E.T.			
17. No. of A/C MIA - Other & Unknown			
18. Time of Take Off	0802	*	**
19. Time of Attack	1145-1154	*	**
20. Total Time for Mission	100	8.5	8.5
21. Altitude of Release	25,000	*	**
22. Type of Sighting (Vis. H2X, GH, etc)	--	*	**
23. Enemy Resistance -- AA Inten & Acc	None	Mod-Inacc.	Mod-Inacc.
24. Enemy Resistance - Fighters	--	--	--
25. Enemy Resistance - Bombers	--	--	--
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	--	--	--
27. No. of Passes made by Enemy A/C	--	--	--
28. Degree of Success	Unobserved	Unobserved	Unobserved

A/C borrowed from Groups: None

A/C loaned to Groups:

* See Mission Summary of 351st Group

** See Mission Summary of 457th Group

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

J-A-4

Reference Field Order 641.

26 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 216.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:		2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>0</u>
Splashers	<u>1</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>14</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>19</u>
		AIRBORNE WITH GEE	<u>19</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

	<u>H2X</u>	<u>Micro-H</u>
1. Total A/C dispatched	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>
2. Total A/C over target	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>
3. Total sets usable for bombing	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>17</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>12</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>36.720</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>1</u>	6. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	7. H2X, XXXXXX	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	8. Carpet	<u>0</u>
4. Liaison	<u>0</u>	9. IFF	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	10. SCS-51	<u>NOT USED</u>

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 MAJOR ~~XXXX~~, Air Corps,
 Gp Com O.

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LEAD SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJOR MC CREE Date: 25 FEB. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. BODDIN

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT. BODDIN

*6X500 lbs 1/10 1/40
 + 6 M17s 1 BS
 loaded per chart 12*

612 SQDN

812 SC JALMOCK
 613 IN 2430
 614 IN GOLFCLUB
 615 IN BUZZARD

GOODMAN (MC CREE)

IY S 8653 (PFF)

LOVELL

BODDIN

SC P 1891

SC Q 8153 (PFF)

612 SQDN

613 SQDN

JONES

SCHILLER

SC R 2393

IN L 8941

SMITH

CAMPBELL

SHEPHERD

MAY

SC H 2398

SC D 6992

IN A 8458

IN J 1591

BLGETSCHER

SC T 8788 (RCM)

FRENCH

HUDNELL

SC B 1662

SC S 8680

SPARES

HOLT

SC A 7628

PFF SPARE LEAD IN Q 8550 DISP 44
 GND SPARE IN O 7602 DIST 48

LOW SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT. DEMPSEY Date: 25 FEB. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. GERBER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT. BODDIN

615 SQDN.

612 SC JABROCK
 614 IN 2000
 616 IN 2000
 618 IN 2000

DEMPSEY

IY M 8707 (PTF)

MAIRE

SG J 7790

GERBER

IY Q 8077

615 SQDN.

613 SQDN.

JONES

IY A 8160

STEELE

IN S 2947

CRACRAFT

IN K 1072

CALLAHAN

IY K 8425

YOUNG

IN U 7766 (ROM)

BRADLEY

IN F 6313

GRIMM

IY L 7561

MORAN

IY C 2468

SMITH

IY J 7113

SPARE

FLYING SPARE FROM 457th

PTF SPARE LEAD IN Q 8550 DISP 44

GND SPARE IN O 7602 DISP 48

HIGH SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

LT. UTTER

25 FEB. 1945

Combat Sq. Leader

Date

LT. SPUEHLER

Deputy Sq. Leader

LT. BODDIN

Deputy Gp. Leader

614

SQDN

612 SC JAMESON

613 IN HENDON

614 IW GUNDOCK

615 IN HAZARD

UTTER

IW J

8525 (PFF)

AYRE

SPUEHLER

IW A 7931

IW R 7780

614

SQDN

613

SQDN

THOMPSON, R.

NIELSON

IN H 8607

IN D 8588 (RCM)

HOLMES

SOERENSON

KELSO

CAREY

SC N 6506

IW F 7395

IN G 8791

IN N 8362

HARTSOCK

IW B 7151

FOWLER

GRAY

IW Q 7473

IW X 8565

SPARES

PFF SPARE LEAD IN Q 8550 DISP 44

GND SPARE IW O 7602 DISP 48

FLYING SPARE FROM 457TH

*100 607
 IN G 8791
 Fueler tube off*

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 123 - APO 557
U. S. ARMY

D-X-1

25 February 1945

SUBJECT: Crew comments and suggestions on Mission to Munich, 25 Feb 45.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 123, APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. The following comments were made with regards to formation flying on today's mission:

a. Lt. Kenneth J. Hartsock, Pilot A/C 7151 - climbed too fast, had to pull excessively in order to get up into formation.

b. Lt. Arthur D. Kelso, Jr., Pilot A/C 602 - High Box leader started climb late and we had to overboost, never were in good formation, even on bomb run.

c. Lt. Samuel R. Smith, Pilot A/C 7115 - we indicated 165 MPH from 11,000 to 24,000 feet climb and finally caught up at I.P. Engines are not going to take this continued beating.

d. Lt. Audrey J. Bradley, Jr., Pilot A/C 6513 - pulled 2400-42 inches and couldn't catch Low Squadron Lead. Pulled this for one hour.

e. Lt. Robert C. Meredith, Co-Pilot A/C 468 - formation was poor, too much strung out.

W. B. FRY.
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2 Officer.

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W. B. FRY
Group S-2 Officer*

REMARKS

DATE: _____

DUTY OFFICER: _____

BRIEFING OFFICER: _____

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group: BERLIN

Primary: PLAN A Western tip of a ^{small} marshalling yard in the Eastern part of the city, NNE of the airbase

PLAN B KASSEL An industry engaged in the manufacture of 2 1/2 + 3 3/4 ton lorries and probably the castings for locomotives & construction of boilers. Rated as a priority I target employing 1500 workers.

Secondary: PLAN B Kassel - just N. of marshalling yard

Last Resort: Plan A Neuruppin (5357-1249) A Engine Test Bede Polbrn B Hanger Clatten

PLAN B Bilfeld - marshalling yard

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: _____

(3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD: _____

b. 2nd AD: _____

c. 3rd AD: _____

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: _____

b. Fighter Support: _____

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b. VHF and Other Radio: (containing Force Information) _____

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape: ☒

Flags

*Bail out if ^{crew} jeopardized
go as far east as possible
High an altitude as possible*

Fire plans of withdrawal or penetration

b. S.O.P.'s _____

c. Miscellaneous: *K-20's any special instruction*

d. Security: _____

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

SUBJECT: Loading List

Mission No. 216
 26 February 1945

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

A/C 42-106992

P	Schliemann, Donald M.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Meyrowitz, Irving	2nd Lt.	(H)
N	Schneck, David	2nd Lt.	(H)
B	Swatosh, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	(H)
RO	Pendley, Garland E.	T/Sgt.	(H)
TTG	Kelly, John C.	T/Sgt.	(H)
BTG	Ford, Billie M.	S/Sgt.	(H)
TG	Madden, Ted H.	S/Sgt.	(H)
RWG	Zabel, Bruce H.	S/Sgt.	(H)
LWG	Willet, Edward N.	S/Sgt.	(H)

A/C 42-31662

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Matthesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	(H)
N	Hill, Ben F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	(H)
B	Milhone, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	(H)
RO	Hague, Kenneth A.	T/Sgt.	(H)
TTG	Delawder, Joseph A.	T/Sgt.	(H)
BTG	Borror, Norwood E.	S/Sgt.	(H)
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S/Sgt.	(H)
WG	Becker, Alex A.	S/Sgt.	(H)

A/C 44-6506

P	Eloetscher, Andrew F.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	(H)
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	(H)
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	(H)
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	T/Sgt.	(H)
TTG	Richards, Carl R.	T/Sgt.	(H)
BTG	Noble, Chester C.	S/Sgt.	(H)
TG	Skaggs, Irl R.	S/Sgt.	(H)
LWG	Giles, Otho N.	S/Sgt.	(H)
RWG	Pahl, Arthur L., Jr.	S/Sgt.	(H)

A/C 43-38680

P	Harvesson, Lloyd C.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Parsons, Silas P.	2nd Lt.	(H)
N	Zacamy, John R.	2nd Lt.	(H)
B	Moore, Kenneth V.	Sgt.	(H)
RO	Hall, Jewel L.	Sgt.	(H)
TTG	Brockway, Glenn L.	Sgt.	(H)
BTG	Crosby, Lewis A.	Sgt.	(H)
TG	Kuhn, Bill W.	Sgt.	(H)
WG	Jeter, Kenneth A.	Sgt.	(H)

A/C 43-38637

F	Strauss, Joseph D.	Major	612th.
CP	Lundgren, Robert P.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tarr, Charles Jr.	1st Lt.	"
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Chastain, Robert R.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Nimmons, Alston H.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Norris, Robert V.	Sgt.	"
TG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Pinkston, John S.	T/Sgt.	"
LWG	Murray, Howard M.	Sgt.	"
R.C.M.OG	Swanson, Theodore K.	Sgt.	"

- The End -

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

AAF Station # 128
 26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List:

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

1. The following is the Loading List fir today's Mission.

PLANE 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMAN J.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Dreon, Louis L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Bode, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, Sterling S.	"

PLANE 42-97478

P	1st Lt.	TOBIN, WILLIAM L.	"
CP	1st Lt.	CAUHAPE, VICTOR	"
N	2nd Lt.	TURNER, CECIL L.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Orlando, Peter	"
RO	Sgt.	Kantor, Walter J.	"
TT	Sgt.	Bertram, Joseph W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Erzer, William J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Van Camp, Oliver H.	"
WG	Sgt.	Mc Alister, Jesse J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Smith, William F.	"

PLANE 42-97602

P	1st Lt.	WHITE, WELIE K.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	POTTER, FRED R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	AUFANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Wells, Cleburne D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	McCommis, Max I.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Whitney, Paul A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Viescas, Arturo B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Mc Quade, John B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Cranz, Edwon R.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Gurnicki, Sigmund A.	"

PLANE 42-97395

P	2nd Lt.	VIEHMAN, EUGENE A.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	COUTTS, HAROLD K.	"
N	F/O	DOUIS, VICTOR J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	STALZER, JAMES J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Retzlaff, James A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Schwarz, Edwin D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Hobson, Kenneth E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Rutkowski, Joseph E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Hay, David M.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Mc Cormick, Edson C.	#

For the Squadron Commander:

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

26 February 1945

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI.
43-38791	P	1st LT.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
	CP	2nd LT.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd LT.	BAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	S/SGT.	HARDIN	RAY	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	GIESKEN	GEO.	J.
	TT	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ELMO	E.
	HT	S/SGT.	ZENOR	HAROLD	M.
	TG	S/SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	ANDERSON	EDDIE	W.
RCM	SGT.	STITT	JOHN	J.	
42-31591	P	2nd LT.	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	2nd LT.	SCHER	KENNETH	M.
	B	S/SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	T/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	S/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	HT	S/SGT.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
WG	S/SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.	
42-192947	P	1st LT.	BAKER	KAY	A.
	CP	2nd LT.	LYNG	KENNETH	H.
	N	1st LT.	KORETSKY	HARRY	(NMI)
	B	1st LT.	MOORE	CARLTON	R.
	RO	T/SGT.	YORIO	FRANCIS	P.
	TT	T/SGT.	BACCIS	GEO.	B.
	HT	S/SGT.	GLOYD	SHIRLEY	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	SLATER	HAROLD	H.
WG	S/SGT.	MORRISON	JULIUS	J.	
44-8648	P	1st LT.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
	CP	2nd LT.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
	N	1st LT.	WALKER	DINSON	F.
	B	S/SGT.	BUCKBAUM	ELMER	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	T/SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	TG	S/SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
V	2nd LT.	EATON	HARRY	M.	
44-3449	P	CAPT.	RIEGLER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	CP	2nd LT.	MALONEY	JOSEPH	M.
	N	CAPT.	WOOD	MORACE	O.
	H	1st LT.	RUSH	JAMES	J.
	B	S/SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	RO	T/SGT.	MOLLER	THEODORE	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	SEELY	KARL	W.
	TG	2nd LT.	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	QUIST	FRED	M.
V	1st LT.	PETERSON	GEO.	W.	

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

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List:

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

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

PLANE # 42-107113

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Moran	Joseph	P.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Meredith	Robert	G.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Dobrowolsky	Michael	(NMI)	"
B	Sgt.	Donald	Robert	W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kalogeras	Chris	G.	"
TT	Sgt.	Barnes	Edwin	L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Adkisson	Cecil	P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Yousmans	Paul	L.	"
FG	Sgt.	Ross	William	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42-108469

P	F/O	Berneburg	Laverne	L.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Jancosek	Walter	(NMI)	"
N	F/O	Beuscher	Clinton	J.	"
B	Sgt.	Bailey	Frank	W.	"
RO	Cpl.	Hanes	Billy	R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Bush	Wilbur	R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Backus	Marvin	L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Key	James	W.	"
FG	Sgt.	Dick	Charles	B.	"

PLANE # 43-57551

P	1st Lt.	Haire	Frederick	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Monberger	Charles	A.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Landry	Lawrence	B.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mabrey	William	T.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Barr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Floyd	Norris	C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiegell	Clifford	H.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Nowak	Frank	P.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Ward	Charles	A.	"

PLANE # 44-6146

P	1st Lt.	Cracraft	George	K.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Mages	Eldon	C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	King	Jack	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fenwick	Gordon	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	B.	"
BT	Sgt.	Spoor	Richard	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hudson	Leonard	H.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Baker	Richard	B.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Joyner	Oliver	H.	"

PLANE # 43-58160

P	1st Lt.	Jones	Robert	S.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Dunigan	Maurice	(NMI)	"
N	F/O	Steinman	Philip	B.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Carr	Richard	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	DeLong	Billie	D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Konyra	Joseph	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Foutch	James	W.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Geiger	Lewis	O.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Akins	Ora	R.	"