

MISSION NO. 169

To: METZ , FRANCE

401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 169

Date 9 November 1944

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: METZ, FRANCE
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished three 12 A/C Squadrons for the 94th "A" Group. A GH ship was furnished by the 303rd Group and a PF^F A/C was scheduled for the Lead and High Squadrons. A spare was to accompany each Squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: METZ, FRANCE (GH)
 2. a. Group Leader: Capt. D. A. CURRIE (CARNS)
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. D. B. LIGON
"Mickey" Navigator: 1st Lt. M. L. ZARELLIE (303rd B. Gp)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. M. J. WIEGLER
 - b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. B. C. KONZE
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. A. C. WILHELM
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. A. G. KOSSUTH
 - c. High Squadron Leader: (1st Lt. E. W. MERCER) - 1st Lt. J. L. CROMER
ABORTED
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. M. T. PHILLIPS
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. J. G. WALDHOFF
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was made in darkness with severe cross wind cutting across the field. All aircraft took off satisfactorily.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Formed at 16,500 feet over the Cottesmore Buncher. The assembly was partly in darkness. Group was slow in forming, one ship failed to find formation and returned to base, however, the Group was fairly well formed when it left one minute early on course.

c. Route Over England:

The 94th "A" Group made all turning points on time and on course. Left Control Point # 1 on time but somewhat left of course. Made Division Assembly between Oxfordness and Dover. The 41st CBW was immediately ahead as the English Coast was departed a little North of course -- however, departure was on time.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

The 94th "A" Group maintained its briefed # 4 position in Division and was approximately 2 minutes behind 41st C all the way into the target. "Buckeye Red" could not be contacted, but it was evident at the IP that the bombing would be on the GH lead ship. Hence, the group formation was maintained for bombing.

b. Bombing Run:

The Air Commander announced GH bombing before IP. GH equipment was out all the way, but just before the IP, after constantly working on it, the GH Navigator was able to get it working and took over. He called the course corrections to the Pilot and at the proper time called out the warning zone time and the warning "hack". The bombardiers stop watch had just frozen on him and he had to time the 9 1/2 second warning zone by his wrist watch, at the end of which he salvoed. All of the equipment seemed to be all right. Bombing was in Group formation and results were unobserved. Flak marking the friendly front lines was plainly visible. Also the SCS-51 Localizer was operated and proved very satisfactory. The combination of the two made it very definite that our bombs would be clear of front line troops.

c. Flight from Target:

Turned off target to right and lost High and Low Squadrons. They could be seen on the Group leader's right on route back. A course considerable to the right of that briefed over France was followed due to cumulus clouds at the briefed altitude on the briefed course. Let down was made as briefed ~~xxxxxx~~ over France.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. d. Return to Base:

Made landfall at English Coast at briefed point. The Group was somewhat to left of course on the route over England. The Squadrons made normal formation landings, all returning safely to England. A/C 43-37790 landed away at Tangmere with two engines out.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 7/10 or 8/10 cloud coverage, tops at about 16,000 feet, layer breaks appearing to the north of Metz, but MPI and target area was completely overcast. Condition same enroute out and back.

f. Fight Support:

Fighter support was good.

g. Comments on Formation:

Group formation was rather loose and strung out. Division column seemed too long.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Mission was fairly successful. Recommend that Wings and Groups in formation fly closer to each other.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

High Squadron:

PFF A/C 44-8033 - Not Sortie. Returned early because of internal failure of number 3 engine.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition was seen or encountered (see Flak report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage:

None

8. Casualties:

None

9. Statistical Summary of Operations (See attached form)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Results were in the main unobserved. Photographs disclosed bursts of bombs dropped by at least one aircraft to be in the vicinity of briefed MPI - due to almost complete overcast no other observations could be made.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

Thirteen A/C of the lead squadron EET - 12 bombed the assigned target and dropped 96 X 1000# SAP bombs. A/C 733 flew and bombed with the 305th Group dropping 8 X 1000# SAP on a target in the same area.

Low Squadron:

Of the 12 A/C EET, eleven bombed the assigned target dropping 83 X 1000# SAP bombs and 6 X 1000# GP bombs. A/C 607 bombed with the 306th Group, dropping 8 X 1000# SAP on a target in the same area. Two A/C encountering release trouble dropped part of the loads elsewhere - 4 SAP were jettisoned in the channel and 1 SAP was dropped on a T. of O. at 4903 - 0619 E. The spare returned 6 X 1000# GP to base.

High Squadron:

All of the 12 A/C EET bombed the assigned target, dropping 90 X 1000# SAP bombs. Two A/C encountering release troubles dropped elsewhere - 4 SAP's were dropped on an unknown T. of O. just 20 seconds past the target and 2 SAP's were jettisoned in the channel. PFF A/C 033 aborted and jettisoned 8 SAP's in the channel.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	37	37	(137	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/10
			(132	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/40
			(6	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/10
			(6	1000#	GP	1/10	1/40
Other Attacks (T. of O.)	(2)	(2)	(5	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/40
Total Bombs on Target			(274	1000#	SAP	see above	
			(12	1000#	GP	see above	
Other expenditures			(2	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/10
			(2	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			(5	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/10
			(5	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/40
			(3	1000#	GP	1/10	1/10
			(3	1000#	GP	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			144	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/10
			144	1000#	SAP	1/10	1/40
			9	1000#	GP	1/10	1/10
			9	1000#	GP	1/10	1/40

11. Lost Aircraft: None

F I N I S
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2 miles NE of
Christiansburg, VA

8 44023 25 7 300 001

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group

1st BD F. O. 551

Date of 9 November 1944

	Lead	High		Low
		PFF - GH	PFF - GH	
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	1 GH 1 PFF	12	1 PFF ^F 13
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	11	1 GH 1 PFF	12	1 12
4. No. of A/C Sorties	11	1 GH 1 PFF	12	D 12
5. No. of A/C Attacking	11	1 GH 1 PFF	12	- 12
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-	-	1 -
(a) Early Returns Included				(1)
7. Name of Primary Target	METZ, FRANCE (VISUAL)			
(a) No of A/C Attacking				
(b) No., Size & type of bombs				
8. Name of Secondary Target	METZ, FRANCE (PFF-GH)			
(a) No of A/C Attacking	11	1 GH 1 PFF	12	12
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	80 1000# SAP	16 1000# SAP	90 1000# SAP	83 1000# SAP
	6 1000# GP			6 1000# GP
9. Name of Last Resort Target				
(a) No. of A/C Attacking				
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs				
10. Name of Target of Opportunity	UNKNOWN (0903 - 0619E)			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking				(1 incl above)
(b) No., Size, & type of Bombs				1 1000# SAP
11. Name of Target Opportunity	UNKNOWN (20 seconds past target)			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			(1 incl above)	
(b) No., Size & type of Bomb			4 1000# SAP	
12. No of A/C Lost - TOTAL	None		None	None
13. - to Flak				
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	0620	0625	0732
19. Time of Attack	0950	0950 1/2	0950 1/2
20. Average Time of Flight	7.3	7.1	6.4
21. Altitude of Release	23,700	24,600	23,100
22. Visual or PFF	GH	GH	GH
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int.&ACC.	None	None	None
24. - Fighters	-	-	-
25. - Bombers	-	-	-
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-	-	-
27. Degree of Success	Unobserved	Unobserved	Unobserved

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows: 1 GH A/C Borrowed from 303rd Bomb Gp.

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as Follows:

NOTES: 2 A/C flew and bombed with other groups - A/C 733 (Lead Sq.) with 305th
 A/C 607 (low Sq.) with 306th

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CURRIE Date: 9 Nov

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Ld Sq A Gp at takeoff

SQDN

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

CURRIE

GH 166

BODDIN

LOZINSKI

628

153

SQDN

SQDN

MAXWELL

CARSON

733

187

JONES

COX

DOUGLAS

HOPLEY

393

541

113

591

RITTING

039

COMER

BLOETSCHER

993

506

SPARES

LONG

637

Combat Sq. Leader: Capt CURRIE Date: 9 Nov

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Ld Sq 94 A GP
over target

- SQDN
- 612 SC JAWOCK
 - 613 IN MACRO
 - 614 IW GOLFCOLUB
 - 615 IY BUZZARD

GARNS
166

BODDIN
628

LOZINSKI
153

SQDN

SQDN

RITTING
039

CARSON
187

COMER
993

LONG
637

DOUGLAS
113

HOPLEY
591

JONES
393

COX
541

BLOETSCHER
506

SPARES

A/C 733 flew with 305th Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: LT KONZE Date: 9 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Lo Sq A Wp at takeoff

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

KONZE
790

MALONEY
125

UTTER
607

SQDN

SQDN

SULLIVAN
551

BUDD
072

COOPER
810

GRIMM
779

COX
646

KECK
160

CALLAWAY
425

MC KAY
485

MAIRE
453

SPARES

SOMBART
730 (returned)

Combat Sq. Leader: LT KONZE Date: 9 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Lo Sq A Gp Over target

- SQDN: 612 SC JABTOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFCLUB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

KONZE
790

MALONEY
125

SQDN

SQDN

SULLIVAN
551

BUDD
072

COOPER
810

GRIMM
779

COX
646

KECK
160

CALLAWAY
425

MC KAY
485

MAIRE
458

A/C 607 flew with 306th Gp

SPARES

Combat Sq. Leader: LT MERCER Date: 9 Nov

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st HI Sq A Gp at takeoff

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

MERCER

033(aborted)

OCHSENHIRT

CROMER

478

012

SQDN

SQDN

WHITTMAN

CAMPBELL

464

931

BABCOCK

MORTON

SHELLER

ANNIS

565

151

267

706

SISSON

508

SPUHLER

MORAN

602

677

SPARES

ST AUBYN

395

Combat Sq. Leader: LT CROMER

Date: 9 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

**401ST High Sq formation
over target**

SQDN

- 612 SC JABROCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFCUB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

CROMER

012

BABCOCK

565

OSCHENHIRT

478

SQDN

WITTMAN

464

SQDN

CAMPBELL

931

ST AUBYN

395

MORTON

151

SHELLER

267

ANNIS

706

SISSON

508

SPUHLER

602

MORAN

677

SPARES

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

9 November

1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's NarrativeTO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)

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

2. Narrative:

a. T/O at 0620 hours; Land at 1335 hours.b. Group formed at 0700 hours at 16,500 feet.c. Formed CBW at 0715 hours at 16,500 feet.d. Began climb at 0851 hours; reached alt. at 0916 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 7-9 / 10th - Visibility UNL miles.(2) Wind at altitude 291 degrees, 81 Knots.f. Means of navigation over England. Gee, Pilotageg. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee, Pilotageh. Joined task force at 0851 hrs. at 51-13N 01-35E
(Splasher, City, Coord.)i. English Coast out at 0851 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0904 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 0904 hrs.(2) Coming back -- hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 291 degrees, 81 Knots.(2) Determined by Gee
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identification:

(1) Reached IP at 0935 hrs.(2) Mag. heading over target 72 degrees.(3) Altitude over target 24,600 feet.(4) Bombs away at 0950 hrs.

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

G.H.

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 49-46 N 03-52 E(2) Obtained at 1110 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

Gee out at Enemy Coast, in at target

COMMENTS:

/s/ D. B. Ligon
D. B. LIGON
1st Lt., A. C.
Lead Navigator, Lead Sq.

SIGNATURE

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

9 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 0732 hours; Land at 1300 hours.

b. Group formed at 0812 hours at 16500 feet.

c. Formed CBW at _____ hours at _____ feet.

d. Began climb at 0800 hours; reached alt. at 0914 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 5 / 10th - Visability UNL miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 305 degrees, 70 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England, Geo. Pilotage, D.P.

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Pilotage

h. Joined task force at 0853 hrs. at Dover
(Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 0853 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0907 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 0905 hrs.

(2) Coming back _____ hrs.

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 300 degrees, 60 Knots.

(2) Determined by Airplot
(Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications:

(1) Reached IP at 0917 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 90 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 22000 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 0907 hrs.

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

FFF

m. Geo:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix _____ N _____ E

(2) Obtained at _____ hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

Geo out at English Coast

COMMENTS:

/s/ A. C. Wilhelm
A. C. WILHELM
1st Lt., A. C.
SIGNATURE Lead Nav., Dow Sq.

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9 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 0625 hours; Land at 1330 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0756 hours at 17500 feet.
- c. Formed CEW at _____ hours at _____ feet.
- d. Began climb at 0800 hours; reached alt. at 0925 hours.
- e. Weather encountered over England:
 - (1) Clouds 1 / 10th - Visibility UNL miles.
 - (2) Wind at altitude 290 degrees, 80 Knots.
- f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage, Gee, D.R.
- g. Means of checking Metro Winds Gee, Pilotage, Air Plot
- h. Joined task force at 0854 hrs. at Dover
(Splasher, City, Coord.)
- i. English Coast out at 0854 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0900 hrs.
- j. Fighter Rendezvous:
 - (1) Going in _____ hrs.
 - (2) Coming back _____ hrs.
- k. Wind used for bombing:
 - (1) 290 degrees, 80 Knots.
 - (2) Determined by Gee, Airplot
(Method)
- l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications:
 - (1) Reached IP at 0939 hrs.
 - (2) Mag. heading over target 110 degrees.
 - (3) Altitude over target 25000 feet.
 - (4) Bombs away at 0950 hrs.
 - (5) Method of target identification and weather over target.

Pilotage, D. R. 6-8/10ths

- m. Gee:
 - (1) Coordinates of furthest fix 49-55 N 04-55 E
 - (2) Obtained at 1039 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

COMMENTS:

/s/ Michael T. Phillips
MICHAEL T. PHILLIPS
1st Lt., A. C.
SIGNATURE Lead Nav., High Sq.

FLIGHT PLAN 94th "A" (Fourth)

HYAICVLOB

Air Commander - Capt. Currie
 PILOT Capt. Carns NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. D. B. Ligon DATE 9 November 1944

STATIONS	0455	ENGINES	0555	TAXI	0610	T.O.	0625
LEAVE BASE	0756 Cottesmore						
COAST OUT	0851						
ENEMY COAST							
I.P.	0934						
TARGET	0946						
ENEMY COAST							
ENGLISH COAST	1227						
E.T.R.	1337						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Zero hr - 0900
 Ref alt - 23000
 Bomb alt - 24500
 Oxygen - 5 hrs.

WATCH Fast Slow
 RATE secs/hour Gaining Losing
 Letdown on At G.M.T.
 Cottesmore (Y) Buncher - Normal - 010 Mag.

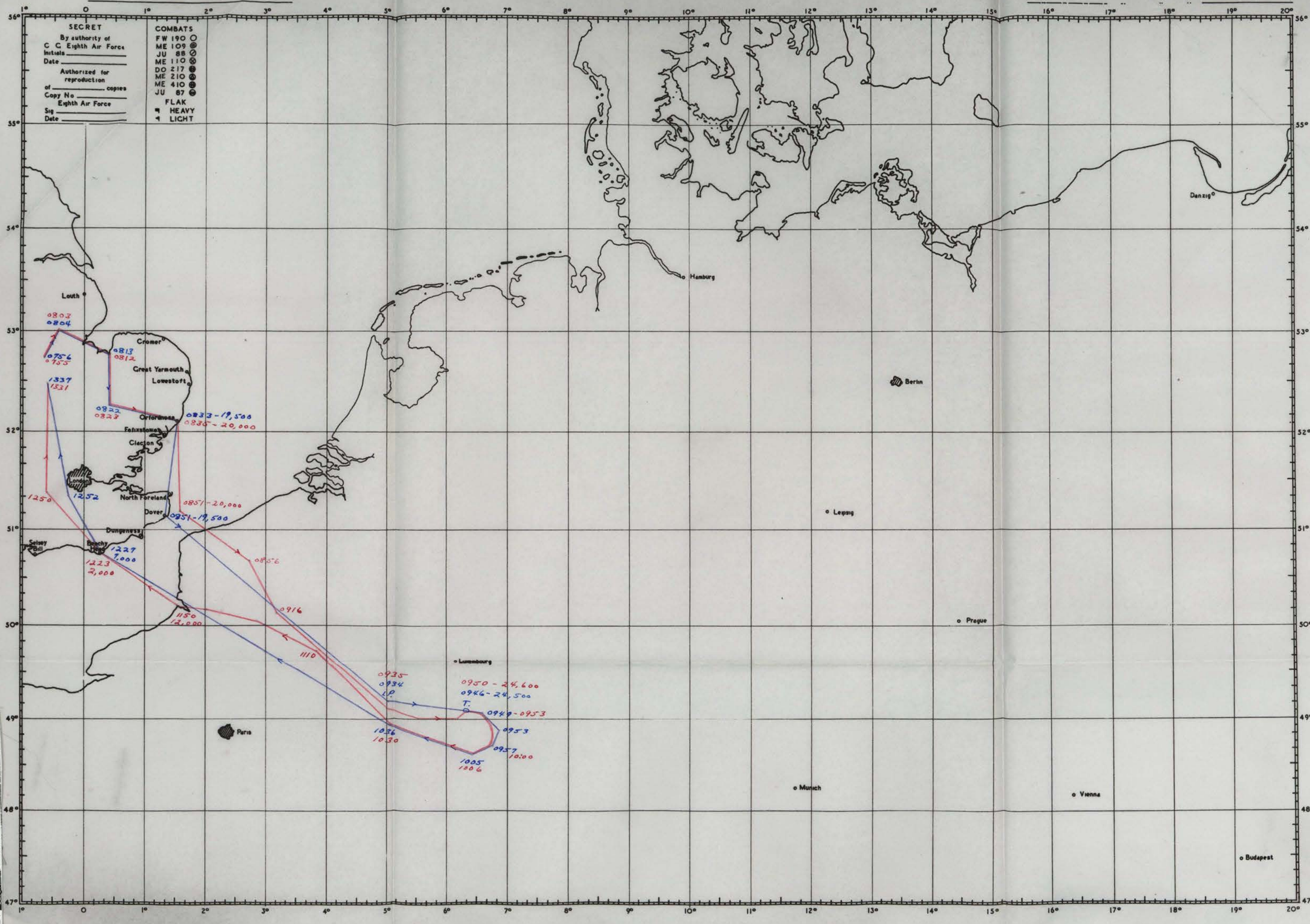
FROM	TO	W/V USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNG.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
															TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-44N 00-37E	Sleaford (A)	310/58	16500	150	166	028	-20	008	11	019	145	19	:08	0756 0804	Depart			
53-00N 00-25E	Kings Lynn (D)	310/59	18000	150	168	117	-4	113	10	123	225	33	:09	0813				
52-46N 00-21E	Newmarket (F)	310/63	19500	150	173	180	17	197	10	207	206	31	:09	0822				
53-15N 00-04E	Orfordness (H)	310/64	19500	150	175	103	-9	094	10	104	230	44	:12	0833				
53-05N 01-34E	Dover (CP1)	"	19500	150	"	191	19	210	9	219	196	59	:18	0851	English Coast			
53-07N 01-19E	J. P. Target	306/71	23000	150	182	130	12	132	8	140	254	106	125	0934	I. P.			
49-11N 05-00E		301/78	24500	150	190	130	14	134	8	142	268	78	128	0943				
49-03N 06-19E		300/88	"	"	"	100	-10	090	7	097	269	10	:03	0949				
48-52N 06-50E		"	"	"	"	132	15	137	6	143	275	15	:03	0953				
48-41N 06-43E		"	"	"	"	203	17	230	6	236	180	12	04	0957				
48-36N 06-22E		"	"	"	"	250	10	270	7	277	122	15	:08	1005				
48-56N 05-00E		301/78	24500	150	190	290	14	294	7	301	114	58	:31	1036				
Beechy Head		310/57	16000	170	188	301	13	304	8	312	132	77	214	135	1:51	1227	English Coast	
50-44N 00-15E	Spl #10	321/34	4500	170	156	317	11	318	10	328	123	51	:25	1252				
51-21N 00-40E	Base	326/32	2000	150	132	002	-8	354	10	004	105	79	:45	1337	E. T. R.			
Base Dover		310/40	0 to 19500	150	150	140	12	142	10	152	190	110	:35	0803 0851	LTC takes 48 min. to climb			

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
					VHF - Code for authentication - "Mountain goat" Abandon mission - "Charlie-Daker-Tare"										
					Spares back at 03-00E Interval between Groups Staff - Discharge 6 min. after IP for 15 min. I - 06-18-54E Last report - Saarbrucken 49-03-04E										
0620					Take off										
0635			350	360	Climbing to altitude		150	10000							
0650	291/80		180	190	Climbing to altitude		150	15000							
0700	291/80		185	195	At Cottesmore		150	16500							
0715			270	280	Circling Cottesmore		150	16500							
0755			8	18	Leaving Cottesmore, on course		150	16500				145	19	8	0803
0803			113	123	At Sleaford		150	17000				225	33	9	0812
0812	180		197	207	At Kings Lynn		150	19000				206	31	9	0821
0823	103		94	104	At Newmarket, on course		150	19500				230	44	12	0835

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP	T. A. S.	RUN		TO RUN		E. T. A.	
										DIST.	TIME	C. S.	DIST.		TIME
0835	191	310/65	210	220	At Orfordness		150	20000	174			196	59	18	0853
0851	130		133	142	At Control 1. 51-13N 01-35E		150	20500	182			254	106	25	0916
0856	130		130	138	50-41N 02-43E		150	21000	185						
0904			130	138			150	21600	191						
0916	130	291/81	135	149	50-05N 03-10E		150	24700	191			264	92	21	0937
0935	130		135	142	T. P. at 49-07N 04-58E		150	21600	191				52		
0950		251/81	65	72	BOMBS AWAY on primary		150	24600	191		15	252			
1000			260	267	48-41N 06-40E		150	24600	191						
1006	290	291/81	295	302	48-37N 06-20E		150	24400	191			108	58	32	1038
1015			275	283	4 mi. north of course		150	24000	191						
1030	301		290	298	48-54N 05-03E		150	22000	191	54	30	108	77	43	1113
1045	301		295	303	D. R. 49-10N 04-30E		150	15000	156	27	15	108	50	28	1113
1110	302		295	303	G. fix 49-46N 03-52E		150	13000	156				85		
1125			280	289	G. fix 50-01N 02-50E		150	13000	156	43	15	172	43	15	1140
1136			280	289	G. fix 50-09N 02-00E		150	13000	156	73	26	168	12	4	1140
1150	301	258/18	300	310	Coast out at 50-10N 01-30E		150	12000	156	104	40	141	58	25	1215
1210			360	10	Circling to let down		150								
1223	317	321/34	310	320	Enter English Coast 50-47N 00-17E		150	2000	132			123	50	24	1247
1235	317		305	315	D. R. 51-00N 00-14W		150	2000	132			110	79	43	1333
1250	2	321/27	355	365	D. R. 51-22N 00-42W		150	200	132			110	79	43	1333
1300	2		355	365	On course		150	200	132						
1331			360	10	Base		150	1800	132				0	0	0
1335					Landed										



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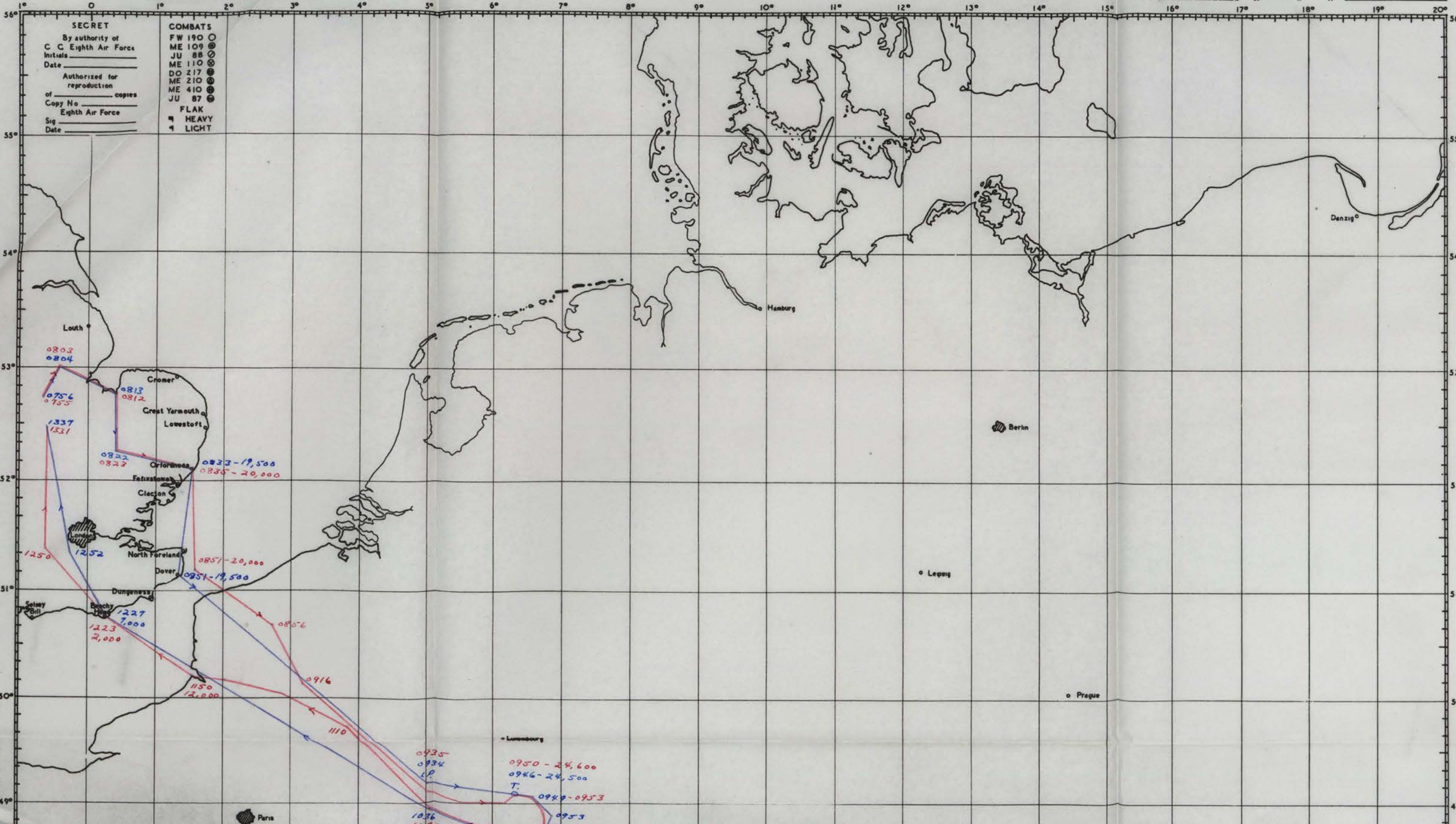
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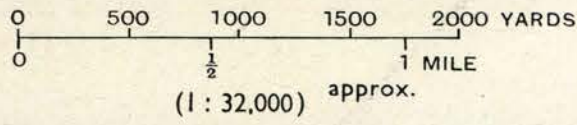
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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. WINGLER DATE 9 Nov 1944

PILOT LT. CURRIE (Capt Currie) TAKE OFF 0620

NAVIGATOR LT. LIGON AIRPLANE _____

WING 54th "A" GP GROUP 401st SQDN LEAD LANDED 1835

OBJECTIVE NETZ, FRANCE (MPT) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK X
 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 1000⁰ SAP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 1000⁰ GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 88 SAP's - 6 GP's RELEASED 88 SAP's - 6 GP's

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target 579 Temp Aloft: Metro -40 Actual 58

True Altitude above target 23700 Mag Head, order 110 Actual 72

Ind. Altitude 24800 True Heading _____

Pressure alt of target 400 Drift, Est 5L Actual 15

Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track _____

C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range _____

G.S. Est 315 Actual 292 B.S. Type K-9

Wind Direc Metro 300 Actual 291 Time of Release 0950

Wind Veloc. Metro 88 Actual 83 Intervalometer Setting MIN

D.S. 155.5 Trail 41 ATF - Length of Bombing Run 52 mi.

Tan. D.A. Est .71 Actual .66 C-1 Pilot YES A-5 _____

Mean Temp: Metro -15 Actual -14 Manual Pilot _____

Type of Release: Lead A/C SALVO Type of Release: Other A/C Min.

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER 1st. Kessath DATE 9 Nov 1944

PILOT 1st. Kours TAKE OFF 0700

NAVIGATOR 1st. Wilhelm AIRPLANE _____

WING 354 GROUP 401st SQDN. 100 LANDED 1200

OBJECTIVE Moxy, Hanoi (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 22 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP 1000/10 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 1000# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 1000# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 20 500# 8 500# RELEASED 18 500# 8 500#

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target 500 Temp Aloft: Metro _____ Actual _____

True Altitude above target 2000 Mag Head, order 120 Actual _____

Ind. Altitude 2000 True Heading 07

Pressure alt of target 700 Drift, Est _____ Actual _____

Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track _____

C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range _____

G.S. Est 815 Actual 205 B.S.Type _____

Wind Direc Metro 300 Actual 300 Time of Release _____

Wind Veloc. Metro 80 Actual 80 Intervalometer Setting _____

D.S 130.0 Trail 41 ATF 30.15 Length of Bombing Run _____

Tan. D.A. Est _____ Actual _____ C-1 Pilot _____ A-5 _____

Mean Temp: Metro 15 Actual 17.5 Manual Pilot _____

Type of Release: Lead A/C 2000 Type of Release: Other A/C _____

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. Waldhoff DATE 9 Nov 1944

PILOT Lt. Ormer TAKE OFF 0625

NAVIGATOR Lt. Phillips AIRPLANE _____

WING 94th A GROUP 401st SQDN High LANDED 1220

OBJECTIVE Etts, France (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP 1000 ft COMPOSITE GROUP _____

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 10000 8"2 FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/10

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 98 842 RELEASED 98 842

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target 570 Temp Aloft: Metro -1 Actual -40

True Altitude above target 24000 Mag Head, order 110 Actual 110

Ind. Altitude 25000 True Heading 117

Pressure alt of target 400 Drift, Est 5L Actual 23

Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 110

C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range _____

G.S. Est 315 Actual 310 B.S. Type B-9

Wind Direc Metro 300 Actual 290 Time of Release 0950 1/2

Wind Veloc. Metro 86 Actual 92 Intervalometer Setting 3in

D.S. 120.9 Trail 41 ATF -- Length of Bombing Run 11.5min

Tan. D.A. Est .69 Actual .70 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____

Mean Temp: Metro -15 Actual -15 1/2 Manual Pilot _____

Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 11in

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

J-A-1

Reference Field Order 551.

9 NOVEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 169.

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>5</u> |
| Splashers | <u>21</u> | 4. VHF/DF Bearings | <u>0</u> |
| Fixed Beacons | <u>0</u> | 5. Distress Action | <u>0</u> |
| Bunchers | <u>44</u> | 6. Total A/C using Gee | <u>38</u> |
| 2. MF/DF Fixes | <u>0</u> | Maximum Fix | <u>0653E 4900N</u> |

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Total H2X A/C dispatched | <u>2</u> |
| 2. Total H2X A/C over target | <u>1</u> |
| 3. Total H2X sets usable for bombing | <u>1</u> |

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Total A/C releasing Chaff | <u>33</u> |
| 2. Total number of units released | <u>11,880</u> |

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

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

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Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Target: Assigned None Date of Mission 9/11/44
 Bombed None

Route as Flown:-
(4911-0500E)-(Target)-(4902-0633E)-(4952-0650)-
(4841-0643E)-(4936-0622E)-(4956-0500E)

Weather conditions: (a) At target 7/10 to 16,000
 (b) En route 7/10 to 16,000
 Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target Unseen
 (b) En route Unseen
 Any condensation trails? None at target

Description of Flak at target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

Meager, 4 to 8 bursts, fairly accurate, black.

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

None

Was CHAFF carried? . . . Yes

How discharged? As briefed.

Position of Group

Details:-

up	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Axis of withdrawal bomb run
Lead	11	0	0	0950	0950	23,700	72 N	Same
Low	12	0	0	0950	0950	24,500	72 N	"
High	19	0	0	0950	0950	25,300	72 N	"
ls	55							

Comments - Phenomena:-

One rocket observed in target area

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STATION 128 - APO 857
U.S. ARMY

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8 November 1944

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 857, U.S. Army.

1. Lt. Charles W. Utter, Pilot A/C 8607 and Lt. Charles W. Hopley, Pilot A/C 1591 do not like assemblies which are made in dark over England and suggest that assemblies be made over France where the weather is normally better anyhow.

2. Lt. Edwin H. Spähler, Pilot A/C 7002 stated that the deputy leader of the High Squadron, who took over the lead, flew too close to the lead squadron.

3. The crew of Lt. George W. McKay, Pilot A/C 1485 suggest that the equipment room let crews have their emergency kit before briefing, which procedure would save time and confusion to all concerned on hurry-up missions.

4. Lt. Joseph L. Crower, Pilot A/C 2012 complained of the poor condition of his A/C, particularly AFNR and the fact that oxygen had not been loaded.

5. T/Sgt. Lee Sherman, ROG A/C 3187 says that calls of practice missions to Polebrook station jam channels so badly that operational crews cannot get QDM's when necessary.

6. The crew of Lt. Robert E. Campbell, Pilot A/C 7931 complained that, although they have flown 19 missions, they have never yet been given the "R/P 27" unit, whereas other crews with less missions have taken the unit.

7. P/O Stuart B. Waterson, Jr., Co-Pilot A/C 8637 and Lt. William F. Grims, Pilot A/C 5779 complain that neither of their crew were picked up by trucks after landing and they had to walk to the briefing room. A/C 8637 was in dispersal area #16 and A/C 5779 was in dispersal area #29.

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

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 APO 557 Mission # 169

AAF Station 128
 9 November 1944

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TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), AAF
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A/C 43-38541

P	Cox, Walter E.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Amundson, Glenn R.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Folkerts, Arthur	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Ankrom, Lowell J.	Sgt	612th
RO	Hill, Robert H.	Sgt	612th
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BT	Pope, LeRoy G.	Sgt	612th
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	Sgt	612th
FG	Dunn, Dale D.	Sgt	612th

A/C 42-39993

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TT	Bixby, Joseph (NMI) Jr.	Sgt	612th
BT	Erland, Cletus M.	Sgt	612th
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B	Watson, Reynolds S.	2nd Lt.	612th
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FG	Garrett, Milton (NMI) Jr.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38733

P	Maxwell, Charles T.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	McLeod, Lucien P.	1st Lt.	612th
N	Billman, James K.	1st Lt.	612th
B	O'Brien, Eugene B.	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Searcy, Marion E.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Thomas, Robert L.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	McGrath, Joseph A.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Welborn, Luther B.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Bunn, Charles T.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C G.H. 166

P	Garns, Bernhardt F.	Captain	612th
CP	Currie, Donald A.	Captain	612th
N	Ligon, Delbert B.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Wiegler, Martin J.	1st Lt.	612th
MO	Zarellie, M.L.	1st Lt.	303rd B. Gp.
RO	Kopitnikoff, Irving G.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Hester, Richard L.	T/Sgt	612th
TG	Digianni, James (NMI)	1st Lt.	612th
FG	Doogan, Arthur L., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	<i>DETWIELER, ROBERT C.</i>	<i>S/Sgt.</i>	<i>612th</i>

A/C 44-6506

P	Bloetscher, Andrew F.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	Sgt	612th
TT	Richards, Carl R.	Sgt	612th
BT	Skaggs, Irl R.	Sgt	612th
TG	Nichols, Clint S., Jr.	Sgt	612th
FG	Giles, Otho N.	Sgt	612th

A/C 43-37628

P	Boddin, Frederick R.	2nd Lt.	612th
CP	Hanford, Charles J., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Hhrain, Andrew J.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Miller, Donald A.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Kornegay, Ryan G.	Cpl.	612th
TT	Richardson, Paschal (NMI)	Cpl.	612th
BT	Noble, Chester C.	Cpl.	612th
TG	Irvin, Jack F.	Cpl.	612th
FG	Langham, Theodore E N	Cpl.	612th

A/C 42-39012

P	Cromer, Joseph L.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Trout, Ralph W.	F/O	612th
N	Phillips, Michael T.	2nd Lt.	612th
B	Waldhoff, Jack G.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Goodman, Martin B.	T/Sgt	612th
TT	Stott, Douglas W.	T/Sgt	612th
BT	Coffin, Robert J., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Villagio, Vincent V.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Clark, Eugene F.	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-107039

P	Ritting, Carl G.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Devlin, James H.	2nd Lt.	612th
N	Osborne, Charles R.	1st Lt.	612th
B	Wilde, Earl R.	2nd Lt.	612th
RO	Huskey, Curtis O.	S/Sgt	612th
TT	Nimmons, Alston H.	Sgt	612th
BT	Kimball, Tom E.	S/Sgt	612th
TG	King, Francis E., Jr.	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Bennett, Boyd P.	Pvt.	612th

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

9 NOVEMBER 1944

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PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-37706	P	1st LT.	ANNIS	ROMIE	E.
	CP	2nd LT.	ELDER WICKS	HERBERT WALLACE	W. W.
	N	2nd LT.	MADDEN	BERNARD	R.
	B	1st LT.	GUTTMAN	HENRY	W.
	RO	S SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	M.
	TT	S SGT.	CORLISS	JOHN	M.
	BT	S SGT.	LARSON	DEAN	C.
	TG	S SGT.	JOHNSON	LESLIE	C.
	WG	S SGT.	BROOKS	GEORGE	E.
43-38160	P	2nd LT.	KECK	ROBERT	J.
	CP	F/O	ISTEL	LAWRENCE	A.
	N	F/O	FREEMAN	HALLIS	W. JR.
	B	F/O	SHEPARD	SAMUEL	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	ENGLER	RICHARD	W.
	TT	SGT.	STOEGER	LEONARD	V.
	BT	SGT.	NORR	ELWOOD	W.
	TG	SGT.	METCALF	WILLIAM	T.
	WG	SGT.	FRANKOWSKI	EDWARD	(NMI)
				<i>Nachtigal</i>	<i>Fred C.</i>
44-6113	P	1st LT.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	2nd LT.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	2nd LT.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	F.
	B	2nd LT.	GORMAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	S SGT.	SHEETZ	JOHN	H.
	TT	S SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
	BT	S SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	TG	S SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S SGT.	CHANGE	MURRAY	LEON
42-31072	P	1st LT.	HUDD	CLAYTON	R.
	CP	2nd LT.	MC LEOD	REGINALD	L.
	N	2nd LT.	KLOTZ	BERNARD	L.
	B	S SGT.	KISSACK	JOHN	D.
	RO	T SGT.	SKALA	FRANKLIN	U.
	TT	T SGT.	OLIVER	ERNEST	S.
	BT	S SGT.	DESTROISMAISON	ARTHUR	(NMI)
	TG	S SGT.	ROGEN	HARLEN	(NMI)
	WG	S SGT.	MURRAY	DALE	S.

43-38187	P	1st LT.	CARSON	FRANK	(NMI)
	CP	2nd LT.	MOE	MORRIS	E.
	N	2nd LT.	LAWLESS	HARRIS	E.
	B	2nd LT.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	RO	T SGT.	SHERMAN	LEO	(NMI)
	TT	T SGT.	MC GEHEE	RAY	E.
	BT	S SGT.	LEE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	S SGT.	GERALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S SGT.	JAMES	LLEWLYN	(NMI)
42-97931	P	1st LT.	GAMPELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	2nd LT.	RANDLE	RICHARD	W.
	N	2nd LT.	HURLEY	JIM	D.
	B	2nd LT.	ISHAM	LAWRENCE	E.
	RO	T SGT.	CHALUPZYNSKI	VINCENT	M.
	TT	S SGT.	JUSTICE	ANDREW	G.
	BT	S SGT.	BOSTIAN	AUDREY	L.
	TG	S SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
	WG	S SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	P.
42-31591	P	1st LT.	HOPLEY	CHARLES	W.
	CP	2nd LT.	GOETZ	FRANK	V.
	N	2nd LT.	MAC DONALD	RICHARD	E.
	B	S SGT.	JACOBS	JOHN	R.
	RO	S SGT.	DUNNING	CHARLES	R. JR.
	TT	S SGT.	HARDIN	WILLIAM	A.
	BT BT	S SGT.	MERRIMAN	JAY	S.
	TG	S SGT.	VAN PELT	HAROLD	G.
	WG	S SGT.	ANDERSON	WAYNE	L.
42-38267	P	2nd LT.	SCHELLER	DONALD	R.
	CP	2nd LT.	CLARK	FORREST	E.
	N	2nd LT.	HOUSTON	RICHARD	C.
	B	F/O	KOLIAR	JOHN	E.E.
	RO	SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	HARTY	WILLIAM	Q.
	BT	SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TG	SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	SGT.	SEVERSON	NORMAN	A.
43-38646	P	F/O	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	2nd LT.	MILLER	HENRY	C.
	N	F/O	SCEPTER	KENNETH	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	SGT.	TANZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	W.

SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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9 November 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	<u>43-38607</u>		
P	1st Lt.	UTTER, CHARLES W.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	ODEN, EDWARD C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	DAMP, EDWARD	"
B	2nd Lt.	HOPE, JOHN J. JR.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fulton, David W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	LaVigne, Robert N.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cole, Harry L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Zaborsky, Stephan A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	St. Peter, Donald A.	"

*Plane	<u>44-8033</u>		
P	1st Lt.	MERCER, ELMER W.	"
CP	1st Lt.	HIBBERT, CARL D.	"
N	1st Lt.	GASKINS, LESLIE E.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESBACH, JOHN T.	"
B	1st Lt.	KLEFISCH, THEODORE J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Zubrickas, Joseph S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fowler, Cecil V.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Gurnicki, Sigmund A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Grasela, Edward B.	"

*Plane	<u>42-97478</u>		
P	1st Lt.	OCHSENHIRT, HARRY J.	"
CP	1st Lt.	LEASER, FREDERICK G.	"
N	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMAN J.	"
2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	HAGERTY, JAMES J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Backlin, John F.	"
TT	Pvt.	Killian, Daniel M.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	James, Harold L. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Culver, Malcolm J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Richey, Leland H.	"

*Plane	<u>42-38565</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	BABCOCK, FREDRICK H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	BOUSFIELD, JOHN	"
N	2nd Lt.	STEWART, LEON F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	MENZEL, GEORGE H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Bilby, John F. Jr.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Caldwell, Carroll L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wilczynski, Walter J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Parnham, Walter R.	"
WG	Sgt.	Casselmann, Charles R.	"

Loading List Cont'd.

*Plane	<u>42-107151</u>		
P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	RITCHEY, RALPH	"
N	2nd Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	HELMS, CHARLES L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Block, Joseph R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Powers, Willard B.	"
TG	Sgt.	Whittington, Charles S.	"
WG	Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglas B.	"
*Plane	<u>44-6508</u>		
P	1st Lt.	SISSON NORMAN L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HOEMANN, EUGENE E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CROSSEN, LAVERN	"
B	2nd Lt.	PICKER, NATHAN	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Haluck, Andrew S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Carter, Peter J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stevens, Calvin J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ritchie, Francis T.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Torres, Jose M.	"
*Plane	<u>42-97602</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	SPUHLER, 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, Cloide Jr.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hughes, James E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Power, James E.	"
*Plane	<u>44-6464</u>		
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	S/Sgt.	Collett, John E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Eaton, Earl E.	"
TG	S/S t.	Jackson, John A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Schmidt, Edward J.	"
*Plane	<u>43-38677</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	MORAN, ROBERT E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	WELLMAN, SILAS H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	LE BIANC, ROBERT JOHN S.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DUNCAN, ROBERT N.	"
RO	Sgt.	Brown, Arnold P.	"
TT	Sgt.	Stromberg, Warren B.	"
BT	Sgt.	Detty, Hibert J. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Clark, Charles B.	"
WG	Sgt.	Miller, James J.	"

Loading List Cont'd.

*Plane 42-97395

F	2nd Lt.	ST. AUBYN, GLENN H.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, WALLACE	"
N	F/O.	KAHN, CHARLES	"
CTG	Sgt.	Buckley, John F.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Pool, Clyde W.	"
TT	Sgt.	Dearborn, Harry R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Lichtenberger, Gustave W.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hickey, Harold J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Falkowitz, Irving	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHUFF
CAPT, Air Corps,
Actg Opns 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

9 SEP November 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading list.

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

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

PLANE # 43-38779

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Grimm	William	F.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	2nd Lt.	McFullen	Willard	C.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Burns	Raymond	G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Matts	Dudley	F.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"

PLANE # 43-38425

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

PLANE # 43-38810

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

PLANE # 43-38458

P	2nd Lt.	Maire	Frederick	N.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Deen	Robert	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Lowry	Lawrence	E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Nomberger	Charles	A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Mabrey	William	T.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Barr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Floyd	Norris	C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Landry	Lawrence	B.	"
FG	Sgt.	Nowak	Frank	F.	"

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Loading list. (Cont'd)

PLANE # 42-31485

P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	M.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Connell	Hall	T.	"
RO	Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	Sgt.	Connizzaro	Ralph	J.	"
BT	T/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
FG	Sgt.	Butler IV	William	H.	"

PLANE # 42-31730

P	1st Lt.	Sombart	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Shapiro	Loe	(NMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	Miley	Junior	B.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Mrozek	Chester	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Andrews	Leroy	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Smith	Elmer	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Livesey	Lowell	G.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Dailey	J. (io)	B.	"
FG	Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 43-38125

P	1st Lt.	Maloney	Milton	F.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	O.	"
N	F/O	Braslawsky	Max	(NMI)	"
B	Cpl.	Seeley	Duane	F.	"
RO	Cpl	Mauldin	Harold	M.	"
TT	Cpl.	Anderson	Howard	E.	"
BT	Cpl.	Caruth	Morton	A.	"
TG	Cpl.	Corwin	Clarence	B.	"
FG	Cpl.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"

PLANE # 43-37551

P	1st Lt.	Sullivan	Paul	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cox	Edward	A.	"
N	1st Lt.	Sassaman	James	R.	"
B	1st Lt.	Ramsey	John	R.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Brown	George	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Raciti	Anthony	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Daley	John	P.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Storm	James	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Cross	William	L.	"

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Loading list. (Cont'd)

PLANE # 43-38077

P	<u>1st Lt.</u>	Konze	Bodo	C.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Kolp	Norman	J. (io)	"
N	1st Lt.	Wilhelm	Andrew	C.	"
B	1st Lt.	Kossuth	Alfred	G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Gratz	Robert	I.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Miro	Edward	O.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKeon	George	T.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kolster	Frederick	K.	"
FG	Sgt.	Brunson	Wade	T.	"

PLANE # 44-8153 PFF 612th

P	<u>Captain</u>	Lozinski	Stephen	J.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Swisher	Harold	P.	"
N	1st Lt.	Rush	Louis	R.	"
M	2nd Lt.	Walters	Donald	E.	"
B	1st Lt.	Hughes	Harold	E.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cobbs	Kenneth	W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Eudaley	Orville	A.	"
BT	---	---	---	-	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Davis	Thomas	(NMI)	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Greenberg	Harold	(NMI)	"

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

9 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.

AIRPLANE NO.	BATTLE DAMAGE
42-106992	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiak hole in leading edge of right outer wing panel. Sta # 28. 2. Fiak hole in leading edge of left wing. Sta # 17. 3. Fiak hole in top of left outer wing panel. Sta # 25. 4. Fiak hole in left side of fuselage.--Sta. # 4B. 5. Fiak hole in right wing Butt Fairing at leading edge. 6. Fiak hole in bottom of left outer wing panel.--Sta # 22.
43-38680	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiak hole in left outer wing panel-Leading Edge--Sta. # 28.--Cut front spar. 2. Fiak hole in # 2 Feeder Tank Door. -Punctured Tank. 3. Fiak hole in right wing butt aft-Cjt Bombay longerons.
42-31891	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiak hole in vertical Stabilizer. 2. Fiak hole thru left side of waist. -Sta. 6A--severed elevators and rubber cables. 3. Fiak hole thru right aileron -Midway.--requires replacement.
43-38733	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiak hole in left wing behind # 1 engine. 2. Fiak hole in left side of fuselage--Sta. # 7B. 3. Fiak hole in right side of waist--Sta. # 6B. 4. Fiak hole in right waist window.
43-38637	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiak hole in right-outboard wing panel--Sta # 28. 2. Fiak hole in right side of nose. -Sta. # 2C.
43-37628	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiak hole in left flap--Sta. # 12. 2. Fiak hole in left flap.--Sta. # 1.5 3. Fiak hole thru left side of waist at Sta # 6A.

42-39993, 42-102393, 42-102398, 42-97947, 43-38541, and 43-37790 had negative battle damage.

Herbert O. Kimmel
 HERBERT O. KIMMEL
 Capt. Air Corps
 Engineering Officer

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

F-C-1

APO 557
10 November 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report.

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

1. Date of Mission: 9 November 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C #42-97478 - Vickers Unit Motor burned out in ball turret. This motor has been replaced.
 - b. A/C #43-38646 - Azimuth cable to sight in top turret broken. This cable has been replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C #43-38677 - Two bombs failed to release and were returned to station due to sticking relay solenoid in A-4 release. This release has been replaced.
 - b. A/C #43-38779 - Four bombs failed to release over target due to relay solenoid sticking on A-4 release. Bombs were jettisoned over channel. This release has been replaced.
5. There were twenty-seven (27) 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

F-A-1

APO 557
10 November 1944

SUBJECT: Abortive Report.

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

1. The following aircraft aborted from the mission of 9 November 1944 due to the reason stated:

A/C #44-8033 returned early due to internal failure of No. 3 engine. At time of indication of failure the power setting was normal cruising (about 2100 r.p.m. and 31" hg.). First sign of failure was oil coming out from exhaust collector ring on upper half of engine. This was accompanied by fluctuating r.p.m. and manifold pressure. Pilot feathered engine and returned. Ground inspection revealed 0 PSI compression on No. 2 cylinder. There were no metal particles on either cuno filter or sump plug. This could indicate a hole burned in piston.

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

Combat Sq. Lead CAPT CURRIE Date: 9 Nov

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT ORCHER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT MERCER

612 SQDN: 612 SC JABROCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IN GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

LEADS SQDN 94 A GP

CURRIE
CARNS (ORCHER)

GH 166

BODDIN

SC A 7628

UTTER LOZINSKY

SC Q 8153

612 SQDN

613 SQDN

MAXWELL

SC K 8733

CARSON

IN D 8187

JONES

SC R 2393

COX

F 8541
SC B 8992

DOUGLAS

IN R 6113

HOPLEY

IN J 1591

RITTING

SC M 7039

COMER

SC C 9993

BLOETSCHER

SC N 6506

SPARES

LONG

SC L 8637

SPARES:

LEAD PFF IN Y 7600 46

~~SC T 8541 16~~

SC J 7790 15

WX SHIP SC T 8788

8X 1000 SAP
4 fused 1/10 x 1/10
4 " 1/10 x 1/40

2 Breakfast
3 Briefing
5 Stations

HI SQ 94TH A GROUP
Combat Sq. Lead

LT MERCER

Date: 9 November 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT CROMER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT MERCER

614 SQDN

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

MERCER

~~I R~~
I W C 8033

OCHSENHIRT
IW D ~~222~~
478

CROMER
IW P 2012

614 SQDN

613 SQDN

WITTMAN

CAMPBELL

IW H 6464

IN Q 7931

BABCOCK

MORTON

SHELLER

ANNIS

IW X 8565

IW B 7151

IN M 8267

IN U 7706

SISSON

IW A 6508

SPUHLER

MORAN

IW O 7602

IW K 8677

SPARES

ST AUBYN

IW P 7395

LOW SQ 94TH A GROUP
Combat Sq. Leader

LT KONZE

Date: 9 November 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT LOZINSKI

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT MERCER

SQDN: 612 SC JABVOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCUB
615 IY BUZZARD

KONZE
SC J 790
~~IY 8~~ 8077

low oil pressure #3 Eng. Sent but then only 40" on #3 Engine.

UTER
~~LOZINSKI~~

MALONEY

IY D 8125

IN H 8607

SQDN: 615

SQDN: 613

SULLIVAN

IY L 7551

BDD

IN K 1072

COOPER

IY N 8310

GRIMM

IY O ~~EXTE~~ 8779

COX

IW T 8646

KECK

IN A 8160

CALLAWAY

IY K 8425

MC RAY

IY X 1485

MAIRE

IY P 8458

SPARES

SOMBART

IY B 1730

SPARE LEAD (PFF) IN Y 7600 Disp 46

GND SPARES SC J 7790 Disp 15

WX SHIP SC T 8788