REPORT OF OPERATIONAL DAY

MISSION No. 181 Date: 15 DEC. 44

TO: KASSEL, GERMANY

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: KASSEL, GERMANY

2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished three 12 A/C squadrons for the 94th "C" Group formation. Two PFF A/C were included in the lead squadron, and one in the high. A spare A/C accompanied each squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: KASSEL, GERMANY

2. a. Group Leader: Major D. G. McCREE (Havey)

   Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. M. B. JEFFERY (Howard - "Mickey")

   Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. S. SHAPIRO

   Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. R. R. WINN

   b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. L. A. TURK (Deputy - Haskett aborted)

   Lead Navigator: 2nd Lt. A. L. CONE

   Lead Bombardier: 2nd Lt. R. L. HECKER

   c. High Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. T. R. CUSHMAN

   Lead Navigator: Capt. W. B. ANDERSON(Peterson - "Mickey")

   Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. E. K. STOUT

3. Flight Over England:

   a. Takeoff:

   Takeoff was accomplished in semi-dark conditions. Cloud was encountered a few hundred feet up and in layers up to about 8000'.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assembly over Cottesmore buncher was in the clear at 10,000'. The buncher was departed south of course approximately on time.

c. Route Over England:

Soon after leaving the buncher the group fell into approximate wing formation with 94th "A". Later 94th "B" fell into place and the wing approached the division assembly line in good wing formation. Approximately 5 minutes from the cross over point, Buckeye Blue advised the wing to cross over at 5000' above briefed altitude to clear a cloud layer at that point. 94th "C" continued to climb but was too late to get over the cloud. In flying through the thin cloud 94th "C" lost the other two groups of the wing for a few minutes and went south of course. Thus when 94th "C" broke out on top and got back in the division column it found itself 5th in line instead of 3rd as it had been briefed.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

All along the route into the target the clouds forced the group to fly higher than briefed. As it penetrated Germany the contrails became dense and persistant and a thick haze made visibility bad. 94th "C" eventually leveled out at 2000' above briefed bombing altitude and flew the route in, at times, on virtual instrument conditions. The squadron leaders did a beautiful job of keeping in group formation, considering the difficult conditions under which they were flying.

b. Bombing Run:

Due to cloud conditions, failure of the Fluxgate compass and weak returns from the Mickey the IP was reached by homing in on it with the Gee Box. Cloud cover there was 10/10. The bomb run was made by PFF with the squadrons in group formation. Mickey made all necessary course and rate corrections. Bombs were salvoed by the Lead when the indices met at 1213½. The Low and High Squadron leaders salvoed on the Group Lead. All others used a 80 foot intervalometer setting. The AFCE was good. Results were unobserved.

c. Flight from Target:

During the first part of the withdrawal 94th "C" could see none of the other groups in the division. However it was evident by the heavy contrails they were preceding 94th "C". Finally the formation got down to a relatively clearer altitude and joined up with two other groups. As 94th "C" came out over France it successively dropped down through thin cloud layer and returned over the channel under the overcast.

4. d. Return to Base:

While over the channel "Cycle Relay" passed a diversion message with directions to land at Old Buckenham. The group proceeded to that base and 32 A/C landed without incident. Two other A/C plus the one spare and two aborts landed at various other fields. A/C 42-97931 lost an engine near the IP and found it necessary to emergency land in Belgium. The ship was abondoned and all crew members returned to base via ATC - no casualties.

e. Weather:

Weather was bad all the way into the target. Thick haze, contrails, and clouds to 26,000 and above made flying very difficult. On the way out layers of clouds over France permitted group to successively drop down until England was reached.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was good -- as far as could be seen.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formations were good, very good considering the weather.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Suggest "Buckeye" recommendations be transmitted sooner in order for Air Commanders to act upon them in time.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Lead Squadron: A/C 44-6113 - Not Sortie. Returned early with internal failure of # 2 entine. There had been no rise in oil consumption, and no record of overboost on this engine.

Low Squadron: A/C 43-38077 - Not Sortie. Returned early because of a broken bolt in the throttle linkage. The Pilot could not control the engine so feathered the prop and returned.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No E/A seen or encountered. (See Flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage: None

8. Casualties: None

9. Statistical Summary of Operations (See attached form)

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Due to weather no observations could possibly be made.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron: All of the 12 A/C EET attacked the secondary target, dropping 118 X 500# M64 and 24 X 500# M 17 bombs. A/C 6113 aborted and returned 10 GP's and 2 IB's.

Low Squadron: Of the 12 A/C EET eleven attacked the secondary target, dropping 110 X 500# M64 and 22 X 500# M17 bombs. A/C 1730 after being hit by flak in one engine found it necessary to select an unknown target of opportunity at 5220-0820 E and dropped 10 GP's and 2 IB's thereupon. A/C 8077 aborted and returned 10 GP's and 2 IB's.

High Squadron: Of the 12 A/C EET eleven attacked the secondary target, dropping 110 X 500# M64 and 22 X 500# M17 bombs. A/C 7931 losing an engine near the IP selected an unknown T/O at 5135-0820# and dropped 5 GP's and 1 IB - it jettisoned 5 GP's and 1 IB after turning back. The spare returned 10 GP's and 2 IB's.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose	Fusing Tail
Main Bombfall	34	34	(337	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
			(68	500#	M17	-	-
Other Attacks (T of O's.- Unknown)	2	2	(15	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
			(3	500#	M17	-	-
Total Bombs on Targets			(352	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
			(71	500#	M17	-	-
Other Expenditures			(5	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
			(1	500#	M17	-	-
Bombs Returned			(30	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
			(6	500#	M17	-	-
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			(387	500#	M64	1/10	1/100
			(78	500#	M17	-	-

11. Lost Aircraft: None

(A/C 42-97931 was abandoned on the continent)

Submitted by:

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

(SAV-401/878-1)(15-12-44)(8862 - 7- 28800) KASSEL

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ MC CREE Date: 15 Dec 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT LAWRENCE

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT CUSHMAN

401st Lead Sq on Take Off and Cruise

612 SQDN

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

Note: Formation over Target unavailable

MC CREE (HAVEY)
SC U 7947

LONG
637

LAWRENCE
153

612 SQDN

613 SQDN

AIKEN
628

CARSON
588

THORNE
039

BLOETSCHER
788

SCHELLER
113
(Lr Early)

CURRAN
072

ROADMAN
992

CAMPBELL
733

FRENCH
398

SPARES

ASCHENBACH
993

Combat Sq. Leader: LT FOWLER Date: 15 Dec 44

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT TURK

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT CUSHMAN

615 SQDN

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

401st Low Sq on Take Off and Cruise

Note: Formation over target unavailable

HASKETT (FOWLER) 077 (Ret Early)

GRIMM WR 779

TURK 941

615 SQDN

613 SQDN

STEGEMAN 425

ANNIS 706

HANSON 758

CRACRAFT 664

CAREY 791

STEELE 947

GERBER 551

GRIMM AR 810

JONES 730

SPARES

DJERNES 485

Combat Sq. Leader: LT CUSHMAN Date: 15 Dec 44

~~Deputy Sq.~~ Leader: LT UTTER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT CUSHMAN

401st High Sq on Take Off and Cruise

Note: Formation over target unavailable

614 SQDN

CUSHMAN
454

KING
646

UTTER
780

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

614 SQDN

MAYS
395

MORAN
677

THOMPSSON R
330

WITTMAN
508

WHITE
738

MORTON
659

613 SQDN

HOPLEY
862

TAUSIG
931

COX
662

SPARES

FONDREN
478 (Left Early)

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

Date 15 December

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 0815 hours.
b. Group formed at 0940 hours on Cottesmore buncher at 10000 ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at 0947 hours at 52 28N 00 19W.
d. Route over England was (not) flown as briefed.

Due to weather
Fluxgate out

e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee and D.R.

f. Division formation was joined at 1014 hours at Cleeton.
g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

Following group ahead
Fluxgate out
Altitude difference due to weather

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee Mickey D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

(2) True heading over target 129 degrees.
(3) Actual Drift 8 left.
(4) Altitude over Target 28000.
(5) Time Bombs Away 1213½.
(6) Wind used for bombing _____.
(7) Method of target identification.

PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Weather
Mickey stabilization off

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths tops 27000

(10) Axis of withdrawal 202 mag heading.

j. Group rally was accomplished at ~~50 53 09 32E~~ at ~~1222~~ hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at ~~xx~~ at ~~xx~~ hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at ~~xx~~ at ~~xx~~ hrs.
m. Flight home was (not) as briefed. Note: No Wg or Div Rally

Followed group ahead
After target got back on course at C.P. #4

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee D.R. Mickey

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

q. Performance of equipment.

(1) Mickey Stabilization off
(2) Gee O.K.
(3) Radio Compass O.K.
(4) Fluxgate Out
(5) Other Equipment OK

~~AARON (NMI) SHAPIRO~~ ~~MORRY D. JEFFERY~~
1st Lt. Air Corps 1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Lead Sqd

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3. Narrative.

a. T/O at ~~0820~~ hours.
b. Group formed at ~~0925~~ hours on ~~Gottesmore~~ buncher at ~~10000~~ ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at ~~0947~~ hours at 52 28N ~~00 19E~~.
d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

Stay in formation

e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee and D.R.

f. Division formation was joined at ~~1014~~ hours at ~~Cleeton~~.
g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

Weather Stayed in Division Formation

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 ~~109~~.
(3) Actual Drift ~~4~~.
(4) Altitude over Target ~~25400~~.
(5) Time Bombs Away ~~1213~~ 1214
(6) Wind used for bombing ~~240/20~~.
(7) Method of target identification.

PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Clouds- dense persistent contrails caused loss of Lead Sqd several times

(9) Weather over Target. 10/10 clouds up to 27000 ft in spots - Contrails dense and persistent

(10) Axis of withdrawal _____.

j. Group rally was accomplished at 50 53N 09 32E at 1222 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

Note: No Wg or Div Rally

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee and D.R. - Pilotage over Belgium

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 Good
(3) Radio Compass Good
(4) Fluxgate Good
(5) Other Equipment

ALAN L. GONE
2nd Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Low Sqd

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2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.

a. T/O at 0718 hours.
b. Group formed at 0920 hours on Cottesmore buncher at 11000 ft.
c. Wing assembly was completed at 0947 hours at 52 28N 00 19E.
d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

Followed Lead

e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee D.R.

f. Division formation was joined at 1014 hours at Clacton.
g. Flight to IP was (~~not~~) as briefed.

Bad Weather Followed Lead

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee D.R. Mickey

i. Bomb run.

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

(2) True heading over target 130.
(3) Actual Drift 5 left.
(4) Altitude over Target 27000.
(5) Time Bombs Away 1214½.
(6) Wind used for bombing 240/40.
(7) Method of target identification.

PFF

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Dense Contrails

(9) Weather over Target. 10/10ths tops 27,000

(10) Axis of withdrawal 202 degrees.

j. Group rally was accomplished at ~~50 53N09 32E~~ at 1222 hrs.
k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

No Wg or Div Rally

Followed lead

n. Methods of navigation on return route.
D.R. Mickey Gee

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 All O.K.
(3) Radio Compass
(4) Fluxgate
(5) Other Equipment

WM. E. ANDERSON
1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator. High Sqd

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT Major McGree NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Arron Shapiro & 1st Lt. Morey P. Jeffery DATE 15 December 1944

94th "C" Combat Wing (Third) Normal Letdown

Zero 1000
Bmb Alt 26000

STATIONS 0650	ENGINES 0750	TAXI 0805	T.O. 0820
LEAVE BASE ~~East~~ Cost	0931		
COAST OUT	1013		
ENEMY COAST	1058		
I.P	1156		
TARGET	1210		
ENEMY COAST	1344		
Eng Coast	1423	ETR	1506

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH ..... Fast / Slow RATE ..... secs / hour Gaining / Losing

At ..... G.M.T.

Division Assembly Clacton to 52 37N 04 37E

FROM Ass 10000 lead TO Cott "Y" Buncher	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 DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.
52 44N 00 39E Spalding "C"	200 25	10000 -6	150	151	081	8	089	10	099	162	18	07	0931 0938	depart
52 47N 00 09E Clacton	200 25	"	150	151	142	8	150	10	160	136	77	34	1013	English Coast CP#1
51 47N 01 09E 52 37N 04 37E	200/33 206/38	14M 18000	150 -22	160 171	068	9 9	077 077	9 8	086 085	180 198	96 42	32 13	1058	Coast In CP#2
" " 52 37N 06 00E	209 39	19500 21000	150 -25	176	090	11	101	7	108	191	50	16	1114	
" " 52 37N 07 51E	302 23	23000 25000	150	186	090	-4	086	6	092	205	63	20	1134	C.P. #3
" " 52 23N 08 20E	021 16	25500 26000	150 -40	194	128	-5	123	6	129	198	22	07	1141	
" " 51 33N 08 20E	022 17	"	150 -41	195	180	-2	178	6	184	211	50	14½	1156	I.P.
I.P. TARGET	"	"	"	"	107	-5	102	5	107	193	45	14	1210	TGT
51 20N 09 29 51 04N 09 21E	020 15	25000 23500	170 -39	218	197	0	197	5	202	233	172	05	1215	
" " 50 53 08 40	"	23000	150	186	247	3	250	5	255	196	28	09	1224	
" " 50 30N 07 57E	"	"	"	"	230	2	232	6	238	198	36	11	1235	C.P. #4
" " 50 10N 07 42	"	"	"	"	206	0	206	6	212	200	22	7	1242	
" " 50 11 06 20E	"	"	"	"	271	4	275	6	281	190	53	17	1259	
" " 50 30N 05 00	023 15	14000	170 -29	197	291	4	295	7	302	197	55	17½	1317	Div Break Up
" " Felixstowe	196/21 184/12	8000 2000	170 150	166 131	303	-7 -5	296 298	8 9	304 307	170 136	68 95	24 42	1423	English Coast Cross In
51 58N 01 21E New Market	184/12	2000	150	131	294	-5	289	10	299	135	39	17	1440	
52 14N 00 24E Wisbech	"	"	150	131	342	-2	340	10	350	143	28	12	1452	Wing Break up
52 40N 00 10E Base	"	"	150	131	250	-5	245	10	255	125	29	14	1506	ETR
Base Clacton	LTTO - Taken 25 minutes to climb												0937 1013	
	Flares Normal VHF Code for Authentication DOW TIE Abandon Mission 'Man-Easy-Wilce' (1 minute interval)													

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN DIST.	RUN TIME	G.S.	TO RUN DIST.	TO RUN TIME	E.T.A.
					ENGINES 0750	take off 0815									
0835					St. Cotteamore Fluxgate compass out		150	10000							
0933½	92	089	10	099	Leaving on course 52 40N 00 43W Group formed 0925			10000 -11	151						
0939		283/46		160	Pt. "C" 52 40N 00 15W (Gee)				151	18	5½	195			
0940					Pilot getting into wing formation										
0947			154	155	52 28N 00 17E Wing formed		150								
0952½			148	158	52 17N 00 33E		150	10000 -10	152						
0957½	132	214	146	160	Climbing (Clouds 52 10N 00 50E Gee Wind 233/39		150	10000	152	27	10½	155			
1006 1010			194	204	52 00N 01 13E Will climb about 5,000 ft.		150	11000							
1014					Control Point 1		150	12500							
1017			76	086	51 41N 01 08E		150	13000							
1024			77	086	51 38N 01 32		150	16000 -18							
1034				79	51 50N 02 19E Right of Course		150	17000		31	10	186	97	30	1104
1035				80	B-17 from high flight has feathered prop - aborting										
1044				79	52 03N 03 08E		150	19000		33	9	220	64	17½	1101½
1049				56	52 14N 03 30E		150	20000 -22							

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN DIST.	RUN TIME	C.S.	TO RUN DIST.	TO RUN TIME	E.T.A.
1055½				88	52 26N 03 58E		150	21500 -27				191			
1100½				80	52 32N 04 22E		150	22000							
1103½				80	Control point #2 on course		150	22500				191	50	16	1119½
1108				91	52 38N 05 05E		150								
1118½				196	52 41N 06 05E (Near Rix)		150	23500							
1126				105	52 42N 06 42E		150			22	7½	176	42	14½	1140½
1131½				110	52 43N 07 14E		150	25000							
1138				110	Control Point #3 52 43N 07 52E		150	26000							
1141½				129	52 42N 08 10E										
1148				185	52 16N 08 22E		150	27500							
1156				200	51 55N 08 31E		150	28000 -42							
1202½				200	Over I.P. Gee Hoping (Starting Run		150	28000							
1203				107	Mickey Operator has target		150	28000							
1213½				134	Bombs Away 09 39E 51 24N		150	28000							
1216½				202	09 42E 51 15N		150	28000							
1222				238	50 59N 09 32E		150	27000							
1229				260	50 47N 09 02E			26000							
1233				260	50 41N 08 43E			25700							
1245				270	C.P. #4			25600							
1249				210	50 18N 07 50E			24500							
1252				280				24000							
1302½				290	50 08N 07 06E			23500							
1311				283	50 13N 06 29E			22500							
1320				300			150	18500							
1333				302	Namur 3 left 50 30N 04 55E		150	13000				170	87	30½	1403½
1345				300	Bunnsels 1 NM to right		170	8500							
1350				315	50 46N 03 53E		150	8000							
1409				310	51 12N 02 51E		150	6000							
1414½				310	51 21N 02 32E		150	5000							
1424				318	51 34N 02 06E		150			20	9½	127	37	18	1442
1440				360	Coast in on course		150	3000							
1453				010	Old Buchingham										

A certified true copy of the Lead Log:

WILLIAM T. SEAWELL
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Commanding

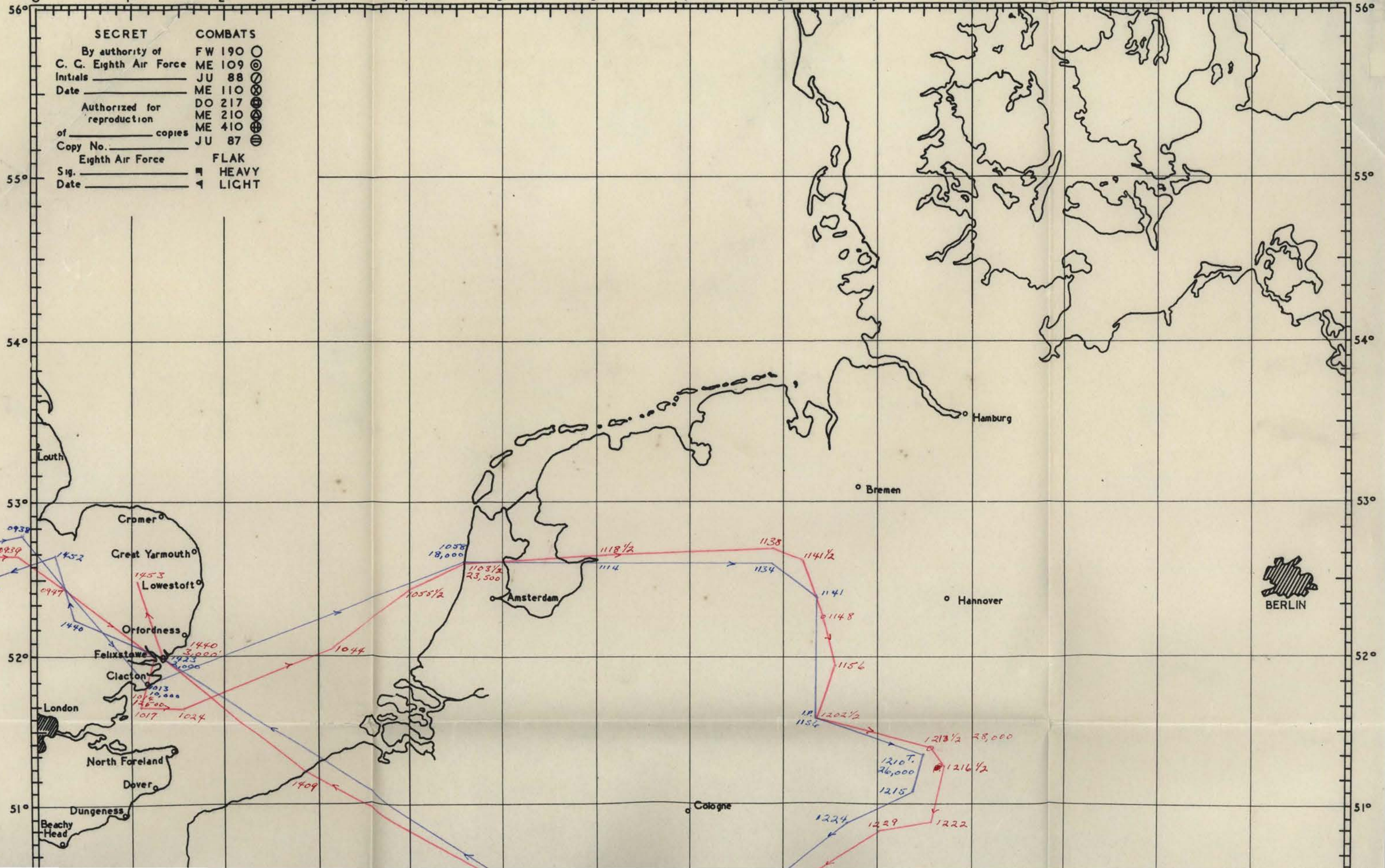
SIGNED_____NAVIGATOR

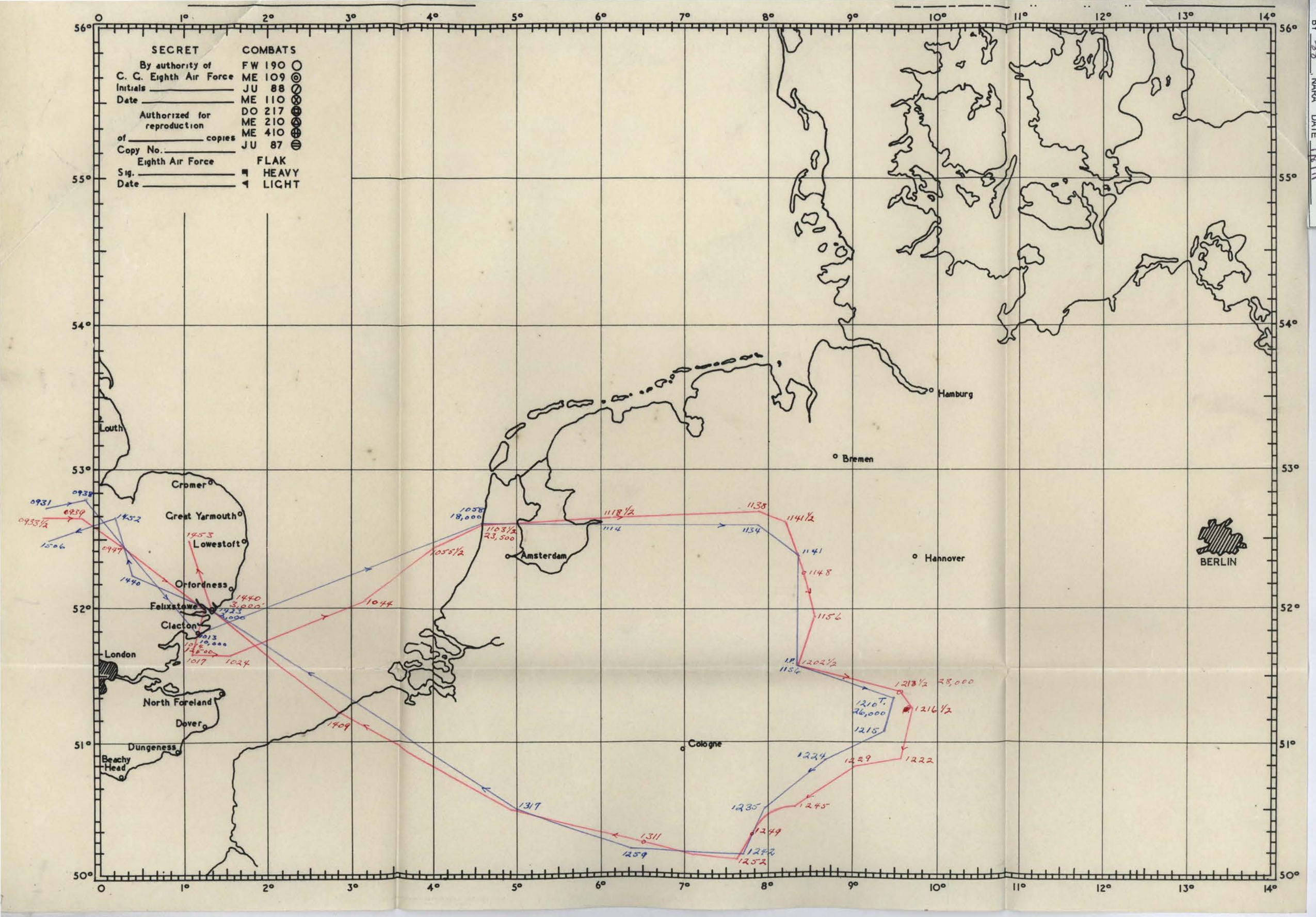
TRACK CHART

DATE Dec. 15-44

TARGETS
PRIMARY Kassel, Germany

Blue — ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Briefed
Red — " " " 401st. B.G.(H)





Target No.
6 (d) (vi) 87

ROTHENDITMOLD MARSHALLING YARD, Etc. — KASSEL (GERMANY)

Lat. 51° 20′ N. Long. 09° 29′ E.

Illustration No.
6 (d) (vi) 87/15

Primary

0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 YARDS
0 ½ 1 1½ 2 MILES

(1 : 32,000) approx.

Photographed 14 September 1944

Issued November 1944

Illustration No.
6 (d) (vi) 87/15

A.I.3c (1)

TYPE A

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group — 1st BD F. C. 580 — Date of 15 December 1944

	Lead	PFF - GH	High	PFF - GH	Low
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	-	-	-	-	-
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	2	12	1	13
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	11	2	11	1	13
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	2	11	1	12
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	2	11	1	12
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	1	-	-	-	1
(a) Early Returns Included	(1)	-	-	-	(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	10	1	11
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs	100 500#GP	18 500#GP	100 500# GP	9 500# GP	110 500# BP
	20 500#IB	4 500# IB	20 500# IB	2 500# IB	20 500# IB
9. Name of Last Resort Target					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs					
10. Name of Target of Opportunity		UNKNOWN (5135-0820E)			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			1		
(b) No., Size, & type of Bombs			5 500# GP		
			1 500# IB		
11. Name of Target Opportunity		UNKNOWN (3220-0280E)			
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					1
(b) No., Size & type of Bomb					10 500# GP
					2 500# IB
12. No of A/C Lost - TOTAL	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	0815	0818	0820
19. Time of Attack	1213½	1214½	1214
20. Average Time of Flight	6.7	6.8	6.9
21. Altitude of Release	27,500	27,800	24,700
22. Visual or PFF	PFF	PFF	PFF
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int. Acc.	Meager Inaccurate	Meager Inaccurate	Meager Inaccurate
24. - Fighters	-----	------	------
25. - Bomber	-----	------	------
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	-----	------	------
27. Degree of Success	Unobserved	Unobserved	Unobserved

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows:

NOTES:

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1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER Lt. Winn DATE 15 Dec 1944

PILOT Major McCrea TAKE OFF 0815

NAVIGATOR Lt. Jeffery AIRPLANE

WING 94 C GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1455

OBJECTIVE Kassel, Germany (MPI)

METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group X Wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 34 COMPOSITE GROUP

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP

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

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/100

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# I B FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL --

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 337 GP 68 IB RELEASED 337 GP 68 IB

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target	640	Temp Aloft: Metro -38	Actual -42
True Altitude above target	27500	Mag Head, order 107	Actual 134
Ind. Altitude	28000	True Heading	129
Pressure alt of target	1380	Drift, Est 5R	Actual --
Altimeter setting	29.92	True Track	---
C.I.A.S. 150	I.A.S. 150	Actual Range	13,750
G.S. Est 226	Actual ---	B.S.Type	M-9
Wind Direc Metro 20	Actual ---	Time of Release	1213½
Wind Veloc. Metro 17½	Actual ---	Intervalometer Setting	80ft
D.S 120 Trail 64	ATF 44.02	Length of Bombing Run	45miles
Tan. D.A. Est .49	Actual .50	C-1 Pilot Yes	A-5
Mean Temp: Metro -15.5	Actual -20	Manual Pilot	
Type of Release: Lead A/C	Salvo	Type of Release: Other A/C	80 ft

TRUE ALTITUDE High -- 27,800
Low -- 24,700

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

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Reference Field Order 580. 15 DECEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 181.

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:

Splashers	UNKNOWN
Fixed Beacons	UNKNOWN
Bunchers, England	UNKNOWN
Bunchers, Continent	UNKNOWN

2.	MF/DF Fixes	2
3.	HF/DF Bearings	0
4.	VHF/DF Homings	0
5.	Distress Action	0
6.	Total A/C using Gee	39

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

		H2X	Micro-H
1.	Total A/C dispatched	3	0
2.	Total A/C over target	3	0
3.	Total sets usable for bombing	3	0

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1.	Total A/C using Carpet	33
2.	Total A/C releasing Chaff	32
3.	Total number of units released	11,520

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1.	Interphone	0	6.	Gee	0
2.	VHF	0	7.	H2X, ~~MICRO-H~~	0
3.	Compass	0	8.	Carpet	0
4.	Liaison	0	9.	IFF	0
5.	Command	0	10.	SCS-51	0

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

A/C DIVERTED TO ANOTHER FIELD. MOST OF THE ABOVE FIGURES ARE ESTIMATED.

Harold M. Kennard Jr.
HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR. 1st Lt.
Capt, Air Corps,
Gp Com O.

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SECRET

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

1. TARGET: ASSIGNED Kassel
BOMBED Kassel
DATE OF MISSION 15 Dec 44

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:

Generally as briefed.

3.

	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -		
CONTRAILS - -		
SEEN-UNSEEN -		

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

Meagre and inaccurate.

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

None.

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: As briefed.

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th "C" - 3rd.

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN. POS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE MAJ.	DAMAGE MIN.	A/C LOST TO AA	EA	ACC	UK	AXIS OF ATTK	WITH	TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
Lead	12	--	--	-	-	-	-	--	--	1213	25,000
High	11	--	--	-	-	-	-	--	--	1214	25,500
Low	11	--	--	-	-	-	-	--	--	1215	25,000
TOTALS	34										

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

Lt. P.R. Myers

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2 nd. Div - Leading a rear Target
3 nd. Div - Hamner

facilities for 6 25 l's .96 co; 8 5-l's in P/T area in reserve.

10 Bns of fighters -
Flak - Coming in
- Chaff - 12 prior to P/T - + continue 15 min; 3 waves parallel formation with chaff. (throughout it.) - drop chaff -

Spec. Instructions

1) Camps - 1 S B Canvas -
2) S O P's -
   a. Bomb Fires -
   b. TWX - D-60, 242 -
3) P W -
   ~~Dual chaff~~
   Make for bomb - or Hockel
   Level at light -
   Gypsies workers or light civilians -
   Cows lines in daylight -
4) Divers areas. - (Belgium (2); Cyclists coat) -
5) Secrecy

Route in :- general - I.P. - 40-45 miles, fairly in cross winds - at downwind. -

Visual P/T -

Target is transportation M/V and locomotive repair shops. City is important tactically & strategically at present time because it is one of main links to the Ruhr + the present front.

PFF S/T -

Heart center of city and is a plant employing about 15-20 persons, 5-20 of which are foreigners. Engaged in construction of locomotives such as boilers, ~~stoves, ex gears~~ + cars complete tracks. Ex gear stocks here will affect both rail & road transport.

L/R - is an ex planes located at Adenau, on route in S W of P/T. Plant located in woods & may be a little difficult to locate.

Other L/R - forbis W of Rhine - but rd + Rail bridges on Rhine, forbis S of Koeln on Rhine.

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612th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

15 December 1944
Mission # 181

SUBJECT : Loading List.

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

Plane 43-37947			
P	McCree, Donald G.	Major	612th
CP	Havey, James H.	Major	Gp Hqs.
N	Jeffery, Morey B.	1st Lt.	612th.
N	Shapiro, Aaron (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
MO	Howard, Robert W.	1st Lt.	"
B	Winn, Roy R.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Pepper, James D.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Hereford, Gerald F.	T Sgt.	"
TG	Lundgren, Robert P.	2nd Lt.	"
FG	Giese, Carlton F.	S Sgt.	"
Plane 44-8153			
P	Lawrence, Louis Jr.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Stein, William T.	1st Lt.	"
N	Hyman, Nathan W.	1st Lt.	"
B	Burge, Charles R.	1st Lt.	"
MO	Fraioli, Frank P.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Huskey, Curtis O.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Avezedo, Philbert B.	S Sgt.	"
FG	O'Neal, Hayes B. Jr.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Harold, Lloyd B.	S Sgt.	"
Plane 42-106992			
P	Roadman, Julian (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
CP	Compton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Emmons, Robert H.	F/O	"
B	Whitlock, James P.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Elchinsk, Alfred (NMI)	S Sgt.	"
TTG	Landers, John A.	S Sgt.	"
BTG	Hall, Eugene H.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Wood, Donald S.	S Sgt.	"
FG	Hill, Earle R. Hr.	S Sgt.	"
Plane 42-39993			
P	Aschenbach, Allen D.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Altheff, John R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Brassil, William R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Carson, James W.	Sgt.	"
RO	Feigenbaum, George A.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Herndon, William R.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Wilson, Ben G.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Pearlin, Joseph H.	Sgt.	"
FG	Watson, Robert W.	Sgt.	"

Plane 43-38637			
P	Long, Robert L.	F/O	612th
CP	Watterson, Stuart E.	F/O	"
N	Crick, Lawrence A.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Watson, Reynolds S.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	York, Dennis A.	S Sgt.	"
TTG	Hovezak, Henry (NMI)	S Sgt.	"
BTG	Cherrubeni, Peter J.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Iles, Earl L.	S Sgt.	"
FG	Willick, Edard L.	S Sgt.	"
Plane 43-38735			
P	Campbell, Charles J.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Foy, Phillip W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Gruhn, David B.	F/O	"
B	Emery, Robert I.	Sgt.	"
RO	Feo, Gene M. Jr.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Karates, Charles F. Jr.	T Sgt.	"
BTG	Sullivan, Earl (NMI) Jr.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Dalton, Charles K.	Sgt.	"
FG	Murray, Howard M.	Sgt.	"
Plane 43-38788			
P	Kloetscher, Andrew F.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	McElwain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Richards, Carl R.	S Sgt.	"
BTG	Skaggs, Irl R.	Sgt.	"
TG	Nickols, Clint S. Jr.	Sgt.	"
FG	Giles, Otho N.	S Sgt	"
Plane 42-107039			
P	Thorne, Walter W.	1st Lt.	"
CP	McBain, George (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
N	Reese, Victor S.	1st Lt.	"
B	Tarr, Charles (NMI) Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Lawson, Harry C.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Hirsons, Alston H.	S Sgt.	"
BTG	McGrath, Joseph A.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Rumfeed, John V.	S Sgt.	"
FG	Zaragoza, Albert R.	S Sgt.	"
Plane 42-102398			
P	Fgench, Millard H.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	McKale, William L.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Cannon, Thomas F.	R F/O	"
B	Johnson, Jerry M.	Sgt.	"
RO	Allcroft, James W.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Hanson, Arthur W.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Deck, Floyd J.	Sgt.	"
TG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S Sgt.	"
FG	Devore, Arthur D.	Sgt.	"
Plane 43-37628			
P	Aiken, Charles R.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Hanford, Charles J. Jr.	1st Lt.	"
N	Osborne, Charles R.	1st Lt.	"
B	Benton, David (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
RO	Barrow, John D.	T Sgt.	"
TTG	Peterson, Harry A.	T Sgt.	"
BTG	Gaal, Ernest A.	S Sgt.	"
TG	Milhons, Robert J.	Sgt.	"
FG	Potter, Howard J. Jr.	S Sgt.	"

613th Bombardment Squadron (H(
Office of the Operations Officer
AAF Station 128, APO 557

15 December 1944

LOADING LIST

SHIP NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
42-97931	P	2nd Lt.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	CAMPER	DONALD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	WALKER	DENSON	F.
	B	2nd Lt.	LAWSON	EMMERT	E.
	RO	SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	BT	SGT.	BUCKSBAUM	ELMER	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
43-37706	P	1st Lt.	ANNIS	ROMIE	E.
	CP	1st Lt.	CLARK	FORREST	E.
	N	1st Lt.	MADDEN	BERNARD	R.
	B	1st Lt.	JENSEN	JIM	B.
	RO	T/SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	M.
	TT	T/SGT.	CORLISS	JOHN	M.
	BT	S/SGT.	DESTROISMAISONS	ARTHUR	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	LESLIE	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	BROOKS	GEORGE	E.
42-102947	P	2nd Lt.	STEELE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	1st Lt.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	G.
	B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	STACHURA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	SGT.	MYERS	ERROL	A.
	TG	SGT.	LUTZ	LEO	B.
	WG	SGT.	WOWAK	CHESTER	A.
44-6588	P	1st Lt.	CARSON	FRANK	(NMI)
	CP	1st Lt.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
	N	1st Lt.	LAWLESS	HARRIS	E.
	B	1st Lt.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	SHERMAN	LEO	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	MC GEHEE	RAY	E.
	BT	S/SGT.	LEE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	S/SGT.	GERALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S/SGT.	JAMES	LINKLYN	(NMI)
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	SCHELLER	DONALD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WICKS	WALLACE	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	EDUSTON	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.

SHIP NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-6313	P	F/O	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	SGT.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
42-31072	P	2nd Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARDE.	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	BAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	2nd 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.	HARDIN	ROY	(NMI)
43-38791	P	2nd Lt.	CAREY	KARL	F.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FREW	JAMES	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
	B	S/SGT.	NEWBY	CLIFFORD	C.
	RO	SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	H.
	TT	SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
	BT	SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	B.
	TG	SGT.	CDOM	HENRY	T.
	WG	SGT.	STITT	JOHN	L.
43-38862	P	1st Lt.	HOPKEY	CHARLES	W.
	CP	2nd Lt.	GOETZ	FRANK	V.
	N	1st Lt.	MAC DONALD	RICHARD	E.
	B	S/SGT.	JACOBS	JOHN	R.
	RO	T/SGT.	DUNNING	CHARLES	R.
	TT	T/SGT.	HARDIN	WILLIAM	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	MERRIMAN	JAY	S.
	TG	S/SGT.	VAN PELT	HAROLD	S.
	WG	S/SGT.	ANDERSON	WAYNE	L.
44-8854	P	1st Lt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
	N	CAPTAIN	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	B,
	B	1st Lt.	STOUP	EIDRIDGE	K.
	RO	T/SGT.	YORIO	FRANCIS	P.
	TT	T/SGT.	SEELY	KARL	W.
	TG	S/SGT.	QUIST	HAROLD	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HOPE	WILLIAM	(NMI) JR.
	MC	1ST LT.	PETERSON	GEORGE	E
FLYING WITH 615th					
	P	1st Lt.	FOWLER	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	GUESS	WILLIAM	J.

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

AAF Station # 128
15 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 42-97780

P	1st Lt.	UTTER, CHARLES W.	614th Sq
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.	La Vigne, Robert N.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cole, Harry L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Zaborsky, Stephen A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	St. Peter, Donald A.	"

PLANE 43-38646 ~~42-38648~~

P	2nd Lt.	KING, MYRON L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SWEENEY, WILLIAM J. III	"
N	2nd Lt.	LOWE, RICHARD I. JR.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Pyne, Robert E.	"
RO	Sgt.	De Vito, Patsy A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Pavlas, Ernest S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Reinoehl, Philip A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atkinson, George E. Jr.	"
WG	Sgt.	Speelman, K. Hampton	"

PLANE 42-97395

P	1st Lt.	MAYS, HAL C.	"
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 42-38330

P	2nd Lt.	THOMPSON, RUSSELL B.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	CASSIDY, CLARENCE	"
N	2nd Lt.	LUPOWITZ, HYMAN J.	"
B	1st Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Bode, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Edward G.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"

Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 43938677

P	1st Lt.	MORAN, ROBERT E.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	WELLMAN, SILAS H.	"
N	1st Lt.	LE BLANC, JOHN S.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DUNCAN, ROBERT N.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Brown, Arnold P.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Stromberg, Warren B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Detty, Hibert J. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Clark, Charles B.	"
WG-	S/Sgt.	Miller, James J.	"

PLANE 44-6508 6

P	2nd Lt.	WITTMAN, PAUL F.	"
CP	1st Lt.	HOSLEY, ROBERT A.	"
N	1st Lt.	O'HERN, MELVIN C.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Jackson, John A.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mitchell, Joseph G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Collett, John E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Eaton, Carl E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Byrn, Otice G. Jr.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Richey, Leland H.	"

PLANE 42-102659

P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	RITCHEY, RALPH	"
N	2nd Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	HELMS, CHARLES L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Hickey, Robert E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Block, Joseph R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Powers, Willard B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Whittington, Charles S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Bruschwein, Douglas B.	"

PLANE 43-38738

P	2nd Lt.	WHITE, WYLIE K.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	POTTER, FRED R.	"
N	F/O	BRINER, WILLIAM L.	"
B	1st Lt.	PETTY, ROBERT J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	McCommis, Max I.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Whitney, Paul A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Viescas, Arturo B.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Mc Quade, John B.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Cranz, Edwin R.	"

PLANE 42-97478

P	2nd Lt.	FONDREN, 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.	Brobst, Clyde J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wickline, John H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wilbers, Herman H.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"

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

15 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 # 43-38077

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Haskett	Harry	E.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Fowler	Russell	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	Howze	Stuart	A.	"
B	1st Lt.	Buvinghausen	Kenneth	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Lynch	Brenden	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Eudaley	Orville	A.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hutchinson	William	D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jones	Hinson	C.	"

PLANE # 941 (613th)

P	1st Lt.	Turk	Laurel	A.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Sinkking	John	W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Cone	Allan	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hecker	Robert	L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Dupuis	Cyraque	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Wieselthier	Simong	(NMI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Gremillion	John	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Vecchio	Murray	N.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Osborne	Peter	J.	"

PLANE # 43-38779

P	1st Lt.	Grimm	William	F.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Huesgen	Herman	K.	"
N	1st Lt.	McMullen	Willard	J.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Kressler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Matts	Dudley	F.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jaranson	David	A.	"

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	T/Sgt.	McKenna	Joseph	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Mais	John	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Tamburine	Joseph	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Waer	Martin	C.	"
FG	Sgt.	Dunn	Donald	R.	"

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PLANE # 42-97664

P	2nd Lt.	Cracraft	George	K.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Gentry	James	H.	"
N	2nd Lt.	King	Jack	L.	"
B	Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fenwick	Gordon	E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	R.	"
BT	Sgt.	Schemel	Paul	J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hudson	Leonard	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Guess	William	J.	613th

PLANE # 43-38758

P	1st Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	F/O	Greenberg	Martin	(NMI)	"
B	Sgt.	Morrison	James	L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Ferguson	Hugh	R.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Miller	Raymond	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Brunson	Wade	T.	"
TG	Sgt.	McKnight	Leroy	(NMI)	"
FG	Sgt.	Karcher	Alonzo	A.	"

PLANE # 43-38551

P	2nd Lt.	Gerber	John	D.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	D'Agostini	Benedict	R.	"
B	Sgt.	Geierman	Edward	F.	"
RO	Sgt.	Freitas	Donald	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Makseyn	Chester	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	McKenna	James	P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atchison	Alfred	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Martin	Cyril	I.	"

PLANE # 42-31730

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.	Kozyra	Joseph	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Nelson	Howard	W.	"
TG	Sgt.	Foutch	James	W.	"
FG	Sgt.	Geiger	Lewis	O.	"

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PLANE # 43-38810

P	2nd Lt.	Crimm	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	Arthur	R.	"
FG	Sgt.	Hunsperger	Henry	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42-31485

P	2nd Lt.	Djernes	Carl	P.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Spiva	Raymond	H.	"
N	F/O	Canale	John	F.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Davis	Rex	D.	"
RO	Sgt.	LaCourse	Lucien	(NMI)	"
TT	Sgt.	Chiu	Donald	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Reiher	Gordon	A.	"
FG	Sgt.	Akins	Ora	R.	"

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SHIP NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
42-97931	P	2nd Lt.	TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	CAMPER	DONALD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	WALKER	DENSON	F.
	B	2nd Lt.	LAWSON	EMMERT	E.
	RO	SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	BT	SGT.	BUCKSBAUM	ELMER	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
43-37706	P	1st Lt.	ANNIS	ROMIE	E.
	CP	1st Lt.	CLARK	FORREST	E.
	N	1st Lt.	MADDEN	BERNARD	R.
	B	1st Lt.	JENSEN	JIM	B.
	RO	T/SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	M.
	TT	T/SGT.	CORLISS	JOHN	M.
	BT	S/SGT.	DESTROISMAISONS	ARTHUR	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	LESLIE	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	BROOKS	GEORGE	E.
42-102947	P	2nd Lt.	STEELE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	1st Lt.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	G.
	B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	STACHURA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	SGT.	MYERS	ERROL	A.
	TG	SGT.	LUTZ	LEO	B.
	WG	SGT.	WOWAK	CHESTER	A.
44-6588	P	1st Lt.	GARSON	FRANK	(NMI)
	CP	1st Lt.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
	N	1st Lt.	LAWLESS	HARRIS	E.
	B	1st Lt.	BUCHER	WILLIAM	(NMI)
	RO	T/SGT.	SHERMAN	LEO	(NMI)
	TT	T/SGT.	MC GEHEE	RAY	E.
	BT	S/SGT.	LEE	WILLIAM	R.
	TG	S/SGT.	GERALDI	JOSEPH	J.
	WG	S/SGT.	JAMES	LLWEELYN	(NMI)
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	SCHELLER	DONALD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WICKS	WALLACE	W.
	N	2nd 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.

SHIP NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-6313	P	F/O	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCEPER	KENNETH	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
	RO	SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	E.
	TT	SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	SGT.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
42-31072	P	2nd Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARDE.	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	BAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	2nd 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.	HARDIN	ROT	(NMI)
43-38791	P	2nd Lt.	CAREY	KARL	F.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FREW	JAMES	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
	B	S/SGT.	NEWBY	CLIFFORD	C.
	RO	SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	M.
	TT	SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
	BT	SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	B.
	TG	SGT.	ODOM	HENRY	T.
	WG	SGT.	STITT	JOHN	L.
43-38862	P	1st Lt.	HOPLEY	CHARLES	W.
	CP	2nd Lt.	GOETZ	FRANK	V.
	N	1st Lt.	MAC DONALD	RICHARD	E.
	B	S/SGT.	JACOBS	JOHN	R.
	RO	T/SGT.	DUNNING	CHARLES	R.
	TT	T/SGT?	HARDIN	WILLIAM	A.
	BT	S/SGT.	MERRIMAN	JAY	S.
	TG	S/SGT.	VAN PELT	HAROLD	S.
	WG	S/SGT.	ANDERSON	WAYNE	L.
44-8854	P	1st Lt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MACKIN	PETER	D.
	N	CAPTAIN	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	B,
	B	1st Lt.	STOUT	ELDRIDGE	K.
	RO	T/SGT.	YORIO	FRANCIS	P.
	TT	T/SGT.	SEELY	KARL	W.
	TG	S/SGT.	QUIST	HAROLD	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HOPE	WILLIAM	(NMI) R.
	MO	1ST LT	PETERSON	GEORGE	E.

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P	1st Lt.	FOWIER	RUSSELL	M.
WG	S/SGT.	GUESS	WILLIAM	J.

STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF 128 APO 557
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INTERROGATION FOR MISSION OF 15 DECEMBER 1944

BASE AT TAKE OFF: 0820. 10/10 stratocu base 800. Visibility 1500 yds restricted by mist.

ROUTE OUT: 10/10 stratocu base 800 tops 2400 becoming 7-9/10 E of 0'E and 10/10 near English coast. 8-10/10 altocu base 6500 tops 7500 becoming 10/10 tops to 10500 near English coast and 8-10/10 tops to 12-14000 to 40 miles of German border, becoming 10/10 frontal cloud tops to 22000 to target. Nil high cloud over base becoming 4-6/10 over English coast base above 25000 and becoming 5-7/10 over continent base 26000 tops 28000 to target.

TARGET: 10/10 frontal cloud tops to 22000 and 4-6/10 cirrus base 26000 tops 28000. Visibility aloft unrestricted.

ROUTE BACK: 10/10 frontal cloud tops 22000 becoming 8-10/10 cumulus tops lowering to 10000 over German border then 5-7/10 cumulus tops 7500 to 2'E becoming 3-5/10 cumulus base 3000 tops 8000 to 1'E becoming 10/10 base 2500 to base. 8-10/10 altostratus cloud base 14-16000 to base and 5-7/10 high cloud base 26000 over continent.

BASE ON RETURN: 1455. Old Buckingham. 10/10 strtocu base 2500. Visibility 2000 yds. with haze

REMARKS: Dense persistant contrails base 24500 over continent. Winds more southerly. Interrogation based on only two reports because of diversion.

Charles C. La Penna
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2nd Lt. A.C.
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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE _____
PERIOD _____

AG P BR HQ SOS /22929

	A Base to Target	B Target to Base	C	D
1 WEATHER	Overcast with Mist and Slight to moderate Rain becoming Overcast over The Continent.	REVERSE OF A-A becoming Cloudy with Rain West of 00Deg 30 Min West	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET Moderate Persistent Contrail within 200NM of Median Route Base becoming Dense Contrails above 22,000 ft.
2 CLOUDS	10/10 Stratocumulus base 500-1000ft tops 6-8000ft becoming East of 00deg 5-10/10 base 300-1200ft tops 1,000ft and becoming over North Sea 7-9/10 base 1000ft tops 4000ft becoming over Continent 10/10 base 0-800 tops 1,000ft 10/10 Layered Occasional Solid Cloud base 12000ft tops 28,30,000ft becoming East of 0 Deg 8-10/10 Altocumulus base 11-1600 tops 24,000 ft becoming	REVERSE OF ROUTE OUT BA. COMING OVER BRITISH ISLES 10/10 Stratocumulus 500-1000ft tops 8000ft becoming base of 00Deg 30 min West 5-7/10 base 1500 tops 6000ft and 10/10 Frontal Cloud base 8-10,000ft tops 20-30000 ft. breaking West of 00 deg to 4-6/10 Altocumulus and Altocirrus base 12,000tops 16,000ft and 3-5/10 Cirrostratus base 20,000ft tops 25,000ft.	A-2 Continued. Altocumulus and Altocirrus base 16-18,000ft tops 24,000ft breaking to Nil East of 06 Deg E. 8-10/10 Cirrostratus base 25,000ft tops 30,000 ft East of 00 Deg becoming East of 05 Deg East 3-5/10 Cirrostratus base 27,000 tops 30,000ft	becoming Moderate Persistent at Same Levels East of 05 Deg East. FOR TARGET SURFACE PRESSURE ALTITUDE AND TARGET ELEVATION TO INSERT (MEANS) -266ft. TARGET SEALEVEL PRESSURE 30.21 inches.
3 ICING	4000 ft Moderate Rime	4000ft Moderate Rime		
4 VISIBILITY	1500-2000 yds locally 1000 yds becoming 3-5 mi in thick haze between Cloud layers aloft before	Reverse of A-A to English Coast becoming 1500-2000 yds locally 1000 yds in Rain. Improving to 3-5 miles West of 00Deg 30 Min West.		05 Deg East.

HEIGHT	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
SURFACE								
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BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.89 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. _____ TARGET MEAN TEMP. _____
TEMP. AT _____ FT. _____ TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) _____