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REPORT OF OPERATIONAL DAY

MISSION No. 218 Date: 28 FEB. 45

TO: SOEST , GER.

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: SOEST, GERMANY

2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. Two GH A/C were furnished by the 303rd Group -- one each for the lead and high squadrons. One PFF was included in the lead and high squadrons. Three spares accompanied the formation.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: SOEST, GERMANY (GH)

2. a. Group Leader: Capt. J. R. LOCHER (McGoldrick)

   Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. E. LEWIS (Peterson - MO)

   Extra Navigator: 2nd Lt. A. GOLD

   Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. G. W. PEEK

   b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. G. S. SCHAUNAMAN

   Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. R. E PURRIER

   Lead Bombaridier: 1st Lt. K. E. SANDOE

   c. High Squadron Leader: Capt. P. E. CAMPBELL

   Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. R. F. WHITNEY (Tharpe - MO)

   Lead Bombardier: Capt. H. S. ARNOLD

3. Flight Over England:

   a. Takeoff:

   Takeoff was as briefed with good visibility -- all ships took off successfully.

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3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

The squadron and group assemblies were as briefed with the lead squadron at 9,000'. Assembly was accomplished in very good time. With 36 aircraft and 3 spares our formation before departure time.

c. Route Over England:

Wing assembly was accomplished as briefed and route over England was followed. With C. P. # 1 made on course 1 minute late. The 94th "B" group left C. P. # 1 in briefed # 2 division position.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Was as briefed and the group maintained its position in the Division column. The timings were nearly as briefed with only a minute or two either way.

b. Bombing Run:

Cloud cover over the IP and target was 10/10's. The bomb run was made in group formation on a strictly GH run. Bombs were salvoed by the group lead on the GH operators synchronization. All others used a 30 foot intervalometer setting. Results were unobserved. The high squadron made an individual GH run, bombing somewhat to the left of the lead and low squadrons about 4 minutes early.

c. Flight from Target:

The rally was accomplished in good time although two groups moved in ahead of us before reaching C. P. # 4. After crossing enemy lines a let down was started and continued to 10,000 feet. Then after crossing the continental coast a let down to 7,000 feet was made.

d. Return to Base:

As there was a 10/10's undercast it was necessary to make an instrument let down over the buncher. After let down the aircraft returned to base and landed individually.

e. Weather:

Weather was 10/10's strato-cumulus with base at 5,000 and tops 6,000 - 7,000 over nearly the entire route with occasional small breaks over the continent. And large breaks south of the route over Germany. No middle cloud and 2 - 3/10's high cloud at about 28,000. No contrails encountered at flight altitude enroute.

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4. f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was adequate.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formation was good throughout entire mission. High and Low squadron leaders should be commended on an excellent job.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Where all Groups have their own GH aircraft and operators this type of mission will be quite a bit more successful.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

A/C 43-38862 - No Credit. No 3 engine oil pressure dropped to 40 lbs--cylinder head temp went up to 225°. No. 3 engine instruments corrected to show apparent engine failure.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition nor flak was encountered.

7. Battle Damage: None.

8. Casualties: None.

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

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Due to complete undercast results were unobserved.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

Of the 13 A/C sorties, 12 attacked the primary target, dropping 214 X 250# GP and 24 X 500# IB. Aborting A/C 862 returned 18 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

Low Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C of the low squadron bombed the primary target, dropping 214 X 250# GP and 24 X 500# IB bombs. The spare returned 18 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

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10. b. Disposition of Bombs (Cont'd)

High Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the primary target, dropping 215 X 250# GP and 24 X 500# IB. The spare returned 18 X 250# GP and 2 X 500# IB's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose	Fusing Tail
Main Bombfall	36	36*	(643	250#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(72	500#	IB	-	-
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			(643	250#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(72	500#	IB	-	-
Other Expenditures			1	250#	GP	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			(54	250#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(6	500#	IB	-	-
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			698	250#	GP	1/10	1/40
			78	500#	IB	-	-

* Incl 2 GH of 303rd Group.

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted By:

KEN W. DAUBLE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HIGH SQDN 94th B Group

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CAMPBELL Date: 28 Feb 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT GERBER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT ASCHENBACH

___ SQDN

612 SJ JAENOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

401st Bomb Group
Takeoff and over target

CAMPBELL
256

SALISBURY
464

GERBER
468

SQDN

SQDN

ST AUBYN
322

THOMPSON R.
646

SORENSON
395

AYRE
931

JAMES
012

CAMERON
151

FONIREN
602

VIEHMAN
565

RICHARDSON
738

SPARES

PARK
758 Returned.

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LEAD SQDN 94th B Group

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT LOCHER Date: 28 Feb 1945

~~Deputy Sq. Leader~~: LT ASCHENBACH

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT ASCHENBACH

612 SC JAENOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

401st Bomb Group
Takeoff and over target

SQDN

LOCHER
537

MC KENNEY
132

ASCHENBACH
707

SQDN

BAKER
398

LEVY
506

MAY
160

COX
607

YOUNG
862 Abort

MAHARICK
591

SPARKS

over Target

SHEPHERD
458

SQDN

SCHELLER
313

NELSO
791

EGLIN
706

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LOW SQDN 94th B Group

Combat Sq. Leader: LT SCHAUNAMAN Date: 28 Feb 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HART

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT ASCHENBACH

SQDN

612 SC JAEWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

401st Bomb Group
Takeoff and over target.

SCHAUNAMAN
780

HOLT
992

HART
941

SQDN

BLOETSCHER
637

HUDNALL
680

SCHLIEMANN
790

COMER
541

MARTIN
039

SPARES

STEPHENS
113 Returned.

SQDN

STRAUSS
662

HARVESON
393

CAMPBELL
733

NOLAN
992

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

Date 28 Feb 1945

SUBJECT: Lead and Deputy Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Hoest, Germany.

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

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

a. T/O at 1047 hours.
b. Group formed at 1200 hours on Cottesmore buncher. at 9000 ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at 1228 hours at Bodney.
d. Route over England was (~~xxxx~~ flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, D.R., Mickey

f. Division formation was joined at 1248 hrs. at Felixstowe.
g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee Mickey D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

51 18N 09 03E

(2) True heading over target 318.
(3) Actual drift 6 right.
(4) Altitude over target ~~25~~ 24750.
(5) Time bombs away 1511½.
(6) Wind used for bombing 247/32.
(7) Method of target identification.

G-H Bombing

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(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

G-H picked up wrong LOP

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10

(10) Axis of withdrawal 030.

j. Group rally was accomplished at 51 40N 08 29E at 1519 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at same at _____ hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at same at _____ hrs.
m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee Micley D.R. Pilotage

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

q. Performance of equipment.

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

L.G. LEWIS A.J. GOLD
1st Lt., Air Corps 2nd Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Lead

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

Date 28 Feb 1945

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

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

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

a. T/O at 1050½ hours.
b. Group formed at 1152 hours on Cottesmore buncher. at 8000 ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at 1228 hours at Bodney.
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 1248 hrs. at Felixstowe.
g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

(2) True heading over target 320.
(3) Actual drift -6.
(4) Altitude over target 24250.
(5) Time bombs away 1513½.
(6) Wind used for bombing 273/26.
(7) Method of target identification.

G-H

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(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal ~~020 M.H.~~.

j. Group rally was accomplished at ~~51 40N 08 29E~~ at ~~1519~~ hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at Same at _____ hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at Same at _____ hrs.
m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee D.R. ~~Mickey~~ Radio

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

q. Performance of equipment.

(1) Mickey None
(2) Gee Good
(3) Radio Compass Good
(4) Fluxgate Fair
(5) Other equipment. O.K.

~~/S/R. E. Purrier~~
R.E. PURRIER
~~1st Lt., Air Corps~~
Lead Navigator. Low

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Office of the Navigation Officer

Date ~~28 Feb 1945~~

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

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

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

a. T/O at 1050 hours.
b. Group formed at 1157 hours on Cottesmore buncher. at 10000 ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at 1228 hours at Rodney.
d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.
Gee, D.R.

f. Division formation was joined at 1248 hrs. at ~~Felixstowe~~.
g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee D.R. Mickey

i. Bomb run.

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

(2) True heading over target 285.
(3) Actual drift 4 right.
(4) Altitude over target ~~24750~~ 25600.
(5) Time bombs away 1507½.
(6) Wind used for bombing 272/35.
(7) Method of target identification.

10/10 Gee-H

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(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10

(10) Axis of withdrawal 020 degrees.

j. Group rally was accomplished at ~~51 40N 08 29~~ at 1519 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at same at same hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at same at same hrs.
m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee Mickey 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 poor
(2) Gee good
(3) Radio Compass good
(4) Fluxgate poor
(5) Other equipment. O.K.

RAY F. WHITNEY
1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator.

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FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Capt Locher (Air Cmdr) NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Lester G. Lewis DATE 28 Feb 1945

STATIONS 0925	ENGINES 1025	TAXI 1040	T.O. 1055	
LEAVE BASE	1207			
COAST OUT	1247			
ENEMY COAST	1320			
I. P.	1453			
TARGET	1505			
ENEMY COAST	1711	Eng Coast 1744		
RTB	1892			

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	IAS MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	G.S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52 44N 00 39W	250	9000	150	149	057	-2	55	18	065	168	20	07	1207	Depart			
Donington "B"	19	-2															
52 55N 00 12W	250	10000	150	152	122	6	128	10	138	164	40	15-1	1228				
Rodney "D"	20	10000	-3														
52 34N 00 43E	252	10000	150	154	175	8	183	10	193	148	28	11½	1239				
Lavenham "C"	22	12000	-5														
52 06N 00 47E	254	12000	150	156	111	5	116	9	125	175	22	08	1247	C.P. #1			
Felixstowe C.P. #1	24	Start Climb															
51 58N 01 21E	256	13000	150	159	174	9	183	9	192	154	36	14-1	1302				
N. Foreland	26	14000	-9														
51 22N 01 27E	260	15500	150	166	098	4	102	9	111	194	55	17-1	1320	Coast C.P. #2			
51 15N 02 55E	30	17000	-14														
" "	260	21000	150	180	121	8	129	8	137	206	136	40-3	1403	C.P. #3			
50 05N 06 00E	37	25000	-29					7									
" "	270	25000	150	192	090	0	090	7	097	232	38	10	1413				
50 05N 07 00E	40																
" "	"	"	"	"	080	-2	078	6	084	231	28	07-1	1421				
50 10N 07 43E																	
" "	"	"	"	"	077	-3	074	6	080	230	31	08	1429				
50 29N 08 30E																	
" "	"	"	"	"	047	-8	039	5	044	220	41	11	1440				
50 45N 09 18E																	
" "	"	"	"	"	331	-11	320	5	325	169	37	13	1453	I.P.			
51 17N 08 50E																	
" "	270	25000	150	193	304	-7	297	6	303	158	32½	12½-½	1505	TGT			
51 35N 08 07E	40	Start Descent															
" "	"	24500	170	219	023	-10	013	6	019	231	10	03	1508				
51 44N 08 13E		24000	-34														
" "	"	23500	160	202	106	3	109	6	115	240	15	04-1	1513				
51 40N 08 37E																	
" "	"	23000	150	186	201	12	213	6	219	167	96	35-2	1550				
50 10N 07 43E			-33														
" "	270	23000	150	186	260	2	262	6	268	147	28	12	1602	C.P. #4			
50 05N 07 00E	40	Start Descent															
" "	280/31	-16½M	170	190	301	-6	295	7	302	165	72	26	1651				
50 50N 04 00E	250/20	10000	150	151		-6	295		302	137	17	7					
" "	"	"	"	151	305	-6	299	8	307	139	45	20	1711	Coast			
51 16N 03 00E																	
" "	250/16	6 M	170	160	305	-5	300	9	309	150	40	16	1744	English Coast			
Felixstowe	260/15	2 M	150	159		-4	301		310	122	34	17					
51 58N 01 21E	260	2000	150	133	296	-4	292	10	302	120	39	20	1804				
New Market	15																
51 15N 00 24E	260	2000	150	133	342	-6	336	10	346	130	27	13	1817	Wing Breakup			
Fisbeck	15	2000															
52 40N 00 10E	"	2000	150	133	250	-1	251	10	261	140	30	15	1832	ETS			
Base	250	0 -	150	141	114	-4	118	10	128	153	76	30½	1216	LTTO	Takes 30 min to climb		
Felixstowe	16	12000											1247				
Cottesmore	253	9000 to 12M	150	155	122	-6	128	10	138	169	87	31	1216	LTime for Group Departure			
													1247				
1047					Take Off												
1109					Circling Cottesmore Group formed 1200												
1206	57	295/21	50		Depart Point Y					150	9000	150			160	20	07	1113
1212			50		52 54N 00 17W					"	"	"					
1213			50		A/C 2 mi left Point E					"	"	"				37		
1213		295/21	122												173	138	13	1229
1216			130		52 58N 00 03W					"	"	"					
1222			132		52 52N 00 22E					150	10000	152			170	22	08	1230
1228			160		52 42N 00 42E 8 mi North Pt. D					150	11000 -2				173	50	17	1245
1234			175		52 27N 00 51E					150	12000							
1241			180		52 12N 00 54E 8 mi NW Pt. E.					150	12000	157			177	22	07½	1248½
1241			142								12000	157						
1248		295/21	140		51 57N 01 20E C.P. #2					150	12000	157						
1248		295/21	180							150	12000	157						
1254½			182		51 40N 01 30E					150	13000 -6				171	19	06½	1301

FLIGHT RECORD

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FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN DIST.	RUN TIME	C.S.	TO RUN DIST.	TO RUN TIME	E.T.A.
1300			183		51 28N 01 30E		150	14000 -8							
1303			183		2 mi right N. Foreland										
1305		295/21	102		51 17N 01 38E		150	15000 -10				188	48	15	1320
1310	102		100		51 14N 02 08E		150	15500 -12		20	06	200			
1315	099		098		51 13N 02 31E		150	16000	167	34	10	204	15	04½	1319½
1321			090		51 15N 03 00E CP #2 ½ minutes late		150	17000 -15							
1321		303/37	120				150	"							
~~[illegible]~~ 1326			~~[illegible]~~ 125		~~[illegible]~~ 51 12N 03 20E		150	18000 -17	185			222	121	33	1359
1331½			130		51 02N 03 52E		150	19000		23	05½	250			
1337	121	252/50	133		50 53N 04 12E		150	20000	177	38	11	207			
1353			145		50 17N 05 20E (Mickey) ~~285/24~~		150	22000 -25				222	28½	07½	1400½
1400			130		50 01N 06 00E 4 mi South G.P. #3		150	22500 -25							
1400		252/50	095									233	38	10	1410
1402½			093		50 02N 06 06E		150	23000 -30							
1410	089		091		50 02N 06 50E		150	24000	190	33	10	198			
1418		247/32	080		50 02N 07 35E		150	25000	190	57	15½	200	38½	10½	1428½
1428	068		060		50 15N 08 20E		150	25000 -34	193	32	10	192			
1428			040		50 15N 08 20E		150	25000	193						
1441			038		50 45N 09 22E		"	"	"	50					
1449			310				"	"	"			180	22	07½	1456½
1456½			290		I.P.		150	24700	194			175	32½	11	1507½
1511½			318	323	Bombs Away		150	24750	194	54	22½	146			
1518			200		51 40N 08 29E		150	23000	188						
1533		295/50	215		50 53N 08 15E		150	23000	188	48	15	192	47½	15	1548
1539			220		50 38N 08 13E							192	34	10½	1549½
1549			210		50 17N 07 54E		--	---	---	38	16	142			
1552			220		50 07N 07 43E		--	---	---						
~~[illegible]~~ 1557			~~[illegible]~~ 265		50 06N 07 26E		150	23000 -28				140	16½	07	1604
1604		265/40	265		50 05N 07 00E	G.P. #4 on course	150	---	188	28	12	140			
1604		265/48	268				--	---	---	--	--	140	38	16	1620
1610			265		50 03N 06 37E Gee		150	23000	188						
1620			290		50 09N 06 06E		150	23000	188						
1626			290		50 22N 05 41E		170	21500							
1630			285		50 27N 05 30E		170	20000							
1635			280		50 34N 05 10E			18000							
1643			280		50 44N 04 32E			14000		26	10	156	20	07	1652
1655½			290		50 56N 03 53E		150	10000		27	10½	154	38	15	1710½
1704			290		51 06N 03 25E		150	10000				150	19	07½	1711½
1711			290		51 16N 03 00E Belgian Coast		150	9500							
1721	306	262/43	295		51 28N 02 34E			9500	157	20½	10	123	54	26	1747
1732			295		51 43N 01 59E		170	8000		47	21	134	27	12	1744

SIGNED_____NAVIGATOR

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FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT _____ NAVIGATOR _____ DATE _____

STATIONS	ENGINES	TAXI	T.O.
LEAVE BASE			
COAST OUT			
ENEMY COAST			
I. P.			
TARGET			
ENEMY COAST			

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 USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D. R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN DIST.	RUN TIME	G. S.	TO RUN DIST.	TO RUN TIME	E.T.A.
1739			293		51 51N 01 37E		150	7000				134	11½	05	1744
1744			290		Felixstowe English Coast In		150	7000	145	27½	12	137	38½	17	1801
1753½	299	227/29	288		52 07N 00 51E		150	7000	145	21	09½	133	66	29	1822½
1807			293		52 21N 00 11E		150	7000	145	28	13½	124	98½	18½	1825½
1816			295		52 33N 00 19W		150	7000	145			124	21	10	1826
1826					Cottesmore Instrument let down										
1840			180		Holesworth										
1846					LANDED										
					NOTE: Mickey degrees and distances were omitted from this log.										
						A certified true copy:									
									JAMES F. EGAN Major, Air Corps Group Navigator						

VIII BOMBER COMMAND – PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TRACK CHART

DATE Feb. 28, 1945

TARGET

Primary Soest, Germany

Secondary

Last Resort

Blue

Red

Route followed by Briefed

401st. B.G. (H)

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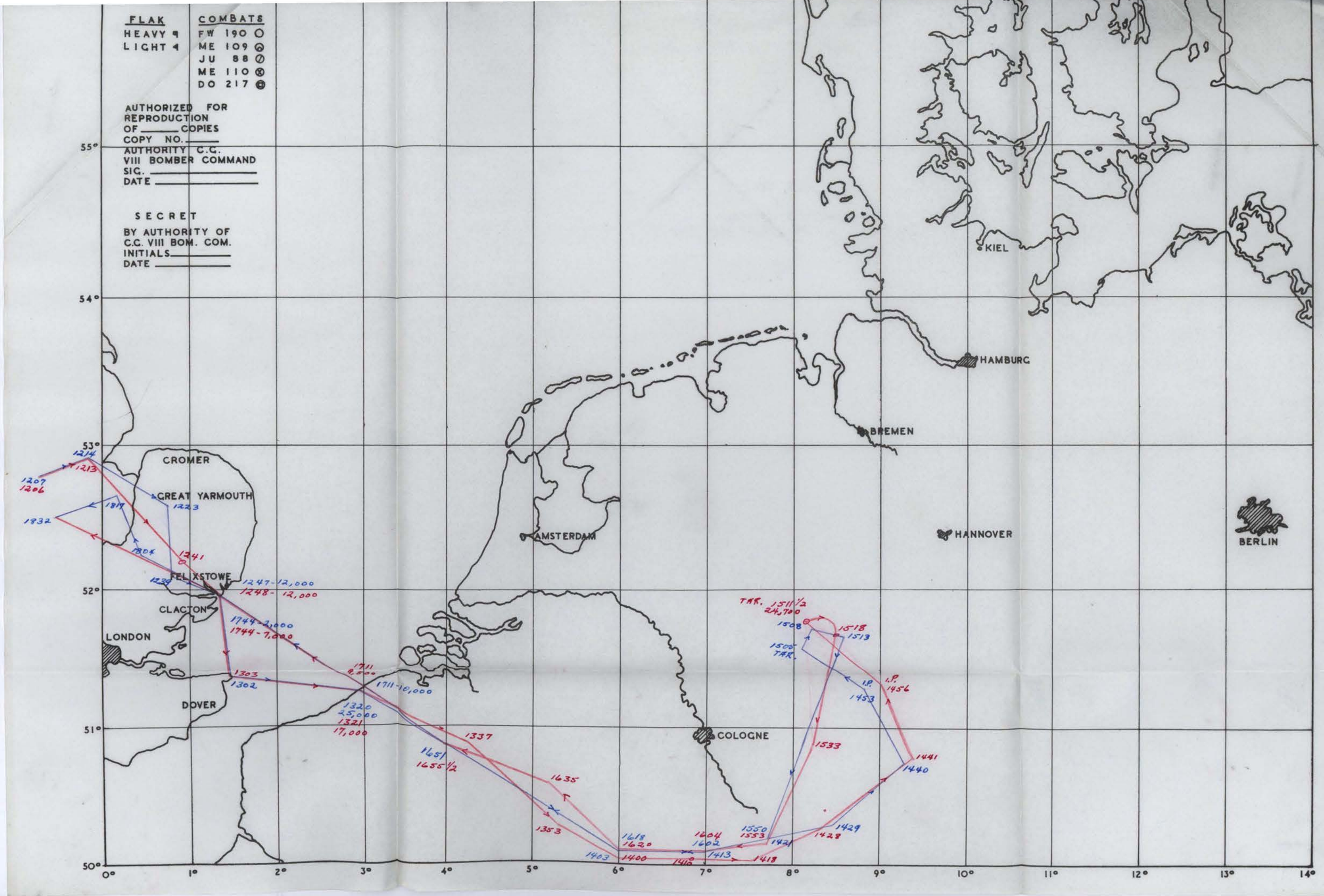

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Primary (Vis or GH)

Target No.
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RAILWAY STORAGE SIDINGS — SOEST (GERMANY)

Illustration No.
6 (d) (ii) 16/2

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 ½ 1 MILE

Photographed 4 June 1941 (1 : 32,000) approx Issued January 1944

A 1 3c (1)

TYPE A

Illustration No.
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Bomb Group (H) 1st AD F. O. 643 Date of 28 February 1945

PART I - ATTACKS & RESULTS

94th "B"

	Lead	Borrowed A/C	Low	Borrowed A/C	High	Borrowed A/C
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--	--	--	--	--	--
2. No. of A/C Sorties	12	1	13	--	12	1
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp	12	1	12	--	11	1
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	11	1	12	--	11	1
5. No. of Effective Sorties	11	1	12	--	11	1
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties	1	--	--	--	--	--
(a) Early Returns Included	(1)					
7. Name of Primary Target	SOEST (GH)					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	11	1	12		11	1
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	214 X 250# GP 24 X 500# IB		214 X 250# GP 24 X 500# IB		215 X 250# GP 24 X 500# IB	
8. Name of Secondary Target						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs						
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	1047		1050½		1050	
19. Time of Attack	1511½		1511½		1507½	
20. Total Time for Mission	96		88		96	
21. Altitude of Release	24,750		24,250		25,600	
22. Type of Sighting (Vis, H2X, GH, etc)	GH		GH		GH	
23. Enemy Resistance --AA Inten & Acc	None		None		None	
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	

2 A/C borrowed from Groups: GH 537 and GH 256 borrowed from 303rd Group.

A/C loaned to Groups:

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401st Gp Mission # 218 Date 28 February 1945

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

94th "B"

	Lead	Borrowed A/C	Low	Borrowed A/C	High	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	1						
(b) Oil System							
(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 43-38862 - No Credit. No 3 Engine lil pressure dropped to 40 lbs--cylinder head temperature went up to 225°. No. 3 engine instruments corrected to show apparent engine failure.

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. PEEK DATE 28 Feb 1945

PILOT LT. MCGOLDRICK (LOCHER) TAKE OFF 1046

NAVIGATOR LT. LEWIS AIRPLANE

WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1831

OBJECTIVE SOEST, GERMANY (MPI)

METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group x Wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 36 COMPOSITE GROUP

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 250# M 57 FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M-17 FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL --

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 644 GP 72 IB RELEASED 645 GP 72 IB

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target	330	Temp Aloft: Metro -36	Actual -34
True Altitude above target	25000	Mag Head, order 302	Actual 324
Ind. Altitude	24750	True Heading	318
Pressure alt of target	-642 @ SL	Drift, Est 8R	Actual 9R
Altimeter setting	29.92	True Track	327
C.I.A.S. 150	I.A.S. 150	Actual Range	10250
G.S. Est 190	Actual 213	B.S.Type	M-9
Wind Direc Metro 270	Actual 247	Time of Release	1511½
Wind Veloc.Metro 46	Actual 37	Intervalometer Setting	30ft
D.S 127.7 Trail 84	ATF 42.57	Length of Bombing Run	10min
Tan. D.A. Est .397	Actual .41	C-1 Pilot OK	A-5 --
Mean Temp: Metro -10	Actual -9	Manual Pilot	--
Type of Release: Lead A/C	Salvo	Type of Release: Other A/C	30ft

Low Sqdn	Bomb	s Away	1511½	Altitude	26250	Mag Heading	326
High	"	"	1507½	"	25600	" "	301

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

J-A-3/4

413.44

28 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 218. (Field Order 643)

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:
   a. MF Beacons: Ø
   b. Bunchers, England: 45
   c. Bunchers, Continent: Ø
2. MF/DF Fixes: Ø
3. HF/DF Bearings (QDM's): 3
4. VHF/DF Homings: Ø
5. Distress Action (SOS's): Ø

SECTION TWO - USE OF RADAR

	Airborne	Used		Airborne	Used
1. Gee	37	37	4. Gee-H	Ø	Ø
2. H2X	1	1	5. Carpet (Barrage)	30	30
3. Micro-H	Ø	Ø	6. Carpet (Spot)	6	6

7. Total aircraft releasing Chaff 34
8. Total number of units released 12, 240

SECTION THREE - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	1	7. Gee	Ø
2. VHF	Ø	8. H2X	Ø
3. Compass	Ø	9. Micro-H	Ø
4. Liaison	1	10. Gee-H	Ø
5. Command	Ø	11. Carpet (Barrage)	Ø
6. SCS-51	Ø	12. Carpet (Spot)	Ø

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
Maj, A C,
Gp Com O.

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REPORT ON A.A. GUNFIRE.
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)

1. TARGET: ASSIGNED Soest, Germany
BOMBED Soest, Germany
DATE OF MISSION 28 Feb 1945

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

Generally as briefed.

3.

	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	10/10	10/10
CONTRAILS - -	None	None
SEEN-UNSEEN -	Unseen	Unseen

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

NONE

5. FLAK ENCOUNTERED OR OBSERVED ENROUTE: (IN ORDER EXPERIENCED)

NONE

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: Normal load - as briefed.

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th "B"

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN. POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE MAJ.	DAMAGE MIN.	A/C LOST TO AA	EA	ACC	UK	AXIS OF ATTK	WITH	TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
Lead	12	0	0					323°M	30°M	1511½	24,750
High	12	0	0					290°M	25°M	1507½	25,600
Low	12	0	0					320°M	30°M	1511	24,400
TOTALS	36	0	0								

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

Lt. P.R. Myers

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Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

~~Deputy Sq. Leader~~: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

Gp. Engineering

Map Gas.

___ SQDN

612 SC JARROCK
613 IN [illegible]
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

18 X 250 lbs 1/10 1/40
+ 2 [illegible] 1 Bo
as per chart sheet

10 X 500 lbs 1/10 1/40

POLEBROOK 94"B" Gp
HI SQ - LO SECT.

___ SQDN
613sqdn
STEELE

IN F | 6313
MAY | CAREY

IN A | 8458 | IN N | 8862

615sqdn
GRIMM

IY R | 6146
BERNEBORG | MORAN

IY C | 2468 | IY J | 7113

SPARES
SPARES
SORENSON (LEAD SPARE)

IW F | 7395
AYRE (HI SPARE) | JAMES (LOW SPARE)

IW A | 7931 | IW O | 7602

GROUND SPARE: 94"B" (LOAD)
IY L 7551

GLATON 94"A" Gp
FLYING SPARES

___ SQDN
612sqdn
HOLT (LEAD SPARE)

SC D | 6092
AHLERS | LOVELL

SC F | 6541 (HIGH SPARE) | SC N | 6506 (LOW SPARE)

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BRIEFING NOTES

DATE: 28 Febauray 14

DUTY OFFICER: Capt. Meredith

BRIEFING OFFICER: Lt. Knopman

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:
   a. 1st AD
      (1) 401st Bomb Group:
      Primary: M/Y at Soest, Germany to be attacked either visually or by G-H methods. The M.P.I. is the transhipment shed in the middle of the sorting sidings. All M/Y's at present are the highest priority in the Ruhr area and disruption of these centers would be extremely helpful to our advancing land armies.

      last time attacked by 126 A/c in Dec. PRU showed no damage

      Secondary: M/Y at Hamm, Germany to be attacked either visually or by PFF. The M.P.I. is the choke point at the northern exit of the central marshalling area. M.P.I. is the same whether visual or PFF

      Last Resort: There are two suggested last resorts targets, Giessen and Koblenz, both being marshalling yards

      (2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: 351st (A-Gp) has the same primary, however their visual M.P.I. is the sidings just east of the 401st M.P.I. Their G-H M.P.I. is the same.

      The 457th (C-Gp) has the same primary target their visual M.P.I. being the choke point to the left of this group's M.P.I. That likewise is that group's G-H M.P.I.

      (3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD: The 94th Wing leads the Div., the 401st being 2nd over the target following the 351st. The 94th Wing plus the 40th A group are going to Soest. Following will be the 40th B & C and the 41st Wing going to Hagen to attack M/Y. After that will come the 1st Wing attacking Schwerte

   b. 2nd AD: attacking marshalling yards at Arnsberg, Seigen, Meschede and Bielefield

   c. 3rd AD: The entire 3rd Division is going to Kassel to attack M/Y.

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)
   a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: The 2nd Div. will depart Great Yarmouth arriving at 5115-0255 at zero plus 60 flying the same route as the 1st Div.

      the 3rd Div. will depart Southwold arriving at 5115-0255 at zero plus 30 flying the same route as the 1st Div.
   b. Fighter Support: For this target will consist of one group of P-51's

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3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION.
a. Flak: At the primary target there are 43 guns within range, at the secondary target there are 78 guns within range.

Read TWX and approve

b. Enemy Fighters: Meagre E/A opposition may be expected.

c. Smoke Screens: None known

d. Camouflage: None

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:
a. Wing Assembly: 351st will assemble over Kings Cliffe buncher at 9,000'
401st Group will assemble over the Cottesmore buncher at 9,000'
457th will assemble over the Glatton buncher at 9,000'

b. Air Commanders: The Division Air Commander will be Lt. Col. Bak
401st Group Commander will be Capt. Locher

c. Zero Hour and Date: 1200

d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force: In the event the secondary target of Hamm is attacked a right turn off the target will be made on withdrawal.

5. SUPPLY:
a. Gas Load:

b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) All A/C will load 18 - 250 G.P.'s plus 2 M-17 I.B.'s Intervalometer settings will be 30 feet

c. Chaff Load (Point and Time of Commencing Discharge) All bomber A/C will commence the relaease of chaff at 8 minutes before target and continue for 15 minutes. 288 extra units will be carried to be released over front lines.

d. Screening Force: at the discretion of the group commander

6. COMMUNICATIONS:
a. Flares and Lamps: See Communications Par.5 of F.O.

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b. VHF and Other Radio. (Combat Force Information)

VHF callsign for 94 B is Vinegrove 3-2 VHF codeword for authentication is Hot Dog

VHF code word for abandon mission for B group is Baker Victor Mike

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape:

b. S.O.P.'s

c. Miscellaneous: Targets are expected to be overcast

d. Security:

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PLANE 42-~~107251~~ 20/2

P	2nd Lt.	CAMERON, ELLIOTT F.	614th Sq.
CP	1st Lt.	HAFLEY, WILLIE J.	"
N	2nd Lt.	AUFRANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Fasullo, Thomas G.	"
RO	Cpl.	DeLeon, Jerrold j.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Fabian, Emoru P. Jr.	"
BT	Cpl.	Margas, Mike S.	"
TG	Cpl.	Clendenin, Charles M.	"
WG	Cpl.	Gabbert, David J.	"

PLANE 43-38758
(615th Transfer)

P	1st Lt.	PARK, COLIN I.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	DUNNE, MICHAEL D.	"
N	F/O	O'NEILL, LAWRENCE H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Salie, Howard W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Sayre, James O.	"
TT	Sgt.	Fields, Richard D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wirth, Thomas J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Snyder, Edwin M.	"
WG	Sgt.	Grayczyk, Clarence J.	"

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

AAF Station # 128
28 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

PLANE	44-6464		
P	2nd Lt.	SALISBURY, THOMAS E.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	VIA, JAMES C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	BOUCHER, JAMES D. JR.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Wagener, Norman H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Pinkerton, Oliver	"
TT	Sgt.	Benthall, Clyde T.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wells, Joseph F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chapman, Guy W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Cain, Robert P.	"

PLANE	42-98322		
P	1st Lt.	ST AUBYN, GLENN H.	"
CP	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, WALLACE	"
N	F/O.	KAHN, CHARLES	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Falkowitz, Erving	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Tompkins, Harry A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Dearborn, Harry R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lichtenberger, Gustave W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Harold J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Buckley, John F.	"

PLANE	43-38646		
P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMAN J.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Dreon, Louis L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bode, Robert E .	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Allison, Carl M.	"

PLANE	42-97395		
P	2nd Lt.	SORENSEN, MELVIN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	TROUPE, JOHN T.	"
N	2nd Lt.	PACKRELL, JESSE L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Lee, William J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Collins, John G .	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Senoric, Steve S .	"
BT	Sgt.	Leppanen, Calvin E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Nichols, Norman D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Turner, Eldon A.	"

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PLANE 43-97931			
P	2nd Lt.	AYRE, LAWRENCE E.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	SCHOCK, NORMAN R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	LEASE, GERALD H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	De Lorie, George A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Mandel, Louis I.	"
TT	Sgt.	Brass, Forrest A .	"
BT	Sgt.	Gilbert, Luther F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Myers, John E .	"
WG	Sgt.	Iuni, Andrew E.	"
PLANE 42-97602			
P	1st Lt.	FONDREN, JOHN E.	"
CP	F/O.	WYLIE, RONOLD J.	"
N	2nd Lt.	COYNE, JOHN T.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Kilgore, Edmund	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Wensel, John W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brobst, Clyde J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wickline, John H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wilbers, Herman E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"
PLANE 43-34758			
P	2nd Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	1st Lt.	ODEN, EDWARD C.	"
N	F/O.	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Racick, John	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Massa, Attilio	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, Berlyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Patterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Genauer, Lawrence	"
PLANE 43-38565			
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.	"
PLANE ~~42-38028~~ 7151			
P	2nd Lt.	JAMES, HERBERT W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	PARKER, VICTOR E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SASSMANNSHAUSEN, WALTER E.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Branch, Willard A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kent, Donald R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Parker, Robert S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Toloso, Melvin N.	"
TG	Sgt.	Mc Callon, Lynn G.	"
WG	Sgt.	Baumann, Archie M.	"

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

5-B

28 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 # 256 GH

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	McGoldrick	John	W.	615th
CP	Captain	Locher	James	R.	613th
N	1st Lt.	Lewis	Lester	G.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Gold	Ashley	(NMI)	613th
M/O	1st Lt.	Peterson	George	E.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Peek	George	W.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Beck	Gerald	L.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Sheldon	James	R.	615th
TG	1st Lt.	Miller	Harry	A.	613th
FG	S/Sgt.	Lindsay	James	R.	615th

PLANE # 537 GH

P	Captain	Campbell	Paul	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cornelius	Carl	J.	"
N	1st Lt.	Whitney	Ray	F.	"
M/O	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
G/H Op	2nd Lt.	Chambers	R.		303rd
B	Captain	Arnold	Harold	S.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Virgona	Angelo	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Rowe	Robert	R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	St. Ledger	Robert	E.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Grumann	James	F.	"

PLANE # 44-8648

P	1st Lt.	Gerber	John	D.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Gentry	James	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Lowry	Lawrence	E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Biasella	Armond	R.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Freitas	Daniel	D.	"
TT	Pvt.	Maksayn	Chester	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	McKenna	James	P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atchison	Alfred	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Geierman	Edward	F.	"

PLANE # 43-38941

P	2nd Lt.	Hart	Jerald	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Taylor	Richard	W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Andrews	Melvin	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Rowe	Robert	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Reiss	Herbert	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Raney	Robert	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Knight	Victor	(NMI)	"
TG	Sgt.	Pickering	Edward	M.	"
FG	Sgt.	Smukler	Myron	M.	"

PLANE # 44-8707

P	1st Lt.	Aschenbach	Allen	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Althoff	John	R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Brazzil	William	R.	"
N M/O	1st Lt.	Barnes	James	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Folkerts	Arthur	(NMI)	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Feigenbaum	George	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Herndon	William	R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Ben	G.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Watson	Robert	W.	"

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

Mission No 218
28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group, APO 557, AAF Sta 128

A/C 42-97780

P	Schaunaman, George S.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Hobgood, James R.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Purrier, Robert E.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Sandoe, Kenneth E.	1st Lt.	612th
ROG	Hoffman, William H.	Pvt	612th
TTG	Morris, Thomas P.	T Sgt	612th
BTG	Willet, Edward H.	S Sgt	612th
TG	Williams, Clarence P.	S Sgt	612th
FG	Curry, Edward A., Jr.	S Sgt	612th

A/C 42-97113

P	Stephens, Lloyd J.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Wilt, Elmer L.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Harper, Robert D.	2nd Lt.	612th
Tog	Whitlock, Howard D.	Sgt	612th
ROG	Douglass, James B.	S Sgt	612th
TTG	Graham, James D.	Sgt	612th
BTG	Wisdom, Kent B.	Sgt	612th
TG	Brennan, William J.	Sgt	612th
FG	Lewelling, Fred E.	Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38541

P	Comer, Jack P.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Matthes, Francis R.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Weinstein, Byron	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Smith, Alvie L.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Hulse, Harold A.	Sgt	612th
TTG	Bixby, Joseph Jr.	T Sgt	612th
BTG	Erland, Cletus M.	S Sgt	612th
TG	Kirkhuff, Leonard M.	S Sgt	612th
FG	Mainprize, Jack E.	S Sgt	612th

R/C 43-37790

P	Schliemann, Donald M.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Meyrowitz, Irving	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Schneck, David	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Swatosh, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	612th
ROG	Pendley, Garland E.	T Sgt	612th
TTG	Kelly, John C.	T Sgt	612th
BTG	Balfe, James	Sgt	612th
TG	Madden, Ted H.	S Sgt	612th
FG	Zabel, Bruce H.	S Sgt	612th

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A/C 43-38680			
P	Hudnall, Carl L.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Mitchell, Frank G., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Martin, Phillip A.	2nd Lt.	612th
ROG	Beardall, Keith E.	S Sgt	612th
ROG	Knight, Adam (NMI)	T Sgt	612th
TTG	Moorman, Loyd F.	T Sgt	612th
BTG	Gyles, Alfred R.	S Sgt	612th
TG	Parker, Robert H.	S Sgt	612th
FG	Parker, Matt M.	S Sgt	612th
A/C 42-107039			
P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Matthiesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Hill, Ben F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
Nog	Milhons, Robert J.	S Sgt	612th
ROG	Hague, Kenneth A.	S Sgt	612th
TTG	Delawder, Joseph A.	S Sgt	612th
BTG	Borror, Norwood E.	S Sgt	612th
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S Sgt	612th
FG	Becker, Alex A.	S Sgt	612th
A/C 42-106992			
P	Holt, Howard L.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Gailey, Ivan L.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Lively, Coy L.	2nd Lt.	612th
Nog	Klapow, Benjamin	Sgt	612th
ROG	Hunt, Roay D.	Sgt	612th
BTG	Huston, Cecil A.	Sgt	612th
BTG	Chapman, Carl W.	Sgt	612th
TG	Crosson, James J. Jr.	Sgt	612th
FG	Guin, Frederick D.	Sgt	612th
A/C 43-38733			
P	Campbell, Charles J.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Foy, Phillip W.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Gruhn, David B.	2nd Lt.	612th
Nog	Emery, Robert I.	S Sgt	612th
Rog	Feo, Gene M., Jr.	S Sgt	612th
TTG	Kartes, Charles F.	T Sgt	612th
BTG	Sullivan, Earl Jr.	S Sgt	612th
TG	Dalton, Charles H.	S Sgt	612th
FG	Murray, Howard M.	Pvt	612th
RCM	Carson, James W.	Sgt	612th
A/C 43-38637			
P	Bloetscher, Andrew F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Knower, Russell S.	Sgt	612th
BTG	Boyce, Merle H.	Cpl	612th
TG	Skaggs, Irl R.	R Sgt	612th
FG	Giles, Otho N.	S Sgt	612th
RCM	Deaner, Charles E.	S Sgt	612th

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A/C 42-31662

P	Strauss, Joseph D.	Major	612th
CP	Lundgren, Robert P.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	612th
ROG	Chastain, Robert R.	S Sgt	612th
TTG	Nimmons, Alston H.	T Sgt	612th
BTG	Norris, Robert V.	S Sgt	612th
TG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S Sgt	612th
FG	Pearlin, Joseph R.	S Sgt	612th

A/C 42-102393

P	Harveson, Lloyd C.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Parsons, Silas P.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Zacamy, John R.	2nd Lt.	612th
Tog	Moore, Kenneth V.	Sgt	612th
ROG	Hall, Jewel L.	Sgt	612th
TTG	BBrockway, Glen L.	Sgt	612th
BTG	Crosby, Lewis A.	Sgt	612th
TG	Kuhn, Bill W.	Sgt	612th
FG	Jeter, Kenneth A.	Sgt	612th

A/C 42-39993

P	Nolan, James A.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Twiggs, Caluin N.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Hoffman, Lloyd G.	1st Lt.	612th
TOG	Delledonne, Charles L.	S Sgt	612th
ROG	Hathaway, Stanley K.	S Sgt	612th
TTG	Siconolfi, Patrick	S Sgt	612th
BTG	Feldman, Warren, H.	Sgt	612th
TG	Stewart, Jack C.	Sgt	612th
FG	~~Smith, Charles E.~~ ANDERSON, JOHN E.	~~S Sgt~~ CPL.	612th

DONALD G. McCREE
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-38791	P	1st Lt.	KELSO	ARTHUR	D. JR.
	CP	2nd Lt.	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	TONNE	ALVIN	E.
	B	S/SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	C.
	RO	S/SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	S/SGT.	HARPER	JAMES	T.
	BT	S/SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	S/SGT.	LUCA	RUDOLPH	C.
	RCM	S/SGT.	KARRE	WILLIAM	E.
43-38458	P	2nd Lt.	SHEPHERD	JACOBS	N. JR.
	CP	2nd Lt.	SKIFFINGTON	THOMAS	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	VAN ECK	HERMAN	C.
	B	SGT.	ALLES	ROBERT	F.
	RO	SGT.	COLLINS	JOHN	F.
	TT	SGT.	DAVIS	ARNOLD	L.
	BT	S/SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	E.
	TG	SGT.	MARGOLIES	MALCOLM	A.
	WG	SGT.	HERROLD	DAN	E.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	MAHARICK	MATT	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	ROBERSON	WENDALL	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	ROWLEY	RONALD	E.
	B	S/SGT.	ROBERSON	ROBERT	E.
	RO	SGT.	REED	WILLIAM	H. JR.
	TT	SGT.	LANIER	LESLIE	H.
	BT	SGT.	MOORE	WILLIAM	F.
	TG	SGT.	WEBB	WENDALL	R.
	WG	SGT.	MOULTON	GEORGE	W.
43-37706	P	2nd Lt.	EGLIN	FREDERICK	I.
	CP	2nd Lt.	VOLTZ	DONALD	L.
	N	F/O	SCHMIDT	FRANK	A.
	B	SGT.	KNIGHT	GEORGE	O.
	RO	SGT.	PAVLISKA	GEORGE	A.
	TT	SGT.	SWIFT	GENE	E.
	BT	SGT.	LUDWIG	HOWARD	E.
	TG	SGT.	ESPY	ROBERT	J.
	WG	SGT.	COLLINS	RUPERT	Y.
	RCM	SGT.	FOGLEMAN	JAMES	(NMI)
44-6313	P	1st Lt.	SCHELLER	RICHARD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WICKS	WALLACE	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HOUSTON	RICHARD	D.
	B	F/O	KOLLAR	JOHN	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	S/SGT.	HARTY	WILLIAM	Q.
	BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	SEVERSON	NORMAN	A.
43-38607	P	2nd Lt.	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	SCEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	S/SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	T/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	S/SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.

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44-6506	P	2nd Lt.	LEVY	MEYERS	(NMI)
612th	CP	2nd Lt.	SOUTH	VEEDER	(NMI) JR.
	N	2nd Lt.	HUNT	CALVIN	T.
	B	SGT.	CROSSLEY	CHARLES	A.
	RO	SGT.	LAUDERDALE	WILBUR	C.
	TT	SGT.	LESHER	DAVIS	M.
	BT	SGT.	NICHOLAS	MIKE	S.
	TG	SGT.	HEDSON	JOHN	W.
	WG	SGT.	FOLEY	ROBERT	J.
43-38160	P	1st Lt.	MAY	JAMES	H.
615th	CP	2nd Lt.	FREW	JAMES	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
	B	S/SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.
	RO	S/SGT.	PAULK	ALBERT	L. JR.
	TT	S/SGT.	SMITH	CHESTER	J.
	BT	S/SGT.	MEANEY	ANTHONY	J.
	TG	SGT.	KROZEL	JOSEPH	A.
	WG	SGT.	McKEE	WILLIAM	J.
43-38862	P	2nd Lt.	YOUNG	CHARLES	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FUNK	PFHILLIP	B.
	N	2nd Lt.	SEAVEY	FRANK	R.
	B	S/SGT.	MOORE	WAVERLY	W.
	RO	SGT.	PETERS	JOHN	W.
	TT	SGT.	BRAMBLE	JOHN	F.
	BT	SGT.	ESHAM	GLENN	E.
	TG	SGT.	JOHNSON	CARL	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	HENNIG	CHARLES	J.
42-102398	P	1st Lt.	BAKER	KAY	A.
612th	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.	BACCHUS	GEORGE	B.
	BT	S/SGT.	CLOYD	SHIRLEY	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	SLATER	HAROLD	H.
	WG	S/SGT.	MORRISON	JULIUS	J.
44-6132	P	2nd Lt.	McKENNY	WILLIAM	G.
	CP	2nd Lt.	BURDICK	RICHARD	(NMI)
	N	2nd Lt.	LEVIN	HERBERT	R.
	B	SGT.	SUNDERLIN	ROBERT	A.
	RO	SGT.	SIEGEL	ARNOLD	A.
	TT	SGT.	HOLLAND	JOHN	W.
	BT	SGT.	JOHANNES	RICHARD	L.
	TG	SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	W.
	WG	SGT.	FRANZBLAU	IRA	D.
<u>TO FLY WITH 615th SQ.</u>					
	AC	CAPT.	LOCHER	JAMES	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	(NMI)
	CP	1st Lt.	MILLER	HARRY	W.