

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

MISSION No. **186**

Date: **29 DEC.44**

TO: **BINGEN, GERMANY**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 186

Date 29 December 1944

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: BINGEN M/Y, GERMANY

2. Commitments: The 401st Group was to furnish three 12 A/C squadrons for the 94th "A" Group which led the "B" Tank Force. A PFF A/C was included in the lead and high squadrons, whereas a GH A/C was borrowed from the 384th Group to fly in the lead squadron. A spare accompanied each formation.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: BINGEN, GERMANY (VIS)

2. a. Group Leader: Major E. T. DeJONCKHEERE (Cushman)

Lead Navigator: Capt. W. B. ANDERSON (Strong - MO)

Extra Navigator: Capt. H. D. WOOD

Lead Bombardier: Capt. D. W. FWSMIRE

b. Low Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. H. E. HASKETT (Fowdar)

Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. S. A. HOWZE

Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. K. D. BUVINGHAUSEN

c. High Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. J. J. BROWN

Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. D. BROWN (Dresbach - MO)

Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. F. SCHIEFER

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was during daylight hours and was normal. After takeoff ships proceeded individually to the Buncher and commenced assembly.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assembly at Cottesmore buncher was normal and at briefed altitude. Some difficulty was encountered in recognition of flares due to bright sunlight, but assembly was rapid and very good. Departed from Buncher 1/2 minute late.

c. Route Over England:

Route over England was as briefed as far as route and altitudes were concerned. Timing was very good except arrived 1 minute early at first turning point before leaving English Coast.

4. Attacks:

a. Flight to Target:

Flight to target was essentially as briefed with two exceptions. Due to a wind change we were three minutes early at Belgian Coast and also a few miles south of course. Twenty minutes before target the Group received word from scouting force that target area was covered by .5 cloud so deputy (GH ship) was ordered to take over. When IP was reached target was clearly visible so deputy dropped back and a visual run was commenced. Squadrons bombed individually.

b. Bombing Run:

Lead Squadron:

At the IP it became apparent that the weather was clearing up and w would be CAWU over the target so the Lead ship again resumed the leader's spot and started on the bomb run. The weather was good over the target permitting excellent visibility. Drift and tangent were pre-set at 12 R and .38 respectively. More drift had to be cranked in, for the formation ended up with 15R. But even that was insufficient for the bombs hit to the right of the target. All ships salvoed. The AFCE was ok.

Low Squadron:

The Low squadron went into trail formation at the IP. The weather was clear over the target and it had a good bomb run. The river and woods were used to pinpoint the target. The pre-set data turned out to be good. Bombs were salvoed by all ships at 13:03 $\frac{1}{2}$ on a Mag. Head of 81°. AFCE was OK. Results were poor.

High Squadron:

It looked like bombing would be by GH because the cloud cover at the IP was 8/10 but it looked clearer ahead so the high squadron went into trail for individual squadron runs. The target was perfectly clear, and with a slow ground speed, to allow plenty of time, a very good run was made. The river and wooded areas were used to locate the target. Drift and tangent were pre-set and turned out to be reasonably good. Bombs were dropped in salvo by all ships. The AFCE was OK. Results were excellent.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. c. Flight from Target:

Flak was encountered at target so group descended 500 feet while making turn off. Route was as briefed except for altitude until a point about 30 miles east of enemy lines. At this point meager but accurate flak was encountered causing lead squadron to vary from briefed route and lose more altitude. Group split up but reformed soon after.

d. Return to Base:

Return to base was as briefed except that group did not go to wing break-up point, instead break-up order was given at turning point before break-up point. Lead Squadron continued straight on to break-up point. Lead Squadron continued straight on to base and land. High and Low went to respective stand-off points. All A/C (except two landings at Woodbridge) landed safely at home base.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 6/10 to 7/10 low, thin clouds--to a point immediately past IP. During the bomb run it cleared and became CAVU over target.

f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was very good.

g. Comments on Formation:

Formation was very good with the exception that the High Squadron lagged along route in from Belgian Coast to enemy lines. This can be attributed to excessive speed of lead squadron.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

It can be concluded that the mission was accomplished in a very satisfactory manner. Recommend that if GH technique is to be used to any extent that such aircraft be based here and special operators trained.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

All scheduled A/C attacked.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No enemy air opposition seen or encountered. (See Flak Report for flak)

<u>Battle Damage:</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>To Flak</u>
	1	26	27

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

8. Casualties:

None.

9. Statistical Summary of Operations: (See attached form)

10. Bombing Data:

a. Observations:

Lead Squadron: Bombfall missed MPI by over 2,200 feet.

High Squadron: 95% of bombs were within 1,000 feet of MPI, 100% within 2,000 feet.

Low Squadron: Bombfall missed MPI by 4,000 feet.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All the 12 scheduled A/C bombed the primary target, dropping 213 X 250# M57 and 23 X 500# M17 bombs. A/C 947 had 1 IB hang up which was jettisoned. The spare returned 18 X 250# M57 and 2 X 500# M17 bombs to base.

Low Squadron:

All the 12 scheduled A/C bombed the primary target, dropping 189 X 250# M57, 10X 500# RDX and 22X 500# M17 bombs. A/C 862 encountering release troubles jettisoned 9 GP's and 1 IB -- also A/C 758 jettisoned 1 IB which hung up. The spare returned 18 X 250# GP's and 2 IB's to base.

High Squadron:

All the 12 scheduled A/C bombed the primary target, dropping 213 X 250# M57 and 23 X 500# M17 bombs. A/C 371 had 2 GP's and 1 IB hang up which it jettisoned. The spare returned 18 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. b. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail	
Main Bombfall:	36	36	(615	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
			(10	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			(68	500#	M17	-	-
Other Attacks:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Targets			(615	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
			(10	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			(68	500#	M17	-	-
Other Expenditures			(11	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
			(4	500#	M17	-	-
Bombs Returned			(54	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
			(6	500#	M17	-	-
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			680	250#	M57	1/10	1/40
			10	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
			78	500#	M17	-	-

11. Lost Aircraft:

None

Submitted By:

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

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ DE-JONCKHEERE Date: 29 DECEMBER 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT GOODMAN

Deputy Gp. Leader: GOODMAN

LEAD SQDN: 94 "A" GP: _____ SQDN 612 SC JABWOCK
AT T/O, CRUISE & OVER TARGET. GUSHAMAN (DE-JONCKHEERE) 613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

454(PFF)

CHRISTENSEN
506

LAWRENCE (GOODMAN)
Z 8007 (GH)

SQDN

SQDN

AIKEN

TAUSIG

MARTIN
393

993

COMER
541

KELSO
791

947

CAREY
182

BLOETSCHER
788

SCHLIEMANN
790

FRENCH
398

SPARES

SMITH

680 (RETURNED)

Combat Sq. Leader: LT. BROWN Date: 29 DEC 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

HIGH SQDN 94"A" GP AT
T/O, CRUISE & OVER TARGET

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

KING

371

HUBBELL

677

395

SQDN

CROZIER

SQDN

ANNIS

330

706

FONDREN

MORTON

BRADLEY

COX

738

072

313

~~607/50~~
607

SISSON

503

COLE

HORMANN

2659

7322

SPARES

BABCOCK

565 (RETURNED)

Combat Sq. Leader: HASKETT FOWLER Date: 29 DEC 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

LOW SQDN 94 "A" GP AT
 T/O, CRUISE & OVER TARGET.

SQDN
 HASKETT (FOWLER)
 612 SC JABWOCK
 613 IN MACRO
 614 IW GOLFCLUB
 615 IY BUZZARD

077

SPANSEL

GERBER

963

730

SQDN

SQDN

MC KAY

CAMPBELL

758

862

JONES

DJERNES

NEILSON

SCHELLER

869

468

538

113

COOPER

664

WOLF

GRIMM, AR

125

810

SPARES

HANSEN

779 (RETURNED)

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

Date 29 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of raid on Bingen, 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 0908 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1005 hours on Gottesmore buncher
at 8000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at sp1. #6 hours at 1055.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee, D.R., Pilotage

- f. Division formation was joined at 1111 hours at Clacton.
- g. Flight to IP was (~~not~~) as briefed.

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

Gee, Mickey, D.R., Pilotage

- i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 70.
- (3) Actual Drift _____.
- (4) Altitude over Target 22,200.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1303.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 43/50K.
- (7) Method of target identification. **Visual**

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

No

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 25.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 50-10 08-01 at 1310 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Mickey, B. R. , 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 OK
- (2) Gee OK
- (3) Radio Compass OK
- (4) Fluxgate OK
- (5) Other Equipment OK

/s/ W. E. Anderson
W. E. ANDERSON
Captain, A. G.

Lead Navigator., Lead Sq.

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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 0912 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1020 hours on Cottesmore buncher
at 7200 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee, Pilotage

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

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.

Gee, D.R.

1. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 75
- (3) Actual Drift 18 Right.
- (4) Altitude over Target 21,700.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1303.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 37/50K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Visual

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

CAVU

(10) Axis of withdrawal 29_____.

- 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.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee, D.R. , Pilotage

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey OK
- (2) Gee OK
- (3) Radio Compass OK
- (4) Fluxgate OK
- (5) Other Equipment OK

/s/ S. A. Howze
S. A. HOWZE
1st Lt., A.C.

Lead Navigator, Low Sq.

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2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.

- a. T/O at 0910 hours.
- b. Group formed at 1025 hours on Gottesmore buncher
at 8000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at _____ hours at _____.
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

- e. Methods of Navigation over England.

Gee, Pilotage

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

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

Mickey, Gee

1. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 65.
- (3) Actual Drift -7.
- (4) Altitude over Target 22900.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1304.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 40/50K.
- (7) Method of target identification. **Visual**

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

(9) Weather over Target.

(10) Axis of withdrawal 125_____.

- 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.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

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 **OK**
- (2) Gee **OK**
- (3) Radio Compass **OK**
- (4) Fluxgate **OK**
- (5) Other Equipment

/s/ John D. Brown
JOHN D. BROWN
1st Lt., A. G.

Lead Navigator, High Sq.

Air Commander - Major De Jonckheere

FLIGHT PLAN 94th "A" - B Force Lead

PILOT Lt. T.R. Cushman

NAVIGATOR

Captain W. E. Anderson

DATE 29 Dec. 1944

Mickey - Lt. W. W. Strong

STATIONS	074	ENGINES	0845	TAXI	0900	T.O.	0915
LEAVE BASE	Cottesmore 1020						
COAST OUT	1111						
ENEMY COAST	1150						
I.P.	1300						
TARGET	1310						
ENEMY COAST	1425						
ENGLISH COAST	1457						
E.T.R. Z	1543						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Zero Hr - 0915
Ref Alt - 23000
Bomb Alt - 22000

WATCH Fast Slow RATE secs/hour Gaining Losing

At C.M.T. Div Ass. - Clacton to 51-16N 0-00E
Letdown Cott. Buncher - Normal - 010 Mag.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.
52-44N 00-39W Donington (A)	026/28	8000	150 -8	145	056	-5	051	10	061	120	19 1/2	10 -1	1022 1031	
52-55N 00-12W Spl. #6 (C)	030/30	10000	150 -10	150	125	-12	113	10	123	150	59 24		1055	
52-22N 01-08E Colchester (D)	030/30	10000	150	"	197	-3	194	10	204	179	30	10 /1	1104	
51-53N 00-53E Clacton (CP 1)	030/30	10000	150	"	122	-12	110	9	119	148	12	5	1111	Eng Coast CP 1 1111
51-47N 01-09E 52-00N 02-00E	034/32	14000	150 -12	156	067	-6	061	9	070	128	34	16 /1	1128	
51-16N 03-00E	040/36	18000	150 -18	167	140	-12	128	9	137	170	59	21 /1	1150	Coast. CP 2 1155
50-10N 06-12E	-26 040/44 -30 040/59	20000 22000	150 150	179 184	118 118	-14 -18	104 100	8 7	112 107	165 164	55 139 84	20 51 31	1240	
50-10N 07-00E	040/59	22000	150 -30	184	090	-14	076	7	083	142	30 1/2	13 /1	1254	
50-00N 07-20E I.P. TARGET	"	22000	150	184	127	-18	109	6	115	173	16	6	1300	I. P.
49-58N 07-59E 50-10N 08-01E	"	22000	150	184	096	-15	081	6	087	145	21	9 /1	1310	TARGET
50-10N 06-12E	"	22000	150	184	024	15	029	6	035	127	13	6 /1	1317	
50-10N 06-12E	"	22000	150	184	270	14	284	6	290	217	70	20 -1	1336	
51-16N 03-00E	-18 040/43 -10 030/30	16000 10000	170 150	189 150	298 298	-13 11	311 309	7 8	318 317	194 149	78 139 61	24 49 25	1425	
Felixstowe	-6 022/26 -3 026/19	6000 2000	170 150	160 130	304 304	9 8	313 312	9 9	322 321	153 126	41 75 34	16 32 16	1457	Eng. Coast In
51-58N 02-20E New Market	026/19	2000	150 -3	130	294	8	303	10	313	128	39	18	1515	
52-15N 00-24E Wisbech	"	2000	150	130	343	16	349	10	359	115	27	15	1530	
52-40N 00-10E Base	"	2000	150	130	250	16	256	10	266	143	30	13	1543	ETR Stand off, Hi -Cott Low - Uppl
Cottesmore Clacton	030/30	8000 10000	150	150	131	-11	120	10	130	153	88	35	1036 1111	Last time for Group Departure.

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C.S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
					VHF - Abandon mission - "Roger-George-Mike" Authentication - "Happy Days" Chaff - Discharge at 7°E. Continue for 15 min. Spares - Turn back at Continental Coast. Interval - 2 min between groups.										
0908					Take Off		150								
0910	345/43K		320		Heading on 320 to gain half alt. Weather ship wind. 600										
0921			160		Heading back to buncher		6000								
0927			150		Cott. Buncher. Beginning to circle to assemble group		8000								
1005					Group formed		0								
1022 1/2			65		Departed pt. Y		8000							10	Pt A 1032
1026			51		52-44N 00-30W		8000								
1030			113		52-54N 00-12E Point "A" Begin climb		8000							24	Pt C 1055
1037 1/2			120		52-48N 00-10E		95000			15	6 1/2	144	44	18	1055 1/2
1045 1/2	123	0	123		52-38N 00-38E		10000			20 1/2	8	154	24	09 1/2	1055
1055			187		52-31N 01-05E Point C		10000							10	1105 Pt. D
1059			194		52-09N 01-00E		10000			11 1/2	4	172	16	06	1105
1105			190		Point D 51-53N 00-53E		10000							06	CP 1

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TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAG. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1108½					51-47N 00-58E										
1111			61		C.P. 1, Clacton 51-47N 01-09E		150	10000 -3					17		T.P. 1128
1114			60				150	10600 -4							
1118			61		51-54N 01-30E		150	11800 -6							
1120	62	-1	61				150	12500 -8		13½	6	135	15	06½	T.P. 1127
1122	78	-1	77				150	12900							
1127			120		T.P. 52-00N 02-05½E		150	14000 -11					22		CP 2 1149
1130½			128				150	15000 -13							
1132	144	-6	138				150	15500							
1133½			135							18	6½	166	38	13½	CP 2 1147
1138½			137		51-37N 02-39E		150	17000 -10							
1144½	145	-8	137				150	17500		22	8				
1147	60/26		137		C.P. 2 51-16N 03-00E	Wind 60/26 @ 16500	150	18500 -20		56½	20	169			
1148½	118	-8	110		Over Southern tip of Bruges		150	18500 -20							
1156½	120	-10 60/35K	110		Over souther tip of Ghent	Wind 60/35K @ 20000	150	21000 -24	180	21½	8	161	108	40	1236
1201			110		Fighters at 5 o'clock		150	21000 -27							
1205			110		Over Southern tip of Brussels		150	22000 -30							
1210½	102	-12 30/40	110		5½ Wind 30/40K @ 22000		150	22000 -30	185	43	14	184			
1214	114	-10	104				150	22000 -30		43					
1222	117	-15	102		Wind 43/50K		145	22000		32	11½	166	34	12	TP 1234
1224	112	-12	100												
1226½			97												
1229½					Flak					30	11½	162	14	05½	1234½ TP
1236			78		Flak T. P. 50-09N 06-10E		150	22000				146	30½	12½	
1241½			78		Flak 11 o'clock		150	22000							
1244			78		Deputy took over		150	22000 -30							
1246	127	-15	112										06		I. P. 1252
1247			114		50-05N 06-57E. Fighters 2 o'clock										
1252					I. P. Bomb bay doors open			22000						08½	
1253			84				150	22000 -30						08½	T. 1301½
1355½			79									146	16½	07	1302½
1259			79		Tgt visual		145	22200							
1303	81	-31	70		BOMBS AWAY. Flak, results good		150	22200						07	1310
1305½			25				150	21500							
1310			340		50-10N 07-58E		150	21500						20	1330
1316			287		Fighters 10 o'clock, low		150	21600							
1320			280		50-10N 07-14E		150	21600		35	10	210	33	09½	1329½
1324			285												
1329			285		T.P. 50-10N 06-12E		150	21500							
1333			340		Flak from Vielalm			21200							
1336					Flak, accurate 50-17N 05-55E										

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	IAS. MPH. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		C. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1336½			305				150	21000							
1340½			314		50-25N 05-37E										
1344½			315		Tausig heading home by himself		150	21000		11½	4	169	97	34½	1419
1351½	298	414	312				170	18200 -28		21½	7	184			
1359			313		Brussels		170	15200							
1406½	291	49	300		51-03N 03-52E		150	11000 -4							
1410			302							09	3½	154	26½	10½	Coast 1420½
1415½			300				150	11000 -4							
1420			300		Continental Coast 50-17N 03-02E		150	11000 -4						32	Eng Coast 1452
1421	304	46	310												
1427			308		51-27N 03-38E		150	10500		18½	7	159	57	22	1449
1433		10/16K	309		51-36N 02-16E		170	8000							
1439	304	45	309		No clouds below 10000		170	7500		31	12	154	25	10	1449
1446			306		1200 yds vis.							154	8½	03	1449
1449½	295	44	299		Eng Coast 51-48N 02-21E		160	5900						16½	Newkt. 1506
1457			295		52-08N 00-58E		150	3700		18	7½	144	21½	09	1506
1501			295		51-52N 00-44E		150	3800							
1507	343	43	346		Newmarket off left wing		150	3500						15	1522 Wisbeck
1508			346		52-28N 00-24E. (Decided to go direct to base)		150	3500							
1509	283	43	286				150	3500				135	37	19	1528 Base
1514			290				150	2300							
1532			40	50	Base										
1549					Landed										

TARGETS:
 PRIMARY Binden, Germany

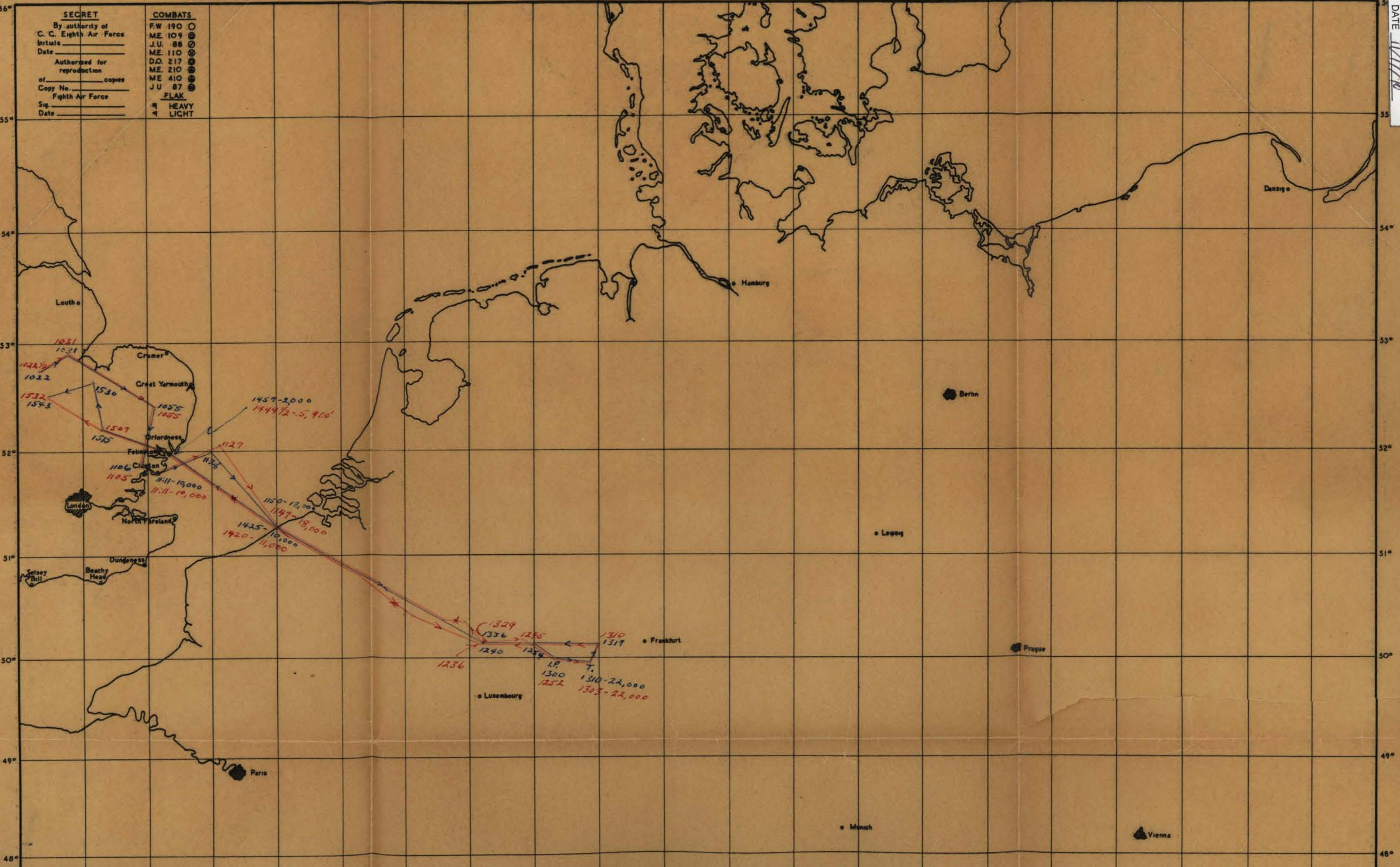
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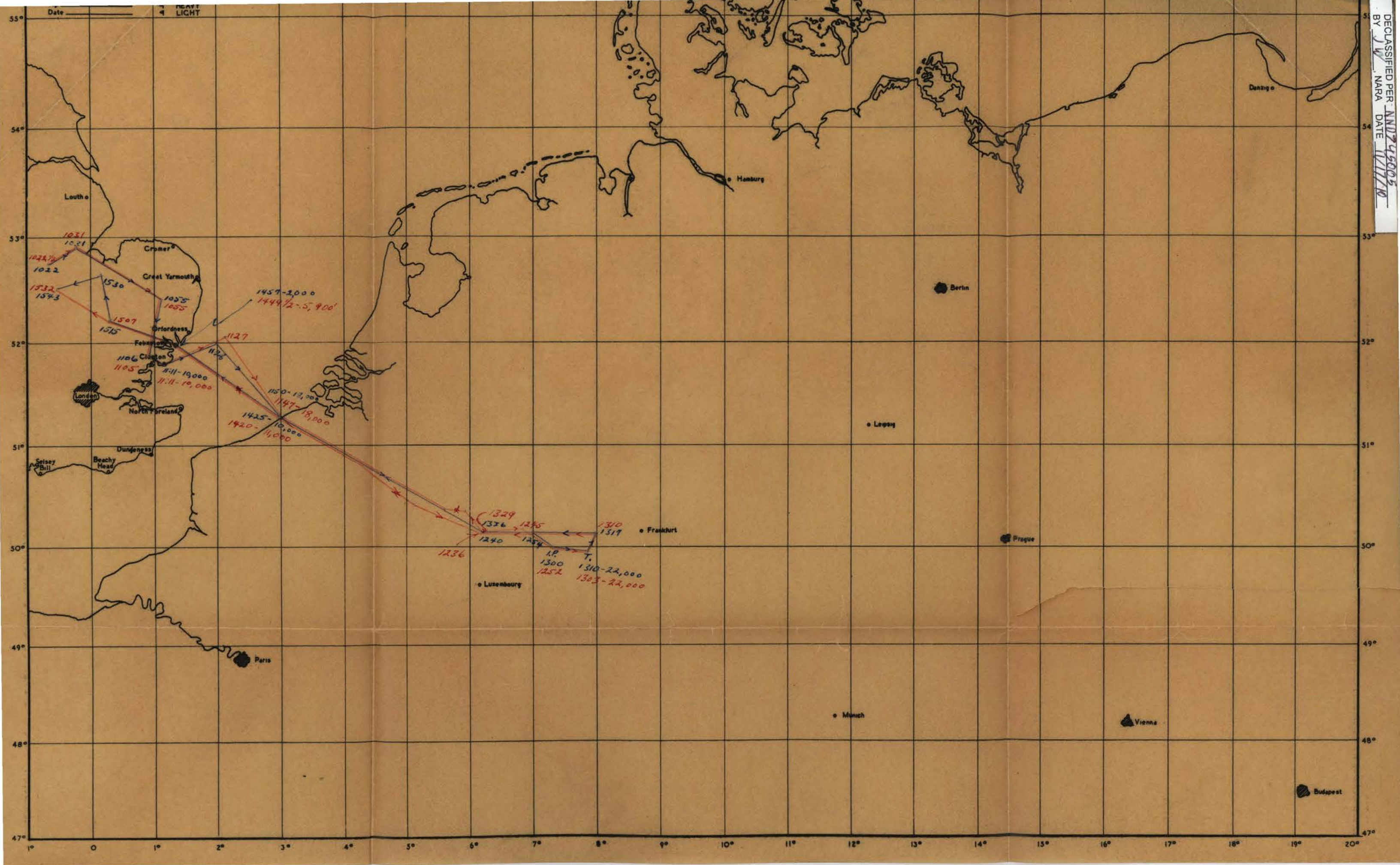
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Red
Briefed
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 M.E. 110 ○
 D.O. 217 ○
 M.E. 210 ○
 M.E. 410 ○
 J.U. 87 ○
 FLAK
 HEAVY
 LIGHT



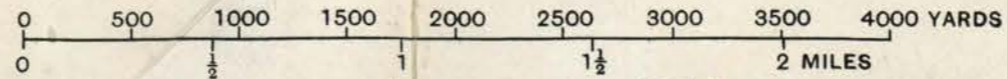


Target No.
I (a) (iv) 47

OIL STORAGE DEPOT — BINGEN (GERMANY)
Lat. 49° 58' N. Long. 07° 55' E.

Illustration No.
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

801st Group

1st BD P. C. 592

Date of 29 Dec 44

94th "A" Group

	LEAD SQ		HIGH SQ		LOW SQ
		PPF - GH		PPF - GH	
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--	--	--	--	--
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	1 PPF 1 GH	12	1 PPF	13
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	1 PPF 1 GH	11	1	12
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	1 PPF 1 GH	11	1	12
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	1 PPF 1 GH	11	1	12
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	--	--	--	--	--
(a) Early Returns Included					
7. Name of Primary Target	BINGEN, GERMANY				
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	10	1 PPF 1 GH	11	1	12
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	180 250# M57	33 250# M57	198 250# M57	15 250# M57	189 250# M57
	19 500# M17	4 500# M17	22 500# M17	1 500# M17	22 500# M17
8. Name of Secondary Target					10 500# RDX
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs					
9. Name of Last Resort Target					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size & type of Bombs					
10. Name of Target of Opportunity					
(a) No. of A/C Attacking					
(b) No., Size, & type of Bombs					
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
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	0908	0910	0912
19. Time of Attack	1303	1304	1303
20. Average Time of Flight	6.7	6.6	6.8
21. Altitude of Release	22,200	22,900	21,700
22. Visual or PFF	VIS	VIS	VIS
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int. & ACC.	Meager to Mod Accurate	Ditto	Ditto
24. - Fighters	--	--	--
25. - Bombers	--	--	--
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	--	--	--
27. Degree of Success	POOR	EXCELLENT	POOR

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

1 OH A/C borrowed from 384th Gp

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as Follows:

NOTES:

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER CAPT FESHUE DATE 29 Dec 1944
 PILOT LT. CUSHMAN TAKE OFF 0908
 NAVIGATOR CAPT ANDERSON AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th A GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1549
 OBJECTIVE BINGEN, GERMANY (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 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: 11
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 250# M 57 FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/10
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M 17 FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 215 GP 24 LB RELEASED 215 GP 24 LB
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: VISUAL
 Altitude of Target 280 Temp Aloft: Metro -30 Actual -29
 True Altitude above target 22000 Mag Head, order 86 Actual 78
 Ind. Altitude 22200 True Heading 70
 Pressure alt of target -588 Drift, Est 148 Actual 152
 Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 85
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 6800
 G.S. Est 178 Actual 158 B.S.Type M-9
 Wind Direc Metro 40 Actual 45 Time of Release 1303
 Wind Veloc. Metro 68 Actual 68 Intervalometer Setting Salvo
 D.S. 135 Trail 88 ATF 39.88 Length of Bombing Run 20 miles
 Tan. D.A. Est .38 Actual .30 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
 Mean Temp: Metro -15 Actual -14 Manual Pilot _____
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C Salvo

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. SCHISPER DATE 29 Dec 1944
 PILOT LT. BROWN TAKE OFF 0910
 NAVIGATOR LT. J.D. BROWN AI RPLANE _____
 WING 94th A GROUP 401st SQDN High LANDED 1618
 OBJECTIVE BINGEN, GERMANY (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 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 : 11
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 250 M 57 FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500 M 17 FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL --
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 215 GP 24 IB RELEASED 213 Gp 25 IB
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: VISUAL
 Altitude of Target 280 Temp Aloft: Metro -30 Actual -30
 True Altitude above target 22900 Mag Head, order 86 Actual 71
 Ind. Altitude 22900 True Heading 65
 Pressure alt of target -588 Drift, Est 14R Actual 16R
 Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 70
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 6583
 G.S. Est 178 Actual 177 B.S. Type M-9
 Wind Direc Metro 40 Actual 40 Time of Release 1504
 Wind Veloc. Metro 68 Actual 60 Intervalometer Setting Salvo
 D.S. 181.5 Trail 88 ATF 40.36 Length of Bombing Run 15miles
 Tan. D.A. Est .39 Actual .29 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
 Mean Temp: Metro -13 Actual -14 Manual Pilot _____
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C Salvo

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 12 E. Modified
 1-9-44 401st BG APO 557

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. BUVINHADEEN DATE 29 Dec 1944
 PILOT LT. HASKETT TAKE OFF 0912
 NAVIGATOR LT. BOWEN AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th A GROUP 401st SQDN Low LANDED 1557
 OBJECTIVE BRUNNEN, GERMANY (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP Lead A/C COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: 2 A/C On Leader : 11
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 250# M 57 FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M 17 FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL --
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 208 GP 24 JB RELEASED 199 GP 22 JB
 INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: VISUAL
 Altitude of Target 280 Temp Aloft: Metro -30 Actual -28
 True Altitude above target 21400 Mag Head, order 86 Actual 81
 Ind. Altitude 21700 True Heading 75
 Pressure alt of target -588 Drift, Est 142 Actual 182
 Altimeter setting 29.82 True Track 94
 C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 6848
 G.S. Est 176 Actual 164 B.S. Type M-9
 Wind Direc Metro 40 Actual 37 Time of Release 1305 1/2
 Wind Veloc. Metro 68 Actual 67 Intervalometer Setting Salvo
 D.S. 155.0 Trail 81 ATF 30.06 Length of Bombing Run 21 miles
 Tan. D.A. Est .50 Actual .52 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____
 Mean Temp: Metro -15 Actual -14 Manual Pilot _____
 Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C Salvo

S E C R E T

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

ASSIGNED Bingen, Germany
 1. TARGET: BOMBED Bingen, Germany DATE OF MISSION 23 Jan. 44

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN: As briefed

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>CAVV - Patchy</u>	<u>6/10-7/10 Low thin cloud</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Seen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:
Meager to moderate, tracking and also predicted concentration.
Accurate for height and deflection. Duration approximately 2 minutes.

5. FLAK ENCOUNTERED OR OBSERVED ENROUTE: (IN ORDER EXPERIENCED)
1230) Vielsahn (5016-0584E)-Meager but accurate tracking fire from
1335) 8 gun battery, enroute and on return from target.

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: As briefed

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th. "A" CBW Lead

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN: POS.	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>1</u>	<u>7</u>					<u>76 M</u>	<u>31 M</u>	<u>1303</u>	<u>22,200</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>7</u>					<u>71 M</u>	<u>120M</u>	<u>1304</u>	<u>22,900</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>12</u>					<u>81 M</u>	<u>29 M</u>	<u>1303 1/2</u>	<u>21,700</u>
TOTALS	<u>36</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>26</u>								

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-
Observed 3 ground rockets burst simultaneously at between
22,000 to 23,000 feet (1241 - 5020-0623E)

LT. P. R. MYERS

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

J-A-3

Reference Field Order 592

29 DECEMBER

1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 186

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

SECTION ONE - USE OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

1. Radio Beacons used:		2. MF/DF Fixes	<u>1</u>
Splashers	<u>12</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>32</u>	5. Distress Action	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	6. Total A/C using Gee	<u>38</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF PFF

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

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>36</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>32</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>11,520</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

	<u>AIRBORNE</u>	<u>USED</u>
GEE	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>
H2X	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
CARPET	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>

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

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

D-E-4

29 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Sta. 128, APO 557, US Army.

1. Generally, all crew-members were very well pleased with the excellent formation flown by the entire Group.
2. Major Eric P. De Jonckheere, Group Leader, reported that a formation of 2nd Division B-24's flew right through his Group and the Woodcraft Baker Group after they had turned on the IP and were making their bomb run.
3. Lt. Kaye M. Spansel, pilot A/C 1988, suggests that the windshield of all A/C be covered at night. He states that this procedure helps greatly in eliminating frost trouble.
4. The crew of Lt. John J. Brown, A/C 8371, report that, for the second consecutive mission, bomb-bay doors in this A/C had to be opened, then closed and reopened again before bombs would release.
all
5. Lt. Robert B. Campbell, pilot A/C 8662, reported that, although this A/C landed first with vertical camera, they had not been removed from the ship before the crew came in for interrogation.

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

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

F-C-2

APO 557
29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

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

1. Date of Mission: 28 December 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 42-97322 - Broken charging cable, cable being replaced.
 - b. A/C # 43-38125 - Broken charging cable, cable being replaced.
 - c. A/C # 42-32012 - Sight bulb on Chin Turret burned out. Bulb has been replaced.
 - d. A/C # 43-38077 - Sight bulb on Chin Turret burned out. Bulb has been replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 42-39993 - Bomb bay motor burned out. Motor has been replaced.
 - b. A/C # 42-32012 - Bombardier stated bombs failed to release in train, were salvoed. Ground check revealed no malfunction.
5. There were twenty-eight (28) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

LEAD SQDN. 94TH "A" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT. LEWIS Date: 28 DEC 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. TURK

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT. STELZER

*18X 250 1/10 1/40
 2 M 170 per chart 7
 Gas 2500
 Station 0820*

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

CAMPBELL (LEWIS)
 IY H 7636 (PFF)

GRIM,WF.
 IY O 8779

TURK(STELZER)
 GH Z 8007 ✓

615 SQDN.

612 SQDN

UDY
 IY Q 8077

AIKEN
 SC S 8680

HANSEN
 IY P 8758

SPANSEL
 IY D 8125

LONG
 SC T 8788

HULNALL
 SC P 1891

COOPER
 IY F 7664

JONES
 IY A 7869

GRIM,AR.
 IY B 1730

SPARES

WOLF
 IY X 1485

PFF SPARE LEAD SC Q 8153 DISP 14
 GROUND SPR. IY C 2468

WX SHIP IW L 0001 MAJOR MC CREE
 GROUND SPR INTN 8867

HE SQDN. 94TH "A" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJOR DE JONCKHEERE Date: 28 DEC. 1944

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. JENNINGS

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT. STELZER

613 SQDN
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCUB
615 IY BUZZARD
CUSHMAN (DE JONCKHEERE)
IN C 8454(PFF)

BRADLEY
IN F 6313
JENNINGS
IW P 2012

613 SQDN 612 SQDN

CARSON
IN L 8941
COX
SC N 6506

SCHELLER
IN R 6113
ANNIS
IN ^N _J 862
1591
SC C 9993
BODDIN
SC R 2393
Supch. Trouble

CAMPBELL
IN S 2947

KELSO
IN B 6132
TAUSIG
SC J 7790
SPARES

PFF SPARE LEAD SC Q 8153 DISP 14
GROUND SPR. 19 C 2468
WX SHIP IW L 0001 MAJOR MC CREE
~~GROUND SPR IN N 8862~~

K 012
IN N 8862

LOW SQDN 94 A Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: MERCER Date: 28 Dec

Deputy Sq. Leader: UTTER

Deputy Gp. Leader: STELZER

614 SQDN

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

MERCER

IY M 8371 PFF

COLE

UTTER

IW D 7322

IW R 7780

614 SQDN

612 SQDN

GROZIER

ROADMAN

IW Z 8330

SC D 6992

BABCOCK

MORTON

SMITH

FRENCH

IW X 8565

IW B 7151

SC K 8733

SC M 7039

SISSON

IW A 6508

FONDREN

HARTSOCK

IW T 8646

IW F 7395

SPARES

KING

IW K 8677

SP LD PFF SC Q 8153 Disp 14
GROUND SPR 14 C 2468
WX SHIP IW L 0001 Maj Mc Gree
GROUND SPR IN N 8862

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

Mission No. 186
 29th December 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), AAF, Station No..128, APO #557.

A/C 8007 G.H. (2nd Lt. C.L. Hulapeta.)

P	Lawrence, Louis Jr.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Goodman, James F.	Captain	"
N	Hyman, Nathan W.	1st Lt.	"
B	Burge, Charles R.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Huskey, Curtis O.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Groupman, Richard C.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	O'Neal, Hayes B., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Avezedo, Philbert B.	S/S t.	"
WF	Harold, Lloyd B.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38541

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

A/C 43-37790

P	Schliemann, Donald M.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Meyrowitz, Irving (NMI)	F/O	"
N	Schneck, David (NMI)	2nd Lt.	"
B	Swatosh, Kenneth J.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Pendley, Garland E.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Kelly, John C.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Eames, Duane H.N.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Madden, Ted H.	S/Sgt.	"
WF	Zabel, Bruce H.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-102393

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Matthiesen, Rex A.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Hill, Ben F., Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Deaner, Charles E.	S/Sgt.	"
RO	Hague, Kenneth A.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Delawder, Joseph A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Borrer, Norwood E.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S/Sgt.	"
WF	Becker, Alex A.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38880

P	Smith, Max M.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Korwald, Morris N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Van Duinen, Richard B.	F/O	"
B	Schmalz, Nyle R.	Sgt.	"
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Genga, Pietre J.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Laing, John (NMI)	Sgt.	"
TG	Filiatraut, Frank E.	Sgt.	"
WG	Swanson, Theodore K.	Sgt.	"

A/C 42-39993

P	Aiken, Charles H.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Hanford, Charles J., Jr.	1st Lt.	"
N	Wilde, Earl R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Benton, David (NMI)	1st Lt.	"
RO	Knight, Adam (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Peterson, Harry A.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Gaal, Ernest A.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Milhone, Robert J.	Sgt.	"
WG	Potter, Howard J., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38788

P	Bloetscher, Andrew F.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	McElvain, Wilbert H.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Threlkeld, Mercer L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	McMahon, John F.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Kobinsky, Charles J.	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Richards, Carl R.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Skaggs, Irl R.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Nickolas, Clint S., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Giles, Otho N.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 44-6506

P	Christensen, Mervin J.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Kleppe, Fred H.	1st Lt.	"
N	King, Paul J.	1st Lt.	"
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	"
RO	York, Dennis A.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Hereford, Gerald F.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	Norris, Robert V.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Lambeth, Benson W.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Giese, Carlton F.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-102398

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

**613th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
AAF STATION 128, APO 537**

29 December 1944

LOADING LIST

<u>PLANE NO.</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>DI</u>
43-38791	P	2nd Lt.	KRISO	ARTHUR	D. JR.
	CP	F/O	BRIGARD	WILBY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	TOMM	ALVIN	E.
	B	SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	C.
	NO	SGT.	MEYERS	WILL	F.
	TT	SGT.	HARRIS	JAMES	T.
	BT	SGT.	MORRISON	EDWIN	D.
	TO	SGT.	BOID	JACK	D.
	VO	SGT.	TOOLE	GEORGE	(MIA)
42-102947	P	2nd Lt.	TAUBIS	HERMAN	(MIA)
	CP	2nd Lt.	CAMER	DONALD	V.
	N	1st Lt.	WALKER	DUNSON	F.
	B	2nd Lt.	LANGON	EMERY	E.
	NO	S/SGT.	FITZGERALD	JAMES	J.
	TT	S/SGT.	FORSTON	DONALD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BUCKBAUM	ELMER	(MIA)
	TO	S/SGT.	KATE	ALVIN	C.
	VO	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
43-37706	P	1st Lt.	ANNIS	RONIS	E.
	CP	1st Lt.	CLARK	FORREST	E.
	N	1st Lt.	MADSEN	EDWARD	E.
	B	1st Lt.	JENSEN	JIM	B.
	NO	T/SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	GORLICK	JOHN	H.
	BT	S/SGT.	WESTON/BRADSHAW	ARTHUR	(MIA)
	TO	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	LESLIE	C.
	VO	S/SGT.	BROCK	GEORGE	E.
44-6313	P	2nd Lt.	BRADLEY	AURBY	J. JR.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FERRILL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	J.
	B	SGT.	ELLS	IRVING	(MIA)
	NO	S/SGT.	BOHNS	JACOB	J. JR.
	TT	S/SGT.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	E.
	BT	SGT.	KEMP	JAMES	E.
	TO	SGT.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	V.
	VO	SGT.	WEBERBAUGH	WYOMAN	(MIA)
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	SCHLEIN	DONALD	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	VICKS	WALLACE	V.
	N	2nd Lt.	HUSTON	RICHARD	C.
	B	F/O	KOLLAR	JOHN	E.
	NO	S/SGT.	GLANNINI	JOSEPH	(MIA)
	TT	S/SGT.	HINTY	WILLIAM	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TO	S/SGT.	THURMAN	HUBBELL	E.
	VO	S/SGT.	SEVERSON	NORMAN	A.

<u>PLANE NO.</u>	<u>DUTY</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MI</u>
44-2607	P	F/O	OCK	ROBERT	F.
	CP	F/O	SNAB	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCRIBER	KINGSTON	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	JASPER	E.
	RO	SGT.	HOWELL	THOMAS	K.
	TT	SGT.	STEWART	LIONARD	C.
	HT	SGT.	HEMACHEVICH	ALEXANDER	(MCI)
	TO	SGT.	MURPHY	LAMON	(MCI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
44-6132	P	2nd Lt.	CANEY	KARL	F.
	CP	1st Lt.	DONALSON	JEFF	H.
	N	2nd Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
	B	S/SGT.	HEWY	CLIFFORD	C.
	RO	SGT.	FLYNN	LEO	M.
	TT	SGT.	JONES	CHARLES	C.
	HT	SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	B.
	TO	SGT.	COON	HENRY	T.
	WG	SGT.	SPITT	JOHN	L.
43-38862	P	1st Lt.	CAMPBELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	RAIDLE	RICHARD	V.
	N	2nd Lt.	HEWLEY	JIM	D.
	B	1st Lt.	EDMAN	LAWRENCE	V.
	RO	T/SGT.	CHALUPCHSKI	VICENT	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	JUSTICE	AUBREY	C.
	HT	S/SGT.	BOSTIAN	AUBREY	L.
	TO	S/SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
	WG	S/SGT.	INDREKX HARLEN	JAMES	J.
44-6588	P	2nd Lt.	NIBBON	HANS	V.
	CP	2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd Lt.	TURNERSON	NICHOL	C.
	B	SGT.	VIGRETTI	ANGELO	J.
	RO	SGT.	BARROWE	EMANUEL	(MCI)
	TT	SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	G.
	HT	SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
	TO	SGT.	STYKA	FRANCIS	G.
	WG	SGT.	DE FRA	ARTHUR	R.
44-8154	P	1st Lt.	CUSHMAN	THOMAS	R.
	CP	MAJOR	DE JONCKHEERE	ERIC	T.
	N	CAPT.	WOOD	HORACE	D.
	H	CAPT.	ANDERSON	WILLIAM	B.
	B	CAPT.	FUSHERE	DUNFORD	V.
	V	1st Lt.	STRONG	WILLIAM	V.
	RO	T/SGT.	KNEE	ROBERT	C.
	TT	T/SGT.	SMELY	KARL	V.
	TO	E 2nd Lt.	MCKIN	PETER	D.
WG	S/SGT.	HOPE	WILLIAM	(MCI)	
<u>TO FIE WITH 615th SQD.</u>					
	CP	1st Lt.	FOWLER	RUSSELL	H.

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

AAF Station # 128
 29 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 44-8371

P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	614th Sq
CP	1st Lt.	MEUSSEL, 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.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESBACH, JOHN T.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ellis, James	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Martin, Norman D.	"

PLANE 42-97395

P	1st Lt.	HUBBELL, RICHARD S.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	GOULET, AMBROSE F.	"
N	1st Lt.	MOORE, GEORGE J.	"
B	1st Lt.	FLIEG, STANLEY W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Pool, Clyde W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Ross, Richard D.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Revette, John L.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Bell, W.S.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Harris, John C.	"

PLANE 43-38677

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, Patay A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Kavlas, Ernest S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Reinoehl, Philip A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atkinson, George E. Jr.	"
WG	Sgt.	Speelman, K. Hampton	"

PLANE 42-38530

P	1st Lt.	CROZIER, JOHN C.	"
CP	1st Lt.	WEBER, MORRIS	"
N	2nd Lt.	POLSTER, ERVING	"
B	1st Lt.	WHITING, RICHARD L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mapner, Clayton	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Ligon, James E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Mc Cormick, Edson G.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kitta, Keith D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Merrill, Richard E.	"

Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 43-38758

P	1st Lt.	FONDRED, JOHN E.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	MAX VIA, JAMES C.	"
N	F/O	COYNE, JOHN T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	PACKRELL, 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 E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"

PLANE 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	RITCHEY, RALPH	"
N	2nd Lt.	PIEK, JACK T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	HELMES, 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 44-6508

P	1st Lt.	SISSON, NORMAN L.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
N	1st Lt.	CROSSEN, EAVERN	"
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.	"

PLANE 42-97322

P	1st Lt.	HOEMANN, EUGENE E.	"
CP	1st Lt.	LIVINGSTON, HERMAN	"
N	2nd Lt.	BURNS, THOMAS E.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Eidemiller, Wilmer P.	"
RO	Sgt.	Tuchin, Howard	"
TT	Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wright, Arthur L.	"
TG	Sgt.	Dobson, William J.	"
WG	Sgt.	Laura, Libero L.	"

PLANE 42-102659

P	2nd Lt.	COLE, JOHN S. JR.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	SPELLMAN, JOHN W.	"
N	2nd Lt.	HANSON, XXXXXXXX Clifford M.	"
B	F/O	BUTLER, THOMAS H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Crespi, Ralph M.	"
TT	Sgt.	Alex, Marvin L.	"
BT	Sgt.	Griggs, Crawford P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Smith, Ralph H.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Mc Clure, James R.	"

PLANE # 42-38565

P	1st Lt.	BABCOCK, FREDERICK H.	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	BOUSFIELD, JOHN	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
B	2nd Lt.	MENZEL, GEORGE H.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Bilby, John P. Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Caldwell, Carroll L.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wilczynski, Walter J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Farnham, Walter E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Casselman, Charles R.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKUPF,
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 - 657

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Loading list.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), AAF Sta 128 - APO 657.

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

PLANE # 42-31983

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Spansel	Kaye	H.	615th
CPd	2nd Lt.	Hagee	Eldon	C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Gross	Eugene	F.	"
B	Sgt.	Heaton	Charlie	(NMI)	"
RO	Sgt.	Piccirillo	Lewis	J.	"
TT	Sgt.	Haskinson	Robert	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wagner	Aloysius	E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Baker	Richard	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Buchs	Alex	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 43-30125

P	2nd Lt.	Wolf	Adolph	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cosden	Bryan	L.	"
N	F/O	Patrick	Dale	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Nashimoto	Gene	(NMI)	"
RO	Sgt.	Douglass	James	B.	"
TT	Sgt.	Palmer	Edward	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Banning	Robert	O.	"
TG	Sgt.	Bolen	Joseph	T.	"
FG	Sgt.	Sparkman	Ferry	L.	"

PLANE # 42-97664

P	1st Lt.	Cooper	Louis	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Deen	Robert	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Ellis	George	O.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Que	Charles	H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Sherrill	Bascom	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Sexton	Myron	W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Maroncelli	Harry	J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Lawrence	Ralph	L.	"
FG	Sgt.	Maksyn	Chester	W.	"

PLANE # 42-102468

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

PLANE # 42-31465

P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	H.	"
N	1st Lt.	Rainey	John	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Cook	Clayton	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Connizzaro	Ralph	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Lars	H.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"

Loading list. (Continued)

PLANE # 42-31730

P	2nd Lt.	Gerber	John	D.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Gentry	James	H.	"
H	2nd Lt.	Lowry	Lawrence	E.	"
B	1st Lt.	Vucha	Robert	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Consino	Joseph	A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Martin	Gyrl	I.	"
BT	Sgt.	McKenna	James	P.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atkinson	Alfred	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Geierman	Edward	F.	"

PLANE # 43-38077

P	1st Lt.	Haskett	Harry	E.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Fowler	Russell	M.	615th
H	1st Lt.	Howe	Stuart	A.	615th
B	1st Lt.	Burvinghausen	Kenneth	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Lynch	Brenden	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Eudaley	Orville	R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Hutchinson	William	D.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	McKean	George	T.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jones	Hinson	G.	"

PLANE # 43-38779

P	1st Lt.	Hanson	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
H	F/O	Greenberg	Martin	(MIA)	"
B	S/Sgt.	Morrison	James	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Ferguson	Hugh	R.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Luchfeld	Marvin	(MIA)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Albert	Russell	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	McKnight	Leroy	H.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Karsher	Alonzo	A.	"

PLANE # 43-38810

P	2nd Lt.	Grimm	Alfred	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Began	John	J.	"
H	F/O	Coates	Alvin	E.	"
B	Sgt.	Boyer	William	C.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kapson	George	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Geers	Louis	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Cox	Clyde	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chambers	Arthur	R.	"
FG	Sgt.	Hunsperger	Henry	(MIA)	"

PLANE # 42-37869

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

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