

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

MISSION No. **193**

Date: **7 JAN. 45**

TO: **BITBURG , GERMANY**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
R E P O R T O F O P E R A T I O N A L
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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 193

Date 7 January 1945

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: BITBURG, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "C" Group. Three PFF were scheduled, one for each squadron. A spare accompanied each box.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: BITBURG, GERMANY
2. a. Group Leader: CAPT. C. A. LEWIS (Dempsey)
Lead Navigator: CAPT. C. W. SELLERS (Walters-MO)
Extra Navigator: CAPT. R. F. CAUSEY
Lead Bombardier: CAPT. W. W. DOLAN
- 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: 1st Lt. R. M. FOWLER (Kochel)
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. A. B. AINLEY (Tharpe - MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. C. H. MINOTT
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was as briefed. The ceiling was less than 2,000 feet with 10/10ths coverage. The tops of the clouds were between 11,000 and 12,000. All ships picked up considerable clear ice on the climb to Cottesmore buncher.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

The lead squadron assembled at 16,000 feet. The group was formed prior to the last circle around the buncher, with the formation being rather loose. This was probably due to the full gas load and 9,000 pound bomb load which the ships were carrying plus the large amount of ice which was picked up enroute to the buncher.

c. Route: Over England:

94th "C" departed the buncher a little south of Point "Y" and on time. Wing assembly was completed on the second ~~by~~ leg, near the Wash. The groups followed 94th "B" by less than one half minute and turned on the inside of 94th "B" at C.P. 1 since 94th "B" was running 2 minutes late. 94th "C" crossed C. P. 1 to the left of 94th "B" and 1 minute late. "Cowboy Able", the 4th group in the division column, was on time and was crowding 94th "B"; which did not leave a sufficient interval for 94th "C" to follow 94th "B" across C. P. 1.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

The briefed route was followed. 94th "C" fell in behind 94th "B" midway across the channel after doing two shallow double drifts to the left at the IP, 94th "B" started its GH run and started a turn in a northerly direction evidently in an attempt to get back on the GH course. As a result 94th "C" turned sharply to the left, flew about 20 seconds and then did a 180° to the right, which heading was followed until the navigator got back on the Gee curve he was to follow in to the target. 94th "B" crossed in front of 94th "C" at bombs away, the former group releasing its bombs approximately 45 seconds ahead of 94th "C".

b. Bombing Run:

The cloud cover at the IP and all the way down the run was a solid undercast so the group attacked the primary blind. The lead squadron had no GH ship so the group bombed with the Gee box and in conjunction with the smoke markers of the two preceding groups. This had been decided before takeoff. 94th "C" swung about 2 miles south of the IP in order to reach a G line that was going to be followed in from that point right into the target. As the formation headed East, on the bomb run, a formation on the right gradually pushed 94th "C" to the north so 94th "C" turned directly north, flew that way for a minute, then did a 180° turn and came south till it hit the original Gee line and then went east again. That gave the other group time to get ahead and the group had a straight smooth run from there on in. The Gee line was used for course and the rate was killed by check points previously picked and measured. The bombardier checked the rate points called off by the navigator and the travel of the incix checked very well. This was quite similar to the PF₂ system that is used. The smoke markers of the preceding groups were crossed just about at the release point, so the bombs were salvoed by the group lead when the indices met. Bombing was done in group formation. The High and Low squadrons leaders salvoed on the leader's bombs. All others used a 50 ft. intervalometer setting. The AFCE was ok. Results were unobserved.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. c. Flight from Target:

The briefed route was followed. After bombs away the group let down to 22,500 feet to get under a shelf of high clouds. Cycle relay advised all bomber groups to stay above 17,000 feet until reaching England, which 94th "C" did.

d. Return to Base:

After crossing the English Coast a large break was observed in the vicinity of the wash area and the group let down to 2,000 feet before it was broken up into squadrons, with the low and high squadrons proceeding to their respective stand off points, and ships landed safely at home base.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 9/10 to 30 miles inside Belgian Coast, tops to 14-15,000 feet, becoming solid over target area.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was good.

g. Comments on Formation:

Good to excellent, the latter existing on the bomb run.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

All scheduled A/C attacked.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition encountered (see Flak Report for flak)

7. Battle Damage:

None

8. Casualties:

None

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

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

See next page.

Mission Summary Report (Cont 'd)

10. a. Observations:

Due to solid undercast results were unobserved. From all indications the run was highly successful -- all navigation devices including PFF equipment and gee boxes of all aircraft in this group show that the target area was well hit.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the primary target, dropping 142 X 500# RDX bombs. The spare returned 12 RDX bombs to base -- 1 bomb was held up in A/C 1730 and jettisoned.

Low Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the primary target, dropping 119 RDX and 24 GP bombs on the target. The spare returned 12 RDX bombs to base.

High Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the primary target dropping 131 RDX and 12 GP bombs on the target. The spare returned 12 RDX bombs to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

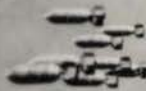
	<u>Aircraft</u>		<u>Bombs</u>				
	<u>Over Target</u>	<u>Bombing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Fusing</u>	
						<u>Nose</u>	<u>Tail</u>
Main Bombfall	36	36	(36	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(392	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total Bombs on Target</u>			36	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			392	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
<u>Other Expenditures</u>			1	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
<u>Bombs Returned</u>			36	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
<u>Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)</u>			36	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			429	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted By:

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



DAV-401/HIGH/989-1)(7-1-43)(1091-7-25800) BIS BELL CORP.

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPTAIN LEWIS Date: 7 January 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

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

LEAD SQDN ON TAKE-OFF, CRUISE,
AND OVER TARGET

DEMPSEY (LEWIS)

636

DEEN

664

TURK

077

SQDL

MC KAY

485

SQDL

COMER

541

GRIMM, WF

779

DJERNES

468

SMITH

393

HUDNELL

313

JONES

758

WOLF

730

GRIMM, AR

425

SPARES

JORDAN

983 - RETURNED

Combat Sq. Leader: LT BROWN

Date: 7 January 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

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

BROWN

033

LOW SQDN ON TAKE-OFF, CRUISE,
AND OVER TARGET

KING

602

SEDER

891

SQDL

SISSON

508

SQDL

COX

662

RICHARDSON

646

MORTON

151

CAMPBELL

992

MARTIN

506

ST AUBYN

395

COLE

677

HOEMANN

738

SPARES

FONDREN

993 - RETURNED

Combat Sq. Leader: LT FOWLER

Date: 7 January

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

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

KOCHEL (FOWLER)

449

HIGH SQDN ON TAKE-OFF, CRUISE,
AND OVER TARGET

SCHELLER

118

TAUSIG

941

SQDN

DOUGLAS

591

SQDN

SCHLIEMANN

790

CAREY

862

CURRAN

072

NOLAN

398

LONG

637

CAMPBELL

706

NIELSON

588

KELSO

791

SPARES

COX

947 - RETURNED

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

Date 7 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Bittburg
Bischof, Germany

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

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

- a. T/O at 0852 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0940 hours on Gottesmore buncher.
at 16000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1018 hours at Spl. # 6.
- d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

Between Spl 6 and Op 1 cut Colchester off. 10 mi left
of course.

- e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, D.R., Radio

- f. Division formation was joined at 1026 hrs. at Glaeton.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

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

Gee, Mickey, D.R.

- i. Bomb run.

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

49-48 05-18E

- (2) True heading over target 70.
- (3) Actual drift 15 right.
- (4) Altitude over target 25,000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1134.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 330/54.
- (7) Method of target identification.

See box and Bomb sight.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

94th B Force formation off course on bomb run
right after I.P.

(9) Weather over Target.

(10) Axis of withdrawal 10/10ths 120.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at None at hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at None at hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at None at hrs.
m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, mickey, D.R., Pilotage, Radio

- 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 Good
(3) Radio Compass Good
(4) Fluxgate Good
(5) Other Equipment Good

/s/ R. F. Causey & G.L. Sellers
Capt., A. C.

Lead Navigator., Lead Sq.

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

Date 7 Jan. 1945SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Pittsburg
Missouri, GermanyTO : 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 0903 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0948 hours on Gottesmore buncher.
at 16,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
- d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee

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

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

Gee, Mickey

- i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 80.
- (3) Actual drift -6.
- (4) Altitude over target 24,400.
- (5) Time bombs away 1135.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 290/59.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Gee

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

(9) Weather over Target.

10/106hs

(10) Axis of withdrawal _____.

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

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, Mickey

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

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/s/ John D. Brown

JOHN D. BROWN

1st Lt., A. G.

Lead Navigator, Low Sq.

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

Date 7 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Bitburg, 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 0755 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0948 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 16,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
- d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

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

f. Division formation was joined at _____ hrs. at _____.

g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

Five miles south at I.P.

- (2) True heading over target 76.
- (3) Actual drift 71.
- (4) Altitude over target 26,100.
- (5) Time bombs away 1135.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 290/50.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Gee

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Crowded off run by Glatton

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths undercast. Heavy persistent contrail
at altitude

(10) Axis of withdrawal 130.

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

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, 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 Azimuth stabilization off
- (2) Gee Good
- (3) Radio Compass Good
- (4) Fluxgate Good
- (5) Other Equipment Radio altimeter not working

/s/ Allan B. Ainley
ALLAN B. AINLEY
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator., High Sq.

FLIGHT PLAN
Air Commander - Capt. C. Lewis
PILOT Capt. R.M. Dempsey NAVIGATOR Capt. R. F. Causey - Capt. C. Sellers DATE 7 January 1945

STATIONS	0645	ENCINES	0745	TAXI	0800	T.O.	0815
LEAVE BASE	Cottesmore						0948
COAST OUT			1025				
ENEMY COAST			1046				
I.P.			1119				
TARGET			1134				
ENEMY COAST			1300				
Eng Lish Coast			1339				RTR 1431

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

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

Let down normal

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-44N 00-39W Donington	(Y) (C)	10/41	16000	150	164	055	-14	41	10	51	170	20	07	0948 0955			
52-55N 00-12W spl #6	(D)	10/42	17000 18000	150 -28	166	125	-1	124	10	134	208	59	17 #1	1013			
52-22N 01-08E Colchester	(E)	10/44	20000	150 -32	173	197	#3	210	9	219	186	30	10 -1	1022			
51-53N 00-53E Clacton CP 1		10/45	20000	150 -34	175	122	-2	120	9	129	220	12	03	1025	CP 1		
51-47N 01-09E 51-13N 02-53E		11/49	24000	150 -38	181	118	-4	114	9	123	228	73	19 #2	1046	CP 2		
"		120/55	25000	150 -44	190	130	123	127	8	135	244	122	30 #3	1119	IP	CP 3	
49-54N 05-20E		140/50	"	"	190	85	-15	70	7	77	197	46	14 #1	1134	TARGET		
49-58N 06-31E		"	"	"	127	-8	119	7	126	230	16	04 1/2 #1	1139				
49-49N 06-51E		"	"	"	180	#5	185	6	191	236	11	03	1142				
49-38N 06-51E		"	"	"	243	#15	258	7	265	189	21	07	1149				
49-28N 06-22E		"	"	"	340/20	25000	150	190	303	#9	312	7	319	146	48	20 #3	1212
49-54N 05-20E		10/43 1/2	18500 12000	170 -30	195	310	0	310	7	317	151 1/2	67	27 -1	1238	Div. break up		
50-37N 04-00E		11	300/32	8500	170	166	-2	307	8	315	135 119 5/8	32 24 5/8	14 19	27	1305 #5		
51-11N 02-51E	-05	300/25	5000	150	138	309	-2	307	8	315	135 119 5/8	32 24 5/8	14 19	27	1305 #5		
"	-3	300/22	2000	170 150	152 131	309	-1	308	9	317	131 109	13 60	73 33	39	1344		
Delixstowe	-2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3-57N 01-21E New Market		"	2000	150	"	295	#1	296	10	306	109	39	22	1406			
52-15N 00-24E Wishack		"	2000	150	"	343	-7	336	10	346	114	27	14	1420			
52-40N 00-10E Base		"	2000	150	"	250	#7	257	10	267	116	30	16	1436			
Cott. Clacton		10/43	16000 20000	150 -30	169 131	131	0	131	10	141	212	88	25	1000 1025			
Base Clacton		300/35	0 to 20000	150 -11	149	124	#1	125	10	135	184	78	25	0935 1025	50 min to climb		

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIE	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	
					(Engines- 0745) 0759 - Flat tail wheel tire. Engines 0844.										
0852					TAKE OFF Runway 230 mag. 10/10ths, 2500, 11200										
0902			330		52-41N 00-51W Abeam Cott.		145	6000							
0915		285/60	330		53-00N 01-03W 285/60, Weather ship			11500							
0925			180		Cottesmore			14000							
0948					Depart Y, 4 mi south		150	16100							
0955					52-52 N 00-10W CP 6, on time		148	16200							
1007			135		52-30N 00-50E		150	18200							
1011			118		Over spl 6 10/10ths. 2 min early, oncourse		150	18500							
1017			240		52-00N 01-23E 2 left		150	19200							
1026			130		2 mi. north Clacton, 1 min late		150	20000							
1038			200		Cutt off point E										
1045	118	290/51	120		51-43N 01-42E 5' north course to get in formation		150	23700		38 1/2	10	230			
1108			140		50-15N 04-41E		150	25000							

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED E/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVICATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS MPH. °K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1118		350/54	130		I. P. 6 south to start run		150	25000							
1134½	85	-15	70	78	BOMES AWAY 330/54		150	25000	190			208			
1140			120		49-50N 06-51E			24000							
1143			200		49-39N 06-52E		150	22700							
1152			257		49-30N 06-23E		150	22500							
1200			305		49-40N 06-05E										
1205	303	7 L 330/54	310		330/54K, Gee		155	22500	190			142			
1212			305		Being letdown 49-56N 05-20E		150	22400							
1232	320	0	320		50-26N 04-14E		150	17100							
1237			310		50-38N 04-00E		150	17000							
1245	315	5R 295/40	310		50-45N 03-47E		150	17000	167	27	13	130	42	19	1304
1306			300		Coast out 51-14N 02-57E			17000							
1320			295		51-34N 02-24E		150	17200							
1336	300	0 300/50	300		51-41N 01-55E 300/50E	OBSERVATION CEMERYAT	147	17000	160	48½	30½	110	25	13	1349
1349			304		Coast in, Felixstowe 1' north	LIGHT RECORD	150	17800							
1407			298		52-18N 00-37E		150	16700							
1425			360		52-25N 00-10W. Let down thru hole inclds.		150	13500	165						
1430			90		Over Wisbeck, clear 2 mi. hole			11000							
1437			348		Will make 2nd 360 to lose alt.		180	9000							
1444			270		52-31N 00-20E -A 300 TO 280 TT		170	4000							
1500			285		3 north Polebrook			700							
1503			275		Rase			900							
1504					Land										

TARGET

Primary

Secondary

Last Resort

Bilburg, Germany

Date *Jan. 7, 1945*

TRACK CHART

Blue

Red

Route followed by

" " "

" " "

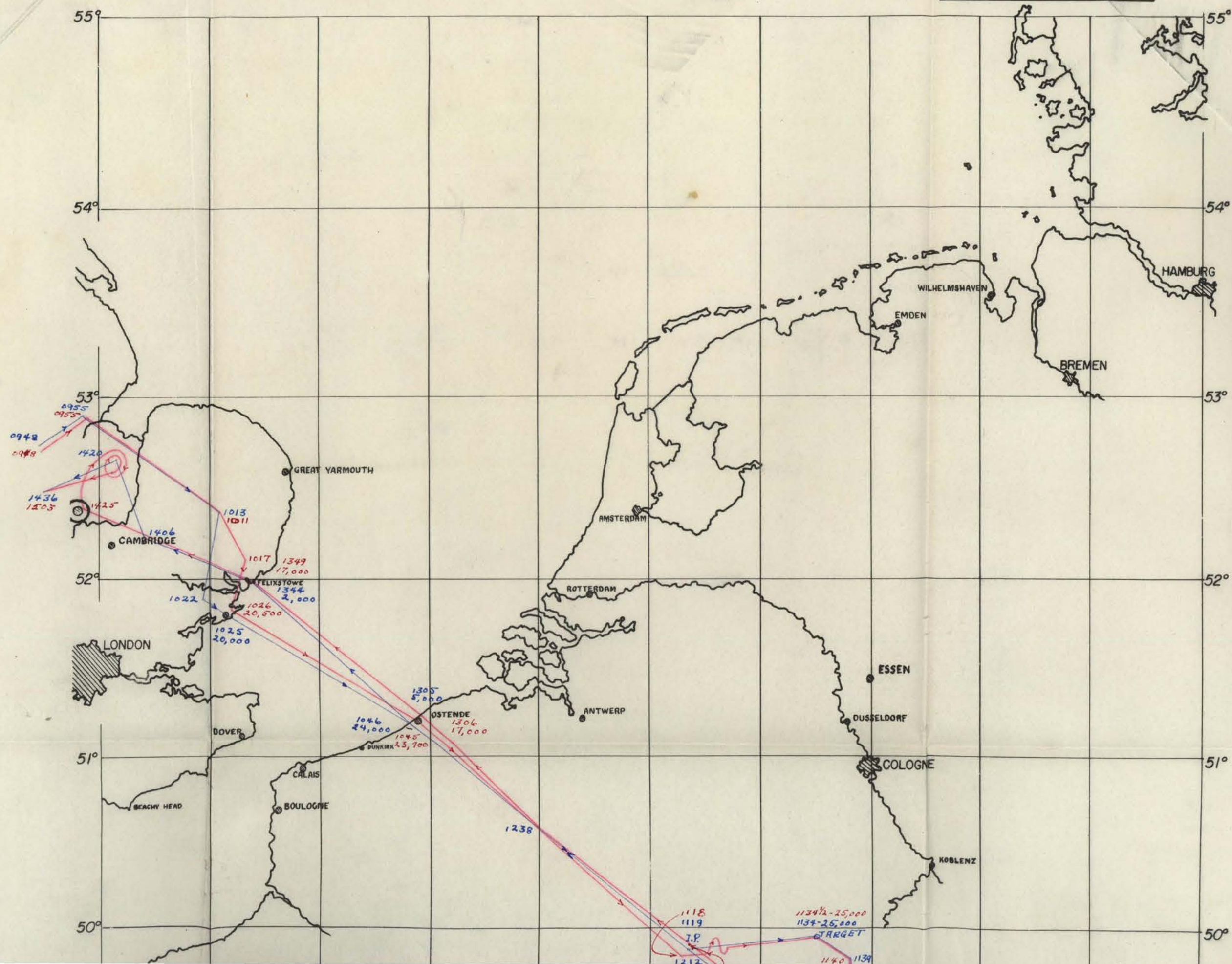
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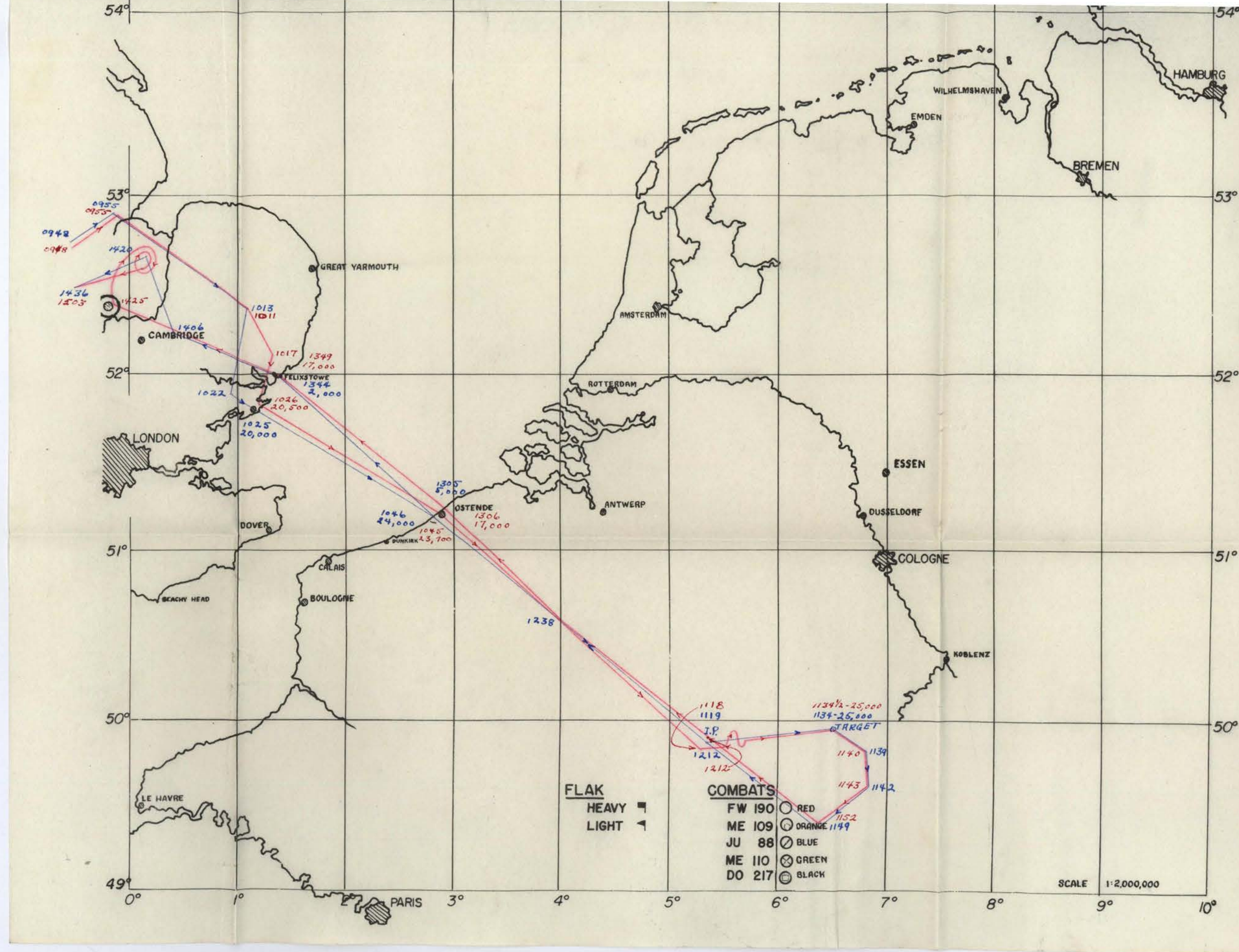
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Briefed

401st B. G. (H)





STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group1st BD F. G. 600Date of 7 January 1945

	Lead		High		Low		PFF
		PFF - GH		PFF - GH			
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	12	1	12	1	12		1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	11	1	11	1	11		1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	11	1	11	1	11		1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	11	1	11	1	11		1
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-	-	-	-		-
(a) Early Returns Included							
7. Name of Primary Target	BITBURG, GERMANY						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	11	1	11	1	11		1
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	131 500#RDX	11 500#RDX	119 500#RDX	11 500#RDX	108 500#RDX		11 500#RDX
			12 500#GP		24 500#GP		
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	-	-	-	-	-		-
13. - to Flak							
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	0852	0755	0930
19. Time of Attack	1134 ¹ ₂	1138	1135
20. Average Time of Flight	6.9	7.0	6.8
21. Altitude of Release	23,200	24,300	22,600
22. Visual or PFF	GEE	GEE	GEE
23. Enemy Resistance -- AA Int. Acc.	NONE	NONE	NONE
24. -- Fighters	***	---	---
25. -- Bomber	---	---	---
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	---	---	---
27. Degree of Success	Unobserved	Unobserved	Unobserved

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 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER CAPT DOLAN DATE 7 Jan 1945
PILOT CAPT DIMPSEY TAKE OFF 0844
NAVIGATOR CAPT SELLERS & CAPT GAUSEY AIRPLANE _____
WING 94th C GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1504
OBJECTIVE BITBURG, GERMANY (MPI) _____
METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 36 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 393 RDX 38GP RELEASED 392 RDX 36 GP
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: GH
Altitude of Target 1000 Temp Aloft: Metro -44 Actual -42
True Altitude above target 23200 Mag Head, order 77 Actual 78
Ind. Altitude 25000 True Heading 70
Pressure alt of target -128 at SL Drift, Est 15R Actual 15R
Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 85
C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 12,760
G.S. Est 227 Actual 239 B.S. Type M-9
Wind Direc Metro 340 Actual 330 Time of Release 1154
Wind Veloc. Metro 56.5 Actual 63 Intervalometer Setting 50ft
D.S. 131.5 Trail 53 ATF 40.07 Length of Bombing Run 5min
Tan. D.A. Est .50 Actual .55 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
Mean Temp: Metro -19.5 Actual -19.5 Manual Pilot _____
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 50ft
LOW SQDN TRUE ALTITUDE - 22600 MAG HEADING 88 BOMBS AWAY - 1155
HIGH SQDN TRUE ALTITUDE - 24300 MAG HEADING 84 BOMBS AWAY - 1155

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HEADQUARTERS

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

Reference Field Order 600.

7 JANUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 193.

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>0</u>
Splashes	<u>15</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>40</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>4</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>3</u>	<u> </u>
2. Total A/C over target	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
3. Total sets usable for bombing	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>33</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>33</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>19.008</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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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.
401 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)

ASSIGNED BITBURG

1. TARGET:

BOMBED BITBURG

DATE OF MISSION 7 Jan. 45

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

As Briefed

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>10/10</u>	
CONTRAILS - -	<u>10/10</u>	
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Unseen</u>	

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

None

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

None

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: As briefed

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th. "G"

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN. PCS.	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>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>1134 1/2</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>1135</u>	<u>26,100</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>1135</u>	<u>24,400</u>
TOTALS											

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

None

LT. D. V. MC CALUM

S E C R E T

4069 106G40382 JAN 45 F/36 1542 501X

BURG
K.3539 (G-m)
D. 70

MPI

3109

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

D-2-1

7 January 1945

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 887, U.S. Army.

1. Because of the fact that the entire mission was considered to be highly successful, and no flak or fighters were encountered, a complete, detailed interrogation was not held.

2. The consensus of opinion of all crew members, however, was that the navigation throughout the entire mission, both during the assembly and over the continent, was extremely praiseworthy. A large number of the newer crew members characterized the leadership and navigation as the best they have ever seen.

3. A composite of fixes taken by all Navigators of this group, at the moment of bombs away, would seem to indicate that the primary target was either hit squarely, even in face of the solid undercast, or that, in the event the actual MPI was missed, no navigational devices would allow anyone to so state.

4. Several crew members observed that, when they went to the mess hall this morning, the mess hall had apparently not been notified of breakfast time; consequently, a large number of crew members were unable to eat a full breakfast and make briefing.

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

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

D-2-1

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 887, U.S. Army.

1. S/Egt. Duane F. Seeley, Toggelier in A/C 2012, made the following explanation at interrogation of the fact that nine bombs carried by this A/C were dropped early at (5015-0620E) (See fix):

a. The salvo lever could not be forced into the "select" position; the sleeve had not yet been turned. He was still trying to get the lever past the notch when the radio operator reported over the interphone that only 3 bombs remained in the rack.

2. Capt. H. E. Arnold, who interrogated S/Egt. Seeley, believes that the sleeve must have been in the "salvo" position. Capt. Arnold states that if this were the case, it was quite feasible that nine of the bombs might have dropped and three remained in the rack as reported.

3. No further comments were picked up by interrogators, with the exception of the fact that several waist gunners in the 612th Squadron report that waist windows have recently been so dirty that it is very difficult to see out of them.

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

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

F-C-1

APC 557
7 January 1945

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APC 557.
ATTN: Division Armament Officer.

1. Date of Mission: 6 January 1945.
2. The following gun malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C #42-102947 - Right beam gun failed to feed properly due to damaged ammo chute. Chute has been replaced.
 - b. A/C #43-38677 - Left waist gun heater shorted out. Heater has been replaced.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C #43-38758 - Ball Turret failed in elevation due to faulty vickers unit. Unit has been replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C #42-32012 - Nine bombs were dropped at I.P. Not due to armament malfunction. Personnel.
 - b. A/C #42-39993 - Bombardier stated he had to salvo. This aircraft is a mechanical bomb release type, and bomb control handle had not been fully placed into selective at the time he attempted to release. No equipment malfunction.
5. There were twenty-eight (28) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

SAM P. BROOMHALL, JR.,
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer.

Engineering

Combat Sq. Leader: LT COL. SILVER Date: 6 JANUARY 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT UTTER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT UTTER

LEAD SQDN; 94 "B" GP.

614th SQDN

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

MERCER (SILVER)

IW C

8033

RICHARDSON

12 UTTER

IW K

8677

GH---R

8016

614th SQDN

615th SQDN

SISSON

MALONEY

~~IW A 6508~~

SC R

2393

HOEMAN

~~IY C~~

2468 HARTSOCK

JORDAN

DEEN

IW N 8738

MORTON

IW X

8565

IW P

2012

IY F

7664

IW T 8646

IW B

71515

KING

FONDREN

IW J 2659

IW F

~~7395~~ 7395

SPARES

SP LD (PFF) IN P 8449 35

~~SP LD (VIS) IY Q 8077 31~~

~~GND SPARES IY C 2468 27~~

~~IW T 8646 Disp 5~~

IN B 6132 " 41

COLE

IW O 7602

1358

HIGH SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT. HARLAN Date: 6 JAN. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. CROMER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT. UTTER

612 SQDN

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

HARLAN

SC U 7947

BLOETSCHER

SC N 6506

CROMER

~~SC P 1832~~

IY Q 8077

612 SQDN

615 SQDN

THORNE

SC M 7039

DJERNES

IY K 8425

SMITH

SC L 8637

NOLAN

SC F 8541

CRACRAFT

IY G 1983

WOLF

IY B 1730

COX

SC J 7790

HUINALL

SC D 6992

FRENCH

SC H 2398

SPARES

MARTIN

SC S 8630

SPARE PFF LEAD IN P 8449 DISP 35
 SPARE VIS LEAD IY Q 8077 DISP 31

GND SPARES IY C 2408 DISP 27
~~IY T 8048 DISP 5~~
 IN B 6132 DISP 41

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CAMPBELL

Date: 6 JAN 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT TAUSIG

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT UTTER

LOW SQDN; 94th "B" GP.

613th SQDN

(615) KOCHHEL(CAMPBELL)

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

KELSO

IY H

7636

TAUSIG

IN U 7706

IN L 8941

613th SQDN

615th SQDN

CAMPBELL

MC KAY

IN F 6313

IY X 1485

STEELE

NIELSEN

GRIMMER

GRIMM, WF.

IN S 2947

IN D 6588

SC C 9993

IY D 8779

DOUGLAS

IN J 1591

COX

CURRAN

SP LD (PFF) IN P 8449 35

~~SP LD (VIS) IY Q 8077 31~~

GND SPARES IY C 2468 27

SC K - 8733

IN K 1072

SPARES

~~IW T 8646 Disp 5~~

IN B 6132 Disp 41

SCHELLER

IN R 6113

O₂ Gage for Compensation -

Test Hops for Surface Change. →



- 1) P/T - BITBURG- (495-8-0632)
 Visus) or G-H- (3 bps in name MAP1)
- 2) S/T- KOBLENZ
- 3) L/R- S.O.P. -
- 4) 401st 3rd in Force in Division.
 Friendly activities -
 1st - 396 A/C - 3rd Div. - on Riedfeld area (5-203-0834)
 2nd - 1st Div. -
 3rd - 300 A/C - 2nd Div. - S/E on area -
- 5) Fighters -
- 6) Flak -
 - 1) Chaff -
 - 2) Buckeye reds (weather & chaff)
 - 3) " white - (" & chaff)
 - 4) " blue - (" + chaff)
 - 5) Screening force of 17's + chaff -
- 7) Guidance procedure -
- 8) Spec. Instructions -
 - 1) P/W
 - 2) Security +
 (Junk & clean pockets -

PRIMARY
SEC -

BITBURG
COBLENZ M/Y

Thidiascope —

PW instructions —

Account on survival, filter through
to altered lines or hole up.

Among, it any.

Chaff to be used.

Securities —

Running officer follows

Briefing Notes7 Apr 1945

Visual, GEE-H or PFF, the target is transportation. The Ground has called upon the Air to Paralyze the life lines of the German Armies on the Western ~~Front~~ ^{Front}. These armies cannot function without men, guns, ammunition, gasoline and oil. The bulk of this must be transported on the Reichs already overtaxed rail roads and handled in its heavily bombed yards. Remember, this is a war of supply and the Wehrmacht cannot produce without the tools of its trade!

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

Mission No. 193
 7th January 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 42-31662

P	Cox, Walter E.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Amundson, Glenn R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Ankrom, Lowell J.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Hill, Robert H.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Warren, Emmitt E.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Pope, LeRoy G.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Dunn, Dale D.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38541

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

A/C 43-37790

P	Schliemann, Donald M.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Meyrowitz, Irving (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
N	Schneck, David (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Swatosh, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Pendley, Garland E.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Kelly, John C.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Eames, Duane H.N.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Bunn, Charles T.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Zabel, Bruce H.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38880

P	3/3 Hudnall, Carl L.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Mitchell, Frank G., Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Martin, Phillip A.	F/O	"
B	Beardall, Keith E.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Knight, Adam (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Moorman, Lloyd F.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Gyles, Alfred R.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Parker, Robert H.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Barker, Matt M.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 44-6502

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	612th.
NP	Matthiesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Hill, Ben F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Hague, Kenneth A.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Delawder, Joseph A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Borrer, Norwood E.	S/Sgt.	"

<u>A/C 44-6506 (Cont'd)</u>			
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S/Sgt.	612th.
WG	Becker, Alex A.	S/Sgt.	"
 <u>A/C 43-38637</u>			
P	Long, Robert L.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Watterson, Stuart E., Jr.	F/O	"
N	Crick, Lawrence A.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Watson, Reynolds S.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	York, Dennis A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Movezak, Henry (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Cherubini, Peter J.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Iles, Earl L.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Willick, Edward L.	S/Sgt.	"
 <u>A/C 42-192393</u>			
P	Smith, Max M.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Korwald, Morris N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Van Duinen, Rochard E.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Schmalz, Nyle R.	Sgt.	"
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Genga, Pietre J.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Laing, John	Sgt.	"
TG	Filiatraut, Frank E.	Sgt.	"
WG	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Sgt.	"
	Pinilis, Emanuel B.		
 <u>A/C 42-106992</u>			
P	Campbell, Charles J.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Foy, Philip W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gruhn, David B.	F/O	"
B	Emery, Robert I.	Sgt.	"
RO	Fee, Gene M., Jr.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Kartes, Charles F., Jr.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Sullivan, Earl (NMI) Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Dalton, Charles K.	Sgt.	"
WG	Murray, Howard M.	Sgt.	"
 <u>A/C 42-102398</u>			
P	Nolan, James A.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Twiggs, Calvin N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Vercelli, Edward N.	F/O	"
B	Delle Donne, Charles L.	Sgt.	"
RO	Hathaway, Stanley K.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Siconolfi, Patrick	Sgt.	"
BTG	Feldman, Warren H.	Sgt.	"
TG	Stewart, Jack G.	Sgt.	"
WG	Watson Robert W.	Sgt.	"

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

7 January 1945

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-38791	P	2nd Lt.	KELSO	ARTHUR	D. JR.
	CP	F/O	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	TONNE	ALVIN	E.
	B	SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	RO	SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	SGT.	HARPER	JAMES	T.
	BT	SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	D.
	TG	SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	SGT.	TOOMES	GEORGE	(NMI)
44-38941	P	1st Lt.	TAUSIG	HERNAN	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	SHEPHERD	JACOB	N. JR.
	N	1st Lt.	WALKER	DENSON	F.
	B	2nd Lt.	LAWSON	EMBERT	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	S/SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BUCKSBAUM	ELMER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	J.
	B	1st Lt.	GORMAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	S/SGT.	MAC CRARY	LEON	A.
	BT	SGT.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S/SGT.	CHANCE	BUFFORD	S.
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	SCHELLER	RICHARD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WICKS	WALLACE	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HOUSTON	RICHARD	C.
	B	F/O	KOLLAR	JOHN	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	S/SGT.	HARTY	WILLIAM	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	SEVERSON	NORMAN	A.
42-102947	P	F/O	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	SGT.	SITTON	WILLIAM	C.
	TT	S/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	TANAZEVIICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	S/SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRSTNAME	MI
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	S/SGT.	GIESKEN	GEORGE	J.
	TT	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	ELMO	E.
	BT	S/SGT.	ZENOR	HAROLD	N.
	TG	S/SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARDIN	ROY	(NMI)
43-38862	P	2nd Lt.	CAREY	KARL	F.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MAY	JAMES	H.
	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.	NACHTIGAL	FRED	C.
43-37706	P	1st Lt.	CAMPBELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	1st Lt.	RANDLE	RICHARD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HURLEY	JIM	D.
	B	1st Lt.	ISHAM	LAWRENCE	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	CHALUPZYNSKI	VINCENT	M.
	TT	T/SGT.	JUSTICE	ANDREW	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BOSTIAN	AUDREY	L.
	TG	S/SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.
44-6588	P	2nd Lt.	NIELSON	HANS	V.
	CP	2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd Lt.	TUMMELSON	HURSHAL	C.
	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 FRA	ARTHUR	B.

TO FLY WITH THE 615th

CP	1st Lt.	FOWLER	RUSSELL	M.
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SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

AAF Station # 123
 7 January 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), AAF Station # 123, APO # 557.

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

*Plane 44-8259 033

P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	614th Sq
CP	1st Lt.	MEUSEL, JOSEPH F.	"
N	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN D.	"
B	1st Lt.	SCHIEFER, WILLIAM F.	"
MO	1st Lt.	GOODMAN, JAMES W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Arellano, Garciano J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Hoffman, Leon W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ellis, James	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Martin, Norman D.	"

*Plane 42-31891

P	Capt.	SEDER, ARTHUR R. JR.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	RUBINOFF, LOUIS W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	STEWART, LEON F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	CONWAY, FRANCIS JR.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Backlin, John F.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Antill, Clarence W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Harris, Cecil D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Allison, Carl M.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Affel, Richard H.	"

*Plane 42-97602

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

Loading List Cont'd.

*Plane 44-6508			
P	1st Lt.	SISSON, NORMAN L.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
N	1st Lt.	CROSSMAN, ELMER PICKER, NATHAN	"
B	1st Lt.	PETTY, ROBERT J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Haluck, Andrew S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Carter, Peter J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stevens, Calvin J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ritchie, Francis T.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Eaton, Carl E.	"
*Plane 42-107151			
P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
CP	1st Lt.	RITCHEY, RALPH	"
N	1st Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	1st Lt.	HELMS, CHARLES L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Block, Joseph R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Powers, Willard B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Whittington, Charles S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglas B.	"
*Plane 43-38646			
P	1st Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	1st Lt.	HIBEERT, CARL D.	"
N	F/O.	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Jackson, John A.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Massa, Attilio	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, BerLyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Patterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"
*Plane 42-97395			
P	1st Lt.	ST. AUBYN, GLENN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, WALLACE	"
N	F/O.	KAHN, CHARLES	"
BT	F/O. S/Sgt.	CROSSMAN, ELMER B.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Tompkins, Harry A.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Dearborn, Harry R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lichtenberger, Gustave W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Harold J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Buckley, John F.	"
*Plane 43-38738			
P	1st Lt.	HOEMANN, EUGENE E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HAAKE, EDWARD C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	BURNS, THOMAS E.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Eidemiller, Wilmer P.	2
RO	Sgt.	Tuchin, Howard	"
TT	Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wright, Arthur L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dobson, William J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Laura, Libero L.	"

Loading List Cont'd.

*Plane 43038677

P	2nd Lt.	COLE, JOHN S. JR.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	SPELLMAN, JOHN W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	HANSON, CLIFFORD M.	"
B	2nd F/O.	BUTLER, THOMAS H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Crespi, Ralph M.	"
TT	Sgt.	Allex, Marvin L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Griggs, Crawford F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Smith, Ralph H.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	McClure, James R.	"

*Plane ~~42-32505~~ 993

P	1st Lt.	FONDREN, JOHN E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	VIA, JAMES C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	COYNE, JOHN T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	PACKRELL, JESSE L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Wensel, John W.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Brobst, Clyde J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wickline, John H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wilbers, Herman E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Younans, Henry A.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

ALVAN H. CHAPMAN JR.
 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 Station 128 - APO 557

7 January 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. Following is the list of Combat Crew participating in todays mission.

PLANE # 43-38779

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Grimm	William	F.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	1st Lt.	McMullen	Willard	C.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Barr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Floyd	Norris	C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiegel	Clifford	H.	"
FG	Sgt.	Maksey	Chester	W.	"

PLANE # 42-97664

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Deen	Robert	M.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Janecek	Walter	(NMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	Gross	Eugene	P.	"
B	Sgt.	Heaton	Charles	E.	"
RO	Sgt.	Piccirillo	Lewis	J.	"
TT	Sgt.	Haskinson	Robert	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wagner	Aloysius	E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Baker	Richard	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Bacho	Alex	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42-31730

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Wolf	Adolph	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cosden	Bryan	L.	"
N	F/O	Patrick	Dale	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hashimoto	Gene	(NMI)	"
RO	Sgt.	Douglass	James	B.	"
TT	Sgt.	Palmer	Edward	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Banning	Robert	O.	"
TG	Sgt.	Bolen	Joseph	T.	"
FG	Sgt.	Sparkman	Perry	L.	"

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	F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Davis	Rex	D.	"
RO	Sgt.	Weinstein	Bernard	B.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Chiu	Donald	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Reiher	Gordon	A.	"
FG	Sgt.	Akins	Ora	R.	"

PLANE # 42-31485

P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	W/Sgt.	Connizzaro	Ralph	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Butler IV	William	H.	"

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	S/Sgt.	Dupuis	Cyraque	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Wieselthier	Simon	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Gremillion	John	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Vecchio	Murray	N	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Osborne	Peter	J.	"

PLANE # 44-38471 449

P	1st Lt.	Kochel	Micael	J.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Fowler	Russell	M.	613th
N	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Ainley	Allan	B.	"
B	1st Lt.	Minott	Charles	H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cancino	Joseph	A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Beeson	Charles	W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wofford	Dewey	B.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Kelly	Thomas	E.	"

PLANE # 42-31933

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

PLANE # 43-38425

P	2nd Lt.	Grimm	Alfred	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Regan	John	J.	"
N	1st Lt.	Bavinghausen	Kenneth	D.	"
B	Sgt.	Boyer	William	O.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kapson	George	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Geers	Louis	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Cox	Glyde	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chambers	Arthur	R.	"
FG	Sgt.	Husperger	Henry	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42-97639 758

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

PLANE # 42-97636

P	Captain	Bempsey	Ralph	M.	615th
CP	Captain	Lewis	Glyde	A.	"
H	Captain	Sellers	Gloyd	W.	"
B	Captain	Dolan	William	W.	"
N	Captain	Causey	Rufus	F.	"
N	1st Lt.	Walters	Donald	E.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Virgona	Angelo	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Rowe	Robert	W.	"
TG	2nd Lt.	Callahan	Raymond	J.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	McKeon	George	T.	"

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