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JACKSON M. PHIPPS,

Captain, Air Corps,

Adjutant.

# "MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 49

11TH. APRIL, 1944

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

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL  
DAY

MISSION No. **49**

Date: **11 APR. 44**

TO: **POLITZ , GER.**

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
Station 128 - APO 557  
U S Army

D-G-3

11 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions for Mission of 11 April 1944.

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

1. Lt. Col. Allison C. Brooks, Wing Leader, observed that he encountered an unexpected and ~~condense~~ dense concentration of flak in the area N. of Hanover and extending sixty miles E. thereof; he did not know whether these installations represented mobile flak units or not, but this area is not charted on flak map. He said that this concentration of flak was responsible for the loss of the B-17's which went down in this area, rather than those installations at Hanover, which he avoided to S. of course.

2. Capt. Alvah H. Chapman Jr. Pilot A/C 2012 observed that the lead navigator did a good job today.

3. The following crew members expressed an opinion that the wing leader might have avoided the heavy flak areas: Lt. Joseph E. Ferdyn, Pilot A/C 1619, Lt. Aaron Shapiro, navigator, A/C 1662 and Lt. Cyrus P. Bennett, navigator, A/C 7073.

4. The crew of Lt. Wallace R. Smith Jr. stated that they had to wait for trucks from the dispersal area and criticized the fact that the truck assigned to them had been hauling coal and their equipment got dirty.

5. The crew of Lt. Sandy Lew, Pilot, A/C 9932 state that military police personnel, who evidently passed the 613th sq. area on their way to late chow at night, make a great deal of noise and disturbed their rest.

6. The crew of Lt. James C. Sharp, Pilot, A/C 7009 want more food in their lunch pack.

7. Lt. Boudinot (NMI) Stimson, Pilot A/C 7440 hopes that bombing in the future will be done from higher altitude

Crew Comments and Suggestions  
for Mission 1. April 1944.

8. Lt. Dan C. Knight, Pilot A/C 1983 said fighter cover wasn't as good as briefed and said he didn't see friendly escort three quarters of the time.

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

Target No.  
I(a)(iii)40

HYDRIERWERKE PÖLITZ A.G.

PÖLITZ near STETTIN (GERMANY)

Illustration No.  
I(a)(iii)40/6

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS  
0 1 MILE

Photographed 30 September, 1941

(1 : 32,000) approx

Issued September, 1943



Illustration No.  
I(a)(iii)40/6

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S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of April 18 ~~March~~ 1944

Time of Preparation 2430

Target POLITE

Telephoned to A-2 2430

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- (1) Designation of Group 401st Lwg
- (2) Total No. of A/C  
airborne, incl. spares 18
- (3) Total No. of A/C  
Dispatched 18
- (4) No. of A/C Attacking 14
- (5) No. of A/C Dispatched  
but not Attacking 4 Due to:
  - (a) Mechanical Failure \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Weather \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Enemy Action  
(lost before target) 1
  - (d) Other 3
- (6) No. of A/C Lost 1 Due to:
  - (a) Anti-aircraft fire \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Enemy fighters \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Flak and fighters \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) Accident \_\_\_\_\_
  - (e) Reasons Unknown 1
- (7) Times of Attack 1257-1300
- (8) Altitudes of Attack 19,000
- (9) Bombs on Each Target (a) 2 <sup>2</sup> 128 <sup>2</sup> 500 (b) Size 500 (c) Type GP
- (10) Personnel Casualties 11 Type:
  - (a) Number Killed \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Number Wounded 1
  - (c) Number Missing 10
- (11) A/C Suffering Battle  
Damage 15 Category:
  - (a) Minor 14
  - (b) Major 1
  - (c) Salvage \_\_\_\_\_
- (12) Claims \_\_\_\_\_
- (13) Leaflets 80 parcels - type G-35 - at (5400-1438E)

REMARKS: A/C 521 flew with  
379th group.

Lt. D. V. McCallum  
 Preparing Officer

S E C R E T

Report on A.A. Gunfire.

401 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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Assigned . . . . .  
 Target: POLITZ & UNKNOWN TARGET TO NW OF STETTIN Date of Mission 11 April '44  
 Bombed . . . . .

Route as Flown:- (5205 - 0135E) hr. (5237 - 0437 E) 0954 hr. 7 miles South  
 of briefed course till Stettin at 1244 hr. (5429 - 0848 E) 1655 hr. (5254 - 0125 E)

Weather conditions: (a) At target 7/10 to 10/10  
 (b) En route 7/10 to Osnabrook - then broken clouds  
 Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets: (a) At target 7/10  
 (b) En route Seen & Unseen  
 Any condensation trails? NO

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL  
 0953 hr. Enemy Coast - 13800 ft. Meg Poor Poor - Black - Unseen  
 1037 hr. Dummer Lake 16000 ft. Meg Good Good Black - Seen  
 1050 hr. to 1120 hr. (see other side) 15000 ft. mod. Good Good - Black Seen tracking  
 1111 hr. Brunswick 15000 ft. Meg Good Good - Black Seen tracking  
 1150 hr. Vechta 9000 ft. Meg Good Good - Black - Seen 8 guns  
 1200 hr. Lathen 9500 ft. Meg Good Good - Black - Unseen track  
 1244 hr. Stettin 20000 ft. Meg Good Good Black - Unseen track  
 1419 hr. Kiehl 11000 ft. Int. Good Good Black - Barrage  
 1500 hr. Heligoland 8000 ft. Mod Good Poor BWR Barrage  
 No flak data for target which was near Stettin.

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)

Was CHAFF carried? Yes  
 How discharged? At both PT & ST  
 Position of Group Lead & Low box

Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Run
401	32	22 x 2 (S)	4	1215	1245	20000	25 M	60 Sec
totals:								

0. Comments - Phenomena:-  
 1111 hr. Brunswick - One rocket to 14000 ft. poor deflection  
 1245 hr. Near Pelitz - one rocket like swarm of bees.  
 1100 hr. NW. Hanover one rocket zig zag white trail, white burst.  
 1248 hr. Stettin - One rocket like swarm of bees.

LT. D. J. SUTHERLAND.

(OVER)

From 1050 hr. to 1120 hrs. we flew through an area of continuous flak that was very accurate and moderate to intense. This area is bounded by (5223 N - 5240 N) and starts at 0930 E & extends for 60 miles to the east. Lead navigator reports that this flak did not come from Hanover which he could see on his right wing but from his left to the north. We lost 4 A/C to flak in this area and every A/C in the formation had B/D. Crews report seeing 10 ships shot down and 70 chutes in the air at one time.



FLAK INFORMATIONFOLLOW BRIEFED ROUTE.

STAY NORTH of DUMMER HAKE AND  
SOUTH of NIENBURG, WEITZEN BRUCH, NEUDORF,  
DAMM and VECHTU. ON ROUTE INTO TARGET.

NO HEAVY GUNS REPORTED AT TARGET

DO NOT OVERSHOOT HERE BEFORE 1 P. -

5138-1343 E (FINSTER WALDE)

16 GUNS ARE REPORTED at 5138-1343 E.

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3<sup>rd</sup> B.D. Poznan + Hogeimke  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B.D. Oeschelken + Bernburg

Our Your target is <sup>believed to be the largest +</sup> ~~now~~ perhaps the most important assembly plant <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> for FW 190's - This target is a perfect example of the <sup>to a nation at war</sup> movement of an industry <sup>with in itself</sup> deep into a country at war in an attempt to get beyond the reach to destroying A/C. This factory has been operating since the middle of last year, it has had difficulties in achieving full production and full maximum output will not be attained for another few months.

The entire target area consisting of:

- The target town
- Assembly Plant
- Workers Camp
- Hangers, Shop
- A/D

was photographed March 31 - nine days ago these photographs show light snow in the area.

Your MPI is about 1 mile N. of town  
 Components in target town  
 Population of town 26,000  
 # of workers not known

Secondary - second largest <sup>aviation gas</sup> synthetic ~~oil~~ producing plant  
 L. R. Any military objective in Germany

Swedish ships have: black funnels, <sup>gray</sup>  
 Gray hulls above the waterline  
 red below

Swedish Color Yellow St. George's cross on a blue background

About to sail - flying of Blue Peter - a square blue flag with white square in the center.

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

11 April 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 11 APRIL 1944

TAKE-OFF: 0715. 4/10 stratocumulus, base 3000'. 2/10 altostratus, base 10,000'. Trace of cirrus. Visibility 4 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Two layers of stratocumulus between 3000' and 7000' over England, totaling 4-6/10. 7/10 thin altostratus, base 10,000', becoming 9-10/10 over the North Sea and becoming nil at about the Zuider Zee. 1-3/10 cumulus, tops 8-9000', between the Zuider Zee and 13 deg. 30 min. E, where cumulus increased to 5-8/10, tops 12,000'. 1/10 cirrus at about 25,000', decreasing to nil over the North Sea and continent. Visibility unlimited aloft, decreasing to 4-6 miles between Brunswick and the target.

PRIMARY TARGET: 1212. 7-8/10 cumulus, tops 12-13,000'. Nil middle or high cloud. Visibility 5 miles.

TARGET BOMBED: Stettin. 1248. 5/10 cumulus, tops 9000'. Nil middle or high cloud. Visibility 5 miles.

ROUTE BACK: 4-6/10 cumulus, tops 9-11,000' to Baltic Sea, with nil middle cloud. 10/10 altostratus over the Baltic Sea, becoming 9/10 over Denmark, tops 10-11,000', becoming nil at west Danish coast. 4-5/10 cumulus, tops 8000' from the west Danish coast to 1/3 of way across North Sea. Nil low cloud with 10/10 thin altostratus, base 9000', tops 10,000' from 1/3 of way across the North Sea to 2/3 of way across North Sea, becoming nil. Nil middle with 5-7/10 cumulus, base 2500 to 3000', tops 4-6000' over the rest of the North Sea and England. Nil high cloud, becoming 2/10 cirrus at about 22,000' over England. Visibility 4-6 miles, becoming 6-8 miles over England.

BASE ON RETURN: 1719. 5/10 cumulus, base 2500'. 1/10 altostratus, base 10,000'. 2/10 cirrus, base 22,000'. Visibility 8 miles.

REMARKS: Moderate to dense, non-persistent contrails at 19-20,000', occasionally becoming persistent at 21,000'. No icing. Winds aloft nearly as briefed; at 54 deg. 47 min. N, 10 deg. 31 min. E, 13,000', 300 deg. at 27 knots. Temperatures as briefed.

*Arthur B. Street*  
ARTHUR B. STREET  
Captain, A. C.  
Staff Weather Officer

# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 14 April 1957  
 PERIOD 0630-1930 hr  
 AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/69M/22929

DECLASSIFIED PER MAN/745025  
 BY NA NARA DATE 21/12/11

	A Base to 04 Deg East	B 04 Deg East to Target to 07 Deg East	C 07 Deg East to Base	D
1 WEATHER	<del>Cloudy to Overcast with haze</del> Cloudy to Overcast with haze	Cloudy Becoming Partly Cloudy with haze <del>haze</del>	Partly Cloudy Becoming Cloudy with haze	
2 CLOUDS	4-7/10 Stratocumulus base 15-2000ft Tops 4-6000ft. 5-7/10 Alto-cumulus and Altostratus base 10,000ft Tops 12-14,000ft 5-7/10 Fine Cirrus base 22,000ft and above. Middle Clouds Decreasing to 2-4/10 at 04 Deg East. 5-7/10 Cirrus Decreasing to 3-7/10 at 04 Deg East Middle Cloud base 10,000 Cirrus base 22,000ft.	4-7/10 Stratocumulus Decreasing Rapidly to 3-7/10 Cumulus base 2000ft Tops 4000ft. Altostratus and Alto-cumulus Rapidly Breaking to NIL. 5-7/10 Cirrus 22,000ft and Above Becoming NIL by 08 Deg East. Similar on Return except 3-5/10 Cirrus 22,000ft and Above west of 12 Deg East	3-7/10 Cumulus base 2000ft Tops 4000ft Becoming 4-7/10 base 2000ft Tops 5-7000ft in front. 5-7/10 Large Cumulus base 2000ft Top 6-8000ft Over England. NIL Medium Becoming 3-5/10 base 10,000ft Tops 12,000ft in front but decreasing to NIL Over England. 3-5/10 Cirrus Above 22,000ft Decreasing to 1-2/10 Over Base.	-----NIL----- Dense Persistent Contrails Above 22,000 Feet.  -----NIL----- Weak Front Over Base at Take-off Moved to 04-05 Deg East on Return.
3 ICING	5500ft Light Rime in Frontal Cloud	5500 Feet NIL	5500 Feet Light Rime in Frontal Cloud	
4 VISIBILITY	1-3 Miles. Locally 1000yd Becoming Unrestricted Aloft	Unrestricted Aloft Vertical Visibility 8-10 Miles	Unrestricted Aloft Becoming 2-4 Miles At Surface	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Base to 06 Deg East Light and Variable	08 Deg East to Target Light and Variable	TARGET TEMPERATURES	
5000 FT	220 20	300 05	PLUS 08 10	
10,000 FT	220 25	280 10	PLUS 01 02	
15,000 FT	230 30	280 15	-08	
20,000 FT	230 35	280 20	-18	
25,000 FT	230 35	290 25	-29	
30,000 FT	230 40	300 25	-40	
			-50	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.01 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. PLUS 08 TARGET MEAN TEMP. 0.0  
 TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. -08 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 1560

*J-3*  
*Mission 49*

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

Plane 42-79993

ABO 557

612th Lt. J. L. Birmingham, George  
" Lt. J. L. Hoyt, Richard H.  
" 2nd Lt. J. L. Johnson, Harvey G.  
" 2nd Lt. J. L. Lott, Eugene F.  
" T/Sgt. J. L. Givens, Alex (MMI)  
" T/Sgt. J. L. Dunn, John K.  
" T/Sgt. J. L. Johnson, W.  
" T/Sgt. J. L. Shannon, James L.  
" Sgt. J. L. Callahan, Michael J.

SUBJECT: Loading List  
TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),  
AAF Station 128, ABO 557  
Plane 42-31891

AAF Station 128  
11 April 1944

Goodman, James F. Capt.  
Maupin, Jere W. Maj.  
Haberer, Walter E. Capt.  
Anderson, Donald W. 1st Lt.  
Graham, James J. 1st Lt.  
Dawes, Foster E. T/Sgt.  
Farmer, John O. T/Sgt.  
Hansley, Robert J. 1st Lt.  
Canley, Joseph J. 2nd Lt.  
Mankle, Burton A. S/Sgt.  
Francis, Raymond R. S/Sgt.

Plane 31662

Dailey, Scribner C. 1st Lt.  
Stokes, Alexander C. 1st Lt.  
Shapiro, Aaron (MMI) 2nd Lt.  
Malewski, Louis 2nd Lt.  
Hildreth, Arthur W. S/Sgt.  
Hagen, Charles T. T/Sgt.  
Davies, Leonardo F. S/Sgt.  
Sanders, Charles W. S/Sgt.  
Plate, Robert D. S/Sgt.  
Hopkins, Calvin W. S/Sgt.  
Smith, William D. S/Sgt.

Plane 42-107039

Hagan, Marion O. Jr. 1st Lt.  
Dunn, John B. Jr. 2nd Lt.  
Cordell, Wilbur F. 2nd Lt.  
Graham, Fred E. 2nd Lt.  
Barr, Martin A. T/Sgt.  
Simmons, Harry G. Jr. T/Sgt.  
Cox, Wade M. S/Sgt.  
Henson, William W. S/Sgt.  
Daniel, James P. S/Sgt.  
Stone, James A. S/Sgt.

Plane 42-31496

Kelly, William J. 1st Lt.  
Coyne, Daniel J. 1st Lt.  
VanDyke, George R. 2nd Lt.  
Montgomery, Thomas B. 2nd Lt.  
VanDuren, Paul R. S/Sgt.  
Johnson, Morris W. T/Sgt.  
Steggel, Percy J. T/Sgt.  
Garity, John B. S/Sgt.  
Scicchitano, Frank J. S/Sgt.  
Henderson, Pete D. S/Sgt.

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Plane 42-79993

P	Bingham, George F.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Hoyt, Richard H.	1st Lt.	"
N	Tomlinson, Harvey G.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Lott, Eugene F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Giorganni, Alex (NMI)	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Dunn, Johnny K.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Johns, Carl W.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Yeatts, Lawson	S/Sgt.	"
LWG	Shannon, James L.	S/Sgt.	"
RWG	Callahan, Michael J.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-79943

*Aborted*

P	Tanner, John R.	1st Lt.	"
CP	McDaniel, Robert J.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Strom, Kenneth L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Szynecki, John J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Cohen, Weidner	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Cable, Harvey	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Norris, John B.	T/Sgt.	"
TG	Staley, Phillip	T/Sgt.	"
LWG	Daniel, Edward P.	T/Sgt.	"
RWG	Francis, Raymond R.	Sgt.	"

Plane 42-79979

P	Kuhl, Frank	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Czupryk, Edward	2nd Lt.	"
N	Sussman, Armand	2nd Lt.	"
B	Urry, William C.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Shaw, Edward	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Robinson, Charles	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Dziedzic, Ray	T/Sgt.	"
TG	Terwiske, James	T/Sgt.	"
LWG	Funk, Robert D.	T/Sgt.	"
RWG	Smith, William D.	T/Sgt.	"

"	Hagan, Marion O. Jr.	1st Lt.	P
"	Dunn, John B. Jr.	2nd Lt.	CP
"	Cordell, Wilder F.	2nd Lt.	N
"	Graham, Fred E.	2nd Lt.	B
"	Barr, Martin A.	T/Sgt.	RO
"	Simmons, Harry G. Jr.	T/Sgt.	TTG
"	Cox, Wade M.	T/Sgt.	BTG
"	Henson, William W.	T/Sgt.	TG
"	Daniel, James F.	T/Sgt.	LWG
"	Stone, James A.	T/Sgt.	RWG

"	Kelly, William J.	1st Lt.	P
"	Coyne, Daniel J.	1st Lt.	CP
"	Vandye, George R.	2nd Lt.	N
"	Montgomery, Thomas B.	2nd Lt.	B
"	Vanduren, Paul R.	T/Sgt.	RO
"	Johnson, Morris W.	T/Sgt.	TTG
"	Stenzel, Percy J.	T/Sgt.	BTG
"	Garley, John B.	T/Sgt.	TG
"	Solichitano, Frank J.	T/Sgt.	LWG
"	Henderson, Pete D.	T/Sgt.	RWG

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

11 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT : LOADING LIST

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP, AAF STATION 128, APO # 557

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

DUTY                      RANK                      LAST NAME                      FIRST NAME                      MI

PLANE NO. 42-107043

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

PLANE NO. 42-31005

*aportune*

P	2nd Lt.	VOKATY	ALFRED	E.
CP	2nd Lt.	GAMBREEL	WILLIAM	L. JR.
N	2nd Lt.	SCHACHTER	SHEA	(NMI)
B	1st Lt.	STRODE	CHARLES	R.
RO	T/SGT.	KALPIN	RONALD	C.
TT	T/SGT.	BOROS	JOSEPH	J.
BT	S/SGT.	GRULL	HOWARD	M.
TG	S/SGT.	CANTER	WARREN	(NMI)
LWG	S/SGT.	SANDERS	ROY	G. JR.
RWG	S/SGT.	CAMPBELL	JOHN	F.

PLANE NO. 42-31508

*aportune*

P	2nd Lt.	LIVINGSTONE	ALEXANDER	R.
CP	1st Lt.	MAHER	WILLIAM	P.
N	2nd Lt.	JAFFE	LEWIS	S.
B	2nd Lt.	DESHIMER	HAROLD	W.
RO	S/SGT.	MUNCH	ELMER	C.
TT	S/SGT.	GRIER	CECIL	B.
BT	S/SGT.	O'BRIEN	JOHN	D.
TG	S/SGT.	FETZER	ELMER	M.
LWG	S/SGT.	BAEHLER	JAMES	E.
RWG	S/SGT.	MARTINELLI	ALEXANDER	M.

PLANE NO. 42-99932

P	2nd Lt.	LEW	SANDY	(NMI)
CP	2nd Lt.	FRIEST	GORDON	S.
N	2nd Lt.	SCHLIEPER	ROGER	F.
B	2nd Lt.	KELLY	JOHN	J.
RO	SGT.	REEDY	ROBERT	L.
TT	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
BT	S/SGT.	FRANKLIN	PAT	H.
TG	S/SGT.	HIBBS	ARLIE	E.
LWG	S/SGT.	ROBINSON	MARSHALL	D.
RWG	S/SGT.	MacCARTHY	WILLIAM	A.

11 CON'T

PLANE NO. 42-31507

P	1st Lt.	LOCHER	JAMES	R. JR.
CP	2nd Lt.	FRUITT	DOW	C.
N	1st Lt.	DUQUETTE	FRED	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.
LNG	S/SGT.	KLIMEK	JOHN	C.
RWG	S/SGT.	DOMM	HAROLD	H.

PLANE NO. 42-107009

P	2nd Lt.	SHARP	JAMES	C.
CP	2nd Lt.	HUSS	VINCENT	J.
N	2nd Lt.	STEPHENS	DAVID	M.
B	2nd Lt.	BUSSE	MYLES	R.
RO	SGT.	FINNIE	CHARLES	S.
TT	M/SGT.	OLDER	HAROLD	K.
BT	SGT.	SEDERIS	JOHN	J.
TE	S/SGT.	TOMKINSON	ALFRED	A.
LNG	S/SGT.	TOBINE	RODNEY	T.
RWG	SGT.	IRAIN	JAMES	A.

PLANE NO. 42-31591

P	2nd Lt.	O'NEIL	EDWARD	T.
CP	2nd Lt.	IRWIN	JAMES	R.
N	2nd Lt.	WHITING	MYRICK	J.
B	2nd Lt.	GOBER	DEWE	C.
RO	SGT.	FAHNESTOCK	JAMES	E.
TT	S/SGT.	HARP	MORRIS	C.
BT	S/SGT.	GREGORY	DYLIN	C.
TG	S/SGT.	STREET	VICTOR	P.
LNG	SGT.	KLOIBER	STEPHEN	F.
RWG	SGT.	CARPENTER	ARNOLD	H.

PLANE NO. 42-31557

P	1st Lt.	HESS	CHARLES	F.
CP	2nd Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
N	2nd Lt.	PRIEST	JACK	B.
B	2nd Lt.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN JR.	(NMI)
RO	T/SGT.	MARTINEZ	RICHARD	V.
TT	T/SGT.	TRYBA	ALEXANDER	W.
BT	S/SGT.	KASHNER	CHARLES	D.
TG	S/SGT.	DE CINQUE	LEWIS	A.
LNG	SGT.	HADSELL	DAVID	N.
RWG	S/SGT.	FLOREZ	LOUIS	(NMI)



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

AAF Station # 128  
 11 April 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 42-31116

P	2nd Lt.	BARTLEY, LEO S.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	HAMMOND, HOWARD W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	RYAN, WILLIAM F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	CARTER, JAMES P.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Frederick, Eugene D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Rader, Richard A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Berg, Edgar M.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Hartwell, Dennis R.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	DeGraff, Andrew D.	"
RWG	Cpl.	Sherman, Gilbert	"

\*Plane 42-32012

P	Captain	CHAPMAN, ALVAH M. JR.	614th
CP	Lt. Col.	BROOKS, ALLISON C.	401st
N	1st Lt.	SMITH, CHARLES M.	614th
B	Major	PICKOFF, JULIUS (NMI)	401st
RO	T/Sgt.	Pyle, Robert B.	614th
TT	T/Sgt.	Wilson, George S.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Dayton, James E.	"
LWG TG	1st Lt.	SOBOLAK, BENNIE W.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Cohen, Franklin G.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Brennan, Michael G.	"
N	1st Lt.	NOLTE, EDWARD P.	"

\*Plane 42-39440

P	1st Lt.	STIMSON, BOUDINOT (NMI)	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	TIMBERLAKE, ROBERT H.	"
N	1st Lt.	O'NEAL, JOHN E. JR.	"
B	1st Lt.	PFAPFMAN, JACK L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mancuso, Carman L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Kukurin, Jarl E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	LeSage, Alfred (NMI)	"
LWG	Cpl.	Amos, Paul J.	"
RWG	Cpl.	Allen, Andrew L.	"

\*Plane 42-39820

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, SAMUEL P.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	GATTIS, ELGIN V.	"
N	2nd Lt.	SUDAKOV, LAWRENCE H.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DALY, JOHN J. JR.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kelley, Homer C.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Corley, Jesse C.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cornassel, Beryle A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sokol, Leonard E.	"
LWG	Cpl.	Morrissey, John E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Wolf, William G.	"

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\*Plane 42-51369

P				
P	1st Lt.	KIRKHUFF, DONALD V.		614th
CP	Major	HINKLE, CARL C.		"
N	1st Lt.	PIERCE, MYRONE. 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	S/Sgt.	John, Leroy (NMI)		"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Koehler, Earl E.		"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Michel, Delmar E.		"

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\*Plane 42-51315

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.		614th
CP	F/O	FAULHABER, DONALD A.		"
N	2nd Lt.	CRANE, RENFRO V.		"
B	2nd Lt.	LEVEY, 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.		"
LWGG	S/Sgt.	Teel, Oliver E.		"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.		"

\*Plane 42-51863

P	2nd Lt.	WALSH, ROBERT P.		614th
CP	2nd Lt.	LONG, JOHN C.		"
N	2nd Lt.	MATRICIAN, MICHAEL (NMI)		"
B	2nd Lt.	PORTER, GUY R.		"
RO	Cpl.	Zappala, Vincent (NMI)		"
TT	T/Sgt.	Stallcup, Mose H.		"
BT	S/Sgt.	Collie, Perry O.		"
TG	S/Sgt.	Brgoch, Ludvick J.		"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Cartmill, Charles L.		"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Layland, John M.		"

\*Plane 42-39881

P	1st Lt.	STINE, ROBERT O.		614th
CP	2nd Lt.	KHOB, ROBERT J.		"
N	2nd Lt.	MILLER, LEE S. JR.		"
B	2nd Lt.	EMPRIC, WALTER P.		"
RO	T/Sgt.	Keeney, Frank E.		"
TT	T/Sgt.	Trump, Paul W.		"
BT	S/Sgt.	Risi, John M.		"
TG	S/Sgt.	Prager, Gilbert (NMI)		"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Thill, Richard G.		"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Phillips, Edward J.		"

\*Plane 42-39847

P	2nd Lt.	SHAW, FRANCIS L.		614th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cole, William R.		"
N	ENGBELHARDT, ELMER W.	2nd Lt.		"
B	2nd Lt.	AUTRY, ALFRED L.		"
RO	S/Sgt.	Terroux, Kenneth A.		"
TT	T/Sgt.	Macomber, Richard W.		"
BT	Cpl.	Hurd, John L.		"
TG	S/Sgt.	Seagren, Carl K.		"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Highlen, Harold A.		"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gordon, Robert T.		"

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

11 April 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 # 42-31730  
 DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (FI) SQUADRON

P	1st Lt.	Lewis	Clyde	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Maloney	Milton	F.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Eaton	William	M.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Arnold	Harold	S.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Binkin	Nathan	O.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Weber	Melvin	O.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Howell	James	B.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Cushing	Leonard	H.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Tosh	William	A.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Harry	E.	615th
CL			MITCHELL	B.	615th
PLANE #	<u>42-31731</u>			C.	615th

P	1st Lt.	Christensen	Ellsworth	E.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Rustand	Ronald	L.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Wong	Delbert	H.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Reynolds	Herbert	A.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Mehlman	Raymond	(NMI)	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Breen	Roland	J.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Roundtree	Charles	L.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Ross	Harry	A.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Crawley	Eugene	F.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Russell	W.	615th
CL			Popel	G.	615th
PLANE #	<u>42-31089</u>			B.	615th

P	1st Lt.	Wysocki	Stephen	(NMI)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Shelton	Horace	H.	615th
N	1st Lt.	Taylor	James	(NMI)	615th
B	1st Lt.	Gurvin	Robert	M.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Kenny	Gerald	M.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Zander	Harold	S.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Clare	David	B.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	McElligott	Herbert	F.	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Kenn	Ernest	H.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Ostrowski	Julius	F.	615th
CL			Stovall	A.	615th
L			Arnold	G.	615th

DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (FI) SQUADRON

PLANE # 42-31732  
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PLANE # 42-3896

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Kaminski	Vincent	J.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Mallon	Richard	W.	615th
NO	1st Lt.	Hildinger	Lawrence	N.J.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Wolke	Ralph	W.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Cheatham	Eimer	H.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Bragnino	Donald	W.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Hardy	Charles	W.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Powell	Gerald	N.J.	615th
PLNG	S/Sgt.	Robideaux	Jay	W.	615th
PLWG	S/Sgt.	Loadholt	Jay	(NY)	615th
GB	Sgt	Boyd	Robert	W.	615th
PLANE #	<u>42-31619</u>	ABOOKT	Robert	(NY)	615th

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P	1st Lt.	Fordya	Joseph	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Enstad	Robert	J.	615th
NO	2nd Lt.	Manning	Charles	W.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (io)	W.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	W.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Agge	Jack	W.	615th
BT	Sgt.	Johnson	Joe	W.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Hertzman	Harold	(NY)	615th
PLNG	S/Sgt.	May	William	W.	615th
PLWG	S/Sgt.	Bushendorf	Everett	W.	615th
GB	Sgt	Boyd	Robert	W.	615th
PLANE #	<u>42-31983</u>	BOYD	Robert	W.	615th

P	2nd Lt.	Knight	Dan	C.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Huegin	William	W.	615th
NO	1st Lt.	Whitney	Ray	W.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Chambers	Edward	W.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Beller	James	W.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Sarter	William	W.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Mackowiak	William	W.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Spacely	Charles	W.	615th
PLNG	S/Sgt.	Wilson	Charles	W.	615th
PLWG	Sgt.	Cope	Frederick	W.	615th
GB	Sgt	Boyd	Robert	W.	615th
PLANE #	<u>42-40002</u>	BOYD	Robert	W.	615th

P	2nd Lt.	Losinski	Stephen	(J)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Child	Eldon	W.	615th
NO	P/O	Rush	Louis	W.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Hughes	Harold	W.	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Weber	Bernard	W.	615th
TT	S/Sgt.	Mercurio	Michael	J.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Keller, Jr.	James	W.	615th
TG	Sgt.	Friedman	Irvin	W.	615th
PLNG	S/Sgt.	Brock	Kenneth	W.	615th
PLWG	S/Sgt.	Williams	John	W.	615th

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 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
 FOR PERSONNEL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (H)  
 SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH BROADWAY (H)

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

11 April 1944

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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 # 42-97073

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	2nd Lt.	Otton	Walter	J.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Line	Frank	(NMI)	615th
M -	1st Lt.	Bennett	Cyrus	P.	613th
B -	2nd Lt.	Lots	Robert	F.	615th
RO -	S/Sgt.	Reddy	Hugh	D.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Urmson	Thomas	(NMI)	613th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Weaver	Wilners	F.	613th
TG -	Sgt.	Cumpson	John	A.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Housman	Herbert	M.	615th
RWG-	Sgt.	Elliott	Ralph	D.	615th

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
STATION 128 - APO 857  
U.S. ARMY

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13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Schweinfurt,  
13 April 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 857 U.S. Army. (Thru Lt Col B.K. Voorhees and Lt Col A.C. Brooks).

1. Major Delwyn B. Silver, Group Leader, requested that the newspaper "Stars and Stripes" be notified that the Luftwaffe has not been entirely eliminated from the skies.

2. Lt George R. VanDyke, Navigator A/C 9945, says that he had only two red flares in his aircraft. The entire crew of this aircraft (Lt William J. Kelly, Pilot) thinks P-47's should change back to white noses instead of red because they are confused with FW-190. They also believe P-51's should have white noses. Lt Daniel J. Coyne, Copilot, states that S-2 briefing this morning did not include reference to places where fighter rendezvous was to take place.

3. Lt Benjamin H. Johnson Jr., Pilot A/C 0050, also mentioned the fact that briefing did not disclose point of rendezvous.

4. Although friendly fighter escort was generally described as effective, Lt Benjamin H. Johnson Jr., Pilot A/C 0050, wondered why P-51's who were giving top cover did not come down when ME-109's were attacking 7 minutes before target was reached. Lt Vincent J. Kaminaki, Pilot A/C 1933, thought there was a scarcity of friendly fighters over the target area, as did Lt Maicon O. Hagan, Jr., Pilot A/C 9993, who also stated that there are more desirable positions to fly than low box.

5. Lt Maicon O. Hagan Jr., Pilot A/C 9993, says his crew needs more lunch to take along.

6. The crew of Lt Edward T. O'Neil, Pilot A/C 1591, would rather have hotcakes for breakfast instead of dried eggs.

7. The crew of Lt Paul E. Campbell, Pilot A/C 1521, very much appreciated the late briefing (0700 hours) which enabled them to sleep longer.

8. Lt Dow C. Pruitt, Co- Pilot A/C 1072, believes the wing should have missed Ostednd on the enemy coast, because the flak there is known to be very accurate.

9. S/Sgt John C. Klinek, LNG A/C 1072, says the enclosed waist window of the modified B-17G limits his range of fire; he could have had many more shots in an unmodified B-17.

10. Lt Robert P. Walsh, Pilot A/C 8448, states that cumulous clouds extending to an altitude of 20,000 feet create an ideal situation for enemy A/C, and

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HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION 129  
APO 557

13 April, 1944

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 13 April, 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.  
ATTN: STATISTICAL CONTROL SECTION:

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

Supercharger Lag (1)

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

Vicker's Unit Motor Burned Out (1)

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

Oxygen Systems Out (3)

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1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer

are primarily responsible for the loss of bombers even when an overwhelming fighter escort is present.

11. Lt Mervin J. Christensen, Pilot A/C 9837, stated that a formation of C-47's flew across the traffic pattern just as he took off this morning.

12. Lt Earl C. Owens Jr., Pilot A/C 1496, highly commended Pvt M. Belfond for sticking to his guns although wounded.

13. Lt Robert P. Walsh, Pilot A/C 8448, commended his bombardier, Lt Guy R. Porter, for bravery shown while assisting in getting out bombs which stuck on the rack, and then, while using a walk-around oxygen bottle which slipped out of his hand and fell to earth, cranking the bomb-bay doors shut.

14. Lt Carlton L. Wilson, Pilot A/C 7043, commends his ROG, T/Sgt Carl D. Anderson, for refusing to leave his radio even though his right leg was shattered by a 20 mm. shell. Lt Francis M. Fogarty, bombardier on this crew, left his post after bombs away, applied a touniquet to Sgt Anderson's leg, gave him a drug and made him comfortable. During this time Lt John K. Connery, navigator, took over the nose guns and continued firing at attacking aircraft in a manner which resulted in submission of 2 combat claims. Incidentally, Lt Wilson landed this badly shot up aircraft with no brakes in a manner which was commented upon by a number of aircraft commanders.

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



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

A.P.O. 557  
13 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557.

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-40050 - Flak hole in bottom of left wing around station 24; Two flak holes in bottom of left wing around station 8 in bottom out top; Flak hole in bottom of left flap around station 5, in bottom out top; Flak hole in right side of # 2 nacelle; Flak hole in right side of chin turret; Flak hole in bottom of right wing around station 24, in bottom out top; Flak hole in trailing edge of # 4 ring cowling at four o'clock; Flak hole in left elevator trim tab around station 62; Flak hole in left side of fuselage around station 6j; Flak hole in left side of fuselage around station 8e; Three holes in right aileron at stations 20, 27 and 29 caused by flak.

b. 42-39993 - One large flak hole and an assortment of small holes in bottom of left wing around station 18; Flak hole in accessory cowling of # 1 engine at five o'clock; Hole in rear of left side bomb bay door; Hole in left bottom side of fuselage around station 8B; Damage to VHF radio and cut trim tab cables on right elevator; Hole in left bottom bomb bay door; Hole in left side of fuselage around station 7A; Hole in left side of fuselage around station 8A; Hole in left side of fuselage around station 11B; Hole in left side of fuselage around station 11A; Flak hole in left bottom of side fuselage near station 2D; Flak hole in fairing joining left wing to fuselage; Flak hole through top of right wing near station 29; Flak hole in bottom of right wing, near station 32;

c. 42-39837 - Flak hole in bottom of left wing near station 27; Flak hole in leading edge of left wing near station 20; Flak hole in bottom of left flap inboard edge causing severe damage; Large assortment of small holes in left side of fuselage from station 6f to station 6; Flak hole in left side of fuselage forward of waist position; Flak hole in left side of dorsal fin near station 11; Flak hole in bottom of horizontal stabilizer near station 130, in bottom out top; Flak hole in inboard edge of left elevator; Flak hole in top of rudder trim tab; Severe 20mm damage to leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer between stations 78 and 94; Assortment of holes in right side of fuselage between stations 6f and station 8; Large hole in right top corner of main entrance door, caused by 20mm shell; Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 19; Flak hole in bottom of right wing just below leading edge near station 29; 20mm damage in bottom of camera well tore camera well and radio room floor to shreds.

d. 42-31087 - Flak hole in left side of fuselage near station 6j; Flak hole in left side of vertical fin near station 9; Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 36; Flak hole in bottom of fuselage near station 6d, damaging IFF and VHF radio equipment.

**SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report (continued)**

**g. 42-39943 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 14; Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 16; Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 21; Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 33; Flak hole in bottom of right wing, near station 32; Two holes in right aileron, one at station 23 and one at station 29; Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 24; Flak hole in leading edge of cowl flap on # 4 engine; Flak hole in accessory cowling of # 4 engine; Flak hole in left bottom side of plexiglass nose; Flak hole in left side of fuselage near station 1b; Pilot's windshield shattered; Flak hole in bottom of left wing, near station 21; Flak hole in bottom of left landing flap near station 9.**

**f. 42-31496 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 17; Fuel hose in wing cut, rear main spar damaged and Tokyo tank change necessary; Two hole in top of left wing, near station 29, in top out bottom; cutting stiffener and electric wire; Flak hole in bottom of left wing near station 22, Tokyo tank change necessary; Flak hole in bottom of right side of fuselage near station 61, cutting stiffener.**

**g. 42-31591 - Flak hole through right wing, inner panel, damaging stringer.**

**h. 42-31072 - Flak hole in plexiglass nose section; Flak hole through right horizontal stabilizer; Flak hole through right wing, outer panel, cutting internal brace.**

**i. 42-31081 - Flak entered top of fuselage and went into bomb bay, damaging stringer; Flak ripped skin of left raft door on left side of fuselage; Cal. .303 hole through rudder; Cal. .303 hole through vertical stabilizer; Flak entered bottom of left horizontal stabilizer and went into fuselage, cutting electrical wiring and damaging tail wheel retracting mechanism; Two flak holes in bottom of left wing penetrating Tokyo tank; 6" flak rip in left bomb bay door; Flak hole in bottom of right wing, behind # 4 nacelle.**

**j. 42-107043 - Several 20mm holes in wings, damaging structure and fuel tanks; 20mm entered left side of fuselage and exploded against bulkhead # 3 damaging control cables, electrical wiring and lines structure; 20mm entered left side of fuselage, aft of ball turret and went through radio room and into bomb bay, damaging bulkheads # 5 and # 6 and Liaison Radio; Flak hole through plexiglass nose section.**

**k. 42-97448 - Flak hole through left wing, outer panel; Small flak hole in bottom of right wing, behind # 4 nacelle; Cal. .303 hole in bottom of right wing, outer panel; 20mm hole in bottom of fuselage, near tail, damaging tail wheel mount.**

**l. 42-31091 - Flak hole in bottom of fuselage, near ball turret damaging brace; Flak hole through left wing tip; Cal. .303 entered leading edge of left wing and came out top; Small flak hole in left waist window; Small flak hole in right side of fuselage near tail; Small flak hole in right side of fuselage, beneath Navigator's window.**

**SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report (continued)**

**n. 42-31077 - Numerous flak holes in wings and fuselage, puncturing fuel tanks; # 2 supercharger damaged by flak; Three flak holes in horizontal stabilizer; Flak hole in vertical stabilizer; Flak hole in left bomb bay door, damaging control cables.**

**n. 42-31521 - Two flak holes in right horizontal stabilizer; Flak hole in bottom of left elevator; Cal.303 hole through left wing, outer panel; Left aileron ripped by flak.**

<u>TOTAL NO. OF A/C</u>	<u>MAJOR DAMAGE</u>	<u>MINOR DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY FLAK</u>	<u>BY FIGHTER</u>	<u>BY FLAK &amp; FIGHTER</u>
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**CHARLES W. HUNT  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Group Engineering Officer**

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

A.P.O. 557  
13 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 49, 13 April, 1944.

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

1. The following Armament malfunctions were reported at  
the conclusion of the mission of 13 April, 1944.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
42-38993	Ball Turret	Motor Burned Out Vickers Unit	Equipment

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTION

Negative bomb rack malfunction report is submitted for the  
mission of 13 April, 1944.

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

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER  
STATION 128  
APO 557

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13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

TO: Engineering Officer, 401st Bombardment Group, (H),  
Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army

1. The following is the battle damage report for the airplanes operated by this Squadron on the combat mission completed this date.

AIRPLANE NO.  
42-40050

BATTLE DAMAGE

1. Flak hole in bottom of left wing around Station 24.
2. Two flak holes in bottom of left wing around Station 8 in bottom out top.
3. Flak hole in bottom of left flap around Station 5. In bottom out top.
4. Flak hole in right side of No. 2 nacelle.
5. Flak hole in right side of chin turret.
6. Flak hole in bottom of right wing around Station 24. In bottom out top.
7. Flak hole in trailing edge of No. 4 ring cowling at four o'clock.
8. Flak hole in left elevator trim tab around Station 62.
9. Flak hole in left side of fuselage around Station 6J.
10. Flak hole in left side of fuselage around Station 5E.
11. Three holes in right aileron at Stations 20,27,29.

42-39993

1. One large flak hole and an assortment of small holes in bottom of left wing around Station 18.
2. Flak hole in accessory cowling of No. 1 engine at five o'clock.
3. Hole in rear of left bomb bay door.
4. Hole in left bottom side of fuselage around Station 6B. Damage to VHF radio and cut trim tab cables on right elevator.
5. Hole in left bottom side of fuselage around Station 7A.
6. Hole in left side of fuselage around Station 8A.
7. Hole in left side of fuselage around Station 11B.
8. Hole in left side of fuselage around Station 11A.

42-39993

9. Flak hole in left bottom side of fuselage near station 2d.
10. Flak hole in fairing (leading edge) joining left wing to fuselage.
11. Flak hole in top of right wing near station 29. in top out bottom.
12. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 32.

42-39857

1. Flak hole in bottom of left wing near station 27.
2. Flak hole in leading edge of left wing near station 20.
3. Flak hole in bottom of left flap inboard edge. Severe damage.
4. Large assortment of small holes in left side of fuselage between station 6f and station 8.
5. Large assortment of small holes in left side of fuselage from station 6f to station 6.
6. Flak hole in left side of dorsal fin near station 11.
7. Flak hole in bottom of horizontal stabilizer near station 130, in bottom out top.
8. Flak hole in inboard edge of left elevator .
9. Flak hole in top of rudder trim tab.
10. Severe 20 mm damage to leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer between stations 78 and 94.
11. Assortment of holes in right side of fuselage between stations 6f and station 8.
12. Large hole in right top corner of main entrance door. caused by 20 mm shell.
13. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 19.
14. Flak hole in bottom of right wing just below leading edge near station 29.
15. 20mm damage in bottom of camera well tore camera well and radio room floor to shreds.

42-39943

1. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 14.
2. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 18.
3. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 21.
4. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 33.
5. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 32.
6. Two holes in right aileron, 1 at station 23 and 1 at station 29.
7. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 24.
8. Flak hole in leading edge of cowling flap on # 4 engine. 3 o'clock.
9. Flak hole in accessory cowling of # 4 engine. 5 O'clock Struck C-2 strainer putting hole in it necessitating feathering of # 3 engine.
10. Flak hole in left bottom side of plexiglass nose.
11. Flak hole in left side of fuselage near station 1b.
12. Pilots windshield shattered.
13. Flak hole in bottom of left wing near station 21.
14. Flak hole in bottom of left landing flap near station 9.

42-31496

1. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 17. Fuel hose in wing cut, rear main spar damaged, and Tokyo tank will have to be changed.
2. Two holes in bottom of left wing near station 22. Tokyo tank change.
3. Flak hole in top of left wing near station 29. In top out bottom. Cut stiffener and electric wire to formation lights.
4. Flak hole in bottom right side of fuselage near station 6i. Cut stiffener.

42-31087

1. Flak hole in left side of fuselage near station 6j.
2. Flak hole in left side of vertical fin near station 9.
3. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 36.
4. Flak hole in bottom of fuselage near station 5d. Damaged IFF and VHF radio equipment.

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