

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

MISSION No. **199**

Date: **22 JAN. 45**

TO: **STERKRADE, GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: STERKRADE, GERMANY (Synthetic oil)
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished two squadrons of 12 A/C each, the lead and low squadrons of the 94th "A" Group. A GH A/C was borrowed for each squadron, whereas a PFF A/C was also included in each box. A spare accompanied each formation.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: STERKRADE, GERMANY (GH with Visual)
2. a. Group Leader: Major E. T. De JONCKHEERE (Cushman)
 Lead Navigator: Capt. W. E. ANDERSON (Strong - MO)
 Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. J. M. RUSH
 Lead Bombardier: Capt. D. W. FESMIRE
- b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. R. S. HAYES
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. C. B. MINOR (Barnes - MO)
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. R. W. MURPHY

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was during daylight hours and normal after having been delayed (1) one hour. Group consisted of two (12) twelve ship squadrons flying lead and low positions.

b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assembly was on Cottesmore Buncher and was normal. All (24) twenty four aircraft were in position when Group left Buncher on course and on time. A/C 43-38125 had one engine fail before assembly, and when another engine failed or was feathered in error it crashed-landed north of Cottesmore. Four of the crew were injured - 3 seriously, 1 slightly.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. c. Route Over England:

Was accomplished as briefed -- this Group was 94th "A" (Wing Lead) and followed by 94th "B" and 94th "C". At CP 1 (English Coast) Group 1 B was four (4) minutes late which resulted in 94th "A" crossing in front of 1 B and flying off to right of course along Division Assembly line until correct position in Division was obtained.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Flight to target was as briefed. Buckeye Red (Scouting Force) said target was open but might close so run was GH with last few seconds being visual. Flak at target area was intense but not too accurate.

b. Bombing Run:

Lead Squadron:

The leader made the briefed IP ok. The bomb run was started on GH but a short time later it became clear as that the run would be visual. The bombardier took over and made a visual run. The squadron ahead seemed to be going too slow and the group almost overran them, so 94th "C" cut the airspeed down to 140 indicated. Almost 3 minutes before bombs away the bombardier saw the corner of the southernmost of the two large buildings on the target area and synchronized on that. All ships salvoed, the bombs hitting the assigned MPI very well, with all the pattern falling within the target area. The AFCE was ok.

Low Squadron:

The low squadron started the bomb run about 3 miles west of the briefed IP in order to make good a GH course line. The formation was going in on GH and make a visual assist, or take over entirely, if weather permitted. Returns on the GH set came in good and the dropping angles the GH operator called off to the bombardier checked out very well with the data preset from the navigator's wind. A large cloud on the bomb run prevented the bombardier from making a visual run but he did see enough check points to make a visual assist. The squadron was bearing off the the right but a visual correction to the left by the bombardier brought the squadron in on course. The bombs were salvoed by all A/C. The AFCE worked well. Results showed the bombs striking in the target area, in the smoke of the previous squadron's bombs.

c. Flight from Target:

Slight mix up at target caused 94th "A" to withdraw abreast of 1 B until English Channel was reached. Route back to England was as briefed except for a altitude-weather causing higher than briefed altitude to be maintained.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. d. Return to Base:

At Wing break-up point 94th "A" leader and low squadron leader left formation to return GH aircraft to home field. Lead Squadron returned directly to base, and low went to standoff point until called in. All ships landed safely at home base.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 10/10 over channel some breaks at continental coast becoming 10/10 over continent and IP area, tops to 6,000 feet and no high clouds. Half way down bombing run, target became visible through break occurring directly over Sterkrade. Area south of target ~~was obscured by a thick layer of clouds~~ appeared solid undercast, while north of target, enroute back, weather cleared greatly and visibility was excellent. Target not visible from IP. Fairly heavy contrails were encountered enroute to target.

f. Fighter Support:

Abundant and in very close proximity of Division column.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formation was good entire route to target and back to English Coast.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

It can be concluded that this mission was the first GH mission by this group that the results could be observed and thereby proving the accuracy of such equipment.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Lead Squadron: A/C 43-38125 - Not Sortie. Crashed-landed after one engine failed and other engine was feathered.

6. Enemy Opposition:

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

7. <u>Battle Damage:</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
	1	18	19

8. Casualties:

3 - KIA
 1 - MIA

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

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Lead Squadron:

Bombfall hit well in target area--excellent.

Low Squadron:

Majority of bombs hit within target area -- several stragglers outside target area.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

Of the 12 scheduled A/C only 11 EET, and bombed the primary target dropping 106 X 500# RDX's. A/C 2468 jettisoned 3 RDX's in area "A" in the channel. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C 8550 jettisoned 1 RDX one minute past the target, each had release trouble. Aborting A/C 125 expended 10 RDX's when it crash landed near Salty, 8 miles north of Cottesmore. The spare returned 10 bombs to base. Spare A/C 7628 from the low squadron flew with the lead squadron and dropped 10 RDX's on primary.

Low Squadron:

Twelve A/C (excl. the spare which flew with lead squadron) EET and bombed the primary target, dropping 115 X 500# RDX's. A/C 738 encountering release troubles jettisoned 5 bombs five minutes past the target.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	24*	24	231	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total bombs on Target			231	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Other Expenditures			19	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			10	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			260	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40

* Incl 2 GH A/C.

11. Lost Aircraft:

None. (1 salvage - A/C 43-38125)

Submitted By:

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

4th LD SQ 94A Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ DE JONCKHEERE Date: 22 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFOCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

Takeoff

DE JONCKHEERE

007(gh/pff)

MAY

TAUSIG

132

550(pff)

SQDN

SQDN

MC KAY

STEELE

779

947

HANSEN

CALLAHAN

CAREY

DONALDSON

810

425

862

706

DEEN

125(abort(crashlanded)

SMITH

DJERNES

730

468

SPARES

CURRAN

791(returned

401st LD SQ 94A GP

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ DE JONCKHEERE Date: 22 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

Over Target

- SQDN 612 SC JAWOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFCLUB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

DE JONCKHEERE

007 gh & pff

MAY

TAUSIG

132

550 pff

SQDN

SQDN

MC KAY

STEELE

779

947

HANSEN

CALLAHAN

CAREY

DONALDSON

310

425

862

706

DJERNES

468

SMITH

SMITH

730

628

SPARES

401st Lo Sq 94 A Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HAYES Date: 22 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

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

HAYES

003(gh&pf)

Takeoff

HOWARD

BODDIN

680

371

SQDN

SQDN

STRAUBYN

THORNE

322

733

SORENSEN

WHITE

NOLAN

LONG

478

738

506

637

MORTON

151

RICHARDSON

KING

662

508

SPARES

SMITH

628

401 LO SQ 94 A GP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HAYES Date: 22 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

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

Over Target

HAYES

008 gh & pff

HOWARD

BODDIN

680

371 pff

SQDN

SQDN

ST AUBYN

THORNE

322

733

SORENSEN

WHITE

NOLAN

LONG

478

738

506

637

MORTON

151

RICHARDSON

KING

662

508

SPARES

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

Date 22 January 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Sterkrade, 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 0955 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1127 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 18000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1135 hours at Point A.
- d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, Pilotage, D.R.

f. Division formation was joined at 1203 hrs. at Yarmouth.

g. Flight to I.P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Mickey, Gee, D.R. Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

(1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

- (2) True heading over target 142.
- (3) Actual drift 45.
- (4) Altitude over target 26400.
- (5) Time bombs away 1325.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 222/16.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Visual

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 040.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at After Tgt at 1333 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at 1335 hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at 1335 hrs.
- m. Flight home was ~~(not)~~ as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, Mickey, D.R. Pilotage

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

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/S/ Wm E. Anderson
WM E. ANDERSON
Capt, Air Corps

Lead Navigator.

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2. Track chart attached.
3. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 0957 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1130 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 18000 ft. (lead)
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1135 hours at Point A.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.
- e. Methods of navigation over England.
Radio, A.P., Pilotage, Gee, D.R.
- f. Division formation was joined at 1203 hrs. at Yarmouth.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.
- h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
Gee, Mickey, D.R. occasional pilotage
- i. Bomb run.
 - (1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxxx~~) as briefed.

- (2) True heading over target 155.
- (3) Actual drift -8.
- (4) Altitude over target 25800.
- (5) Time bombs away 132440.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 12/50K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

MPI was visual

GH assist from start of run

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Broken clouds - 10/10 at start of run, but clear over target

(9) Weather over Target. Target area open 10/10ths elsewhere

(10) Axis of withdrawal 010.

j. Group rally was accomplished at after tgt at 1333 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at 1335 hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at 1335 hrs.
m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, Mickey, D.R. Pilotage

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

p. Fighter rendezvous were (~~not~~) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/S/ Charles E. Minor
CHARLES E. MINOR
1st Lt, Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Low Sqd

DATE 22 January 1945

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Zer Hr. 1100
Ref Alt 24000
Bomb Alt 26000
Oxygen 4:00
Enemy Terr 1:44

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

Normal Let down on Cottesmore Buncher

FLIGHT RECORD[illegible]

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED E/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	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	
1203					0.11 #1		150	21000							
1204 1/2			173												
1208			120		V-2 Sighted							202	34	10	1218
1212 1/2			80												
1215			85		52 18N 02 38E		150	24500		08	02 1/2	192	13	4	1219
1219 1/2			75		T.P. 52 18N 03 00E										
1223 1/2			80		52 25N 03 15E		150	24500							
1227 1/2			55												
1233			70		52 34N 03 52E		150	26000							
1237			75		Fighters at 01 o'clock		150	26400		13	04	196	14 1/2	04 1/2	1241 1/2
1242			87		Control Point #2 52 42N 04 38E		150	26400						20	1302
1248			88		2 mi S of Melamblik		150	26400 -55							
1255 1/2	85	#3	88		Midway Fix Swolle 334° 17 1/2 mi		150	26400	194	46	13 1/2	204			
1302			175		TP 52 45N 06 22E										
1304			175		Swolle 14 mi 65° 52 37N 06 28E							184	32	10 1/2	1315
1308 1/2			180		Swolle 122° 17 1/2 mi 52 20N 06 31E			26400		17	04 1/2				
1312			189		Gee H took over		150	26400							
1317			150		IP Bomb Doors Open			26400						11	1228
1322 1/2			164		4 mi L of Wessel 51 41N 06 41E			26300				10			
1324 1/2			160		Flak Low			26400							
1325			148	148			150	26400							
1326			048												
1327			025		Two bombs dropped										
1329			005												
1333					Bosholt 17 miles 94°										
1335			358		Goesfeld 1 miles right		150	26400					30	10	1345
1337 1/2			356		5 miles right of Ahaus										
1240			357		5 miles right of Granru		150	26500							
1245			357		Over TP 52 27N 07 10E										
1246			296		Turned late to get out of prop wash of			26300						12	1258
1251			286		group ahead										
1254 1/2			285		Gee Fix										
1256 1/2			265												
1258			260		TP 52 44N 06 20E		150	24600							
1259 1/2			260		3 mi N of Neppel 52 44N 06 11E		150	24400				58	24		1323
1405			260				150	24500							
1406			260		Swolle 313° 18 miles 52 43N 05 43E										
1412			260		Amsterdam 36° 22 1/2 miles 52 41N 05 16E		150	24400							
1418 1/2			270		52 39N 04 45E		150	23400							
1420					Continent Coast out 52 38N 04 37E		150	23000						55	1515
1421 1/2			255		Gee fix		150	22400 -46							
1429	258	-5	253		03 58E 52 34N		160	19500							
1432	298	-5	243		V-2 going up		160	18500							
1436 1/2			243												
1442			243		03 02E 52 19N		150	14300							
1447			246				160	12000		16	05	192	51	18	1505

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

DATE _____

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

FLIGHT RECORD

JAMES F. EGAN
Major, Air Corps
Group Navigator

SECRET

By authority of
C. C. Eighth Air Force
Initials _____
Date _____

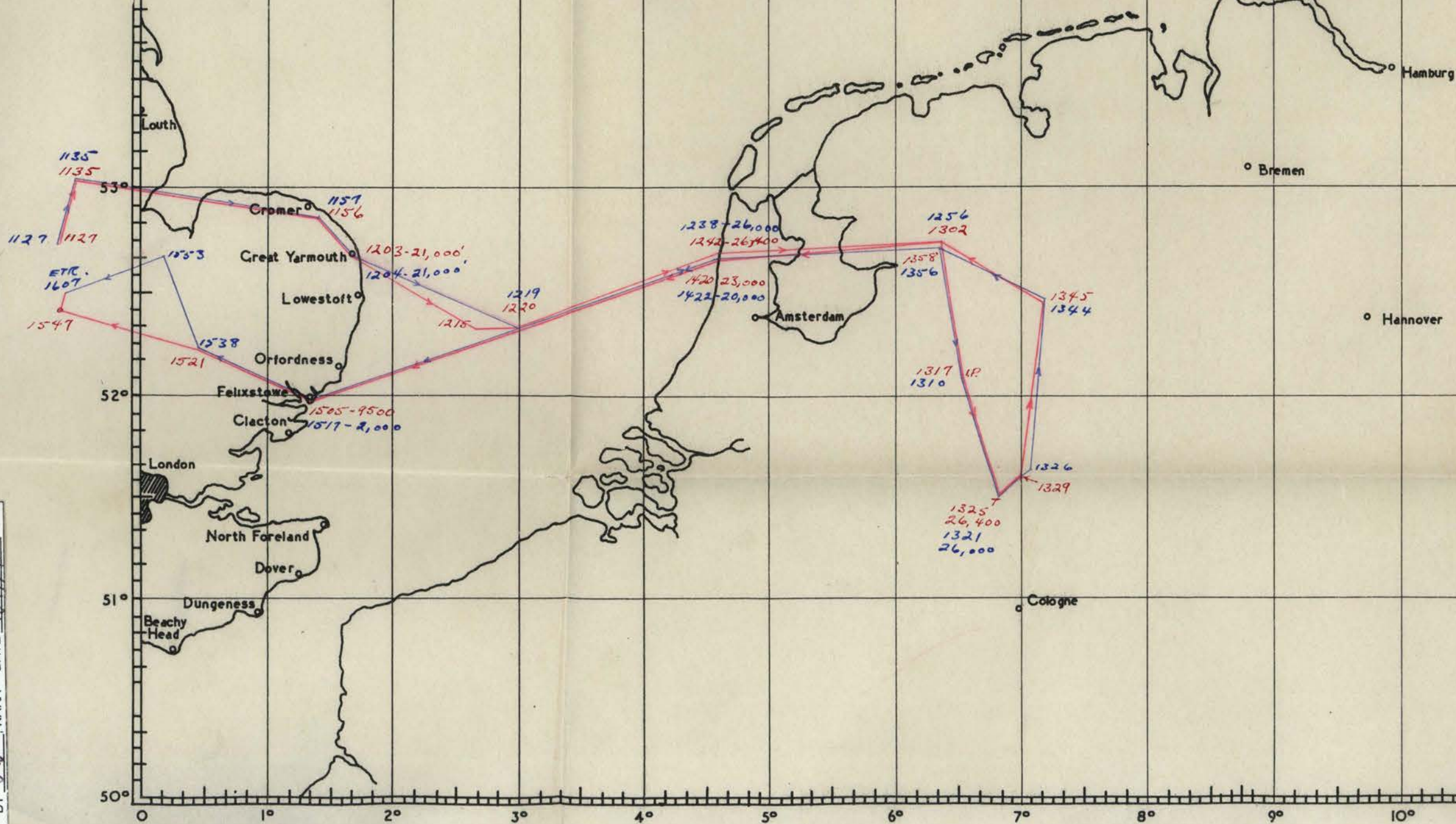
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COMBATS

FW 190 ○
ME 109 ⊙
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DO 217 ⊗
ME 210 ⊗
ME 410 ⊗
JU 87 ⊗

FLAK
HEAVY
LIGHT



TRACK CHART

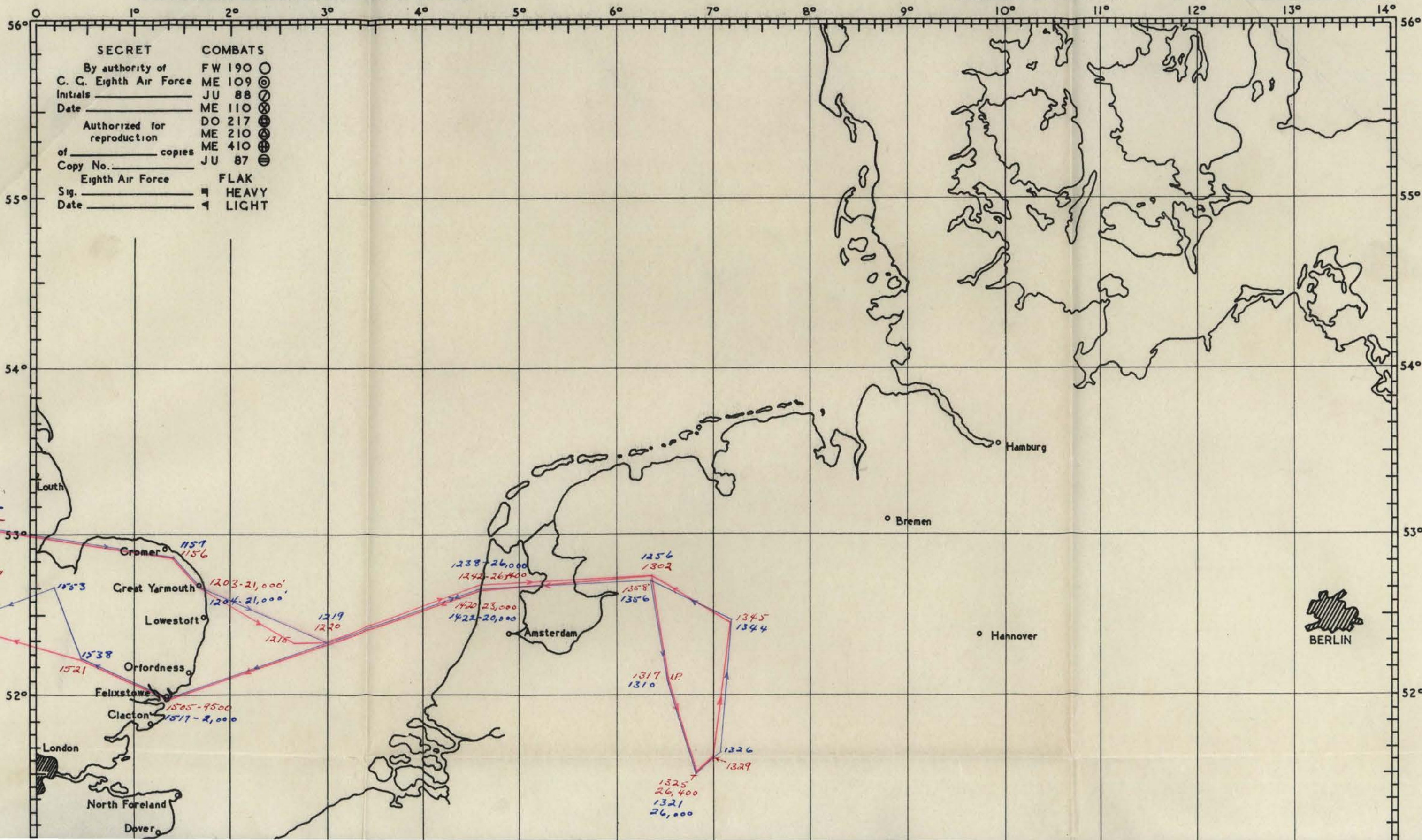
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TARGETS
PRIMARY

Stetkade, Germany

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

Briefed
401st B. P. (H)



Target No.
I (a) (iii) 17

RUHR-CHEMIE A.G.

STERKRADE (Holten)
(GERMANY)

Illustration No.
I (a) (iii) 17/15

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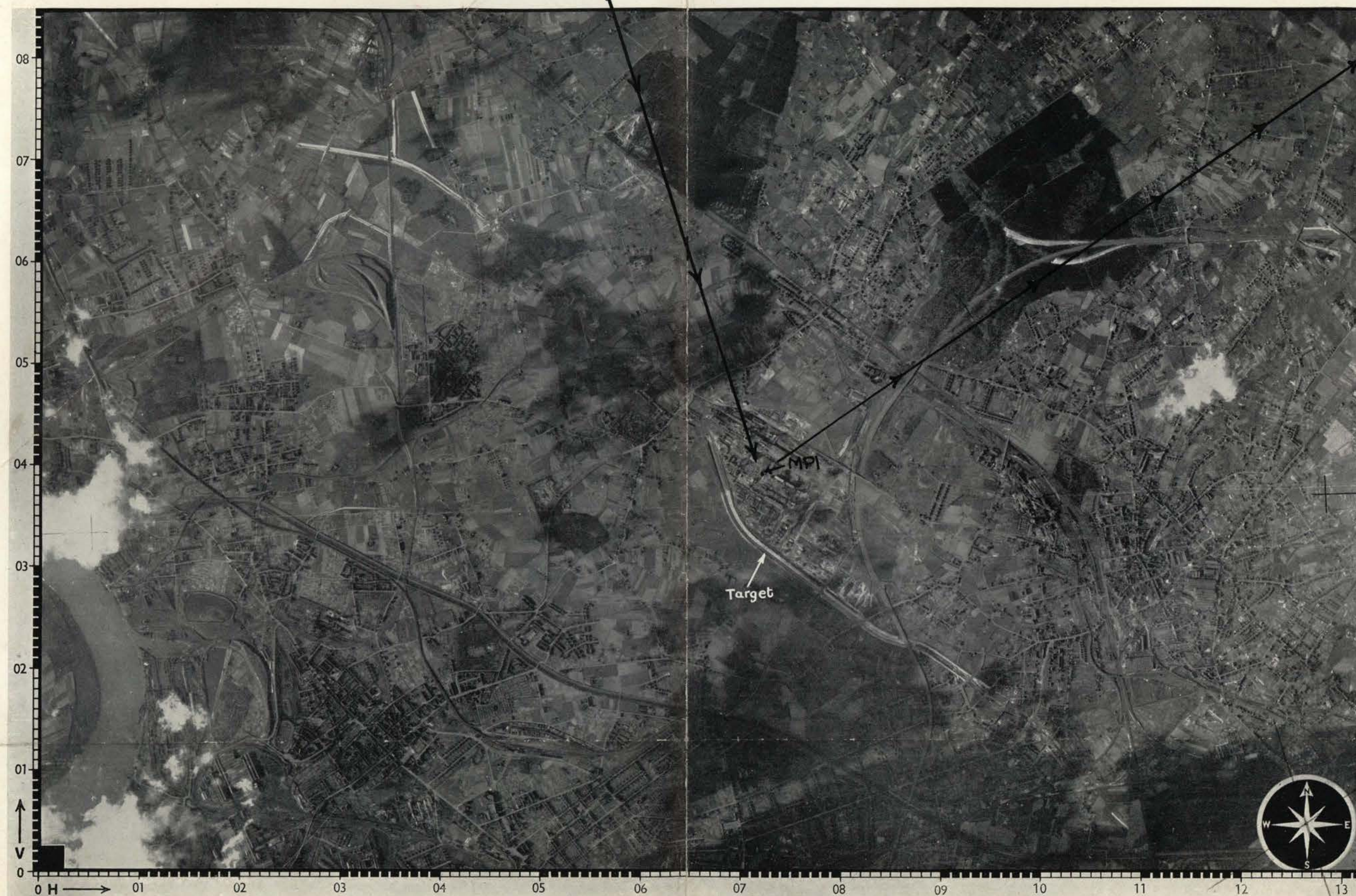
Primary

Photographed 10 April 1944

(1 : 32,000)

approx.

Issued June 1944



A.I.3c (1)

TYPE A

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group1st BD F. O. 612Date of 22 Jan 45

94th "A"

	LEAD	PFF - GH		LOW	PFF - GH	
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	*	-	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	1	1	11	1	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	11	1	1	10	1	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	1	1	10	1	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	1	1	10	1	1
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	1	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Early Returns Included	(1)					
7. Name of Primary Target	STERKRADE					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	10	1	1	10	1	1
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	97	19		95	20	
	500#RDX	500#RDX		500#RDX	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	NONE	NONE		NONE	NONE	
13. - to Flak						
14. - to Flak & E/A						
15. - to Enemy A/C						
16. - to Accident						
17. - to Unknown						

STAT SUMMARY (cont'd)

	LEAD	LOW	
18. Time of Takeoff	0955	0957	
19. Time of Attack	1325	1324 $\frac{1}{2}$	
20. Average Time of Flight	5.8	5.9	
21. Altitude of Release	24,500	24,4000	
22. Visual or PFF	GH with VIS	GH with VIS	
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int. Acc.	Moderate Inacc to Acc	Moderate Inacc to Acc	
24. -- Fighters	-	-	
25. -- Bomber	-	-	
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-	-	
27. Degree of Success	EXCELLANT	GOOD	

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows: . 2 GH A/C borrowed from 379th Group

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows: none

NOTES: Spare A/C from Low squadron flew and bombed with Lead Squadron

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

BOMBARDIER CAPT FLEMING DATE 22 Jan 1945
PILOT CAPT CUSHMAN (DE J. HICKMERE) TAKE OFF 0954
NAVIGATOR CAPT ANDERSON AI RPLANE _____
WING 94th A GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1546
OBJECTIVE STERKLADE, 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: One On Leader : 11
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 120 x 500# RDX RELEASED 116
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
Altitude of Target 150 Temp Aloft: Metro -53 Actual -53
True Altitude above target 24500 Mag Head, order 174 Actual 148
Ind. Altitude 26400 True Heading 142
Pressure alt of target -20 at SL Drift, Est 4L Actual 5L
Altimeter setting 20.02 True Track 137
C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 140 Actual Range 13,030
G.S. Est 230 Actual 208 B.S. Type M-9
Wind Direc Metro 300 Actual 222 Time of Release 1325
Wind Veloc. Metro 23 Actual 18 Intervalometer Setting Salvo
D.S. 129 Trail 55 ATF 40.81 Length of Bombing Run 340
Tan. D.A. Est .510 Actual .45 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 --
Mean Temp: Metro -27 Actual -27 Manual Pilot --
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C Salvo

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. MURPHY DATE 22 Jan 1945
PILOT LT. HAYES TAKE OFF 0950
NAVIGATOR LT. HINCH AIRPLANE _____
WING 94th A GROUP 401st SQDN Low LANDED 1045
OBJECTIVE STARIERADN, 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: One On Leader 11
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 120 x 500# RDX RELEASED 115
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:
Altitude of Target 150 Temp Aloft: Metro -53 Actual -53
True Altitude above target 24400 Mag Head, order 174 Actual 161
Ind. Altitude 25800 True Heading 155
Pressure alt of target -20 at PL Drift, Est 4L Actual 80
Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 103
C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 14,396
G.S. Est 220 Actual 274 B.S.Type H-2
Wind Direc Metro 300 Actual 12 Time of Release 1324.5
Wind Veloc. Metro 25 Actual 53 Intervalometer Setting Salvo
D.S. 129.9 Trail 53 ATF 40179 Length of Bombing Run 37 miles
Tan. D.A. Est .520 Actual .59 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 ---
Mean Temp: Metro -27 Actual -27 Manual Pilot ---
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C Salvo

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

J-A-2

Reference Field Order 612.

22 JANUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 199.

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>1</u>
Splashers	<u>10</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>23</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>22 (24)</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

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

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>20 (22)</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>20</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>10,080</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS INDICATE TOTAL A/C AIRBORNE EQUIPPED.

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HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
Capt, Air Corps,
Gp Com O.

S E C R E T

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

ASSIGNED.....Sterkrade
 1. TARGET: DATE OF MISSION. 22 Apr 1945.
 BOMBED.....Sterkrade

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

As briefed.

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>Clear</u>	<u>8/10 to 10/10</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>None</u>	<u>Fairly heavy</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Unseen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

A moderate barrage of 88 mm. and 105 mm. was encountered at bomb release line. Flak continued for 5 minutes by continuously pointed type of fire. One battery of 8 guns was unusually accurate; bursts looked larger than 88 mm. and clusters were very accurate. Bursts were black and white. All flak damage occurred during and after bombs away.

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

NONE

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: As briefed.

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th "A"

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN: POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE MAJ. MIN.		A/C LOST TO				AXIS OF ATTK WITH		TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
				AA	EA	ACC	UK				
<u>Lead</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>149°</u>	<u>48°</u>	<u>1325</u>	<u>26,400</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>155°</u>	<u>20°</u>	<u>1325</u>	<u>25,400</u>
TOTALS	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>								

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

2 ground rockets, inaccurate were observed near bomb release line.

Lt. D.V. McCallum

S E C R E T

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 657
U. S. ARMY

D-2-1

22 January 1945

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestion, Mission to Sterkrade, 22 January 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 657, U.S. Army.

1. Lt. Robert L. Long, Pilot A/C 6637, observed that there was too much conversation carried on by leaders of 94th "B" and "C" Groups over channel "A". It was also his opinion that these leaders were responsible for too many transmissions "in the clear".

2. Capt. Robert L. Stelzer, Deputy Group Leader, was particularly critical of VHF conversations carried on by 94th "C" Group, stating that the volume of transmissions was such that channels were jammed several times when it became necessary for him to use them.

3. Lt. Ralph S. Hayes, Pilot A/C 8007 (OH) and his Co-Pilot, Lt. Clarence E. Load, reported that "woodcraft charlie" leader was responsible for a large amount of VHF traffic and exhibited an amount of mental confusion in calling Lt. Hayes' aircraft several times when it was apparently his intention to call his own squadron leader. Lt. Load overheard "woodcraft charlie" leader call to his squadron leaders "how did you like the show?" and "how was the show?". Because of this confusion, Lt. Hayes' radio operator was unable to tell whether or not the 94th "A" Group Leader (Deputy) had sent a bomb strike message, and inasmuch as he was leading the Low Squadron, he himself transmitted the bomb strike message when it became known that the message had not been sent. Lt. Hayes believes that his RO, T/Sgt. William P. Puston deserves to be highly commended for the vigilance that he exhibited in monitoring the peculiarly heavy number of transmissions.

4. Lt. Max H. Smith, Pilot A/C 7628, reported that A/C 2460 (Djernes Pilot) bombed 30 seconds before the Group Leader.

5. Lt. Herman Tausig, Pilot A/C 8350, reported that only one-half the briefed amount of chaff was installed in his A/C.

6. Lt. Myron L. King, Pilot A/C 6508, suggests that tail gunners be equipped with Aldous lamps to make identification easier when A/C are flying in clouds.

7. Lt. Ernest A. Hansen, Pilot A/C 8810, complained that the Group Leader did not advise the group when climbing, leveling off and letting down.

8. Lt. Jeff M. Donaldson, Pilot A/C 706, who was third Pilot to land upon returning from the mission, waited over an hour in dispersal 34 for transportation to the briefing room.

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

LEAD SQDN 94 C Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ MC CREE

Date: 21 Jan

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT ASCHENBACH

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT ASCHENBACH

612 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCUB

615 IY BUZZARD

CHRISTENSEN (MC CREE)

SC Q 8153

SC Q 8153

Z 8351 GH

HOWARD

ASCHENBACH

SC L 8637

SC U 7947 PFF ✓

612 SQDN

613 SQDN

THORNE

CURRAN

SC M 7039 ✓

IN K 1072 ✓

MARTIN

FRENCH

BOHAISSON

HART

SC O 6992 ✓

SC N 6506 ✓

IN A 8458 ✓

IN U 7706 ✓

HUDNALL

SC S 8680 ✓

CAMPBELL

SMITH

SC K 8733 ✓

SC A 7628 ✓

SPARES

SPARE LEAD PFF IY N 8371 Disp 31
 " " VIS IW R 7780 " 4

GRND SPARES: SC F 8541 Disp ✓
 IN H 8607 " 37

HOLAN

SC C 9993 ✓

Gas - 2780

1622

High Squadron, 94th C Group

Combat Sq. Leader: Lt. Brown Date: 21 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: Capt. Seder

Deputy Gp. Leader: Lt Aschenbach

614 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IN GOLFCOLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

BROWN

IN G 8259 PFF ✓

COLE

IN K 8677 ✓

SADER

IN P 2912
 IN R 780

#1 Eng Wait Start.

614 SQDN

615 SQDN

MAYS

IN O 7602 ✓

NIELSON

IN D 6538 ✓

WHITE

IN Z 8330 ✓

HARTSOCK

IN T 8646 ✓

MAY

IN J 1591 ✓

CAREY

IN N 8862 ✓

ST. AUBYN

~~IN D 7322~~

SC-F 544
 IN D 7322

MORTON

IN B 7161 ✓

KING

IN A 6509 ✓

SPARES

RICHARDSON

IN H 8464 ✓

Spare Lead (PFF) IY M 8371, disp 31

Spare Lead (Vis) IN R 7780, disp 4 ✓

Ground Spares SC P 8541, disp ✓

IN H 8607, disp 37 ✓

Low Squadron, 94th Group

Combat Sq. Leader: Lt. Haskett Date: 21 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Gerber

Deputy Gp. Leader: Lt Aschenbach

615 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK
 613 IN MACRO
 614 IW GOLFCUB
 615 IY BUZZARD

HASKETT

IY Q 8077 ✓

MAINE

IY P 7664 ✓

GERBER

IY P 8758 ✓

615 SQDN

613 SQDN

MC RAY

IY K 8425 ✓

STEELE

IN S 2947 ✓

DJERNES

IY A 7869 ✓

JORDAN

IY G 1983 ✓

SCHULLER

IN R 6113 ✓

KELSO

IN G 8791 ✓

DEEN

IY R 6146 ✓

WOLF

IY D 8126 ✓

GRIMM

IY N 8810 ✓

SPARES

SMITH

IY B 1730 ✓

Spare Lead (PFF) IY M 8371, disp 31

Spare Lead (Vis) IW R 7780, disp 4

Ground Spares SC F 8841, disp
 IN H 8607, disp 37

I P/T- STERKRADE, N. Ruhr Valley, Only one in Ruhr
 Vimal or G-H. New quarry
 #12 Priority -

This Target is comprised of two interdependent works -
 a synthetic oil plant and a large size chemical
 works. The oil plant is one of three of its
 type + is one of the largest producers in Germany.
 In addition, research + development of new work +
 processes is carried on here for this type of
 production.

The chemical plant is engaged primarily in the
 mfg. of acids used in the electrolytic material +
 fabric in industry.

The importance of this Target can be seen
 from the fact that all Sps in the 1st. Div.
 are on the same M.P.I. It must be destroyed.

S/T- B. H. H. V. E. M/4, Vimal or H2X.

4/R- S O P -

II There are no other friendly activities.

III avoid well developed - curvilinear clouds (icing) -

IV Fighter support - 3 Sps 5-1's - (close)

1 Sp 5-1's - (free lance)

V a) 2 scouting forces of 5-1's (Red + Blue)

b) Screening force of 3 Mosquitos.

VI Fleck -

VI Lead Bombardier -

VIII General Duties -

- 1) P/W
- 2) Semis -
- 3) Jettisoning bombs
- 4) Landing on carrier -
- 5) " in England

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

Capt
Pantler
 Mission # 199
 22 January 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 43-38637

P	Long, Robert L.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Watterson, Stuart E., Jr.	F/O	612th
N	Crick, Lawrence A.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Watson, Reynolds S.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	York, Dennis A.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Hovezak, Henry (NMI)	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Cherubini, Peter J.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Iles, Earl L.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Willick, Edward L.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-37628

P	Smith, Max M.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Korwald, Morris N.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	VanDuinen, Richard E.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Schmalz, Nyle R.	Sgt	612th
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W.	Sgt	612th
TT	Genga, Pietre J.	Sgt	612th
BT	Laing, John (NMI)	Sgt	612th
TG	Filiatraut, Frank E.	Sgt.	612th
FG	Pinilis, Emanuel B.	Sgt	612th

A/C 8007 G.H.

P	Hayes, Ralph S.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Mead, Clarence E.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Minor, Charles B.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Murphy, Roland W.	1st Lt.	612th
MO	Barnes, James H.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Fuston, William P.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Lucewicz, John (NMI)	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Green, John J.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Smith, Charles E.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Pahl, Arthur L., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 44-8153

P	Boddin, Frederick R.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Devlin, James H.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Uhrain, Andrew (NMI)	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Miller, Donald A.	2nd Lt.	612th
MO	Munt, Donald J.	F/O	612th
RO	Kornegay, Ryan G.	S/Sgt	612th
TT	Richardson, Paschal (NMI)	S/Sgt	612th
EG	Noble, Chester C.	Sgt	612th
FG	Langham, Theodore E.N.	Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38733

E	Thorne, Walter W.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McBain, George (NMI) III	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Tarr, Charles (NMI) Jr.	1st Lt.	612th
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	612th
RO	Lawson, Harry C.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Nimmons, Alston H.	S/Sgt	612th
BT	Smith, Floyd G.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Parker, Robert H.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Gabhardt, Charles R.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38680

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

A/C 44-6506

P	Nolan, James A.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Twiggs, Calvin N.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Vercelli, Edward N.	F/O	612th
RO	Hathawaw, Stanley K.	Sgt	612th
TT	Siconolfi, Pathrick	Sgt	612th
BT	Feldman, Warren H.	Sgt	612th
TG	Stewart, Jack G.	Sgt	612th
FG	Bunn, Charles T.	Sgt	612th
TGS	DelleDonne, Charles L.	Sgt	612th

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

22 January 1945

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
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.
	RO	S/Sgt.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	S/Sgt.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	TG	S/Sgt.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	S/Sgt.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
43-3706	P	1st Lt.	DONALSON	JEFF	N.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	(NMI)
	B	S/Sgt.	ELINS	HERMAN	(NMI)
	RO	S/Sgt.	BOWERS	JACOB	J. JR.
	TT	M/Sgt.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	E.
	BT	Sgt.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	Sgt.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	Sgt.	DEFEBAUGH	NORMAN	(NMI)
42-102947	P	2nd Lt.	STEELE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	1st Lt.	JENSEN	JAMES	B.
	B	Sgt.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	S/Sgt.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TT	S/Sgt.	STACHURA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	S/Sgt.	MYERS	ERROL	A.
	TG	S/Sgt.	LUTZ	LEO	B.
	WG	S/Sgt.	WOWAK	CHESTER	A.
43-38791	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	S/Sgt.	GIESKEN	GEORGE	J.
	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.

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-6132	P	2nd Lt.	MAY	JAMES	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	COLLISS	EUGENE	B.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
	B	Sgt.	BENSON	WILLARD	K.
	RO	Sgt.	PAULK	ALBERT	L. JR.
	TT	Sgt.	DAVIES	ALBERT	L.
	BT	Sgt.	MC KEE	WILLIAM	J.
	TG	Sgt.	KROZEL	JOSEPH	A.
	WG	Sgt.	LUCA	RUDOLPH	C.
008 G.H.	P	Capt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.
	CP	Major	DE JONCKHEERE	ERIC	T.
	N	Capt.	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	R.
	B	Capt.	FESMIRE	DURWARD	W.
	EXT. N.	1st Lt.	RUSH	JAMES	M.
	V	1st Lt.	STRONG	WILLIAM	W.
	RO	S/Sgt.	MOLLAR	THEODORE	H.
	TT	T/Sgt.	SEELY	KARL	W.
	TG	2nd Lt.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
	WG	S/Sgt.	HOYE	WILLIAM	(NMI) Jr.

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

AAF Station # 128
 22 January 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 42-97322			
P	1st Lt.	ST AUBYN, GLENN H.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, WALLACE	"
N	F/O	KAHN, CHARLES	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Falkowitz, Irving	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Thompkins, Harry A.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Dearborn, Harry R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lichtenberger, Gustav W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Harold J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Buckley, John F.	"

PLANE 43-38738			
P	1st Lt.	WHITE, WYLLIE K.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	POTTER, FRED R.	"
N	F/O	BRIMER, WILLIAM L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	AUFBRANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	McCommis, Max I.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Whitney, Paul A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Viescas, Arturo B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Mc Quade, John S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Csanz, Edwin E.	"

PLANE 42-97478			
P	2nd Lt.	SORENSEN, MERVIN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	TROUPE, JOHN T.	"
N	2nd Lt.	ZNEIDER, JOHN N.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Lee, William J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Collins, John C.	"
TT	Sgt.	Senorio, Steve S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Zeppenhen, Calvin B.	"
TG	Sgt.	Nichols, Norman D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Turner, Eldon A.	"

Loading List (Cont)

PLANE 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	MORTON WALTER L.	614th Sq
CP	1st Lt.	RITCHEY, RALPH	"
H	1st Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	1st Lt.	HELMS, CHARLES L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Block, Joseph R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Powers, Willard S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Whittington, Charles S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglas S.	"

PLANE 44-8508

P	1st Lt.	KING, MYRON L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SWEENEY, WILLIAM J. III	"
H	2nd Lt.	LOWE, RICHARD I. JR.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Pyne, Robert E.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Devito, Patsy A.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Pavlas, Ernest S.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Reinohl, Philip A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Atkinson, George E Jr.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Speelman, K. Hampton	"

PLANE 43-58846

P	1st Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	1st Lt.	MEUSEL, JOSEPH F.	"
H	P/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.	Patterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

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

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

22 January 1945

SUBJECT: Loading list.

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

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

PLANE # 43-38125

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Deen	Robert	H.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Janecek	Walter	(NMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	Gross	Eugene	P.	"
B	Sgt.	Bacho	Alex	(NMI)	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Piccirillo	Lewis	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Haackinson	Robert	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wagner	Aloysius	E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Baker	Richard	E.	"
PG	Sgt.	Geiger	Louis	O.	"

PLANE # 42-102468

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Djernes	Carl	P.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Spiva	Raymond	H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Canale	John	P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Davis	Rex	D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	LaCourse	Lucien	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Chiu	Donald	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Reiher	Gordon	A.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Smith	Charles	H.	"

PLANE # 43-38779

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	H.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Higgs	Walter	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Commissaro	Ralph	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"

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DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Hanson	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Greenberg	Martin	(NMI)	"
B	S/Sgt.	Morrison	James	L.	"
RO	Pvt.	Mauldin	Harold	M.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Miller	Raymond	A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Albert	Russell	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	McKnight	Leroy	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Karcher	Alonso	A.	"

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P	2nd Lt.	Smith	Samuel	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Miller	Walter	A.	"
N	F/O	Andler	Lyle	E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Biasella	Armond	B.	"
RO	Sgt.	Hershenrother	Raymond	A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Dilz	Reinhold	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Molow	Miles	J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Westman	Robert	J.	"
FG	Sgt.	Beckers	Russell	E.	"

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P	2nd Lt.	Callahan	Raymond	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	O.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Connell	Hall	T.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Falts	Chester	C.	"
RO	Sgt.	Weinstein	Bernard	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Luchfeld	Marvin	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Altieri	Alfonso	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Swatski	Edward	P.	"
FG	Pvt.	Corvin	Clarence	P.	"

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