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MISSION No. **232**

Date: **19 MAR. 45**

TO: **PLAUEN , GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

- 1. Assigned Target: MOLBIS, GERMANY (Vis)
- 2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. Two PFF A/C were included in the lead squadron with one included in each of the other two. A spare accompanied the lead and high squadrons.

EXECUTION

- 1. Target Bombed: PLAUEN, GERMANY (PFF)
- 2. a. Group Leader: Lt. Col. D. E. SILVER (Campbell)
 - Lead Navigator: Capt. R. F. WHITNEY (Tharpe-MO)
 - Extra Navigator: 2nd Lt. D. L. PATRICK
 - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. E. K. STOUT
- b. Low Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. R. S. HUBBELL
 - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. G. J. MOORE (Goodman-MO)
 - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. S. W. FLIEG
- c. High Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. M. J. KOCHERL
 - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. M. RUSH (Barnes-MO)
 - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. M. L. MOORE

- 3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff and Route to Buncher:

All scheduled A/C took off as briefed and preceded to the continental buncher, the weather over England being too poor for assembly. All ships reached the A-39 buncher satisfactorily.

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3. b. Squadrons and Group Assemblies:

Assemblies on the continental buncher were very good and this group circled right behind the Wing leader and when he departed the buncher 94th "B" was right in proper position in the Wing. The Wing proceeded to the Division assembly line and made a good Division assembly and 94th "B" fell into proper #6 position.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Flight to target was on course except when it was necessary to deviate from course to get out of contrails. Climbed up to bombing altitude as soon as possible to get out of the real thick haze. Flew on course to a point north of Chemnitz and made this the IP for a run on target #3.

b. Bombing Run:

We recieved a call from Buckeye 30 minutes before the IP that the target was covered by thick haze. It was decided after conferring with the Division leader to go to the original IP and head for the target. In the event that it could not be bombed visually a turn would be made toward Elauen, the H2X target. Heavy haze and contrails prevented a visual run on the #1 target, a turn was made toward the #3 target. Mickey gave his first clutch in point, the following checks were excellent. Directly over the target we could see straight down but not out, bombs away at 1130. Results excellent, C-1 OK.

c. Flight From Target:

Flight from target was on course and the Group did not have as much trouble with contrails as on the route in. Letdown was started over Belgium.

d. Return to Base:

Many ships had to leave formation and land for gasoline on the continent and due to bad weather, some have not yet returned. The group had no flak and no fighter attacks and crossed out over the lines with all 36 A/C - all have been accounted for.

e. Weather:

Weather enroute was varying from 10/10ths cloud coverage with considerable ground haze to 10/10ths at target. Immediately after bombs away a break in cloud coverage enable downward visibility from 3 to 5 miles. Dense, persistent contrails were encountered on way in between 4 and 5 degrees East, continuing over target and on route back until Rhine was crossed.

f. Fighter Support:

Good.

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4. g. Comments on Formation and Interval:

Formation was very good under the circumstances and it is believed the interval was good although the other Groups could not be seen for long periods of time.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Believe "Buckeye Red" did a very good job of helping out as much as possible under the circumstances and did all he could in order to get bombs on an enemy target.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

All scheduled A/C attacked.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No enemy air nor ground opposition was 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:

Due to the very bad ground haze, strikes can not be appraised. However, it is certain the bombfall was good - strikes being near the center of the city.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Sqdn:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 120 X 500# GP bombs. The spare returned 10 GP's to base.

Low Sqdn:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 113 X 500# GP and 7 X 500# RDX bombs.

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10. b. High Sqdn:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the target, dropping 84 X 500# GP and 36 X 500# RDX bombs. The spare returned 10 X 500# GP's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber	Size	Type	Fusing	
						Nose	Tail
Main Bombfall	36	36	317	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			43	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			317	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			43	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Other Expenditures			-	-	-	-	-
Bombs Returned			20	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			337	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
			43	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted by:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer

Lead Sqdn 94th "B" Gp:

Combat Sq. Leader: LT COL SILVER Date: 19 March 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt TAUSIG

Deputy Gp. Leader: Lt TAUSIG

401st at T/O, Cruise &
OVER-TARGET

SQDN

- 612 SQ JENCK
- 613 TR SANDER
- 614 IW GOLFOUB
- 615 IY SULLARD

CAMPBELL(SILVER)

449(PFF)

LINDSEY

TAUSIG

931

153(PFF)

SQDN

THOMPSON, R.

SQDN

DJERNES

646(spot)

2468

GRAY

SORENSEN

HOLMES

JORDAN

151

146

322

758

STAUFFER

677

PARK

VIEHMAN

565

738(spot)

SPANG

JAMES

012(ret early)

94th "B" Gp: Low Sqdn.

Combat Sq. Leader: **LT HUBBELL**

Date: **19 March 1945**

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Low Sqdn at I/O, Cruise &

OVER-TARGET.

HUBBELL

- 612 SC LANZACK
- 613 TA MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFOUB
- 615 IY BULLARD

550(PFF)

GEREN

HART

125(spot)

941

SqLn

SqLn

SHELLER

NIELSON

458

6313

MC KENNY

CAREY

KELSO

LITCHFIELD

706(spot)

862

842

983

SMITH

160

BERNEBURG

MAHARICK

2947

591

SPACES

94th "B" Gp.

Combat Sq. Leader:

LT KOCHHEL

Date:

19 March 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader:

Deputy Gp. Leader:

401st High Sqdn at T/O, Cruise &

OVER-TARGET.

KOCHHEL (STRAUSS)

- 613 SS LINWICK
- 618 IA BECKE
- 614 IW GOLFEUB
- 615 IY BULLARD

7947(PFF)

NOLAN

BODDIN

637

6947

SqDN

CAMPBELL

SqDN

MAIRE

EXX

733(spot)

664

HOWARD

MARTIN

DE MARCE

STEPHENS

662

039

790

7113

SMITH

810

SPENCE

MORAN

788(spot)

398

SPARE

AHLERS

132(ret early)

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

Date 3/15/45

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Flauen, 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:

- a. T/O at 0811 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1115 hours on A-39 buncher.
at 14000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1115 hours at 14000 A-39.
- d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.
D.R. Radio Gee

f. Division formation was joined at 1225 hrs. at 49 12N 05 41

g. Flight to I.P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.
Briefed I.P. for Secondary

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
Gee Mickey D.R. Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.

Changed I.P. for secondary 51 05N 12 49E

- (2) True heading over target 228.
- (3) Actual drift 13
- (4) Altitude over target 26000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1429~~8~~
- (6) Wind used for bombing 325/45.
- (7) Method of target identification.

FFF

~~(8) Difficulties on bomb run.~~

None

(9) Weather over Target.

Thick haze

(10) Axis of withdrawal 270 degrees.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 26000 at 1430 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
- m. Flight home was ~~not~~ as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R. PFF "G"

o. Winds aloft were ~~not~~ called out to the formation.

p. Fighter rendezvous were ~~not~~ as briefed.

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey **O.K.**
- (2) Gee **D.K.**
- (3) Radio Compass **O.K.**
- (4) Fluxgate **O.K.**
- (5) Other equipment. **Interphone bad**

1st Lt. R.F. Whitney
1ST LT. R. F. WHITNEY
LEAD NAVIGATOR

Lead Navigator.

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

Date 3/19/55

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on PLAUEN (SECONDARY)

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

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

- a. T/O at 0815 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1115 hours on A-39 buncher.
at 13000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1115 hours at 1000.
- d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.
"G" Radio D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 1200 hrs. at 49 12N 05 41.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~xxx~~) as briefed.
Secondary I.P.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
"G" Mickey D.R.

i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (~~xxxx~~) as briefed.

Changed I.P. for Secondary

- (2) True heading over target 225.
- (3) Actual drift 413.
- (4) Altitude over target 25000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1430.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 325/44.
- (7) Method of target identification.

PFF

~~(8) Difficulties on bomb run.~~

None

(9) Weather over Target.

Thick Haze

(10) Axis of withdrawal 270.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 25000 at 1430 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at 24000 at 1435 hrs.
- m. Flight home was ~~xxx~~ as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R. PFF "G" Pilotage Radio

- 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
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other equipment.

All Good

George J. Moore
 1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator (Low)

Lead Navigator.

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

Date 3-19-45

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Flaun 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:

- a. T/O at 0813 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1115 hours on A-39 buncher.
at 15000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1115 hours at A-39.
- d. Route over England was ~~not~~ flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.
"G" Radio D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 1200 hrs. at 49 12N 03 41E
- g. Flight to I.P. was ~~not~~ as briefed.

To Secondary I.P. as Briefed

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
Gee Mickey D.R. Pilotage

1. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 220.
- (3) Actual drift 110.
- (4) Altitude over target 27000.
- (5) Time bombs away 320/36 1429 1/2.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 300/36.
- (7) Method of target identification.

H2X

~~(8) Difficulties on bomb run.~~

Contrails

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths Ground Haze

(10) Axis of withdrawal 260.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 52 20W 12 10 at 1432 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at 1435 hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at 1435 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 **excellent**
- (2) Gee **good**
- (3) Radio Compass **fair**
- (4) Fluxgate **good**
- (5) Other equipment. **O.K.**

James M. Rush
JAMES M. RUSH
1st Lt., Air Corps (

Lead Navigator. (High)

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Colonel Silver AG NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Whitney Lt. Patrick DATE 19 March 1945

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 C.M.T.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNC.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE			
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
Base Leicester	210	0 - 3000	150	133	291	-11	280	11	291	127	21	10	0908				
52 30N 01 08N Oxford	234	21000	150	145	185	11	196	11	207	119	53	27	0945				
51 45N 01 15N Sp. #11	240	14000	150	158	161	A15	176	10	186	144	46	19	1004				
51 01N 00 51 Rancher / A-39	240	14000	150	162	154	A16	170	9	179	151	197	1:18	1122				
49 03N 01 22N Rancher C-2	240	13500	150	161	055	-1	054	8	062	206	128	7:4	1204				
49 18N 01 02N Rancher C-2	275	17500	150	166	095	0	093	7	102	196	65	20	1224				
49 12N 05 42N 50 08N 07 40N	275	17500	150	171	054	-8	046	6	052	196	95	29:4	1257	C.P. #1	1212		
50 25N 09 00N	319	21500	150	177	072	-11	060	6	067	189	55	18	1315				
50 19N 12 15N	322/18	26000	150	190	093	-12	081	5	086	214	82	23	1351				
50 35N 13 14N	330/31	"	150	197	067	-15	052	4	056	196	41	13	1404				
50 55N 13 20N	"	26000	"	"	010	-10	360	3	003	154	21	09:1	1413	I.P.			
51 11N 12 30N	"	"	150	"	297	A8	305	4	309	152	35	14:2	1429	TARGET			
50 51N 12 29N	330	23500	170	220	182	A7	189	A	193	262	20	05	1434				
50 40N 11 47N	343	19500	170	208	248	A12	260	A	264	193	29	09:1	1444				
50 25N 09 00N	319	19500	150	177	262	A11	273	A5	278	153	108	43:1	1528				
50 08N 07 40N	319	19500	150	177	252	A12	264	A6	270	158	55	21:1	1550	C.P. #2	1505		
50 52N 01 35N	287/33	8000	170	183	281	A	282	A7	289	150	87	23	1730				
Dungeness	244/34	8000	150	148		-8	273	A8	281	120	121	22:1:30		Coast			
	236	8000	150	148	278	-10	268	A9	277	117	23	12	1742	English Coast			
50 55N 00 58N Splasher #8	"	8000	150	148	289	-12	277	A9	286	122	21	11	1752	Division Break up			
50 02N 00 27N Wiesbeck	230/35	2000	170	159	354	-10	341	A10	354	176	35	12	1830	Ring Break up			
	210/45		150	133		-6	348		358	153	64	25					

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	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	
0811			260		Base Take off										
0823			260		52 25N 01 07N A/G		150	1000							
0825			196					1000							
0826			196		52 25N 01 14N Air Commander wishes to stay at 1000		170	1000							
0833			191		52 08N 01 16N		150	1000							
0836			191		52 02N 01 16N		150	1000							
0842			185		51 52N 01 17N Start Climb		140	1000							
0846			185		Oxford A/G		140	2500							
0846			172		Oxford		140	2500							
0851			172		51 35N 01 10N		144	5000							
0857	152	A20	172	253/40N	51 25N 00 58N	6000 A	138	7500	133	14	06	134	22	10	0907
0906			180		51 02N 00 46N		142	10500							
0906			180		51 02N 00 46N		142	11000				147	197	1:17	1023
0925			170		50 43N 00 34N		147	11300							
0922			170		50 26N 00 22N Weather Ship 237/40		147	11300							

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNC.	MAG. 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	
0928	154	A16	170	251 42K	50 12N 00 10W	See Wind	147	11300	153	16 1/2	06 1/2	152	141	55 1/2	1024
0935	156	A17	173	251 44	49 56N 00 00	See Wind	148	"	"	17 1/2	07	150			
0941	156	A17	173	238 44K	49 44N 00 09E	See Wind	"	"	"	31	13	143			
0947			173	240 35K	49 38N 00 13E	Boab Wind	"	"	"						
0956			176		49 04N 00 36E		151	11500 -5							
1004	167	A9	176	232 27	4 8 51N 00 42E	See Wind (149 at 11500)	149	13000	166	18	7	154	54	21	1025
1025			170	255 46	A-39	Filetage Wind Circling Buncher	150	14000 -10							
1115						Group Formed (but 2 ships)									
1120			150		A-39	2 min early leaving buncher	150	14000 -10							
1130			054		A-39	On Course	150	14000 -10							
1124			050	264 38K	48 10N 01 34E	Bombate wind	150	14000 -10							
1130	056	-6	050	260 42K	48 21N 02 00E	See Wind	150	14000 -10	162	20	6	200	98	29 1/2	1259 1/2
1138	55	-7	048	288 25K	48 35N 02 28E	See Wind	150	14000	162	23 1/2	8	176			
1142	056	-7	049	285 26 K	48 43N 02 46E	See Wind	150	14000	162	37	14 1/2	178			
1148			049		48 51N 03 02E	Started Climb	150	14000							
1155			030		49 06N 03 30E		147	15500 -13							
1203			060		49 18N 04 02E	A/C	148	17500 -18							
1205			073		49 18N 04 20E							194	85	20	1223
1206			073				150	17500 -18							
1208			090		49 18N 04 20E		150	17500 -18							
1218			094		47 19N 05 19E		150	17500 -18							
1225			105		49 12N 05 41E		150	17500 -18							
1225			066		49 12N 05 41E		150	17500				187	95	30 1/2	1255 1/2
1228			040		49 19N 06 05E		150	17500 -18							
1234			046		49 31N 06 09E		150	17500 -18							
1240			065		49 39N 06 32E		150	17500 -21							
1255			030		C.P. #1	2 min early 2 miles right	150	21000 -25							
1255			060		C.P. #2	A/C	150	21000				204	55	16	1311
1300			058		50 14N 08 08E		150	21500							
1304			058		50 20N 08 32E	Wiley Fix	150	22000 -17							
1309			060		50 24N 08 46E	A/C	150	23000 -19							
1309			081		50 24N 08 46E		150								
1313			081		50 18E 09 09E	Wiley Fix	150	23500							
1317			083		50 26E 09 30E	Wiley Fix	150	24000							
1324	92	-9	083	320 41K	50 29E 10 10E	Wiley Wind	147	24500 -32	173	25 1/2	07	218	80	22	1348
1333	94	-11	084	330 47K	50 29E 11 02E	Wiley Wind	146	25500	200	33 1/2	9	223	47	14 1/2	1349 1/2
1347			085		50 15E 12 13E		147	26000 -36							
1347			080		50 15E 12 13E		146	26000 -36							
1351			055		50 21E 12 39E										
1357			055		50 24E 13 19E		149	26600 -36							
1357			340		50 24E 13 14E		150	26000 -36							

SIGNED

NAVIGATOR

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	
1525			265		50 10N 08 07E Mickey fix		150	21500							
1533			290		G.P. #2	at 17 min early	150	21500							
1533			290		G.P. #2		150	21500							
1540			290		50 06N 07 07E		166	18500 -19							
1546	287	f3	290	300/44	50 06N 07 07E	Geo Wind 17500 -16	167	16500	188	14 1/2	0 6	145			
1552	289	f1	290	290/42	50 16N 06 23E	Geo Wind 16000 -13	169	14000	192	30	12	15 0			
1600			285		50 20N 05 55E		170	12000 -5							
1606	282	f3	285	299/30	50 23N 05 33E	Geo W. 11000 -3	168	10000	174	14 1/2	06	145			
1615	282	f2	284	303/17	50 27N 05 02E	Geo Wind 9000 f2	167	7500	169	20 1/2	08	153			
1617			285		Remar		165	6500							
1627			284		50 36N 04 20E P.P.		150	5000 f6							
1629 1/2			280	305/43	50 36N 04 19E	Bombate wind	147	5000 f6	140						
1637			274	390/37	50 39N 03 59E	Bombate wind	147	"	"						
1643	281	-7	274	350/34	50 41N 03 42E		"	"	"	11	06	110	81	44	1727
1648				252/30	Bombate Wind		"	"	"						
1658 1/2			270		50 42N 02 59E		"	"	"						
1705	276	-2	274	363/20	50 43N 02 40E		"	"	"	13	06 1/2	120	42	21	1726
1715 1/2			278		50 26N 02 08E		"	"	"			120	21	10 1/2	1726
1727			279		50 52N 01 35E	Cont Coast	"	"	"						
1727			279		50 52N 01 35E		"	"	"						
1739			279		50 57N 00 58E	English Coast	"	"	"						
1739			320		50 57N 00 58E		150	3500							
1743 1/2			320		51 04N 00 49E		150	4000							
1747			315		51 11N 00 42E		150	4500							
1751			310		51 16N 00 33E										
1755 1/2			315		51 23N 00 24E		15 0	4500							
1801			320		51 33N 00 13E		150	4500							
1805			320		51 40N 00 08E		150	4500							
1810			320		51 50N 00 00		150	4500							
1814			320		51 58N 00 08W		150	4500							
1820			320		52 11N 00 20W		150	4500							
1839					Free Landing										

Certified a true copy of the Lead Navigator's Log:

JAMES F. EGAN
 Major, Air Corps
 Group Navigator

TRACK CHART

DATE March 19, 1945

TARGETS

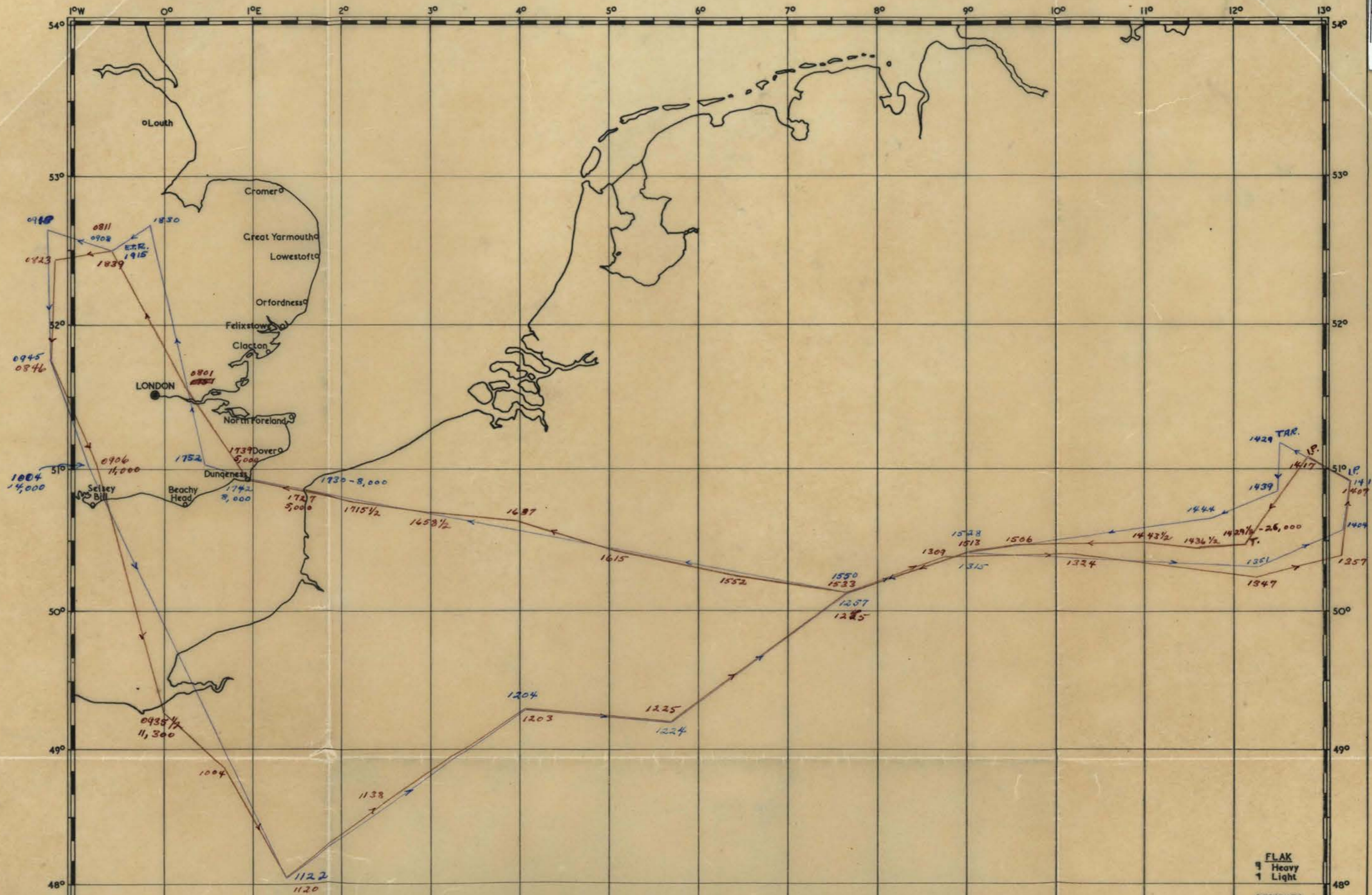
PRIMARY _____

Secondary #3 Rauen, Germany

Blue
Brown

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

Briefed
40 Lt. S.G. (H)



FLAK
1 Heavy
1 Light

COMBATS
FW 190 ○
JU 88 ⊙



Statute Miles 0 20 40 60 80 100

FLAK
 9 Heavy
 1 Light

- COMBATS
- FW 190 ○
 - JU 88 ⊗
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 - ME 210 ⊗
 - ME 410 ⊗
 - ME 163 ⊗
 - ME 262 ⊗



PLAUEN

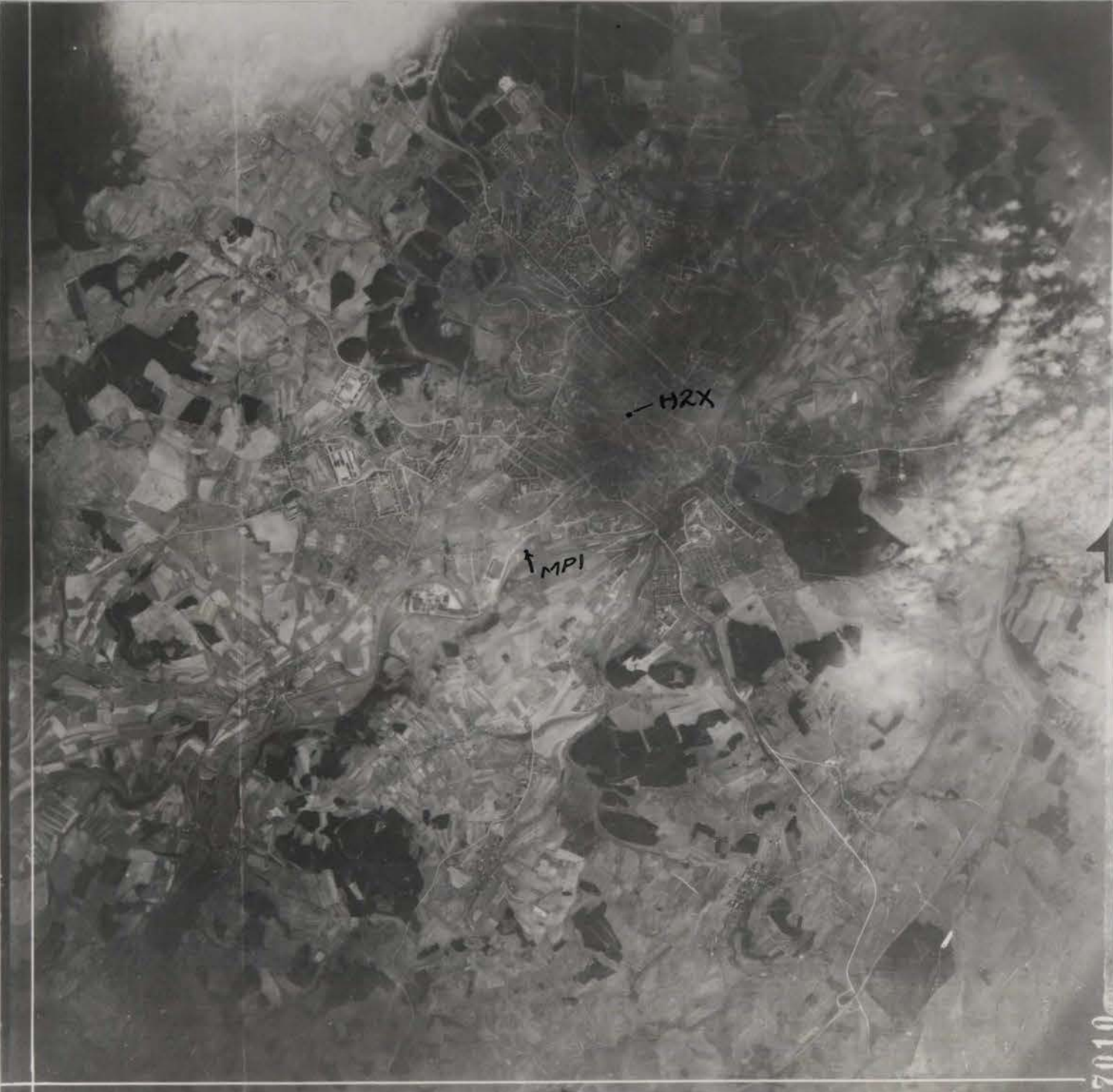
A: CELLULOSE FACTORY
B: ENGINEERING AND A.F.V. WORKS

C: SPINNING MILL

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#2. Vis.
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATION

401st Bomb Group (H) 1st AD W. O. 661 Date of 19 Mar 45

PART I - ATTACKS & RESULTS

94 "B" Gp

	LEAD	LOW	HIGH
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--	--	--
2. No. of A/C Sorties	11-2*	11-1*	12-1*
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp	10-2	11-1	11-1
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	10-2	11-1	11-1
5. No. of Effective Sorties	10-2	11-1	11-1
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties	--	--	--
(a) Early Returns Included			
7. Name of Primary Target	MOLBIS (Vis)		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
8. Name of Secondary Target	PLAUEN (PFF)		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	11-1	11-1	11-1
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	120X 500# GP	113X 500# GP 7 X 500# RDX	84X 500# GP 35X 500# RDX
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	None	None	None
13. No. of A/C MIA - Flak			
14. No. of A/C MIA - Flak and E/I			
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	0811	0815	0813
19. Time of Attack	1430	1430	1429 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Total Time for Mission	119.0	119.0	120.0
21. Altitude of Release	26,000	25,000	27,000
22. Type of Fighting (Vis, H2X, GH, etc)	H2X	H2X	H2X
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Inten & Acc	None	None	None
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	Good	Good	Good

A/C borrowed from Groups:

A/C loaned to Groups:

* Second figure indicates PFF A/C

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Gp Mission # 232

Date 19 Mar 45

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

94" B" GP

	LEAD	LOW	HIGH
	<small>Bottom of 1/2</small>	<small>Bottom of 1/2</small>	<small>Bottom of 1/2</small>
29. Non-Effective Sorties	None	None	None
(a) Weather			
(b) Personnel			
(c) Enemy Action			
(d) Other Non-Mechanical			
(e) Mechanical & Equipment			
30. Mechanical & Equipment Failures			
(a) Engine			
(b) Oil System			
(c) Fuel System			
(d) Supercharger			
(e) Propeller & Governor			
(f) Communication System			
(g) Guns & Turrets			
(h) Bomb Release			
(i) Bomb Doors			
(j) Electric System			
(k) Instruments			
(l) Oxygen Equipment			
(m) Bomb Sights			
(n) A/C in General			

31. Reasons for Failure to Attack:

None

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 12 E. Modified
 1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. STOUT DATE 19 March 1945
 PILOT CAPT CAMPBELL (SILVER) TAKE OFF 0812
 NAVIGATOR LT. WHITNEY AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1840
 OBJECTIVE PLAUEH, GERMANY (MPI)

METHOD OF ATTACK X
 Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 38 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____

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

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 317 GP 43 RDX RELEASED 317GP 43 RDX

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target <u>1100</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>-40</u> Actual <u>-34</u>
True Altitude above target <u>24800</u>	Mag Head, order <u>311</u> Actual <u>252</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>26000</u>	True Heading <u>228</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>-346 @ SL</u>	Drift, Est <u>10L</u> Actual <u>11L</u>
Altimeter setting <u>28.82</u>	True Track <u>217</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>150</u>	Actual Range <u>14,813</u>
G.S. Est <u>180</u> Actual <u>205</u>	B.S. Type <u>H-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>330</u> Actual <u>325</u>	Time of Release <u>1430</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>58</u> Actual <u>46</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>Min</u>
D.S. <u>127.8</u> Trail <u>61</u> ATF <u>42.19</u>	Length of Bombing Run <u>40miles</u>
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.37</u> Actual <u>.56</u>	C-1 Pilot <u>OK</u> A-5 <u>--</u>
Mean Temp: Metro <u>-13</u> Actual <u>-11</u>	Manual Pilot <u>--</u>
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>Min</u>
Low Sqdn Altitude <u>25000</u> Time of Release <u>1430</u> Mag Heading <u>229</u>	
High Sqdn " <u>27000</u> " <u>1429½</u> " <u>224</u>	

I certify that the above figures have been checked and are correct.

JULIUS PICKOFF
 Major, Air Corps

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

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413.44

19 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 232. (Field Order 661)

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>2</u>
a. MF Beacons	<u>13</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings (QDM's)	<u>0</u>
b. Bunchers, England	<u>9</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
c. Bunchers, Continent	<u>18</u>	5. Distress Action (SOS's)	<u>0</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF RADAR

	<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>		<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>
1. Gee	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	4. Gee-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2. H2X	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	5. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
3. Micro-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	6. Carpet (Spot)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
7. Total aircraft releasing Chaff				<u>12</u>	
8. Total number of units released				<u>5,184</u>	

SECTION THREE - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>0</u>	7. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	8. H2X	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	9. Micro-H	<u>0</u>
4. Liaison	<u>0</u>	10. Gee-H	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	11. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>0</u>
6. SCS-51	<u>0</u>	12. Carpet (Spot)	<u>0</u>

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

* BASED ON 16 A/C RETURN

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 Maj, A C,
 Gp Com O.

DATE: 19 March 1945

DUTY OFFICER: Lt. Red

Briefing at 4:45 hours.

BRIEFING OFFICER: Lt. Miller

ETR - PLAN A - 1801
B - 1800

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group: (5-111-1230) "A" plan.

Primary: #1 - MOEBIS - Power station one of three plants

supplying electrical power for province of Saxony, supplies
Leipzig & Chemnitz. Also in same area is a large tax &
by-products plant. Your MPI is center of group of buildings
on SE corner of target area. (A+B on this - C is killing
power station in center of area.) Bombing altitude: 26000'

Target altitude 5-30' ("B" plan, 401st will take "C"'s MPI) visual.

Secondary: #2 - PLAUEV - cellulose factory, manufacturing
artificial wood & other ersatz material. MPI - (A+B) boiler visual

house on SW edge of target area; (C) MPI, spinning mill in center

Last Resort: #3 - PLAUEV - H₂X.

#4 - Conv T/O 5-230-0500 - 5-230-1200 - 5-000-1200 - 5-000-0500 - 5-230-0500.

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: All on same targets. A+B (45th &
401st) same MPI's. C (351st) will take 40 A on same MPI.
(40th B & C on same target.)

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

1A - FCAK BATTERY.	(401 st B)	(12 Sps)
1B 41B 41D	94A 40 A	MOEBIS second over target.
H1A 41C	B C C	

5-111-1223 BOHLER

b. 2nd AD: Baunheim (4841-1049) - Neuburg (4843-1119) Leipheim
(4826-1014) 32 Sps.

c. 3rd AD: Rudlark (5-129-1353) - Lutzendorf (5-118-1152)
13 Sps.

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: Forming over continent.

~~3-1-2~~ 3-1-2

b. Fighter Support: 10 Sps P-51's - 2 Sps in close support.

3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION.

a. Flak: 92 jets in range.

b. Enemy Fighters: moderate & intense expected -

c. Smoke Screens: None Known

d. Camouflage: None Known

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

a. Wing Assembly: Corridor from 8 assembly; Base to Leicester to Oxford & Beacon II & Bunker A-39.

(94th CBW Bunch - 4803-0123)

b. Air Commanders: Wing - Nelson

94th CBW - Major Stans - "B" Sq (401st) Col. Silver

c. Zero Hour and Date: 0900 -

d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force: Special work blankets & robes for continental diversion

5. SUPPLY:

a. Gas Load: 2780

b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) 1285-20 - 1/10 - 1/40 -

#142, Halo. #314, minimums.

c. Chaff Load (point and Time of Commencing Discharge)

JP + 6 min - for 18 min - 432 units

d. Screening Force: 3 Mosquitoes

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares and Lamps: None

b. VHF and Other Radio: (Grounding Force Information)

Security Force - 8-P-51's - Backup Rel. for weather 20 min.
before bombers.
VHF Relay A/C - 40th CBW in 5-130-0200 at 20,000'
from O + 100.-

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape: S.O.P. - watch for Russian lines.
Avoid civilians + party forces. (Kozzi).

b. S.O.P.'s Attached -

c. Miscellaneous: Russian rec signals #1 - Rock wisp 3-5 times
#2 - Fire red flare.

d. Security: Emphasize too much TALKING between briefing
and take-off.

Penetration Filmies:

- 1) R.F. Albitrey
- 2) G. Moore
- 3) M.H. Andrews
- 4) C. Tamm Jr.
- 5) J.M. Bush
- 6) Boddini Dave.

SECRET

612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 401st Bombardment Group (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

Mission 23C
 19 March 1948

Subject : Loading List

To : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb. Group (H) APOF 387

A/C 43-38637

P	Nolan, James A	1st Lt	612th
CP	Twigg, Calvin E	2nd Lt	612th
H	Roffman, Lloyd S	1st Lt	612th
Tog	Bellefleur, Charles L	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Rathway, Stanley E	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Scoccolfi, Patrick	S/Sgt	612th
BTG	Feldman, Warren E	Sgt	612th
TG	Grampson, Richard S	T/Sgt	612th
A/C 43-38733	<i>F.G.</i> SERAFINO, ERNEST W	T/SGT	612TH
P	Campbell, Charles J	1st Lt	612th
CP	Lundgren, Robert F	2nd Lt	612th
H	Gruba, David B	2nd Lt	612th
Tog	Smery, Robert I	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Fay, Gene E	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Kartas, Charles F	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Sullivan, Earl Jr	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Dalton, Charles E	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Hurray, Howard E	S/Sgt	612th
H/C H	Swanson, Theodore E	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 42-31662

P	Howard, Louis F Jr	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Wilford, Joseph E	2nd Lt	612th
H	Martin, Phillip A	1st Lt	612th
Tog	Rosack, Michael R	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Cerson, Edward W	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Corbo, Frank J	S/Sgt	612th
BTG	Ford, Millie M	Sgt	612th
TG	McGwiston, George E	Sgt	612th
FG	Taylor, Charles F	Sgt	612th

A/C 42-107039

P	Martin, William F	1st Lt	612th
CP	Matheson, Max A	2nd Lt	612th
H	Hill, Ben F	2nd Lt	612th
Tog	Milhone, Robert J	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Hague, Kenneth A	T/Sgt	612th
TTG	Dolewider, Joseph A	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Horrer, Norwood E	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Bacon, Charlie E	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Becker, Alex A	S/Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38810

P	Smith, Max A	1st Lt	612th
CP	Korwald, Morris E	2nd Lt	612th
H	VanDusen, Richard E	2nd Lt	612th
Tog	Schultz, Eyle B	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Seugs, Pietro J	S/Sgt	612th
BTG	Leing, John	S/Sgt	612th
TG	Filiatrat, Frank E	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Pinilla, Manuel E	Sgt	612th

A/C 43-38788

P	Spencer, Claude F	1st Lt	612th
CP	Rainer, Hughie J	F/O	612th
H	Kennedy, William F	F/O	612th
Tog	Tumminis, Phillip	Cpl	612th
RO	Starrs, Michael J	Cpl	612th
TTG	Lehat, Abraham F J	Cpl	612th
BTG	McDows, Mark E	Cpl	612th
TG	Keane, John B	Cpl	612th
FG	DeFazio, Dante S	Cpl	612th
R.C.M.	MARTIN, JAMES C	S/SGT	612TH

A/S 42-102398

P	Moran, Joseph F	1st Lt	612th
CP	Meredith, Robert C	2nd Lt	612th
H	Killian, James	Sgt	612th
TOG	Donald, Robert W	Sgt	612th
H	Derrowolsky, Michael	2nd Lt	612th
RO	Kalogerac, Chris G	Sgt	612th
TTG	Barnes, Edwin L	Sgt	612th
BTG	A Skisson, Cecil F	Sgt	612th
TO	Yousens, Paul L	Sgt	612th
FG	Hellebion,		612th

A/C 42-97664

P	Haire, Frederick W	1st Lt	612th
CP	Helm, George ERM	2nd Lt	612th
H	Konberger, Charles	2nd Lt	612th
TOG	Landry, Lawrence B	H/Sgt	612th
RO	Chestain, Robert R	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Gabhardt, Charles R	T/Sgt	612th
BTG	Floyd, Morris G	S/Sgt	612th
TO	W legal, Clifford R	S/Sgt	612th
FG	Fearlin, Joseph R	S/Sgt	612th

A/S 43-37790

P	DeMarco, Robert F	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Virgin, Howard S	2nd Lt	612th
H	Bellotte, Frank B	2nd Lt	612th
TOG	Klinsworth, Louis C	S/Sgt	612th
RO	Edwards, Shannon J	Cpl	612th
TTG	Bailey, Geo E	Cpl	612th
BTG	Gray, John J	Cpl	612th
TO	Barrett, Robert C	Cpl	612th
FG	Jackson, Louis A	Cpl	612th

A/C 44-6113

P	Stephens, Lloyd J	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Silt, Elmer E	2nd Lt	612th
H	Harper, Robert F	2nd Lt	612th
TOG	Whitlock, Howard D	Sgt	612th
RO	Douglass, James E	S/Sgt	612th
TTG	Graham, James D	Sgt	612th
BTG	Wiedem, Kent B	Sgt	612th
TO	Brennan, William J	Sgt	612th
FG	Lowellwin, Fred E	Sgt	612th

A/C 44-6139

P	Ahlert, Harry W	2nd Lt	612th
CP	Cropp, Robert H	2nd Lt	612th
H	Ecce, Henry W	2nd Lt	612th
TOG	Sivras, Glenn D	Sgt	612th
RO	Calfo, Armand J	Sgt	612th
TTG	Gubert, Adam T	Sgt	612th
BTG	Boyce, Earl E	Sgt	612th
TO	Clark, Herbert H	Sgt	612th
FG	Anderson, John E	Sgt	612th

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

19 March 1945

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
42-102947	P	F/O	BERNEBURG	LAFERNE	L.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FUNK	PHILIP	B.
	N	F/O	BEUSCHER	CLIFTON	J.
	B	SGT.	BAILEY	FRANK	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	FENGUSON	HUGH	R.
	TT	SGT.	BUSH	WILBUR	E.
	BT	SGT.	BACKUS	MARVIN	L.
	TG	SGT.	KEY	JAMES	W. JR.
	WG	SGT.	DICK	CHARLES	B.
44-6842	P	1st Lt.	KELSO	ARTHUR	D.
	CP	2nd Lt.	LYNG	KENNETH	H.
	N	2nd Lt.	TONNE	ALVIN	E.
	B	S/SGT.	LICA	HUDOLPH	C.
	RO	T/SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	S/SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	BT	S/SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	S.
	TG	S/SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	S/SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	J.
42-31983	P	2nd Lt.	LITCHFIELD	DONALD	D.
	CP	F/O	BURTON	FREDERICK	C.
	N	2nd Lt.	DACHSHYN	HARRY	(NMI)
	B	SGT.	PASCHAL	ROBERT	W.
	RO	SGT.	OGBURN	FRED	N.
	TT	SGT.	SIMONDS	CHESTER	F.
	BT	SGT.	DAVIS	WALTER	A.
	TG	SGT.	JANAKES	NICK	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	MAURER	FREDERICK	R. JR.
43-38160	P	2nd Lt.	SMITH	SAMUEL	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MILLER	WALTER	A.
	N	F/O	ANDLER	LYLE	E.
	B	SGT.	RECKERS	RUSSELL	E.
	RO	SGT.	HERCHENROETHEN	RAYMOND	A.
	TT	SGT.	DILZ	REINHOLD	J.
	BT	SGT.	MC DOW	MILES	H.
	TG	SGT.	WOESTMAN	ROBERT	J.
	WG	SGT.	HOOD	CLYDE	L.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	MAHARICK	MATT	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	ROBERSON	WENDALL	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	ROWLEY	RONALD	E.
	B	S/SGT.	ROBERSON	ROBERT	E.
	RO	SGT.	REED	WILLIAM	H. JR.
	TT	SGT.	LANTIER	LESLIE	H.
	BT	SGT.	MOORE	WILLIAM	F.
	TG	SGT.	WEBB	WENDALL	F.
	WG	SGT.	MOULTON	GEORGE	W.

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-9125	P	2nd Lt.	GEREN	THURMAN	N.
	CP	2nd Lt.	COLLISS	EUGENE	K.
	N	F/O	STEINMAN	PHILIP	B.
	B	SGT.	CARMICHAEL	WILSON	H.
	RO	T/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	MC CRAHY	LEON	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	CHANCE	BUFFORD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.
	RCM	S/SGT.	TOOMBS	GEORGE	(NMI)
43-38458	P	1st Lt.	SCHILLER	RICHARD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	VOLTZ	DONALD	L.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
	B	SGT.	CROSSLEY	CHARLES	A.
	RO	S/SGT.	PAULK	ALBERT	L. JR.
	TT	T/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	SGT.	KROZEL	JOSEPH	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	SVERSON	NORMAN	A.
	43-38862	P	1st Lt.	CARBY	KARL
CP		2nd Lt.	FREW	BAMES	R.
N		2nd Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
B		SGT.	ALLES	ROBERT	F.
RO		T/SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	M.
TT		T/SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
BT		S/SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	E.
TG		S/SGT.	PIROMALLI	EUGENE	B.
WG		S/SGT.	ODOM	HENRY	T.
44-6313		P	1st Lt.	NIELSON	HANS
	CP	2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd Lt.	TUMMELSON	MURSHAL	G.
	B	S/SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
	RO	T/SGT.	HARGREVE	EMANUEL	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	STEFKA	FRANCIS	S.
	WG	S/SGT.	DE PRA	ARTHUR	R.
	43-37706	P	2nd Lt.	MC KENNY	WILLIAM
CP		2nd Lt.	BURDICK	RICHARD	(NMI)
N		2nd Lt.	LEVIN	HERBERT	R.
B		SGT.	SUNDERLIN	ROBERT	A.
RO		SGT.	SIEGEL	ARNOLD	W.
TT		SGT.	HOLLAND	JOHN	W.
BT		SGT.	JOHANNES	RICHARD	L.
TG		SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	W.
WG		SGT.	FRANZBLAU	IRA	A.
RCM		S/SGT.	SEARSMAN	PERRY	L.

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WG	S/SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.
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SIX HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

AAF Station # 128
 19 March 1945

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 45-97931

P	2nd Lt.	LINDSEY, JOHN E.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	MADLEY, WILLIAM M.	"
N	F/O.	BRUMMETT, JAMES O.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Green, Warren H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Ippolito, Samuel	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Browne, Vincent	"
BT	Sgt.	Sanders, William H.	"
EM	Sgt.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	"
WG	Sgt.	Furtier, Ellis A.	"
WG	Sgt.	York, John O.	"

Plane 45-38646

P	1st Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL	"
BP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	1st Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bode, Robert L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Richey, Leland H.	"

Plane 42-102468

P	1st Lt.	DJERGES, CARL P.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SPIVA, RAYMOND H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CANALE, JOHN F.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Akins, Ora R.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	LaCourse, Lucian	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Chiu, Donald	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Bill, Richard H.	"
EG	Sgt.	Wagner, Aloysius E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Reiher, Gordon A.	"

Leading List Cont'd.

Plane	<u>42-102151</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	GRAY, CARL M.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	SMITH, CHARLES	"
N	2nd Lt.	STEWART, RICHARD E.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Ginthwain, Edward A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fort, Collins G.	"
TT	Sgt.	Kirby, Lee D. Jr.	"
BT	Sgt.	Harrell, Jean P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Saenz, Hector J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Bonanno, Joe M.	"
Plane	<u>44-6146</u>		
P	1st Lt.	SORENSEN, MELVIN H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	TROUPE, JOHN T.	"
N	2nd Lt.	AUPRANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Lee, William J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Collins, John G.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Senoric, Steve S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Leppanen, Calvin E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Nichols, Norman D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Turner, Eldon A.	"
Plane	<u>42-98322</u>		
P	1st Lt.	HOLMES, GENE H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	FREDERICK, RALPH A.	"
N	1st Lt.	JAMES, KENNETH W.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Watkins, Jack W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Knight, Eddie R.	"
TT	Sgt.	Cox, Clyde F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Jakubanski, Juluis J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Kennedy, Jack W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Feverill, Edward S.	"
Plane	<u>43-38758</u>		
P	1st Lt.	JORDAN, ROBERT E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	BUSH, FRANK R.	"
N	1st Lt.	SACKS, DAVID W.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Racick, John	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Massa, Attilio	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Collett, John E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, Berlyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Grasela, Edward B.	"
Plane	<u>43-38677</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HAAKE, EDWARD C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRANFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Eidemiller, Wilmer P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Tuchin, Howard	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wright, Arthur L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dobson, William J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, Sterling S.	"

Leading List Cont'd.

Plane 43-38565

P	1st Lt.	PARK, COLIN I.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	DUNNE, MICHAEL D.	"
N	F/O.	O'NEILL, LAWRENCE H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Salie, Howard W.	"
RO	Sgt.	Sayre, James O.	"
TT	Sgt.	Fields, Richard D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wirth, Thomas J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Snyder, Edwin M.	"
WG	Sgt.	Grayczyk, Clarence J.	"

Plane 43-38738

P	2nd Lt.	VIEBMAN, EUGENE A.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	COUTTS, HAROLD E.	"
N	1st Lt.	STALKER, JAMES J.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Orlando, Peter	"
RO	Sgt.	Retzlaff, James A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Schwarz, Edwin D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Hobson, Kenneth E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Rutkowski, Joseph E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Hay, David H.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Allaire, Joseph S.	"

Plane 42-39012

P	2nd Lt.	JAMES, HERBERT W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	PARKER, VICTOR E.	"
N	2nd Lt.	MEZEL, GEORGE H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Branch, Willard A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kent, Donald R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Toloso, Melvin N.	"
WT	Sgt.	Parker, Robert S.	"
TG	Sgt.	McFallon, Lynn G.	"
WG	Sgt.	Baumann, Archie M.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHOFF
 CAPT, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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

19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Loading list.

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

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

PLANE # 44-8449

TYPE	RAK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Campbell	Paul	E.	615th
CP	Lt. Col.	Silver	Delwyn	E.	Op Hqs
H	2nd Lt.	Patrick	Dale	L.	615th
H	Captain	Whitney	Ray	F.	"
H/O	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
B	1st Lt.	Stout	Eldrige	K.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Husinec	Andrew	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Rowe	Robert	R.	"
TG	1st Lt.	KIMSEE Althoff	John	R.	"
FG	2nd Lt.	Wollan	Clarence	K.	"

PLANE # 42-97947

P	1st Lt.	Kochel	Michael	J.	615th
CP	Major	Strauss	Joseph	(NMI)	612th
H	1st Lt.	Rush	James	M.	615th
H/O	1st Lt.	Barnes	James	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Moore	Max	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Dupuis	Cyrano	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Beeson	Charles	W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kenagy	Lloyd	G.	613 th
FG	S/Sgt.	Kelly	Thomas	E.	"

PLANE # 44-6047

P	1st Lt.	Bodden	Frederick	R.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Devlin	James	H.	"
H	1st Lt.	Uhrain	Andrew	(NMI)	"
B	1st Lt.	Miller	Donald	A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kornegay	Ryan	G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Richardson	Paschal	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Bucksbaum	Elmer	(NMI)	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Noble	Chester	G.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Langran	Theodore	E.W.	"

Loading list. (Continued)

19 March 1945

PLANE # 43-38941

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Hart	Jerald	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Taylor	Richard	W.	"
H	2nd Lt.	Andrews	Melvin	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Rowe	Robert	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Reiss	Herbert	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Raney	Robert	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Knight	Victor	(NMI)	"
TO	Sgt.	Pickering	Edward	M.	"
FO	Sgt.	Smikler	Myron	H.	"

PLANE # 44-8550

P	1st Lt.	Hubbell	Richard	S.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Goulet	Ambrose	F.	"
H	1st Lt.	Moore	George	J.	"
B	1st Lt.	Flieg	Stanley	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Pool	Clyde	W.	"
XT TO	Sgt.	Bell	W. (io)	S. (io)	"
TM TT	T/Sgt.	Ross	Richard	D.	"
FO	S/Sgt.	Revette	John	L.	"
M/O	1st Lt.	Goodman	James	W.	"

PLANE # 44-9153

P	1st Lt.	Tausig	Herman	(NMI)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Gerant	John	H.	"
H	1st Lt.	Tarr	Charles	(NMI)	"
M/O	2nd Lt.	Eaton	Harry	H.	"
B	1st Lt.	Buchanan	Allan	S.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fitzsimmons	James	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Johnston	Donald	C.	"
TO	S/Sgt.	Katz	Alvin	S.	"
FO	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Warren	B.	"

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 667
U. S. ARMY

D-A-4

18 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 667, US Army.

1. Lt. Robert P. DeGaree, Pilot A/C 790 -- "Low Squadron climbs too fast after we hit the continent while climbing to 26,000 feet."
2. Lt. Millard H. French, Pilot A/C 506 -- "Have the Leads fly SOP particularly in regard to climbing."
3. Sgt. Robert C. Barrett, TG A/C 790 & Sgt. Louis A. Jackson, TG A/C 790 -- "We feel that we get more jams in guns on account of using short round stops than if we didn't."
4. Gunners on A/C 790 -- "The oxygen hose in the waist, top turret and tail is too heavy and in some instances much longer than necessary."
5. Sgt. Ora K. Bailey, TTG A/C 790 -- "Ammunition in the top turret lays in there so long that oil from the vickers unit dropping down on it causes the rounds to rust and stick. Gunners in A/C 706 -- "Ammunition not linked."
6. Lt. Jerald E. Hart, Pilot A/C 6847 -- "Bandits weren't announced on VHF."

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

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

F-B-2

AFPO 557
19 March 1945

SUBJECT: Abortive Report, Mission of 18 March 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), Station 128
ATTN: Air Statistical Officer

1. Aircraft No. 44-6313 returned early from mission of 18 March 1945 because # 1 engine fuel pressure gage read 5 PSI.

2. At time of trouble the altitude was 4500 feet and airplane had been in flight for 20 minutes.

3. The fuel pressure reading fell off gradually from 17 PSI to 5 PSI. At the same time the waist gunner reported fuel spraying from the underside of the left wing. The pilot turned on the # 1 booster pump but it did not affect the fuel pressure. At such a low reading of 5 PSI the addition of booster pump pressure with no resulting indicated pressure change, should be an excellent clue to possibility of instrument trouble, since booster pumps are rated between 8 PSI and about 12 PSI. The engine continued to operate satisfactorily and all other gage readings were normal. The engine could not operate satisfactorily on 5 PSI of fuel pressure.

4. The waist gunner reported that the fuel spray from the underside of the wing increased when the aircraft banked to the left. This is probably due to possibility that there was siphoning action on one of the tanks in the left wing and the siphoned gas went out overflow line overboard.

5. Ground inspection of the # 1 engine fuel system revealed that air in the line from the transmitter to gage caused a false reading. The fuel system in the left wing was inspected for leaks and none were found. Aircraft was test-flown and found to be operating satisfactorily.

FRANK E. WILSON
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst Group Engineering O.

94th G GROUP LEAD SQDN

Combat Sq. Leader MAJ GARLAND Date 18 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT JENNINGS

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT JENNINGS

613 SQDN 612 SC JAEWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFOBUS
THOMPSON, R. (GARLAND) 615 IY BUZZARD

IY F 8440 PFF

LEVI JENNINGS
IN O 1730 IY O 8153 PFF

JONES KELSO
IN D 6588 ROM IN V 6842

VERMEER MAHARICK MC KIBNEY
IN H 8607 IN J 1892 IN W 8767

SMITH
C IN B 6182
Fuel Pressure
CAREY
IN F 6313
SC-X 664 - oil tank Pressure

GEREN EGLIN
IN G 1983 IN U 7706 ROM

B - 0300
B - 0400 03:15
S - 0545 04:15
E - 0645
- 0700
O. 0715

SHEPHERD
IN R 6146

PFF SP LD IY M 8707 Disp 29
IY J 8825 " 28

GRND SPARES: SC X 7364 Disp 13
IN U 8425 " 3

12 X 100 G.P 1/10 1/40 RGG
8 X M17 1B's Load per chart of RGG
1. A/C Longest possible delay. 1521

LCW SQDN 94th C GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT MC GOLDRICK Date 18 March 1945

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT HART

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT JENNINGS

612 Sqdn

612 SC JARWOCK

613 IW MACRO

614 IW GOLFCUB

615 IY BUZZARD

MC GOLDRICK

IY U 7947 PFF

HOLT

HART

SC D 6992

IY P 6947

612 Sqdn

612 Sqdn

FRENCH

CAMPBELL

SC N 6506

SC L 8637 Spet

HUDNALL

McKALE

STEPHENS

HOWARD

SC B 8660 L.D.

SC F 8541

SC O 7118

SC B 1662

NOLAN

SC T 8788 Spet

ANLERS

DEMARCO

SC P 1891

SC J 7790

PFF Spare lead IY M 8707 Disp 29
IY J 8825 Disp 28

Grnd spares SC I 7364 Disp 13
IW U 8425 Disp 2.

94th C GROUP HIGH SQDN

Combat Sq. Leader: LT GERBER Date 18 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT BODDIN

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT JENNINGS

614 SQDN 612 SC JAWOCK
613 IN MACRO
GERBER (HARD) 614 IW GOLFOUS
615 IY BUZZARD
IY D 8550 PFF

BORENSEN
IW F 7395

BODDIN
IY L 8941

BABCOCK
IW X 8565 ROM

DJENNES
IW S 2468

JAMES
IW P 2012

HOLMES
IW D 7322

VIEGMAN
IW N 8738 ROM

PAKE
IW B 7151

JORDAN
IW K 8677

CAMERON
IW U 8425
~~IW O 7602~~

LINDSEY
IW R 7780

PFF SP LD IY M 8707 Disp 29
IY J 8625 " 28

AYRE
IW A 7931

GRND SPARES: SC X 7664 Disp 13
IW U 8425 " 3