

~~SECRET~~
RESTRICTED by auth of

AAF Sta 128 by
JACKSON M. PHIPPS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 41
22ND. MARCH, 1944

94TH. COMBAT BOMB WING
401ST. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **41**

Date: **22 MAR. 44**

TO: **BERLIN , GER.**

Target No.
3 (e) 40

ERNST HEINKEL FLUGZEUGWERKE
G.m.b.H., Etc.

ORANIENBURG (Annahof)
(GERMANY)

Illustration No.
3 (e) 40/5

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1/2 1 MILE

Photographed 1943

(1 : 32,000)

Issued February 1944



A. BOMBER AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY FACTORY (NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS).
B. FACTORY AIRFIELD.

BRIEFING NOTES

Target for today is the BOMBER AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY FACTORY, ERNEST HEINKEL FLUGZEUGWERKE, which consists of an airfield and two separate work areas. One to the North, and one to the SOUTH - WHICH IS OURS. Specifically our MPI is building 18 - a large flight hangar. Buildings on Southern end of A/D appear to be of recent construction, with the larger buildings of the hangar type. Other buildings indicate that repair work is possibly done here. ONLY HE 177 S ARE MADE AT OUR PRIMARY. THERE IS NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER PRODUCED BUT BEST ESTIMATES ARE 30 per MONTH. AT THESE THREE FACTORIES IN THIS COMPLEX AREA.

The 3rd BD is hitting the main Heinkel factory located 2 Miles due West of your target where the components for He 177s are produced.

A triple combination blow as planned should knock out or materially reduced He 177 production to a bare minimum.

OUR SECONDARY TARGET is the Friedrichstrasse Station located in the heart of Big B., and will be attacked only if any conditions make a good visual run on the Primary impossible. It is important that the given MPI AND NOT OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN BE ATTACKED. One of principle passenger stations

LAST RESORT TARGET IS ANY MILITARY OBJECTIVE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING IN GERMANY that can be attacked without disrupting fighter support.

ROUTE: Roll up screen and mention route and return.
Friendly fighter support is expected to cover our formation is as follows:

99ps
1 Gp of P47s 5430-0800
1 Gp of P51s 5400-0940
1 Gp of P51s 5315-1200
1 Gp of P38s 5244-1220
1 Gp of P47s 5240-0920
1 Gp of P47s 5240-0800
1 Gp of P47s 5240-0720
2 Gp of P47s 5237-0620- which will provide area support for all divisions.

129ps
In addition 8 Gps of P47s, 2 Gps of P51s and 2 Gps of P 38s supporting 2nd and 3rd Div. will provide area support.

SHOW 1: 250,000 MAP with route and appropriate land marks.

SHOW BRITISH NIGHT TARGET CHART, indicating visual patterns on line of bombing approach to target, mentioning built-up areas, etc.

SHOW GOERLING PERSPECTIVE of approach as it appears in flight to target.

SHOW PHOTOGRAPH OF TARGET(ANNOTATED); ALSO OF SECONDARY.

SHOW FLAK MAP WITH ROUTE* Mention that the Air Commander will take special note to stay on course to avoid flak installations and deputies will call if course deviates 10 miles. $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after hitting coast going in 2 heavily defended towns will be met of Lubeck and Hamburg and following briefed course you will have a path of 10 miles between the cones of fire.

LAST MINUTE INTELLIGENCE * Possibly one North bound on route out. One expected on route back.

If you have to land away land at BUNGAY

Our lead Gp will discharge chaff at 5308-1320E. Rate of chaff discharge will be 1 unit every 3 sec. and continue for 11 min.

Boxes of leaflets will be dropped on Primary target, or if impossible drop anywhere in Germany.

Remember B-17s ^{some} are E models and may have silver colors. Also old ones have red border as well as new blue markings.

Men taking pictures are to call in to R/O and will report time, place and altitude. If a B-17 acts strange, possibly take pictures of him and try to identify him- perhaps even signal him by use of Aldis Lamp as a means of challenge.

IN ALL HOT NEWS, especially of ditching seen, reports sightings if fixed by Gee or DR. REMEMBER DON'T WAIT TIL YOU LAND TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION. EVERY SECOND COUNTS AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: If forced down, make for the ports of STETTIN, ROSTOCK, WISMAR, LUBECK AND DANZIG, WITH DANZIG AND STETTIN YOUR BEST BETS. TRY TO STOW AWAY ON A SWEDISH SHIP. YOU MUST STOW AWAY TIL IN SWEDISH WATERS, AND AFTER REACHING SWEDEN, DECLARE YOURSELF AN ESCAPER. AND ASK TO BE PUT IN CONTACT WITH OUR CONSULATE.

IF FORCED DOWN IN HOLLAND HEAD FOR BELGIUM AND THENCE INTO FRANCE.

SWEDISH SHIPS HAVE BLACK FUNNELS AND THE SHIPS COLORS ARE YELLOW ST. GEORGES CROSS ON A BLUE BACKGROUND. AN INDICATION THAT IT IS ABOUT TOSAIL IS BY DISPLAYING A SQUARE BLUE FLAG WITH A WHITE SQUARE IN THE CENTER.

IF FORCED DOWN IN DENMARK MAKE FOR SWEDEN. DANES ARE HELPFUL. APPROACH FISHERMEN, DOCTORS AND SMALL FARMERS. DON'T TRAVEL WITHOUT DANISH HELP.

IF FORCED DOWN IN HOLLAND, AVOID COASTAL AREAS. MOST DUTCH WILL HELP. CATHOLIC CHURCHES PREFERABLE TO PROTESTANT. YOU CAN IDENTIFY QUISLINGS BY BADGES WORN IN LAPELS AND AVOID. GERMAN MARKS AS WELL AS DUTCH IN USE. TRAVEL BY BIKE IF POSSIBLE, BUT DONT STEAL ONE.

IF YOU LAND IN SWEDEN, STRESS THAT YOU FLIGHT WAS NON OPERATIONAL. TALK TO NO ONE AND ASK TO BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH THE CONSULATE. REMEMBER IF YOU FLY OVER SWEDEN THAT THEY WILL FIRE AA AND SIGNAL YOU TO LAND. LOWER YOUR LANDING GEAR TO INDICATE INTENTION OF LANDING. ADVISABLE TO ENTER SWEDEN BY SOUTH CORRIDOR WHICH IS USED BY THE BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION.

5-3

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

AAF Station # 128
 22 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

*Plane 42-31098

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	KELLEY, CURTIS C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Anderson, Carl D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Quinn, Robert E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Passene, William W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald N.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	McMahon, James P.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

*Plane 42-31116

P	1st Lt.	KIRKHUFF, DONALD V.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	SOBOLAK, BENNIE W.	"
N	1st Lt.	PIERCE, MYRON E. JR.	"
B	1st Lt.	MONTONE, LIEBER J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cook, Harold (NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Nicholas, Charles L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Cohn, Leroy (NMI)	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Koehler, Earl E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Michel, Delmar E.	"

*Plane 42-31315

P	1st Lt.	DAWES, WILLIAM R. JR.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	PRATT, JOHN D.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SCHUBERG, JOHN A.	"
B	2nd Lt.	VAN NOY, RUSSELL N.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Krekorian, Ruben E.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Merrell, Olle A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Risi, John M.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Gentry, Ray A.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Teel, Oliver E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Mooney, William R.	"

Loading List (Con't)

*Plane 42-0001

P	2nd Lt.	BARTLEY, LEO S.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND, HOWARD W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RYAN, WILLIAM F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	CARTER, JAMES P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Frederick, Eugene D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Rader, Richard A.	"
BT	Pvt.	Murphy, James J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
LWG	Sgt.	DeGraff, Andrew D.	"
RWG	Pvt.	Sherman, Gilbert	"

*Plane 42-39847

P	2nd Lt.	SHAW, FRANCIS L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	COLE, WILLIAM R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	ENGELHARDT, ELMER W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	AUTRY, ALFRED L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	TAPPAN, KENNETH A. Keeney, Frank E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Macomber, Richard W.	"
BT	Cpl.	Hurd, John L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Smith, Glen W.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Seagren, Carl K.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Braman, Michael G.	"

*Plane 42-39820

P	Lt. WILSON, S.P.	1st Lt.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	GATTIS, EUGEN V.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Sudakov, Lawrence H.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DALY, JOHN J. JR	"
RO	Sgt.	Aronson, Arlyn C.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Corley, Jesse C.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Corntassel, Beryle A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sokol, Leonard E.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Cohen, Franklin C.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Wolf, William G.	"

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

22 March 1944

SUBJECT: LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF STATION
128, APO 557

1. Following is the list of Combat Crews Participating in Today's Mission:

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31081</u>				
P	CAPT.	STANN	LEON	(NMI)
CP	1st LT.	SHOOTS	BRYAN	M.
N	1ST LT.	SAVAGE	WILLIAM	F.
B	1ST LT.	BRIARTON	HENRY	R.
RO	SGT.	REEDY	ROBERT	L.
TT	T/SGT.	SWOFFORD	LOLAND	L.
BT	S/SGT.	RIEGER	HARVEY	W.
TG	2D LT.	MAHER	WILLIAM	P.
LWG	S/SGT.	SONICHSEN	DONALD	H.
RWG	S/SGT.	JONES	WILLIAM	F. JR.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-3507</u>				
P	1ST. LT.	LOCHER	JAMES	R. JR.
CP	2LT.	FRUITT	DOM	C.
N	2D LT.	DUQUETTE	FRED	D.
B	2D LT.	BROWN	JOHN	F.
RO	S/SGT.	BRADY	OTHO	H.
TT	T/SGT.	KENNEDY	GEORGE	L.
BT	S/SGT.	DEWITT	FRANK	G.
TG	S/SGT.	MERRILL	CLARK	G.
LWG	S/SGT.	KLIMEK	JOHN	C.
RWG	S/SGT.	DOMM	HAROLD	E.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-31226</u>				
P	1ST LT.	STELZER	ROBERT	L.
CP	2d LT.	JOHNSON	WENDELL	T.
N	2D LT.	HOBBS	HERBERT	L.
B	2D LT.	WARREN	ROBERT	(NMI)
RO	T/SGT.	HECKER	DONALD	A.
TT	S/SGT.	PACK	JESSE	O.
BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	JAMES	P.
TG	S/SGT.	NICKLY	JOHN	H.
LWG	S/SGT.	RI CE	EDWARD	J.
RWG	S/SGT.	HOLLAND	THOMAS	H.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-31037</u>				
P	1ST LT.	JONES	DONALD	E.
C P	2d LT.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
N	1ST LT.	BENNETT	CYRUS	P.
B	1ST LT.	GRATE	LOUIS	B.
RO	SGT.	FARNESTOCK	JAMES	E.
TT	S/SGT.	HARP	MORRIS	C.
BT	S/SGT.	GREGORY	DAYLIA	C.
TG	SGT.	STREET	VICTOR	P.
LWG	SGT.	KLOIBER	STEPHEN	F.
RWG	S/SGT.	SCHAIR	ARTHUR	(NMI)

PLANE NO. 42-99932

P	2d LT.	LEW	SANDY	(NMI)
CP	2D LT.	PRIEST	GORDON	S.
N	2D LT.	SCHLIEPER	ROGER	F.
B	2D LT.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
RO	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	PAT	H.
TG	S/SGT.*	HIBBS	ARLIE	E.
LWG	S/SGT.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	D.
RWG	S/SGT.	MC CARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

PLANE NO. 42-30855

P	2D LT.	FITCHETT	LAWRENCE	E.
CP	2D LT.	CAMPBELL	BRUCE	M?
N	2D LT.	PFIEFFER	LAWRENCE	W.
B	2D LT.	GOBER	HELEN DENE	C.
RO	T/SGT.	BERGENER	MAX	H.
TT	T/SGT.	PARSLOE	HERTRAM	(NMI)
BT	S/SGT.	SASSI	LOUIS	M.
TG	S/SGT.	ROSE	ANTHONY	F.
LWG	S/SGT.	HANNABURY	RALPH	A.
RWG	SOT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.

53
SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
2AF - Sta - 128 - APO - 557

22 March 1944

SUBJECT: Leading list

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

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

PLANE # 42-39904

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
PO	Captain	Rumsey	William	H.	615th
CP	1st Lt	Kaercher	Robert	D.	615th
N	1st Lt	Walsh	Michael	K.	615th
B	1st Lt	Haffner	James	D.	615th
RO	T/Sgt	Carter	William	L.	615th
TT	T/Sgt	Roberts	Donald	B.	615th
BT	S/Sgt	Lieberman	Irving	L.	615th
TC	S/Sgt	McElligott	Herbert	N.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt	Rothwell	Frank	A.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt	Lee	Ivan	R.	615th

PLANE # 42-39873

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
PO	2nd Lt	Campbell	Paul	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt	DeSiano	Ambrose	(NMI)	615th
NL	2nd Lt	Wilhelm	Andrew	C.	615th
BO	2nd Lt	Malone	Ralph	B.	615th
RO	S/Sgt	Anderson	Martin	A.	615th
BT	S/Sgt	Mensley	Gra	H.	615th
BT	S/Sgt	Brown	Saul	H.	615th
TC	Sgt	Standifer	Standley	(NMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt	Smith	Alan	E.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt	Kendrick, Jr.	Joseph	W.	615th

PLANE # 42-57843

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
PO	1st Lt	Christensen	Ellsworth	H.	615th
CP	1st Lt	Rustand	Ronald	L.	615th
N	1st Lt	Wong	Delbert	E.	615th
B	1st Lt	Howells	Herbert	A.	615th
RO	S/Sgt	Wohlmann	Raymond	B.	615th
TT	S/Sgt	Breen	Roland	J.	615th
BT	Sgt	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
TC	Sgt	Finchell	Sherwyn	(NMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt	Batson	Allen	L.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt	Johnson	Russell	W.	615th

PLANE # 42-40002			WISCONSIN		H*		STATION	
DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(NMI)			SQUADRON	
P	2nd Lt	Knight	Dan	G.			615th	
OP	2nd Lt.	Huegin	William	H.			615th	
N	2nd Lt.	Cummings	Lawrence	T.			615th	
B	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	C.			615th	
RO	T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	M.			615th	
WT	S/Sgt.	Sartor	William	D.			615th	
BT	S/Sgt.	Mackowiak	William	H.			615th	
TG	S/Sgt.	Pacely	Charles	L.			615th	
RWG	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	J.			615th	
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gepo	Frederick	L.			615th	

PLANE # 42-31091			VIRGINIA		H*		STATION	
DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(NMI)			SQUADRON	
P	2nd Lt.	Lokinski	Stephen	H.			615th	
OP	2nd Lt.	Child	Eldon	R.			615th	
N	P/O	Rush	Louis	S.			615th	
BO	2nd Lt.	Hughes	Harold	B.			615th	
RO	S/Sgt.	Weber	Bernard	M.			615th	
TT	S/Sgt.	Mercurio	Michael	J.			615th	
BT	Sgt. P.	Keller, Jr.	James	F.			615th	
TG	Sgt. P.	Friedman	Irvin	I.			615th	
LWG	S/Sgt.	Breck	Kenneth	B.			615th	
RWG	S/Sgt.	Williams	John	A.			615th	

PLANE # 42-31069			VIRGINIA		H*		STATION	
DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(NMI)			SQUADRON	
P	2nd Lt.	Otton	Walter	J.			615th	
OP	2nd Lt.	Line	Frank	(NMI)			615th	
NO	2nd Lt.	Wade	Jay	A.			615th	
B	2nd Lt.	Lotz	Robert	F.			615th	
RO	S/Sgt.	Reddy	Hugh	D.			615th	
TT	S/Sgt.	Gould	George	F.			615th	
BT	Sgt. P.	Warlow	Charles	R.			615th	
TG	Sgt. P.	Campston	John	A.			615th	
LWG	Sgt. P.	McGinn	James	H.			615th	
RWG	Sgt.	Crawley	Eugene	E.			615th	

DATA NAME IVOL (NAME) LINE1 (NMI) STATION

MOVES # 43-28804

I. Letterhead is the first of complete data being furnished in regular manner.

2. Obsolete official report sent to (H) VLO # 224.

3. Official report sent

32 MAR 1944

VLO - 224 - 724 - VLO - 224

Office of the Operations Officer

Both hands and lines removed from (H)

111 MAR 1944 VLO 224

2-3

5-3

OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 401st Bombardment Group (H)
 A.P.O. No. 557

AAF, Station No. 128
 March 22, 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), AAF,
 Station No. 128, A.P.O. #557.

Plane 42-39993

P	Bingham, George F.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Hoad, Francis W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tomlinson, Hargay G.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lott, Eugene F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Girginia, Alex (NMI)	T/Sgt.	"
TT	Pugh, Alfred E.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Yeatts, Lawson K.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Johns, Carl W.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Carey, Joe R.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Callahan, Michael J.	Pvt.	"

Plane 42-31496

P	Christensen, Mervin J.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Kleppe, Fred H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	King, Paul J.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Weiman, Karl K.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Spivey, Marion D.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Flagg, Robert D.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Nalbach, Paul L.	Sgt.	"
TG	Lopez, Juan C.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Coluccio, Anthony D.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Maleh, Irvin L.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31891

P	Johnson, Benjamin H. Jr.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Waller, Jack E.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Fishbeck, Howard D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Musso, David M.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Melvin A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Sellitto, John	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Shaeffer, Donald E.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Blaugh, Joseph M.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Shannon, James L.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Litchfield, Russell E.	S/Sgt.	"

DDE - 401

STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 128
APO 557 U.S. ARMY

22 March 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 22 MARCH 1944.

BASE AT TAKE OFF: (0800) 1/10 stratocumulus bases 2500' tops 3000' , 3/10 cirrus and cirrostratus. Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 1/10 stratocumulus top 3000' becoming 9/10 stratocumulus over English coast and North Sea top 5000' breaking to 5-7/10 stratocumulus east of G.^oE becoming 7-9/10 large cumulus and stratocumulus tops 5-8000' occasionally 10-12,000' over Continental coast and Continent. 1-2/10 cirrus at 30,000' over England . Visibility unrestricted.

TARGET: (1308) 8-9/10 large cumulus tops 8-10,000' Visibility unrestricted.

RETURN ROUTE: 8-9/10 large cumulus breaking to 7-8/10 large cumulus and stratocumulus near Continental coast, tops 5-8000' occasionally 10-12,000' becoming 8-10/10 stratocumulus over North Sea and England tops 5-6000' base 2-3000'. Visibility unrestricted.

BASE ON RETURN: (1644) 9/10 plus stratocumulus, base 2500 Visibility 10 miles.

REMARKS: Winds were lighter than forecast , direction good (19,000' 360° 50 knts). Temperatures were a little warmer than forecast. Light non-persistent contrails above 20,000'.

Walter A. Hummel
WALTER A. HUMMEL,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Station Weather Officer.

ROUTE FORECAST

Date 22 March 1944

PERIOD 0700 - 1730 hrs

	(A) Base to 04 Deg East	(B) 04 Deg East to Target to 04 Deg. East.	(C) 04 Deg East to Base. (D)	
WEATHER	Cloudy with Haze and Mist	Cloudy with Slight to Moderate Snow Showers.	Cloudy with Haze	
CLOUDS	Variable Stratocumulus 4-7/10 base 1-2000ft tops 4-5000ft. becoming 6-8/10 Large Cumulus Base 1-2000ft tops 6-8000ft. over North Sea. Nil Medium Cloud. Nil High Cloud.	6-8/10 Large Cumulus base 1-2000ft. tops 6-8000ft. becoming 7-9/10 Large Cumulus base 1-2000ft. top 14-12,000ft. over Continent, and occasionally 15,000 along Continental Coast. 2-4/10 Cirrus above 25,000ft. East of 11 Deg. East.	6-8/10 Large Cumulus base 1-2000ft. tops 6-8000ft. decreasing and becoming over England 5-7/10 Large Cumulus base 2000ft. tops 6000ft. Nil Medium Cloud. Nil High Cloud.	NOTE Light Semi-Permanent contrails above 23,000ft.
Freezing LEVEL AND INDEX.	1000 ft. Light Haze in Stratocumulus Cloud.	0-1000 ft. Moderate Clear in Cumulus Cloud.	2000 ft. Light Clear in Cumulus Cloud.	
VISIBILITY	1-3 miles. Locally 1000 yds. becoming unlimited over North Sea.	Unrestricted above Cloud Surface Visibility 10 miles	Unrestricted above Cloud, but 3-5 miles at bases	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY Base to 02 Deg East.	DIRECTION VELOCITY 02 Deg East to Target	DIRECTION VELOCITY Temperatures	
SURFACE (5)	360 05	040 20	Plus 00	
5000 FT (6)	360 15	030 35	-11	
10000FT (7)	360 25	020 50	-20	
15000FT (8)	010 30	020 60	-28	
20000FT (9)	010 35	010 75	-35	
25000FT (10)	010 45	010 85	-47	
30000FT (11)	010 55	010 95	-55	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.12 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. + 00 TARGET MEAN TEMP -24.0 TARGET SEA LEVEL PRESSURE

29.86

Eng
Group
eng
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 557
U. S. ARMY

MAR 25 1944

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to AHLEN, GERMANY,
23 March 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army. (Thru
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. Lt. Byrd, Pilot, A/C 496: "most of crew had gas pains as a result of the breakfast". Gunners want P-51's to act more like friendly fighters. P-51's were observed to queue up at 10 o'clock.

2. Lt. Taylor, Navigator, A/C 069 suggests a piece of cloth on flak suit to which oxygen hose could be attached.

3. Lt. Livingstone's crew state that mission was excellent from the standpoint of navigation and bomb lead.

4. Lt. C.L.Wilson's crew said they had too long a wait for transportation after landing.

5. Lt. Cummings, A/C 904: "flight plan way off, 20 minutes ahead of time at point 3".

6. Lt. Hirsch, A/C 521: "not briefed on a secondary target".

7. Lt. Shaw, A/C 847 thinks formation flown too fast and let-down too fast.

8. S/Sgt Sellitto, A/C 622: "formation of low squadron was poor, breakfast was poor too".

9. Lt. Jeffery, A/C 891: "mission was well led, good evasive action". All crew members state that they were second to land but last to get transportation.

10. Capt. Maupin, A/C 511 stated that regardless of route and turns near target area, a definite point along route should be designated for the boxes within wing to take interval. Today uncovering was done much too soon resulting in wing formation being broken up and vulnerable for too long a period.

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

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
AAF Station 128

A.P.O. 557
23 March, 1944

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 23 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557

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

Bomb Bay Door Motor Inoperative (1)
Oil Temperature Gauge Out (2) Flux Gate Compass Out (1)
Cylinder Head Temperature Gauge Out (1)
Supercharger Lags (1) Oxygen Regulator Leaks (1)

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

Rheostat in Top Turret Out (1)
Vickers Unit Motor Burned Out (1)

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

None Reported.

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. 557
23 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557.

1. Abortives.

None

2. Battle Damage.

None

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. 557
23 March, 1944.

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 41, 23 March, 1944.

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

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 23 March, 1944.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
42-39943	Ball Turret	Motor burned out - Vickers Unit	Equipment

BOMB BACK MALFUNCTION

A negative bomb back malfunction report is submitted for the mission of 23 March, 1944.

SAMPP. BROOMHALL JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer