

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

MISSION No. **188**

Date: **31 DEC. 44**

TO: **KREFELD, GERMANY**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: KREFELD, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the 94th "B" Group. One PFF A/C was included in the lead and high squadrons and a GH A/C (from 379th Group) was included in the lead squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: KREFELD, GERMANY (GH)
2. a. Group Leader: MAJOR A. H. CHAPMAN (Brown)
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. D. BROWN (Dresbach-MO)
Extra Navigator: Capt. C. M. SMITH
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. W. F. SCHIEFER
- b. Low Squadron Leader: Capt. E. W. COLEMAN
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. J. M. RUSH
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. E. K. STOUT
- c. High Squadron Leader: Capt. J. G. GOODMAN (Harlan)
Lead Navigator: Capt. W. E. HABERER (Howard-MO)
Lead Bombardier: Capt. W. T. HUTSON
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

Normal - Clear weather. All ships took off satisfactorily.
 - b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

As briefed. Joined Wing in proper position believed 94th "A". Made division assembly in briefed # 5 position although 94th "B" arrived at CP # 1 2 minutes early.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. c. Route Over England:

As briefed. Joined Wing in prpper position ^{behind} ~~believed~~ 94th "A". Made division assembly in briefed # 5 position although 94th "B" arrived at CP # 1 2 minutes early.

4. Attacks:

a.- Flight to Target:

Arrived at CP # 2 3 minutes early but still in briefed position in column. 94th "B" rode always on the left of division column -- due to strong wind entire column was off course to the right (north). Lead ship of 94th "B" had difficulty with # 3 engine and was unable to obtain more than 26,000'. The group was notified that the bombing altitude would be changed to 26,000'. About 15 minutes before the IP Buckeye Red announced 5-7/10 cloud cover target. It was decided to make a Gee-H approach and try for a visual assist. Deputy took over before the IP to lead the group in for a Gee-H run.

b. Bombing Run:

Cloud cover at the IP was 8/10. The group came in about 3 miles north of the IP and started the curved run with the GH navigator continually giving corrections to the right to the pilot. Patches of ground could be seen along the run but not enough to do accurate pinpointing. The same conditions prevailed over the target so that the bombardier couldn't see enough check points to give any visual assistance. The run was made strictly on G-H. The rate was set and adjusted at the suggestions of the G-H navigator. Bombs were salvoed by the group leader when the indices met. Bombing was done in group formation. The low and high squadrons leads salvoed on the group leader; all others used a 30 foot intervalometer setting. The AFCE was O K. Results were seen to strike over the assigned MPI.

c. Flight from Target:

Times were late because of a much stronger wind in target area than metro had forecast. Course was flown as briefed and the 94th "B" group kept in with the division column for mutual support. There were no stragglers off target, all ships returned in good formation.

d. Return to Base:

Normal in clear weather. Normal stand-off procedure was made and all ships landed safely at home base.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 5/10 to 8/10ths strata-cumulus over continent, tops approximately 8,000'. Light non-persistent contrails. Vertical and horizontal visibility good. Same conditions over target area.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. f. Fighter Support:

Fighter support was adequate.

g. Comments on Formation:

Excellent formation during the majority of the mission. Interval between groups was good.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

Lead Squadron: A/C 43-38758 - Not Sortie. Returned early when # 3 electronic went out. Feathered # 3 engine as a result of smoke coming out of right wing. Exchanged amplifiers to no avail.

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition seen or encounters. (See Flak Report for Flak)

7. Battle Damage: None.

8. Casualties: None.

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

10. Bombing Data:

a. ~~Observations~~ Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

Twelve A/C EET and bombed the primary target, dropping 213 X 250# GP and 24 X 500# M17 bombs. Aborting A/C 758 returned 18 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

Low Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the primary target dropping 216 X 250# GP and 24 X 500# M17 bombs. The spare returned 18 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

High Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the primary target, dropping 215 X 250# GP's and 24 X 500# M17 bombs. The spare returned 18 GP's and 2 IB's to base.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. b. Observations:

Results were unobserved but plots indicate some strikes on railway.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bomb- ing	Num- ber	Size	Type	Fusing Nose Tail	
Main Bombfall:	36	36*	(644 (72	250# 500#	M57 M17	1/10 -	1/40 -
Other Attacks:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target:			(644 (72	250# 500#	M57 M17	1/10 -	1/40 -
Other Expenditures:			-	-	-	-	-
Bombs Returned:			(54 (6	250# 500#	M57 M17	1/10 -	1/40 -
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			(698 (78	250# 500#	M57 M17	1/10 -	1/40 -

*Incl 1 GH A/C loaded at Kimbolton

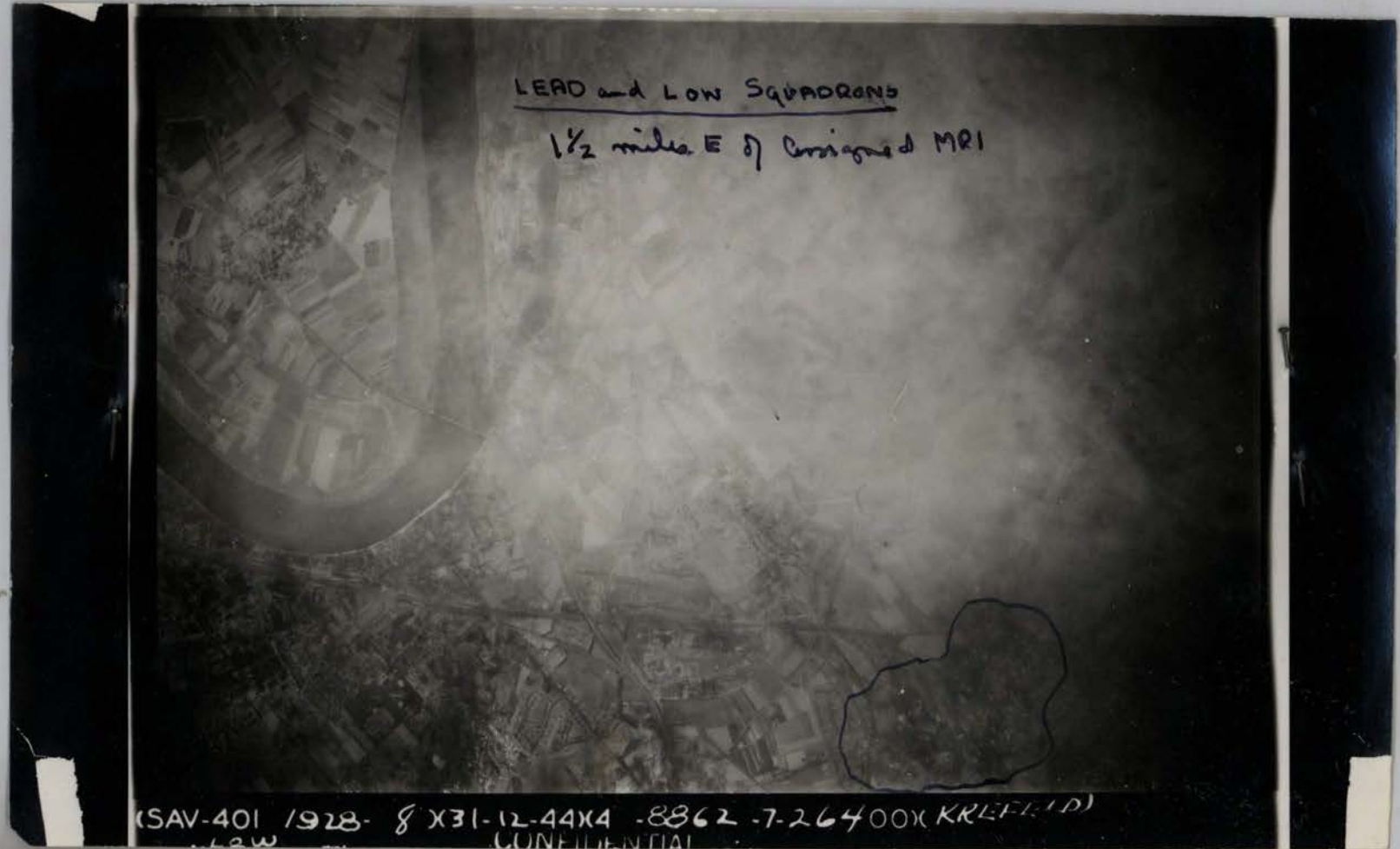
11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted By:

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

DECLASSIFIED PER: NN0745005
BY: JW, NARA DATE: 11/17/10



LEAD and LOW SQUADRONS

1/2 mile E of assigned MRI

(SAV-401 1928-8 X31-12-44X4 -8862 -7-26400X KREFIELD)
CONFIDENTIAL

Ld Sq 94 B Gp - 401st

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJ CHAPMAN Date: 21/31/44

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

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

CHAPMAN

259) pff

COMER

KIRKHUFF

at takeoff

541

369) pff G-1

one target

SQDN

SQDN

MAYS

STEGEMAN

151

125

CROZIER

MORAN

SOMBART

HANSEN

330

677

730

758 (abort)

BABCOCK

565

WHITE

THOMPSON

395

646

SPARES

RICHARDSON

464

one target

Hi Sq 94 B Gp - 401st

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: **CAPT GOODMAN** 31/12/44

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

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

GOODMAN

153(pff)

at takeoff

over target

HUDNALL

LAWRENCE

506

891

SQDN

SQDN

ROADMAN

MC KAY

992

485

LONG

ASCHENBACH

WOLF

CRACRAFT

680

993

779

983

SCHLIMANN

662

JONES

MARTIN

039

SPARES

733

FRENCH

398(returned)

Lo Sq 94 B Gp - 401st

CAPT COLEMAN

31/12/44

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____
at takeoff

one target

SQDN
~~COLEMAN~~
941
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD

KELSO

MC GOLDRICK

791

780

HOPLS²DN

UDY SQDN

862

313

COX

CAMPBELL

GRIMM AR

JORDAN

113

160

810

664

DOUGLAS

591

STEELE

CURRAN

706

072

SPARES
NEILSON

588(returned)

HEADQUARTERS
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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 0755 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0931 hours on Cottesmore buncher
at 16000 ft. 0958 1/2
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1010 hours at Norwich.
- d. Route over England was ~~(not)~~ flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.
Gee Pilotage D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 1010 hours at Glaester
- g. Flight to IP was ~~(not)~~ as briefed.
10 mi off course to stay in Div Formation

h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.
Gee, Mickey, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was ~~(not)~~ as briefed.
G.H. took over at 51 28N 04 45E
- (2) True heading over target 110.
- (3) Actual Drift -20.
- (4) Altitude over Target 25000.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1129.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 345/70.
- (7) Method of target identification.

~~XXXX~~ Visual

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target.

Broken to 6-8/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 285 True.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 24500 at 1134 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was not as briefed.

Off course due to wind velocity and to stay in Division formation

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

D.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
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass **All Good**
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other Equipment

/s/ James M. Rush
JAMES M. RUSH
1st Lt., Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Low Sqd.

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- e. Methods of Navigation over England.
Gee Pilotage D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 1010 hours at Glacton
- g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

10 mi off course in Div formation due to wind change

- h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.
Gee Mickey D.R.

- i. Bomb run.

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

G.H. took over at 51 28N 04 45E

- (2) True heading over target 110.
- (3) Actual Drift 32 Right (Computed)
- (4) Altitude over Target 26000.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1129.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 355/115.
- (7) Method of target identification.

GH

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target.

6-8/10ths clouds

(10) Axis of withdrawal 244 degrees.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 25,500 ft at 1134 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

8 mi left of course due to taking over lead from G-H. Wind velocity too high to make briefed course after target. On course at 05 00E

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Pilotage Gee D.R. Mickey

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey
 - (2) Gee
 - (3) Radio Compass
 - (4) Fluxgate
 - (5) Other Equipment
- ALL O.K.

/s/ C.M. SMITH
C.M. SMITH
Captain, Air Corps

Lead Navigator. Lead Sqd.

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- b. Group formed at 0931 hours on Cottesmore buncher at 17000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0958 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours at Norwich.
- d. Route over England was ~~(not)~~ flown as briefed.

e. Methods of Navigation over England.
Gee Xixkay Pilotage D.R.

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- g. Flight to IP was (not) as briefed.

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h. Methods of navigation to the I.P.
Gee Mickey D.R.

i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (not) as briefed.
G.H. took over

- (2) True heading over target 120.
- (3) Actual Drift -12.
- (4) Altitude over Target 27600.
- (5) Time Bombs Away 1129.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 250/90.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Visual

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

NONE

(9) Weather over Target. **BROKEN TO 6-8/10ths**

(10) Axis of withdrawal 210 TH.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 26000 at 1138 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 Mickey D.R. Pilotage

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey **All O.K,**
- (2) Gee
- (3) Radio Compass
- (4) Fluxgate
- (5) Other Equipment

~~/s/ Walter E. Haberer~~
~~WALTER E. HABERER~~
~~Captain, Air Corps~~

Lead Navigator. **High Sqd**

FLIGHT PLAN 94th B

PILOT Lt. J. J. Brown NAVIGATOR Captain C.M. Smith - Lt. J. D. Brown DATE 31 December 1944

STATIONS	0630	ENGINES	0730	TAXI	0745	T.O.	0800
LEAVE BASE	Cottesmore		0931				
COAST OUT			1012				
ENEMY COAST			1040				
I.P.			1110				
TARGET			1120				
ENEMY COAST	1204	English Coast	1242				
ETA			1329				

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Zero Hr - 0900
 Ref alt - 22000
 Bomb alt - 27000
 Oxygen - 3:15

Div assembly - Clacton to 51-22N 03-22E
 WATCH At G.M.T.
 RATE secs/hour

Letdown on Cottesmore buncher - Normal - 010 Mag.

FROM TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNC.	VAR.	MAC. HDNC.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.	
52-44N 00-39W Donington (B)	360/52	17000	150 226	167	56	-15	041	10	051	132	20	9 -1	0931 0939	Depart	
52-55N 00-12W Norwich (D)	360/54	20800	150 -30	173	107	-17	090	10	100	181	57	19	0958		
52-37N 01-17E Clacton (CP 1)	002/57	21000	150 -33	179	185	41	186	9	195	236	51	12 41	1012	English Coast, CP 1 101	
51-47N 01-09E 51-22N 03-22E	007/62	23500 26000	150 -38	187	108	-19	089	9	098	188	86	27 1/2 4 1/2	1040	Coast, CP 2 1040	
51-39N 05-40E I.P.	350/81	27000	150 -46	198	079	-24	055	8	063	180	88	29 1/2 4 1/2	1110	I. P.	
TARGET 51-20N 06-35E 51-05N 05-47E	350/81	27000	150 -46	198	244	43	267	7	274	205	34	10 -1	1129	TARGET	
" 51-22N 03-22E	350/62	18500 19000	170 -29	195	281	47	298	7	305	164	92	34 41	1204	Coast	
" Felixstowe	-5 360/28 360/19	6000 2000	170 150	160 132	296	49 47	305 303	9	314 312	146 122	39 44	83 22	16 38	1242	
51-57N 01-20E NewMarket	360/19	2000	150 -1	132	295	48	303	10	313	122	39	19	1301		
52-15N 00-24E Wisbech	"	2000	150	132	343	42	345	10	355	114	27	15	1316	Wing Break-up	
52-40N 00-10E Base	"	2000	150	132	250	48	258	10	268	137	30	13	1329	ETR Stand off; Hi - Cott Low - Uppi 52-35 00-45	
Base Clacton	10 360/40	0 to 21000	150 -13	150	124	-13	111	10	121	169	78	:28	0919 1012	LTTC. Takes 53 min to climb @	
Cottesmore Clacton	360/54	17 to 21000	150	173	131	-13	118	10	128	203	88	:26	0946 1012	Last time group departure.	
VHF - Authentication - "Top hat" Abandon mission - "Jig-Mike-Nan" Chaff - Discharge 9 min before target and continue for 18 min. Spares - Turn back continental coast. Interval - 2 min between groups.															

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNC.	MAC. HDNC.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		G.S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0755					Take off										
0825		360/55K			To assembly on Cottesmore Buncher		150	13000							
0840					Circling Buncher		150	17000	169						
0855					Ships coming up into formation		150	17000	169						
0931	056	-15	041		52-42N 00-38W. Depart buncher. Gp formed		150	17000	169			130	20	09	0940
0935		-15	041		52-48N 00-21W		150	17000	169						
0938		-15	041				150	17000	169						
0941		-15	041		Pt. B 52-55N 00-05W		150	17000	169						
0941	109	-17	092		A/C to Pt. D.		150	17000	174			183	53	17	0958
0943	109	-16	094		52-54N 00-10E		150	17400	174						
0949	110	-16	094		52-48N 00-38E wind 008/50K. Gee		150	19000	(av.) 172	17 1/2	06	175	27	09 1/2	0958 1/2
0953	110	-16	094				150	20000	173						
0956	110	-16	094		52-41N 01-12E		150	21000	173						
0958 1/2			104		Pt. D. Wing completed		150	21000	174	54	17 1/2	183			
0958 1/2	185	0	185		A/C to CP. 1		150	21000	179			228	51	13 1/2	1012

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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	
1003			185		52-24N 01-23E. wing formation		150	21000 -27	179						
1008			215		51-53N 01-12E		150	21000 -27	179						
1010			185		CP 1, on course, 2 min early		150	21000	179	51	11 1/2	265			
1010	108	-15	093		A/C to CP 2. #5 in task force		150	21000	179						
1012		010/65K	093		51-42N 01-21E. Start climb		150	21000 26000	(av.) 187						
1012	101	-21	080		Following task force		150	21000 -27	(av.) 187			170	78	27 1/2	1039 1/2
1015			090		51-35N 01-35E		150	22000							
1021	109	-24	(av.) 085		51-30N 02-05E wind 360/78K. Gee		150	23000 -30	(av.) 184	19	06	190	49 1/2	15 1/2	1036 1/2
1026	104	-24	080		51-28N 02-27E		150	23500							
1031	104	-21	(av.) 085		51-24N 02-54E		150	24500 -36	186	51	16	191	18		
1037			083		CP 2, 3 min. early. 51-17N 03-21E		150	25000							
1037	079	-21	058		A/C to I.P.		150	25000	(av.) 196			165	88	32	1109
1040	075	-20	055		51-18N 03-31E. Drift 20 right		150	25500 -40	194						
1046			050		51-18N 03-58E. A/C to get back on course		150	26000 -42							
1051			018		51-19N 04-19E		150	26000							
1055			018				150	26000 -42	196						
1057	057	-39	018		51-25N 04-31E		150	26000	190	10	06 1/2	92			
1102		360/100	018		51-33N 04-42E wind 360/100K. Gee		150	26000							
1105			018		Double drift to right to get behind Glatten			26000							
1107			018		G.H. ship takes lead			26000							
1107			050		A/C to I.P. 51-28N 04-45E			26000	196						
1109			050		51-31N 05-04E			26000							
1116			050		I. P.			26000							
1116	117	25	092		25 miles 202 to Ironheim 51-36N 05-40E			26000	196			232	38	14 1/2	1130 1/2
1118			050		G.H. Leading			26000							
1124			045		51-35N 06-00E. G.H. I.P.			26000							
1126		355/115	090		Wind 355/115K			26000							
1129	142	-32	110		BOMBS AWAY. Red flak Results not seen.			26000	196			265			
1130	244	132	276		51-20 1/2 N 06-33E			26000	196			225	34	09	1139
1131			285		51-12N 06-41E		150	25300							
1135			275		Liege 58 mi @ 034. 51-06N 06-18E			25000							
1140			295		25 mi @ 034 Liege 51-00N 05-56E			25000							
1142			295												
1142	285	131	316		50-57N 05-49E A/C		170	24000	215			145	96	39 1/2	1121 1/2
1145	280	130	310		22 mi @ 360 Liege			23000							
1149		350/125	310		38 mi. @ 110 Antwerp wind 350/225K		170	22000 -32	12	06	120				
1156			320		22 mi @ 110 Antwerp		170	18500		17	07	145	61	25	1221
1159			320		10K mi @ 13 Antwerp		170	17000							
1206			320		51-07N 04-26E Antwerp		170	15000							
1209			310		51-20N 04-18E		170	14000							
1213			300		14 mi. @ 318 Antwerp		170	14000							
1214			290		16 mi. @ 308 Antwerp 51-27N 04-06E			14000							

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										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
1223			305		Enemy Coast 51-26N 03-30E 4 mi. north of course			14000							
1228			320		51-29N 03-00E			14000							
1235			320		51-35N 02-50E			12000							
1239			320		51-38N 02-40E			11000							
1244			315		51-44N 02-24E			9000		27	15½	105	40	22	1306
1249			315		51-52N 02-15E			9000							
1254			310					9000							
1259			295					8000							
1303			295		52-03N 01-31E			8000							
1304			295		51-01N 01-29E. Eng. Coast in		150	8000							
1308			300					7000							
1309½	286	A14	300				160	5000	147	14½	06½	134	29	13	1322½
1315½	286	A14 025/35	300		51-12N 00-46E. Wind 025/35K		160	5500	149	15	06	150			
1322			314				150	2000	131						
1324			314		A/C 52-18N 00-22E		150	2000	131						
1324			350				150	200	131			122	10	05	1329
1330	252	A11	263		A/C to base 52-31N 00-13E										
1345					Base, runway 33			2000							
1348					Landed										

TARGET

Primary Krefeld, Germany
Secondary _____
Last Resort _____

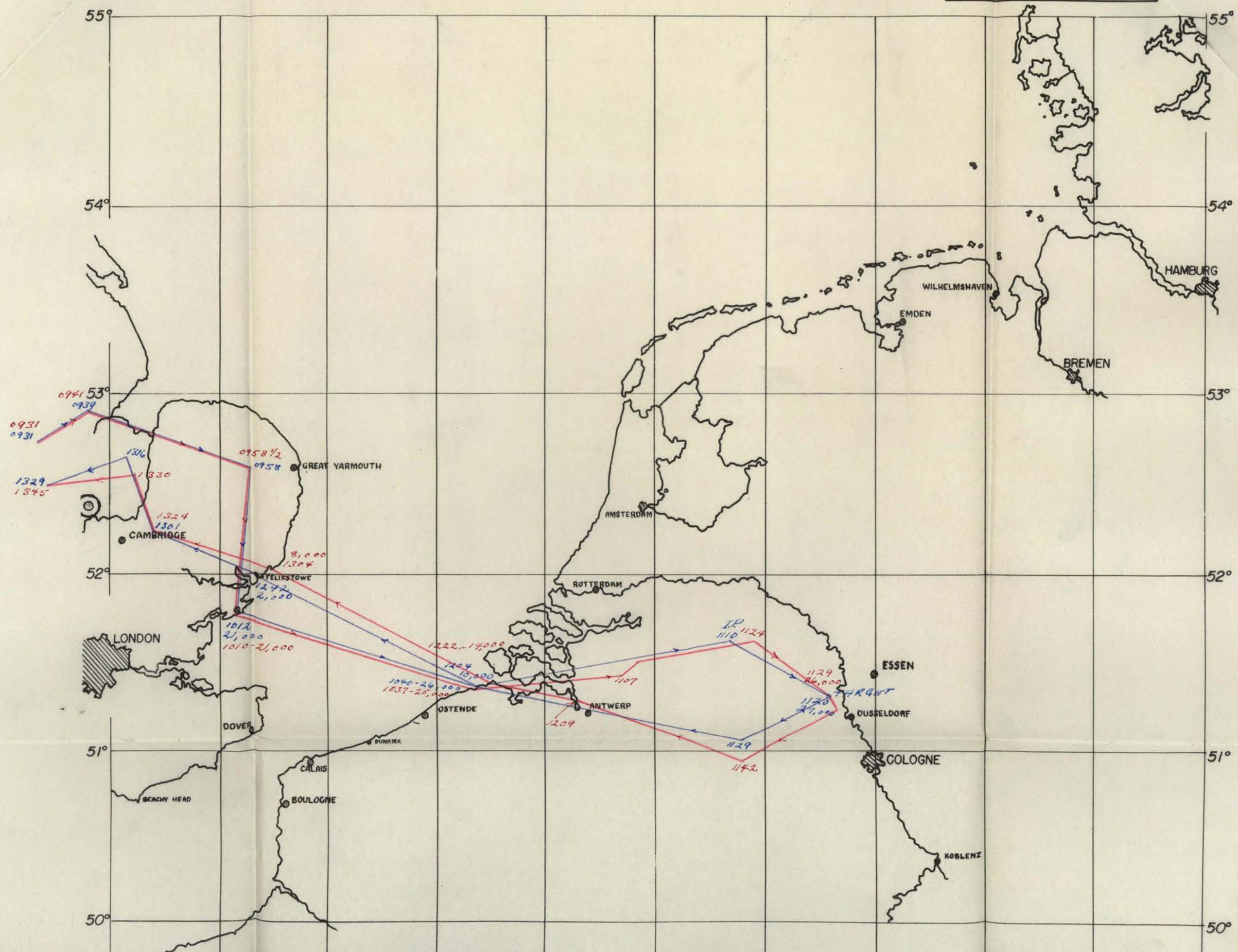
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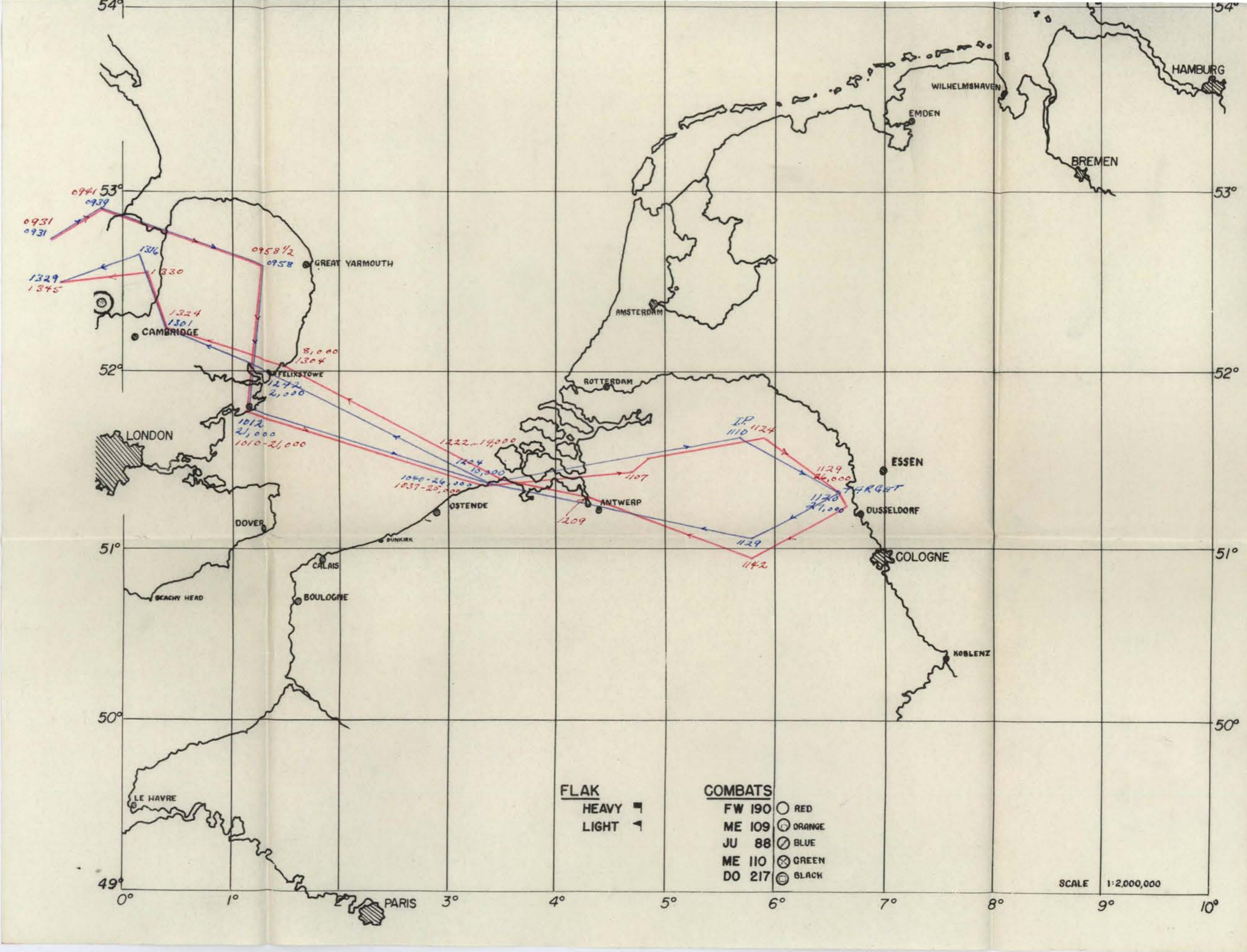
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Blue
Red

Route followed by
" " "
" " "
" " "
" " "

Briefed
40 Lt. B. G. (H)





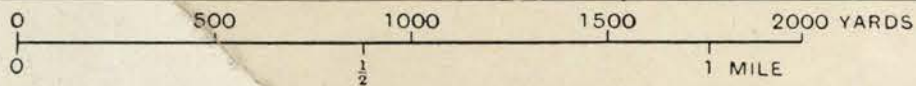
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RAILWAY TRAFFIC CENTRE

KREFELD (GERMANY)

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Group

1st BD F. O. 594

Date of 31 DECEMBER 1944

94th B Group

	LEAD SQ		HIGH SQ		LOW SQ
		PFF - GH		PFF - GH	
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	**	**	**	**	**
2. No. of A/C Airborne	11	1 PFF 1 GH	12	1 PFF	13
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	11	1 PFF 1 GH	11	1	12
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	1 PFF 1 GH	11	1	12
5. No. of A/C Attacking	10	1 PFF 1 GH	11	1	12
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking	1	--	--	--	--
(a) Early Returns Included	(1)				
7. Name of Primary Target	KREFELD (Vis or GH)				
(a) No of A/C Attacking	10	1 PFF 1 GH	11	1	12
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	180 250# GP	33 250# GP	198 250# GP	17 250# GP	216 250# GP
	20 500 # IB	4 500# IB	22 500# IB	2 500# IB	24 500# IB
8. Name of Secondary Target					
(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	NONE	NONE
13. - to Flak					
14. - to Flak & E/A					
15. - to Enemy A/C					
16. - to Accident					

STAT SUMMARY (cont'd)

	LEAD	HGGH	LOW
18. Time of Takeoff	0755	0755	0755
19. Time of Attack	1129	1129	1129
20. Average Time of Flight	5.9	6.1	6.0
21. Altitude of Release	25,500	26,000	25,000
22. Visual or PFF	GH	GH	GH
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int. Acc.	meager to Mod Inac	Meager to Mod Inac	Meager to Mod Inac
24. .. Fighters	--	--	--
25. - Bomber,	--	--	--
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	--	--	--
27. Degree of Success	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR

PFF A/C Borrowed from Groups as follows:

1 GH A/C borrowed from 379th Group -

Loaded with 16 X 250# GP and 2 X 500# IB's

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows:

at KIMBOLTON

NOTES:

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER HOPE DATE 31 DEC 44
 PILOT UTTER TAKE OFF _____
 NAVIGATOR DAMP AIR PLANE _____
 WING 94TH B GP GROUP 401ST BOMB GP SQDN LEAD LANDED _____
 OBJECTIVE KREFELD, GERMANY (MPI) _____
 METHOD OF ATTACK X
Individual Flight Squadron Group wing
 NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 36 COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP GH COMPOSITE GROUP _____
 NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION: One - on leader; 35
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M57 GP FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40
 BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# M17 IB FUSING: NOSE -- TAIL --
 NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 642 GP - 72 IB RELEASED 642 GP - 72 IB

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target <u>139</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>-46</u> Actual <u>-38</u>
True Altitude above target <u>25,500</u>	Mag Head, order <u>120</u> Actual <u>117</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>26,000</u>	True Heading _____
Pressure alt of target _____	Drift, Est <u>16R</u> Actual <u>20R</u>
Altimeter setting <u>2982</u>	True Track _____
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>150</u>	Actual Range <u>15,300</u>
G.S. Est <u>298</u> Actual <u>282</u>	B.S.Type <u>M-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>350</u> Actual <u>351</u>	Time of Release <u>1129</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>93</u> Actual <u>108</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>30 ft.</u>
D.S <u>12.3</u> Trail <u>95</u> ATF <u>43.13</u>	Length of Bombing Run _____
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.60</u> Actual <u>.60</u>	C-1 Pilot <u>YES</u> A-5 _____
Mean Temp: Metro <u>-22</u> Actual <u>-15</u>	Manual Pilot <u>--</u>
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>SALVO</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>30 ft.</u>

TRUE ALT: HIGH SQ 26,000 BOMBS AWAY: HIGH 1129 MAG HEADING: HIGH 128
 LOW SQ 25,000 LOW 1129 LOW 118

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

J-A-4

Reference Field Order 594

31 DECEMBER

1944

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 188

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>1</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> </u>
2. Total A/C over target	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>
3. Total sets usable for bombing	<u>2</u>	<u> </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>13,824</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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

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S E C R E T

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

ASSIGNED..... Brefeld
 1. TARGET: DATE OF MISSION 31/12/44 ..
 BOMBED..... Brefeld

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:
(5117-0321E) (5118-0358) (5128-0445E) (5135-0600E)
(Target) (5112-0641E) (5057-0549E) (5120-0418E) (5125-0330E) (5101-0129E)
(5218-0022E) (5231-0013E)

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>5/10-7/10 strat Cumulus</u> <u>tops 8,000</u> <u>25,000</u>	<u>5/10-7/10 Strat Cumulus</u> <u>Tops 8,000 Ft.</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>Light non-persistent</u>	<u>Light non persistent-25,000</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Seen and unseen</u>	<u>Seen and unseen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:
 Heavier to moderate encountered scattered to both right and left. Between 3-4 bursts of red flak observed approximately size of 105 mm. Did not disintegrate immediately but hung in solid ball like form at about 1000 feet above formation.

5. FLAK ENCOUNTERED OR OBSERVED ENROUTE: (IN ORDER EXPERIENCED)
None

6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: As briefed

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th. "B" - 5th.

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>0</u>	<u>0</u>					<u>117 M</u>	<u>244M</u>	<u>1129</u>	<u>26,000</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					<u>126M</u>	<u>210M</u>	<u>1129</u>	<u>27,500</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					<u>116M</u>	<u>291M</u>	<u>1129</u>	<u>25,000</u>
TOTALS	<u>36</u>										

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

BRIEF NOTES

31-12-44

Target - Marshalling yards - 3170 yards long
2000 or more cars per day
located one mile from SE of center of town.
It controls very important traffic coming from East and West and is where this E-W traffic breaks over the Rhine SE and into Belgium SW - 8 main branches running into the yard.

SECONDARY - Another big mfy - 5900 yards long -
throughput capacity of 2500 wagons. Lies on main route of N-S traffic and discharges traffic to Rhine valley and Belgium France -
HR - East of Rhine River -

FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES: 14 Gp's 3RD Div - Oil, Air Ammunitions
Hamburg, Minsk, Wenzendorf -
12 Gps 2nd BD bombing 7 tactical targets (practically same route)
32 mins ahead of 94th -

ROUTE & ESCORT:

EPI DIASCOPE - FLAK
LD. Bomb.

LMI - CONVOYS

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: P/W - GERMAN IN YANK UNIFORMS -
Take off helmets in day - Red
at night - Blue - Paint white caps
a/c without distinctive markings -

T/O - 0800
ETR - 1329

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

Mission No. 188
 31st December 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 42-31891

P	Lawrence, Louis Jr.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Stein, William T.	1st Lt.	"
N	Nyman, Nathan H.	1st Lt.	"
B	Burge, Charles R.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Huskey, Curtis O.	T/Sgt.	"
TTG	Graupman, Richard C.	T/Sgt.	"
BTG	O'Neal, Hayes B., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Avesedo, Philbert	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Harold, Lloyd B.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-106992

P	Roadman, Julian (NMI)	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Compton, Henry W.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Knese, Robert H.	F/O	"
B	Whitlock, James P.	2nd Lt.	"
RO	Elehisak, Alfred (NMI)	S/Sgt.	"
TTG	Lenders, John A.	S/Sgt.	"
BTG	Hall, Eugene H.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Wood, Donald S.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Hill, Earle R., Jr.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-39993

P	Aschenbach, Allen D.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Althoff, John R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Brazzil, William R.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Garson, James W.	Sgt.	"
RO	Feigenbaum, George J.	Sgt.	"
TTG	Herndon, William R.	Sgt.	"
BTG	Wilson, Ben G.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Fearlin, Joseph W.	Sgt.	"
WG	Watson, Robert W.	Sgt.	"

A/C 42-38541

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/Sgt.	"
BTG	Erland, Cletus M.	S/Sgt.	"
TG	Kirkhuff, Leonard M.	S/Sgt.	"
WG	Mainprize, Jack E.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 42-51662

P	Schliemann, Donald M.	2nd Lt.	612th.
CP	Mayrowitz, Irving (NMI)	P/O 2nd Lt.	"
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.	"
WG	Zabel, Bruce H.	S/Sgt.	"

A/C 43-38733
 P Martin, William F. 1st Lt. 612th.
 CP Matthiessen, Rex A. 2nd Lt. "
 H Wilde, Earl R. 2nd Lt. "
 B Deaner, Charles E. S/Sgt. "
 RO Haguo, Kenneth A. S/Sgt. "
 TTG Delawder, Joseph A. T/Sgt. "
 BTG Berrer, Howwood H. S/Sgt. "
 TG Bacon, Charlie M. S/Sgt. "
 WG Backer, Alexi. S/Sgt. "

A/C 42-107039
 P Jones, Dale G. 1st Lt. 612th.
 CP Siepak, Stanley J. 2nd Lt. "
 H Wisnoff, Aaron (NMI) 2nd Lt. "
 B Moran, Robert E. 2nd Lt. "
 RO Madrzyk, Chester P. S/Sgt. "
 TTG Gabhardt, Charles R. S/Sgt. "
 BTG Rogers, Charles G. Cpl. "
 TG Watters, Kenneth G. S/Sgt. "
 WG Wallace, Robert W. S/Sgt. "

A/C 43-38680
 P Long, Robert L. 2nd Lt. 612th.
 CP Watterson, Stuart E., Jr. F/O "
 H Cylok, Lawrence A. 2nd Lt. "
 B Watson, Reynolds S. 2nd Lt. "
 RO York, Dennis A. T/Sgt. "
 TTG Hovesak, Henry (NMI) T/Sgt. "
 BTG Cheribini, Peter J. S/Sgt. "
 TG Iles, Earl L. S/Sgt. "
 WG Willick, Edward L. S/Sgt. "

A/C 44-8153
 P Harlan, Thomas J., Jr. 1st Lt. 612th.
 CP ~~Conroy, James P.~~ *LUNDGREN, ROBERT P.* Captain "
 H Haberer, Walter E. Captain "
 B Hutson, Wayman T. Captain "
 RO ENE, Robinson, Paul D. T/Sgt. "
 TTG Peterson Harry A. T/Sgt. "
~~MARK~~ TG Piniis, Emanuel B. Pvt. "
 WG Potter, Howard J., Jr. S/Sgt. "
 M.O. ~~Franklin, Frank P.~~ 1st Lt. "
HOWARD, ROBERT W.

A/C 44-8506
 P Huhball, Carl L. 1st Lt. 612th.
 CP Mitchell, Frank G., Jr. 2nd Lt. "
 H Martin, Phillip A. F/O "
 B Beardall, Keith E. S/Sgt. "
 RO Knight, Adam (NMI) S/Sgt. "
 TTG Moorman, Lloyd F. T/Sgt. "
 BTG Gyles, Alfred R. S/Sgt. "
 TG Parker, Robert H. S/Sgt. "
 WG Parker, Matt M. S/Sgt. "

A/C 42-102398
 P French, Millard M. 2nd Lt. 612th.
 CP McKale, William L. 2nd Lt. "
 H Cannon, Thomas P. F/O "
 B Johnson, Jerry M. Sgt. "
 RO Allcroft, James W. Sgt. "
 TTG Hansen, Arthur W. Sgt. "
 BTG Deak, Floyd J. Sgt. "
 TG LaGrange, Wesley (NMI) Sgt. "
 WG Devore, Arthur D. Sgt. "

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

31 December 1944

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-38941	P	CAPT.	COLEMAN	EDWARD	W.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MALONEY	JOSEPH	M.
	N	1st Lt.	RUSH	JAMES	M.
	B	1st Lt.	STOUT	ELBRIDGE	K.
	RO	T/SGT.	CARMON	CALVIN	A.
	TT	T/SGT.	LINDHOLM	ALVIN	T.
	BT	S/SGT.	MEANEY	ANTHONY	J.
	TG	S/SGT.	KIDMAN	WILLARD	D.
43-38791	WG	S/SGT.	ANDERSON	EDDIE	W.
	P	2nd Lt.	KELSO	ARTHER	D. JR.
	CP	F/O	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	TONNE	ALVIN	E.
	B	SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	RO	SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	SGT.	HARPER	JAMES	T.
	BT	SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	D.
42-31591	TG	SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	SGT.	TOOMBS	GEORGE	(NMI)
	P	1st Lt.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	1st Lt.	LITTLE	RICHARD	H.
	N	1st Lt.	HAVRAN	EDWARD	G.
	B	1st Lt.	GERMAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	T/SGT.	SHEETZ	JOHN	H.
	TT	T/SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
43-37706	BT	S/SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S/SGT.	MC CRARY	LEON	A.
	P	2nd Lt.	STERLE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	BLANK	SAMUEL	(NMI)
	B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
44-6113	TT	SGT.	STACHIRA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	SGT.	MEYERS	ERROL	A.
	TG	SGT.	LUTZ	LEO	B.
	WG	SGT.	WOWAK	CHESTER	A.
	P	F/O	COX	HERBERT	P.
	CP	F/O	SHAW	MARVIN	W.
	N	F/O	SCEFER	KENNETH	M.
	B	SGT.	LOCKE	LESLIE	E.
44-6113	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.

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

AAF Station # 128
 31 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 44-8259

P	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN J. JR.	614th Sq
CR	Major	CHAPMAN, ALVAN H. JR.	"
N	1st Lt.	BROWN, JOHN D.	"
N	Captain	SMITH, CHARLES M.	"
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	1st Lt.	MEUSEL, JOSEPH P.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Wells, Gleburne D.	"

PLANE 8369 GH Ship

P	1st Lt.	UTTER, CHARLES W.	"
CP	Captain	KIRKHUFF, DONALD V.	"
N	1st Lt.	DAMP, EDWARD	"
B	1st Lt.	HOPE, JOHN F. JR.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Fulton, David W.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	La Vigne, Robert N.	"
MO	1st Lt.	GOODMAN, JAMES W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Cole, Harry L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	St. Peter, Donald A.	"

PLANE 42-107151

P	1st Lt.	MAYS, HAL C.	"
CP	1st Lt.	LIVINGSTON, HERMAN	"
N	1st Lt.	KOSKI, MATTHEW P.	"
B	1st Lt.	SCHAEFER, ROBERT L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bayes, Willie J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Gay, Clifford B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Cole, William I.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wackson, John A.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Wilson, Billy J.	"

PLANE 43-38677

P	1st Lt.	MORAN, ROBERT E.	"
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.	"

Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 42-38330

P	1st Lt.	WEBER, MORRIS	614th Sq
CP	1st Lt.	HAYES, LELAND R.	"
N	2nd Lt.	POLSTER, ERVING	"
B	1st Lt.	WHITING, RICHARD L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Hapner, Clayton	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Ligon, James E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McCormick, Edson C.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Kitts, Keith D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Merrill, Richard E.	"

PLANE 42-38565

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

PLANE 43-38646

P	2nd Lt.	TROMPSON, 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	Sgt.	Killian, Daniel M.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Christensen, James P. Jr.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Heikes, Dale L.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Dana, Edward G.	"

PLANE 42-97395

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

PLANE 44-6464

P	2nd Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	GOULET, AMBROSE F.	"
N	F/O	BLADES, LEO L.	"
B	1st Lt.	O'HERN, MELVIN C.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Peneton, Howard E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, Ber Lyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Patterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"

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

31 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 # 43-38779

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Wolf	Adolph	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Cosden	Byran	L.	"
N	F/O	PatSick	Dale	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hashimoto	Gene	(NMI)	"
RO	Sgt.	Douglass	James	B.	"
TT	Sgt.	Palmer	Edward	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Banning	Robert	W.	"
TG	Sgt.	Solen	Joseph	T.	"
FG	Sgt.	Sparkman	Perry	L.	"

PLANE # 43-38125

P	1st Lt.	Stegemann	Charles	W.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Walter	Albert	C.	"
N	1st Lt.	Schultz	John	J.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"
RO	Sgt.	Weinstein	Bernard	B.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Mais	John	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKeon	George	T.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wacr	Martin	G.	"
FG	Sgt.	Dunn	Donald	R.	"

PLANE # 42-31485

P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	W.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	M.	"
N	1st Lt.	Rimney	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.	"

PLANE # 42-31983

P	1st Lt.	Cracraft	George	K.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Magee	Eldon	C.	"
N	1st Lt.	Mrozek	Chester	W.	"
B	Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fenwick	Gorden	B.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	P.	"
BT	Sgt.	Schemel	Paul	J.	"
TG	Sgt.	Hudson	Leonard	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Gness	William	J.	615th

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LOADING LIST (Continued)

PLANE # 42-51730

P	1st Lt.	Sombart	George	W.	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Shapiro	Leo	(NMI)	"
N	2nd Lt.	Miley	Junior	B.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Seaton	Clarence	H. G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Andrews	Leroy	(NMI)	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Smith	Elmer	E.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Livesey	Lowell	G.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Daley	J. (io)	B. (io)	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 43-38768

P	1st Lt.	Hansen	Ernest	A.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Coats	Jerry	A.	"
N	F/O	Greenberg	Martin	(NMI)	"
B	S/Sgt.	Morrison	James	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Ferguson	Hugh	R.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Maksey	Chester	W.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lee	William	R.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	McKngith	Leroy	H.	615th
FG	S/Sgt.	Karcher	Alonzo	A.	"

PLANE # 43-38810

P	2nd Lt.	Grimm	Alfred	R.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Mackin	Peter	D.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Neuberger	Charles	A.	615th
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 # 42-102468

P	1st Lt.	Udy	John	(NMI)	615th
CP	1st Lt.	Lockaday	Billy	S.	"
N	1st Lt.	Youel	Dale	R.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Oviatt	Earl	D.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Knowles	Harry	G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Young	Jack	B.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Albert	Russell	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Warn	Albert	S.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jencks	Robert	L.	"

PLANE # 42-97664

P	2nd Lt.	Jordan	Robert	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	O.	"
N	2nd Lt.	King	Jack	L.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Seeley	Duane	F.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Habrey	William	T.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Anderson	Howard	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Caruth	Merton	A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Wiegel	Clifford	H.	"
FG	Sgt.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"

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

F-C-2

AP0 557
31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report

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

1. Date of Mission: 30 December 1944.
2. No gun malfunctions were reported.
3. No turret malfunctions were reported.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 43-38677 - Doors were cranked open and closed because of bomb bay motor failure. Motor has been replaced.
 - b. A/C # 43-38862 - Bombs salvoed over target because of intervalometer failure. Intervalometer has been replaced.
5. There were twenty-nine (29) 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 94 A Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPT CURRIE Date: 30 Dec

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT HARB

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT HARB

6X1000 GP

1/10 1/100

Gas 2600

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

HAYES ~~(HARB)~~ (CURRIE)

Y 8256 GH

STRELE

BAKER (HARB)

IN J 1591

IW G 8259

613 SQDN

614 SQDN

HOPLEY

CROZIER

IN N 8862

IW Z 8330

NIELSON

SCHELLER

WHITE

THOMPSON, R

IN D 6588

IY R 6113

IW A 6508

IW J 2659

ANNIS

IN U 7706

COX

KELSO

IN F 6313

IN G 8791

SPARES

PTF SP ~~INXXL~~ ~~80R~~ iy m 8371 Disp 31
VIS LD IW R 7780 " 4

CAREY

IW B 6132

GRND SPARES: ~~IW N 8738 Disp 40~~
SC S 8680 " 22
IN A 8160 " 42

WX SHIP IW L 0001 MAJ MAUPIN

HIGH SQDN 94 A Gp

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HASKETT Date: 30 Dec

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT GERBER

Deputy Gp. Leader: CAPT HARB

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

HASKETT
IY H 7636 PFF

SOMBART
IY X 1485

GERBER
IY Q 8077

SQDN
615

N.L. 941
SQDN
614

STEGEMANN
IY O 8779

MORTON
IW B 7151

HANSEN
IY P 8758

SPANSEL
IY C 2468

KING
IW F 7395

BABCOCK
IW X 8565

COOPER
IW N 738
~~IY P 7884~~

*#2 Suppl. cooling cap broken
possible gas leak*

WOLF
IN K 1072

SPARES

CRRACRAFT
IY G 1983

GRIMI, AR
IY N 8810

SP PFF IY M 8371 Disp 31
SP VIS IW R 7780 " 4

GRND SPARES: IW N 8738 Disp 49
SC S 8680 " 22
IN A 8160 " 42

WX SHIP IW L 0001 MAJ MAUPIN

94TH "A" GROUP LOW SQDN.

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT. SCHAUNAMAN 30 DEC. 1944

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT. CROMER

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

SCHAUNAMAN
SC P 1891

COX
SC B 1662

CROMER
SC K 8733

SQDN

SQDN

612

614

ROADMAN
SC D 6992

MORAN
IW K 8677

BLGETSCHER
SC T 8788

JONES
SC C 9993

COLE
IW T 8646

FONDREN
IW D 7322

BOEHN
SC H 2398

NOLAN
SC M 7039 SPARES

HUMMALL
SC A 7628

LONG
SC F 8541

SPARE LEAD (PPF) IY M 8371 DISP 31
SPARE LEAD (VIS) IW R 7780 DISP 4
GND SPARES IW N 8738 DISP 49
SC S 8680 DISP 22
IW A 8160 DISP 42

WX SHIP IW L 0001 MAJOR MAUPIN