

**MISSION NO. 158**

**TO: MANNHEIM , GERMANY**

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 SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 158

Date 19 October 1944

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: MANNHEIM, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished three 12 A/C Squadrons, including a PFF A/C for each squadron, to comprise the 94th "C" Group. A spare accompanied each squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Targets Bombed: MANNHEIM, GERMANY (Lead & Low Squadrons)  
KARLSRUHE, GERMANY (High Squadron)
2. a. Group Leader: Major D. G. Mc CREE (Currie)  
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. M. B. JEFFERY (Howard - "Mickey")  
Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. A. SHAPIRO  
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. R. R. WINN
- b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. G. W. MERGER  
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. E. GASKINS (Winograd - "Mickey")  
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. T. J. KLEFISCH
- c. High Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. T. R. CUSHMAN  
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. W. B. ANDERSON (Peterson - "Mickey")  
Lead Bombardier: Capt. D. W. FESMIRE

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was delayed 2 hours from briefed time due to bad weather. Assembly altitude increased 4 thousand feet upon weather ships recommendation.

b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Lead Squadron picked up ships very slowly. Delayed departure from assembly point 10 minutes to get the group fully formed.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

c. Route Over England:

The 401st picked up other 2 Groups of the Wing satisfactorily at proper point and fell into proper place in Division formation at the first point of Division assembly line (Clacton to Belgium Coast).

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

The flight to target was uneventful in first position. Dense persistent contrails and high cloud ~~caused~~ difficulty in maintaining visual contact with preceding group as the IP was approached. Finally cloud forced the formation to climb to 500' above briefed altitude just before IP. Buckeye Red had announced that a visual run might be possible, so the three squadrons took interval at the IP and made individual runs. On the bomb run the lead squadron "Mickey" set went out, but a partly visual run was made before clouds obscured the target so that the results were unobserved. Practically the identical situation occurred in the low squadron. The high squadron made a visual run on Karlsruhe. No enemy fighters were observed. Flak was meager and inaccurate over the target and didn't affect the formation.

b. Bombing Run:

Lead Squadron:

Turn at IP was made on "Mickey" due to cloud cover and contrails. Indicated altitude was 500' higher than briefed due to cloud condition. Two drift corrections were made with "Mickey" before his set went completely out. Momentary glimpses of the target area revealed enough check points to make a partial visual run. The computer grid ~~was~~ used placing cross hairs in clouds. Bombs were salvoed as indices met. Results unobserved. Run was on C-1 Auto Pilot. Prop wash was encountered on bomb run from preceding groups.

Low Squadron:

Just before reaching the IP we ran into some bad weather and lost the lead and high squadrons so we made our turn about 5 miles southeast of the IP to the target. We used PFF up to this point and after the turn to the target the PFF went out and we couldn't use it. However, the "Mickey" operator did get the bombardier started on a very good heading to the target. Through breaks in the cloud he saw the Rhine River about 5 - 10 miles on my right. From here on in the navigator gave headings to the target and the bombardier used pilotage as much as he could. About 30 seconds before bombs away he could see a wooded area in the bend of the river just in front of the target area but couldn't see the target area. He set in his drift and set the course for the wooded area and synchronized on the edge of the woods. The bombardier used the RAF grid and salvoed the bombs. It couldn't be seen where the bombs hit but it was probably a little left of the target. Fires could be seen burning in the south part of the city from previous groups. Bombing was with AFCE.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. b. (Cont'd)

High Squadron:

The high squadron turned on course at the IP and took interval to bomb visually if possible. It was very hard to see anything but ~~mix~~ it is believed that high squadron was on a good course to the target. However the "Mickey" did not seem to be able to pick up anything other than Saarbrucken. On the bombing run he kept giving fixes on Saarbrucken instead of picking up the assigned target. The high squadron came out into a clear spot and could see one edge of a town that looked as if it were the northwest edge of the target city. The navigator was sure it was the target so the squadron made a quick right turn and bombed it with very good results. The bombardier picked an aiming point where he thought the target was, but it wasn't until just before bombs away that it was discovered the target was not that assigned, but it was decided to bomb anyway. Upon return it was ascertained the bombs hit Karlsruhe.

c. Flight from Target:

After the target the lead squadron made a slight turn to the right into a fairly clear area, and tried to rally the group. However, due to very dense contrails and cloud, rally was not accomplished. The three squadrons returned to base individually, the lead and low skirting a large cloud bank to the south over Belgum, the high following the briefed route out.

d. Return to Base:

A thin cloud over England made an instrument let down necessary before landing. All ships returned to base safely.

e. Weather:

Weather over the continent was described as 8/10 to 10/10, building cumulus with occasional cumulo-minibus, tops 26,000 to 27,000 feet. Same conditions prevailed at target with contrails moderate and persistant at 26,000 feet.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was adquate and was not needed.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formation of the individual squadrons was good. Group formation into the target was fairly good. Withdrawal was as briefed to IP where squadrons went their separate ways. The formation of the high squadron was fair to good over the target.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Low Squadron:

A/C 42-97478 - Not Sortie. No. 1 prop ran away and oil came out of breather. Particles of metal from rings were found on sump plug. (Mechanical)

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition (See Flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage:

<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
4	12	16

8. Casualties:

1 S WA  
1 L WA

9. Statistical Summary of Operations ( See attached form)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Lead Squadron:

Results were unobserved, cloud complete undercast prohibited any appraisals.

Low Squadron:

Results were unobserved.

High Squadron:

The bombfall hit Karlsruhe in the center of the built-up area of the city. Good damage should have been inflicted.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All the 12 A/C EET attacked the primary target dropping 70 GP and 72 IB bombs. The spare returned 6 GP and 6 IB bombs to base.

Low Squadron:

Of the 12 A/C scheduled, 11 attacked the primary target dropping 65 GP and 66 IB bombs. Abortive A/C 478 jettisoned 6 GP and 6 IB in channel. The spare A/C returned 6 GP and 6 IB bombs to base.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

## 10. b. (Cont'd)

High Squadron:

Of the 12 A/C EET, all attacked a target of opportunity, Karlsruhe, dropping 71 GP and 70 IB bombs. Two Ib's hung up and were jettisoned in the channel, and the spare A/C returned 6 GP and 6 IB bombs to base.

## c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				Fusing	
	Over Target	Bomb-ing	Num-ber	Size	Type	Nose	Tail	
Main Bombfall (Mannheim)	23	23	(135	500#	M64	1/10	1/100	
			(138	500#	M17 IB	40 sec	---	
T. of O. (Karlsruhe)	12	12	( 71	500#	M64	1/10	1/100	
			( 70	500#	M17 IB	40 sec	---	
Total Bombs on Target			(206	500#	M64	1/10	1/100	
			(208	500#	M17 IB	40 sec	---	
Other Expenditures			( 6	500#	M64	1/10	1/100	
			( 8	500#	M17 IB	40 sec	---	
Bombs Returned			( 18	500#	M64	1/10	1/100	
			( 18	500#	M17 IB	40 sec	---	
Total (Leaded on A/C Taking Off)			230	500#	M64	1/10	1/100	
			234	500#	M17 IB	40 sec	---	

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted By:

KEN W. DAUBLE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Statistical Officer.

HIGH BOX  
KARLSRUHE

(SAV-401B/719 - 10 X/9-10-44)(44-6132 -7- 270 000(MANNHEIM))  
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group

1st BD F. O. 526

Date of 19 Oct 1944

	LEAD	LOW		HIGH		PFF
		PFF	GH	PFF	GH	
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	12	1	12	1	12	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	11	1	11	1	11	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	11	1	11	1	11	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	11	1	10	1	11	1
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-	1	-	-	-
(a) Early Returns Included			(1)			
7. Name of Primary Target	MANNHEIM, GERMANY					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of bombs						
8. Name of Secondary Target	MANNHEIM, GERMANY (PFF)					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	11	1	10	1	-	-
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	65 500# GP	5 500# GP	65 500# GP	5 500# GP		
	66 500# IB	6 500# IB	66 800# IB	6 500# IB		
9. Name of Last Resort Target						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of bombs						
10. Name of Target of Opportunity	KARLSRUHE, GERMANY					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						11
(b) No., Size, & type of Bomb						66 500# GP
						64 500# IB
						6 500# IB
11. Name of Target Opportunity						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size & type of Bomb						
12. No of A/C Lost ~ TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. - to Flak						
14. - to Flak & E/A						
15. - to Enemy A/C						
16. - to Accident						
17. - to Unknown						

## STAT SUMMARY (Cont'd)

	LEAD	LOW	HIGH
18. Time of Takeoff	0927	1000	1000
19. Time of Attack	1347 $\frac{1}{2}$	1349 $\frac{1}{2}$	1342
20. Average Time of Flight	7.8	7.5	7.0
21. Altitude of Release	25,500	26,100	26,170
22. Visual or PFF	VIS	VIS	VIS
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int.& ACC.	Meager to Mod Inacc	Meager to Mod Inacc	Moderate Inacc to Acc
24. - Fighters	-	-	-
25. - Bombers	-	-	-
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-	-	-
27. Degree of Success	Unobserved	Unobserved	Good

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows: none

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as Follows:

none

NOTES:

none

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR MC CREE Date 19 OctoberDeputy Flight Leader L T SCHAUANAMAN

401st Lead Squadron on  
take-off and cruise.

SQDN	612 SC JABWOCK
CURRIE (MC CREE)	613 IN MACRO
	614 IW GOLFCLUB
947	615 IY BUZZARD

GIBSON	SCHAUNAMAN
598	506

SQDN SQDN

HOCKINGDOW

637

664

DA WRENCECOXCOOPERSOMBART

938

662

146

730

HARLAN

039

JONESROADMAN

593

992

SPARES

CROMER

733 (Returned)

Combat Flight Leader

**MAJOR MC GREE**

19 October

Date

Deputy Flight Leader

**LT SCHAUANAMAN**401st Lead Squadron  
over target.**CURRIE (MC GREE)**612 SC JABWOCK  
613 IN MACRO  
614 IW GOLFCLUB  
615 IY BUZZARD

947

**GIBSON****SCHAUNAMAN**

398

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SQDN

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**HOCKING****DOW**

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**LAWRENCE****COX****COOPER****SOMBART**

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**HARIA N**

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**JONES****ROADMAN**

393

992

**SPARES**

LT MERCER

19 October

Combat Flight Leader LT MERCER Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

401st Low Squadron on  
take-off and cruise.SQDN  
MERCER  
033612 SC JABWOCK  
613 IN MACRO  
614 IW GOLFCLUB  
615 IY BUZZARD

WITTMAN

BROWN

464565SQDN  
UTTERSQDN  
STEGEMANN478 (Returned)125

MORTON

CROZIER

HANSEN

MC KAY

151330468551

MAYS

602

MORAN

SISSON

677508SPARES  
SPUHLER738 (Returned)

Combat Flight Leader LT MERCER Date 19 October

Deputy Flight Leader LT BROWN

SQDN 612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

MERCER

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401st Low Squadron  
over target.

WITTMAN

464

BROWN

565

SQDN

SQDN

GROZIER

330

STEGEMANN

125

MORAN

677

MORTON

151

HANSEN

468

MC MAY

551

MAYS

602

SISSON

508

SPARES

Combat Flight Leader CAPT LOCHER Date 19 OctoberDeputy Flight Leader LT KEELINGSQDN612 SC JABWOCK  
613 IN MACRO  
614 IW GOLFCLUB  
615 IY BUZZARDCUSHMAN (LOCHER)

258

401st High Squadron on  
take-off and cruiseHAMKEELEING

009

267

SQDNSQDNJETTERCALLAWAY

132

985

MC GOLDRICKCAMPBELLOASGRIMM

104

931

159

674

CARSON

187

ANNISNECK

706

113

SPARES

DOUGLAS

513 (Returned)

CAPT LOCHER

19 October

Combat Flight Leader

KEELING

Date

Deputy Flight Leader

401st High Squadron  
over target.SQDN  
CUSHMAN (LOCHER)612 SC JABWOCK  
613 IN MACRO  
614 IW GOLFCLUB  
615 IY BUZZARD

256

HAM

KEELING

SQDN

JETTER

SQDN

CALLAWAY

152

983

MC GOLDRICK

CAMPBELL

OAS

GRIMM

104

981

159

674

CARSON

187

ANNIS

KRICK

700

113

SPARES

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128  
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

1044

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 0957 hours; Land at 1712 hours.

b. Group formed at 1150 hours at 14000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 1155 hours at 15000 feet.

d. Began climb at 1149 hours; reached alt. at 1308 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 9 / 10th - Visibility one miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 325 degrees, 28 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England, Gee - D.E.

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee.

h. Joined task force at 1200 hrs. at Glaston (Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 1200 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 1220 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 1225 hrs.

(2) Coming back xx hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 276 degrees, 52 Knots.

(2) Determined by MEP Gee (Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

(1) Reached IP at 1325 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 21 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 2500 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 1347 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over targets  
Pilotage

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 50 14 N. 01 30 E.

(2) Obtained at 1244 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

PIV cut on Run to Target

COMMENTS:

OVER FOR COMMENTS.

SIGNATURE

## COMMENTS:

Left Bunker late because group not formed, so cut off legs over England. Over shot I.P. because of other wings and contrails. South of course on withdrawal due to clouds and windshift. Mickey went out on run to target. Entered English coast north of course due to weather. Let down on Gottesmore Bunker.

/S/ Morey B. Jeffery  
MOREY B. JEFFERY  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Lead Navigator, Lead Box

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128  
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

October 19

1044

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 1000 hours; Land at 1715 hours.

b. Group formed at 1125 hours at 13500 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 1125 hours at 13500 feet.

d. Began climb at 1200 hours; reached alt. at 1311 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

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

(2) Wind at altitude 311 degrees, 57 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England.

g. Means of checking Metro Winds

Gee and Mickey

h. Joined task force at 1200 hrs. at

(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 1200 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 1200 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 1049 hrs.

(2) Coming back 1049 hrs. Close support all the way

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 311 degrees, 57 Knots.

(2) Determined by P.F.P.  
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications:

(1) Reached IP at 1333 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 25 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 26600 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 1349 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over targets

10/10 AG and CI with dense persistent contrails. Cloud top 28000  
Instrument approach Visual Bombing

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 49 35 N. 06 48 E.  
(2) Obtained at 1136 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

Mickey cut on Bomb Run R.F. Unit #27 cut

COMMENTS:

/S/ Leslie E. Gaskins

LESLIE E. GASKINS

1st Lt. Air Corps

Lead Navigator, Low Box

SIGNATURE

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128  
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

19 October

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 1000 hours; Land at 1655 hours.

b. Group formed at 1125 hours at 15,000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 1125 hours at 15,000 feet.

d. Began climb at 1153 hours; reached alt. at 1317 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 6-8/10th - Visibility UNL miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 290 degrees, 52 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Gee Pilotage

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee

h. Joined task force at 1200 hrs. at Clacton  
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 1201 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 1220 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 1316 hrs.

(2) Coming back 1412 hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 290 degrees, 52 Knots.

(2) Determined by Gee  
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications

(1) Reached IP at 1329 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 121 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 27000 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 1342 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over targets.

Pilotage Mickey

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 50 23 N. 0407 E.

(2) Obtained at 1244 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

NONE

COMMENTS: Lost formation in vicinity of I.P. W.E. Anderson

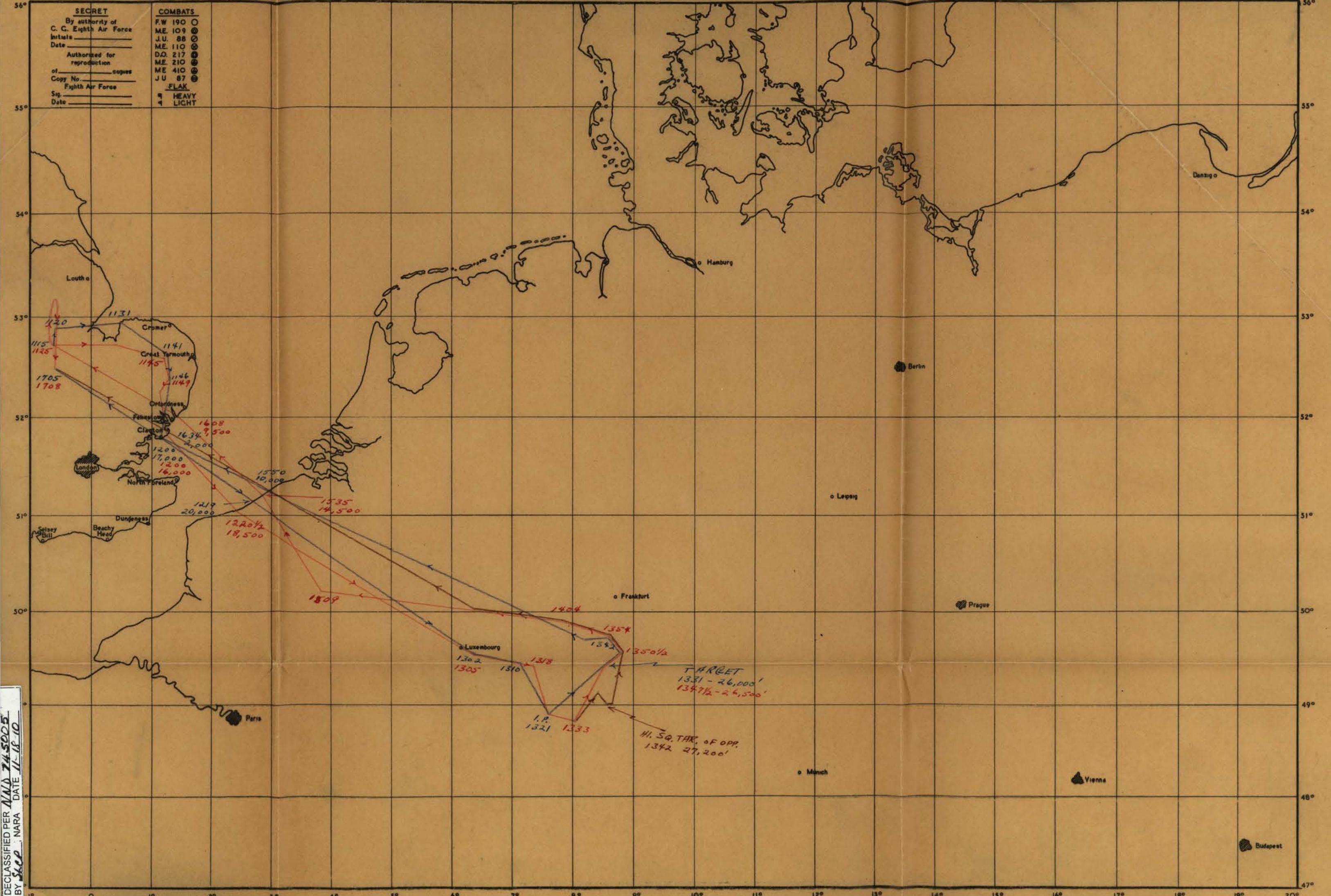
so D.R.ed to TGT of Opportunity (Karlsruhe W.E. ANDERSON  
Germany) and bombed through break in Contrails. 1st Lt. Air Corps

Lead New High Box

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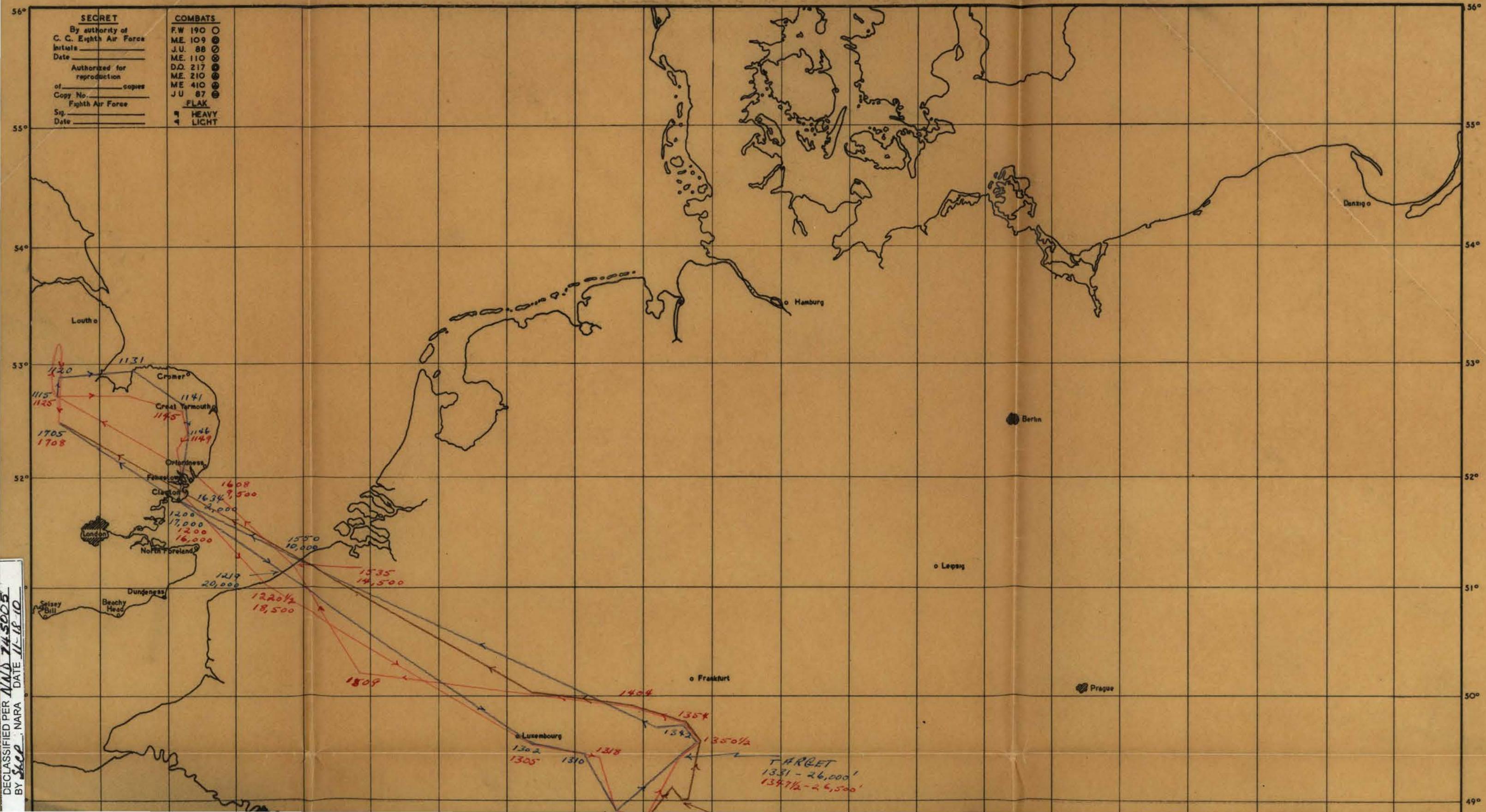


TARGETS:  
PRIMARY Mannheim, Germany

## TRACK CHART

DATE Oct. 19-44

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

Briefed  
405th R.G. (A)

Target No.  
6 (d) (vi) 53

RAILWAY MARSHALLING YARD

MANNHEIM (GERMANY)

Illustration No.  
6 (d) (vi) 53/5

Illustration No.  
6 (d) (vi) 53/5

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS  
0  $\frac{1}{2}$  1 MILE

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V.D.A.G.FORM  
12 E. Modified  
1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

## COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

LEAD SQ.

BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. R. R. Winn</u>	DATE	<u>19 Oct. 1944</u>				
PILOT	<u>Capt. Currie, Air Commander - Maj McCree</u>	TAKE OFF	<u>0957</u>				
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. M. B. Jeffery</u>	AIRPLANE	<u>7947</u>				
WING	<u>94th C Gp</u>	GROUP	<u>401st</u>	SQDN	<u>Lead</u>	LANDED	<u>1712</u>
OBJECTIVE	<u>Manheim, Germany</u>			(MPI)			
METHOD OF ATTACK	<u>X</u> Individual Flight Squadron Group wing						
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP	<u>12</u>	COMPOSITE GROUP					
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP	COMPOSITE GROUP						
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:	<u>One</u>						
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>500# M64 GP</u>	FUSING:	NOSE	<u>1/10</u>	TAIL	<u>1/100</u>	
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>500# M17 IB</u>	FUSING:	NOSE	<u>40 sec</u>	TAIL	<u></u>	
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	<u>70 GP 72 IB</u>	RELEASED	<u>70 GP</u>	<u>72 IB</u>			
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:							
Altitude of Target	<u>330</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro	<u>-38</u>	Actual	<u>-42</u>		
True Altitude above target	<u>25500</u>	Mag Head, order	<u>47</u>	Actual	<u>26</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>2500</u>	True Heading	<u>17</u>				
Pressure alt of target	<u>471</u>	Drift, Est	<u>49</u>	Actual	<u>41</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	True Track	<u>28</u>				
C.I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	Actual Range			
G.S. Est	<u>285</u>	Actual	<u>250</u>	B.S.Type	<u>M9</u>		
Wind Direc Metro	<u>260</u>	Actual	<u>275</u>	Time of Release	<u>13:47<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		
Wind Veloc. Metro	<u>75</u>	Actual	<u>60</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>min.</u>		
D.S	<u>125.6</u>	Trail	<u>61</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>37 mi.</u>		
Tan. D.A. Est	<u>.59</u>	Actual	<u>.51</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>Yes</u>	A-5	
Mean Temp: Metro	<u>12.5</u>	Actual	<u>-20</u>	Manual Pilot			
Type of Release: Lead A/C	<u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C	<u>140 ft.</u>				

A.D.A.G.FORM  
12 E. Modified  
1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Klefisch</u>	DATE	<u>19 Oct. 1944</u>	LOW SQ.			
PILOT	<u>Lt. Mercer</u>	TAKE OFF	<u>1000</u>				
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. Gaskins</u>	AT RPLANE	<u>0023</u>				
WING	<u>94th G Gp</u>	GROUP	<u>401st</u>	SQDN	<u>Low</u>	LANDED	<u>1725</u>
OBJECTIVE	<u>Manheim, Germany</u>			(MPI)			
METHOD OF ATTACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing						
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP	<u>11</u>	COMPOSITE GROUP					
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP						COMPOSITE GROUP	
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:	<u>One</u>						
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>500# M64 GP</u>			FUSING: NOSE	<u>1/10</u>	TAIL	<u>1/100</u>
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>500# M17 IB</u>			FUSING: NOSE	<u>40 sec.</u>	TAIL	
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	<u>65 GP, 65 IB</u>			RELEASED	<u>65 GP, 66 IB</u>		
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:							
Altitude of Target	<u>330</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro	<u>-37</u>	Actual:	<u>-40</u>		
True Altitude above target	<u>26100</u>	Mag Head,order	<u>47</u>	Actual	<u>23</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>26600</u>	True Heading	<u>16</u>				
Pressure alt of target	<u>471</u>	Drift, Est	<u>19</u>	Actual	<u>13</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	True Track	<u>29</u>				
C.I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	Actual Range			
G.S. Est	<u>250</u>	Actual	<u>256</u>	B.S.Type	<u>W9</u>		
Wind Direc Metro	<u>260</u>	Actual	<u>331</u>	Time of Release	<u>13:49½</u>		
Wind Veloc.Metro	<u>75</u>	Actual	<u>65</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>min.</u>		
D.S	<u>124</u>	Trail	<u>48</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>37 mi.</u>		
Tan. D.A. Est	<u>.60</u>	Actual	<u>.62</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>Yes</u>	A-5	
Mean Temp: Metro	<u>-12.5</u>	Actual	<u>-16</u>	Manual Pilot			
Type of Release: Lead A/C	<u>Salvo</u>			Type of Release: Other A/C	<u>140 ft.</u>		

V.D.A.G.FORM  
12 E. Modified  
1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

## COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

HIGH SQ.

BOMBARDIER Capt. Fessmore DATE 19 Oct. 1944  
 PILOT Capt. Cushman TAKE OFF 1000  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Anderson AT RPLANE \_\_\_\_\_  
 WING 94th G Sq. GROUP 401st SQDN High LANDED 1655  
 OBJECTIVE Kerlsruhe, Germany (MPI) \_\_\_\_\_  
 METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing  
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:  
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M64 GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/100  
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M27 IB FUSING: NOSE 40 sec. TAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 72 GP, 72 IB RELEASED 72 GP, 70 IB  
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:  
 Altitude of Target 330 Temp Aloft: Metro -39 Actual -45  
 True Altitude above target 26170 Mag Head,order 47 Actual 115  
 Ind. Altitude 27200 True Heading 108  
 Pressure alt of target 471 Drift, Est 19 Actual -2  
 Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 107  
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range \_\_\_\_\_  
 G.S. Est 267 Actual 254K B.S.Type M9  
 Wind Direc Metro 260 Actual 290 Time of Release 13:42  
 Wind Veloc.Metro 75 Actual 52 Intervalometer Setting min.  
 D.S 125 Trail 63 ATF 4268 Length of Bombing Run 37 mi.  
 Tan. D.A. Est .57 Actual .57 C-1 Pilot yes A-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mean Temp: Metro -12.5 Actual -16 Manual Pilot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Release: Lead A/C 51.00 Type of Release: Other A/C 110 ft.

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

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Reference Field Order 526.19 OCTOBER 1944SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 158.

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>Ø</u>	Splashers	<u>5</u>
to other A/C	<u>1</u>	Fixed Beacons	<u>Ø</u>
2. HF/DF Bearings	<u>Ø</u>	Bunchers	<u>39</u>
3. MF/DF Fixes	<u>1</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>35</u>
4. Distress Action	<u>Ø</u>	Maximum Fix	<u>4935N 0642 E</u>

SECTION TWO - REPORTED EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

1. Liaison	<u>1</u>	5. Interphone	<u>5</u>
2. Command	<u>Ø</u>	6. Gee	<u>Ø</u>
3. VHF	<u>Ø</u>	7. IFF	<u>Ø</u>
4. Compass	<u>Ø</u>	8. Others, H2X	<u>Ø</u>

SECTION THREE - REMARKS

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.  
Capt, Air Corps,  
Gp Comm O.

S E C R E T

## Report on A.A. Gunfire.

## BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Assigned 401 . . . . .  
 Target: Mannheim, Germany Date of Mission . . . . .  
 Bombed Mannheim, Germany 19/10/44

Route as Flown:-

1220 (5104 - 0239E) 1305 (4934 - 0622E) - 1328 (4857 - 0738E) 1347½ (Target) - 1404 (4955 - 0754E) - 1504 (5020 - 0338E)  
- 1558 (5111 - 0840E) At target . . . . .  
 Weather conditions: (a) At target . . . . .

(b) En route . . . . . 8/10ths. 10/10ths.  
 Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" target . . . . . 8/10ths. 10/10ths.  
 (b) En route . . . . . Unseen  
 Any condensation trails? . . . . . Unseen

Yes

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

Heavy to moderate, fair to good for altitude and fair for deflection.  
 Generally barrage type over Mannheim. High Squadron encountered tracking fire over Karlsruhe, good for altitude and deflection.

Flak encountered en route. (In the order experienced)

Ons. 1358 (4950 - 0840E) - 27,000 Moderate poor fair black Barrage  
 Heavy to moderate flak observed from IP to target fair to good for altitude but poor for deflection.

Was CHAFF carried? . . . . .

Yes

How discharged? . . . . .

As briefed

Position of Group

## 94th. "C" Group

Details:-

	A/C over enemy territory	A/C lost	Time over to Flak	Time of Target	Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run	Notes
Lead	12	5	0	1347½	1347½	26,500	24 M	47 M	
High	12	10	0	1342	*	27,200	121 M	26 M	
Low	11	1	0	1349½	1349½	26,600	31 M	46 M	

Comment: 55 Phenomena:- 13

\* High Squadron bombed target of opportunity at Karlsruhe.

Lt. P. R. EMERS

S E C R E T

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
STATION 123 - APO 567  
U. S. ARMY

D-E-4

19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Complaints and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF STA. 123, APO 567, US ARMY. (Thru Lt. Col. W. F. Beawell.)

1. Lt. William P. Grinn, p A/C 674, states that their A/C, in hard-stand #29, sits in water 5 inches deep and they get their feet wet.

2. Lt. Harris H. Lawless, H A/C 6107, says P/T don't say where we are and doesn't give reference points.

3. S/Sgt. Byron E. Cook, T/ , and other enlisted men of a/C 6107, stated that all enlisted men pulled guard duty last night. Three worked 9 to 12 and 2 had to work 12 to 3. Don't object to 9 to 12 shift but are coming off guard duty 15 minutes before truck time.

4. Lt. Walter H. Cox, P A/C 362, commented on poor assembly this morning, - no flares until two Groups had joined.

5. Lt. Victor S. Rees, H A/C 7089, - was briefed to throw chaff out 8 minutes before target. Lead Element of Squadron began discharging before IP.

6. The following complaints were made regarding transportation:

- a. Lt. Charles P. Heeling, P A/C 3257, dispersal #43, - no transportation for pre-briefing.
- b. Lt. Remie Annis, P A/C 7706, dispersal #34 - had to wait 40 minutes for truck after landing.
- c. Lt. Robert J. Heck, P and crew A/C 213, dispersal #36 - fifth time this crew landed early and had to wait an hour and fifteen minutes for transportation.
- d. Lt. Dale G. Jones, P A/C 325, dispersal #48 - transportation is slow in getting to A/C after missions.

W. F. PRY,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group S-2 Officer.

BRIEFING NOTES  
19 October 1944

**PRIMARY TARGET:** Target for today is the main works of HEINRICH LANZ, in MANNHEIM, GERMANY. This plant manufactures various types of transport, armored force vehicles, gun tractors, etc. It employs some 8,000 workers. Complete destruction of this plant now will materially assist the ground forces when they accomplish a major breakthrough into the German open country. If the Wehrmacht is denied replacements of this type, ~~they~~ cannot move troops or supplies, they cannot meet the attack of allied armor and infantry.

**SECONDARY TARGET:** PFF target, MPI being the center of the factory area

**LAST RESORT:**

Any military objective, with the exception of road and rail bridges WEST of the RHINE RIVER, positively identified as being in GERMANY and EAST of the tactical bomb line. Repeat - rail and road bridges on the RHINE RIVER may be attacked.

**EPIDIASCOPE:** ~~ix25000xxx~~ Flak Map  
(Turn over to lead bombardier)  
1/250000 map  
British Night Map  
Photos.

**LMI** Smoke screen will probably be turned on.  
One southbound convoy may be expected.  
Chaff will be released by all units.

**SPECIALS:** France first, Switzerland second - if Switz, remember, you escaped

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

19 October 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),  
 AAF Station 128, APO 557A/C 43-37938

P	Lawrence, Louis Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Stein, William I.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Hyman, Nathan W.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Burge, Charles R.	2nd Lt.	612th
ROG	Huskey, Curtis O.	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Graupman, Richard C.	S/Sgt	612th
BTG	O'Neal, Hayes B., Jr.	Sgt	612th
TG	Azevedo, Philbert B.	Sgt	612th
FG	Harold, Lloyd B.	Sgt	612th

A/C 44-6506

P	Schaunaman, George S.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Hobgood, James R.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Purrier, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Sandee, Kenneth E.	2nd Lt.	612th
ROG	Kopitnikoff, Irving G.	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Morris, Thomas P.	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Doegan, Arthur J., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Williams, Clarence P.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Curry, Edward A., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-31662

P	Cox, Walter E.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Amundson, Glenn R.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Ankrom Lowell J.	Cpl.	612th
ROG	Hill, Robert H.	Cpl.	612th
TTG	Warren, Emmett E.	Cpl.	612th
BTG	Pope, LeRoy G.	Cpl.	612th
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	Cpl.	612th
FG	Dunn, Dale D.	Cpl.	612th

R/C 42-106992

P	Roadman, Julian A.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Compton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Knuese, Ralph H.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Whitlock, James P.	2nd Lt.	612th
ROG	Elchisak, Alfred	Cpl.	612th
TTG	Landers, John A.	Cpl.	612th
BTG	Hall, Eugene H.	Cpl.	612th
TG	Wood, Donald S.	Cpl.	612th
FG	Hill, Earle R., Jr.	Cpl.	612th

A/C 42-102398

P	Gibson, Roger C.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Tompkins, David G.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Brand, George C.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Kemler, Arden C.	1st Lt.	612th
ROG	Heikkinen, Carl R.	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Williamson, Joseph R.	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Rothler, Roland V.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	King, Francis E., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Phelps, Durwood W.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38637

P	Hocking, Bert E.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Merritt, William R.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Harris, Elliott S.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Pinkston, John S.	T/Sgt	612th
ROG	Moore, Donald J.	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Gannon, James W.	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Green, John J.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Thomas, Ernest H.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Garrett, Milton (NMI) Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-97947

P	Currie, Donald A.	Captain	612th
CP	McCree, Donald G.	Major	612th
N	Jeffery, Morey B.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Shapiro, Aaron (NMI)	1st Lt.	612th
B	Winn, Roy R.	1st Lt.	612th
MO	Howard, Robert W.	1st Lt.	612th
ROG	Pepper, James D.	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Hereford, Gerald F.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Mead, Clarence E.	2nd Lt.	612th
FG	Norris, Robert V.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-102393

P	Jones, Dale G.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Siepak, Stanley J.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Wishhoff, Aaron	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Milhone, Robert J.	Sgt	612th
ROG	Madrzyk, Chester P.	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Serafino, Ernest H.	Sgt	612th
BTG	Rogers, Charles G.	Sgt	612th
TG	Watter, Kenneth O.	Sgt	612th
FG	Henry, Hilmer E.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-107039

P	Harlan, Thomas J., Jr.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Thorne, Walter W.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Reese, Victor S.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Folkerts, Arthur (NMI)	2nd Lt.	612th
ROG	Robinson, Paul D.	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Lee, Reed L.	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Smith, Floyd G.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Munford, John V.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Zaragoza, Albert R.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38733

P	Cromer, Joseph L.	2nd Lt.	612th
CCP	Trout, Ralph W.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Phillips, Michael T.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Waldhoff, Jack G.	1st Lt.	612th
ROG	Goodman, Martin B.	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Lucewlez, John (NMI)	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Coffin, Robert J., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Villagio, Vincent V.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Clark, Eugene F.	S/Sgt	612th

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

19 OCT. 1944

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PLANE NO.	INFTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.
43-37706	P	2nd Lt.	ANNIS	HOMIE	A.
	CP	2nd Lt.	CLARK	FORREST	B.
	N	2nd Lt.	MADDEN	BERNARD	J.
	B	2nd Lt.	JENKIN	JIM	B.
	RO	SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	L.
	TT	SGT.	CORLISS	JOHN	M.
	BT	S/SGT.	LARSON	DEAN	G.
	TG	SGT.	JOHNSON	LESLIE	G.
	WG	SGT.	DRUGGS	GEORGE	E.
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44-6104	P	2nd Lt.	Mc GOLDRICK	JOHN	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MILLER	HENRY	C.
	N	2nd Lt.	LEWIS	LESTER	G.
	B	SGT.	LINDSAY	JONES	R.
	RO	SGT.	BECK	GERALD	L.
	TT	SGT.	SHELDON	JONES	F.
	BT	SGT.	GRUHMANN	JONES	R.
	TG	SGT.	ST. LEDGER	ROBERT	E.
	WG	SGT.	LUCAS	RUDOLPH	C.
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44-6313	P	2nd Lt.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	2nd Lt.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
	N	2nd Lt.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	F.
	B	2nd Lt.	GORMAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	SGT.	SHEETZ	JOHN	H.
	TT	SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
	BT	SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	TG	SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	SGT.	EME Mc CRARY	LEON	A.
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44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	FECK	ROBERT	J.
	CP	F/O	ISTEL	LAWRENCE	A.
	N	F/O	FREEMAN	HOLLIS	W. JR.
	B	F/O	SHEPARD	SAMUEL	(MMI)
	RO	SGT.	ENGLER	RICHARD	H.
	TT	SGT.	STOEGER	LEONARD	V.
	BT	SGT.	WORR	ELWOOD	W.
	TG	SGT.	FLIAKOWSKI	EDWARD	(MMI)
	WG	SGT.	HACTICAL	FRED	C.
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42-97931	P	2nd Lt.	CAMPBELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	RANDLE	RICHARD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HURLEY	JIM	D.
	B	2nd Lt.	ISHAM	LAWRENCE	B.
	RO	S/SGT.	CHALUPINSKI	VINCENT	H.
	TT	SGT.	JUSTICE	ANDREW	G.
	BT	SGT.	BOSTIAN	ANDREY	I.
	TG	SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
	WG	SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	R.
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44-6132	P	1st Lt.	JETTER	ARTHUR	G.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MC ARD	REGINALD	L.
	H	1st Lt.	MURK HIRSH	HARRY	(NMI)
	B	S/Sgt.	FETTERS	WILLIAM	J.
	RC	T/Sgt.	SHENMAN	LEO	(NMI)
	TT	T/Sgt.	NELSON	RICHARD	G.
	BT	S/Sgt.	KNAPP	MARTIN	F.
	TG	S/Sgt.	BAIRR	JOHN	J.
	WG	S/Sgt.	ROBERSON	ROBERT	E.

43-28187	P	1st Lt.	CARSON	FRANK JR.	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	ROB	MORRIS	H.
	H	2nd Lt.	LAWLESS	HARRIS	E.
	B	2nd Lt.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	RC	T/Sgt.	SKALA	FRANKLIN	G.
	TT	T/Sgt.	Mac GEEHE	RAY	E.
	BT	S/Sgt.	LEE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	S/Sgt.	GRALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S/Sgt.	JAMES	LINDLYN	(NMI)

42-38267	P	1st Lt.	KEELING	CHARLES	P.
	CP	2nd Lt.	DONALSON	JEFF	H.
	H	2nd Lt.	RUSH	JAMES	H.
	B	2nd Lt.	SCANLON	WILLIAM	H.
	RC	T/Sgt.	KNOX	ROBERT	G.
	TT	T/Sgt.	HRIEST	MAURICE	E.
	BT	S/Sgt.	KINACY	LLOYD	G.
	TG	S/Sgt.	MOORE	SAVERLY	H.
	WG	S/Sgt.	PAPAZIAN	STEPHEN	A.

FFF SHIP	P	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R. 1st Lt.
258 - 615th CP	CP	CAPT.	LOCHER	JAMES
	H	1st Lt.	ANDERSON	WILLIAM
	B	CAPT.	ENSMIRE	DURWARD
	V	2nd Lt.	PETERSON	GEORGE
	RC	T/Sgt.	SCHLAEGEL	OTTO
	TT	SGT.	SERIAT	EARL
	TG	S/Sgt.	QUEST	HAROLD
	WG	S/Sgt.	HOPP	WILLIAM JR.

42-107009	P	1st Lt.	HAM	PONTER	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	CLANTON	HERBERT	U. - 614 <sup>20</sup>
	H	1st Lt.	GUTTMANN	HENRY	W.
	B	S/Sgt.	NESEY	CLIFFORD	G.
	RC	T/Sgt.	CURTIS	JAMES	W.
	TT	S/Sgt.	ROWE	ROBERT	R.
	BT	SGT.	PING	WILLIAM	J.
	TG	S/Sgt.	MAC GOWAN	BATES	R.
	WG	SGT.	CHANCE	EUFORD	D.

SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Operations OfficerAAF Station # 128  
19 October 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. Following is the loading list for today's mission.

## PLANE 44-8053

P	1st Lt.	MERCER, ELMER W.	614th Sq
CP	1st Lt.	HIBBERT, CARL D.	"
N	1st Lt.	GASKINS, LESLIE B.	"
MO	1st Lt.	WINOGRAD, ALFRED A.	"
B	1st Lt.	KIRPISCH, THEODORE J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Zubrickas, Joseph S/	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fowler, Cecil V.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Gurnicki, Sigmund A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Connors, Robert A.	"

## PLANE 43-28565

P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	MUSZALSKI, JOSEPH F.	"
N	2nd Lt.	BROWN, JOHN D.	"
B	2nd Lt.	SCHIEFER, WILLIAM F.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Arellano, Garciano J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Hoffman, Leon W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hells, Cleburne D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hillis, James	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Martin, Norman D.	"

## PLANE 44-8464

P	F/O	WITTMAN, PAUL F.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HOSLEY, ROBERT A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SCHNEIDER, JAMES M.	"
B	2nd Lt.	O'HERN, MELVIN C.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mitchell, Joseph G.	"
TT	Sgt.	Collett, John E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Reynolds, William H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kosiba, Frank T.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Healy, John L.	"

## PLANE 42-102659

P	1st Lt.	RUNDALL, FRANCIS E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	JOHNSON, RAYMOND E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CHAMPAGNE, RENE P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	SHEAKER, WILLIAM H. JR.	"
RO	Sgt.	Trojanowski, Arthur J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Bears, Harold B.	"
BT	Sgt.	Smith, William F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Ice, Robert E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Huffman, James J.	"

## Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 42-97602

P	1st Lt.	MAYS, HAL C.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTON, HENRY	"
N	2nd Lt.	KOSKI, MATTHEW F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	SCHAFER, ROBERT L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bayes, Willie J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Gay, Clifford E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cole, William I.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Monacella, Joseph L. Jr.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Wilson, Billy J.	"

PLANE 45-38350

P	1st Lt.	CROZIER, JOHN C.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	WEBER, MORRIS	"
N	2nd Lt.	POLSTER, ERVING	"
B	2nd Lt.	WHITING, RICHARD L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hapner, Clayton	"
TT	Cpl.	Ligon, James E.	"
BT	Cpl.	McCormick, Edson C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kitts, Keith D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Merrill, Richard E.	"

PLANE 42-97478

P	1st Lt.	UTTER, CHARLES W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HAPLEY, WILLIE J.	"
N	2nd Lt.	DAMP, EDWARD	"
B	2nd Lt.	CONWAY, FRANCIS JR.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Fulton, David W.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	"a Vigne, Robert H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Cole, Harry L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Zaborsky, Stephan A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	St. Peter, Donald A.	"

PLANE 44-6508

P	1st Lt.	SISSON, NORMAN L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HOEMANN, EUGENE K.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CROSSEN, LAVERN	"
B	2nd Lt.	PICKER, NATHAN	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Haluck, Andrew S.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Carter, Peter J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stevens, Calvin J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Ritchie, Francis T.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Terres, Jose M.	"

PLANE 43-38677

P	2nd Lt.	MORAN, ROBERT E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	WELLMAN, SILAS H.	"
N	1st Lt.	LE BLANC, JOHN S.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Miller, James J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Brown, Arnold P.	"
TT	Sgt.	Stromberg, Warren B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	James, Harold L. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Clark, Charles B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Detty, Hibert J. Jr.	"

## Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 45-38786

P	2nd Lt.	SPUHLER, EDWIN H.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	CURRENT, DONALD D.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MO ADAMS, ROBERT C.	"
B	2nd Lt.	OSTER, LEWIS H.	"
RO	Cpl.	Hendrick, William J.	"
TT	Cpl.	Wells, Richard D.	"
BT	Cpl.	Benedict, Cleide Jr.	"
TG	Cpl.	Hughes, James E.	"
WG	Cpl.	Power, James E.	"

PLANE 42-107151

P	2nd Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	RITCHIE, RALPH	"
N	2nd Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	HELMES, CHARLES L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Bleck, Joseph R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Powers, Willard B.	"
TG	Sgt.	Whittington, Charles S.	"
WG	Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglas B.	"

CP 2nd Lt. CLAXTON, HERBERT W. flying with 613th Sq

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHUFF,  
CAPT., Air Corps,  
Actg Ops Officer.

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

19 October 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE # 43-38128

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Stegemann	Charles	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Walter	Albert	C.	"
N	F/O	McGaslin	Clayton	H.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Schultz	John	J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	McKenna	Joseph	(HMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Mais	John	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Tauburine	Joseph	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Waer	Martin	C.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"

PLANE # 42-102674

P	2nd Lt.	Grimm	William	F.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	2nd Lt.	McMullen	Willard	C.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Burns	Raymond	G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	Pfc.	Matts	Dudley	F.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	Sgt.	Duke	William	H.	"

PLANE # 42-102468

P	2nd Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A., Jr.	"
N	F/O	Greenberg	Morton	(HMI)	"
B	2nd Lt.	King	Jack	L.	"
RO	Cpl.	Ferguson	Hugh	R.	"
TT	Cpl.	Miller	Raymond	A.	"
BT	Cpl.	Heiss	Elmer	B.	"
TG	Cpl.	McKnight	Leroy	M.	"
FG	Cpl.	Karcher	Alonzo	A.	"

PLANE # 42-31750

P	2nd Lt.	Sombart	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Shapiro	Leo	(HMI)	"
N	F/O	Miley	Junior	B.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Mrozek	Chester	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Andrews	Leroy	(HMI)	"
TT	Sgt.	Smith	Elmer	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Blodgett	Clifford	W.	"
TG	Sgt.	Bailey	J. (ie)	B.	"
FG	Sgt.	Livesey	Lowell	G.	"

## LOADING LIST (Continued)

## PLANE # 42-37364

P	1st Lt.	Dow	Herbert	V.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Child	Eldon	R.	"
N	1st Lt.	King	Robert	J.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Machasick	Alfred	(MMI)	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Carr	Gene	(MMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Adams	Leroy	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Macchietto	Richard	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sokolowski	Edward	A.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Greenberg	Harold	(MMI)	"

## PLANE # 42-31935

P	1st Lt.	Callaway	Robert	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Lawson	Robert	S.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Griffin	Warren	S.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Peltz	Chester	C.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Dodson	James	C.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Southerland	James	C.	"
BT	Sgt.	Altieri	Alfonso	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Roberts	James	D.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Trendelman	Frederick	S.	"

## PLANE # 43-37381

P	2nd Lt.	McKay	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hecker	Robert	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"
BT	T/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
FG	Sgt.	Gennizzaro	Ralph	J.	"

## PLANE # 44-6146

P	1st Lt.	Cooper	Louis	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Spanael	Kaye	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Ellis	George	O.	"
B	2nd Lt.	D'Agostini	Benedict	R.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Sherril	Bascom	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Sexton	Myron	W.	"
BT	Pfc.	Maroneelli	Harry	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence	Ralph	I.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Gue	Charles	M.	"

## PLANE # 43-38159

P	1st Lt.	Oas., Jr.	Herbert	L.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hayes	Thomas	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Green	William	H.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Manow	William	M.	"
RO	Sgt.	Brereton	William	E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Cook	Byron	K.	"
BT	Sgt.	Monarcky	Theodore	(MMI)	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Reardon	John	J.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Dunn	John	G.	"

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

D-K-4

17 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAP Sta. 128, APO 557, US Army. (Thru Lt. Col. W. T. Seawell.)

1. The following crews expressed their approval of the swarming method of bombing over target today. Permitted more A/C over target in less time and was believed to be responsible for confusing flak gunners and dispersing flak directed at this Group: Lt. George W. Sombart, P A/C 750; Lt. Roger C. Gibson, P A/C 6506; Lt. Roy H. Bonney, P A/C 7790; F/O Paul F. Wittman, P A/C 454; Lt. Hal C. Mayes, P A/C 602; Lt. Robert E. Moran, P A/C 677; Lt. Francis E. Rundell, P A/C 659; Lt. Arthur G. Jetter, P A/C 6152; Lt. Charles F. Keeling, P A/C 267; Lt. Raymond H. Hillestad, P A/C 009.

2. Lt. Eldon R. Child, CP A/C 453, said that A/C 662 dropped bombs over the Squadron below en return. This happened over the channel, the bombs falling through the Squadron below, which was unidentified.

3. Lt. Richard S. Hubbell, P A/C 595, claims that Lead A/C of Low Element flew to high and too close to Lead Element.

4. Lt. Joseph P. Nash, N A/C 6113, states that bombardier folders are left in places where target can be given away before take-off.

5. Lt. Robert B. Campbell, P A/C 7951, says landing formation was poor and takes too long to land.

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

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

F-C-1

APO 557  
18 October 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.  
ATTN: Division Armament Officer.

1. Date of Mission: 17 October 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. No turret malfunctions were reported.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:

a. A/C #42-31662 - Bombardier stated five (5) bombs failed to release over target and had to be salvoed in channel. This A/C was checked on the ground and no malfunction was found.

5. There were twenty-seven (27) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

*Engineering*

94th B Group Lead Sq

Combat Flight Leader Captain Lewis

Date 18 Oct 44

Deputy Flight Leader Lt Baker

Load as per chart 2 615 SQDN

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

34 X 100 GP

HRENNAN (LEWIS)

No nose / tail

SC U 7947

MC KAY

BAKER

2 M-1713's

IY N

8169

IN H

8607

615 SQDN

612 SQDN

SULLIVAN

AIKEN

IV J

7113

SC

IX S

7933

SOMBART

IY B 1730

DOW

IY P

8458

COX

SC

IX B

1662

CROMER

SC K 8733

STEGEMAN

IY D

8125

GRIMM

IY M 2674

CALLAWAY

IY G 1983

SPARES

Spare Lead (FFF) IW G 8033

Ground Spares IN F 6313

IY F 7664

COOPER

IY R 6146

Gas load - 2400

94th B Group, High Sq

Combat Flight Leader Captain Carroll Date 17 Oct 44Deputy Flight Leader Lt Brown614 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

CARROLL

IY A 6258

SPIEHLER

IW N 8738 ✓

BROWN

IW X 8565 ✓

614 SQDN612 SQDNRUNDELL

IW J 2659 ✓

GIBSONSC  
IW N 6506MORAN

IW K 8677 ✓

HUBBELL

IW F 7395 ✓

BONNEY

SC J 7790

HARZAU

SC L 8637

MAYS

IW O 7602 ✓

WITTMAN

IW H 6464 ✓

CROZIER

IW Q 7478 ✓

SPARES

SISSON

IW A 6508

Spare Lead (PPF) IW G 6033

Ground Spares IN F 6313

IY F 7664

94th B Group Low Sq

Combat Flight Leader Lt Fowler Date 17 Oct 44Deputy Flight Leader Lt Keeling613 SQDN612 SC JABWOCK  
613 IN MACRO  
614 IW GOLFCLUB  
615 IY BUZZARD

CUSHMAN (FOWLER)

IN Y | 7600 ✓

HAM

KEELING

IN T

7736 ✓

IN M

8267 ✓

613 SQDN612 SQDN

JETTER

MAXWELL

IN B

6132 ✓

SC

IN H

2398

HILLESTAD

IN P | 7009

ETTERS

IN R

6115 ✓

JONES

SC R

2393 ✓

ROADMAN

SC D

6992

KECK

IN N

6104 ✓

CAMPBELL

IN Q | 7931 ✓

MC GOLDRICK

IN J | 1591 ✓

SPARES

ANNEX

Spare Lead (PFF) IN G 8033

IN U | 7706

Ground Spares IN F 6313

IY F 7664

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

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S 17 October 1944. 0971

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 557, US Army. (Thru Lt. Col. W. T. Seawell.)

1. Lt. William F. Grimm, P A/C 674, states that their A/C, in hardstand #29, sets in water 3 inches deep and they got their feet wet.

2. Lt. Harris E. Lawless, N A/C 8187, says PTF don't say where we are and doesn't give reference points.

3. S/Sgt. Byron E. Cook, TF, and other enlisted men of A/C 8158, stated that all enlisted men pulled guard duty last night. Three worked 9 to 12 and 2 had to work 12 to 5. Don't object to 9 to 12 shift but are coming off guard duty 15 minutes before truck time.

4. Lt. Walter E. Cox, P A/C 662, commented on poor assembly this morning, - no flares until two groups had joined.

5. Lt. Victor S. Resse, N A/C 7089, - was briefed to throw chaff out 8 minutes before target. Lead Element of Squadron began discharging before LP.

6. The following complaints were made regarding transportation:

- a. Lt. Charles F. Neeling, P A/C 8267, dispersal #45, - no transportation for pre-briefing.
- b. Lt. Romie Annis, P A/C 7706, dispersal #34 - had to wait 40 minutes for truck after landing.
- c. Lt. Robert J. Heck, P and crew A/C 113, dispersal #36 - fifth time this crew landed early and had to wait an hour and fifteen minutes for transportation.
- d. Lt. Dale G. Jones, P A/C 395, dispersal #18 - transportation is slow in getting to A/C after mission.

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

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

F-C-2

APO 557  
20 October 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557  
ATTN: Division Armament Officer

1. Date of Mission: 19 October 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. No turret malfunctions were reported.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
  - a. A/C # 43-37602 - Bombardier could not drop bombs in train in left bomb bay. This A/C was checked on the ground and no malfunction was found.
5. There were thirty (30) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

## LEAD SQUADRON. 94TH "C" GROUP

Combat Flight Leader MAJOR MC GREEDate 19 OCT. 1944Deputy Flight Leader LT. SCHAUENAMAN

Bunkfire 0315  
Bunkfire 0115

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

CURRIE (MC GREE)

SC U 7947

GIBSON

SC H 2398

SCHAUENAMAN

SC N 6506

 Bkf - 0315  
 Brf - 0500  
 Sta - 06130  
 0830 612 SQDN  
 GAS - 2500
615 SQDNHOCKING

SC L 8637

DOW

IY F 7664

LAWRENCE

SC S 7958

COX

SC B 1662

COOPER

IY R 6146

SOMBART

IY B 1730

HARLAN

SC M 7089

JONES

SC R 2393

ROADMAN

SC D 6992

SPARES

CROMER

SC K 8733

SPARE LEAD (PFF) IN Y 7600 DISP. 46

GROUND SPARES SC A 7628 DISP. 15  
IW F 7395 DISP. 1.

6x500 GP 1/10 - 1/100

6xM 17 DB. as per chart 12

HI SQ. 94TH C GROUP

Combat Flight Leader CAPT LOCHER Date 19 October 1944.Deputy Flight Leader LT KEELING

<u>613</u> SQDN	612 SC JABWOCK
	613 IN MACRO
<u>CUSHMAN (LOCHER)</u>	614 IW GOLFCLUB
	615 IY BUZZARD
IN Y 7600	
IY A 258	
<u>HAMM</u>	
IN P 7009	KEELING
IN M 8267	

613 SQDN615 SQDNJETTERCALLAWAY

IN B 6132

IY G 1983

MC GOLDRICK

IN N 6104

CAMPBELL

IN Q 7931

OAS

INX N 8159

GRIMM

IY M 2674

CARSON

IN D 8187

ANNIS

IN U 7706

KECK

IN R 6113

SPARES

DOUGLAS

IN F 6313

## LO SQ. 94TH C GROUP

Combat Flight Leader LT MERCERDate 19 October 1944Deputy Flight Leader LT BROWN614 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

MERCER

IW C 8033

WITTMAN

IW H 6464

BROWN

IW X 8565

614 SQDN615 SQDN

UTTER

IW Q 7478

CROZIER  
IW Z 8330

STEGEMAN

IY D 8125

MORTON

IW B 7151

MAYS

IW O 7602

MORAN

IW K 8677

SISSON

IW A 6508

SPARES

SPUHLER

IW N 8738

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

19 October 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

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

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

AIRPLANE NO.	BATTLE DAMAGE
44-6506	1. Flak hole behind camera doors, left side. 2. Flak hole in inboard supercharger air scoop, # 1 engine. 3. Flak hole in top of # 2 nacelle. 4. Flak hole in leading edge of right outboard wing panel, station 25.
42-97938	1. Negative.
42-102398	1. Flak hole in right side of fuselage, station 3b. 2. Flak hole in cowl flap, # 1 engine, 7 o'clock.
42-31662	1. Flak hole in left wing tip. 2. Flak hole in leading edge of left outboard wing panel, station 20.5.
42-97947	1. Negative.
42-102393	1. Flak hole in vertical fin, station 6j. 2. Flak hole in leading edge of left outboard wing panel, station 22.5.
42-106992	1. Negative.
42-107039	1. Negative.
43-38637	1. Negative.

HERBERT O. KIMMEL  
Capt, Air Corps  
Engineering Officer