

# "MISSION SUMMARY"

*MISSION NO. 78*  
*29TH. MAY, 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. **78**

Date: **29 MAY 44**

TO: **SORAU, GER.**

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

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Leader's Narrative, Mission of 29 May 1944.

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

1. The 401st flew high box for the 94th Combat Wing, 351st was lead and the 457th was low. Assembly over Deenethorpe was very good. The route over England was as briefed and the control points made good.
2. The course to the target was as briefed except in the vicinity of Bremen, where the track was about ten miles North of the briefed course. The remainder of the course was as briefed with excellent timing.
3. The high box uncovered at the I.P. and bombed third with good results. After bombing a sharp turn was made and the group rejoined the Wing.
4. Both Group and Wing formation was excellent throughout.
5. Enemy fighters were encountered about five minutes after the target and were in the vicinity of the 94th Wing for about thirty minutes. One FW190 made an attack, but all other fighters attacked the Wing to the right of the 94th or were driven off by friendly escort. Fighter escort was fair to poor.
6. Meager flak was encountered near Quakenbruck, at the target and at landfall on the Baltic side of the German Peninsula.
7. All aircraft returned to England, one landing at another base for fuel. The group received moderate damage due to flak.

RALPH J. WHITE  
Major, Air Corps  
Group Leader

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

E-C-3

29 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, High Group, Mission No. 78, 29 May 1944.

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

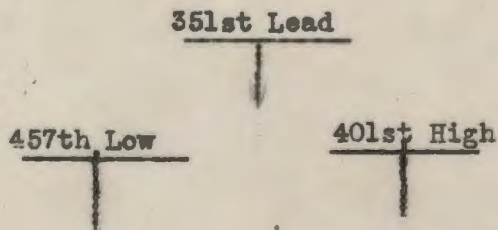
1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 401st Group furnished twenty one ships , including three spares for the High Box of the 94th CBW formation. Take off and assembly were as briefed. For the route in, bombing, and route out refer to the Box Leader's narrative and Navigator's log.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Three ships returned early. All were spares. There were no abortives.

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: Enemy fighter opposition consisted of light fighter attacks on this Group enroute to the target. Flak at the target was meager and inaccurate. No ships were lost.

4. FORMATION:

- a. Take off and Cruise (see attached diagram)
- b. Over Target (see attached diagram)
- c. 94th CBW Formation



5. RESULTS: Bombing was visual on the primary target. Results are reported to be good.

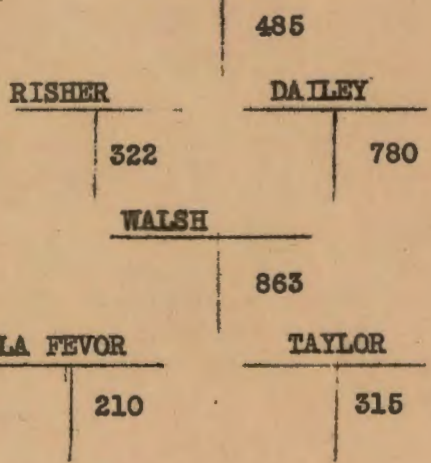
ALLISON C. BROOKS,  
Lt Col., Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

HIGH BOX 94TH CBW

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR WHITE Date 29 May 44  
Deputy Flight Leader CAPT CHAPMAN  
Group Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
Ground Control \_\_\_\_\_

SQDN  
WHITE (DEMPSEY)

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

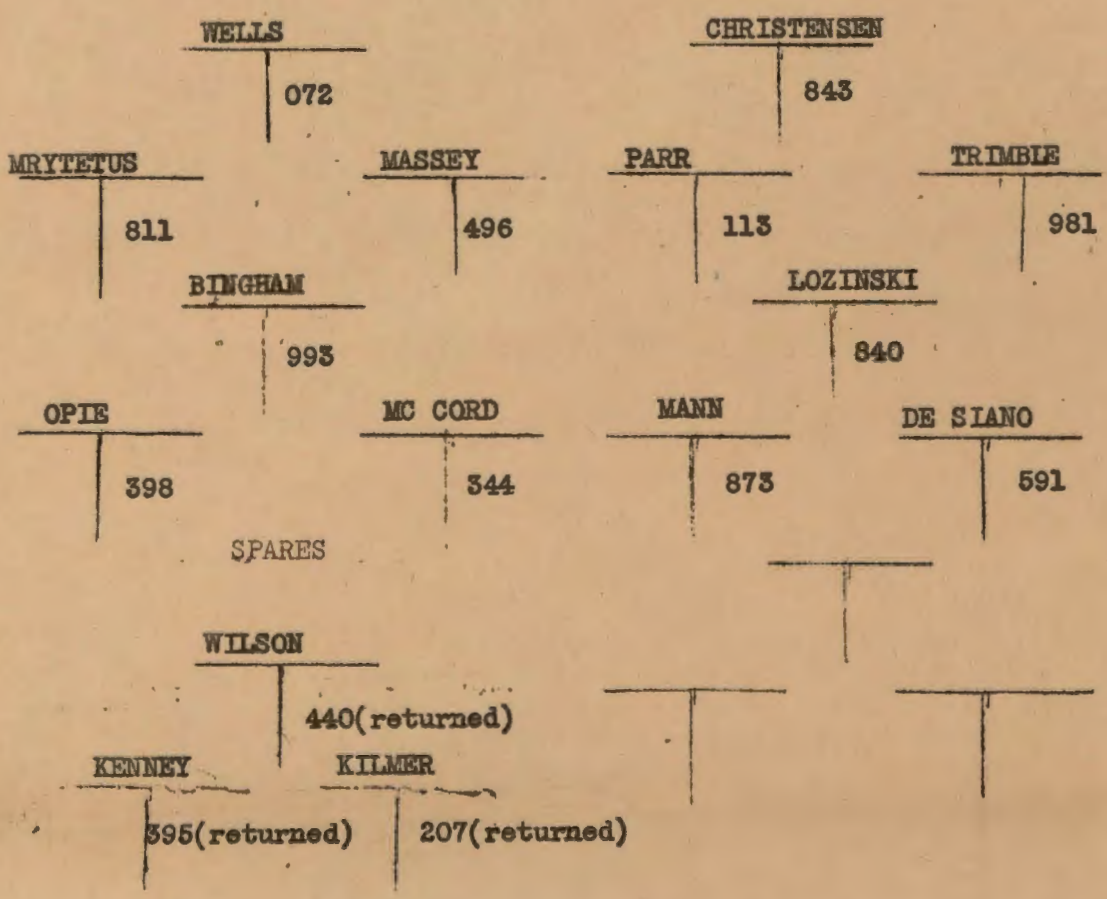


401ST HIGH BOX FORMATION  
AT TAKEOFF AND ON CRUISE

*OVER TARGET*

SQDN

SQDN



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

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st Group, Mission of 29 May 1944.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....21  
 Number of Spares..... 3  
 A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.....18  
 Number of Sorties (E.E.T.).....18  
 A/C Returning Early (Not E.E.T.)..... 0  
 Number of A/C Attacking.....18  
 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	Size	Bombs	
	Over Target	Bomb- ing				Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	18	18	744	100#	M47A1	Inst.	--
Other Attacks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Bombs on Target			744	100#	M47A1	Inst.	-
Other Expenditures			42	100#	M47A1	Inst.	-
Bombs Returned			80	100#	M47A1	Inst.	-
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			866	100#	M47A1	Inst.	--

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DAUBLE  
 Captain, Air Corps  
 Air Statistical Officer

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128  
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

29 May

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 0830 hours; Land at 1800 hours.

b. Group formed at 0920 hours at 12000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0925 hours at 12000 feet.

d. Began climb at 0940 hours; reached alt. at 1049 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 0 / 10th - Visibility 25 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 260 degrees, 15 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage, radio, gee

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Pilotage, Wind Plot

h. Joined task force at 1011 hrs. at 1049  
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 1011 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 1049 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 1050 hrs.

(2) Coming back 1512 hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 260 degrees, 15 Knots.

(2) Determined by Pilotage  
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications:

(1) Reached IP at 1245 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 81 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 15000 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 1258 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target:  
Visual - No haze

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 53 58N N. 05 50 E.

(2) Obtained at 1617 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

NONE

COMMENTS:

RAY T. WHITNEY  
1st Lt. AC

SIGNATURE

Lead Navigator (401st High Box)





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	
1150					52 43N 10 05E		150	23000 -22							
1205			155		52 37N 11 41E										
1212			137		52 23N 12 00E Burg AF	- Lots of Planes		May be gliders							
1218			115		Gorsko	Much camouflage									
1223			115		51 57N 12 54E	A/C		15000							
1226			115		51 55N 13 00E	2 AF and a factory									
1231			115		51 43N 13 15E	Radio Transmitter									
1237		268 264/16	115		51 38N 13 32E	AF below 8-10ships	150	15000 -3							
1245					IP 30-35 ships on AF	just before target (Chaff)									
1258			78	81	TARGET	Bombs Away		15000							
						Ground Rockets Flak									
1304			15		51 56N 15 25E	B-17 feathers engine									
1308			15		Oder River	15 large boats (Posen)									
1311			15		52 13N 15 26E	AC down in flames									
1315			12		52 26N 15 35E	B-17 down (6 chutes)									
1319			15		52 38N 15 38E	B-17 down (5 chutes)									
1330			15		P-51	gets 4 fighters									
1332					53 17N 16 00E	Control #5									
1337			320		53 25N 15 45E	B-17 Going Down 4 chutes									
1359	319	260/15	315		54 03N 14 50E	Politz	155 135	15000 -4	174		166	38	14	1413	
						Heav y smoke						Control #6			
1412			268		54 40N 13 50E	Control #6									
1423			263		B-17	going down 5 chutes									
1444			262		54 38N 11 58E		160	15000 -5							
1453			271		54 38N 11 27E	3 boats below									
1458			271		54 35N 11 00E	12 ship convoy									
1505			271		54 35N 10 30E	18 ships in trail									
1512			281		54 35N 10 02E	White and Black Flak	150	15100 -7							
1522			281		54 33N 09 20E	351st plane down									
1528			250		54 33N 08 56E		150	15700 -7							
1538			250		54 30N 08 10E	Lines on water (look like nets)									
1539			253		54 30N 08 00E	Altered Course	160	15700 -7							
1601			253		54 10N 06 35E										
1617			253		53 58N 05 50E	(Stud #2) picked up DPE buncher here									
1625			252		53 52N 05 12E										
1638			252		" 53 43N 04 16E										
1648			252		" 53 38N 03 50E	(Stud #4)									
1657			252		" 53 30N 03 00E	Small boats below 2 a/c leaving formation									
1702			252		IFF ON										
1725					52 56N 01 01E	English Coast In (Mann leaving formation for gas)									
1758					Base	In Pattern									
					Landed	1800									

TARGETS:  
 PRIMARY SUK44 GERMAN  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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TRACK CHART  
 DATE MAY 29, 1944

GREEN  
ORANGE  
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ROUTE FOLLOWED BY  
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**COMBATS**  
 F.W 190 ○  
 M.E. 109 ○  
 J.U. 88 ○  
 M.E. 110 ○  
 D.O. 217 ○  
 M.E. 210 ○  
 M.E. 410 ○  
 J.U. 87 ○  
**FLAK**  
 □ HEAVY  
 □ LIGHT





Sig. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

HEAVY LIGHT

HEADQUARTERS  
401st Bombardment Gp(H)  
APO 557, U.S.Army

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardiers Narrative

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

1. BOMBING APPROACH AND RUN: The 401st Group was flying the High Box of the 94th Combat Wing., attacking Sorau, Germany. We uncovered at the I.P. being the third group in the wing to bomb. The target was easily picked up due to excellent visibility. We made an S turn to the right in order to slightly increase our distance and better space ourselves behind the preceding group. The heading on the bomb run was 81°. The M.P.I. was identified and the synchronization was excellent.

2. The strike covered the M.P.I. thoroughly but due to the fact that the Low Squadron was out of position to the left and rear some of the bombs fell short and to the left hitting the airfield proper.

3. Bombs were away at 12:58.

W.W. DOLAN  
1st Lt, Air Corps  
Lead Bombardier

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. W.W. Dolan DATE 29 May 1944

PILOT Capt Dempsey TAKE OFF \_\_\_\_\_

NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Whitney AIRPLANE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP 401st LANDED \_\_\_\_\_

OBJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ (MPI) \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL POINT \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF ATTACK \_\_\_\_\_  
 Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP Lead a/c COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

RANGE SIGHTING ONLY, GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 100 M -47 IB

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 744 100M 47 IB RELEASED 744 100M 47 IB

FUZZING, NOSF \_\_\_\_\_ TAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SYNCHRONIZATION X  
 On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of target	<u>575</u>	Mag Head, order	<u>82</u>	Actual	<u>81</u>
True Altitude above target	<u>15000</u>	True Heading	<u>78</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>15400</u>	Drift, Est.	<u>0</u>	Actual	<u>2R</u>
Pressure alt of target	<u>120</u>	True Track	<u>79</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	Actual Range	<u>8360</u>		
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u>	I.A.S. <u>150</u>	B.S. Type	<u>M-5</u>		
G.S., Es <u>210</u>	Actual <u>208</u>	Time of Release	<u>1253</u>		
Wind Direc. Metro <u>200</u>	Actual <u>250</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>Win</u>		
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>17</u>	Actual <u>17</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>70000</u>		
D.S. <u>154</u>	Trail <u>150</u>	ATF	<u>35.1</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>Yes</u>
Stan. D.A. Est. <u>.54</u>	Actual <u>.49</u>	Manual Pilot			<u>A-5</u>

X

Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned  
 Target Area

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN

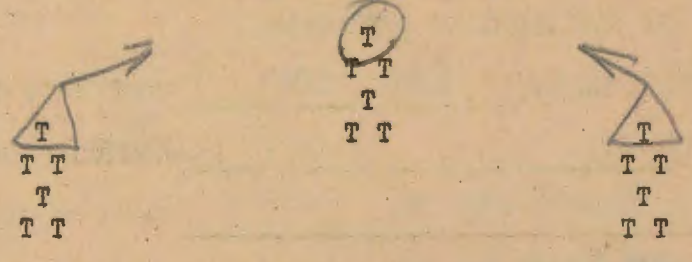
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MEAN TEMP. METRO 710 ACTUAL 710

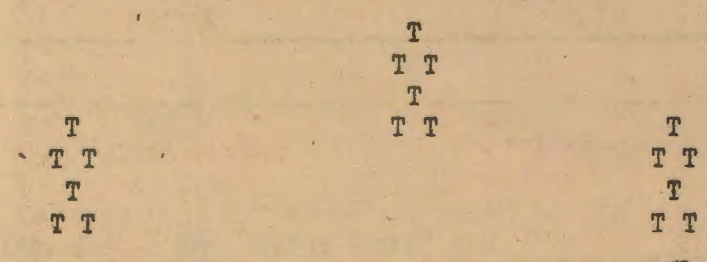
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


ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP. C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
1000						
5000						
10000						
15000	260	360	17	17	-4	-4
17000						
19000						
20000						
25000						
28000						
30000						

METHODS OF BOMBING



COMPOSITE GROUPS



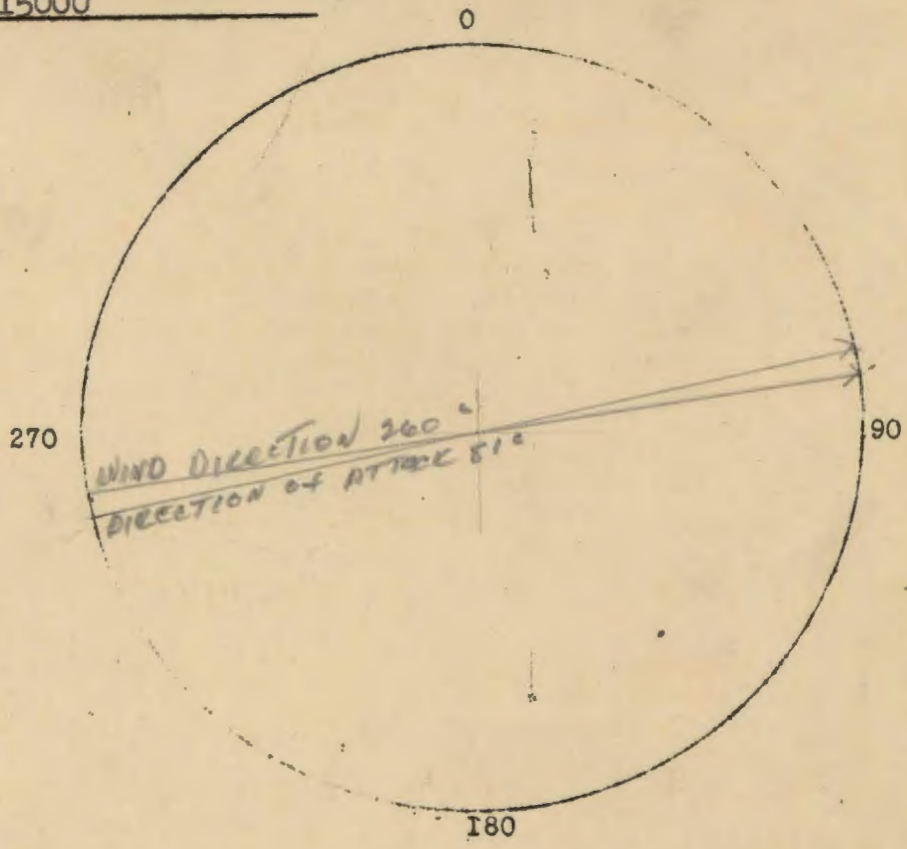
- Bombardier making complete sighting operation 
- Bombardier making range operation only 
- Bombardier dropping on leader, with arrow indicating leader's position. 

BARBIER'S INDIVIDUAL PLOT

Target Sorau, Germany

Method of Bombing \_\_\_\_\_

Altitude 15000



PLOT

Wind Direction 260  
Wind Velocity 17  
Direction of attack 81

REMARKS - - - - -

18 a/c dropped ~~744~~ x100 #M-47 IB on primary target.

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>
5	0	5	5

*Charles W. Hunt*  
 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 28 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.*  
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. 367

Date of Operations 29 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
01ST	100-LB INCEN M47A2	M126	INST			866	744	42	0	80	.50	AP	STR	2175	--	

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Check one of the following:

Report complete XXXX

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

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

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

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

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Reference Field Order 367 .

29 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 78 .

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

- |                     |          |                        |                    |
|---------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. VHF/DF Bearings: |          | 5. Radio Beacons used: |                    |
| to 401st A/G        | <u>3</u> | Splashers              | <u>10</u>          |
| to other A/C        | <u>0</u> | Fixed Beacons          | <u>0</u>           |
| 2. HF/DF Bearings   | <u>0</u> | Bunchers               | <u>15</u>          |
| 3. MF/DF Fixes      | <u>0</u> | 6. Total A/C using Gee | <u>8</u>           |
| 4. Distress Action  | <u>0</u> | Maximum Fix            | <u>0625E 5408N</u> |

SECTION TWO - REPORTED EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

- |            |          |               |          |
|------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 1. Liaison | <u>0</u> | 5. Interphone | <u>1</u> |
| 2. Command | <u>0</u> | 6. Gee        | <u>0</u> |
| 3. VHF     | <u>2</u> | 7. IFF        | <u>0</u> |
| 4. Compass | <u>2</u> | 8. Others     | <u>5</u> |

SECTION THREE - REMARKS

DEENETHORPE BUNCHER REPORTED EXCELLENT WITH RANGE UP TO  
300 MILES.

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

*Harold M. Kennard Jr.*  
HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.  
Capt, Air Corps,  
Gp Comm O.

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

(D-M-4)

29 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition and Tactical Analysis Report on the Mission  
to SCRAU, GERMANY 29 May 1944.

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

1. Between 25 to 40 E/A consisting of ME 410's, FW 190's and ME 109's were observed between target and Stettin but were kept at a distance by our fighter escort. Several individual passes were made at our formation from low to level at between 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock positions but E/A were immediately chased by fighters.

2. 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 - 1548 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 first pass. Then made 360° 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.

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

*Lt. D. V. Myers*

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of 29 May 1944

Time of Preparation 2000

Target SOROU

Telephone No. 2 2005

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(1) Designation of Group 401

(2) Total No. of A/C  
airborne, incl. spares 21

(3) Total No. of A/C  
Dispatched 21

(4) No. of A/C Attacking 18

(5) No. of A/C Dispatched  
but not Attacking 3

Due to:

- (a) Mechanical Failure \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Weather \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Enemy Action \_\_\_\_\_  
(lost before target)
- (d) Other 3

(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 1258

(8) Altitudes of Attack 15,000

(9) Bombs on Each Target (a) 744 (b) Size M47 (c) Type IB

(10) Personnel Casualties 0

Type:

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

(11) A/C Suffering Battle  
Damage 5

Category:

- (a) Minor 5
- (b) Major \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Salvage \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Claims 0

(13) Leaflets NONE

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Lt. D. V. Myers  
Preparing Officer

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
STATION 123 - APO 557  
U. S. ARMY

D-3-4

29 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 557, (Thru  
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees 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 W - 1548 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° 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 CBW 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-58 fighter escort salvaged their gas tanks much to 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 Celula, navigator A/C 1072, observed that the top turret of A/C 811 was empty and did not move for seventy-five minutes, the TPO apparently having left his position while the formation was still 140 miles from the English Coast.

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

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

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Assigned . . . . . SORAU . . . . .  
 Target: Bombed . . . . . SORAU . . . . .  
 Date of Mission 29/5/44.

Route as Flown: 1011 (Cramer) - 1049 (5237 - 0457 E) 1205 (5237 - 1141E)  
 1245 (5134 - 1422 E) (Target) - 1419 (5440 - 1350 E) 1539 (5440 - 0800 E)  
 1725 (5256 - 0107 E)

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

FLAK AT TARGET WAS MEAGER TO MODERATE AND FAIRLY ACCURATE. SOME RED AND WHITE BURSTS OBSERVED.

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)  
 Observed 1122 (5236 - 0822) 22,800 Meager Poor Poor Blk.  
 Observed 1126 Quackenbruck 23,000 Meager Good Poor Blk.  
 Encountered 1129 (5238 - 0830) 22,000 Meager Poor Poor Blk. - Tracking  
 Observed 1149 Calle 22,000 Meager Poor Poor Blk. - Tracking  
 Observed 1513 (5433 - 0957 ) 15,000 Meager Good Good Blk. Tracking

(OVER)

Was CHAFF carried? . . . . . NO . . . . .  
 How discharged? . . . . .

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
401	18	5	0	1258	1258	15,000	78°T	2 Min

Comments - Phenomena:- SEVERAL GROUND ROCKETS OBSERVED AT TARGET AREA.

LT. MYERS.



FLAK FROM DUMMER LAKE AREA - ACTUALLY N. OF LAKE ABOUT 7 MILES - COMES FROM 4 TOWNS. AT VECHTA, SHOEN (Near Vechta), TWISTRINGEN AND BASSUM ARE FLAK BATTERIES DEFINITELY OBSERVED FIRING FROM THERE.

BRIEFING NOTES

Your target is a previously briefed target but not a previously bombed one by us. It is the fighter A/C and Assembly factory of the Focke-Wulf Co., which is the largest of the F-W Assembly factories - one of these is to be attacked by the 2nd Div.

Components are drawn from the neighboring town where factories are located, and from two additional factories which are indicated on the map.

The assembly factory has been operating since mid-1943, and although it has had operational difficulties, its production should have been expanded considerably.

This plant, regarded as the largest remaining source of FW 190's, was not hit during the attack on 11 April '44, due to poor weather and visibility. Damage was done however to former textile plants in the city now associated with the assembly factory, and severe damage to six most probable component plants was observed from strike photos.

Your MPI is a point in the assembly hangars, which is the primary vital point in this target.

YOUR SECONDARY TARGET is the experimental station ~~an~~ base used for many purposes, the chief of which is the production of high-concentration of hydrogen-peroxide. The MPI selected is the quarters located on S.E. corner of the target.

LAST RESORT TARGET is any military objective in Germany or any A/D not near built up areas which may be bombed without disrupting fighter support.

INDICATE FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

2nd Div. attacking

1st Div. attacking

FRIENDLY FIGHTER SUPPORT

3 Gps of P-47's

2 " " P-38's

5 " " P-51's

2 " " P-38's

2nd Div. escorted by 2 Gps of 47's and 2 Gps of 51's. *1 gp of 38's*

3rd Div. escorted by 6 Gps of 47's, 2 Gps. of 51's and 2 Gps. of 38's.

EPIDIASCOPE PROCEDURE:

- 1; 250,000 Map
- Night target map
- Vertical photo
- Flak Map

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

P/W POOP- General area of target -if forced down head for ports of Danzig, Stettin, Lubeck, (possibly Wismar and Rostock) Seek to stow away on Swedish Ships.-best time is at dusk and stay there till in Swedish waters. On reaching Sweden declare yourself an escaper and asked for consulate.

Possibility exists of making way through Poland and being assisted by the underground who will give you custody to the Russian lines.

TEMPEST A/C over Europe.

CHECK FOR IDENTITY PHOTOS, GI SHOES, ESCAPE KITS ETC. PROPER FIT OF PARACHUTE HARNESS, DOG TAGS.

NO © NVOYS EXPECTED.

DON'T MENTION THE TARGET.

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401st  
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31 May 1944

STATEMENT OF MAJOR RALPH J. WHITE, GROUP LEADER.

31 May 1944

I was leader of the 401st Bombardment Group (H) in the 94th Combat Bombardment Wing (H) of the 1st Bombardment Division (H) on the mission of 29 May 1944 to Sorau, Germany. I flew as Pilot in A/C 1485.

After we had bombed the target, a Focke-Wulf assembly plant at Sorau, Southeast of Berlin, we proceeded Northerly toward the Baltic Sea, at an altitude of 15,000 feet. Friendly escorting fighters were in the vicinity and were able to engage most of the enemy aircraft we observed, at a distance from our formation.

At 1329 hours, in the vicinity of Woldenberg, Germany (my Navigator logged the spot as 5300 N - 1548 E) four (4) ME-410's appeared, flying parallel to our formation and in the same direction, at a speed I estimated at 200 MPH. They were approximately 1500 yards away, flying echeloned to the left and were looking us over. We had been watching them come up and at first I had thought they were B-17's because of their perfect formation. At that particular time, there were no friendly escorting fighters around and I expected them to start lobbing rockets into our Group formation.

Approximately 20 seconds before the ME-410's were parallel to us, I observed a single P-51 Mustang fighter coming up on the ME-410's from slightly below and to their rear. He seemed to be throttled back and was not observed by the ME 410's who were intent upon our formation. When the P-51 was still slightly below the 410's and within 100 to 150 yards behind them, he started firing. I could see the bullets hit the planes.

The rear ME-410 burst immediately into flames and one chute came out. The other three started a diving turn to the right. They had turned scarcely as much as ten degrees before the P-51 got the second one, which burst into flame and one chute came out.

By this time, the other two were diving very steeply, still in echelon. They had lost about 3000 feet altitude when the third 410 was hit and my Ball Turrett Gunner reported on interphone that the third chute came out.

The P-51 by then was right after the remaining 410 and got him on what seemed to me to be a deflection shot. I could see the bullets striking his wing. He crashed by a lake, no opportunity to bale out.

I later saw the wreckage of all four of these planes burning on the ground.

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Ralph J. White  
Major, A.C.  
ASN. 024885

Kenneth McGowan

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 401st  
 Intelligence

STATEMENT OF CAPT. SCRIBNER C. DAILEY, DEPUTY GROUP LEADER.

31 May 1944

I was Deputy Group Leader of the 401st Bombardment Group (H) on the mission of 29 May, 1944 to Sorau, Germany. I flew as pilot of A/C No. 2780.

After we had bombed the target, a Focke-Wulf Assembly plant at Sorau, Southeast of Berlin, we proceeded Northerly toward the Baltic Sea, at an altitude of 15,000 feet. Friendly escorting fighters were in the vicinity and were able to engage most of the enemy aircraft we observed, at a distance from our formation.

At 1329 hours, in the vicinity of Woldenberg, Germany (location approximately 5300 N - 1548 E), four ME-410's came up, flying parallel with our formation and in the same direction, approximately 1500 yards away and flying slowly, intent upon our formation. They were flying in echelon to the left. There were no friendly escorting fighters in the area at that particular time, and when they were just about abreast of us, I saw flames from the wings of two of the 410's. I thought that they had launched rockets at us and so stated into the interphone. ~~xxxx~~ Then ~~that~~ I saw the first 'chute come out, and it was at that instant that I first observed the P-51 behind them.

The remaining three 410's went into a steep dive to the right, headed under our formation. I never saw such an exhibition in my life, because the P-51 had shot down three of the 410's before a full five seconds time had elapsed. I saw the three chutes from these three planes.

The fourth and remaining 410, which ~~was~~ was diving ~~xxxx~~ almost vertically, to the right, and was by then headed about 180 degrees from our course, was down to 8000 feet altitude when the P-51 caught him. I saw the bullets strike and he crashed into the ground, no parachute coming out. the wreckage of

I later observed the fires from these planes burning on the ground.

Scrbner C. Dailey  
 Capt., A.C.  
 ASN 0801940

D.V. McCarter  
 Asst S-2 Officer  
 401st Bom Grp

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STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN WAYMAN T. HUTSON, DEPUTY LEAD BOMBARDIER.

31 May 1944

I flew as Bombardier for Captain Scribner C. Dailey, Deputy Group Leader of the 401st Bombardment Group (H) on the mission of 29 May 1944 to Sorau, Germany.

After we had bombed the target, a Focke-Wulf Assembly plant at Sorau, Southeast of Berlin, we were proceeding Northerly toward the Baltic Sea, at an altitude of 15,000 feet. Friendly escorting fighters were in the vicinity and were able to engage most of the enemy aircraft we observed, at a distance from our formation.

At 1329 hours, in the vicinity of Wolbenberg, Germany (5300 N - 1548 E), I observed four ME-410's, flying parallel to and in the same direction as our formation, out approximately 1500 yards and echeloned to the left. There were no friendly escorting fighters in the ~~vicinity~~ area. Lt. Tomlinson, Navigator, called out over the interphone, "Bandits!" and shortly thereafter, Capt. Dailey stated over interphone "They're firing rockets!"

I saw the flame from the wing of the rear 410 and immediately observed the P-51, which was about 150 yards behind the ~~enemy~~ four enemy aircraft. Almost at once, the 1st chute came out of this 410.

Very shortly afterward, another chute came out of the second 410. I could see the bullets hitting the plane.

The remaining two 410's were going down steeply in a dive to the right, with the P-51 right after them. He got the one on the left and I saw a chute come out.

By this time, the remaining 410 had turned sharply to the right, still in a steep dive. The P-51 turned inside him, let him have it, and I saw him crash into the ground, no chute appearing beforehand.

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STATEMENT OF 1/LT. HARVEY G. TOMLINSON, DEPUTY GROUP NAVIGATOR.

31 May 1944

I flew as Navigator for Captain Scribner C. Dailey, Deputy Group Leader of the 401st Bombardment Group (H) on the mission of 29 May, 1944 to Sorau, Germany.

After we had bombed the target, a Focke-Wulf Assembly plant at Sorau, Southeast of Berlin, we were proceeding Northerly toward the Baltic Sea, at an altitude of 15,000 feet. Friendly escorting fighters were in the vicinity and were able to engage most of the enemy aircraft we observed, at a distance from our formation.

At 1329 hours, in the vicinity of Woldenberg, Germany (vicinity 5300 N - 1548 E), I observed four ME-410's, flying parallel to and in the same direction as our formation, out approximately 1500 yards and echeloned to the left. They were looking us over. I called out "Bandits!" on the interphone, and shortly thereafter, Capt. Dailey's voice came over the interphone, stating "They're firing rockets!"

I saw flame from the wing of one of the 410's and at this time noticed the P-51, ~~wh~~ who was approximately 150 yards behind the 410's. Immediately after seeing this flame, I saw two parachutes from two of the four 410's, which went down.

The remaining two 410's were breaking down in a steep dive, the P-51 hot after them. He shot down the one on the left and I saw a chute come out.

By this time, the remaining 410 had turned sharply to the right, still in the steep dive. The P-51 turned inside him, ~~left~~ him have it, and I saw the last 410 crash into the ground before there was an opportunity for anyone to bale out.

HEADQUARTERS  
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Staff Weather Officer  
APO 557, U.S. Army

29 May 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 29 MAY 1944

TAKE-OFF: 0830. Hll low or middle cloud. 1/10 cirrus at 25,000'. Visibility 3000 yards.

ROUTE OUT: Hll low cloud becoming 1-2/10 cumulus, tops 5-6000', just east of Berlin and again becoming nil in the target area. Hll middle cloud. Hll high cloud becoming 2-3/10 cirrus at 26-27,000' near Bremen, again becoming nil east of Berlin. Estimated 3/10 altostratus in the distance south of the route over the channel at 14,000'. Downward visibility 10-15 miles at altitude. Horizontal visibility unrestricted at altitude. Top of haze layer was at 14,500'.

TARGET: 1257. Hll clouds. Visibility 20-30 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Hll low clouds. Hll middle cloud becoming 2-3/10 altostratus, tops 10-12,000', over Denmark, again becoming nil over the North Sea. Hll high clouds. 2-3/10 cumulus, tops 5-6000', to the left of course from the target to 12 deg. E. Scattered towering cumulus to the right of course over Northern Denmark. Downward visibility 15-20 miles at altitude. Horizontal visibility unrestricted at altitude.

BASE ON RETURN: 1800. Trace of cumulus at about 3000'. Trace of altostratus at about 14,000'. Hll high cloud. Visibility 6 miles.

REMARKS: No contrails. Winds and temperatures approximately as briefed. The temperature at 15,000' was -5 deg. and at 23,000' was -22 deg.

*Arthur B. Street*

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

# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 29 May 1944  
 PERIOD 0700 - 1830 hrs  
 AG P BR HQ SOS 122929

	A Bases to 05 Deg East	B 05 Deg East to Target to 06 Deg East.	C 06 Deg East to Bases	D
1 WEATHER	Partly Cloudy with Haze	Partly Cloudy with Haze	Partly Cloudy becoming Cloudy with Haze.	
2 CLOUDS	NIL Low Cloud becoming 4-6/10 Patchy Stratocumulus over water. base 500-1000ft tops 2000ft. <del>2-4/10 Cirrus</del> 2-4/10 Altostratus and Altocumulus base 12000ft tops 14000ft becoming NIL by 05 Deg East. 2-4/10 Cirrus above 25,000ft.	4-6/10 Stratocumulus at 05 Deg East becoming 2-4/10 over Continent and on to Target base 3000ft tops 5000ft. NIL Medium Cloud. 2-4/10 Fine Cirrus above 25,000ft. ON DUTY IN THE SASH ON RETURN TO <del>05</del> 06	2-4/10 Cumulus becoming 4-6/10 over water and England base 2-3000ft tops 5-6000ft. NIL NIL Medium becoming 4-6/10 Altocumulus in ragged fragments base 12,000ft tops 18000ft over North Sea and England. 2-4/10 Fine Cirrus becoming 6-8/10 Cirrostratus base 22,000ft over England.	<del>-----</del> Moderate Persistent Contrail above 25,000ft East of 06 Deg East. And a 1000ft below Cirrus level remainder of Route.
3 ICING	12,000 ft. NIL	12,000 ft. NIL	12,000ft Moderate Haze in Medium Cloud	
4 VISIBILITY	500-1000 yds locally less than 500 yds. Top of Fog 500 ft. Visibility unrestricted at Altitude.	Unrestricted at Altitude Vertical Visibility 10-15 miles	Unrestricted at Altitude becoming 3-5 miles at Bases.	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	130 05	Height and Variable	130 05	Temperatures Plus 24
5000 FT	150 10	240 05	160 10	Plus 13
10000 FT	160 15	250 10	180 15	Plus 05
15000 FT	170 15	260 15	190 15	-04
20000 FT	180 20	270 20	200 20	-15
25000 FT	180 20	270 20	200 20	-23
30000 FT	180 20	270 20	200 20	-31

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.24 in TARGET SURFACE TEMP Plus 24 TARGET MEAN TEMP Plus NIL 09.8  
 Target Sea Level Pressure 30.44 in TEMP AT 15000 FT. NIL -04 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) +55 ft  
Add height of Target. ←

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612th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Operations Officer  
APO 557

AAF Station 128  
29 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Loading List.

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

Plane 42-31496

P	Massey, William E.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Ceresa, Donnic (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
N	Nealon, William T.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Stelljes, Louis V.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Eames, Harold L.	S Sgt.	"
TTG	Faulkner, James P.	S Sgt.	"
BTG	Mahler, Robert L.	T Sgt.	"
TG	White, Paul A.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Weiters, Alfred E.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Berard, Francis J.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-97811

P	Myrtetus, John W.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Davis, Charles C. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Elward, Thomas S.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Greer, Thyril J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Wyatt, Fred J.	S Sgt.	"
TTG	Paine, Malcolm W.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Brawn, Clarence F.	Cpl.	"
TG	Brisbin, Robert L.	Sgt.	"
LWG	McClelland, George E.	Sgt.	"
RWG	Brotherton, Douglas F.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-102395

HO	Ople, Kermit H.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Laney, Edward A. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Schwartz, Joseph M.	T Sgt.	"
N	Walke, Wallace W.	T Sgt.	"
RO	Simmon, Arnauld P.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Fleetwood, Gerald C.	S Sgt.	"
BTG	Bodle, John F.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Yantzie, Alvin (NMI) Jr.	S Sgt.	"
LWG	Brauer, Harry A.	S Sgt.	"
RWG	Burns, Ralph F.	S Sgt.	"

Plane 42-79993

HO	Bingham, George D. I.	1st Lt.	"
P	Hoyt, Harry H. (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
CP	Fitzmaurice, Richard W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Weinert, Karl H. C.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Giorgiani, Alex (NMI)	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Dunn, Johnny K.	T Sgt.	"
BTG	Johns, Cath W.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Keatts, Lawson K.	S Sgt.	"
LWG	Ganey, Joe R.	S Sgt.	"
RWG	Callahan, Michael J.	S Sgt.	"
BIG	(NMI)	S Sgt.	"
LLG	(NMI)	S Sgt.	"
HO	(NMI)	S Sgt.	"
B	(NMI)	S Sgt.	"
N	(NMI)	S Sgt.	"
CP	(NMI)	S Sgt.	"
B	(NMI)	S Sgt.	"

Plane 42-105480

Plane 42-102780

P	Dailey, Scribner C.	Capt.	612th
CP	Stokes, Alexander C.	1st Lt.	"
N	Tomlinson, Harvey G.	1st Lt.	"
B	Hutson, Waymen T.	Capt.	"
RO	Cohen, Weldon B.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Flynn, William B.	T Sgt.	"
BTG	Sabel, Jerome (NMI)	S Sgt.	"
TG	Sanders, Charles W.	S Sgt.	"
LWG	Daniel, James P.	S Sgt.	"
RWG	Malchuk, Irvin L.K.	S Sgt.	"

Plane 42-31972

HO	Stewart, Vlex (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
P	Wells, Kenneth C.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Guinn, Edna N.	1st Lt.	"
N	Salisbury, Warren (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
B	Lingenfelter, Leo I.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Bartlett, Edward M.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Larson, Robert D.	T Sgt.	"
BTG	Convertino, Rico S.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Gray, William H.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Price, William (NMI)	S Sgt.	"
RWG	Chapman, William E.	S Sgt.	"

Plane 42-97544

HO	McCord, Richard D.	1st Lt.	"
CP	McMurray, John H.	2nd Lt. F/O	"
N	Abraham, Marvin C.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Debrew, Irwin L.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Krikman, Charles C.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Weatherbee, Winfield H.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Fornalari, Thomas J. Jr.	Sgt.	"
TG	Edmonds, Elroy (NMI)	Sgt.	"
LWG	Strickland, Bob	Sgt.	"
RWG	Peyreigne, Pierre V.	Sgt.	"
BIG	Blyman, Clarence E.	CPI	"
LLG	Berme, Metcoun M.	Sgt.	"
HO	Maff, Elog J.	S Sgt.	"
B	Greel, Lpalt J.	Sgt. Gf.	"
M	Elmsig, Dvomes S.	Sgt. Gf.	"
CB	Deats, Charles C. Jr.	Sgt. Gf.	"
B	Walters, John M.	1st Gf.	"

Plane 42-21877

BAG	Belsig, Blucis J.	Sgt.	"
FMG	Metzels, Villet E.	Sgt.	"
LG	Mitte, Bunt V.	Sgt.	"
BLG	Wepfel, Horels G.	1st Sgt.	"
LLG	Bentkner, James E.	2nd Sgt.	"
HO	Eames, Hecord G.	2nd Sgt.	"
B	Stettler, Gonta A.	Sgt. Gf.	"
M	Newton, Mittum E.	Sgt. Gf.	"
CB	Geless, Donnie (NMI)	Sgt. Gf.	"
B	Wessal, Mittum E.	Sgt. Gf.	"

Plane 42-21488

TO : SAC, VAE Station 138  
 O'Leary's Office, Joint Bombardment Group (H), VBO

SUBJECT: Loading List

58 MAY 1944  
VAE Station 138

VBO 223  
Office of the O'Leary's Office  
Joint Bombardment Group (H)  
81st Bombardment Squadron (H)

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

AAF Station # 128  
 29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE # 42-51863

P	1st Lt.	WALSH, ROBERT P.	614th
CP	1st Lt.	SCHULZ, JOHN	"
N	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, JOSEPH A.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FEDRO, ORLANDO J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Gray, John A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Tweed, Stanley A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Berg, Edgar M.	"
EG	T/Sgt.	Garan, Alex Jr.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Jones, Scott D.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Teel, Oliver E.	"

PLANE # 42- 39440

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	Cohen, Roy	"
TT	Cpl.	Dixon, William E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hambright, Richard P.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Higbee, Mark	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Pearlman, Herman	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Peschon, Raymond J	"

*return to [unclear]*

PLANE # 42- 107322

P	RISHER, JAMES F.	1st Lt.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	REFENING, JACK L.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RICKS, FRANK W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	BROWN, VINCENT E.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Mussetter, William M.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Ockerman, Robert H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Baker, Harry R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Baker, James T.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Miller, Jennings F. Jr.	"
BTW	S/Sgt.	Croce, Rudolph M.	"

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	S/Sgt.	Berg, Bernard B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stanford, Leland	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Carpenter, William L.	"
RWG	<del>MAJORITY</del> Pvt.	Hayden, Andrew J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Bilyeu, Russell E.	"

PLANE # 42- 97395

P	2nd Lt.	KILMER, ALHPEUS L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HUNTER, JAMES M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	GRIGGS, WILLIAM C. JR.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FWLER, EUGENE K.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Brooks, Robert L.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Deitsch, Delois F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Gormley, Edward M.	"
TG	S/ Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Hicks, Robert G.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Alexander, James S.	"

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PLANE # 42-51515

P	2nd Lt.	TAYLOR FRED M.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	ROESKE, WARREN A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	ROESKE, VAUGHN B.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Dondeville, Clem N	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Steubing, Ephraim G.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Sullivan, Harry L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Ellsworth, Kenneth E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Leiferman, Gerald J.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Modling, Odom W.	"
RWG	Cpl.	De Hart, Harold H.	"

PLANE # 42- 107207

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	DELLEY, CURTIS C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B.	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Sugrue, James J.	"
TT	S/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.	"

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For the Squadron Commander:

WILLIAM C. GARLAND,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Operations Officer.

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

29 May 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 # 42-31485

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	Captain	Dempsey	Ralph	M.	615th
CP -	Major	White	Ralph	J.	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	(NMI)	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Sweeps	William	H.	615th
TG -	2nd Lt.	Chapman	Theodore	(NMI)	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	M. C.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Knapp	Phil	H.	615th

PLANE # 42-37843

P -	1st Lt.	Christensen	Ellsworth	E.	615th
CP -	1st Lt.	Rustand	Ronald	L.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Hong	Delbert	(NMI)	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Reynolds	Berbert	A.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Hinkin	Hansen	C.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Green	Boland	J.	615th
BT -	Cgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Hoss	Harry	A.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Salson	Allen	L.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Russell	W.	615th

PLANE # 42-37981

P -	1st Lt.	Trimble	William	W.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Shantz	Fred	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Lenke	Beryle	L.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Cury	Daver	C.	615th
RO -	C/Sgt.	Wackey	Jack	L.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Hensley	Ors	W.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Schaeffer	John	E.	615th
TG -	Cgt.	Armstrong	William	C.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Acker	Joseph	F.	615th
RWG-	C/Sgt.	Courtad	Raul	K.	615th

PLANE # 42-39873

P -	2nd Lt.	Mann	William	J.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Root	John	A.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Rosenquist	Alfred	A.	615th
B -	S/Sgt.	Reed	Robert	M.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Ameen	William	F.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Gushen	William	(NMI)	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Smith	William	A.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	De Juro	Alphonso	pt.	615th
LWG-	Sgt.	Breggia	Frank	A.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Kinchell	Sherwyn	(NMI)	615th

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PLANE # 42-107113

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Parr	Clinton	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Blevins	Charles	H.	615th
H	2nd Lt.	Hansen	Gerald	(M.I)	615th
R	W/O JG	Thibodeaux	Nolan	L*	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Allen	John	L*	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Rossley	Emerson	D*	615th
BT	Sgt.	Ternorst	Arthur	(M.I)	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Holland	James	E*	615th
LVG	Sgt.	Daniels	George	C*	615th
RWG	Sgt.	Forsythe	Louis	A*	615th
PLANE #	42-51840	W/O	W/O	V*	615th
		W/O	W/O	A*	615th

P	1st Lt.	Lozinski	Stephen	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Maloney	Milton	F.	615th
H	P/O	Rush	Louis	R.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Hughes	Harold	E*	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Weber	Bernard	J.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Mercurio	Michael	J.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Keller, Jr.	James	F*	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Friedman	Irvin	I.	615th
LVG	S/Sgt.	Brook	Kenneth	E*	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Williams	John	A*	615th
PLANE #	42-3507-31591	W/O	W/O	V*	615th
		W/O	W/O	A*	615th

P	2nd Lt.	De Siano	Ambrose	(M.I)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hammond	Elbert	L.	615th
H	2nd Lt.	Roddy	Albert	H.*	615th
B	2nd Lt.	MacDonald	Calvin	J.*	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Roberts	Melvin	L.*	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Westberg	Raymond	E.*	615th
BT	Sgt.	Ngol	Harold	J.*	615th
TG	Sgt.	Fraker	Reynolds	T.*	615th
LVG	Sgt.	Werner	Merle	E.*	615th
RWG	Sgt.	Shuit	George	(M.I)	615th
PLANE #	42-31042	W/O	W/O	V*	615th
		W/O	W/O	A*	615th

W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	V*	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	V*	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	(M.I)	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	H*	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	(M.I)	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	V*	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	H*	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	H*	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	V*	615th
W/O	S/Sgt.	W/O	W/O	H*	615th

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
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