

R E P O R T O F O P E R A T I O N A L
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MISSION No. **203**

Date: **3 FEB. 45**

TO: **BERLIN , GERMANY**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: BERLIN, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. Two PFF A/C were included in the lead box and one in each of the other two squadrons. A spare accompanied each squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: BERLIN, GERMANY (VISUAL)
2. a. Group Leader: Capt. J. R. LOCHER (Reigler)
 Lead Navigator: Capt. H. D. WOOD (Strong-MO)
 Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. J. D. HURLEY
 Lead Bombardier: Capt. H. W. MEADVILLE
 b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. C. S. SCHAUNAMAN
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. R. E. PURRIER (Fraieli - MO)
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. K. E. SANDOE
 c. High Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. H. E. HASKETT
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. A. C. WILHELM (Tharpe - MO)
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. K. D. BUIVINGHAUSEN
3. Flight Over England:
 a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was normal with excellent weather conditions. It was made in darkness and all ships took off successfully.

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3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Squadron and Group assemblies over Cottesmore Bunker were accomplished in fairly good time. But delayed somewhat by darkness and the fact that it was the first night assembly for sometime and the newer crews were a bit inexperienced. The group was assembled except for two aircraft by departure time.

c. Route Over England:

Departure from buncher was made on time and the briefed route was flown over England. Control point # 1 was made on time but 5 miles south of course due to the fact that the Group's ~~formation~~ jammed up on the Division assembly line. But the correct position was attained (# 8 in the column) a few miles on the route out across the channel.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Control point # 2 was reached on course but 6 minutes late due to the fact the whole division was that much late. Control point # 3 was made on course 7 minutes late. Just prior to the IP Buckeye Blue reported that bombing could be done visually. The IP was made good and squadrons uncovered for individual runs.

b. Bombing Run:

The IP was made good. The route, up until the IP, was solidly under-cast, but from the IP in it was CAVU. The bombardier picked up Templehof Airdrome to the right of course, then located the marshalling yards in front of the target, and finally located the target area itself. The assigned MPI was covered with smoke from previous bombing and so was never seen. By using the RAF grid, the bombardier was able to synchronize on a point short of the target and then roll the indice back, to point it at the assigned MPI. He then double checked the rate by using the target picture and locating points on a line with the assigned MPI, and outside of the smoked area. The AFCE worked O. K. Bombs were salvoed by the lead and dropped with a 150 ft. intervalometer setting by all others. Strikes were seen in the smoke of the previous group's bombs, which covered the target. The Low and High Squadrons came in just as the Lead Squadron did and met with the same conditions and handled them in exactly the same manner, both using the RAF grid to bomb through the smoke. The two leads salvoed; the others used 150 ft. intervalometer settings. The High Squadron strikes were unobserved, while the low were seen to fall right in the smoke over the assigned MPI.

c. Flight from Target:

Rally was completed very quickly after bombing and briefed route was flown. Control point # 4 was reached on course, with the formation following the division column.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. d. Return to Base:

Let down was started after control point # 4 and continued until 3000 feet was reached at which height the English Coast was crossed. The route over England on return was normal, using the Northern Cross-in-Point. A/C 44-6508 failed to return -- having notified leader over target he was heading for Russia. A/C 42-102468 found it necessary to land at Woodbridge on return. All others landed safely at home base.

e. Weather:

Weather was as briefed and with no restriction at flight altitude. It was described as clear becoming 2/10ths to 4/10ths at mid-channel, increasing to 4/10ths to 6/10ths at continental coast, tops 8,000 to 10,000 feet; became 8/10ths to 10/10ths at 0600 E, tops to 18,000 feet -- became 4/10ths at 1200 E, tops to 8,000 feet. Target itself was clear, visibility to 10 to 15 miles.

f. Fighter Support:

Was excellent and Buckeye Blue's recommendations both on target and let down weather were very accurate and considerably helpful.

g. Comments on Formation:

Beth Squadron and Group formation was good to excellent and Division column was better than average.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Low
Lead Squadron: A/C 43-38788 - Not Sertie. Returned early when # 4 oil pressure reached 20 lbs. and oil temperature 100°. Investigation revealed # 4 oil pressure gauge was out and # 4 shutter on oil cooler stuck.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition seen or encountered (see Flak Report for flak)

<u>Battle Damage:</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
	17	4	21

8. Casualties: ~~2 - KIA~~
 9 - MIA (A/C 44-6508)

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

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Bombfalls of the lead and low squadrons were right in the smoke of the preceding group's bombs on the assigned MPI. The bombfall was some 8000 feet short, however, it fell in a large marshalling yard and should have caused extensive damage.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/c of the lead squadron attacked the primary target dropping 100 X 500# RDX and 20 X 500# GP bombs. The spare returned 10 RDX to base.

Low Squadron:

Twelve A/C EET and attacked the primary target, dropping 80 X 500# RDX and 40 X 500# GP (incl 10 Long Delays). Aborting A/C 788 jettisoned 10 RDX in channel.

High Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C bombed the primary target, dropping 110 X 500# RDX and 10 X 500# GP bombs. The spare returned 10 RDX to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	<u>Aircraft</u>		<u>Bombs</u>				
	<u>Over Target</u>	<u>Bombing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Fusing</u>	
						<u>Nose</u>	<u>Tail</u>
Main Bombfall	36	36	(290	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			(60	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(10	500#	GP	Long Delay*	
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			(290	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			(60	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(10	500#	GP	Long Delay	
Other Expenditures			10	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			20	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			320	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			60	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			10	500#	GP	Long Delay	

* Incl Long Delays.

11. Lost Aircraft: A/C 44-6508 - Was last seen heading for Russia after notifying Air Commander that 2 engines were out, presumably due to flak. No further information has yet been received.

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

AAF Station # 128.
 3 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 mission:

PLANE 43-38738

P	1st Lt.	ST AUBYN, GLENN H.	614th Sq.
CP	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, WALLACE	"
N	P/O	KAHN, CHARLES	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Falkowitz, Irving	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Tompkins, Harry A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Dearborn, Harry R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lichtenberger, Gustave	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Harold J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Buckley, John F.	"

PLANE 42-97602

P	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HAAKE, EDWARD C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	BURNS, THOMAS E.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Eidemiller, Wilmer P.	"
RO	Sgt.	Tuchin, Howard	"
TT	Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wright, Arthur L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dobson, William J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Laura, Libero L.	"

PLANE 43-38646

P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	2nd Lt.	COYNE, JOHN T.	"
B	1st Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Bode, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edeard G.	"

PLANE 44-6508

P	1st Lt.	KING, MYRON L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SWENNEY, WILLIAM J. III	"
N	2nd Lt.	LOWE, RICHARD I. JR.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Pyme, Robert E.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	De Vito, Patsy A.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Pavlas, Ernest S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Reinoschl, Philip A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atkinson, George E. Jr.	"
WG	Sgt.	Speelman, K. Hampton	"

Loading List (Con't)

Plane ~~222~~ 42-~~33333~~ 97395

P	1st Lt.	BABCOCK, FREDERICK H.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	BOUSFIELD, JOHN	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
B	2nd Lt.	MENZEL, GEORGE H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bilby, John F. Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Caldwell, Carroll L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Ward, Charles A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Parnham, Walter E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Casselman, Charles R.	"

PLANE 42-~~33333~~ 97478

P	1st Lt.	WHITE, WYLIE K.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	POTTER, FRED R.	"
N	F/O	BRINER, WILLIAM L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	AUFANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	McCommis, Max I.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Whitney, Paul A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Viescas, Arturo B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	McQuade, John B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Cranz, Edwin R.	"

PLANE ~~42-107151~~ 44-38458

P	1st Lt.	HARTSOCK, KENNETH J.	"
CP	F/O	LOCKE, KENT W.	"
N	1st Lt.	PETTY, ROBERT J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DODGE, RICHARD A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Dee, Harold E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Browne, Vincent	"
BT	Sgt.	Mendez, Frank C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Anderson, Donald S.	"
WG	Sgt.	Strukel, Joseph J.	"

PLANE 43-38677

P	1st Lt.	MORAN, ROBERT E.	"
CP	1st Lt.	WELLMAN, SILAS H.	"
N	1st Lt.	DUNCAN, ROBERT N.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Miller, James J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Brown, Arnold P.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Stromberg, Warren B.	"
BT	Duty S/Sgt.	Detty, Hibert J. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	xxxxxx, xxxxxxxx Clark, Charles B	"
WG	S/Sgt.	xxxxxx, xxxxxxxx Monacella, Joseph L. Jr.	"

PLANE 42-~~37322~~ 39012

P	1st Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	1st Lt.	LIVINGSTON, HERMAN	"
N	F/O	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Racick, John	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Massa, Attilio	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, Ber Lyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Atterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"

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

3 FEBRUARY 1945

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

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-6113	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.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	S/SGT.	HARTY	WILLIAM	G.
	BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	SEVERSON	NORMAN	A.
42-37706	P	2nd Lt.	HART	JERALD	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	TAYLOR	RICHARD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDREWS	MELVIN	H.
	B	S/SGT.	CARMICHAEL	WILSON	H.
	RO	S/SGT.	REISS	HERBERT	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	RANEY	ROBERT	E.
	BT	SGT.	KNIGHT	VICTOR	E.
	TG	SGT.	PICKERING	EDWARD	M.
	WG	SGT.	SMUKLER	MYRON	M.
43-38791	P	1st Lt.	KIELSO	ARTHUR	D. JR.
	CP	F/O	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	TONNE	ALVIN	E.
	B	S/SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	RO	S/SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	S/SGT.	HARPER	JAMES	T.
	BT	SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	D.
	TG	SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	S/SGT.	TOOMBS	GEORGE	(NMI)
43-38607	P	2nd Lt.	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	S/SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	S/SGT.	MCCRARY	LEON	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	WG	S/SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
42-31072	P	2nd Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	BAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	2nd Lt.	JONES	BEN	F.
	RO	SGT.	SITTON	WILLIAM	C.
	TT	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	ELMO	E.
	BT	S/SGT.	ZENOR	HAROLD	M.
	TG	S/SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARDIN	RAY	(NMI)

43-38862

P	2nd Lt.	CAREY	KARL	F.
CP	2nd Lt.	FREW	JAMES	R.
N	2nd Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
B	S/SGT.	NEWBY	CLIFFORD	C.
RO	S/SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	M.
TT	S/SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
BT	S/SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	B.
TG	S/SGT.	ODOM	HENRY	T.
WG	S/SGT.	FISHER	MELVIN	C.

44-8550

P	1st Lt.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
CP	CAPT.	STELZER	ROBERT	L.
N	1st Lt.	WALKER	DENSON	F.
B	1st Lt.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN	S.
V	1st Lt.	PETERSON	GEORGE	W.
RO	S/SGT.	FITZIMMONS	JAMES	J.
TT	S/SGT.	JOHNSTON	WARREN	B.
TG	S/SGT.	BUCKSBAUM	ELMER	(NMI)
WG	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.

44-6588

P	2nd Lt.	NIELSON	HANS	V.
CP	2nd Lt.	COLLISS	EUGENE	B.
N	2nd Lt.	TUMMELSON	HURSHAL	G.
B	SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
RO	SGT.	HARROWE	EMANUEL	(NMI)
TT	SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	G.
BT	SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
TG	SGT.	STEPKA	FRANCIS	S.
WG	SGT.	DE PRA	ARTHUR	R.

44-3449

P	CAPT.	RIGLER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
CP	CAPT.	LOCHER	JAMES	R. JR.
N	CAPT.	WOOD	HORACE	D.
B	CAPT.	MEADVILLE	HARRY	W.
N	1st Lt.	HIRLEY	JIM	D.
V	1st Lt.	STRONG	WILLIAM	(NMI)
RO	S/SGT.	MOLLAR	THEODORE	H.
TT	S/SGT.	SEELY	EARL	W.
TG	2nd Lt.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
WG	S/SGT.	JAMES	ILLEWELYN	(NMI)

44-6132

P	2nd Lt.	SPEER	KENNETH	D.
CP	2nd Lt.	MALONEY	JOSEPH	M.
N	2nd Lt.	SIMON	ROBERT	H.
B	SGT.	BUTLIN	ERNEST	J.
RO	SGT.	YOHAY	DAVID	(NMI)
TT	SGT.	CUPP	GORDON	G.
BT	SGT.	GROSS	WILLIAM	D.
TG	SGT.	THOMPSON	LEONARD	E.
WG	SGT.	AVARETT	JACK	C.

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612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 557Mission No. 203
3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 44-18153

P	Schaumaman, 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
MO	Fraioli, Frank P.	1st Lt.	612th
RO	Kopitnikoff, Irving G.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Morris, Thomas P.	T/Sgt	612th
EG	Willet, Edward H.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Curry, Edward A., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-106992

P	Roadman, Julian	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Compton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Knuese, Robert H.	F/O	612th
B	Whitlock, James P.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Lawson, Harry C.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Wimmons, Alston H.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Hall, Eugene H.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Wood, Donald S.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Hill, Earle R., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-39993

P	Aschenbach, Allen D.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Althoff, John R.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Brazzil, William R.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Folkerts, Arthur	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Feigenbaum, George J.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Herndon, William R.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Wilson, Ben G.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Perrlin, Joseph R.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Watson, Robert W.	S/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.	Pvt.	612th
TT	Bixby, Joseph Jr.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Erland, Cletus M.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Kirkhuff, Leonard M.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Mainxrise, Jack E.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-107039

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
RO	Pendley, Garland E.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Kelly, John C.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Eames, Duane H.N.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Madden, Ted H.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Zabel, Bruce H.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38680

P	Hudnall, Carl L.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Mitchell, Frank G., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Martin, Philip A.	F/O	612th
B	Beardall, Kathh E.	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Knight, Adam	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Moorman, Loyd F.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Gyles, Alfred R.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Parker, Robert H.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Parker, Matt M.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-37628

P	Smith, Max M.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Korwald, Morris N.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	VanDuinen, Richard B.	F/O	612th
B	Schmalz, Nylo R.	Sgt	612th
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W.	Sgt	612th
TT	Genga, Pietro J.	Sgt	612th
EG	Laing, John	Sgt	612th
TG	Filiatraut, Frank E.	Sgt	612th
FG	Pinilis, Emanuel B.	Cpl.	612th

A/C 43-38788

P	Lovell, Morris H.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Matthiesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Price, George R.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Phinney, Roderick T.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Stevens, Edgar M.	Sgt	612th
TT	Knower, Russell S.	Sgt	612th
BT	Balfe, James	Sgt	612th
TG	Broadbooks, Ray	Sgt	612th
FG	Martineau, Emile R.	Sgt	612th

A/C 42-102393

P	Howard, Louis F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Wilford, Joseph E.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Wilde, Earl R.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Rossok, Michael R.	Sgt	612th
RO	Carson, Edward M.	Sgt	612th
TT	Corbo, Frank J.	Sgt	612th
BT	Green, John J.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	McQuiston, George E.	Sgt	612th
FG	Taylor, Charles E.	Sgt	612th

A/C 44-6508

P	French, Millard H.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McKale, William L.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Cannon, Thomas P.	F/O	612th
B	Johnson, Jerry M.	Sgt	612th
RO	Allcroft, James W.	S/Sgt	612th
TT	Hansen, Arthur W.	Sgt	612th
BT	Deck, Floyd J.	Sgt	612th
TG	LaGrange, Wesley	Sgt	612th
FG	Devore, Arthur D.	Sgt	612th

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

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Office of the Operations Officer

AAF - Sta - 128 - APO - 557

5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE # 42-108113

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Stephens	Lloyd	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Wilt	Elmer	L.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Harper	Robert	F.	"
B	Sgt.	Whitlock	Howard	D.	"
RO	Sgt.	Huzinec	Andrew	(NMI)	"
TT	Sgt.	Graham	James	D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wisdom	Kent	B.	"
TG	Sgt.	Brennan	William	J.	"
FG	Sgt.	Lewelling	Fred	E.	"

PLANE # 43-38779

P	1st Lt.	Maire	Frederick	N.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Deen	Robert	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Momberger	Charles	M.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Landry	Lawrence	B.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mabrey	William	T.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Barr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Floyd	Norris	C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiegel	Clifford	W.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Nowak	Frank	F.	"

PLANE # 42-102468

P	1st Lt.	DJernes	Carl	P.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Spiva	Raymond	H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Canale	John	F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Davis	Rex	D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	LaCourse	Louien	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Chiu	Donald	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Reiher	Gordon	A.	"
FG	Sgt.	Akins	Ora	R.	"

PLANE # 43-38077

P	1st Lt.	Turk	Laurel	A.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Sinkking	John	W.	"
N	1st Lt.	Cone	Allan	L.	"
B	1st Lt.	Hecker	Robert	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Dupuis	Cyraque	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Wieselthäer	Simon	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Gremillion	John	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Vecchio	Murray	N.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Osborne	Peter	J.	"

PLANE # 42-31983

P	1st Lt.	Cracraft	George	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Magee	Eldon	E.	"
N	1st Lt.	Hoag	Carl	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Fenwick	Gordon	E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Jaquart	Robert	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wagner	Aloysius	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Smith	Charles	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(NMI)	"

LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 44-8653 PFF

P	1st Lt.	Haskett	Harry	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Gentry	James	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Wilhelm	Andrew	C.	"
N	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
B	1st Lt.	Buvinghausen	Kenneth	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Lynch	Brenden	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Eudaley	Orville	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hutchinson	William	D.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jones	Hinson	C.	"

PLANE # 43-37551

P	1st Lt.	Jordan	Robert	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	O.	"
N	F/O	Braslawsky	Max	(NMI)	"
B	Sgt.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"
RO	Pvt.	Mauldin	Harold	M.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Anderson	Howard	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Caruth	Merton	A.	"
TG	Pvt.	Corwin	Clarence	P.	"
FG	Sgt.	Seely	Duane	F.	"

PLANE # 42-31730

P	2nd Lt.	Smith	Samuel	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Miller	Walter	A.	"
N	F/O	Andler	Lyle	E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Biasella	Armond	R.	"
RO	Sgt.	Herchenroether	Raymond	A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Dils	Reinhold	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	McDow	Miles	J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Woestman	Robert	J.	"
FG	Sgt.	Reckers	Russell	E.	"

PLANE # 42-97869

P	1st Lt.	Jones	Robert	S.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Dunigan	Maurice	(NMI)	"
N	F/O	Steinman	Philip	B.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Carr	Richard	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	DeLong	Billie	D.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Kozyra	Joseph	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Nelson	Howard	W.	"
TG	Sgt.	Foutch	James	W.	"
FG	Sgt.	Geiger	Lewis	O.	"

PLANE # 43-38425

P	1st Lt.	Callahan	Raymond	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cosden	Byran	L.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Connell	Hall	T. Sr.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Peltz	Chester	C.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Weinstein	Bernard	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Luchfeld	Macvin	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Banning	Robert	O.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Swatski	Edward	F.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Dunn	Donald	R.	"

E N D

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

201st Group

1st BD F. C. 620

Date of 3 February 1945

	Lead	PFF - GH	High	PFF - GH	Low	PFF
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--	--	--	--	--	--
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	2	12	1	12	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	2	11	1	12	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	2	11	1	11	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	11	1	11	1
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	--	--	--	--	1	
(a) Early Returns Included					(1)	
7. Name of Primary Target	BERLIN, (VISUAL)					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	11	1	11	1
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	80 500# RDX 20 500# GP	20 500# RDX	100 500# RDX 10 500# GP	10 500# RDX	70 500# RDX 40 500# GP	10 500# 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	--	--	--
13. - to Flak			1			
14. - to Flak & E/A						
15. - to Enemy A/C						
16. - to Accident						
17. - to Unknown						

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

Date 3 Feb. 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Berlin, 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 0655 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0815 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 9500 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0849 hours at Felixstowe.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0849 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 60.
- (3) Actual drift 21.
- (4) Altitude over target 26,600.
- (5) Time bombs away 1113.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 230/65.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Visual

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 63 Mag..

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at 1116 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at 1127 hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at 1127 hrs.
m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

At 12°E. 20 min 20 N of course, following Div leader.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, PTT, 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 OK
(2) Gee OK
(3) Radio Compass OK in, 25 unit out @ 6°E. on way out.
(4) Fluxgate OK
(5) Other equipment. OK

1/2

/s/ H. D. Wood

H. D. WOOD

Captain, A. C.

Lead Navigator. , Lead Sq.

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

- a. T/O at 0657 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0815 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at _____ ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0849 hours at Felixstowe.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, Pilotage, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0849 hrs. at Felixstowe.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

D.R., Mickey, Gee, Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 76.
- (3) Actual drift -1.
- (4) Altitude over target 26,000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1119.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 247/88K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Visual

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

A little prop wash.

(9) Weather over Target.

As briefed - visual.

(10) Axis of withdrawal 50.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at 1116 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at 1127 hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at 1127 hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

At 12⁰⁰E, 20 mi. N. of course, following Div. Leader.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, D.R., Mickey, Pilotage

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey ~~Ex.~~
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass ^{Bad} Ex.
- (4) Fluxgate ^{Ex.}
- (5) Other equipment. ^{Ex.}

/s/ Robert E. Purrier
ROBERT E. PURRIER
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator; Low Sq.

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

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SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Berlin, 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 0654 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0820 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 10500 ft. (high)
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0849 hours at Felixstowe.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of navigation over England.

Pilotage, Gee

- f. Division formation was joined at 0849 hrs. at Felixstowe.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

- h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee, Mickey, Pilotage

- i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 60.
- (3) Actual drift 0.
- (4) Altitude over target 27,300.
- (5) Time bombs away 1114.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 240/60K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Visual

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

CA VU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 65.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at 1116 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at 1127 hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at 1127 hrs.
m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

At 12⁰⁰E. 20 mi N of course, following Div. leader.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, PFF, D.R.

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

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/s/ A. C. Wilhelm

A. C. WILHELM

1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator, High Sq.

Air Commander - Capt. J. R. Locher

FIGHT PLAN

PILOT Capt. W. Riegler

NAVIGATOR Capt. H. D. Wood

DATE 3 Feb 1945

Mickey - Lt. W. W. Strong

STATIONS	0530	ENGINES	0630	TAXI	0645	T.O.	0745
LEAVE BASE	0815						
COAST OUT	0850						
ENEMY COAST	0937						
I.P.	1055						
TARGET	1105						
ENEMY COAST							
ENR	1553						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

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

FROM TO	W/V USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
52 44N 00 39E	290	9500	150	150	056	-11	045	10	055	174	20	7	0815				
Dominion B	40	9500	130										0822				
52 55N 00 12W	280	10000	150	150	120	4	124	10	134	188	43	14	0836				
Watton D	40	10500	190														
52 34N 00 50E	280	11000	150	154	152	11	163	9	172	176	40	14	0850	C.P. #1			
Felixstowe	41	11500	213														
51 48N 01 21E	280	12000	150	157	127	6	133	9	142	188	30	9:44	0859				
51 40N 02 00E	42	12500															
"	284	21500	150	168	058	-10	048	8	056	206	115	34:44	0937				
52 40N 04 38E	49	21500	225														
"	270	23000	150	185	090	0	090	7	097	235	86	22	0959				
52 40N 07 00E	45	26500	239														
"	260	26500	150	195	090	2	092	6	090	245	34	8:44	1008				
52 40N 07 56E	50	26500	246														
"	"	"	"	"	133	11	144	6	150	222	25	7	1015				
52 23N 08 26E	"	"	"	"	061	-4	057	6	063	242	32	6:1	1024				
52 38N 09 12E	"	"	"	"	094	4	098	5	103	251	87	21:41	1046				
52 39N 11 35E	255	"	"	"	126	20	146	4	150	225	34	9	1055	I.P.			
"	248	"	"	"	065	-1	064	3	067	276	43	10	1105	TOT			
52 13N 12 20E	77	26500	"	"													
52 31N 13 23E	"	"	"	"	060	-2	058	3	061	290	19	4	1110				
52 40N 13 50	250	25500	170	219													
"	75	24500	148														
52 55N 13 40E	250	24500	150	189	338	-20	318	3	321	174	17	6	1116				
"	72	24500	242														
"	256	"	"	"	278	-10	268	4	272	136	144	6:44	1231				
53 15N 09 43E	61	"	"	"	304	-11	293	5	298	156	52	20:05	1256				
"	262	"	"	"													
53 44N 08 30	49	"	"	"	304	-11	293	6	299	156	29	11:43	1310				
54 00N 07 50E	"	24500	"	"													
"	270/45	20500	170	202	262	42	264	7	271	158	40	101	16				
53 45N 05 00E	24	16500	150	166	262	43	265	7	272	122	59	29	45	1403			
53 24N 04 00E	8	294/41	8000	170	176	240	410	250	8	258	150	41	16	1421			
Cromer 3000	2	276/24	2000	150	139	254	44	258	9	267	115	100	52	1513			
K. Kym 2000	41	274/24	2000	150	134	253	43	256	10	266	111	35	19	1532			
Base	"	"	"	134	247	44	251	10	261	112	39	21	1553				

Cott - Felix.		280/40		9500-11500		150	122	45	LIGHT RECORD		187	88	20	41	0821	0850			
Base- Felix.		280/35		0 - 11500		138	114	43	127		10	127	171	78	30	0820	0850	27 to Felixstowe	
TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A. S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E. T. A.				
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME					
0715					Buncher Y		150	8500											
0815		320/38	45		Dept. Y, 5 mi. south, on time			9500											
0818			40																
0821			30																
0822			30		5 mi. south B		150	9500											
0823			124																
0826			124																
0831			124					10500		12	5	143	20	84	0839				
0833			124																
0837			124		"D", on time, on course														
0843																			
0849			163		CP 1, 5 mi. W. of course					144	6	183	18	6	0849				
0910			163		51-50N 02-49E T.P., 5 mi. south			11500											
0914																			
0910			48		51-50N 02-45E)														
0920			40																
0922	53	-8	45				150	1700		23	8	182	58	20	0942				
0929			33		53-17N 03-44E		147	18200	172			184							
0935	56	-23	33		305/70E		147	18600	172			184							
0944			90		Coast In														

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNC.	MAG. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0949			95		52-35N 05-08E		155	21500							
0955			97		52-43N 05-48E		152	22000							
0959			93												
1001	83	A11 230/65	94		230/65K		150	23000 -38	185	23 1/2	6	235			
	92	A18	110												
1008			105		52-44N 07-08E		150	24700				235	28 1/2	7 1/2	1015 1/2
1013			108		52-44N 07-42E										
1018					52-40N 08-12E		145	26000							
1022							150	26500							
1025			105		236/36 M										
1035	73	A7	8-		52-44N 07-52E		150	26600							
1043		222/70K	95		52-50N 10-41E 222/70K. M		145	26600		31	8	233	38	10	1053
1049					A/C 52-47N 11-22E										
1056					27/294 Mickey 52-37N 11-52E		150	26600				213			1103
1104			60		I.P., on course		150	26600							
1113			60		BOMBS AWAY		150	26600							
1116			318		52-42N 13-54E		150								
1125			290				150								
1127			270		52-55N 13-32E. P.P.		150	25000				156	125 1/2	48	1215
1140			240		53-20N 01-55E		150	24900							
1150			250												
1155	263	-18 262/75K	245		53-17N 11-58E 262/75 K		145	25000 -43	190	35	13	140	81	34 1/2	1229 1/2
1210 1/2					53-17N 11-05E		150	24900		65	30 1/2	127			
1226			278		53-16N 10-00E		150	24800							
1229			296		T.P. 53-15N 09-50E		150	24900				D.R. 120	52	26	1255
1248 1/2			295		53-43N 08-30E. Enemy Coast					55	20 1/2	161	28	10	1258 1/2
1255			296		53-57N 07-55E		150	24900							
1318			272		53-50N 06-20E P. fix		165	19000		56	23	146	47	19 1/2	1337 1/2
1335			242		53-40N 05-00E		170	14500		37	17	131	67	30	1405
1350			242		53-26N 04-15E D.R.		170	8000		33	15	131			
1405			256		53-10N 03-20E. Ship in water		170			33	15	131			

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

TRACK CHART

DATE Jan. 3, 1945

TARGETS

PRIMARY

Berlin, Germany

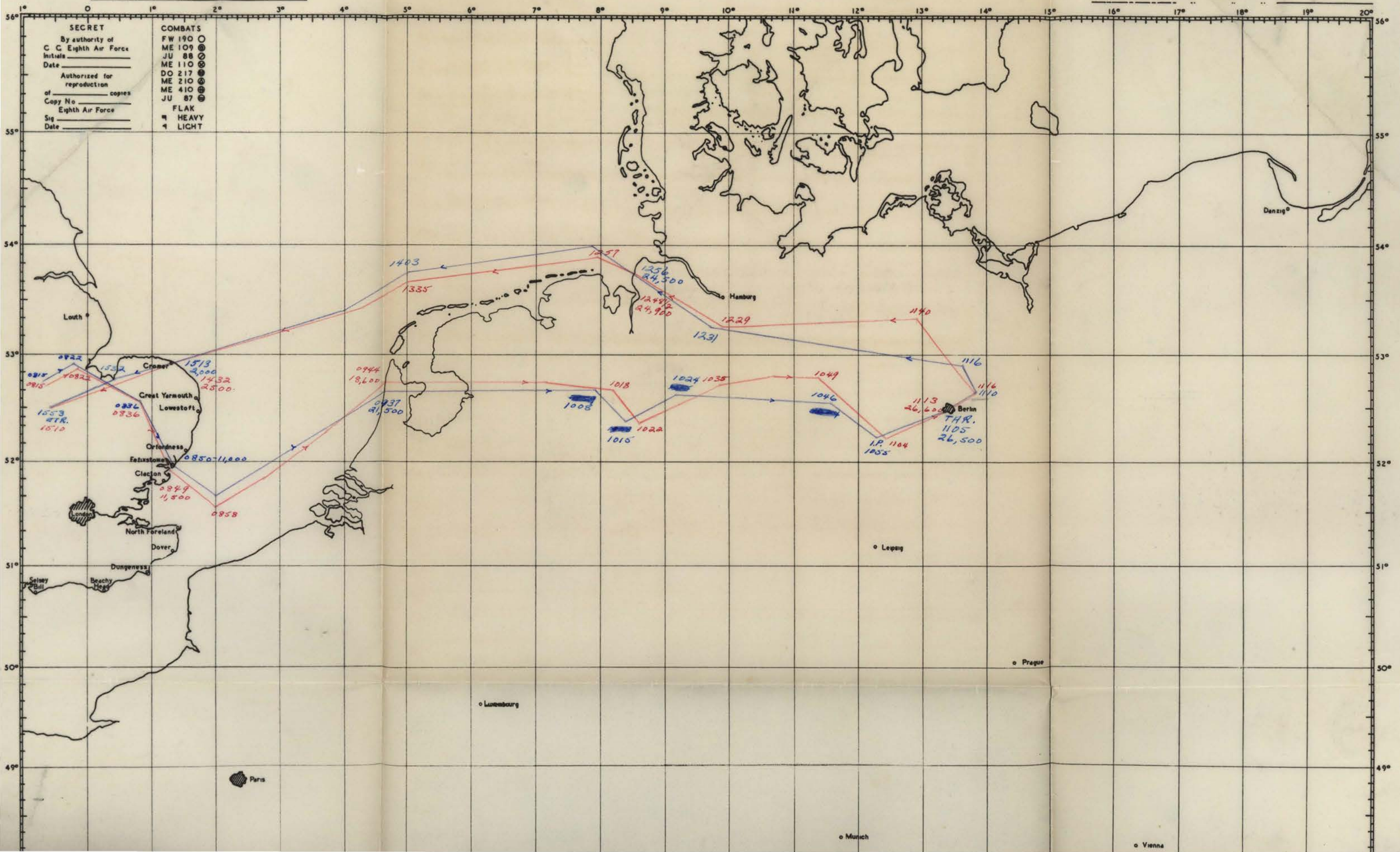
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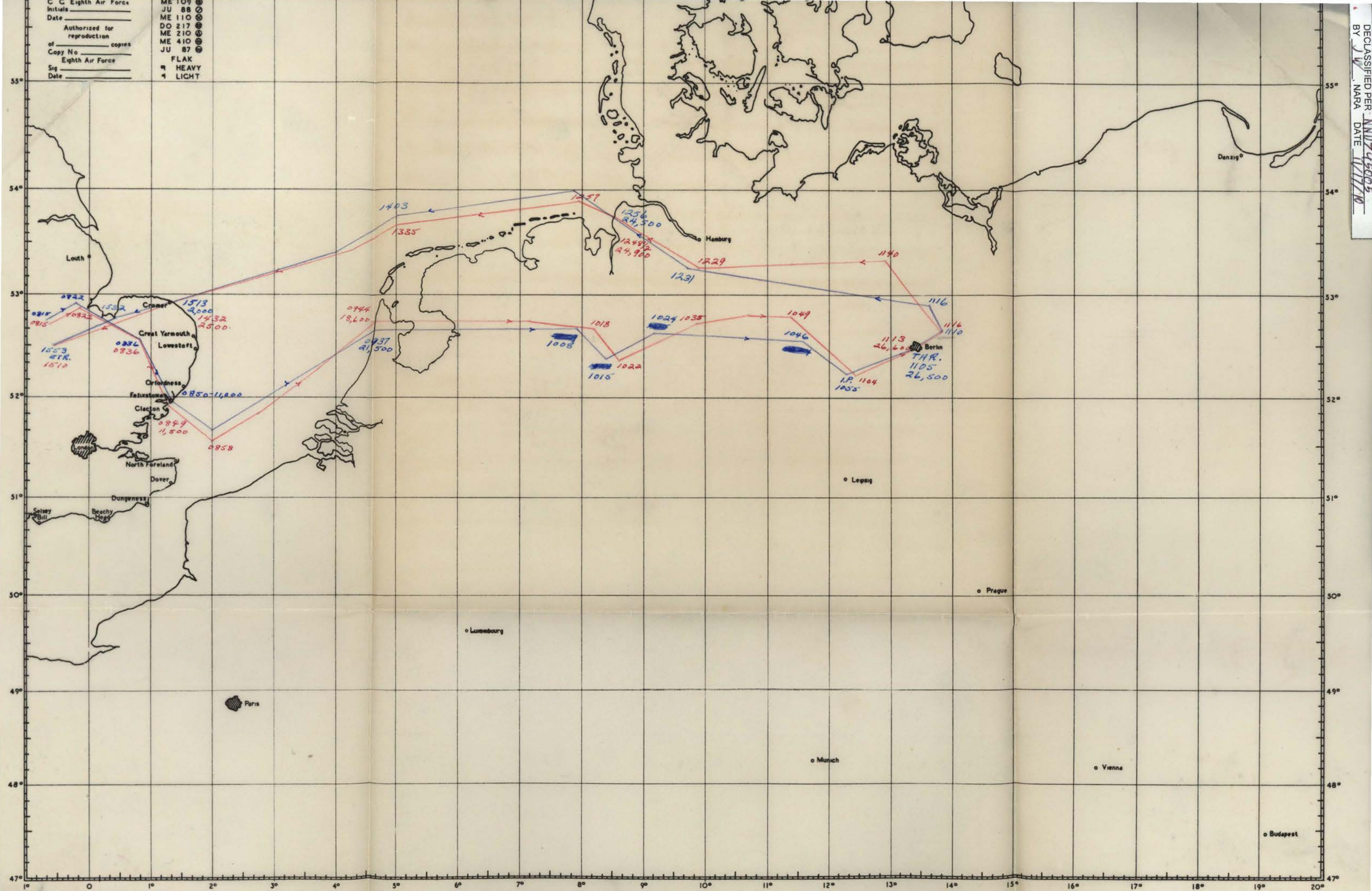
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	6 (d) (vi) 70	TEMPELHOF MARSHALLING YARD, Etc.	—	BERLIN (GERMANY)	6 (d) (vi) 70/8
	6 (d) (v) 17	FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATIONS, Etc.	—	BERLIN (GERMANY)	6 (d) (v) 17/6
0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS 0 1/2 1 MILE Photographed 1942 (1 : 32,000) approx. Issued November 1943					



STAT SUMMARY (cont'd)

	Lead	High	Low
18. Time of Takeoff	0655	0654	0657
19. Time of Attack	1113	1114	1113
20. Average Time of Flight	8.3	8.5	8.6
21. Altitude of Release	25,800	26,215	25,059
22. Visual or PFF	VIAUAL	VISUAL	VISUAL
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int. Acc.	Moderate to Intense Acc.	Moderate to Intense Acc.	Moderate to Intense Acc.
24. - Fighters	---	---	---
25. - Bomber	---	---	---
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	---	---	---
27. Degree of Success	Excellent	Fair	Excellent

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows:

NOTES:

W.D.A.G. FORM
12 E. Modified
1-9-44 401st BG APO 527

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. SANDOE DATE 3 Feb 1945
PILOT LT. SCHAUMANN TAKE OFF 0656
NAVIGATOR LT. FURSTER AI RPLANE _____
WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Low LANDED 1519
OBJECTIVE BERLIN, 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# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/10
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# G FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/10
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 80 RDX 400# RELEASED 80 RDX 400#
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
Altitude of Target 115 Temp Aloft: Metro -42 Actual -43
True Altitude above target 25050 Mag Head, order 66 Actual 79
Ind. Altitude 26000 True Heading 70
Pressure alt of target 143 @ SL Drift, Est 22 Actual 11
Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 75
C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 18, 214
G.S. Est 310 Actual 296 B.S. Type H-9
Wind Direc Metro 250 Actual 247 Time of Release 11:13
Wind Veloc. Metro 86 107H Actual 103H/H Intervalometer Setting 150ft
D.S. 127 Trail 59 ATF 41.63 Length of Bombing Run 42 miles
Tan. D.A. Est .64 Actual .73 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 --
Mean Temp: Metro -21 Actual -21 Manual Pilot --
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 15 ft

I certify that the above figures have been checked and are correct.

JULIUS PICKOFF
Major, Air Corps
Group Bombing Officer

W.D.A.G. FORM
12 E. Modified
1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER CAPT MEADVILLE DATE 3 Feb 1945
PILOT CAPT RINGLER (LOCHER) TAKE OFF 0355
NAVIGATOR CAPT WOOD AIRPLANE _____
WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1513
OBJECTIVE BERLIN, 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# HMX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 100HMX 20 GP RELEASED 100HMX 20 GP
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
Altitude of Target 165 Temp Aloft: Metro -43 Actual -45
True Altitude above target 26800 Mag Head, order 66 Actual 63
Ind. Altitude 26800 True Heading 80
Pressure alt of target 143.9 SL Drift, Est 20 Actual 21
Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 58
C.I.A.S. 180 I.A.S. 180 Actual Range 16,254
G.S. Est 312 Actual 303 B.S. Type M-9
Wind Direc Metro 250 Actual 250 Time of Release 11:13
Wind Veloc. Metro 86MPH Actual 75 M/H Intervalometer Setting 150ft
D.S. 124.8 Trail 60 ATF 42.47 Length of Bombing Run 42 miles
Tan. D.A. Est .63 Actual .63 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 --
Mean Temp: Metro -21 Actual -22 Manual Pilot --
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 150ft

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1-9-44 401st BG APO 557COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. BUVINGHAUSEN DATE 3 Feb 1945
PILOT LT. HASKETT TAKE OFF 0954
NAVIGATOR LT. WILHELM AT RPLANE _____
WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN High LANDED 1521
OBJECTIVE BERLIN, 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
BOLBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
NUMBER OF BOLBS LOADED 110 RDX 10 GP RELEASED 110 RDX 10GP
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
Altitude of Target 115' ft Temp Aloft: Metro -44 Actual -44
True Altitude above target 86215 Mag Head, order 68 Actual 63
Ind. Altitude 27300 True Heading 60
Pressure alt of target 7143 GEL Drift, Est 28 Actual 0
Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 60
C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 12,326
G.S. Est 316 Actual 300 B.S. Type M-9
Wind Direc Metro 250 Actual 240 Time of Release 11:14
Wind Veloc. Metro 86 Actual 69 Intervalometer Setting 150ft
D.S. 125.7 Trail .62 ATF 42.83 Length of Bombing Run 36miles
Tan. D.A. Est .62 Actual .73 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 _____
Mean Temp: Metro -22 Actual -22 Manual Pilot _____
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 150ft

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

J-A-2/1

Reference Field Order 620.

3 FEBRUARY

1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 203.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:		2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>2</u>
Splashers	<u>4</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>33</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>1</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>39</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

	<u>H2X</u>	<u>Micro-H</u>
1. Total A/C dispatched	<u>4</u>	
2. Total A/C over target	<u>4</u>	
3. Total sets usable for bombing	<u>3</u>	

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>35</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>32</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>13,824</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
~~Maj~~ Lt, Air Corps,
 Gp Com O.

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S E C R E T

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

ASSIGNED... Berlin

1. TARGET: DATE OF MISSION. 3/2/45....
BOMBED... Berlin

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN: Generally as briefed until 1200E on route back where Division column moved 20 miles N. of course.

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>Clear</u>	<u>4-8/10</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>None</u>	<u>Light, non-persistent</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Seen, Unseen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET: Moderate to intense, accurate both for altitude and deflection, appearing to consist of a barrage, which became continuously pointed type fire two (2) minutes prior to bombs away and tracked formation for approximately six (6) minutes

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

0945 hours, continental coast, meager, observed,
1245 " (5344-0830E) , " , "

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: As briefed

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th. "B" (3th. in Division)

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN: POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE		A/C LOST TO				AXIS OF		TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
		MAJ.	MIN.	AA	EA	ACC	UK	ATTK	WITH		
<u>Lead</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>1113</u>	<u>26,600</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2279</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1113</u>	<u>26,000</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>1114</u>	<u>27,300</u>
TOTALS	<u>36</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>							

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:- 3 to 5 large white, cloud-like bursts resembling smoke-marker trails at formation altitude at approximate bomb release line.

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
 STATION 128 - APO 887
 U. S. ARMY

D-8-4

4 February 1948.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions. (mission to Berlin 3 February 1948)

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 887, U. S. Army.

1. Capt. Lecher, Group Air Commander, reported that 84th "A" group High Squadron flew 1,000 feet too high all day, which caused 84th "F" group difficulty because of prop-wash. This comment was seconded by Lt. Schumann, Low Squadron leader.

2. Lt. Schumann also stated that the second flight of the Low section of the Lead Squadron flew too low.

3. Capt. Robert L. Stelzer, Deputy Group Commander, stated that the Low section of the Lead Squadron flew at all times in close trail of Lead section; told him several times to move over to correct position.

4. Lt. Earl F. Carey, pilot A/C 5882, reports that there have been no lights in his crew chief's tent for a month, although he has complained several times. A/C dispersed in dispersal #43.

5. Lt. Donald H. Schlemmer, pilot A/C 7039, complimented his wing-man, Lt. Keith, for flying the "best formation I've ever seen."

6. Lt. Herman Tausig, pilot of Deputy Group Lead A/C, reported that his Radio Operator was able to transmit radio message concerning the unidentified B-17 which ditched, almost immediately.

7. Lt. Arthur D. Seise, Jr., pilot A/C 8781, reported a shortage of flak suits.

8. Lt. Richard D. Richardson, pilot A/C 9012, thought the High Squadron flew too low all the time.

9. Lt. Donald E. Scheller, pilot A/C 6115, thought the #2 and #3 A/C in the Lead Squadron flew a little too far back and out.

10. Lt. Herbert P. Cox, pilot A/C 8807, thought #2 A/C in Lead Squadron was low and a little far back.

11. The entire crew of Lt. Kenneth J. Hartsack, pilot A/C 8458, say this A/C is the cleanest and best kept A/C they have ever flown. They would like to compliment the crew chief and would be happy to complete their tour in this A/C.

12. Lt. Robert E. Jordan, pilot A/C 7881, thought the High Squadron "ceded" too much and that there was not enough interval between the Lead and High Squadron.

13. The crew of Lt. Robert S. Jones state that the quality of food served recently in the combat mess after a mission is poor, and that they do not get enough to eat.

W. E. FRY,

Station 128, AAF Sta. 128, S-2 Officer

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BRIEFING NOTES

DATE: 3 Feb. 1945

DUTY OFFICER: H. Ren

BRIEFING OFFICER: Capt. Coit

"PLAN A"

ETR-1553

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group:

Primary: Berlin (Visual)

MPI is R.R. bridge connecting portions of Tempelhof
 M/Y's.

All 3 Div, totaling 1350 A/C are attacking
 the same target to day - it's an all out effort to raise Berlin
 to the ground. The R.R. are particularly being hit to prevent
 evacuation of personnel & supplies, no doubt connected with the
 fight. P/T expected to be 4-6/10's covered; bombing alt. 26,500.

Secondary: Same P/T & MPI (H2X)

Last Resort: Any military objective positively identified
in Germany that will not disrupt fighter support. ^{Support} Reinforce A/C
 5257-1249

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: Same P/T & MPI - MPI: Kansas.

Interval between Gps = 1 min.

(3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD: 12 Gps. all on

41 A	40 A	94 A	1 A	Same P/T and
B	B	B (401st) 8 th	B	MPI
C	C	C	C	(432 A/C)

b. 2nd AD: 42 Gps. on same P/T (420 A/C)

c. 3rd AD: 14 Gps on same P/T (504 A/C)

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: Interval between

1 AD leaves Felixstowe Zero hr. (0900) Gps = 1 min.

3 AD " Lowestoff " +

2 AD " S. Yarmouth " **SECRET**

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b. Fighter Support: _____

3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION:

a. Flak: 404 guns in area; 150 in range. Kind
at 85 MPH from 250. Advice that adhere to
route leaving E/C due to flak area on either side.
Flak moderate - going in on 2nd priority; coming out on 1st.

b. Enemy Fighters: _____

c. Smoke Screens: Effective -d. Camouflage: None

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

a. Wing Assembly: Catles moreHuntington Huntington
Felix Stoneb. Air Commanders: Wing Commander Col. Kyle.Air C/O 99th Col. Rogers (also A Sp Comm.)B Sp Comm. Capt. Locker - C Sp Comm. Maj. Roper.c. Zero Hour and Date: 0900 - 3 Feb. 1945d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force: odd numberedSp will fly at 20,000'; even numbered Sp at 26,500';
40th CBW will operate along E/C in 5-240-0300 at 20,000' from 0 hr until
recontact.

5. SUPPLY:

a. Gas Load: 2700b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) 10x500 J.P.'s 1/10-1/40; 1 A/C
with 1, 2 & 6 hr delay; Interval. 150' visual or H2X 4/R-servo-c. Chaff Load (Point and Time of Commencing Discharge) 432 units
Release at 1. P. & continue for 15 minutes.d. Screening Force: 3 Mosquitoes enroute at 5-235-1100
& begin release at 5-223-1200 & continue thru target
area.**SECRET**

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6. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares and Lamps: None - None

b. VHF and Other Radio: (Scouting Force Information) 2 P-51's "B-Red"

To 070° E + pass weather in request: 8 P-51's - "B-Blue"
To penetrate an bunker route to arrive at P/T 20 min.
prior to lead. An with down will pass to P/T
on request + to cycle relay.

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape:

b. S.O.P.'s:

c. Miscellaneous: Russian rec signals

Basic - dip right wing 2 or 3 times.

Second signal - rock right wing 3 to 5 times.

d. Security:

Clear pockets of papers + identify paper
material.

Don't mention Tapt or route outside this
room - especially if the plan is scrubbed.

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LEAD SQUADRON C GROUP 94th CB

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJOR MAUPIN Date: 1 Feb 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Boddin

Deputy Sp. Leader: Lt Boddin

*Landing 10 - 500 lbs
2 - 217's
Gas load 2500 lbs.*

612 SQDN
612 SC JARNOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IN GOLFCROSS
615 IY BOZZARD

GOODMAN(MAUPIN)

SC U 7947 MH

*BREAKFAST - 04:15
BRIEFING - 05:15
STATIONS - 07:10*

HUDNALL
SC S 8680

BODDIN
SC Q 8153 PFF

612 SQDN

613 SQDN

BLOETSCHER
SC D 6992

SCHELLER
IN C 8187

CAMPBELL
SC L 8637

SMITH
SC B 1662

CAREY
IN H 8362

NIELSEN
IY N 8738

JONES
SC R 2393

MARTIN
SC H 2398

NOLAN
SC C 9993

HOWARD
IN F 7395

Spar PFF IN Q 8550 Disp 44
Lead IN L 8941 Disp 38
Grind spares IW D 7322 Disp 1
IY K 8425 Disp 28

LOVELL
SC P 1891
Do not load, Coast Only.

Minto A/c - 0001

1629

LOW SQUADRON C Group

Combat Sq. Leader: LT KOCHER Date: 1 Feb 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT GERBER

Deputy Sp. Leader: LT BODDIN

615 SQDN

612 SQ JALOCK
 613 IN MAURO
 614 IN GOLFOUR
 615 IY BOZZARD

KOCHER

IY M 8371 MH

KNOWLES

IY P 8758

GERBER

IY Q 8077

615 SQDN

613 SQDN

JONES

IY A 7869

STEELE

IN S 2947

JORDAN

IY L 7551

GRACRAFT

IY G 1983

HART

IN B 6132

BRADLEY

IN A 8458

GRIMM

IY O 8779

DJERNES

IY C 2468

SMITH

IY B 1730

SPARES

BENNETT

IY F 7664

Spare PFF IN Q 8550 Disp 44

~~//Ld//46/P//7897//7777//~~

Ld IN L 8941 Disp 38

Grnd spares IW D 7322 Disp 1

IY K 8425 Disp 28

HIGH SQDN. 94TH "C" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT. CUSHMAN Date: 1 FEB. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT. SEDER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT. BODDIN

614 SQDN

612 SQ. HARTSOCK
 613 TN BARCO
 614 IN G. LFCLOS
 615 IY BODDIN

CUSHMAN

IN C 8033

PONDREN

IN Q 7478

SEDER

IN R 7780

614 SQDL

613 SQDL

BARCOCK

IN X 8565

Off Runway.
 IN D 7322

CURRAN

IN K 1072

HARTSOCK

IN B 7151

WHITE

IN Z 8330

KELSO

IN G 8791

COX

IN H 8607

MORAN

IN K 8677

SORENSEN

IN O 7602

RICHARDSON

IN P 2012

SPARES

THOMPSON, R.

IN T 8646

PFF SPARE LD. IN Q 8550 DISP 44
 VIS SPARE LD. IN L 8941 DISP 38

GND SPARES IN D 7322 DISP 1
 IY K 8425 DISP 28

LOW SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT. SCHAUNAMAN Date: 3 FEB. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. ASCHENBACH

Deputy Sp. Leader: CAPT. STELZER

612 SQDN. 612 SC JALOCK
613 IN LAURO
614 IN GOLFOUS
615 IV BULLARD

SCHAUNAMAN

153 (PFF)

LOVELL

ASCHENBACH

788 (ABOUT RETURNED)

993

612 SQDN.

614 SQDN.

ROADMAN

ST. AUBYN

662 ✓

738 ✓

FRENCH

COMER

WHITE

STAUFFER

506 ✓

541

478 ✓

602 ✓

SCHLIEMANN

039 ✓

SMITH

HUDNALL

628

680 ✓

SPARLE

HOWARD

393

LEAD SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT. LOCHER Date: 3 FEB. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT. STELZER

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT. STELZER

613 SQDN

612 SQ JALTOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IN GOLFOCUS

615 IV BALZARD

RIEGLER(LOCHER)

449 (PFF)

401st formation at take-off,
cruise, and over target.

SPEER(MALONEY)

TAUSIG(STELZER)

132 ✓

550(PFF)

613 SQDN

614 SQDN

SCHELLER

BABCOCK

113 ✓

395 ✓

CAREY

GOX

RICHARDSON

MORAN

862 ✓

607 ✓

012 ✓

677 ✓

CURRAN

072 ✓

KELSO

HART

791

706 ✓

SPARE

NIELSON

588 (SPARE RETURNED)

HIGH SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: **LT. HASKETT** Date: **3 FEB. 1945**

Deputy Sq. Leader: **LT. TURK**

Deputy Sp. Leader: **CAPT. STELZER**

615 SQDN.

612 SQ. HARTSOCK
613 IN MARCH
614 IN GOLFOLUB
615 IV. BULLARD

HASKETT

653(PFF)

CALLAHAN

TURK

425 ✓

077 ✓

615 SQDN.

614 SQDN.

JONES

THOMPSON, R.

869 ✓

646 ✓

MAIRE

JORDAN

KING

HARTSOCK

779 ✓

551 ✓

508

458 ✓

DJERNES

468

SMITH

GRACRAFT

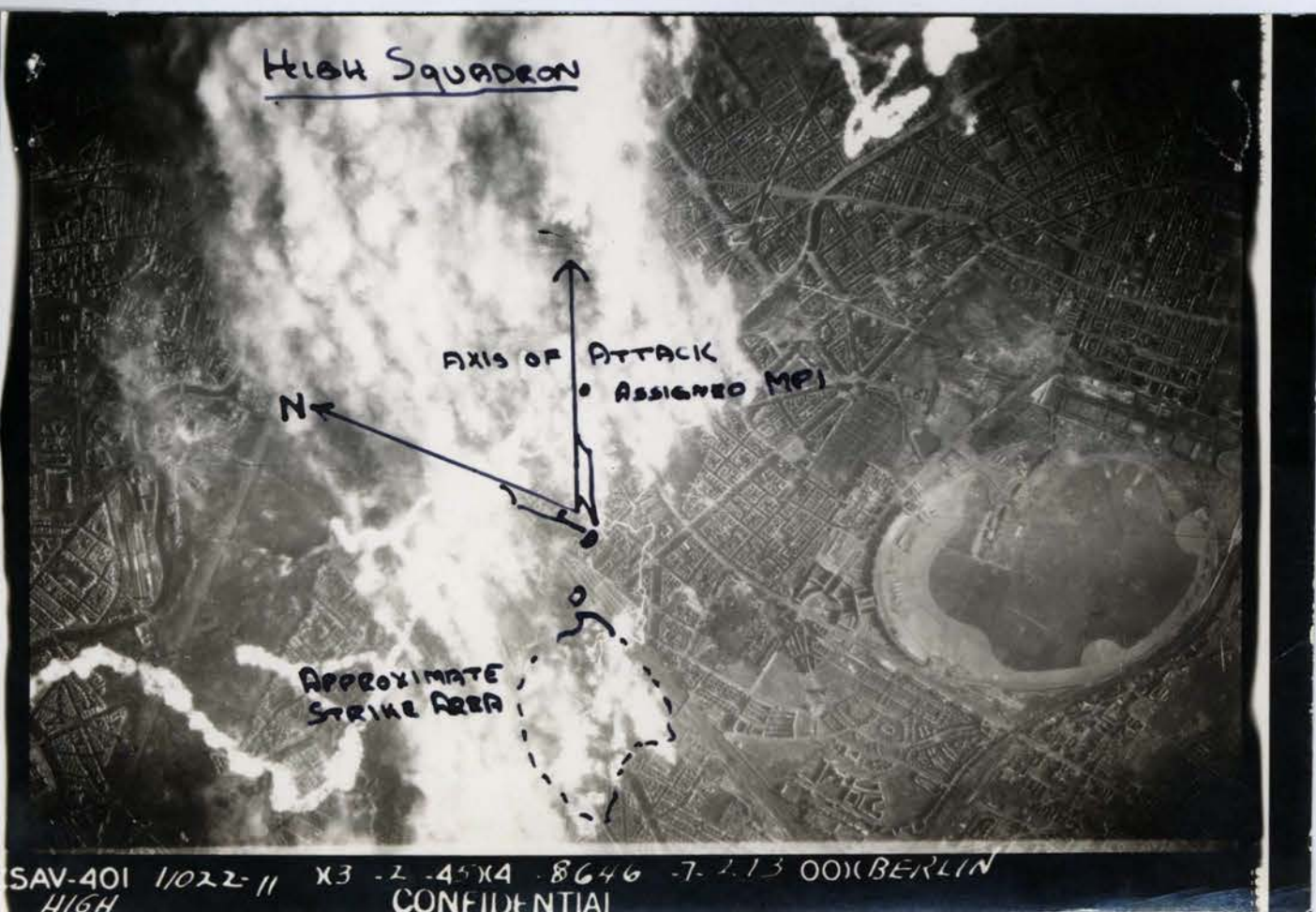
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SPARLE

STEPHENS

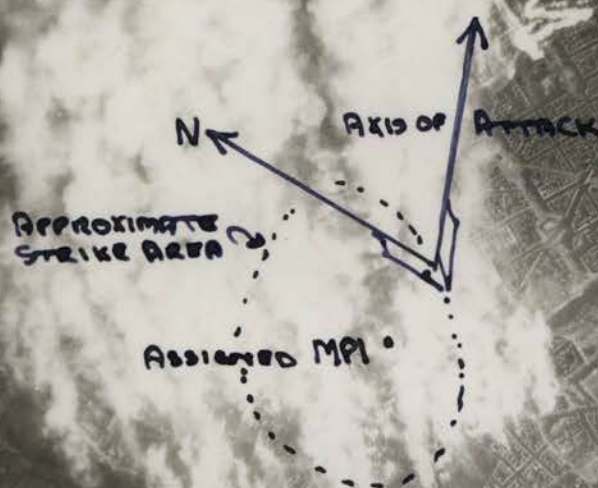
113 (SPARE RETURNED)



LEAD - LOW SQ
94A (401)
(5032-0835)
5 1/2 miles SW of GIESSEN

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LEAD **CONFIDENTIAL**

LEAD - LOW SQ



SAV-401 11023-8 X3-2-45X4 -8738 -7-259 00(BERLIN)
LOW **CONFIDENTIAL**