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"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 45
27TH. MARCH, 1944

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

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

MISSION No. **45**

Date: **27 MAR. 44**

TO: **TOURS , FRANCE**

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

D-G-1

27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Tours, France,
27 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. William Riegler, Pilot A/C 1081, criticizes the weather forecast broadcast two hours before expected ETR from Polebrook; he states that the forecast gives ceiling and visibility, but does not state whether or not there are breaks in the clouds through which let-down might be made. This Airplane Commander thinks cloud coverage should be given in tenths.

2. T/Sgt. Milton J. Lips, ROG A/C 1081, criticized radio procedure of all combat wing lead operators excepting 351st Group operator in ship leading 94th Combat Wing; he says most operators attempt to send bomb strike messages without securing a channel clearance.

3. S/Sgt. John C. Jack, BTG A/C 1081, wishes that the farmer who lives in the 613th Squadron area would move his refuse pile, because it smells badly.

4. Lt. Alexander Livingstone, Pilot A/C 0855, was of the opinion that the 94th Combat Wing passed too closely to flak installation at Le Havre.

5. Lt. Fred Brown, Jr., Co-Pilot A/C 9904, stated that the mess-hall was too crowded this morning.

6. Lt. Alfred R. Autry, Bombardier A/C 9881, thinks that covers should be provided for trucks furnishing transportation to and from briefing room.

7. Lt. Charles F. Hess, Pilot A/C 1857, stated that there were bad gas fumes in his A/C today.

8. The crew of Lt. Edwin A. Post, Pilot A/C 1077, criticized the breakfast served in the combat mess, saying the eggs were greasy and cold and the mess-hall crowded.

9. Apparently due to the large number of crews attempting to use the latrines at the same times today, several criticisms were made to the effect that latrines were crowded and smelly, and stools needed emptying. These criticisms were made by: the crew of Lt. Edwin A. Post, Pilot A/C 1077, the crew of Lt. G. D. Byrd, Pilot A/C 7496, the crew of Lt. Mervin J. Christensen, Pilot A/C 9837. This criticism also extended to the latrines and the 612th Squadron and 613th Squadron equipment rooms.

10. Lt. Charles R. Vickeroy, Bombardier A/C 7496, states that transportation from the briefing room to dispersal areas, in the morning is delayed because crews hold trucks until briefing is over. He thinks crews should take their equipment to A/C first and then release the truck. Lt. Vickeroy also thinks that, when crews land late, ~~and~~ special effort should be made to serve them a warm meal instead of cold cuts.

11. Lt. Jay A. Wade, Navigator A/C 1619, would like to have extra fuses (3/4 and 1/2) put in planes for flux gate compasses; The fuse in his compass burned out making navigation difficult.

12. Lt. Dan C. Knight, Pilot A/C 1983, wants to commend Lt. Wysocki for his excellent leadership of the 615th Squadron.

13. Lt. Charles S. Ksiendewicz, Pilot A/C 1116, would like to have fighter rendezvous times included on flimsy as well as coordinates. This Airplane Commander also stated that the low squadron of the 94th Combat Wing flew higher than the lead squadron did.

14. Lt. William R. Dawes, Jr., Pilot A/C 8162, thinks that hinged windshields on some A/C should be replaced with plain-glass windshields. This Airplane Commander also suggests that, when a mission is scrubbed, the crews be told the reason.

15. Lt. Stephen Wysocki, Pilot A/C 1069, stated that take-off interval today was from 60 to 75 seconds; he also stated that the formation flown by the 401st Group in the 94th Combat Wing was too loose.

16. Several comments concerning the good leadership and formation of the 401st Box in the Composite Combat Wing were made by the following: Lt. Ellsworth E. Christensen, Pilot A/C 7843, Lt. Bryan M. Shotts, Pilot A/C 1072, Lt. Harry J. Mershey, Pilot A/C 1496. Lt. Robert J. Ramsey, Co-Pilot A/C 9943, thought the high squadron was too close to the lead squadron and not uncovered sufficiently for protection. He stated that the bombs fell too close for comfort.

17. Lt. Kenneth G. Wells, Pilot A/C 1087, criticized the 360 degree turn over the target by the Composite Combat Wing.

18. Lt. Lawrence J. Hildinger, Navigator A/C 7073, observed that one Group behind the 401st Box in the Composite Combat Wing dropped their bombs in a river.

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W. B. FRY,
Major, A. C.,
Group 8-2 Officer.

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

D-K-1

27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition and Tactical Analysis Report on Mission to Tours, France, 27 March 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.
(Attention: A-2).

1. 2 to 4 E/A were encountered of the Me-109 and FW-190 type. Attacks were concentrated on our low squadron of the low box flying with the 94th Combat Wing. They were observed to come in at 6 o'clock-2 Me-109's coming in high at 1422 hours and broke off attack 100 yards from our A/C. At 1425 hours, one FW-190 came in low and closed in to 300 yards but did not fire at us. At 1435 hours, right after bomb run, one FW-190 was observed to come in level and broke off attack within 300 to 400 yards and to the left. E/A were noted to be silver Me-109's and light blue on the FW-190's with a black cross. ^{fighter} cover was observed to be excellent in target area and withdrawal.

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

Target No.
S. 1593

Illustration No.
S. 1593/3

AIRFIELD — TOURS (FRANCE)
0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1/2 1 MILE
approx.
Photographed 12 December 1942 (1 : 18,000) Issued July 1943



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S. 1593/3

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) 94th CBW

Assigned Tours A/V France Date of Mission 27 Mar. 1944.
Bombed Tours A/V France

1. Target:

2. Route as Flown:-

3. Weather conditions: (a) At target CAVD with ground haze 5,000-10,000 ft. . .
Over England and Channel - 8/10-8/10ths
(b) En route CAVU with ground haze 5,000-10,000 ft.
4. Were our A.C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target Seen
(b) En route Seen
Any Condensation trails? NO

5. Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

NONE

6. Flak encountered or observed en route. (IN the order experienced)
Le Havre - 15,000 ft. 1326 hours - Meagre, continuously pointing flak encountered -
Good for altitude and with most crews reporting good for deflection -
Black, although one crew reported greyish brown flak; came from 6 gun
battery on beach or possibly from boats leaving harbor, heading out to sea.
Bouzey - 16,000 ft. 1416 hours - Meagre, inaccurate flak observed of one to six bursts,
black in color - Barrage.
Two miles W of Tours - 16,000 ft. 1431 hours - Meagre, black burst observed, this was to
left and out of range, but good for height - continuously pointed fire.

7. Was CHAFF carried? NO
How discharged?

8. Position of Group: Low Box. 94th CBW

9. Details:-

Group	territory	A/C over enemy	A/C Damaged	A/Clost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bomb Away	Axis of	
							Height	Attack
401st	18	0	0	1432	1432	16,100	20 °M	4 1/2 minutes
CBW								
Totals								

10. Comments - Phenomena:-Two ground rockets were observed on target area, good in altitude
but poor for deflection ascended leaving zig zag trail of thin white smoke trail and
burst into many pieces of orange red balls of fire and burned for two or three min.
One crew reports white bursts and another reports one ground rocket left a trail of
black smoke; noted at 1431 hours. No A/C seem to be hit by rockets.

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) Composite CBN

Assigned Toura, - A/G Repair works (St Pierre des Corps)

1. Target: Bombed . Toura A/G Repair Works Date of Mission 27 Mar. 1944.

2. Route as Flown:- 1300 hours (5050-0015W) - 1332 hours (4918-0007W) As briefed to target and out - 1520 hours (4918-0010W) - 1604 hours Selsey Bill.

3. Weather conditions: (a) At target CAVU - With ground haze 8,000-10,000 feet:

(b) En route Over England and Channel - 3/10-4/10ths clouds/////
4. Were our A.C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target Seen . ///CAVU over target.
(b) En route Seen

Any Condensation trails? No

5. Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL
Meagre, accurate flak of one large burst, black in color, encountered by two A/C

6. Flak encountered of observed en route. (IN the order experienced)
Le Havre - 14,500 ft. - 1326 hours - Meagre black bursts observed - low off to left and out of range - continuously pointed fire - From 6 to 8 guns located on beach, although some crews think from boats off beach, possibly flak ships.
4855-0005E - 17,700 ft. - 1511 hours - Meagre black bursts observed, 17,000 ft for height and poor for deflection - Barrage fire.

7. Was CHAFF carried? NO
How discharged?

8. Position of Group Low Box CB W
Comp CBN

9. Details:-

Group	territory	A/C over enemy	Damaged	A/C to Flak	A/Clost to Target	Time over Bomb	Time of Bomb Away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run
401st	18	2	0	1421	1421	17,000	10° T	40 seconds		
Comp										
Totals										

10. Comments - Phenomena:- Two ground rockets over target area which zig zagged and left white trail and exploded in a mass of orange red pieces, which two or three minutes. No A/C were seen to be hit by rockets.

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

27 March 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 27 MARCH 1944

TAKE-OFF: 1045 and 1115. Hll low or middle cloud. 6/10 cirrus above 25,000'. Visibility 1500 yards.

ROUTE OUT: Hll low cloud, becoming 8-10/10 stratocumulus, tops 5000', 20 miles inside the English coast, becoming nil again 30 miles off the English coast and remaining nil throughout the rest of the route. Hll middle cloud. 3-5/10 cirrus above 25,000', becoming 1-2/10 over the continent. Visibility 2-3 miles over England becoming unrestricted at flight level over the channel and continent.

TARGET: 1431 and 1420. Hll low and middle cloud. 1-2/10 cirrus above 25,000'. Visibility unrestricted.

ROUTE BACK: Same as route out except 3-5/10 cumulus from 20 miles inside the English coast to bases, bases 3000', tops 5000'.

BASE ON RETURN: 1707 and 1651. 3/10 cumulus, base 3000', tops 5000'. Hll middle cloud. 5/10 cirrus above 25,000'. Visibility 10 miles.

REMARKS: No contrails from fighters or bombers. Temperatures about 1-3 deg. warmer than briefed at all levels. Winds good, except velocities over the continent at 17,000' were about 10 knots stronger than briefed. A solid stratocumulus cloud bank lay about 30 to 50 miles north and east of the route.

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

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 22 Feb 65

PERIOD 0730-1700hrs

AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/65M/22929

	A <u>PARIS TO 51 NORTH</u>	B <u>51 NORTH TO TARGET TO 54 NORTH</u>	C <u>51 NORTH TO PARIS</u>	D
1 WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY WITH BASE PARTLY CLOUDY TO OVERCAST WITH FOG, SKY OBSERVED, BASE OF OO INDICED.	PARTLY CLOUDY WITH BASE	PARTLY CLOUDY WITH BASE BECOMING CLOUDY WITH BASE.	
2 CLOUDS	0-3/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASE 1000 TYPE 3000 NOT PATCHY OF 10/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASE 500-1000 TYPE 4-5000 BASE OF OO INDICED (NOTING) 20% REL. LOW CLOUD AT 51 NORTH. 3-5/10 CUMULUS BASE 25000.	0-3/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASE 2000 TYPE 4000, REL. MINIMAL. 3-5/10 CUMULUS BASE 25000.	0-3/10 CUMULUS BASE 2000 TYPE 4000 BECOMING 6-8/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASE 1500. 2000 TYPE 4-5000 WITH BASE 1000-1500 BASE OF OO INDICED. 3-5/10 CUMULUS BASE 25000.	NOTE: NO CLOUDS FROM 25000 FEET.
3 ICING	10000 FT. REL.	10000 FT. REL.	10000 FT. REL.	
4 VISIBILITY	1000 YDS. BUT 100-500 YDS. LOCALLY BASE OF OO INDICED. ICING. UNOBSERVED ABOVE	STRATUS 3-5 MILES IMPROVED: 10-15 MILES. ICING.	2-3 MILES BUT 1-2 MILES BASE OF OO INDICED.	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	BASED-50 N. 50E-45 N.	45 N.-45 E. 30E-25 E.		
5000 FT	350 10 350 10	080 15 075		
10000 FT	350 20 360 20	080 15 077		
15000 FT	350 30 360 25	080 20 071		
20000 FT	330 40 360 30	070 25 070		
25000 FT	320 50 360 35	070 30 072		
30000 FT	320 60 360 40	060 35 073		
35000 FT	310 70 360 45	060 40 075		

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.55 TARGET SURFACE TEMP 53.5 TARGET MEAN TEMP 51.0
 TEMP. AT 17000 FT. 51.5 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 51.94

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

AAF Station 128
 27 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

Plane 42-38026

P	Hagan, Marion O.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Dunn, John B. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Concell, Wilbur E.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Graham, Fred E.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Hildreth, Arthur W.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Simmons, Harry G. Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Cox, Wade M.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Henson, William W.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Huston, Arthur A.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Plate, Robert B.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-40050

P	Kelly, William J.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Shapiro, A aron (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Majewski, Louis J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	VanDuren, Paul R.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Johnson, Morris W.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Stengel, Percy J.	T/Sgt.	"
TG	Garity, John B.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Peacock, George P.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Connor, Jay L. Jr.	T/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-39943

P	Tanner, John R.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Ramsey, Robert J.	1st Lt.	"
N	Strom, Kenneth L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Szungyi, John P.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cohen, Walden B.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Cable, Harvey T.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Norris, John B.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Sanders, Charles W.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Daniel, Edward P.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Francis, Raymond R.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31087

P	W ells, Kenneth C.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Guinn, Euin N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gelula, Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lingenfelter, Leo I.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Bartlett, Edward M.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Larson, Robert D.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Convertino, Rico S.	Sgt.	"
TG	Weetherman, James H.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Price, William (NMI)	Sgt.	"
RWG	Chapman, William E.	Sgt.	"

Subj. Loading List, 612th Bomb. Sq. dd. 27 March 1944 Contd

Plane 42-39837

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 42-31662

P	Kuhl, Frank O.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Czupryk, Edward J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Sussman, Armand M.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Urry, William C.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Shaw, Edward (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Robinson, Charles E.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Dziadzia, Ray P.	Sgt.	"
TG	Rister, Kenneth A.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Funk, Robert D.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Terwiske, James G.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31891

P	Fox, Gaston M.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Stokes, Alexander C.	1st Lt.	"
N	Wilson, Darrel D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Mendelson, Leasonard J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Duane G.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Brown, Allen D.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	VanBooven, Donald W.	Sgt.	"
TG	Estess, Cecil L.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Gallas, Joseph (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Sierra, Charles P.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-97487

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

Plane 42-31496

P	Hershey, Harry J.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Woods, Robert R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Buder, Eugene H.	1st Lt.	"
B	Boxer, Martin W.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cherry, Noel C.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Pugh, Alfred E.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Chiccino, Joseph R.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Joseph, Meload C.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Civello, Hubert C.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Gulan, Frank F.	S/Sgt.	"

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

27 March 1944

SUBJECT: LOADING LIST

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

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	1st Lt.	RIBGLER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
CP	MAJOR	SILVER	DEINYN	C.
N	1st Lt.	WOM ANDERSON	WOM WILLIAM	W E.
B	1st Lt.	FESMIRE	DURWARD	W.
RO	T/SGT.	LIPA	MILTON	J.
TT	T SGT.	GLICK	LEONARD	V. JR.
BT	S SGT.	JACK	JOHN	C.
TO	2d Lt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.
LWG	S SGT.	CHANIAN	NISHAN	(NMI)
RWG	S SGT.	MALLOY	FRANCIS	T.
<u>42- PLANE NO. 107043</u>				
P	1st Lt.	LECHER	JAMES	R. JR.
CP	2d Lt.	FRUITT	DOW	C.
N	1st Lt.	DUQUETTE	FRED	D.
B	1st Lt.	BROWN	JOHN	F.
RO	T SGT.	BRADY	OTIS	H.
TT	T SGT.	KENNEDY	GEORGE	L.
BT	S SGT.	DE WITT	FRANK	C.
TO	S SGT.	MCGILL	CLARK	C.
LWG	S SGT.	KLINCK	JOHN	C.
RWG	S SGT.	DOMM	HAROLD	H.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-107009</u>				
P	2d Lt.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2d Lt.	HES	VINCENT	J.
N	2d Lt.	STEPHENS	DAVID	M.
B	2d Lt.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	FINNIE	CHARLES	S.
TT	M SGT.	OLDER	HAROLD	K.
BT	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
TO	S SGT.	TOMLINSON	ALFRED	A.
LWG	S SGT.	TOBINE	RODNEY	T.
RWG	SGT.	DRAIN	JAMES	A.
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31557</u>				
P	1st Lt.	HES	CHARLES	F.
CP	2d Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
N	2d Lt.	FRIEST	JACK	B.
B	2d Lt.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN JR.	(NMI)
RO	S SGT.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.
TT	T SGT.	HYDA	ALEXANDER	V.
BT	SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	P.
TO	S SGT.	KASISHER	CHARLES	D.
LWG	SGT.	HADSELL	DAVID	H.
RWG	S SGT.	FLOREZ	LOUIS	(NMI)
<u>PLANE NO. 42-99932</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	T SGT.	PACK	JESSE	C.
BT	S SGT.	BLACK	JAMES	P.
TO	SGT.	NICHY	JOHN	H.
LWG	SGT.	RICE	EDWARD	J.
RWG	SGT.	HOLLAND	THOMAS	H.

PLANE NO. A2-315

P 2d Lt.
 CP 2d Lt.
 N 2d Lt.
 B 2d Lt.
 RO SGT.
 TT T SGT.
 BT S SGT.
 TG S SGT.
 LSG S SGT.
 RWG SGT.

SCHARFF
 ECKERT
 SCHWARTZ
 DEFSHIMER
 STRONG
 KARL
 BEDWELL
 SMALLIN
 TOMLINSON
 PYNIGAR

PAUL
 CHARLES
 BERNARD
 HAROLD
 ROBERT
 RICHARD
 CHARLES
 JAMES
 ROSCOT
 FREDERICK

F.
 A.
 (NMI)
 W.
 C.
 X.
 H.
 H.
 D.
 G.

PLANE NO. A2-31005

P 2d Lt.
 CP 2d Lt.
 N 2d Lt.
 B 1st Lt.
 RO T SGT.
 TT T SGT.
 BT S SGT.
 TG S SGT.
 LSG S SGT.
 RWG SGT.

VOKATY
 GAMERELL
 SCHACHTER
 STRODE
 HALPIN
 BOROS
 GRULL
 GANTER
 SANDERS
 CAMPBELL

ALFRED
 WILLIAM
 SHEA
 CHARLES
 RONALD
 JOSEPH
 HOWARD
 WARREN
 ROY
 JOHN

E.
 L. JR.
 (NMI)
 R.
 C.
 J.
 M.
 (NMI)
 G. JR.
 F.

PLANE NO. A2-80855

P 2d Lt.
 CP 2d Lt.
 N 2d Lt.
 B 2d Lt.
 RO SGT.
 TT S SGT.
 BT S SGT.
 TG SGT.
 LSG SGT.
 RWG SGT.

LIVINGSTONE
 IRWIN
 WHITING
 COBER
 FAHNESTOCK
 HARP
 GREGORY
 STREET
 KLOIBER
 CARPENTER

ALEXANDER
 JAMES
 MYRICK
 DENE
 JAMES
 MORRIS
 DAYLIA
 VICTOR
 STEPHEN
 ARNOLD

(NMI)
 R.
 J.
 C.
 E.
 C.
 C.
 F.
 F.
 H.

PLANE NO. A2-31508

P 1st Lt.
 CP 2d Lt.
 N 1st Lt.
 B 1st Lt.
 RO S SGT.
 TT S SGT.
 BT S SGT.
 TG S SGT.
 LSG S SGT.
 RWG S SGT.

JONES
 O'NEIL
 BENNETT
 GRATE
 MENCH
 GREEN
 WEAVER
 DE CINCQUE
 SCHAIN
 FERLAND

DONALD
 EDWARD
 CYRUS
 LOUIS
 ELMER
 CECIL
 WILMER
 LEWIS
 ARTHUR
 ARTHUR

E.
 T.
 P.
 D.
 C.
 D.
 F.
 A.
 (NMI)
 W.

PLANE NO. A2-31037

P 2d Lt.
 CP 2d Lt.
 N 2d Lt.
 B 2d Lt.
 RO T SGT.
 TT T SGT.
 BT S SGT.
 TG S SGT.
 LSG S SGT.
 RWG SGT.

FITCHETT
 CAMPBELL
 FREIFFER
 LOTZ
 BERGHEIM
 PARLOE
 ROSE
 HANNAHURY
 MARTINELLI

LAWRENCE
 BRUCE
 LAWRENCE
 ROBERT
 MAX
 BERTRAM
 LOUIS
 ANTHONY
 RALPH
 ALEXANDER

E.
 M.
 F.
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PLANE NO. A2-31072

P 1st Lt.
 CP 1st Lt.
 N 1st Lt.
 B 1st Lt.
 RO SGT.
 TT T SGT.
 BT S SGT.
 TG S SGT.
 LSG S SGT.
 RWG S SGT.

SHOTTS
 MAHER
 SAVAGE
 BRIARTON
 HENRY
 SNOFFORD
 RINGER
 DEEMINGER
 SONICHERN
 JONES

DEMAN
 WILLIAM
 WILLIAM
 HENRY
 ROBERT
 LOLAND
 HARVEY
 JOHN
 DONALD
 WILLIAM

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

AAF Station # 120
 27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), AAF Station # 120,
 APO # 557.

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

*Plane 42-38162

P	1st Lt.	DAVES, WILLIAM R. JR.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	PRATT, JOHN D.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SCHUBERG, JOHN A.	"
B	2nd Lt.	VAN ROY, RUSSELL H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Brown, Walter L. Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Morell, Otto A.	"
BT	T/Sgt.	LaFountain, Louis M.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Gentry, Ray A.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Teel, Oliver E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Mooney, William R.	"

*Plane 42-39440

P	1st Lt.	STINSON, ROUDINOT (HAI)	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	TIMBERLAKE, ROBERT H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	HARDING, JAMES B.	"
B	1st Lt.	PPAFFMAN, JACK L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mancuso, Carman L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Rukarin, Karl E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Lesage, Alfred (HAI)	"
LWG	Cpl.	Amos, Paul J.	"
RWG	Cpl.	Allen, Andrew L.	"

*Plane 42-39881

P	2nd Lt.	SEAN, FRANCIS L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	SCHULE, JOHN (HAI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	ENGELHARDT, ELMER W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	AUTRY, ALFRED L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Terroux, Kenneth A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Macomber, Richard W.	"
BT	Cpl.	Hurd, John L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Smith, Glen W.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Seagren, Carl E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gordon, Robert T.	"

*Plane 42-31269

P	1st Lt.	KIRKHOFF, DONALD V.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	SOBOLAK, HENRIE W.	"
N	1st Lt.	PIERCE, MYRON E. JR.	"
B	1st Lt.	MONTONE, LIDER J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cook, Harold (HAI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Nicholas, Charles L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Merritt, William E.	"
TG	Cpl.	Morrissey, John E.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Kochler, Earl E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Michel, Delmar E.	"

Leading List (Con't)

*Plane 42-51116

P	2nd Lt.	KSEININWICE, CHARLES S.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HARRINGTON, KENNETH G.	"
N	2nd Lt.	DASTOUN, JOSEPH C.	"
B	2nd Lt.	TUMPSON, SIDNEY L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Wilber, Maruice V.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Burke, Francis (M1)	"
BT	Cpl.	Murphy, James J.	"
TG	Sgt.	McEldowney, Donald E.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Cohen, Franklin C.	"
RNG	S/Sgt.	Braman, Michael G.	"

*Plane 42-52012

P	1st Lt.	GAMMACK, VERNON E.	614th
CP	Captain	GARLAND, WILLIAM G.	"
N	1st Lt.	HASKINS, CECIL A.	"
B	1st Lt.	WHITE, WILLIAM C.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Times, Glenn A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Wlate, Chester A.	"
BT	T/Sgt.	M Ames, Ensign S.	"
TG	1st Lt.	HARGRE, ROBERT W.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Wenke, Charles P.	"
RNG	S/Sgt.	Harlow, Clevy D.	"

*Plane 42-50001

P	1st Lt.	KAUFMAN, RICHARD H.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND, HOWARD W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RYAN, WILLIAM P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	CARTER, JAMES P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Frederick, Eugene D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Tweed, Stanley A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Price, John R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	DeGraff, Andrew D.	"
RNG	Cpl.	Sherman, Gilbert	"

*Plane 42-51516

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	614th
CP	F/O	FAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRANE, REMPRO V.	"
B	2nd Lt.	LEVY, JAMES G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Castronova, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McEandry, Daniel C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sandberg, David C.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RNG	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.	"

*Plane 42-57089

P	1st Lt.	STINE, ROBERT O.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	KENON, ROBERT J.	"
N	1st Lt.	NOLTE, HOWARD P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	EMPRIC, WALTER P.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Keeney, Frank E.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Trump, Paul W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Risi, John E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Frager, Gilbert (M1)	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Thill, Richard G.	"
RNG	S/Sgt.	Phillips, Edward J.	"

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

27 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading 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
P	1st Lt	Grisham	Fred	D.	615th
CP	1st Lt	Brown, Jr.	Fred	(MI)	615th
H	1st Lt	Whitney	Ray	F.	615th
BO	1st Lt	Wolfe	Ralph	(MI)	615th
RO	T/Sgt	Lewis	Charles	(MI)	615th
TE	T/Sgt	Cockerman	Ray	W.	615th
BT	S/Sgt	Hardy	Charles	E.	615th
TO	S/Sgt	Hamilton	James	H.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt	Cummings	William	F.	615th
NRG	S/Sgt	Hogman	Herbert	M.	615th
PLANE # 42-31819					
P	1st Lt	Ferdyn	Joseph	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt	Eustad	Robert	J.	615th
H	2nd Lt	Wade	Jay	A.	615th
BO	2nd Lt	DOLAN	WILLIAM	W.	615th
RO	S/Sgt	Sellers	James	E.	615th
TE	T/Sgt	Zanderson	Harold	E.	615th
BT	Sgt	Johnson	Joseph	E.	615th
TO	S/Sgt	Hortman	Harold	(MI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt	May	William	E.	615th
NRG	S/Sgt	Dushendorf	Everett	M.	615th
PLANE # 42-31983					
P	2nd Lt	Knight	Dan	C.	615th
CP	2nd Lt	Huegin	William	D.	615th
H	1st Lt	Sellers	Lloyd	W.	615th
BO	2nd Lt	Chamberlay	Edward	G.	615th
RO	T/Sgt	Anderson	Charles	D.	615th
TE	S/Sgt	Sartor	William	(MI)	615th
BT	S/Sgt	Sydney	William	E.	615th
TO	S/Sgt	Pacely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt	Wilson	Charles	J.	615th
NRG	Sgt	Cope	Frederick	E.	615th
PLANE # 42-27089					
P	2nd Lt	Knight	Dan	C.	615th
CP	2nd Lt	Huegin	William	D.	615th
H	1st Lt	Sellers	Lloyd	W.	615th
BO	2nd Lt	Chamberlay	Edward	G.	615th
RO	T/Sgt	Anderson	Charles	D.	615th
TE	S/Sgt	Sartor	William	(MI)	615th
BT	S/Sgt	Sydney	William	E.	615th
TO	S/Sgt	Pacely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt	Wilson	Charles	J.	615th
NRG	Sgt	Cope	Frederick	E.	615th

DELL	NRG	NRG (NRG)	NRG	(NR)	NRG
PLANE # 42-27089					

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 AAF - Sta - 128 - APO - 657

27 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading list.

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

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

PLANE # 42-31091

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
Pilot	1st Lt	Lewis	Clyde	A. V.	615th CP
Co-Pilot	2nd Lt	Malone	Wilton	P. H.	615th CP
N. 1	1st Lt	Katch	William	H. I.	615th CP
B. 1	1st Lt	Arnold	Harold	S. B.	615th CP
Roll	T/Sgt	Blakely	Nathan	C. G.	615th CP
T. 1	T/Sgt	Hobbs	Melvin	C. T.	615th CP
W. 1	S/Sgt	Howell	James	K. H.	615th CP
T. 2	S/Sgt	Heaton	Clarence	H. H.	615th CP
L. 1	S/Sgt	Tosh	William	A. H.	615th CP
R. 1	S/Sgt	Jackson	Harry	E. T.	615th CP

PLANE # 42-31092

Pilot	2nd Lt	Campbell	Paul	H. B.	615th CP
Co-Pilot	2nd Lt	De Vito	Andrew	(MI)	615th CP
N. 1	2nd Lt	Wilhelm	Andrew	C. H.	615th CP
B. 1	2nd Lt	Malone	Ralph	B. H.	615th CP
Roll	S/Sgt	Anderson	Martin	A. H.	615th CP
T. 1	S/Sgt	Hensley	Oran	H. T.	615th CP
W. 1	S/Sgt	Brown	Saul	H. G.	615th CP
T. 2	S/Sgt	Stanley	Stanley	(MI)	615th CP
L. 1	S/Sgt	Smith	Alan	E. V.	615th CP
R. 1	S/Sgt	Kendrick, Jr.	Joseph	W.	615th CP

PLANE # 42-31093

Pilot	1st Lt	Kaminski	Vincent	J. H.	615th CP
Co-Pilot	1st Lt	Mallory	Richard	W. V.	615th CP
N. 1	1st Lt	Hildinger	Lawrence	J. V.	615th CP
B. 1	1st Lt	Gallagher	Joe	C. F.	615th CP
Roll	S/Sgt	Chastain	Elmer	H. T.	615th CP
T. 1	S/Sgt	Dragin	Donald	L. G.	615th CP
W. 1	S/Sgt	Harlow	Charles	H. V.	615th CP
T. 2	S/Sgt	Powell	Gerald	J. H.	615th CP
L. 1	S/Sgt	Hobbs	Jay	W. I.	615th CP
R. 1	S/Sgt	Loeb	Jay	T. H.	615th CP

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
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PLANE # 42-31094

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

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29 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of crews Participating in Mission to Brunswick, Germany,
 29 March 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557, U S Army.

1. Captain Leon Stann, Deputy Group Leader, thinks formation leader should not have let down until after reaching splasher; let down today was started at enemy coast. Capt Stann also observed that the second element of the high squadron of this Group started discharging chaff a few minutes too early.

2. Lt William R Daves Jr (Pilot) A/C 8162 thought air speed maintained by leader was too slow leaving target and returning home.

3. Lt Andrew C Wilhelm (Navigator) A/C 1521, said a 351st Group A/C dropped bombs three minutes late and nearly hit A/C 002 of 401st Group.

4. Lt Charles E Ksieniewicz (Pilot) A/C 1118 stated that 467th Group apparently "S"ed to stay in formation and their high squadron came too close to the 401st Group, once actually passing over the top of this Group. This airplane commander also criticized let down at enemy coast and 360° turns made between cloud layers.

5. Lt Fred D Grinham (Pilot) A/C 1077 complimented Major William I Seawell for his excellent job of leading the formation.

6. S/Sgt Charles L Cartmill (LNO) A/C 1316, states that hoods are needed for gunners which give more protection from cold.

7. Lt James C Sharp (Pilot) A/C 7000, stated that food served at breakfast at Combat Mess gave him gas pains. He also stated that there was nothing to put on his bread this morning.

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

A.P.O. 557
31 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Supplementary Combat Mission Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. The following battle damage was sustained by A/C on the mission of 29 March, 1944 and not previously reported for the reason that A/C was away from home station.

a. 42-31662 - Left wing damaged in two places by glancing shell between # 1 and # 2 engines; Flak hole in plexiglass nose section.

b. 42-97487 - Flak hole in bomb bay, damaging vertical member at radio room door; Flak hole in leading edge of right wing; Flak hole in nose section in front of pilot.

<u>TOTAL NO. OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY FLAK</u>	<u>BY FLAK & FRIEND</u>
2	0	2	1	1

HENRY P. VANDERHOEF
W/O J.G. U.S.A.
Ass't Group Engineering O.

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

A.P.O. 557
29 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557.

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-39881 - returned early because of internal failure of # 3 engine. Oil pressure dropped due to piston rings breaking up and Pilot was unable to feather propeller.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-38162 - 3" flak hole through left wing, inner panel.

b. 42-97440 - Flak hole in bottom of right horizontal stabilizer. 4" flak hole through vertical stabilizer.

c. 42-31521 - 3" flak hole in bottom of # 4 nacelle.

d. 42-31081 - Flak hole through trailing edge of left wing; Small flak hole in left side of fuselage, near waist position.

<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>
4	0	4	4

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

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

29 March, 1944

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 29 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557

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

Oil Cooler Out (1) Generators Out (1)
Runaway Prop Governor (1)
Carburetor Air Temperature Gauge Out (1)

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

None Reported.

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 Armament Officer
Station 128

A.F.O. 557
29 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 45, 29 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
APO 557, U.S. Army.

Negative Armament malfunction and Bomb Rack report is
submitted for the mission of 29 March, 1944.

SAM P. BROOKHALL JR
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER
STATION 128
APO 557

30 March 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

TO: Group Engineering Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army

1. The following is the battle damage report for the
airplanes operated by this squadron on the combat mission
completed 29 March 1944.

AIRPLANE NO.	BATTLE DAMAGE
42-31662	1. Left wing damaged in two places by glancing shell between #1 & 2 engine. 2. Flak hole in plexiglass nose.
42-97487	1. Flak hole in bombay. Damaged vertical member at radio room door. 2. Flak hole in leading edge of right wing. 3. Flak hole in nose section in front of pilot.
42-39837	1. Down at another base.
42-31087	1. Negative.

HERBERT O. KIMMEL
1st Lt, Air Corps
Engineering Officer