

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

MISSION No. **192**

Date: **6 JAN. 45**

TO: **KEMPENICH, GER.**

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

MISSION # 192

Date 6 January 1945

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: KEMPENICH, GERMANY
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished a complete 36 A/C 94th "B" Group. One PFF was included in each squadron. A GH A/C (384th Group) flew as deputy lead in the lead squadron. A spare accompanied each squadron.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: KEMPENICH, GERMANY (GH)
2. a. Group Leader: Lt. Col. D. E. SILVER (Mercer) Deputy: 1st Lt. C. W. UTTER

Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. E. GASKINS 1st Lt. E. DAMP
Extra Navigator: Capt. C. M. SMITH (Dresbach - MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. T. J. KLEFISCH 1st Lt. J. F. HOPE
- b. Low Squadron Leader: Capt. P. E. CAMPBELL (Kochel)
Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. A. B. AINLEY (Tharpe - MO)
Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. C. R. MINOTT
- c. High Squadron Leader: 1st Lt. T. J. HARLAN
Lead Navigator: Capt. W. E. HABERER (Howard - MO)
Lead Bombardier: Capt. W. T. HUTSON

3. Flight Over England:

a. Takeoff:

All aircraft took off satisfactorily, although some switches to ground spares were made.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

Assembly was made on the Cottesmore buncher and was good. Group departed on time, on course with 36 ships in formation plus 2 spares.

c. Route Over England:

Route was as briefed except for one turn between Point D and C. P. 1 in order to get behind another Group. Departed C. P. 1 on time, on course. Position 9 instead of 10, as 94th "A" departed late.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

Flight to target was not as briefed due to double drifts in order to permit 94th "A" to get into proper position, however 94th "C" also pulled ahead of 94th "B" which left this Group in 11th position instead of 10th. After 94th "C" pulled away to their IP, 94th "B" pulled into proper position behind 94th "A". However, at the IP, 94th "A" turned South and 94th "B" bombed first. No difficulties arose as 94th "B" was well ahead of 94th "A" and at briefed altitude while 94th "A" bombed at briefed minus 2,000 feet.

b. Bombing Run:

The bomb run was made by GH. The GH ship flew in the deputy position and took over the lead just before the IP. The IP was made good. A solid undercast prevailed during the entire run. Rate checked out within 1/2 degree on all the check points. Bombs were salvoed by the group lead when the indices met. The high and low squadron leaders salvoed on the group lead. All others used a 30 foot intervalometer setting. The AFCE was OK. Results were unobserved.

c. Flight from Target:

Due to failure of the Gee-box and no chance to get a wind the route out was not as briefed, the formation flying almost a 280° heading after the target. No flak was encountered and the group left the enemy coast on course, six minutes early.

d. Return to Base:

Return to base was made as per 1 AD SOP #19. and all ships landed safely. Bad visibility at the base necessitated close-in approach and use of SCS 51 localizer.

e. Weather:

Weather was described as 9/10 to 10/10 low cloud, tops to 6,000', becoming solid over target area. Intermittant contrails above 24,000'. Same on return.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

4. f. Fighter Support:

Support was good.

g. Comments on Formation:

Very good, fine over target. Visibility excluded the high squadron from seeing the lead and low at times.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

None.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

High Squadron:

A/C 44-6132 - Not Sortie. Pilot took off in ground spare at last time of takeoff, flying directly to C. P. # 2. # 2 Engine began throwing oil out the breather and oil pressure dropped. Pilot feathered engine and turned back at Belgian Coast. Particles of piston ring found in oil sump and # 2 waste gate was frozen (Mechanical)

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition encountered (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:

Due to complete undercast results were unobserved.

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron:

All scheduled 12 A/C EET and bombed the primary target dropping 86 X 500# GP and 48 X 500# RDX bombs. A/C 012 having release troubles jettisoned 9 RDX bombs at 5012-0622½. The spare returned 12 RDX's to base.

Mission Summary Report (Cont'd)

10. b. Continued:

Low Squadron:

All 12 scheduled A/C EET and bombed the primary target, dropping 47 GP's and 96 RDX's. The spare returned 12 RDX's to base.

High Squadron:

Twelve A/C EET and bombed the primary target, dropping 48 GP's and 95 RDX's. Aborting A/C 132 returned 12 RDX's to base.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose	Fusing Tail
Main Bombfall	36	36	(181 (239	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Attacks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Bombs on Target			(181 (239	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40
Other Expenditures			9	500#	GP	1/10	1/40
Bombs Returned			36	500#	RDX	1/10	1/40
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			190 275	500# 500#	GP RDX	1/10 1/10	1/40 1/40

11. Lost Aircraft:

None.

Submitted By:

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

DECLASSIFIED PER: NND 745005
BY: JW NARA DATE: 11/17/10



***** HIGHER SAFETY

SAV-401 1952-2 X6 - 1 -45X4 1485 -7-245 00X(KEMPEMICH)
LOW CONFIDENTIAL

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HARLAN Date: 6 Jan 45
Deputy Sq. Leader: LT CROMER
Deputy Gp. Leader: LT UTTER

612 SQDN

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

HARLAN

947

401ST HI Sq formation
at T/O, on cruise and
over target.

BLOETSCHER

CROMER

506

077

SQDN

SQDN

THORNE

DJERNES

039

425

SMITH

NOLAN

CRACRAFT

WOLF

637

541

983

730

COX

790

FRENCH

HUDNALL

398

132 (abort)

SPARES

MARTIN

680



Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: CAPT CAMPBELL 6 Jan 45

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT TAUSIG

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

KOCHEL (CAMPBELL)

636 401st Low Sqdn, B Gp
formation at T/O, on cruise
and over target

KELSO
706

TAUSIG
941

SQDN

SQDN

CAMPBELL
313

MC BY
485

STEELE
947

NIELSEN
588

GRIMM, AR
993

GRIMM, WF
779

DOUGLAS
591

COX
733

SPARES

CURRAN
072

SHELLER

113 (returned)

LT. COL. SILVER

6 Jan. 1945

LT. UTTER

Combat Sq. Leader:

Date:

LT. UTTER

Deputy Sq. Leader:

LEAD SQDN: 94 "B" Gp.

614th

Deputy Gp. Leader:

MERCER (SILVER)

Formation at Takeoff
on Cruise and Over
Target.

SQDN

612 SC JABWOCK

8033

613 IN MACRO

614 IW GOLFCLUB

615 IY BUZZARD

RICHARDSON

UTTER

8677

8016

614th

615th

SISSON ^{SQDN}

MALONEY ^{SQDN}

2468

2393

HOEMAN

HARTSOCK

JORDAN

DEEN

8738

8565

2012

8646

MORTON

151

KING

FONDREN

2659

7395

SPARES
COLE

602 (Returned)

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

Date 6 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Kempenech

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

1. Flight plan and Log attached.
2. Track chart attached.
3. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 0754 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0927 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 15,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 1152 hours at 50-39N 05-00E
- d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.
Radio, Mickey, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0957 hrs. at Clacton.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

G.H. came in 2 mi north - OK.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.
Mickey, DR

i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (not) as briefed.
2 mi. north by G.H. ship. OK.

- (2) True heading over target 050.
- (3) Actual drift 8 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 25,000.
- (5) Time bombs away 1119.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 345/50K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

G. H.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths with emit contrails.

(10) Axis of withdrawal 350.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at None at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed. None at _____ hrs.

Withdrew on 270° track from first point after target, approximately 20 miles north of course, and crossed course at 04-00E. Crossed out O.K.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Mickey and D.R.

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey fixes erratic
- (2) Gee out
- (3) Radio Compass ok
- (4) Fluxgate ok
- (5) Other Equipment ok

~~/s/ C. M. Smith~~
 C. M. SMITH
~~Captain, A. C.~~
 Lead Navigator. , Lead Sq.

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2. Track chart attached.
3. Narrative:

- a. T/O at 0755 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0926 hours on Gottesmore buncher.
at 14,100 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, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0957 hrs. at Clacton.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

Cut I.P. 5 miles short.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

G.H., Gee, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

5 mi. short

- (2) True heading over target 55.
- (3) Actual drift 8 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 24700.
- (5) Time bombs away 118.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 360/28K.
- (7) Method of target identification.

G. H. equipment

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths - good vis. above. - contrail above
24,000

(10) Axis of withdrawal 290.

- j. Group rally was accomplished at _____ at _____ hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at None at _____ hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at None at _____ hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

Flew 270 track all way from 1st point after target.
At one point 30 mi. north of course.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Gee - D.R.

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

q. Performance of equipment.

- (1) Mickey no used except navigation - O.K.
- (2) Gee Good
- (3) Radio Compass Good
- (4) Fluxgate OK
- (5) Other Equipment OK

/s/ A. B. Ainley
A. B. AINLEY
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator, Low Sq.

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TO : Commanding Officer, 401st 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 _____ hours on _____ buncher.
at _____ 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, Radio, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at _____ hrs. at _____.
- g. Flight to I.P. was (not) as briefed.

Except for 3 double drifts to get behind 94th A Group.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Gee, Mickey, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

4 mi. due east because formation was slightly north
of course.

- (2) True heading over target 55.
- (3) Actual drift 5 R.
- (4) Altitude over target 25600.
- (5) Time bombs away 1118~~8~~.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 350/60.
- (7) Method of target identification.

Gee - H

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

None

(9) Weather over Target.

10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 350.

- 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, mickey, D.R.

o. Winds aloft were (~~not~~) called out to the formation.

p. Fighter rendezvous were (~~not~~) as briefed.

O.K.

q. Performance of equipment.

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

/s/ W. E. Haberer
W. E. HABERER
Captain, A. C.

Lead Navigator., High Sq.

Air Commander - Lt. Col. Silver

FLIGHT PLAN 94th B. (Tenth) F.O. 599

PILOT Lt. Mercer

NAVIGATOR Captain C. M. Smith

DATE 6 January 1945

STATIONS	0630	ENCINES	0730	TAXI	0745	T.O.	0800
LEAVE BASE	COTTESMORE 0927						
COAST OUT	0957						
ENEMY COAST	1018						
I.P.	1059						
TARGET	1113						
ENEMY COAST	1227						
ENGLISH COAST	1305 ETR 1358						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Zero Hr - 0930
 Ref Alt - 22000
 Bomb alt - 25000
 Oxygen - 4:15

WATCH..... Fast Division assembly - Clacton to 51-14N
 Slow RATE.....secs/hour Losing 02-55E

At..... G.M.T.
 Letdown Cottesmore Buncher - Normal - 010 Mag.

FROM TO	Ass. 15000 Lead	W/V USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA			
															TIME	BODY	ALT.	AZI.
52-44N	00-39W		310/50	15000	150	081	-13	068	10	078	191	18	06	0927	Depart			
															0933			
52-47N	00-09W		314/52	17000	150	132	-1	131	10	141	219	65	18 A1	0952				
															0952			
52-04N	01-10E		314/52	17000	150	*	A13	194	9	203	198	17	05	0957	Eng Coast GP 1 0957			
															0957			
51-47N	01-09E		318/54	19	150	117	-6	111	9	120	222	74	20 A1	1018	Coast GP 2 1018			
															1018			
51-14N	02-55E		336/60	23	150	185	-12	104	112	112	227	88	23 A2	1043	GP 3 1043			
															1043			
50-36N	05-00E		350/60	25000	150	192	-14	103	7	110	223	33	09 A2	1053				
															1053			
50-21N	05-46E		350/60	25000	150	192	-12	114	7	121	232	19	05 A1	1059	I. P.			
															1059			
50-10N	06-10E		"	25000	150	*	068	-18	050	6	056	171	14	1113	TARGET			
															1113			
50-25-10N	07-07-15E		"	25000	150	*	350	0	350	6	356	132	04	1117				
															1117			
50-33N	07-05E		"	25000	150	*	260	A18	6	284	182	12	04	1121				
															1121			
50-31N	06-47E		"	25000	150	*	228	A16	7	251	217	31	09	1130				
															1130			
50-10N	06-10E		"	25000	150	*	306	A12	7	325	145	19	08	1138				
															1138			
50-54N	04-00E	-36	345/55	22500	170	209	A11	307	7	314	169	28	10 31 -1	1208	Div. Break up			
															1208			
51-17N	03-04E	-30	311/50	15500	170	186	A2	305	8	313	136	42	19	1227	Coast			
															1227			
Felixstowe	-8	293/28	6500	170	160	303	-2	301	9	310	132	40	18 38	1305	English Coast			
															1305			
51-57N	01-21E	-2	310/23	2000	150	130	A1	304	9	313	108	35	22	1327				
															1327			
52-15N	00-24E		"	2000	150	*	343	-5	338	10	348	110	15	1342	Wing break up			
															1342			
52-40N	00-10E		"	2000	150	*	250	A9	10	269	117	30	16	1358	ETR Stand off Hi - Cott Lo - Uppi			
															1358			
Clacton			297/32	0 to 17000	150	145	A2	126	10	136	177	78	26	0914	ITTO Takes 43 min. to climb			
															0957			
Cottesmore			312/51	15 to 17000	150	164	0	131	10	141	215	88	25	0932	Last time for group departure			
															0957			

FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN		G.S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0754					T.O. on runway "23"		150								
0825		330/43K (weather ship)			G. out. Circling buncher V-2 bomb contrail		150	15000 -20	163						
0845					Forming by radio compass 2 layers 9-10/10ths low clouds		150	15000	163						
0900					One more V-2		150	15000	163						
0915					6 ships missing		150	15000	163						
0927	081	-13	068		Group formed. Depart buncher .Using Sp 5		150	15000	163			174	18	06	0933
0929					52-45N 00-23W, mickey		150	15000	163						
0933			075		Pt. B - using radio, mickey		150	15000	163						
0933	132	-5	127				150	15000	168			210	65	18 1/2	0941 1/2
0935			127		52-42N 00-06E		150	15500							
0938			127		52-25N 00-18E		150	16000							
0941	134	-7	127		Level off 52-29N 00-31E		150	17000	168	20	06	200	34	10	0951
0942			140		In wing formation		150	17000							
0945			170		Following wing		150	17000							
0951					52-03N 00-55E		150	17000	168			195	18	5 1/2	1956 1/2

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	
0954			107		51-55N 01-04E		150	17000							
0956			120				150	17000							
0957			120		CP 1 51-50N 01-16E		150	17000							
0957	117	-9	108		A/C to CP 2		150	18000							
0958			125				150	18200							
1001			130		A/C following wing		150	19000							
1001			095		51-40N 01-32E		150	19000							
1007			150		51-35N 02-00E		150	20000	176			202	41	12	1017
1010			110				150	20800							
1012			110		51-20N 02-15E		150	21000							
1019					Over CP 2, Nieuport			22000	176	74	22	202			
1019	116	-12	104		Wind 335/60		150	22000	185			227	88	24	1043
1024			090		51-09N 03-12E		150	22500		19	05	210	72	21	1045
1028			050		Double drift to get behind A-ble		150	23000				Loss 1 1/2			1047
1032			135		51-06N 03-47E		150	23500	188				55		
1035			135		One more double drift		150	24000				Loss 1 1/2			1048
1035			055		50-38N 03-58E		150	24000							
1040			055		51-02N 05-21E		150	24000							
1045		-3	142		Double drift by bomb level off		150	25000	192						
1046			142		50-52N 04-38E		150	25000	192			218	22	6	1152
1050	133	79	142		50-41N 04-50E Wind 343/33K		150	25000	192	15	-4	226			
1052			115		CP 3, on course, 9 min late		150	25000	192			215	5	1 1/2	1053
1056		345/50	125		50-31N 05-35E		150	25000	192			235	31	8	1204
1103			130		Deputy takes over		150	25000	192						
1107			135		50-19N 06-05E		150	25500	192			186	5	02	1209
1109			060		I. P. 50-10N 06-25E		150	25500	192						
1109			060		Following C.R.										
1115	64	345/50	050		50-20N 06-55E		150	25000	192	18	6	180			
1119			050		BOMBS AWAY		150	25000	192						
1121			350		50-31N 07-08E A/C		150	24700	191			141	8	3	1128
1121			280												
1127			280		50-25N 06-51E		150	24500	190						
1130			280				150	24500	190						
1136			280		50-25N 06-15E		150	24500	190						
1139			280		50-45N 05-49E		170	24000							
1151			280		50-48N 04-50E		170	22600							
1156	272	78 030/30	280		50-49N 04-24E	Pilotage wind 030/30	170	21500	21500	200	60	17	212		
1205			295		A/C to Ostend		170	17500				212	35	10	1215
1209			295		Ghent 228° @ 18 K		170	16500							
1213			325		50-57N 03-08E A/C to Ostend		155	16000	165						
1215	318	77	325				155	16000	165						
1221	318	77	325		Coast out 50-10N 02-47E	Wind 355/35K	155	16000	165	18	08	135	72	32	1253
1221	328	77	335				170	15000	186						

FLIGHT PLAN

PILOT _____ NAVIGATOR _____ DATE _____

STATIONS	ENCINES	TAXI	T.O.
LEAVE BASE			
COAST OUT			
ENEMY COAST			
I.P.			
TARGET			
ENEMY COAST			

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

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

FROM TO	W/V USED	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T. A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAC. HDNG.	C. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.			
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FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNG.	MAC. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. MPH /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T. A.S.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E. T. A.	
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME		
1227	304	7	311		Pilot was to go thru clouds		170 10000									
1232			335		322 @ 26 Ostend		170 10000	171								
1240			305		Due north Dunkirk 35 miles		170 10000	171			146	40 1/2	16 1/2	1256 1/2		
1245			305				160 5000 138 -2	156								
1247			305		North Foreland 40 mi @ 22 °		160 5000	156								
1249			305		Lowestoft 26 mi. @ 190		160 5000									
1250			305		Gave lead to deputy		160 5000									
1250			210		Eng Coast in 52-08N 01-36E		160 5000									
1300			290				160									
1310			290				160 3000									
1314			292				160 3100									
1331			300		Wisbech		150 2000									
1405					Base		15									
1430					Landed											

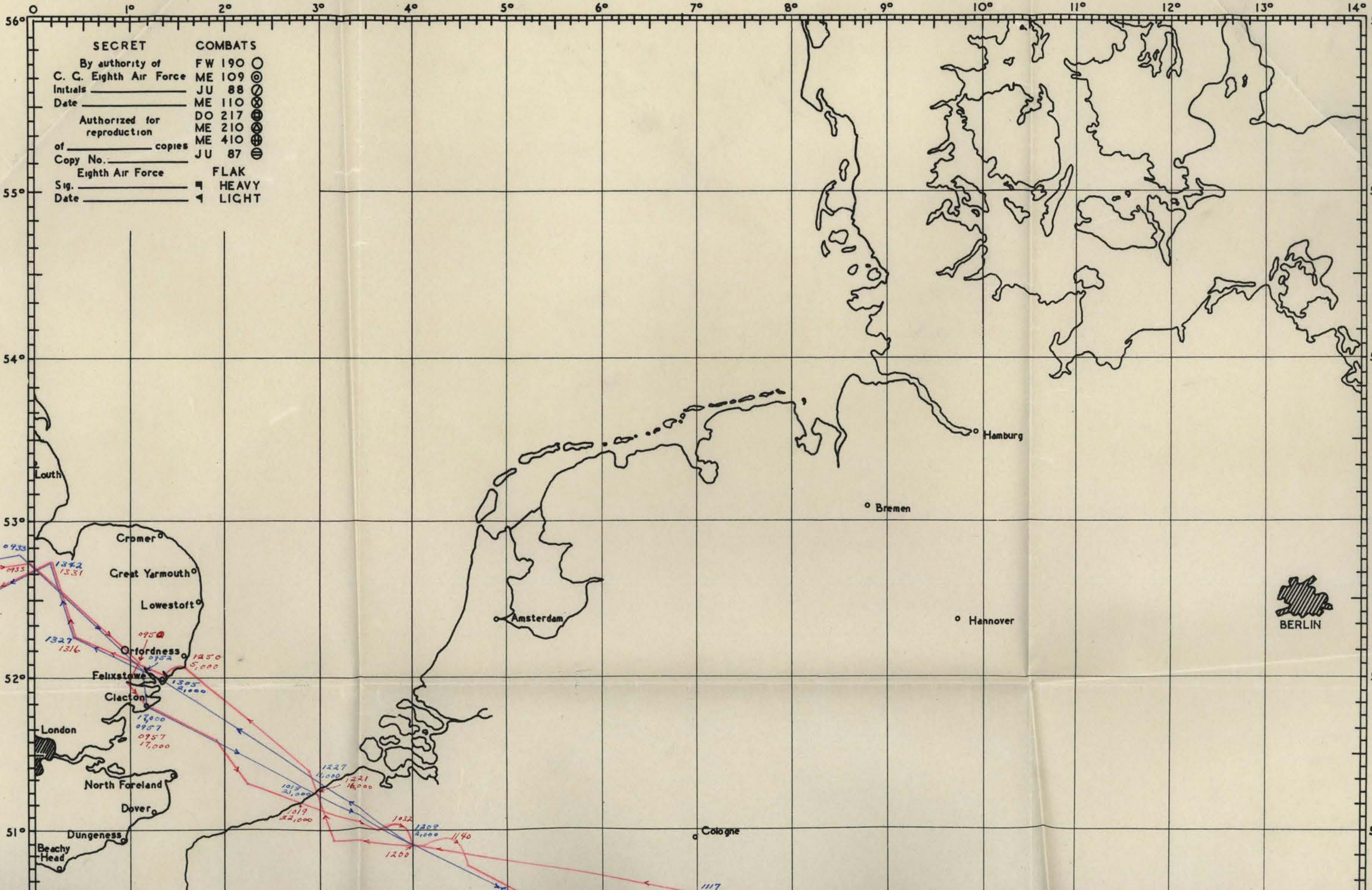
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DATE Jan. 6, 1945

TARGETS
PRIMARY

Kempenich, Germany

Blue ROUTE FOLLOWED BY Briefed
Red 401st B. G. W.

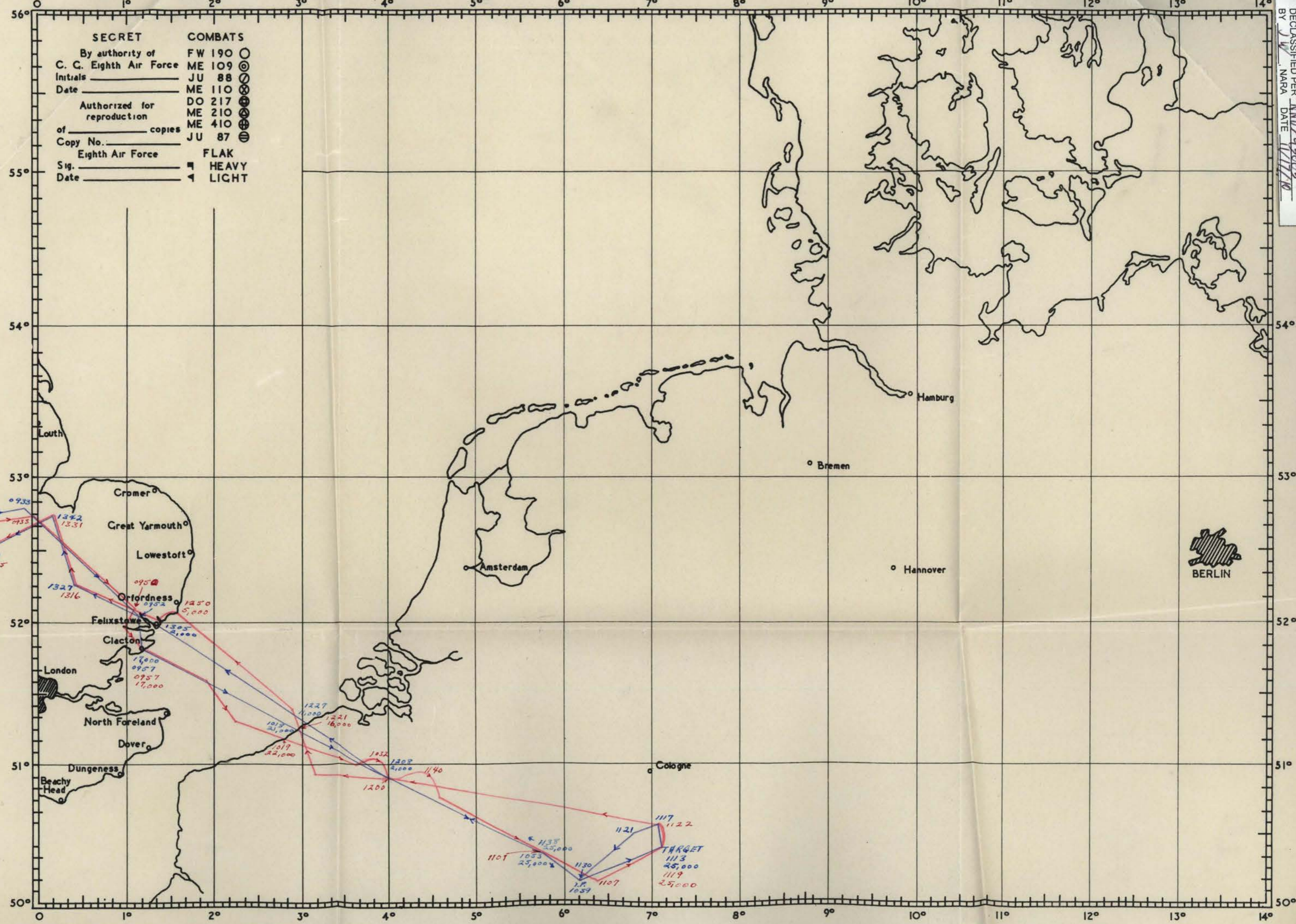


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HEAVY ▣
LIGHT ◀



BERLIN

AREA COVERED :—
Lat. 50° 24' N to 50° 30' N. Long. 07° 00' E to 07° 10' E

TACTICAL TARGETS — RAMERSBACH AREA

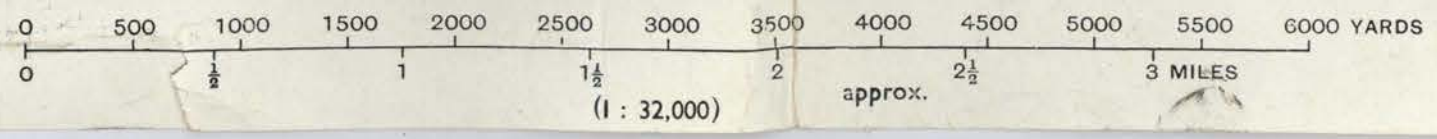
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

599

6 Jan 45

401st Group

1st BD F. C.

Date of

94th "B" CBW

	LEAD			LOW		HIGH	PFF
		PFF - GH		PFF - GH			
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	11	1	1	12	1	12	1
2. No. of A/C Airborne	10	1	1	11	1	12	1
3. No. of A/C Airborne Less Spares	10	1	1	11	1	11	1
4. No. of A/C Sorties	10	1	1	11	1	11	1
5. No. of A/C Attacking	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
6. No. of A/C Not Attacking						(1)	
(a) Early Returns Included							
KEMPENICH (GH or VIS)							
7. Name of Primary Target	10	1	1	11	1	11	1
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	36	12		36	11	84	11
(b) No., Size & type of bombs	500# RDX 75	500# RDX 11	96	500# GP 96	500# GP	500# RDX 48	500# RDX
	500# GP	500# GP		500# RDX		500# GP	
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 - TOE/L	None	None		None	None	None	None
13. - to Flak							
14. - to Flak & E/A							
15. - to Enemy A/C							
16. - to Accident							
17. - to Unknown							

STAT SUMMARY (cont'd)

	LEAD	LOW	HIGH
18. Time of Takeoff	0754	0755	0755
19. Time of Attack	1119	1118	1118 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Average Time of Flight	6.7	6.6	6.5
21. Altitude of Release	24,700	24,400	25,300
22. Visual or PFF	GH	GH	GH
23. Enemy Resistance - AA Int. Acc.	None	None	None
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: 1 GH A/C borrowed from 384th Group

PFF A/C Loaned to Groups as follows: Non

NOTES: None

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

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER LT. HOPE DATE 6 Jan 1945
 PILOT LT. UTTER (DEPUTY) TAKE OFF 0745
 NAVIGATOR LT. DAMP AIRPLANE _____
 WING 94th B GROUP 401st SQDN Lead LANDED 1430
 OBJECTIVE KEMPENICH, GERMANY (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK X
 Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 36 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 1/40

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 500# RDX FUSING: NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 190 GP 230 RDX RELEASED 161 GP 230 RDX

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT: GH

Altitude of Target 1800 Temp Aloft: Metro -41 Actual -45

True Altitude above target 24700 Mag Head, order 56 Actual 60

Ind. Altitude 28000 True Heading 50

Pressure alt of target 211 at SL Drift, Est _____ Actual 82

Altimeter setting 2.92 True Track 68

C.I.A.S. 160 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 10,574

G.S. Est 196 Actual 178 B.S. Type H-9

Wind Direc Metro 360 Actual 10 Time of Release 1119

Wind Veloc. Metro 60 Actual 67 Intervalometer Setting 30ft

D.S. 127.9 Trail 57 ATF 41.48 Length of Bombing Run 10min

Tan. D.A. Est .42 Actual .42 C-1 Pilot Yes A-5 _____

Mean Temp: Metro -10 Actual -14 Manual Pilot _____

Type of Release: Lead A/C Salvo Type of Release: Other A/C 30ft

LOW SQ ALTITUDE 24400 MAG HEADING 65 TIME OF RELEASE 1118
 HIGHSQ " 25300 " 65 " 1118 1/2

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

J-A- 1

Reference Field Order 599.

6 JANUARY

194 5

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 192.

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>0</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings	<u>0</u>
Fixed Beacons	<u>0</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
Bunchers, England	<u>30</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>3</u>	<u> </u>
2. Total A/C over target	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
3. Total sets usable for bombing	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>

SECTION THREE - USE OF RCM

1. Total A/C using Carpet	<u>32</u>
2. Total A/C releasing Chaff	<u>32</u>
3. Total number of units released	<u>18,432</u>

SECTION FOUR - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

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

SECTION FIVE - REMARKS

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

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

1. TARGET: ASSIGNED..... Kempenich DATE OF MISSION. 6 Jan. 45 ...
 BOMBED..... Kempenich

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN:
5111-0252s - 5057-0330 - 5105-0352 - 5050-0400 - 5056-0430
5048-0438 - 5013-0616 - Target - 5033-0705 - 5040-0600 - 5054-0400 - 5055-0308
5112-0250s.

3.	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>Solid undercast</u>	<u>7/10 - 10/10 cloud</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>Intermittent</u>	<u>intermittent</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Unseen</u>	<u>Unseen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

None

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

None

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

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 94th "B" - 10th in Div. Col.

8. DETAILS:- Intermittent

SQDN. PCS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE		A/C LOST TO			AXIS OF		TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT	
		MAJ.	MIN.	AA	EA	ACC	UK	ATTK			WITH
<u>Lead</u>	<u>12</u>							<u>57</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1119</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>12</u>							<u>51</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1118</u>	<u>25,600</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>							<u>55</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>1118</u>	<u>24,400</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>36</u>										

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-

1/Lt. D. V. McCallum

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 567
U. S. ARMY

D-E-1

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : Commanding Officer, Station 128, APO 567, U.S. Army.

1. S/Sgt. Duane F. Seeley, Toggelier in A/C 2012, made the following explanation at interrogation of the fact that nine bombs carried by this A/C were dropped early at (5015-0620E) (See fix);

a. The salvo lever could not be forced into the "select" position; the sleeve had not yet been turned. He was still trying to get the lever past the notch when the radio operator reported over the interphone that only 3 bombs remained in the rack.

2. Capt. H. S. Arnold, who interrogated S/Sgt. Seeley, believes that the sleeve must have been in the "salvo" position. Capt. Arnold states that if this were the case, it was quite feasible that nine of the bombs might have dropped and three remained in the rack as reported.

3. No further comments were picked up by interrogators, with the exception of the fact that several waist gunners in the 612th Squadron report that waist windows have recently been so dirty that it is very difficult to see out of them.

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

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 567
U. S. ARMY

D-2-4

5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 567, US Army.

1. Lt. James A. Nolan, Pilot A/C 8541, who flew with the Screening Force, made the following report at interrogation:

- (a) Taking off late, he pursued the Group formation, attempting to catch up, until he received the report over his radio that the Group was 12 minutes early at control point B. Not then being able to catch the regular formation, he tacked onto the Screening Force, remaining unaware of the fact that the formation with which he was flying was the Screening Force until target area was reached.

2. Lt. Walter E. Cox, Pilot A/C 882, who flew with the 98th Bomb Group, reported at interrogation that he also took off late and was unable to catch the formation because the group was 12 minutes early at control point B and no announcement of this fact was made until 30 minutes later.

3. Lt. Harry E. Haskett, High Squadron Leader, and Lt. Ralph S. Hayes, Low Squadron Leader, each criticized the procedure of 300° turns in the Rhur Valley area. This observation was seconded by Lt. George K. Graef, Pilot A/C 1985, and Lt. Millard E. French, Pilot A/C 933.

4. Lt. Milton F. Maloney, Pilot A/C 7884, reports that flak holes in the nose of this A/C, sustained on a previous mission, have not as yet been repaired.

5. Lt. Arthur D. Kelso, Pilot A/C 8781, requests that target arrow indicators always be placed on the map for briefing, in order that all crew-members will know what targets are being attacked.

6. Lt. Kelso also states that boxes of chaff released by A/C preceding his A/C in the Group formation have occasionally hit the chin turret on his A/C. He is apprehensive of the difficulty which might be occasioned should one of these boxes hit the pilot's windshield.

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

WBF
W. B. Fry

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 126 - APO 587
U. S. ARMY

D-E-4

5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Crew Comments and Suggestions.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 587, US Army.

1. Lt. James A. Nolan, Pilot A/C 8541, who flew with the Screening Force, made the following report at interrogation:

- (a) Taking off late, he pursued the Group formation, attempting to catch up, until he received the report over his radio that the Group was 12 minutes early at control point B. Not then being able to catch the regular formation, he tacked onto the Screening Force, remaining unaware of the fact that the formation with which he was flying was the Screening Force until target area was reached.

2. Lt. Walter E. Cox, Pilot A/C 862, who flew with the 93rd Bomb Group, reported at interrogation that he also took off late and was unable to catch the formation because the group was 12 minutes early at control point B and no announcement of this fact was made until 30 minutes later.

3. Lt. Harry E. Haskett, High Squadron Leader, and Lt. Ralph S. Hayes, Low Squadron Leader, each criticized the procedure of 300° turns in the Rhur Valley area. This observation was seconded by Lt. George K. Graecraft, pilot A/C 1983, and Lt. Millard E. French, Pilot A/C 883.

4. Lt. Milton F. Maloney, Pilot A/C 7664, reports that flak holes in the nose of this A/C, sustained on a previous mission, have not as yet been repaired.

5. Lt. Arthur D. Kelso, Pilot A/C 8791, requests that target arrow indicators always be placed on the map for briefing, in order that all crew-members will know what targets are being attacked.

6. Lt. Kelso also states that boxes of chaff released by A/C preceding his A/C in the Group formation have occasionally hit the chin turret on his A/C. He is apprehensive of the difficulty which might be occasioned should one of these boxes hit the pilot's windshield.

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

WBF
W. B. Fry

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

F-C-2

APC 557
6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Armament Malfunction Mission Report
TO : Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APC 557
ATTN: Division Armament Officer

1. Date of Mission: 5 January 1945.
2. The following gun malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 43-38810 - Right chin gun failed to feed properly. Springs off feedway. Replaced.
3. The following turret malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 42-31730 - Vickers Unit failure. Replaced.
4. The following bombing equipment malfunctions were reported:
 - a. A/C # 44-8371 - One bomb hung up left outboard rack. Ship checked satisfactory on ground. Will be flight tested.
 - b. A/C # 42-31983 - Bomb bay doors cranked open and closed due to broken drive shaft.
5. There were thirty (30) aircraft equipped with the all-electric bomb release system participating in the mission.

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

Aug

LEAD SQDN 94 "A" GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: ~~//////////~~ CAPT LOCHER Date: ~~5 Jan 45~~

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT BAKER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT BAKER

*gas 2600.
Max 100 GP
no more 1/40*

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

CUSHMAN (LOCHER)
IN P 8449 (PFF)

GARTON BAKER
IN A 8160 GH

SQDN 613 SQDN 613

DOUGLAS STEELE
IN J 1591 IN F 6313

COX CURRAN SCHELLER CAREY
IW X 8565 IN U 7706 IN R 6113 IN B 6132

CAMPBELL
IN N 8862

NIELSON KILSO
IN D 6588 SPARES IN G 8791

SPARE LEAD PFF IY H 7636 disp 32
SPARE LEAD VIS IN L 8941 disp 38
GROUND SPARE SC S 8690 disp 22

HI SQ 94TH A GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HASKETT Date: 5 Jan 45
Deputy Sq. Leader: LT GERBER
Deputy Gp. Leader: LT BAKER

SQDN
HASKETT (FOWLER)
612 SC JABWOCK
613 IN MACRO
614 IW GOLFCLUB
615 IY BUZZARD
IY H 8371 (PFF)

DEEN
IY O 8779
GERBER
IY K 8425

615
SQDN
MC KAY
IN L 941
IY X 1485 #1 Eng. out
MALONEY
SQDN
IY F 7664

HANSEN
IY P 8768
CRACRAFT
IY G 1983 / FONDREN
IY D 8125
JORDAN
IY B 1730

DJERNES
IY C 2468

GRIMM AR
IY N 8810
JONES
IY A 7869

SPARES

LOW SQ 94TH A GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT HAYES Date: 5 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT LAWRENCE

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT BAKER

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

~~HAYES~~
SC Q 8133 (PFF)

~~GAMBELL~~
SC K 3733

~~LAWRENCE~~
SC P 1891

SQDN
612

612 SQDN

~~THORPE~~
SC N 3508

~~BODDIN~~
SC H 2398

~~BLONTSCHER~~
SC T 8738

~~FRENCH~~
SC O 9993

~~RUDNALL~~
SC A 7626

~~JONES~~
SC R 2393

~~COX~~
SC B 1632

~~NOLAN~~
SC F 8541

SPARES

~~MARTIN~~
SC L 8637

~~SMITH~~
SC J 7790

SCREENING FORCE

Combat Sq. Leader: _____ Date: _____

CAPT MERCER

5 Jan 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: _____

LT UTTER

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

SQDN

614

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

MERCER

IW G

8259

(PFF)

WHITE

UTTER

IW Z 8330

SC U 7947

(PFF)

SQDN

614

SQDN

614

SISSON

IW P 2012

ST AUBYN

IW D 7322

MORTON

IW B 7151

HOEMANN

IW Q 7478

COLE

IW T 8646

KING

IW F 7395

MORAN

IW K 8677

THOMPSON, R

IW J 2659

SPARES

RICHARDSON

IW O 7602

HARTSOCK

IW H 8738

*Chaff only
no bombs*

Pre Briefing Notes

1. Today's primary target is a communications center at Kempenich, Germany and is a target that has been requested by the ground forces. It will be attacked by either visual or Gee - H methods.

The secondary and PFF target is Koblenz and the M.P.I. is the marshalling yards.

The targets of the other wings in the division are also tactical targets in and around Cologne.

2. 360 A/C of the 2nd A.D. will fly a route south of the 1st A.D. to attack targets east and south of the 1st A.D. targets.

13 groups of the 3rd A.D. will fly route south of the 1st A.D. route to attack targets east and south of 1st A.D. targets.

3. This group is the 10th in the Division formation, and is the B group of the 94th Wing. 457th is the A group and the 351st is the C group

Targets for the 457th and the 401st are the same whereas the 351st has a different target in the immediate vicinity.

Air commander for this group will be Col. Silver.

4. Bomb load will consist of 12 X 500 G.P. with 1/40 nose and 1/40 tail fusing

Intervalometer settings: if visual, salvo otherwise 30' setting.
Bombing altitude is 25,000 feet
targets are expected to be cloud covered

5. Flak- No flak at the primary target but there are 70 guns within range of route over battle area

At the secondary target there are 94 guns of which 40 are in range.

6. Fighter support for this target will consist of one group of P-51's

7. Special instructions:

The field order issues a caution about enemy fighters, saying that with the improvement in weather that is expected towards the middle of the day and with the rest that the GAF has had the past few days opposition should be expected. It further states that E/A have been flying in small formations of from 8 to 20 in tactical areas obviously looking for stragglers or groups off course.

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 APO 557

Mission # 192
 6 January 1944

Open
 SUBJECT: Loading List

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

A/C 43-37790

P	Cox, Walter E.	1st Lt.	612th
CP	Amundson, Glenn R.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tiffany, Raymond L.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Ankrom, Lowell J.	S/Sgt	"
RO	Hill, Robert H.	T/Sgt	"
TT	Warren, Emmitt E.	T/Sgt	"
BT	Pope, LeRoy G.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Importe, George (NMI)	S/Sgt	"
FG	Dunn, Dale D.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 42-106992

P	Hudnall, Carl L.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Mitchell, Frank G., Jr.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Martin, Phillip A.	F/O	"
B	Beardall, Keith E.	S/Sgt	"
RO	Knight, Adam (NMI)	S/Sgt	"
TT	Moorman, Loyd F.	T/Sgt	"
BT	Gyles, Alfred R.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Parker, Robert H.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Parker, Matt M.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 43-38680

P	Martin, William F.	1st Lt.	"
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	"
TT	Delawder, Joseph A.	T/Sgt	"
BT	Borrer, Norwood E.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Bacon, Charlie M.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Becker, Alex A.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 43-38637

P	Smith, Max M.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Korwald, Morris N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	VanDuinen, Richard B.	2nd Lt.	"
B	Schmalz, Nyle R.	Sgt	"
RO	Hendrickson, Ernest W.	Sgt	"
TT	Genga, Pietre J.	Sgt	"
BT	Laing, John	Sgt	"
TG	Filiatraut, Frank E.	Sgt	"
FG	Swanson, Theodore K.	Sgt	"

A/C 43-37947

P	Harlan, Thomas J., Jr.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Lundgren, Robert P.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Haberer, Walter E.	Captain	"
B	Hutson, Waymen T.	Captain	"
MO	Howard, Robert W.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Robinson, Paul D.	T/Sgt	"
TT	Lee, Reed L.	T/Sgt	"
TG	Pinilis, Emanuel B.	Sgt	"
FG	Bunn, Charles T.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 44-6506

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	"
TT	Richards, Carl R.	T/Sgt	"
BT	Wilson, Ben G.	S/Sgt	"
EG	Skaggs, Irl R.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Giles, Otho N.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 42-107039

P	Thorne, Walter W.	1st Lt.	"
CP	McBain, George (NMI) III	2nd Lt.	"
N	Tarr, Charles (NMI) Jr.	1st Lt.	"
B	McClendon, Marion E.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Lawson, Harry C.	T/Sgt	"
TT	Nimmons, Alston H.	S/Sgt	"
BT	Smith, Floyd G.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Munford, John V.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Zaragoza, Albert R.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 43-38077

P	Cromer, Joseph L.	1st Lt.	"
CP	Trout, Ralph W.	1st Lt.	"
N	Phillips, Michael T.	1st Lt.	"
B	Waldhoff, Jack G.	1st Lt.	"
RO	Good, an, Martin B.	T/Sgt	"
TT	Stott, Douglas W.	T/Sgt	"
BT	Green, John J.	S/Sgt	"
TG	Smith, Charles N.	S/Sgt	"
FG	Clark, Eugene F.	S/Sgt	"

A/C 42-102398

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

A/C 43-38541

P	Nolan, James A.	2nd Lt.	"
CP	Twiggs, Calvin N.	2nd Lt.	"
N	Vercelli, Edward F.	F/O	"
B	Delledonne, Charles L.	Sgt	"
RO	Hathaway, Stanley K.	Sgt	"
TT	Siconolfi, Pathick	Sgt	"
BT	Feldman, Warren H.	Sgt	"
TG	Stewart, Jack G.	Sgt	"
FG	Martin, James G.	Sgt	"

619th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 AAF STATION 128, APO 557

6 January 1945

LOADING LIST

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-37706	P	2nd Lt.	KELSO	ARTHUR	D. JR.
	CP	F/O	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	TORRE	ALVIN	E.
	B	SGT.	LITTLE	JAMES	O.
	RO	SGT.	MEYERS	NEIL	P.
	TT	SGT.	HARPER	JAMES	T.
	BT	SGT.	MORRISON	KENNETH	D.
	TG	SGT.	BOND	JACK	D.
	WG	SGT.	TOOMBS	GEORGE	(NMI)
44-38941	P	2nd Lt.	Lt. TAUSIG	HERMAN	(NMI)
	CP	2nd Lt.	SHEPHERD	JACOB	N. JR.
	N	1st Lt.	WALKER	DENSON	F.
	B	2nd Lt.	LAWSON	ESBERT	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	FITZSIMMONS	JAMES	J.
	TT	S/SGT.	JOHNSTON	DONALD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BUCKSBAUM	ELMER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	KATZ	ALVIN	C.
	WG	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	WARREN	B.
42-31591	P	1st Lt.	DOUGLAS	LUTHER	A.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FINNELL	JAMES	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	GOLD	ASHLEY	J.
	B	1st Lt.	GORMAN	WILLIAM	L.
	RO	T/SGT.	WALKER	LEWIS	M.
	TT	T/SGT.	LEWIS	RAYMOND	G.
	BT	S/SGT.	AGLIATA	TONY	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	CAIRO	LOUIS	P.
	WG	S/SGT.	CHANCE	BUFFORD	S.
42-102947	P	2nd Lt.	STERLE	RICHARD	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	ZEMAN	ROGER	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	H.
	B	SGT.	VALDEZ	RAYMOND	(NMI)
	RO	SGT.	STROMBERG	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	STACHERA	FREDERICK	(NMI)
	BT	SGT.	MEYERS	ERROL	A.
	TG	SGT.	LUTZ	LEO	B.
	WG	SGT.	WOWAK	CHESTER	A.
44-6113	P	2nd Lt.	SCHELLER	RICHARD	R.
	CP	2nd Lt.	WICKS	WALLACE	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HOUSTON	RICHARD	C.
	B	F/O	KOLLAR	JOHN	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	GIANNINI	JOSEPH	(NMI)
	TT	S/SGT.	HARTY	WILLIAM	Q.
	BT	S/SGT.	BLACK	RICHARD	D.
	TG	S/SGT.	TRUDEAU	RUSSELL	M.
	WG	S/SGT.	NACHTIGAL	FRED	C.

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
43-38733 (612th)	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.	SITTON	WILLIAM	C.
	TT	S/SGT.	STEWART	LEONARD	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	TANAZEVICH	ALEXANDER	(NMI)
	TG	S/SGT.	NORRIS	LAMON	(NMI)
	WG	SGT.	RAYMOND	LLOYD	A.
42-31072	P	2nd Lt.	CURRAN	EDWARD	E.
	CP	2nd Lt.	REILLY	DONALD	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	HAUTZ	JOHN	J.
	B	2nd Lt.	JONES	BEN	F.
	RO	S/SGT.	GIESKEN	GEORGE	J.
	TT	S/SGT.	JOHNSON	ELMO	E.
	BT	S/SGT.	ZENOR	HAROLD	H.
	TG	S/SGT.	CLIFTON	JAMES	R.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARDIN	ROY	(NMI)
44-6313	P	1st Lt.	CAMPBELL	ROBERT	B.
	CP	1st Lt.	RANDIE	RICHARD	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	HINLEY	JIM	D.
	B	1st Lt.	ISHAM	LAWRENCE	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	CHALUPZYNSKI	VINCENT	M.
	TT	T/SGT.	JUSTICE	ANDREW	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	BOSTIAN	AUDREY	L.
	TG	S/SGT.	SMITH	JAMES	A.
	WG	S/SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	P.
44-6588	P	2nd Lt.	NIELSON	HANS	V.
	CP	2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd Lt.	TURMELSON	HURSHAL	C.
	B	SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
	RO	SGT.	HARROWE	EMANUEL	(NMI)
	TT	SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	G.
	BT	SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
	TG	SGT.	STEPHA	FRANCIS	S.
	WG	SGT.	DE PRA	ARTHUR	R.

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

AAF Station # 128
 6 January 1945

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 44-9033

P	Capt.	MERCER, ELMER W.	614th Sq
CP	LT. Col.	SILVER, DELWYN E.	401st Hdqs
N	1st Lt.	GASKINS, LESLIE E.	614th Sq
N	Capt.	SMITH, CHARLES M.	"
B	1st Lt.	KLEFISCH, THEODORE J.	"
MO	1st Lt.	DRESBACH, JOHN T.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Zubrickas, Joseph S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fowler, Cecil V.	"
EG	1st Lt.	HAYES, LELAND R.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Connors, Robert A.	"

*Plane 8016 GH Ship

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

*Plane 43-38677

P	1st Lt.	RICHARDSON, RICHARD B.	"
CP	1st Lt.	HIBBERT, CARLDD.	"
N	F/O.	BLADES, LEO L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Falkowitz, Irving	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Peneton, Howard E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Walsh, Arthur G.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Lunn, BerLyle J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Patterson, Donald D.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Paluso, Joseph J.	"

Loading List Cont'd.

*Plane	<u>44-6596</u> 2468		
P	1st Lt.	SISSON, NORMAN L.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	STAUFFER, DAVID H.	"
N	1st Lt.	CROSSEN, LAVERN	"
B	2nd Lt.	PICKER, NATHAN	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Haluck, Andrew S.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Carter, Peter J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Stevens, Calvin J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Ritchie, Francis T.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Torres, Jose M.	"
*Plane	<u>42-38565</u>		
P	2nd Lt.	HARTSOCK, KENNETH J.	"
CP	1st Lt.	MEUSEL, JOSEPH F.	"
N	1st Lt.	PETTY, ROBERT J.	"
B	2nd Lt.	DODGE, RICHARD A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Dee, Harold E.	"
TT	Sgt.	Browne, Vincent	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Eaton, Carl E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Anderson, Donald S.	"
WG	Sgt.	Strukel, Joseph J.	"
*Plane	<u>43-38738</u>		
P	1st Lt.	HOEMANN, EUGENE E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	HAAKE, EDWARD C.	"
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	<u>42-107151</u>		
P	1st Lt.	MORTON, WALTER L.	"
CP	1st Lt.	RITCHEY, RALPH	"
N	1st Lt.	PINK, JACK T.	"
B	1st 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	<u>42-97395</u>		
P	1st Lt.	FONDREN, JOHN E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	VIA, JAMES C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	COYNE, JOHN T.	"
B	2nd Lt.	PACKRELL, JESSE L.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Wensel, John W.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Brobst, Clyde J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Wicklaine, John H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wilbers, Herman E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Youmans, Henry A.	"

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*Plane 42-102659

P	1st Lt.	KING, MYRON L.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	SWEENEY, WILLIAM J. III	"
N	2nd Lt.	LOWE, RICHARD I. JR.	"
CEG	S/Sgt.	Pyne, Robert E.	"
RO	Sgt.	DeVito, Patsy A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Pavlas, Ernest S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Reinoehl, Philip A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Atkinson, George E. Jr.	"
WG	Sgt.	Speelman, K. Hampton	"

*Plane 42-97602

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

For the Squadron Commander:

ALVAH. H. CHAPMAN JR.
 Major, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Loading list.

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

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

PLANE # 42-38846 61st

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Boen	Robert	E.	61st
GP	1st Lt.	Sindking	John	W.	"
H	2nd Lt.	Gross	Eugene	P.	"
B	Sgt.	Heaton	Charles	E.	"
RO	Sgt.	Piccirillo	Lewis	J.	"
TT	Sgt.	Haskinson	Robert	A.	"
BT	Sgt.	Wagner	Aloysius	E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Baker	Richard	E.	"
FG	Sgt.	Bacho	Alex	(NMI)	"

PLANE # 42-51730

P	2nd Lt.	Wolf	Adolph	R.	61st
GP	2nd Lt.	Cosden	Byran	L.	"
H	F/O	Patrick	Dale	L.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Hashimoto	Gene	(NMI)	"
RO	Sgt.	Douglass	James	H.	"
TT	Sgt.	Palmer	Edward	W.	"
BT	Sgt.	Banning	Robert	O.	"
TO	Sgt.	Bolen	Joseph	T.	"
FG	Sgt.	Sparkman	Perry	L.	"

PLANE # 42-38425

P	1st Lt.	Djernes	Carl	P.	61st
GP	2nd Lt.	Spiva	Raymond	H.	"
H	2nd Lt.	Cahale	John	P.	"
B	2nd Lt.	Davis	Hex	D.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Dupuis	Cyraque	J.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Chiu	Donald	(NMI)	"
BT	Sgt.	Bill	Richard	H.	"
TG	Sgt.	Reihor	Gordan	A.	"
FG	Sgt.	Akins	Gra	R.	"

PLANE # 42-31485

P	1st Lt.	McKay	George	W.	61st
GP	2nd Lt.	Higgs	Walter	H.	"
H	1st Lt.	Hainey	John	L.	"
B	T/Sgt.	Cock	Clayton	W.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Richardson	Samuel	T.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Comissaro	Ralph	H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Luther	Richard	H.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wiederman	Laro	H.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Butler	William	H.	"

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PLANE # 42-31884

P	1st Lt.	Cracraft	George	K.	61st
CP	2nd Lt.	Magee	Eldon	C.	"
N	2nd Lt.	Burns	Raymond	G.	"
B	Sgt.	Guerin	Roland	L.	"
RO	Sgt.	Fenwick	Gordon	E.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Jacquart	Robert	R.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Smith	Charles	E.	"
TG	Sgt.	KENNETH Hudson	Leonard	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Allen	Lewis	(MNI)	"

PLANE # 43-38779

P	1st Lt.	Grims	William	F.	61st
CP	1st Lt.	Ruogen	Herman	E.	"
N	1st Lt.	McBullion	Willard	C.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Duke	William	M.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Krossler	Oliver	J.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Brown	Thomas	J.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	WALTER Cromillion	HEMING John	E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Wheeler	Robert	L.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Jaranson	David	A.	"

PLANE # 42-07656

P	1st Lt.	Kochel	Michael	J.	61st
CP	Captain	Campbell	Paul	F.	"
N	1st Lt.	Ainley	Allen	B.	"
H	1st Lt.	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
B	1st Lt.	Minott	Charles	H.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Cancino	Joseph	A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Reeson	Charles	W.	"
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TG	S/Sgt.	Wofford	Dewey	B.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Kelly	Thomas	E.	"

PLANE # 42-39012 614th

P	1st Lt.	Jordan	Robert	E.	61st
CP	2nd Lt.	Reinhard	Edward	O.	"
N	F/O	Braslowsky	Max	(MNI)	"
B	S/Sgt.	Sealey	Duane	F.	"
RO	Pvt.	Hauldia	Harold	M.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Anderson	Howard	E.	"
BT	Sgt.	Caruth	Merton	A.	"
TG	Pvt.	Corwin	Clarence	P.	"
FG	Sgt.	Carlson	Verner	A.	"

Loading list. (Continued)

PLANE # 48-39993 612th

P	2nd Lt.	Grinn	Alfred	H.	612th
GP	2nd Lt.	Regan	John	J.	"
H	1st Lt.	Vucha	Robert	W.	"
B	Sgt.	Beyer	William	O.	"
RO	Sgt.	Kapson	George	D.	"
TT	Sgt.	Geers	Louis	J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Cox	Clyde	R.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chambers	Arthur	R.	"
FG	Sgt.	Runsperger	Henry	(MHI)	"

PLANE # 48-102203 612th

P	1st Lt.	Maloney	Milton	P.	612th
GP	2nd Lt.	Janczek	Walter	(MHI)	"
H	1st Lt.	Hoffman	Lloyd	G.	"
B	S/Sgt.	Elston	Jack	A.	"
RO	Sgt.	Weinstein	Bernard	B.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Luchfeld	Maevin	(MHI)	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Altieri	Alonso	A.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sullivan	Robert	E.	"
FG	S/Sgt.	Dunn	Donald	R.	"

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AXIS OF ATTACK

BOMBS AWAY! ○

A } IDENTIFICATION
B } FEATURES

"A"