

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

MISSION No. **192**

Date: **6 JAN. 45**

TO: **KEMPENICH, GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: KEMPENICH, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished a complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. One PFF was included in each squadron. A GH A/C (384th Group) flew as deputy lead in the lead squadron. A spare accompanied each squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: KEMPENICH, GERMANY (GH)
2. a. Group Leader: Lt. Col. D. E. SILVER (Mercer) Deputy: 1st Lt. C. W. UTTER

Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. E. GASKINS 1st Lt. E. DAMP
Extra Navigator: Capt. C. M. SMITH (Dresbach - MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. T. J. KLEFISCH 1st Lt. J. F. HOPE
b. Low Squadron Leader: Capt. P. E. CAMPBELL (Kochel)
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. A. B. AINLEY (Tharpe - MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. C. R. MINOTT
c. High Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. T. J. HARLAN
Lead Navigator: Capt. W. E. HABERER (Howard - MO)
Lead Bombardier: Capt. W. T. HUTSON
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

All aircraft took off satisfactorily, although some switches to ground spares were made.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assembly was made on the Cottesmore buncher and was good. Group departed on time, on course with 36 ships in formation plus 2 spares.

c. Route Over England:

Route was as briefed except for one turn between Point D and C. P. 1 in order to get behind another Group. Departed C. P. 1 on time, on course. Position 9 instead of 10, as 94th "A" departed late.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Flight to target was not as briefed due to double drifts in order to permit 94th "A" to get into proper position, however 94th "C" also pulled ahead of 94th "B" which left this Group in 11th position instead of 10th. After 94th "C" pulled away to their IP, 94th "B" pulled into proper position behind 94th "A". However, at the IP, 94th "A" turned South and 94th "B" bombed first. No difficulties arose as 94th "B" was well ahead of 94th "A" and at briefed altitude while 94th "A" bombed at briefed minus 2,000 feet.

b. Bombing Run:

The bomb run was made by GH. The GH ship flew in the deputy position and took over the lead just before the IP. The IP was made good. A solid undercast prevailed during the entire run. Rate checked out within 1/2 degree on all the check points. Bombs were salvoed by the group lead when the indices met. The high and low squadron leaders salvoed on the group lead. All others used a 30 foot intervalometer setting. The AFCE was OK. Results were unobserved.

c. Flight from Target:

Due to failure of the Gee-box and no chance to get a wind the route out was not as briefed, the formation flying almost a 280° heading after the target. No flak was encountered and the group left the enemy coast on course, six minutes early.

d. Return to Base:

Return to base was made as per 1 AD SOP #19. and all ships landed safely. Bad visibility at the base necessitated close-in approach and use of SCS 51 localizer.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 9/10 to 10/10 low cloud, tops to 6,000', becoming solid over target area. Intermittant contrails above 24,000'. Same on return.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. f. Fighter Support:

Support was good.

g. Comments on Formation:

Very good, fine over target. Visibility excluded the high squadron from seeing the lead and low at times.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

High Squadron:

A/C 44-6132 - Not Sortie. Pilot took off in ground spare at last time of takeoff, flying directly to C. P. # 2. # 2 Engine began throwing oil out the breather and oil pressure dropped. Pilot feathered engine and turned back at Belgian Coast. Particles of piston ring found in oil sump and # 2 waste gate was frozen (Mechanical)

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:

Due to complete undercast results were unobserved.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All scheduled 12 A/C EET and bombed the primary target dropping 86 X 500# GP and 48 X 500# RDX bombs. A/C 012 having release troubles jettisoned 9 RDX bombs at 5012-0622½. The spare returned 12 RDX's to base.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. b. Continued:

Low Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C EET and bombed the primary target, dropping 47 GP's and 96 RDX's. The spare returned 12 RDX's to base.

High Squadron:

Twelve A/C EET and bombed the primary target, dropping 48 GP's and 95 RDX's. Aborting A/C 132 returned 12 RDX's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail	
Main Bombfall	36	36	(181 239	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			(181 239	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Expenditures			9	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			36	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			190 275	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted By:

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

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SAV-401 LOW 1952-2 x6-1-45x4-1485 -7-245 00X(KEMPEMICH)
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SAV-401 LOW SAFETY

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HARLAN

Date: 6 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT CROMER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT UTTER

612 SQDN

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

HARLAN

947

401ST HI Sq formation
at T/O, on cruise and
over target.

BLOETSCHER

506

CROMER

077

SQDN

SQDN

THORNE

039

DJERNES

425

SMITH

637

NOLAN

541

CRACRAFT

983

WOLF

730

COX

790

FRENCH

398

HUDNALL

132 (abort)

SPARES

MARTIN

680



Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT CAMPBELL 6 Jan 45

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT TAUSIG

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

KOCHEL (CAMPBELL)

636 401st Low Sqdn, B Gp
formation at T/O, on crash e
and over target

KELSO
706
TAUSIG
941

SQDN. SQDN

CAMPBELL MC BY
313 485

STEELE NIELSEN GRIMM, AR GRIMM, WF
947 588 993 779

DOUGLAS
591

COX CURRAN
733 SPARES 072

SCHELLER
113 (returned)

LT. COL. SILVER

6 Jan. 1945

LT. UTTER

Combat Sq. Leader:

Date:

LT. UTTER

Deputy Sq. Leader:

LEAD SQDN: 94 "B" Gp.

614th

Deputy Gp. Leader:

MERCER (SILVER)

Formation at Takeoff
 on Cruise and Over
 Target.

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

8033

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

RICHARDSON

UTTER

8677

8016

614th

615th

SISSON

MALONEY

2468

2393

HOEMAN

HARTSOCK

JORDAN

DEEN

8738

8565

2012

8646

MORTON

151

KING

FONDREN

2659

7395

SPARES
 COLE

602 (Returned)

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

Date 6 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Kempenech

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 0754 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0927 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 15,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1152 hours at 50-39N 05-00E
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of navigation over England.
Radio, Mickey, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0957 hrs. at Clacton.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

G.H. came in 2 mi north - OK.

- h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
Mickey, DR

- i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (not) as briefed.
2 mi. north by G.H. ship. OK.

- (2) True heading over target 050.
- (3) Actual drift 8 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 25,000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1119.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 345/50K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

G. H.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths with emit contrails.

(10) Axis of withdrawal 350.

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

Withdrew on 270° track from first point after target, approximately 20 miles north of course, and crossed course at 04-00E. Crossed out O.K.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Mickey and D.R.

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey fixes erratic
- (2) Gee out
- (3) Radio Compass ok
- (4) Fluxgate ok
- (5) Other Equipment ok

/s/ C. M. Smith
C. M. SMITH
Captain, A. C.
Lead Navigator. , Lead Sq.

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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 0926 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 14,100 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 0957 hrs. at Clacton.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

Out I.P. 5 miles short.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

G.H., Gee, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

5 mi. short

- (2) True heading over target 55.
- (3) Actual drift 8 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 24700.
- (5) Time bombs away 118.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 360/28K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

G. H. equipment

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths - good vis. above. - contrail above
24,000

(10) Axis of withdrawal 290.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ 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.

Flew 270 track all way from 1st point after target.
At one point 30 mi. north of course.

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 no used except navigation - O.K.
(2) Gee Good
(3) Radio Compass Good
(4) Fluxgate OK
(5) Other Equipment OK

/s/ A. B. Ainley

A. B. AINLEY

1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator, Low Sq.

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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 _____ hours on _____ buncher.
at _____ 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, Radio, D.R.

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

Except for 3 double drifts to get behind 94th A Group.

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

Gee, Mickey, D.R.

- i. Bomb run.

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

**4 mi. due east because formation was slightly north
of course.**

- (2) True heading over target 55.
- (3) Actual drift 5 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 25600.
- (5) Time bombs away 1118 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 350/60.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Gee - H

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 350.

- 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, D.R.

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

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

O.K.

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/s/ W. E. Haberer
W. E. HABERER
Captain, A. C.

Lead Navigator., High Sq.

Air Commander - Lt. Col. Silver

FLIGHT PLAN 94th B. (Tenth) P.O. 599

PILOT Lt. Mercer

NAVIGATOR Captain C. M. Smith

DATE 6 January 1945

STATIONS	0630	ENCINES	0730	TAXI	0745	T.O.	0800
LEAVE BASE	COTTESMORE						0927
COAST OUT			0957				
ENEMY COAST			1018				
I.P.			1059				
TARGET			1113				
ENEMY COAST			1227				
ENGLISH COAST			1305		ETR	1358	

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Zero Hr - 0930
Ref Alt - 22000
Bomb alt - 25000
Oxygen - 4:15

WATCH.....Fast Division assembly - Clacton to 51-14N
Slow RATE.....secs/hour Losing 02-55E

At.....C.M.T.

Letdown Cottesmore Buncher - Normal - 010 Mag.

FROM	TO	W/V	HEIGHT	I.A.S.	T.A.S.	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE	VAR.	MAC.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
		UESD		MPH /K	(K)		FT	HDNG.		HDNG.					TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-44N 00-39W	Spalding (B)	310/50	15000	150 -21	162	081	-13	068	10	078	191	18	06	0927 0933	Depart			
52-47N 00-09W	Ipswich (D)	314/52	17000	150 -24	167	132	-1	131	10	141	219	65	18 41	0952				
52-04N 01-10E	Clacton CP 1	314/52	17000	150 -24	"	181	13	194	9	203	198	17	05	0957	Eng Coast	CP 1	0957	
51-47N 01-09E		318/54	19	150	173	117	-6	111	9	120	222	74	20 41	1018	Coast	CP 2	1018	
51-14N 02-55E		21000		-28														
"	"	336/60	23	150	185	116	-12	104	112	112	227	88	23 42	1043	CP 3	1043		
50-36N 05-00E		25000		-37					8									
"	"	350/60	25000	150	192	117	-14	103	7	110	223	33	09 42	1053				
50-21N 05-46E				-41														
"	"	350/60	25000	150	192	126	-12	114	7	121	232	19	05 41	1059	I. P.			
50-10N 06-10E				-41														
" IP	"	"	25000	150	"	068	-18	050	6	056	171	39 1/2	14	1113	TARGET			
TARGET																		
50-25-10N 07-07-15E		"	25000	150	"	350	0	350	6	356	132	8	04	1117				
50-33N 07-05E		"	25000	150	"													
"	"	"	25000	150	"	260	13	278	6	284	182	12	04	1121				
50-31N 06-47E		"	25000	150	"													
"	"	"	25000	150	"	228	16	244	7	251	217	31	09	1130				
50-10N 06-10E		"	25000	150	"													
"	"	"	25000	150	"	306	12	318	7	325	145	19	08	1138				
50-21N 05-46E																		
"	"	-36	345/55	22500	170	209		11	307	7	314	169	28 76	10 21	31 -1	1208	Div. Break up	
50-54N 04-00E	-30	340/50	20000	150	176	296		11	307	8	315	137	48					
"	"	311/50	15500	170	186	303	12	305	8	313	136	42	19	1227	Coast			
51-17N 03-04E		11000		-21														
"	"	-8	293/28	6500	178	160		-2	301	9	310	132	40 75	18 38	1305	English Coast		
Felixstowe	-2	310/23	2000		130	303	11	304		313	108	35	20					
51-57N 01-21E		310/23	2000	150	130	295	13	298	10	308	108	39	22	1327				
New Market				-2														
52-15N 00-24E		"	2000	150	"	343	-5	338	10	348	110	27	15	1342	Wing break up			
Wisbech																		
52-40N 00-10E		"	2000	150	"	250	19	259	10	269	117	30	16	1358	ETR Stand off	Hi - Cott Lo - Uppi		
Base																		
Clacton		297/32	0 to 17000	150 -12	145	124	12	126	10	136	177	78	26	0914 0957	ITTO	Takes 43 min. to climb		
Cottesmore		312/51	15 to 17000	150 -22	164	131	0	131	10	141	215	88	25	0932 0957	Last time for group departure			
Clacton																		

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. 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	
0754					T.O. on runway "23"		150								
0825		330/43K (weather ship)			G. out. Circling buncher V-2 bomb contrail		150	15000	163						
0845					Forming by radio compass 2 layers 9-10/10ths low clouds		150	15000	163						
0900					One more V-2		150	15000	163						
0915					6 ships missing		150	15000	163						
0927	081	-13	068		Group formed. Depart buncher .Using Sp 5		150 130	15000	163				174	18	06 0933
0929					52-45N 00-23W, mickey		150 130	15000	163						
0933			075		Pt. B - using radio, mickey		150	15000	163						
0933	132	-5	127				150	15000 17000	168				210	65	18 1/2 0941 1/2
0935			127		52-42N 00-06E		150	15500							
0938			127		52-25N 00-18E		150	16000							
0941	134	-7 345/40	127		Level off 52-29N 00-31E		150	17000	168	20	06	200	34	10	0951
0942			140		In wing formation		150	17000							
0945			170		Following wing		150	17000							
0951					52-03N 00-55E		150	17000	168				195	18	5 1/2 1956 1/2

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. 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	
0954½			107		51-55N 01-04E		150	17000							
0956½			120				150	17000							
0957			120		CP 1 51-50N 01-16E		150	17000							
0957	117	-9	108		A/C to CP 2		150	18000							
0958			125				150	18200	175			199	74	22½	1019½
1001			130		A/C following wing		150	19000							
1001			095		51-40N 01-32E		150	19000							
1007			150		51-35N 02-00E		150	20000	176			202	41	12	1017
1010			110				150	20800							
1012½			110		51-20N 02-15E		150	21000							
1019					Over CP 2, Nieuport			22000	178	74	22	202			
1019	116	-12	104		Wind 335/60		150	22000	185			227	88	24	1043
102½			090		51-09N 03-12½E		150	22500		19	05½	210	72	21	1045½
1028			050		Double drift to get behind A-ble		150	23000				Loss 1½			1047
1032½			135		51-06N 03-47½E		150	23500	188				55		
1035			135		One more double drift		150	24000				Loss 1½			1048½
1035½			055		50-38N 03-58E		150	24000							
1040			055		51-02N 04-21E		150	24000							
1045		-3	142		Double drift by bomb level off		150	25000	192						
1046			142		50-52N 04-38½		150	25000	192			218	22	6	1152
1050	133	49	142		50-41N 04-50E Wind 343/33K		150	25000	192	15	-4	226			
1052			115		CP 3, on course, 9 min late		150	25000	192			215	5	1½	1053
1058		345/50	125		50-31N 05-35E		150	25000	192			235	31	8	1204
1103			130		Deputy takes over		150	25000	192						
1107			135		50-15N 06-05E		150	25500	192			186	5	02	1209
1109			060		I. P. 50-10N 06-25E		150	25500	192						
1109			060		Following C.H.										
1115	64	345/50	050		50-20N 06-55E		150	25000	192	18	6	180			
1119			050		BOMBS AWAY		150	25000	192						
1121			350		50-31N 07-08E A/C		150	24700	191			141	8	3	1128
1121			280												
1127			280		50-25N 06-51E		150	24500	190						
1130			280				150	24500	190						
1136			280		50-25N 06-15E		150	24500	190						
1139			280		50-45N 05-49E		170	24000							
1151½			280		50-48N 04-50E		170	22600							
1156	272	48 030/30	280		50-49N 04-24E	Pilotage wind 030/30	170	21500	21500	200	60	17	212		
1205			295		A/C to Ostend		170	17500				212	35	10	1215
1209			295		Ghent 228° @ 18 K		170	16500							
1213			325		50-57N 03-08E A/C to Ostend		155	16000	165						
1215	318	47	325				155	16000	165						
1221	318	47	325		Coast out 50-10N 02-47E Wind 355/35K		155	16000	165	18	08	135	72	32	1253
1221	328	47	335				170	15000	186						

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

TRACK CHART

DATE Jan. 6, 1945

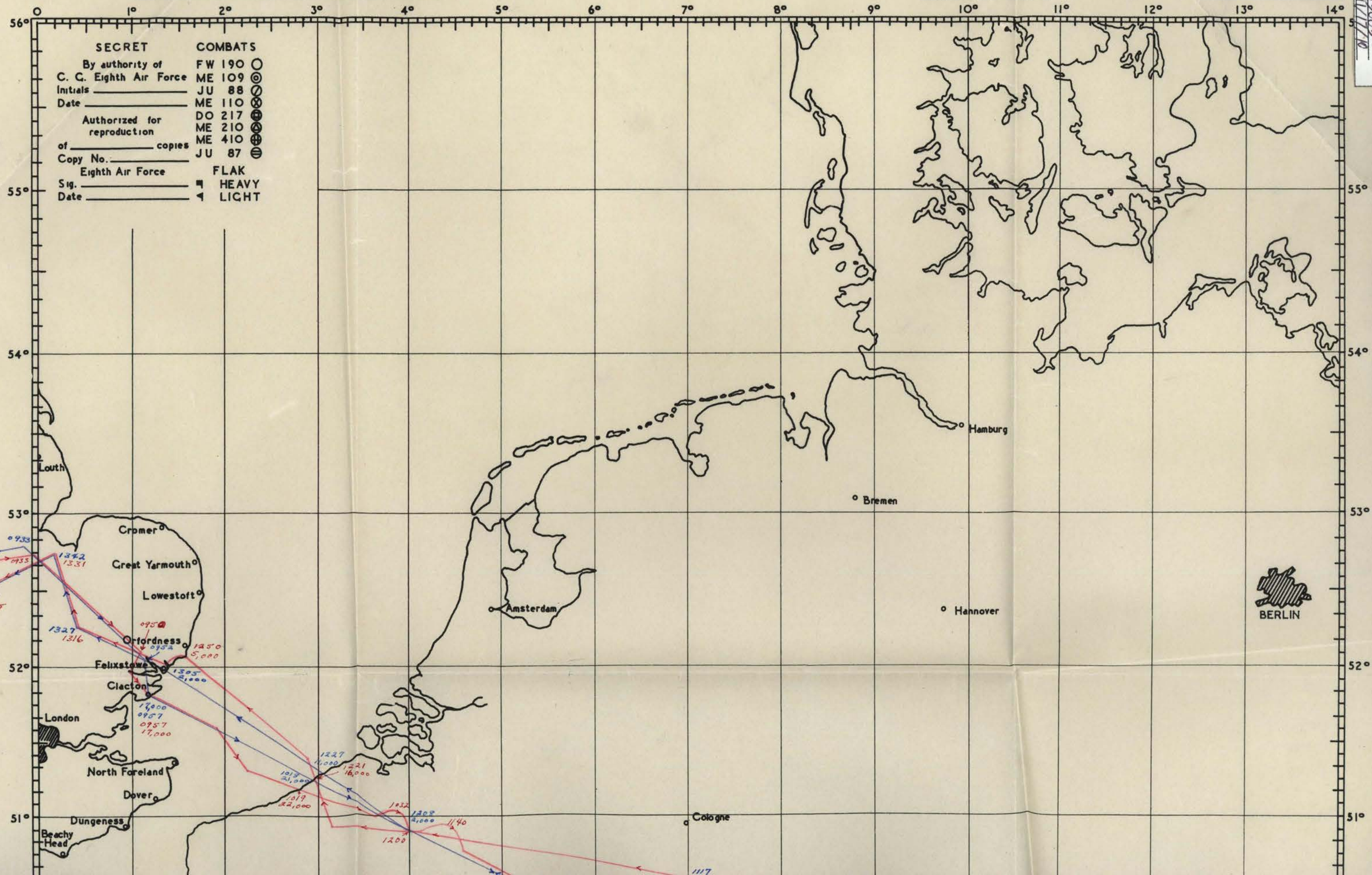
TARGETS
PRIMARY

Kempenich, Germany

Blue
Red

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

Briefed
401st B. G. 14



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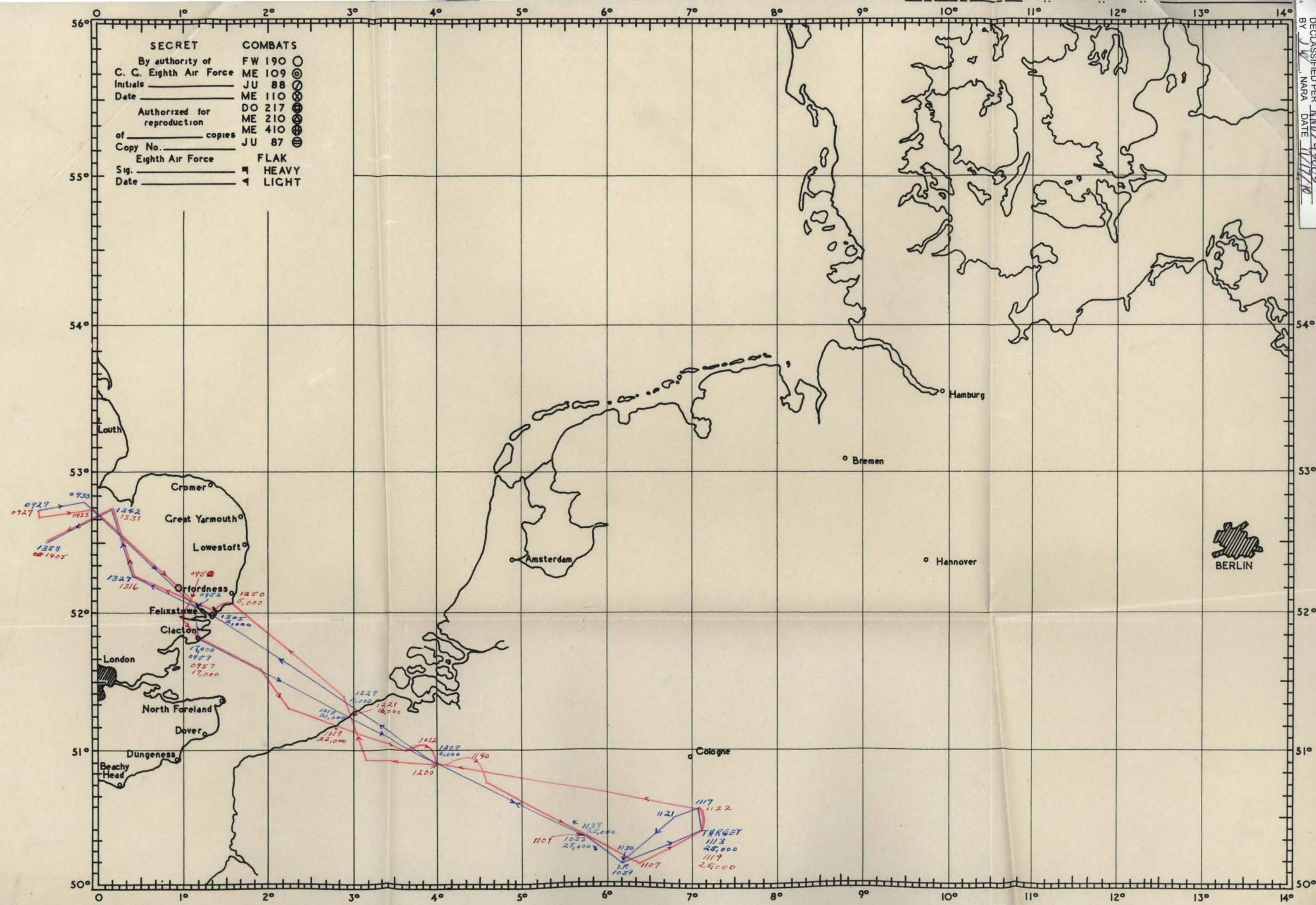
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FLAK

HEAVY
LIGHT



AREA COVERED :—
Lat. 50° 24' N to 50° 30' N. Long. 07° 00' E to 07° 10' E

TACTICAL TARGETS — RAMERSBACH AREA

Based on Photographs dated 30 May 1944
Issued December 1944





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5007E/5508

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

599

6 Jan 45

401st Group

1st BD F. C.

94th "B" CBW

Date of

	LEAD			LOW		HIGH	PFF
		PFF - GH			PFF - GH		
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	11	1	1	12	1	12	1
2. No. of A/C Airborne	10	1	1	11	1	12	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	1	1	11	1	11	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	1	1	11	1	11	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking						(1)	
(a) Early Returns Included							
7. Name of Primary Target	KEMPENICH (GH or VIS)						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	10	1	1	11	1	11	1
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	36 75 500#GP	12 11 500#GP	1 96 500#GP	36 96 500#RDX	11 500#GP	84 48 500#RDX	11 500#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	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	HIGH
18. Time of Takeoff	0754	0755	0755
19. Time of Attack	1119	1118	1118 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Average Time of Flight	6.7	6.6	6.5
21. Altitude of Release	24,700	24,400	25,300
22. Visual or PFF	GH	GH	GH
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: 1. GH A/C borrowed from 384th Group

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows:

Non

NOTES:

None

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. HOPE DATE 6 Jan 1945
PILOT LT. UTTER (DEPUTY) TAKE OFF 0745
NAVIGATOR LT. DAMP AIRPLANE _____
WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1430
OBJECTIVE KEMPEICH, 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# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 190 GP 230 RDX RELEASED 161 GP 230 RDX
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: GH
Altitude of Target 18000 Temp Aloft: Metro -41 Actual -45
True Altitude above target 24700 Mag Head, order 50 Actual 60
Ind. Altitude 25000 True Heading 50
Pressure alt of target 211 at SL Drift, Est _____ Actual 82
Altimeter setting 2.92 True Track 60
C.I.A.S. 160 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 10,574
G.S. Est 196 Actual 178 B.S. Type H-9
Wind Direc Metro 350 Actual 10 Time of Release 1119
Wind Veloc. Metro 40 Actual 67 Intervalometer Setting 30ft
D.S. 127.9 Trail 57 ATF 41.48 Length of Bombing Run 10min
Tan. D.A. Est .42 Actual .42 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
Mean Temp: Metro -18 Actual -14 Manual Pilot _____
Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 30ft
LOW SQ ALTITUDE 24400 MAG HEADING 65 TIME OF RELEASE 1118
HIGHSQ " 25300 " 65 " 1118 1/2

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

J-A- 1

Reference Field Order 599.

6 JANUARY

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SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 192.

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>0</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>30</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>38</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>32</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>32</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>18,432</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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

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

ASSIGNED.....Kempnich.....
1. TARGET: DATE OF MISSION 6 Jan. 45...
BOMBED.....Kempnich.....

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

5111-02521 - 5057-0330 - 5105-0352 - 5050-0400 - 5056-0430
5048-0438 - 5013-0616 - Target - 5033-0705 - 5040-0600 - 5054-0400 - 5055-0308
5112-02502.

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>Solid undercast</u>	<u>9/10 - 10/10 cloud</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>Intermittent</u>	<u>intermittent</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Unseen</u>	<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 "B" - 10th in Div. Col.

8. DETAILS:- Intermittent

SCDN. POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE MAJ. MIN.	A/C LOST TO				AXIS OF		TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
			AA	EA	ACC	UK	ATTN	WITH		
<u>Lead</u>	<u>12</u>						<u>57</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1119</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>						<u>51</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>1118</u>	<u>25,600</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>						<u>55</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>1118</u>	<u>24,400</u>
TOTALS	<u>36</u>									

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

1/Lt. D. V. McCallum

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 567
U. S. ARMY

D-E-1

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 567, U.S. Army.

1. S/Sgt. 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) (Gee 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. S. Arnold, who interrogated S/Sgt. 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 S-2 Officer.

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 867
U. S. ARMY

D-2-4

5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 867, US Army.

1. Lt. James A. Nolan, Pilot A/C 8541, who flew with the Screening Force, made the following report at interrogation:

- (a) Taking off late, he pursued the Group formation, attempting to catch up, until he received the report over his radio that the Group was 12 minutes early at control point B. Not then being able to catch the regular formation, he tacked onto the Screening Force, remaining unaware of the fact that the formation with which he was flying was the Screening Force until target area was reached.

2. Lt. Walter E. Cox, Pilot A/C 862, who flew with the 98th Bomb Group, reported at interrogation that he also took off late and was unable to catch the formation because the Group was 12 minutes early at control point B and no announcement of this fact was made until 30 minutes later.

3. Lt. Harry H. Haskett, High Squadron Leader, and Lt. Ralph S. Hayes, Low Squadron Leader, each criticized the procedure of 360° turns in the Rhur Valley area. This observation was seconded by Lt. George M. Graef, Pilot A/C 1983, and Lt. Millard E. French, Pilot A/C 933.

4. Lt. Milton F. Maloney, Pilot A/C 7564, reports that flak holes in the nose of this A/C, sustained on a previous mission, have not as yet been repaired.

5. Lt. Arthur D. Kelso, Pilot A/C 8781, requests that target arrow indicators always be placed on the map for briefing, in order that all crew-members will know what targets are being attacked.

6. Lt. Kelso also states that boxes of chaff released by A/C preceding his A/C in the Group formation have occasionally hit the chin turret on his A/C. He is apprehensive of the difficulty which might be occasioned should one of these boxes hit the pilot's windshield.

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

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Chadman

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 126 - APO 557
U. S. ARMY

C-E-4

5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 557, US Army.

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2. Lt. Walter E. Cox, Pilot A/C 862, who flew with the 93rd Bomb Group, reported at interrogation that he also took off late and was unable to catch the formation because the Group was 12 minutes early at control point B and no announcement of this fact was made until 30 minutes later.

3. Lt. Harry E. Haskett, High Squadron Leader, and Lt. Ralph E. Hayes, Low Squadron Leader, each criticized the procedure of 800° turns in the Rhur Valley area. This observation was seconded by Lt. George K. Graef, Pilot A/C 1983, and Lt. Millard E. French, Pilot A/C 883.

4. Lt. Milton F. Maloney, Pilot A/C 7664, reports that flak holes in the nose of this A/C, sustained on a previous mission, have not as yet been repaired.

5. Lt. Arthur D. Kelso, Pilot A/C 8791, requests that target arrow indicators always be placed on the map for briefing, in order that all crew-members will know what targets are being attacked.

6. Lt. Kelso also states that boxes of chaff released by A/C preceding his A/C in the Group formation have occasionally hit the chin turret on his A/C. He is apprehensive of the difficulty which might be occasioned should one of these boxes hit the pilot's windshield.

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

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confirmed

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

F-C-2

APC 557
6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

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

1. Date of Mission: 5 January 1945.
2. The following gun malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 43-38810 - Right chin gun failed to feed properly. Springs off feedway. Replaced.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 42-31730 - Vickers Unit failure. Replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 44-8371 - One bomb hung up left outboard rack. Ship checked satisfactory on ground. Will be flight tested.
 - b. A/C # 42-31983 - Bomb bay doors cranked open and closed due to broken drive shaft.
5. There were thirty (30) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

Aug
LEAD SQDN 94 "A" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader:

~~/////////~~ CAPT LOCHER

Date:

5 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader:

LT BAKER

Deputy Gp. Leader:

LT BAKER

*gas 2600
Max 100 GP
no more 1/40*
613 SQDN

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

CUSHMAN (LOCHER)

IN P

8449(PFF)

GARTON

BAKER

IN A

8160

GH

SQDN

613

SQDN

613

DOUGLAS

STEELE

IN J

1591

IN F

6313

COX

CURRAN

SCHELLER

CAREY

IW X

8565

IN U

7706

IN R

6113

IN B

6132

CAMPBELL

IN N

8862

NIELSON

KELSO

IN D

6588

IN G

8791

SPARES

SPARE LEAD PFF IY H 7636 disp 32
SPARE LEAD VIS IN L 8941 disp 38

GROUND SPARE SC S 8690 disp 22

HI SQ 94TH A GROUP

LT HASKETT
Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: 5 Jan 45
LT GERBER
Deputy Sq. Leader: _____
LT BAKER
Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

615
SQDN
HASKETT (FOWLER)
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD
IY H 8371 (PFF)

DEEN
IY O 8779
GERBER
IY K 8425

615
SQDN
MC KAY
IN L 941
IY X 1485 #1 Eng. out
SQDN
MALONEY
IY F 7664

HANSEN
IY P 8758
CRACRAFT
IY G 1983 / FONDREN
IY D 8125
JORDAN
IY B 1730
DJERNES
IY C 2468
GRIMM AR
IY N 8810
JONES
IY A 7869
SPARES

LOW SQ 94TH A GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HAYES Date: 5 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT LAWRENCE

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT BAKER

612 SQDN

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

HAYES

SC Q 8133 (PFF)

CAMPBELL

LAWRENCE

SC K 3733

SC P 1891

SQDN

612

612 SQDN

THORPE

BODDIN

SC N 3508

SC H 2398

BLOESCHER

FRENCH

HUDNALL

JONES

SC T 8738

SC C 9993

SC A 7626

SC R 2393

COX

SC B 1632

NOLAN

MARTIN

SC F 8541

SC L 8637

SPARES

SMITH

SC J 7790

SCREENING FORCE

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____
 Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT MERCER 5 Jan 45
 Deputy Gp. Leader: LT UTTER

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

MERCER
 IW G 8259 (PFF)

WHITE
 IW Z 8330

UTTER
 SC U 7947 (PFF)

SQDN
614

SQDN
614

SISSON
 IW P 2012

ST AUBYN
 IW D 7322

MORTON
 IW B 7151

HOEMANN
 IW Q 7478

COLE
 IW T 8646

KING
 IW F 7395

MORAN
 IW K 8677

THOMPSON, R
 IW J 2659 SPARES

RICHARDSON
 IW O 7602

HARTSOCK
 IW H 8738

*Chaff only
 no bombs*

Pre Briefing Notes

1. Today's primary target is a communications center at Kempenich, Germany and is a target that has been requested by the ground forces. It will be attacked by either visual or Gee - H methods.

The secondary and PFF target is Koblenz and the M.P.I. is the marshalling yards.

The targets of the other wings in the division are also tactical targets in and around Cologne.

2. 360 A/C of the 2nd A.D. will fly a route south of the 1st A.D. to attack targets east and south of the 1st A.D. targets.

13 groups of the 3rd A.D. will fly route south of the 1st A.D. route to attack targets east and south of 1st A.D. targets.

3. This group is the 10th in the Division formation, and is the B group of the 94th Wing. 457th is the A group and the 351st is the C group

Targets for the 457th and the 401st are the same whereas the 351st has a different target in the immediate vicinity.

Air commander for this group will be Col. Silver.

4. Bomb load will consist of 12 X 500 G.P. with 1/10 nose and 1/40 tail fusing

Intervalometer settings: if visual, salvoe otherwise 30' setting.
Bombing altitude is 25,000 feet
targets are expected to be cloud covered

5. Flak- No flak at the primary target but there are 70 guns within range of route over battle area

At the secondary target there are 94 guns of which 40 are in range.

6. Fighter support for this target will consist of one group of P-51's

7. Special instructions:

The field order issues a caution about enemy fighters, saying that with the improvement in weather that is expected towards the middle of the day and with the rest that the GAF has had the past few days opposition should be expected. It further states that E/A have been flying in small formations of from 8 to 20 in tactical areas obviously looking for stragglers or groups off course.

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

Mission # 192
 6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 43-37790

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	"
TT	Warren, Emmitt E.	T/Sgt	"
BT	Pope, LeRoy G.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	S/Sgt	"
FG	Dunn, Dale D.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 42-106992

P	Hudnall, Carl L.	1st Lt.
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
TT	Moorman, Loyd F.	T/Sgt
BT	Gyles, Alfred R.	S/Sgt
TG	Parker, Robert H.	S/Sgt
FG	Parker, Matt M.	S/Sgt

A/C 43-38680

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.
CP	Matthiesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.
N	Hill, Ben F., Jr.	2nd Lt.
B	Deaner, Charles E.	S/Sgt
RO	Hague, Kenneth A.	S/Sgt
TT	Delawder, Joseph A.	T/Sgt
BT	Borror, Norwood E.	S/Sgt
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S/Sgt
FG	Becker, Alex A.	S/Sgt

A/C 43-38637

P	Smith, Max M.	2nd Lt.
CP	Korwald, Morris N.	2nd Lt.
N	VanDuinen, Richard B.	2nd Lt.
B	Schmalz, Nyle R.	Sgt
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W.	Sgt
TT	Genga, Pietre J.	Sgt
BT	Laing, John	Sgt
TG	Filiatraut, Frank E.	Sgt
FG	Swanson, Theodore K.	Sgt

A/C 43-37947

P	Harlan, Thomas J., Jr.	1st Lt.
CP	Lundgren, Robert P.	2nd Lt.
N	Haberer, Walter E.	Captain
B	Hutson, Waymen T.	Captain
MO	Howard, Robert W.	1st Lt.
RO	Robinson, Paul D.	T/Sgt
TT	Lee, Reed L.	T/Sgt
TG	Pinilis, Emanuel B.	Sgt
FG	Bunn, Charles T.	S/Sgt

A/C 44-6506

P	Bloetscher, Andrew F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	S/Sgt	"
TT	Richards, Carl R.	T/Sgt	"
BT	Wilson, Ben G.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Skaggs, Irl R.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Giles, Otho N.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 42-107039

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

A/C 43-38077

P	Cromer, Joseph L.	1st Lt.
CP	Trout, Ralph W.	1st Lt.
N	Phillips, Michael T.	1st Lt.
B	Waldhoff, Jack G.	1st Lt.
RO	Good, an, Martin E.	T/Sgt
TT	Stott, Douglas W.	T/Sgt
BT	Green, John J.	S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Charles N.	S/Sgt
FG	Clark, Eugene F.	S/Sgt

A/C 42-102398

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

A/C 43-38541

P	Nolan, James A.	2nd Lt.
CP	Twiggs, Calvin N.	2nd Lt.
N	Vercelli, Edward F.	F/O
B	Delledonne, Charles L.	Sgt
RO	Hathaway, Stanley K.	Sgt
TT	Siconolfi, Pathick	Sgt
BT	Feldman, Warren H.	Sgt
TG	Stewart, Jack G.	Sgt
FG	Martin, James G.	Sgt

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

6 January 1945

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-37706	P	2nd Lt.	KELSO	ARTHER	D. JR.
	CP	F/O	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	TORRE	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.	TOOMBS	GEORGE	(NMI)
44-38941	P	2nd Lt.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(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	T/SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	M.
	TT	T/SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
	BT	S/SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S/SGT.	CHANCE	BUFFORD	S.
42-102947	P	2nd Lt.	STERLE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
	B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	STACHIRA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	SGT.	MEYERS	ERROL	A.
	TG	SGT.	LUTZ	LEO	B.
	WG	SGT.	WOWAK	CHESTER	A.
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	SCHILLER	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	Q.
	BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	NACHTIGAL	FRED	C.

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-38733 (612th)	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.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
42-31072	P	2nd Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	HAUTZ	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	H.
	TG	S/SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARDIN	ROY	(NMI)
44-6313	P	1st Lt.	CAMPBELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	1st Lt.	RANDIE	RICHARD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HENLEY	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.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	P.
44-6588	P	2nd Lt.	NIELSON	HANS	V.
	CP	2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd Lt.	TURMELSON	MURSHAL	C.
	B	SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
	RO	SGT.	HARROWE	EMANUEL	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	G.
	BT	SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
	TG	SGT.	STEPHA	FRANCIS	S.
	WG	SGT.	DE PRA	ARTHUR	R.

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

AAF Station # 128
 6 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 44-9033

P	Capt.	MERCER, ELMER W.	614th Sq
CP	LT. Col.	SILVER, DELWYN E.	401st Hdqs
N	1st Lt.	GASKINS, LESLIE E.	614th Sq
N	Capt.	SMITH, CHARLES M.	"
B	1st Lt.	KLEFISCH, THEODORE J.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESBACH, JOHN T.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Zubrickas, Joseph S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fowler, Cecil V.	"
WG	1st Lt.	HAYES, LELAND R.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Connors, Robert A.	"

*Plane 8016 GH Ship

P	1st Lt.	UTTER, CHARLES W.	"
CP	1st Lt.	ODEN, EDWARD C.	"
N	1st Lt.	DAMP, EDWARD	"
B	1st Lt.	HOPE, JOHN F. JR.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fulton, David W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	LaVigne, Robert N.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cole, Harry L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Zaborsky, Stephen A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	St. Peter, Donald A.	"

*Plane 43-38677

P	1st Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	1st Lt.	HIBBERT, CARLDD.	"
N	F/O.	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Falkowitz, Irving	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Peneton, Howard E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, BerLyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Patterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"

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*Plane 44-6598 2468
 P 1st Lt.
 CP 2nd Lt.
 N 1st Lt.
 B 2nd Lt.
 RO T/Sgt.
 TT T/Sgt.
 BT S/Sgt.
 TG S/Sgt.
 WG S/Sgt.

SISSON, NORMAN L. 614th Sq
 STAUFFER, DAVID H. "
 CROSSEN, LAVERN "
 PICKER, NATHAN "
 Haluck, Andrew S. "
 Carter, Peter J. "
 Stevens, Calvin J. "
 Ritchie, Francis T. "
 Torres, Jose M. "

*Plane 42-38565
 P 2nd Lt.
 CP 1st Lt.
 N 1st Lt.
 B 2nd Lt.
 RO Sgt.
 TT Sgt.
 BT S/Sgt.
 TG Sgt.
 WG Sgt.

HARTSOCK, KENNETH J. "
 MEUSEL, JOSEPH F. "
 PETTY, ROBERT J. "
 DODGE, RICHARD A. "
 Dee, Harold E. "
 Browne, Vincent "
 Eaton, Carl E. "
 Anderson, Donald S. "
 Strukel, Joseph J. "

*Plane 43-38738
 P 1st Lt.
 CP 2nd Lt.
 N 2nd Lt.
 CTG Sgt.
 RO Sgt.
 TT Sgt.
 BT Sgt.
 TG Sgt.
 WG Sgt.

HOEMANN, EUGENE E. "
 HAAKE, EDWARD C. "
 BURNS, THOMAS E. "
 Eidemiller, Wilmer P. "
 Tuchin, Howard "
 Smith, Howard J. "
 Wright, Arthur L. "
 Dobson, William J. "
 Laura, Libero L. "

*Plane 42-107151
 P 1st Lt.
 CP 1st Lt.
 N 1st Lt.
 B 1st Lt.
 RO S/Sgt.
 TT S/Sgt.
 BT S/Sgt.
 TG S/Sgt.
 WG S/Sgt.

MORTON, WALTER L. "
 RITCHEY, RALPH "
 PINK, JACK T. "
 HELMS, CHARLES L. "
 Hickey, Robert E. "
 Block, Joseph R. "
 Powers, Willard B. "
 Whittington, Charles S. "
 Bruschwein, Douglas B. "

*Plane 42-97395
 P 1st Lt.
 CP 2nd Lt.
 N 2nd Lt.
 B 2nd Lt.
 RO S/Sgt.
 TT S/Sgt.
 BT S/Sgt.
 TG S/Sgt.
 WG S/Sgt.

FONDREN, JOHN E. "
 VIA, JAMES C. "
 COYNE, JOHN T. "
 PACKRELL, JESSE L. "
 Wensel, John W. "
 Brobst, Clyde J. "
 Wickline, John H. "
 Wilbers, Herman E. "
 Youmans, Henry A. "

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*Plane 42-102659

P	1st Lt.	KING, MYRON L.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	SWEENEY, WILLIAM J. III	"
N	2nd Lt.	LOWE, RICHARD I. JR.	"
CEG	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	"

*Plane 42-97602

P	2nd Lt.	COLE, JOHN S. JR.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SPELLMAN, JOHN W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	HANSON, CLIFFORD M.	"
B	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.	"

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 Station 128 - APO 557

6 January 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 # 42-38846 614th

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Boen	Robert	E.	614th
GP	1st Lt.	Sinkking	John	W.	"
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.	"
TO	Sgt.	Baker	Richard	E.	"
FO	Sgt.	Bacho	Alex	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42-31730

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Wolf	Adolph	R.	614th
GP	2nd Lt.	Gooden	Byran	L.	"
N	F/O	Patrick	Dale	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hashimoto	Gene	(NMI)	"
RO	Sgt.	Douglass	James	H.	"
TT	Sgt.	Palmer	Edward	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Banning	Robert	O.	"
TO	Sgt.	Bolen	Joseph	T.	"
FO	Sgt.	Sparkman	Perry	L.	"

PLANE # 42-39428

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Djernes	Carl	P.	614th
GP	2nd Lt.	Spiva	Raymond	H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Cahale	John	P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Davis	Hex	D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Dupuis	Cyraque	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Chiu	Donald	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TO	Sgt.	Reihor	Gordan	A.	"
FO	Sgt.	Akins	Gra	R.	"

PLANE # 42-31485

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	W.	614th
GP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Matney	John	L.	"
B	T/Sgt.	Cock	Clayton	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Comissaro	Ralph	H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TO	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Laro	H.	"
FO	S/Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"

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PLANE # 42-31883

P	1st Lt.	Gracraft	George	K.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Magee	Weldon	C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Burns	Raymond	G.	"
B	Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fennick	Gordon	E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Smith	Charles	E.	"
TG	Sgt.	KENNETH Hudson	Leonard	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(MNI)	"

PLANE # 43-38779

P	1st Lt.	Grimes	William	F.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Ruoggen	Herman	E.	"
N	1st Lt.	McMullen	Willard	C.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Krossler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	WALTER Cromillion	HEMING John	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jaranson	David	A.	"

PLANE # 42-07658

P	1st Lt.	Kochel	Michael	J.	615th
CP	Captain	Campbell	Paul	E.	"
N	1st Lt.	Ainley	Allen	B.	"
B	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
B	1st Lt.	Minott	Charles	H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cancino	Joseph	A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Reeson	Charles	W.	"
BT	---	---	---	-	-
TG	S/Sgt.	Wofford	Dewey	B.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Kelly	Thomas	E.	"

PLANE # 42-39012 614th

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

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PLANE # 42-30903 612th

P	2nd Lt.	Grims	Alfred	R.	612th
GP	2nd Lt.	Regan	John	J.	"
H	1st Lt.	Vacha	Robert	W.	"
B	Sgt.	Beyer	William	O.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kapson	George	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Geers	Louis	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Cox	Clyde	R.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chambers	Arthur	R.	"
FG	Sgt.	Rumsperger	Henry	(MMI)	"

PLANE # 42-102203 612th

P	1st Lt.	Maloney	Milton	P.	612th
GP	2nd Lt.	Janaszek	Walter	(MMI)	"
H	1st Lt.	Hoffman	Lloyd	G.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Elston	Mark	A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Weinstein	Bernard	B.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Luchfeld	Marvin	(MMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Altieri	Alonso	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Dunn	Donald	R.	"

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AXIS OF ATTACK

BOMBS AWAY! (1)

A } IDENTIFICATION
B } FEATURES

"A"