

MISSION NO. 164

To: MERSEBURG , 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 YMISSION SUMMARY REPORTMISSION # 164Date 2 November 1944ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: MERSEBURG, GERMANY (LEUNA SYNTHETIC OIL)
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished three 12 A/C Squadrons for the 94th "A" Group. Two PFF A/C were included in the lead Squadron, and one PFF A/C in the High. A spare accompanied each formation.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: MERSEBURG, GERMANY (PFF)
2. a. Group Leader: Capt. A. H. CHAPMAN (CARROLL)
Lead Navigator: Capt. C. M. SMITH (WINOGRAD - "Mickey")
Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. J. L. MALONE
Lead Bombardier: Capt. W. T. HUTSON
b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. B. F. CARNES
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. D. B. LIGON
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. M. J. WIEGLER
c. High Squadron Leader: Capt. R. M. DEMPSEY
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. W. SELLERS (WALTERS - "Mickey")
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. W. DOLAN
3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Normal with about 1/4 mile visibility. One aircraft in the High Squadron failed to take off.

b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

The Squadron and Group assemblies were moved up 2,000' by the Weather ship, but were accomplished in good order and with time to spare. Departure ^{was} buncher with 35 ships and 2 spares in formation. Just prior to leaving

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. b. Continued:

the buncher the 94th "B" Group circled through our assembly area causing 94th "A" Group to depart North of the buncher on time to avoid a collision course.

c. Route Over England:

Times at all points over England were made good. From point "C" an unidentified Group (believed to be 3rd Division) tried to cross over from our right to our left but since 94th "A" was slightly ahead of him and on its briefed course 94th "A" held its position forcing the unidentified Group to lose time and circle behind us. 94th "A" arrived at Control Point # 1 on time and turned on course exactly two minutes behind the 40th "B" Group. The Division column including 49 "A", 40 "B" and 94th "A" was perfect.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Maintained the briefed # 3 position the column during the entire flight. Crossed the Ccast at Control Point # 2 four minutes early and 1,000' too low, but this was due to a wind shift. Strong winds blew entire division ahead of 94 "A" to the left of course. 94 "A" turned back to right to cross over IP and follow 40 "B" on bombing run. Two Groups of 3 rd Division came off target over same route. First Division made its bombing run but luckily they did not interfere.

b. Bombing Run:

Lead Squadron:

Before we reached the IP the weather ship reported that the target was covered with clouds and the bombing would have to be PFF. We cut the IP short attempting to stay in Division formation and then had to make several S's to get behind the two Groups that cut in ahead of us. Winds were much stronger than briefed making it very difficult for the Mickey Operator to kill the drift. Bombs were dropped at 1240 on a Mag Heading of 195°. The lead salvo; all others used a 100 foot intervalometer setting. The AFCE was O K. Bombing was entirely PFF.

Low Squadron:

We had no PFF ship so we flew in trail, close to the Lead Squadron on the bomb run. When the Lead Squadron dropped, the Bombardier waited till we came abreast of their smoke marker and then salvoed his bombs. All others dropped with a 100 foot intervalometer setting. The AFCE worked satisfactorily.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. b. Continued:

High Squadron:

We were informed that bombing would be by instruments before we reached the IP. We cut the IP short to stay in the Division column. Cloud cover was about 8/10ths all the way but nothing could be identified on the ground between the breaks. The Mickey Operator took over at the IP and brought us in. The rate needed a few small corrections and these were made at the Mickey Operators direction. About half way down the run a formation came off the target heading right for us so we gained some altitude, skipped over them, and then leveled off again 600 feet over the briefed indicated altitude. Bombs were salvoed by the Leader when the indices crossed; all others used a 100 foot intervalometer setting. The AFCE functioned properly.

c. Flight from Target:

Rally after bombing run was very good despite intense flak and contrails. Withdrawal was made in # 3 position in Division column. Received slight inaccurate flak over a canal north of Osnabruck.

d. Return to Base:

After departing enemy coast the Group turned right of course to let down through a hole in the cloud deck. We crossed coast in at 2,500' and proceeded to base for a normal landing. Ships with wounded and camera ships were cleared from formation at coast in. High and Low Squadrons proceeded to "Y" buncher to circle until called in by tower. All ships except one failing to return landed safely at home base.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 6/10ths to 8/10ths cumulus cloud cover generally over continent enroute to target and back. Tops at 8,000 to 10,000'. 8/10ths over target area with dense contrails at 27,000 ft. and above.

f. Fighter Support:

Excellent throughout entire mission. Maintained radio contact with all Groups of fighters assigned to 94 "A" Group during the mission.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formation was fair. High Squadron broke up on way in because of one ship stalling out. Leader's air speed checked as SOP several times during flight however.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)4. h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Better coordination between 3rd and 1st Division routes. Conflicts were encountered over England and over target despite 94th "A" Group was on time and on course.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:High Squadron:

A/C 43-37736 - Sortie. Returned after entering enemy territory due to loss of Turbo Supercharger boost on # 3 engine. Caused by large hole in exhaust segment for # 5 cylinder.

6. Enemy Opposition:

Between 10 to 20 ME 109's were encountered after leaving target at approximately 10 miles SW of Merseberg. Lead A/C of High Squadron reported that 10 ME 109's flew at 2 o'clock high, peeled off and made individual passes at Low section of the High Squadron. Other crews report attacks from 6 o'clock High to Low about 15 degree angle of attack. Enemy fighters queueing up four at a time for attack and weaving from side to side; attack breaking off at 150 to 200 yards. A/C were silver colored, with green spinners and green stripe on top of vertical stabilizers, with black markings. After leaving target, four single jet A/C were observed at approximately 28,000 leaving intermittent, dark contrails, which dissipated in about 20 seconds. Crews believe jets were used as decoys as 4 ME 109's came in on a pursuit curve. An escorting P-51 broke up the formation of ME 109's and other friendly fighters chased them away. At 1305 hours, (5110 - 1100E), 3 ME 109's were reported at 9 o'clock (25,000) but did not attack. One claim is being submitted. (See flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage:

<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>	<u>To E/A</u>
2	25	27	0

8. Casualties:

9 MIA - A/C 43-38159

9. Statistical Summary Of Operations (See attached form)10. Bombing Data: a. Observations:

Due to almost complete undercast results were unobserved. Bombs fell in the close proximity of the bombs in the preceding Wing which were seen striking the target area.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)10. b. Disposition of Bombs:Lead Squadron:

All the 12 A/C EET attacked the target dropping 214 x 250# M57 bombs. The spare A/C returned 18 bombs to base.

Low Squadron:

All the 12 A/C EET attacked the target dropping 216 x 250# M57 bombs. The spare A/C returned 18 bombs to base.

High Squadron:

Of the 12 A/C EET eleven attacked the target, dropping 197 X 250 # M57 bombs. The aborting A/C (#736) jettisoned 13 bombs and returned the remaining 5 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	35	35	627	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			627	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
Other Expenditures			13	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			41	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			681	250#	M57	1/10	1/40

11. Lost Aircraft:

A/C #	Sqdn	Position in Formation	Location of Loss	Cause
43-38159 (OAS)	615	Lead A/C low section, High Sqdn, 401st Gp.	Just past target.	Flak

Submitted By:

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS801st Group1st BD F. O. 541Date of 2 November 1944

	Lead	High		Low	
		PFF - GH	PFF - GH	PFF - GH	Low
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	1	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	2	11	1	13
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	2	11	1	12
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	2	11	1	12
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	10	1	12
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-	1	0	-
(a) Early Returns Included	-	-	0	-	-
7. Name of Primary Target	MERSEBURG (VISUAL)				
(a) No of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of bombs					
8. Name of Secondary Target	MERSEBURG (PFF)				
(a) No of A/C Attacking	11	1	10	1	12
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	180	34	180	17	216
9. Name of Last Resort Target					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs					
10. Name of Target of Opportunity					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size, & type of Bombs					
11. Name of Target Opportunity					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of Bomb					
12. No of A/C Lost - TOTAL	None		1		None
13. - to Flak			1		
14. - to Flak & E/A					
15. - to Enemy A/C					
16. - to Accident					
17. - to Unknown					

STAT SUMMARY (Cont'd)

	Lead	High	Low
18. Time of Takeoff	0833	0836	0837
19. Time of Attack	1240	1239	1243
20. Average Time of Flight	7.5	7.9	7.6
21. Altitude of Release	24,760	26,150	24,000
22. Visual or PFF	PFF	PFF	PFF
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int.& ACC	INTENSE ACCURATE	INTENSE ACCURATE	INTENSE ACCURATE
24. - Fighters	10 - 20	10 - 20	10 - 20
25. - Bombers	-	-	-
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	Unengaged	4 Unengaged	Unengaged
27. Degree of Success	Knob	Knob	Knob

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as Follows:

NOTES:

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CHAPMAN Date: 2 Nov 44Deputy Sq. Leader: MAJ STANNDeputy Gp. Leader: MAJ STANN614 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

CARROLL (CHAPMAN)

258

401ST LEAD SQ FORMATION AT
TAKEOFF AND ON CRUISE

FONDREN

ETTER (STANN)

151

600

614 SQDN615 SQDN

HAYES

JENNINGS

236

160

MORAN

MAYS

HILLESTAD

MC GOLDRICK

677

602

009

182

SISSON

508

SPUHLER

OSCHENHIRT

738

478

SPARES

CROZIER

330 (returned)

Combat Sq. Leader

LT CARNES

Da

2 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader:

LT CHRISTENSEN

Deputy Gp. Leader:

SQDN
612612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

CARNES

780

401ST LOW SQ FORMATION AT
TAKEOFF AND ON CRUISE

BLOETSCHER

CHRISTENSEN

039

891

SQDN

612

SQDN

613

MAXWELL

CARSON

398

187

SCHLIEMANN

COX

DOUGLAS

CAMPBELL

735

662

591

146

AIKEN

628

JONES

ROADMAN

593

992

SPARES

LONG

993 (Returned)

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT DEMPSEY Date 2 Nov 44Deputy Sq. Leader: LT LOZINSKI

Deputy Gp. Leader:

615 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

DEMPSEY

053

401ST HIGH SQ FORMATION
AT TAKEOFF AND ON CRUISE

DOW

LOZINSKI

458

077

615 SQDN613 SQDN

SULLIVAN

DURD

113 (No Takeoff)

565

GRIMM

OAS

KECK

HOPLEY

674

159(MIA)

104

736(Abort)

CALLAWAY

983

HANSEN

MAIRE

730

468

SPARES

UDY

425

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CHAPMAN Date: 2 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

614 SQDN612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

CARROLL (CHAPMAN)

258

401ST LEAD SQ FORMATION
OVER TARGET

FONDREN

UTTER

151

600

SQDN

SQDN

HAYES

JENNINGS

236

160

MORAN

MAYS

HILL STAD

MC GOLDRICK

677

602

009

132

SISSON

OSCHENHIRT

758

478

SPARES

Combat Sq. Leader: LT CARRS Da 2 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN 612	CARRS 780	612 SC JABWOCK 613 IN MACRO 614 IW GOLFCLUB 615 IY BUZZARD	
BLOETSCHER 089	CHRISTENSEN 891	401ST LGW SQ FORMATION OVER TARGET	
SQDN 398	SQDN 187		
SCHLEIMANN 733	COX 662	DOUGLAS 591	CAMPBELL 146
AIKEN 628	ROADMAN 992		
JONES 393	SPARES		

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT DEMPSEY Date: 2 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

615 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

DEMPSEY

033

401ST HIGH SQ FORMATION
OVER TARGET

DON

LOZINSKI

458

077

SQDN

SQDN

OAS

BUDD

159(MIA)

565

GRIMM

UDY

K2 CY

CALLAWAY

983

HANSEN

MAINE

968

SPARES

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

2 November

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 0833 hours; Land at 1600 hours.b. Group formed at 0939 hours at 9,000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at _____ hours at _____ feet.

d. Began climb at 1030 hours; reached alt. at 1152 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 8-9 / 10th - Visibility 20 miles.(2) Wind at altitude 240 degrees, 85 Knots.f. Means of navigation over England. Gee, D.R., Radiog. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee, PFFh. Joined task force at 1016 hrs. at Glaeton
(Splasher, City, Coord.)i. English Coast out at 1016 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 1110 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in _____ hrs.

(2) Coming back _____ hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 240 degrees, 85 Knots.(2) Determined by PFF
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

(1) Reached IP at 1231 hrs.(2) Mag. heading over target 195 degrees.(3) Altitude over target 5500 feet.

(4) Bombs away at _____ hrs.

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

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 52-27 N. 03-52 E.
(2) Obtained at 1105 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

Bombs away: Lead 1240, N.H. 195, from 25500'.

High - 1241, NH 119, from 26700'.

Low - 1243, NH 150, from 24900'.

COMMENTS: Course from 90° to 10° not flown as briefed due to keeping proper position in Div formation following Div. leader. From Enemy Coast to base off course in order to letdown thru suitable weather

/S/ C. H. Smith
C. H. SMITH
Captain, A. C.
Lead Nav., Lead Sq.

SIGNATURE

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

2 November

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 0837 hours; Land at 1610 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0930 hours at 5000 feet.
- c. Formed CBW at 0950 hours at 8000 feet.
- d. Began climb at 1030 hours; reached alt. at 1140 hours.
- e. Weather encountered over England:

- (1) Clouds 8-9 / 10th visibility 10 miles.
- (2) Wind at altitude 250 degrees, 85 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Radio, Gee, Pilotage**g. Means of checking Metro Winds** Gee, Pilotage**h. Joined task force at 1017 hrs. at 51-30N 01-15E**
(Splasher, City, Coord.)**i. English Coast out at 1017 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 1112 hrs.****j. Fighter Rendezvous:**

- (1) Going in 1055 hrs.
- (2) Coming back 1255 hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

- (1) 250 degrees, 85 Knots.
- (2) Determined by Pilotage
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

- (1) Reached IP at 1235 hrs.
- (2) Mag. heading over target 150 degrees.
- (3) Altitude over target 2900 feet.
- (4) Bombs away at 1245 hrs.
- (5) Method of target identification and weather over target
8-9/10ths. FTF

m. Gee:

- (1) Coordinates of furthest fix 52-12 N. 03-40 E.
- (2) Obtained at 1055 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

None

COMMENTS:

/S/ Delbert B. Ligon
DELBERT B. LIGON
1st Lt, A. C.
Lead Navig., Low Sq.
SIGNATURE

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

1944

2 November

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 0836 hours; Land at 1630 hours.

b. Group formed at 0933 hours at 9000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at _____ hours at _____ feet.

d. Began climb at 1000 hours; reached alt. at 1100 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 5 / 10th - Visibility 20 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 250 degrees, 72 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Gee, Pilotage

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee, Pilotage, PFF

h. Joined task force at 1015 hrs. at 1000.
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 1015 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 1130 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 1135 hrs.

(2) Coming back _____ hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 250 degrees, 72 Knots.

(2) Determined by Pilotage, PFF
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

(1) Reached IP at 1230 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 219 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 24000 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 1241 hrs.

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

PFF

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 52-24 N. 06-00 E. (Burma Chain)
(2) Obtained at 1355 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

PFF seemed to give bearing too much to the right.

COMMENTS:

/s/ Lloyd W. Sellers
LLOYD W. SELLERS
1st Lt., A. C.
SIGNATURE, High Dex

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED & OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
									T. A. S.	DIST.	TIME	DIST.	TIME	
0946	123	-3	120		Point 4, 1 min late		150	9000	148					
0949	123	-3	120		Wind 015/10		150	9000	148					
0952	123	-3	120		52-33N 00-12E		150	9000	148	15	06	150	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 14023
0956	119	-4	115		52-27N 00-30E		150	9000	148					
1005	136	-4	122		52-19N 01-09E		150	9000					157	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 1027
1009	172	-1	171		52-10N 01-07E		150	9000	148				157	23 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1017 $\frac{1}{2}$
1016	172	-1	171		Wind 15/10K. On time, pt 2, 3 mi. North of course		150	9000	148	31	11			
1016	069	-3	066		Start climb 51-47N 01-13E. In div line		150	9000	150				142	41 17 1123
1019	067	-3	064		51-52N 01-30E		150	9000	150					
1023	071	-6	065		51-55N 01-45E		150	9000	150	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	04	158	19 07 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1033 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1026	071	-6	065		Wind 305/10 51-57N 01-58E		150	10500	150					
1030	073	-5	068		52-03N 02-12E		150	11500	152	38	14	162		
1036		068			52-04N 02-36E		150	12000	154					
1046	075	-8	067		52-08N 03-00E	OBSERVATION СЕНЯВАГ	150	14000	160				C 2	E 1A
1053	076	-10	066		52-10N 03-13E	TIME RECORD	150	14500		24	10	145	54 22 1110	
1056	065	-10	056		52-15N 03-43E		150	15500	164	20	08	150	36	
1103		047			52-27N 03-53E. A/G to 077 at 1107									
1110		080			Enemy Coast, on course, 2 min early			19000		136	52			
1110	091	-6	083		A/G to next leg		150	19000					146	129 55 1203
1117	091	-3	083		Wind 50/35K		150	20000	178	17	07	146		
1123	091	-6	083		On course		150	21700						
1126	088	-5	083		51-36N 03-52E		150	22000	182	32	11	175		
1133		090			Zwickau 206/ 19 mi.		150							
1138	092	-1	090		Bautzen 176/ 26 mi. Zwickau 237/26		150							
1142		085			Neustadt 152/21 mi		150			11				
1144		085			Coselbruck 129/32 mi		150	24500						
1147		090			Hanover 38 mi. due north		150			19	02			
1252	335/45N	097			12 mi due west of Dusser Lake		150	25500	198					
1157		132			Coselbruck 236/18 mi. A/G		150	25500				240		1257 $\frac{1}{2}$
1259 1203		130			Coselbruck 30 mi due west		150	25500						
1206		120			west 23 mi.									
1207	231/45	120			Coselbruck 50/16 mi.									
1210	108	#12	120		17 mi S Hanover					206	14 04	210		
1213		110			Brunswick 50/20 mi.									
1220					" 339/24 mi.					34	09	225		
1231		220			696/31 mi., 104/33 mi.									
1240		085			BRUNSWICK ARMY , A/G to 216 A/G 229 150 25500 HIR 240/59									
1247	БИЕНА СОУСІ	216			Liepzig, 075/20 mi.									
1250	БІЕНА СОУСІ	275			Wrocberg 666/10 mi									
1253	БІЕНА СОУСІ	265			Erfurt 226/29 mi									
1255	БІЕНА СОУСІ	265			Ruhle 855/18 mi									
					35 due west south part of Liepzig								25	03

БІЕНА БІГНА

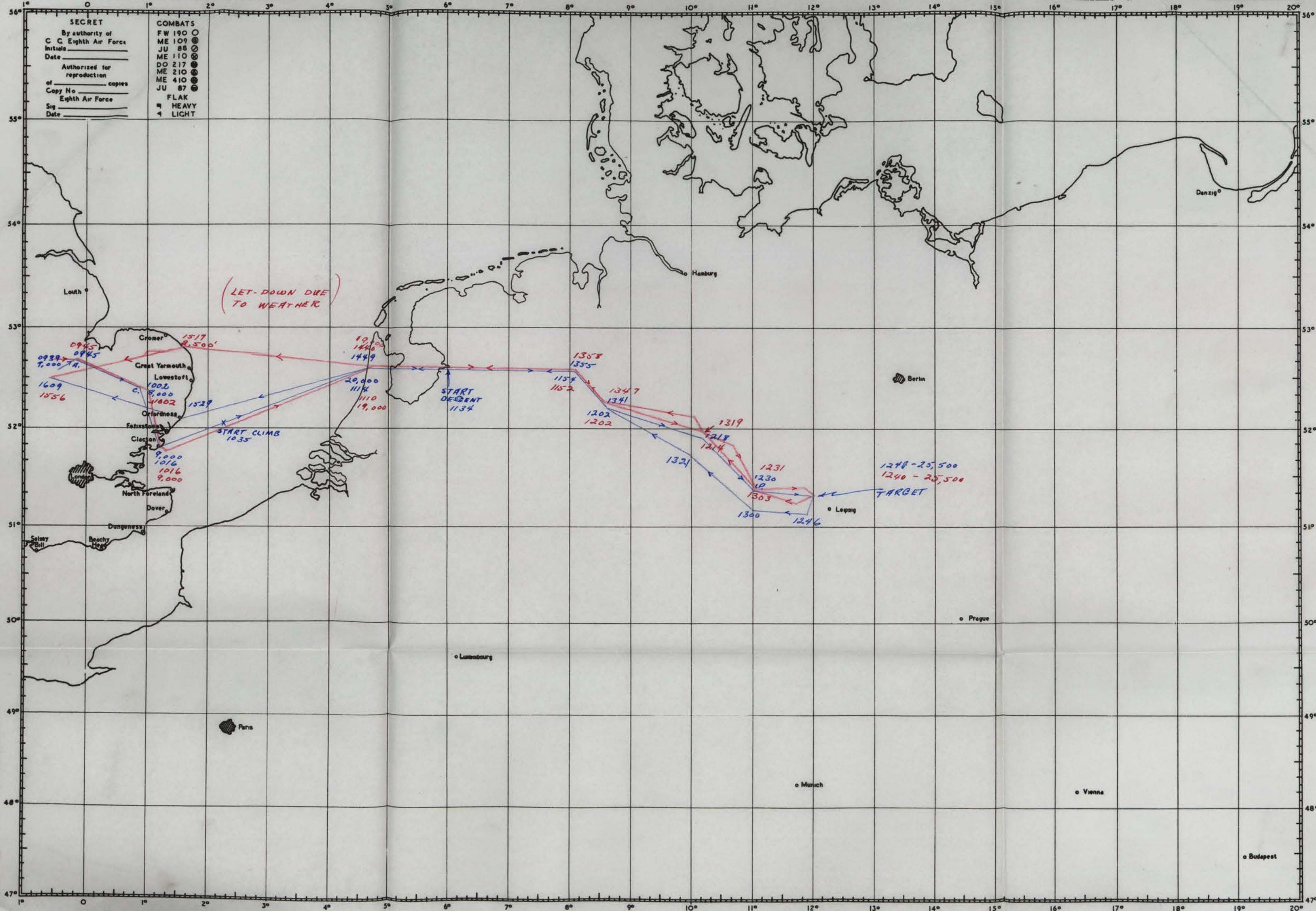
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NAVIGATOR

FLIGHT RECOR

SIGNE

_NAVIGATOR



TARGETS
PRIMARY

Munich, Germany

TRACK CHART

DATE NOV. 2-44

Blue
Red

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY
Briefed
4064 B.C.G(H)



Target No.
I (a) (iii) 15

I. G. FARBENINDUSTRIE
A.G.

MERSEBURG (Leuna)
(GERMANY)

Illustration No.
I (a) (iii) 15/13

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

Photographed 1941-1943

(1 : 32,000) approx.

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Hutson</u>	DATE	<u>2 Nov. 1944</u>				
PILOT	<u>Lt. Carroll</u>	TAKE OFF	<u>0833</u>				
NAVIGATOR	<u>Capt. Smith</u>	AI RPLANE	<u>600</u>				
WING	<u>94th A Gp.</u>	GROUP	<u>401</u>	SQDN.	<u>Lead</u>	LANDED	<u>1600</u>
OBJECTIVE	<u>Merseberg, Germany</u>			(MPI)			
METHOD OF ATTACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:							
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>250# M57</u>	FUSING:	NOSE	<u>1/10</u>	TAIL	<u>1/40/100</u>	
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES		FUSING:	NOSE		TAIL		
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	<u>214 x 250# M57</u>	RELEASED		<u>214</u>			
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: <u>Bombed PFF</u>							
Altitude of Target	<u>340</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro	<u>-39</u>	Actual	<u>-38</u>		
True Altitude above target	<u>21760</u>	Mag Head,order	<u>93</u>	Actual	<u>195</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>25500</u>	True Heading		<u>218</u>			
Pressure alt of target	<u>4282</u>	Drift, Est	<u>4R</u>	Actual	<u>27</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	True Track		<u>191</u>			
C.I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	Actual Range	<u>14,136</u>		
G.S. Est	<u>288</u>	Actual	<u>270</u>	B.S.Type	<u>1-9</u>		
Wind Direc Metro	<u>290</u>	Actual	<u>240</u>	Time of Release	<u>12:40</u>		
Wind Veloc.Metro	<u>52</u>	Actual	<u>103</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>100 ft.</u>		
D.S	<u>125/1</u>	Trail	<u>92</u>	ATF	<u>42.7</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>6 min.</u>
Tan. D.A. Est	<u>.57</u>	Actual	<u>.57</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>X</u>	A-5	
Mean Temp: Metro	<u>-16</u>	Actual	<u>-16</u>	Manual Pilot			
Type of Release: Lead A/C	<u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C			<u>100 ft.</u>		

N.D.A.G.FORM
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1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Weigler</u>	DATE	<u>2 November 1944</u>
PILOT	<u>Lt. Garme</u>	TAKE OFF	<u>02 1610</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. Ligon</u>	AT RPLANE	<u>891</u>
WING	<u>94th A Gp.</u>	GROUP	<u>401</u>
		SQDN	<u>LOW</u>
OBJECTIVE	<u>Merseburg, Germany</u> (MPI)		
METHOD OF ATTACK	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:			
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>250# M57</u>	FUSING: NOSE	<u>1/10</u> TAIL <u>1/40</u>
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES		FUSING: NOSE	TAIL
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	<u>216 x 250# M57</u>	RELEASED	<u>216</u>
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: <u>Bombed PFF</u>			
Altitude of Target	<u>340 ft.</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro	<u>-98</u> Actual <u>-98</u>
True Altitude above target	<u>21,000</u>	Mag Head,order	Actual
Ind. Altitude	<u>24900</u>	True Heading	<u>93</u> <u>150</u>
Pressure alt of target	<u>7282</u>	Drift, Est	Actual
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	True Track	<u>168</u> <u>146</u>
C.I.A.S.	<u>I.A.S.</u>	Actual Range	<u>13,500</u>
G.S. Est	Actual	B.S.Type	<u>11-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro	Actual	Time of Release	<u>12:43</u>
Wind Veloc.Metro	Actual	Intervalometer Setting	<u>100 ft.</u>
D.S. Trail	ATF	Length of Bombing Run	<u>8 min.</u>
Tan. D.A. Est	Actual	C-1 Pilot	<u>X</u> <u>A-5</u>
Mean Temp: Metro	Actual	Manual Pilot	
Type of Release: Lead A/C	<u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C	<u>100 ft.</u>

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Delan</u>	DATE	<u>2 Nov. 1944</u>				
PILOT	<u>Lt. Dempsey</u>	TAKE OFF	<u>0836</u>				
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. Sellers</u>	AIRPLANE	<u>033</u>				
WING	<u>94th A Gp.</u>	GROUP	<u>401</u>	SQDN	<u>High</u>	LANDED	<u>1630</u>
OBJECTIVE	<u>Merseburg, Germany</u>			(MPI)			
METHOD OF ATTACK	Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing						
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP	<u>11</u>	COMPOSITE GROUP	<u>3/1</u>				
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP	COMPOSITE GROUP						
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:							
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>250 # M57</u>	FUSING: NOSE	<u>1/10</u>	TAIL	<u>1/40</u>		
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES		FUSING: NOSE		TAIL			
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	<u>197 x 250# M57</u>			RELEASED	<u>197</u>		
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: Bombed PFF							
Altitude of Target	<u>940 ft.</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro	<u>-40</u>	Actual	<u>-38</u>		
True Altitude above target	<u>26150</u>	Mag Head, order	<u>93</u>	Actual	<u>117</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>26,700</u>	True Heading	<u>124</u>				
Pressure alt of target	<u>7282</u>	Drift, Est	<u>4R</u>	Actual	<u>11L</u>		
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	True Track	<u>113</u>				
C.I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	Actual Range	<u>12,838</u>		
G.S. Est	<u>290</u>	Actual	<u>255</u>	B.S.Type	<u>M-9</u>		
Wind Direc Metro	<u>52</u>	Actual	<u>84</u>	Time of Release	<u>12:41</u>		
Wind Veloc.Metro	<u>290</u>	Actual	<u>250</u>	Intervalometer Setting	<u>100 ft.</u>		
D.S	<u>121.5</u>	Trail	<u>94</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>8 min.</u>		
Tan. D.A. Est	<u>.56</u>	ATF	<u>44.02</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>X</u>		
Mean Temp: Metro	<u>-16</u>	Actual	<u>-17</u>	Manual Pilot			
Type of Release: Lead A/C	<u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C			<u>100 ft.</u>		

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Report on A.A. Gunfire.401 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Assigned . . . Herschberg, Germany
 Target: date of Mission 2 Nov. 44
 Bombed . . . Herschberg, Germany

Route as Flown:- 1110 (5237-0437) 1152 (5234-0805) 1202 (5215-0837) 1215 (5200-1010) 1231 (5121-1100) - 1340 (Target) 1353 (5121-1100) 1511 (5200 - 1010) 1347 (5214 - 0837) 1558 (5234-0805) 1440 (5237-0437)

Weather conditions: (a) At target 5/10 - 9/10

(b) En route 5/10 - 10/10

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

Any condensation trails? Yes

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL
 Intense and accurate for height but generally slightly ahead of this group. Mostly barrage with some tracking fire. Crews report exceptionally large bursts.

Flak encountered & observed en route. (In the order experienced)
 (900) 1215 - (515-1010) - 24,000 Reg. Fair Poor Flak - several 3 gun batteries
 " 1215 - (5215-1032) - 25,000 Mod. Good Good Flak - Barr.
 " 1225 - (5145-1037) - 25,000 Reg.
 " 1235 - (Halberstadt) - 25,000 Mod. Good Good Flak - Barr. and tracking
 " 1325 - (5200-0935) - 24,900 Mod. Low Fair Flak - Barrage
 " 1352 - (Cenabruck) - 24,700 Reg. Good Poor Flak - Barrage
 " * 1425 - (5237-0827) - 25,000 Reg. Good Good Flak - Tracking

Was CHAFF carried? Yes

How discharged? As required

Position of Group pitch. "A" group

Details:-							Axis of withdrawal	
A/C over	enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost	Time over	Time of	Bombs away	Attack	Bomb Run
Lead	12	30	0	1240	1240	25,300	185 N	226 N
High	11	11	1	1241	1241	25,700	117 N	200 N
Low	12	9	0	1245	1245	24,900	126 N	266 N
Is.	22	30	1					

Comments - Phenomena: (*Uncharted Flak)
 1217 - One group of 4 rockets near IP with light contrails, no bursts - one single rocket with trail exactly like sky marker.
 (1241 hours) (Target) Obs. two groups of yellow bursts each was like a horizontal streak with about 10-20 bursts - no smoke or trail. 100 feet below and about 2 to 4,000 ft. behind.
 (Target) Obs whitish horizontal smoke trail (like smoke marker) higher than formation level. Looked dense - stayed horizontal - very persistent - made an odd course like this.

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HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Communications Officer
AAF Sta 128, APO 557Reference Field Order 541.2 NOVEMBER 1944SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 164.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>Ø</u>	
Splashers	<u>1</u>	4. VHF/DF Bearings	<u>Ø</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>Ø</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>Ø</u>
Bunchers	<u>44</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>42</u>
2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>Ø</u>	Maximum Fix <u>5222N 0800E</u>	

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

1. Total H2X A/C dispatched 3
2. Total H2X A/C over target 3
3. Total H2X sets usable for bombing 3

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C releasing Chaff 31
2. Total number of units released 8,928

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

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

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TARGETS: Primary Visual, Merseburg, Germany.
MPI, Compressor house, (center of N tip of rectangular target area)

Secondary, PFF, Same as above.

The target is one of the synthetic oil, ammonia and nitrogen works of I.G. Farbenindustrie and is one of the most extensive works in Germany. It is second along with Politz, to Brux in oil production, or 10% of the total synthetic oil production in Germany; as an ammonia producer, it is the largest in Europe producing 1/3 of the total in Germany.

The target is located on the W side of a small town, 3 miles S of Merseburg. The area is roughly 4000x1200 yards, rectangular in shape and runs in a N-S direction.

This target has been hit a number of times in the past year, the last time being the 13 of Sept. Damage was scattered.

Last resort Any military objective positively as being identified as being in Germany, but must be on, or E of Rhine. KOLLEGA 5111-1114

7-P-51, 1-P-34

GOTTINGEN- 5133-0956

Friendly Activities

3rd. Div attacking Merseburg (prior to 1st. Div)

2nd. Div " Bielefeld 5203-0834 - R.R. - MAIN LINE TUN.E. (PRODUCT)
Castrop-Rauxel 5135-0720

41st CEW 2 Sterkrade 5131-0648

Flak Route good; scattered meager fire en route, in and out; moderate to intense over target.

Chaff will be used

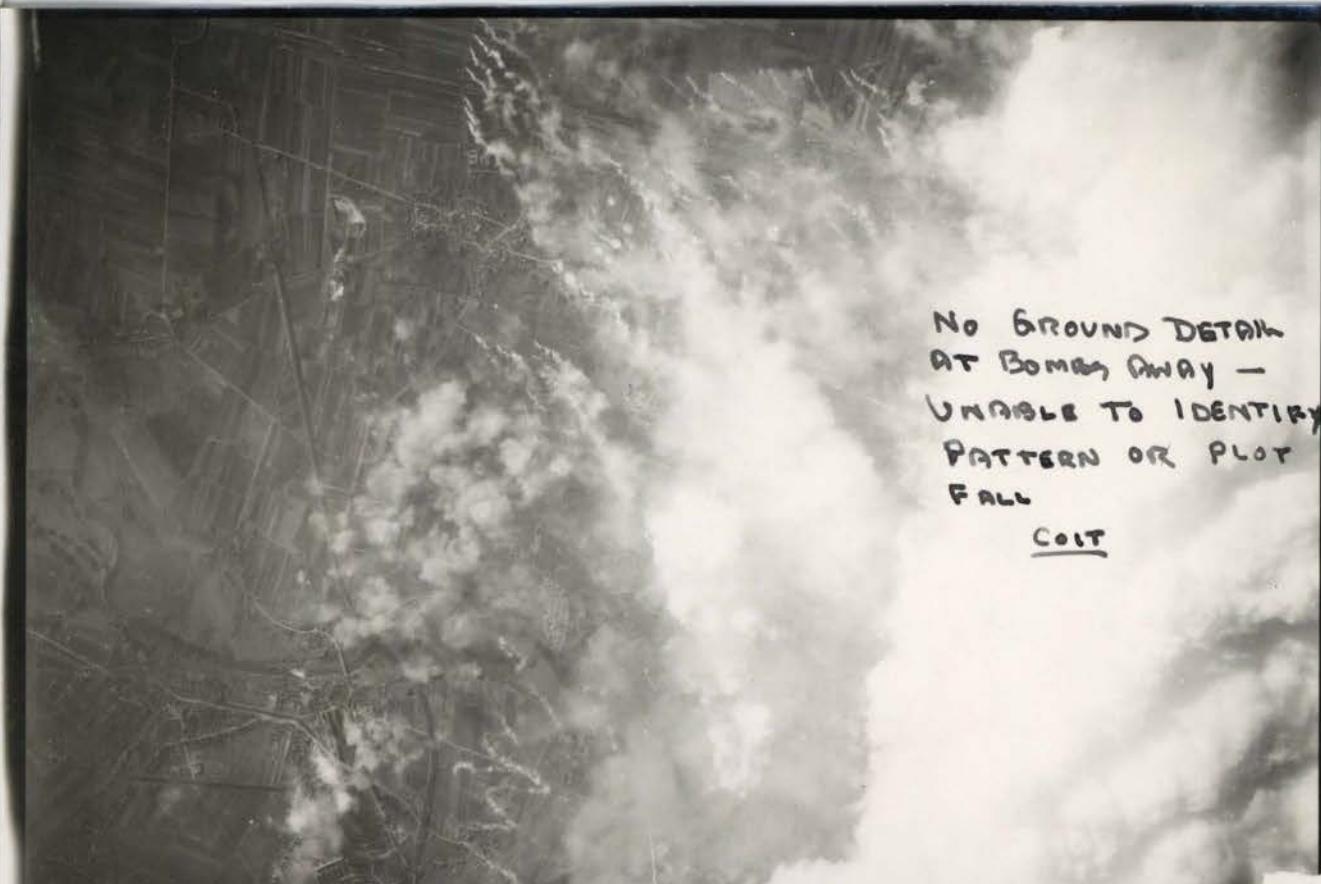
Effective smoke screen over and around the target.

Lead
Bomb

Fighters

CHECK MARKINGS FOR NO CBW, WHICH OPERATES RELAY SHIFT

Spec Instruc P/W poop - ACCENT ON SURVIVAL: LAST RESORT: CONTACT SINGLE MALE
CIVILIAN - PROBABLY FOREIGN WORKER.
Dog tags, G.I. shoes, chute harness
Security



NO GROUND DETAIL
AT BOMB AWAY —
UNABLE TO IDENTIFY
PATTERN OR PLOT
FALL

Colt

SAV-401 A/763 75 X 2 - 11 - 44X44.8236 - 1- 25500X MERSEBURG

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OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
401st Bombardment Group (H)

2 November 1944
Mission # 164

SUBJECT : Leading List

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 567.

Plane # 42-37500

P	Garna, Bernhardt F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Digianzi, James (HMI)	1st Lt.	"
N	Ligon, Delbert B.	1st Lt.	"
MXXXXXXX,XXXXXXXXXX		XMXXXXXX	Garrett, Milton (NMI) Sgt-FG
B	Wiegler, Martin J.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Pepper, James D.	2 Sgt	"
TTG	Hester, Richard L.	T Sgt	"
BTG	Doegan, Arthur L. Jr.	B Sgt	"
TG	Betsweiler, Robert C.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 42-31891

P	Christensen, Marvin J.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Kleppa, Fred H.	1st Lt.	"
N	King, Paul J.	1st Lt.	"
B	McGlendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Kopitsnikoff, Irving G.	T Sgt	"
TTG	Hereford, Gerald F.	2 Sgt	"
BTG	Morris, Robert V.	S Sgt	"
TG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S Sgt	"
PG	Giese, Carlton F.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 42-107039

P	Bleetschaefer, Andrew F.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Hollahan, John F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Lebinsky, Charles J.	Sgt	"
TTG	Richardson, Carl R.	Sgt	"
BTG	Skaggs, Earl R.	Sgt	"
TG	Nichols, Clint S. Jr.	Sgt	"
PG	Giles, Otheo H.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 42-102398

P	Maxwell, Charles T.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McLeod, Lucien P.	1st Lt.	"
N	Billman, James E.	1st Lt.	"
T	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Sgt	O'BRIEN, EUGENE B.
RO	Searcy, Marion E.	S Sgt	"
MEG	Thomas, Robert L.	T Sgt	"
BTG	McGrath, Joseph A.	S Sgt	"
TG	Belborn, Luther B.	S Sgt	"
PG	Dunn, Charles T.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 42-31862

P	Ritting, Carl T.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Cox, Walter E.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	"
T	Ankrom, Lowell J.	Sgt	"
RO	Hill, Robert H.	Sgt	"
TTG	Sorenson, Emmett H.	Sgt	"
BTG	Popa, Leroy G.	Sgt	"
TG	Imports, George (HMI)	Sgt	"
PG	Dunn, Dale B.	Sgt	"

Plane # 42-38867 628

P	Aiken, Charles H.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Manford, Charles J. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Osborne, Charles R.	1st Lt.	"
B	Benton, David (MMI)	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Barrow, John D.	T Sgt	"
PTG	Peterson, Harry A.	T Sgt	"
PTG	Gaal, Ernest A.	S Sgt	"
TG	Keller, Philip W. Jr.	S Sgt	"
PG	Potter, Howard J. Jr.	S Sgt	"

Plane # 42-38735

P	Schlesmann, Donald M.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Mayrowitz, Irving (MMI)	2nd Lt.	"
N	Schnock, David (MMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Swatoski, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Pendley, Garland E.	Sgt	"
PTG	Zabel, Bruce H.	Sgt	"
PTG	Hanes, Duane H. W.	Sgt	"
TG	King, Francis E. Jr.	Sgt	"
PG	Kelly, John G.	Sgt	"

Plane # 42-106992

P	Roadman, Julian (MMI)	2nd Lt.	613th
CP	Crompton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Knuese, Robert H.	E/O	"
B	Whitlock, James P.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Michalski, Alfred (MMI)	Sgt	"
PTG	Landers, John A.	Sgt	"
PTG	Hall, Eugene H.	Sgt	"
TG	Wood, Donald S.	Sgt	"
PG	Hill, Earle E. Jr.	Sgt	"

Plane # 42-102393

P	Jones, Dale G.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Siepak, Stanley J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Wishnoff, Aaron (MMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Bennett, Boyd P.	S Sgt	"
RO	Madryszk, Chester F.	Sgt	"
PTG	Serafino, Ernest A.	Sgt	"
PTG	Cherouni, Peter J.	Sgt	"
TG	Watvers, Kenneth O.	Sgt	"
PG	Wallace, Robert W.	Sgt	"

Plane # 42-39935

P	Long, Robert L.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Watterson, Stuart R. Jr.	E/O	"
N	Griek, Lawrence A.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Watson, Reynolds S.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Tork, Dennis A.	Sgt	"
PTG	Gubbert, Charles R.	Sgt	"
PTG	Hovozak, Henry (MMI)	Sgt	"
TG	Iles, Earl L.	Sgt	"
PG	Williek, Edward L.	Sgt	"

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

2 NOVEMBER 1944

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUITY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.
43-38160	P	1st LT.	JENNINGS	WILLIAM	R.
	CP	2nd LT.	GORTON	FRED	M.
	N	2nd LT.	FOLES	WILLIAM	M.
	B	2nd LT.	SCHELOVAN	ISAAC	(MMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	CURTIS	JAMES	M.
	TT	T/SGT.	FORMAN	RICHARD	T.
	BT	S/SGT.	OLIVER	KENNETH	C.
	TG	S/SGT.	SULTAN	THOMAS	R.
44-6104	WG	S/SGT.	EWEN	DONALD	L.
	P	2nd LT.	HERRICK HICK	ROBERT	J.
	CP	P/O	INTEL	LAWRENCE	A.
	N	P/O	PIPERMAN	HALIBURTON	M. JR.
	B	P/O	SHEPARD	SAMUEL	(MMI)
	RO	SGT.	ENGLER	RICHARD	H.
	TT	SGT.	STOGER	LEONARD	V.
	BT	SGT.	NGRN	EDWARD	M.
42-31591	TG	SGT.	NETCALF	WILLIAM	T.
	WG	SGT.	PIALKOWSKI	EDWARD	(MMI)
	P	1st LT.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	2nd LT.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
	N	2nd LT.	PAVRAN	EDWARD	F.
	B	2nd LT.	COHAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	S/SGT.	SHEETZ	JOHN	H.
	TT	S/SGT.	LIEBES	RAYMOND	G.
(614th)	BT	S/SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S/SGT.	CHANCE	EDWARD	D.
	P	1st LT.	BUDD	CLAYTON	H.
	CP	2nd LT.	MAC LEOD	REGINALD	L.
	N	2nd LT.	KLOTE	BURGARD	L.
	B	S/SGT.	KIBBACK	JOHN	D.
	RO	T/SGT.	SEALA	FRANKLIN	C.
43-38157	TT	T/SGT.	OLIVER	ERNEST	S.
	BT	S/SGT.	DESTRÖISMAISON	ARTHUR	(MMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	ROGEN	HARLEN	(MMI)
	WG	S/SGT.	MURRAY	DALE	S.
	P	1st LT.	CARSON	FRANK	(MMI) JR.
	CP	2nd LT.	MCNICHOLS	MORRIS	E.
	N	2nd LT.	MCNAUL GUTTMAN	EDWARD	HENRY W.
	B	2nd LT.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(MMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	BURMAN	LEO	(MMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	MAC GEEKE	RAY	E.
	BT	S/SGT.	SCOTT	EDWARD	EDWARD R.
	TG	S/SGT.	GERALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S/SGT.	JASPER	LAWRENCE	(MMI)

PLANE NO.	DEPT	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
42-97931	P	1st LT.	CAMPBELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	2nd LT.	RANDER	RICHARD	V.
	H	2nd LT.	HURLEY	ED JIM	D.
	S	2nd LT.	ISHAM	LAWRENCE	B.
	RO	T/SGT.	CHALUPINSKI	VINCENT	M.
	TT	S/SGT.	JUSTICE	ARTHUR	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BOSTIAN	AUDREY	I.
	TG	S/SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.
43-37736	P	1st LT.	HOPKIN	CHARLES	V.
	CP	2nd LT.	GOREZ	FRANK	V. JR.
	H	2nd LT.	MAG DONALD	RICHARD	E.
	S	1st LT.	ROSTROM	CARL	L.
	RO	S/SGT.	DUNNING	CHARLES	R. JR.
	TT	S/SGT.	HARDIN	WILLIAM	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	MERRIMAN	JAY	S.
	TG	S/SGT.	VAN PHIL	HAROLD	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	JACOBS	JOHN	R.
42-102009	P	1st LT.	HILLESTAD	RAYMOND	H.
	CP	2nd LT.	BUCH	JOHN	H.
	H	2nd LT.	CAMPBELL	PRIMERICK	L.
	S	MAJOR	S/SGT. MONTUOYA	CIRIS	A.
	RO	S/SGT.	KRIS	RAYMOND	H.
	TT	S/SGT.	DAVIDEN	JAMES	B. JR.
	BT	S/SGT.	ANDREW	ROBERT	H.
	TG	S/SGT.	FISHERMAN	HAROLD	(HNL)
	WG	S/SGT.	DI CICCO	PATSY	C.
44-6132	P	2nd LT.	MC GOLDRICK	JOHN	V.
	CP	2nd LT.	MISLER	EDWARD	C.
	H	2nd LT.	LEWIS	LESTER	G.
	S	2nd LT.	PEEK	GEORGE	V.
	RO	SGT.	BRCK	GERALD	L.
	TT	SGT.	SHULDEN	JAMES	V.
	BT	SGT.	GRIMMANN	JAMES	R.
	TG	SGT.	ST. LEDGER	ROBERT	E.
	WG	SGT.	LINDSAY	JAMES	R.

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

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. The following is the Loading List for today's mission.

PLANE # 44-8258

P	Capt.	CARROLL, TED D.	614th Sq.
CP	Capt.	CHAPMAN, ALVAH H. JR.	"
N	Capt.	SMITH, CHARLES M.	"
N	1st Lt.	MALONE, JOHN L.	612th Sq.
B	Capt.	HUTSON, WALLACE T.	"
MO	1st Lt.	WINOGRAD, ALFRED A.	614th Sq.
RO	T/Sgt.	Cumrton, John W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Luemberger, Arnold J.	"
TG	1st Lt.	LEASER, FREDERICK G.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Campbell, Clarence L.	"
		MELL, JACK H. 19	

PLANE # 44-8258 7604

P	1st Lt.	UTTER, CHARLES W.	614th Sq.
CP	Major	STANN, LEON	613th Sq.
N	2nd Lt.	DAMP, EDWARD	614th Sq.
B	2nd Lt.	HOPE, JOHN P. JR.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fulton, David W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	La Vigne, Robert W.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESHACK, JOHN T.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Zaborasky, Stepan A.	"
WG	Sgt.	St Peter, Donald A.	"

PLANE # 43-38677

P	2nd Lt.	MORAN, ROBERT E.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	VIA, JAMES C.	"
N	1st Lt.	LE BLANC, JOHN S.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DUNCAN, ROBERT N.	"
RO	Sgt.	Brown, Arnold P.	"
TT	Sgt.	Stromberg, Warren B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Detty, Hilbert J Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Clark, Charles B.	"
WG	Sgt.	Miller, James J.	"

PLANE # 42-38236

P	1st Lt.	HAYES, LELAND R.	614th Sq.
CP	1st Lt.	HAFLY, WILLIE J.	"
N	1st Lt.	PETTY, ROBERT J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMYMAN J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Tyres, Dorsey W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Dickson, Beattie B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, Sterling S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Dreon, Louis L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Kilgore, Edmund W.	"

Loading List (Cont)

PLANE # 42-97478

P	2nd Lt.	OCHSENHIRT, HARRY J.
CP	2nd Lt.	CLAXTON, HERBERT W.
N	2nd Lt.	ROBINSON, EDWARD F.
B	2nd Lt.	HAGERTY, JAMES J.
RO	T/Sgt.	Mitchell, Joseph G.
TT	Pvt.	Killian, Daniel M.
BT	S/Sgt.	Reynolds, William H.
TG	S/Sgt.	Culver, Malcolm J.
WG	S/Sgt.	Tutwiler, David M.

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PLANE # 42-102659 7151

P	2nd Lt.	FONDREM, JOHN E.
CP	2nd Lt.	WELLMAN, SILAS H.
N	COYNE, JOHN T.	2nd-Lt. F/O
B	2nd Lt.	PACKRELL, JESSE L.
RO	Sgt.	Wensel, John W.
TT	Sgt.	Brobst, Clyde J.
BT	Sgt.	Wickline, John H.
TG	Sgt.	Wilbers, Herman R.
WG	Sgt.	Voumans, Henry A.

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PLANE # 42-97602

P	1st Lt.	MAYS, HAL C.
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTON, HERMAN
N	2nd Lt.	KOSKI, MATTHEW F.
B	2nd Lt.	SCHAFFER, 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.

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PLANE # 44-6508

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

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PLANE # 43-38738

P	2nd Lt.	SPURLER, EDWIN H.
CP	2nd Lt.	CURRENT, DONALD D.
N	2nd Lt.	MC ADAMS, ROBERT C.
B	2nd Lt.	OSTER, LEWIS H.
RO	Sgt.	Hendrick, William J.
TT	Sgt.	Wells, Richard D.
BT	Sgt.	Benedict, Cleide Jr.
TG	Sgt.	Hughes, James E.
WG	Sgt.	Power, James E.

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PLANE # 42-38330

P	1st Lt.	CROZIER, JOHN C.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	WEER, MORRIS	"
H	2nd Lt.	POLSTER, ERVING	"
B	2nd Lt.	MULFING, RICHARD L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Hamer, Clayton	"
Sgt.	TT	Ligon, James S.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McComas, Wilson G. JAMES, HAROLD JR	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kitts, Smith-D. Keith D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Merrill, Richard E.	"

~~Lt. ODEN, EDWARD is Flying with 613th Sq.~~
For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V KIRKHUFF
Capt., 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

2 November 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE # 42-102674

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Grimm	William	P.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hueagen	Norman	K.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Mchallien	Willard	C.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Burns	Raymond	G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Matta	Dudley	P.	"
TO	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
PG	Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"

PLANE # 42-31983

P	1st Lt.	Callaway	Robert	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Lawson	Robert	S.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Griffin	Warren	S.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Labelle	Joseph	E.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Dodson	James	G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Southerland	James	G.	"
BT	Sgt.	Altieri	Alfonso	A.	"
TO	S/Sgt.	Roberts	James	D.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Trendelman	Frederick	S.	"

PLANE # 42-102468

P	2nd Lt.	Maire	Frederick	H.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Deon	Robert	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Lowry	Lawrence	E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Monberger	Charles	A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Mabrey	William	T.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Sarr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Floyd	Borris	C.	"
TO	Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
PG	Sgt.	Nowak	Frank	J.	"

PLANE # 43-38159

P	1st Lt.	Oas	Herbert	L.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hayes	Thomas	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Green	William	H.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Mencow	William	M.	"
RO	Sgt.	Brereton	William	E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Coat	Byron	K.	"
BT	Sgt.	Honaroky	Theodore	(HMI)	"
TO	S/Sgt.	Reardon	John	J.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Dunn	John	G.	"

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DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
<u>PLANE # 43-38430</u>					
P	1st Lt.	Dow	Herbert	V.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	King	Robert	J.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Machasick	Alfred	(MMI)	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Garr	Gene	(MMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Adams	Leroy	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Macchietto	Richard	D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sokolowski	Edward	A.	"
PG	Sgt.	Greenberg	Harold	(MMI)	"
<u>PLANE # 43-31750</u>					
P	2nd Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	P/O	Greenberg	Norton	(MMI)	"
B	2nd Lt.	King	Jack	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Ferguson	Hugh	R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Miller	Raymond	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Heiss	Elvmer	B.	"
TG	Sgt.	McKnight	Leroy	M.	"
PG	Sgt.	Karcher	Alonzo	A.	"
<u>PLANE # 43-107113</u>					
P	1st Lt.	Sullivan	Paul	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cox	Edward	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Sassaman	James	R.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Ramsey	John	R.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Brown	George	(MMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Raciti	Anthony	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Daley	John	P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Storm	James	L.	"
PG	Sgt.	Gross	William	L.	"
<u>PLANE # 43-38423</u>					
P	2nd Lt.	Udy	John	(MMI)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Rockaday	Billy	S.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Youel	Dale	F.	"
B	Sgt.	Oviatt	Carl	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Knowles	Harry	G.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Young	Jack	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Albert	Russell	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Warn	Albert	F.	"
PG	Sgt.	Jencks	Robert	L.	"

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PLANE # 44-8035 PFF

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(N)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Dempsey	Ralph	H.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Child	Gordon	R.	"
N	1st Lt.	Sellers	Lloyd	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Walters	Donald	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Dolan	William	H.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Virgona	Angelo	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Miro	Edward	O.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hinton	Huck	A.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Cook	Clayton	H.	"

PLANE # 45-59077

P	Captain	Lesinski	Stephen	J.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Swisher	Harold	P.	"
N	1st Lt.	Rush	Louis	R.	"
B	1st Lt.	Bughen	Harold	H.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Cobbs	Kenneth	H.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Ollila	Raymond	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKeon	George	T.	"
TG	Sgt.	Morrison	James	L.	"
PG	Sgt.	Weigel	C	H.	"

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

30 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
43-37628	1. Flak hole in top of right wing, station 32. 2. Flak hole in top of fuselage, station 6b. 3. Flak hole in plexiglass nose, bottom right corner.
43-37790	1. Flak hole in right life raft door, punctured life raft. 2. Flak hole in glass by right beam gun. 3. Flak hole in vertical fin, station 6j.
42-39993	1. Negative.
43-38541	1. Flak hole in left outer wing panel, station 29. 2. Flak hole in right side of waist, at station 6d, cutting bulkheads 6d, 6e & 6f.
42-31662	1. Negative.
42-97947	1. Negative.
42-31891	1. Negative.
42-102398	1. Negative.
43-38637	1. Landed at another station.

HERBERT O. KIMMEL
Capt, Air Corps
Engineering Officer

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

D-E-4

3 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 557, US Army. (Thru Major D. R. Silver.)

1. Lt. Frederick H. Maine, (P) A/C 2468, criticized the formation enroute to target, stating that too much of an interval was maintained between the Squadrons, and that the Lead Squadron seemed to be going to fast.

2. Lt. Marvin J. Christensen, (P) A/C 1891, observed that the entire group formation was too loose.

3. Lt. Robert H. Callaway, (P) A/C 1955, stated that the High Squadron lead was poor, causing wing men to stall; he also criticized the position chosen by the High Squadron leader because it was too close to the Lead Squadron.

4. Lt. Charles H. Aikens, (P) A/C 7628, criticized the formation flown by the Low Squadron, stating it was particular poor on the bomb run.

5. Lt. Luther A. Douglas, (P) A/C 1591, heard "Woodcraft Baker" Deputy Leader give speed and trail that he was using for bombing.

6. Lt. Bernhardt P. Carnes, (P) A/C 7780, Low Squadron Leader, reported that Group Operations failed to notify the 614th Squadron that A/C 7780 was being used as a Lead A/C; consequently, no guns were installed by the Squadron.

7. Lt. Dale G. Jones, (P) A/C 2393, reported that #1 A/C in low section of Low Squadron (Maxwell) flew a poor lead, crossing back and forth through out the mission.

8. Capt. Stephen J. Losinski, (P) A/C 8077, would like to have "Sec" box installed in Deputy Lead instead of the low section of a Squadron.

9. Sgt. James J. Miller, NO A/C 8577, needs a longer mike cord and oxygen hose to enable him to fire both guns in the waist. S/Sgt. Charles P. Clark, (TG), does not have enough slack in inter-phones cord.

10. Lt. Carl T. Ritting, (P) A/C 1662, waited one hour for transportation in dispersal #19.

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-2

APO 557
3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

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

1. Date of Mission: 2 November 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 - Stations 1,2 and 3 did not release in train due to a faulty A-4 release. This release has been replaced.

b. A/C # 42-97478 - Bombs were salvoed over target due to failure to release in train. Groupd check revealed faulty intervalometer. This intervalometer has been replaced.

c. A/C # 42-102674 - Three (3) bombs hung up due to a faulty A-4 release. This release has been replaced.

5. There were twenty-three (23) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR.
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer

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

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APO 557
3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Abortive Report.

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

1. The following aircraft aborted from the mission
of 2 November 1944, due to the reason stated:

a. A/C 43-37736 returned early due to loss of Turbo
Supercharger boost on No. 3 engine. Pilot could not stay in
formation with power settings of 2400 rpm and 40" Hg. on No. 1,
2 and 4 engines. Loss of turbo supercharger boost was caused
by large hole in exhaust segment for No. 5 cylinder.

FRANK E. WILSON,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst. Gp. Eng. Officer.

Lead Sq. 94th A Group

Combat Sq. Leader: Captain CHAPMAN Date: 2 Nov 44
 Deputy Sq. Leader: Major STANN
 Deputy Gp. Leader: Captain DEMPSEY

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 CARROLL (CHAPMAN) 612 SC JABWOCK
 IY A 8258 613 IN MACRO
 614 IW GOLFCLUB
 615 IY BUZZARD

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JENNINGS

IN A 6160

MORAN

MAYS

HILLESTAD

MC GOLDRICK

IW K 8677

IW O 7602

IN P 7009

IN B 6132

SISSON

IW A 6508

SPUHLER

OSCHENHIRT

IW N 8738

IW Q 7478

SPARES

Spare Lead PFF, SC Q 8153, Disp #14

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HOT SQ 96th A

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT DEMPSEY Date: 2 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT CH LOZINSKI

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT DEMPSEY

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612 SC JABWOCK

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614 IW GOLFCLUB

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IY H 8146 Disp 30

WK A/C SC H 6506 Maj DeJonckheere

LOW SQUADRON 94th A

Combat Sq. Leader: Lt CARNES Date: Nov 3 1944Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt CHRISTENSENDeputy Gp. Leader: Capt DEMPSEY612 SQDN612 SC JABWOCK
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614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARDCARNESIW R 7780 Q
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SC M 7039

SC P 1891

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SC H 2398

IN D 8187

SCHLIEMANNCOX(RITTING)DOUGLASCAMPBELL

SC K 8733

SC B 1662

IN J 1591

IN Q 7931

AIKEN

SC A 7628

JONESROAEMAN

SC R 2393

SPARES

SC D 6992

LONG

Spare lead PFF SC Q 8153 Disp 14

SC C 9995

Gnd spares IW X 8565 Disp 6

IY R 6146 Disp 30

WX A/C SC N 6506 Maj De Joncheere

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614 #2738 - Elec Tg tube & Eng Nacelle

614 #1508 - Star 9 . long #2 Nacelle



615 #2468 - Sheet metal.

613 #1600 RT No.

615 #1425 Corruption Rtg. Wg



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

2 November 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.

<u>AIRPLANE NO.</u>	<u>BATTLE DAMAGE</u>
42-107059	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in top of left stabilizer, station 188. Out trailing edge of stabilizer into leading edge of elevator.2. Flak tear in bottom leading edge of left wing, station 32.3. Flak hole in top leading edge of right stabilizer, station 229.3.
42-106992	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in bottom of right elevator, station 208. Out top.2. Flak hole in top leading edge of right wing, station 8.3. Flak hole in top leading edge of left wing tip.
43-37628	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in trailing edge of right elevator, station 188. Elevator change.2. Flak hole in trailing edge of right wing, station 2. Also tore trailing edge of landing flap.3. Flak hole in bottom of right wing, station 7. Out top, cut electrical wiring in wing.4. Flak hole in fairing joining left wing to fuselage. Cut hole in heating duct.
43-38733	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Long flak tear in left stabilizer, station 208.2. Flak hole in bottom of right wing, station 28.
42-31662	1. Negative.
42-31891	1. Negative.
42-102393	1. Negative.
42-102398	1. Negative.

HERBERT O. KIMMEL
Capt, Air Corps
Engineering Officer