

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

MISSION No. **180**

Date: **12 DEC., 44**

TO: **MERSEBURG, GERMANY**

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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 REPORT

MISSION # 180

Date 12 December 1944ASSIGNMENT1. Assigned Target: MERSEBURG, GERMANY2. Commitments: The 401st furnished three 12 A/C squadrons for the 94th "B" Group. Two PFF were included in the lead box and one in the high. A spare accompanied each squadron.EXECUTION1. Target Bombed: MERSEBURG, GERMANY2. a. Group Leader: Major R. J. WHITE (Dempsey)

Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. C. W. SELLERS (Walters-"Mickey")

Extra Navigator: Capt. R. F. CAUSEY

Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. W. DOLAN

b. Low Sqdn Leader: Major J. H. HAVEY (aborted)Deputy Sqd Leader: 1st Lt. R. S. HUBBELL

Lead Navigator: 2nd Lt. B. J. MOORE

Lead Bombardier: 2nd Lt. S. W. FLIEG

c. High Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. C. W. KEELING

Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. M. RUSH (Strong-"Mickey")

Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. M. SCANLON

3. Flight Over England:a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was normal and as briefed. All A/C took off successfully just as dawn was breaking.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (cont)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assemblies were made rapidly and in good fashion over Cottesmore buncher. Cottesmore was departed on course one minute late - all squadron aircraft plus 3 spares were in formation.

c. Route Over England:

Just after departing the buncher the low squadron leader aborted and the deputy leader took over. At the Wing assembly point there was some confusion because the groups all arrived at the same time. Wing assembly was poor and it was difficult to fall into proper order. However, the 94th "B" group departed the English coast in proper Division position, two minutes late.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Over the continent the only difficulty was the difference between the air speeds of the high and low groups. Two groups passed the 94th "B" making it 7th in the column instead of the 5th as briefed. 94th "B" was in good Division formation otherwise. The route to the IP was flown exactly on course.

b. Bombing Run:

The bomb run was made entirely PFF over 10/10ths clouds. The group turned into a Mag. Heading of 116 about 4 or 5 miles North of the briefed IP and made a straight run for about 55 miles, with only very minor corrections in course necessary. Rate called off by the Mickey man and checked on the bombsight jibed very well. The group leader salvoed his bombs when the indices met. The low and high squadron leaders salvoed on the leader's smoke bomb. All others used a 50' intervalometer setting. Bombing was done in Group formation. The AFCE worked excellently. Results were unobserved.

c. Flight From Target:

The turn from the target was made in good order. The route back was flown as briefed, but the timings were late due to a stronger wind than forecasted. Flak was avoided, and the coast out was departed as briefed.

d. Return to Base:

From the Belgium coast a more direct route was flown than as briefed. Visibility was bad over the home base -- one ship landed away, but the remaining A/C landed safely.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (cont)

4. e. Weather:

Weather was described as 7/10ths to 9/10ths with some larger breaks to 1000E, tops 18,000' to 20,000', 10/10ths over target. Light, non-persistent contrails encountered enroute.

f. Fighter Support:

Very good, but was not needed.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formation was generally good. The 94th "B" Group was $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 minute behind the preceding group.

H. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Low Squadron: A/C 42-97780 - Not Sortie. Returned early when carburetor air filters would not open. Also fluxgate compass was out and also the radio compass. However, it is believed A/C could have continued on into target. (Personnel)

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition seen or encountered. (See Flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage:

<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
0	2	2

8. Casualties:

None.

9. Statistical Summary of Operations: (See attached form)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Due to complete undercast results were unobserved. Because of a good run results were thought to be good, however.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (encld)10. b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron: All the 12 scheduled A/C E.E.T., attacked the secondary target dropping 138 X 500# M64 bombs. A/C 1485 had release trouble and jettisoned 4 bombs of its load at 5041-0942E. The spare returned 12 bombs to base.

Low Squadron: Of the 12 A/C E.E.T., eleven bombed the secondary target dropping 131 X 500# M64 bombs thereupon. A/C 8733 encountered release trouble and selected an unknown target of opportunity at 5120-1100E. Aborting A/C 7780 returned 11 bombs to base.

High Squadron: All the 12 scheduled A/C E.E.T. attacked the secondary target, dropping 143 X 500# M64 bombs. The spare returned 12 bombs to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs			Fusing
	Over Target	Bomb-ing	Num-ber	Size	Type	
Main Bombfall	36	35	412	500#	M64	1/10 1/40
Other Attacks (T. of O.-Unknown) (1)		1	12	500#	M64	1/10 1/40
Total Bombs on Targets			424*	500#	M64	1/10 1/40
Other Expenditures			4	500#	M64	1/10 1/40
Bombs Returned			35	500#	M64	1/10 1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			463	500#	M64	1/10 1/40

* Incl 153 RDX Bombs.

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted by:

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Statistical Officer

(SAV-401C/869 - 2 X12-12-44X4 .1662 -7- 747 00) (MERSEBURG)
LOW CONFIDENTIAL

LEAD 94th B GROUP

MAJOR WHITE

12 Dec 34

Combat Sq. Leader: LT TURK Date: _____Deputy Sq. Leader: LT KEELINGDeputy Gp. Leader: 615

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

TAKE OFF AND OVER TARGET DEMPESEY(WHITE)

7636

MALONEY

TURK

485

571

615

612

SQDN

SQDN

UDY

AIKEN

425

598

SOMBART

GRIMM WF

COMER

ASCHENBACH

750

810

541

039

GERBER

468

HANSEN

MAIRE

758

664

SPARES

JORDAN

551 Returned

TOW SQUADRON 94th B

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ HAVEY Date: 12 Dec 44Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HUBBELLDeputy Gp. Leader: LT REELING

SQDN	612 SC JABWOCK
<u>614</u>	613 IN MACRO
	614 IW GOLFCLUB
	615 IY BUZZARD

TAKE OFF AND CRUISE HASKETT(HAVEY)

780

THOMPSON RHUBBELL

659

2012

SQDN	614
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SQDN	612
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CROZIERCOX

530

662

RICHARDSONMORTONHUDNELLCAPPELLI

791

646

680

733

WITTMANN

464

FONDRENMORAN

478

677

SPARES

KING

565

Combat Sq. Leader:

Date:

Major Havey

12 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader:

Lt. Hubbell

Deputy Gp. Leader:

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

LOW SQ. FORMATION
OVER TARGET

HUBBELL

012

THOMPSON

569

KING

565

SQDN.

SQDN.

GROZIER

COX

330

622

RICHARDSON

MORT N

HUDNALL

CAMPBELL, C. J.

791

646

680

735

WITTMAN

464

FONDREN

MORAN

678

SPARES

677

Combat Sq. Leader: Lt. KERLING Date: 12 Dec 44Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt. MC GOLDRICKDeputy Gp. Leader: Lt. KERLING**HIGH SQ AT T/O AND
OVER TARGET**615 SQDN612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

KERLING

449

COX

MCGOLDRICK

160

891

SQDN

SQDN

CARSON

ROADMAN

588

992

BRADLEY

DOUGLAS

SCHLIEVANN

LONG

515

591

788

637

ROPLBY

786

SEEBLE

CURRAN

947

072

SPARES

SCHILLER

113 RETURNED EARLY

HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Navigation Officer

Date 12 December

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Merseberg Germany

TO : Commanding Officer, Four Hundred First Bombardment Group (H),
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.

a. T/O at 0758 hours.
b. Group formed at 0909 hours on Cottesmore buncher
at 10300 ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at 1010 hours at 51 35N
02 20E.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee D.R. Pilotage

f. Division formation was joined at 1000 hours at 51 47N
01 35E.
g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee Pilotage Mickey D.R.

i. Bomb run.

(1) Actual I. P. was (not) as briefed.

2 Miles North

- (2) True heading over target 111.
(3) Actual Drift 8 Left.
(4) Altitude over Target 25500.
(5) Time Bombs Away 1152.
(6) Wind used for bombing 230/70.
(7) Method of target identification. PPF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

Bomb Bay door had to be cranked open

(9) Weather over Target. 10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 275.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 51 28N 1134E at 1202 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee Pilotage Mickey D.R.

- o. Winds aloft were (~~not~~) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (~~not~~) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass O.K.
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other Equipment - Heated suit caught on fire

R.F. Causey C.W. Sellers
Capt, Air Corps 1st Lt., Air Corps
Lead Navigator's, Lead Box

Lead Navigator.

HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Navigation Officer

Date December 12

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Munich Germany

TO : Commanding Officer, Four Hundred First Bombardment Group (H),
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.

- a. T/O at 0925 hours.
 - b. Group formed at 0900 hours on Cottesmore buncher
at 10000 ft.
 - c. Wind assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
 - d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.
-
- e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Pilotage and D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at _____ hours at _____.
- g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee and D.R. and Pilotage

- i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (not) as briefed.

3 miles North

- (2) True heading over target 111.
- (3) Actual Drift 8 Left.
- (4) Altitude over Target 24400.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1152.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 243/54.
- (7) Method of target identification. PPF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target. 10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 280 MH.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee D.R. Pilotage

- o. Winds aloft were (not) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (not) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey None
- (2) Gee O.K.
- (3) Radio Compass Out
- (4) Fluxgate O.K.
- (5) Other Equipment O.K.

G.J. Moore

1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator, Low Sqd

Lead Navigator.

HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Navigation Officer

Date 12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Merschberg, Germany

TO : Commanding Officer, Four Hundred First Bombardment Group (H),
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.

- a. T/O at 0751 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0848 hours on Gottesmore buncher
at 11500 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
- d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee and D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0950 hours at Glaeston.
- g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

- h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee Mickey D.R.

- i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (not) as briefed.

3 miles North

- (2) True heading over target 114.
- (3) Actual Drift 6 left.
- (4) Altitude over Target 25500.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1152.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 260/60.
- (7) Method of target identification. FFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

High

(9) Weather over Target. 10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 281 TH.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 51 35N 11 42 at 1200 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee D.R. Mickey

- o. Winds aloft were (not) called out to the formation.
- p. Fighter rendezvous were (not) as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey fair
- (2) Gee good
- (3) Radio Compass good
- (4) Fluxgate good
- (5) Other Equipment O.K.

J.M. RUSH
1st Lt, Air Corps
Lead Navigator, High Box
Lead Navigator.

White

FLIGHT PLAN

94th B. (fifth)

PILOT Captain Dempsey

NAVIGATOR

Capt. R.P. Causey, Lt. C. W. Sellers

DATE 12 December 1944

STATIONS	0625	ENGINES	0725	TAXI	0740	T.O.	0755
LEAVE BASE	COTT.		0908				
COAST OUT			0951				
ENEMY COAST			1016				
I.P.			1147				
TARGET			1200				
ENEMY COAST			1458				
ENGLISH COAST			1602	ENTR	1642		

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

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

FROM	Assembly 1000 I	TO	V	WEED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COU- RSE	DRI- FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.
52-44N 00-32W	-	290/40	10000	150	148	-13	057	-13	044	10	054	168	27	10	0908	Depart	
Boston (E)				-15											0918		
52-53N 00-02W	*	10000	150	-13			118	-2	120	10	130	188	39	13	0930		
East Dereham (D)				-13													
52-41N 00-57E	*	15000	150	153	153	183	45	195	10	208	159	48	18	0948			
51-53N 00-53E	290/40	15000	150	-22			161	121	43	124	9	193	200	12	24	0951	Eng. Coast CP 1 0951
Glaeston (CP 1)				-22													
51-47N 01-09E	290/40	15000	150	161	084	-6	78	9	87	196	32			10	1008		
51-50N 02-00E	290/40	15000	150	Begin descent													
*	*	290/41	18000	150	165	198	46	144	49	153	200	50	30	1016	Coast CP 2 1016		
*	*	260/42	19000	150	173	176	116	125	8	203	209	25	10	21	1048		
50-26N 05-30E	-29	260/50	20000	150	176	-17	125	8	199	214	75						
*	*	258/51	22000	150	179	116	410	126	7	139	217	33	9	48	1058	CP 3 1058	
*	*	253/53	25000	150	187	092	45	97	6	103	236	67	17	1115			
*	*	250/55	25000	150	192	064	-2	62	5	67	246	74	18	1133			
51-09N 10-12E	*	250/55	*	150	193	093	-10	23	5	28	239	32	84	1142			
51-07N 10-39E	*	240/60	*	150	*	097	A1	108	5	113	236	17	48	1147	IP		
IP TARGET	*	25000	150	*	076	45	81	81	4	85	249	53	13	1200	TARGET		
51-19N 12-00E	240/58	23000	160	202	290	-13	277	4	281	159	21	8	42	1210			
51-27N 11-29E	*	240/56	*	150	186	250	-3	247	5	252	130	52	24	1234			
*	*	254/53	*	150	*	213	410	223	5	228	143	32	14	1248			
*	*	*	*	150	*	244	43	247	5	252	134	74	33	41	1322		
50-12N 08-17E	*	23000	150	*	272	-5	267	6	273	136	67	30	1352	CP 4 1352			
*	*	260/50	17000	170	200	296	-8	288	7	295	158	93	13	1405			
*	*	-20	260/42	13500	170	179	2%	-8	288	8	296	149	14	38	52	1458 Coast	
*	*	-13	260/35	10500	250	149	2%	-8	288	8	296	119	14	38	52	1458 English Coast	
Cramer	*	44	298/32	6000	170	150	32	32	32	FLIGHT RECORD	122	118	32	1.05	16	1602 English Coast	
		A1	300/27	2000	150	131	-6	325	325	325	325	107	86	48			

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED & OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.	
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME		
0730					Engines started Taxi											
0738																
0753					Take Off											
0808					52-53N 00-38W. Turn back to buncher		150	8300								
0811	290/35				Circling buncher. Wind from weather ship		150	13200								
0903					Group in formation		150	10400								
0909	45				point Y, 1 min late		150	10400					183	27	10	0919
0916					Started ascent			10500								
0918	118				point B		150	11000					183	39	13	0932
0930	150				52-44N 00-44E		150	11000								
0932	150				Point D, 2 min late. Begin climb		150	11000					159	48	18	0950
0934	196				Began climb		150	11000					159	48		
0949	124				Point E, 1 min late		15000						200			
0953	79				C. P. #1		150	15600					396	32	10	1003
1000	120				Turn to cut "G" Group off. 51-40N 01-50E		150									

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED & OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.	
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME		
1016			125		exten. op. #2, on course		150	18000								
1022	112		172		51-04N 09-14E		150	19500	175							
1025					292/62K					22	6	220				
1036			119		1100 39 mi e 275		150	20000	176			222	71	18	1054	
1042	93	All	109		243/54K. Maastricht 27 mi e 235		*	*		23½	6	215				
1054			100		Spending 9000 ft			16000					280	67	18	
1056			120		CP #3 10 mi. north		150	-31								
1104			94		on course								220	58	18	1014
1115			64		241/60K		150	24700								
1116			64		Ginsberg 19 mi. e 214		150	24000								
1119			64		Parrotel 32 mi. e 008.		*	*	198							
1125	64		64		Fulda 25 mi e 264					39	9	130				
1135	53	-10	23		230/70K		150	25000	196				250		1132	
1140			108		1000 T. P. 5 mi. north		150	?								
1143			90		25 mi. Bomb bay doors open		150	?								
1145			92		Urft killed -		150	25000	196							
1152		40	111		END AWAY		150	25500								
1153			275				170	24500					150	21	08	1201
1155			275		Weisenfeld 19 mi. e 007.											
1202			250		1/3 3 mi. south of Nieders.		150	23000					120	52	24	1226
1205					Nordhausen 25 mi e 076.											
1212			210		30 mi. e 058 Erfurt		150	25000	195							
1218	247	-7	210		Erfurt 25 mi e 097								120	15	7½	1226
1223			210		contrail. Start descent											
1226			223		235/48K											
1232			221		Massel 27½ mi e 114											
1233			221		Contrail		150	23000	187							
1239	206	-2	221		Massel 32 mi. e 114											
1242			210		1/0											
1257			247				150	23000								
1309			247				150	23700	190							
1322			247		Hohensa 30 mi e 102											
1326			272		- 21 mi. e 101											
1327	293	-18	275		Geo wind 263/70K. point N.E. of Weisbaden		150	22000					132	90	21	1408
1334			263		Rhein framme River											
1402	294	-14	200		G.P. #1, 10 min late		170	17000	200				140	59	14	1416
1415	EMERG COY 1	265	1700		50-200 05-30E											
1435	303		303		Brussels 16 mi e 205/	32 mi s. of course	150	12000	156							
1441	COY 1	304	000		Obent 18 mi. e 168		160	12000		120	6	180	45	15	1456	
1500	COY 1	316	030		exten. to 010 300/20K		160	10000	159				170	132	45	1545

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT _____ NAVIGATOR _____ DATE _____

STATIONS	ENGINES	TAXI	T.O.
LEAVE BASE			
COAST OUT			
ENEMY COAST			
I.P.			
TARGET			
ENEMY COAST			

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

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

FLIGHT RECORD

I certify that this is a true copy of the Lead Navigator's Log.

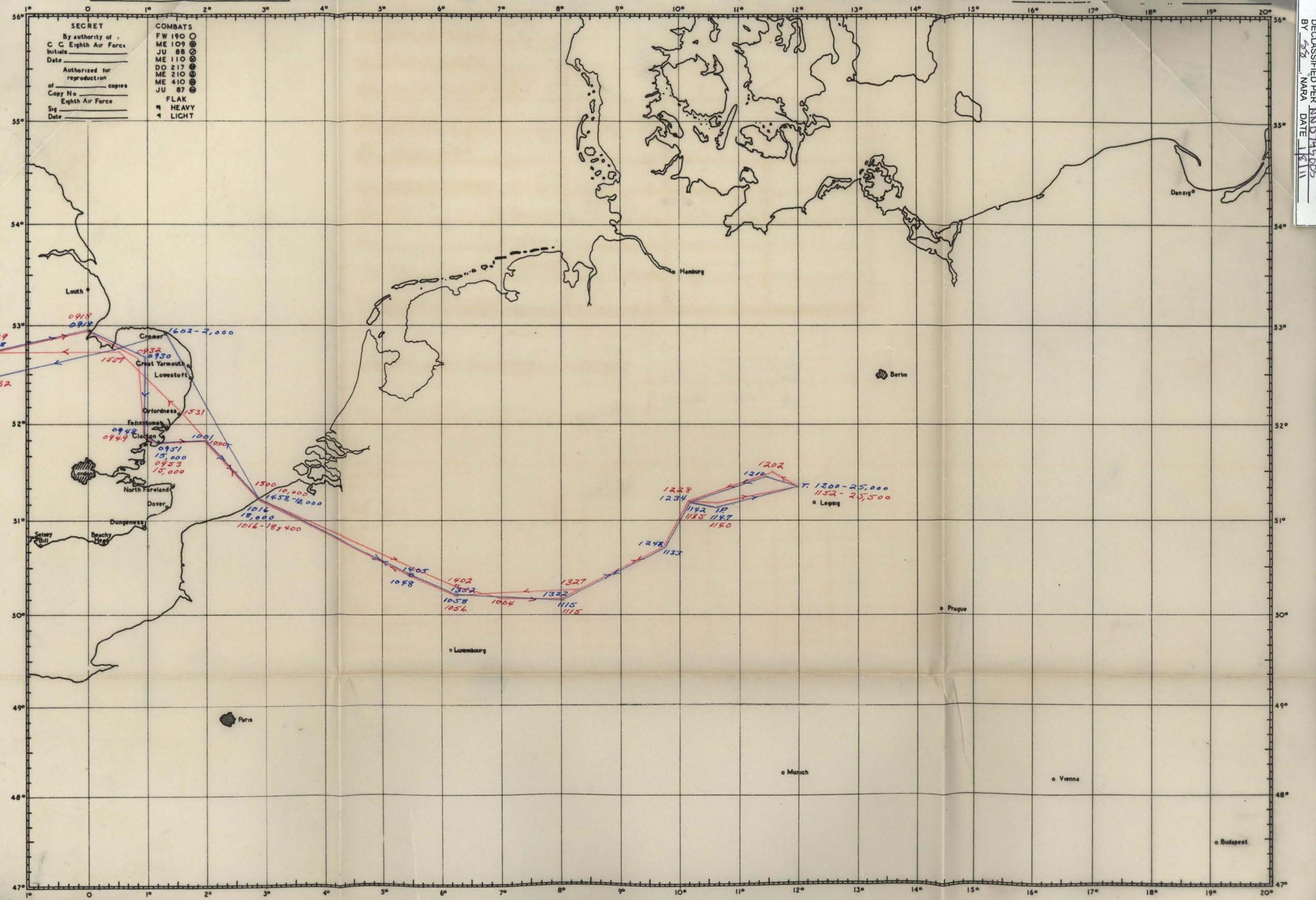
TRACK CHART

DATE Dec. 12-44

TARGETS
PRIMARY

Munich, Germany

Blue
RedROUTE FOLLOWED BY
4061 R.G.H.



Target No.
I (a) (iii) 15

I. G. FARBENINDUSTRIE A.G. — MERSEBURG (Leuna)
(GERMANY)

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

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

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

Photographed 8 April 1944

(1 : 32,000) approx.

Issued April 1944



STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group

1st BD F.

EX 579

Date of 12 December 1944

	Lead	High		Low	
		PFF - GH	PFF - GH	PFF - GH	PFF - GH
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	2	12	1	13
3. No. of A/C Airborne Loss, Spare	10	2	14	1	13
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	2	12	1	12
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	12	1	12
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	-	-	-	-	1
(a) Early Returns Included					(1)
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	10	2	14	1	11
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	116	22	132	11	131
	500# M64	500# M64	500# M64	500# M64	500# M64
9. Name of Last Resort Target					UNKNOWN (5220-1100#)
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					1.
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs					12 500# M64
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 Bombs					
12. No of A/C Lost -- TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-
13. - to Flak					
14. - to Flak & E/A					
15. - to Enemy A/C					
16. - to Accident					
17. - to Unknown					

STAT SUMMARY (cont'd)

	Lead	High	Low
18. Time of Takeoff	0758	0754	0825
19. Time of Attack	1152	1152	1152
20. Average Time of Flight	8.7	8.6	8.5
21. Altitude of Release	24,840	24,840	23,740
22. Visual or PFF	PFF	PFF	PFF
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int. Acc.	Moderate Inaccurate	Moderate Inaccurate	Moderate Inaccurate
24. - Fighters	--	--	--
25. - Bomber	--	--	--
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	--	--	--
27. Degree of Success	Unobserved	Unobserved	Unobserved

PFP A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

PFP A/C Loaned to Groups as follows:

NOTES:

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER	Lt. Dolan	DATE	12 Dec 1944					
PILOT	Capt Dempsey	TAKE OFF	0753					
NAVIGATOR	Capt Causey, & Lt. Sellers	AIRPLANE						
WING	94th B	GROUP	401st	SQDN	Lead	LANDED	1634	
OBJECTIVE	Merseburg, Germany			(MPI)				
METHOD OF ATTACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing							
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP	36	COMPOSITE GROUP						
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP	Lead A/C	COMPOSITE GROUP						
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:	1 A/C	On Leader :	35					
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	500# M 64	FUSING:	NOSE	1/10	TAIL	1/40		
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES		FUSING:	NOSE		TAIL			
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	428 (Incl 157 RDX)	RELEASED	424 (Incl 153RDX)					
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: PPF								
Altitude of Target	540	Temp Aloft: Metro	-10	Actual	-34			
True Altitude above target	24840	Mag Head,order	85	Actual	116			
Ind. Altitude	25500	True Heading		111				
Pressure alt of target	448	Drift, Est	5L	Actual	5L			
Altimeter setting	29192	True Track		95				
C.I.A.S.	150	I.A.S.	150	Actual Range	13,888			
G.S. Est	254	Actual	265	B.S.Type	H-9			
Wind Direc Metro	240	Actual	233	Time of Release	1152			
Wind Veloc.Metro	69	Actual	61	Intervalometer Setting	50ft			
D.S	126.8	Trail	60	ATF	41.66	Length of Bombing Run	55miles	
Tan. D.A. Est	.53	Actual	.56	C-1 Pilot	Yes	A-5		
Mean Temp: Metro	-18	Actual	-15	Manual Pilot				
Type of Release: Lead A/C	Salvo	Type of Release: Other A/C	50 ft					
TRUE ALTITUDES:								
HIGH BOX --	24840							
LOW BOX --	23740							

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

Reference Field Order 579(B).12 DECEMBER

1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 180.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:			
Splashers	<u>7</u>	2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>7</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>38</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>5</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
		6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>36</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

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

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>33</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>32</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>9216</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>1</u>	6. Gee	<u>2</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	7. H2X, XXXXXXXXXX	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	8. Carpet	<u>1</u>
4. Liaison	<u>0</u>	9. IFF	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	10. SCS-51	<u>0</u>

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.

Capt, Air Corps,
Gp. Com. O.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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REPORT ON A.A. GUNFIRE.
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)ASSIGNED.....Merseburg.....1. TARGET: BOMBED.....Merseburg..... DATE OF MISSION 12 Dec. 44

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

As briefed

3.	AT TARGET		ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	10/10ths		7/10 - 10/10ths
CONTRAILS - - -	None		Light - Non-Persistent
SEEN-UNSEEN - - -	Unseen		Seen and Unseen

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

Moderate, good for altitude, poor for deflection; generally barrage, with some tracking fire as formation left target. Black and white bursts with white bursting high. Duration in flak approx. 5 minutes.

5. FLAK ENCOUNTERED OR OBSERVED ENROUTE: (IN ORDER EXPERIENCED)

Few bursts from 3 gun battery S. of Coblenz. Inaccurate.

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: As briefed.....7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th "D" - 5th over

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN: PCS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE MAJ. MIN.	A/C LOST TO AA EA ACC UK	AXIS OF ATTK WITH	TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
Lead	12	2		116M	280M	1151
High	12			119M	281M	1151
Low	12			116M	280M	1151
TOTALS	36	2				

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

1102 - (5015-0820) - 2 vertical contrails to 35-40,000 ft.

1st Lt. P. R. Myers

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 587
U. S. ARMY

D-2-6

13 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions (Jerseburg Mission, 12 December).

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 587, US Army.
(Thru Major D. H. Silver).

1. Major Ralph J. White, Group Leader, commended Lt. Richard S. Hubbell, Deputy Leader of the Low Squadron, very highly. Lt. Hubbell took over leadership of the Low Squadron at assembly, where the Squadron Leader aborted. Major White stated that Lt. Hubbell exhibited much ability as a Leader.

2. Major White further recommended that P-51 aircraft be taxied immediately to their proper dispersal area, in place of being lined up on the runway. The present procedure complicates the transportation problem, and when there are 4 to 6 P-51 aircraft lined up, makes it difficult, causing those who land late to park a considerable distance from the tower.

3. The crew of Lt. Jack F. Crosser, pilot A/C 8841, complimented the Leader of the Group (Major White) and the excellent Navigation (Capt. Causey.)

4. The crew of Lt. Richard B. Richardson, pilot A/C 791, were originally assigned to fly A/C 632. Later, they were assigned A/C 791, which, after a search, was found to be at least one-half mile from its proper dispersal area.

5. Lt. Julian Rundman, pilot A/C 692, complained of a shortage of gas. He felt that the Leader came off the target too fast. He had to use full military power in order to stay with the formation and was indicating 180 mph. straight and level.

6. Lt. Rundman's crew also remarked that fresh eggs served at breakfast were cold.

7. The crew of Lt. Milton F. Maloney were short 4 Flak suits.

8. Lt. Lawless, navigator A/C 6589, says his gas-box has been inoperative on 9 out of 10 missions.

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

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

Mission No. 180
 12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), AAF, Station #128, A.P.O. #557.

A/C 42-31662

P	Cox, Walter H.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Amundson, Glenn R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Anstrom, Lowell J.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Hill, Robert H.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Warren, Emmitt E.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Pope, LeRoy G.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Dunn, Dale D.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-106992

P	Roadman, Julian (NMI)	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Compton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Knuessl, Robert H.	F/O	"
B	Whitlock, James R.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Machisak, Alfred (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Landers, John A.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Hall, Eugene H.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Wood, Donald S.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Hill, Earle R., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-107059

P	Aschenbach, Allen D.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Althoff, John R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Brassil, William R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Carson, James W.	Sgt.	"
RO	Feigenbaum, George J.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Herndon, William R.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Wilson, Ben G.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Pearlin, James R.	Sgt.	"
WG	Watson, Robert W., Walters, Kenneth O.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38541

P	Comer, Jack F.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Matthes, Francis R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Weinstein, Byron (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Smith, Alvie L.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Hulse, Harold A.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Bixby, Joseph (NMI), Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Erlund, Cletus M.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Kirkhuff, Leonard M.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Bunn, Charles T.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38788

P	Schliemann, Donald M.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Meyrowitz, Irving (NMI)	F/O	"
N	Schneck, David (NMI)	F/O	"
B	Swatosch, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Pendley, Garland E.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Kelly, John C.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Eames, Duane H.N.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Madden, Ted H.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Zabel, Bruce M.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38680

P	Hudnall, Carl L.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Mitchell, Frank W., Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Martin, Phillip A.	F/O	"
B	Beardall, Keith E.	Sgt.	"
RO	Knight, Adam (NMI)	Sgt.	"
TTG	Moorman, Lloyd F.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Gyles, Alfred R.	Sgt.	"
TG	Parker, Robert H.	Sgt.	"
WG	Darker, Matt M.	Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38657

P	Long, Robert L.	F/O	612th.
CP	Watterson, Stuart E., Jr.	F/O	"
N	Crick, Lawrence A.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Watson, Reynolds S.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	York, Dennis A.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Hovezak, Henry (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Rogers, Charles G.	Cpl.	"
TG	Iles, Earl L.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Willick, Edward L.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-102398

P	Aiken, Charles E.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Hanford, Charles J., Jr.	1st Lt.	"
N	Osborne, Charles R.	1st Lt.	"
B	Benton, David (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
RO	Barrow, John D.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Peterson, Harry A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Gadl, Ernest A.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Milhone, Robert J.	Sgt.	"
WG	Potter, Howard J., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38733

P	Campbell, Charles J.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Poy, Phillip W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gruhn, David B.	F/O	"
B	Emery, Robert I.	Sgt.	"
RO	Feele, Gene M., Jr.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Kartes, Charles F., Jr.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Sullivan, Earl (NMI), Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Dalton, Charles K.	Sgt.	"
WG	Murray, Howard M.	Sgt.	"

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

12 December 1944

LOADING LIST

SHIP NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-8449	P	1st Lt.	KREILING	CHARLES	W.
	CP	1st Lt.	DONALSON	JEFF	N.
	N	1st Lt.	RUSH	JAMES	M.
	B	1st Lt.	SCANLON	WILLIAM	M.
	V	1st Lt.	STRONG	WILLIAM	W.
	RO	T/SGT. X	KNOX	ROBERT	C.
	TT	T/SGT.	HREIST	MAURICE	C.
	TG	S/SGT.	MOORE	WAVERLY	W.
	WG	S/SGT.	PAPAZIAN	STEPHEN	A.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	2nd Lt.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
	N	2nd Lt.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	G.
	B	2nd Lt.	GORMAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	T/SGT.	SHELTZ	JOHN	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
	BT	S/SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S/SGT.	MC GRARY	LEON	A.
44-6313	P	2nd Lt.	BRADLEY	AUBREY	J. JR.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	J.
	B	SGT.	ELINS	HERMAN	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	BONERS	JACOB	J. JR.
	TT	M/SGT.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	E.
	BT	SGT.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	SGT.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	SGT.	MEYBAUGH	WILLIAM	(NMI)
42-102947	P	2nd Lt.	STEELE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	ZIMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	P/O	WHITE	LENN	L.
	B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	STACHURA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	SGT.	MYERS	ERROLL	A.
	TG	SGT.	LINZ	LEO	B.
	WG	SGT.	WOWAK	CHESTER	A.
44-6588	P	1st Lt.	CARSON	FRANK	(NMI)
	CP	1st Lt.	MOE	MORRIS	E.
	N	1st Lt.	LAWLESS	HARRIS	E.
	B	1st Lt.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	SPRAGUE	LEO	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	MC GEEHE	RAY	E.
	BT	S/SGT.	LINE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	S/SGT.	GERALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S/SGT.	JAMES	ELWELYN	(NMI)

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	SCHILLER	DONALD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WIGGS	WALLACE	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HOUSTON	RICHARD	C.
	B	F/O	KOLLAR	JOHN	E.
	RO	SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	BARTY	WILLIAM	G.
	BT	SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	B.
	TG	SGT.	THUERAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	SGT.	SEVERSON	NORMAN	A.

Returned

43-38160	P	F/O	COK	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCHEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	SGT.	TANAEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.

42-31072	P	2nd Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	LAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	2nd Lt.	JONES	LEN	P.
	RO	SGT.	GIBRICK	GEORGE	J.
	TT	SGT.	JOHNSON	ELMO	E.
	BT	SGT.	ERNOR	HAROLD	M.
	TG	SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	SGT.	HARDIN	ROY	(NMI)

43-38462	P	1st Lt.	HOPKINS	CHARLES	W.
	CP	1st Lt.	GOETZ	FRANK	B.
	N	1st Lt.	MAC DONALD	RICHARD	E.
	B	S/SGT.	JACOBS	JOHN	R.
	RO	S/SGT.	BURNING	CHARLES	R.
	TT	S/SGT.	HARDIN	WILLIAM	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	MERRIAN	JAY	S.
	TG	S/SGT.	VAN PELT	HAROLD	S.
	WG	S/SGT.	ANDERSON	WAYNE	L.

42-31891 (612th)	P	1st Lt.	MAC GOLDREICK	JOHN	W.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MILLAR	HENRY	C.
	N	2nd Lt.	JONES	LESTER	G.
	B	2nd Lt.	BECK	GEORGE	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	BECK	GERALD	L.
	TT	S/SGT.	SHEDDON	JAMES	F.
	BT	S/SGT.	GRUMANN	JAMES	R.
	TG	S/SGT.	ST. LIDGER	ROBERT	E.
	WG	S/SGT.	LINDSAY	JAMES	R.

FLYING WITH 615th

WG	T/SGT.	HUCKINS	GARTH	H.
WG	S/SGT.	QUESS	WILLIAM	J.

SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations OfficerAAF Station # 128
12 December 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 # 42-102659

P	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMAN	"
B	2nd Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M.	"
RO	Sgt.	Bode, Robert E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	Sgt.	Christensen, James P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"

PLANE # 42-39012

P	1st Lt.	HUBBELL, RICHARD S.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	GOULET, AMEROSE	"
N	2nd Lt.	MOORE, GEORGE J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FLIEG, STANLEY W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Pool, Clyde W.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Ross, Richard D.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Revette, John L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Bell, W. S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Harris, John C.	"

PLANE # 42-38330

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

PLANE # 42-97602

P	2nd Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTON, HERMAN	"
N	F/O	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Racick, John	"
RO	Sgt.	Rubinson, Jerome J.	"
TT	Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	T/Sgt.	Smith, William F. <i>CAMPBELL, CLARENCE L.</i>	"
TG	Sgt.	Patterson, -Clyde- L. Donald D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Hood, Clyde L.	"

Loading List (Cont)

PLANE # 45-6464

P	2nd Lt.	WITTMAN, PAUL F.	614th Sq.
CP	1st Lt.	HOSLEY, ROBERT A.	"
N	1st Lt.	O'Hearn, MELVIN C.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Jackson, John A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mitchell, Joseph G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Collett, John E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Eaton, Carl E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Drecon, Louis L.	"
WG	Sgt.	Richy, LeGrand B.	"

PLANE # 43-38646

P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	RITCHIE, RALPH	"
N	2nd Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	HELMS, CHARLES L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Block, Joseph	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Powers, Willard E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Whittington, Charles E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglas B.	"

PLANE # 42-97478

P	1st Lt.	FONDREN, JOHN W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	VIA, JAMES C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	COYNE, JOHN T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FACKRELL, JESSE J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Wensel, John W.	"
TT	Sgt.	Brobst, Clyde J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wickline, John H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wilbers, Herman E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"

PLANE # 43-38677

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

PLANE # 42-8565

P	2nd Lt.	KING, MYRON L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SWEENEY, WILLIAM J. 111	"
N	2nd Lt.	LOWE, RICHARD I. JR	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Pyna, Robert E.	"
RB	Sgt.	Devito, Patsy A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Dickson, Beattie B.	"
BT	Sgt.	Reinohl, Phillip A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atkinson, George E. Jr.	"
WG	Sgt.	Speelman, K. Hampton	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V KIRKUFF
Capt., Air Corps,
Actg Ops 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

12 December 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 # 42-97636

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Dempsey	Ralph	H.	615th
CP	Major	White	Ralph	J.	"
N	Captain	Causey	Rufus	F.	"
N	1st Lt.	Sellers	Cloyd	W.	"
N	1st Lt.	Walters	Donald	E.	"
B	1st Lt.	Dolan	William	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Virgona	Angelo	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Rowe	Robert	W.	"
TG	1st Lt.	Child	Eldon	R.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Grenillion	John	E.	"

PLANE # 42-31485

P	1st Lt.	Maloney	Hilton	F.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Magee	Eldon	G.	"
N	1st Lt.	Schultz	John	J.	"
B	Sgt.	Elston	Hack	A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Dodson	James	G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Huckins	Garth	H.	613th
BT	T/Sgt.	Miro	Edward	G.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Roberts	James	D.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Guess	William	J.	"

PLANE # 44-8371

P	1st Lt.	Turk	Laural	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Sinckling	John	W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Cone	Allan	L.	"
N	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hecker	Robert	L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Dupuis	Gyraque	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Wieseltier	Simon	(MMI)	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Vecchio	Murray	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Osborne	Peter	J.	"

PLANE # 45-33425

P	1st Lt.	Udy	John	(MMI)	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Hockaday	Billy	S.	"
N	1st Lt.	Youel	Dale	F.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Oviatt	Earl	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Knowles	Harry	G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Young	Jack	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Albert	Russell	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Warr	Albert	E.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Jencks	Robert	L.	"

LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 42-31780

P	1st Lt.	Sombart	George	W.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Shapiro	Leo	(MMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	Miley	Junior	B.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H.S.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Andrews	Leroy	(MMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Smith	Elmer	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Livezey	Lowell	G.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Dailey	J. (ic)	B. (ic)	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(MMI)	"

PLANE # 45-38810

P	1st Lt.	Orman	William	F.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	1st Lt.	McMullen	Willard	C.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Duke	William	H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Matts	Dudley	F.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Jaranson	David	A.	"

PLANE # 42-102468

P	2nd Lt.	Gerber	John	D.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higge	Walter	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	Mrozek	Chester	W.	"
B	Sgt.	Geierman Geierman	Edward	F.	"
RO	Sgt.	Freitas	Daniel	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Makseyn	Chester	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	McKenna	James	P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atchison	Alfred	E.	"
PG	Sgt.	Martin	Cyril	I.	"

PLANE # 45-38758

P	1st Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	P/O	Greenberg	Martin	(MMI)	"
B	Sgt.	Morrison	James	L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Ferguson	Hugh	R.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Miller	Raymond	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Brunson	Wade	T.	"
TG	Sgt.	McKnight	Leroy	H.	"
PG	Sgt.	Karcher	Alonzo	A.	"

LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 42-97684

P	1st Lt.	Maire	Frederick	H.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Deen	Robert	H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Monberger	Charles	A.	"
B	Sgt.	Landry	Lawrence	B.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Mabrey	William	T.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Barr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Floyd	Norris	C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiegel	Clifford	H.	"
PG	Sgt.	Nowak	Frank	P.	"

PLANE # 43-37551

P	2nd Lt.	Jordan	Robert	H.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	G.	"
N	P/O	Braslawsky	Max	(N MI)	"
B	S/Sgt.	Seesley	Duane	F.	"
RO	Sgt.	Mauldin	Harold	M.	"
TT	Sgt.	Anderson	Howard	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Caruth	Merton	A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Corwin	Glarence	P.	"
PG	Sgt.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"

Robert

PLANE # 42-97780 (614) (Lo Sq Ld with 616th)

P	1st Lt.	Haskett	Harry	H.	615th
CP	Major	Hayey	James	H.	401st
N	1st Lt.	Howe	Stuart	A.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Buvinghuizen	Kenneth	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Lynch	Brendan	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Rudaley	Orville	A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hutchinson	William	D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
PG	S/Sgt.	Jones	Hinson	G.	"

Obert

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

12 December 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 12 DECEMBER 1944.

TAKE-OFF: 0755. 7/10 stratocumulus, base 2000', tops 4000'. 4-6/10 altostratus and altocumulus, base 7000', tops 8-9000'. Visibility 4 miles in haze.

ROUTE OUT: 7-9/10 stratocumulus, base 2000', tops 4000', breaking to 1-3/10 for a 10 mile strip just off the English coast, becoming 8-10/10 cumulus, tops 8-10,000', 10 miles off the English coast, tops gradually lifting to 12-14,000', breaking to 3-4/10 at 7 deg. 30 min. E in the vicinity of Koblenz, tops 10-12,000', becoming 9/10 plus to 10/10, tops 12-14,000', at about 9 deg. 30 min. E. 4-6/10 altocumulus and altostratus, base 7000', tops 8-9000', becoming 8-10/10 to north of base on assembly over Cottesmore and then gradually decreasing to nil at 00 deg. 30 min. E. Nil high cloud. Visibility 4 miles in haze, becoming unrestricted above the clouds.

TARGET: 1151. 10/10 cumulus, tops 12-14,000'. Nil middle or high cloud. Visibility unrestricted.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out over the continent except that break in the vicinity of Koblenz had moved about 45-50 miles SE and a layer of 7-8/10 altocumulus, base 10,000', tops 12,000', began at 51 deg. 15 min. N 02 deg. 40 min. E and extending to 2 deg. E. 8-9/10 cumulus over the channel, tops 7500-9000', becoming 4-6/10 near the base area with base of clouds at 1500'. 2-4/10 altocumulus, base 9000', over England. Nil high cloud. Visibility unrestricted aloft, becoming 1500-2000 yds. below the clouds over England.

BASE ON RETURN: 1615. 4/10 stratocumulus, base 1500'. 3/10 altocumulus, base about 9000'. Nil high cloud. Visibility 1800-2000 yds.

REMARKS: Very light, non-persistent contrails at 25,000' in the target area. No icing observed. Temperatures 1-2 deg. warmer than briefed at altitude; -38 deg. at 25,000'. Wind directions good; velocities about 8-10 knots stronger than briefed at altitude. Winds: At 25,000', 50 deg. 30 min. N 8 deg. 30 min. E, 230 deg. at 70 knots; at 24,000', 51 deg. 15 min. N, 10 deg. 30 min. E, 235 deg. at 68 knots.

Arthur B. Street

ARTHUR B. STREET
Captain, Air Corps
Staff Weather Officer

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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE DEC 12, 1944
 PERIOD 0800-1630
 AG P BR HQ SOS /22929

DECLASSIFIED PER INN D7455005
 BY 20 NARA DATE 18/11

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET TO BASE	C Target to base	D
WEATHER	Partly cloudy to cloudy with haze and local showers bmg. cloudy over continent. bmg. cloudy to overcast with rain & snow showers.	Cloudy to overcast with rain and snow showers bmg. cloudy bmg. partly cloudy to cloudy with haze over bases.	Cloudy to overcast with rain and snow showers bmg. cloudy bmg. partly cloudy to cloudy with haze over bases.	**NOTE** Contrails moderate persistent 14-18,000' over England, light non-persistent above 22,000' and moderate non-persistent above 25,000' over continent.
CLOUDS	1-6/10 large cumulus base 1-1500' tops 12-16,000' bmg. over continent 6-9/10 with occasional large breaks, base 1-1500' tops 12-16,000' with isolated tops 18-20,000'. Nil middle or high cloud. Cloud bmg. 9-10/10 stratus, and situation large cumulus base 500-1000' tops 20-22,000' east of 10 deg. East.	Reverse of A 2, except cumulus tops 12-16,000' over England. (6-8000')		For target surface pressure altitude add target elevation to plus 448 ft.
ICING	2000'. Light to moderate rime and clear.	Same as A 3, except light rime over England.		Target surface pressure for sea level 29.44 inches.
VISIBILITY	1-2 miles locally 1000yds. Unrestricted aloft, bmg. in showers, bmg. unrestricted aloft.	3-5 miles over bases.		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to C. Cont. 300 25 Cont to 10 E. Ost. 270 20 10 E. to Tgt. and Tgt. E.	240 20 Nav. Temps. Plus 3	240 20 Nav. Temps. Plus 3	Tgt. Temps. Plus 3
5000FT	300 30	270 25	240 25 Minus 2	Minus 3
10000FT	290 40	260 35	240 35 " 13	" 13
15000FT	290 40	260 45	240 45 " 23	" 20
20000FT	290 45	260 50	240 50 " 29	" 31
25000FT	290 45	250 55	240 60 " 39	" 40
30000FT	290 50	250 60	240 65 " 47	" 49

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.47 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. Plus 3 TARGET MEAN TEMP. Minus 17.0 Plus
 TEMP. AT 25,000 FT. Minus 40 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 448
 At Sea Level

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

F-C-1

APO 557
12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report.

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

1. Date of Mission: 11 December 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C #42-106992 - Azimuth amplidyne in chin turret burned out. Has been replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C #43-37551 - Last station to release did not release in train. Racks checked on landing and no malfunction was revealed.
5. There were twenty-nine (29) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

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

D-E-4

13 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions (Merseburg Mission, 12 December).

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 557, US Army.
(Thru Major D. E. Silver).

1. Major Ralph J. White, Group Leader, commended Lt. Richard S. Hubbell, Deputy Leader of the Low Squadron, very highly. Lt. Hubbell took over leadership of the Low Squadron at assembly, where the Squadron Leader aborted. Major White stated that Lt. Hubbell exhibited much ability as a Leader.

2. Major White further recommended that PFF aircraft be taxied immediately to their proper dispersal area, in place of being lined up on the runway. The present procedure complicates the transportation problem, and when there are 4 to 6 PFF aircraft lined up, makes it difficult, causing those who land late to park a considerable distance from the tower.

3. The crew of Lt. Jack F. Gromer, pilot A/C 8561, complimented the Leader of the Group (Major White) and the excellent Navigation (Capt. Causey.)

4. The crew of Lt. Richard B. Richardson, pilot A/C 791, were originally assigned to fly A/C 602. Later, they were assigned A/C 791, which, after a search, was found to be at least one-half mile from its proper dispersal area.

5. Lt. Julian Roadman, pilot A/C 6992, complained of a shortage of gas. He felt that the Leader came off the target too fast. He had to use full military power in order to stay with the formation and was indicating 180 mph. straight and level.

6. Lt. Roadman's crew also remarked that fresh eggs served at breakfast were cold.

7. The crew of Lt. Milton F. Maloney were short 4 flak suits.

8. Lt. Lawless, navigator A/C 6568, says his Gee-box has been inoperative on 9 out of 10 missions.

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

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

F-6-2

APO 557
13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

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

1. Date of Mission: 12 December 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 42-102659 - Vickers unit motor burned out in the top turret. This motor has been replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 42-31730 - Bombs were salvoed due to RS2 rack selector relay burned out. RS2 rack selector relays are being replaced.
5. There were twenty-eight (28) aircraft equipped with the all electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

LEAD SQDN 94 B Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ WHITE Date: 12 DecDeputy Sq. Leader: LT TURKDeputy Gp. Leaders LT REEDING

610	SQDN	612 SC JAWOCK
		613 IN MACRO
		614 IV GOLFCLUB
		615 IY BUZZARD

DEMSEY (WHITE)

IY H | 7636

MALONEY	TURK
IY X 1485	IY M 8371

SQDN 615	SQDN 612
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UDY	AIKEN
IY K 8425	SC H 2398

SOMMART	GRIMM WF	COMER	ASCHENBACH
IY B 1730	IY N 8810	SC F 8541	SC M 7039

GERBER	12 X 500 Dg's
IY C 2468	110 + 140

HANSEN	MAIRE
IY P 8758	IY F 7664

SPARE PFF	SC U 7947 Disp 20
SPARE VIS	IY Q 8077 " 31

JORDAN	GRND SPARES: IN G 8791 Disp 43
IY L 7551	IN U 7706 " 34
	IN T 8646 " 5

Gas - 2500
2600

94th B HIGH

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: L T KEELING 12 Dec 44Deputy Gp. Leader: L T MC GOLDRICK

<u>L T KEELING</u>	SQDN	612 SC JABWOCK
	613	613 IN MACRO
		614 IW GOLFCLUB
		615 IY BUZZARD

KEELING

IN P 8449

COXMC GOLDRICK

IN A 8160

SC P 1891

SQDN

SQDN

613612CARSONROADMAN

IN D 6688

SC D 6992

BRADLEYDOUGIASSCHLEIMANNLONG

IN F 6313

IN J 1591

SC T 8783

SC L 8637

HOPELY *2 Prop feathering motor out*

IN N 8862

STEELECURRAN

IN S 2947

SPARES

IN K 1072

SCHELLER

IN R 6113

Spare PFF SC U 7947 Disp 20

VIS IY Q 8077 Disp 51

Grnd spares IN G 8791 Disp 43

IN U 7706 Disp 34

IW T 8646 Disp 5

Use 706

LOW SQDN 94 B Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ HAVEY Date: 12 DecDeputy Sq. Leader: L T HUBBELLDeputy Gp. Leader: L T KEELING

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

HASKETT (HAVEY)

IW R 7780

THOMPSON, R

HUBBELL

IW J 2659

IW F 2012

SQDN

614

SQDN

612

CROAKER

COX

IW Z 8350

SC B 1662

RICHARDSON

HUDNALL

CAMPBELL

IW O 7602

MORTON

SC S 8680

SC K 8753

(OUT
(Eng))

WITTMAN

OUT
(ARM.)

IW H 6464

MORAN

IW Q 7478

SPARES

IW K 8677

KING

IW X 8565

SPARE PFF	SC U 7947	Disp 20
SPARE VIS	IY Q 8077	" 31

GRND SPARES:	IN G 8791	Disp 43
	IN U 7706	" 34
	IN T 8646	" 5

Use '991
613th G SparesUse
INSTEAD

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LEAD SQDN 94 B Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CHAPMAN

Date: 11 Dec

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HUBBELL

Deputy Gp. Leader: CHRISTENSEN

12-500 22 1/2 - 1/80

614 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

BROWN (CHAPMAN)

IW G 8259

ST AUBYN

HUBBELL

IW D 7322

IW C 8033

614 SQDN

615 SQDN

CROZIER

MC KAY

IW Z 8330

IY N 8810

FONDREN

MORAN

MAIRE

HANSEN

IW Q 7478

IW K 8677

IY F 7664

IY P 8768

WITTMAN

IW H 6464

KING

THOMPSON, R

IW T 8646

IW J 2659

SPARES

MORTON

IW B 7151

SPARE LEAD PFF A IY 8258 Disp 32
" " VIS SC P 1891 Disp 22GRND SPARES: IN Q 7931 Disp 44
IN R 6113 Disp 36
IY C 2468 Disp 27

HIGH SQDN B GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT CHRISTENSEN Date: 11 Dec 44Deputy Sq. Leader: LT CROMERDeputy Gp. Leader: LT CHRISTENSEN612 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

CHRISTENSEN

SC U 7947

RITTINGCROMER

SC D 6992

SC K 8733

612 SQDN615 SQDNAIKENMALONEY

SC A 7628

IY D 8125

JONESBLOETSCHERDJERNESJORDON

SC R 2393

SC T 8788

IY K 8425

IY L 7551

THORNE

SC C 9993

LONGCOX

SC L 8637

SC B 1662

SPARES

HUDNELL

SC F 8541

Spare lead PFF IY A 8258 Disp 32

VIS SC P 1891 Disp 22

Grnd spares IN Q 7931 Disp 44

IN R 6113 Disp 36

IY C 2468 Disp 27

LOW SQDN 94 B Gp

LT FOWLER

11 Dec

Combat Sq. Leader:

LT JENNINGS

Date:

Deputy Sq. Leader:

CHRISTENSEN

Deputy Gp. Leader:

613

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

KEELING (FOWLER)

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

IN H 8607

STEELE

JENNINGS

IN S 2947

IN B 6132

613

SQDN

615

SQDN

CARSON

COOPER

IN D 6588

IY R 6146

CURRAN

HOPELY

GRIMM, MF

SOMBARE

IN K 1072

IN N 8862

IY Q 8779

IY B 1730

DOUGLAS

IN Q 7931

IN J 1691

KELSO

BRADLEY

IN G 8791

IN P 6313

SPARES

COX

SPARE LEAD PFF IY A 8253 Disp 32

IN U 7706

" " VIS SC P 1891 " 22

GRIND SPARES: IN Q 7931 Disp 44

IN R 6113 " 36

IY C 2468 " 27

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