

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

(W28)

MISSION No. **232**

Date: **19 MAR. 45**

TO: **PLAUEN , GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: MOLBIS, GERMANY (Vis)
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. Two PFF A/C were included in the lead squadron with one included in each of the other two. A spare accompanied the lead and high squadrons.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: PLAUE, GERMANY (PFF)
2. a. Group Leader: Lt. Col. D. E. SILVER (Campbell)
Lead Navigator: Capt. R. F. WHITNEY (Tharpe-MO)
Extra Navigator: 2nd Lt. D. L. PATRICK
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. E. K. STOUT
b. Low Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. R. S. HUBBELL
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. G. J. MOORE (Goodman-MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. S. W. FLIEG
c. High Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. M. J. KOCHER
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. M. RUSH (Barnes-MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. M. L. MOORE

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff and Route to Buncher:

All scheduled A/C took off as briefed and preceded to the continental buncher, the weather over England being too poor for assembly. All ships reached the A-39 buncher satisfactorily.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT: (Cont)

3. b. Squadrons and Group Assemblies:

Assemblies on the continental buncher were very good and this group circled right behind the Wing leader and when he departed the buncher 94th "B" was right in proper position in the Wing. The Wing proceeded to the Division assembly line and made a good Division assembly and 94th "B" fell into proper #6 position.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Flight to target was on course except when it was necessary to deviate from course to get out of contrails. Climbed up to bombing altitude as soon as possible to get out of the real thick haze. Flew on course to a point north of Chemnitz and made this the IP for a run on target #3.

b. Bombing Run:

We recieved a call from Buckeye 30 minutes before the IP that the target was covered by thick haze. It was decided after conferring with the Division leader to go to the original IP and head for the target. In the event that it could not be bombed visually a turn would be made toward Elauen, the H2X target. Heavy haze and contrails prevented a visual run on the #1 target, a turn was made toward the #3 target. Mickey gave his first clutch in point, the following checks were excellent. Directly over the target we could see straight down but not out, bombs away at 1130. Results excellent, C-1 OK.

c. Flight From Target:

Flight from target was on course and the Group did not have as much trouble with contrails as on the route in. Letdown was started over Belgium.

d. Return to Base:

Many ships had to leave formation and land for gasoline on the continent and due to bad weather, some have not yet returned. The group had no flak and no fighter attacks and crossed out over the lines with all 36 A/C - all have been accounted for.

e. Weather:

Weather enroute was varying from 10/10ths cloud coverage with considerable ground haze to 10/10ths at target. Immediately after bombs away a break in cloud coverage enable downward visibility from 3 to 5 miles. Dense, persistant contrails were encountered on way in between 4 and 5 degrees East, continuing over target and on route back until Rhine was crossed.

f. Fighter Support:

Good.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)4. g. Comments on Formation and Interval:

Formation was very good under the circumstances and it is believed the interval was good although the other Groups could not be seen for long periods of time.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Believe "Buckeye Red" did a very good job of helping out as much as possible under the circumstances and did all he could in order to get bombs on an enemy target.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

All scheduled A/C attacked.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No enemy air nor ground opposition was encountered. (see Flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage:

None.

8. Casualties:

None.

9. Statistical Summary of Operations: (see attached form)10. Bombing Data:a. Observations:

Due to the very bad ground haze, strikes can not be appraised. However, it is certain the bombfall was good - strikes being near the center of the city.

b. Disposition of Bombs:Lead Sqdn:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 120 X 500# GP bombs. The spare returned 10 GP's to base.

Low Sqdn:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 113 X 500# GP and 7 X 500# RDX bombs.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Concl'd)10. b. High Sqdn:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 84 X 500# GP and 36 X 500# RDX bombs. The spare returned 10 X 500# GP's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	36	36	317	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			43	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			317	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			43	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Other Expenditures			-	-	-	-	-
Bombs Returned			20	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			337	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			43	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted by:

KEN W. DAUBLE
Captain, Air Corps
Statistical Officer

Lead Sqdn 94th "B" Gp:

Combat Sq. Leader: LT COL SILVER Date: 19 March 1945
Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt TAUSIG
Deputy Gp. Leader: Lt TAUSIG

401st at T/O, Cruise &
OVER-TARGET

SQDN
CAMPBELL(SILVER)

612 SQ LT JACK
613 LT BACRO
614 IV COLFOUB
615 IV BULLARD

449(PFF)

LINDSEY

TAUSIG

931

153(PFF)

SQDN
THOMPSON, R.

SQDN
DJERNES

646(spot)

2468

GRAY

SORENSEN

HOLMES

JORDAN

151

146

322

758

STAUFFER

677

PARK

VIEHMAN

565

738(spot)

SPARCO

JAMES

012(ret early)

94th "B" Gp: Low Sqdn.

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HUBBELL

Date: 19 March 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Low Sqdn at T/O, Cruise &

OVER-TARGET.

HUBBELL

612 SC LANCK
 613 IN MACRO
 614 IW GOLFOUB
 615 IY BULLARD

550(PFF)

GEREN

HART

125(spot)

941

SqDn

SqDn

SCHELLER

NIELSON

458

6313

MC KENNY

CAREY

KELSO

LITCHFIELD

706(spot)

862

842

983

SMITH

160

BERNEBURG

MAHARICK

2947

591

SPACES

94th "B" Gp.

Combat Sq. Leader: LT KOCHER

Date: 19 March 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st High Sqdn at T/O, Cruise &

OVER-TARGET.

KOCHER (STRAUSS)

613 SS LINDVICK
613 IA HECRO
614 IW GOLFOUB
615 IV BULLARD

7947(PFF)

NOLAN

BODDIN

637

6947

SQDN

CAMPBELL

SQDN

MAIRE

EXX

733(spot)

664

HOWARD

MARTIN

DE MARCE

STEPHENS

662

039

790

7113

SMITH

810

SPENCE

MORAN

788(spot)

398

SPENCE

AHLERS

132(ret early)

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

Date 3/15/45

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

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

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

- a. T/O at 0811 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1115 hours on A-39 buncher.
at 14000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1115 hours at 14000 A-39.
- d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of navigation over England.

D.R. Radio Gee

- f. Division formation was joined at 1225 hrs. at 49 12N 05 41
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

Briefed I.P. for Secondary

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

Gee Mickey D.R. Pilotage

- i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

Changed I.P. for secondary 51 05N 12 49E

- (2) True heading over target 228.
- (3) Actual drift 13.
- (4) Altitude over target 26000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1429.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 325/45.
- (7) Method of target identification.

PFF

~~(8) Difficulties on bomb run.~~

None

(9) Weather over Target.

Thick haze

(10) Axis of withdrawal 270 degrees.

j. Group rally was accomplished at 26000 at 1430 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
m. Flight home was ~~(not)~~ as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R. PFF "G"

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

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey **O.K.**
- (2) Gee **D.K.**
- (3) Radio Compass **O.K.**
- (4) Fluxgate **O.K.**
- (5) Other equipment. **Interphone bad**

1st Lt. R.F. Whitney
1ST LT. R. F. WHITNEY
LEAD NAVIGATOR

Lead Navigator.

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

Date 3/19/ 55

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on PLAUEN (SECONDARY) .

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

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

- a. T/O at 0815 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1115 hours on A-39 buncher.
at 13000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1115 hours at 1000 .
- d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

"G" Radio D.R.

f. Division formation was joined at 1200 hrs. at 49 12N 03 41 .

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

Secondary I.P.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

"G" Mickey D.R.

i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxxx~~) as briefed.

Changed I.P. for Secondary

- (2) True heading over target 225 .
- (3) Actual drift 413 .
- (4) Altitude over target 25000 .
- (5) Time bombs away 1430 .
- (6) Wind used for bombing 325/44 .
- (7) Method of target identification.

PFF

~~(8) Difficulties on bomb run.~~

None

(9) Weather over Target.

Thick Haze

(10) Axis of withdrawal 270.

j. Group rally was accomplished at 25000 at 1430 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
m. Flight home was ~~(not)~~ xxx as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R. PFF "G" Pilotage Radio

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other equipment.

All Good

George J. Moore
1st Lt., Air Corps
Lead Navigator (Low)

Lead Navigator.

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

Date 3-19-45

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Plauen Germany

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

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

- a. T/O at 0813 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1115 hours on A-39 buncher.
at 15000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1115 hours at A-39.
- d. Route over England was ~~not~~ flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

"G" Radio D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 1200 hrs. at 49 12N 03 41E.
- g. Flight to I.P. was ~~not~~ as briefed.

To Secondary I.P. as Briefed

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee Mickey D.R. Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

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

Secondary I.P.

- (2) True heading over target 220.
- (3) Actual drift 110.
- (4) Altitude over target 27000.
- (5) Time bombs away 320/36 1429 1/2.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 300/36.
- (7) Method of target identification.

H2X

~~(8) Difficulties on bomb run.~~

Contrails

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths Ground Haze

(10) Axis of withdrawal 260.

j. Group rally was accomplished at 52 20W 12 10 at 1432 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at 1435 hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at 1435 hrs.
m. Flight home was (~~xxxx~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee Mickey Pilotage D.R.

o. Winds aloft were (~~none~~) called out to the formation.
p. Fighter rendezvous were (~~xxxx~~) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey **excellent**
- (2) Gee **good**
- (3) Radio Compass **fair**
- (4) Fluxgate **good**
- (5) Other equipment. **O.K.**

James M. Rush
JAMES M. RUSH
1st Lt., Air Corps (

Lead Navigator. (High)

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Colonel Silver AG NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Whitney Lt. Patrick DATE 19 March 1945

STATIONS	ENGINES	TAXI	T.O.
LEAVE BASE			
COAST OUT			
ENEMY COAST			
I.P.			
TARGET			
ENEMY COAST			

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

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

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNG.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE			
Base	210	0 -	150	133	291	-11	280	11	291	127	21	10	0908				
Leicester	25	3000	150	145	185	11	196	11	207	119	53	27	0945				
52 38N 01 08N	234	11000	150	145	185	11	196	11	207	119	53	27	0945				
Oxford	27																
51 45N 01 15N	240	14000	150	158	161	15	176	10	186	144	46	19	1004				
Sp. #11	42																
51 01N 00 51	240	14000	150	162	154	16	170	9	179	151	197	1:18	1122				
Buncher / A-39	44																
48 03N 01 22E	240	13500	150	161	055	-1	054	8	062	206	128	374	1204				
Buncher C-1	44																
49 18N 04 02E	275	17500	150	166	095	0	093	7	102	196	65	20	1224				
Buncher C-4	35																
49 12N 05 43E	275	17500	150	171	054	-6	046	6	052	196	95	294	1257	C.P. #1	1212		
50 08N 07 40E	35																
50 25N 09 00E	319	21500	150	177	072	-11	060	6	067	189	55	18	1315				
"	39																
50 19N 12 15E	322/18	26000	150	190	093	-12	081	5	086	214	82	23	1351				
"	330/31	"	150	197	067	-13	080		085	220	44	12					
"	330/31	"	150	197	067	-15	052	4	056	196	41	13	1404				
50 34N 13 14E	"	"	"	"	010	-10	360	3	003	154	21	084	1413	I.P.			
50 55N 13 20E	"	26000	"	"	297	18	305	4	309	152	35	1442	1429	TARGET			
51 11N 12 30E	"	"	150	"	297	18	305	4	309	152	35	1442	1429	TARGET			
"	330	23500	170	220	182	17	189	14	193	262	20	05	1434				
50 51N 12 29E	50																
50 40N 11 47E	323	19500	170	208	248	12	260	14	264	193	29	094	1444				
"	43 82																
50 25N 09 00E	319	19500	150	177	262	11	273	15	278	153	108	434	1528				
"	39																
50 08N 07 40E	319	19500	150	177	252	12	264	14	270	158	55	214	1550	C.P. #2	1505		
"	39																
50 52N 01 35E	287/33	8000	170	183	281	14	282	17	287	150	87	23	1730				
"	244/34		150	148		-8	273	16	281	120	121	221:30		Coast			
"	236	8000	150	148	278	-10	268	19	277	117	23	12	1742	English Coast			
Dungeness	38																
50 55N 00 58E	"	8000	150	148	289	-12	277	19	286	122	21	11	1752	Division Break up			
Splasher 78																	
50 02N 00 27E	230/35	2000	170	159	354	-10	341	10	354	176	35	12	1830	Ring Break up			
Wiesbaden	210/45		150	133		-6	348		358	153	64	25					

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0811			260		Base Take off										
0823			260		52 25N 01 07N A/C		153	1000							
0825			196					1000							
0826			196		52 20N 01 14N Air Commander wishes to stay at 1000		170	1000							
0833			191		52 08N 01 16N		153	1000							
0836			191		52 02N 01 16N		158	1000							
0842			183		51 52N 01 17N Start Climb		140	1000							
0846			183		Oxford A/C		140	2500							
0846			172		Oxford		140	2500							
0851			172		51 35N 01 10N		144	5000							
0857	152	120	172	253/40N	51 23N 00 58N	6000 A	138	7500	133	14	06	134	22	10	0907
0906			180		51 02N 00 46N		142	10500							
0906			180		51 02N 00 46N		142	11000							
0925			170		50 43N 00 34N		147	11300							
0922			170		50 26N 00 22N Weather Ship 237/40		147	11300							

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED E/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0928½	154	A16	170	251 42K	50 12N 00 10W	See Wind	147	11300	153	16 ½	06½	152	141	55½	1024
0935½	156	A17	173	251 44	49 56N 00 00	See Wind	148	"	"	17½	07	150			
0941½	156	A17	173	238 44K	49 44N 00 09E	See Wind	"	"	"	31	13	143			
0947½			173	240 35K	49 38N 00 13E	Boat Wind	"	"	"						
0956			176		49 04N 00 30E		151	11500 -5							
1004	167	A9	176	232 27	4 8 51N 00 42E	See Wind (149 at 11500)	149	12000	166	18	7	154	54	21	1025
1025			170	255 46	A-39	Pilotage Wind Circling Buncher	150	14000 -10							
1115						Group Formed (but 2 ships)									
1120			150		A-39	2 min early leaving buncher	150	14000 -10							
1130			054		A-39	On Course	150	14000 -10							
1134			050	264 38K	48 10N 01 34E	Bombate wind	150	14000 -10							
1130	056	-6	050	260 42K	48 21N 02 00E	See Wind	150	14000 -10	162	20	6	200	98	29½	1259½
1138	55	-7	048	288 25K	48 35N 02 28E	See Wind	150	14000	162	23½	8	176			
1142½	056	-7	049	285 26 K	48 43N 02 46E	See Wind	150	14000	162	37	14½	178			
1148			049		48 51N 03 02E	Started Climb	150	14000							
1155			050		49 06N 03 30E		147	15500 -13							
1203			060		49 18N 04 02E	A/C	148	17500 -18							
1203			073		49 18N 04 20E		"	"				194	85	20	1223
1206			073				150	17500 -18							
1208			090		49 18N 04 28E		150	17500 -18							
1218			094		47 19N 05 19E		150	17500 -18							
1225			105		49 12N 05 41E		150	17500 -18							
1225			046		49 12N 05 41E		150	17500				187	95	30½	1255½
1228			040		49 19N 06 05E		150	17500 -18							
1234			046		49 31N 06 05E		150	17500 -18							
1240			065		49 39N 06 32E		150	17500 -18							
1255			030		C.P. #1	2 min early 2 miles right	150	21000 -25							
1255			060		C.P. #1	A/C	150	21000				204	55	16	1311
1300			058		50 14N 06 08E		150	21500							
1304			058		50 20N 06 32E	Mickey Fix	150	22000							
1309			060		50 24N 06 46E	A/C	150	23000 -19							
1309			081		50 24N 08 46E		150								
1313			081		50 18E 09 09E	Mickey Fix	150	23500							
1317			083		50 24E 09 30E	Mickey Fix	150	24000							
1324	92	-9	083	320 41K	50 25E 10 10E	Mickey Wind	147	24500 -32	193	25½	07	218	80	22	1348
1333	94	-11	084	330 47K	50 23E 11 03E	Mickey Wind	146	25500	200	33½	9	223	47	14½	1345½
1347			085		50 15E 12 13E		147	26000 -36							
1347			050		50 15E 12 13E		146	26000 -36							
1351			055		50 21E 12 39E										
1357			055		50 24E 13 19E		149	26600 -36							
1357			360		50 24E 13 14E		150	26000 -36							

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

FLIGHT RECORD

[illegible]

TRACK CHART

DATE March 19, 1945

TARGETS

PRIMARY

Secondary #3

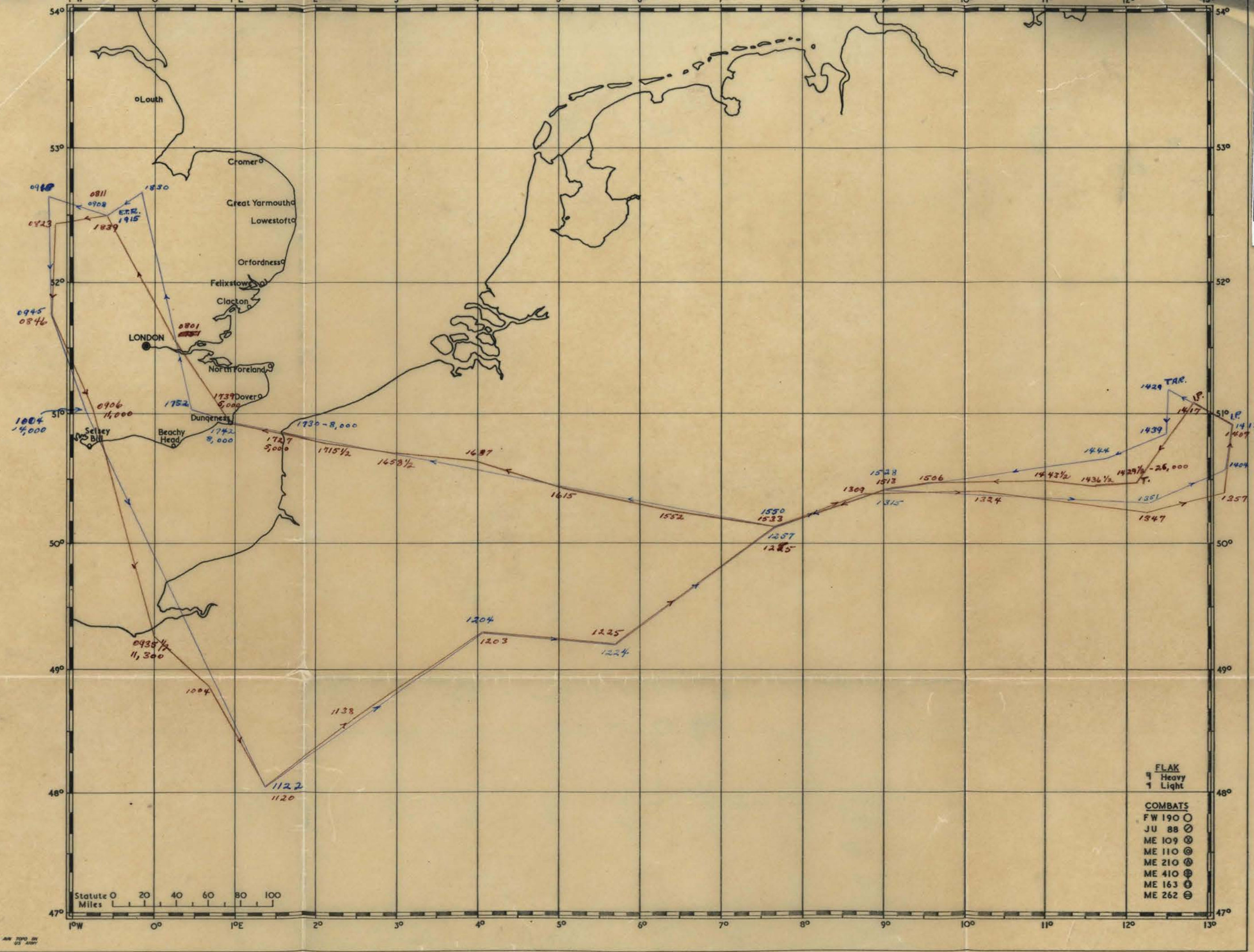
Rauen, Germany

Blue
Brown

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

Briefed
40 Lt. B.G. (H)







PLAUEN

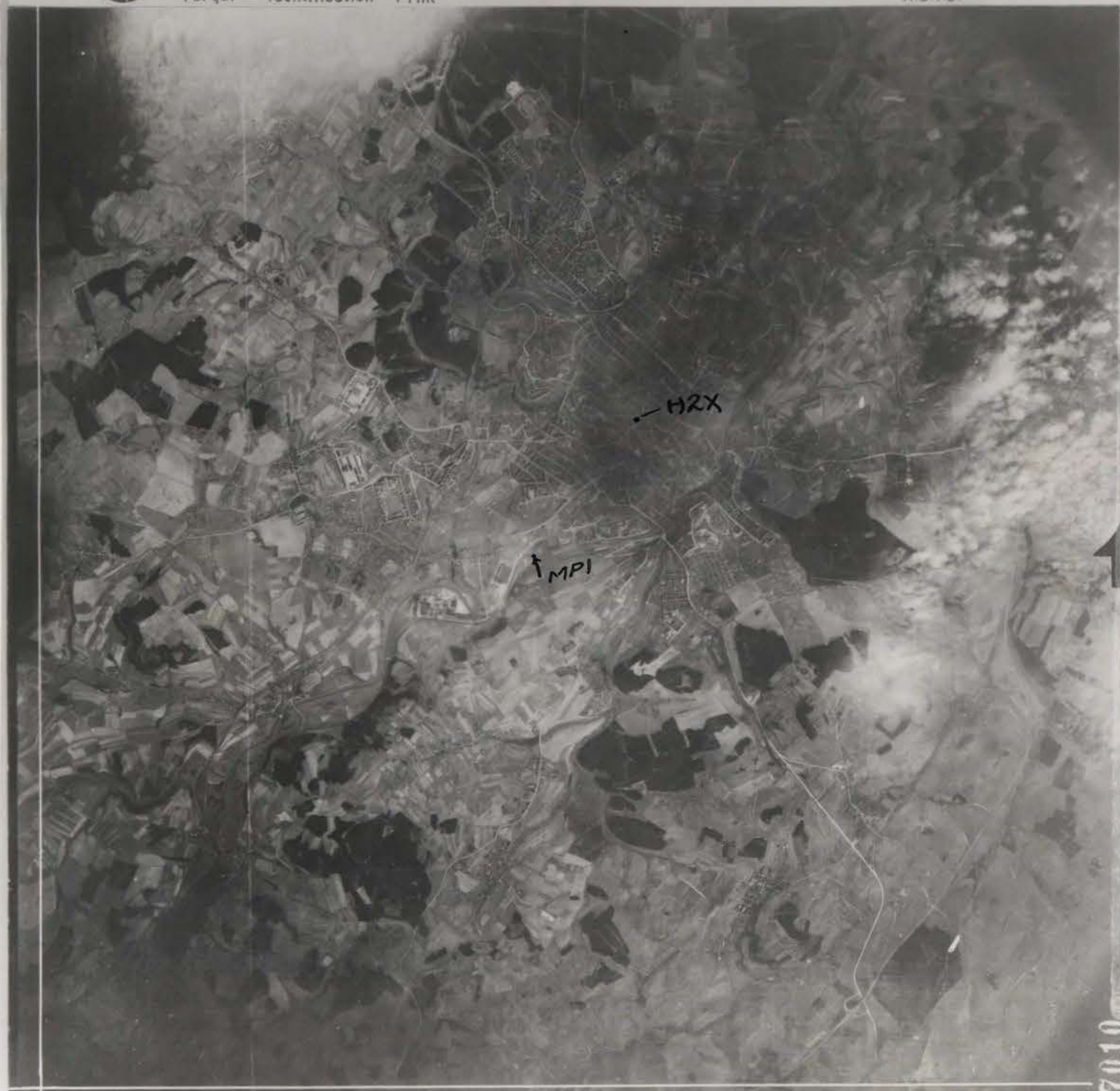
A: CELLULOSE FACTORY
B: ENGINEERING AND A.F.V. WORKS

C: SPINNING MILL

Target Identification Print

#2. Vis.
#3. H2X
5 MILES

ACIU



J/898 540 SQDN. 13 APR 44. II F/5 ←

7010

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATION

401st Bomb Group (H)

1st AD W. O. 661

Date of 19 Mar 45

PART I - ATTACKS & RESULTS

94 "B" Gp

	LEAD	LOW	HIGH
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--	--	--
2. No. of A/C Sorties	11-2*	11-1*	12-1*
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp	10-2	11-1	11-1
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	10-2	11-1	11-1
5. No. of Effective Sorties	10-2	11-1	11-1
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties	--	--	--
(a) Early Returns Included			
7. Name of Primary Target	MOLBIS (Vis)		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
8. Name of Secondary Target	PLAUEN (PFF)		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	11-1	11-1	11-1
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	120X 500# GP	113X 500# GP 7 X 500# RDX	84X 500# GP 35X 500# RDX
9. Name of Last Resort Target (LRT)			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
10. Name of Target of Opportunity			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
11. Name of Target of Opportunity			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
12. No. of A/C MIA - TOTAL	None	None	None
13. No. of A/C MIA - Flak			
14. No. of A/C MIA - Flak and E/I			
15. No. of A/C MIA - Enemy Aircraft			
16. No. of A/C MIA - Accident over E.T.			
17. No. of A/C MIA - Other & Unknown			
18. Time of Take Off	0811	0815	0813
19. Time of Attack	1430	1430	1429½
20. Total Time for Mission	119.0	119.0	120.0
21. Altitude of Release	26,000	25,000	27,000
22. Type of Sighting (Vis, H2X, GH, etc)	H2X	H2X	H2X
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Inten & Acc	None	None	None
24. Enemy Resistance - Fighters	--	--	--
25. Enemy Resistance - Bombers	--	--	--
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	--	--	--
27. No. of Passes made by Enemy A/C	--	--	--
28. Degree of Success	Good	Good	Good

A/C borrowed from Groups:

A/C loaned to Groups:

* Second figure indicates PFF A/C

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Gp Mission # 232

Date 19 Mar 45

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

94"B" GP

	LEAD	LOW	HIGH
	Boresight	Boresight	Boresight
29. Non-Effective Sorties	None	None	None
(a) Weather			
(b) Personnel			
(c) Enemy Action			
(d) Other Non-Mechanical			
(e) Mechanical & Equipment			
30. Mechanical & Equipment Failures			
(a) Engine			
(b) Oil System			
(c) Fuel System			
(d) Supercharger			
(e) Propeller & Governor			
(f) Communication System			
(g) Guns & Turrets			
(h) Bomb Release			
(i) Bomb Bay Doors			
(j) Electric System			
(k) Instruments			
(l) Oxygen Equipment			
(m) Bomb Sights			
(n) A/C in General			

31. Reasons for Failure to Attack:

None

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. STOUT DATE 19 March 1945
PILOT CAPT CAMPBELL (SILVER) TAKE OFF 0812
NAVIGATOR LT. WHITNEY AIRPLANE _____
WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1840
OBJECTIVE PLAUEH, GERMANY (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 36 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 317 GP 43 RDX RELEASED 317GP 43 RDX

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target <u>1100</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>-40</u> Actual <u>-34</u>
True Altitude above target <u>24800</u>	Mag Head, order <u>311</u> Actual <u>252</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>26000</u>	True Heading <u>228</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>-346 @ SL</u>	Drift, Est <u>10L</u> Actual <u>11L</u>
Altimeter setting <u>28.82</u>	True Track <u>217</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>150</u>	Actual Range <u>14,813</u>
G.S. Est <u>180</u> Actual <u>205</u>	B.S. Type <u>K-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>330</u> Actual <u>325</u>	Time of Release <u>1430</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>58</u> Actual <u>46</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>Min</u>
D.S. <u>127.8</u> Trail <u>61</u> ATF <u>42.19</u>	Length of Bombing Run <u>40miles</u>
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.37</u> Actual <u>.56</u>	C-1 Pilot <u>OK</u> A-5 <u>--</u>
Mean Temp: Metro <u>-13</u> Actual <u>-11</u>	Manual Pilot <u>--</u>
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>Min</u>
Low Sqdn Altitude <u>25000</u> Time of Release <u>1430</u> Mag Heading <u>229</u>	
High Sqdn " <u>27000</u> " <u>1429 1/2</u> " <u>224</u>	

I certify that the above figures have been checked and are correct.

JULIUS PICKOFF
Major, Air Corps

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

J-A- 3/4

413.44

19 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 232 . (Field Order 661)

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:		2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>2</u>
a. MF Beacons	<u>13</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings (QDM's)	<u>0</u>
b. Bunchers, England	<u>9</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
c. Bunchers, Continent	<u>18</u>	5. Distress Action (SOS's)	<u>0</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF RADAR

	<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>		<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>
1. Gee	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	4. Gee-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2. H2X	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	5. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
3. Micro-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	6. Carpet (Spot)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
7. Total aircraft releasing Chaff				<u>12</u>	
8. Total number of units released				<u>5,184</u>	

SECTION THREE - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>0</u>	7. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	8. H2X	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	9. Micro-H	<u>0</u>
4. Liaison	<u>0</u>	10. Gee-H	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	11. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>0</u>
6. SCS-51	<u>0</u>	12. Carpet (Spot)	<u>0</u>

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

* BASED ON 16 A/C RETURN

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 Maj, A C,
 Gp Com O.

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DATE: 19 March 1945

DUTY OFFICER: Lt. Red

BRIEFING OFFICER: Lt. Miller

Briefing at 4:45 hours.

ETR - PLAN A - 1801

B - 1800

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group: (5-111-1230) "A" plan.

Primary: #1 - MOEBIS - Power station one of three plants

supplying electrical power for province of Saxony. Supplies Leipzig & Chemnitz. Also in same area is a large Texaco by-products plant. Your MPI is center of group of buildings on SE corner of Target area. (A+B on this - C is killing power station in center of area.) Bombing altitude: 26000'

Target altitude 530': ("B" plan, 401st will take "C"s MPI) visual. (5029-1200) Target alt. 1100'

Secondary: #2 PLAUEN - cellulose factory, manufacturing artificial wood & other ersatz material. MPI - (A+B) boiler house on SW edge of Target area; (C) MPI, spinning mill in center

Last Resort: #3 - PLAUEN - H₂X.

#4 - Conv T/O 5-230-0500 - 5-230-1200 - 5-000-1200 - 5-000-0500 - 5-230-0500.

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: All on same Targets. A+B (45th) & 401st same MPI's. C (351st) will take 40 A on same MPI.

(40th B & C on same Target.)

(3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD:

1A - FLAK BATTERY.

1B 41B 41D

41A 41C } 5-111-1223 BOHLER

(401st B 94A 40 A)

B

B

MOEBIS

Second over Target.

C

C

b. 2nd AD: Baunheim (4841-1049) - Reuberg (4843-1119) Leipheim (4826-1014) 32 Sps.

c. 3rd AD: Reuberg (5-129-1353) - Lutzendorf (5-118-1152) 13 Sps.

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: Forming over continent.

3-1-2

b. Fighter Support: 10 Sps P-51's - 2 Sps in close support.

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3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION.

a. Flak: 92 guns in range.

b. Enemy Fighters: moderate & intense expected.

c. Smoke Screens: None Known

d. Camouflage: None Known

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

a. Wing Assembly: Corridor from 8 assembly: Base to Leicester to Oxford to Beacon 11 to Bunker A-39.

(94th CBW Buncha - 4603-0123)

b. Air Commanders: Wing - Nelson

94th CBW - Major Stans - "B" Sq (401st) Col. Silver

c. Zero Hour and Date: 0900 -

d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force: Forward with

blankets & radios for continued diversion

5. SUPPLY:

a. Gas Load: 2780

b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) 1285-20 - 1/10 - 1/40 -

#142, Silver. #314, minimum.

c. Chaff Load (point and Time of Commencing Discharge)

JP + 6 min. - for 18 min. - 432 units

d. Screening Force: 3 Mosquitoes

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares and Lamps: None

b. VHF and Other Radio: (Pending Force Information)

Security Force - 8-P-51's - Buckeye Rel. for weather 20 min.
before bombers.

VHF Relay A/C - 40th CBW in 5-130-0200 at 20,000'
from O + 100.

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape: S.O.P. - might try for Russian lines.

Avoid civilians + party forces. (Koz).

b. S.O.P.'s Attached -

c. Miscellaneous: Russian rec signals #1 - Rock miss 3-5 times
#2 - Fire red flare.

d. Security: Exchange too much TALKING between briefing
and take-off.

Penetration Delinies:

- 1) R.T. Albritney
- 2) ~~Ed~~ Moore
- 3) M.H. Anderson
- 4) C. Tamm Jr.
- 5) Jim Rush
- 6) Bodding Dave.

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612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
401st Bombardment Group (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

Mission 232
19 March 1948

Subject : Loading List

To : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb. Group (H) AFOS 387

A/C 43-38637

P	Nolan, James A	1st Lt	612th
CP	Twigg, Calvin E	2nd Lt	612th
N	Roffman, Lloyd S	1st Lt	612th
Tog	Bellefleur, Charles L	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Rathway, Stanley E	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Sconolzi, Patrick	S/Sgt	612th
BTG	Feldman, Warren E	Sgt	612th
TS	Gruppen, Richard S	T/Sgt	612th
FG	SERAFINO, ERNEST A	T/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38733

P	Campbell, Charles J	1st Lt	612th
CP	Lundgren, Robert P	2nd Lt	612th
N	Gruba, David E	2nd Lt	612th
Tog	Emery, Robert I	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Fox, Gene E	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Kartes, Charles F	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Sullivan, Earl Jr	S/Sgt	612th
TS	Dalton, Charles E	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Hurray, Howard E	S/Sgt	612th
A/C H	Swanson, Theodore E	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-31662

P	Howard, Louis F Jr	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Wilford, Joseph E	2nd Lt	612th
N	Martin, Phillip A	1st Lt	612th
Tog	Rosack, Michael R	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Cerson, Edward E	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Corbo, Frank J	S/Sgt	612th
BTG	Ford, Millie M	Sgt	612th
TS	McGwiston, George E	Sgt	612th
FG	Taylor, Charles F	Sgt	612th

A/C 43-107039

P	Martin, William F	1st Lt	612th
CP	Matheson, Max A	2nd Lt	612th
N	Hill, Ben F	2nd Lt	612th
Tog	Wilhone, Robert J	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Hague, Kenneth A	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Dolewider, Joseph A	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Borror, Norwood E	S/Sgt	612th
TS	Bacon, Charlie E	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Becker, Alex A	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38810

P	Smith, Max A	1st Lt	612th
CP	Korwald, Morris E	2nd Lt	612th
N	VanDusen, Richard E	2nd Lt	612th
Tog	Schmidt, Bylo E	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Randrickson, Ernest W	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Gunga, Pietro J	S/Sgt	612th
BTG	Laing, John	S/Sgt	612th
TS	Filiatrat, Frank E	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Pinilla, Manuel E	Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38788

P	Spencer, Claude F	1st Lt	612th
CP	Reiner, Hughie J	P/O	612th
N	Kennedy, William F	P/O	612th
Tog	Tumminia, Phillip	Cpl	612th
RO	Starro, Michael J	Cpl	612th
TTG	Lehat, Abraham P J	Cpl	612th
BTG	McDow, Mark E	Cpl	612th
TS	Keane, John D	Cpl	612th
FG	DeFazio, Dante S	Cpl	612th
R.C.M.	MARTIN, JAMES C	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-102398

P	Moran, Joseph F	1st Lt	612th
CP	Meredith, Robert C	2nd Lt	612th
H	Killam, James	XXXXXX	612th
TGS	Donald, Robert W	Sgt	612th
H	Derrowclay, Michael	2nd Lt	612th
R O	Kalogeras, Chris G	Sgt	612th
TTS	Barnes, Edwin L	Sgt	612th
BTC	A Skisson, Cecil F	Sgt	612th
TG	Yousens, Paul L	Sgt	612th
FG	Hellebion,		612th

A/C 42-97664

P	Haire, Frederick W	1st Lt	612th
CP	Helm, George E	2nd Lt	612th
H	Komberger, Charles	2nd Lt	612th
TGS	Landry, Lawrence B	H/Sgt	612th
RO	Chestain, Robert R	S/Sgt	612th
TTS	Gabhardt, Charles R	T/Sgt	612th
BTC	Floyd, Morris G	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Wiegall, Clifford R	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Fearlin, Joseph R	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-97790

P	DeMarco, Robert F	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Virgin, Howard G	2nd Lt	612th
H	Bellotte, Frank B	2nd Lt	612th
TGS	Klinckworth, Louis C	H/Sgt	612th
RO	Edwards, Shannon J	Cpl	612th
TTS	Bailey, Ora E	Cpl	612th
BTC	Gray, John J	Cpl	612th
TG	Barrett, Robert C	Cpl	612th
FG	Jackson, Louis A	Cpl	612th

A/C 44-6113

P	Stephens, Lloyd J	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Silt, Elmer E	2nd Lt	612th
H	Harper, Robert F	2nd Lt	612th
TGS	Whitlock, Howard D	Sgt	612th
RO	Douglas, James E	H/Sgt	612th
TTS	Graham, James D	Sgt	612th
BTC	Wiedem, Kent B	Sgt	612th
TG	Brennan, William J	Sgt	612th
FG	Lowellwin, Fred E	Sgt	612th

A/C 44-6138

P	Ahlens, Harry W	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Cropp, Robert E	2nd Lt	612th
H	Ecce, Henry W	2nd Lt	612th
TGS	Sires, Glenn D	Sgt	612th
RO	Calfo, Armand J	Sgt	612th
TTS	Gubert, Adam T	Sgt	612th
BTC	Boyce, Merle E	Sgt	612th
TG	Clark, Herbert E	Sgt	612th
FG	Anderson, John E	Sgt	612th

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

19 March 1945

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
42-102947	P	F/O	BERNEBURG	LAFERNE	L.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FUNK	PHILIP	B.
	N	F/O	BEUSCHER	CLIFTON	J.
	B	SGT.	BAILEY	FRANK	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	FERGUSON	HUGH	R.
	TT	SGT.	BUSH	WILBUR	E.
	BT	SGT.	BACKUS	MARVIN	L.
	TG	SGT.	KEY	JAMES	W. JR.
	WG	SGT.	DICK	CHARLES	B.
44-6842	P	1st Lt.	KELSO	ARTHUR	D.
	CP	2nd Lt.	LYNG	KENNETH	H.
	N	2nd Lt.	TONNE	ALVIN	E.
	B	S/SGT.	LICA	RUDOLPH	C.
	RO	T/SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	S/SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	BT	S/SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	S.
	TG	S/SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	S/SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	J.
42-31983	P	2nd Lt.	LITCHFIELD	DONALD	D.
	CP	F/O	BURTON	FREDERICK	C.
	N	2nd Lt.	DACHSHYN	HARRY	(NMI)
	B	SGT.	PASCHAL	ROBERT	W.
	RO	SGT.	OGBURN	FRED	N.
	TT	SGT.	SIMONDS	CHESTER	F.
	BT	SGT.	DAVIS	WALTER	A.
	TG	SGT.	JANAKES	NICK	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	MAURER	FREDERICK	R. JR.
43-38160	P	2nd Lt.	SMITH	SAMUEL	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MILLER	WALTER	A.
	N	F/O	ANDLER	LYLE	E.
	B	SGT.	RECKERS	RUSSELL	E.
	RO	SGT.	HERGENROETHEN	RAYMOND	A.
	TT	SGT.	DILZ	REINHOLD	J.
	BT	SGT.	MC DOW	MILES	H.
	TG	SGT.	WOESTMAN	ROBERT	J.
	WG	SGT.	HOOD	CLYDE	L.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	MAHARICK	MATT	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	ROBERSON	WENDALL	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	ROWLEY	RONALD	E.
	B	S/SGT.	ROBERSON	ROBERT	E.
	RO	SGT.	REED	WILLIAM	H. JR.
	TT	SGT.	LANIER	LESLIE	H.
	BT	SGT.	MOORE	WILLIAM	F.
	TG	SGT.	WEBB	WENDALL	R.
	WG	SGT.	MOULTON	GEORGE	W.

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-9125	P	2nd Lt.	GEREN	THURMAN	N.
	CP	2nd Lt.	COLLISS	EUGENE	K.
	N	F/O	STEINMAN	PHILIP	B.
	B	SGT.	CARMICHAEL	WILSON	H.
	RO	T/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	MC CRAWY	LEON	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	CHANCE	BUFFORD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.
	RCM	S/SGT.	TOOMBS	GEORGE	(NMI)
43-38458	P	1st Lt.	SCHILLER	RICHARD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	VOLTZ	DONALD	L.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
	B	SGT.	CROSSLEY	CHARLES	A.
	RO	S/SGT.	PAULX	ALBERT	L. JR.
	TT	T/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	SGT.	KROZEL	JOSEPH	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	SVERSON	NORMAN	A.
	43-38862	P	1st Lt.	CAREY	KARL
CP		2nd Lt.	FREW	JAMES	R.
N		2nd Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
B		SGT.	ALLES	ROBERT	F.
RO		T/SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	M.
TT		T/SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
BT		S/SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	E.
TG		S/SGT.	PIROMALLI	EUGENE	B.
WG		S/SGT.	ODOM	HENRY	T.
44-6313		P	1st Lt.	NIELSON	HANS
	CP	2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd Lt.	TUMKILSON	MURSHAL	G.
	B	S/SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
	RO	T/SGT.	HARGREVE	EMANUEL	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	STEFKA	FRANCIS	S.
	WG	S/SGT.	DE PRA	ARTHUR	R.
	43-37706	P	2nd Lt.	MC KENNY	WILLIAM
CP		2nd Lt.	BURDICK	RICHARD	(NMI)
N		2nd Lt.	LEVIN	HERBERT	R.
B		SGT.	SUNDERLIN	ROBERT	A.
RO		SGT.	SIEGEL	ARNOLD	W.
TT		SGT.	HOLLAND	JOHN	W.
BT		SGT.	JOHANNES	RICHARD	L.
TG		SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	W.
WG		SGT.	FRANZBLAU	IRA	A.
RCM		S/SGT.	SPARKMAN	PERRY	L.
<u>FLYING WITH THE 615th</u>					
	WG	S/SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.

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

AAF Station # 128
 19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. The following is the loading list for today's mission:

Plane 43-97931

P	2nd Lt.	LINDSEY, JOHN E.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	MADLEY, WILLIAM M.	"
N	P/O.	BRUMMETT, JAMES O.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Green, Warren H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Ippolito, Samuel	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Browne, Vincent	"
BT	Sgt.	Sanders, William H.	"
EM	Sgt.	Stachurski, William	"
WG	Sgt.	Fortier, Ellis A.	"
WG	Sgt.	York, John O.	"

Plane 43-38646

P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	1st Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bode, Robert L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Richey, Leland H.	"

Plane 42-102468

P	1st Lt.	DJERNES, CARL P.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SPIVA, RAYMOND H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CANALE, JOHN F.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Akins, Ora R.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	LaCourse, Lucian	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Chiu, Donald	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Bill, Richard H.	"
WG	Sgt.	Wagner, Aloysius E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Reiher, Gordon A.	"

Loading List Cont'd.

Plane	42-102151		
P	2nd Lt.	GRAY, CARL M.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	SMITH, CHARLES	"
N	2nd Lt.	STEWART, RICHARD E.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Ginthwain, Edward A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fort, Collins G.	"
TT	Sgt.	Kirby, Lee D. Jr.	"
BT	Sgt.	Harrell, Jean P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Saenz, Hector J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Bonanno, Joe M.	"
Plane	44-6146		
P	1st Lt.	SORENSEN, MELVIN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	TROUPE, JOHN T.	"
N	2nd Lt.	AUFBRANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Lee, William J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Collins, John G.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Senoric, Steve S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Leppanen, Calvin E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Nichols, Norman D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Turner, Eldon A.	"
Plane	42-98322		
P	1st Lt.	HOLMES, GENE H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	FREDERICK, RALPH A.	"
N	1st Lt.	JAMES, KENNETH W.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Watkins, Jack W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Knight, Eddie R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Cox, Clyde F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Jakubanski, Juluis J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Kennedy, Jack W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Feverill, Edward S.	"
Plane	43-38758		
P	1st Lt.	JORDAN, ROBERT E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	BUSH, FRANK R.	"
N	1st Lt.	SACKS, DAVID W.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Raciok, John	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Massa, Attilio	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Collett, John E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, Berlyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Grasela, Edward B.	"
Plane	43-38677		
P	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HAAKE, EDWARD C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRANFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Eidemiller, Wilmer P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Tuchin, Howard	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wright, Arthur L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dobson, William J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, Sterling S.	"

Loading List Cont'd.

Plane 43-38565

P	1st Lt.	PARK, COLIN I.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	DUNNE, MICHAEL D.	"
N	F/O.	O'NEILL, LAWRENCE H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Salie, Howard W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Sayre, James O.	"
TT	Sgt.	Fields, Richard D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wirth, Thomas J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Snyder, Edwin M.	"
WG	Sgt.	Grayczyk, Clarence J.	"

Plane 43-38738

P	2nd Lt.	VIEBMAN, EUGENE A.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	COUTTS, HAROLD E.	"
N	1st Lt.	STALZER, JAMES J.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Orlando, Peter	"
RO	Sgt.	Retzlaff, James A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Schwarz, Edwin D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Robson, Kenneth E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Rutkowski, Joseph E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Hay, David M.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Allaire, Joseph S.	"

Plane 42-39012

P	2nd Lt.	JAMES, HERBERT W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	PARKER, VICTOR E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MEZEL, GEORGE H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Branch, Willard A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kent, Donald R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Toloso, Melvin N.	"
TT	Sgt.	Parker, Robert S.	"
TG	Sgt.	McFallon, Lynn G.	"
WG	Sgt.	Baumann, Archie M.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHOFF
CAPT, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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

19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Loading list.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Op (H), AAF Stal28, APO 557.

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

PLANE # 44-8449

TYPE	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Campbell	Paul	E.	615th
CP	Lt. Col.	Silver	Delwyn	E.	Op Hqs
H	2nd Lt.	Patrick	Dale	L.	615th
H	Captain	Whitney	Ray	F.	"
H/O	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
B	1st Lt.	Stout	Eldrige	K.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Husinec	Andrew	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Rowe	Robert	R.	"
TG	1st Lt.	KIMBLE Althoff	John	R.	"
FG	2nd Lt.	Wollan	Clarence	K.	"

PLANE # 42-97947

P	1st Lt.	Kochel	Michael	J.	615th
CP	Major	Strauss	Joseph	(NMI)	612th
H	1st Lt.	Rush	James	M.	615th
H/O	1st Lt.	Barnes	James	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Moore	Max	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Dupuis	Cyrano	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Beeson	Charles	W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kenagy	Lloyd	C.	613 th
FG	S/Sgt.	Kelly	Thomas	E.	"

PLANE # 44-6047

P	1st Lt.	Bodden	Frederick	R.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Devlin	James	H.	"
H	1st Lt.	Uhrain	Andrew	(NMI)	"
B	1st Lt.	Miller	Donald	A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kornegay	Ryan	G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Richardson	Paschal	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Bucksbaum	Elmer	(NMI)	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Noble	Chester	C.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Langran	Theodore	E.W.	"

Loading list. (Continued)

19 March 1948

PLANE # 43-38941

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Hart	Jerald	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Taylor	Richard	W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Andrews	Melvin	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Rowe	Robert	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Reiss	Herbert	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Raney	Robert	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Knight	Victor	(NMI)	"
TO	Sgt.	Pickering	Edward	M.	"
FO	Sgt.	Smikler	Myron	H.	"

PLANE # 44-8550

P	1st Lt.	Hubbell	Richard	S.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Goulet	Ambrose	F.	"
N	1st Lt.	Moore	George	J.	"
B	1st Lt.	Flieg	Stanley	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Pool	Clyde	W.	"
XT TO	Sgt.	Bell	W. (io)	S. (io)	"
TM TT	T/Sgt.	Ross	Richard	D.	"
FO	S/Sgt.	Revette	John	L.	"
M/O	1st Lt.	Goodman	James	W.	"

PLANE # 44-9158

P	1st Lt.	Tausig	Herman	(NMI)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Gerant	John	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Tarr	Charles	(NMI)	"
M/O	2nd Lt.	Eaton	Harry	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Buchanan	Allan	S.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fitzsimmons	James	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Johnston	Donald	C.	"
TO	S/Sgt.	Katz	Alvin	S.	"
FO	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Warren	B.	"

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 667
U. S. ARMY

D-A-4

18 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 667, US Army.

1. Lt. Robert P. DeGarcia, Pilot A/C 790 -- "Low Squadron climbed too fast after we hit the continent while climbing to 26,000 feet."

2. Lt. Millard H. French, Pilot A/C 506 -- "Have the Leads fly SOP particularly in regard to climbing."

3. Sgt. Robert C. Barrett, TG A/C 790 & Sgt. Louis A. Jackson, TG A/C 790 -- "We feel that we get more jams in guns on account of using short round stops than if we didn't."

4. Gunners on A/C 790 -- "The oxygen hose in the waist, top turret and tail is too heavy and in some instances much longer than necessary."

5. Sgt. Ora K. Bailey, TTB A/C 790 -- "Ammunition in the top turret lays in there so long that oil from the vickers unit dropping down on it causes the rounds to rust and stick. Gunners in A/C 706 -- "Ammunition not linked."

6. Lt. Jerald E. Hart, Pilot A/C 6847 -- "Bandits weren't announced on VHF."

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

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

F-B-2

AFPO 557
19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Abortive Report, Mission of 18 March 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), Station 128
ATTN: Air Statistical Officer

1. Aircraft No. 44-6313 returned early from mission of 18 March 1945 because # 1 engine fuel pressure gage read 5 PSI.

2. At time of trouble the altitude was 4500 feet and airplane had been in flight for 20 minutes.

3. The fuel pressure reading fell off gradually from 17 PSI to 5 PSI. At the same time the waist gunner reported fuel spraying from the underside of the left wing. The pilot turned on the # 1 booster pump but it did not affect the fuel pressure. At such a low reading of 5 PSI the addition of booster pump pressure with no resulting indicated pressure change, should be an excellent clue to possibility of instrument trouble, since booster pumps are rated between 8 PSI and about 12 PSI. The engine continued to operate satisfactorily and all other gage readings were normal. The engine could not operate satisfactorily on 5 PSI of fuel pressure.

4. The waist gunner reported that the fuel spray from the underside of the wing increased when the aircraft banked to the left. This is probably due to possibility that there was siphoning action on one of the tanks in the left wing and the siphoned gas went out overflow line overboard.

5. Ground inspection of the # 1 engine fuel system revealed that air in the line from the transmitter to gage caused a false reading. The fuel system in the left wing was inspected for leaks and none were found. Aircraft was test-flown and found to be operating satisfactorily.

FRANK E. WILSON
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst Group Engineering O.

94th. C GROUP LEAD SQDN

Combat Sq. Leader MAJ GARLAND Date 18 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT JENNINGS

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT JENNINGS

613 SQDN

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

THOMPSON, R. (GARLAND)

IY F 8440 PFF

LEVY

IN O 1730

JENNINGS

IY O 8153 PFF

JONES

IN D 6688 ROM

KELSO

IN V 6842

VERMEER

IN H 8607

Fuel Pressure

CAREY

IN F 6313

MAHARICK

IN J 1892

MC KENNEY

IN W 8767

SMITH

C IN B 6182

SC-X 664

oil leak
Pressure

GEREN

IN G 1983

HGLIN

IN U 7706 ROM

B - 0300
B - 0400 03:15
S - 0545 04:15
E - 0645
- 0700
O. 0715

SHEPHERD

IN R 6146

PFF SP LD IY M 8707 Disp 29
IY J 8825 " 29

GRND SPARES: SC X 7364 Disp 13
IN U 8425 " 3

12X100 G.P 1/10 1/40

8XM171B's Load per chart 4
1 A/C Longest possible delay.

RG G

RG G

1521

LCN SQDN 94th C GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT MC GOLDRICK Date 18 March 1945Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT HARTDeputy Gp. Leader: LT JENNINGS

612 Sqdn

612 SC JAWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCUB

615 IY BUZZARD

MC GOLDRICK

IY U 7967 PFF

HOLT

HART

SC D 6992

IY P 6947

612 Sqdn

612 Sqdn

FRENCH

CAMPBELL

SC N 6506

SC L 8637 Spet

HUDNALL

McKALE

STEPHENS

HOWARD

SC B 8680 L.D.

SC F 8561

SC O 7118

SC B 1662

NOLAN

SC T 8788 Spet

ANLERS

DEMARCO

SC P 1891

SC J 7790

PFF Spare lead IY M 8707 Disp 29

IY J 8825 Disp 28

Grnd spares SC X 7364 Disp 13

IW U 8425 Disp 2.

94th C GROUP HIGH SQDN

Combat Sq. Leader: LT GERBER Date 18 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT BODDIN

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT JENNINGS

614 SQDN
 GERBER (HARB)
 612 SC JANWOCK
 613 IN MACRO
 614 IN COLPOLUS
 615 IY BUZZARD
 IY D 8550 PFF

SORENSEN
 IN F 7395
 BODDIN
 IY L 8941

BABCOCK
 IN X 8565 ROM
 DJENNES
 IN S 2468

JAMES
 IN P 2012
 HOLMES
 IN D 7322
 VIERMAN
 IN W 8738 ROM
 PARK
 IN B 7151

JORDAN
 IN K 8677

CAMERON
 IW U 8425
 IN O 7602
 LINDSEY
 IN R 7780

AYRE
 IN A 7931

PFF SP LD IY M 8707 Disp 29
 IY J 8825 " 28

GRND SPARES: SC X 7664 Disp 13
 IW U 8425 " 3