

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

MISSION No. **13**

Date: **7 JAN. 44**

TO: **LUDWIGSHAVEN, GER.**

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634

7 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Group Leader's Narrative, Ludwigshafen, Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The 401st Group was the low box of the 94th Wing formation. Take-off was as scheduled and formation was by individual ships at briefed altitude minus two thousand feet. Group formation was carried out without difficulty at Point X.
2. Wing formation was briefed to be over Deenthorpe buncher. The 401st Group was two minutes late at Wing rendezvous but the Wing was plainly in sight and the Group planned to intercept the Wing by cutting the corner at Point A.
3. Enroute to Point A, and with the Wing in sight, the 401st ran into heavy clouds and was split up into individual planes.
4. The lead aircraft of the 401st broke out on top at approximately 18,000 feet. The airplanes in the 401st Group were called on the VHF and told to assemble at Point Z where the Wing leader said he would be circling.
5. The High Box was split up as was the 401st and was also attempting to assemble individual ships at Point Z.
6. The Group Leader was unable to locate the Lead Box at Point Z, and neither could the high box locate the lead box.
7. The high box was able to assemble ten airplanes and the 401st was able to assemble ten airplanes (one aircraft had already aborted). As the Division was too far out to be intercepted, and as the number of aircraft assembled by the high box and the 401st were too few to make a deep penetration, the ten airplanes of the 401st returned to base.
8. Nine other aircraft of the 401st joined other formations as individual aircraft and proceeded to the target and returned.
9. An effort was made to get instructions from the Division leader while the 401st leader was at point Z, but the radio contact was unintelligible.

ERWIN W BROWN,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Leader.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE AIR STATISTICAL OFFICER

B- -1

7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Supplementary Leader's Narrative, Mission No 13,
7 January, 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. Group assembly was as briefed but as the formation attempted to intercept Wing formation it became necessary to pass through a heavy cloud. It was impossible to maintain formation and as the aircraft attempted to reassemble on top only nine were able to join on to the Group Leader. Nine other ships found themselves alone and so attached themselves on other groups and passed over the target. As it was impossible for the ten aircraft assembled as the 401st to intercept the Division, they returned to base.

2. Consolidated observations made by individual crews are as follows:

- a. Entered enemy coast as briefed, but progressed slightly north of course going into target. Formation went close to Happy Valley and meager, inaccurate flak was encountered in the vicinity of Cologne. Route back from target was as briefed although it was a little south of the route.
- b. Cloud cover was described as 10/10 both on route out and route back, and over the target. Occasional small broken patches were observed on the route. The target was completely obscured and bombing was done by means of PFF.
- c. Shortly after attacking target ME 109's and FW 190's were encountered; approximately 20 to 40 E/A were seen, of which four or five pressed the attack. One E/A claimed destroyed by crews passing over target.
- d. Flak was moderate but inaccurate over the target. In this area, some rockets were observed. Mild evasive action was taken going in.
- e. Fighter support was as briefed and prior to and in target vicinity was highly efficient. When they departed E/A attack began.
- f. No results were observed.

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W DAUBLE,
Capt, AG,
Air Stat O.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER

B-C-1

7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No 13, 7 January 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. Twenty (20) aircraft took off for the mission of 7 January 1944. The Group Leader and 10 other ships aborted. The Group assembly was made below the overcast, but the formation was split up in going through the overcast. A second assembly was attempted at Point 2 but was not successful. At this time the Group Leader and the few ships in his formation decided to return to base. The nine remaining 401st ships joined various other formations. These nine ships bombed the target. Some of these ships reported fighter attacks, but for the most part there was good friendly fighter cover. Flak was moderate. No ships were lost and all ships returned to the home station.

2. No Group formation on this mission.

3. Ships bombed with various Groups. No 401st formation over the target.

4. The 401st was to be high box in the Wing formation, but the Wing formation was never made good.

ALLISON C BROOKS,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
HEADQUARTERS

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 OFFICE OF THE AIR STATISTICAL OFFICER

E- -6

7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary for Mission of 7 January 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group, AAF Station 128.

1. Statistical Summary of Aircraft Attacking, as follows.

Number of A/C taking off.....20
 Number of spares..... 0
 A/C Taking off less unused spares.....20
 Number of A/C Dispatched..... 9
 Number of sorties..... 9
 Number of A/C attacking..... 9
 Number of A/C not attacking.....11

Number of A/C lost.

None.

2. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs, as follows.

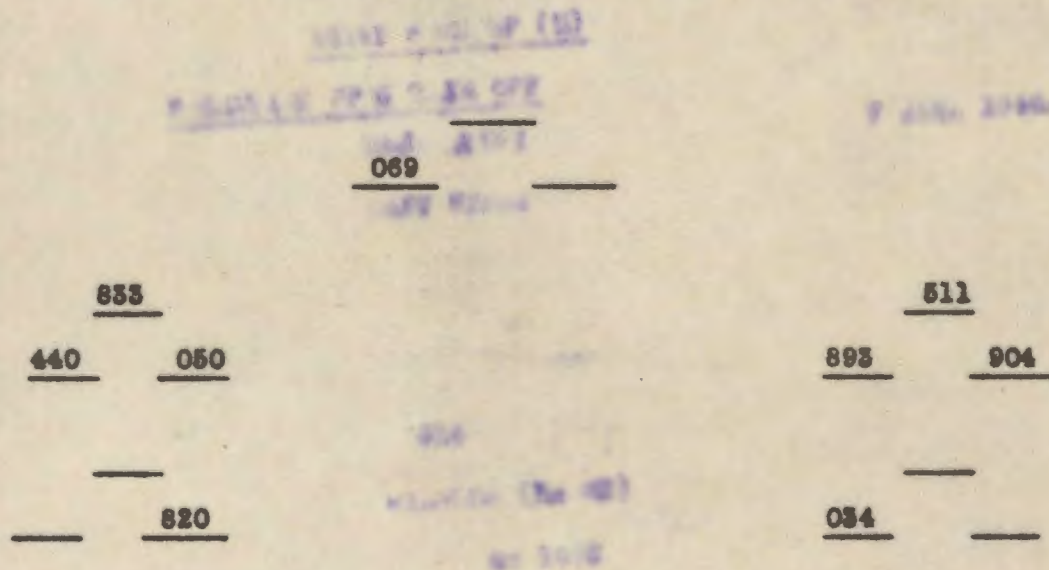
Aircraft		Bombs				
OVER TARGET	BOMB ING	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail	
Main bombfall- 9	9	374	100	M-47A1	x	x
Other attacking- -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target -----		374	100	M-47A1	x	x
Other bomb expenditures----		-	-	-	-	-
Bombs returned-- -----		466	100	M-47A1	-	-
Total (loaded on A/C, TO).		840	100	M-47A1	x	x

For the Operation Officer:

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

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H.)

FORMATION OVER TARGET, MISSION OF 7 JANUARY 1944



Because the formation was disrupted during the climb, our A/C flew with a mixed up Wing composed of A/C from several groups. Therefore this chart showing position over target is not accurate. Our A/C were in several squadrons and elements. The above shows in a general way their position.

401ST BOMB GP (H)

FORMATION UPON TAKE OFF

Combat Flight Leader MAJ. BROWN 7 JAN. 1944.
 Deputy Flight Leader CAPT STARR Date _____
 Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
 GROUND CONTROL _____

612th SC PATHETIC
 613th IN SILVERWARE
 614th IW CARMICHAEL
 615th IY FIANCE

613 SQDN
RINGLER (BROWN)

EX 1072

POWELL

STARR

1081

1082

NASON

9847

SHEPARD

SHANKS

9932

1086

612

SQDN

613

SQDN

MAUPIN

WHITE (LEWIS'S ORDN)

7856

9893

TANNER

FOX

SPRECHER

NICHOLSKI

1511

9837

7843

7809

SMITH S.B.

BEERS

0050

7833

TANNAHILL

KESLEY

WYSOCKI

KAMINSKI

1084

9943

1069

9904

SPARES

*Did NOT
T/O*

STINSON

7440

KIRKHOFF

WALSH

CARRACK

9820

9969

1116

GROUP FORMATION

Combat Flight Leader: _____ (Date) _____

Deputy Flight Leader: _____

Group Call Sign: _____ Fighter Call Sign _____

Ground Control: _____

SQDN

Call	A/C#
_____	_____

Call	A/C#	Call	A/C#
_____	_____	_____	_____

Call	A/C#
_____	_____

Wysocki

Call	A/C#	Call	A/C#
<i>069</i>	<i>11</i>	_____	_____

SQDN

SQDN

Call	A/C#
_____	_____

Call	A/C#
_____	_____

Call	A/C#	Call	A/C#
_____	_____	_____	_____

Call	A/C#	Call	A/C#
_____	_____	_____	_____

Call	A/C#
_____	_____

Call	A/C#
_____	_____

Stinson

Call	A/C#
<i>A</i>	<i>440</i>

Kirkhuff

Call	A/C#
<i>J</i>	<i>820</i>

Call	A/C#
_____	_____

KAMINSKI

Call	A/C#
<i>C</i>	<i>804</i>

SPARES

Smith

Call	A/C#
<i>J</i>	<i>050</i>

Danner

Call	A/C#
<i>D</i>	<i>511</i>

Call	A/C#	Call	A/C#
_____	_____	_____	_____

Call	A/C#	Call	A/C#
_____	_____	_____	_____

#2, 3E, H, 591
White

Call	A/C#
<i>J</i>	<i>893</i>

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

APO 634

SUBJECT: Lead Navigation of Mission 7 January 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
APO 634

1. Flight Plan and log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.
 - a. T/O at 0836 hours.
 - b. Group formed at 0926 hours at 14,600 feet.
 - c. Formed CBW at 0937 hours at 14,900 feet.
 - d. Began climb at 1004 hours.
 - e. Reached altitude at 1101 hours.
 - f. Weather encountered over England:
 - (1) Clouds 6-8/10ths
 - (2) Visability 1-10 miles. Unlimited over cloud tops
 - (3) Wind at altitude 320 degrees 50 knots per hour.
 - g. Means of navigation over England.

Gee, Pilotage, D/R, Radio Compass
 - h. Means of checking Metro Winds

Gee Fixes; Pilotage Position, and timing
 - i. Joined task force at 1057 hours at 51 43N 01 40E (city, splasher, Coordinates)
 - j. Departed English Coast at 1022 hours.

Arrived at Enemy Coast at 1101 hours

l. our movements:

- (1) Going in: 1123 hours.
- (2) Coming Back: 1212 hours.

1. Wind used for bombing:

- (1) 320 degrees.
- (2) 50 knots per hour.
- (3) How Determined:

INK "GEE" across Channel

m. Description of Bomb Run and Method of target Identification:

- (1) Reached IP at 1149 hours.
- (2) Mag heading over target 159 degrees.
- (3) Altitude over target 26,040 feet.
- (4) Time bombs away 1156 hours.
- (5) Method of target Identification and weather over target:

FFF 10/10 Undercast

n. Difficulties encountered with Radio, compass, and special equipment:

NONE

o. Gee:

- (1) Coordinates of furthest fix 51 38N
04 52E .
- (2) Time 1108 hours.

p. Comments:

Wing was broken up by going thru overcast for 19 min. Was informed to proceed by wing Comd. to Point "Z" to re-form. Upon reaching Point "Z" 4 min early, 94th Wing was not visible.

Joined Triangle L and Triangle A , then proceeded to target after not being able to contact wing comd. any more. Eight other Triangle "S" ships were in same wing; others returned to base.

RUFUS F. CAUSEY
1st Lt., A.C.

PILOT CAPT RALPH J. WHITE NAVIGATOR LT. RUFUS F. CROSBY

PILOT CAPT RALPH J. WHITE

NAVIGATOR LT. RUFUS F. CHASEY

DATE 7 JANUARY 1944

NORMAL 0830 - 1530

1050 - 1320

STATIONS	0700	ENCINES	0805	TAXI	0815	T.O.	0830
LEAVE BASE:	0917			(0950)			
COAST OUT:	1026						
ENEMY COAST:	1054						
I.R:	1143						
TARGET:	1151						
ENEMY COAST:	1350						
English Coast	1413						

Low Group
Third Wing

MF-DF - Section 1

Slip Assign Spd 7

Div Assly-Line

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	A. M.	P. M.

Flasher / 7 to Glaston Let down 11 3230

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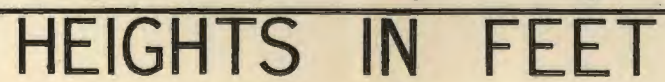
TIME	COURSE.	W/V USED E/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC	MAG. HDNC	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & A. TEMP.	T.A.S.	D.R. C.S.	DIS. TO RUN	TIME	E.T.A.
					Eng St. 0611	Take off 0636							
0849			08		Gee 52 47N 00 23W	100 extra gal in R. Tokyo	135	7500					
0904			215		Over Field		135	14000					
0926			235		Over Field		150	14700					
0937			160		South of Field Inter-Phone out		150	14600					
0948			60		Departing "X" 3 min. late. 6 right		150	15000					
0956			26		In overcast Cannot see other ships			(Wing Broken Up)					
0957			117		Turn to point "B" (Leader informed to reform at "Z")								
1004			180		Point "B" on time		148	17700					
1022			195		Point "Z" 4 minutes early (to form wing)		148	19200					
1037			195		Gee 51 43N 01 40E	On course with wing (Not 94th)	150	19300					
1048			78		Gee 51 39N 02 52E	IFF OFF 1050							
1053			78		Gee 51 38N 03 20E								
1101		320 50K	78		Gee 51 39N 04 06E	Enemy Coast (Shannon) (Gee Wind)	150	24400					
1111			144		Turn 52 39N 05 16E		150	25500					
1114			143				150	25300					

NAVIGATOR



HEIGHTS IN FEET

SHEET 2



HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 634 U. S. ARMY

7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Group Bombardier's Narrative, Mission No. 13, Ludwigshafen, Ger.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO 634, U. S. Army

1. Nine (9) of our A/C bombed with the 91st and 381st Bomb Groups. These nine A/C carried 378 X 100 M-47 A-1 I.B. Of that number 374 X 100 M-47 I.B. were dropped at the target.

2. A/C 42-37833 returned one bomb due to shackle being installed backwards. Forty-one (41) of the bombs in the above A/C had to be salvoed by A-3 emergency release as bomb-bay doors were frozen and would not open from the Bombardier's compartment.

A/C 42-31034 returned three (3) bombs. When the Bombardier began toggling, he noticed a plane beginning to slide underneath, and immediately closed the doors.

3. Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Leg. and 12E form not necessary as our planes joined two other groups and bombed on their PFF A/C. Cloud coverage was 10/10.

JULIUS PICKOFF
Captain, Air Corps
Group Bombing Officer

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

A.P.O. 634
7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-37843 returned early for the reason that oil pressure on # 2 engine dropped to 55 lbs. at altitude of 15,000 ft., but returned to normal upon descent. Ground check and subsequent test flight reveal no malfunction.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-39820 - Small flak hole in leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer, de-icer boot torn; Small rip in top of left elevator, caused by flak; Co-pilot's windshield cracked by spent shell casings; Small rip in right side of rudder, caused by flak.

b. 42-39893 - Flak hole in top of left wing, outer panel near trailing edge.

c. 42-37833 - Small flak hole in top of left wing, near leading edge, between # 1 and # 2 nacelles.

d. 42-31034 - Two small flak holes in top of # 1 ring cowl.

e. 42-40050 - Small flak hole in left side of vertical stabilizer.

f. 42-31511 - Flak hole in # 4 prop blade; Flak hole in center of plexiglas nose; Small flak hole in leading edge of left wing, between # 1 and # 2 nacelles; Flak hole in left side of vertical stabilizer.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>	<u>BY FLAK</u> <u>& FRIEND</u>
6	0	6	5	1

CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 634
7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 13, 7 January 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission 7 January 1944.

- a. One Ball Turret had excessive leak in Vickers Unit.
- b. One Upper Turret had leak in Vickers Unit.
- c. One Bomb Station failed to release bomb, probably due to binding of Micardo block on Lock Salvo Bar.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR.
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer

S E C R E T

Form 00-1-21

MISSION REPORT - AMMUNITION

AAF Station No. 128

Date of Mission 7 January 1944

Group 401st Bomb Group

Type Aircraft B-17G

I - Aircraft: Departed 20

Returned early 11

Attacking target 96

Lost 0

	Size	Quantity	Fusing
II - Bombs: Initial load (total)	M57A1 Incend.	840	M126 Nose
Expended (on target)	Same	374	Same
(Jettisoned)		None	
Returned	Same	466	Same
Unaccounted for			

III - Flares: Landing, bombing, photoflash carrier

IV - Expenditures of Small Arms Ammunition (by rear gun position)

Position	Cal.	No. of Guns	Ammunition Expended	
			Cal..30	Cal..50
Chin Turret	.50	30		580
Left Nose	"	8		125
Right Nose	"	14		215
Upper Turret	"	30		650
Lower Turret	"	30		540
Radio Gun	"	14		205
Left Waist	"	15		350
Right Waist	"	15		350
Tail Guns	"	27 30		1120
Totals		183 186		4135

S E C R E T

(over)

Cal..50 _____ rds.

Expended A/C lost or missing:

Cal..30 _____ rds.

Cal..50 _____ rds.

Gross Totals:

Cal..30 _____ rds.

Cal..50 1135 rds.

V - Remarks:

(Signed) Robert L. O'Connor
Sta. Ord. Off. or Asst

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS (J-A-1)
 1ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

7 JANUARY 1944

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 13.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401ST BOMB GP (H), AAF STA 128,
 APO 634.

1. USE OF VHF SET.

VHF CHANNELS A, B, C, AND D AVAILABLE. ROUTINE FORM-
 ATION MESSAGES ON CHANNELS A AND B.

2. VHF/DF BEARINGS.

NONE.

3. HF/DF BEARINGS.

SHIP 050 OBTAINED 1 QDM FROM POLEBROOK.
 SHIP 448 OBTAINED 1 QDM FROM POLEBROOK.

4. MF/DF FIXES.

SHIP 833 OBTAINED 3 FIXES FROM MF/DF SECTION N.

5. DISTRESS ACTION TAKEN.

NONE.

6. RADIO BEACONS USED.

PLANE	SPLASHERS	MULTI-GROUPS	BUNCHERS
034	6,7,8,9,16	B	DEENETHORPE
050	5,6,7,8,9,10	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
440	6,7,16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
820	7,11,16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
969	7	NOT USED	NOT USED
036	7,16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
904	5,7,8	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
893	7	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
069	7,16	NOT USED	NOT USED

7. USE OF "GEE".

PLANE	NORMAL TRANS	XF NO 1	XF NO 2
893	0426E 5139N	NONE	NONE
069	0347E 4957N	NONE	NONE
833	0350E 5138N	NONE	0400E 4955N
116	0228E 5145N	NONE	NONE

8. USE OF SBA & JAY BEAMS.

NOT USED.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 12, 7 JAN 1944

9. USE OF MF/DF SECTION.

SECTION N AVAILABLE. SHIP 833 OBTAINED 3 FIXES.

10. BREACHES OF RADIO DISCIPLINE.

NONE.

11. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES.

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>REPORTED DEFICIENCIES</u>
820	INTERPHONE - ALL POSITIONS BLURRY.
893	INTERPHONE BAD
904	INTERPHONE - TOP TURRET OUT
050	INTERPHONE - NAV NOSE GUN MIKE BUTTON OUT
969	INTERPHONE - PILOT'S MIKE BUTTON STUCK
036	INTERPHONE - BOMB MIKE BUTTON BAD

12. ABORTIVES DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS.

NONE.

13. INFORMATION ON MEACONING.

NONE.

14. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES.

NONE.

15. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE BUNCHER BEACON.

BUNCHER IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. MIXED RESULTS OBTAINED.

16. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE VHF/DF STATION.

VHF/DF STATION IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. NO HOMINGS OBTAINED.

17. REMARKS.

DEFICIENCIES BEING INVESTIGATED AND CORRECTED.

Harold M. Kennard Jr.
HAROLD M. KENNARD JR.
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

1 INCL:
INCL #1 - LEAD RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG.

T/SGT MILTON J. LIPA

(RADIO OPERATOR'S NAME)

JAN 7, 1944

(DATE)

SHIP NO 072OF QDM'S 0NO OF FIXES 0NO OF SOS'S 0

NOTE: THE ABOVE IS TO BE FILLED AFTER LANDING

DIV COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN SWVC MF/DF SECTION N-440-FC7
CBW COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN XNCC SHIP CALL SIGN WWVKTIME 0810 WATCH OPENED. NAME MILTON J. LIPACOMPASS OKCOMMAND OKLIAISON OKINTERPHONE OKVHF OKIFF OK

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS
0810			NO 1 ENG STARTED
0815			TAXI
0830			TAKE OFF. IFF ON. DET IN.
0830			IFF CHECKED OK.
0830	7MT		4-VVV-X445-0834A AR
0855			IFF CHECKED OK.
0900	7MT		6-VVV-X445-0904A AR
0925			IFF CHECKED OK.
0930	7MT		-5-VVV-X445-0934A AR
0955			IFF CHECKED OK.
1000	7MT		-3VVV-X445-1034A AR
1025			IFF CHECKED OK.
1030	7MT		-7-VVV-X445-C-1034A AR
1034			ON INTERPHONE
1036	AA	7MT	-RIMI-AA PLUS-K
		KHST	-R-IMI-AA PLUS 0
		7MT	INTERRUPTED
		7MT	-R-INT R-K
		KHST	-R-806-K
		7MT	-R-C-NR 1 K
		KHST	-R-AR
1055			IFF CHECKED OK.
1059			PILOT DECIDES TO RETURN TO BASE AS MOST OF GROUP DISAPPEARED SOME TIME AGO.
1100	7MT		-8-VVV-X445-1104A AR
1125			IFF CHECKED OK.
1130	7MT		-6-VVV-X445-1134A AR
1145	7MT	JAGU	-X259 K
		7MT	-R-K
		7MT	IMI GR 1
	7MT	JAGU	-NR 1-Y GR 3 BT FHVU RBIA CO BT 1145
		7MT	-R-NR 1- K
		JAGU	R AR
1150	BSOG	7MT	-R-937-K
			RECEIVER TOO NOISY
		7MT	-R-NR 1-K
1158			LANDING. IFF OFF
1159			TAXI
1200			ENG OFF
1202			EQUIP CHECK- OFF
1203			OFF WATCH

M.J. LIPA

CONFIDENTIAL

COMBAT FORM

Group 401st

Date 7 Jan. 44

Squadron 615th

Place where attacked 4940-0740E

A/C No. 2204

Time 1210 Height 25,000 ft.

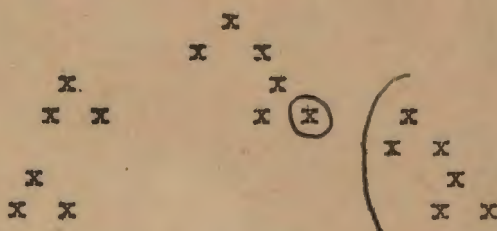
1. Story of the attack Me 109 came in level and straight, at 5:30, to within 200 yards; I fired 80 rounds in bursts; pieces began coming off - his tail came off - he disintegrated and went down.

DESTROYED

A-2 I.B.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of Attack:



On Diagram, show

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- direction of E/A attack;
- sun position

Data on Combat

- our heading 300° Mag
- visibility clear above overcast
- type of E/A Me 109
- level of attack:

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt. Stephen R. Bosowski

from high above _____
above _____
(check level X
one) below _____
very low _____

Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A Was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by Sgt. Draginis - Sgt. Cheatham - Sgt. Loadholt.
Position in A/C YTD ROG ENG

Other A/C firing at the same time? 1 ship in P definitely

5. Comments of the Interrogator:

TIME 1640 INTERROGATOR Lt. McCallum

(If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet.)

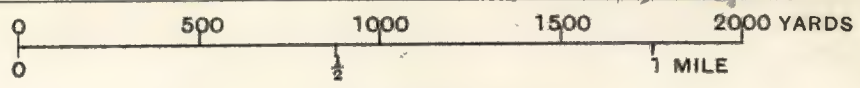
Sgt. Stephen R. Bosowski 35561239
R. R. #2, New Carlisle, Indiana.

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| R. PLASTICS | T. DYESTUFFS & HEAVY CHEMICALS | X. POWER PLANT |
| | V. SYNTHETIC AMMONIA, NITRIC ACID | Y. GAS HOLDERS |

SS Form 90

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of 7 Jan, 1944

Time of Preparation 1700

Target Ludwigshaven

Telephoned to A-2 _____

(1) Designation of Group 401st

(2) Total No. of A/C
 airborne, incl. spares 20

(SPARES 0)

(3) Total No. of A/C
 Dispatched 19

(4) No. of A/C Attacking 9

(5) No. of A/C Dispatched
 but not Attacking 10

Due to:

- (a) Mechanical Failure _____
- (b) Weather _____
- (c) Enemy Action
 (lost before target) _____
- (d) Other 10

(6) No. of A/C Lost 0

Due to:

- (a) Anti-aircraft fire _____
- (b) Enemy fighters _____
- (c) Flak and fighters _____
- (d) Accident _____
- (e) Reasons Unknown _____

(7) Times of Attack 1156

(8) Altitudes of Attack 24,000-27,000

(9) Bombs on Each Target (a) 377 (b) Size 100 (c) Type I B

(10) Personnel Casualties 0

Type:

- (a) Number Killed _____
- (b) Number Wounded _____
- (c) Number Missing _____

(11) A/C Suffering Battle
 Damage 5.6

Category:

- (a) Minor 5.6
- (b) Major _____
- (c) Salvage _____

REMARKS: _____

Donald V. McCallum
 Preparing Officer
 DONALD V. MC CALLUM
 2nd Lt. A. C.,

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 634
U. S. ARMY

D-G-1

7 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition.

TO : Headquarters, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634, U.S. Army.

1. Interrogation reveals that twenty to forty enemy aircraft were observed by combat crew members. Only 7 pressed the attack. Of these enemy aircraft, two were Me 109's and five were FW 190's. One ship of this Group claims an Me 109 destroyed, combat claim having been submitted. The Me 109's were reported to be light silver in color and the FW 190's were a dirty grey. All attacks occurred within five to twenty minutes after the target was passed. The Me 109 claimed as destroyed came in at five-thirty, straight and level, during which time hits were observed, causing pieces of his engine to break off; approximately 250 yards out, he burst into flames and disintegrated, no parachute being observed. The five FW 190's came in at four to six o'clock, in unison, two high and 3 low, the high aircraft going into a dive and executing a barrel roll, their bursts seeming to explode short of our aircraft as though time-fuse controlled. An Me 109 was observed lifting his wings during an attack as though in imitation of tactics employed by our Spitfire escort.

2. One unidentified E/A was observed hovering on the outside of our formation, lobbing rockets at the Group.

W. B. FRY,
Major, A.C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

COMBAT FORM

Group 401st

Date 7 Jan 44

Squadron 615

Place where attacked 4940-0740E

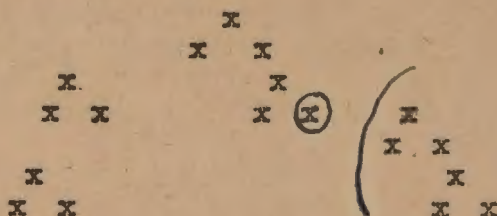
A/C No. 9904

Time 1210 Height 26,000'

1. Story of the attack Me 109 came in level and straight, at 5,30, to within 200 yards; I fired 80 rounds in bursts; pieces began coming off - his tail came off - he disintegrated and went down.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of Attack:



On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position

Data on Combat

- a. our heading 300° Mag
b. visibility clear above overcast
c. type of E/A Me 109
d. level of attack:

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt. Stephen R. Bosowski

from high above _____
above _____
(check level X
one) below _____
very low _____

Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A Was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by Sgt. Draginis - Sgt. Cheatham - Sgt. Loadholt
Position in A/C TTC ROG RWG

Other A/C firing at the same time? X 1 ship in P definitely.

5. Comments of the Interrogator:

TIME 1640 INTERROGATOR Lt. McGallum

(If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet.)

Sgt. Stephen R. Bosowski 35561239
R. R. #2, New Carlisle, Indiana.

401st

GROUP

7 Jan. 1944

DATE

FLAK REPORT

1. ~~Route followed:~~ Assembly as briefed. Wing broke up before point B. (5247-0009E). ~~Entered enemy zone:~~ as briefed, then slightly north of course going into target. Some what south of route coming out. Reached English coast 5 miles north of Beachy Head.

2. Visibility at Target. (Any condensation trails?)

10/10 undercast. No Con trails.

3. No. of A/C over Target:

Nine

4. Formation over target, with height of each A/C. Those A/C damaged by Flak to be circled, and if seriously damaged, insert small "S". If any A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-

Over

4.a. What evasive action was taken?

Mild evasive action from IP to target.

5. General Axis of attack. (From lead A/C if possible).

153° Mag.

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

2 minutes.

7. Turn after bombing.

Sharp right turn.

8. ~~Position~~ of group in relation to other Groups:

Scattered among several other

9. A short description of Flak en route (if any), and at the Target, including if possible a suggestion as to type of fire control employed - i.e. Continuous following, predicted concentrations, predicted barrages, or fixed barrages. ~~Major inaccurate flak was encountered in the vicinity of Cologne and as our formation went close to Happy Valley about 1129 hrs. Over the target at 1156 hrs. flak was moderate but inaccurate. In this area, some rockets, leaving white streamers, were observed. White bursts were generally observed to be above and black bursts below our formation. Crews agreed that windows were very effective. Eight bursts were observed near Saarbrücken.~~

0443E Any other comments, phenomena, etc.

Eight bursts were observed at Mezieres (4944N-0443E). This flak position does not show on flak map.

St. G. R. Closway

Bombs Away 1156 hrs.

24,000 - 27,000

069

440 833 050
— — —
— 820 —

611 833 904
— — —
084 — —

Because the formation was disrupted during the climb, our A/C flew with a mixed up wing composed of A/C from several groups. Therefore this chart showing position over target is not accurate. Our A/C were in several squadrons and elements. The above shows in a general way their position. All of the flak damage was minor.

BRIEFING NOTES

The TARGET today is the large and important chemical works of the FARBEN industries at Ludwigshaven. DIVISION says--"The size and importance of the target is such as to make it desirable that we hit it again."

This borne out by the fact further that there are no diversions.

We were last over the same target on December 30th.

The total target area is very extensive, being 3 miles long and 3/4 of a mile wide, stretching along the WEST bank of the Rhine River.

YOUR MPI TODAY IS the power plant which is situated within the main chemical works.

Apart from its enormous productive capacity, the works is of particular importance to Germany as a center of research work on oil, rubber, explosives and chemicals.

There is an extensive smoke screen at the target. It has been photographed in operation and most of the generators are NW of the city.

No convoys are expected.

Two Groups of P-47's and 2 groups of P-38's will meet you shortly inside the enemy coast and take you thru the target. Then you will be picked up by 3 more groups of P-47's and finally, for withdrawal support, you will have 4 squadrons of Spitfires

SECONDARY TARGETS WILL BE THE MARSHALLING YARDS AT KOBLENZ AND SAARBRUCKEN

Going in you will go over Overflakke Island, then Roermond, Duren, the Mosel River. Your IP will be a junction of 3 highways or autobahns.

You will cross another autobahn just before you reach the target.

The 1st Division will be joined by 1 Combat Wing of the 2nd Division at Clacton, which will follow our division. Four combat wings of the 3rd Division and 1 combat wing of the 2nd division will attack the same target 20 minutes before you do.

1st Division will be led by the 40th combat wing. Followed by the 41st Wing, 94th Wing. 1st Wing. You will bomb from 25,000 feet.

FLAK

The 40th Combat Wing, which will precede you, will drop windows and chaff from the IP to the target to disrupt the Flak.

En route in, avoid the Flak at Roermond and Duren. Your axis of attack will be about 135 degrees. After Bombs Away you will make a sharp right turn and withdrawal will be about 240 degrees. There are only 90 guns in range and if you remember the Dec.30th raid you know the Flak is not too rough.

If you come down, head in a southe^{west}erly direction and make for France.

Don't talk about the target.

Empty your pockets and draw escape kits.

Lt.G.R.Closway
Briefing Officer

Grafton-Underwood 

612 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS
APO # 634

7 January 19 44

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

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

*PLANE # 42-37856

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADRON
P -	Capt.	Maupin	Jere	W.	0-24750	612th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Dailey	Scribner	C.	0-801940	"
N -	Capt.	Haberer	Walter	E.	0-409740	"
B -	Capt.	Woodhouse	Ronald	(NMI)	0-415741	"
RO -	T/Sgt.	Hildreth	Arthur	W.	11055299	"
**TT -	S/Sgt.	Flynn	William	B.	16046687	"
BT -	Sgt.	Callahan	Michael	J.	18150617	"
TG -	2nd Lt.	Stokes	Alexander	C.	0-801578	"
LWG -	Sgt.	Cook	George	P.	20429315	"
RWG -	T/Sgt.	Hagen	Charles	T.	37315748	"

*PLANE # 42-39837

P -	2nd Lt.	Fox	Gaston	M.	0-82737	612th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Blaise	Gerald	L.	0-748328	"
N -	2nd Lt.	Wilson	Darrel	D.	0-750174	"
B -	2nd Lt.	Mendelson	Darrel	D.	0-749917	"
RO -	S/Sgt.	Brandt	Duane	G.	31934891	"
**TT -	S/Sgt.	DeWees	Foster	E.	35188513	"
BT -	Sgt.	Sabaa	Jerome	(NMI)	12158528	"
TG -	Sgt.	Estess	Cecil	C.	34425600	"
LWG -	Sgt.	Gallas	Joseph	(NMI)	33394658	"
RWG -	Sgt.	Sierra	Charles	P.	12155142	7

*PLANE # 42-39943

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P -	2nd Lt.	Kelly	William	J.	0-802205	612th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Hoyt	Richard	H.	0-733895	"
N -	2nd Lt.	VanDyke	George	R.	0-683350	"
B -	2nd Lt.	Troy	Ephraim	F.	0-673754	"
RO -	S/Sgt.	VanDuren	Paul	R.	12165646	"
**TT -	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Morris	W.	35493817	"
BT -	Sgt.	Stengel	Percy	J.	36276698	"
TG -	Sgt.	Garity	John	B.	16155719	"
LWG -	Sgt.	Peacock	George	P.	6573365	"
RWG -	Sgt.	Connor	Ley	L. Jr.	33443398	"

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DUTY MAN (NAME) THREE (OK) A.S.W. SGT*PLANE # 42-31511

P	-	2nd Lt.	Smith	Stuart	E.	0-803795	612th
CP	*	2nd Lt.	Chmura	Stanislaw	R.	0-684687	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	Reese	Victor	S.	0-749451	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	Majewski	Louis	S.	0-747598	"
RO	-	S/Sgt.	McCawley	Fred	E.	38321224	"
**TT	-	T/Sgt.	Carr	Maurice	A.	16035656	"
BT	-	Sgt.	Davies	Leonardo	F.	32506396	"
TG	-	Sgt.	Parker	Hayry	C.	39034361	"
LWG	-	Sgt.	Scicchitano	Frank	J.	32489249	"
RWG	-	Sgt.	Hopkins	Calvin	W.	32078946	"

*Plane # 42-40050

P	-	2nd Lt.	Tanner	John	R.	0-803901	612th
CP	-	2nd Lt.	McDaniel	Robert	E.	0-687317	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	Strom	Kenneth	L.	0-690690	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	Szungyi	John	P.	0-749656	"
RO	-	S/Sgt.	Brandt	Melvin	M.	37318955	"
**TT	-	S/Sgt.	Cable	Harvey	T.	39331286	"
BT	-	Sgt.	Norris	John	B.	14093939	"
TG	-	Sgt.	Staley	Phillip	C.	39151977	"
LWG	-	Sgt.	Daniel	Edward	P.	39251499	"
RWG	-	Sgt.	Francis	Raymond	R.	39038724	"

*PLANE # 42-3034

P	-	2nd Lt.	Tannahill	John	(NMI) Jr.	0-803901	612th
CP	-	2nd Lt.	Selby	Harry	E.	0-748815	"
I	-	2nd Lt.	Harris	Edward	L.	0-809598	"
J	-	2nd Lt.	Frye	William	C.	0-682102	"
RO	-	S/Sgt.	Roar	Harold	M.	37375554	"
TT	-	S/Sgt.	Sellitto	John	N.	32425913	"
BT	-	Sgt.	Kennemer	Harley	B.	38052370	"
TG	-	S/Sgt.	Freeman	Lawrence	R.	38167419	"
LWG	-	Sgt.	Martin	Weldon	T.	38380536	"
RWG	-	Sgt.	Brennan	Thomas	E.	13170708	"

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6131 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS
APO # 634

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SUBJECT: Loading List.

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TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

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

*PLANE # 2 42-31072

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADRON
P	1 Lt.	NIXON	WILIAM	(MCI)	0720732	613th sq.
CP	Major	B. OUN	EDWIN	V.	023051	"
N	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	H.	0720329	"
B	1st Lt.	FISHER	BURNARD	V.	0515093	"
RO	1st Lt.	LAPE	MILTON	G.	11071562	"
**TT	1st Lt.	GLICK	LEONARD	V.	18129468	"
BT	1st Lt.	JACK	JOHN	G.	15333173	"
TG	2nd Lt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	H.	0600414	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	CHAMBER	NICHAN	(MCI)	11032287	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	OWENS	GAULARD	(MCI)	18133256	"

*PLANE # 42-31033

P	Capt.	STON	LEON	(MCI)	024863	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HOOD	CHARLES	H.	0602852	"
N	1st Lt.	WOOD	EDWARD	D.	0673661	"
B	1st Lt.	BRADVILLE	HARRY	V.	0735330	"
RO	1st Lt.	MURDER	BENJAMIN	H.	13093360	"
**TT	1st Lt.	BAILEY	JAMES	H.	17016617	"
BT	1st Lt.	BRADY	ORRISON	F.	16095987	"
TG	1st Lt.	LEVITO	MICHAEL	F.	12155471	"
LWG	1st Lt.	MOORE	ROYCE	V.	18051910	"
RWG	1st Lt.	LUCAS				"

*PLANE # 42-31001

P	1st Lt.	FOULIN	BRUCE	H.	0737745	"
CP	1st Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.	0745473	"
N	1st Lt.	WRIGHT	JACK	B.	0736652	"
B	1st Lt.	BRIDGEMAN	ALLEN	(MCI)	0730535	"
RO	1st Lt.	CHANDLER	HECH	V.	34497617	"
**TT	1st Lt.	THIBA	ALEXANDER	F.	36605554	"
BT	1st Lt.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.	17160414	"
TG	1st Lt.	EASTON	CHARLES	H.	15333266	"
LWG	1st Lt.	HARRELL	DAVID	H.	34473097	"
RWG	1st Lt.	FLORIN	LOUIS	(MCI)	19020859	"

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42-39847

Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
P	2nd Lt. BASON	STANLEY	G.	0671466	613th.		
CP	2nd Lt. MITCHELL	JOHN	V.	0686264	"		
N	2nd Lt. LEE	JACK	A.	0673508	"		
B	2nd Lt. GOULD	ALVIN	A.	0669399	"		
NO	T/Sgt. WAGNER	ROBERT	F.	34209104	"		
TT	T/Sgt. JUMPER	WAGNER	H.	33237530	"		
BT	S/Sgt. LEAVITT	X BLOOM	V.	35740180	"		
TO	S/Sgt. WILLMAN	HUBERT	F.	39393215	"		
ING	S/Sgt. CONYON	DONALD	V.	12137704	"		
ING	S/Sgt. BYRON	CLARENCE	H.	3374505	"		

42-39836

Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
P	2nd Lt. SHANE	LOY	H.	0-803288	"		
CP	2nd Lt. MAYNE	ALFRED	P.	0-687314	"		
N	2nd Lt. WENIGH	EDWARD	V.	0-690518	"		
B	2nd Lt. ROYE	ROBERT	V.	0-750095	"		
NO	S/Sgt. SANTARONE	MARY	H.	32792053	613th		
TT	S/Sgt. JANNEY	WILLIAM	H.	35334215	"		
BT	Sgt. GIBSON	HARVEY	A.	13117004	"		
TO	Sgt. ROGERS	HEROLD	E.	32487815	"		
ING	Sgt. LINDO	ROGER	T.	35348050	"		
ING	Sgt. ANGLI	AUGUST	H.	39487815	"		

42-39932

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Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
P	2nd Lt. SIBAHAN	WILLIAM	G.	0746135	613th		
CP	2nd Lt. COHEN	ELLITOT	B.	0687202	"		
N	2nd Lt. DAVIS	ROBERT	G.	3313 080000	"		
B	2nd Lt. CONWAY	DOUGLAS	H.	0685775	"		
NO	S/Sgt. SILVERSTEIN	DONALD	V.	12156499	"		
TT	S/Sgt. RICKY	RICHARD	V.	15051437	"		
BT	Sgt. JUSTICE	IRVING	(H.I.)	15340143	"		
TO	Sgt. O'HARA	JOHN	V.	1506833	"		
ING	S/Sgt. FALK	CLYDE	(H.I.)	17037099	"		
ING	Sgt. TULLINCH	ROGER	P.	14159987	"		

614 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS
 APO # 634

January 7,

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SUBJECT: Loading List.

T

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in today's Mission. 42-39440

*PLANE #

DUTY	2nd Lt. STIMSON, BONDINOT Jr.	FIRST	(MI)	0799495	S.N.	614th SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt. O'NEAL JOHN E.			0671169		"
CP	2nd Lt. PFAFFMAN, JACK L.			0749739		"
N	Sgt. Sherman, Babon C.			31172258		"
B	S/Sgt. Kukurin, Earl E.			33501988		"
RO	Sgt. Melia, Paul S.			32896521		"
**TT	Sgt. LeSage, Alfred			13068963		"
BT	S/Sgt. Sandford, Franke W.			4458488		"
TG	S/Sgt. Cohen, Franklin C.			14044099		"
LWG						
RWG	42-39969					

*PLANE # 2nd Lt. WALSH, ROBERT P.
~~2nd Lt. FINDERLAK, ROBERT H.~~

P	2nd Lt. MATRICIAN, MICHAEL			06804771		"
CP	2nd Lt. PORTER, GUY R.			0687721		"
N	S/Sgt. Zappala, Vincent			0690478		"
B	S/Sgt. Stallcup, Mowe H.			0748098		"
RO	Sgt. Collie, Perry O.			32578092		"
**TT	Sgt. Brgoch, Ludvick J.			36186641		"
BT	Sgt. Cartmill, Charles L.			36427682		"
TG	Sgt. Layland, John M.			19180643		"
LWG				35560963		"
RWG	42-51116			37457551		"

*PLANE # 2nd Lt. Cammack, Vernon K.
~~2nd Lt. HARGER, ROBERT W.~~

P	2nd Lt. HASKINS, GECIL A.			0802719		"
CP	2nd Lt. WHITE WILLIAM C.			0805448		"
N	T/Sgt. Timme, Glenn A.			0685604		"
B	T/Sgt. Slate, Chester A.			0679423		"
RO	S/Sgt. Times, Ensign S.			32581704		"
**TT	S/Sgt. Price, John R.			14134208		"
BT	S/Sgt. Wanks, Charles P.			6864052		"
TG	S/Sgt. Harlow, Cleovy D.			16151789		"
LWG				12180793		"
RWG				36426472		"

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42-39820

P	-			
CP	*			
N	-	2nd Lt. KIRKHOFF, DONALD V.	0601995	614th
B	-	2nd Lt. SOMOLAK, BERNIE V.	0684571	"
RO	-	2nd Lt. PIERCE, MYRON E.	0749399	"
**TT	-	1st Lt. MONTONE, LINDA J.	0782439	"
BT	-	T/Sgt. Cook, Harold	35458300	"
TG	-	S/Sgt. Nicholas, Charles L.	13084633	"
LWG	-	S/Sgt. Merritt, William H.	31203844	"
RWG	-	S/Sgt. Conn, Leroy	39279886	"
		Sgt. Spol, Leonard E.	37451553	"
		Sgt. Wolf, William G.	37201936	"

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815 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
APO # 634

January 7, 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

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

*PLANE # 42-37833

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADRON
P Capt.		Beers	Robert	W.	0-24910	815th
CP 2nd Lt.		Byrne	Howard	E.	0-743405	815th
N 2nd Lt.		Gershon	Harold	(NMI)	0-800107	815th
B 2nd Lt.		Ritch	William	L.	0-30855	815th
BO S/Sgt.		Meehan	John	J.	33825533	815th
**TT T/Sgt.		Young	Clarence	E.	32449970	815th
BT S/Sgt.		Graft	Allen	H.	37225198	815th
TG S/Sgt.		Turvy	John	E.	35418881	815th
LWGS/Sgt.		Grigg	Franklin	M.	37125226	815th
RWGS/Sgt.		Lynn	Kenneth	J.	12167944	815th

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P Capt.		White	Ralph	J.	0-24895	815th
CP 1st Lt.		Lewis	Clyde	A.	0-800905	815th
N 1st Lt.		Causey	Rufus	F.	0-874149	815th
B 2nd Lt.		Arnold	Harold	S.	0-881515	815th
BO Sgt.		Miner	Clarence	R.	12098509	815th
**TT T/Sgt.		Weber	Melvin	C.	37261444	815th
BT S/Sgt.		Howell	James	E.	35398898	815th
TG Sgt.		Cushing	Leonard	H.	19074627	815th
LWGSgt.		Tosh	William	A.	35431884	815th
RWGSgt.		Durben	Francis	J.	17154973	815th

*PLANE # 42-31069

2 2nd Lt.		Wysocki	Stephen	(NMI)	0-877398	815th
CP 2nd Lt.		Gardner	Edward	T.	0-745881	815th
N 2nd Lt.		Taylor	James	(NMI)	0-750228	815th
1 2nd Lt.		Gurvin	Robert	M.	0-878945	815th
BO Sgt.		Kenny	Gerard	M.	12157361	815th
**TT Sgt.		McIntyre	William	(NMI)	33289742	815th
BT Sgt.		Clare	David	E.	13092862	815th
T Sgt.		White	James	R.	37130388	815th
LWGSgt.		Koon	Ernest	H.	34441033	815th
RWGSgt.		Ostrowski	Julius	F.	31158476	815th

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Designate Engineer

42-39904

2nd Lt.	Kaminski	Vincent	(NMI)	C-808408	615th
2nd Lt.	Mallon	Richard	H.	C-808039	615th
2nd Lt.	Hindinger	James	(NMI)	C-781214	615th
*Plane	Gallagher	Joe	C.	C-879498	615th
Sgt.	Sheehan	Elmer	R.	14182350	615th
P	Dragalis	Donald	L.	16133104	615th
CP	Gartin	Merlin	L.	19138375	615th
N	Bosowski	Stephen	R.	35561239	615th
B	Powell	Gerald	J.	36418204	615th
RO	Headholt	Jay	T.	14128588	615th

**TT
BT 42-37843

WG	2nd Lt.	Sprecher	Donald	C.	C-804753	615th
RWG	2nd Lt.	Masoomian	Zaven	H.	C-887313	615th
	2nd Lt.	Tinkiepaugh	Kenneth	W.	C-890508	615th
*Plane	2nd Lt.	Weiss	Klen	A.	C-747830	615th
	Sgt.	Allen	Robert	E.	35091829	615th
P	Sgt.	Anderson	Ole	(NMI)	39485398	615th
CP	Sgt.	Smart	Donald	W.	36409340	615th
E	Sgt.	Ross	Harry	A.	13145459	615th
F	Sgt.	Vindhurst	Raymond	G.	19085085	615th
RO	Sgt. Schneider	Ernie	Charles	R.	33409014	615th

**TT
BT 42-37800

WG	2nd Lt.	Nicklavsky	Donald	T.	C-803856	615th
RWG	1st Lt.	Gould	George	(NMI)	C-800801	615th
	2nd Lt.	Manning	Charles	H.	C-755015	615th
*Plane	2nd Lt.	Keller	Neal	L.	C-878960	615th
	Sgt.	Kilbane	John	A.	37844825	615th
	Sgt.	Washinski	Alexander	C.	38563349	615th
P	Sgt.	Killgore	Richard	A.	16191018	615th
	Sgt.	Gasparis	Gerard	S.	36280545	615th
	Sgt.	Schmidt	Max	H.	10142855	615th
RO	Sgt.	Misnikowicz	Edward	J.	37828520	615th

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HEADQUARTERS
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Staff Weather Officer
APO 634, U.S. Army

7 January 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 7 JANUARY 1944

TAKE-OFF: 0830. 3/10 stratocumulus, base 7,000', tops 8,000'. 9/10 altocumulus, base 15000'. Visibility 4 miles. Surface wind 250 degrees at 12-16 mph.

ROUTE OUT: 4-5/10 stratocumulus, base 6-7,000', top 7-8,000'. 8-9/10 altocumulus, base 16,000', tops 19,500' over England, becoming 6-8/10, tops 16,000' over channel and 10/10, tops 12-14,000' over the continent. 2-3/10 thin cirrus over England at 24-26,000' becoming nil over channel. Visibility unrestricted above clouds.

TARGET: 1157. 10/10 altocumulus, tops 12-14,000'. Visibility unrestricted above clouds.

RETURN ROUTE: 4-6/10 stratocumulus, base 3000', tops 3500' over England. 10/10 altocumulus, tops 12-14,000' over continent, becoming 4-5/10, tops 12-14,000' over the Channel and 8-10/10, base 8000', tops 10-12,000' over England. 3-5/10 thin cirrus at 30,000' or more over England. Visibility unrestricted above clouds and variable 1-6 miles beneath the clouds over England.

BASES ON RETURN: 1454. 7/10 stratocumulus, base 4500'. 10/10 altocumulus and altostratus, base 8000'. Visibility 2500 yds. Surface wind 270 degrees at 9 mph.

REMARKS: Light, non-persistent contrails at 24,000'. Moderate, persistent contrails from fighters at 28,000' and above. Light clear ice in M₃ over England on route out. Winds as briefed. Temperatures as briefed.

Arthur B. Street
ARTHUR B. STREET
Captain A. C.
Staff Weather Officer

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE Jan 7, 1966
 PERIOD 0730-1000 hrs
 Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/15227

	A Base to 5° N	B 5° N to Target	C Target	D Target to Base
1 WEATHER	Cloudy with haze being cloudy	Cloudy to overcast	Cloudy to overcast	Cloudy to overcast
2 CLOUDS	5-7/10 variable strato- cumulus base 2-3000 ft tops 5000 ft increasing to 8-10/10 stratocumulus at 5°N - 0-3/10 patchy alto- cumulus base 12000 ft top 14000 ft. 0-3/10 fine cirrus base 20000 ft.	8-10/10 stratocumulus base 2000-3000 ft tops 5000 ft occasional large breaks. 0-3/10 altocumulus base 12000 ft top 14000 ft increasing to 4-6/10 patchy tops 14000 ft. and variable altocumulus base 12000 tops 14000 ft. 0-3/10 fine cirrus base 20000 ft being 3-5/10 fine cirrus base 25000 ft at target.	8-10/10 stratocumulus base 2-3000 ft tops 5000 ft with occasional large breaks. 4-6/10 patchy and variable altocumulus base 12000 ft tops 14000 ft. 3-5/10 fine cirrus base 25000 ft.	8-10/10 stratocumulus base 2-3000 ft tops 5000 ft with occasional large breaks decreasing to 5-7/10 stratocumulus base 2-3000 ft tops 5000 ft at base. 4-6/10 patchy and variable altocumulus base 12000 ft top 14000 ft over entire route. 3-5/10 fine cirrus base 25000 ft decreasing to 0-3/10 at 25000 ft.
3 ICING	7000 ft - - Nil	7000 ft decreasing to 6000 ft at target - - Nil	6000 ft - - Nil	6000 ft being 7000 ft at base - - Nil
4 VISIBILITY	2-3 miles being unrestricted above cloud	Unrestricted above cloud. 3-5 miles at surface	Unrestricted above cloud. 3-5 miles at surface	Unrestricted above cloud being 3-5 miles at base
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	270 25 knots	Wind 5	None: Dense persistent stratocumulus at clouds	
5000 FT	280 35	Wind 3	Level becoming light non-persistent between 15000	
10000 FT	290 40	Wind 5	ft and cirrus base.	
15000 FT	310 45	Wind 12		
20000 FT	310 50	Wind 26		
25000 FT	310 60	Wind 39		
30000 FT	320 65	Wind 50		

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TARGET SURFACE TEMP. 21.5
 TEMP. AT 25000 FT. Wind 34

TARGET MEAN TEMP. Wind 11.5
 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 129 ft

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

A.P.O. 634
7 January 1944

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 7 January 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634.

1. The following Engineering failures were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Broken Oxygen Lines (1) Rough Engine (1)
Bomb Bay Door Retracting Mechanism (1)

2. The following Armament failures were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Leaking Vickers Unit (2) Failure of Bomb Rack to Release (1)

3. The following failures other than Engineering and Armament were reported, with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Heated Spit Out (1) Heated Boots Out (1)

CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 634
7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-37843 returned early for the reason that oil pressure on # 2 engine dropped to 55 lbs. at altitude of 15,000 ft., but returned to normal upon descent. Ground check and subsequent test flight reveal no malfunction.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-39820 - Small flak hole in leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer, de-icer boot torn; Small rip in top of left elevator, caused by flak; Co-pilot's windshield cracked by spent shell casings; Small rip in right side of rudder, caused by flak.

b. 42-39893 - Flak hole in top of left wing, outer panel near trailing edge.

c. 42-37833 - Small flak hole in top of left wing, near leading edge, between # 1 and # 2 nacelles.

d. 42-31034 - Two small flak holes in top of # 1 ring cowl.

e. 42-40060 - Small flak hole in left side of vertical stabilizer.

f. 42-31511 - Flak hole in # 4 prop blade; Flak hole in center of plexiglas nose; Small flak hole in leading edge of left wing, between # 1 and # 2 nacelles; Flak hole in left side of vertical stabilizer.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>	<u>BY FLAK</u> <u>& FRIEND</u>
6	0	6	5	1

CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps
Group Engineering Officer

AAF STATION 128
APO 634

ABORTIVE REPORT

DATE 7 January 1944.

SQUADRON 615th AIRPLANE 42-37843 PILOT 2nd Lt. Sprecher CP 2nd Lt. Masoomiam

PILOT'S STATEMENT:

Aborted from mission because the oil pressure on Engine No. 2 dropped to 55 lbs at an altitude of about 15,000 ft, but returned to normal upon decent.. Returned to Base anyway.

INSPECTION OF AIRCRAFT OR EQUIPMENT REVEAL THE FOLLOWING DEFECTS OR MALFUNCTION:

Ground tested and found O.K. To be flight tested this date.

Flight Tested and found OK

ENGINEERING OFFICER

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER
STATION 128
APO 634

7 JANUARY, 1943

SUBJECT: BATTLE DAMAGE REPORT

TO : GROUP ENGINEERING OFFICER, 401ST BOMB. GROUP, STATION 128

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE BATTLE DAMAGE REPORT FOR THE AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY THIS SQUADRON FOR THE MISSION COMPLETED THIS DATE:

42-40050

1. FLAK HOLE IN LEFT SIDE OF VERTICLE FIN.

42-31511

1. FLAK NICK IN # 4 PROP. BLADE.
2. FLAK HOLE IN CENTER OF PLEXI-GLASS NOSE.
3. FLAK HOLE IN LEADING EDGE OF LEFT WING, 2" TO THE RIGHT OF # 2 OIL COOLER.
4. FLAK HOLE IN VERTICLE FIN, LEFT SIDE.

42-31034

1. TWO FLAK HOLES IN # 1 RING COWLING. 2 O'CLOCK.

Herbert O. Kimmel

HERBERT O. KIMMEL
1ST. LT, AIR CORPS
ENGINEERING OFFICER