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  D A Y

MISSION No. **216**

Date: **26 FEB. 45**

TO: **BERLIN , GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 216

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: BERLIN, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 12 A/C 94th "C" Group Screening Force formation. Also three spares were furnished both the 351st and 457th Group formations -- one being used in each group.

EXECUTION

1. Target Attacked: BERLIN, GERMANY
2. Screening Force Leader: Capt. W. RIEGLER  
Lead Navigator: Capt. H. D. WOOD (Peterson - MO)  
Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. J. W. RUSH
3. Flight Over England:
  - a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was at 0810 and in daylight hours. No one experienced any difficulty as the load was very light. One layer of low cloud 1,000 ft. thick, but no middle or high cloud.
  - b. Squadron Assemblies:

The squadron was slow in forming for unexplainable reasons but we left the buncher on time, on course and with all planes in formation and one spare. Assembly altitude was 11,000 feet.
  - c. Route Over England:

We followed the briefed route over England and were on time and on course at all control points.
4. Attack:
  - a. Flight to Target:

We approached Control point #.1 a little early but the required 360° turn killed our time for us. We then made our other timings good

Mission Summary Report(Cont'd)

4. a. Flight to Target (Cont'd)

but since 40th "A", division leader, was  $11\frac{1}{2}$  minutes late we did another 360° turn at IP. We were still well in front and were discharging chaff when division leader reached IP.

b. Flight from Target:

The flight from target was very uneventful. Our fighter support was good and we were just a little late on our timings. We reached control point # 4 four minutes late. Went out over coast at 18,000' instead of 16,000' as briefed.

c. Return to Base:

We let down over the channel to 1,700 feet and came in underneath the low cloud. All ships landed safely at base.

d. Weather:

Shortly after entering continental coast weather became 10/10's with the exception of a slight break over the Zuider Zee area. It then continued to be 10/10's to target.

e. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was not evident until IP was reached and then was described as good.

f. Comments on Formation:

Formation was good through out the entire mission.

g. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Spares Flying with 351st and 457th Groups:

Each filled in there respective formations and flew normally to the target. Each bombed on the leader and returned encountering no air opposition nor flak.

6. Aircraft Not Attacking:

A/C 43-38160 - Not Sortie. Returned early with loss of oil pressure. Check revealed material failure of external oil line, # 3 engine.

7. Enemy Opposition:

No flak nor air opposition encountered.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

8. Battle Damage:

None.

9. Casualties:

None.

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

11. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Chaff was discharged as briefed at the target.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Screening Force:

36,000 units of chaff were discharged on the primary target.

Spares flying with 351st and 457th:

A/C 468 (with 351st Gp) dropped 5 X 500# RDX and 4 X 500# IB on the secondary target. 1 bomb hung up and was jettisoned at 5240-1348 E.

A/C 662 (with 457th Gp) dropped 6 X 500# GP and 4 X 500# IB on the secondary target.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall (Scr. Force)	11	11	36,000 units of chaff				
Other Attacks	2	2	( 5	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			( 6	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			( 8	500#	IB	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			( 5	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			( 6	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			( 8	500#	IB	-	-
Other Expenditures			1	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			(24	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			(16	500#	IB	-	-
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			6	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			30	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			24	500#	IB	-	-

12. Lost Air Craft: None.

The End.

SCREENING FORCE  
94th C Group

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT RIEGLER Date: 26 Feb 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT TAUSIG

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

401st Bomb Group  
Takeoff. -  
*over Target*

613 SQU.

613 SQ. BARNOCK  
614 IN. ALLEN  
614 W. GOLDWELL  
615 TY BUZZARD

RIEGLER

449

CURRAN

TAUSIG

791

648

615 SQU.

614 SQU.

JONES

THOMPSON, R.

160 (Abort)

161

MAIRE

CRACRAFT

WHITE

TOBIN

551

146

602

478

STRAUSS

637

SCHLEIMANN

BLOESTCHER

992

506

SPARES

VIEHMAN

395

SPARES FOR PLK & GLATTON

Combat Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Sq. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Gp. Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

SQDL  
612 SQ. FALBROOK  
614 TR. MORO  
616 WF. GILMCLUB  
618 TI. BUZZARD

401st Bomb Group  
Takeoff.

POLEBROOK  
SQDL

GLATTON  
SQDL

COX

MARTIN

591

662

BAKER

BERNEBURG

MORAN

HARVESON

947

468

118

680

SPARES

Screening Force

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

Date 26 Feb. 1945

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

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

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track chart attached.
3. Narrative:

**Sqdn.** a. T/O at 0802 hours.  
b. ~~Group~~ formed at 0900 hours on Gottesmore buncher.  
at \_\_\_\_\_ 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, D.R., Radio**

f. Division formation was joined at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. at \_\_\_\_\_.  
g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

**Gee, Mickey, Pilotage, D.R.**

i. Bomb run. -- Screening force - not applicable

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

- (2) True heading over target \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) Actual drift \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) Altitude over target \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) Time bombs away \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) Wind used for bombing \_\_\_\_\_.
- (7) Method of target identification.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

(9) Weather over Target.

**10/10ths**

(10) Axis of withdrawal \_\_\_\_\_.

- 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, Mickey, Pilotage, 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 **Good**
- (2) Gee **Good**
- (3) Radio Compass **Good**
- (4) Fluxgate **Good**
- (5) Other equipment. **Good**

/s/ H. D. Wood

H. D. WOOD

Captain, A. C.

Lead Navigator, Screening force.



FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Capt. Wm. Riegler NAVIGATOR Capt. H. D. Wood - 1st Lt. J.M. Rush DATE 26 Feb. 1945  
Mickey - 1st Lt. G. E. Peterson

STATIONS	061	ENGINES	0710	TAXI	0755	T.O.	0810
LEAVE BASE	cont. 0905						
COAST OUT	0939						
ENEMY COAST	1025						
I.P.	1056						
TARGET	1154						
ENEMY COAST	1423						
END COAST	1530						
		WTR 1616					

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Z. Hr. = 0900  
 Ref alt = 23000  
 Oxygen = 5:30

WATCH..... Fast Slow RATE.....secs/hour Gaining Losing

At..... G.M.T. Div. assembly - Felixstowe to 52-44N 04-38E  
 Letdown on Cottesmore Buncher - 010 Mag.

FROM TO	ASS. 11000	W/V USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNC.	VAR.	MAG. HDNC.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE				
															TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.	
52-44N 00-39E	Donnington (G)		262/51	12000	150	154	056	-9	047	10	057	187	19	06	0905 0911	Depart			
52-55N 00-12E	Old Buckingham (D)		260/52	13000	150	156	120	-13	133	10	143	192	54	17 -1	0927				
52-29N 01-05E	Felixstowe (CP 1)		276/53	14000	150	162	162	-18	180	9	189	168	32	11 1/2	0939	Eng. Coast, CP 1,			
51-58N 01-21E			270/58	21000	150	173	070	-7	063	8	071	226	129	34 1/8	1025	Complete 8 min.	360°		
52-44N 04-38E			270/63	25000	150	188	093	-1	094	7	101	250	86	21 1/2	1047	Coast, CP 2	turn at coast		
52-40N 07-00E			290/65	25000	150	194	095	-5	90	6	096	256	34	08 1/2	1056	CP 3,			
52-38N 07-56E			"	"	"	133	-7	140	6	146	251	20	05	1101					
52-24N 08-20E			"	"	"	077	-10	067	5	072	247	142	34 1/2	1136		4 min. ahead of	40 A		
52-55N 12-05E			"	"	"	132	-7	139	4	143	253	32	07 1/2	1144	Discharge chaff				
52-33N 12-15E			"	25000	150	028	-18	360	4	004	187	28	09 1/2	1154	End chaff				
52-00N 13-00E			286/63	23500	170	216	275	-4	278	4	282	150	15 1/2	06 32	1227				
52-05N 11-05E			225	22000	150	185	275	-3	278	4	282	124	54 1/2	26	1227				
52-24N 08-20E			284/62	"	150	185	248	-11	259	5	264	122	108	49 1/2	1318				
52-38N 07-56E			"	"	"	313	-9	304	6	310	128	20	09 1/2	1328	CP 4,				
52-40N 07-00E			"	"	"	275	-3	278	6	284	123	34	17	1345					
52-44N 04-38E			270/63	22000	150	"	273	-1	272	7	279	123	55	27	1423	Coast. Set down at			
			270/59	16000	170	200	273	-1	140	32	86	19	40	-2	1423	07-30E			
			260/48	9000	170	170	276	-5	271	8	279	124	58	28	1530	Eng. Coast			
			260/37	20000	150	133	276	-4	272	9	281	097	63	121	1:07	1530			
			260/37	2000	150	135	253	-2	255	10	265	096	35	22	1552				
			"	2000	"	"	247	-4	251	10	261	097	39	24	1616	WTR			
			260/44	0 to 14000	150	144	114	-10	124	10	134	178	78	26	0904 0939	1770	Takes 35 min. to climb		
			268/54	11 to 14000	150	162	121	-11	132	10	142	204	87	26	0913 0939	Last time for Group	Departure.		

Flares - Normal. VHF - Auth "Bob Tail". Abandon Mission - "Sugar-Charlie-Dog". L.R. - Neuguppin 52-57N 12-49E

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAG. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		TO RUN		E.T.A.	
										DIST.	TIME	DIST.	TIME		
0802					Take off										
0825	278/60				weather ship	Cottesmore. Pagan circle	140	8400							
0900						Formation Complete. Depart 0905	150								
0912						point c	150	11000							
0915							150							0939	
0921			130			52-38N 00-23E	150			20	06	200	26 1/2	8	0929
0939			70			CP. #1. On time, on course	150	14000							
0942			63			51-58N 01-30E	150	15000							
0957	67	-4	63				150		162	47	15	189	82	26	1023
1001 1/2			61			52-21N 02-58E	150	18000							
1005	78	-17	61			285/70K	150	19000	175	30	8	225	54 1/2	14 1/2	1019 1/2
1011			55			52-31N 03-52E	150	19700							
1025 1/2			87			CP. #2	150	21000							
1028 1/2			87			52-44N 04-10E	150	21400	186						
1033			84				147	22000							

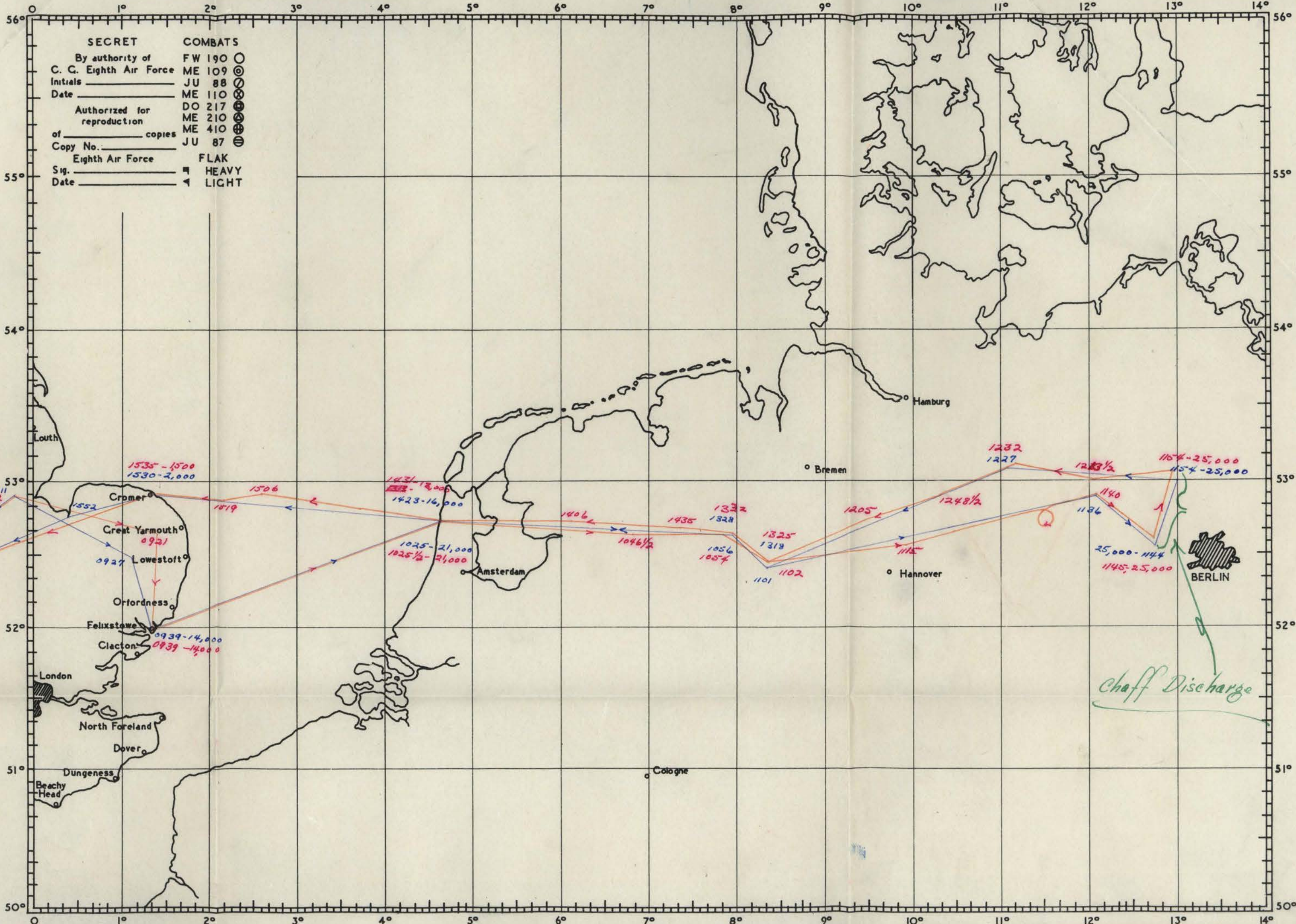
FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP	T. A. S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E. T. A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1039	93	-11 302/76K	82				150	23000	95 190	44	10 1/2	126 252	71	17	1056
1046 1/2			78		52-38N 06-48E		145	24600		56	19 1/2	250	41	10	1056 1/2
1054			137		52-38N 07-50E. CP #3. 1 1/2 min. early. on course		150	25000							
1102			61		52-27N 08-20E		145	25000							
1104 1/2			64		52-29N 08-47E		145	25000	191			296	124	31	1135 1/2
1115	82	-17 304/84K	65		52-31N 09-56E 304/84K		147			46 1/2	10 1/2	122 244	82	20	1135
1122			56		52-40N 10-32E		147	25000		66	17 1/2				
1135					360° turn to lose time		147	25000							
1140			139		Turned on IP		147	25000							
1145			340		Began chaff discharge 52-36N R2-44E		150	25000							
1157			283		53-03N 12-56E		160	24000				118	67	34	1231
1205	262	#21	283		12-26E 52-59N		160	22000 -28							
1213 1/2	278	#16	294		53-00N 12-00E. #17 dropped bombs and turned north			22000	186	34	16 1/2	124	33	16	1229 1/2
1223		306/80K	294		53-04N 11-39E					13	9 1/2	98			
1232			294		Turned at 52-06N 11-11E			22150							
1234 1/2			269		52-07N 11-04E, M.		150	22100							
1244 1/2			269		53-00N 10-40E, M.		145	22000 -28	180	18 1/2	10	112			
1248 1/2	245	#24	269		52-55N 10-20E 307/80K		150	22000 -28		30	14	128	128	36 1/2	1325
1305			269		D.R. 52-44N 04-27E		147	22160		35	16 1/2	128			
1312			265		52-36N 09-04E, M.		150	22150		41	23 1/2				
1325			309		52-26N 08-20E		147	22200							
1332			283		52-30N 07-56E		150	22200							
1340			285		52-39N 07-39E		163	21500							
1345			284		52-41N 07-20E		161	19600		11 1/2	5	138	64 97	28 42	1413 1427
1352			280		52-44N 06-55E		161	19000							
1358							161	18500							
1406			270		52-43N 06-7E		150	18000							
1431			280		Enemy Coast 52-44N 04-37E		160	18000							
1440			276				165	13500							
1447 1/2			276		52-49N 03-42E		170	9500		15 1/2	7 1/2	125	88	42	1529 1/2
1459			276				170	5000							
1506			276		52-55N 02-35E		152	1500							
1515			276		52-52N 02-22E		150	1500							
1519			276		52-52N 02-09E		150	"		9	4	135	30	13 1/2	1532 1/2
1535			250		English Coast										
1542			260							14	7	120	63	31 1/2	1613 1/2
1620					Pass										

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COMBATS

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*Chaff Discharge*

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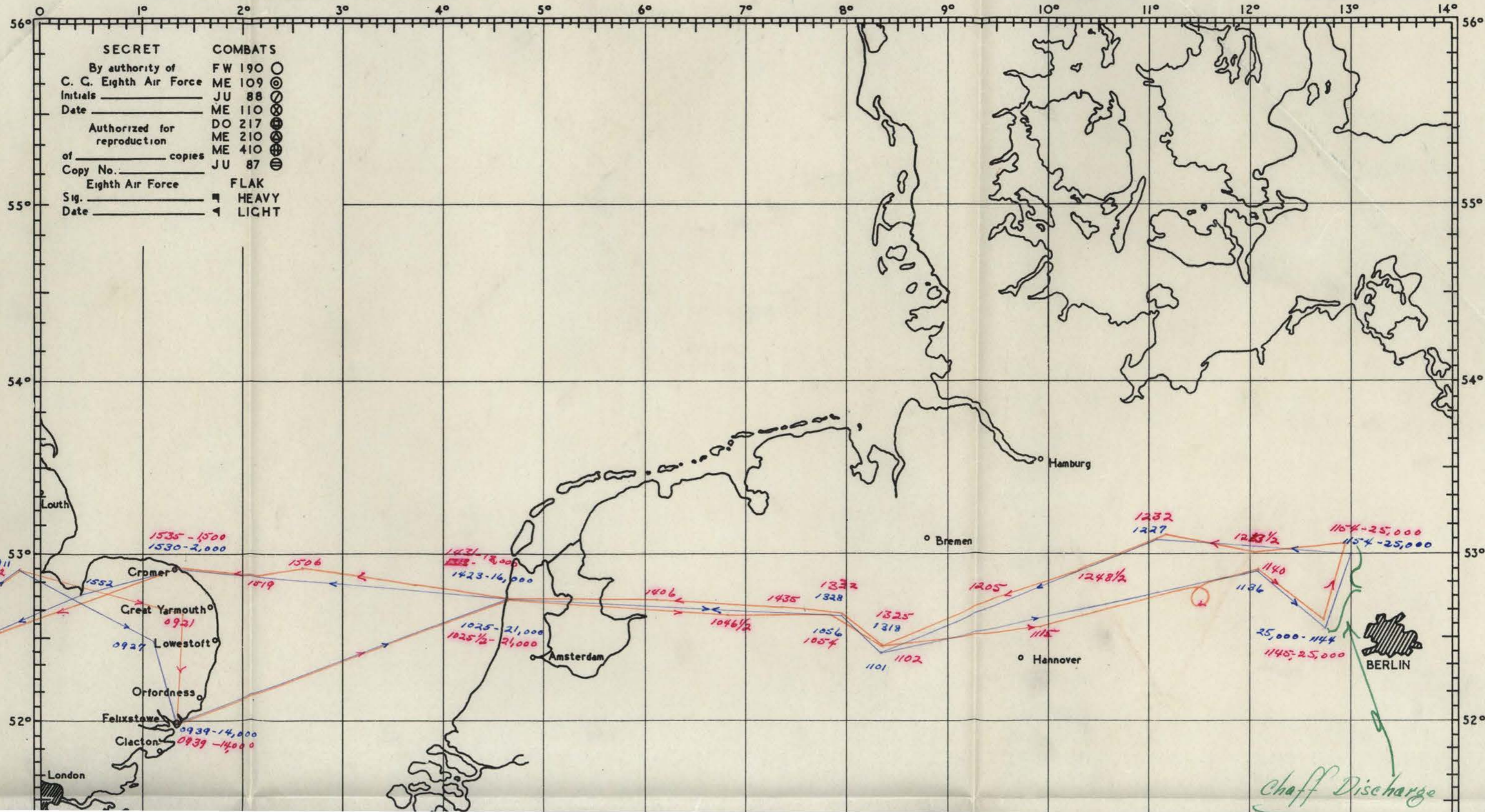
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DATE Feb. 26, 1945

TARGETS  
PRIMARY

Berlin, Germany

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Blue  
Red .. .. Briefed  
.. .. 401st B. G. (H)



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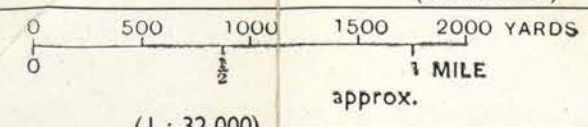
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SIGNAL EQUIPMENT DEPOT

BERLIN (Schöneberg)  
(GERMANY)

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The target is indicated by the letter 'a.' The other letters refer to targets listed in Tactical Target Dossier 5213E. (Advance Material Issue No. 1 August 1944.)

TYPE A

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Gp Mission # 216

Date 26 February 1945

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

	94th "C"	94th "A"	94th "B"
		Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
29. Non-Effective Sorties	1		
(a) Weather			
(b) Personnel			
(c) Enemy Action			
(d) Other Non-Mechanical			
(e) Mechanical & Equipment	(1)		
30. Mechanical & Equipment Failures			
(a) Engine			
(b) Oil System	1		
(c) Fuel System			
(d) Supercharger			
(e) Propeller & Governor			
(f) Communication System			
(g) Guns & Turrets			
(h) Bomb Release			
(i) Bombay Doors			
(j) Electric System			
(k) Instruments			
(l) Oxygen Equipment			
(m) Bomb Sights			
(n) A/C in General			

31. Reasons for Failure to Attack:

A/C 43-38160 - No Credit. Returned early with loss of oil pressure. Check revealed material failure of external oil line # 3 engine.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Bomb Group (H)

1st AD P. O. 641

Date of 26 February 1945

PART I -- ATTACKS & RESULTS

94th "C"

	Sern Force		94th "A"		94th "B"	
		Borrowed A/C		Borrowed A/C		Borrowed A/C
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--		--		--	
2. No. of A/C Sorties	13		3		3	
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp	13		1		1	
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	12		1		1	
5. No. of Effective Sorties	12		1		1	
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties	1		--		--	
(a) Early Returns Included	(1)					
7. Name of Primary Target			BERLIN			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	12					
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	Chaff					
8. Name of Secondary Target			BERLIN (PFF)			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			1		1	
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			5X500/RDX 4X580/IB		6X500/GP 4X500/IB	
9. Name of Last Resort Target (LRT)						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs						
10. Name of Target of Opportunity						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs						
11. Name of Target of Opportunity						
(a) No. of A/C Attacking						
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs						
12. No. of A/C MIA - TOTAL						
13. No. of A/C MIA - Flak						
14. No. of A/C MIA - Flak and E/A						
15. No. of A/C MIA - Enemy Aircraft						
16. No. of A/C MIA - Accident over E.T						
17. No. of A/C MIA - Other & Unknown						
18. Time of Take Off	0802		*		**	
19. Time of Attack	1145-1154		*		**	
20. Total Time for Mission	100		8.5		8.5	
21. Altitude of Release	25,000		*		**	
22. Type of Sighting (Vis. H2X, GH, etc)	--		*		**	
23. Enemy Resistance --AA Inten & Acc	None		Mod-Inacc.		Mod-Inacc.	
24. Enemy Resistance - Fighters	--		--		--	
25. Enemy Resistance - Bombers	--		--		--	
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	--		--		--	
27. No. of Passes made by Enemy A/C	--		--		--	
28. Degree of Success	Unobserved		Unobserved		Unobserved	

A/C borrowed from Groups: **None**

A/C loaned to Groups:

\* See Mission Summary of 351st Group

\*\* See Mission Summary of 457th Group

**CONFIDENTIAL**  
 HEADQUARTERS

J-A-4

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

Reference Field Order 641.

26 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 216.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:		2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>0</u>
Splashers	<u>1</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>14</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>19</u>
		AIRBORNE WITH GEE	<u>19</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

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

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>17</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>12</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>36.720</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>1</u>	6. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	7. H2X, <del>XXXXXX</del>	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	8. Carpet	<u>0</u>
4. <del>Liaison</del>	<u>0</u>	9. IFF	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	10. SCS-51	<u>NOT USED</u>

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.  
 MAJOR ~~XXXX~~, Air Corps,  
 Gp Com O.

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LEAD SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJOR MC CREE Date: 25 FEB. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. BODDIN

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT. BODDIN

*6 X 500 lbs 1/10 1/40  
+ 6 M17s 1 BS  
loaded per chart 12*

612 SQDN. 612 SC PALMCOCK  
612 IN 24500  
612 IN GOLFCLUB  
615 IN BRIZZARD

GOODMAN (MC CREE)  
IY S 8653 (PFF)

LOVELL BODDIN  
SC P 1891 SC Q 8153 (PFF)

612 SQDN. 615 SQDN

JONES SCHELLER  
SC R 2393 IN L 8941

SMITH CAMPBELL SHEPHERD MAY  
SC H 2598 SC D 6992 IN A 8458 IN J 1591

BLAETSCHER  
SC T 8788 (RCM)

FRENCH HUDNELL  
SC B 1662 SC S 8680  
SPARES

HOLT  
SC A 7628

PFF SPARE LEAD IN Q 8550 DISP 44  
GND SPARE IN O 7602 DISP 48

LOW SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT. DEMPSEY Date: 25 FEB. 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. GERBER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT. BODDIN

615 SQDN. 612 SG JABROCK  
614 IN 2999  
616 IN GOLFCLUB  
618 IN BOZZARD

DEMPSEY  
IY M 8707 (PFF)

MAIRE GERBER  
SG J 7790 IY Q 8077

615 SQDN. 615 SQDN

JONES STEELE  
IY A 8160 IN S 2947

GRACRAFT CALLAHAN YOUNG BRADLEY  
IN K 1072 IY K 8425 IN U 7766 (RCM) IN F 6513

GRIMM  
IY L 7561

MORAN SMITH  
IY C 2468 IY J 7113

SPARES

FLYING SPARE FROM 457th

PFF SPARE LEAD IN Q 8550 DISP 44

GND SPARE IN O 7602 DISP 48

HIGH SQDN. 94TH "B" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader:

LT. UTTER

25 FEB. 1945

Date:

Deputy Sq. Leader:

LT. SPÜHLER

Deputy Gp. Leader:

LT. BODDIN

614

SQDN

612 SC HARTSOCK

614 IN HAYRE

614 IW G. HOLMES

615 IN NIZZARD

UTTER

IW J 8525 (PFF)

AYRE

SPÜHLER

IW A 7931

IW R 7780

614

SQDN

613

SQDN

THOMPSON, R.

NIELSON

IN H 8607

IN D 6588 (RCM)

HOLMES

SORENSON

KELSO

CAREY

SC N 6506

IW F 7395

~~IN G 8791~~

IN N 8862

HARTSOCK

IW B 7151

FONIREN

GRAY

IW Q 7473

IW X 8565

SPARES

PFF SPARE LEAD IN Q 8550 DISP 44

~~GND SPARE IW O 7602 DISP 48~~

FLYING SPARE FROM 457TH

*100 607  
Expend tube off*

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

D-K-1

25 February 1945

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions on Mission to Munich, 25 Feb 45.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. The following comments were made with regards to formation flying on today's mission:

a. Lt. Kenneth J. Hartscock, Pilot A/C 7151 - climbed too fast, had to pull excessively in order to get up into formation.

b. Lt. Arthur D. Kelso, Jr., Pilot A/C 602 - High Box leader started climb late and we had to overboost, never were in good formation, even on bomb run.

c. Lt. Samuel R. Smith, Pilot A/C 7115 - we indicated 165 MPH from 11,000 to 24,000 feet climb and finally caught up at I.P. Engines are not going to take this continued beating.

d. Lt. Audrey J. Bradley, Jr., Pilot A/C 6513 - pulled 2400-42 inches and couldn't catch Low Squadron Lead. Pulled this for one hour.

e. Lt. Robert C. Meredith, Co-Pilot A/C 468 - formation was poor, too much strung out.

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

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W. B. Fry  
Group S-2 Officer*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFING OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_



1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group: BERLIN

Primary: PLAN A Western tip of a <sup>small</sup> marshalling yard in the Eastern part of the city, NNE of the airrome

PLAN B KASSEL An industry engaged in the manufacture of 2 1/2 + 3 3/4 ton lorries and probably the castings for locomotives & construction of boilers. Rated as a priority I target employing 1500 workers.

Secondary: PLAN B Kassel - just N. of marshalling yard

Last Resort: Plan A Neuruppin (5257-1249) A Engine Test Bede Polbrn B Hanger Clatten

PLAN B Biffeld - marshalling yard

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD: \_\_\_\_\_

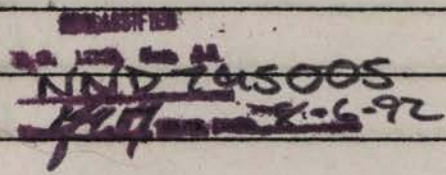
b. 2nd AD: \_\_\_\_\_

c. 3rd AD: \_\_\_\_\_

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Fighter Support: \_\_\_\_\_



b. VHF and Other Radio: (Security Force Information) \_\_\_\_\_

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape:  Flaps <sup>crew</sup> Bail out if jeopardized  
go as far east as possible  
High an altitude as possible  
Fire plans of withdrawal or penetration

b. S.O.P.'s \_\_\_\_\_

c. Miscellaneous: K-20's any special instruction

d. Security: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SUBJECT: Loading List  
 TO: Oper. Officer, 401 Bomb Gp (H), AAF, Station #128, APO#557.  
 Mission No. 216  
 26 February 1945

A/C 42-106992

P	Schliemann, Donald M.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Meyrowitz, Irving	2nd Lt.	"
N	Schneck, David	2nd Lt.	"
B	Swatosh, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Pendley, Garland E.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Kelly, John C.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Ford, Billie M.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Madden, Ted H.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Zabel, Bruce H.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Willet, Edward N.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-31662

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Matthesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Hill, Ben F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Milhone, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Hague, Kenneth A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Delawder, Joseph A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Borror, Norwood E.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Becker, Alex A.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 44-6506

P	Eloetscher, Andrew F.	1st Lt.	612th.
UP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Richards, Carl R.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Noble, Chester C.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Skaggs, Irl R.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Giles, Otho N.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Pahl, Arthur L., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38680

P	Harvesson, Lloyd C.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Parsons, Silas P.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Zacamy, John R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Moore, Kenneth V.	Sgt.	"
RO	Hall, Jewel L.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Brockway, Glenn L.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Crosby, Lewis A.	Sgt.	"
TG	Kuhn, Bill W.	Sgt.	"
WG	Jeter, Kenneth A.	Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38637

F	Strauss, Joseph D.	Major	612th.
CP	Lundgren, Robert P.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tarr, Charles Jr.	1st Lt.	"
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Chastain, Robert R.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Nimmons, Alston H.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Norris, Robert V.	Sgt.	"
TG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Pinkston, John S.	T/Sgt.	"
LWG	Murray, Howard M.	Sgt.	"
R.C.M,OG	Swanson, Theodore K.	Sgt.	"

- The End -



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

AAF Station # 128  
 26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List:

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

1. The following is the Loading List fir today's Mission.

PLANE 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMAN J.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Dreon, Louis L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Bode, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, Sterling S.	"

PLANE 42-97478

P	1st Lt.	TOBIN, WILLIAM L.	"
CP	1st Lt.	CAUHAPE, VICTOR	"
N	2nd Lt.	TURNER, CECIL L.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Orlando, Peter	"
RO	Sgt.	Kantor, Walter J.	"
TT	Sgt.	Bertram, Joseph W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Erzer, William J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Van Camp, Oliver H.	"
WG	Sgt.	Mc Alister, Jesse J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Smith, William F.	"

PLANE 42-97602

P	1st Lt.	WHITE, WELIE K.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	POTTER, FRED R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	AUFBRANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Wells, Cleburne D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	McCommis, Max I.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Whitney, Paul A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Viescas, Arturo B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Mc Quade, John B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Granz, Edwon R.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Gurnicki, Sigmund A.	"

PLANE 42-97395

P	2nd Lt.	VIEHMAN, EUGENE A.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	COUTTS, HAROLD K.	"
N	F/O	DOUIS, VICTOR J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	STALZER, JAMES J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Retzlaff, James A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Schwarz, Edwin D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Hobson, Kenneth E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Rutkowski, Joseph E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Hay, David M.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Mc Cormick, Edson C.	#

For the Squadron Commander:

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

26 February 1945

LOADING LIST

<u>PLANE NO.</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MI.</u>
43-38791	P	1st LT.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
	CP	2nd LT.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd LT.	BAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	S/SGT.	HARDIN	RAY	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	GIESKEN	GEO.	J.
	TT	T/SGT.	JOHNSON	ELMO	E.
	HT	S/SGT.	ZENKER	HAROLD	M.
	TG	S/SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	ANDERSON	EDDIE	W.
RCM	SGT.	STITT	JOHN	J.	
42-31591	P	2nd LT.	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	2nd LT.	SCEPHER	KENNETH	M.
	B	S/SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	T/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	S/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	HT	S/SGT.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	S/SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
42-192947	P	1st LT.	BAKER	KAY	A.
	CP	2nd LT.	LYNG	KENNETH	H.
	N	1st LT.	KORETSKY	HARRY	(NMI)
	B	1st LT.	MOORE	CARLTON	R.
	RO	T/SGT.	YORIO	FRANCIS	P.
	TT	T/SGT.	BACCIS	GEO.	B.
	HT	S/SGT.	GLOYD	SHIRLEY	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	SLATER	HAROLD	H.
	WG	S/SGT.	MORRISON	JULIUS	J.
44-8648	P	1st LT.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
	CP	2nd LT.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
	N	1st LT.	WALKER	DINSON	F.
	B	S/SGT.	BUCKSBATH	ELMER	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	T/SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	TG	S/SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
	V	2nd LT.	EATON	HARRY	M.
44-3449	P	CAPT.	RIEGLER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	CP	2nd LT.	MALONEY	JOSEPH	M.
	N	CAPT.	WOOD	HORACE	O.
	H	1st LT.	RUSH	JAMES	J.
	B	S/SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	RO	T/SGT.	MOLLER	THEODORE	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	SEELY	KARL	W.
	TG	2nd LT.	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	QUIST	FRED	M.
	V	1st LT.	PETERSON	GEO.	W.

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

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Loading Lists:

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 # 42-107113

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Moran	Joseph	P.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Meredith	Robert	G.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Dobrowolsky	Michael	(NMI)	"
B	Sgt.	Donald	Robert	W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kalogeras	Chris	G.	"
TT	Sgt.	Barnes	Edwin	L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Adkisson	Cecil	F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Yousmans	Paul	L.	"
FG	Sgt.	Ross	William	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42-108459

P	F/O	Berneburg	Laverne	L.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Jancsek	Walter	(NMI)	"
N	F/O	Beuscher	Clinton	J.	"
B	Sgt.	Bailey	Frank	W.	"
RO	Cpl.	Hanes	Billy	R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Bush	Wilbur	R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Backus	Marvin	L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Key	James	W.	"
FG	Sgt.	Dick	Charles	B.	"

PLANE # 43-57551

P	1st Lt.	Haire	Frederick	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Monberger	Charles	A.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Landry	Lawrence	B.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mabrey	William	T.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Barr	Thomas	H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Floyd	Norris	C.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiegel	Clifford	H.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Nowak	Frank	P.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Ward	Charles	A.	"

PLANE # 44-6146

P	1st Lt.	Cracraft	George	K.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hages	Eldon	G.	"
N	2nd Lt.	King	Jack	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fenwick	Gordon	S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Spoor	Richard	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hudson	Leonard	H.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Baker	Richard	B.	"
RWG	Sgt.	Joyner	Oliver	H.	"

PLANE # 43-58160

P	1st Lt.	Jones	Robert	S.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Dunigan	Maurice	(NMI)	"
N	F/O	Steinman	Philip	B.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Garr	Richard	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	DeLong	Billie	D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Konyra	Joseph	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Foutch	James	W.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Geiger	Lewis	O.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Akins	Ora	R.	"