

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

MISSION No. **176**

Date: **4 DEC. 44**

TO: **KASSEL, GERMANY**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 176

DATE 4 December 1944

ASSIGNMENT

- 1. Assigned Target: KASSEL, GERMANY
- 2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished three 12 A/C squadrons for the 94th "A" Group. Two PFF A/C were included in the Lead Squadrons and a spare accompanied each formation.

EXECUTION

- 1. Target Bombed: KASSEL, GERMANY (PFF)
- 2. a. Group Leader: Capt. C. A. LEWIS (Dempsey)
 - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. C. W. SELLERS (Chaffey - "Mickey")
 - Extra Navigator: F/O M GREENBERG
 - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. W. DOLAN
- b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. C. W. UTTER --(1ST LT. J. J. BROWN)
(Aborted)
 - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. E. DAMP
 - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. J. F. HOPE
- c. High Squadron Leader: Capt. E. W. COLEMAN
 - Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. A. C. WILHELM
 - Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. E. K. STOUT

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Takeoff time was set back one hour just prior to original takeoff time for lead ships. The lead A/C of the low box had to be changed at the last moment, and as a consequence the leader never did catch the formation. The deputy took over for the low squadron.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assembly was as briefed at 11,000 feet for the lead squadron. The wind was better than 60 knots at assembly altitude which necessitated an extremely long upward leg on the assembly pattern to keep from drifting east of the buncher. The group departed the buncher one minute early in good formation.

c. Route Over England:

94th "B" and 94th "C" joined 94th "A" to make a very good wing formation on the last leg prior to reaching C P 1. The route over England was as briefed. Near 52° 15' N the wing had to alter its course to avoid running into a 3rd Division group which had drifted east of its buncher while assembling. The group departed C P 1 one half minute late on course. Division assembly was made over the Channel. Our position was the 3rd group in the "A" task force. The second group (Foxhole Baker) did not get into the column until over the continent and never closed up on the Division lead group.

4. Attack:a. Flight to Target:

94th "A" was 3rd in the division until after the town southeast of Coblenz. The Group ahead of 94th "A" turned late and was caught in an envelope of flak. 94th "A" went a little off course and to the right to avoid this flak. By flying in a northwesterly direction with better than a 40° drift the lead navigator made good his IP.

b. Bombing Run:

Several minutes before the IP Buckeye Red informed us that target was completely covered. We swung a little past the briefed IP because of the congestion there and then into target on a Mag. Heading of 96° with the Mickey operator making all necessary corrections.

The telescope was slouched in when he called out 70° and but one slight correction was made after that. Drift and rate were killed about 30 seconds before bombs away indicating a good run. As the indices met bombs were salvoed, results being unobserved. Bomb run was made on AFCE, in Group formation. Low and High Squadron leaders also salvoed, all others used a 140 foot intervalometer setting.

c. Flight from Target:

After the target the division column closed up with two groups of a task force stacked at the two briefed altitudes. The time interval between the first and last groups did not exceed 4 minutes, notwithstanding the low ground speed of 54 knots which was being made while flying into the wind. Northwest of Fulda the 2nd Division joined the column at a lower altitude. North of Frankfurt the 3rd Division came into the column and the division stayed together until crossing over into friendly territory. The bombing altitude of 25,000' was maintained passing south of Coblenz.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. d. Return to Base:

Near Brussels, cycle relay advised all groups to proceed directly to their respective bases and not to use the stand off procedure. 94th "A" was 47 minutes late at C. P. 4 because of the unexpectedly high winds. A letdown was made by the formation off the Belgian coast and the group proceeded directly to the base at an altitude of $\approx 5,000'$, all ships landed safely.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 1/10's to Coblenz and increasing to 10/10 over target area. No contrails were present. The weather upon return was about the same.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was good.

g. Comments on Formation:

Very good group formation. The division formation from the target to C. P. 4 was excellent.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Low Squadron:

A/C 43-38077 - Not Sortie. After changing A/C at the last moment pilot failed to reach formation.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition was seen or encountered, Flak encountered at target consisted of about 12 bursts, good for altitude but to left of formation.

7. Battle Damage: None

8. Casualties: None

9. Statistical Summary of Operations (See attached form)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Due to complete undercast, results were unobserved.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All 12 A/C E.E.T. attacked the secondary target, dropping 118 X 500# M64 and 24 X 500# M17 bombs. The spare returned 10 GP's and 2IB's to base.

Low Squadron:

Of the 12 A/C E.E.T., nine attacked the secondary target, dropping 90 X 500# M64 and 18 X 500# M17 bombs. Two A/C joined other groups -- A/C 7602 bombed with the 379th Group and attacked Soest with 10 GP's and 2 IB's. A/C 7478 bombed with the 384th Group and attacked Soest with 10 GP's and 2 IB's. A/C 2659 encountered engine trouble and bombed an unknown T. of O. at 5019-0750 E with 10 GP's and 2 IB's. Aborting A/C 8077 returned 10 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

High Squadron:

Of the 12 A/C E.E.T., eleven bombed the secondary target. A/C 7931 encountered engine trouble and bombed an unknown T. of O. at 5120-0820 E. The spare returned 10 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

| | Aircraft | | Bombs | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|------|------|--------|------|
| | Over Target | Bombing | Number | Size | Type | Fusing | |
| | | | | | | Nose | Tail |
| Main Bombfall - Kassel | 32 | 32 | (318 | 500# | M64 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| | | | (64 | 500# | M17 | M 127 | |
| Soest | 2 | 2 | (20* | 500# | M64 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| | | | (20 | 500# | M17 | M 127 | |
| Unknown T. of O's | 2 | 2 | (20 | 500# | M64 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| | | | (20 | 500# | M17 | M 127 | |
| Total Bombs on Target | | | (358** | 500# | M64 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| | | | (72 | 500# | M17 | M 127 | |
| Other Expenditures | | | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bombs Returned | | | 30 | 500# | M64 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| | | | 6 | 500# | M17 | M 127 | |
| Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off) | | | 388 | 500# | M64 | 1/10 | 1/40 |
| | | | 78 | 500# | M17 | M 127 | |

* Incl long delays 5 - 1 hr.
 5 - 6 hr.

** Incl 240 RDX and 118 GP bombs

11. Lost Aircraft: None

Submitted By:

KEN W. DAUBLE,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Statistical Officer.

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BY SLP, NARA DATE 11-18-10

(SAU-401-LEAD/840-1)(4-12-44)(6982-7-25000) KASSEL - CONF.

0170 EASTMAN REGULAR SAFETY

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT LEWIS Date: 4 DEC 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

401st Ld Sq A Gp at Takeoff

- 612 SC JABVOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IN GOLFCLUB
- 615 FY BUZZARD

SQDN

LEWIS

636

MALONEY

TURK

730

258

SQDN

SQDN

STEGEMAN

ROADMAN

425

992

HANSEN

MAIRE

FRENCH

SCHLIMMANN

779

664

398

790

MC KAY

485

GRIMM AR

JORDAN

810

146

SPARES

JONES

2468 (returned)

Combat Sq. Leader: Lt Brown Date: 4 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Utter

Deputy Gp. Leader: Captain Coleman

401st Low Squadron Formation
At Take Off, Assembly, and On
Cruise.

614 SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IN GOLFOLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

BROWN

077
aborted

THOMPSON, R

UTTER

646

464

614 SQDN

612 SQDN

MAYS

COMER

602

039

FONDREN

SPULLER

ASCHENBACH

BLOETSCHER

659

738

637

788

SEDER

012

BABCOCK

WHITE

478
long delay

395

SPARES

SISSON

508

Combat Sq. Leader: Captain COLEMAN Date: 4 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: Lt Jennings

Deputy Gp. Leader: Captain Coleman

401st High Squadron Formation
At Take Off, Assembly, and on
Cruise.

615 SQDN
COLEMAN
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IN GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

607

BRADLEY

JENNINGS

318

132

618 SQDN

612 SQDN

DOUGLAS

COX

680

662

TAUSIG

ANNIS

BODDIN

HUDWALL

160

706

735

628

CAMPBELL

931

SHELLER

CAREY

118

791

SPARES

CURRAN

072

returned

4 Dec 1944

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

94th Ath Gp; Lead Sqdn
OVER TARGET.

SQDN
DEMPSEY
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

MALONEY 730
TURK 258
636

SQDN STEGEMANN
SQDN ROADMAN

HANSEN 151
MC KAY 425
MAIRE 664
FRENCH 398
SCHLIEMANN 7790

GRIMM, A.R. 810
MC KAY 485
JORDAN 146
SPARES

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

94th Ath Gp, Low Sqdn
 OVER TARGET.

SQDN

- 612 SC JABWOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFCLUB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

UTTER

464

THOMPSON

SISSON

646

508

SQDN

SQDN

SPUHLER

COMER

8738

WHITE

ASCHENBACH

039

BLOETSCHER

SEDER

012

395

657

788

SPARES

NOTE:

- A/C - 602 Bombed with 379 Gp.
- A/C - 478 bombed with 384 Gp.
- A/C - 659 bombed T of O.

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

94 "A" Gp; High Sqdn
OVER TARGET.

SQDN

- 612 SC JABWOCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IW GOLFCLUB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

COLEMAN

607

BRADLEY

JENNINGS

315

132

SQDN

DOUGLAS

SQDN

COX

680

662

TAUSIG

ANNIS

BODDIN

HUDROLL

160

706

733

628

SCHELLER

113

CARDY

CAMPBELL

791

931
(bombed TofO
SPARES)

HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
Office of the Navigator

Lead Sqd.

Date 4 December 44SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on KASSEL, GERMANYTO: Commanding Officer, Four Hundred First Bombardment Group (H),
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.

- a. T/O at 0835 hours
- b. Group formed at 0948 hours at Cottesmore Base.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1014 hours at "D"
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee and pilotage

- f. Division formation was joined at 1033 hours at **Glacton**
- g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

5 miles South of GP#3 Wind 55 mi stronger than**briefed. Followed Div Leader to 50 30N 08 28E**

- h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee and Mickey

- i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 90
- (3) Actual Drift 20 Right
- (4) Altitude over Target 25200
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1231
- (6) Wind used for bombing 305/144
- (7) Method of target identification.

Mickey

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

(10) Axis of withdrawal ^{10/10ths} 70 degrees.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 50 55N09 40E at 1240 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at ---- at -- hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at below at 1245 hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed. (50 54N09 10E

Followed Division Leader

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee and Mickey

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other Equipment (Oxygen almost drained)

GLOYD W. SELLARS

1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator.

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

Date 4 December 44

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on _____.

TO : Commanding Officer, Four Hundred First Bombardment Group (H),
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Tract Chart attached.
3. Narrative.

- a. T/O at 0839 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0944 hours on Cottesmore buncher
at _____ ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1027 hours at Ipswich.
- d. Route over England was ~~(not)~~ flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.
Gee and Pilotage

- f. Division formation was joined at 1032 hours at Glecton
- g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

Followed Lead

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee and D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 90.
- (3) Actual Drift _____.
- (4) Altitude over Target 24400.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1231.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 273/92.
- (7) Method of target identification.

PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 62 TH.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

FOLLOWED LEAD

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.R. and Gee

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey **Mickey out**
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other Equipment **Drift Meter Broken**

E. DAMP

1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator.

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

Date 4 December 44

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on KASSEL, GERMANY.

TO : Commanding Officer, Four Hundred First Bombardment Group (H),
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.
 - a. T/O at 0838 hours.
 - b. Group formed at 0945 hours on Gottesmore buncher at 11000 ft.
 - c. Wind assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
 - d. Route over England was (~~xxx~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.
Pilotage

- f. Division formation was joined at xx hours at xx.
- g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.
Pilotage Gee

1. Bomb run.
 - (1) Actual I. P. was (not) as briefed.
3 miles North

- (2) True heading over target 088.
- (3) Actual Drift 16.
- (4) Altitude over Target 25400.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1231.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 290/90.
- (7) Method of target identification.

FFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 030 degrees.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

OVERSHOT TURNING POINT NEAR COBLENZ, (FLAK)

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

PILOTAGE GEE

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey - None
- (2) Gee - Poor
- (3) Radio Compass - Out
- (4) Fluxgate - OK
- (5) Other Equipment

ANDREW C. WILHELM

1st Lt., A.C.

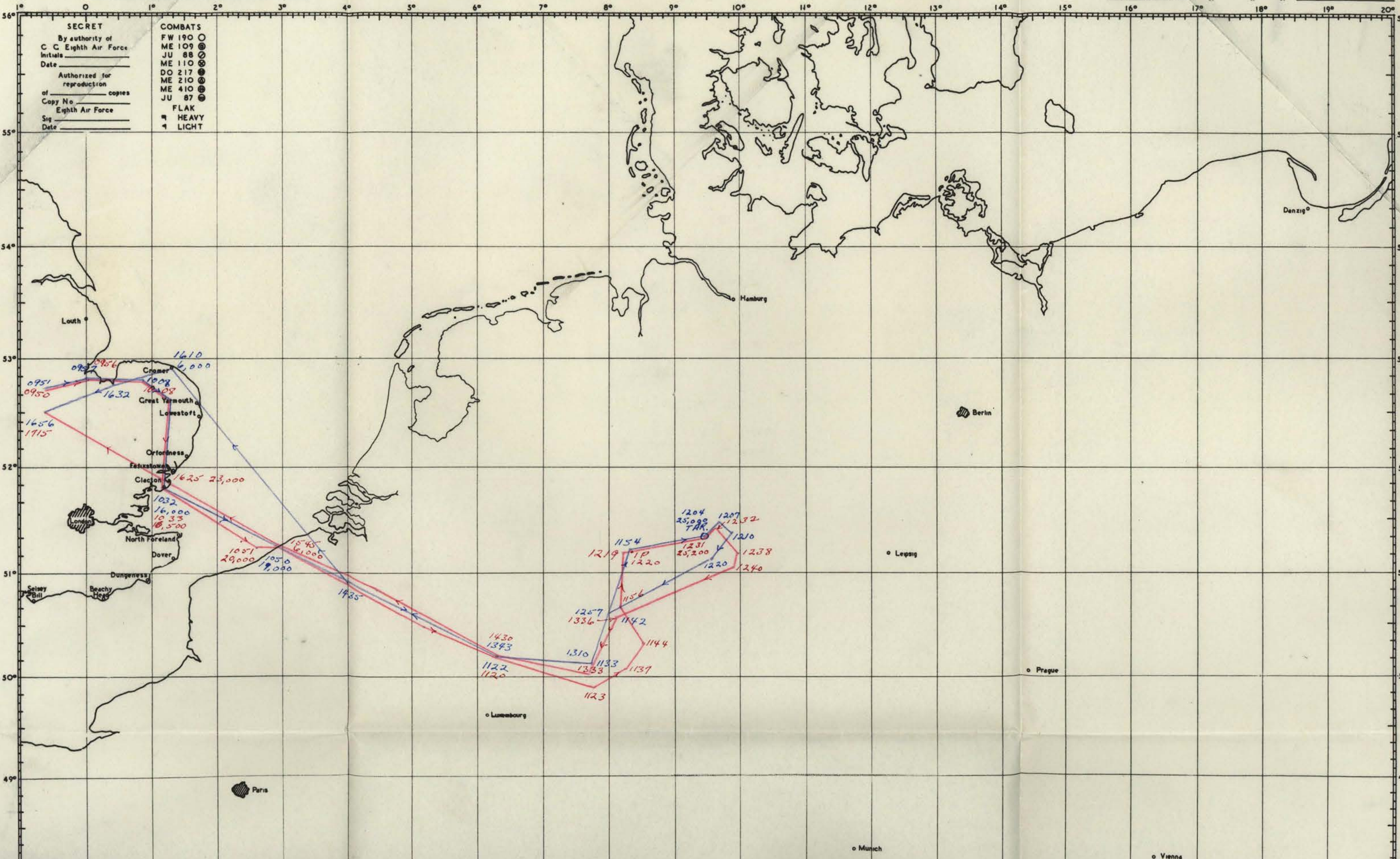
Lead Navigator.

TRACK CHART

DATE Nov. 4-44
Dec.

TARGETS
PRIMARY Kassel, Germany

Blue ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Briefed
Red 401st B. GCH

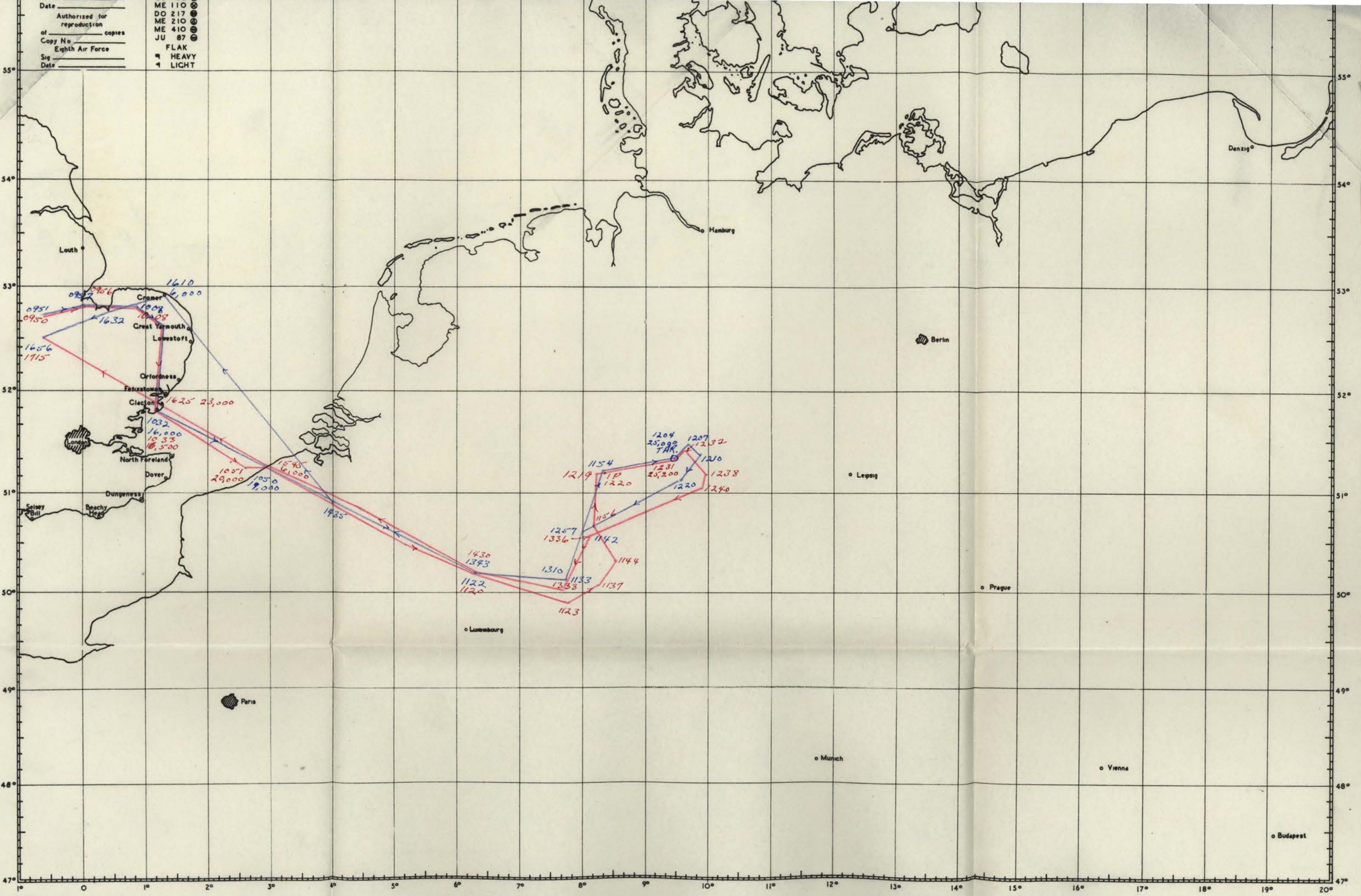


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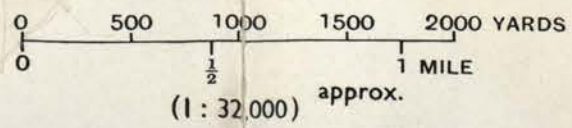
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ROTHENDITMOLD MARSHALLING YARD,
Etc.

KASSEL
(GERMANY)

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- A. ROTHENDITMOLD MARSHALLING YARD.
- B. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.
- C. HENSCHEL & SOHN G.m.b.H. (WORKS 1).
- D. HENSCHEL & SOHN G.m.b.H. (WORKS 2).
- E. HENSCHEL & SOHN G.m.b.H. (WORKS 3).

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

301st Group

1st BD F. O. 572

Date of 4 Dec 1944

| | LEAD | | HIGH | | LOW |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | | PFF - GH | | PFF - GH | |
| 1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2. No. of A/C Airborne | 11 | 2 | 13 | | 13 |
| 3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares | 10 | 2 | 12 | | 13 |
| 4. No. of A/C Sorties | 10 | 2 | 12 | | 13 |
| 5. No. of A/C Attacking | 10 | 2 | 12 | | 12 |
| 6. No. of A/C Not Attacking | -- | -- | -- | | 1 |
| (a) Early Returns Included | | | | | (1) |
| 7. Name of Primary Target | KASSEL (VISUAL) | | | | |
| (a) No of A/C Attacking | | | | | |
| (b) No., Size & type of bombs | | | | | |
| 8. Name of Secondary Target | KASSEL (PFF) | | | | |
| (a) No of A/C Attacking | 10 | 2 | 11 | | 9 |
| (b) No., Size & type of Bombs | 100 500# GP 20 500# IB | 18 500# GP 4 500# IB | 110 500# GP 22 500# IB | | 90 500# GP 18 500# IB |
| 9. Name of Last Resort Target | UNKNOWN T of O | | | | |
| (a) No. of A/C Attacking | | | 1 | | 1 |
| (b) No., Size & type of Bombs | | | 10 500# GP 2 500# IB | | 10 500# GP 2 500# IB |
| 10. Name of Target of Opportunity | SOEST, GERMANY (PFF) | | | | |
| (a) No. of A/C Attacking | | | | | 2 |
| (b) No., Size, & type of Bombs | | | | | 20 500# GP 4 500# IB |
| 11. Name of Target Opportunity | | | | | |
| (a) No. of A/C Attacking | | | | | |
| (b) No., Size & type of Bomb | | | | | |
| 12. No of A/C Lost - TOTAL | NONE | NONE | NONE | | NONE |
| 13. - to Flak | | | | | |
| 14. - to Flak & E/A | | | | | |
| 15. - to Enemy A/C | | | | | |
| 16. - to Accident | | | | | |
| 17. - to Unknown | | | | | |

STAT SUMMARY (Cont'd)

| | LEAD | HIGH | LOW |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| 18. Time of Takeoff | 0835 | 0838 | 0837 |
| 19. Time of Attack | 1231 | 1231 | 1231 |
| 20. Average Time of Flight | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.8 |
| 21. Altitude of Release | 24,760 | | |
| 22. Visual or PFF | PFF | PFF | PFF |
| 23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int.&ACG | None | None | None |
| 24. - Fighters | -- | -- | -- |
| 25. - Bombers | -- | -- | -- |
| 26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C | -- | -- | -- |
| 27. Degree of Success | UNOBS | UNOBS | UNOBS |

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

NONE

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as Follows:

NONE

NOTES:

TWO A/C BOMBED SOEST WITH TWO OTHER GROUPS:

- A/C 7602 with 379th Gp
- A/C 7478 ~~222~~ with 385th Gp

W.D.A.G.FORM
 12 E. Modified
 1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. Dolan DATE 4 Dec 1944
 PILOT Capt Dempsey (Capt Lewis) TAKE OFF 0835
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Selers AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th A GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1718
 OBJECTIVE Kassel, Germany (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 32 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 1 A/C On Leader: 31
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M 64 GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M 17 IB FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 318 GP BDX RELEASED 318 GP BDX
72 IB 72 IB
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: FFF
 Altitude of Target 640 Temp Aloft: Metro -36 Actual -32
 True Altitude above target 24760 Mag Head, order 79 Actual 96
 Ind. Altitude 25200 True Heading 90
 Pressure alt of target 657 Drift, Est 42 Actual 202
 Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 110
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 16,800
 G.S. Est 330 Actual 320 B.S.Type M-9
 Wind Direc Metro 270 Actual 306 Time of Release 1231
 Wind Veloc. Metro 110 Actual 140 Intervalometer Setting 140ft
 D.S. 127.5 Trail 58 ATF 41.78 Length of Bombing Run 48miles
 Tan. D.A. Est .75 Actual .70 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
 Mean Temp: Metro -12 Actual -12 Manual Pilot _____
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C Salvo

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

J-A-

Reference Field Order 572.

4 DECEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 176.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Radio Beacons used: | | | |
| Splashers | <u>6</u> | 2. MF/DF Fixes | <u>2</u> |
| Fixed Beacons | <u>0</u> | 3. HF/DF Bearings | <u>0</u> |
| Bunchers, England | <u>38</u> | 4. VHF/DF Homings | <u>0</u> |
| Bunchers, Continent | <u>23</u> | 5. Distress Action | <u>0</u> |
| | | 6. Total A/C using Gee | <u>39</u> |

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

| | <u>H2X</u> | <u>Micro-H</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. Total A/C dispatched | <u>2</u> | <u> </u> |
| 2. Total A/C over target | <u>2</u> | <u> </u> |
| 3. Total sets usable for bombing | <u>1</u> | <u> </u> |

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Total A/C using Carpet | <u>31</u> |
| 2. Total A/C releasing Chaff | <u>31</u> |
| 3. Total number of units released | <u>8928</u> |

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

| | | | |
|---------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Interphone | <u>2</u> | 6. Gee. | <u>1</u> |
| 2. VHF | <u>0</u> | 7. H2X, Micro-H | <u>0</u> |
| 3. Compass | <u>0</u> | 8. Carpet | <u>1</u> |
| 4. Liaison | <u>0</u> | 9. IFF | <u>0</u> |
| 5. Command | <u>0</u> | 10. SCS-51 | <u>NOT USED</u> |

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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

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REPORT ON A.A. GUNFIRE.
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)

ASSIGNED... KASSEL.....
 1. TARGET: BOMBED..... KASSEL.....

DATE OF MISSION. 4 Dec. 44 ...

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

1120 (5013 - 0617E) 1128 (4955 - 0745E) 1137
(5005 - 0815E) 1144 (5013 - 0832E) 1156 (5040 - 0812E) 1219 (5110 - 0811E)
1220 (1F) 1231 (Target) 1232 (5125 - 0837E) 1240 (5105 - 0955E) 1316
(5035 - 0808E) 1333 (5003 - 0738E) 1430 (5013 - 0617E)

| | AT TARGET | ENROUTE |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| WEATHER - - - | <u>10/10^{ms}</u> | <u>8/10^{ms} - 10/10^{ms}</u> |
| CONTRAILS - - | <u>None</u> | <u>None</u> |
| SEEN-UNSEEN - | <u>None</u> | <u>Seen and Unseen</u> |

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

Flak encountered at target consisted of about 12 bursts, good for altitude but to left of formation.

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

1121 S. of Coblenz neager inaccurate
1137 N. of Wiesbaden neager (observed) accurate on another Group
1327 S. of Coblenz neager inaccurate
1348 5000 - 0710E) few bursts observed
5000 - 0840E)

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: ... As briefed.....

7. POSITION OF GROUP: ... 84th "A" - 3rd (1 - Force).....

8. DETAILS:-

| SQDN: PCS. | NO. A/C | DAMAGE | | A/C LOST TO | | | | AXIS OF | | TIME OVER TARGET | HEIGHT |
|---------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | | MAJ. | MIN. | AA | EA | ACC | UK | ATTK | WITH | | |
| <u>Lead</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>95°M</u> | <u>60°M</u> | <u>1231</u> | <u>25,000</u> |
| <u>High</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>93°M</u> | <u>60°M</u> | <u>1231</u> | <u>25,400</u> |
| <u>Low</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>95°M</u> | <u>67°M</u> | <u>1231</u> | <u>24,450</u> |
| TOTALS | <u>34</u> | | | | | | | | | | |

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

Lt. P.R. Myers.

#9 on priority list -

Primary - Same as yesterday - capacity 2300 wagons every 24 hours - Rhine valley bottleneck - Interesting to note
 Soestland ^{(5135-0807) (#4 on priority)} and Bebra ^{(5058-0948) 2nd Div.} are three main yards for North to South traffic. To make the picture complete, the 3rd Div. ^{Geissen (5035-0840) and Hanau (5027-0856)} ~~to~~ ^{to stop} East to West traffic to the Rhine Valley. If all 5 targets are hit the air force as a whole has ~~accomplished~~ ^{created} a huge burden on the German supply lines to their critical fronts.
 Our 3rd Div. ^{knocks out} last bombed 18 Oct by 3rd Division.

Secondary - Pff Kassel

L/R - Listed simply as explosives factory no poop.

FRIEND ACT. - 5th CONVO DIV. follow 1st with 300 ac
 12 Gps 3rd follow 2nd Div - to attack (see above)

Fighter Support and route: 10 Gps -
 (Sumner officer)

EPIDIASCOPE FLAK -
Lt. Bombardier -

LMD -Special Instructions:

P/W -

K-20 -

Restricted areas in Belgium and Germany: -

OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
401st Bombardment Group (H)

Mission # 176
4 December 1944

SUBJECT : Loading List

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

Plane # 42-106992

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Roadman, Julian (NMI) | 1st Lt. | 612th |
| CP | McKale, William L. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| N | Knuese, Robert H. | F/O | H |
| B | Whitlock, James P. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| RO | Elchisak, Alfred (NMI) | S/Sgt | H |
| TTG | Landers, John A. | S/Sgt | H |
| BTG | Hall, Eugene A. | S/Sgt | H |
| TG | Wood, Donald S. | S/Sgt | H |
| WG | Hill, Earle S. Jr. | S/Sgt | H |

Plane # 42-31662

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Cox, Walter E. | 1st Lt. | 612th |
| CP | Amundson, Glenn R. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| N | Tiffany, Raymond L. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| B | Ankron, Lowell J. | S/Sgt | H |
| RO | Hill, Robert H. | S/Sgt | H |
| TTG | Warren, Emmitt E. | S/Sgt | H |
| BTG | Pope, LeRoy G. | S/Sgt | H |
| TG | Importe, George (NMI) | S/Sgt | H |
| WG | Dunn, Dale D. | S/Sgt | H |

Plane # 42-107039

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Comer, Jack P. | 1st Lt. | 612th |
| CP | Matthes, Francis R. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| N | Weinstein, Byron (NMI) | 2nd Lt. | H |
| B | Smith, Alvie L. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| RO | Hulse, Harold A. | S/Sgt | H |
| TTG | Sixby, Joseph (NMI) Jr. | S/Sgt | H |
| BTG | Erland, Cletus M. | S/Sgt | H |
| TG | Kirkhuff, Leonard H. | S/Sgt | H |
| WG | Mainprize, Jack E. | S/Sgt | H |

Plane # 42-102398

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|---------|-------|
| P | French, Millard H. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| CP | Compton, Henry W. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| N | Cannon, Thomas P. | F/O | H |
| B | Johnson, Jerry M. | Sgt | H |
| RO | Allcroft, James W. | Sgt | H |
| TTG | Hansen, Arthur W. | Sgt | H |
| BTG | Deck, Floyd J. | Sgt | H |
| TG | LaGrange, Wesley (NMI) | Sgt | H |
| WG | DeVore, Arthur D. | Sgt | H |

Plane # 43-38733

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Boddin, Frederick R. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| CP | Deblin, James H. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| N | Uhrain, Andrew (NMI) | 2nd Lt. | H |
| B | Miller, Donald A. | 2nd Lt. | H |
| RO | Kornegay, Ryan G. | Sgt | H |

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|-----|---------------------------|------|-----|
| TTG | Richardson, Paschal (NMI) | Sgt. | 612 |
| BTG | Noble, Chester C. | Sgt. | " |
| TG | Klindworth, Louis O. | Sgt. | " |
| FG | Langham, Theodore E.N. | Sgt. | " |

Plane # 43-38637

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Aschenbach, Allen D. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| CP | Althoff, John R. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| N | Brazzil, William R. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| B | Carson, James W. | Sgt | 612th |
| RO | Feigenbaum, George J. | Sgt | 612th |
| TTG | Herndon, William R. | Sgt | 612th |
| BTG | Wilson, Ben G. | Sgt | 612th |
| TG | Pearlin, Joseph M. | Sgt | 612th |
| FG | Watson, Robert W. | Sgt | 612th |

Plane 43-37790

| | | | |
|----|-------------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Schliemann, Donald M. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| CP | Meyrowitz, Irving (NMI) | F/O | 612th |
| N | Schneck, David (NMI) | F/O | 612th |
| B | Swatoosh, Kenneth J. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| RO | Pendley, Garland E. | S/Sgt | 612th |
| TT | Kelly, John C. | S/Sgt | 612th |
| BT | Eames, Duane H.N. | S/Sgt | 612th |
| TG | Villagio, Vincent W. | S/Sgt | 612th |
| FG | Willick, Edward L. | S/Sgt | 612th |

Plane 43-37628

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Hudnall, Carl L. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| CP | Mitchell, Frank, G., Jr. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| B | Beardall, Keith E. | Sgt | 612th |
| N | Martin, Phillips A. | F/O | 612th |
| RO | Knight, Adam (NMI) | Sgt | 612th |
| TT | Moorman, Loyd F. | T/Sgt | 612th |
| BT | Syles, Alfred R. | Sgt | 612th |
| TG | Parker, Robert H. | Sgt | 612th |
| FG | Parker, Matt M. | Sgt | 612th |

Plane 43-38788

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| P | Eloetscher, Andrew F. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| CP | McElvain, Wilbert H. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| N | XXXXXXXXXX/XXXXXX/L Crick, L.A. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| B | McMahon, John F. | 2nd Lt. | 612th |
| RO | Kobinsky, Charles J. | Sgt | 612th |
| TT | Richards, Carl R. | Sgt | 612th |
| BT | Skaggs, Irl, R. | Sgt | 612th |
| TG | Nicholas, Clint S., Jr. | Sgt | 612th |
| FG | Giles, Otho N. | Sgt | 612th |

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

4 DECEMBER 1944

LOADING LIST

| PLANE NO. | DUTY | RANK | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MI |
|----------------------|------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| 44-2607 | P | CAPT. | COLEMAN | EDWARD | W. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | MALONEY | JOSEPH | M. |
| | N | 1st Lt. | WILHELM | ALLEN | G. (615th) |
| | B | 1st Lt. | STOUT | ELDRIGE | K. |
| | RO | T SGT. | GARMON | GALVIN | A. |
| | TT | T SGT. | LINDHOLM | ALVIN | T. |
| | BT | S SGT. | MEANEY | ANTHONY | J. |
| | TG | S SGT. | KIDMAN | WILLARD | D. |
| | WG | S SGT. | ANDERSON | EDDIE | W. |
| 44-6313 | P | 2d Lt. | BRADLEY | AUDREY | J. JR. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | FINNELL | JAMES | J. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | GOLD | ASHLEY | J. |
| | B | SGT. | KLINS | HERMAN | (NMI) |
| | RO | SGT. | BOWERS | JACOB | J. JR. |
| | TT | M/SGT. | MANGUM | JUSTICE | E. |
| | BT | SGT. | KEMP | JAMES | E. |
| | BTG | SGT. | SEEX MATLACK | DEARCK WILLIAM | XXXXXXXX W. |
| | WG | SGT. | DEFERBAUGH | NORMAN | (NMI) |
| 44-6132 | P | 1st Lt. | JENNINGS | WILLIAM | R. |
| | CP | 1st Lt. | GARTON | FRED | M. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | FOLKS | WILLIAM | M. |
| | B | 2d Lt. | SCHKLOVEN | ISAAC | (NMI) |
| | RO | T SGT. | CURTIS | JAMES | W. |
| | TT | T SGT. | FORMAN | RICHARD | T. |
| | BT | S SGT. | SELZIE | THOMAS | R. |
| | TG | S SGT. | OLIVER | KENNETH | C. |
| | WG | S SGT. | EWEN | DONALD | L. |
| 42-91591 43-38680 | P | 1st Lt. | DOUGLAS | LUTHER | A. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | LITTLE | RICHARD | H. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | HAVRAN | EDWARD | G? |
| | B | 2d Lt. | GORMAN | WILLIAM | L. |
| | RO | T SGT. | SHEETZ | JOHN | H. |
| | TT | T SGT. | LEWIS | RAYMOND | G. |
| | BT | S SGT. | AGLIATA | TONY | A. |
| | TG | S SGT. | MC GRARY | LEON | A. |
| | WG | S SGT. | CHANCE | BUFFORD | D. |
| 43-38160 | P | 2d Lt. | TAUSIG | HERMAN | (NMI) |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | CAMPER | DONALD | W. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | WALKER | DENSON | F. |
| | B | 2d Lt. | LAWSON | EMMERT | E. |
| | RO | SGT. | FITZSIMMONS | JAMES | J. |
| | TT | SGT. | JOHNSTON | ED NALD | C. |
| | BT | SGT. | BUCKSBAUM | EIMER | (NMI) |
| | TG | SGT. | KATZ | ALVIN | C. |
| | WG | SGT. | JOHNSON | WARREN | B. |
| 43-37706 | P | 1st Lt. | ANNIS | ROMIE | E. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | CLARK | FORREST | E. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | Madden | Bernard | R. |
| | B | 2d Lt. | JENSEN | JIM | B. |
| | RO | T SGT. | WALKER | LEWIS | M. |
| | TT | T SGT CORLISS | | JOHN | M. |
| | BT | S SGT. | LARSON | DEAN | C. |
| | TG | S SGT. | BROOKS | GEORGE | E. |
| | WG | S SGT JOHNSON | LESLIE | C. | |

| PLANE NO. | DUTY | RANK | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MI |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|------------|-------|
| 42-97931 | P | 1st Lt. | CAMPBELL | ROBERT | B. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | RANDLE | RICHARD | W. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | MAC DONALD | RICHARD | E. |
| | B | 2d Lt. | ISHAM | LAWRENCE | W. |
| | RO | T SGT. | CHALUPCZYNSKI | VINCENT | M. |
| | TT | T SGT. | JUSTICE | ANDREW | C. |
| | BT | S SGT. | BOSTIAN | AUDREY | L. |
| | TG | S SGT. | SMITH | JAMES | A. |
| | WG | S SGT. | HARLEN | JAMES | J. |
| 44-6113 | P | 2d Lt. | SCHELLER | DONALD | R. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | WICKS | WALLACE | W. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | HOUSTON | RICHARD | C. |
| | B | F/O | KOLLAR | JOHN | E. |
| | RO | SGT. | GIANNINI | JOSEPH | (NMI) |
| | TT | SGT. | HARTY | WILLIAM | Q. |
| | BT | SGT. | BLACK | RICHARD | D. |
| | TG | SGT. | TRUDEAU | RUSSELL | M. |
| | WG | SGT. | SEVERSON | NORMAN | A. |
| 43-38791 | P | 2d Lt. | GAREY | KARL | F. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | FREW | JAMES | R. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | JOHNSTON | WILLIAM | I. |
| | B | SGT. | STITT | JOHN | L. |
| | RO | SGT. | FLYNN | LEO | M. |
| | TT | SGT. | JONES | CHARLES | C. |
| | BT | SGT. | SMITH | DONALD | B. |
| | TG | SGT. | ODOM | HENRY | T. |
| | WG | SGT. | FISHER | MELVIN | C. |
| 42-31072 | P | 2d Lt. | CURRAN | EDWARD | E. |
| | CP | 2d Lt. | REILLY | DONALD | J. |
| | N | 2d Lt. | BAITZ | JOHN | J. |
| | B | 2d Lt. | JONES | BEN | F. |
| | RO | SGT. | GIESKEN | GEORGE | J. |
| | TT | SGT. | JOHNSON | ELMO | E. |
| | BT | SGT. | ZENOR | HAROLD | M. |
| | TG | SGT. | CLIFTON | JAMES | R. |
| | WG | SGT. | HARDEN | ROY | (NMI) |

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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
 4 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

1. The following is the loading list for today's mission.

*Plane ~~42-27730~~ 43-38077

| | | | |
|----|---------|-----------------------|----------|
| P | 1st Lt. | BROWN, JOHN J. JR. | 614th Sq |
| CP | 1st Lt. | MEUSEL, JOSEPH F. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | BROWN, JOHN D. | " |
| B | 1st Lt. | SCHIEFER, WILLIAM F. | " |
| RO | T/Sgt. | Arellano, Garciano J. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Hoffman, Leon W. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Wells, Cleburne D. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Ellis, James | " |
| WG | S/Sgt. | Martin, Norman D. | " |

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*Plane 44-6464

| | | | |
|----|---------|----------------------|---|
| P | 1st Lt. | UTTER, CHARLES W. | " |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | ODEN, EDWARD C. | " |
| N | 2nd Lt. | DAMP, EDWARD | " |
| B | 2nd Lt. | HOPE, JOHN F. JR. | " |
| RO | T/Sgt. | Fulton, David W. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | LaVigne, Robert N. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Cole, Harry L. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Zaborsky, Stephen A. | " |
| WG | S/Sgt. | St. Peter, Donald A. | " |

*Plane 43-38646

| | | | |
|----|---------|---------------------------|---|
| P | 2nd Lt. | THOMPSON, RUSSELL B. | " |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | CASSIDY, CLARENCE | " |
| N | F/O. | BLADES, LEO L. | " |
| B | 1st Lt. | BRUCE, WILLIAM M. | " |
| RO | Sgt. | Bode, Robert E. | " |
| TT | Sgt. | Willson, Rodney V. | " |
| BT | Sgt. | Christensen, James P. Jr. | " |
| TG | Sgt. | Heikes, Dale L. | " |
| WG | Sgt. | Dana, Edward G. | " |

Loading List Cont'd.

*Plane 42-97602

| | | | |
|----|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| P | 1st Lt. | MAYS, HAL C. | 614th Sq |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | LIVINGSTON, HERMAN | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | KOSKI, MATTHEW F. | " |
| B | 1st Lt. | SCHAEFER, ROBERT L. | " |
| RO | T/Sgt. | Bayes, Willie J. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Gay, Clifford E. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Cole, William I. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Monacella, Joseph L. Jr. | " |
| WG | S/Sgt. | Wilson, Billy J. | " |

*Plane 42-102659

| | | | |
|----|---------|--------------------|---|
| P | 2nd Lt. | FONDRENN, JOHN E. | " |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | VIA, JAMES C. | " |
| N | F/O. | COYNE, JOHN T. | " |
| B | 2nd Lt. | FACKRELL, JESSE L. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Wensel, John W. | " |
| TT | S/Sgt. | Erobst, Clyde J. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Wickline, John H. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Wilbers, Herman E. | " |
| WG | S/Sgt. | Youmans, Henry A. | " |

*Plane 43-38738

| | | | |
|----|---------|-------------------------|---|
| P | 1st Lt. | SPUHLER, EDWIN H. | " |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | CURRENT, DONALD D. | " |
| N | 2nd Lt. | MC ADAMS, ROBERT C. | " |
| B | 2nd Lt. | OSTER, LEWIS H. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Hendrick, William J. | " |
| TT | S/Sgt. | Wells, Richard D. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Benedict, Cloide W. Jr. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Hughes, James E. | " |
| WG | S/Sgt. | Power, James E. | " |

*Plane 42-39012

| | | | |
|-----|---------|----------------------------------------------------|---|
| P | Capt. | SEDER, ARTHUR R. JR. | " |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | RUBINOFF, LOUIS W. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | DEWEY, ROBERT S. CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR. | " |
| CTG | S/Sgt. | Affel, Richard H. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Backlin, John F. | " |
| TT | S/Sgt. | Antill, Clarence W. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Harris, Cecil D. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Allison, Carl M. | " |
| WG | Sgt. | Genauer, Lawrence | " |

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*Plane 42-97478

| | | | |
|----|---------|-----------------------|----------|
| P | 1st Lt. | BABCOCK, FREDRICK H. | 614th Sq |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | BOUSFIELD, JOHN | " |
| N | 2nd Lt. | STEWART, LEON F. | " |
| B | 2nd Lt. | MENZEL, GEORGE H. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Bilby, John F. Jr. | " |
| TT | S/Sgt. | Caldwell, Carroll L. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Wilczynski, Walter J. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Parnham, Walter E. | " |
| WG | S/Sgt. | Casselman, Charles R. | " |

*Plane 42-97395

| | | | |
|-----|---------|--------------------|---|
| P | 2nd Lt. | WHITE, WYLIE K. | " |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | POTTER, FRED R. | " |
| N | F/O. | BRINER, WILLIAM L. | " |
| CTG | S/Sgt. | Smith, Malcolm F. | " |
| RO | Sgt. | McCommis, Max I. | " |
| TT | Sgt. | Whitney, Paul A. | " |
| BT | Sgt. | Viescas, Arturo B. | " |
| TG | Sgt. | McQuade, John B. | " |
| WG | Sgt. | Crantz, Edwin R. | " |

*Plane 44-6508

| | | | |
|----|---------|---------------------|---|
| P | 1st Lt. | SISSON, NORMAN L. | " |
| CP | 1st Lt. | HOEMANN, EUGENE E. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | CROSSEN, LAVERN | " |
| B | 2nd Lt. | PICKER, NATHAN | " |
| RO | T/Sgt. | Haluck, Andrew S. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Carter, Peter J. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Stevens, Calvin J. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Ritchie, Francis T. | " |
| WG | S/Sgt. | Torres, Jose M. | " |

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHUFF
CAPT, Air Corps,
Actg Opns Officer.

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

4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

| PLANE # 42-97636 PFF | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------|----------|
| DUTY | RANK | LAST (NAME) | FIRST | (MI) | SQUADRON |
| P | Captain | Dempsey | Ralph | M. | 615th |
| CP | Captain | Lewis | Clyde | A. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | Sellers | Cloyd | W. | " |
| N | F/O | Greenberg | Martin | (NMI) | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | Chaffey | Charles | G. | " |
| B | 1st Lt. | Dolan | William | W. | " |
| RO | T/Sgt. | Virgona | Angelo | J. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Gomer | Roy | G. | " |
| TG | 1st Lt. | Child | Eldon | R. | " |
| FG | Sgt. | Wiegel | Clifford | H. | " |

| PLANE # 44-8258 PFF | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------|-------|
| P | 1st Lt. | Turk | Laurel | A. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Sinkking | John | W. | " |
| N | 2nd Lt. | Cone | Allan | L. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | Walters | Donald | B. | " |
| B | 2nd Lt. | Hecker | Robert | L. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Dupuis | Cyraque | J. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Wieselthier | Simon | (NMI) | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Vecchio | Murray | H. | " |
| FG | S/Sgt. | Osborne | Peter | J. | " |

| PLANE # 42-51730 | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|------------|-----------|----|-------|
| P | 1st Lt. | Maloney | Milton | P. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Magee | Eldon | C. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | Schultz | John | J. | " |
| B | Sgt. | Elston | Mack | A. | " |
| RO | T/Sgt. | Dodson | James | C. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Joned | William | D. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Blodgett | Clifford | W. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Roberts | James | D. | " |
| FG | S/Sgt. | Trendelman | Frederick | S. | " |

| PLANE # 43-38425 | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|-----------|---------|----|-------|
| P | 1st Lt. | Stegemann | Charles | W. | 615th |
| CP | 1st Lt. | Walter | Albert | C. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | McCaslin | Clayton | W. | " |
| B | S/Sgt. | Sullivan | Robert | E. | " |
| RO | Sgt. | Fenwick | Gordon | E. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Mais | John | B. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Tamburine | Joseph | J. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Waer | Martin | C. | " |
| FG | S/Sgt. | Jaranson | David | A. | " |

LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 42-107151 (614th)

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|----|---------|----------|---------|----|-------|
| P | 1st Lt. | Hansen | Ernest | A. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Coats | Jerry | A. | " |
| N | 1st Lt. | Youel | Dale | F. | " |
| B | S/Sgt. | Cook | Clayton | W. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Ferguson | Hugh | R. | " |
| TT | T/Sgt. | Miller | Raymond | A. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | McKeon | George | T. | " |
| TG | Sgt. | McKnight | Leroy | M. | " |
| FG | Sgt. | Karcher | Alonzo | A. | " |

PLANE # 42-97664

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|----|---------|----------|-----------|----|-------|
| P | 1st Lt. | Maire | Frederick | N. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Deen | Robert | M. | " |
| N | F/O | Ganale | John | F. | " |
| B | Sgt. | Morrison | James | L. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Mabrey | William | T. | " |
| TT | S/Sgt. | Barr | Thomas | H. | " |
| BT | Sgt. | Floyd | Norris | G. | " |
| TG | Sgt. | Landry | Lawrence | B. | " |
| FG | Sgt. | Nowak | Frank | F. | " |

PLANE # 42-31485

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|----|---------|------------|---------|--------|-------|
| P | 1st Lt. | McKay | George | W. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Higgs | Walter | M. | " |
| N | 2nd Lt. | Rainey | John | L. | " |
| B | S/Sgt. | Altieri | Alfonso | A. | " |
| RO | S/Sgt. | Richardson | Samuel | T. | " |
| TT | S/Sgt. | Gonnizzaro | Ralph | J. | " |
| BT | S/Sgt. | Luther | Richard | H. | " |
| TG | S/Sgt. | Wiederman | Lars | H. | " |
| FG | S/Sgt. | Butler | William | H., IV | " |

PLANE # 44-6146

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|----|---------|------------|----------|-------|-------|
| P | 2nd Lt. | Jordan | Robert | E. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Reinhard | Edward | O. | " |
| N | F/O | Braslawsky | Max | (NMI) | " |
| B | S/Sgt. | Seeley | Duane | F. | " |
| RO | Sgt. | Mauldin | Harold | M. | " |
| TT | Sgt. | Anderson | Howard | E. | " |
| BT | Sgt. | Caruth | Herton | A. | " |
| TG | Sgt. | Corwin | Clarence | P. | " |
| FG | Sgt. | Carlson | Verner | A. | " |

LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 43-38810

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|----|---------|------------|---------|-------|-------|
| P | 1st Lt. | Grimm | Alfred | R. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Regan | John | J. | " |
| N | F/O | Coates | Alvin | B. | " |
| B | Sgt. | Boyer | William | O. | " |
| RO | Sgt. | Kapson | George | D. | " |
| TT | Sgt. | Geers | Louis | J. | " |
| BT | Sgt. | Cox | Clyde | H. | " |
| TG | Sgt. | Chambers | Atahur | R. | " |
| FG | Sgt. | Hunsperger | Henry | (NMI) | " |

PLANE # 42-102468

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|----|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| P | 2nd Lt. | Jones | Robert | S. | 615th |
| CP | 2nd Lt. | Dunigan | Maurice | (NMI) | " |
| N | F/O | Steinman | Philip | B. | " |
| B | Sgt. | Carr | Richard | W. | " |
| RO | Sgt. | DeLong | Billie | D. | " |
| TT | Sgt. | Geiger | Louis | O. | " |
| BT | Sgt. | Nelson | Howard | W. | " |
| TG | Sgt. | Foutch | James | W. | " |
| FG | Sgt. | Kozyra | Joseph | J. | " |

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

F-C-2

AP0 557
1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557
ATTN: Division Armament Officer

1. Date of Mission: 30 November 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 44-6508 - Vickers Unit Motor burned out in the Ball Turret. This motor has been replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 43-37602 - Right side of Bomb Bay had to be salvoed by pilot. Salvo relay box has been replaced. Bomb Bay motor burned out.
 - b. A/C # 43-38677 - Right side of bomb bay would not salvo, due to a burned out RS-2 rack selector. This RS-2 has been replaced.
5. There wer twenty-seven (27) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR.
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer

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

D-E-4

30 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 557, US Army. (Thru Major D. E. Silver.)

1. Lt. Robert L. Long, Pilot A/C 8637, complimented the excellent timing on the mission and stated that group formation was excellent.

2. Lt. Frank G. Mitchell, CP A/C 2398, reported that formation scattered badly immediately after bombs away.

3. Lt. Julian Roadman, Pilot A/C 6992, reported that BTG in A/C 733 (Lt. Aiken) did not get into the ball until A/C had reached 0740E. He stated that BT guns in this A/C pointed straight down until that point was reached.

4. The crew of Lt. Charles W. Hopley is living in a barracks with no stove, and although they have tried numerous times to get one, none has ever been provided.

5. The crew of Lt. Ray A. Baker, Pilot A/C 8077, report that no transportation ever showed up at dispersal area #51, and they had to walk in to interrogation.

6. The crew of Lt. Glenn H. St. Aubyn, pilot A/C 508, flew a ground spare and reported that it was in excellent condition.

7. The crew of Lt. Jack P. Comer, pilot A/C 8541, would like hot chocolate at interrogation in place of coffee.

W. B. FRY,
Major, Air Corps,
Group 8-2 Officer.

HIGHEST MP _____ "Hg"
CONCURRENT RPM _____
ALTITUDE _____
ERS _____ MINS _____

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LEAD SQDN C Group

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJOR SILVER Date: 30 Nov 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HUBBELL

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT CURRIE

*20-250 GP
1/10-1/40
Gas load
map*

614 SQDN
612 SC JAWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

MERCER (SILVER)
IW G 8259

KING
IW H 6464

HUBBELL
IW G 8033

614 SQDN

615 SQDN

MAYS
IW O 7602

STEGEMANN
IY D 8125

ST AUBYN
~~IW B 7822~~
IW A 6508

0755 - someone stepped on E-5 tube in bomb bay. (at connect to base)

RICHARDSON
IW N 8738

HANSEN
IY P 8458
MISSING

SOMBART
IY R 6146

CROZIER
IW Z 8330

MORAN
IW K 8677

THOMPSON HL
IW T 8646

SPARES

WHITE
IW B 7151

Grnd spare PFF IW C 8454 Disp 46
Vis IW R 2012 Disp 5
Grnd spares IY K 8425 Disp 28
IW A 6508 Disp 8
IN R 6113 Disp 36

*Brk 0315
Brief 0415
Station 0610
1751*

*Gas Load
2750
Bomb.
20-250 GP
1/10-1/40*

HIGH SQDN C Group

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CURRIE Date: Nov 30 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT LAWRENCE

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT CURRIE

612 ^{SQDN}
CURRIE
IN P 8449

612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFOJUB
615 IY BUZZARD

CAMPBELL
SC N 6506

LAWRENCE
SC P 1891

612 ^{SQDN}

615 ^{SQDN}

AIKEN
SC K 8733

GRIMM WF
IY O 8779

ASCHENBACK
SC C 9993

ROADMAN
SC D 6992

CRACRAFT
IY G 1983

JORDAN
IY L 7551

COMER
SC F 8541

HUDNELL
SC R 2393

LONG
SC L 8637

SPARES

BODDIN
~~SC T 8788~~ Mag Dec
IY-K 8425

Spare lead PFF IN C 8454 Disp 46
Vis IW P 2012 Disp 5

Grnd spares ~~IY K 8425 Disp 28~~
~~IW A 6508 Disp 8~~
IN R 6113 Disp 36

To coast only, do not load.

French IW J 2659
Martin SC S 8680

LOW SQDN C GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT STELZER Date: 30 Nov 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT BAKER

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT CURRIE

613 SQDN
612 SC JAWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCOLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

KEELING(STELZER)

IN H 8607

KELSO

BAKER

IN B 6132

IY Q 8077 ✓

613 SQDN

615 SQDN

CARSON

MC KAY

IN D 8187

IY X 1485 ✓

TOUSIG

HOPLEY

JONES

GRIMM AR

IN A 8160

IN N 8862

IY C 2468 ✓

IY F 7664 ✓

CAMPBELL

IN Q 7931

COX

CURRAN

IN P 6313

IN K 1072

SPARES

CAREY

IN U 7706

Grnd spare lead PFF IN C 8454 Disp 46
Via IW P 2012 Disp 5

Grnd spares IY K 8425 Disp 28
IW A 6508 Disp 3
IN R 6115 Disp 36

MISSING

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

30 November 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. | BATTLE DAMAGE |
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| 42-106992 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in right outer wing panel, station 27 and aft.2. Large flak hole in bottom of # 8 tokyo.3. Flak hole in right flap, station 17.4. Flak hole in right flap, station 9.5. Flak hole in right flap, station 5.6. Flak hole in right wing duct fairing.7. Flak hole over right waist window and out left side.8. Flak hole by main entrance door and out left side.9. Flak hole in left side of tail wheel well.10. Flak hole in vertical stabilizer, station 11.11. Flak hole between # 3 & 4 engine, cut engine control cable.12. Flak hole in top of # 4 nacelle.13. Flak hole in right landing light lens.14. Flak hole in top of # 8 tokyo, right wing.15. Flak hole in top of # 7 tokyo, right wing.16. Flak hole in top of right wing, station 24.5.17. Flak hole in leading edge of right wing, station 8.5. |
| 42-39993 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in left wing behind # 2 feeder tank.2. Three flak holes in chin turret.3. Flak hole in chin turret fairing.4. Flak hole in plexiglass nose.5. Flak hole in window by right nose gun.6. Flak hole above # 4 gas tank, cut bundle of wires and punctured tank.7. Flak hole in right wing outboard of # 4 engine.8. Flak hole in bottom of #7 tokyo, right wing.9. Flak hole in right side of # 4 nacelle, station 2d.10. Flak hole in right aileron, station 32.11. Flak hole in top of right wing.12. Flak broke handle of ball turret door.13. Flak hole in left side of fuselage, station 6k.14. Flak hole in front spar of right horizontal stabilizer, station 78. |

BATTLE DAMAGE (cont'd)

| AIRPLANE NO. | BATTLE DAMAGE |
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| 42-39993 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Flak hole in left elevator, station 130. 16. Flak hole in trailing edge of left elevator trim tab. 17. Flak hole in right elevator trim tab at inboard end. 18. Flak hole in leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer, station 168. Requires replacement. 19. Flak hole in leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer, station 62 20. Flak hole in vertical stabilizer, station 7. 21. Flak hole in right waist, station 6g. 22. Flak hole in right side of fuselage fore of bulkhead 5. 23. Flak hole in top of right wing, station 5. 24. Flak hole in top of right wing, station 6. 25. Flak hole in top of right wing, station 12.5 aft. 26. Flak hole in top of right wing, station XXXX 16 fore. 27. Flak hole (2) behind right landing light. 28. Flak hole in right wing joint, punctured # 7 tokyo. 29. Flak hole in top of right wing, station 21. Cut front apar. |
| 42-102393 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flak hose through top of vertical stabilizer. 2. Flak hole on outboard side of # 4 nacelle. 3. |
| 43-38541 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flak hole in # 1 ring cow1. Cut # 9 push rod shroud tube. 2. Flak hole in right elevator, station 130. 3. Flak hole in right horizontal stabilizer, station 149. |
| 43-38637 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flak hole in fairing over co-pilots window. |
| 44-6506 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Negative. |
| 43-38733 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flak hole in # 4 nacelle, outboard. 2. Flak hole in front escape hatch door. |
| 42-31891 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flak hole in nose section of # 3 engine. 2. Two flak holes in outer wing panel, on right side, station 31. 3. Flak hole in right outerwing panel at station 32 and fore. 4. Flak hole in right outer wing panel, station 28 aft. 5. Twelve flak holes in right wing tip. 6. # three tokyo on right side punctured by flak. 7. Flak hole in right inner wing panel, station 16 aft. 8. Flak hole in right inner wing panel, station 16.5 fore. 9. Flak hole in outboard side of # 4 nacelle. 10. Flak hole in # 4 gas tank door. 11. Flak hole in # 3 exhaust stack, fore of # 3supercharger. 12. Flak hole in bottom of # 3 nacelle, cut hydraulic brake line. 13. Flak hole in # 3 gas tank door. Punctured tank. 14. Flak hole in right side of fuselage, station 4. Punctured oxygen cylinder. |

BATTLE DAMAGE (cont'd)

| AIRPLANE NO. | BATTLE DAMAGE |
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| 42-31891 | 15. Flak hole in right side of fuselage, station 3d. 16. Flak hole in # 1 gas tank door. Punctured tank. 17. Flak hole in leading edge of left wing, station 8. 18. Flak hole in right side of fuselage, station 6d. 19. Flak hole in vertical fin station 7. 20. Flak hole in horizontal stabilizer on right side, station 112. 21. Flak hole in leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer. station 188. 22. Flak hole on left side of fuselage, station 6a. 23. Flak hole in # 1 ring cowling, cut rocker box cover. 24. Flak hole in right side of nose, station 1a. 25. Flak hole in plexiglass nose, bottom. |

HERBERT O. KIMMEL
Capt, Air Corps
Engineering Officer