

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
Station 128 - APO 557
U S Army

D-3-5

8 May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions on Mission to Berlin, Germany, 8 May/44.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army.
(thru Lt. Col. Brooks and Lt. Col. Voorhes)

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

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF STATION 128

A.P.O. 557
8 May, 1944

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 8 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:

Flight Indicator Out (1) Tachometer Out (1)
Heaters Out (1)

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

Frozen Bomb Bay Door Limit Switches (1)

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

Leaking Oxygen Systems (2)
Oxygen Systems Out (1)

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

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

A.P.O. 557
8 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-39993 - Returned early because the Bombardier was sick and the Ball Turret was inoperative due to a blown fuse.

b. Airplane No. 42-31485 - Returned early because pilot was unable to find formation.

c. Airplane No. 42-31077 - Returned early because of a bad oil leak through prop dome oil seal.

d. Airplane No. 42-108992 - Returned early due to a complete loss of manifold pressure on # 2 engine. Ground check found that an electronic presurtrol had burned out in flight.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-31662 - Flak hole in vertical fin near station 10, in left out right; Flak hole in left wing just below leading edge near station 16; Flak hole in rear top of plexiglass in top turret.

b. 42-40050 - Flak hole in vertical fin, right side near station 10; Flak hole in bottom of right wing flap near station 18.5; Flak hole in right bottom side of fuselage near station 3b; Flak hole in leading edge of right wing, near station 36; Flak hole in leading edge of right wing near station 20.

c. 42-102581 - Flak hole through vertical stabilizer, causing internal damage to structure.

d. 42-97344 - Flak hole through left wing, between # 1 and # 2 nacelles, near leading edge; Flak hole in bottom of right horizontal stabilizer, damaging stringer.

e. 42-97780 - 4" flak hole in bottom of right elevator, damaging rib.

f. 42-31369 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing, puncturing # 3 fuel tank.

SUBJECT: **Missile Summary Report (continued)**

g. 42-97478 - 4" flak hole through vertical stabilizer; 2" flak hole in bottom of left wing, near fuselage, damaging stiffener; 2" flak hole in bottom of right wing, behind # 4 nacelle, damaging rear main spar.

h. 42-97073 - Three small flak holes in bottom of left wing; Small flak hole through rudder; Small flak hole in right side of vertical stabilizer; Small flak hole through tip of right horizontal stabilizer; Small flak hole through right elevator; Two small flak holes in leading edge of left wing, damaging # 1 oil cooler.

TOTAL NO.
OF A/C

8

MAJOR
DAMAGE

1

MINOR
DAMAGE

7

BY
FLAK

8

**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
8 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, on Mission 8 May, 1944.

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

1. Negative Armament malfunction report is submitted
for the mission of 8 May, 1944.

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION

1. Airplane No. 42-97344 equipped with all electric bomb
release system failed to salvo in the right bomb bay. Airplane
was checked on ground and racks were run off in all positions,
revealed no malfunction.

2. Airplane Nos. 42-107009, 42-31557, 42-97780 and
42-97478 had trouble closing bomb bay doors due to limit switches
freezing at altitude.

Three airplanes equipped with all electric bomb release
system on to-days mission.

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

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Engineering Officer

AAF Station 128
8 May 1944

ABORTIVE REPORT:

SQUADRON 615th AIRPLANE #42-31077 PILOT 1st Lt. Ferdyn
CP 2nd Lt. Ensted.

PILOT'S STATEMENT:

Aborted from mission due to No. 2 Engine smoking
excessively.

INSPECTION OF AIRCRAFT OR EQUIPMENT REVEAL THE FOLLOWING
DEFECTS OR MALFUNCTION:

No. 2 Prop Dome Retaining Washer broken in flight.

R. W. Newman
R. W. NEWMAN, (w.G.)
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

Sp. Engineering

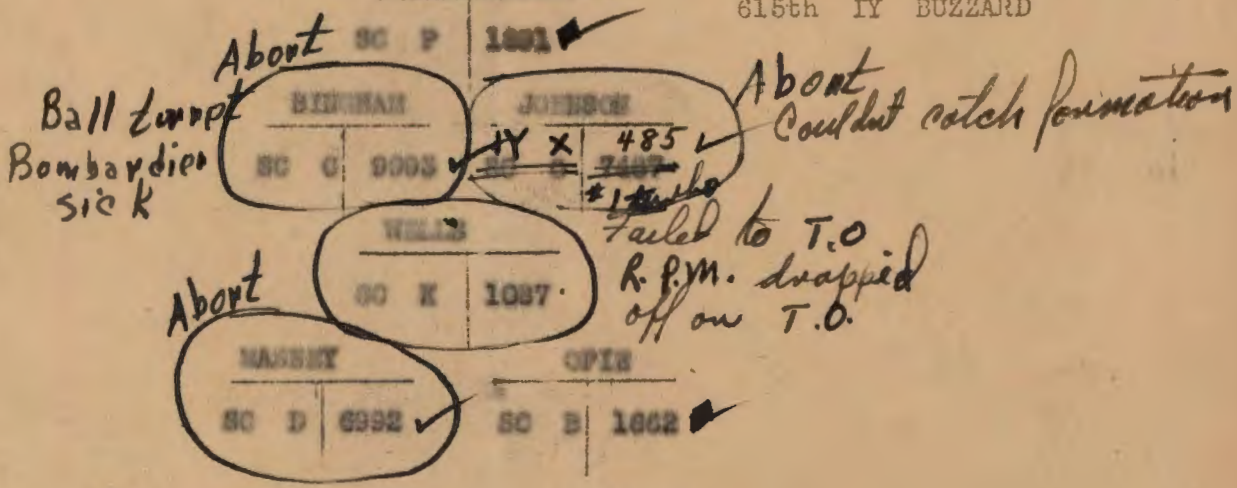
LOW BOX "A" WING

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR MAUPIN Date 8 May 1944
Deputy Flight Leader LT JOHNSON
Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
Ground Control _____

612 SQDN

612th SC JAWOCK
615th IN MACRO
614th IW GOLFCUB
615th IY BUZZARD

CURRIE (MAUPIN)

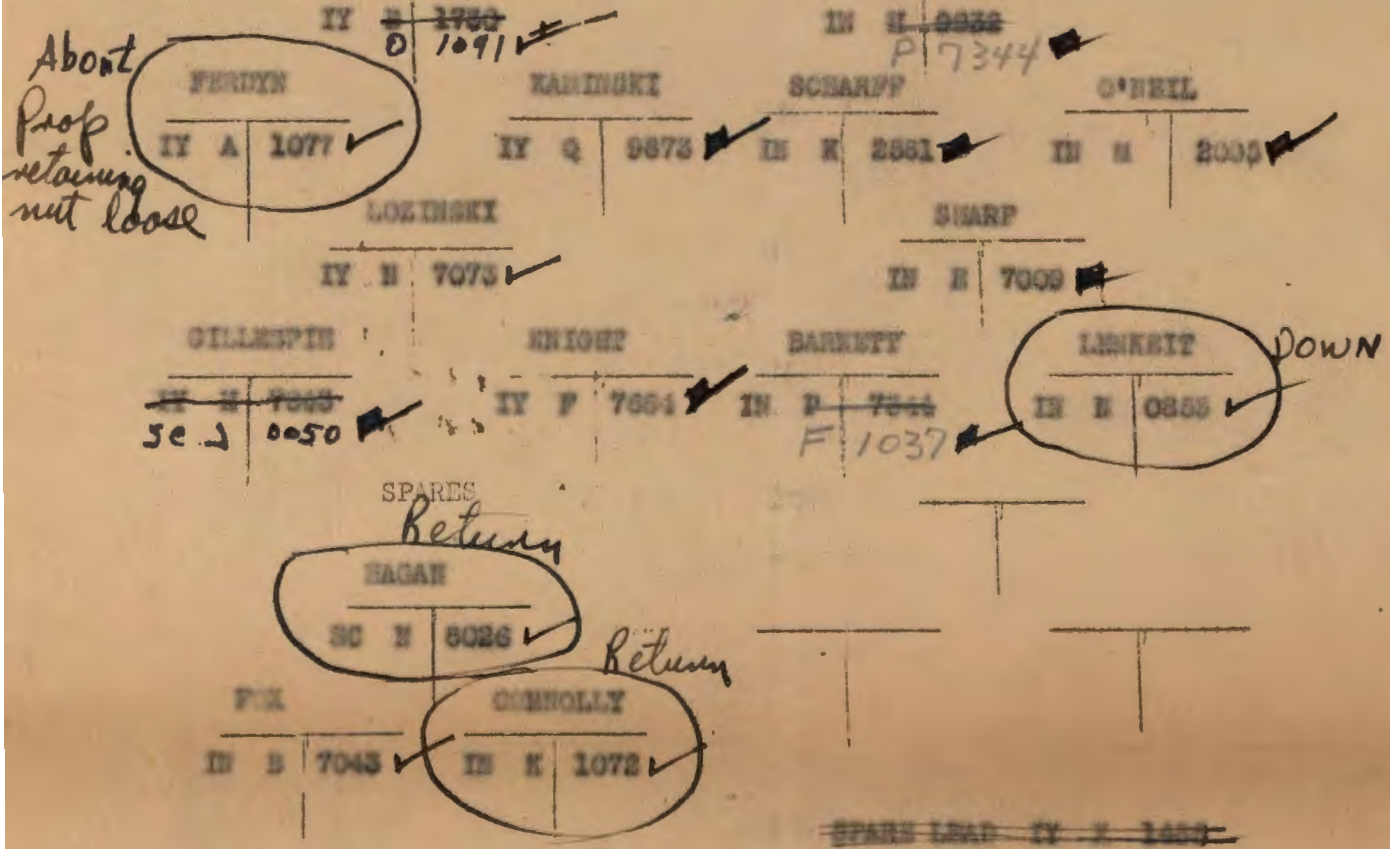


618 SQDN

613 SQDN

LEWIS

LEW



SPARE LEAD Y K 1002
GROUND SPARES:
Y C 1001
SC J 0350

HIGH QDN HIGH BOX "A" WING

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SQDN

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613th IN MACRO
614th IW GOLFCLUB
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SQDN

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WALSH

~~IN R~~ ~~557~~ ✓

RISHER

TAYLOR

IW K 1369 ✓

IW D 2394 ✓

BARTLEY

IW F 7395 ✓

PISETTE

LINCOLN

IW G 7084 ✓

IW R 7780 ✓

SPARES

Return
PARR

IY K 1069 ✓

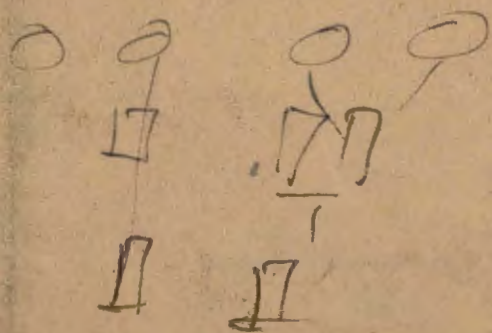
KENNY

IW Q 7478 ✓

Return
KILMER

IW A 7440 ✓

Sgt Wafong - 28th Sta. Camp:



843 - Gen. of Sial Lake
730 - Garden Scavenger Pump:

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

8 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
the airplanes operated by this Squadron the combat mission
completed this date.

AIRPLANE NO.	BATTLE DAMAGE
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42-31891	1. Negative.

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

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

MISSION No. **65**

Date: **8 MAY 44**

TO: **BERLIN , GER.**

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
Station 123 - APO 557
U S Army

D-J-3

8 May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition and Tactical Analysis Report on Mission
to Berlin, Germany, 8 May 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557,
U. S. Army. (Attention: A-2)

1. No E/A were encountered by the 401st Bombardment Group (H)..
on the Mission to Berlin, Germany, this date.

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

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

D-3-3

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612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 557

AAF Station 128
8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

Plane 42-31891

P Currie, Donald A.
CP Maupin, Jere W.
N Haberer, Walter E.
B Winn, Roy R.
RO DiPierre, Cosimo A.
TTG Gibson, Earl C.
BTG Graf, Cecil C.
TG Johnston, Clayton A.
LWG Severson, Marvel T.
RWG Amber, Joe R.

1st Lt.
Major
Capt.
1st Lt.
T Sgt
S Sgt
S Sgt
2nd Lt.
S Sgt
S Sgt

612th

Plane 42-38026

P Hagan, Marion O. Jr.
CP Dunn, John B. Jr.
N Cordell, Wilbur F.
B Graham, Fred E.
RO Barr, Martin A.
TTG Simmons, Harry G. Jr.
BTG Cox, Wade M.
TG Henson, William W.
LWG Huston, Arthur A.
RWG Stone, James A.

1st Lt.
2nd Lt.
2nd Lt.
2nd Lt.
T Sgt
T Sgt
S Sgt
S Sgt
S Sgt
S Sgt

Plane 42-106992

P Massey, William E.
CP Ceresa, Dominic (NMI)
N Nealon, William T.
B Stelljes, Louis J.
RO Eames, Harold L.
TTG Faulkner, James R.
BTG Mahler, Robert L.
TG White, Paul A.
LWG Walters, Alfred E.
RWG Berard, Francis J.

2nd Lt.
2nd Lt.
2nd Lt.
2nd Lt.
S Sgt
S Sgt
Sgt
Sgt
Sgt
Sgt

612th

Plane 42-106992

Plane 42-79993

P	Bingham, George F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Woods, Robert R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tomlinson, Harvey G.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lott, Eugene F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Giorgiani, Alex. (NMI)	T Sgt	"
TTG	Dunn, Johnny K.	T Sgt	"
BTG	Johns, Carl W.	T Sgt	"
TG	Yeatts, Lawson K.	T Sgt	"
LWG	Salechitano, Frank J.	T Sgt	"
RWG	Callahan, Michael J.	T Sgt	"

Plane 42- 97487

P	Johnson, Benjamin H. Jr.	1st Lt.
CP	Waller, Jack E.	2nd Lt.
N	Fishbeck, Howard D.	1st Lt.
B	Musso, David M.	1st Lt.
RO	Brandt, Melvin A.	T Sgt
TTG	Sellitto, John N.	T Sgt
BTG	Schaefer, Donald E.	S Sgt
TG	Blaugh, Joseph M.	S Sgt
LWG	Shannon, James L.	S Sgt
RWG	Litchfield, Russell E.	S Sgt

Plane 42-31087

P	Wells, Kenneth G.	1st Lt.
CP	Guinn, Eulin N.	2nd Lt.
N	Gelula, Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt.
B	Lingenfelter, Leo I.	2nd Lt.
RO	Bartlett, Edward M.	T Sgt
TTG	Larson, Robert D.	T Sgt
BTG	Convertino, Rico S.	S Sgt
TG	Weatherman, James H.	S Sgt
LWG	Malen, Irvin L.	S Sgt
RWG	Chapman, William E.	S Sgt

Plane 42-31662

P	Ople, Kermit H.	2nd Lt.
CP	McKinnon, Douglas H.	2nd Lt.
N	Schwartz, Joseph M.	2nd Lt.
B	Weiman, Karl K.	2nd Lt.
RO	Simmons, Arnold P.	S Sgt
TTG	Fleetwood, Gerald C.	S Sgt
BTG	Bodde, John F.	Sgt
TG	Vantzle, Alvin (NMI) Jr.	Sgt
LWG	Brauer, Harry A.	Sgt
RWG	Burns, Ralph F.	Sgt

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OFFICE OF THE OBSERVATION OFFICER
JOINT BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
EIGHT BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)

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

8 MAY 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST

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

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

POST	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. A2-97344</u>				
P	1st LT.	LEN	SAMMY	(NMI)
CP	2nd LT.	FRIST	GORDON	B.
N	2nd LT.	SCHLIEFER	ROGER	F.
B	2nd LT.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
RO	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT	T/SGT.	UPSON	THOMAS	(NMI)
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	PAT	E.
TG	S/SGT.	HEBES	ARLIE	E.
ING	S/SGT.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	E.
HQ	S/SGT.	MC CARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-11005</u>				
P	2nd LT.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
CP	2nd LT.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
N	2nd LT.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2nd LT.	GOBER	IRRE	C.
RO	S/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	T/SGT.	GREER	CIGIL	B.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
EE ING	S/SGT.	BAMBLER	JAMES	E.
EEB HQ	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.
TG	S/SGT.	PETZER	ELMER	M.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-102581</u>				
P	1st LT.	SCHARTT	PAUL	F.
CP	2nd LT.	ROBERT	CHARLES	A.
N	2nd LT.	BERNARD SCHARTT	BERNARD	(NMI)
B	2nd LT.	HOOVER	ROBERT	H.
RO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	EARL	RICHARD	K.
BT	SGT.	LARSON	DEAN	C.
TG	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	M.
ING	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROCCO	P.
HQ	SGT.	FYNIGAN	FREDERICK	G.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-107009</u>				
P	1st LT.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2nd LT.	HESS	VINCENT	J.
N	2nd LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	H.
B	1st LT.	GRATE	LOUIS	B.
RO	T/SGT.	BRADY	OTHO	H.
TT	M/SGT.	OLDER	HEROLD	E.
BT	SGT.	SIEDERIS	JOHN	J.
TG	S/SGT.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
ING	S/SGT.	TOBINE	ROBERT	T.
HQ	SGT.	LEAH	JAMES	A.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-30855</u>				
P	2nd LT.	LEEBIT	DANA	M.
CP	2nd LT.	JOHNSON	WINDALL	T.
N	1st LT.	EDGERTT	CYRUS	P.
B	2nd LT.	HERSHIMER	HAROLD	B.
RO	S/SGT.	RENNER ABRAHAM	MARSHALL	T.
TT	T/SGT.	PACK	JESSE	O.
BT	S/SGT.	DAVIS	LEONARDO	S. (612th)
TG	S/SGT.	ROSE	ANTHONY	F.
ING	S/SGT.	RICE	EDWARD	J.
HQ	SGT.	COLE	THOMAS	B.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31037</u>				
P	EXXEXX 2nd LT.	KXEXXEXX BARNETT	RICHARD	S.
CP	2nd LT.	FRAIZER	DONALD	F.
N	2nd LT.	WOLIVER	IRVING	(NMI)
B	2nd LT.	WEISS	NORMAN	(NMI)
RO	SGT.	MAILER	ARTHUR	P.
TT	S/SGT.	WELLS	JAMES	E.
BT	SGT.	HICKS ITT	PETER	(NMI)
TG	SGT.	D'AGASTINO	VICTOR	(NMI)
LEG	SGT.	CASS	LEA	C.
RSG	SGT.	BARNES	MENLE	E.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-107043</u>				
P	2nd LT.	FOX FOX	MARSHALL	S.
CP	2nd LT.	BERG	ROY	A.
N	2nd LT.	HORTON	THERON	S.
B	F/O	DRAKE	WALTER	F.
RO	S/SGT.	AVERY	WILLIAM	R.
TT	S/SGT.	HILL	JAMES	E.
BT	S/SGT.	DALTON	JOHN	L.
TG	SGT.	SANDERS	ROBERT	T.
LEG	SGT.	JORDAN	J.	W.
RSG	SGT.	GUILFOY	THOMAS	P.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-31072</u>				
P	2nd LT.	CONNOLLY	JOHN	J.
CP	2nd LT.	BOGGS	JAMES	B.
N	2nd LT.	KRISE	THOMAS	H.
B	2nd LT.	BOLLER	EDWARD	H.
RO	S/SGT.	HERLEY	BANCLAY	J.
TT	S/SGT.	MILLS	CARL	W.
BT	SGT.	PEREZ	FRANK	D.
TG	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	W.
LEG	SGT.	FREEMAN	MAURICE	(NMI)
RSG	SGT.	BELKNAP	LEE	O.

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

AAF Station # 128
 8 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

*Plane 42-31557

P	1st Lt.	WALSH, ROBERT P.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	SOBOLAK, BENNIE W.	"
N	1st Lt.	PORTER, GUY R.	"
CG	S/Sgt.	Layland, John M.	"
RO	Sgt.	Zappala, Vincent	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Modling, Oden W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cellie, Perry O.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Brgeoch, Ludvick J.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Cartmill, Charles L.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Michel, Delmar E.	"

*Plane 42-97395

P	1st Lt.	BARTLEY, LEO S.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND, HOWARD W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RYAN, WILLIAM F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	CARTER, JAMES P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Frederick, Eugene D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Rader, Richard A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hurd, Robert O.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	DeGraff, Andrew D.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Sherman, Gilbert (NMI)	"

*Plane 42-102594

P	2nd Lt.	TAYLOR, FRED M.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	ROESKE, WARREN A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	GRISSET, JACQUES (NMI)	"
B	2nd Lt.	COYNE, VAUGHN B.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Stuebing, Ephraim G.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Sullivan, Harry L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Ellsworth, Kenneth E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Leiferman, Gerald J.	"
LWG	Pvt.	Dehart, Harold H.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Dondeville, Clem H.	"

*Plane 42-102780

P	2nd Lt.	LINCOLN, CLIFFORD A.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	KELLEY, CURTIS C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MATRICIAN, MICHAEL	"
B	2nd Lt.	DANILAVEZ, STEPHEN J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Johnson, Oscar M.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Bredelis, Raymond G.	"
BT	Sgt.	Steits, Clarence R.	"
TG	Sgt.	Classfok, John F. Jr.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Moll, Robert C.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Haley, Daniel J. Jr.	"

Loading List (Con't)

*Plane 42-31369

P	1st Lt.	RISHER, JAMES F.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	REFENNING, JACK L.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RICKS, FRANK W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	BROWN, VINCENT E.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Musseter, William M.	"
TT	Sgt.	Ockerman, Robert H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Baker, Harry R.	"
TG	Sgt.	Baker, James J.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Miller, Jennings F. Jr.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Crece, Rudolph M.	"

*Plane 42-107084

P	2nd Lt.	FISSETTE, ROBERT L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, CHARLES F.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONVERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FULGIM XXXXXXXX WILLIAM P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Crites, Emory	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Garlin, Harry C. Jr.	"
BT	Sgt.	Tollefsen, Lawson M.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wright, Dale L.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Long, Albert D.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Mack, Allen W.	"

*Plane 42-39440

XP Plane P	2nd Lt.	KILMER, ALPHEUS L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HUNTER, JAMES M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	GRIGGS, WILLIAM C. JR.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FOWLER, EUGENE K.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Brooks, Robert L.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Deitsch, Deleis F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Gormley, Edward M.	"
TG	Sgt.	Mannisi, Angelo A.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Hicks, Robert G.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Alexander, James S.	"

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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.	Cohen, Roy V.	"
TT	Cpl.	Dixon, William E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Hambricht, Richard F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Higbee, Mark (NMI)	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Pearlman, Herman (NMI)	"
RWG	Sgt.	Peschon, Raymond J.	"

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

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Loading list.

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

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

PLANE # 42-31091

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Lewis	Clyde	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Maloney	Ralph	B.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Eaton	William	M.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Arnold	Harold	S.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Binkin	Nathan	C.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Weber	Melvin	C.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Howell	James	E.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Cushing	Leonard	H.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Tosh	William	A.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Harry	E.	615th

PLANE # 42-39873

P	1st Lt.	Kaminski	Vincent	J.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Mallon	Richard	W.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Mildinger	Lawrence	J.	615th
B	S/Sgt.	Sweepe	William	H.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Chenathan	Elmer	R.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Draginis	Donald	L.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Powell	Gerald	J.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Robideaux	Jay	W.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Loadholt	Jay	T.	615th

PLANE # 42-40050

P	2nd Lt.	Gillespie	Elmer	G.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Chapman	Theodore	(NMI)	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Vason	Hodge	E.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Taylor	David	L.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	McFall	Charlie	A.	615th
TT	Sgt.	Zirbel	Don	D.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Browning	Elmer	E.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Dickson	Jefferson	D.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Harley	Jerome	V.	615th
RWG	Sgt.	Lambert	Thomas	M.	615th

PLANE # 42-31077

P	1st Lt.	Ferdyn	Joseph	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Enstad	Robert	J.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Manning	Charles	H.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (10)	Dee	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.	Hertzau	Harold	(NMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	May	William	M.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Bushendorf	Everett	M.	615th

LEVER # 42-21088

PLANE # 42-31089

P	2nd Lt.	Farr	Clinton	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Elevins	Charles	H.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Hansen	Gerald	(H.)	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Ridley	John	H.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Allen	John	L.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Bossley	Marson	P.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Tarhorst	Arthur	(H.)	615th
TG	Sgt.	Holland	James	D.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Daniels	George	C.	615th
RWG	Sgt.	Perez	Louis	A.	615th

PLANE # 42-97884

P	2nd Lt.	Knight	Dan	C.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Querin	William	B.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Cummings	Lawrence	T.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	C.	615th
RO	Sgt.	Dangler	Walter	H.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Sartor	William	D.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Mackowiak	William	B.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Pacely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	(J.)	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Cope	Frederick	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-97073

P	1st Lt.	Losinski	Stephen	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Shelton	Horace	H.	615th
N	P/O	Rush	Louis	H.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Hughes	Harold	H.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Weber	Bernard	J.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Friedman	Irvin	I.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Keller	James	P.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Hussey	Ambrose	H.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Brook	Kenneth	H.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Williams	John	A.	615th

PLANE # 42-38043

RO	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Wally	H.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Loeb	Witt	V.	615th
LO	S/Sgt.	Overmyer	Georg	H.	615th
EL	S/Sgt.	Kennedy	James	H.	615th
LE	S/Sgt.	Neel	Walter	C.	615th
NO	S/Sgt.	Hinkle	Harold	C.	615th
H	T/Sgt.	Blanchard	Blanchard	H.	615th
H	T/Sgt.	Kurson	Witt	H.	615th
GL	S/Sgt.	Wojcik	Witt	H.	615th
B	Cub	James	Witt	V.	615th

NAME	SYMBOL	GRADE (NAME)	NAME	(MI)	ASSIGNMENT
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PLANE # 42-27001

1. BOTTOMLINE TO THE TOP OF COVERED PLANE BELT/STRETCH TO COVER, A STRETCH

LO : OBSERVATIONS OF COVERED PLANE (H) VLO & RRA

SUBJECT: COVERED PLANE

VLO - SEP - 1944 - VLO - RRA

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVATIONS OF COVERED PLANE

FROM: HANDED AND HANDED HANDED HANDED (H)

BY: HANDED AND HANDED HANDED HANDED (H)

HEADQUARTERS
 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Staff Weather Officer
 APO 957, U.S. Army

8 May 1944

WEATHER INTERPRETATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 8 MAY 1944

TAKE-OFF: 0630. Clear. Visibility 4 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Nil low cloud becoming 1/10 cumulus, tops 6-8000', over channel, increasing to 6-8/10 at continental coast, tops 8-10,000', and further increasing to 9-10/10 a few miles inland. Nil middle or high cloud. Dense, persistent contrails at 22-23,000' left by previous groups from 12 deg. E. to the target. Visibility unrestricted above the clouds.

TARGET: 1121. 10/10 cumulus, tops 8-10,000'. Nil middle or high cloud. Dense, persistent contrails at 22-23,000' left by previous groups. Visibility unrestricted above clouds.

ROUTE BACK: 9-10/10 cumulus, tops 8-10,000', becoming 8-9/10 at 9 deg. E. and 5-8/10 shortly thereafter, further decreasing to nil over the channel, increasing again to 3-4/10 cumulus, base 3500', tops 4000' at about 1 deg. E. Nil middle cloud. Nil high cloud, becoming 2-3/10 cirrus at 20,000' over England. Dense, persistent contrails left by previous groups at 22-23,000' from the target to 12 deg. E. Visibility unrestricted above clouds.

BACK ON RETURN: 1423. 4/10 cumulus, base 3500', tops 4000'. Nil middle cloud. 2/10 cirrus at 20,000'. Visibility 5 miles.

REMARKS: Top of haze layer at 6000' upon take-off. Light, non-persistent contrails beginning at 9 deg. E. at 21-22,000', becoming dense, persistent between 22,000' and 25,000'. Temperatures 3-6 degrees colder than briefed: -28 deg. at 20,000'; -40 deg. at 24,500'; -43 deg. at 26,000'. Winds aloft: as briefed.

Arthur B. Street
 ARTHUR B. STREET
 Captain, A. C.
 Staff Weather Officer

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 8 May, 1944
 PERIOD 0500 - 1400 hrs
 AG P-BR HQ SOS 122929

	A Base to Target	B Target To Base	C	D
WEATHER	Partly Cloudy with Occasional Mist becoming Partly Cloudy to Cloudy and then Cloudy East of 10 Deg East.	Partly Cloudy becoming Partly Cloudy to Cloudy West of 10 Deg East and then Cloudy over England.		
CLOUDS	Nil to 3/10 Stratocumulus base 2500 tops 5-6000ft. becoming 4-6/10 Strato-cumulus over North Sea and Continental Coast. Decreasing inland to Nil to 3/10 becoming 3-5/10 Stratocumulus base 2000ft tops 5-6000ft. between 08 and 10 Deg East and 6-9/10 large Cumulus base 2000ft tops 10-12,000ft East of 10 Deg East.	REVERSE OF A2 EXCEPT 3-5/10 Cumulus base 3000ft tops 5000ft over England and 5-7/10 Cirrus at 23,000 and above over England.	2-4/10 Cirrus at 23,000ft and above.	---NOTE--- Light NON-persistent Contrails at the 20-23,000ft becoming light and Persistent at 23,000ft and above
ICING	4000ft Nil becoming Moderate Clear East of 10 Deg East.	4000ft Moderate Clear becoming Nil East of 10 Deg East.		
VISIBILITY	1-3 Miles Locally 1000ft becoming 15-20 miles aloft.	6 miles Plus.		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to 05 Deg East Light and Variable	05 Deg East to 08 Deg E. Light and Variable	08 Deg E. to 14 Deg E. 010 15	Plan A Plan B Navigational Temp. Plus 09 Plus 09
5000 FT	Light and Variable	Light and Variable	010 25	-02 -01
10000 FT	340 10	360 25	020 30	-06 -07
15000 FT	350 15	360 35	030 35	-15 -18
20000 FT	360 25	010 45	030 35	-25 -24
25000 FT	010 30	020 55	040 40	-35 -36
30000 FT	010 35	020 60	040 40	-47 -47

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.33 in TARGET SURFACE TEMP. Plus 09 TARGET MEAN TEMP. Plan A -07.3 Plan B
 TEMP. AT 19000 FT. -23.0 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -11.8
 25000 FT. -36.0 Plan A Pressure Altitude at Sea Level 2
Plan B -29.1 ft Plan A -34.6 ft