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

MISSION No. **236**

Date: **24 MAR. 45**

TO: **RHEINE/SALZBERGEN, GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: RHEINE/SALZBERGEN, GERMANY (A/F)
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. One GH A/C was included in each squadron - plus one PFF in the lead squadron. No spares.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: RHEINE/SALZBERGEN, GERMANY (Vis)
2. a. Group Leader: Lt. Col. R. J. WHITE (Strauss)
 Lead Navigator: Capt. R. F. CAUSEY (Barnes-MO)
 GH Navigator: 2nd Lt. E. P. GROSS
 Lead Bombardier: Capt. H. S. ARNOLD
- b. Low Sqdn Leader: Capt. W. S. HARB (Wolf)
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. C. L. HOAG (Hehir-MO)
 GH Navigator: F/O E. F. VERCELLI
 Lead Bombardier: 2nd Lt. G. HASHIMOTO
- c. High Sqdn Leader: Capt. R. S. HAYES
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. C. B. MINOR (Goodman-MO)
 GH Navigator: 2nd Lt. W. B. SASSMANNSHAUSEN
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. R. W. MURPHY
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was normal and without incident.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (C)3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assemblies were rapid in clear weather. The Group departed Cottesmore buncher, one minute early, on course with a full 36 A/C formation.

c. Route Over England:

Wing was formed at Pt "D" and the group continued on to CP 1. It left CP 1 3 miles east of course, one minute early in proper #1 position in the second task force of 8 groups - 6th in the Division formation.

4. Attacksa. Flight To Target:

Flight to the IP was normal and as briefed. No flak was experienced until the IP when a ship in the low squadron (#733) was hit. The IP was reached satisfactorily and the group uncovered for a visual run.

b. Bombing Run:

We were informed by "Buckeye" that the target area was clear so the group uncovered and went in in trail. The lead started in on a GH run, then the bombardier took over and completed the run visually. The low squadron started their run visually but veered off course to the left and then came back again behind the lead. The high squadron made a straight run, visually, from the IP to the target. They were about 3/4 minute behind the low when they turned off course to the left and then returned on course, the high squadron closed the gap between them so that at bombs away they were almost abreast. The bomb run for the low squadron was uninterrupted, but the high squadron bombardier had trouble getting synchronized because of the low squadron coming in so close. The AFCE was okay in all three cases and bombing results were good. The 3 lead ships salvoed. All others used a 50' intervalometer setting.

c. Flight From Target:

Rally was made rapidly after the target and the group proceeded back to base as briefed. Letdown was started over the channel.

d. Return to Base:

All aircraft but one landed safely at home base. A/C 43-38733 sustained severe battle damage - it had an aileron shot out, two engines shot out. On the final approach the pilot was making to emergency land at Halesworth part of the wing fell off and he was unable to hold altitude. It spun in on land adjoining airfield and caught fire. There were seven fatalities, three injured.

e. Weather:

Weather was CAVU entire route in and out.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Cont)

4. f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was poor. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to contact fighters, one P-51 and one P-47 were seen.

g. Comments on Formation and Interval:

Our formation was very good. Weather conditions were ideal and because our group was Task Force lead no interference from other groups was encountered. The groups following seemed to have a much larger interval than briefed.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

All scheduled A/C attacked.

6. Enemy Opposition:

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

7. Battle Damage:

<u>Minor</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
16	2	18

8. Casualties:

- 7 KIA (Crash landing -A/C 733)
- 1 SIA
- 2 LIA
- 1 LWA

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

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

The target was bombed with good results. Strike photos indicate the following:

- Lead Sq - 40% within 1000', 89 % within 2000'
- Low Sq - 25% within 1000', 90% within 2000'
- High Sq - 50% within 1000', 100% within 2000'

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Continued)

10. b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron: Of the 12 A/C EET, all attacked the target - dropping 113 X 500# GP and 19 X 500# RDX bombs. A/C 648 had its bomb bay door wiring hit by flak and it was possible to get only about one bomb on the target, the remaining bombs being kicked out over Germany.

Low Squadron: Of the 12 A/C EET, all attacked the target - dropping 123 X 500# GP and 10 X 500# RDX bombs. A/C 148 experienced release troubles and the bombardier jettisoned 10 GP's past the target after being able to kick 2 bombs out on the target.

High Squadron: All 12 A/C attacked the target, dropping 107 X 500# GP and 36 X 500# RDX bombs.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber-	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail	
Main Bombfall	36	36	65 343*	500# 500#	RDX GP	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			65 343	500# 500#	RDX GP	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Expenditures			20	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			-	-	-	-	-
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			65 363	500# 500#	RDX GP	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40

* Incl long delays:
 3 - 2 hr.
 3 - 6 hr.
 3 -12 hr.
 3 -24 hr.

11. Lost Aircraft:

None. (A/C 43-38753 crashed and burned near Halesworth upon return to base.)

Submitted by:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer



LEAD Sq.
PATTERN: 1250 x 1875
ACTUAL MPI: 900 OVER
500 RIGHT
89% IN 2000
40% IN 1000

High Sq
PATTERN: 1196 x 2340
ACTUAL MPI - 700 RIGHT
100% IN 2000
50% IN 1000

Low Sq
PATTERN: 1300 x 1612
ACTUAL MPI: 1000 LEFT
90% IN 2000
25% IN 1000

Assigned MPI.
LEAD - High
LOW

LEAD - BLACK
HIGH - RED
LOW - BLUE

(SAV-401 / 1262- 6 X24 -3 -45 X4 - 7151 -12- 261 OOKRHEINE)
HIGH
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HI SQ 94th B Group - 401st

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT HAYES 24 Mar 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

Takeoff and over target

SQDN
612 SC BABCOCK
613 IW MACRO
614 IW GOL CLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

HAYES
707 (gh)

PARK

KNOWLES

151

941

SQDN

SQDN

BABCOCK

DJERNES

565

468

CAMERON

HOLMES

STEHMAN

LINDSEY

322

395

012

478

STAUFFER

810

SALISBURY

AYRE

077

931

SPARES



LEAD SQ 94 B Group

Combat Sq. Leader: LT COL WHITE Date: 24 Mar 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Boddin

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

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

WHITE

Takeoff and over target 825(gh)

BRADLEY
313

BODDIN
648

SQDL

SQDN

JONES
160

KELSO
842

SHEPHERD
458

MAHARICK
591

LITCHFIELD
132

MC KINNEY
767

NIELSEN
588

MAY
706

YOUNG
146

SPARES



LO SQ 94 B Gp - 401st

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT HARB Date: 24 Mar 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN
612 SC JADWCK
613 IW MACRO
614 IW GOL CLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

HARB
812 (gh)

On takeoff and over target

AHLERS
891

BENNETT
148

SQDN

CAMPBELL
733

SQDN

MARTIN
039

SPENCE
788

HOWARD
662

HARVESON
393

STEPHENS
113

NOLAN
398

HOLT
992

GUILER
541

SPARES



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

Date 24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Rheine A/D, 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 0614 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0723 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 6,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0753 hours at 53-15N 00-55E
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

Gee, D.R., Pilotage, Radio

- f. Division formation was joined at 0804 hrs. at Groner
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee, Pilotage, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 293
- (3) Actual drift 4 R
- (4) Altitude over target 25,000
- (5) Time bombs away 1004 $\frac{1}{2}$
- (6) Wind used for bombing 160/23 $\frac{1}{2}$
- (7) Method of target identification.
GH start. Visual bombs away.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 342.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 52-40N 07-15E at 1011 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) ~~xxx~~ as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, DR, Pilotage, PFF

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey OK
- (2) Gee OK
- (3) Radio Compass OK
- (4) Fluxgate OK
- (5) Other equipment. OK

/s/ R. F. Causey
R. F. CAUSEY
Capt., A. C.

Lead Navigator. , Lead Sq.

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

Date 24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Rheine A/D, 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 0615 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0727 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 5200 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0753 hours at 5315N 00-5E.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.
Gee, Pilotage

- f. Division formation was joined at 0804 hrs. at Groner.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

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

- i. Bomb run.
- (1) Actual I. P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

- (2) True heading over target 292.
- (3) Actual drift 5 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 24300.
- (5) Time bombs away 1005.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 162/23.
- (7) Method of target identification. Pilotage

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

None

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal _____.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 5240W 0713E at 1011 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, DR, Mickey

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

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey OK
- (2) Gee OK
- (3) Radio Compass OK
- (4) Fluxgate OK
- (5) Other equipment. OK

/s/ Carl. T. Hoag
GARL T. HOAG
1st Lt., A. G.

Lead Navigator, Low Sq.

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

High

Date 24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Rheine A/D, 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 0610 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0710 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 6,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0753 hours at 53-15N 00-55E.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

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

- f. Division formation was joined at 0804 hrs. at Gronow.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
DR, Pilotage, Gee, H2X.

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 284.
- (3) Actual drift -5 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 25700.
- (5) Time bombs away 1005.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 165/27K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Visual Bomb run

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

Low squadron cut off to left causing high to overrun. Interval too close near bombs away.

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 340

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 52-40N 07-13E at 1011 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.

Pilotage, DR, Gee, H2X, Radio

- 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 **OK**
- (3) Radio Compass **Good**
- (4) Fluxgate **Good**
- (5) Other equipment. **OK**

/s/ Charles B. Minor
CHARLES B. MINOR
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator, High Sq.

Air Commander - Lt. R. J. White

FLIGHT PLAN 94th B, 1st Group of Second Task Force, F.O. 666

PILOT Major Straus

NAVIGATOR

Capt. R. F. Causey

DATE 24 March 1945

On Opr. - Lt. E. D. Gross

STATIONS	0450	ENCINES	0550	TAXI	0605	T.O.	0620
LEAVE BASE	Cottamore	0724	(6000')				
COAST OUT		0805	Groner				
ENEMY COAST		0850					
I.P.		0957					
TARGET		1011					
ENEMY COAST		1047					
Eng. Coast		1128		BTR	1201		

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

L. Hr. - 0730
Ref alt - 20000
Bomb alt - 25000

WATCH Fast Slow RATE secs/hour Gaining Losing

At G.M.T. Div. assembly - Groner to 52-15N 04-38E
Letdown Normal - 010 Mag.

FROM TO	Lead	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
															TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-44N	00-39N (Y)	160/30	6000	150	144	020	A6	028	A10	38	166	24	09	0724	Y Depart			
Digby	(B)	160/30	6000	150	144	020	A6	028	A10	38	166	24	09	0733				
53-06N	00-26N	160/30	9000	150	148	080	A12	092	A10	102	140	50	21	0754	D			
53-15N	00-35N (D)	160/30	10000	150	152	143	A3	146	A10	156	123	25	12 -1	0805	CP 1. Eng. Coast			
Groner	(C P 1)	160/30	10000	150	152	143	A3	146	A10	156	123	25	12 -1	0805				
52-56N	01-20N	160/30	20000	150	165	095	A10	105	A9	114	150	121	40 1/2 -3 1/2	0850	Coast. CP 2 0850			
52-45N	04-38E	160/15	22500	150	186	094	A4	098	A7	105	180	75 123	25 40 A1	0931				
52-36N	08-00E	160/15	25000	150	194	123	A3	126	A6	132	182	22	07 A1	0939				
52-24N	08-30E	160/15	25000	150	194	123	A3	126	A6	132	182	22	07 A1	0939				
52-03N	08-50E	"	"	"	"	141	A2	143	A6	149	180	27	09	0948				
IP	51-50N 08-23E	"	"	"	"	239	A4	235	A6	241	191	25	08 A1	0957	IP			
Y	52-17N 07-23E	"	25000	150	194	306	A2	304	A6	310	206	46	13 1/2 A1	1011	TARGET			
52-58N	07-12E	"	22000	170	215	342	0	342	A6	348	230	22	06	1017				
52-45N	04-38E	"	22000	150	184	284	A4	270	A7	277	190	95	30	1047	Coast			
Groner		160/30	2000	170	179	275	A9	266	A9	275	189	121	38 A3	1128	English Coast			
52-56N	01-20N	140/25	2000	150	134	250	A10	240	A10	250	141	37	16	1144	Wing Break up			
52-46N	00-24E	"	2000	150	134	247	A10	237	A10	247	140	39	17	1201	BTR			
Base Groner	5	160/30	0 to 10000	150	141	070	A13	083	A10	093	137	75	33	0732	LTTC. Takes 30 min to climb			
Cottamore Groner	4	160/30	6 to 10000	150	148	081	A12	093	A10	103	139	74	32	0733	Last time for Group Departure.			
Flares - Normal															W/F - Authentication - "Better days"			
															Abandon mission - "Tare-Easy-Now"			
															Interval - 2 min between groups			
															Chaff - No chaff by any A/C.			
															Spars - 04-00E.			

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0614			35		Engines - 0556 Take off - turn 330° to climb.										
0616			325		52-35N 00-34E			2000							
0624			330		52-52N 00-52E		140	5000							
0624			150		To Muncher		140	5000							
0632	155/20				Cottamore (160/20N, 10E)		150	6000							
0659	API 172/24		60		52-43N 00-34E. Re-set API		150	6000							
0723	160/28		27		Depart Cottamore Y. (Op. formed 0715)		152	6000			164	24	9	0732	
0732	19	8L	27		Digby, 1' early, on course		150	6000			155/30N, Gee and Pilotage				
0732			95		" Begin climb		150	8000							
0745		8L	105		53-15N 00-21E		150	9000							
0753	170/30		105		Point D. 1' early. (Wing formed)		150	9300							
0753			150		53-15N 00-35E		150	9300	158		125	25	12	0805	
0804	170/30				Groner. 3 mi east		150	10900							
0804			105		"		150	10900	158		149	121	49	0853	
0820	93	10L	103		52-52N 02-07E 180/28E		150	14600	160	29	12	158			

LEAVE BASE	Cottesmore	0724 (6000')
COAST OUT		0805 Groner
ENEMY COAST		0850
I.P.		0957
TARGET		1011
ENEMY COAST		1047
Eng. Coast		1128 BTR 1201

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

L. Hr. - 0730
Ref alt - 20000
Bomb alt - 25000

WATCH..... At..... G.M.T.
Fast Slow RATE.....secs/hour Gaining Losing
Letdown Normal - 010 Mag. Div. assembly - Groner to 52-45N 04-38E

FROM TO	Lead	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	IAS MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA				
														TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.		
52-44N 00-39N (Y)	Digby	160/30	6000	150	144	020	/6	028	/10	38	166	24	09	0724 0733	Y Depart				
53-06N 00-26N		160/30	9000	"	148	080	/12	092	/10	102	140	50	21	0754	D				
53-15N 00-55N (D)		160/30	10000	"	152	143	/3	146	/10	156	123	25	12 -1	0805	CP 1. Eng. Coast				
Groner (CP 1)		160/30	20000	"	165	095	/10	105	/9	114	150	121	48 1/2 -3 1/2	0850	Coast. CP 2 0850				
52-56N 01-20N		160/15	22500	-31	186	094	/4	098	/7	105	180	75	123 25 40 /1	0931					
52-45N 04-38E		160/15	25000	-38	194		/4	098	/7	105	188	48	123 15 40 /1	0931					
52-35N 08-00E		160/15	25000	150	194	123	/3	126	/6	132	182	22	07 /1	0939					
52-24N 08-30E		"	"	"	"	141	/2	143	/6	149	180	27	09	0948					
52-03N 08-56E		"	"	"	"	239	-4	235	/6	241	191	25	08 /1	0957	IP				
IP 51-50N 08-23E		"	25000	150	194	306	-2	304	/6	310	206	46	13 1/2 /1	1011	TARGET				
Y 52-17N 07-23E		"	22000	170	215	342	0	342	/6	348	230	22	06	1027					
52-38N 07-12E		"	22000	150	184	284	-4	270	/7	277	190	95	30	1047	Coast				
52-45N 04-38E		160/30	2000	170	179	275	-9	266	/9	275	189	121	38 /3	1128	English Coast				
Groner		140/25	2000	150	134	250	-10	240	/10	250	141	37	16	1144	Wing Break up				
52-56N 01-20N	Kings Lynn	"	2000	150	134	247	-10	237	/10	247	140	39	17	1201	BTR				
52-46N 00-24E	Here																		
Base Groner	5	160/30	0 to 10000	150	141	070	/13	083	/10	093	137	75	33	0732 0805	LTTC. Takes 30 min to climb				
Cottesmore Groner	6	160/30	6 to 10000	150	148	081	/12	093	/10	103	139	74	32	0733 0805	Last time for Group Departure.				
Flares - Normal															WIP - Authentication - "Better days" Abandon mission - "Tare-Easy-low" Interval - 1 min between groups Chaff - No chaff by any A/C.			Spars - 04-00E.	

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0614			35		Engines - 0756 Take off - turn 330° to climb.										
0616			325		52-35N 00-34N			2000							
0624			330		52-52N 00-52N		140	5000							
0624			150		To Duncker		140	5000							
0632		125/20			Cottesmore (100/20N, 17E)		150	6000							
0659	API 172/24		60		52-43N 00-34N. Re-set API		150	6000							
0723		160/28	27		Depart Cottesmore Y. (Op. formed 0715)		152	6000				164	24	9	0732
0732	19	81	27		Digby, 1' early, on course		150	6000			155/30N, Gee and Pilotage				
0732			95		" Begin climb		150	8000							
0745		81	105		53-15N 00-21E		150	9000							
0753		170/30	105		Point 2. 1' early. (Wing formed)		150	9300							
0753			150		53-15N 00-55E		150	8800	158			149	25	12	0805
0804		170/30			Groner. 3 mi east		150	10900							
0804			105		"		150	10900	158			149	25	12	0805
0820	93	101	103		52-52N 02-27E 180/28E		150	14800	160	29	12	158			

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	NAVICATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0832	93	11L	104		52-51N 03-16E 170/30K, Gee		150	17500 -19	164	30	11	158	50	19	0851
0850	96	6L	102		CP, #2, on course 165/18K				178			172			
0850	96	6L	102		52-40N 04-38E		150	21000							
0902		165/19E	100		52-43N 05-37E 165/19K		150	23300	167						
0908			101		Meppel (over)		150	24300							
0921	100	6L	106		52-38N 07-15E 160/23K			25000	194			181			
0930			103		T. P. 52-35N 08-00E			25000							
0930			137		" "			"							
0934			120		Dunmer lake, 2 left			"							
0936			143		T.P. 52-24N 08-30E			"							
0945			150		T.P. 52-03N 08-56E			"							
0945	236	160/23E	230		" " , Pilotage & B.S.		155	25000	194			189			
0951			230		IP			24900							
0951	160/23E		309		To Target Flak over river (Ship in low hit; engine fire)			24900							
1004	297	4E	293		BKMS AWAY . No flak over target		170	25000	194			210			
1004			342		Rhine A/d. Good hits		170	25000							
1011			340		A/C 52-48N 07-13E		160	22500				11 low 13 lead			
1011			270		52-40N 07-13E		150	22500							
1022	165/19		260		Meppel 2 left (3 right course)		155	22000	184	30	9	187			
1032	6E		250		52-45N 06-17E		155	22100							
1039			268		Coast out 52-46N 04-30E		155	21500				Begin let down			
1047	271	11 E	260		52-50N 03-48E		170	17000				190	95	29	1116
1100			260		52-52N 03-42E		170	12500							
1117			255		Crosser, 11 min early		150	5000							
1117	251	11 E	240		165/29E, Gee		150	5000	142			139	37	16	1133
1132			235		Kings Lynn		150	4500							
1132			235		" "			4500							
1143			238		Peterborough			2000							
1152			90		Base. Runway 1000 Mag.			2000							
1154					Landed										

I certify that this is a true copy of the lead Navigator's log.

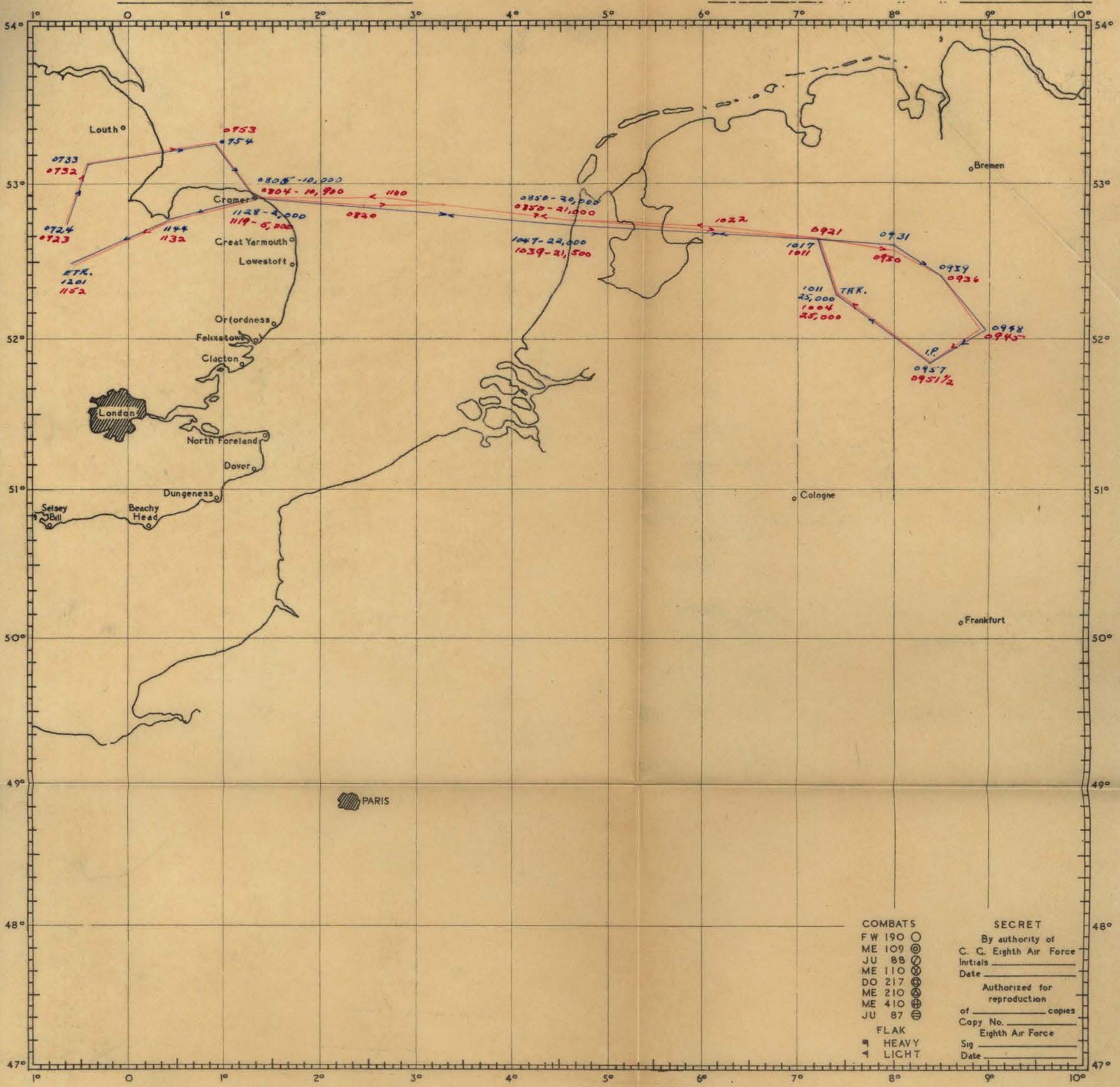
JAMES F. EGAN
Major, A. S.
Group Navigation Officer

TRACK CHART

DATE March 24, 1945

TARGETS PRIMARY Rheine/Saltzbergen, Germany

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Blue
Red Briefed
4051. B. C. (A)



- COMBATS
 FW 190 ○
 ME 109 ⊙
 JU 88 ⊗
 ME 110 ⊗
 DO 217 ⊕
 ME 210 ⊕
 ME 410 ⊕
 JU 87 ⊖
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Bomb Group (H)

1st AD P. O. 666

Date of 24 March 1945

PART I - ATTACKS & RESULTS

94th "B" Group

	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	12	12	12
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp.	12	12	12
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	12	12	12
5. No. of Effective Sorties	12	12	12
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties	--	--	--
(a) Early Returns Included			
7. Name of Primary Target	RHEINE/SALZBERGEN (VIS)		
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	12	12	12
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	11X500/GP 1X500/RDX	12X500/GP 10X500/RDX	105X500/GP 36X500/RDX
8. Name of Secondary Target			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
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/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	0614	0615	0610
19. Time of Attack	1004 $\frac{1}{2}$	1005	1005
20. Total Time for Mission	103	103	102
21. Altitude of Release	25,000	24,300	25,700
22. Type of Sighting (Vis, H2X, GP, etc)	VIS		
23. Enemy Resistance -- AA Inten & Acc	Meager Inacc.	Meager Inacc.	Meager 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	Good	Good	Good

A/C borrowed from Groups None

A/C loaned to Groups:

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Gp Mission # 236

Date 24 March 1945

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

94th "B" Group

	Lead	Low	High
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
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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 1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER CAPT ARNOLD DATE 24 March 1945

PILOT MAJOR STRAUSS (COL WHITE) TAKE OFF 0614

NAVIGATOR CAPT CAUSEY AIRPLANE _____

WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1155

OBJECTIVE RHEINE, GERMANY (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group _____

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 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 5000 GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 5000 RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 125 GP 19RDX RELEASED 115 GP 19 RDX

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target <u>100</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>-30</u> Actual <u>-32</u>
True Altitude above target <u>25230</u>	Mag Head, order <u>310</u> Actual <u>300</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>25000</u>	True Heading <u>295</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>-258 @ SL</u>	Drift, Est <u>25</u> Actual <u>42</u>
Altimeter setting <u>29.92</u>	True Track <u>297</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>224</u>	Actual Range <u>13,356</u>
G.S. Est <u>240</u> Actual <u>246</u>	B.S. Type <u>N-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>160</u> Actual <u>160</u>	Time of Release <u>1004.5</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>17</u> Actual <u>23</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>50ft</u>
D.S. <u>126.4</u> Trail <u>59</u> ATF <u>41.91</u>	Length of Bombing Run <u>2min</u>
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.52</u> Actual <u>.55</u>	G-1 Pilot <u>OK</u> A-5 <u>--</u>
Mean Temp: Metro <u>-9</u> Actual <u>-9</u>	Manual Pilot <u>--</u>
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>Salvo</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>50ft</u>

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

JULIUS PICKOFF
 Major, Air Corps
 Group Bombing Officer

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. HASHIMOTO DATE 24 March 1945

PILOT LT. WOLD TAKE OFF 0617

NAVIGATOR LT. HOAG AIRPLANE _____

WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Low LANDED 1154

OBJECTIVE RHEINE, GERMANY (MPI)

METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 (11 Bombing) 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# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

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

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 121 GP 10 RDX RELEASED 121 GP 10 RDX

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target 100 Temp Aloft: Metro -36 Actual -33

True Altitude above target 24300 Mag Head, order 310 Actual 299

Ind. Altitude 24300 True Heading 292

Pressure alt of target -238 @ SL Drift, Est 2R Actual 5R

Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 297

C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 223 Actual Range 12,810

G.S. Est 240 Actual 240 B.S. Type B-9

Wind Direc Metro 160 Actual 162 Time of Release 1005

Wind Veloc. Metro 17 Actual 23 Intervalometer Setting 50ft

D.S. 128 Trail 57 ATF 41.07 Length of Bombing Run 4min

Tan. D.A. Est .53 Actual .525 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 --

Mean Temp: Metro -9 Actual -12 Manual Pilot --

Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 50ft

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MAJOR, AIR CORPS
GROUP BOMBING OFFICER

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. MURPHY DATE 24 March 1945

PILOT CAPT HAYES TAKE OFF 0615

NAVIGATOR LT. MINOR AIRPLANE _____

WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN High LANDED 1153

OBJECTIVE RHEINE, GERMANY (UPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____

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

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

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

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

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 107 GP 36 RDX RELEASED 107 GP 36 RDX

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of target 100 Temp Aloft: Metro -36 Actual -34

True Altitude above target 26200 Mag Head, order 310 Actual 290

Ind. Altitude 25700 True Heading 287

Pressure alt of target -238 @ SL Drift, Est 22 Actual 22

Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 285

C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 226 Actual Range 13,833

G.S. Est 240 Actual 245 B.S.Type M-9

Wind Direc Metro 160 Actual 155 Time of Release 1005

Wind Veloc. Metro 17 Actual 32 Intervalometer Setting 50ft

D.S. 124 Trail 59 ATF 42.83 Length of Bombing Run 1min

Tan. D.A. Est .51 Actual .53 G-1 Pilot OK A-5 --

Mean Temp: Metro -2 Actual -7 Manual Pilot --

Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 50ft

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Major, Air Corps
Group Bombing Officer

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

J-A3/3

413.44

24 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 236. (Field Order 666)
 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>
a. HF Beacons	<u>10</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings (QDM's)	<u>0</u>
b. Bunchers, England	<u>31</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
c. Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</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>36</u>	<u>36</u>	4. Gee-H	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
2. H2X	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	5. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>
3. Micro-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	6. Carpet (Spot)	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
7. Total aircraft releasing Chaff				<u>NONE</u>	
8. Total number of units released				<u>NONE</u>	

SECTION THREE - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>1</u>	7. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	8. H2X	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>1</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>1</u>
6. SCS-51	<u>0</u>	12. Carpet (Spot)	<u>0</u>

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

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

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REPORT ON A. A. GUNFIRE.
 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)

~~401st~~

1. TARGET: ASSIGNED... Rheine/Salsbergen A/B DATE OF MISSION 24. Mar 1945
 BOMBED... Rheine/Salsbergen A/B

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

As briefed

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>Clear</u>	<u>Clear</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Seen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

NONE - see No. 5.

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

At approximately (5215-0733) meager tracking fire, low and short on Lead and High Squadrons but accurate on low section of Low Squadron. Approximately 2 minutes duration, breaking off just before bombs away.

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: None

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 9th "P" - Lead 2nd Force.

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN: POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE		A/C LOST TO				AX'IS OF		TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
		MAJ.	MIN.	AA	EA	ACC	UK	ATTK	WITH		
<u>Lead</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>					<u>300°N</u>	<u>342°N</u>	<u>1004½</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>					<u>230°N</u>	<u>330°E</u>	<u>1005</u>	<u>25,100</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>					<u>287°N</u>	<u>345°N</u>	<u>1005</u>	<u>24,300</u>
TOTALS	<u>36</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>								

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

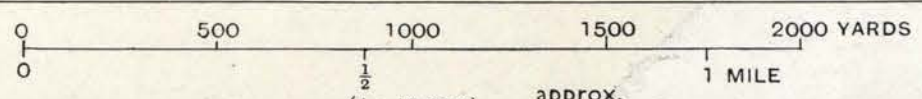
One crew reported that half-way between Munster and Osnabruck (alt. 25,500'), ordinary flak was tracking us and becoming accurate. When it was right on us at 7 o'clock, observed three sets of 4 bursts each of flak with no smoke whatever. Could only see red flashes but could hear it and feel it against our A/C.

Target No.
3/AIR/214

AIRFIELD — RHEINE (SALZBERGEN)
(GERMANY)

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(1 : 18,000) approx.

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

F-B-1

APO 557,
24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Abortive Report for Mission of 23 March 1945.

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

1. Aircraft B-17G 43-38738 returned early from the mission of 23 March 1945 due to the #4 Engine failing internally.
2. The engine operated normally until two hours of flight at an altitude of 14,000 ft. oil vapor was seen to be coming out of the crankcase breather.
3. The Pilot feathered the engine immediately.
4. Ground inspection revealed metal particles from piston rings on the magnetic sump plug.
5. The engine had been allowed to make the flight after compression readings taken on it had showed the engine to be unsafe for flight.

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

94TH GEN C GROUP LEAD SQUADRON

Combat Sq Ldr: CAPT KIRKHOFF Date: 23 March 1945

Deputy Sq Ldr: LT SPUHLER

Deputy Op Ldr: LTS PUHLER

612 SQDN

- 612 SC JABROCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IN GOLFCAPT
- 615 IT BUZZARD

GARLAND (KIRKHOFF)

IX G | 8768 (GH)

HOLM

SC D | 8992

SPUHLER

IX H | 8648 (PF)

SMITH

SC L 8637 (RCM)

MARTIN

SC M | 7039

SPENCE

SC T | 8786

HOWARD

SC B | 1868

AHLERS

SC X | 7864

MC BATH

SC J | 7790

MOLAN

SC H | 2588

BLMQUIST

SC V | 8810 (RCM)

GUILER

SC F | 8541

SPARES

SP LEAD (GH) 6818 IX A Disp 28
 (PF) 8033 IX C Disp 33

HARVESON

SC K | 8733

GND SPARES 2012 IX P Disp 5
 8160 IX C Disp 44

38X150 GP ¹/₄₀ hose - no tail

Gas load - 2300 gal. 0700-1300 YYR
1300-1900 YY

LOW SQUADRON 94th G GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT ABCHENBACH Dat 28 March 48

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HART

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPURLER

614 SQDN

612 SC JABCOCK
613 IW WAGRO
614 IW GOLFOLD
615 IW BUZZARD

ABCHENBACH

IY J 8825 GH

STEDMAN

HART

IW B 7151

IY P 6947

614 SQDN

614 SQDN

BABCOCK

DJERNES

IW F 7395

IW S 2468

LINSAY

PARK

AYRE

SALISBURY

IW K 8877

IW H 8077

IW A 7981

IW N 8738 Spot

HOLMES

IW D 7328

GRAY

CAMERON

IW R 7780

IW T 8646 Spot

Sp.Ld(GH) 8812 IY A Disp 28

Sp.Ld PFF 8038 IY C Disp 33

Grnd sp. 2012 IW P Disp 5

8180 IW G Disp 44

SALISBURY
IW N 8738 Spot
ABORT

HIGH SQDN 94th C GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT KOCHER Date 23 March 45
Deputy Sq. Leader: LT BENNETT
Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPUEHLER

613 SQDN
KOCHEL
612 SQ JAEWOOK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCUB
616 IX BUZZARD

IX M 8707 GH

CAREY
IN N 8862
BENNETT
IX L 8941

613 SQDN

613 SQDN

CRACRAFT

NIELSON

IN G 1983

IN D 6588 Spet

MAHARICK

LITCHFIELD

LEVY

MC KENNEY

IN J 1591

IN M 9126 Spet IN A 8466

IN W 8767

SMITH

IN B 6132

BERNEBURG

KELSC

IN S 2947

IN V 6842

SPARRS

GREEN

IN P 8758

Sp-Ld(GH) 8812 IX A Disp 28
Sp-Ld PFF 8083 IX C Disp 33
Grnd sp. 2012 IW P Disp 8
8160 IN C Disp 44

REF ID: A61153

DATE: 24 March 1945

DUTY OFFICER: Capt Meredith

BRIEFING OFFICER: H. Knapman

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group:

Primary: Rhene A/D - 12 MC in 075 and 24 MC 065

94B 2nd TF

- ① Visual ② G.H. center of A/D ③ Rhene ^{ally. H.V.}
- 2500 - Bombing altitude.

Secondary:

Last Resort:

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW:

94A - in 1st TF. Bombing ^{3rd GP - 401st} Verde A/D ^{making}

94C - " 2nd TF " Hopsten A/D

and following 940 (401)

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

401st Mad - 94C; 41B; 41C; 1B and 1C; 40C and D;

b. 2nd AD:

Spiluzat area as 1st AD

c. 3rd AD:

General area as 2nd AD

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD'S)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast:

3rd AD - D2 at 5:45-0438 + 50

1st AD " " 5:32-0526 + 50

Varil - A/D

Zwischenham - A/D

Planathaus A/D

Varilbuck A/D

Nordholten A/D

b. Fighter Support:

1 GP P47 - 1st AD Try it all

7 " P51 - 1st AD

2 " P51 - Free lance

3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION:

a. Flak: 90% in range

b. Enemy Fighters: _____

c. Smoke Screens: _____

d. Camouflage: _____

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

a. Wing Assembly: _____

b. Air Commanders: Cromer to 5245-04386
Dir. A/C - 1st col. Chastant. Gs Foxhol's
B Gp. " " White.

c. Zero Hour and Date: 0730 - 24 March

d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force: Read Special Bombing
Instructions F3.

5. SUPPLY:

a. Gas Load: 2300

b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) 1x1500 AP. Long delay 100' 140'
500 AP - 50'
1000 AP - 100'
1x1500. 6x1500 = 6000 140'

c. Chaff Load (Point and Time of Commencing Discharge) _____

d. Screening Force: No spot landing Above 570 mps - No Carpet
No chaff will be released by A/C
6 Pt. Buckeye Blue - will screen weather
at all #1 points

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares and Lamps: _____

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

B Group - TARE How Easy
9413 - Vengrove 3-1.
Antenna Mount. Better Days.

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape:

b. S.O.P.'s

c. Miscellaneous:

d. Security:

CB Minor
CH 1 Long
D Casey
CW Gusha
CW Hamilton
of Miami

SECRET

Cottamore
Pegby
✓Biv-000✓
• Cromer.

065
- 073

59 HZ
401
407
3A1
1730
3000 Hz

ml

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

AAF Station # 128.
 24 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 <u>42-102151</u>			
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 W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wirth, Thomas J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hyder, Edwin M.	"
WG	Sgt.	Grayczyk, Clarence J.	"
Plane <u>43-38866</u>			
P	1st Lt.	BABCOCK, FREDRICK H.	"
CP	1st Lt.	BOUSFIELD, JOHN	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Casselmann, Charles R.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bilby, John F/ Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Caldwell, Carroll L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Dunn, Donald R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wilczynski, Walter J.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Parnham, Walter E.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Byrn, Otice W.	"
Plane <u>42-102468</u>			
P	1st Lt.	DJERNES, CARL P.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SPIVA, RAYMOND H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CANALE, JOHN F.	"
CTG	Pvt.	Reiher, Gordon A.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	LaCourse, Lucin	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Luchfield, Marvin	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lawrence, Sterling	"
TG	Sgt.	Wagner, Aloysius	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Akins, Ora R.	"

Loading List Continued

Plane 42-98322

P	2nd Lt.	CAMERON, ELLIOTT E.	614th Sq.
CP	F/O	DAVIDSON, ROBERT L.	"
N	2nd Lt.	GUILLEMBETY, FRED A.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Fasullo, Thomas G.	"
RO	Sgt.	DeLeon, Jerrold J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Fabian, Emory P. Jr.	"
BT	Sgt.	Hargas, Mike S.	"
TG	Sgt.	Clendenin, Charles M.	"
WG	Sgt.	Gabbert, David J.	"

Plane 42-97395

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.	Cox, Clyde F.	"
TT	Sgt.	Knight, Eddie R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Jakubanski, Jukius J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Kennedy, Jack W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Peverill, Edward S.	"

Plane 42-59012

P	1st Lt.	STERMAN, ROBERT M.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	BUSH, FRANK R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SACKS, DAVID W.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Petrowsky, Albert F.	"
RO	Sgt.	Bacon, George S. Jr.	"
TT	Sgt.	Crowe, Harold F.	"
BT	M/Sgt.	Royal, William E.	"
TG	Pvt.	Swatski, Edward F.	"
WG	Sgt.	Bateman, Maurice B.	"

Plane 42-97478

P	2nd Lt.	LINDSEY, JOHN E.	"
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.	Warner, Carl F.	"
BT	Sgt.	Sanders, William H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Portieer, Ellis A.	"
WG	Sgt.	York, John O.	"

Plane 42-102077

P	2nd Lt.	SAISEBURY, THOMAS E.	"
CP	F/O	WYLIE, RONALD J.	"
N	2nd Lt.	BOUCHER, JAMES D. JR.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Waggoner, Norman H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Pinkerton, Oliver	"
TT	Sgt.	Benthall, Clyde T.	"
BT	Sgt.	Walls, Joseph F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chapman, Gyu W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Cain, Hobert P.	"

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Plane 43-97931

P	2nd Lt.	AYRE, LAWRENCE E.	614th Sq.
CP	2nd Lt.	SCHOCK, NORMAN R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	LEASE, GERALD H.	"
CTG	Sgt.	DeLorie, George A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Mandel, Louis I.	"
TT	Sgt.	Brass, Forrest A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Gilbert Luther F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Myers, John E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Iuni, Andrew E.	"

Plane 43-38810 (612th)

P	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CODDEN, BRYAN L.	"
N	1st Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Eidemiller, Wilmer P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Tuching Howard	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wright, Arthur L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dobson, William J.	"
HJ	Sgt.	Ward, Charles A.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Allaire, Joseph S.	"

Lt. CONNELL, HALL T. SR. is flying with the 613th Sq. (Lt. Jones is the Pilot)

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHUFF
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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

Mission No. 336
 24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 43-38788

P	Spence, Claude P.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Reiner, Hughie J.	F/O	"
N	Kennedy, William F.	F/O	"
Tog.	Tumminia, XXXXXXXX Phillip	Sgt.	"
RO	Starrs, Michael J.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Lehat, Abraham P.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Meadows, Mark R.	Sgt.	"
TG	Bane, John D.	Sgt.	"
WG	Defazio, Dante S.	Sgt.	"

NOTE:
 R.C.M. Oper
 S/Sgt.
 Theodore K.
 Swanson

A/C 44-6113

P	Stephens, Lloyd J.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Wilt, Elmer E.	2nd Lt.	"
N Tog.	Whitlock, Howard W.	Sgt.	"
N	Harper, Robert F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Douglass, James B.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Graham, James D.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Wisdom, Kent B.	Pvt.	"
TG	Brennan, William J.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Lewelling, Fred E.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-107039

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

A/C 42-31891

P	Ahlers, Harry W.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Cropp, Robert W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Moos, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Sires, Cleon D.	Sgt.	"
RO	Galfo, Armand J.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Clark, Herbert M.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Boyce, Merle N.	Sgt.	"
TG	Czubat, Adam T.	Sgt.	"
WG	Anderson, John E.	Sgt.	"

A/C 42-106992

P	Holt, Howard L.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Gailey, Ivan L.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Lively, Coy L.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Guin, Frederick D.	Sgt.	"
RO	Hunt, Ray D.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Chapman, Carl W.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Huston, Cecil A.	Sgt.	"
TG	Crosson, James J.	Sgt.	"
WG	Klapow, Benjamin	Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38733

P	Campbell, Charles J.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Foy, Phillip W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gruhn, David B.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Pearlin, Joseph R.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Fec, Gene M.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Kartes, Charles F.	T/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38733 (Cont'd)

BTG	Sullivan, Earl Jr.	S/Sgt.	612th.
TG	Dalton, Charles K.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Murray, Howard M.	S/Sgt.	"
R.C.M.	Deaner, Charles E.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38541

P	Ghiller, Gilbert S.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Bergman, Wayne H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gordon, Robert J.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Graner, John G., Jr.	Sgt.	"
RO	Mountain, John M.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Martin, Norman R.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Kaschak, Joseph J.	Sgt.	"
TG	Deacle, Walter W.	Sgt.	"
WG	Klindworth, Louis O.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-102393

P	Harveson, Lloyd D.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Parsons, Silas P.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Zacamy, John R.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Moore, Kenneth V.	Sgt.	"
RO	Hall, Jewell L.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Brockway, Glenn L.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Cresby, Lewis A.	Sgt.	"
TG	Kuhn, Bill W.	Sgt.	"
WG	Jeter, Kenneth A.	Sgt.	"

A/C 42-31662

P	Howard, Louis F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Wilford, Joseph E.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Davis, Red D.	2nd Lt.	"
Tog.	Rossok, Michael R.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Carson, Edward M.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Corbo, Frank J.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Ford, Billie M.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	McQuiston, George E., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Taylor, Charles F.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-102398

P	Nolan, James A.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Twiggs, Calvin N	2nd Lt.	"
N	Hoffman, Lloyd G.	1st Lt.	"
Tog.	Delle Donne, Charles L.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Hathaway, Stanley K.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Siconolfi, Patrick	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Feldman, Warren H.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Grappman, Richard C.	T/Sgt.	"
WG	Serafino, Ernest A.	T/Sgt.	"

Major Joseph Strauss is flying with the 615th Bomb Squadron (H)
 F/O Merlyn E. Austin is flying with the 613th Bomb Squadron (H)

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

24 MARCH 1945

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-6842	P	1st LT.	KEISO	ARTHUR	D.
	CP	2nd LT.	LYNG	KENNETH	H.
	N	F/O	AUSTIN	MERYLNE	E.
	B	S/SGT.	LUCA	RUDOLPH	C.
	RO	T/SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	T/SGT.	JACQUART	ROBERT	R.
	BT	S/SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	S.
	TG	S/SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	S/SGT.	PIROMALLI	EUGENE	B.
44-6132	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 MAURER	FREDERICK	R. JR.
43-38458	P	2nd LT.	SHEPHERD	JACOB	N. JR.
	CP	2nd LT.	SKIFFINGTON SKIFFINGTON	THOMAS	J.
	N	2nd LT.	VAN ECK	HERMAN	C.
	B	SGT.	ALLES	ROBERT	F.
	RO	SGT.	COLLINS	JOHN	F.
	TT	SGT.	DAVIS	ARNOLD	L.
	BT	SGT.	MARGOLIES	MALCOLM	A.
	TG	SGT.	HERROLD	DAN	E.
	WG	SGT.	BELLFOND	MARTIN	(NMI)
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	S/SGT.	REED	WILLIAM	H. JR.
	TT	S/SGT.	LANIER	LESLIE	H.
	BT	SGT.	MOORE	WILLIAM	F.
	TG	SGT.	WEBB	WENDALL	R.
	WG	SGT.	MOULTON	GEORGE	W.
44-6313	P	1st LT.	BRADLEY	AUDREY	J. JR.
	CP	2nd LT.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd LT.	SITES	JOHN	C.
	B	S/SGT.	ELINS	HERMAN	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	BOWERS	JACOB	J.
	TT	M/SGT.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	S/SGT.	DEFERAUGH	NORMAN	(NMI)
43-37706	P	1st LT.	MAY	JAMES	H.
	CP	2nd LT.	MALONEY	JOSEPH	M.
	N	2nd LT.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
	B	S/SGT.	KENAGY	LLOYD	C.
	RO	S/SGT.	PAULK	ALBERT	L.
	TT	SGT.	SMITH	CHESTER	J.
	BT	SGT.	KROZEL	JOSEPH	A.
	TG	SGT.	Mc KEE	WILLIAM	J.
	WG	S/SGT.	NACHTIGAL	FRED	C.
	RCM	SGT.	FRITSCH	HOMER	(NMI)

44-6146	P	2nd LT.	YOUNG	CHARLES	B.
	CP	2nd LT.	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd LT.	SEAVEY	FRANK	R.
	B	S/SGT.	MOORE	WAVERLY	W.
	BO	SGT.	PETERS	JOHN	W.
	TT	SGT.	BRAMBLE	JOHN	F.
	BT	SGT.	ESHAM	GLENN	E.
	TG	SGT.	JOHNSON	CARL	(NMI)
	UG	Sgt.	HENNING	CHARLES	J.
44-6588	P	1st LT.	NIELSON	HANS	V
	CP	2nd LT.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd LT.	TUMMELSON	HURSHAL	G.
	B	S/SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
	RO	T/SGT.	HARROWE	EMANUEL	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	G.
	BT	S/SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	STEPKA	FRANCIS	S.
	WG	S/SGT.	DE PRA	ARTHUR	R.
	NGM	SGT.	FOGLEMEN	JAMES	(NMI)
43-38160	P	1st LT.	JONES	ROBERT	S.
	CP	2nd LT.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
	N	2nd LT.	CONNELL	HALL	T. SR.
	B	S/SGT.	GARR	RICHARD	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	NELSON	HOWARD	J.
	TG	S/SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	GIEGER	LEWIS	C.
44-8767	P	2nd LT.	MC KENNY	WILLIAM	G.
	CP	2nd LT.	BURDICK	RICHARD	(NMI)
	N	2nd LT.	LEVIN	HERBERT	R.
	B	SGT.	SUNDEPKIN	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.

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

24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp, APO 557.

AIRPLANE #44-8812

DUTY	RANK	NAME(LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt	Wolf	Adolph		615th
CP	2nd Lt <i>apt</i>	Janczek <i>Harb</i>	Walter		"
N	1st Lt	Hoag	Carl	L.	"
B	2nd Lt	Hashimoto	Gene	(NMI)	"
RO	Sgt	Huzinec	Andrew	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt	Palmer	Edward	W.	"
TG	Sgt	Banning	Robert	O.	"
FG	S/Sgt	Elston	Maack	A.	"
J/H	F/O	Vercilli	Edward	F.	"
M/O	2nd Lt	Hehir	Hewitt	G.	"

AIRPLANE #43-38941

P	2nd Lt	Knowles	Willis	S.	"
CP	2nd Lt	Cornelius	Carl	J.	"
N	F/O	Grisham	Cecil	W.	"
B	2nd Lt	Kostolni	Walter	G.	"
RO	S/Sgt	McCormick	Thomas	F.	"
TT	T/Sgt	Boever	Robert	A.	"
BT	Sgt	Wasemiller	Clifford	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt	Bucksbaum	Elmer	(NMI)	"
FG	Sgt	Settle	John	B.	"

AIRPLANE #43-39148

P	2nd Lt	Bennett	Clifton	S.	"
CP	2nd Lt	Stevenson	Joseph	G.	"
N	2nd Lt	Hamilton	Charles	W.	"
B	1st Lt	Wilde	Earl	R.	"
RO	Sgt	Hanes	Billy	R.	"
TT	Sgt	Henley	James	H.	"
BT	Sgt	Spoor	Richard	A.	"
TG	Sgt	Hartswick	Frederick	W.	"
FG	Sgt	Joyner	Oliver	H.	"

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AIRPLANE #43-38707

DUTY	RANK	NAME(LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	Capt	Hayes	Ralph	.	615th
CP	1st Lt	Rubinoff	Lewis	W.	"
N	2nd Lt	Minor	Charles	B.	"
B	1st Lt	Murphy	Roland	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt	Backlin	John	F.	"
TT	T/Sgt	Johnston	Donald	C.	"
TG	S/Sgt	St Ledger	Robert	E.	"
FG	S/Sgt	Pahl	Arthur	L. Jr.	"
J/H	2nd Lt	Sassmannshausen	Walter	B.	"
M/O	1st Lt	Goodman	James	W.	"

AIRPLANE #44-8648

P	1st Lt	Boddin	Frederick	R.	615th
CP	1st Lt	Devlin	James	H.	"
N	1st Lt	Uhrain	Andrew	(NMI)	"
B	1st Lt	Miller	Donald	A.	"
RO	S/Sgt	Yohay	David	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt	Richardson	Paschal	(NMI)	"
TG	S/Sgt	Lindsey	James	R.	"
FG	S/Sgt	Langham	Theodore	E. N.	"
M/O	F/O	Jenkins	Frederick	S.	"

AIRPLANE #44-8825

P	Major	Strauss	Joseph	D.	615th
CP	Lt Col	White	Ralph	J.	615th
N	Capt	Causey	Rufus	F.	"
B	Capt	Arnold	H.	S.	"
RO	T/Sgt	Cobbs	K.	W.	"
TT	S/Sgt	Crug	Milton	H.	"
TG	2nd Lt	Kelly	James	J.	"
FG	2nd Lt	Wollam	Clarence	R.	"
G/H	2nd Lt	Gross	Eugene	P.	"
M/O	1st Lt	Barnes	James	H.	"