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"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 42
23RD. 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. **42**

Date: **23 MAR. 44**

TO: **AHLEN , GER.**

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

D-E-1

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to AHELEN, 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 load.

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 5".

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 662: "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.

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

D-J-1

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition and Tactical Analysis Report on Mission to
ANLEN, GERMANY, 23 March 1944.

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

1. No E/A encountered by this Group on today's mission.

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

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

D-J-1

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Target Conversation over VHF.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 567, U.S. Army.
(Attention: A-2).

1. Interrogation on the mission of 23 March 1944 regarding whether or not there was target information divulged over VHF resulted as follows:

a. Lt. Gattis, 614th Squadron, overheard a navigator telling someone they were over the IP. No target name was mentioned.

b. Lt. Coyne, 612th Squadron, heard someone say "beautiful target over here" and then spelled out a five letter word which was not distinguishable.

c. Lt. Hershey, 612th Squadron, heard someone give a heading of 135° to a pilot.

d. Lt. Maloney, 615th Squadron, heard name PT over VHF in vicinity of IP "are we still going to bomb Gutersloh?". Someone didn't release bombs and went to secondary. Think the VHF statement came from this Group.

2. No other information regarding route or destination was heard.

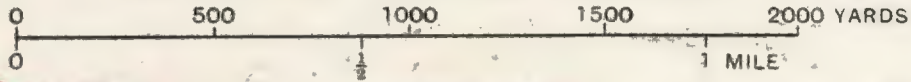
W. B. FRY,
Major, A.C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

Target No.
3/AIR/46

AIRFIELD

GUTERSLOH (GERMANY)

Illustration No.
3/AIR/46/2



Photographed 7 July 1940

(1 : 18,000) approx

Issued January 1944



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TYPE A

Illustration No.
3/AIR/46/2

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Guterslah

Assigned 23 Mar 44
 Target: Ahlen Date of Mission
 Bombed

Route as Flown:- (~~5108-0140G~~) 0908 hours, (~~5012-0601G~~) 0949 hours, (~~5014-0641G~~)
 0957 hours, (~~5018-0620G~~) 1009 hours, (~~5026-0734G~~) 1014 hours, (~~5048-0747E~~) 1022 hours,
 (~~5110-0820E~~) 1038 hours, (Ahlen) 1108 hours, (Hamm) 1112 hours, (5145-0726E) 1117 hours, (OVER)

Weather conditions: (a) At target Saw through opening in 10/10 undercast.
 7 to 10/10 undercast from 3000 to 5000 feet.
 (b) En route Unseen
 Were our A.C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target Unseen
 (b) En route
 Any Condensation trails? No

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL
 1109 hours, 19,000 feet - Intense, good for altitude, fair deflection, black,
 seen following.
 2 rockets, no burst seen, white persistent trail to 19,500 feet. Saw silver
 fragments bunched together but could not identify them. Crew thought it
 was not chaff.

Flak encountered or observed en route. (IN the order experienced)
 0909 (5057-0530G) - Meager, black, good altitude, poor deflection.
 0924 (Brussels) - " " " " " "
 1100 (Guterslah) - " " Poor " " "
 1112 (Hamm) - " " good " good "
 1115 (Ludwigshaven) " " fair " fair "
 1147 (5145-0452E) - " " " " poor "

Ludwigshaven
No

Was CHAFF carried?
 How discharged?

Position of Group Low Box of Composite CBW.

Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/Clost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bomb Away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run
401	18	0	0		1108	19,000	260°H	8 minutes
Totals								

Comments - Phenomena:- At IP - 1034 hours, 18,400 feet - saw about 10 rockets,
 no smoke trail, large white bursts.
 Two B-17's from wing to our left lost to flak at Hamm.

Lt. Sutherland.

2. (Cont.)

(5144-0343E) 1150 hours, (5144-0242E) 1200 hours to England.

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Briefing Notes

1. Today's target is an airfield and airpark. For the past two years it has been a supply center and airpark (which is comparable to our sub-depot set-up) for the forwarding of important types of fighter aircraft.

Division advises that this target is a high priority target. It is very possible that the noticeable lack of the G.A.F. recently has been due to the successful bombing in the past of this type of target and certainly, at a time like this, any such installation that is knocked out will seriously hamper the G/A/F in the future.

2. Route - 250,000 map
3. Night target map
4. Photographs
5. Flak- no mention of the number of guns
6. Fighter support. *2 Sqs P-47's from (0555-0320) & 2 Sqs P-38's to P.T.*
7. Secondary target
a) photographs *1/2 Sq P-47's at target*
munitions marshalling yards.
8. L.R. T. Any military objective positively identified and being in Germany which can be attacked without disrupting fighter support.
9. P/W If anyone should come down anywhere on this mission make for either Holland or Belgium where the chances for help are excellent.

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612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 APO 634

AAF Station 128
 23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
 AAF Station 128, APO 634

Plane 42-31511

P	Fox, Gaston M.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Maupin, Jere W.	Capt.	"
N	Wilson, Darrel D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Mendelson, Leonard J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Duane G.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Johnson, Morris W.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	VanBooven, Donald W.	Sgt.	"
TG	Hoyt, Richard H.	1st Lt.	"
LWG	Gallas, Joseph (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Estess, Cecil C.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31891

P	Currie, Donald A.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Johnston, Clayton A.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Jeffery, Morey B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Winn, Roy R.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	DiPierro, Cosimo A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Gibson, Earl C.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Graf, Cecil L.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Surprise, Walter L., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Severson, Marvel T.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	A mber, Joe R.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-39946

P	Tanner, John R.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Strom, Kenneth L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Szungyi, John P.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cohen, William B.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Cable, Harvey T.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Norris, John B.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Staley, Phillip C.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Dantel, Edward P.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Francis, Raymond R.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31662

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	Schaefer, Donald E.	Sgt.	"
TG	Blaugh, Joseph M.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Shannon, James L.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Litchfield, Russell E.	S/Sgt.	"

Subj. Loading List, 612th Bomb. Sq., dd. 23 March 1944 Contd.

Plane 42-31496

P	Hershey, Harry J.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Woods, Robert R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Buder, Eugene H.	1st Lt.	"
B	Boxer, Martin W.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cherry,, Noel C.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Pugh, Alfred E.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Chiccino, Joseph R.	Sgt.	"
TG	Joseph, Meload C.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Civello, Hubert C.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Gulan, Frank F.	Sgt.	"

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

23, MARCH 1944

SUBJECT: LOADIG LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF 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. 42-31072</u>				
P	2nd LT.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
CP	2nd LT.	IRWIN	JAMES	R.
N	2nd LT.	JAFFE	LEWIS	S.
B	2nd LT.	DERSHIMER	HAROLD	W.
RO	S/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	S/SGT.	GREER	ELMER	B.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	P.
TG	XXXXXX S/SGT.	FETZER	ELMER	M.
LWG	S/SGT.	KLOIBER	STEPHENS	F.
RWG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.

PLANE NO. 42-31005

P	XXXXXX 2nd LT.	VOKATY	ALFRED	E.
CP	2nd LT.	GAMBRELL	WILLIAM	L. JR.
N	2nd LT.	SCHACHTER	SHEA	(NMI)
B	2nd LT.	STRODE	CHARLES	R.
RO	T/SGT.	HALPIN	RONALD	C.
TT	T/SGT.	BOROS	JOSEPH	J.
BT	S/SGT.	GREGORY	DYLIN	C.
TG	S/SGT.	CANTER	WARREN	(NMI)
LWG	S/SGT.	SANDERS	ROY	G. JR.
RWG	SGT.	CAMPBELL	JOHN	F.

PLANE NO. 42-31557

P	2nd LT.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2nd LT.	HUSS	VINCENT	J.
N	2nd LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	M.
B	2nd LT.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	FINNIE	CHARLES	S.
TT	M/SGT.	OLDER	HAROLD	K.
BT	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
TG	S/SGT.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
LWG	S/SGT.	TOBINE	RODNEY	T.
RWG	SGT.	DRAIN	JAMES	A.

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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 # 128
 23 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 42-31369

P	1st Lt.	OWENS, ERLE G. JR.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	BERGERSON, CLIFFORD C.	"
IME N	1st Lt.	NOLTE, EDWARD P.	"
B	1st Lt.	FITZGERALD, ROBERT G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Stimmel, Bert W.	"
TI	T/Sgt.	Spacek, Anthony V.	"
BT	Pvt.	Murphy, James J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Cohen, Franklin C.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Parratt, John L.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Highlen, Harold A.	"

*Plane 42-51116

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, S.P.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	GATTIS, ELGIN V.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SUDAKOV, LAWRENCE H.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DALY, JOHN J. JR.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Brown, Walter L. Jr.	"
TI	T/Sgt.	Corley, Jesse C.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Corntassel, Beryle A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sokol, Leonard E.	"
LWG	Pvt. Morrissey, John E.		"
RWG	Cpl.	Allen, Andrew L.	"

*Plane 42-~~4001~~ 3507

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.	"
TI	T/Sgt.	Tweed, Stanley A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Merritt, William E.	"
IME TG	Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
RWG	Cpl. Amos, Paul J.		"
RWG	Pvt.	Sherman, Gilbert (NMI)	"

Leading List (Con't)

*Plane 42-31098

P	1st Lt.	STINE, ROBERT O.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	KEHOE, ROBERT J.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MILLER, LEE, S. JR	"
B	2nd Lt.	EMPRIC, WALTER P.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Keeney, Frank E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Trump, Paul W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Risi, John M.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Prager, Gilbert (NMI)	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Thill, Richard G.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Phillips, Edward J.	"

*Plane 42-31508

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.	Passeno, William W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald N.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	McMahon, James F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

*Plane 42-39847

P	2nd Lt.	SHAW, FRANCIS L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	SCHULZ, JOHN (NMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	ENGELHARDT, ELMER W.	"
B.	2nd Lt.	AUTRY, ALFRED L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Aronson, Arlyn C.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Macomber, Richard W.	"
BT	Cpl.	Hurd, John L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Smith, Glen W.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Seagren, Carl K.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Gordon, Robert T.	"

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

23 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 # 42-31001

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Lewis	Clyde	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Maloney	Milton	F.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Baton	William	M.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Arnold	Harold	G.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Binkin	Nathan	G.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Weber	Melvin	C.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Newell	James	B.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H.G.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Tosh	William	A.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Harry	A.	615th

PLANE # 42-97496

P	2nd Lt.	Byrd	G. (ie)	G.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Calfee	Fred	M.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Patterson	Wayne	D.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Vickrey	Charles	R.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Knowski	Joseph	G.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Patterson	Delbert	L.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Skelton	Floyd	(NMI)	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Holzman	Michael	(NMI)	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Mascarella	Lawrence	S.H.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Hussey	Wayne	Z.	615th

PLANE # 42-37843

P	1st Lt.	Ferdyn	Joseph	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hastad	Robert	H.J.	615th
N	P/O	Rush	Louis	R.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (ie)	Deer	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Carter	William	H.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Gould	George	F.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Swope	William	H.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Hortsan	Harold	(NMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	May	William	(NMI)	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Buschendorf	Everett	M.	615th

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
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PLANE # 42-21000

PLANE # 42-31069

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Wysocki	Stephen	(NMI)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Shelton	Herace	H.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Taylor	James	(NMI)	615th
B	1st Lt.	Gurvin	Robert	(NMI)	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Kenny	Gerard	M.	615th
TT	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	MAXIM CLARE	David	H.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Finchell	Sherwyn	(NMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Koon	Ernest	H.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Ostrowski	Julius	F. 1*	615th
	1st Lt.	Polach	Joseph	H.	615th

PLANE # 42-31621

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Ledray	Vincent	L.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	W.H.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	(NMI)	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Weber	Bernard	(NMI)	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Romano	Emmanuel	L.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Lutzi	Frank	H.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Thompson, Jr.	Walter	F.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Bunger	Alva	L.	615th
	1st Lt.	Salz	O. (FO)	C.	615th

PLANE # 42-39804

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Knight	Dan	C.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Huegler	William	B.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Cummings	Lawrence	T.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	B. C.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	M.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Sarter	William	H.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Mackowiak	William	K.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Paely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	J.	615th
RWG	Sgt.	Cope	Frederick	L.	615th
	1st Lt.	Polach	Joseph	V.	615th

PLANE # 42-31087

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 TO : OPERATIONAL OFFICER, 401st BOMB GRP (H), VLO # 221
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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VLO - 221 - 122 - VLO - 221
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONAL OFFICER
 401ST BOMBARDING AND AIRFIELD SUPPORT GROUP (H)
 SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN BOMBARDMENT AVENUE (H)

ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 23 March 1944

TIME 0630 - 1600 hrs.

	(A) Base to 05 Deg East	(B) 05 Deg East to Target to 05 Deg East.	(C) 05 Deg East to Base (D)	
WEATHER (1)	Cloudy with Base and Scattered Light to Moderate Rain Showers near Coast	Partly Cloudy to Cloudy with Base becoming Cloudy with Base	Cloudy	---NOTE--- Light Non Persistent Contrails above 21,000ft.
CLOUDS (2)	becoming partly Cloudy with Base 5-7/10 Stratocumulus base 2-3000ft. tops 4-5000ft. occasionally 10/10 in Scattered Rain Showers near coast. Stratocumulus becoming 7-9/10 over the North Sea and decreasing to 3-5/10 Cumulus near Continental Coast bases	4-6/10 Large Cumulus base 2-3000ft. tops 5-6000ft. at 1030 hrs. Clouds increasing rapidly thereafter to 6-8/10 at 1300 hrs.	6-8/10 Large Cumulus base 2-3000ft. tops 5-7000ft.	2-3000ft tops 5-6000
CEILING LEVEL AND TYPE (3)	0-1000 ft. Light Rain in Cloud	1000ft. Light Rain in Cloud	3000ft. Light Rain in Cloud	
VISIBILITY (4)	Generally 1-2 miles in 2nd and 3rd Division 1 mile in 1st Division and Fighter Bases. Locally 1000 yds	Restricted Aloft. Downward Visibility 10-15 miles	4-6 miles	Improving to 4-5 miles by 1000 hrs.
WIND	DIRECTION VELOCITY Base to 02 Deg East	DIRECTION VELOCITY 02 Deg East to Target	Direction	
SURFACE (5)	020	030 25	-02	
5000 FT (6)	020 15	030 35	+10	
10000 FT (7)	± 010 30	030 55	-49	
15000 FT (8)	010 35	030 70	-27	
20000 FT (9)	010 40	030 80	-35	
25000 FT (10)	010 45	030 90	-43	
30000 FT (11)	010 50	030 100	-51	

BASE ALTITUDE 5000. TARGET ALTITUDE 128. WIND 02. TARGET WIND 02. TARGET PRESSURE ALTITUDE -128

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

25 March 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 25 MARCH 1944

TAKE-OFF: 0715. 9/10+ stratocumulus, base 2000', top 4-5000'. Visibility 4 miles.

ROUTE OUT: 9-10/10 stratocumulus, top 4-5000', over England, becoming 9-10/10 cumulus, top 6-8000', over the North Sea, becoming 3-5/10 over Belgium and to 5 deg. 30 min. N, then increasing to 7-9/10. 2/10 cirrus over Germany at 28-30,000'. Visibility unlimited at flight level.

BRIEFED TARGET: 1100. 9/10+ cumulus, top 8000'. 2/10 cirrus at 28-30,000'. Visibility unlimited.

ACTUAL TARGET BREAK: (Ahlen) 1107. 7-8/10 cumulus, top 8000'. 2/10 cirrus at 28-30,000'. Visibility unlimited.

ROUTE BACK: 8-9/10 cumulus to 5 deg. N, top 6-8000', becoming 3-4/10 cumulus, top 5-6000', base 4-5000' to 40 miles inside English coast where increasing to 9-10/10 stratocumulus, base 3-4000'. 2/10 cirrus at 28-30,000', becoming 3-4/10 at 20,000' over the channel. Visibility unlimited at flight level, becoming 1-2 miles over England.

BASE ON RETURN: 1312. 10/10 stratocumulus, base 2000'. Visibility 3000 yds.

REMARKS: Light, non-persistent contrails at 18-20,000', except dense, persistent at 19-20,000' over the enemy coast on route out. Temperature -24 deg. at 19,000'. Winds aloft: Direction good; velocities generally 10-15 knots less than briefed.

Arthur B. Street

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Captain, A. C.
Staff Weather Officer

MAR 25 1944

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
 STATION 128 - APO 557

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24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions, Mission of 24 March 1944.

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

1. Major Edwin W Brown, who led the 94th Combat Wing, praised the effectiveness of the friendly fighter escort; his opinion was shared by all airplane commanders and crew members.
2. Lt Warren Gulula (navigator) A/C 1087, stated that the mission was well planned and excellently run from the standpoint of navigation; this comment was seconded by Lt Kenneth C Wells (Pilot) A/C 1087.
3. Lt Donald E Jones (Pilot) A/C 1508, commented that the leader of the 94th Combat Wing did a very excellent job.
4. Lt Benjamin H Johnson, Jr (Pilot) A/C 9943, commented that some interrogators appear to be in a hurry and don't pay enough attention to crew members' observations; he felt that making light of what crew members report by way of observations would have the tendency to defeat efforts to encourage observations.
5. Adverse criticism of the breakfast served by the combat mess, particularly the sausages, was made by the following: Lt Edward T O'Neil (Copilot) A/C 1508, the crew of Lt Robert O Stine (Pilot) A/C 9647, the crew of Stuart E Smith (Pilot) A/C 0050 and the crew of Lt Gaston E Fox (Pilot) A/C 1891.
6. T/Sgt Nicholas D Schoenberger (ROG) A/C 1508 stated that handling chaff and taking pictures gives the ROG too much to do at one time.
7. Lt Robert F Schleiپر (Navigator) A/C 2005 thinks flashlights should be issued to crew.
8. Lt Victor S Reese (Navigator) A/C 0050 shared the opinion of Lt Gulula, item #2 above, concerning navigation.

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W. B. FRY,
 Major, AC
 Group 3-2

MAR 25 1944

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 557

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24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Supplement to "Crew Comments and Suggestions" Mission of 24 March.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557.

1. Several crew members report top turret gunner in lead A/C fired at P-51 escort. Major Edwin W Brown, who lead the 94th Combat Wing, stated that tactics employed by one ship of this escort very much resembled those of a German single engine fighter, inasmuch as the P-51 pointed his nose at the formation and came in very close.

2. Lt George R Van Dyke (Navigator) A/C 9993 stated that chaff discharged by Combat Wing which preceded the 94th Combat Wing over the target was apparently very effective in deflecting fire put up by flak installations; a large number of flak bursts in the Schweinfurt area were concentrated to the south and east of the attacking force, at an altitude several thousand feet lower than that at which the formation was flying.

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Maj, AC
Gp S-2

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

24 March, 1944

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 24 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

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

Engine Oil Leaks (1) Flight Indicators Out (1)
Heaters Out (1) Flux Gate Compass 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 Engineering Officer
Station 128

A.P.O. 557
24 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
24 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 42, 24 March, 1944.
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. Negative Armament malfunction and Bomb Rack report is submitted for the mission of 24 March, 1944.

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