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"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 44
26TH. MARCH, 1944

94TH. COMBAT BOMB WING
401ST. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **44**

Date: **26 MAR. 44**

TO: **WATTEN , FRANCE**

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
AAF STA 128, APO 557

J-A-2

26 MARCH 1944

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 44.
(REFERENCE FIELD ORDER 312B)

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401ST BOMB GP (H), AAF STA 128,
APO 557.

1. USE OF VHF SET.

CHANNELS A, B, C-AMERICAN, & D AVAILABLE. ROUTINE
FORMATION MESSAGES ON CHANNEL A.

2. VHF /DF BEARINGS.

NONE.

3. HF/DF BEARINGS.

NONE.

4. MF/DF FIXES.

NONE.

5. DISTRESS ACTION TAKEN.

NONE.

6. RADIO BEACONS USED.

<u>SPLASHERS</u>		<u>FIXED BEACONS</u>		<u>BUNCHER</u>	
<u>BEACON</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>BEACON</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>BEACON</u>	<u>USED BY</u>
6	1	NONE USED		4	11
7	13				
8	13				
9	1				
11	1				
16	5				

7. INFORMATION ON MEACONING.

NONE.

8. USE OF GEE.

MAXIMUM RANGE OBTAINED:
NORMAL - 507, 0232E 5148N

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION 44, 26 MAR 44.

9. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES.

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>REPORTED DEFICIENCIES</u>
593	INTERPHONE - HAZY ABOVE 6000 FEET ON BOTH INTERPHONE & COMMAND SIDETONE.
508	VHF - NOISY.
557	INTERPHONE - PILOTS MIKE OUT. GEE - LOOSE CATHODE RAY TUBE.
092	INTERPHONE - FEED BACK APPARENT.
619	INTERPHONE - GARBLED, SEEMED TO BE TOO SENSITIVE.
07 073	INTERPHONE - HAZY AT ALL TIMES.
091	COMMAND - CHECK #2 RECEIVER. VHF - CHANNEL A WEAK

10. BREACHES OF RADIO DISCIPLINE.

NONE.

11. ABORTIVES DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS.

NONE.

12. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES.

NONE.

13. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE BUNCHER BEACON.

IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. GOOD RESULTS UP TO 45 MILES WERE REPORTED.

14. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE VHF/DF STATION.

IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. NO HOMINGS WERE GIVEN.

15. REMARKS.

DEFICIENCIES BEING INVESTIGATED & CORRECTED.

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 CAPT, AIR CORPS,
 GP COMM O.

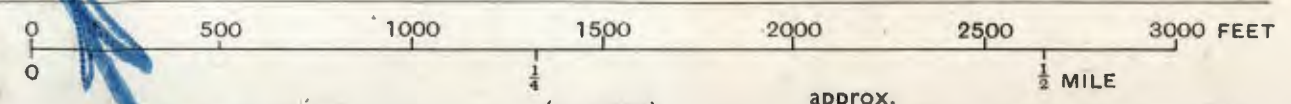
1 INCL:
 INCL #1 - LEAD SHIP RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG.

Target No.
XI/A/1

NOBALL TARGET
"A" Constructional Works
(Large Site)

WATTEN
(FRANCE)

Illustration No.
XI/A/1/3



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Illustration No.
XI/A/1/3

TYPE B

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 567
U. S. ARMY

D-K-1

26 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Watten, France,
26 March 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128, APO 567, U. S. Army. (Thru
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks).

1. Lt. Majewski, Bombardier and Lt. Chmura, Co-Pilot of A/C 9873 make mention that there was too little of evasive action. What little evasive action there was, was too violent. Both officers believe navigation lead was poor.

2. Lt. Reese, Navigator, A/C 9873 says there is no first-aid kit in cockpit and nose. Suggest that a check be made.

3. Lt. Rowe, Bombardier and Lt. Eckert, Co-Pilot, A/C 1698 say our formation should have been stepped-up when bombing by squadrons, the effect of which would be to avoid prop-wash of planes ahead and also when discharging chaff.

4. Lt. Knight, Pilot of A/C 1983 says that abbreviated briefing for this mission was poor and asks why briefed course wasn't followed.

5. Capt. Hinkle, Co-Pilot and Group Leader, A/C 1081 commented that the Group or Combat Wing Leader should be instructed that he may use a certain amount of discretion in deviating from a briefed route which passes over flak installations. He also comments that breakfast was good this morning.

W. B. Fry
FOR
W. B. FRY,
Major, A.C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Assigned Watten, France
 Date of Mission 26 Mar 44
 Bombed Watten, France

1. Target:

2. Route as Flown:- 1425 hours (5045-0015E), 1442 hours (5055-0232E), 15 miles south of course into target - cut back over IP - 1523 hours (5100-0203E) to 1537 hours (5112-0125E).

3. Weather conditions: (a) At target Generally observed as Cavu with little haze.
 (b) En route Hazy to 5000 feet and Cavu above.

4. Were our A.C. "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target Seen
 (b) En route Seen
 Any Condensation trails? None

5. Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL
Moderate and accurate. Most crews reported continuously pointed fire encountered and also indicated barrage and predicted concentration fire seen. All bursts were black and white. One crew reported white bursts were same altitude as black. Several crews report 3 sizes of flak bursts, indicating that not only were single gun batteries operative but different size guns used.

6. Flak encountered or observed en route. (IN the order experienced)
Hucqwelier - 21,000', 1448 hours - Meager bursts encountered, poor for altitude but good for deflection - barrage.
Auxi Le Chateau - 22,000', 1450 hours - Meager to moderate bursts encountered, Good for height and deflection - following seen fire.
Auchel - 21,000', 1453 hours - Moderate bursts observed, good for height and deflection - following seen fire.
Merville - 21,000', 1457 hours - Moderate, accurate flak observed - following seen fire.
 (OVER)

7. Was CHAFF carried? Yes
 How discharged? As Briefed.

8. Position of Group Group bombed by Squadrons.

9. Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/Clost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bomb Away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run
401	19	12	1	1516	1516	21,000	305 M	1 1/2 minutes
Totals								

10. Comments - Phenomena:- Several ground rockets observed at target area and the following: (5045-0155E) brown color and (5050-0213E). 3 rockets seen coming from a battery located in center of clearing of woods at target. Observations indicate rockets had erratic course but seemed controlled. Streamers had white zig zag trail with bursts of brown and white. No A/C was seen to be hit by rockets.

6. (Cont.)

Levens and Hasebruch - 21,000', 1500 hours - Meager to moderate flak observed out of range but good for height - following seen fire.

Gravelines - 21,000', 1524 hours - Meager flak encountered, poor for height and fair to good for deflection - continuously pointed fire.

1 B-17 lost to flak at Auchel at 1453 hours.

MERVILLE

BRIEFING NOTES

March 19

The target is the CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS at Watten, situated on the southern edge of the large forest $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles west south west of the village of Watten, 11 miles South of Gravelines and 13 miles from the coast.

The site has been built in an excavation on the side of a hill and although the floor of this is only 65 feet above sea level, the woods immediately to the North rise to a height of 250 feet. It does not adjoin any built-up area.

This is one of the eight "large sites". These are grouped together and have constructional works on a larger scale than the ski sites or supply sites, and include a large amount of excavation work. The present site was one of the first of the Noball sites. It was heavily damaged in August by a heavy bomber attack and work was suspended but later resumed. It was again attacked in February, one building destroyed and another damaged but the work has continued.

Target area is 600 by 300 yards, roughly rectangular in shape. It is served by a network of light railway tracks with a single track running to the main line near Watten village. Two labor camps are situated in the vicinity.

[Handwritten initials]

Target may be easily identified by its position on the edge of the forest, the village of Watten on the East and the sea-level, treeless marshy country on the north which continues to the Coast.

Little attempt has been made to camouflage the site

Flak---38 guns at the target area. Flak area at Calais and St.Omer.

Also just inside the coast east of Cape Gris Nez

You may see some P-51's with RED SPINNERS and nose stripe instead of conventional White Paint

f down - Col in

To. Closway

32,000 feet

6,000 "

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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
 26 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

*Plane# 42-107043

P	1st Lt.	DAMES, WILLIAM R. JR.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	FRATT, JOHN D.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SCHUBERG, JOHN A.	"
B	2nd Lt.	VAN NOY, RUSSELL N.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Brown, Walter L. Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Hosell, Olie A.	"
BT	Pvt.	Murphy, James J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Gentry, Ray A.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Mooney, William R.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Teel, Oliver E.	"

*Plane 42-31081

P	1st Lt.	KIRKHUFF, DONALD V.	"
CP	Capt.	HINKLE, CARL C. JR.	"
N	1st Lt.	PIERCE, MYRON E. JR.	"
B	1st Lt.	MONTONE, LIBER J.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cook, Harold (NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Nicholas, Charles L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Merritt, William E.	"
TG	2nd Lt.	SCHULZ, JOHN	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Michel, Delmar E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Koehler, Earl E.	"

*Plane 42-31006

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	"
CP	F/O.	PAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRANE, RENFRO V.	"
B	2nd Lt.	LEVY, JAMES G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Castronova, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKendry, Daniel C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David C.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.	"

*Plane 42-31098

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	KELLEY, CURTIS C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Anderson, Carl D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Quinn, Robert E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Passano, William W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald N.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	McMahon, James F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

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

26 March 1944

SUBJECT: LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF STATION 128

1. FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S MISSION:

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31081</u>				
P	1st LT.	RIBGLER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
CP	MAJOR	SILVER	DELYN	C.
N	1st LT.	WOOD	HORACE	D.
B	1st LT.	RESMINE	DURWARD	W.
RO	T/SGT.	LI	MILTON	J.
TT	T/SGT.	GLICK	LEONARD	W. JR.
BT	S/SGT.	JACK	JOHN	C.
HB RWG	S/SGT.	KALLOY	FRANCIS	T.
LWG	S/SGT.	CHANIAN	NISHAN	(NMI)
TG	S/SGT.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.

Two flyers

<u>PLANE NO. 42-3507</u>				
P	1st LT.	LOCHER	JAMES	R. JR.
CP	2d LT.	FRUITT	DON	C.
N	1st LT.	DUCKETT	FRAD	D.
B	1st LT.	BROWN	JOHN	F.
RO	T/SGT.	BRADY	OTHO	H.
TT	T/SGT.	KENNEDY	GEORGE	L.
BT	S/SGT.	DEWITT	FRANK	G.
TG	S/SGT.	MERRILL	CLARK	G.
LWG	S/SGT.	KLINIK	JOHN	C.
HB	S/SGT.	DOMM	GAROLD	H.
O.	2nd Lt.	DICKINSON	MORRIS	L.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-107009</u>				
P	2d LT.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2d LT.	HUSS	VINCENT	J.
N	2d LT.	STEPHENS	DAVID	H.
B	2d LT.	HUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	FINNIE	CHARLES	S.
TT	M/SGT.	OLDER	HAROLD	K.
BT	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
TG	S/SGT.	TOMINSON	ALFRED	A.
LWG	S/SGT.	TOBIRE	RODNEY	T.
RWG	SGT.	IRAIN	JAMES	A.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-31557</u>				
P	1st LT.	HESS	CHARLES	F.
CP	2d LT.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
N	2d LT.	FRIEST	JACK	B.
B	2d LT.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN JR.	(NMI)
RO	S/SGT.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.
TT	T/SGT.	TRYBA	ALEXANDER	W.
BT	SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	P.
TG	S/SGT.	KASNER	CHARLES	D.
LWG	SGT.	HARSELL	DAVID	H.
RWG	S/SGT.	MAIRPHELL	ALEXANDER	H.
		<i>Flores</i>	<i>LOUIS</i>	(NMI)

PLANE NO. A2-31226

P	1st LT.	STELZER	ROBERT	L.
CP	2d LT.	JOHNSON	WENDELL	T.
N	2d LT.	HOBBS	HERBERT	L.
B	2d L.T	WARREN	ROBERT	(NMI)
RO	T/SGT.	HECKER	JESSE DONALD	EX A.
TT	T/SGT.	PACK	JESSE	O.
BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	JAMES	P.
TG	S/SGT.	NICELY	JOHN	R.
IMG	S/SGT.	RICE	EDWARD	J.
HWG	S/SGT.	HOLLAND	THOMAS	H.

PLANE NO. A2-31593

P	2d LT.	SCHANFF	PAUL	F.
CP	2d LT.	ECKERT	CHARLES	A.
N	2d LT.	SCHWARTZ	BERNARD	(NMI)
B	2d LT.	ROWE	ROBERT	V.
RO	SGT.	STRONG	ROBERT	C.
TT	T/SGT.	KARL	RICHARD	X.
BT	S/SGT.	BEDELL	CHARLES	H.
TG	S/SGT.	SMALLIN	JAMES	H.
IMG	S/SGT.	TOMLINSON	ROSCOE	D.
HWG	S/SGT.	FYNIGAR	FREDERICK	G.

PLANE NO. A2-31005

P	2d LT.	VOKATY	ALFRED	E.
CP	2d LT.	GAMBRELL	WILLIAM	L. JR.
N	2d LT.	SCHACHTER	SHEA	(NMI)
B	1st 2d LT.	STRODE	CHARLES	R.
RO	T/SGT.	HARRIS	RONALD	C.
TT	T/SGT.	BROWN	JOSEPH	J.
BT	S/SGT.	SMITH	HOWARD	H.
TG	S/SGT.	CANTER	WARREN	(NMI)
IMG	S/SGT.	SANDERS	ROY	G. JR.
HWG	SGT.	CAMPBELL	JOHN	F.

not flying

PLANE NO. A2-107043

P	2d LT.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
CP	2d LT.	SMITH	JAMES	R.
N	2d LT.	WHITING	MURKIN	J.
B	2d LT.	COBURN	DENE	C.
RO	SGT.	FAINSTOCK	JAMES	E.
TT	S/SGT.	GREER	CECIL	B.
BT	S/SGT.	GREGORY	DAYLIA	C.
TG	SGT.	STREET	VICTOR	P.
IMG	SGT.	KLOPPER	STEPHEN	F.
HWG	SGT.	CARPENTER	ARTHUR	H.

not flying

PLANE NO. A2-31508

P	1st LT.	JONES	DONALD	E.
CP	2d LT.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
N	1st LT.	BENNETT	CYPUS	P.
B	1st LT.	GRATE	LOUIS	B.
RO	T/SGT.	SCHOENBERGER	NICHOLAS	D.
TT	T/SGT.	URBACH	THOMAS	(NMI)
BT	S/SGT.	WEAVER	WILMER	F.
TG	S/SGT.	DE CINGUE	LEWIS	A.
IMG	S/SGT.	SCHAIR	ARTHUR	(NMI)
HWG	S/SGT.	FERLAND	ARTHUR	V.

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) 85012-21 5 28119
 Office of the Operations Officer
 AAF - Sta - 128 - APO - 557
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26 March 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

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

PLANE # 42-37833

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	Captain	Rumsey	William	N.	615th
CP -	1st Lt.	Kaercher	Robert	D.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Walsh	Michael	R.	615th
B -	1st Lt.	Haffner	James	D.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Garter	William	W.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Roberts	Donald	B.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Lieberman	Irving	I.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Garson	John	B.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Rothwell	Frank	A.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Lee	Ivan	R.	615th

PLANE # 42-37496

P -	2nd Lt.	Byrd	G. (1c)	C.	615th
UP -	2nd Lt.	Caifee	Fred	M.	615th
WAG -	2nd Lt.	Patterson	Wayne	D.	615th
BS -	2nd Lt.	Vickrey	Charles	R.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Krasowski	Joseph	G.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Patterson	Delbert	L.	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Skelton	Floyd	(NMI)	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Holzman	Michael	(NMI)	615th
LWG-	Sgt.	Mustarella	Lawrence	S.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Hussey	Wayne	(NMI)	615th
B -	SQUAD	OSGON	WYDAL	T.	615th

PLANE # 42-40002

P -	1st Lt.	Trimble	William	W.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Shantz	Fred	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Lenko	Beryle	L.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Gury	Enver	G.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Hackey	Jack	L.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Tracey	Edward	(NMI)	615th
BT -	Sgt.	Schaeffer	John	S.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Asbell	William	S.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Acker	Joseph	F.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Courtad	Paul	K.	615th
B -	SQUAD	OSGON	WYDAL	T.	615th

NOVA SVNS (VNL (NMI) NIGEL (MI) SIVVSON

PLANE # 42-21892

PLANE # 42-31983

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Knight	Dan	G.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Hueglin	William	B.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Cummings	Lawrence	T.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	G.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Hinkley	Nathan	G.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Sartor	William	(D.)	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Mackowiak	William	B.	615th
TC	S/Sgt.	XXXXXXXX Pacely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	J.	615th
RWG	Sgt. 1st	Cope	Frederick	L.	615th
S	1st Lt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	X.	6124th

PLANE # 42-27073

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Otton	Walter	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Line	Frank	(NGI)	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Wade	Jay	A.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Lotz	Robert	(M.F.)	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Reddy	Hugh	(D.)	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Gould	George	F.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Warlow	Charles	R.	615th
TC	Sgt. 1st	Cumpton	John	A.	615th
LWG	Sgt. 1st	McGahan	James	H.	615th
RWG	Sgt. 1st	Meeks	Ralph	W.	615th
S	1st Lt.	Ball	C. (J)	G.	6124th

PLANE # 42-31983

W	S/Sgt.	Lee	James	B.	6124th
W	S/Sgt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	V.	6124th
W	S/Sgt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	B.	6124th
W	S/Sgt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	I.	6124th
W	S/Sgt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	B.	6124th
W	S/Sgt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	X.	6124th
W	1st Lt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	D.	6124th
W	1st Lt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	V.	6124th
W	1st Lt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	D.	6124th
W	1st Lt.	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	X.	6124th

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
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PLANE # 42-31983

1. BOTTOM LINE IS THE LINE OF CONTROL FROM WHICH THE AIRCRAFT IS TO BE LAUNCHED.
 2. OBSERVATION POINTS SHOULD BE (H) VLO & 200.
 REMARKS: GOOD WEATHER

20 JULY 1944

DUTY

VLO - 200 - 100 - VLO - 200
 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF
 FOR THE AIR FORCE
 WASHINGTON, D.C. (H) **42-31983** # 100
 SIX MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF THIS REPORT (H)

Plane 42-31069

P	Johnson, Benjamin H. Jr.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Czupryk, Edward J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Fishbeck, Howard D.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Musso, David M.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Brandt, Melvin A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Sellitto, John N.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Shaeffer, Donald E.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Blaugh, Joseph M.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Shannon, James L.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Litchfield, Russell E.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane 42-107092

P	Hershey, Harry J.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Woods, Robert R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Buder, Eugene H.	1st Lt.	"
B	Boxer, Martin W.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cherry, Noel C.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Pugh, Alfred E.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Chiccino, Joseph R.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Joseph, Meload C.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Civello, Hubert C.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Gulan, Frank F.	S/Sgt.	"

OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 401st Bombardment Group (H)
 A.P.O. No. 557

AAF, Station 128
 March 26th, 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), AAF,
 Station No. 128, A.P.O. No. 557

Plane ³¹⁰⁹¹ ~~42-10000~~

P	Currie, Donald A.	Des Lt.	612th.
CP	Johnson, Clayton A.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Jeffery, Morey B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Winn, Roy R.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	DiPierro, Cosimo A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Gibson, Earl C.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Graf, Cecil L.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Surprise, Walter L. Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Severson, Marvel T.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Amber, Joe R.	S/Sgt.	"

Plane ³¹⁶¹⁹ ~~42-10026~~

P	Hagan, Marion O. Jr.	2at Lt.	612th.
CP	Dunn, John B. Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Cordell, Wilbur F.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Graham, Fred E.	T/Sgt.	"
RO	Barr, Martin A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Simmons, Harry G. Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Cox, Wade M.	S/Sgt.	"
TE	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXX	X
KW TG	Henson, William W.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Hutson, Arthur A.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Terwiske, James G.	Sgt.	"

Plane ³¹⁰⁷⁷ ~~42-10091~~

P	Kelly, William J..	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Coyne, Daniel J.	1st Lt.	"
N	Van Dyke, George R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Troy, Ephraim F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Van Duren, Paul R.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Johnson, Morris W.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Stengel, Perch J.	T/Sgt.	"
TG	Garity, John B.	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Peacock, George P.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Connor, Jay L. Jr.	T/Sgt.	"

Plane 42- 39873

P	Smith, Stuart E.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Chmura, Stanislaw R.	1st Lt.	"
N	Reese, Victor S.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Majewski, Louis J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	McCawley, Fred E.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Carr, Maurice A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Dziadzia, Ray P.	Sgt.	"
TG	Rister, Robert D.	Sgt.	"
LWG	Scicchitano, Frank J.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Hopkins, Calvin W.	S/Sgt.	"

STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 128
APO 557 • U.S. ARMY

26 March 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 26 MARCH 1944

BASE AT TAKE OFF: (1245) Nil low and middle cloud , 6/10 cirrus above 25,000'.
Visibility 3 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Nil low and middle cloud, scattered cirrus above 25,000'. Visibility
restricted slightly by haze.

TARGET: (1518) Nil low and middle cloud, scattered cirrus above 27,000'.
Downward visibility restricted by ground haze.

RETURN ROUTE: Similar to route out.

BASE ON RETURN: (1653) Nil low and middle cloud, 1/10 cirrus above 25,000'.
Visibility 3 miles.

REMARKS: Temperatures agreed with the forecast temperatures. Winds were a little
more westerly than forecast(21,000' 300⁰ 28 knts.) . Forecast velocity was good.
No contrails were reported.

Walter A. Hentley
WALTER A. HENTLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Station Weather Officer.

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 26 March 1944
 PERIOD 0900-1700 hours
AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/65M/22929

	A Base to Target	B Target to Base	C	D
1 WEATHER	Scattered clouds with haze.	Scattered clouds with haze.		
2 CLOUDS	Hll low cloud, becoming 2-4/10 cumulus, with bases 2000 ft. and tops 4000 ft. enroute to target. Hll medium cloud. 3-5/10 fine cirrus above 25000 ft.	Reverse of A-2 except 1-3/10 cumulus over bases on return.	NOTES: No contrails. Ground haze restricting vertical visibility.	
3 ICING	10000 ft. - Nil	10000 ft. - Nil		
4 VISIBILITY	2-3 miles, being unlimited at flying altitude. 1-2 miles in Third Division.	Unrestricted at flying altitude, being 1-3 miles on return.		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Light and Variable +10			
5000 FT	320 deg. 10 knots + 8			
10000 FT	320 " 20 " 0			
15000 FT	320 " 25 " - 9			
20000 FT	320 " 30 " -20			
25000 FT	320 " 35 " -31			
30000 FT	320 " 35 " -45			

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.53 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. 50 TARGET MEAN TEMP. 2.75
 TEMP. AT 3000 FT. 22 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 427

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 567
U. S. ARMY

27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission of 27 March 1944,
Tours, France.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128, APO 567, U. S. Army. (Thru
Lt. Col. B. Y. Voorhes and Lt. Col. A. G. Brooks).

1. Lt. William Riegler, Pilot A/C 1081, criticizes the weather forecast broadcast two hours before expected ETR from Polebrook; he states that the forecast gives ceiling and visibility, but does not state whether or not there are breaks in the clouds through which let-down might be made. This Airplane Commander thinks cloud coverage should be given in tenths.
2. T/Sgt. Milton J. Lipa, ROG A/C 1081, criticized radio procedure of all combat wing lead operators excepting 351st Group operator in ship leading 94th Combat Wing; he says most operators attempt to send bomb strike messages without securing a channel clearance.
3. S/Sgt. John C. Jack, BTG A/C 1081, wishes that the farmer who lives in the 613th Squadron area would move his refuse pile, because it smells badly.
4. Lt. Alexander Livingstone, Pilot A/C 0855, was of the opinion that the 94th Combat Wing passed too closely to flak installation at Le Havre.
5. Lt. Fred Brown, Jr., Co-Pilot A/C 9804, stated that the mess-hall was too crowded this morning.
6. Lt. Alfred R. Aubry, Bombardier A/C 9881, thinks that covers should be provided for trucks furnishing transportation to and from briefing rooms.
7. Lt. Charles F. Hoss, Pilot A/C 1537, stated that there were bad gas fumes in his A/C today.
8. The crew of Lt. Edwin A. Post, Pilot A/C 1077, criticized the breakfast served in the combat mess, saying the eggs were greasy and cold and the mess-hall crowded.
9. Apparently due to the large number of crews attempting to use the latrines at the same times today, several criticisms were made to the effect that latrines were crowded and smelly, and stools needed emptying. These criticisms were made by: the crew of Lt. Edwin A. Post, Pilot A/C 1077, the crew of Lt. D. G. Byrd, Pilot A/C 7496, the crew of Lt. Mervin J. Christensen, Pilot A/C 9837. This criticism also extended to the and the 612th Squadron and 613th Squadron equipment rooms.

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10. Lt. Charles R. Vickeroy, Bombardier A/C 7496, states that transportation from the briefing room to dispersal areas, in the morning is delayed because crews hold trucks until briefing is over. He thinks crews should take their equipment to A/C first and then release the truck. Lt. Vickeroy also thinks that, when crews land late, a special effort should be made to serve them a warm meal instead of cold outs.

11. Lt. Jay A. Wade, Navigator A/C 1619, would like to have extra fuses (3/4 and 1/4) put in planes for fluxgate compasses; the fuse in his compass burned out, making navigation difficult.

12. Lt. Dan C. Knight, Pilot A/C 1983, wants to commend Lt. Wysocki for his excellent leadership of the 615th Squadron.

13. Lt. Charles S. Ksieniewicz, Pilot A/C 1118, would like to have fighter rendezvous times included on flimsy as well as coordinates. This Airplane Commander also stated that the low squadron of the 94th Combat Wing flew higher than the lead squadron did.

14. Lt. William R. Daves, Jr., Pilot A/C 8162, thinks that hinged windshields on some A/C should be replaced with plain-glass windshields. This Airplane Commander also suggests that, when a mission is scrubbed, the crews be told the reason.

15. Lt. Stephen Wysocki, Pilot A/C 1069, stated that take-off interval today was from 60 to 75 seconds; he also stated that the formation flown by the 401st Group in the 94th Combat Wing was too loose.

16. Several comments concerning the good leadership and formation of the 401st Box in the Composite Combat Wing were made by the following: Lt. Ellsworth E. Christensen, Pilot A/C 7843, Lt. Byron M. Shotts, Pilot A/C 1072, Lt. Harry J. Hershey, Pilot A/C 1496. Lt. Robert J. Ramsey, Co-Pilot A/C 9943 thought the high squadron was too close to the lead squadron and not uncovered sufficiently for protection. He stated that the bombs fell close for comfort.

17. Lt. Kenneth G. Wells, Pilot A/C 1087, criticized the 260 degree turn over the target by the Composite Combat Wing.

18. Lt. Lawrence J. Hildinger, Navigator A/C 7073, observed that one Group behind the 401st Box in the Composite Combat Wing dropped their bombs in a river.

W. B. FRY,
Major, A. C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

27 March, 1944

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 27 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. The following Engineering failures were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Generators Inoperative (2) Supercharger Lags (3)
Tail Wheel Retracting Motor Inoperative (2)
Booster Pumps Inoperative (1) Runaway Props (2)
Cylinder Head Temperature Gauges Out (2)

2. The following Armament failures were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

None Reported.

3. The following failures other than Engineering and Armament were reported with the number of cases in parenthesis:

None Reported.

CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557
27 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557.

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

A 42-31521 - 2" X 3" flak hole through leading edge of right wing between # 3 and # 4 engine nacelles.

B 42-97073 - Small flak hole through leading edge of right wing, outer panel.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>
2	0	2	2

CHARLES W. HUNT
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557
27 March, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 44, 27 March, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO 557, U.S. Army.

Negative Armament malfunction and Bomb Rack report is
submitted for the mission of 27 March, 1944.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer