

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

A.P.O. 557
31 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

None.

CHARLES W. HUNT
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

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

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31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Luxeull, 31 May 1944.

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

1. Lt Col William T Seawell and Capt Fred D Grinben, Group Leader and Pilot respectively A/C 485, state that Wing lead Navigator did a superior job.

2. Entire crews of Lt W R Smith Pilot A/C 865 and Lt L E Fitchett, Pilot A/C 045 state that the mess has improved consider ably.

HUGH M HAMILL, 1/Lt,
For W. B. FRY,
Major, Air Corps
Group S-2 Officer

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

A.P.O. 557
31 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission 31 May, 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 31 May, 1944.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
42-107084	Ball Turret	Vickers Unit Motor Burned Out.	Equipment

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTIONS

Negative bomb rack malfunction report is submitted for the
mission of 31 May, 1944.

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

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

31 May, 1944

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 31 May, 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557
ATTN: Statistical Control Officer

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

Rate of Climb Indicator Out (1)
Cylinder Head Temperature Gauge Out (1)
A.F.C.E. Lights Out (1)

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

Vickers Unit Motor Burned Out (1)

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

None Reported.

CHARLES W. HUNT
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

LOW BOX 94th CBW

Combat Flight Leader COL SEAWELL Date 31 May 1944

Deputy Flight Leader TRIMBLE

Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____

Ground Control ETR 1426

*12 x 500 GP
1/10 1/100*

615 SQDN

GRINHAM (SEAWELL)

IY X 1485 ✓

612th SC JAWOCK
613th IN MACRO
614th IW GOLFCUB
615th IY BUZZARD

DE SIANO

TRIMBLE

IY P 7981 *

IY J 7113 *

613 SQDN

614 SQDN

FITCHEPT

SMITH

IN B 7043 *

IW X 1863 *

PIPER

LEMMONS

KENNEY

ROZZEL

IN G 7511 *

IN H 9932 *

IW B 7151 *

IW G 7084 *

FOX

IN J 1591 *

PARR

LIPKA

IY C 2468 ✓

IW Q 7478 *

SPARES

MANN

Returned

IY K ~~1055~~
IW 1369 ✓

RISHIER

Returned

IW E 7322 ✓

GROUND SPARE ~~KEE~~ IN K 1072
IN F 1037
SPARE LEAD IW P 2012

981 - Flap position indicator out:

113 - O.K.

151 - O.K.

478 - O.K.

043 - Rate of climb out: AFCE light out

511 - O.K.

591 - O.K.

084 - #2 cyl head temp out, Bomb bay doors
come up all but 6 inches: (check)

863 - O.K.

932 - O.K.

Pilots failing to Report

Parr	—	468
Grinham	—	485

~~SECRET~~

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CO AAF STA 128 by

JACKSON M. PHIPPS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 80
31st. MAY, 1944

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

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **80**

Date: **31 MAY 44**

TO: **LUXEUIL , FRANCE**

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER

E-7

1 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Leader's Narrative, Mission of 31 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. Twelve aircraft plus two spares were airborne this date and flew in the 94th Combat Wing as low box. Spares turned back at midchannel; no losses were suffered.

2. Route and timing over England were approximately as briefed. Towering cumulus clouds were encountered on entering the enemy coast so that a climb from the briefed altitude of 17,400 to 21,500 feet was necessary and course altered to a point north of Brussels, Belgium. Considerable difficulty was encountered for a period flying through dense persistent contrails. Also, at one time it was necessary for the wing to fly through cloud for several minutes.

3. After passing the cloud formation in the enemy coastal region the route was approximately as briefed. The wing descended to briefed altitude for bombing. The 401st Group bombed second with excellent results.

4. Route out was approximately as briefed. The wing was forced to climb again to pass the clouds, the low box climbing to 26,000 feet. Descent was begun near the enemy coast and return to base was accomplished without further incident.

5. Fighter support throughout the mission was excellent.

WILLIAM T. SEAWELL,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Group Leader.

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER

E-D-5

1 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission #80, 31 May 1944. (Low Box).

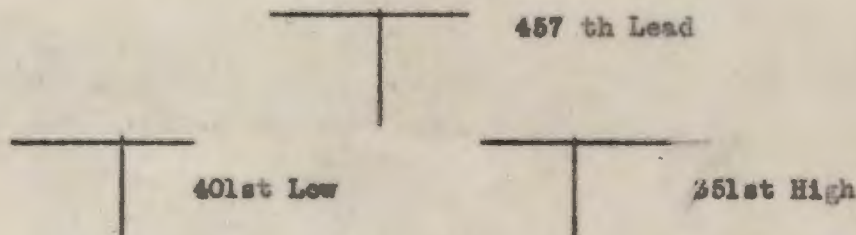
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 401st Group furnished 14 ships including two spares, for the low box of the 94th CBW. Assembly was good and course over England was as briefed. See the leader's narrative for the route in and out.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: The two spares turned back at mid-channel and the other twelve ships continued to the target. There were no abortives and no losses.

3. ENEMY ACTION: Meager flak was encountered at two places along the route but did no damage. No enemy fighter attacks were experienced.

4. FORMATION:
 A. Take Off and Cruise (see attached diagram).
 B. Target (see attached diagram).
 C. Wing formation:



5. RESULTS: Bombing results were excellent.

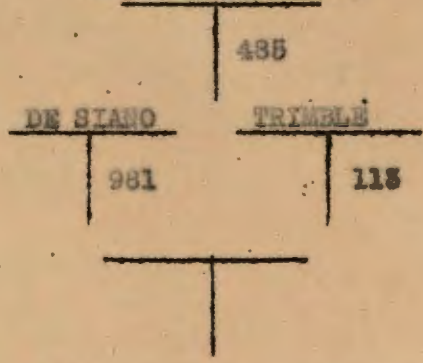
DELWYN E SILVER,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Acting Operations Officer.

LOW BOX 94TH DIV

Combat Flight Leader LT COL SEAWELL Date 31 May 1944
 Deputy Flight Leader LT TRIMBLE
 Group Call Sign _____ Fighter Call Sign _____
 Ground Control _____

615 SQDN
 GRIFFIN (SEAWELL)

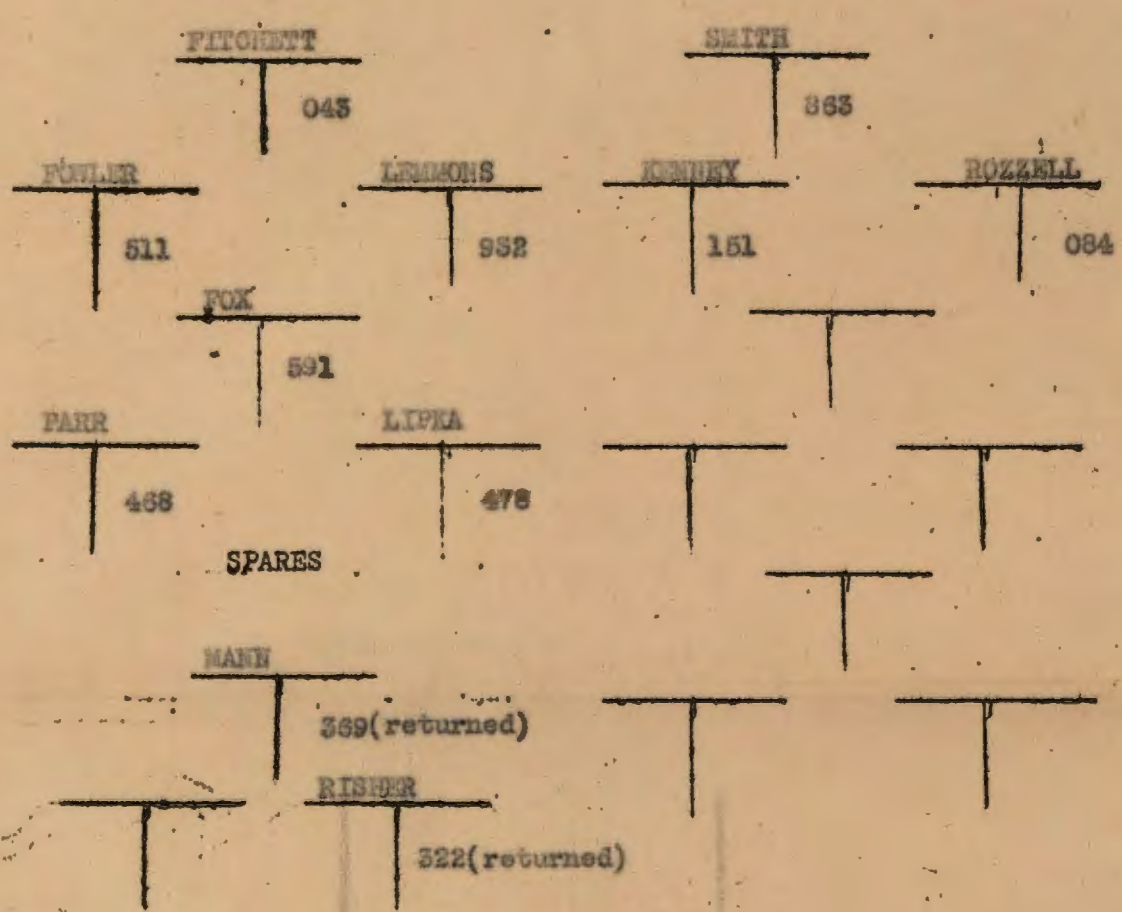
- 612th SC JAEWOCK
- 613th IN MACRO
- 614th IW GOLFCUB
- 615th IY BUZZARD



401ST LOW BOX FORMATION
 AT TAKEOFF AND ON CRUISE
 &
 OVER TARGET

613 SQDN

614 SQDN



HEADQUARTERS
 801ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 APO 557, US ARMY

1 June 1944

SUBJECT: Statistical Summary, 401st Group, Mission of 31 May 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group, APO 557.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF AIRCRAFT ATTACKING

Number of A/C Taking Off.....12
 Number of Spares..... 2
 A/C Taking off Less Unused Spares.....12
 Number of Sorties (N.E.T.).....12
 A/C Returning Early (Not N.E.T.)..... 0
 Number of A/C Attacking.....12
 Number of A/C Not Attacking..... 0

Number of A/C Lost: None

TABULAR SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF BOMBS OVER TARGET

	<u>Aircraft</u>		<u>Num- ber</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Bombs</u>	
	<u>Over Target</u>	<u>Bomb- ing</u>				<u>Fusing</u>	<u>Nose</u>
Main Bombfall	12	12	144	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Attacks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Bombs on Target			144	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Other Expenditures			--	--	--	--	--
Bombs Returned			24	500#	GP	1/10	1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			168	500#	GP	1/10	1/100

For the Operations Officer:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Air Statistical Officer

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION #128
 OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

31 May

1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)

1. Flight plan, Log, and Track Chart Attached.

2. Narrative:

a. T/O at 0745 hours; Land at 1432 hours.

b. Group formed at 0820 hours at 7000 feet.

c. Formed CBW at 0830 hours at 8000 feet.

d. Began climb at 0817 hours; reached alt. at 1034 hours.

e. Weather encountered over England:

(1) Clouds 0 / 10th - Visibility 12 miles.

(2) Wind at altitude 265 degrees, 21 Knots.

f. Means of navigation over England. Pilotage, Radio, Gee

g. Means of checking Metro Winds Pilotage, Gee

h. Joined task force at 0920 hrs. at Salisbury
 (Splasher, City, Coord.)

i. English Coast out at 0935 hrs.; Enemy Coast in at 0954 hrs.

j. Fighter Rendezvous:

(1) Going in 0943 hrs.

(2) Coming back 0954 hrs. Continuous

k. Wind used for bombing:

(1) 265 degrees, 21 Knots.

(2) Determined by Pilotage and Bombing by Drift
 (Method)

l. Bomb run and Method of Target Identifications

(1) Reached IP at 1224 hrs.

(2) Mag. heading over target 201 degrees.

(3) Altitude over target 17000 feet.

(4) Bombs away at 1221 hrs.

(5) Method of target identification and weather over target:

Visual - have 15 miles visibility

m. Gee:

(1) Coordinates of furthest fix 50 43 N. 04 20 E.

(2) Obtained at 1222 hours.

n. Difficulties encountered with special equipment.

NONE

COMMENTS: Received Deenethorpe buncher 300 miles away with good results

RUFUS F. CAUSEY

~~CAPTAIN~~
 SIGNATURE

Lead Navigator

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Capt Grisham

NAVIGATOR CAPT R. F. GAUMY

DATE 31 May 1944

STATIONS	0615	ENGINES	0715	TAXI	0730	T.O.	0745
LEAVE BASE	0838						
COAST OUT	0934						
ENEMY COAST	0950						
I.P.	1158						
TARGET	1205						
ENEMY COAST	1335						
Eng Coast	1390						1.7M Base 1425

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH..... Fast Slow RATE.....secs/hour Gaining Losing
At.....G.M.T.

ZERO HOUR 0930

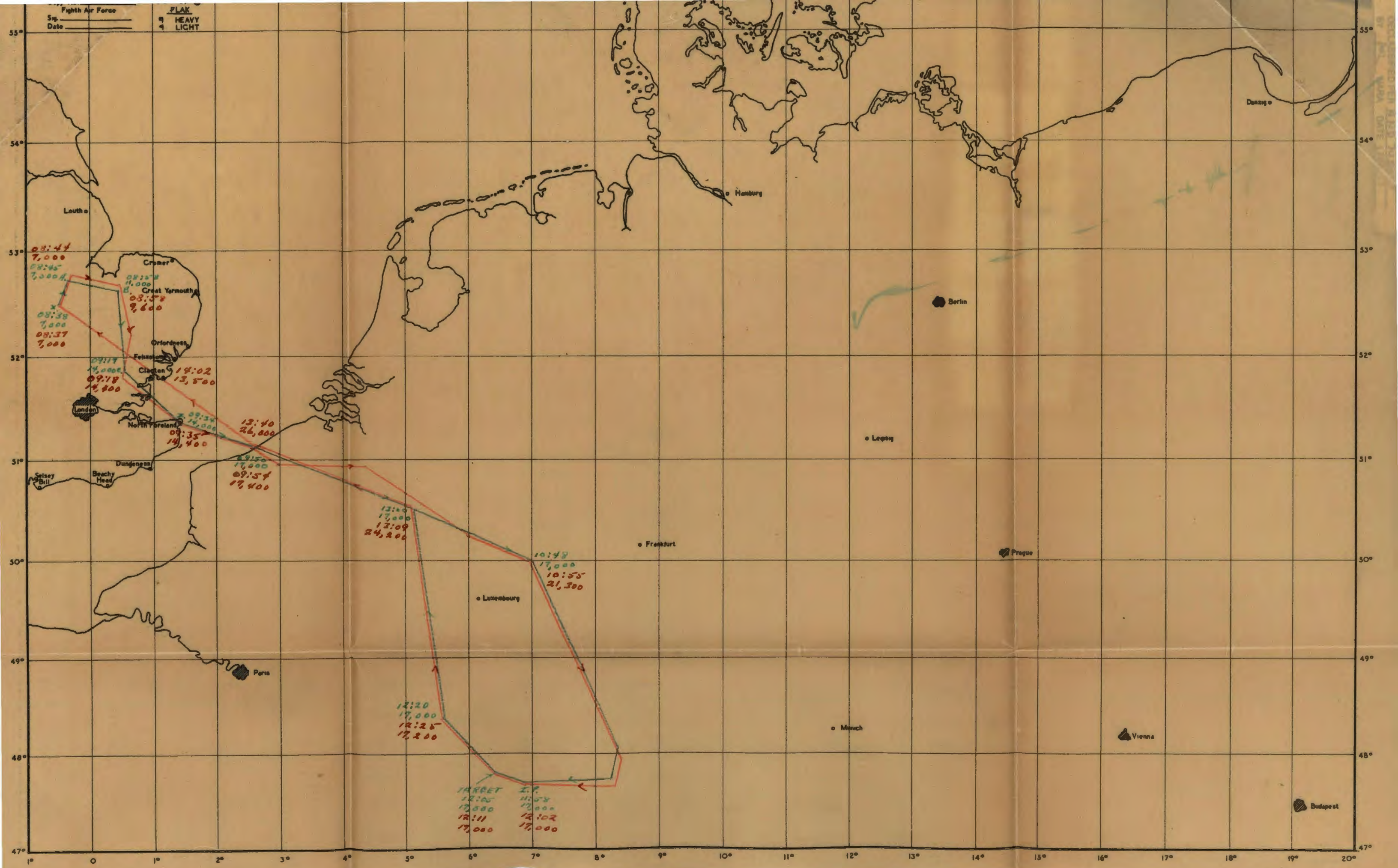
FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE		
													TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
Base "X"	120/8	8000	155	154	31	73	34	10	44	154	16	6 1/2	0838			
Base "A"			154										0845			
52 46N 00 22N "A"	150/10	10000	150	154	103	73	106	10	116	147	29	12 1/2	0858			
Downham Market "B"																
52 36N 00 23E	190/14	15000	"	158	172	72	174	10	184	144	45	19	0917	C.P.	9	
Splasher "C"																
51 52N 00 33E "G"	210/15	"	155	173	132	75	137	9	146	169	45	16	0934	C.P.	11	
North Foreland "Z"	-7															
51 22E 01 28E	212/17	18000	150	174	107	75	112	9	121	178	48	16	0950	C.P.	12	
51 08N 02 40E																
"	216	18000	155	181	112	75	117	7	124	185	178	98	1048	C.P.	13	
50 50N 07 00E	148	18000	155	181	154	0	154	6	160	169	125	44	1132			
48 08N 08 23E	13															
"	"	18000	"	"	203	-3	200	6	206	174	22	8	1140			
47 48N 08 11E																
"	"	"	"	"	262	-4	258	6	264	186	55	18	1158	IP		
47 39N 06 50E																
"	"	"	"	"	291	-2	289	6	295	191	21	07	1205	TOP		
47 47N 06 22E																
"	216	18000	"	181	321	-5	316	7	323	185	45	15	1220	C.P.	14	
48 22N 05 40E	18															
"	"	"	"	"	351	-4	347	7	354	194	130	40	1300	C.P.	14	
50 29N 08 10E																
51 08N 02 40E																
"	200	10000		187	287	-4	283	9	292	186	48	15	1350			
North Foreland	14															
"	100	2000		166	312	7	313	10	323	170	101	36	1425			
LATE TAKE OFF																
Base	130	0	150	147	32	-1	131	9 1/2	141	139	101	45 1/2	0845			
North Foreland													0934			
LET DOWN ON DPE BUNCHER Lead - 15 MI Low - 340 MI High - 30 MI																

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		G.S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0745			32		Take off on Runway 50 E		115								
0753			360		52 46N 00 37W Turn to base		148	3500							
0803	16 2	3R	165		Base 2 mi left		140	7000							
0820			190		Group formed over Base		150	7000							
0830			250		Wing formed over Base		150	8000							
0837			25		Depart "X" on course 1 minute early		152	7000						16	0843
0844		90/8 3L	28		Point "A" on course 1 1/2 min. early		153	7000	151	16	6 1/2	148			
0847			106		Begin climb 52 46N 00 12 E		150	7000							
0855			110		Radio Fix Spl #4 TB 865 DPE BR TB 78	52 40N 00 19E		Good Pilotage fix							
0858			160		Point B		150	9000							
0900			167		5-1 #7 TB 8 Radio Compass OK		150	12200							
0906	16 9	7L	174		0904 3/4 Spl #7 360 TB Geo 52 15N 00 33E	DPE TB 118		12000	150						
0913		230/12			51 58N 00 33W "G" Wind			13000							
0918			170		Point "C" 1 1/2 miles right			14600							
0920					#3 in Division Assembly	51 40N 00 45E		150	14700						

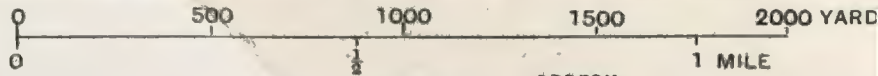
FLIGHT RECORD

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		C. 'S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0935			120		English Coast out Point 2°E 51 40N 01 25E		150	14400							
0940			115		Following CU at 19000 51 20N 01 42E		150	15100							
0943					P-47's and P-51's going in ahead Scarec turn back										
0954			80		Enemy Coast In 51 07N 02 40E		155	17400							
1002			100		Bruges, Belgium 2 left		153	17800							
1003			112		DPE Buncher 299 TB		153	"							
1008			105		"G" 51 00N 03 40E		155	18300							
1015			90		DPE Buncher 117 TB 5 miles N Namur Namur		150	18300							
1020			120		On East side of Brussels		150	20500	Going	around	High	Clouds			
1025			110		10 NW Namur Dense Contrails		150	20 700							
1028			100		Flak 50 45N 04 40E		150	21 200							
1034			100		Liege 5 miles left		150	21 400							
1042			124		Vielsalm below		"	2300							
1043			125		St. Vigh 1 mi left		155	"	191						
1055	122	A	126		Control #3 255/27 (Pilotage)		"	"	191	38	12	199	125	37	1132
1104		6 L	148		Ponbight Drift 260/27		"	21400							
1107			150		49 24N 07 27E		160	21300		41	12	205	84	25	1132
1111			150		Firmasens		150	21300							
1120		265/24	158		12 boats in Rhine 48 54N 08 07E		155	21400	191	85	25	203	39	11	1131
1135			200		Flak - Villingen (looks like A/C factory)			17300							
1153			153		Bacle 4 miles left			17000							
1156			268		Bulhouse 3 miles right 5/10 CU			"							
1202			27 0		IP (Belfont below) Bay doors open		150	17000							
1211	28 7	1E	288	294	Bombs Away (Check)		150	17000							
1225			225		Neufchateau 2 miles right		160	17200							
1236			360		Commercy 48 45N 05 35E		150	18000							
1244			15		Verdun 5 left Craters visible where Maj Hauptin dropped bombs by PFF in clouds		"	19000							
1250			353		Longuyon 2 right 49 27N 05 37E		150	20000							
1252			390		Climbing to go over weather							166	50	18	1309
1304			345		Marche below 3 miles right of course		150	23300	Contrails						
1308			290		50 30N 05 13E P-38's		150	24300	Contrails quit						
1313			290		Namur 4 miles left Picked up DPE buncher(290)miles		15 5	24500	Cloud top 26,000						
1322			290		50 41N 04 30E "G"		288	25500							
1330			292		50 5 8N 03 30E Chaff 1337		150	26000							
1340			287		Enemy Coast out 51 07N 02 40E Stop chaff 1342		155	25700							
1402			307		English Coast in 51 47N 01 00E		155	13500							
1410			308		Homing on Buncher		165	9500							
1418			300		Over Cambridge		16 0	4000							
1430					Base		150	2000							
1432					Landed										



Target No.
S. 5676

AIRFIELD — LUXEUIL (FRANCE)



Photographed 27 March 1942

(1 : 18,000)

approx.

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HEADQUARTERS
401st Bombardment GP (H)
APO 557, U. S. Army

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, 401st Low Box, Mission 31 May 1944.

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

1. BOMBING APPROACH AND RUN: The 401st Group low box in the 94thCGW uncovered nicely at the I.P. and fell almost in trail of the wing leader. There was some haze and light cloud in the area, but the woods and the city marking the target area could be seen at a great enough distance for a long run.

2. Pre-computed drift and dropping angle were set in the sight and were accurate enough that only minor corrections were necessary. There was scarcely a turn necessary on the entire run.

3. Part of the pattern was obscured by the leaders strike, but about two thirds of the bomb hits were visible. They struck the hangars near the center of the apron and the barracks area beyond in a good pattern.

A.C. KUENNING
Captain, Air Corps
Lead Bombardier

TYPE OF RELEASE

Individual Train X Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN Target Area

NAVIGATION DATA:

MEAN TEMP. METRO +6 ACTUAL +7

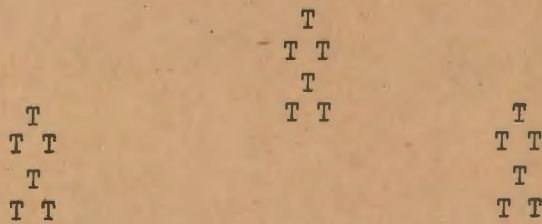
WINDS

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
17000	150	240	14	10	-14	-10

METHODS OF BOMBING



COMPOSITE GROUPS



Bombardier making complete sighting operation (T)

Bombardier making range operation only (T)

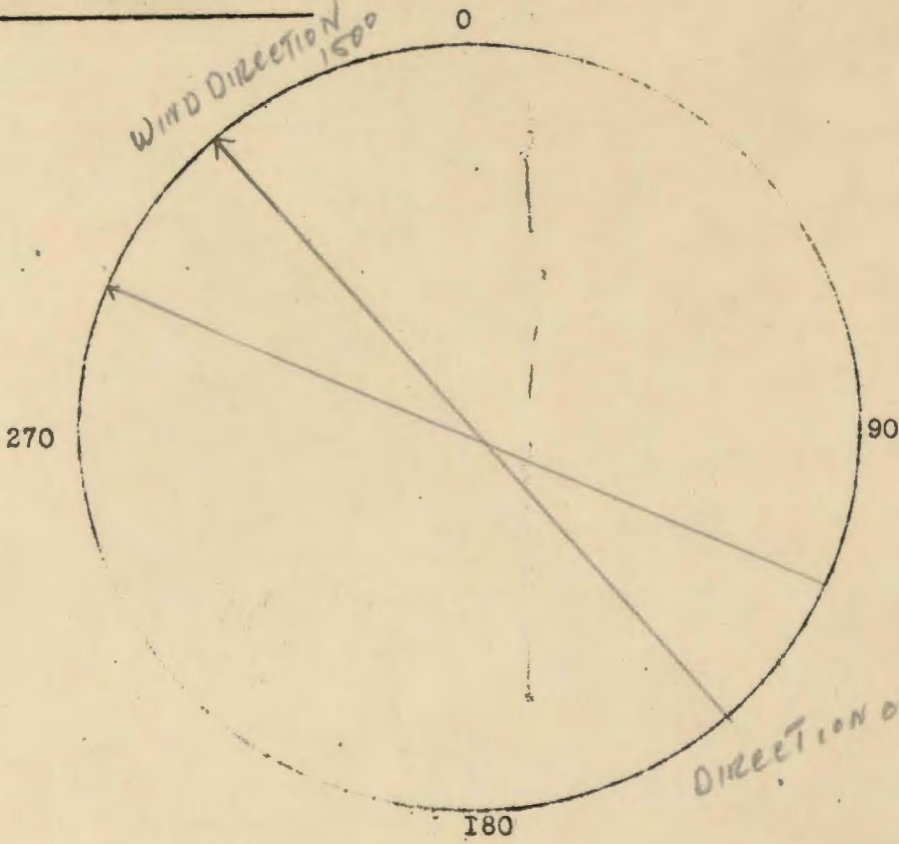
Bombardier dropping on Leader, with arrow indication of leader's position. (T with arrow)

COMBARDIER'S INDIVIDUAL PLOT

Target Luxeull, Germany

Method of Bombing _____

Altitude 17000



PLOT

Wind Direction 150
Wind Velocity 14
Direction of attack 293

REMARKS - - - - -

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

A.P.O. 557
31 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557

1. Abortives.

None.

2. Battle Damage.

None.

CHARLES W. HUNT
Capt, Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer

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

A.P.O. 557
31 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative on Mission 31 May, 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 31 May, 1944.

<u>A/C No.</u>	<u>Gun Position</u>	<u>Malfunction</u>	<u>Personnel or Equipment</u>
42-107084	Ball Turret	Vickers Unit Motor Burned Out.	Equipment

BOMB RACK MALFUNCTIONS

Negative bomb rack malfunction report is submitted for the
mission of 31 May, 1944.

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

S E C R E T

Form OO-Amm-2B

MISSION EXPENDITURES - AMMUNITION

(Div. or Comd) 1ST BOMB DIVISION

Operations No. 369

Date of Operations 31 MAY 44

Group	Bomb Type	FUZES				EXPENDED					AMMUNITION			PYROTECHNICS		
		Nose Fuze	Nose Delay	Tail Fuze	Tail Delay	Initial Load	On Target	Jet- s'nd	Unactd for	Retd	Cal.	Linkage	Linkage Ratio	Amount Expended	Type	Amount Expended
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
401ST	500-LB AN-M64	AN-M103	1/10	AN-M101	1/100	168	144	0	0	24	.50	AP	STR	1625	--	

DECLASSIFIED PER ND 745003
BY 62 NARA DATE 1/22/11

Check one of the following:

Report complete

Supplement will follow

Reason for Supplement _____

Additional Remarks _____

DECLASSIFIED PER ND 745003
BY AB NARA DATE 1/22/11

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

J-A-2

Reference Field Order 369.

31 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 80.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. VHF/DF Bearings:		5. Radio Beacons used:	
to 401st A/C	<u>0</u>	Splashers	<u>16</u>
to other A/C	<u>1</u>	Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>
2. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>	Bunchers	<u>11</u>
3. MF/DF Fixes	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>9</u>
4. Distress Action	<u>0</u>	Maximum Fix	<u>0617E 5013N</u>

SECTION TWO - REPORTED EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

1. Liaison	<u>1</u>	5. Interphone	<u>3</u>
2. Command	<u>0</u>	6. Gee	<u>0</u>
3. VHF	<u>0</u>	7. IFF	<u>0</u>
4. Compass	<u>0</u>	8. Others	<u>1</u>

SECTION THREE - REMARKS

DEENETHORPE BUNCHER REPORTED EXCELLENT WITH RANGE UP
TO 300 MILES.

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
Capt, Air Corps,
Gp Comm O.

S-2 STATISTICAL REPORT

Mission of 31 May 1944

Time of Preparation 1540

Target Luxeuil

Telephone No. A-2 1545

(1) Designation of Group 401st

(2) Total No. of A/C
airborne, incl. spares 14

(3) Total No. of A/C
Dispatched 14

(4) No. of A/C Attacking 13

(5) No. of A/C Dispatched
but not Attacking 2

Due to:

- (a) Mechanical Failure _____
- (b) Weather _____
- (c) Enemy Action _____
(lost before target)
- (d) Other (spares) 2

(6) No. of A/C Lost 0

Due to:

- (a) Anti-aircraft fire _____
- (b) Enemy fighters _____
- (c) Flak and fighters _____
- (d) Accident _____
- (e) Reasons Unknown _____

(7) Times of Attack 1211

(8) Altitudes of Attack 17,000

(9) Bombs on Each Target (a) 144 (b) Size 500 (c) Type G.P.

(10) Personnel Casualties 0

Type:

- (a) Number Killed _____
- (b) Number Wounded _____
- (c) Number Missing _____

(11) A/C Suffering Battle
Damage 0

Category:

- (a) Minor _____
- (b) Major _____
- (c) Salvage _____

(12) Claims None

(13) Leaflets None

REMARKS: _____

Lt. McCallum

Preparing Officer

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

D-F-1

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to Luxeuil, 31 May 44.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 557, U.S. Army. (Thru
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks).

1. Lt. Col. William T. Seawell and Capt. Fred D. Grinham, Group Leader and Pilot respectively A/C 485, state that wing lead navigator did a superior job.
2. Entire crews of Lt. W.H. Smith, Pilot A/C 803 and Lt. L.E. Fitchett, Pilot A/C 045, state that the mess has improved considerably.

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

S E C R E T

Report on A.C. (Gunfire).

401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Target: Assigned . Luxeuil Date of Mission 31 May 44
Bombed . . Luxeuil

Route as Flown:-
(5107-0240) (5054-0420) (5035-0540) (5000-0700) (4804-0825)
(Target) (4823-0537) (5050-0513) ~~(5035-0540)~~ (5107-0240) (5147-0100).
(4745-0815) (4740-0082)

Weather conditions: (a) At target . . Overcast
(b) En route . . . Over to 3/10
Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" targets? (a) At target . . seen
(b) En route . . unseen
Any condensation trails? . None at target at bombing altitude.

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

No flak at target.

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

1028 hours (5045-0446) 21,200 ft.-Meager, poor, poor, black, barrage.
1134 " (4806-0823) 18,000 " - " fair, fair, " following.

Was CHAFF carried? . . No
How discharged?
Position of Group . . . Low Box

Details:-

up	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	12	0	0	1211	1211	17,000	288 T	2 1/2 min.

Lt. Sutherland.

Briefing Notes

Your target is an airfield which formerly was a French Military airport

It was in use for 10 years before the war and recently the German Air Force has enlarged the landing area and improved the hangar accommodation.

The airfield has been used consistently during the last three years for elementary flying training.

The field is roughly rectangular and has no runways. There are 7 hangars with workshops adjacent to the hangars. In addition there are the usual ammunition storage yards, armory and gasoline dumps. A large group of administrative buildings and barracks are located behind the hangars on the North West Boundary.

There are no organized dispersal facilities but aircraft are usually parked in front of the hangars on the North west boundary.

This can be termed a tactical target.

YOUR TARGET IS A PRIORITY AIRDROME WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ATTACKED BEFORE. IT IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AIRDROMES IN THIS AREA.

Flak----

There is no known flak at the target or at the secondary.

Axis of attack is 260 degrees. On the route there is a four gun battery at ~~Mullhouse~~ and the Division Flak Officers suggests you go south of this point.

You are first in and the target should be clear. winds are light and variable.

PW--

If you come down, make along the east border of France for Spain. Avoid Switzerland if you can. If you get into Spain, ask for the Military rather than the civil authorities.

If you make a forced landing in Switzerland, destroy all classified documents and all secret and confidential equipment. If you cannot do this any other way, destroy your aircraft.

Capt.G.R.Clesway

DEB-401

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

31 May 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 31 MAY 1944.

BASE AT TAKE OFF: (0745) No low or middle cloud, 2/10 cirrus at 25,000 ft. Visibility 7 miles.

ROUTE OUT: No low or middle cloud over England, haze over the Channel until 5 miles from the Continental Coast becoming 10/10 cumulonimbus with tops at 22,000 ft. Lowering gradually and broadening at Bruxelles to 7/10 altostratus and altostratus tops at 15,000 ft. with 8-10/10 low cloud underneath tops at 6-8,000 ft. At 06°30'E 49°45'N low cloud broke to nil, and middle cloud broke to 3-5/10 and became nil at 48°00'N 06°50'E. Trace of cirrus over England. Visibility unrestricted.

TARGET: (1211) Clear. Visibility 15 miles.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except tops built to 26,000 ft. over the Continental Coast and belt of cloud extended to middle of English Channel.

BASE ON RETURN: (1432) No low or middle cloud, 1/10 cirrus at 25,000 ft. Visibility 15 miles.

REMARKS: Winds; direction forecast good, velocity stronger than forecast. Temperatures were as forecast. Dense persistent contrails from 20,000 ft to 26,000 feet.

Walter A. Hurley
WALTER A. HURLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Station Weather Officer.

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 31 May 1944
 PERIOD 0700 - 1430 hrs
AG P BR HQ SOS 122929

	A Base to target	B Target to base	C	D
WEATHER	1 Cloudy to Overcast with Haze and Fog in patches becoming clear with Haze	Clear with Haze becoming Partly Cloudy to Cloudy.		
CLOUDS	2 8-10/10 Stratocumulus base 500-1000ft tops 2000ft becoming NIL at Continental Coast to Target. 2-4/10 Alto-cumulus and Alto-stratus base 8000ft tops 10000ft decreasing to NIL at Continental Coast. 1-3/10 Fine Cirrus above 25000ft.	Nil Low Cloud becoming 4-6/10 Cumulus base 2000ft tops 5000ft. Nil Middle Cloud 1-3/10 Fine Cirrus above 25,000ft.		--NOTE-- Haze tops 14,000ft --NOTE-- Dense Persistent Stratus Contrails at Cirrus Level.
ICING	3 III 11,000ft NIL	11,000ft. NIL		
VISIBILITY	4 1-2000yds Locally less than 500yds becoming unlimited aloft. Downward via 10000ft	Unlimited Aloft becoming 6 miles Plus at base on return.		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	020 05	19 N 06 E to Target Light and variable	Temperatures Plus 28	
5000 FT	090 05	190 05	Plus 15	
10000 FT	150 10	180 10	Plus 04	
15000 FT	210 15	160 10	-07	
20000 FT	220 20	140 15	-18	
25000 FT	230 25	140 15	-29	
30000 FT	220 25	140 20	-41	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.181 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. Plus 28 TARGET MEAN TEMP. Plus 06.5
 TEMP. AT 10000 FT. -13.8 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) -20 ft
 TARGET SEA LEVEL PRESSURE 29.95in ADD HEIGHT OF TARGET

DECLASSIFIED PER NND 745005
 BY AS2 NARA DATE 1/22/11

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

31 MAY 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.

DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
<u>PLANE NO. 42-31591</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	FOX	MARSHALL	S.
CP	2nd Lt.	BERG	ROY	A.
N	2nd Lt.	HORTON	THERON	S.
B	F/O	DRAKE	WALTER	F.
RO	S/SGT.	AVERY	WILLIAM	R.
TT	S/SGT.	HILL	JAMES	B.
BT	SGT.	DALTON	JOHN	B.
TG	SGT.	SANDERS	ROBERT	T.
LWG	SGT.	JORDAN	JOHN	W.
RWG	SGT.	GUILFOY	THOMAS	P.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-107043</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	FITCHETT	LAWRENCE	E.
CP	2nd Lt.	CAMPBELL	BRUCE	M.
N	1st Lt.	PFEIFFER	LAWRENCE	W.
B	1st Lt.	SANCHEZ	LOUIS	T.
RO	T/SGT.	BERGENER	MAX	H.
TT	T/SGT.	PARSLOE	BERTRAM	(NMI)
BT	S/SGT.	SASSI	LOUIS	M.
TG	S/SGT.	KEHR	ROBERT	V.
LWG	S/SGT.	HANNABURY	RALPH	A.
RWG	S/SGT.	KELSEN	HAROLD	J.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-99932</u>				
P	2nd Lt.	LEMONS	CLEATUS	G.
CP	2nd Lt.	COTTRILL	RONALD	M.
N	2nd Lt.	KOMAROFF	STUART	J.
B	2nd Lt.	HEISER	CARL	H.
RO	S/SGT.	MIZENER	HARRY	R.
TT	S/SGT.	TAYLOR	ROBERT	C.
BT	SGT.	FEDYNICH	DANIEL	(NMI)
TG	SGT.	WEBSTER	WARREN	E.
LWG	SGT.	McCARPHY	WILLIAM	A.
RWG	SGT.	PARHURST	IRA	A.

<u>PLANE NO. 42-337511</u>				
P	1st Lt.	FOWLER	RUSSELL	M.
CP	2nd Lt.	MURPHY	WALTER	J.
N	1st Lt.	SAVAGE	WILLIAM	F.
B	1st Lt.	BUCHANAN	ALLEN	S. JR.
RO	SGT.	CHARNES	HUGH	W.
TT	T/SGT.	TRYBA	ALEXANDER	F.
BT	S/SGT.	FLOREZ	LOUIS	(NMI)
TG	SGT.	NOVAK	CLEMENT	W.
LWG	T/SGT.	THAYER	BLISS	P.
RWG	S/SGT.	HADSELL	DAVID	N.

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

AAF Station # 128
 31 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. Following is the list of combat Personnel participating in today's mission.

*Plane 42-51863

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	FAULHABER, DONALD A.	"
N	1st Lt.	CRANE, FENFRO V.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Castronova, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Price, John R.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David G.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RWG	T/Sgt.	Stalleup, Mose H.	"

*Plane 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	KENNEY, JOSEPH R.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HEARN, ROBERT F.	"
N	2nd Lt.	JAFFE, LEWIS S.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Pearlman, Herman	"
RO	Cpl.	Cohen, Roy V.	"
TT	Cpl.	Dixon, William E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hambright, Richard P.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Higbee, Mark	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Wanke, Charles P.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Peschon, Raymond J.	"

*Plane 42-102084

P	2nd Lt.	ROZZELL, WOODVILLE G.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	LUCKETTI, HUMBERT (NMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	MC CLUNG, GUY L. JR.	"
B	2nd Lt.	MORIN, BERTRAND J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Burnett, Major A.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Smeallie, Donnan R.	"
BT	Pvt.	Riep, Herman R.	"
TG	Sgt.	Ivey, George W.	"
LNG	Sgt.	Smith, William M.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Bralley, Brown A.	"

Leading List Cont'd.

*Plane 42-107322

P	1st Lt.	BISHER, JAMES F.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	REFENNING, JACK L.	"
N	F/O.	RHINEHART, WILLIAM E.	"
B	2nd Lt.	BROWN, VINCENT E.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Massetter, William M.	"
TT	Sgt.	Ockerman, Robert H.	"
BT	Sgt.	Baker, Harry R.	"
TG	Sgt.	Baker, James T.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Miller, Jennings F. Jr.	"
RWG	S t.	Ceccc, Rudolph M.	"

*returned
spare*

*Plane 42-59478

P	2nd Lt.	LIPKA, JOHN F.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	FULKNER, JAMES H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, JOSEPH A.	"
CTG	Pvt.	Henderson, King	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Sugrue, John J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Gilbert, John W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Sanders, Valton H.	"
TG	Pvt.	Henderson, Ralph	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Medling, Odem W.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Rowley, Charles M.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

WILLIAM C. GARLAND
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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

31 May 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 # 42-31495

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	Captain	Grinham	Fred	D.	615th
CP	Lt. Col.	Seawell	William	T.	"
N	Captain	Cauley	Rufus	F.	"
B	Captain	Kuenning	Arnold	O.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Lewis	Charles	M.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Cockerham	Roy	W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hardy	Charles	E.	"
TC	2nd Lt.	Chapman	Theodore	(NMI)	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Hamilton	James	R.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Housman	Herbert	M.	"

PLANE # 42-107113

P	1st Lt.	Trimble	William	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Shantz	Fred	L.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Lemke	Beryle	(NMI)	"
B	1st Lt.	Gary	Ray	G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mackey	Jack	E.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	McIntyre	William	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Schaeffer	John	B.	"
TC	Sgt.	Armstrong	William	A.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Acker	Joseph	F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Courtad	Paul	K.	"

PLANE # 42-31369

P	2nd Lt.	Mann	William	J.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reet	John	A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Rosenquist	Alfred	A.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Jackson	Harry	B.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Amson	William	P.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Busher	William	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Smith	William	A.	"
TC	Sgt.	De Muro	Alfonso	A.	"
LWG	Sgt.	Breggia	Frank	A.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Reed	Robert	R.	"

return to [unclear]

PLANE # 42-108405

