

HEADQUARTERS  
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) F-A-1  
Office of the Engineering Officer  
AAF Station 128

A.P.O. 557  
26 May 1944

**SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report for Mission 25 May 1944.**

**TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.  
ATTN: Statistical Control Officer.**

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

Turbo Amplifier Out (1); Runaway Prop (2)  
Landing Gear Motor Burned Out (1)  
Meshing Solenoid Out (1); Flight Indicator Out (1)  
Cylinder Head Temperature Guage 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,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer.

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

A.P.O. 557  
25 May, 1944

**SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report**

**TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557**

1. **Abortives.**  
None.
2. **Battle Damage.**  
None.

CHARLES W. HUNT  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557  
25 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission of 25 May, 1944

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

Negative Armament and Bomb Rack malfunction report is  
submitted of mission of 25 May, 1944.

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

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

D-G-4

25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 567, Sta 128, (Thru  
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. The crew of Lt. William E. Massy reported that their crew chief was not at their A/C (#9837) this morning, that there was no Form 1 available and "Put Put" was not started.

2. Lt. James A. Gruman, pilot A/C 7207, says his A/C was not ready this morning.

3. T/Sgt. Salvatore L. Castranova suggests that latrines which can be flushed be installed in the briefing building.

4. S/Sgt. A. W. Holdreth says radio room plexiglass in A/C 2393 is broken and hinders discharge of chaff.

5. Lt. John W. Myrtestus, pilot A/C 1499, said the taxiing order of the 401st Group was mixed up this morning. He also wondered why #4 A/C dropped chaff over the target.

6. Lt. Myrick J. Whiting, navigator A/C 1005, stated that truck was 30 minutes late in picking up his crew at dispersal area #42.

7. Lt. James R. Howell, navigator A/C 7210, says coordinates of target as given at briefing were actually situated in the English Channel.

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

*Cvg.  
10-500 sp.  
1/10 1/10*

HIGH BOX 94TH "B" WING

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR WHITE Date 25 MAY 1944  
 Deputy Flight Leader CAPT. DEMPSEY  
 Group Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ground Control \_\_\_\_\_

*2780  
2300 Gal  
B-2  
B-3  
2-5*

615th <sup>SQDN</sup>

612th SC JABWOCK  
 613th IN MACRO  
 614th IW GOLFCLUB  
 615th IY BUZZARD

CAMPBELL (DEMPSEY)

IY X 1485 ✓

GILLESPIE DEMPSEY  
 IY K 1069 ✓ IY C 2468 ✓

*Sta 345  
E.T.R. 12:00*

SQDN

SQDN

CHRISTENSEN

KELLY

IY Q 9873 ✓

SC D 6992 ✓

KNIGHT

POST

TOUSSAINT

OPIE

~~IY G 1888~~ ✓  
 IY-E 7092 ✓

IY M 2674 ✓

SC G 1034 ✓

SC K 1087 ✓

TRIMBLE

IY J 7113 ✓

DE SIANO  
~~BROWN~~

OCHSENHIRT

IY F 7664 ✓

~~IY H 2222~~

SPARES IW-F 395 ✓

KEITH

IN R 1557 ✓

*Return*

*Weather*

CARTER  
 SC A 9765 ✓

FOX

IN P 7544 ✓

SPARE LEAD IW P 2012  
 GROUND SPARES IN J 1591  
 IW Q 7478

*30-8  
14-10  
20-9  
14-9*

- 092 - ~~Knights~~ Check Thrustles for spring tension
- 873 - ~~OK~~ Christanspy Gyro compass and flight indicator out
- 468 - Flaps creep: Dampsey
- 992 - Center fluorescent light out - Pilats fluorescent switch missing Kelley
- 113 - OK Trimble
- 069 - #1+3 fuel pres. gauges out #2 turbo sluggish Gillette
- 674 - Flaps creep: Elevator trim tab will not stay in selected position Post
- 664 - #2 turbo still lags (check on Bullet proof glass) Schroth
- 395 - Flaps creep - Pilats fluorescent light out De Siano
- 087 - #1 cyl head temp out - Primer Pump leak Opie
- 034 - O.K. Joussaint

Pilats failing to Report  
None

664 113 674 092 873 468 069 485 <hr/> 615	012 478 395 <hr/> 614	12-  591 G.S. 344 557 <hr/> 613	087 992 034 <hr/> 612
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2780

LEAD BOX 94TH "C" WING

*12-500  
1/10  
1/40*

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR HINKLE Date 25 MAY 1944  
 Deputy Flight Leader MAJOR GARLAND  
 Group Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ground Control \_\_\_\_\_

1900 Gal.

Sta: 05:00  
E.T.R. 09:00

615 SQDN

612th SC JABWOCK  
613th IN MACRO  
614th IW GOLFCLUB  
615th IY BUZZARD

RIEGLER (HINKLE)

P 7636 ✓

LEW

CHRISTENSEN (GARLAND)

IN H 9932 ✓

E 7649 ✓

HAMMOND

IN M 2005 ✓

SCHARFF

KEELING

IN Q 2580 ✓

IN D 1043 ✓

614 SQDN

612 SQDN

SMITH, W.R.

DAILEY

IN C 1315 ✓

SC R 2593 ✓

LA FEVER

GRUMAN

MC CORD

BINGHAM

IN H 7210 ✓

IN O 7207 ✓

SC M 7039 ✓

SC C 9993 ✓

WALSH

MASSEY

IN X 1863 ✓

SC L 9857 ✓

FISETTE

KENNEY

MYRTETUS

WOODS

IN B 7084 ✓

IN K 1369 ✓

SC Q 1496 ✓

SC N 7811 ✓

SPARES

WILSON

IN A 7440 ✓

*Return*

LINCOLN

IN R 7780 ✓

GROUND SPARES  
~~IN B 7043~~  
~~IN K 1072~~  
~~IN E 7009~~

496 - #1 Prop run away on T.O. could only get 1900 thro after  
 #2 turbo amplifier out Rt. vacuum pump read low  
 #1 Eng. Rough, Bomb bay meter out: ~~2000~~  
 94g fuel burnt out  
 (Wood)

580 - AFCE lights out (Scherff)

999 - Check on Bulld. Proof glass: Sibia's fell need  
 replacing #2 Eng L-Mag lost 100 R.P.M.  
 (Engdom)

393 - O.K. (Dailay) | 207 - O.K. (Gnuman)

005 - O.K. (Hammond) | 039 - O.K. (McChond)

932 - wheels will come up about half way, then  
 toggle switch has to be activated to operate  
 wheels rest of the way up.  
 (Law)

837 - No Crew chief at plane on Station time  
 (Massary)

084 - O.K. (Fisette) | 369 - O.K. (Kennedy)

043 - Rt. wheel motor out (Keeling)

315 - Run away prop on #3 Eng - had to work prop  
 through several times  
 (Smith)

811 - #2 meshing released out: #2 prop gov. leaks  
 (Myrtetus)

880 #3 Eng Rt Mag dropped 150 RPM (La Favon)

Pilots failing to Report  
 Riegler — 636  
 Christensen — 649  
 Walsh — 863

Check with Crew  
 chief on 037

P.P.F.  
 615

P.P.F.		
780		
440	009.65	118
369	072.65	496
084	083.65	837
863	005	993
210	580	993
207	037	039
315	932	393
615	615	612

Normal - 1900



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JACKSON M. PHIPPS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

# "MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 75  
25TH. MAY, 1944

(DOUBLE MISSION)

94TH. COMBAT BOMB WING  
401 ST. 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. **75-A**

Date: **25 MAY 45**

TO: **FECAMP , FRANCE**

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

MISSION No. **75-B**

Date: **25 MAY 44**

TO: **METZ , FRANCE**

HEADQUARTERS  
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 557

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Leader's Narrative, 401st Formation, 94th "C" CBW, Mission to Fecamp, 25 May 1944.

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

1. The 94th "C" CBW consisted of one 18 ship Bex furnished by the 401st Group. The purpose of the mission was to experiment with bombing Coastal installations by use of PFF equipment.

2. Assembly was normal over the Field at 2,000 feet, later climbing to 5,000 feet before departing Deenethorpe. The route over England, into the target, and out was as briefed and all points were made on time. No flak or enemy fighters were seen. Friendly fighters were present over the target. There were no abortives. 18 ships bombed the target; two spares returning at mid-channel.

3. Bombing was done from 15,000 feet by the use of PFF equipment. The formation was excellent throughout with a very good bomb pattern. Weather over the target was CAVU.

4. The experiment was highly succesful. A few mistakes were found that wgen remedied should aid future operations of this nature. The lead navigator was briefed that the coordinates of the target were one mile south west of Fecamp. Later it was found that the target was actually 2 miles southwest. The mistake seemed to have been one of difficulty in transcribing coordinates from a physical map to "Gee" map. As it turned out the point actually plotted on the "Gee" map was the one which was bombed. It is recommended that more precision be used in plotting coordinates of targets and that the bomb sight be used in conjunction with the PFF equipment for greater accuracy.

CARL C HINKLE JR,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group Leader.

HEADQUARTERS  
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
AAF STATION 128  
APO 557

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Group Leader's Narrative, Mission to Metz, France, 25 May 1944.

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

1. The 401st Group flew high box for the 94th "B" Combat Wing. Assembly was over Splasher 10, and the Wing was formed 30 minutes prior to departure. The high box was complete with 2 spares. One point enroute was cut off by the Wing which caused the next points to be made early. Several "S" turns were made making the formation difficult. The 94th "B" Wing was parallel to three other wings crossing the channel and making landfall. "S" turns were made until the group was at the end of the column. At the IP the lead box flew a diverging course from that flown by the low and high boxes. The low and high boxes were on the briefed course, hence the lead box made a 360° turn and bombed last. The high bombed second with superior results. After bombing the low and high boxes made a 360° turn while waiting for the lead box. The remainder of the course was as briefed.

2. Meager flak was encountered and avoided. There was no flak at the target. No ships in the 401st were damaged.

3. No enemy fighters were seen. Friendly fighter support was excellent.

4. A S. O.P. weather penetration was made just before reaching the English Coast and the planes returned individually and by elements.

R. J. WHITE  
Major, Air Corps,  
High Box Leader.

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

E-C-5

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No. 75, 25 May 1944. (Single Box)  
(C Wing)  
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. The 401st Group furnished eighteen ships, including two spares, for the single box of the 94th CBW "C" formation. Two PFF ships were also supplied for this formation. Take Off and Assembly were as briefed. For the route in, bombing, and route out see the box leader's narrative and the Navigator's log.

2. Two ships returned early. Both were spares; there were no abortions.

3. ENEMY OPPOSITION: This formation encountered no flak and no enemy A/C. No ships were lost.

4. FORMATION:

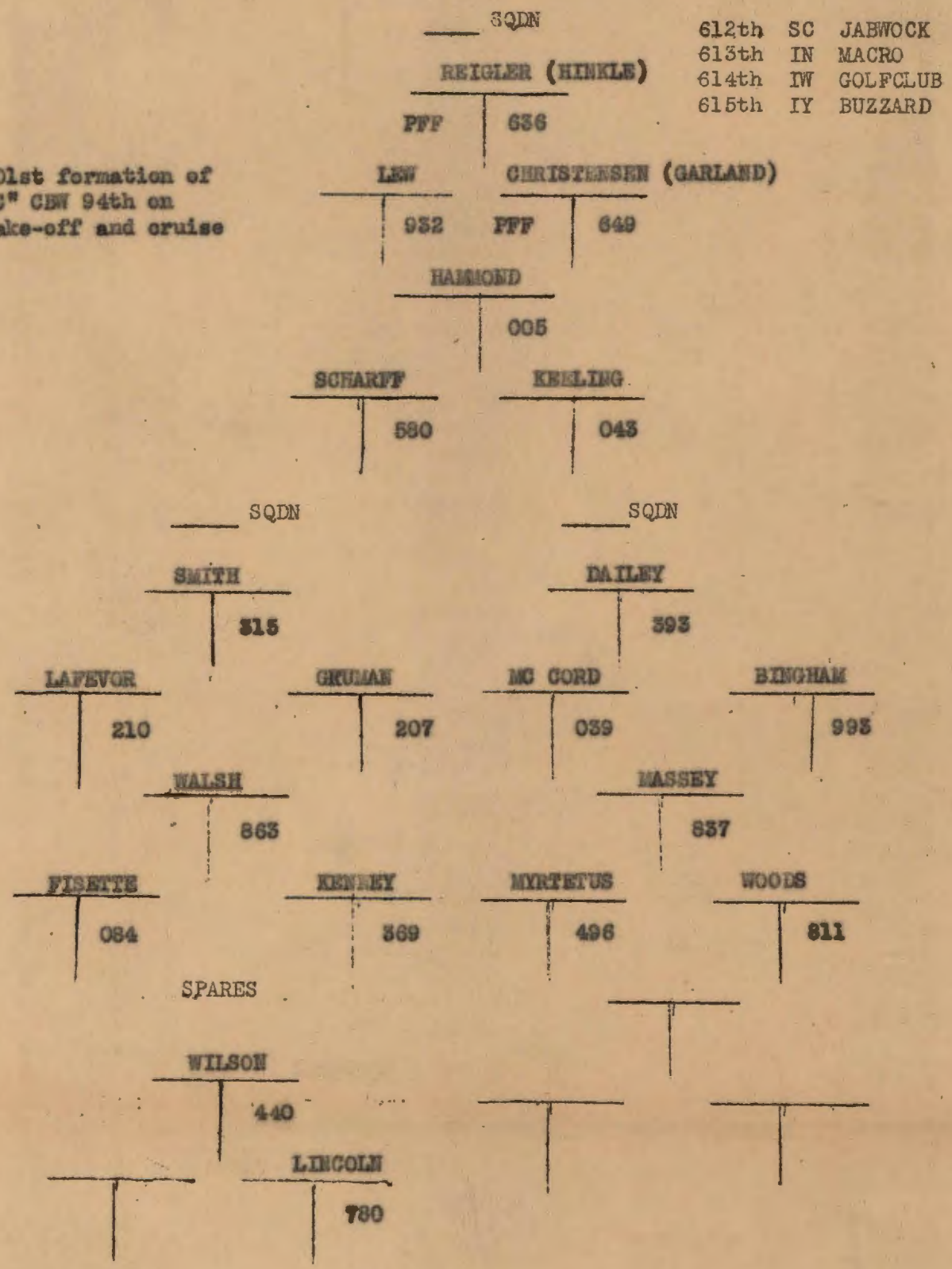
- A. Take Off and Cruise (see attached diagram)
- B. Over Target (see attached diagram)
- C. No wing formation.

5. BOMBING: Bombing was PFF on the primary. This was as ordered, though the target was visible. The bomb strike appears to be about 5,000 feet off in deflection, though good for range. It possibly hit another target in the area.

ALLISON C BROOKS,  
Lt Col, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

Combat Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date 25 May 1944  
 Deputy Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ground Control \_\_\_\_\_

401st formation of  
 "C" CBW 94th on  
 take-off and cruise

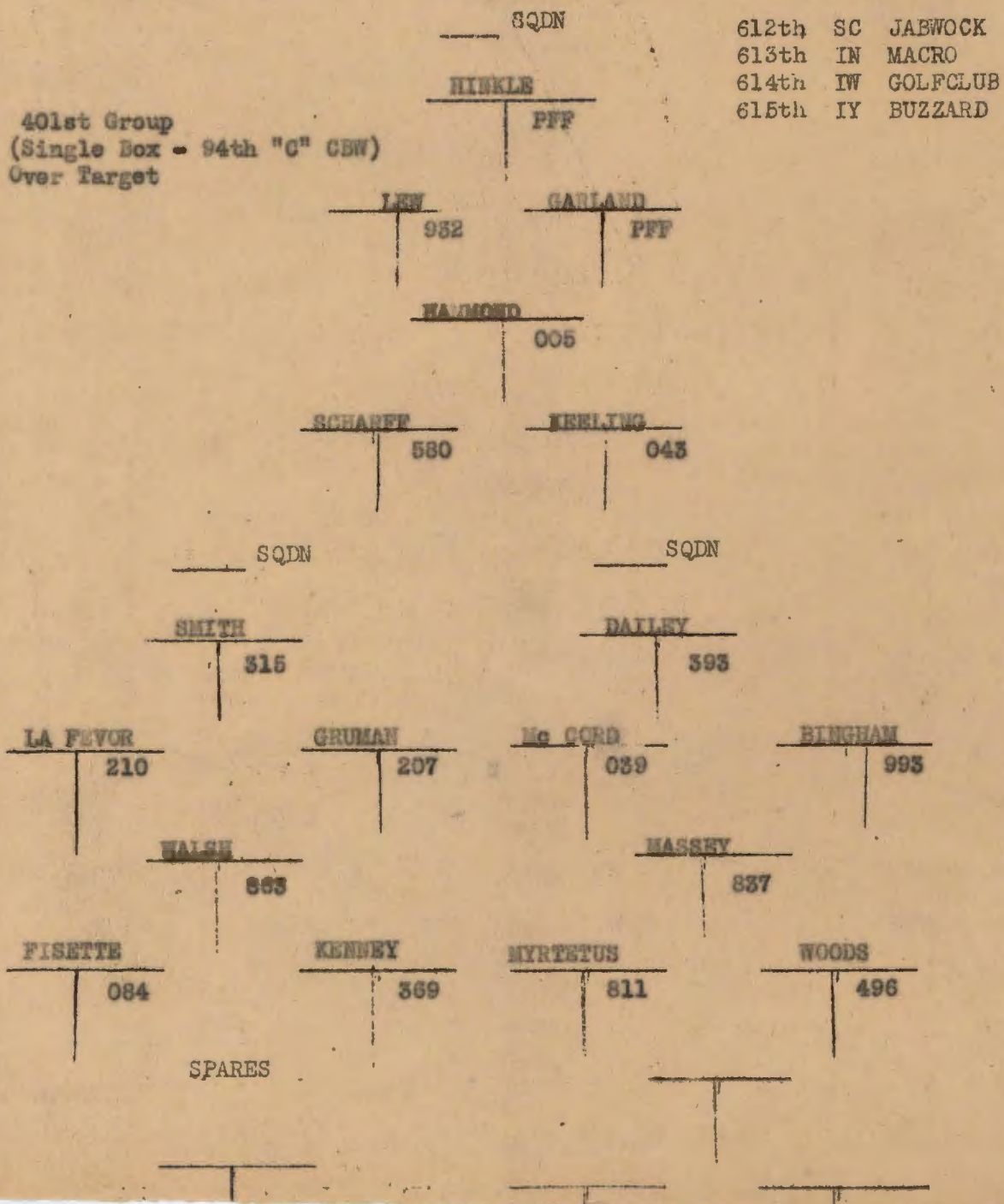


Combat Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date 25 May 1944

Deputy Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Group Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Ground Control \_\_\_\_\_



- 612th SC JABWOCK
- 613th IN MACRO
- 614th IW GOLFCLUB
- 615th IY BUZZARD

HEADQUARTERS  
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 557, US ARMY

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st Lead Box "C" Wing, Mission of 25 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group, APO 557.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....16  
 Number of Spares..... 2  
 A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.....16  
 Number of Sorties (E.E.T.).....16  
 Number of A/C Returning Early (Not E.E.T.)..0  
 Number of A/C Attacking.....16  
 Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 0

Number of A/C Lost: None

TABULAR SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF BOMBS OVER TARGET

	<u>Aircraft</u>		<u>Num- ber</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Bombs</u>	
	<u>Over Target</u>	<u>Bomb- ing</u>				<u>Fusing</u>	
						<u>Nose</u>	<u>Tail</u>
Main Bombfall	16	16	192	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Attacks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Bombs On Targets			192	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures			--	--	--	--	--
Bombs Returned			24	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			216	500#	GP	1/10	1/100

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DAUBLE  
 Captain, Air Corps  
 Statistical Officer



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

E-C-5

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No. 75 "B", 25 May 1944.  
(High Box, "B" Wing).

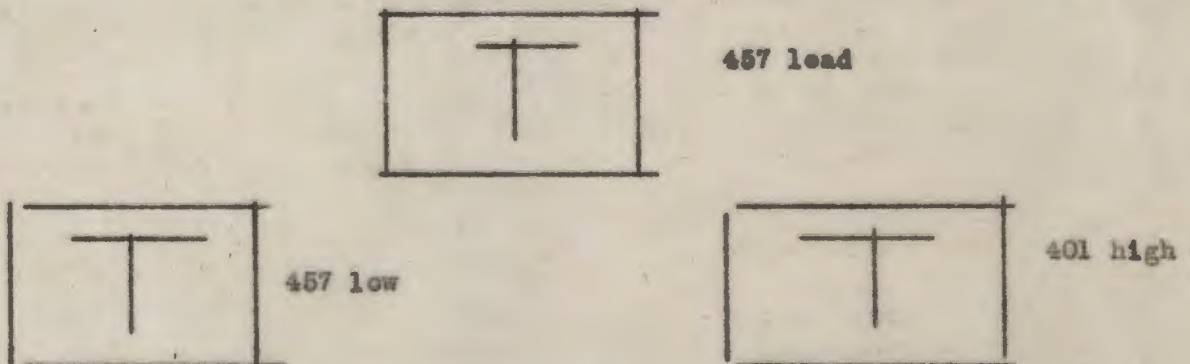
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 401st Group furnished fourteen ships, including two spares, for the high box of the 94th CBW "B" formation. Take Off and Assembly were as briefed. For the route in, bombing, and route out refer to the box leader's narrative and navigator's log.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Two ships returned early. Both were spares; there were no abortions.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: Flak was encountered at several points enroute. It was mostly meager and inaccurate. No attacks by E/A were reported. No ships were lost.

4. FORMATION: A. Take Off and cruise (see attached diagram).  
B. Over Target (see attached diagram).  
C. 94th CBW "B" Formation:



5. RESULTS: Bombing was visual on the primary. Results are reported as good to excellent.

ALLISON C BROOKS,  
Lt Col, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

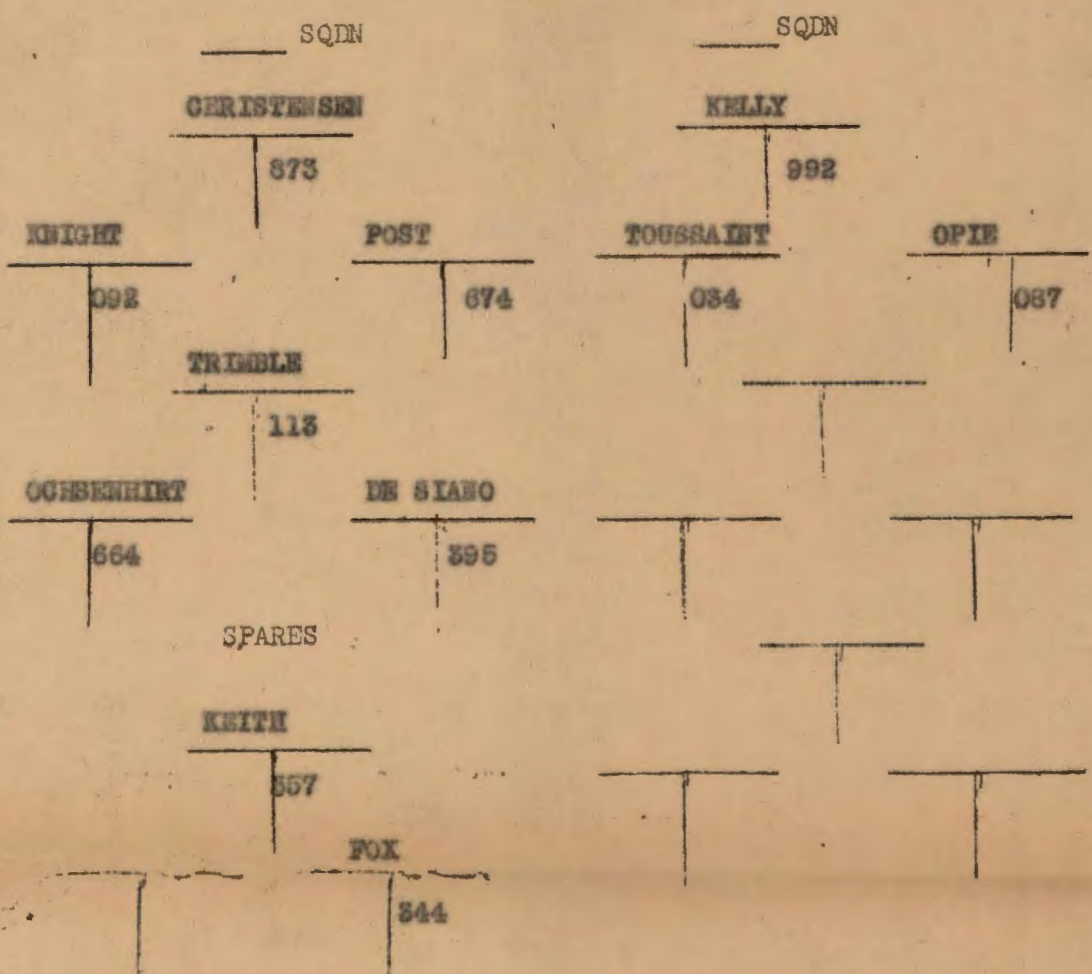
Combat Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date 25 May 1944  
 Deputy Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ground Control \_\_\_\_\_

401st High Box Formation  
 94th "B" CW on Take-off  
 and cruise

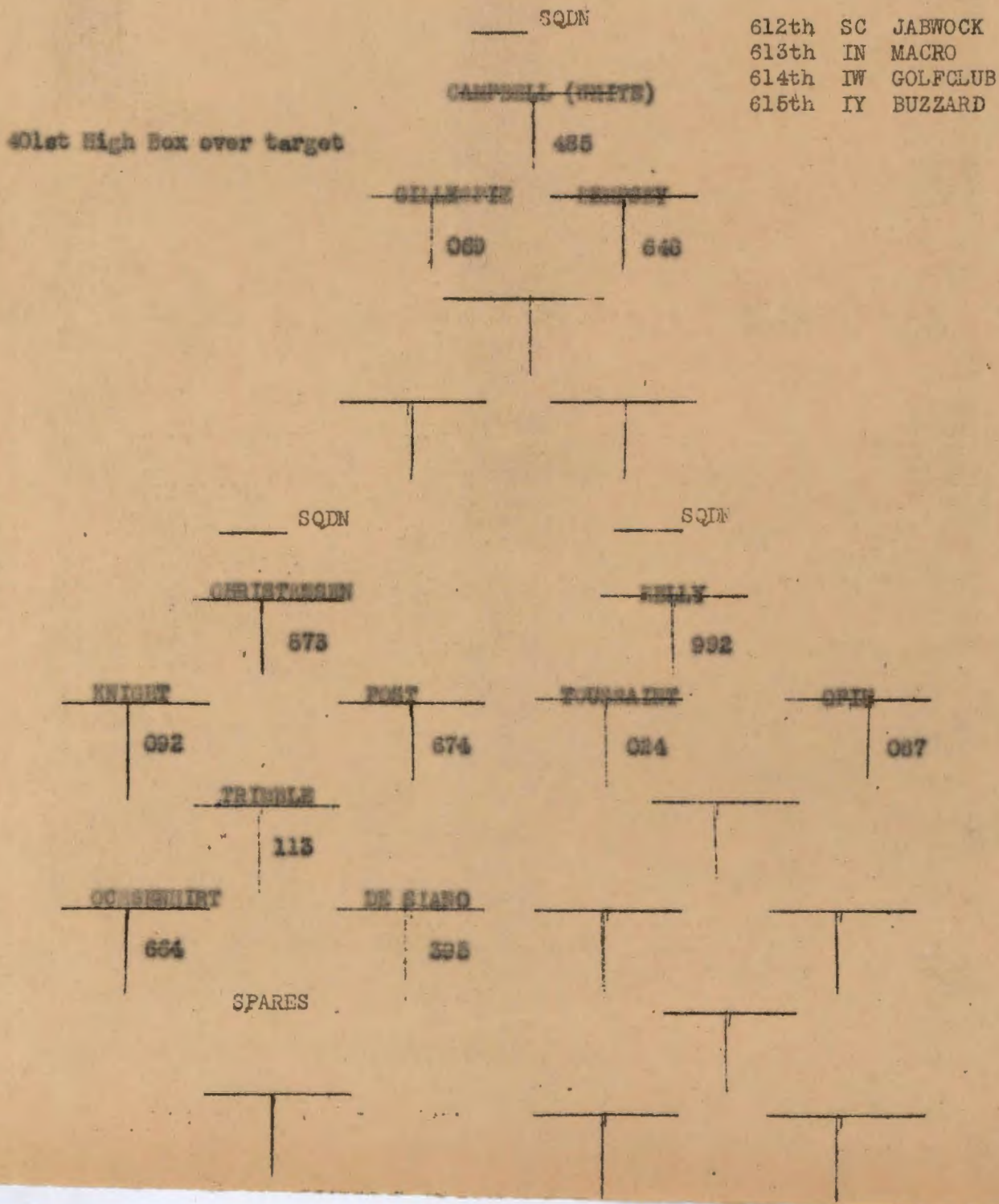
\_\_\_\_ SQDN  
**CAMPBELL (WHITE)**

612th SC JABWOCK  
 613th IN MACRO  
 614th IW GOLFCUB  
 615th IY BUZZARD

465  
**GILLESPIE**      **DRIPSEY**  
 089                      468



Combat Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date 25 May 1944  
 Deputy Flight Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ground Control \_\_\_\_\_



HEADQUARTERS  
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 557, US ARMY

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st High Box "B" Wing, Mission of 25 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group, APO 557.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....14  
 Number of Spares..... 2  
 A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.....12  
 Number of Sorties (E.E.F.).....22  
 A/C Returning Early (Not S.A.T.)..... 0  
 Number of A/C Attacking.....12  
 Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 0

Number of A/C Lost: None

TABULAR SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF BOMBS OVER TARGET

	Aircraft		Num- ber	Type	Bombs Size	Fusing	
	Over Target	Bomb- ing				Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	12	12	119	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Attacks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Bombs On Targets			119	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures			--	--	--	--	--
Bombs Returned			20	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			139	500#	GP	1/10	1/100

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DABLE  
 Captain, Air Corps  
 Statistical Officer

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128  
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative

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

1. Flight plan, Log, and Track Chart Attached.

2. Narrative:

a. T/O at 0550 hours; Land at 1814 hours.

b. Group formed at 0624 hours at 2000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0626 hours at 2000 feet.

- 10 ship formation

d. Began climb at 0630 hours; reached alt. at 0723 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 0 / 10th - Visability 0 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 060 degrees, 30 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage, Gee, and Radio

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Pilotage and Gee

h. Joined task force at            hrs. at             
(Spilaker, City, Coord.)           

i. English Coast out at 0800 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at            hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in            hrs.

(2) Coming back            hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 060 degrees,            Knots.

(2) Determined by             
(Method)           

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications

(1) Reached IP at 0810 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target            degrees.

(3) Altitude over target            feet.

(4) Bombs away at 0820 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target:

Visual, target clear

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 10-16 N.            E.

(2) Obtained at 0823 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

COMMENTS:

C. H. SMITH  
1st Lt., A. C.  
Lead SIGNATURE

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Major Hinkle

NAVIGATOR Smith C.M. Lt. Lt. Col.

DATE 25 May 1944

STATIONS	0430	ENGINES	0530	TAXI	0545	T.O.	0600
LEAVE BASE	0650						
COAST OUT	0800						
ENEMY COAST							
I.P.							
TARGET	0827						
ENEMY COAST	0915						
BASE	0914						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

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

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COU-RSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE		
													TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
BASE 1	261	5000	150	142	070	-1	069	10	079	153	30	112	0701			
Subhead 1	11	7000	150										0713			
52 40 00 100	269	7000	/	150	164	45	169	10	179	153	50	191	0733			
Sp # 7 B	14	12000	/													
52 52 00 300	275	12000	/	160	185	46	191	10	201	159	51	19	0752			
Sp # 8 C	17	15000	/													
51 02 00 400	280	"	/	160	227	47	234	10	244	155	30	09	0800	ENEMY COAST		
Sp # 9 D	20	"	/													
52 48 00 000	"	"	/	"	174	47	221	10	211	160	37 1/2	14	0814	IP		
00 30 00 100	"	"	/	"												
TARGET	"	"	/	"	145	46	151	10	161	171	37 1/2	13	0827	TARGET		
42 45 00 200	"	"	/	"	021	-7	014	10	024	165	74	27	0854			
Durgeness	"	"	/	"												
50 54 00 500	270	15000	170	175	345	-5	340	10	350	170	59	31	0915			
Sp # 7	15	6000	148													
52 52 00 300	260	6000	140	140	312	-3	309	10	319	140	67	29	0914	ETA		
Sp # 8	7	2000	128													

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. 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	
0553			220	230	Takeoff		150 130	1800 1700							
0600			"	"	Circling to form group		150 130	1800 1800							
0616			"	"	Group Formed		150 130	1800 2200							
0630			"	"	Circling Base		150 130	1800 4500							
0645			"	"	Circling Base		150 130	1800 5000							
0659			060	070	Depart Pt "A" 2 min early		150 130	5000 5000							
0703			060	070	Over Peterborough		150 130	5900			18				
0706			070	080			150 130	6500			18 21		0807	0807	
0709					3 miles N Pt A 4 min early		150 130	7300							
0712	068	-2	070	080	Kings Lynn		150 130	8000							
0713	166	414	180	190	Wind 250 @ 47 turn to 1 & B		150 130	8300							0734
0720			180	190	52 27 00 31 Pilots using Sp#7		150 130	9500							0731
0725	180	414	204	214			150 130	10500							
0729	180	414	194	204	" 52 05 00 34		150 130	11500							0732
0732	180	414	194	204	over Pt B		150 130	12200-4							

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/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	
0743	192	48	200	210	52 25 00 23E Using Sp #8		150 130	13400	168						0752
0753	192	48	200	210	2 mi W. Pt B		150 130	14500 -8							
0753			234	244	Turning to E		150 130	15000							0800
0756			234	244	DB to right		150 130	15000	166						
0800	195	48	201	211	Dpt Pt "B" along coast out	wind 260 @ 30	150 130	15000							
0804	189	48	195	205	50 38 00 08W		150 130	15000							0812
0810			195	205	Homing on IP		150 130	15000							
0810	145	48	155	163			150 130	15000							
0823			145	155	Homing on target	Don't a way	150 130	15000							
0825	021	-8	013	023	Turning nose	wind 260 @ 30	150 130	14000							0848 1/2
0830	015	-8	007	017	Along Coast out evasive action	49 51 00 33E	150 130	14000							0849
0835	013	-8	005	015			150	14000							
0845	015	-8	007	017	Gas jamed	Dungeness in sight	155 134	14000							0851
0847 1/2				0017	Gas 12.57 33.40		155 134	12500							
0851	350	-8	342	352	Turn to Sp #7		150 138	11500							
0855	342	-8	334	344	Dungeness off left wing	- 3 miles	150	11500							
0858	340	-8	332	342	over long coast - 51-04N	01-05E	170 148	9500			166	52 1/2	19		0917
0906	343	-8	335	345	51-23N 00-55E	wind 270/24	170 148	7500	169	21	31 1/2	158	12		0918
0914	343	-8	335	345	51-43N 00-43E		170 148	4000							
0918	343	-8	335	345	3 mi. E Sp #7		170 148	2400			125				
0918	312	-6	306	316	using Sp #16		155 134	2400				67	32 1/2		0950
0924	312	-6	306	316	52-00N 00-29E "B"		150 130	1800			125				0950
0933 1/2	312	-6	306	316	over Cambridge.	ETA straight to base	150 130	1600			130	32	15 1/2		0958
0942	312	-6	306	316	ETA base 0954 1/2	down 23	150	1600							0954 1/2
0945	312	-6	306	316	1 1/2 mi S. Peterborough		150 130	1600							
0954 1/2					Base										
1014					Landed Bassingborn										

# TRACK CHART

TARGET

Primary

Secondary

Last Resort

FECAMP, FRANCE

DATE MAY 25, 1944

GREEN

ORANGE

Route followed by

BRIEFED COURSE

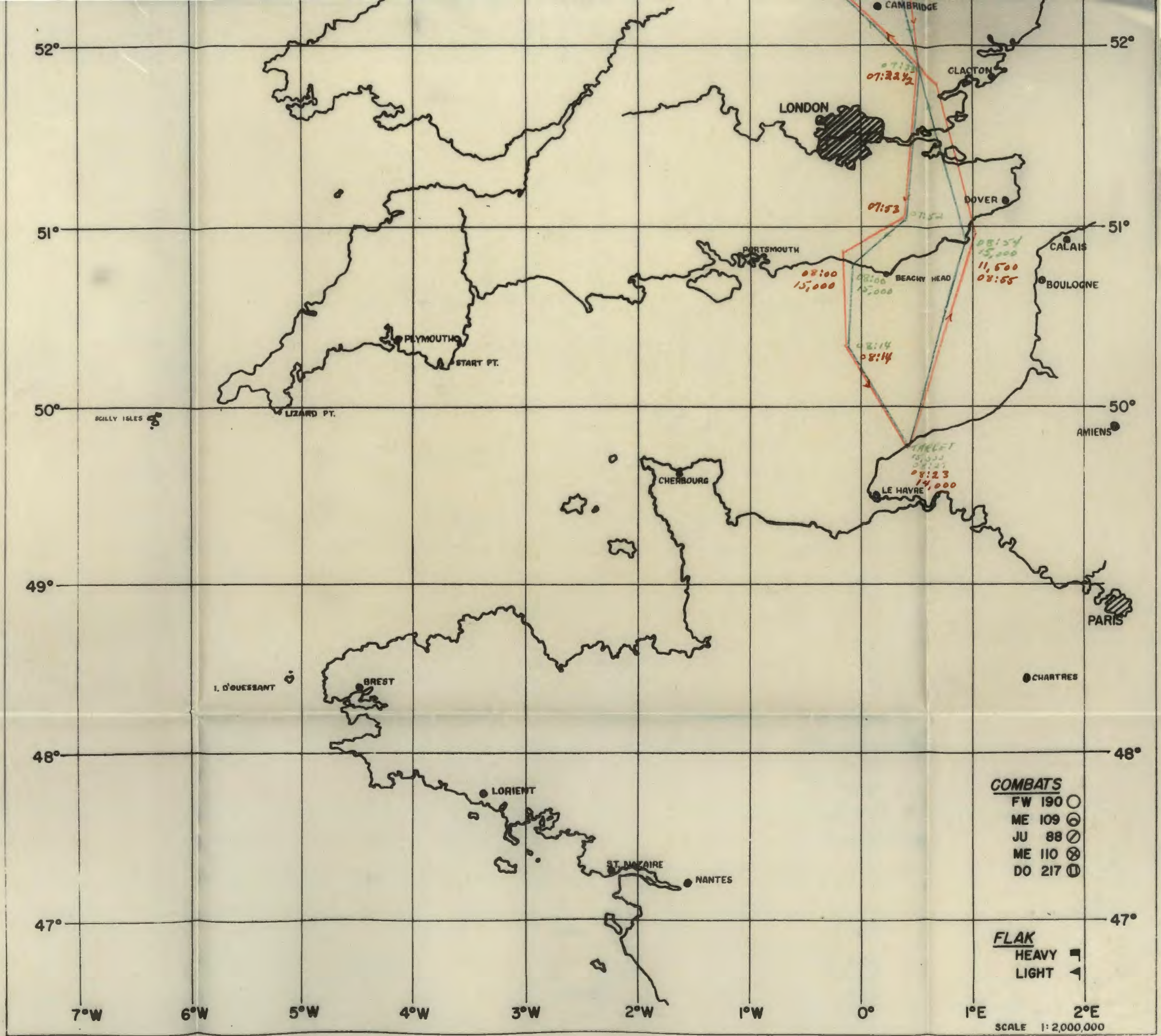
401st B.C. (H)



**COMBATS**

- FW 190 ○
- ME 109 ⊙
- JU 88 ⊗
- ME 110 ⊗
- DO 217 ⊕





HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128  
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

25 Mar

1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative

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

1. Flight plan, Log, and Track Chart Attached.

2. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 0450 hours; Land at 1209 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0625 hours at 14000 feet.
- c. Formed CBW at 0625 hours at 13000 feet.
- d. Began climb at 0658 hours; reached alt. at 0802 hours.
- e. Weather encountered over England:

- (1) Clouds 6 / 10th - Visibility 30 miles.
- (2) Wind at altitude 330 degrees, 36 Knots.

- f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage and radio.
- g. Means of checking Metro Winds Pilotage.
- h. Joined task force at 0727 hrs. at Sp1 68  
(Sp1asher, City, Coord.)
- i. English Coast out at 0739 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0802 hrs.

- j. Fighter Rendezvous:
  - (1) Going in 0801 hrs.
  - (2) Coming back \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. Continuous

- k. Wind used for bombing:
  - (1) 330 degrees, 36 Knots.
  - (2) Determined by Pilotage and  
(Method)

1. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications

- (1) Reached IP at 0820 hrs.
- (2) Mag. heading over target 321 degrees.
- (3) Altitude over target 24000 feet.
- (4) Bombs away at 0850 hrs.
- (5) Method of target identification and weather over target:  
Visual; saw with haze

- m. Gee:
  - (1) Coordinates of furthest fix \_\_\_\_\_ N. \_\_\_\_\_ E.
  - (2) Obtained at \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.  
"G" receiver unit caught fire 10 minutes after take off.

COMMENTS:

RUFUS F. CAUSEY  
Capt., A. C.  
Lead Navigator  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

PILOT 0345 Major White NAVIGATOR Capt. R. F. Causey DATE 25 May 1944

STATIONS	0345	ENGINES	0445	TAXI	0500	T.O.	0515
LEAVE BASE			0651				
COAST OUT			0738				
ENEMY COAST			0755				
I.P.			0919				
TARGET			0928				
ENEMY COAST			1038				
ENGLISH COAST			1101				
BASE			1131				

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.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE			
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
Base	264/12	14000	/	145									0651				
Spl. #10 (Y)																	
51-21N 00-40W	270/19	14000	/	163	325	-5	320	10	330	149	14	6	0659				
Kenley on Thames																	
51-32N 00-52W (O)	280/20	17000	/	170	40	-6	34	10	44	179	27	9	0709				
Luton (D)																	
51-53N 00-26W	288/20	19500	/	174	132	f3	135	10	145	192	41	13	0722				
Gravesend (E)																	
51-26N 00-22E	290/20	21000	/	180	173	f6	179	10	189	188	25	8	0730				
Spl #8 (F)																	
51-02N 00-27E	292/21	21000	/	183	207	f7	214	10	224	179	20	7	0738	(1)			
Beachy Head																	
50-45N 00-15E	295/23	24000	/	187	135	f2	137	9	146	209	60	17	0755	(2)			
50-03N 01-20E																	
"	320/35	24000	/	192	122	-3	119	9	128	226	68	18	0813	(3)			
49-26N 02-50E																	
"					137	-2	136	8	144	227	106	28	0841	(4)			
48-09N 04-40E					90	-8	82	f7	89	213	80	22	0903				
48-10N 06-40E					354	-6	248	7	355	162	41	16	0919	I. P.			
48-50N 06-36E					312	f2	314	7	321	157	24	9	0928	Target			
Target					312	f2	314	7	321	157	24	9	0928	Target			
49-06N 06-10E					354	-6	348	7	355	162	31	12	0940	(5)			
49-37N 06-05E					328	0	328	7	335	180	47	16	0956				
50-18N 05-28E																	
"	298/24	24000	/	192	295	0	295	8	303	168	118	42	1038				
51-07N 02-30E																	
"	286/20	12000	/	198	305	-2	303	9	312	178	69	23	1101				
Clacton																	
"	266/13	2000	/	164	304	-3	301	10	311	154	77	30	1131				
Base																	

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. 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	
					Engines 0450										
0523			215		T.O. on runway 230										
0531			90		5 S. Peterborough	Turn to Spl #10	135	5000							
0532					G box caught on fire - out (in receiver)										
0539			200		Bedford 5 right										
0548 1/2		7L	200		Over Luton	265/20K Pilotage	145	11000	153			146			
0602			210		Over Spl 10		150	14100							
0625			240		Group and wing formed over Spl. 10		150	11000							
0651			319		Departing Spl. 10, Point 'Y'		150	14000							
0655			318		Reading 3 mi. at 11:00		148	14000							
0658			330		Point "O" over - 1 min. early		149	14000							
0707			60		Heasel Hempstead 4 right - on course		148	16000							
0709			90		Luton 4 left - out to point "E"		148	16000							
0714			118		over edge of London (on course)		149	17500							
0720			140		Gravesend "E" Over 2' early		147	19000							
0725			180		Townbridge 5 right			20000							

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	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	
0727			150		2 mi. right Spl #8		147	20700							
0735					Beachy Head. 3 wings behind, 2 ahead			21600							
0739 1/2			230		Coast out, Brighton		149	21500							
0743			129		50-42N 00-06E 2 wings ahead, 2 behind		150	22000							
0802			120		Enemy Coast 50-01N 01-18E			24000				(Escort)			
0803			120		Disappe firing on wing to right			24000				Contrails			
0807		3R	120		Flak 49-48N 01-47E (no good)		150	23900							
0810			120		2 B-17's down on fire, 3 'chutes - 3 more			49-44N 02-00E							
0819			145		Flak from Montidier to left			24000							
0823		330/23	120		Compagne 49-25N 02-50E		149	24000	191			212	106	30	0853
0833		330/36	124		Cross Marne rings		150	24000	192			226	72	19	0851
0846			130		Troyes 12 mi. right (on course)		150	24000							
0849					Smoke coming out of woods 48-25N 04-40E										
0850			90		Turn at 48-15N 04-33E			24000							
0859			110		Chaumont 2 left (5 mi. S. course)		148	24000				208	61	18	0917
0917			95		Epinal 3 left		150	24000							
0918					Turn to IP at 48-16N 06-35E		150	24000							
0923			360 to left				150	24000							
0939			320		IP 48-50N 06-36E (over)		150	24000	192			158	24	9	0948
0950 1/2	314	3L	317	324	BOMBS AWAY - Excellent result		150	24000	192			158			
1002			290		360 deg. turn around Metz to let lead bomb - took 2nd pictures										
1011			350		Luxembourg 4 right		160	23700							
1021			335		over Lon gueville 50-02N 05-45E		150	23900							
1040			305		Nomus 10 mi. left		150	23500							
1050			295		Brussels 8 left		150	23300							
1105		300/27	293		Chaff out 50-57N 03-04E		150	23300	192			166	23	8	1113
1113			300		Enemy Coast out 51-07N 02-33E		150	23600							
1146			300		English Coast in 51-55N 01-15E		160	5000							
1208			290		Base										
1209					Landed										

TARGETS:  
PRIMARY METZ, FRANCE

TRACK CHART

DATE MAY 5, 1944

GREEN ROUTE FOLLOWED BY SPRINTER GROUP  
ORANGE .. .. 401st B.C. (H)



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F.W 190 ○  
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HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION #126  
APO #557, U. S. ARMY

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission to Pecamp, France.

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

1. BOMBING APPROACH AND RUN: We turned on course at the I.P. right on time. Since the mickey had nothing but the coast to pick up in his set, we computed the distance from the coast to the center of the target in seconds. When we crossed the bomb release line for the coast I started a stop watch, and dropped the bombs when the time ran out.

2. The D. R. navigator set up the course with 'Gee'. Due to incomplete instructions the position of the target on the 'Gee' map was about a mile to the left of the actual position.

3. The run was very good, but I could see that we were going to hit left and over. However, briefing instructions were not to make any corrections with the sight.

4. If the coordinates had been correct I believe we would have hit at least very near the assigned target.

DURWARD FESWIRE  
1st Lt., A. C.  
Lead Bombardier

W.D.  
 A.G. Form  
 12 E. Modified.  
 25-9-43, 8 BC APO 634

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. D. Fessire DATE 25 May 1944  
 PILOT Major Hinkle TAKE OFF 0550  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. G. M. Smith AIRPLANE B-17G  
 ORGANIZATION SQUADRON GROUP 401 LANDED 1014  
 OBJECTIVE Fesamp, France (MPI)  
 INITIAL POINT 50-48N 00-00  
 METHOD OF ATTACK X  
 Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing  
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 18 COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: Lead  
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANGE SIGHTING ONLY, GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP  
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 214 RELEASED 214  
 FUZING, NOS# 1/10 TAIL 1/40  
 SYNCHRONIZATION X  
 On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of target <u>192</u>	Mag Head, order <u>165</u> Actual <u>155</u>
True Altitude above target <u>15222</u>	True Heading <u>145</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>15000</u>	Drift, Est. <u>44L</u> Actual <u>44L</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>-226</u>	True Track <u>149L</u>
Altimeter setting <u>29.92</u>	Actual Range <u>10,050</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>150</u>	B.S. Type <u>M-2</u>
G.S., Est <u>223</u> Actual <u>186</u>	Time of Release <u>0624</u>
Wind Direc. Metro <u>310</u> Actual <u>260</u>	Intervalometer Setting _____
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>34mph</u> Actual <u>35 mph</u>	Length of Bombing Run _____
D.S. <u>167</u> Trail <u>.43</u> ATF _____	C-1 Pilot <u>A-5</u>
Stan. D.A. Est. _____ Actual _____	Manual Pilot _____



Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN \_\_\_\_\_

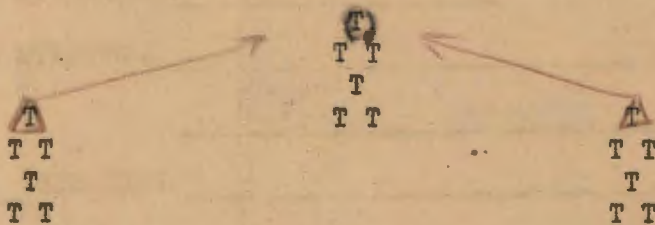
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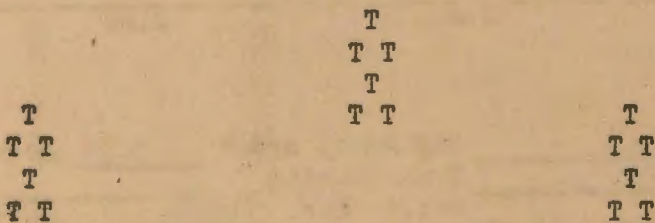
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
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
METHODS OF BOMBING




COMPOSITE GROUPS



Bombardier making complete sighting operation 

Bombardier making range operation only 

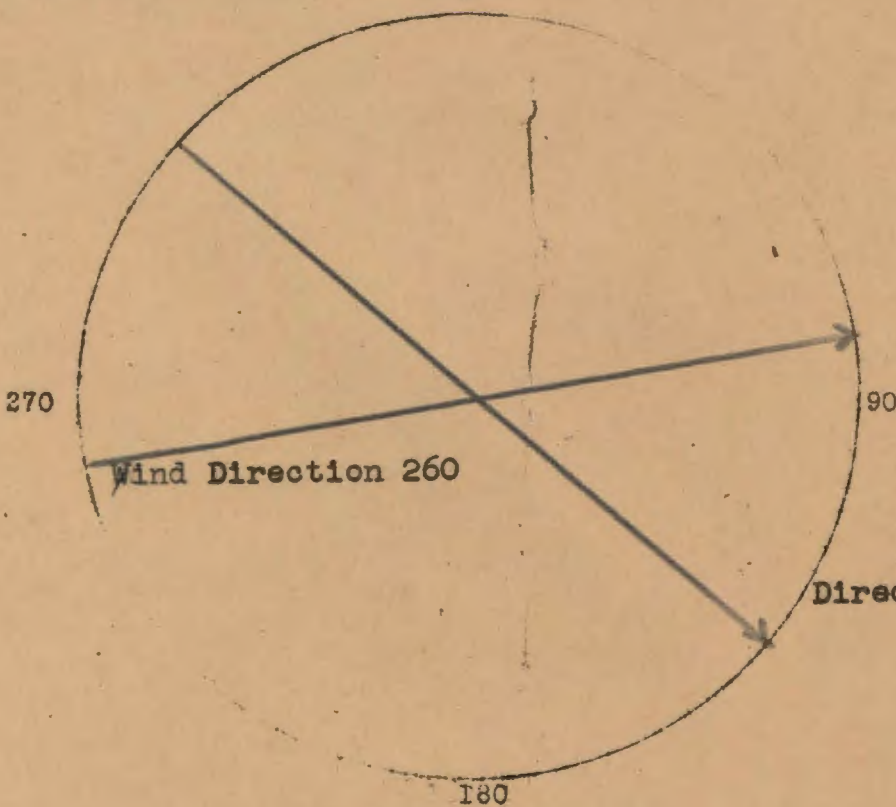
Bombardier dropping on leader, with arrow indicating leader's position. 

BOMBARDIER'S INDIVIDUAL PLOT

Target Fecamp, France

Method of Bombing Visual

Altitude 15000



PLOT

Wind Direction 260

Wind Velocity 30 K

Direction of attack 155

REMARKS - - - - -

16 A/C of 401st Group dropped 192 x 500 GP on primary.  
2 PFF dropped 22 x 500.

HEADQUARTERS  
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
AAF STATION 128  
APO 557

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardiers Narrative, Mission to Metz, 25 May 1944.

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

1. The 94th "B" CBW was to the right of course, so when a turn was made toward the I.P. from a point about 10 miles southeast of it, the low and high boxes uncovered at this point, passing over the I.P. on a D. R. heading toward Metz. For some reason the lead box turned away during the run and did a 360° to bomb third, so that the low box hit the target first and the 401st box second.

2. The target area was easily located by a series of check points, although the buildings themselves could not be seen from a distance due to a haze. Meters data, checked on several headings prior to reaching the I.P., proved quite accurate. The drift and dropping angle pre-set on the bomb-sight were close enough that only minor corrections were necessary, although several turns were made during the run for evasive tactics and to assure clearance of the low box flying ahead.

3. Bombs were seen to strike the rail yards and also the shops on the northeast side, with a few falling into the surrounding residential area.

4. No flak was encountered during the run or at the target.

ARNOLD C. KUENNING  
Captain, Air Corps  
Lead Bombardier

W.D.  
 A.G. Form  
 12 E. Modified  
 25-9-43, 8 BC APO 634

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Capt. Kuenning DATE 25 May 1941  
 PILOT Major White TAKE OFF 0450  
 NAVIGATOR Capt. Gausey AIRPLANE B-17A  
 ORGANIZATION SQUADRON GROUP 401 LANDED 1209  
 OBJECTIVE Nets, France (MPI)  
 INITIAL POINT 48-30N 06-36E  
 METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group  Wing  
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 (COMPOSITE GROUP)  
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: Lead  
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANGE SIGHTING ONLY, GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP  
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 119 RELEASED 119  
 FUZING, NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40  
 SYNCHRONIZATION  On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of target	<u>620</u>	Mag Head, order	<u>321</u>	Actual	<u>314</u>
True Altitude above target	<u>23700</u>	True Heading	<u>306</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>24000</u>	Drift Est.	<u>121</u>	Actual	<u>41</u>
Pressure alt of target	<u>4305</u>	True Track	<u>302</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	Actual Range	<u>10,100</u>		
C.I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	B.S. Type	<u>H-2</u>
G.S., Est	<u>181</u>	Actual	<u>182</u>	Time of Release	<u>0950</u>
Wind Direc. Metro	<u>320</u>	Actual	<u>330</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>min.</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro	<u>40 mph</u>	Actual	<u>44 mph</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>3 min.</u>
D.S. Trail	<u>57</u>	ATF	<u>40.13</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>on</u> A-5
Stan. D.S. Est.	<u>.31</u>	Actual	<u>.43</u>	Manual Pilot	

POINT OF IMPACT IF SE

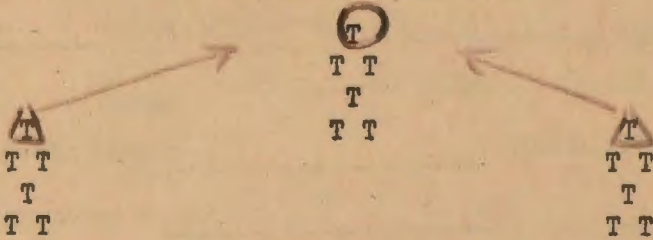
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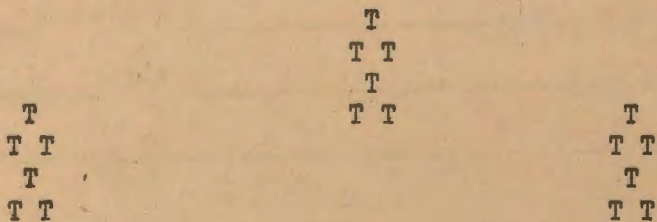
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
METHODS OF BOMBING




COMPOSITE GROUPS



Bombardier making complete sighting operation 

Bombardier making range operation only 

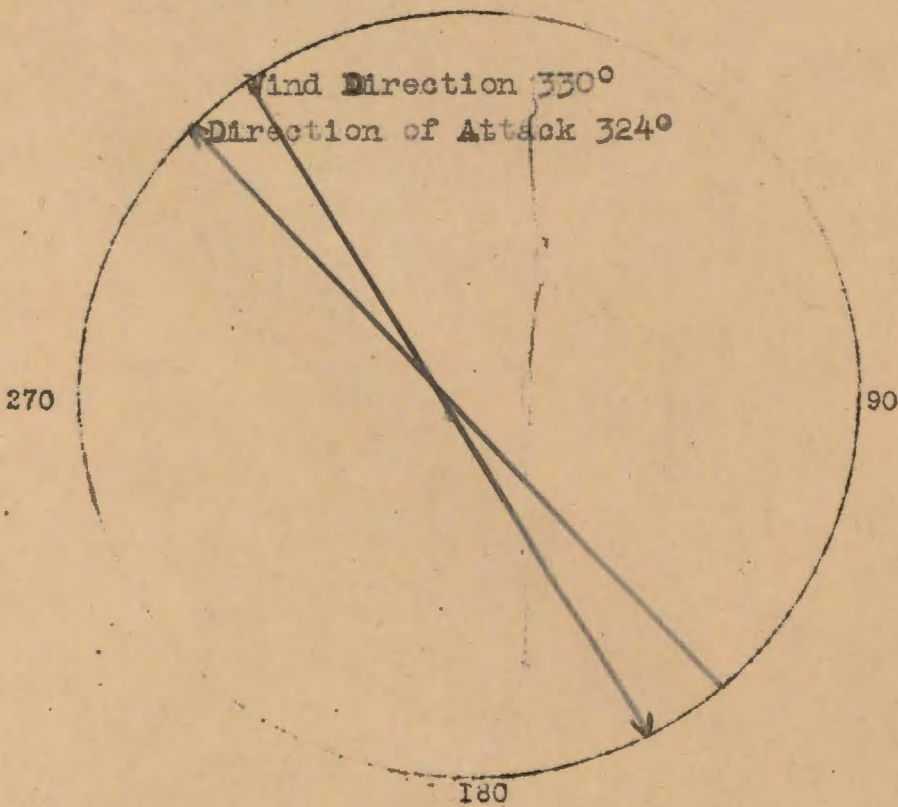
Bombardier dropping on leader, with arrow indicating leader's position. 

BOMBARDIER'S INDIVIDUAL PLAN

Target Metz, France

Method of Bombing Visual

Altitude 23700



PLOT

Wind Direction 330  
Wind Velocity 44 mph  
Direction of attack 324

REMARKS - - - - -

12 A/C of 401st Group dropped 119 x 500 GE  
on primary target.

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

A.P.O. 557  
25 May, 1944

**SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report**

**TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557**

**1. Abortives.**

None.

**2. Battle Damage.**

None.

CHARLES W. HUNT  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557  
25 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission of 25 May, 1944

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

Negative Armament and Bomb Rack malfunction report is  
submitted of mission of 25 May, 1944.

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



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Form OO-AMM-2B

MISSION EXPENDITURES - AMMUNITION

(Div. or Comd) 1ST BOMB DIVISION

Operations No. 364

Date of Operations 25 MAY 44

Group	Bomb Type	FUZES				EXPENDED					AMMUNITION				PYROTECHNICS	
		Nose Fuze	Nose Delay	Tail Fuze	Tail Delay	Initial Load	On Target	Jet s'nd	Unactd for	Retd	Cal.	Linkage	Linkage Ratio	Amount Expended	Type	Amount Expended
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
401	500-LB. G.P. AN-M64	AN-M103	1/10	AN-M101	1/100	139	119	0	0	20	.50	AP	STR	3050		
	500-LB. G.P. AN-M64	AN-M103	1/10	AN-M101	1/40	216	192	0	0	24						
	TWO (2) P.F.F.'S LOADED:															
	500-LB. G.P. AN-M64	AN-M103	1/10	AN-M101	1/40	20	20	0	0	0					SKY MARKER	2

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BY AR NARA DATE 1/22/11

Check one of the following:

Report complete XXX

Supplement will follow \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Supplement \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS  
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER  
AAF STA 123, APO 557

J-1-2

REFERENCE FIELD ORDER 364 25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 75.  
TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H).

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. VHF/DF BEARINGS TO 401ST A/C	<u>0</u>
VHF/DF BEARINGS TO 94TH CBW A/C	<u>0</u>
2. HF/DF BEARINGS	<u>3</u>
3. MF/DF FIXES	<u>0</u>
4. DISTRESS ACTION	<u>0</u>
5. RADIO BEACONS USED	
SPLASHERS	<u>42</u>
FIXED BEACON	<u>0</u>
BUNCHERS	<u>23</u>
6. TOTAL A/C EQUIPPED WITH GEE	<u>25</u>
MAXIMUM FIX OBTAINED	<u>0409E 4833N</u>

SECTION TWO - REPORTED EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

1. LIAISON	<u>3</u>	5. INTERPHONE	<u>2</u>
2. COMMAND	<u>2</u>	6. GEE	<u>4</u>
3. VHF	<u>2</u>	7. IFF	<u>0</u>
4. COMPASS	<u>2</u>	8. OTHER	<u>3</u>

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.  
CAPT, AIR CORPS,  
GP COMM CO.

SS Form 90

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of 25 May

Time of Preparation \_\_\_\_\_

Target PHUONG PHU CAMP

Telephone to A-2 \_\_\_\_\_

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(1) Designation of Group 401

(2) Total No. of A/C  
airborne, incl. spares 18

(3) Total No. of A/C  
Dispatched 18

(4) No. of A/C Attacking 16

(5) No. of A/C Dispatched  
but not Attacking 2

Due to:

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

(6) No. of A/C Lost 0

Due to:

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

(7) Times of Attack 0923

(8) Altitudes of Attack 14700

(9) Bombs on Each Target (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Size \_\_\_\_\_ (c) Type \_\_\_\_\_

(10) Personnel Casualties 4 Type: 500 G.P.

- (a) Number Killed \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Number Wounded \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Number Missing \_\_\_\_\_

(11) A/C Suffering Battle  
Damage 0

Category:

- (a) Minor \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Major \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Salvage \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Claims \_\_\_\_\_

(13) Leaflets \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

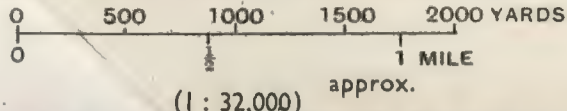
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Lt. Suberlano Preparing Officer

SEC.

Target No.  
S. 5783

RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD — LUMES (FRANCE)

Illustration No.  
S. 5783/1



Photographed 25 March 1944

Issued April 1944



A.I.3c (1)

TYPE A

Illustration No.  
S. 5783/1

Target No.  
S. 5592

RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD and  
RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

METZ  
(FRANCE)

Illustration No.  
S. 5592/1

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS  
0 1 MILE

Photographed 14 May 1943

(1 : 32,000) approx.

Issued March 1944



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

D-3-4

25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 557, Sta 128, (Thru  
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. The crew of Lt. William E. Massey reported that their crew chief was not at their A/C (#9837) this morning, that there was no Fern 1 available and "Put Put" was not started.

2. Lt. James A. Gruman, pilot A/C 7207, says his A/C was not ready this morning.

3. T/Sgt. Salvatore L. Castroneva suggests that latrines which can be flushed be installed in briefing building.

4. S/Sgt. A. W. Hildreth says radio room plexiglass in A/C 2393 is broken and hinders discharge of chaff.

5. Lt. John W. Myrtatus, pilot A/C 1490, said the taxing order of the 401st Group was mixed up this morning. He also wondered why #4 A/C dropped chaff over the target.

6. Lt. Myrick J. Whiting, navigator A/C 1005, stated that truck was 30 minutes late in picking up his crew at dispersal area #42.

7. Lt. James R. Howell, navigator A/C 7210, says coordinates of target as given at briefing were actually situated in the English Channel.

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

SS Form 90

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of 25 May 1944.

Time of Preparation 1430

Target METZ, FRANCE

Telephone No. A-2 1430

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(1) Designation of Group 401st

(2) Total No. of A/C  
airborne, incl. spares 14

(3) Total No. of A/C  
Dispatched 14

(4) No. of A/C Attacking 12

(5) No. of A/C Dispatched  
but not Attacking 2

Due to:

- (a) Mechanical Failure \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Weather \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Enemy Action \_\_\_\_\_  
(lost before target)
- (d) Other 2 Spares

(6) No. of A/C Lost 0

Due to:

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

(7) Times of Attack 0951

(8) Altitudes of Attack 23,800

(9) Bombs on Each Target (a) 119 (b) Size 500 (c) Type GP

(10) Personnel Casualties 0

Type:

- (a) Number Killed \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Number Wounded \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Number Missing \_\_\_\_\_

(11) A/C Suffering Battle  
Damage 0

Category:

- (a) Minor \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Major \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Salvage \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Claims 0

(13) Leaflets 0

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lt. D. J. Sutherland  
Preparing Officer



S E C R E T

Report on A . . . Gunfire.

~~401st~~ BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Target: Assigned . . . Recamp . . . . . Date of Mission 25 May 44  
 Bombed . . . Recamp . . . . .

Route as Flown:-

0800 hrs. (5047 - 0004W) 0823 (4845 - 0002E) 0823 (4945 - 0021E)  
 0830 (4952 - 0037 E) 0858 (5104 - 0103E).

Weather conditions: (a) At target . . . CAVU . . . . .

(b) En route . . . CAVU . . . . .

Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target . . . SEEN . . . . .  
 (b) En route . . . SEEN . . . . .

Any condensation trails? . . NO . . . . .

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

NONE

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)

NONE

Was CHAFF carried? . . . . . YES . . . . .

How discharged? . . . . . NOT DISCHARGED . . . . .

Position of Group

. . . . . LEAD. BOX "C" . . . . .

Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run
<u>401</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0823</u>	<u>0825</u>	<u>14,700</u>	<u>1800</u>	<u>2 Mls.</u>
<u>totals</u>								

Comments - Phenomena:-

Target Area - 2 red streaks like rockets came from ground. Altitude good, deflection poor. 5 miles north target - 5 smoke streamers yellow and green. At peak they burst into "debris" which floated down. Altitude good, deflection poor.

Lt. Sutherland.

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

~~401st~~ BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Assigned · METZ, FRANCE · . . . . . Date of Mission 25 May/44  
Target: Bombed · METZ, FRANCE · . . . . .

Route as Flown:- 0802 (5001-0113E) 0938 (4850-0636E) 360 ° Turn  
to allow lead to bomb - 1115 (5107-0258E) 1148 (5155-0156E)

Weather conditions: (a) At target · CAVU · . . . . .  
(b) En route · 4/10ths to 6/10ths Visibility · . . . . .  
Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target · Seen · . . . . .  
(b) En route · Seen · . . . . .  
Any condensation trails? · Non-persistent · . . . . .

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

NONE ENCOUNTERED

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)

- 0807 (4948-0417) 23,900 Med GG Blk (wing to left lost 2 A/C)
- 0819 (MONTMIDI) 24,000 Med PP Blk G.P.
- 1105 (5050-0513E) 23,000 Med. PP Blk Eight Gunbarrage

Was CHAFF carried? · YES · . . . . .

How discharged? · As briefed · . . . . .

Position of Group · High Box · . . . . .

Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run
401st	12	0	0	0950	0950	24,000	317 °	2 min.
Totals:								

Comments - Phenomena:-

Two B-17's from another wing were hit four miles South of Abbeville, one blew up the other was on fire in the left wing; observers thought flak to be incendiary.

## BRIEFING NOTES - MISSION OF 25 MAY 1944

## PLAN "A"

94th A and B CBW (high box, 12 a/c from 401st Bomb Gp)

TARGET: Primary Target is the large MARSHALLING YARDS at METZ in France. This is one of the most important rail communications centers in the eastern part of the country. At this stage of the game it assumes additional importance in that its destruction would seriously impair any German rail movements of troops or materiel from the interior to the invasion coast. Your MPI is the locomotive workshops.

Secondary Target is the MARSHALLING YARDS AT LUMES, near MEZIERES-CHARLEVILLE. This is strategically and tactically nearly as important as your primary. But, remember, it is very near the BELGIAN BORDER.

ROUTES: Point out on Wall Map.

FIGHTERS: Not in at Briefing Time.

94th C CBW (Special 18 a/c box - all from 401st Bomb Gp)

Your Target is one of the series of coastal batteries defending Hitler's Festung Europa. It is said to have 6 gun emplacements holding 4.5" to 7" guns and in addition to be defended by about 4 AA guns. Knocking this installation out means one less with which the boys in the landing barges will have to cope. Several missions have used this point to enter occupied Europe, and very likely it will appear familiar to many. It is to be bombed by H2X methods regardless of visibility conditions.

ROUTES: Point out on Wall Map

FIGHTERS: Not in at Briefing Time.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

PW - Stay away from Paris - head south.

FRIENDLY A/E Watch for TEMPEST with RAF markings. Looks like TYPHOON.

HOSPITAL SHIP: German Hospital Ship, white with green stripe and Geneva Red Cross Forward and Aft.

94th "B" CBW only: Sw iss attack formations of over two a/c. Signal to land, green flares and visual signals.

DONT FORGET ESCAPE KITS  
DONT FORGET TO EMPTY POCKETS  
DONT FORGET PARACHUTE HARNESS FIT  
DONT FORGET GI SHOES  
DONT FORGET PASSPORT PHOTOS  
DONT FORGET DOG TAGS

PLAN B - 94th B CBW only

TARGET: Center of MUNICH, GERMANY. Probably a strictly PFF job, but on an important target. City contains Marshalling Yards, a large rubber factory and switching stations, not to mention a good many of the enemy.

ROUTE: Point out on Wall Map.

FIGHTERS: Not in at Briefing Time.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Same as Plan A.

*HAMILTON COIT*  
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Captain, Air Corps  
Briefing Officer

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

25 May 1944

## WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 25 MAY 1944.

BASE ON TAKE-OFF: 0523. Nil low or high cloud. 4/10 altostratus-alto cumulus middle cloud at 12000'. Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Nil low becoming 1-3/10 stratocumulus tops 4-5000' over England, increasing to patchy 5-6/10 tops 4-5000' over Channel, and decreasing to Nil-3/10 over continent. 1-4/10 middle cloud bases 12-14,000' tops 16-17000' becoming Nil at English coast. Nil high cloud becoming 5-8/10 cirrus at 25000' over England but decreasing to 1-4/10 over the continent. Visibility unrestricted at operational altitude.

TARGET: 0951. Nil low or middle cloud. 1-3/10 cirrus at 25000'. Vertical visibility 10 miles plus through light haze.

RETURN ROUTE: Nil-3/10 low cloud increasing to 3-5/10 cumulus tops 6-7000' becoming 8-10/10 at continental coast and decreasing to Nil-2/10 over Channel. 6-9/10 layered stratocumulus base 1500' tops 6000' over England. Nil middle cloud becoming 6-9/10 base 10-12000' from Channel northward. 1-4/10 thin cirrus 25000' over continent. Visibility unrestricted at altitude.

BASE ON RETURN: 1225. 6/10 stratocumulus 1500'. 6-9/10 altostratus middle cloud about 18000'. Visibility 4 miles with light rain.

REMARKS: Contrails light persistent between 16000' and 18000' and dense persistent above 21000' over Channel only. Winds over England slightly higher than forecast, e.g., 10000' 280 25. Temperatures warmer than briefed, e.g., 23400' -25.

*Walter J. Saucier*  
WALTER J. SAUCIER  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Weather Officer

# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 25 May 1964  
 PERIOD 0830 - 1030 hrs  
AG P BR HQ SOS 122929

	A	B	C	D
WEATHER	Cloudy with haze	Cloudy with haze	PLAN C	
CLOUDS	All Low Cloud: 5-7/10 Layered Altopsulus and Altostratus associated. base 1200ft tops 15000 decreasing to 3-5/10 at Target base 1200ft tops 14000ft. 5-7/10 Fine Cirrus base 23000ft decreasing to 4-6/10 base 2000ft.	All Low Cloud becoming 6-3/10 stratocumulus base 2000ft tops 4000ft. 3-5/10 Altopsulus and Altostratus associated base 1200ft tops 15000ft. 5-7/10 Fine Cirrus base 23000ft decreasing to 4-6/10 base 2000ft.	base 10,000ft tops 16,000ft. 4-6/10 Cirrus base 2,000ft increasing to 5-10/10 over haze.	base restricting vertical visibility over Target. Light non-persistent Contrails at Middle Cloud level. Haze persistent Contrails 22,000ft and above.
ICING	5000ft All	5000ft Light rime in middle cloud.		
VISIBILITY	1-2 miles becoming unrestricted aloft, but vertical visibility 10-	unrestricted aloft becoming 2-3 miles at surface.		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	base to 50 Deg North	50 Deg North to Target.
5000 FT			210 10	300 10
10000 FT			200 10	300 10
15000 FT			210 15	310 20
20000 FT			210 20	310 30
25000 FT			210 20	320 30
30000 FT			210 20	310 20

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING \_\_\_\_\_ TARGET SURFACE TEMP. \_\_\_\_\_ TARGET MEAN TEMP. \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEMP. AT \_\_\_\_\_ FT. \_\_\_\_\_ TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) \_\_\_\_\_

Target Sea Level Pressure 30.21 in

Add Height of Target. \_\_\_\_\_

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 BY [signature] NARA DATE 1/22/11

# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 25 Mar 1941  
 PERIOD 0500 - 1300 hrs  
 AG P BR HQ SOS 122929

	A Base to 50 Deg North	B <del>50</del> 50 Deg North to Target to 50 Deg North	C 50 Deg North to <del>50</del> Base	D
WEATHER	Cloudy with Haze	Cloudy with Haze	Cloudy with Haze	<i>Plan A</i>
CLOUDS	Nil Low Cloud. 5-7/10 Layered Medium Cloud base 12,000 tops 15,000ft decreasing enroute to 5-5/10 Altocumulus and Altostratus associated at 50 Deg North base 12,000 tops 14,000ft. 5-7/10 Cirrus base 22,000ft decreasing to 4-6/10 at 50 Deg North.	Nil Low Cloud becoming Patchy Stratocumulus 4-6/10 base 2000ft tops 4000ft East of 05 Deg North. 3-5/10 Altocumulus and Altostratus base 12,000ft tops 14,000ft. decreasing to Nil at target. 4-6/10 Cirrus base 22,000ft decreasing 3-5/10 Cirrus base 22000 at Target. Reverse on return to 50 Deg North.	Nil Low Cloud becoming 0-3/10 Stratocumulus base 2000ft tops 4000ft 3-5/10 Altocumulus and Altostratus base 12000 tops 14,000ft increasing to 7-10/10 layered Alto-cumulus and Altostratus base 10000ft tops 16000 on return. 4-6/10 Cirrus 22000ft increasing to 8-10/10 over bases.	---NOTE--- Haze restricting vertical visibility over target. Light Non Persistent Contrails at Medium Cloud level. Dense Persistent Contrails 22000ft and Above.
ICING Visibility	3 1-2 miles becoming unrestricted aloft. Vertical visibility 10-15 miles	3 Unrestricted aloft Vertical visibility 10-15 miles.	3 Unrestricted aloft becoming 4-6 miles on Return.	
VISIBILITY ICING	4 9000 ft NIL	4 9000ft NIL	4 10000ft Light Rime.	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to 50 Deg North 250 05	50 Deg North to Target 300 10	Temperatures Plus 09	
5000 FT	260 10	300 15	00	
10000 FT	270 15	310 25	-02	
15000 FT	280 20	310 30	-10	
20000 FT	290 20	320 30	-20	
25000 FT	300 20	320 35	Nil -35	
30000 FT	300 25	320 35	-42	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 31.15 in TARGET SURFACE TEMP Plus 09 TARGET MEAN TEMP -06.7  
 TEMP. AT 23,000 FT. -26 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -315 ft  
 Target Sea Level Pressure 30.27 in Add Height of Target:         

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612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 42-79993  
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 Office of the Operations Officer  
 APO (557)  
 Station 128  
 A.F. Station 128, APO 557

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

Plane 42-31034

P	Toussaint, Francis W.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Beck, Walter H. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gelula, Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Schmid, James W. Jr.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Likins, Robert E.	Sgt	"
TTG	Greene, William B.	Sgt	"
BTG	Minor, Wallace G.	Sgt	"
TG	Loxtenour, Charles W.	Sgt	"
LWG	Hamp, Robert B.	Sgt	"
RWG	McNicholas, Joseph D.	Sgt	"

Plane 42-102393

P	Dailey, Scribner, G.	Captain	"
CP	Stokes, Alexander C.	1st Lt.	"
N	Nutter, Lloyd A.	1st Lt.	"
B	Hatson, Wayman T.	Captain	"
RO	Hildreth, Arthur W.	Sgt	"
TTG	Flynn, William B.	Sgt	"
BTG	Sabel, Jerome (NMI)	Sgt	"
TG	Sanders, Charles W.	Sgt	"
LWG	Plate, Robert B.	Sgt	"
RWG	Hagan, Charles T.	Sgt	"

Plane 42-79993

P	Fincham, George F.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Johnston, Clayton	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tomlinson, Harvey G.	1st Lt.	"
B	Anderson, Donald M.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Civigliani, Alex (NMI)	Sgt	"
TTG	Dun, Johnny E.	Sgt	"
BTG	Johns, Carl W.	Sgt	"
TG	Yeatts, Lawson K.	Sgt	"
LWG	Carey, Joe R.	Sgt	"
RWG	Callahan, Michael J.	Sgt	"

Plane 42-106992

P	Kelly, William J.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	1st Lt.	"
N	VanDyke, George R.	1st Lt.	"
B	Weisman, Karl K.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Bartlett, Edward M.	Sgt	"
TTG	DeWees, Foster E.	Sgt	"
BTG	Graf, Cecil G.	Sgt	"
TG	Garity, John B.	Sgt	"
LWG	Surprise, Walter L.	Sgt	"
RWG	Wain, Irvin L.	Sgt	"



Plane 42-79857 (H) BUREAU'S TRAINING UNIT  
 (H) 41000 TRAINING UNIT

P	Massey, William E.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Ceresa, Dominic (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
N	Nealon, William T.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Stolljes, Lewis B.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Eames, Harold L.	S Sgt	"
TTG	Faulkner, James P.	S Sgt	"
BTO	Mahler, Robert L.	S Sgt	"
TG	White, Paul A.	Sgt	"
LWG	Winters, Alfred E.	Sgt	"
RWG	Berard, Francis J.	Sgt	"

Plane 42-97811 45013-24 unit

P	Woods, Robert R.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Eoyt, Richard H.	1st Lt.	"
N	Anderson, (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
B	Daniel, James A.	1st Lt.	612th
RO	Faughender, Doyce E.	Sgt	612th
TTG	Sonnhalter, Robert W.	Sgt	"
BTO	Chicino, Joseph	Sgt	"
TG	Graf, William H.	Sgt	"
LWG	Severson, Marvel F.	Sgt	"
RWG	Gulan, Frank P.	Sgt	"

Plane 42-31087 28801-24 unit

P	Olis, Kermit H.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Laney, Edward A.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Schwartz, Joseph M.	F/O	"
B	Malke, Wallace W. Jr.	Sgt	"
RO	Simons, Harold P.	Sgt	"
TTG	Fleetwood, Gerald G.	Sgt	"
BTO	Bodle, John F. (NMI)	Sgt	"
TG	Yantzie, Alvin (NMI) Jr.	Sgt	"
LWG	Brauer, Harry A.	Sgt	"
RWG	Burns, Ralph F.	Sgt	"

Plane 42-107039 28801-24 unit

P	McCord, Richard D.	1st Lt.	"
CP	McMurray, John R.	F/O	"
N	Abraham, Marvin C.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Dobree, Irvin L.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Kirkman, Charles	Sgt	"
TTG	Weatherbee, Winfield H.	Sgt	"
BTO	Fornaleric, Thomas J. Jr.	Sgt	"
TG	Emond, Elroy (NMI)	Sgt	"
LWG	Peyreigne, Pierre V.	Sgt	"
RWG	Stratland, ZD	Sgt	"

Plane 42-31496 28801-24 unit

P	Hyttatus, John W.	1st Lt.	"
CP	David, Charles C. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Ward, Thomas B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Greer, Thyril J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Wyatt, Fred J.	Sgt	"
TTG	Fine, Malcolm K.	Sgt	"
BTO	Brown, Clarence F.	Sgt	"
TG	Brislin, Robert M.	Sgt	"
LWG	McClelland, George E.	Sgt	"
RWG	Brotherton, Douglas F.	Sgt	"

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

25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMB. GP (H), AAF STATION 128, APO # 557.

1. FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY MISSION.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-99932</u>				
P	1st Lt.	LEW	SANDY	(NMI)
CP	2nd Lt.	PRIEST	GORDON	S.
N	1st Lt.	SCHLIEPER	ROGER	F.
B	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
RO	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	THOMAS	(NMI)
TG	S/SGT.	HIBBS	ARLIE	E.
LNG	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
RWG	S/SGT.	MacCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-91005</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND	WARDLAW	M.
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
N	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DENE	C.
RO	T/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	W.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TG	S/SGT.	FETZER	ELMER	M.
LNG	S/SGT.	ELMER TOBINE	EDDY RODNEY	EX T.
RWG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-21097 107043</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	KEELING	CHARLES	W.
CP	2nd Lt.	FRAZIER	DONALD	F.
N	2nd Lt.	WOLIVER	IRVING	(NMI)
B	F/O	LEWIS	GEORGE	R.
RO	T/SGT.	MUSSER	BENJAMIN	Z.
TT	S/SGT.	PRIEST	MAURICE	C.
BT	SGT.	LARSON	DEAN	C.
TG	SGT.	PICO	WILLIAM	J.
LNG	SGT.	GUESS	WILLIAM	J.
RWG	SGT.	PARKHURST	IEA	A.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-102580</u>				
P	1st Lt.	SCHARFF	PAUL	F.
CP	2nd Lt.	ECKERT	CHARLES	A.
N	1st Lt.	SCHWARTZ	BERNARD	(NMI)
B	2nd Lt.	HOOVER	ROBERT	R.
RO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	KARL	RICHARD	X.
BT	S/SGT.	BEDELL	CHARLES	L.
TG	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	M.
LNG	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	P.
RWG	SGT.	FYNIGAR	FREDERICK	G.

DUITY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. A2-91557</u>				
P	1st. LT.	KEITH	WALTER	B.
CP	2nd LT.	HENNESSY	JAMES	T.
N	2nd LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	H.
B	2nd LT.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	MAHLER	ARTHUR	P.
TT	T/SGT.	URMSON	THOMAS	(NMI)
BT	SGT.	BECKOWITZ	PETER	(NMI)
TG	SGT.	D'AGASTINO	VICTOR	(NMI)
LNG	SGT.	CASS	LEO	C.
RWG	SGT.	BARNES	MERLE	E.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-97944</u>				
P	2nd LT.	FOX	MARSHALL	S.
CP	2nd LT.	BERG	ROY	A.
N	2nd LT.	HORTON	THERON	S.
B	<del>F/O</del>	DRAKE	WALTER	F.
RO	S/SGT.	AVERY	WILLIAM	R.
TT	S/SGT.	HILL	JAMES	B.
BT	SGT.	DALTON	JOHN	B.
TG	SGT.	SANDERS	ROBERT	T.
LNG	SGT.	JORDON	JOHN	W.
RWG	SGT.	GUILFOY	THOMAS	P.

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

25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMB. GP (H), AAF STATION 128, APO # 557.

1. FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY MISSION.

KEY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. A2-99932</u>				
P	1st Lt.	LEW	SANDY	(MHI)
CP	2nd Lt.	PHINST	GORDON	G.
N	1st Lt.	SCULLINER	ROGER	F.
B	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
NO	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ALVIN	A.
TT	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	THOMAS	(MHI)
TO	S/SGT.	HEBS	ARLIE	E.
LNG	SGT.	SEDMER	JOHN	J.
RNG	S/SGT.	MCCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-11005</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	HARRISON	WARDLAW	H.
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	P.
N	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DINE	C.
NO	T/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	V.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TO	S/SGT.	FRITZER	ELMER	M.
LNG	S/SGT.	ERNE TOBINE	ERNE RODNEY	EX T.
RNG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	H.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-3107 107043</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	KIELING	CHARLES	V.
CP	2nd Lt.	FRAZIER	DONALD	F.
N	2nd Lt.	WOLIVER	IRVING	(MHI)
B	P/O	LEWIS	GEORGE	R.
NO	T/SGT.	MUSKIE	BENJAMIN	Z.
TT	S/SGT.	DRIEST	MAURICE	C.
BT	SGT.	LAWSON	DEAN	C.
TO	SGT.	PICO	WILLIAM	J.
LNG	SGT.	QUESS	WILLIAM	J.
RNG	SGT.	PARKHURST	IRA	A.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-102580</u>				
P	1st Lt.	SCHARFF	PAUL	F.
CP	2nd Lt.	ECKERT	CHARLES	A.
N	1st Lt.	SCHWARTZ	BERNARD	(MHI)
B	2nd Lt.	HOOVER	ROBERT	R.
NO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	KARL	RICHARD	X.
BT	S/SGT.	BEWELL	CHARLES	L.
TO	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	H.
LNG	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	P.
RNG	SGT.	FYNIGAN	FREDERICK	G.

DETY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. A2-31557</u>				
P	1st. LT.	KEITH	WALTER	B.
CP	2ndLT.	HENNESSY	JAMES	T.
N	2nd LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	H.
B	2nd LT.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	MAHLER	ARTHUR	F.
TT	T/SGT.	UNSON	THOMAS	(DMI)
BT	SGT.	HECKOWITZ	PETER	(DMI)
TG	SGT.	D'AGASTINO	VICTOR	(DMI)
ING	SGT.	CASS	LEO	C.
HWG	SGT.	BARNES	MERLE	E.

<u>PLANE NO. A2-9731A</u>				
P	2nd LT.	FOX	MARSHALL	S.
CP	2nd LT.	BRIG	ROY	A.
N	2nd LT.	HENTON	THOMAS	S.
B	F/GENLX	IRAKE	WALTER	F.
RO	S/SGT.	AVERY	WILLIAM	R.
TT	S/SGT.	HILL	JAMES	B.
BT	SGT.	DALTON	JOHN	B.
TG	SGT.	SANDERS	ROBERT	T.
ING	SGT.	JORDON	JOHN	V.
HWG	SGT.	GUILFOY	THOMAS	F.

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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  
 25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

Plane 42-31315

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	FAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
N	1st Lt.	CRANE, RENFRO V.	"
B	2nd Lt.	BROWN, VINCENT E.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Gastromova, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKendry, Daniel C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David C.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gatzmeyer, Gerald R.	"

Plane 42-107207

P	1st Lt.	GRUMAN, JAMES A.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	MELTON, LAVATA T.	"
N	2nd Lt.	GRISSET, JACKUES	"
B	2nd Lt.	ANDREWS, RICHARD J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Jacobson, Kenneth M.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Snyder, Ernest M.	"
BT	Sgt.	Harwell, Wilton W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Modling, Odom W.	"
LNG	Sgt.	Campbell, David H.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Shanks, Herbert H.	"

Plane 42-107210

P	2nd Lt.	LA FEVOR, GEORGE L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HELM, WESLEY H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	HOWELL, JAMES R.	"
B.	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, DON L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Fidler, Charles K.	"
TT	Sgt.	Berg, Bernard B.	"
BT	Sgt.	Stanford, Leland (NMI)	"
TG	Sgt.	Carpenter, William L.	"
LNG	Pvt.	Hayden, Andrew J.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Bilyeu, Russell E.	"

Plane 42-31863

P	1st Lt.	WALSH, ROBERT P.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	EVANS, JACK B.	"
N & B	1st Lt.	PORTER, GUY R.	"
GT	S/Sgt.	Jones Scott D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Gray, John A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Stalleup, Mose H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Michael, Delmar E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Cohn, Leroy (NMI)	"
LNG	T/Sgt.	Garen, Alex (NMI) Jr.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Berg, Edgar M.	"

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Plane 42-51369

P	2nd Lt.	KENNEY, JOSEPH R.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HEARN, ROBERT F.	"
N	2nd Lt.	JAFFE, LEWIS S.	"
B	2nd Lt.	WILSON, JOHN H.	"
RO	Cpl. <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	Cohen, Roy V.	"
TT	Cpl. D	Dixon, William B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hambright, Richard P.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Higbee, Mark (NMI)	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Pearlman, Herman (NMI)	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Peschon, Raymond J.	"

Plane 42-102084

P	2nd Lt.	FISETTE, ROBERT L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, CHARLES F.	"
N	F/D	Rhinehart, William E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FULGIN, WILLIAM P.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Crites, Emory (NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Garlin, Harry C. JR.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Tellefson, Lawren M.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Long, Albert D.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Wright, Dale L.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Mack, Allen W.	"

Plane 42-39440

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	S/Sgt.	X Stuebing, Ephraim G.	"
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 42-102780

P	2nd Lt.	LINCOLN, CLIFFORD A.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	MYERS, JOSEPH H. JR.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RICKS, FRANK W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DANILAVEZ, STEPHEN J.	"
RO	Johnson, Oscar M.	T/Sgt.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Bredelis, Raymond G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Steits, Clarence R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Classick, Jehn F. Jr.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Mell, Robert C.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Haley, Daniel J. Jr.	"

P	Major	GARLAND, WILLIAM C.	PFF SHIP
P	Major	HINKLE, CARL A.	PFF SHIP
N	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, JOSEPH A.	612th Ship Lt. Woods P

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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

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List. Code  
 TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO # 557.  
 1. Following is the List of Combat Crews participating in today's mission.

PLANE #	DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
42-102468	P -	Captain	Dempsy	Ralph	M.	615th
	CP -	2nd Lt.	Maloney	Milton	F.	615th
	N -	1st Lt.	Whitney	Ray	F.	615th
	B -	1st Lt.	Dolan	William	W.	615th
	RO -	S/Sgt.	Merlino	Frank	A.	615th
	TT -	T/Sgt.	McIntyre	William	(MI)	615th
	BT -	S/Sgt.	Sweeps	William	H.	615th
	TG -	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H. O.	615th
	LWG -	S/Sgt.	Finchall	Sherwyn	(MI)	615th
	RWG -	S/Sgt.	Knapp	Phil	H.	615th
42-97664	P -	2nd Lt.	Oohsenhirt	Harry	J.	615th
	CP -	2nd Lt.	Ballenger	William	H.	615th
	N -	2nd Lt.	Boekstanz	Ernest	L.	615th
	B -	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Harry	E.	615th
	RO -	S/Sgt.	Finchall	Richard	A.	615th
	TT -	S/Sgt.	Westberg	Raymond	E.	615th
	BT -	S/Sgt.	Martin	Robert	K.	615th
	TG -	Sgt.	Hussey	Ambrose	(MI)	615th
	LWG -	Sgt.	Harley	Jerome	V.	615th
	RWG -	Sgt.	Martin	Russell	J.	615th
42-31266	P -	1st Lt.	Cambell	Paul	E.	615th
	CP -	Major	White	Ralph	J.	615th
	N -	Captain	Causey	Rufus	F.	615th
	B -	Captain	Kueming	Arnold	G.	615th
	RO -	T/Sgt.	Anderson	Martin	A.	615th
	TT -	S/Sgt.	Hensley	Oran	H.	615th
	BT -	S/Sgt.	Brown	Saul	H.	615th
	TG -	2nd Lt.	Swisher	Harold	E.	615th
	LWG -	S/Sgt.	Smith	Alan	E.	615th
	RWG -	S/Sgt.	Kendrick	Joseph, Jr.	W.	615th
42-59873	P -	1st Lt.	Christensen	Ellsworth	E.	615th
	CP -	1st Lt.	Rustand	Ronald	L.	615th
	N -	1st Lt.	Wong	Delbert	E.	615th
	B -	1st Lt.	Reynolds	Herbert	A.	615th
	RO -	T/Sgt.	Hehlmann	Raymond	G.	615th
	TT -	T/Sgt.	Green	Roland	J.	615th
	BT -	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
	TG -	S/Sgt.	Ross	Harry	A.	615th
	LWG -	S/Sgt.	Hatson	Allen	L.	615th
	RWG -	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Russell	W.	615th

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PLANE # 42-31069

DURY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	2nd Lt.	Gillepie	Elmer	C.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Chapman	Theodore	(NME)	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Mason	Hodge	E.	615th
B -	W/O JO	Thibodeaux	Nolan	L.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	McFall	Charlie	A.	615th
TT -	Sgt.	Ziruel	Don	D.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Browning	Elmer	E.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Dickson, Jr.	Jefferson	D.	615th
LWG -	Sgt.	Bush	Robert	J.	615th
RWG -	Sgt.	Lambert	Thomas	H.	615th

PLANE # 42-102674

P -	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Ledray	Vincent	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	M. H.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	V.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Casner	Charles	F.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Romano	Emanuel	L.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Lutsi	Frank	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Thompson	Halger, Jr.	F.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Kunger	Alva	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-107113

P -	1st Lt.	Trinble	William	W.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Shantz	Fred	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Lemke	Beryle	L.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Cury	Ernest	C.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Hastley	Jack	L.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Tracey	Edward	(NMI)	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Schaeffer	John	E.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Armstrong	William	C.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Acker	Joseph	F.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Courtad	Paul	K.	615th

PLANE # 42-97395

P -	2nd Lt.	De Siano	Ambrose	(NMI)	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Knstad	Robert	J.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (io)	Dee	615th
B -	S/Sgt.	May	William	M.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Cooper	Larry	R.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Agas	Jack	D.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Joe	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Hertzog	Harold	(NMI)	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Standafer	Stanley	(NMI)	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Bischoff	Everett	H.	615th

PLANE # 42-107092

P -	2nd Lt.	Knight	Dan	U.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Huegin	William	H.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Manning	Charles	E.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	C.	615th
RO -	Sgt.	Dengler	Walter	E.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Sartor	William	D.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Wackowiak	William	E.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Pacely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	J.	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Cope	Frederick	L.	615th

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HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION 128  
APO 557

29 May 1944

**SUBJECT:** S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 29 May, 1944.

**TO :** Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division APO 557  
**ATTN:** Statistical Control Officer

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

Heaters Out (1) Tail Wheel Retracting Motor Out (1)  
Cylinder Head Temperature Gauge Out (1)

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

Chin Turret Inoperative Elevation (1)

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

Leaking Oxygen System

CHARLES W. HUNT  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557  
29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-37843 - Flak hole through bottom and out right side of fuselage, near nose section; Flak hole in bottom of left wing, behind # 1 nacelle causing internal structural damage to wing; Flak hole through left wing, puncturing # 9 tokio tank and causing structural damage.

b. 42-37981 - Flak hole in bottom of right horizontal stabilizer; Flak hole in bottom of right wing, outer panel; Flak hole in plexiglass nose section.

c. 42-97344 - Flak entered through open bomb bay doors, damaging # 4 bulkhead and circumferential stiffener.

d. 42-31072 - Flak hole in # 1 ring cowl, damaging push rod housing.

e. 42-31496 - Flak hole in trailing edge of left wing forward of flap near station 8, in top out bottom cutting flux gate compass cable; Flak hole in right bottom side of fuselage near station 3g and 4, cutting band around oxygen bottle; Small flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 18.

<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>
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CHARLES W. HUNT  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557  
29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission 29 May, 1944

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

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at the conclusion of the mission of 29 May, 1944.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
42-37843	Chin Turret	Would not operate in elevation. Faulty Amplidyne.	Equipment

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTIONS

Negative bomb rack malfunctions report is submitted for the mission of 29 May 1944.

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

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

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SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), (Thru Lt. Col  
B.K. Voorhes, and Lt. Col. A.C. Brooks,

1. Several crews observed an encounter in which a single P-51 destroyed 4 ME 410's. The action took place at 1329 at approximately 5300 N-1546 E. where 4 ME 410's were queued up to attack our group. The P-51 attacked from low and behind, shooting down 2 E/A on the first pass. Then made 360 degree turn and destroyed third ME 410 at about 10,000 ft., the ME 410 having immediately dived at first attack. Three pilots bailed out and the E/A were observed to burn on the ground. The fourth ME 410 was reported destroyed shortly afterwards near the ground.

2. Major Ralph J. White, group leader, commented that the 351st group led the 94th CEW in an excellent manner. This comment was seconded by several crew members.

3. Lt. Ray F. Whitney, navigator for Major White, complimented the Lead Navigator for the Wing. Other navigators were of the same opinion.

4. Lt. William W. Trimble, pilot A/C 7981, stated that 401st group formation was very good and was well led today. Several other airplane commanders made the same observations.

5. Lt. George P. Bingham and Lt. Richard H. Hoyt, pilot and co-pilot of A/C 9993, stated that the leader of the low squadron flew the smoothest formation they have yet experienced.

6. Lt. George P. Bingham, pilot A/C 9993, observed that P-38 fighter escort salvaged their gas tanks much to ~~pl~~ close to the formation.

7. Lt. Clinton J. Parr, Pilot A/C 7113, severely criticized the fact that his enlisted men were scheduled for a tour of guard duty right after they returned from the mission. Other Officers and enlisted have the same criticism.

8. Lt. Warren Gelula, navigator A/C 1072, observed that the top turret of A/C 811 was empty and did not move for seventy five minutes, the TTG apparently having left his position while the formation was still 140 miles from the English coast.

9. Capt. Scribner C. Dalley, pilot A/C 2780, observed that someone put a 50 caliber bullet through one of his propellers.

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SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

TO: Engineering Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),  
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1. The following is the battle damage report for the airplanes operated by this squadron on the combat mission completed this date.

AIRPLANE NO.	BATTLE DAMAGE
42-31496	1. Flak hole in trailing edge of left wing just ahead of flap near station 8, in top out bottom. Cut flux gate compass cable. 2. Flak hole in right bottom side of fuselag near station 3g & 4. Cut band around oxygen bottle. 3. Small flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 18.
42-39993	1. Negative.
42-102398	1. Negative.
42-97811	1. Negative.

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