

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

MISSION No. **209**

Date: **16 FEB. 45**

TO: **GELSENKIRCHEN, GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 945h "H" Group. 1 GH A/C was borrowed from the 379th Group for the lead squadron -- 1 PFF A/C was included in each box. The high and low squadrons each had a spare A/C.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (GH WITH VIS)
2. a. Group Leader: Major C. A. LEWIS (Campbell)
Lead Navigator: Capt. R. F. CAUSEY (Walters - MO)
Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. R. F. WHITNEY
Lead Bombardier: Capt. H. S. ARNOLD
- b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. J. J. BROWN
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. D. BROWN (Goodman - MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. F. SCHIEFER
- c. High Squadron Leader: Capt. J. J. LOZINSKI (PFUND)
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. S. RUSH (Bradfute - MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. H. E. HUGHES

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Group lead A/C took off from Kimbolton. All others ships took off from home base. Visibility was approximatly 1000 yards; ceiling was about 300'.

Mission Summary Report (cont'd)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Group assembled on Kings Cliff Bunker. The assembly was accomplished quickly and the 36 regular ships were in good formation 10 minutes before the group departed the bunker. There were 2 flying spares.

c. Route Over England:

The group (94th "B") departed the bunker on course and on time. 94th "B" fell in behind 94th "A" on the second leg. A deviation to the right was made on the 3rd leg to avoid a shelf of middle cloud. The Division leader recommended that all groups depart C. P. 1 at briefed 2000', or at 19500'. 94th "B" departed C. P. 1 5 miles north and on time, flying along side of 94th "A", which was to the right of 94th "A".

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Contrails from C. P. 1 to the target and return were severe and persistent from 20000' to 27000'. Preceding groups left banks of contrails. On the climb to C. P. 2, 94th "A" flew to the right of the Division column and 94th "B" to the left to avoid the contrails. The division ~~KENXEMEXXXK~~ column flew north of briefed course after reaching C. P. 2 to avoid clouds and contrails evidently left by the 3rd Division which preceded ~~the~~ the 1st Division on the same route. "Buckeye" did not get off and no weather information over the target was available. It looked like a visual run might be made and the squadrons uncovered with instructions to drop on the lead squadron, which was to make a GH run with a visual assist, if preceding contrails and ground fog and haze interfered with their visual runs. The high squadron leader was hit about 2 minutes before bombs away and went down in a spiral.

b. Bombing Run:

Lead Squadron:

After the turn off the IP, the approach to the target was covered due to clouds and contrails and the sun reflecting off both. The run was started by GH. Close ~~the~~ the end of the run the bombardier saw some of the bombs of the preceding groups striking the ground, which helped him to locate the target. He made a couple of small corrections but there was scarcely enough time to check closely as contrails again obscured the view. The total bomb run was 13 minutes long. The visual assist for the bombardier lasted about 20 seconds. Results were unobserved. The AFCE was O. K.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. b. Bombing Run (Cont'd):

High Squadron:

Turn was made at the IP as briefed. Enroute to the target two bombs went out of the lead ship and everyone salvoed. About the same instance the lead ship went into a spin as a result of a direct flak burst. Bomb hits were not observed.

Low Squadron:

The low squadron received a call ten minutes prior to reaching IP that bombing would be visual. The turn and uncovering at the IP was as briefed. Due to haze and contrails the run was began on PFF Now and then the bombardier was to identify points enroute to the target. At one point the lead bombardier thought a visual assist possible and took over from the Mickey. Contrails became heavy again and definite corrections were hard to make. Bombs away at 1352 on a mag heading of 181°. AFCE was satisfactory.

c. Flight from Target:

The lead and low squadrons rallied off the target. The high squadron rallied with 94th "A" and did not regain 94th "B" until over the Zuider Zee. 94th "B" let down first 1000 feet and then 2000 feet to avoid contrails and clouds of the preceding groups.

d. Return to Base:

Midway across channel cycle relay advised 94th "A" and 94th "B" that they were being diverted. The group proceeded to Honeybourne, where 25 ships landed. The group lead A/C returned to Kimbolton its home base, other ships effected emergency landings at various fields. A/C 43-38779 with its controls shot out had to be abandoned in the air--its crew bailed out safely and the ship crashed near Bartney. Three A/C failed to return.

e. Weather:

Weather over target was described as 1/10 to 2/10 cloud, much smoke from bombs of preceding groups, heavy ground haze.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was meager. No friendly A/C were observed until over 15 minutes from the target, when a group of P-51's escorting the 2nd Division passed in front of 94th "B".

g. Comments on Formation:

Good. Both squadron leaders were in good position until the high squadron lead was shot down on the bomb run. The low squadron stayed in good formation the entire flight.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

The group air commanders should fly a ship from his own base when a GH mission is scheduled and it is impossible to have the GH ship checked thoroughly by personnel of this. On the instant mission the VHF sets (regular and alternate) were erratic.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

A/C 42-31591 - No credit. Pilot returned when # 3 supercharger went completely out. # 2 wasn't functioning well. Ground check revealed trouble in control mechanism. (Mech)

A/C 4406132 - Credit. Failed to drop bombs when bomb bay doors stuck and couldn't salvo. Had to crank doors to open -- jettisoned bombs. (Mech)

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition was seen or encountered. (See Flak Report for flak)

7. <u>Battle Damage:</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
	3	27	30

8. Casualties: 27 MIA - (A/C 44-8371, 42-97869, 43-38187)

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

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Due to intense flak, haze and smoke, bomb falls were short, the lead squadrons' bombs about a mile, and the high and low squadrons' about four miles.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the primary target, dropping 28 X 500# GP and 114 X 500# RDX bombs. A/C 730 had 1 RDX hang up which it returned.

Low Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C of the low box bombed the target dropping 48 X 500# GP and 94 X 500# RDX bombs. The spare returned 12 GP to base.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)10. b. Disposition of Bombs: (Cont'd)

Of the 12 A/C EET eleven bombed the primary target, dropping 53 X 500# GP and 78 X 500# RDX bombs. A/C 132 could not open its bomb bay doors until 30 minutes past the target at which point it jettisoned 1 GP and 11 RDX bombs. Aborting A/C 591 returned 12 RDX bombs to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs			Fusing	
	Over Target	Bomb-ing	Num-ber	Size	Type	Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	36	35	(129 (287	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs On Target			(129 (287	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Expenditures			(1 (11	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Bombs Returned			(12 (13	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			142 311	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40

11. Lost Aircraft:

A/C 44-8371 (Lozinski) - Blew up over target.

A/C 42-97869 (Hansen) - Down over target, out of control, 7 chutes seen.

A/C 43-38187 (Donaldson) - Last heard of at 25000 feet near Zuider Zee, proceeding to Brussels.

Submitted By:

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Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

A KID OR PTTKA



AV-401/Low/1063-1)(16-245)(S41-7-26000) GELSENKERCHEN CONF.

401 Bombs GP (H)
LOW Squadron

PATTERN: 1338 X 2275
ACTUAL MPI:
33851 SHORT
4400 RIGHT

OIL REFINERY
AT BUER →

* - HIGH

401 BOMBS GO (U)
HIGH SQUADRON

PATTERN: 1225 x 2308

ACTUAL MPI:

42955 SHORT
4710 RIGHT





(SAV-401/HIGH/1066-1)(16-2-45)(29477-27500) GELSENKIRCHEN - CONF



* ASSIGNED MPI

401 BOMB GP (H)
LEAD SQUADRON

GEE-H RUN

PATTERN: 2685X313
ACTUAL MPI:
10047 SHORT
4213 RIGHT



(SAV-401/EAD/1062-1)(16-2-45)(1891-7-26900) GELSENKERCHEN

CORUF

Combat Sqdn Leader: **MAJOR LEWIS****16 February**Deputy Sqdn Leader: **LT TURK**Deputy Gp. Leader: **LT TURK**

SQDN

 612 SC JABSTOCK
 613 IW MACRO
 614 IW GOLFCLUB
 615 IY BUZZARD
CAMPBELL (LEWIS)**369 GH****HANSEN****TURK****869****653 PFF**

SQDN

SQDN

MC KAY**JONES****779****891****GRACRAFT****JORDAN****LOVELL****MARTIN****983****664****458****790****GRIMM****810****SMITH****BENNETT****750****146**

SPARES

Lead Sqdn 94 B Group on take-off, cruise,
and over target.

Combat Sqdn Leader: LT BROWN

16 February

Deputy Sqdn Leader: CAPT SEDER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT TURK

SQDN 613 SC BADWICK
613 IW MAGRO
614 IW GOI FCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

BROWN

033 PFT

SORENSEN

SEDER

395

780

SQDN

SQDN

THOMPSON, R

COMER

646

541

WHITE

RICHARDSON

HUDNALL

FRENCH

550

602

113

992

HARTSOOK

151

FONDREN

AYRE

478

931

SPAG&EG

Low Sqdn 94 B Group on take-off, cruise,
and over target.

JAMES

522 Returned

Combat Sqdn Leader: CAPT LOZINSKI

16 February

Deputy Sqdn Leader: LT TAUSIGDeputy Gp. Leader: LT TURK

SQDN

 617 SC JACKETT
 618 IN MAGRO
 614 IW GOI FCLUB
 615 IY BUZZARD
LOZINSKI

371 PPP

YOUNGTAUSIG

132

941

SQDN

SQDN

SCHUELLERCAMPBELL

947

733

COXBAKERNOLANSMITH

607

862

995

628

CURRAN

072

MAHARICKBRADLEY

515

591 Returned

SPARES

over target

DONALDSON

187

High Sqdn 94 B Group on take-off, cruise,
and over target.

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

Date 16 Feb 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Gelsenkirchen, Germany
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), AFM 557,
U. S. Army.

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

- a. T/O at 1005 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1133 hours on King's Cliffe buncher.
at 10,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1204 hours at Fakenham.
- 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 1231 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 (not) as briefed.

- (2) True heading over target 175.
- (3) Actual drift 91.
- (4) Altitude over target 27,000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1352.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 235/34.
- (7) Method of target identification.

G-H. Visual assistance

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Persistent contrails

(9) Weather over Target.

Haze and contrails

(10) Axis of withdrawal 30.

- * j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at 1410 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at Meppel at 1424 hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at Meppel at 1424 hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

*Lead and Low Sq. rallied after target. High joined over Zuider Zee.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R, Gee, Mickey, Pilotage

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

First fighters @ 1412 after target.

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/S/ R. F. Causey

R. F. CAUSEY

Captain, A. G.

Lead Navigator, Lead Sq.

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3. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 1020 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1133 hours on Kings Cliffe buncher.
at 19,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1204 hours at Fakenham.
- d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

About 8 mi. north GP 1; otherwise as briefed.

- e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, D.R., Radio

- f. Division formation was joined at 1231 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 (not) as briefed.

- (2) True heading over target 175.
- (3) Actual drift 10° E.
- (4) Altitude over target 26,000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1252.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 260/05K.
- (7) Method of target identification

Instrument, Visual assistance.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Persistent contrails

(9) Weather over Target.

Haze, smoke, contrails

(10) Axis of withdrawal 30 T.

- *j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at 1410 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at Meppel at 1424 hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at Meppel at 1424 hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

* Lead and Low Sq. rallied after target. High joined over Zuider Zee.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R., Gee, Pilotage, Mickey

o. Winds aloft were (not) called out to the formation.

p. Fighter rendezvous were (not) as briefed.

None sighted till after Bombs Away .

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey OK
- (2) Gee difficult OK on bomb run.
- (3) Radio Compass OK
- (4) Fluxgate OK
- (5) Other equipment. OK

(6) Weather over Target.

(10) Axis of withdrawal

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ /s/ J. D. Brown _____ hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at J. D. BROWN hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at 1st Lt., A. G. hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed

Lead Navigator, Low Sq.

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3. Narrative:

a. T/O at 1019 hours.
b. Group formed at 1133 hours on King's Cliffe buncher.
at 10,000 ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at 1204 hours at Fakenham.

d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

D.R., Radio

f. Division formation was joined at 1231 hrs. at Felixstowe.
g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

D.R., Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

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

(2) True heading over target 172.

(3) Actual drift 45.

(4) Altitude over target 27,400.

(5) Time bombs away 1351.

(6) Wind used for bombing 200/27.

(7) Method of target identification.

Instrument, with Visual assistance

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Contrails

(9) Weather over Target.

Dense haze and smoke

(10) Axis of withdrawal _____ 20 _____.

- * j. Group rally was accomplished at Zuider Zee at 1437 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed. after Enemy Coast.

*High group lost Lead and Low after target. Did not make rally till Zuider Zee.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R., Pilotage

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

Not sight ed till after target.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey None
- (2) Gee ~~out~~
- (3) Radio Compass ~~out~~ SK
- (4) Fluxgate ~~out~~ SK
- (5) Other equipment. SK

/3/ D. F. Walker

D. F. WALKER

1st Lt., A. G.

Deputy Lead Navigator., High Sq.

Note -

Air Commander: Major H.H. Lewis
PILOT Captain Campbell

IGHT PLAN 94th E. Tenth. F.O. 631
NAVIGATOR Capt. R. F. Causey - Capt C. W. Sellers

DATE 16 Feb. 1945

STATIONS	0855 ENGINES	0955 TAXI	1010 T.O.	1025
LEAVE BASE	King's Cliffe	1143		
COAST OUT		1231		
ENEMY COAST		1311		
I.P.		1343		
TARGET		1351		
ENEMY COAST		1447		
Eng. Coast	1531	WTB 1609		

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT		Z. HR. - 1200
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM	Ref alt - 22000
						Bomb alt - 2600

Oxygen 3:20

WATCH..... Fast Slow RATE..... Gaining secs / hour Losing

At..... G.M.T. Div. assembly - Felixstowe to 52-MM Sh-
Letdown Cottammore Bunker 04-38E

CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.

FROM K. Cliffe Assem	W/V USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COU- RSE	DRI- FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.	
52-34 00-22E Journey (B)	210/30	10000	140	152	018	-3	015	10	025	180	12	4 1	1148	R	
52-50 00-51E Reckham	*	12500	150	-5 15E	085	+9	094	10	104	169	45	16	120h	C	
52-50N 00-51E Hardwick (D)	210/30	15500	150	-11	161	146	155	10	165	146	27	11	1215	D	
52-28E 01-16E Stonemarket (E)	210/31	17000	150	-17	166	211	0	211	9	220	195	19	9	122h	E
52-12N 01-00E Felixstowe CP 1	*	17000	150	168	196	+11	147	9	156	157	19	7	1231	Eng Coast CP 1 1231	
51-50N 01-21E	210/25	25000	150	178	069	+5	074	8	082	197	128	39 A	1311	Coast CP 2, 1311	
52-44N 01-36E	*	-31													
52-41N 06-11E	210/25	26000	150	193	094	+7	101	7	108	203	57	37	1328		
52-33N 06-40E	212/26	*	150	194	115	+8	123	7	130	195	19	6	1334		
52-09N 06-38E IP	*	*	*	*	189	A4	187	7	194	171	24	8 1/2 A	1343	IP	
51-32N 07-09E TAR	*	*	*	195	158	A6	164	7	171	179	40	13 1/2 A	1357	FIGHT	
51-47N 07-23E	*	*	*	-43	194	039	A1	040	6	046	219	20	22 56 1/2 A	1404	
52-25N 07-07E	*	*	*	*	345	-6	339	6	345	210	39	11 A	1416		
52-47N 06-11E	*	26000	150	*	295	-8	287	7	294	189	38	12	1428		
52-44N 01-36E	-35	210/25	23000	170	211	-6	268	7	295	198	40	57	12 18 A	1447	
52-44N 01-36E	-28	*	20000	250	176	-7	267	7	274	163	17	6	1447	Coast CP 3 1447 Div. Break up	
52-55N 01-20E Cromer	-5	200/16	11000	190	176	-5	271	8	279	171	103	120	56 44	1531	
52-55N 01-20E Kings Lynn	*	200/25	2000	150	133	-10	266	9	275	125	17	8	1531		
base	*	*	*	*	133	259	-8	215	10	255	117	35	18	1549	
base	*	*	*	*	133	247	-8	239	10	249	115	39	20	1609	
base 8000 0°	206/28	0 to 150	147	114	A11	125	10	135	146	78	32 A11	1148	LTTO. Takes 43 min to climb		
Kings Lynn C.	210/30	10 to 150	160	117	A11	128	10	138	159	68	26	1205	Last time for Group departure		

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		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1005					King's Cliffe. Take off										
1018 1/2	210/30	330			Wind 210/30 @ 5000 ft. Climbing to assemble		140	6500							
1020		330			52-50N 00-37E. Gee		140	7000							
1033	210/30K				Kings Cliffe. Circling 210/30E. Weather		150	10000							
1121					Kings Cliffe. Squadron formed		150	10000							
1139					Kings Cliffe. Group formed		150	10000							
1143		015			Kings Cliffe Departing on course		150	10000							
1147 1/2		094			52-46N 00-22E (B) Alter course		150	10000							
1147 1/2		005			52-46N 00-22E (B)		150	10000							
1153	98	A10 195/28	108		195/28E		150	11000							
1158					52-52N 00-21E 11000			11000							
1204		120			52-50N 00-51E (C) Wing formed Alter course		150	13000							
1204	DR 0818	157			52-50N 00-51E		150	13000							
1215	CONF 22 L2ED MLA	120	HODIC WYC		52-27N 01-04E Heading for E	OR 2200 OBSERVATION	150	15000							
1231		120			Cont'd. on time, 10 left. Alter course		150	18500							

Air Commander Major M.H. Lewis
PILOT Captain Campbell NAVIGATOR

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	FM 1609						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT		Z. HR. - 1200	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM	Ref alt - 22000	Bomb alt - 2600
						Oxygen 3:20	

WATCH..... Fast Slow RATE..... Gaining secs / hour Losing

At..... C.M.T. Div. assembly - Felixstowe to 52-44N 04-38E
Letdown Cottesmore Bunker

FROM	M.	ASSE	WAV	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COU- RSE	DRI- FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA
TO	Lead at 10000	UESD														TIME BODY ALT. AZI.
52-34N 00-22E	journey (1)	210/30	10000	150	152	015	-3	015	10	025	180	12	4 1/2	1148	B	
52-50N 00-51E	Pakenham	12500	150	-5	154	085	+9	094	10	104	169	45	26	120h	C	
52-50N 00-51E	Hardwick (D)	210/30	15500	150	-11	161	146	+9	155	10	165	146	27	11	1215	D
52-28N 01-16E	stonemarket (E)	210/31	17000	150	166	211	0	211	9	220	135	19	9	122h	E	
52-12N 01-00E	Felixstowe CP 1	17000	150	-37	168	136	+11	147	9	156	157	19	7	1231	Eng Coast CP 1 1231	
51-50N 01-21E	Begin climb	-20														
52-44N 01-38E	210/25	25000	150	178	069	+5	074	8	082	197	128	39	A	1311	Coast CP 2, 1311	
" "		-31														
52-41N 05-11E	210/25	26000	150	193	094	+7	101	7	108	203	57	37		1328		
" "		-42														
52-33N 06-40E	212/26	*	150	194	115	+8	123	7	130	195	19	6		1334		
" "		-49														
52-09N 06-38E	IP	*	*	*	183	A	187	7	194	171	24	8 1/2	A	1343	IP	
" "																
51-32N 07-09E	TAR	*	*	*	195	158	+6	164	7	171	179	40	13 1/2	A	1357	TAIR
" "		-41														
51-47N 07-23E	*	*	*	*	195	039	A	040	6	046	219	20	22 58	A	1404	
" "		-43														
52-25N 07-07E	*	*	*	*	345	-6	339	6	345	210	39	11 A		1416		
" "																
52-47N 06-11E	*	26000	150	*	295	-8	287	7	294	189	38	12		1428		
" "		-35														
52-44N 01-38E	-28	210/25	23000	170	211	-6	268	7	275	198	40	57	12 18 A	1447	Coast, CP 3 1447	
Cromer	#7	200/25	20000	150	176	-7	267	7	274	163	17	57	6	1447	Div. Break up	
52-55N 01-20E	Rings Lynn	*	*	11000	190	176	-5	271	8	279	171	103	120	36	44	1531
" "		200/16														
base 8000 0°	206/28	0 to 150	147	114	A	11	125	10	135	146	78	32 A	11	1148	LTTO. Takes 43 min to climb	
Kings Lynn C.	210/30	10 to 150	160	117	A	11	128	10	138	159	68	26		1205	Last time for Group departure	
Felixstowe		17000														

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1005					Kimbolton. Take off										
1018 1/2	210/30	330			wind 210/30 @ 5000 ft. Climbing to assemble		150			6500					
1020		930			52-50N 00-37E. Gee		140	7000		45					
1033		210/30E			Kings Cliffe. Circling 210/30E. Weather		150	10000		-2					
1121					Kings Cliffe. Squadron formed		150	10000		-2					
1133					Kings Cliffe. Group formed		150	10000		-2					
1143		015			Kings Cliffe Departing on course		150	10000		-2			173	12 04	1147
1147 1/2		094			52-46N 00-22E (B) Alter course		150	10000		-2			12	04 1/2	
1147 1/2		005			52-46N 00-22E (B)		150	10000		-2			169	45 16	1203 1/2
1153	98	A0 195/28	108		195/28E		150	11000	15h						
1158					52-52N 00-21E 11000			11000	15h						
1204		120			52-50N 00-51E (C) wing formed Alter course		150	13000	-9		45	16 1/2	168		
1204	D/B														

TRACK CHART

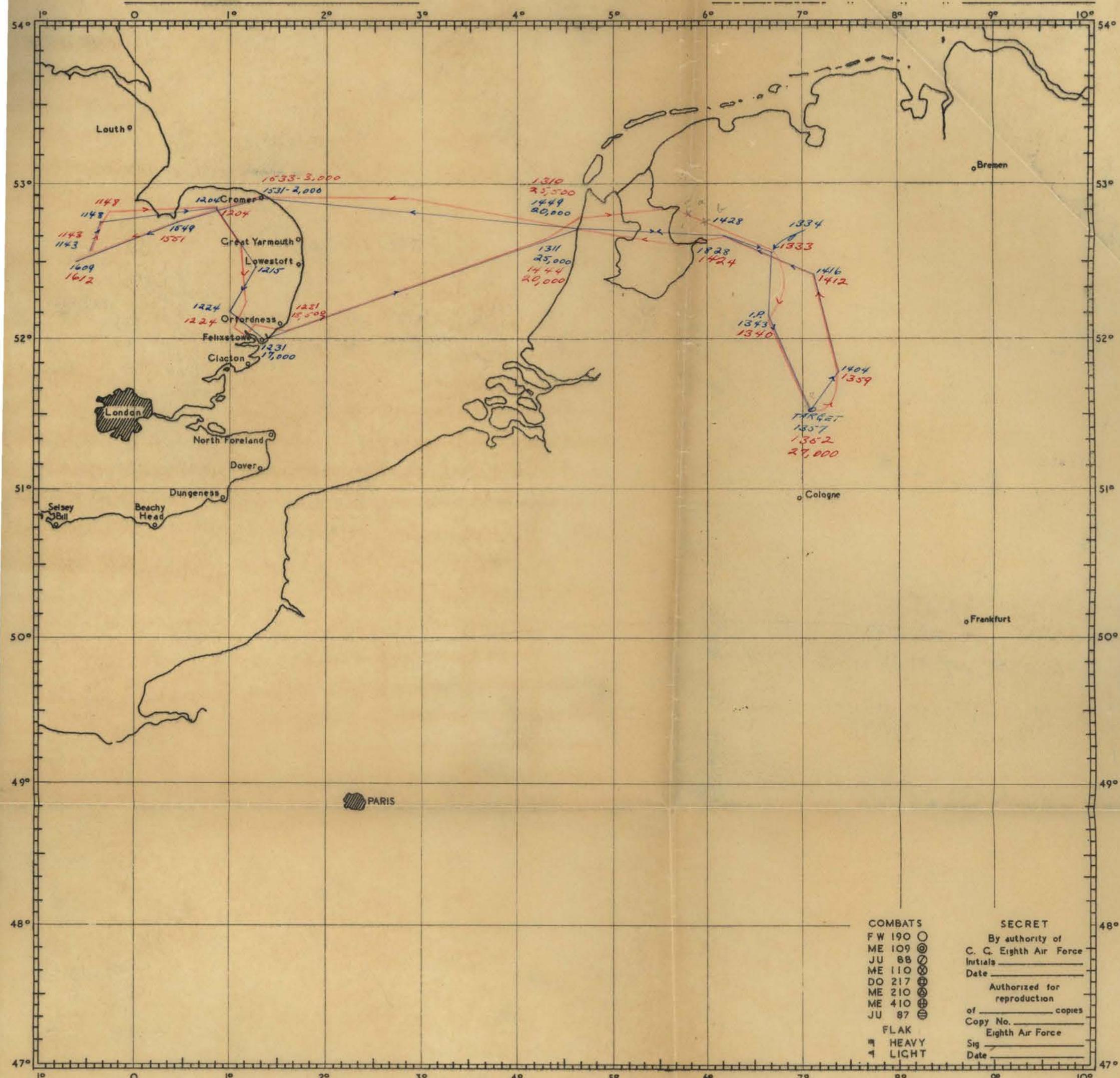
DATE Feb. 16, 1945

TARGETS
PRIMARYGelsenkirchen, Germany

Blue

Red

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

Briefed
401st B.G. (H)

Target No.
I (a) (iii) 10a

GELSENKIRCHENER
BERGWERKS A.G.

GELSENKIRCHEN (Nordstern)
(GERMANY)

Lat. 51°32' N. Long. 07°03' E.

Illustration No.

I (a) (iii) 10a/14

Primary

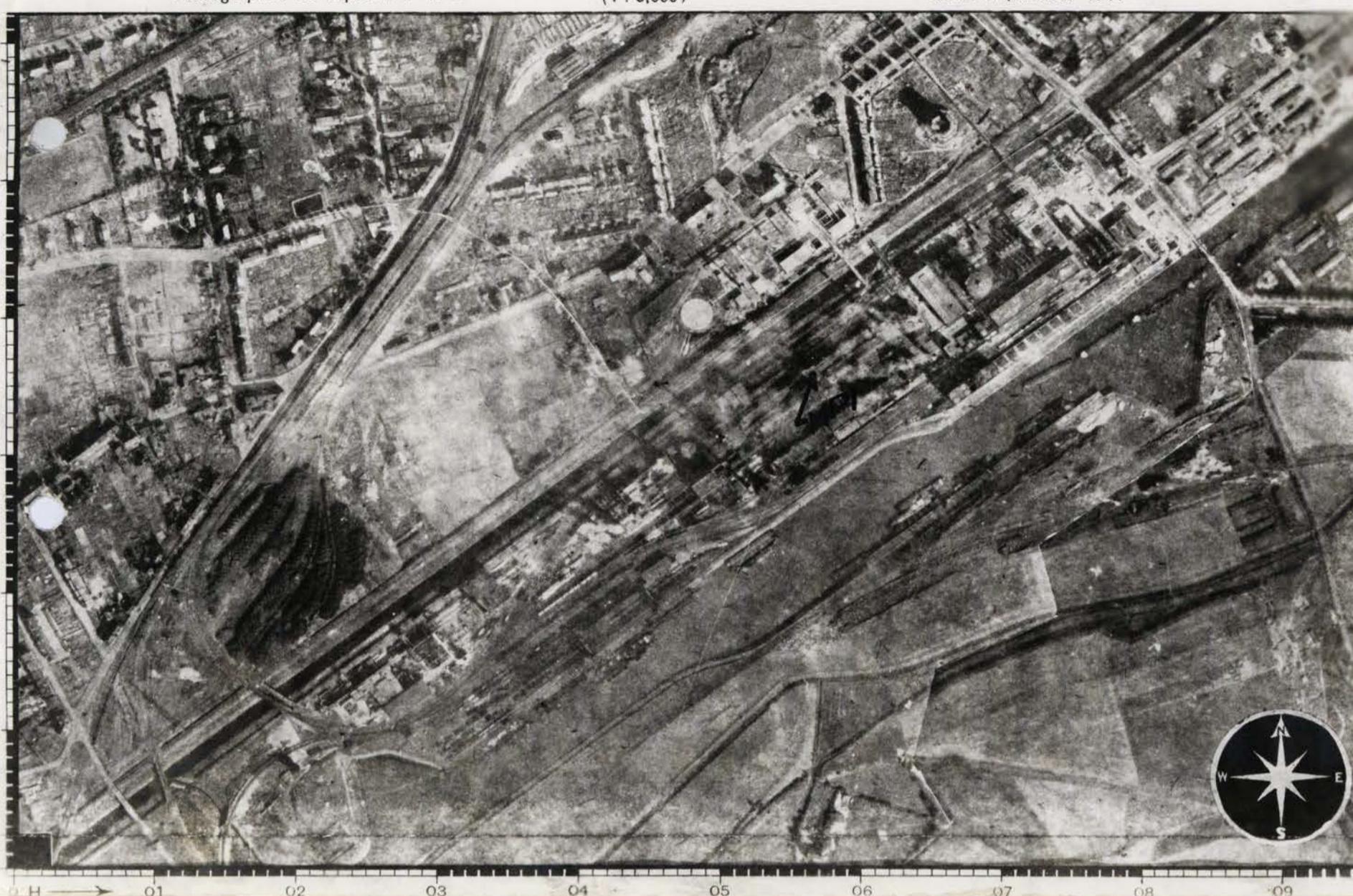
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0 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE

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approx.

Issued September 1944



STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Flight Group1st BD F. C. 631Date of 16 Feb 45

	LEAD	HIGH		LOW	PFF
		PFF - OH	DFF - OH		
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	- -	- -	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	10	1 1	12 1	12	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	1 1	12 1	11	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	1 1	11 1	11	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	1 1	10 1	11	1
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	- -	2 -	-	-
(a) Early Returns Included			(1)		
7. Name of Primary Target	GELSENKIRCHEN (G-H with Vis)				
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	10	1 1	10 1	11	1
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	18 500#GP 101 500#RDX	10 500#GP 13 500#RDX	42 500# GP 78 500#RDX	11 500# GP 84 500#RDX	48 500# RDX
8. Name of Secondary Target					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs					
9. Name of Last Resort Target					
(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 Opportunity					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of Bomb					
12. No of A/C Lost - TOTAL	1	-	-	-	1
13. - to Flak	1				1
14. - to Flak & E/A					
15. - to Enemy A/C					
16. - to Accident					
17. - to Unknown					

STAT SUMMARY (cont'd)

	LEAD	HIGH	LOW
18. Time of Takeoff	1005	1019	1020
19. Time of Attack	1352	1351	1352
20. Average Time of Flight	7.3	7.4	7.4
21. Altitude of Release	26,900	26,885	25,500
22. Visual or PFF	GH with Vis	VIS	VIS
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Acc.	MODERATE VERY ACC	MODERATE VERY ACC	MODERATE VERY ACC
24. - Fighters	-	-	-
25. - Bombers	-	-	-
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy	-	-	-
27. Degree of Success	POOR	POOR	POOR

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

1 GH A/C 369 from 379th Gp

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows:

NOTES:

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1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER CAPT ARNOLD DATE 16 Feb 1945
PILOT CAPT CAMPBELL (LEWIS) TAKE OFF 1004
NAVIGATOR L.T. WHITNEY AT PLANE
WING 94th BGP GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1726
OBJECTIVE GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (MPI)
METHOD OF ATTACK X Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 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 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 26 GP -- 116 RDX RELEASED 26GP - 114 RDX
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
Altitude of Target 135 Temp Aloft: Metro -40 Actual -38
True Altitude above target 26900 Mag Head,order 171 Actual 182
Ind. Altitude 27000 True Heading 175
Pressure alt of target -213 Drift, Est 6L Actual 9L
Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 166
C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 12,643
G.S. Est 215 Actual 200 B.S.Type H-9
Wind Direc Metro 210 Actual 230 Time of Release 13:52
Wind Veloc.Metro 29 Actual 37 Intervalometer Setting 75ft
D.S 121.7 Trail 60 ATF 18.52 Length of Bombing Run 20sec
Tan. D.A. Est .458 Actual .47 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 --
Mean Temp: Metro -10.5 Actual -12 Manual Pilot --
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 75ft

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. SCHWABER DATE 16 Feb 1945
 PILOT Capt T BROWN TAKE OFF 1030
 NAVIGATOR CAPT HENRICKSEN AIR PLANE
 WING 94 B Grp GROUP 401st SQDN Low LANDED -
 OBJECTIVE GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY (MPI)
 METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 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 500 GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500 RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 46 GP - 95 RDX RELEASED 46 GP 95 RDX
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
 Altitude of Target 185 Temp Aloft: Metro -10 Actual -53
 True Altitude above target 25500 Mag Head, order 171 Actual 181
 Ind. Altitude 26000 True Heading 175
 Pressure alt of target 213 Drift, Est 6L Actual 10L
 Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 185
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 12,195
 G.S. Est 215 Actual 222 B.S.Type 5-9
 Wind Direc Metro 210 Actual 260 Time of Release 1352
 Wind Veloc.Metro 20 Actual 40 Intervalometer Setting 75ft
 D.S 125.6 Trail 50 ATF 42 Length of Bombing Run 10-in
 Tan. D.A. Est 400 Actual 51 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 -
 Mean Temp: Metro 30.5 Actual - Manual Pilot -
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 75ft

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Major, Air Corps
Group Bombing Officer

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER	<u>LT. BRUCHAWAK</u>	DATE	<u>18 Feb 1945</u>				
PILOT	<u>LT. TAUSIG, (Deputy)</u>	TAKE OFF	<u>1020</u>				
NAVIGATOR	<u>LT. WALTON</u>	AT RPLANE					
WING	<u>94th B</u>	GROUP	<u>401st</u>	SQDN	<u>High</u>	LANDED	<u>1714</u>
OBJECTIVE	<u>GISECKENHEIM, GERMANY</u>						(MPI)
METHOD OF ATTACK	Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing						
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP	<u>12</u>	COMPOSITE GROUP					
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP	<u>Lead A/C</u>						COMPOSITE GROUP
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:	<u>1 A/C</u>						
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>500# GP</u>	FUSING:	NOSE	<u>1/10</u>	TAIL	<u>1/40</u>	
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>500# RDX</u>	FUSING:	NOSE	<u>1/10</u>	TAIL	<u>1/40</u>	
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	<u>54 GP -- 89 RDX</u>	RELEASED	<u>55 GP -- 76 RDX</u>				
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:							
Altitude of Target	<u>155</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro	<u>-40</u>	Actual	<u>-42</u>		
True Altitude above target	<u>20,000</u>	Mag Head,order	<u>171</u>	Actual	<u>178</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>27400</u>	True Heading	<u>172</u>				
Pressure alt of target	<u>-615</u>	Drift, Est	<u>SL</u>	Actual	<u>10L</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	True Track	<u>162</u>				
C.I.A.S. <u>160</u>	I.A.S. <u>150</u>	Actual Range	<u>11,051</u>				
G.S. Est <u>225</u>	Actual <u>205</u>	B.S.Type	<u>150</u>				
Wind Direc Metro <u>310</u>	Actual <u>200</u>	Time of Release	<u>15:01</u>				
Wind Veloc.Metro <u>20</u>	Actual <u>35</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>75FT</u>				
D.S <u>121.8</u>	Trail <u>62</u>	ATF <u>43.48</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>10min</u>			
Tan. D.A. Est <u>450</u>	Actual <u>45</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>OK</u>	A-5	<u>--</u>		
Mean Temp: Metro <u>10.5</u>	Actual <u>-45</u>	Manual Pilot	<u>--</u>				
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>75FT</u>						

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JULIUS PIGEON
Major, Air Corps
Group Bombing Officer

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

Reference Field Order 631.

16 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 209.

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	3
Splashers	0	2
Fixed Beacons	0	0
Bunchers, England	51	0
Bunchers, Continent	0	37
	6. Total A/C using Gee	

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

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

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	34
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	32
3. Total number of units released	13,824

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	0	6. Gee	0
2. VHF	1	7. H2X, Micro-H	0
3. Compass	0	8. Carpet	0
4. Liaison	0	9. IFF	0
5. Command	0	10. SCS-51	-

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
QMAJ, Air Corps,
 Gp Com C.

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SECRET

REPORT ON A.A. GUNFIRE.
401 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)ASSIGNED.....Gelsenkirchen.....1. TARGET: BOMBED.....Gelsenkirchen..... DATE OF MISSION. 18 Feb 45.

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

Generally as briefed.

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>1/10 to 4/10</u>	<u>4/10 to 10/10</u>
CONTRAILS - - -	<u>dense, persistent</u>	<u>dense, persistent</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN - - -	<u>seen</u>	<u>seen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

Moderate, extremely accurate flak, for approximately 15 minutes duration, beginning 10 minutes prior to bombs away, lasting until 5 minutes afterward, consisting of predicted concentration which continually burst in front of, or directly within, group formation.

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

None

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: as briefed7. POSITION OF GROUP: actually 9th in division column

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN: POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE MAJ. MIN.	A/C LOST TO AA EA ACC UK	AXIS OF ATTK WITH	TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
Lead	12	1 0	1 0 0 0	196	360	1552
High	11	2 8	2 0 0 0	172	turn	1551
Low	12	1 10	0 0 0 0	178	360	1552
TOTALS						

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

Lt. D. V. McCallum.

SECRET

LEAD 94TH A GROUP

15 Feb 45

Env. Combat Commander MAJ GARLAND

Deputy Sqdn Leader CAPT SEDER

Deputy Gp. Leader CAPT GOODMAN SEDER

18X250 GP 1/0 1/40

614 SQDN614 SC JABROCK
613 IN MAGRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

THOMPSON H (GARLAND)

IY S 8653 PFF

AYRE

SEDER

IW A 7951

IW G 8259 PFF

614 SQDN615 SQDN

THOMPSON R

JONES

IW T 8646 *

IY A 7869

RICHARDSON

FONDREN

JORDAN

MORAN

IW B 7151

IW Q 7478

IY P 8758 *

IY K 8425

ST AUBYN

IW D 7322

WHITE

SORENSEN

IW Z 8530

IW F 7595

SPARES

JONES

SPARE LEAD (PFF) IW C 8033 Disp 9
(VIS) IW R 7780 Disp 4

SC L 8637

GND SPARES SC J 7790 Disp 15
IN F 6813 Disp 39

WX SHIP IW L 0001 Disp 7 Lt Col Silver

LOW SQ 94th A Group

Combat Sq Leader:

Lt MC GOLRICK

16 Feb 45

Deputy Sq Leader:

Lt TOUSIG

Deputy Gp. Leader:

613 SQDN

613 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MAGRO

614 IW GOI FCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

MC GOLRICK

IN P | 8449 PFF

MAYTOUSIG

IN C | 8187

IN L | 8941

613 SQDN615 SQDNBAKER

IN U | 7706 RGM

DUNNEDINSC 0 | 798 A
IY - | 8779 DDOMARICK

IN J | 1591

CURRAN

IN K | 1072

SMITH

IY B | 1750

GRACRAFT

IY G | 1983

STEELE

IN S | 2947

SCHILLERNIELSEN

IN N | 6562

IN D | 6558 RGM

SPARES

COX

IN H | 8607

Spare lead PFF IN G 8033 Disp 9
V12 IN R 7780 Disp 4

Grand spares SC J 7790 Disp 15

IN P 8313 Disp 39

WK AG IN L 0001 Disp 7 Col Silver.

High Sq 94th A Group

Combat Sq Leader: Capt GOODMAN 15 Feb 45

Deputy Sq Leader: Lt BOODIN

Deputy Gp. Leader: Capt SEDDOR

612 SQDN613 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

GOODMAN

SC U 7947 PFF

STAIN

BOODIN

SG D 6992

SG P 1891

612 SQUADRON615 SQDN

BLONTECHER

GRIMM

SC T 8788*

IY W 8810

COMER

HUDNALL

BENNETT

STEPHENS

SC F 8541

SC S 8680

IY R 6146

IY J 7115

JONES

SC R 2593

FRENCH

LOVELL

SC E 6506

SC K 6753

SPARES

Spare Leads: PFF, IW C 8033, Disp #9
Vis, IW R 7780, Disp #4

HOWARD

Ground Spares: SC J 7790, Disp #15
IW F 6315, Disp #39

SC B 1662

WX A/C IW L 0001, Lt Col Silver

*RCM

DATE: 16 Feb 45

DUTY OFFICER: Lt. H. H. KNOPMAN

BRIEFING OFFICER: Capt. J. L. MEREDITH

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group:

Primary: GELSENKIRCHEN - VISUAL OR GH - SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT.

~~PLAN A~~ One of the medium sized BERGUS SYNTHETIC OIL Plants producing about 2,100 tons monthly of benzene.about 400,000 tons per annum available to Germany. THE TOTAL TARGET AREA IS ABOUT 1700 YARDS X 1500 YARDS AND IS ROUGHLY IN THE SHAPE OF A ~~W~~ ^{Narrow M/Y}. BOMBING WILL BE AT 26000'. THE MOSTPROMINENT LANDMARKS ARE TWO Parallel CANALS ^{SWITCHBACKS} TO THE SOUTH; THE AUTOBAHN AND A RACE COURSE WHICH LIES IMMEDIATELY W. OF AREA.

Secondary: MUNSTER - NORTHERN TIP of M/Y - VISUAL OR HARV.

HEADING OF 45° WEST FROM A ^{MINIMUM} FLAK POINT OF VIEW.

Last Resort: BIELEFELD RR.

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: A GP - { 457 - HIGH AND LOW
351 - HIGH.

B GP - 401 -

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

40 { A } DORTMUND - 5122-0729 1 { A } HANAU DEER.

41 { B } HANAU DEER - 5129-0719 94 { A } GELSENKIRCHEN.

41 { C } 401 - 103.

b. 2nd AD: RHEINE M/Y - SALZBERG - FUEL - OSNABRUCK - M/Y

c. 3rd AD: 5106 E / B/S TACTICAL - HAMM - M/Y

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast:

3rd - 5244-0428 + 302nd - " : + 681st - " : + 70

b. Fighter Support: Close Support. 3 GP Pz - at 5244-0428.

3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION

a. Flak:

Return To HAPPY VALLEY

P.T. 116 guns within range on approach

87 guns " " WITHDRAWAL.

S.T. - 171 guns in TROPHY AREA - 87 within range

L.R.T. 30 guns - believed PRE-FLAK.

b. Enemy Fighters:

c. Smoke Screens:

Effective smoke screen known to be effective

d. Camouflage: EXTENSIVE CAMOUFLAGE, like camouflage of buildings
obliteration of landmarks by darkening

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

a. Wing Assembly: Kings Chaff Bunker - then 4 Points to
PELTONSTOWE 10000' - 17000'

b. Air Commanders: DIV. - LT. CO. CRANTK - FOXHOLE ORANGE
A GR. 94 FCBW - LT CO. FRANCIS
B " " - MAJOR LEWIS.

c. Zero Hour and Date: 1200 - 16 Feb. 45

d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force: 2nd DIV. WITHDRAWAL
WILL GIVE WAY TO S. AND 1st DIV. WILL GIVE WAY TO A
APPROACH TO ZUIDER ZEE.

5. SUPPLY:

a. Gas Load: 25.00

b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) 12 X 500 LB. (INTERVALOMETER)
VISUAL - SAWO - RFF = 75°

c. Chaff Load (Point and Time of Commencing Discharge) 2 MIN AFTER IP
CONTINUE FOR 18 min. i.e. ready for units. 2 MOSQUITOS ALSO G.C.

d. Screening Force: With Puff AHEAD from Bombers at 1P.

RETREATING FROM 5142-0600 TO 5124-0700 - 5142-0707

SWORDSHIRT CHARLIE.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares and Lamps:

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

94. B - RINEGROVE 2-10.

6 Pts - Qs Buckeye Blue. with Precobs Bombers
By 2 min. AND REPORT.

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape: MAKE FOR HORNADY - IF FEASIBLE ETC.

Crossing large R. - escape from turns - MISCELLANEOUS BEST EXIT -
W.O.F DIRECTION BEST SECTION.

CATION IN APPROACHING OUR LINES

b. S.O.P.'s HAND DAMPAHO A/c 13-53 ONLY. - other A/D only in emergency

c. Miscellaneous: FIRE BY BAH. T. CANNONERS.

d. Security:

S E C R E T

612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 401st Bombardment Group (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

Mission # 209
 16 February 1945

SUBJECT : Loading List

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

1. The following is a list of Combat Crews on todays' Mission:
 Plane # 42-31891

P	Jones, Dale G.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Sierek, Stanley J.	2nd Lt.	"
H	Wishnoff, Aaron	2nd Lt.	"
B	Moran, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Hadryszk, Chester P.	T Sgt	"
TTG	Serafino, Ernest A.	T Sgt	"
BTG	Rogers, Charles G.	Sgt	"
TG	Watters, Kenneth O.	S Sgt	"
PG	Wallace, Robert W.	Pvt	"

Plane # 43-37790

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Matthiesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	"
H	Hill, Ben F. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Milhone, Robert J.	S Sgt	"
RO	Hague, Kenneth A.	S Sgt	"
TTG	Delawder, Joseph A.	T Sgt	"
BTG	Borror, Norwood E.	S Sgt	"
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S Sgt	"
PG	Becker, Alex A.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 42-31458

P	Lovell, Morris H.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Gerant, John M.	2nd Lt.	"
H	Price, George B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Phinney, Roderick T.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Stevens, Edgar M.	Sgt	"
TTG	Knower, Russell S.	Sgt	"
BTG	Balfe, James	Sgt	"
TG	Broadbooks, Ray	Sgt	"
PG	Martineau, Emile R.	Sgt	"

Plane # 43-36541

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

Plane # 42-106992

P	French, Millard H.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	McKale, William L.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Cannon, Thomas P.	F/O	"
Tog.	Johnson, Jerry M.	S Sgt	"
RO	Allcroft, James W.	S Sgt	"
TTG	Hansen, Arthur W.	S Sgt	"
BTG	Deck, Floyd J.	Sgt	"
TG	Lagrange, Wesley	Sgt	"
PG	DeVore, Arthur D.	Sgt	"

Plane # 44-6113

P	Hudnall, Carl L.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Mitchell, Frank G. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Martin, Phillip A.	F/O	"
Tog.	Beardall, Keith E.	S Sgt	"
RO	Knight, Adam	T Sgt	"
TTG	Moorman, Loyd F.	T Sgt	"
BTG	Gyles, Alfred R.	S Sgt	"
TG	Parker, Robert H.	S Sgt	"
PG	Parker, Matt M.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 43-38733

P	Campbell, Charles J.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Foy, Phillip W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gruhn, David B.	F/O	" S/Sgt Toombs,
Tog.	Emery, Robert I.	S Sgt	George
RO	Feo, Gene H. Jr.	T Sgt	613th Sqdn
TTG	Kartes, Charles F.	T Sgt	RCM Operator
BTG	Sullivan, Earl Jr.	S Sgt	"
TG	Dalton, Charles K.	S Sgt	"
PG	Murray, Howard M.	Pvt.	"

Plane # 42-39993

P	Nolan, James A.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Twiggs, Calvin N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Hoffman,	1st Lt.	"
RO	Hathaway, Stanley K.	S Sgt	"
TTG	Siconolfi, Patrick	S Sgt	"
BTG	Feldman, Warren H.	Sgt	"
TG	Stewart, Jack C.	Sgt	"
WG	Belledonne, Charles L.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 43-37628

P	Smith, Max M.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Korwald, Morris H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Van Duinen, Richard B.	F/O	"
Tog.	Schmalz, Nyle R.	Sgt	"
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W.	Sgt	"
TTG	Genga, Pietro J.	Sgt	"
BTG	Laing, John	Sgt	"
TG	Filiatraut, Frank E.	Sgt	"
PG	Pinilis, Emanuel B.	Cpl	"

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

16 FEBRUARY 1945

L-O-A-D-I-N-G L-I-S-T

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.
43-38607	P	2nd Lt.	COK	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	SCEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	S/Sgt.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	S/Sgt.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	S/Sgt.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	S/Sgt.	TANAEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	S/Sgt.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	S/Sgt.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
43-38862	P	1st Lt.	BAKER	KAY	A.
	CP	2nd Lt.	LYNG	KENNETH	H.
	N	1st Lt.	KORETSKY	HARRY	W.
	B	1st Lt.	MOORE	CARLTON	R.
	RO	T/Sgt.	YORIO	FRANCIS	P.
	TT	T/Sgt.	BACCHUS	GEO.	B.
	BT	S/Sgt.	CLOYD	SHIRLEY	E.
	TG	S/Sgt.	SLATER	HAROLD	H.
	WG	S/Sgt.	MORRISON	JULIUS	J.
42-31591	P	2nd Lt.	MAHARICK	MATT	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	ROBESON	WENDELL	D.
	N	2nd Lt.	ROWLEY	DONALD	E.
	B	S/Sgt.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	RO	SGT.	REED	WILLIAM	O.
	TT	SGT.	LANIER	LESLIE	H.
	BT	SGT.	MOORE	WILLIAM	F.
	TG	SGT.	WEBB	WENDELL	B.
	WG	SGT.	MOULTON	GEO.	L.
42-31072	P	1st Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	BAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	2nd Lt.	JONES	REN	F.
	RO	S/Sgt.	GIESKEN	GEO.	J.
	TT	S/Sgt.	JOHNSON	ELMER	E.
	BT	S/Sgt.	ZENON	HAROLD	M.
	TG	S/Sgt.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/Sgt.	HARDIN	RAY	(NMI)
44-6313	P	1st Lt.	BRADLEY	AUBREY	J. JR.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	(NMI)
	B	S/Sgt.	ELINS	HERMAN	(NMI)
	RO	S/Sgt.	BOWERS	JACOBS	J. JR.
	TT	M/Sgt.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	C.
	BT	S/Sgt.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	S/Sgt.	DEFERAUGH	NORMAN	(NMI)
	WG	S/Sgt.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.

44-38941	P	1st Lt.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
	CP	1st Lt.	GARTON	FREW	M.
	N	1st Lt.	WALKER	DENSON	F.
	B	1st Lt.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN	S.
	RO	T/SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	T/SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BUCKSBaUM	ELMER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	JOHNSTON	WARREN	B.
42-102947	P	1st Lt.	SCHELLER	RICHARD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WICKES	WALLACE	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HOUSTON	RICHARD	D.
	B	F/O	KOLLAR	JOHN	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	M.
	TT	S/SGT.	HARTY	WILLIAM	O.
	BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	SEVERSON	NORMAN	A.
43-31187	P	1st Lt.	DONALSON	JEFF	N.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WILSON	CHAS.	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	JEFFERS	WILLIAM	W.
	B	SGT.	SUMMERS	RICHARD	L.
	RO	SGT.	HARVEY	GERALD	S.
	TT	SGT.	STREUTER	WILLIAM	O.
	BT	SGT.	SHERECK	ADELBERT	D.
	TG	SGT.	HARRINGTON	JACK	M.
	WG	SGT.	GAGICH	MICHAEL	(NMI)
44-6132	P	2nd Lt.	YOUNG	CHAS.	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FUNK	PHILLIP	B.
	N	2nd Lt.	SEAVEY	FRANK	R.
	B	SGT.	CARMICHAEL	WILSON	H.
	RO	SGT.	PETERS	JOHN	W.
	TT	SGT.	BRAMBLE	JOHN	F.
	BT	SGT.	ESHAM	GLENN	E.
	TG	SGT.	JOHNSON	CARL	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	HENNING	CHAS.	J.
<u>FLYING WITH THE 615th SQ.</u>					
	RCM	S/SGT.	TOOMBS	GEO.	(NMI)

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

APO # 557.
 AAF Station # 128.
 15 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. The following is the Loading List for today's Missions:

Plane 44-8033

P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	614th Sq.
CP	1st Lt.	MUSSEL, JOSEPH F.	"
H	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN D.	"
B	1st Lt.	SCHNEIDER, WILLIAM P.	"
MO	1st Lt.	GODDAMN, JAMES W.	"
RO	2/Sgt.	Arellano, Garciaimo J.	"
TT	2/Sgt.	Hoffman, Leon W.	"
TG	2/Sgt.	Ellis, James	"
WG	2/Sgt.	Martin, Norman D.	"

Plane 42-97780

P	Capt.	SEDER, ARTHUR R. JR.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	RUBINOFF, LOUIS W.	"
H	1st Lt.	STEWART, LEON F.	"
B	1st Lt.	CONWAY, FRANCIS JR.	"
RO	2/Sgt.	Backlin, John "	"
TT	2/Sgt.	Antill, Clarence W.	"
TG	2/Sgt.	Campbell, Clarence L.	"
WG	2/Sgt.	Harris, Cecil D.	"
	2/Sgt.	Affel, Richard H.	"

Plane 42-97395

P	2nd Lt.	SORENSON, MELVIN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	TROUPE, JOHN T.	"
H	2nd Lt.	ZELLMER, JOHN H.	"
CTG	2/Sgt.	Lee, William J.	"
RO	2/Sgt.	Collins, John G.	"
TT	2/Sgt.	Senorice, Steve S.	"
TG	Sgt.	Leppanen, Calvin E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Nichols, Norman B.	"
	Sgt.	Turner, Eldon A.	"

Plane 43-38646

P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
H	2nd Lt.	LUPONITE, HYMAN J.	"
CTG	2/Sgt.	Drecon, Louis L.	"
RO	2/Sgt.	Node, Robert E.	"
TT	2/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
TG	2/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
WG	2/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
RCM	2/Sgt.	Dane, Edward G.	"
	2/Sgt.	Allison, Carl M.	"

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Plane 42-97602

P	1st Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	614th Sq.
CP	1st Lt.	HAPLEY, WILLIE J.	"
N	F/O	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Radic, John	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Massa, Attilio	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, Berlyle, J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Patterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Faluso, Joseph J.	"

Plane 43-38830

P	1st Lt.	WHITE, WYLIE K.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	POTTER, FRED R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Harris, John G.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	McGOWAN, MAX I.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Whitney, Paul A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Viesca, Arturo B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	McQuade, John B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Grunz, Edwin R.	"

Plane 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	HARTGOCK, RICHARD J.	"
CP	F/O	LOCKE, KENT W.	"
N	1st Lt.	DUNCAN, ROBERT H.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DODGE, RICHARD A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Lee, Harold E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Brown, Vincent	"
BT	Sgt.	Mendoza, Frank C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Anderson, Donald D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Strukel, Joseph J.	"

Plane 42-97931

P	2nd Lt.	AYKE, LAWRENCE E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SCHOCK, NORMAN R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	LEASE, GERALD H.	"
CTG	Cpl.	De Lorie, George A.	"
RO	Cpl.	Mandie, Louis I.	"
TT	Cpl.	Brass, Forrest A.	"
BT	Cpl.	Gilbert, Luther F.	"
TG	Cpl.	Myers, John E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Iuni, Andrew E.	"

Plane 42-97478

P	1st Lt.	FONDREY, JOHN E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	VIA, JAMES C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	GOYNE, JOHN T.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Connors, Robert A.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Henszel, John W.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Brobst, Clyde J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wickline, John H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wilbers, Herman B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"

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Plane			
P	2nd Lt.	JAMES, HERBERT, W.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	PARKER, VICTOR H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	PACKER, JESSE L.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Franch, Willard A.	"
RG	Sgt.	Kent, Donald R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Parker, Robert S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Toloso, Melvin N.	"
TG	Sgt.	Mc Callion, Lynn G.	"
WG	Sgt.	Baumann, Archie, M.	"

ALVAH H. CHAPMAN JR.
Major, Air Corps.
Operations Officer.

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 AAF Station 128 - APO - 587

16 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), Sta 128 - APO - 587.

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

PLANE # 44-6146

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(NI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Bennett	Clifton	S.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Stevenson	Joseph	G.	"
H	2nd Lt.	Hamilton	Charles	H.	"
B	Sgt.	Ely	Calvin	P.	"
RO	Pfc.	Hanes	Rilly	R.	"
TT	Pfc.	Henley	James	H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Spoor	Richard	A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hartwick	Frederick	H.	"
PG	Sgt.	Joyner	Oliver	H.	"

PLANE # 44-35779

		BARDNEY			
P	1st Lt.	McKey ✓	George	S.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Deen ✓	Robert	H.	"
H	1st Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Histon ✓	Mack	A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Douglass	James	B.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Kosyra	Joseph	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Grenillion	John	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"
SJ	S/Sgt.	Heaton	Charlie	(HMX)	"

PLANE # 44-8653

P	1st Lt.	Turk	Laurel	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Janczak	Walter	(HMX)	"
H	1st Lt.	Cone	Allan	L.	"
H/O	1st Lt.	Thorpe	Robert	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Hecker	Robert	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Dupuis	Gyrque	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Wieselthier	Simon	(HMX)	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Vecchio	Murray	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Osborne	Peter	J.	"

PLANE # 42-31988

P	1st Lt.	Greer	George	H.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hagee	Eldon	H.	"
H	2nd Lt.	King	Jack	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Fernick	Gordon	H.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Schemel	Paul	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hudson	Leonard	L.	"
PG	Sgt.	Geierman	Edward	P.	"

PLANE # 42-97862

P	1st Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	P/C	Chaderwick	Joseph	S.	"
H	2nd Lt.	Greenberg	Martin	(HMX)	"
B	S/Sgt.	Herrison	James	L.	"
RO	Cpl.	Belforte	Joseph	V.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Miller	Raymond	A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Brunson	Nade	T.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Mollnight	Leroy	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Karcher	Alonso	A.	"

LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 42-97604

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MX)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Jordan	Robert	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Meredith	Robert	G.	"
H	P/O	Braslawsky	Max	(HMI)	"
B	Sgt.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"
RO	Pvt.	Hauldin	Harold	H.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Anderson	Howard	H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Gareth	Herton	A.	"
TG	Pvt.	Gorwin	Clarence	P.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Seelye	Duane	P.	"

PLANE # 42-31730

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MX)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Smith	Samuel	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Miller	Walter	A.	"
H	P/O	Andler	Lyle	H.	"
B	Sgt.	Rockers	Russell	H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Horekensroether	Raymond	A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Dillz	Reinhold	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Mellow	Miles	J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Woestman	Robert	J.	"
PG	Sgt.	Hood	Glyde	H.	"

PLANE # 43-35810

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MX)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Grim	Alfred	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Regan	John	J.	"
H	P/O	Coates	Alvin	H.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Boyer	William	O.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Kapson	George	H.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Geers	Louis	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Gox	Clyde	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Chambers	Arthur	R.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Hunsperger	Henry	(HMI)	"
SJ	S/Sgt.	Sparkman	Perry	L.	"

PLANE # 369 on Ship

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MX)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Campbell	Paul	H.	615th
CP	Major	Lewis	Clyde	A.	"
H	Captain	Consey	Rufus	P.	"
H	1st Lt.	Whitney	Ray	P.	"
H/O	1st Lt.	Walters	Donald	H.	"
B	Captain	Arnold	Harold	S.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Virgona	Angelo	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Pulser	Edward	H.	"
TG	2nd Lt.	Gentry	James	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H.G.	"

PLANE # 44-8571

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MX)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Lesinski	Stephen	J.	615th
CP	Major	Pfund	Melvin	G.	615th
H	1st Lt.	Rush	Louis	S.	"
H/O	2nd Lt.	Bradfute	David	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Hughes	Harold	H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Gonsino	Joseph	A.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Martin	Cyril	I.	"
TG	Sgt.	Bolan	Joseph	X.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Smith	Charles	H.	"