

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

WSP

MISSION No. **240**

Date: **31 MAR. 45**

TO: **WEIMAR , GER.**

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401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MISSION # 240

DATE 31 March 1945

ASSIGNMENT

1. Assigned Target: MERSEBURG, GERMANY (Oil Storage)
2. Commitments: The 401st Group furnished the complete 36 A/C 94th "C" Group. One GH A/C was included in the lead and low squadron and a PFF A/C in the lead and high squadrons. A spare accompanied the lead and high formations.

EXECUTION

1. Target Bombed: WEIMAR, GERMANY (PFF)
2. a. Group Leader: Major J. D. STRAUSS (Campbell)
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. R. F. WHITNEY (Tharpe-MO)
 Extra Navigator: 1st Lt. C. TARR
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. M. L. MOORE
- b. Low Sqdn Leader: Capt. W. S. HARB (Post)
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. F. STEWART (Jenkins-MO)
 Lead Bombardier: 1st Lt. F. CONWAY
- c. High Sqdn Leader: 1st Lt. J. D. GERBER
 Lead Navigator: 1st Lt. L. E. LOWRY (Dean-MO)
 Lead Bombardier: 2nd Lt. A. R. BIASELLA
3. Flight Over England:
 - a. Takeoff:

Takeoff was normal and as briefed except that three ships were held up on their take off when one plane taxied off the perimeter, holding these ships up long enough so they could not make the assembly.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT: (Cont.)

3. b. Squadron and Group Assemblies:

The assemblies were good, but the altitude of assembly had to be changed to briefed plus 7000' to keep the low squadron out of the under-cast. The assembly was fast but we were short two ships in the high squadron and one in the low, caused by the delay on the ground, when the group left the buncher.

c. Route Over England:

Arrival at points "D", "E", and "F" were on time, on course. Control point on crossing out of England was passed on time and on course.

4. Attack:

a. Flight to Target:

The flight to the IP was normal and no difficulties were encountered. 94th "C" Group was last (12th) in the Division column. The weather was spotty- holes in the clouds but was completely covered just before the IP. The Division leader, after talking to the scouting force, decided to bomb the secondary target, which would be target #3 since the secondary was also 10/10ths cloud covered. We picked an IP for the run and were in good position off the groups in front of 94th "C" and just to the right. The run was good but half way down the bomb run a group that had just bombed turned left off the target and headed straight for 94th "C", they did not turn or lose any altitude so a drop of 500' had to be made quick. Recovery was made and the group continued on the run. Just after getting on top of the overcast at 24,500' and about one minute from bombs away another group leaving the target area headed towards 94th "C" group, head-on. They were also at 24,500' and must not have seen 94th "C" as they made no effort to miss them at all. Violent maneuvers were made to avoid collision. This action put the lead squadron in the overcast, also the low squadron in the overcast and the lead ship was separated completely from the group. During this action one bomb broke loose from its shackle in the lead ship. Since the ship was over the target area the bombardier salvoed the load as instructed by the air commander. The leader then called all the dispersed ships and told them to reform on the high squadron since it was intact. The high squadron said they would bomb target #5 and the low squadron would follow suit with what ships he had left. Part of the lead squadron reformed on the deputy lead and bombed #5 target. All planes joined a squadron and all bombed priority target #5 with exception of the lead ship which attacked #3.

b. Bombing Run:

Lead Squadron:

Due to overcast over the #1 and #2 priority targets the air commander decided to go to the #3 target and bomb it by PFF, in group formation. Half-way down the run another group was heading for us so a dive of 500' was made and an attempt was made to continue on the run at that altitude. About one minute before bombs away two more groups were coming straight for this formation so another dive was made causing the whole group to break up. A bomb in the lead ship came off its shackle and was bouncing around so at the discretion of the air commander the lead ship's bomb load was salvoed.

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4. b. The lead squadron deputy took over and rallied the formation and proceeded to bomb the #5 priority target. The squadrons never got back in group formation so each made their own individual run. The mickey man in the lead squadron picked up the target in his scope and started down the run. Cloud coverage was about 6-8/10ths. About 30 seconds before bombs away the bombardier saw the target and made a visual assist. The lead ship salvoed, all others used a 75' intervalometer setting. The AFCE was okay. Results were good.

LOW Squadron:

After the squadron got reorganized a run was started on the #5 priority target. The mickey man was doing all the work, for the cloud coverage was about 8/10ths. About 20 seconds before bombs away the bombardier caught sight of the target through a break in the clouds. He saw they were headed about 10 degrees right of the target so he turned the ship with the bombsight and tried to get on course. He had no time to make any rate adjustments because bombs were away just as they leveled off. The bombs hit just a little ~~KHSEE~~ over the assigned MPI. The lead ship salvoed and all others used a 75' intervalometer setting. The AFCE was used and was okay.

High Squadron:

By the time our squadron was reformed after the attempted run on the #3 target the squadron was about 15 miles from the #5 target and the mickey man was having trouble picking it up. A run was made but the mickey man knew he wasn't well synchronized so he told the bombardier to try another run. A 180° turn was made and another bomb run tried. The run started PFF and the bombardier had about 40 seconds to make a visual assist. The bombardier and navigator mis-identified the town they were making the run on so when the bombardier saw other bombs striking the railroad yards he moved his cross hairs to the center of the town. Bombs were salvoed by the lead and dropped with a 75' intervalometer setting by all others. The AFCE was okay. Results were good.

c. Flight from Target:

The deputy lead, leading part of the lead squadron and some of the low squadron, returned to the division column as a squadron since they could not find the high and low squadron. The low squadron and high squadron formed a two squadron group and joined the column about three minutes later.

d. Return to Base:

The squadrons proceeded to the wing break-up point and then the low and high to their respective stand off points. All A/C laded safely at home base.

e. Weather:

Weather from continental coast was generally 7/10ths with cloud tops approximately 10,000', over target 6/10ths, tops about 14,000-16,000'.

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4. f. Fighter Support:

Fighter Support was good. They checked with the leader at control point one and gave good support all day. During the trouble over the target, they gave close support.

g. Comments on Formation and Interval:

The formation was good from the assembly to the target. After the target it was very loose and straggly.

h. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Recommend that all group leaders be cautioned that after leaving a target they constantly be on the look out for other groups making a run in the same area.

5. Aircraft Not Attacking:

A/C 42-106992 - No Credit. Returned just after leaving buncher with #4 supercharger out. Amplifiers were changed but to no avail- and also fuzes. (Mech)

6. Enemy Opposition:

No air opposition was seen or 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:

Strike photos available indicate following results:

Lead Sqdn: pattern 1215'X 3159', 500' left, 700' short of assigned MPI. 100% within 2000', 40% within 1000'.

High Sqdn: pattern 820'X 2900', 5300' short actual MPI, 2900' left.

Low Sqdn: pattern 1150'X 1150', 1500' over actual MPI, 95 percent within 2000', 5 % within 1000'

b. Disposition of Bombs:

Lead Squadron: 13 A/C MET, 12 attacked target #5, dropping 72 X 1000# Navy bombs. The lead A/C jarred loose a bomb so salvaged its load of 6 X 1000# Navy bombs on target #3.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT (Continued)

10. b. Low Squadron: Of the 12 scheduled A/C, 11 EET and bombed the #5 priority target, dropping 64 X 1000# Navy bombs. Aborting A/C 992 returned its 6 bombs to base. A/C 506 encountered release trouble and returned 2 X 1000# Navy bombs.

High Squadron: All 12 scheduled A/C attacked the #5 target, dropping 72 X 1000# Navy bombs.

c. Tabular Summary of Disposition of Bombs:

	Aircraft		Bombs				
	Over Target	Bombing	Number	Size	Type	Fusing Nose	Fusing Tail
Main Bombfall	36	35	208	1000#	Navy	1/100	1/100
Other Attacks (#3 priority)	(1)	1	6	1000#	Navy	1/100	1/100
Total Bombs on Targets			214	1000#	Navy	1/100	1/100
Other Expenditures			-	-	-	-	-
Bombs Returned			14	1000#	Navy	1/100	1/100
Total (Loaded on A/C Taking Off)			228	1000#	Navy	1/100	1/100

11. Lost Aircraft:

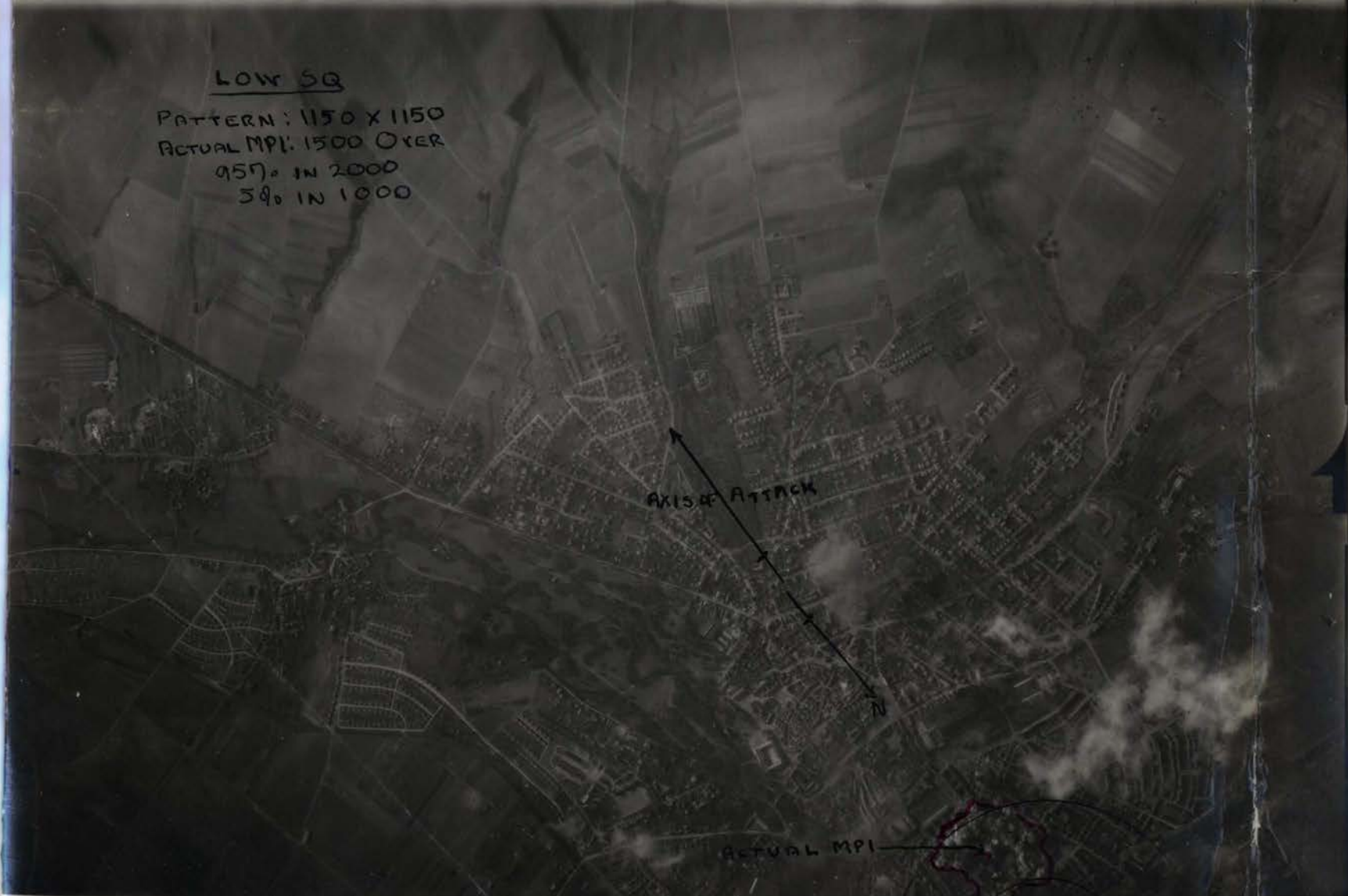
None.

Submitted by:

KEN W. DAUBLE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Statistical Officer

LOW SQ

PATTERN: 1150 X 1150
ACTUAL MPI: 1500 OYER
95% IN 2000
59% IN 1000



AXIS OF ATTACK

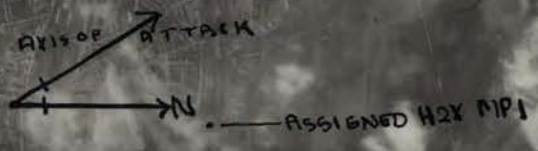
ACTUAL MPI

LEAD SQ
PATTERN: 1215 X 3159
ACTUAL MPI: 500 LEFT, 700 SHORT
100% IN 2000
40% IN 1000



0597 EASTMAN REGULAR SAFETY
0598 EASTMAN REGULAR SAFETY

HIGH SQ
PATTERN: 820 X 2800
ACTUAL MPI: 5300 SHORT
2900 LEFT



8541 EASTMAN REGULAR SAFETY

SAV-401 11277 9 X00 9-44x4 - 8500-12-25000X
LEAD
CONFIDENTIAL

WEIMAR

Combat Sq. Leader: MAJOR STRAUSS Date: 31 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT SPUHLER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPUHLER

613 SQDN

- 612 SC JABWOCK
- 613 IN MARCH
- 614 SW GOLFCLUB
- 615 LY BUEZARD

CAMPBELL (STRAUSS)

LEAD SQDN ON TAKE-OFF AND
CRUISE.

708

EVANS

SPUHLER

708

153

6 SQDN

SQDN

NIELSON

SHEPHERD

588

602

YOUNG

BRADLEY

MAY

LITCHFIELD

983

132

125

842

GEREN

591

BERNEBURG

LOVELACE

2947

730

SPARES

LONG

767

Combat Sq. Leader: LT GERBER Date: 31 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HART

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPUHLER

614 SQDN
GERBER
083

612 SC JABWOOD
613 IN HAURO
614 IN COLFOUR
615 IY BUEZARD

HIGH SQDN ON TAKE-OFF AND CRUISE.

SALISBURY
330

HART
941

BABCOCK
565

SCRENSON
791

JAMES
012

CAMERON
846

VIEHMAN
677

GIBSON
151

AYRE
931

SCIMECA
077

GRAY
780

SPARRS

STURMAN
478
Returned

Combat Sq. Leader: LT GERBER Date: 31 March
Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HART
Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPULLER

614 SQDN 612 SC JABROCK
 613 TR MACRO
 614 TR GOLFOUR
 615 IY BUZZARD

HIGH SQDN OVER TARGET

GERBER
|
055

SALISBURY
|
330

HART
|
941

SQDN

SQDN

BABCOCK
|
565

SCRENSON
|
791

JAMES
|
012

CAMERON
|
646

VIEHMAN
|
677

GIBSON
|
151

AYRE
|
931

SCIMECA
|
077

GRAY
|
780

SPARRS



Combat Sq. Leader: MAJOR STRAUSS Date: 31 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT SPUHLER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPUHLER

613 SQDN

- 612 SC JABWOOD
- 613 TN LACRO
- 614 TN GOLFOUR
- 615 IY BULLARD

LEAD SQDN OVER TARGET

SPUHLER 153
CAMPBELL (STRAUSS)

708

NEILSON

588

BRADLEY

132

SQDN

SQDN

MARTIN

039

SHEPHERD

302

HOLT

398

LONG

767

MAY

125

MC KALE

506

GEREN

591

YOUNG

983

LOVELAGE

730

LITCHFIELD

842

SPARES

EVANS

706

Combat Sq. Leader: CAPTAIN WARD Date: 31 March

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT SPIER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPULLER

612 SQDN
612 SQ JAWOCK
613 TR MACRO
614 TR COLFOUR
615 IY BUZZARD

POST (HARB)
812

LOW SQDN ON TAKE-OFF AND
CRUISE.

REYNOLDS
662

SPIER
148

SQDN

SQDN

MARTIN
039

STEPHENS
637

GUY
541

HARVESON
992
Returned

LEAP
680

MC KALE
506

AHLERS
891

HOLT
393

GLENNONS
810

SPANES

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CAPTAIN HARB

31 March

Combat Sq. Leader: LT SPEER Date: _____

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT SPULLER

Deputy Gp. Leader: _____

612
SQDN

- 612 SC JABROCK
- 613 IN MACRO
- 614 IN GOLFOLOB
- 615 IY BUZZARD

LOW SQDN OVER TARGET

POST (HARB)

812

REYNOLDS

SPEER

662

148

SQDN

SQDN

AHLERS

STEPHENS

891

637

BERNEBURG

LEAP

947

680

GUY

CLEMONS

541

810

SPULLER

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

Date 31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Weimar, Germany

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 0513 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0625 hours on Cottesmore buncher.
at 7,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0705 hours at 7,000.
- 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 0726 1/2 hrs. at 7,000
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

#2 IP

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Mickey, D.R., Gee, Pilotage

i. Bomb run.

- (1) Actual I. P. was (~~not~~) as briefed. for **#3. Target**

**Note: following info. from
run by Deputy.**

- (2) True heading over target 224.
- (3) Actual drift 14 L.
- (4) Altitude over target 23600.
- (5) Time bombs away 1007.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 333/55.
- (7) Method of target identification.

H2X, Visual assistance.

(8) Difficulties on bomb run.

Interference from 2 groups on westward course
caused formation to break up.

(9) Weather over Target.

8-10/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 3000

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 50-48N 09-11E at 1036 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at " " at " hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at " " at " hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

Av. 10 north of course.

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Mickey, 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 **OK**
- (2) Gee **OK**
- (3) Radio Compass **OK**
- (4) Fluxgate **OK**
- (5) Other equipment. **OK**

/S/ R. F. Whitney - G. Tarr
R. F. WHITNEY - G. TARR
1st Lt., A. G. 1st Lt., A. G.

Lead Navigator, Lead Sq.

HEADQUARTERS
FOUR HUNDRED FIRST COMBATTANT GROUP (H) **Low**
Office of the Navigation Officer

Date 31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Weimar, Germany

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 0515 hours.
 - b. Group formed at 0620 hours on Gottesmore buncher.
at 7,000 ft.
 - c. Wing assembly was completed at 0727 hours at OP #1.
 - d. Route over England was (~~not~~) flown as briefed.

e. Methods of navigation over England.

Pilotage, Gee, D.R.

- f. Division formation was joined at 0726 1/2 hrs. at 7,000'
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

#2 I.P.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Mickey, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 172.
- (3) Actual drift 12L.
- (4) Altitude over target 23400.
- (5) Time bombs away 1010.
- (6) Wind used for bombing 310/48K
- (7) Method of target identification.

FFF & Pilotage

(8) ~~difficulties on bomb run.~~

Interference from other Groups.

(9) weather over Target.

9/10ths

(10) Axis of withdrawal 260

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 50-48N 09-11E at 1036 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at " at " hrs.
- m. Flight home was (not) as briefed.

Av. 10 N. of course

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Pilotage, PFF, 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. **Needs compensating**
OK

/s/ Leon F. Stewart
LEON F. STEWART
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator. , Low Sq.

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

High

Date 31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Raid on Esfurt, Germany

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 0515 hours.
- b. Group formed at 0631 hours on Gottesmore buncher.
at 6,000 ft.
- c. Wing assembly was completed at 0705 hours at 7,000'
- 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 0726 1/2 hrs. at 7,000
- g. Flight to I.P. was (~~not~~) as briefed.

#2 I.P.

h. Methods of navigation to the I. P.

Pilotage, D.R.

i. Bomb run.

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

- (2) True heading over target 320
- (3) Actual drift 42
- (4) Altitude over target 24300
- (5) Time bombs away 1014
- (6) Wind used for bombing 327/46
- (7) Method of target identification.

Pilotage

(8) ~~Difficulties on bomb run.~~

**Running collision course on Primary Target;
on target of opportunity, no difficulty.**

(9) ~~Weather over Target.~~

2-4 cu. 8000'

(10) Axis of withdrawal 250 TH

- j. Group rally was accomplished at 50-48N 09-11E at 1036 hrs.
- k. Wing rally was accomplished at " " at " hrs.
- l. Division rally was accomplished at " " at " hrs.
- m. Flight home was (~~not~~) as briefed.

North of course

n. Methods of navigation on return route.

Pilotage, D.R., Gee, Mickey

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/ Lawrence E. Lowry
LAWRENCE E. LOWRY
1st Lt., A. C.

Lead Navigator., High Sq.

STATIONS	0950	ENGINES	0450	TAXI	0505	T.O.	0520
LEAVE BASE	Cott. 0625						
COAST OUT	0727						
ENEMY COAST	0736						
I.P.	0922						
TARGET	0933						
ENEMY COAST	1325						
Eng. Coast	1339						
	1451						

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

Z. Hr - 0700
 Ref alt - 20000
 Bomb alt - 25000

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

Letdown Cottesmore puncher

FROM TO	Ass. 6000 lead Cott. Y puncher	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	IAS MPH /K	T. A. S. (K)	COURSE	DRI-FT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.		
52-44N 00-39E	Pourne (C)	272/38	6000	150	141	073	-5	068	10	078	177	11	04	0625	Depart		
52-47N 00-22E	Fury St. Edmunds (D)	274/41	7000	150	144	129	10	139	10	149	176	51	17 1/2	0647			
52-15N 00-43E	H. Weald (E)	274/41	7000	150	144	215	14	229	10	239	118	37	19	0707			
51-44N 00-09E	Widstone (F)	"	7000	"	144	254	15	169	10	179	160	32	12 -2	0717			
51-17N 00-31E	Pungeness (CP 1)	"	7000	"	144	140	12	152	9	161	170	27	09 1/2	0727	Eng. Coast, CP 1		0727
50-55N 00-58E	Cape Grishner	"	7000	"	144	098	12	100	9	109	185	24	08	0736	Coast		
50-53N 01-35E		289/59	22000	150	161	099	-3	096	8	104	219	209	57	0839	CP 2, 0839		
50-22N 07-00E		288/68	25000	150	189	083	-9	074	6	080	248	116	28	0908			
50-36N 10-00E		290/70	25000	150	192	044	-20	024	5	029	210	46	13	0922	IP		
51-09N 10-51E		270/65	25000	150	192	077	-4	073	4	077	256	45	10 1/2	0933	TARGET		
51-18N 12-00E		270/60	20000	165	202	195	17	212	4	216	178	50	17	0950			
50-03N 11-40E		270/60	20000	165	202	195	17	212	4	216	178	50	17	0950			
50-36N 10-00E		275/58	20000	150	177	276	0	276	5	281	119	64	32	1023			
50-22N 07-00E		270/45	10000	150	150	263	12	265	6	271	105	71	116	1121	CP 3, 1121		
50-22N 07-00E		276/44	8000	150	146	279	-1	278	8	286	102	209	2:03	1325	Coast		
50-22N 07-00E		276/44	8000	150	146	278	-1	277	9	286	102	24	14	1339	Eng. Coast		
50-22N 07-00E		276/44	8000	150	146	290	-4	286	9	295	103	21	12	1351	Div. Break up		
50-22N 07-00E		270/35	5000	170	158	354	-13	341	10	351	151	30	99	1434	wing Break up		
50-22N 07-00E		260/25	2000	150	133	249	12	251	10	261	108	30	17	1451	RTR		
Base		272/38	0 to 6000	150	140	149	13	162	10	172	157	110	42	0645	ITTO. Takes 42 min. to climb		
Base		274/41	6 to 7000	150	144	152	15	167	10	177	160	124	47	0640	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		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0513					Base. Take off										
0528					Cottesmore. Circling Puncher			6000							
0620					Squadron Formed										
0625					Cottesmore. Group Formed										
0625			30	274/28E	W. S. Cottesmore, 6' south, on course		150	7000							
0629			20		52-46N 00-19E. Alter course		"	"							
0629			145		"		"	"				176	51	18	0647
0634			147	278/30E	52-42N 00-02E. Gee wind		"	"							
0640	140	18	148	270/24E	52-30N 00-19E. Gee wind		"	"	145	16	06	160			
0647			148		52-15N 00-43E		"	"							
0647			225		52-15N 00-43E		"	"				128	37	17	0704
0649			225	314/27E	52-09N 00-39E. Bomb wind		"	"							
0655	212	13	225	283/34E	51-58N 00-28E. Gee wind		"	"	145	13	06	130			
0705			225		51-40N 00-09E. Alter course		"	"							
0705			160		51-40N 00-09E		"	"				164	32	12	0717

I.P.	0922
TARGET	0933
ENEMY COAST	1325
Eng. Coast	1339
WTR	1451

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

Jetdown Cottesmore Puncher

FROM TO	Ass. 6000 Lead Cott. Y puncher	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	I.A.S. MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	G. S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATA TIME BODY ALT. AZI.		
52-44N 00-39E		272/38	6000	150	141	073	-5	068	A10	078	177	11	04	0625	Depart		
52-47N 00-22E		274/41	7000	150	144	129	A10	139	A10	149	176	51	17 1/2 A	0647			
52-15N 00-43E		274/41	7000	150	144	215	A14	229	A10	239	118	37	19	0707			
51-44N 00-09E		"	7000	"	144	254	A15	169	A10	179	160	32	12 -2	0717			
51-17N 00-31E		"	7000	"	144	140	A12	152	A9	161	170	27	09 1/2 A	0727	Eng. Coast, CP 1		0727
50-55N 00-52E		"	7000	"	144	098	A2	100	A9	109	185	24	08 A	0736	Coast		
50-53N 01-35E		289/59	22000	150	161	099	-3	096	A8	104	219	209	57 A6	0839	CP 2, 0839		
50-22N 07-00E		288/68	25000	150	189	083	-9	074	A6	080	248	116	28 A	0908			
IP 51-09N 10-51E		290/70	25000	150	192	044	-20	024	A5	029	210	46	13 A	0922	IP		
T. 51-18N 12-00E		270/65	25000	150	192	077	-4	073	A4	077	256	45	10 1/2 A	0933	TARGET		
50-03N 11-40E		270/60	20000	165	202	195	A17	212	A4	216	178	50	17	0950			
50-36N 10-00E		275/58	20000	150	177	276	0	276	A5	281	119	64	32 A	1023			
50-22N 07-00E		-20 280/50	15000	170	185	263	A5	268	A5	273	136	45 116	20 1.07 ³	1121	CP 3, 1121		
Cape Gris Nez		-11 270/45	10000	150	150	263	A2	265	A6	271	105	71	41	1325	Coast		
Pungness		276/44	8000	150	146	279	-1	278	A8	286	102	209	2:03 A	1325	Coast		
Div. Break UP		276/44	8000	150	146	278	-1	277	A9	286	102	24	14	1339	Eng. Coast		
Wing Break up		276/44	8000	150	146	290	-4	286	A9	295	103	21	12	1351	Div. Break UP		
Base		-1 270/35	5000	170	158	254	-13	241	A10	251	151	30	12 43	1434	Wing Break up		
Base		A6 260/25	2000	150	133	249	-11	249	A10	253	133	69	99	1451	WTR		
Base		260/25	2000	150	133	249	A2	251	A10	261	108	30	17	1451	WTR		
Base		272/38	0 to 6000	150	140	149	A13	162	A10	172	157	110	42	0645	INTO. Takes 42 min. to climb		
Base		274/41	6 to 7000	150	144	152	A15	167	A10	177	160	124	47	0640	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		G. S.	TO RUN		E.T.A.
										DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME	
0513					Base. Take off										
0528					Cottesmore. Circling Puncher		6000								
0620					Squadron Formed										
0625					Cottesmore. Group Formed										
0625			30	274/28E	W. S. Cottesmore, 6' south, on course		150	7000							
0629			20		52-46N 00-19E. Alter course		"	"							
0629			145		"		"	"				176	51	18	0647
0634			147	278/30E	52-42N 00-02E. Gee Wind		"	"							
0640	140	A8	148	270/26E	52-30N 00-19E. Gee wind		"	"	145	16	06	160			
0647			148		52-15N 00-43E		"	"							
0647			225		52-15N 00-43E		"	"				128	37	17	0704
0649			225	314/27E	52-09N 00-39E. Bomb wind		"	"							
0655	212	A13	225	283/34E	51-52N 00-28E. Gee wind		"	"	145	13	06	130			
0705			225		51-40N 00-09E. Alter course		"	"							
0705			160		51-40N 00-09E		"	"				164	32	12	0717

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		TO RUN		E.T.A.	
										DIST.	TIME	C. S.	DIST.		TIME
0711			148	277/26K	51-27N 00-19E. Gee w.		150	7000							
0717			148		51-17N 00-31E. Alter course		150	7000							
0717			145		51-17N 00-31E		"	"			170	27	10	0272	
0726 1/2			145		50-55N 00-59E. GP 1		"	"							
0726 1/2			98		50-51N 00-59E		"	"			180	24	08	0734 1/2	
0734 1/2			98		50-51N 01-25E. Cont. Coast		"	"							
0734 1/2			94		50-51N 01-35E " "		"	"			219	209	57	0831 1/2	
0739	8		94		50-48N 02-00E		150	8000							
0745	97	-3	94	290/49K	50-47N 02-24E. Gee W.	8500	150	9000	149	15 1/2	06	155			
0751	95	-1	94	285/19K	50-45N 02-52E Gee wind	9500	150	10000	151	17	06	170	160	53	0844
0759			96	298/29K	G. wind		150	11500							
0801			96		50-41N 03-44E		150	12000							
0807	102	-7	95	315/37K	50-37N 04-13E. Gee W.	13000	150	13500	160	19	06	190			
0818			96		50-32N 05-08E		150	16000							
0825	104	-9	95	320/46K	50-27N 05-43E. Gee W.	16500	150	17000	170	24	07	206	49	14	0839
0838	104	-9	95	320/46K	50-22N 07-00E. GP. 2		150	20000							
0838			71		50-52N 07-00E " "		"	"							
0848 1/2			67		50-21N 07-59E		150	21500							
0852			67		50-24N 08-04E. M.		150	22000							
0858	80	-13	67	357/46K	50-28N 08-36E. Metro W.	22500	150	23000	187	20 1/2	06	200	54	16	0904
0915			65		50-35N 10-15E. Alter course		150	25000	195						
0915			24		50-35N 10-15E		"	"							
0918 1/2			24		50-45N 10-20E. M.		"	"							
0929			0	320/35K	51-08N 10-41E		"	"							
0936			355		I.P. 51-30N 10-48E		"	"							
0936			75		I. P. 51-30N 10-48E		"	"							
0952			84	327/46K	TARGET BOMBS AWAY		"	"			250				
(*Note: Halle bombed by Lead ship. Due to interference from other wings, remainder of Lead Sq. unable to drop on lead, bombed Weimar. Low Sq. bombed Weimar. High bombed Erfurt.)															
0952			010		-Target		"	"							
1008					51-14N 11-14E. Following Low Sq. Leader		165	24000							
1016			265		50-54N 11-09E. M.		165	22000							
1026			255		50-40N 10-21E		165	19000							
1030			255		50-45N 10-00E. Alter course		150	19000							
1030			280		50-45N 10-00E " "		155	19000							
1036			287		50-48N 09-11E. M.		150	18000							
1052			287		50-36N 08-40E		150	18000							
1055			285		50-37N 08-35E. M.		150	18000							
1102	270	A15	285	325/54K	50-37N 08-10E. Pilotage wind		160	19000	185	16 1/2	07	137	48	21	1123
1117			285		50-43N 07-17E		170	19000							
1121			285		50-44N 07-00E. Alter course		170	18000							
1121			285		50-44N 07-00E " "		"	"							

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										DIST.	TIME	C. S.	DIST.	
1130			265		50-41N 06-26E		165	15000						
1141 1/2			284		50-38N 05-41E		175	12000 -10						
1149 1/2			284				160	9500 -3						
1154			284		50-42N 05-01E		155	9000 -1						
1206			281		50-48N 04-17E		157	" -1						
1215			265		50-49N 03-50E		150	7700			102	95	56 1/2	1310 1/2
1222 1/2			275	284/29K	50-50N 03-23E, Gee. W.		153	7600 A			129	68	31 1/2	1254
1233			271		50-53N 02-43E		150	5500 A						
1244			265		50-53N 02-10E		"	" A			130	22	10	1254
1254			278		50-56N 01-43E, French Coast		155	4500						
1254			277		50-56N 01-43E		"	"						
1309			280	275/28K	51-01N 01-00E, Eng Coast, Gee W.		150	5500						
1309			280		51-01N 01-00E		"	"						
1318			280		51-04N 00-32E		"	"						
1318			250		51-04N 00-32E		"	"						
1328			350		51-10N 00-32E		"	"						
1340			340		51-57N 00-26E		"	"						
1348			310		52-12N 00-02W		"	2600						
1400					Base, Landing									

I certify that this is a true copy of the Lead Navigator's log.

JAMES F. EGAN
 Major, A. C.
 Group Navigation Officer

P.F.F. T.M. #5

TARGETS

PRIMARY

Weimar, Germany

TRACK CHART

DATE *March 31, 1942*

Blue

Red

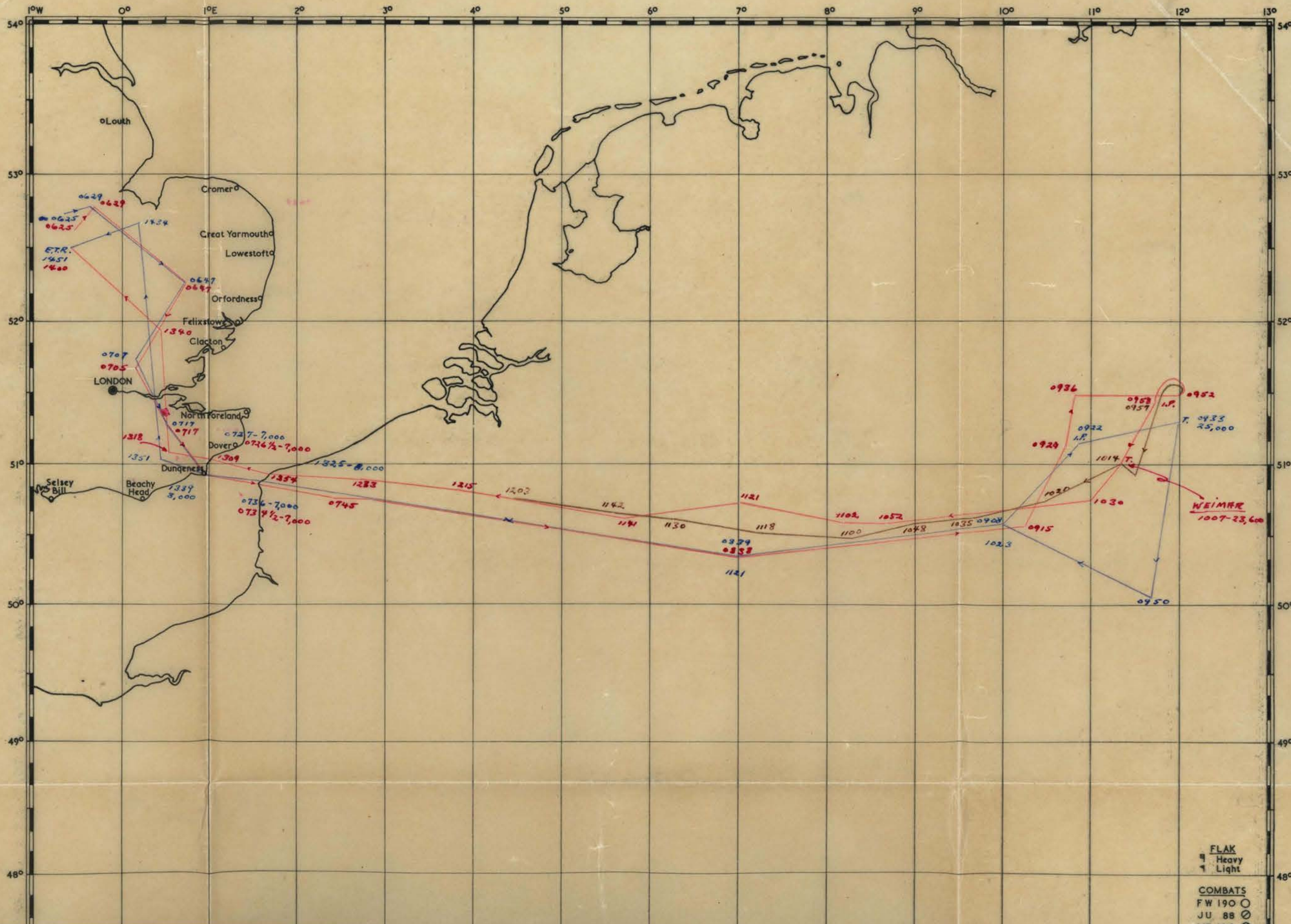
Brown

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

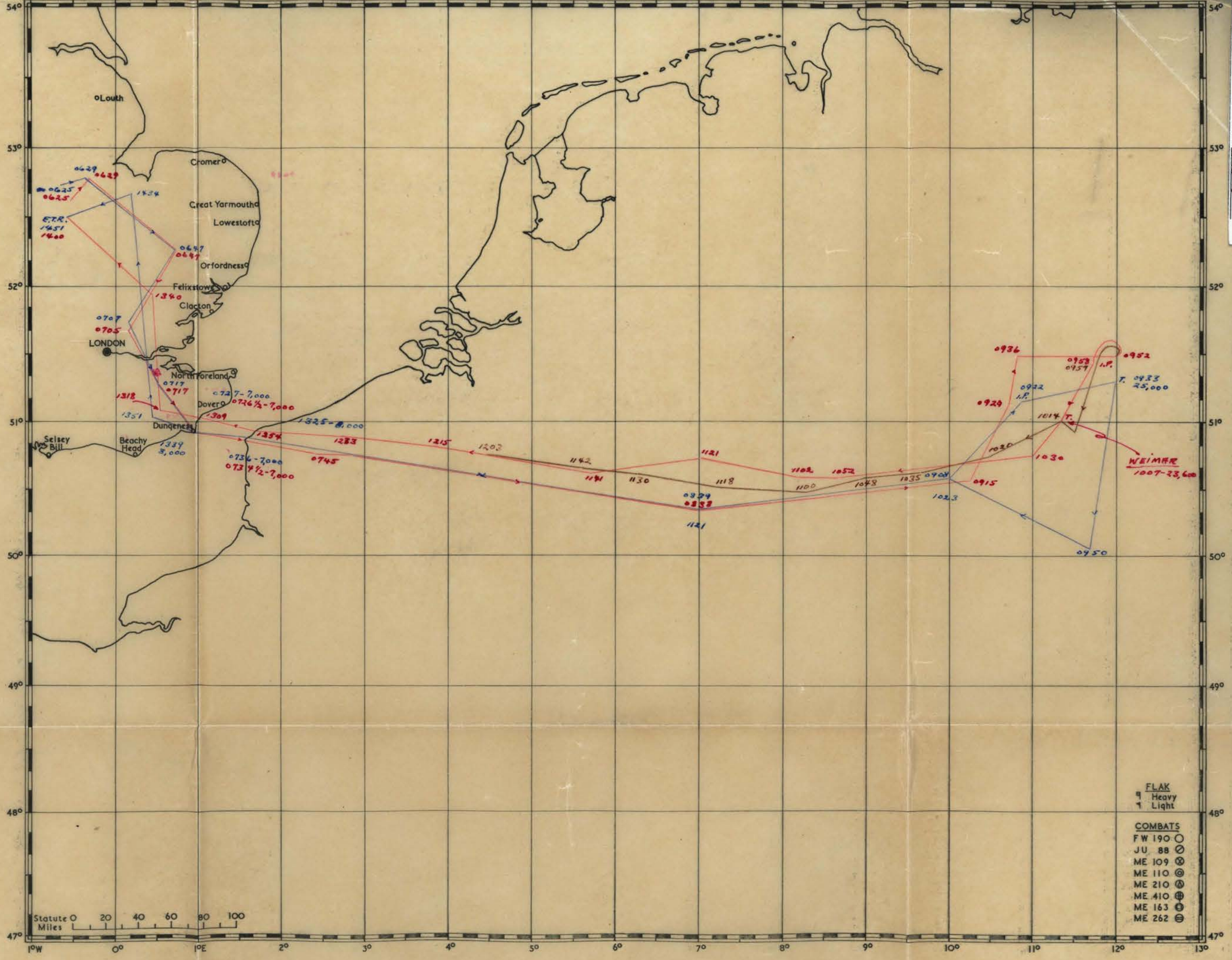
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Lead & Low 401st

High 401st



BY ED
NARA
DATE 11-16-10



Statute Miles 0 20 40 60 80 100

FLAK
□ Heavy
□ Light

COMBATS
FW 190 ○
JU 88 ⊗
ME 109 ⊗
ME 110 ⊗
ME 210 ⊗
ME 410 ⊗
ME 163 ⊗
ME 262 ⊗

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Bomb Group (H)

1st AF P. O. 673

Date of 31 March 1945

PART I -- ATTACKS & RESULTS

94th "C" Group

	Lead	Low	High
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
1. No. of A/C Failing to Take Off	--	--	--
2. No. of A/C Sorties	13	12	13
3. No. of A/C Sorties less Unused Sp	13	12	12
4. No. of A/C Credit Sorties	13	11	12
5. No. of Effective Sorties	13	11	12
6. No. of Non-Effective Sorties		1	
(a) Early Returns Included		(1) Mech'l	
7. Name of Primary Target Priority # 1		MERSEBERG (VIS)	
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
8. Name of Primary Target # 2		HALLE (VIS)	
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
9. Name of Reserve Target (RT) # 3		HALLE (PFF)	
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	1		
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	6		
	1000# Navy		
10. Name of Target of Opportunity # 4		WEIMAR (VIS)	
(a) No. of A/C Attacking			
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs			
11. Name of Target of Opportunity # 5		WEIMAR (PFF)	
(a) No. of A/C Attacking	12	11	12
(b) No., Size, Type of Bombs	72	64	72
	1000# Navy	1000# Navy	1000# Navy
12. No. of A/C MIA - TOTAL	--	--	--
13. No. of A/C MIA - Flak			
14. No. of A/C MIA - Flak and E/A			
15. No. of A/C MIA - Enemy Aircraft			
16. No. of A/C MIA - Accident over E.T			
17. No. of A/C MIA - Other & Unknown			
18. Time of Take Off	0513	0515	0515
19. Time of Attack	1007	1010	1014
20. Total Time for Mission	122	104	113
21. Altitude of Release	23,600	23,400	24,300
22. Type of Sighting (Vis, H2X, GH, etc)	PFF with VIS	PFF with VIS	PFF with VIS
23. Enemy Resistance -- AA Inten & Acc	Meager Inacc	Meager Inacc	Meager Inacc.
24. Enemy Resistance - Fighters	---	---	---
25. Enemy Resistance - Bombers	---	---	---
26. U.S. A/C Engaged by Enemy A/C	---	---	---
27. No. of Passes made by Enemy A/C	---	---	---
28. Degree of Success	Good	Good	Good

None A/C borrowed from Groups

None A/C loaned to Groups

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

401st Gp Mission # 240

Date 31 March 1945

PART II - NON-EFFECTIVE SORTIES

94th "C" Group

	Lead	Low	High
	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C	Borrowed A/C
29. Non-Effective Sorties		1	
(a) Weather			
(b) Personnel			
(c) Enemy Action			
(d) Other Non-Mechanical			
(e) Mechanical & Equipment		1	
30. Mechanical & Equipment Failures			
(a) Engine			
(b) Oil System			
(c) Fuel System			
(d) Supercharger		1	
(e) Propeller & Governor			
(f) Communication System			
(g) Guns & Turrets			
(h) Bomb Release			
(i) Bombay Doors			
(j) Electric System			
(k) Instruments			
(l) Oxygen Equipment			
(m) Bomb Sights			
(n) A/C in General			

31. Reasons for Failure to Attack:

42-116992 - No Credit. Returned early just after leaving buncher with # 4 supercharger out. Changed amplifiers with no avail-- and also fuses. (Mechanical)

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER	<u>OSTER</u>	DATE	<u>31 March 1945</u>
PILOT	<u>SPUHLER</u>	TAKE OFF	<u>0513</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>MC ADAMS</u>	AIRPLANE	<u></u>
WING	<u>94th "C"</u>	GROUP	<u>401st</u>
		SQDN	<u>Lead</u>
		LANDED	<u></u>
OBJECTIVE	<u>WEINER</u>	(MPI)	<u></u>
METHOD OF ATTACK	<u>X</u>		
	Individual Flight Squadron Group wing		
NUMBER A/C IN GROUP	<u>15</u>	COMPOSITE GROUP	<u></u>
DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP	<u>FFF (VA)</u>	COMPOSITE GROUP	<u></u>
NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:	<u>1 Lead A/C</u>		
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u>1000^{lb} Navy Mk-13</u>	FUSING: NOSE	<u>1/100</u> TAIL <u>1/100</u>
BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES	<u></u>	FUSING: NOSE	<u></u> TAIL <u></u>
NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED	<u>90 X 1000^{lb} Navy</u>	RELEASED	<u>90 X 1000^{lb} Navy</u>
INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:			
Altitude of Target	<u>700</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro	<u>-40</u> Actual <u>-33</u>
True Altitude above target	<u>23,300</u>	Mag Head, order	<u>078</u> Actual <u>229</u>
Ind. Altitude	<u>23,600</u>	True Heading	<u>224</u>
Pressure alt of target	<u>-103ft. SSL</u>	Drift, Est	<u>13L</u> Actual <u>13L</u>
Altimeter setting	<u>29.92</u>	True Track	<u>211</u>
C.I.A.S.	<u>150</u>	I.A.S.	<u>150</u>
Actual Range	<u>11,800</u>		
G.S. Est	<u>292M/H</u>	Actual	<u>236 M/H</u>
B.S. Type	<u>M-9</u>		
Wind Direc Metro	<u>270</u>	Actual	<u>330</u>
Time of Release	<u>10:07</u>		
Wind Veloc. Metro	<u>75M/H</u>	Actual	<u>52 M/H</u>
Intervalometer Setting	<u>75 ft.</u>		
D.S	<u>134</u>	Trail	<u>34</u>
ATF	<u>59.67</u>		
Length of Bombing Run	<u>4 Min.</u>		
Tan. D.A. Est	<u>.50</u>	Actual	<u>.50</u>
C-1 Pilot	<u>OK</u>	A-5	<u>---</u>
Mean Temp: Metro	<u>-15</u>	Actual	<u>-12</u>
Manual Pilot	<u>---</u>		
Type of Release: Lead A/C	<u>SALVO</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C	<u>75 ft.</u>

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER CONWAY DATE 31 March 1945

PILOT POST TAKE OFF 0515

NAVIGATOR STEWART AIRPLANE _____

WING 94th "C" GROUP 401st SQDN LOW LANDED _____

OBJECTIVE WEINER (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK _____
Individual Flight X Squadron Group Wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 9 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SORTING GROUP PFF (VA) COMPLETE GROUP _____

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

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 1000^{*} Navy FUSING: NOSE 1/100 TAIL 1/100

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 54 X 1000^{*} Navy RELEASED 54 X 1000^{*} Navy

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target <u>700</u>	Temp Aloft: Metro <u>-40</u> Actual <u>-34</u>
True Altitude above target <u>22,900</u>	Mag Head, order <u>078</u> Actual <u>197</u>
Ind. Altitude <u>23,400</u>	True Heading <u>182</u>
Pressure alt of target <u>-103ft GS.L.</u>	Drift, Est <u>13L</u> Actual <u>13 L</u>
Altimeter setting <u>29.92</u>	True Track <u>179</u>
C.I.A.S. <u>150</u> I.A.S. <u>150</u>	Actual Range <u>12,595</u>
G.S. Est <u>292M/H</u> Actual <u>250 M/H</u>	B.S. Type <u>M-9</u>
Wind Direc Metro <u>270</u> Actual <u>310</u>	Time of Release <u>10:10</u>
Wind Veloc. Metro <u>75M/H</u> Actual <u>48 M/H</u>	Intervalometer Setting <u>75 ft.</u>
D.S <u>134.5</u> Trail <u>218</u> ATF <u>39.30</u>	Length of Bomb Run <u>30 Miles</u>
Tan. D.A. Est <u>.58</u> Actual <u>.55</u>	C-1 Pilot <u>OK</u> A-5 _____
Mean Temp: Metro <u>-15</u> Actual <u>-12</u>	Manual Pilot _____
Type of Release: Lead A/C <u>SALVO</u>	Type of Release: Other A/C <u>75 ft.</u>

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COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER BIASELLA DATE 31 March 1945

PILOT GERBER TAKE OFF 0815

NAVIGATOR LOWRY AIRPLANE _____

WING 94th "C" GROUP 401st SQDN High LANDED _____

OBJECTIVE WEIMER, GERMANY (MPI) _____

METHOD OF ATTACK X
 Individual Flight Squadron Group wing

NUMBER A/C IN GROUP 12 COMPOSITE GROUP _____

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING GROUP PEF(VA) COMPOSITE GROUP _____

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

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES 1000# Navy FUSING: NOSE 1/100 TAIL 1/100

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES _____ FUSING: NOSE _____ TAIL _____

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 72 X 1000# Navy RELEASED 70 X 1000# Navy

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT:

Altitude of Target 700 Temp Aloft: Metro -40 Actual -35

True Altitude above target 23,500 Mag Head, order 078 Actual 325

Ind. Altitude 24,500 True Heading 320

Pressure alt of target -103ft @ S. L. Drift, Est 2 L Actual 2 L

Altimeter setting 29.92 True Track 318

C.I.A.S. 150 I.A.S. 150 Actual Range 9,400

G.S. Est 292 M/H Actual 168 M/H B.S.Type M-9

Wind Direc Metro 270 Actual 327 Time of Release 10:14

Wind Veloc. Metro 75 M/H Actual 53 M/H Intervalometer Setting 75 ft.

D.S 153.3 Trail 37 ATF 59.86 Length of Bombing Run 4 min.

Tan. D.A. Est -- Actual .40 C-1 Pilot OK A-5 ---

Mean Temp: Metro -15 Actual -12 Manual Pilot ---

Type of Release: Lead A/C SALVO Type of Release: Other A/C 75 ft.

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

413.44

31 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Report, Operational Mission No 240. (Field Order 673)

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>
a. MF Beacons	<u>10</u>	3. HF/DF Bearings (QDM's)	<u>0</u>
b. Bunchers, England	<u>36</u>	4. VHF/DF Homings	<u>0</u>
c. Bunchers, Continent	<u>0</u>	5. Distress Action (SOS's)	<u>0</u>

SECTION TWO - USE OF RADAR

	<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>		<u>Airborne</u>	<u>Used</u>
1. Gee	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	4. Gee-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2. H2X	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	5. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>
3. Micro-H	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	6. Carpet (Spot)	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
			7. Total aircraft releasing Chaff	<u>32</u>	
			8. Total number of units released	<u>11,520</u>	

SECTION THREE - ACTUAL DEFICIENCIES BY EQUIPMENT

1. Interphone	<u>0</u>	7. Gee	<u>0</u>
2. VHF	<u>0</u>	8. H2X	<u>0</u>
3. Compass	<u>0</u>	9. Micro-H	<u>0</u>
4. Liaison	<u>0</u>	10. Gee-H	<u>0</u>
5. Command	<u>0</u>	11. Carpet (Barrage)	<u>0</u>
6. SCS-51	<u>0</u>	12. Carpet (Spot)	<u>0</u>

SECTION FOUR - REMARKS

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
 Maj. A C,
 Gp Com O.

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S E C R E T

REPORT ON A. A. GUNFIRE.

401 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV)

ASSIGNED Horseburg

1. TARGET:

DATE OF MISSION 31 March 45

BOMBED Weimar

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN: Generally as briefed to IP (5150 - 10478) Split up on bomb run due to interference from 2 groups flying collision course. Lead and low to Weimar. High to Erfurt. Reassembled at (5035 - 10008). Lead and low approx. 10 miles N of course rejoining High and leaving southern continental coast as briefed.

	AT TARGET	ENROUTE
WEATHER - - -	<u>6/10 - tops 16,000 ft.</u>	<u>7/10 - tops - 10,000 ft.</u>
CONTRAILS - -	<u>Light & - Persistent</u>	<u>Light - Persistent</u>
SEEN-UNSEEN -	<u>Seen</u>	<u>Seen</u>

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLAK AT TARGET:

Weimar - Meager, inaccurate
Erfurt - " "

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

Hagelburg - Meager - observed
Halle - " "

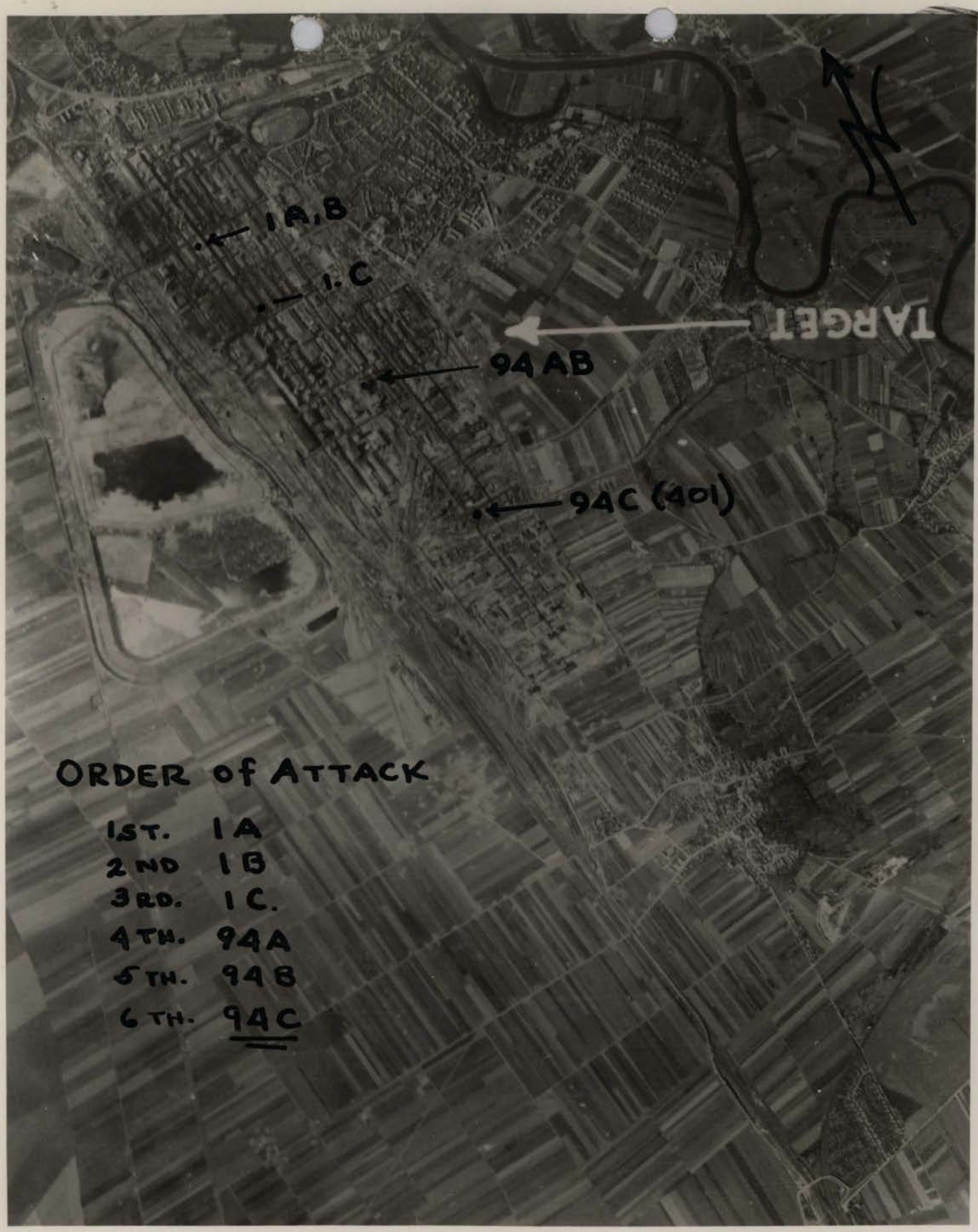
6. CHAFF; HOW DISCHARGED: No. of units as briefed - times dispersed - varied...

7. POSITION OF GROUP: 4th 6

8. DETAILS:-

SQDN; PCS.	NO. A/C	DAMAGE		A/C LOST TO			AXIS OF		TIME OVER TARGET	HEIGHT
		MAJ.	MIN.	AA	EA	ACC	UK	ATTK		
<u>Leads</u>	<u>14</u>							<u>229°N</u>	<u>1007</u>	<u>23,600</u>
<u>Low</u>	<u>12</u>							<u>196°N</u>	<u>1010</u>	<u>23,400</u>
<u>High</u>	<u>10</u>							<u>225°N</u>	<u>1014</u>	<u>24,500</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>							

9. COMMENTS - PHENOMENA:-



ORDER OF ATTACK

- 1ST. 1A
- 2ND 1B
- 3RD. 1C.
- 4TH. 94A
- 5TH. 94B
- 6TH. 94C

BS

612

664 - Maj.

393 ✓

113 ✓

788 ✓

662 ✓

891 ✓

039 ✓

541 ✓

506 ✓

1 Major
8 minor

613

113 - Maj.

125 ✓

588 ✓

146 ✓

458 ✓

842 ✓

160 ✓

3 Maj
20 minor

1 Major

6 minor

614

738 ✓

468 ✓

478 ✓

780 ✓

4 minor

615

550 ✓

7947 - Maj.

941 ✓

1 Major

2 minor

614 Sqdn

DAILY AIRCRAFT
 (As of)

Full A/C Serial Number	Operational	UNDERGOING REPAIRS			Date Out	OPERATIONAL	
		Battle Damage	Gen. Maint.	Parts Mod.		12 hrs	30
43-38738	In						
42-107151	In						
43-38646	In						
42-102468	In						
42-9739 5	In						
43-38677	In-slow time # 2 engine (possible)						
42-97931	In						
43-37602	In						
43-32012	In						
42-97478	In						
42-97780	In						
42--97322	In						
43-38565	Out				4 March		
43-38330	In						
43-37551	In						
44-8425	In						

OPERATIONAL NOTES

DATE: _____

DUTY OFFICER: _____

BRIEFING OFFICER: _____

1. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group:

Primary: #1 - oil storage dumps at Merseburg, MPI
in S portion of target area. Visual.

#2 - HALLE - (5-129-1200) - Visual. MPI.

Secondary: #3 - HALLE - H2X (all Sps 1st AD -

4 - T/O - WEIMAR - Visual

5 - " " - H2X

Last Resort: T/O (5-400-1000) (5-220-1000) (5-190-1100)

(5-030-1100) (5-010-1240) (5-210-1200) WEIMAR - (5-100-1120)
61500) H2X
amount works.

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: _____

(3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD: _____

41 A	40 A	1 A	94 A	6 th on Target
B	B	B	B	
C	C	C	C	
	LUTZKENDORF 5-118-1152		MERSEBURG 5-119-1200	

b. 2nd AD: _____

c. 3rd AD: _____

2. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD's)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: _____

2 AD - Bomber 24-0 36 Sps. - ~~4142~~ 4753-115-6 ~~5150-113~~ (3)

3 AD - Southwest 0-- 14 Sps. - ~~4142~~ 5150-113

b. Fighter Support: 6 Sps 51's in area

b. VHF and Other Radio: (containing Force Information) _____

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Evasion and Escape: Hole up in woods and await Allies; head south of target area toward CZECH border, where help might be obtained.

b. S.O.P.'s _____

c. Miscellaneous: ICBW a/c may be seen without nose or base turret. 3 PD [A] may be seen without these turrets also.

d. Security: _____

DUTY OFFICER: _____

BRIEFING OFFICER: _____

i. TARGETS AND MPI'S FOR:

a. 1st AD

(1) 401st Bomb Group:

Primary: Iron and Products tanks at Messelburg, South
third of area. Plant partially active. Production
only 10% of peak, at 25000

M 2 (Voice) Halle M/V

M 3 (PRR) Halle M/V

Secondary:

Last Resort: Wernigerode - local - armament plant

H 2 X Railway

(2) Other Groups in 94th CBW: Same

(3) Order of Bombing and Targets of other units in 1st AD: _____

41a & c, 40a & c - Sitzendorf:

1a, & c, 94a & c - Messelburg

b. 2nd AD: Brunswick, Nienhagen (5232-1006)

c. 3rd AD: Zitz (5104-1212) Oertern (5226-1200)
Stamfurt (5150-1137)

ii. ROUTES (ALL THREE AD'S)

a. Points and Times of Departure from English Coast: 2 AD at

Zeehoorn; 3 AD at _____ gun base. 1 AD, Zee
plus 5.

b. Fighter Support: 6 groups P-51

3. ANTICIPATED ENEMY OPPOSITION.

a. Flak: No 1 - 400 guns.

No 2 + 3. - 90° - 35 guns; 60° - 65 guns, 30° 144 guns.

b. Enemy Fighters: jets maybe.

c. Smoke Screens: Portable.

d. Camouflage: Not known.

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITS:

a. Wing Assembly: _____

b. Air Commanders: 1 AD - Sgt Col Thacker (384)

94 COW + 9 sq (Maj Hinkle) B sq (Stamm) C sq (Stamm).

c. Zero Hour and Date: 0700

d. General Instructions Pertinent to Entire Task Force: Base reference alt. 20,000. Int. between 2 min. Corrosively: Duncans to 5038-0400

5. SUPPLY:

a. Gas Load: 2780

b. Bomb Load (and Intervalometer Settings) 6 X 1000 MK13, 1/100, 1/100
75 feet.

c. Chaff Load (point and Time of Commencing Discharge) 6 minutes prior to
T for 15 minutes, 360 units.

d. Screening Force: 2 mosquitos.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares and Lamps: _____

b. VHF and Other Radio: (Reporting Force Information) MF/DF Section H

6-P-57 Buckley Red: VHF Vinegrove 4-12-
Flighter Common (741) and Balance 4; Relay. 40CBW
(5050-0110E) 20,000 zero plus 20 to receive.

Authentication: Bronx Baby. Gibraltar Mission
Sugar Charles How.

7. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
a. Evasion and Escape:

b. S.O.P.'s

c. Miscellaneous: Russian Signals: Rock Wings 3-5
Dir Self Wing 3-5. W/X a/c Partnership Sugar

d. Security:

Rahat C. McAdams 107614
Metin H. Andrews
Lawrence Lawry
Robert Simon
Leon S. Stewart
R. F. Albury

SECRET

Group Op

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

AAF Station # 128
 31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), AAF Station # 128, APO # 357.

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

PLANE 43-38330

P	1st Lt.	SALISBURY, THOMAS E.	614th Sq
CP	P/O	WYLIE, THOMAS E.	"
H	2nd Lt.	BOUCHER, JAMES D. GR.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Wagener, Norman H.	"
RO	Sgt.	Pinkerton, Oliver	"
TT	Sgt.	Benthall, Clyde T/	"
BT	Sgt.	Walls, Joseph F.	"
TG	Sgt.	Chapman, Guy W.	"
WG	Sgt.	Cain, Robert P.	"

PLANE 42-39012

P	1st Lt.	JAMES, HERBERT W.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	PARKER, VICTOR E.	"
H	1st Lt.	MENZEL, GEORGE H.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Branch, Willard A.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Kent, Donald R.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Parker, Robert S.	"
BT	Sgt.	Toloso, Melvin H.	"
TG	Sgt.	McCallon, Lynn G.	"
WG	Sgt.	Baumann, Archie M.	"

PLANE 43-38565

P	1st Lt.	BABCOCK, FREDRICK H.	"
CP	1st Lt.	BOUSFIELD, JOHN	"
H	1st Lt.	CRAWFORD, ALLEN H. JR.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Casselman, Charles R.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Bilby, John F. Jr.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Caldwell, Carroll L.	"
BT-	S/Sgt.	Wilczynski, Walter J.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Farnham, Walter E.	"
WG	S/Sgt.	Faluso, Joseph J.	"
RCM	S/Sgt.	Byrn, Otice G. Jr.	"

Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 43-58646		
P	1st Lt.	CAMERON, ELLIOTT F. 614th Sq
CP	F/O	DAVIDSON, ROBERT L. "
N	1st Lt.	BRUCE, WILLIAM M. "
CTG	S/Sgt.	Fasullo, Thomas G. "
RO	S/Sgt.	LaCourse, Lucien "
BT	T/Sgt.	Willson, Rodney V. "
BT	Sgt.	Hergas, Mike S. "
TG	Sgt.	Clendenin, Charles M. "
WG	Sgt.	Gabbert, David J. "
NCM	S/Sgt.	Allison, Carl M. "

PLANE 43-97931		
P	1st Lt.	AYRE, LAWRENCE E. "
CP	2nd Lt.	COSDEN, BRYAN L. "
N	2nd Lt.	LEASE, GERALD H. "
CTG	Sgt.	Delorio, George A. "
RO	Sgt.	Handle, Louis I. "
TT	Sgt.	Brass, Forrest A. "
BT	S/Sgt.	Mc Dow, Miles H. 613th Sq
TG	Sgt.	Myers, John E. 614th Sq
WG	Sgt.	Iuni, Andrew E. "

PLANE 42-97780		
P	2nd Lt.	GRAY, CARL M. "
CP	2nd Lt.	SMITH, CHARLES "
N	2nd Lt.	STEWART, RICHARD E. "
CTG	S/Sgt.	Ginthwin, Edward A. "
RO	Sgt.	Fort, Collins G. "
TT	Sgt.	Kirby, Lee D. Jr. "
BT	Sgt.	Harrell, Jean F. "
TG	Sgt.	Saenz, Hector J. "
WG	Sgt.	Bonanno, Joe M. "

PLANE 42-102077		
P	2nd Lt.	SCIMICA, SAM "
CP	2nd Lt.	SCHLENNBERGER, RUSSELL A. "
N	2nd Lt.	SHAW, CLARENCE W. "
CTG	S/Sgt.	Akins, Ora R. "
RO	T/Sgt.	Tompkins, Harry A. "
TT	Sgt.	Tanner, James R. "
BT	Sgt.	Acosta, Reuben "
TG	Sgt.	Koteff, Walter "
WG	Sgt.	Nowakoski, John J. "

PLANE 42-97478		
P	1st Lt.	STERMAN, ROBERT M. "
CP	2nd Lt.	BUSH, FRANK R. "
N	1st Lt.	SACKS, DAVID W. "
CTG	Sgt.	Petrowsky, Albert F. "
RO	Sgt.	Bacon, George S. Jr. "
TT	Sgt.	Crowe, Harold P. "
BT	M/Sgt.	Royal, William E. "
TG	Sgt.	Wagner, Aloysius E. "
WG	Sgt.	Bateman, Maurice B. "

Loading List (Con't)

PLANE 45-58791

P	1st Lt.	SORENSEN, MELVIN H.	614th Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	TROUPE, JOHN T.	"
H	1st Lt.	AUFBRANCE, RUSSELL L.	"
CTG	S/Sgt.	Lee, William J.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Collins, John G.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Smith, Howard J.	"
BT	Sgt.	Leppanen, Calvin E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Nichols, Norman D.	"
WG	Sgt.	Turner, Eldon A.	"

PLANE 42-102151

P	2nd Lt.	GIBSON, LEE E.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	WOODBURN, JAMES JR.	"
H	2nd Lt.	SCHAFFER, GORDON J.	"
B	F/O	GOLDBERG, BERNARD	"
RO	Sgt.	Schobert, John A.	"
TT	Sgt.	Husnik, Larry J.	"
BT	Sgt.	MacMillan, John A.	"
TG	Sgt.	Miller, Jack	"
WG	Sgt.	Brown, George W.	"

PLANE 45-55677

P	1st Lt.	VIEHMAN, EUGENE A.	"
CP	2nd Lt.	COUTTS, HAROLD K.	"
H	2nd Lt.	STALZER, JAMES J.	"
CTG	Sgt.	Orlando, Peter	"
RO	Sgt.	Retzlaff, James A.	"
TT	S/Sgt.	Schwarz, Edwin D.	"
BT	Sgt.	Hobson, Kenneth E.	"
TG	Sgt.	Rutkowski, Joseph E.	"
WG	Sgt.	Hay, David M.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

DONALD V. KIRKHOFF,
 CAPT., Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

612th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 401st Bombardment Group (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

Mission # 240
 31 March 1945

SUBJECT : Loading List

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

Plane # 42-31662
 P Reynolds, Ralph L. 2nd Lt. 612th
 CP Virgin, Howard G. 2nd Lt. "
 N Sims, Morton D. 2nd Lt. "
 B Kebea, William A. 2nd Lt. "
 RO Black, Warren E. Cpl "
 TTG McDaniel, Richard L. T Sgt "
 BTG Stevenson, Cleo D. Cpl "
 TG Wieszcecinski, Frank H. Cpl "
 FG Collinge, Robert J. S Sgt "

Plane # 42-107039
 P Martin, William F. 1st Lt. 612th
 CP Matthisen, Rex A. 2nd Lt. "
 N Hill, Ben F., Jr. 2nd Lt. "
 Tog. Milhone, Robert J. S Sgt "
 RO Hague, Kenneth A. T Sgt "
 TTG Delawder, Joseph A. T Sgt "
 BTG Borrer, Norwood E. S Sgt "
 TG Bacon, Charlie M. S Sgt "
 FG Wiegall, Clifford H. S Sgt "

Plane # 43-38541
 P Guy, Richard H. 2nd Lt. 612th
 CP Mastrangelo, Donald M. 2nd Lt. "
 N Goodlett, John R. Sr. 2nd Lt. "
 Tog. Polin, Arthur (NMI) Sgt "
 RO Bury, Paul R. Sgt "
 TTG Foulkes, Ellis A. Sgt "
 BTG Meadows, Mark R. Cpl "
 TG Fitts, Leonard R. Sgt "
 FG Webb, Clayton T. Jr. Sgt "

Plane # 42-106992
 P Harveson, Lloyd D. 2nd Lt. 612th
 CP Mays, Ralph (NMI) 2nd Lt. "
 N Zacamy, John R. 2nd Lt. "
 Tog. Crosby, Lewis A. Sgt "
 RO Hall, Jewell L. Sgt "
 TTG Brockway, Glenn L. Sgt "
 BTG Moore, Kenneth V. Sgt "
 TG Kuhn, Bill W. Sgt "
 FG Jeter, Kenneth A. Sgt "

Plane # 42-31891
 P Ahlers, Harry W. 2nd Lt. 612th
 CP Cropp, Robert H. 2nd Lt. "
 N Moos, Henry W. 2nd Lt. "
 B Sires, Cleon D. Sgt "
 RO Galfo, Armand J. Sgt "
 TTG Clark, Herbert M. Sgt "
 BTG Boyce, Merle N. Sgt "
 TG Czubat, Adam T. Sgt "
 FG Anderson, John E. Sgt "

Plane # 43-38810
 P Clemmons, James A. 2nd Lt. 612th
 CP Codospoti, Vincent A. F/O "
 N Dobrowolsky, Michael 2nd Lt. "
 Tog Parker, Joseph W.S. Cpl "
 RO Gooding, Gale A. Cpl "
 TTG Engel, Claire H. Sgt "
 BTG Raines, Bruce A. Cpl "
 TG Burkart, Lester G. Cpl "
 FG Burks, Tillman C., Jr. Cpl "
 RCM Swanson, Theodore K. Sgt "

Plane # 43-38637
 P Stephens, Lloyd J. 2nd Lt. 612th
 CP Wilt, Elmer L. 2nd Lt. "
 N Harper, Robert F. 2nd Lt. "
 Tog Whitlock, Howard D. Sgt "
 RO Douglass, James B. Sgt "
 TTG Graham, James D. Sgt "
 BTG Wisdom, Kent B. Sgt "
 TG Brennan, William J. Sgt "
 FG Lewelling, Fred E. Sgt "
 RCM Martin, James G. Sgt "

Plane # 43-38680
 P Leap, Ward A. 1st Lt. 612th
 CP Parsons, Silas P. 2nd Lt. "
 N Little, James T. 2nd Lt. "
 Tog Smith, Robert F. 2nd Lt. "
 RO Stephenson, Charles R. Cpl "
 TTG Cargo, Femom P. Jr. Pvt. "
 BTG Wolf, John E. Cpl "
 TG Veselicky, Joseph N. Cpl "
 FG Gochenour, Matthew R. S Sgt "

Plane # 44-6506
 P McKale, William L. 2nd Lt. 612th
 CP Lundgren, Robert P. 2nd Lt. "
 N Austin, Merlyn E. F/O "
 Tog Klindworth, Louis O. S Sgt "
 RO Chastain, Robert R. S Sgt "
 TTG Nimmons, Alston H. T Sgt "
 BTG Huston, Cecil A. Sgt "
 TG Madden, Ted H. S Sgt "
 FG LaGrange, Wesley S Sgt "

Plane # 42-102398
 P Holt, Howard L. 2nd Lt 612th
 CP Garry, John T. II 2nd Lt. 612th
 N Jacobs, William E. 2nd Lt. "
 Tog Crocker, Charles W., Jr. Sgt "
 RO Brennan, Joseph R. Sgt "
 TTG Trutt, Edward P. Sgt "
 BTG Dressel, Frederick B. Sgt "
 TG Lopez, Jesus L. Sgt "
 FG Burnett, R. J. Sgt "

FLYING WITH 615TH SQUADRON (H)

Strauss, Joseph D. Major 612th.

End.

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

31 MARCH 1945

L-O-A-D-I-N-G L-I-S-T

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
42-31983	P	2nd Lt.	YOUNG	CHARLES	B.
	CP	2nd Lt.	HAGGARD	WILEY	R.
	N	2nd Lt.	SEAVEY	FRANK	R.
	B	SGT.	HENNIG	CHARLES	J.
	RO	SGT.	PETERS	JOHN	W.
	TT	SGT.	HRAMBLE	JOHN	F.
	BT	SGT.	ESHAM	GLENN	E.
	TG	SGT.	JOHNSON	CARL	NMI
	WG	S/SGT.	QULST	HAROLD	NMI
44-6588	P	1st Lt.	NIELSEN	HANS	V.
	CP	2nd Lt.	THOMAS	JAMES	A.
	N	2nd Lt.	TUMELSON	HURSHAL	G.
	B	S/SGT.	VIGNETTI	ANGELO	J.
	RO	T/SGT.	HARROWE	EMANUEL	NMI
	TT	T/SGT.	SWINDLE	FRANK	G.
	BT	S/SGT.	EVANS	CARL	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	STEPKA	FRANCIS	S.
	WG	S/SGT.	DE FRA	ARTHUR	R.
	RCM	SGT.	SPARKMAN	PERRY	L.
44-6125	P	1st Lt.	MAY	JAMES	H.
	CP	2nd Lt.	MALONEY	JOSEPH	M.
	N	2nd Lt.	ANDERS	WALTER	R.
	B	S/SGT.	RECKERS	RUSSELL	E.
	RO	S/SGT.	PAULK	ALBERT	L.
	TT	S/SGT.	SMITH	CHESTER	J.
	BT	SGT.	KROZEL	JOSEPH	A.
	TG	S/SGT.	MOKEE	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	S/SGT.	NACHTIGAL	FRED	C.
42-31730	P	2nd Lt.	LOVELAGE	JAMES	G.
	CP	2nd Lt.	McKINNEY	MELVIN	K.
	N	2nd Lt.	ROBINSON	GALEN	R.
	B	SGT.	TAYLOR	THOMAS	H.
	RO	SGT.	WETHERBEE	CHARLES	W.
	TT	SGT.	KUPL	LESLIE	W.
	BT	SGT.	WRIGHT	CHARLES	L.
	TG	SGT.	HUIRAS	FLOYD	J.
	WG	S/SGT.	ODOM	HENRY	T.
42-102947	P	F/O	BERNEBURG	LA FERNE	L.
	CP	2nd Lt.	FUNK	PHILIP	B.
	N	F/O	BEUSCHER	CLIFTON	J.
	B	SGT.	RAILEY	FRANK	W.
	RO	T/SGT.	GLANNI FLYNN	JOHN LEO	NMI M.
	TT	SGT.	BUSH	MARVIN	L.
	BT	SGT.	BACKUS	WILBUR	E.
	TG	SGT.	KEY	CHARLES	W. JR.
	WG	SGT.	DICK	CHARLES	B.
42-97602	P	2nd Lt.	SHEPHERD	JACOBS	N.
	CP	2nd Lt.	SKIFFINGTON	THOMAS	J.
	N	2nd Lt.	VAN ECK	HERMAN	C.
	B	SGT.	ALLES	ROBERT	F.
	RO	SGT.	COLLINS	JOHN	F.
	TT	SGT.	DAVIS	ARNOLD	L.
	BT	SGT.	MARGOLIES	MALCOLM	A.
	TG	SGT.	HERROLD	DAN	E.
	WG	S/SGT.	YORK	EDWARD	N.

PLANE NO.	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
44-3767	P	2nd Lt.	LONG	IRA	L. JR.
	CP	2nd Lt.	POPE	LOUIE	W.
	N	2nd Lt.	WEIRICH	FRANCIS	G.
	B	SGT.	SQUIRES	VIRGIL	C.
	RO	SGT.	MADDOX	HARRY	C.
	TT	SGT.	KRON	EDWARD	A.
	BT	SGT.	HORTON	MYRTON	S.
	TG	SGT.	FISHER	MELVIN	C.
	WG	SGT.	VAUGHAN	WILLIAM	T.
	44-6842	P	2nd Lt.	LITCHFIELD	DONALD
CP		2nd Lt.	RYAN	ROBERT	E.
N		2nd Lt.	DACHYSHYN	HARRY	NMI
B		SGT.	PASCHAL	ROBERT	W.
RO		SGT.	OGBURN	FRED	N.
TT		SGT.	SIMONDS	CHESTER	F.
BT		SGT.	DAVIS	WALTER	A.
TG		SGT.	JANAKES	NICK	NMI
WG		SGT.	MAUFER	FREDERICK	R.
44-6132		P	1st Lt.	BRADLEY	AUDREY
	CP	1st Lt.	CAFEY	KARL	F.
	N	1st Lt.	JOHNSTON	WILLIAM	I.
	B	S/SGT.	ELINS	HERMAN	NMI
	RO	T/SGT.	BOWERS	JACOBS	J.
	TT	M/SGT.	MANGUM	JUSTICE	C.
	BT	S/SGT.	SMITH	DONALD	E.
	TG	S/SGT.	MATLACK	WILLIAM	W.
	WG	S/SGT.	DEFEBEAUGH	NORMAN	NMI
	42-31591	P	2nd Lt.	GEREN	THURMAN
CP		2nd Lt.	COLLISS	EUGENE	E.
N		2nd Lt.	DEYO	JAMES	E.
B		S/SGT.	HARLEN	JAMES	J.
RO		S/SGT.	SITTON	WILLIAM	C.
TT		SGT.	LANIER	LESLIE	H.
BT		SGT.	LUDWIG	HOWARD	E.
TG		S/SGT.	HARDAWAY	JAMES	R.
WG		S/SGT.	PIROMALLI	EUGENE	B.
43-37706		P	2nd Lt.	EVANS	JOHN
	CP	F/O	BURTON	FREDERICK	C.
	N	2nd Lt.	WRIGHT	GERALD	L.
	B	SGT.	HOBLER	LEWIS	C.
	RO	SGT.	GALLOTTELLO	PETER	B.
	TT	SGT.	HARRIS	HARROLD	A.
	BT	SGT.	LEWIS	CARL	D.
	TG	SGT.	HOLLAND	SHERMAN	W. JR.
	WG	SGT.	HODD	CLYDE	L.
	RCM	SGT.	FRITSCH	HOMER	NMI

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Loading List:

March 31, 1945

PLANE #44-3708

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	Capt	Campbell	Paul	E.	615th
CP	Major	Strauss	Joseph	D.	612th
N	1st Lt	Whitney	Ray	F.	615th
N	1st Lt	Tarr	Charles	(NMI)	"
M/O	1st Lt	Tharpe	Robert	W.	"
B	1st Lt	Moore	Max	L.	"
RO	T/Sgt	Cobbbs	K.	W.	"
TT	S/Sgt	Allex	Marvin	L.	"
TG (0)	1st Lt	Rubinoff	Louis	W.	"
FG	Kelly S/Sgt	Kelly	Thomas	E.	"

PLANE #44-8033

P	1st Lt	Gerber	James	D.	615th
CP	1st Lt	Gentry	James	H.	"
N	1st Lt	Lowry	Lawrence	E.	"
B	2nd Lt	Biasella	Armond	R.	"
RO	T/Sgt	Freitas	Daniel	D.	"
TT	Sgt	Maksey	Chester	W.	"
TG	S/Sgt	Atchinson	Alfred	H.	"
FG	S/Sgt	Geirman	Edward	F.	"
M/O	2nd Lt	Dean	Hugh	G.	"

PLANE #43-58941

P	1st Lt	Hart	Jerald	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt	Taylor	Richard	W.	"
N	2nd Lt	Andrews	Melvin	H.	"
B	1st Lt	Rowe	Robert	W.	"
RO	S/Sgt	Reiss	Herbert	(NMI)	"
TT	S/Sgt	Ransy	Robert	E.	"
BT	Sgt	Knight	Victor	(NMI)	"
TG	Sgt	Kickering	Edward	M.	"
FG	Sgt	Smukler	Myron	H.	"

PLANE #148

P	2nd Lt	Speer	Kenneth	D.	615th
CP	2nd Lt	Kelly	James	J.	"
N	2nd Lt	Simon	Robert	M.	"
B	1st Lt	Scanlon	William	M.	"
RO	S/Sgt	Yohay	David	"	"
TT	S/Sgt	Cupp	Gordon	G.	"
BT	Sgt	Gross	William	D.	"
TG	Sgt	Thompson	Lennard	E.	"
FG	Sgt	Averrett	Jack	C.	"

PLANE #44-8912

P	1st Lt	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP	Capt	Harb	Wallace	S.	Hq
N	1st Lt	Stewart	Leon	F.	615th
B	1st Lt	Conway	Francis	(NMI)	"
RO	T/Sgt	Backlin	John	F.	"
TT	T/Sgt	Antill	Clarence	W.	"
TG	S/Sgt	Harris, xxxx	Cecil	D.	"
FG	S/Sgt	Affel	Richard	H.	"

PLANE #44-8153

P	1st Lt	Spuhler	Edwin	H.	615th
CP	1st Lt	Current	Donald	D.	"
N	1st Lt	McAdams	Robert	C.	"
B	1st Lt	Oster	Lewis	H.	"
RO	S/Sgt	McCormick	Thomas	F.	"
TT	T/Sgt	Wells	Richard	D.	"
TG	S/Sgt	Hughes	James	E.	"
FG	S/Sgt	Power	James	E.	"
M/O	xxxx 1st Lt	xxxx DuBray	Joseph	J.	"

M/O F/O Jenkins Frederick S. 615th flying with Post

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

F-B-2

APO 557
1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Abortive Report

TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station 128, APO 557
ATTN: Air Statistical Officer

1. Aircraft No. 42-106992 returned early from the mission of 31 March 1945 because all turbo boost was lost on the # 4 engine at approximately 7000 feet.

2. The aircraft had been in flight for approximately one (1) hour and was at an altitude of 7000 feet when the # 4 manifold pressure dropped slowly back from the setting of 38" Hg. to 30" Hg. The # 4 turbo control amplifier was replaced with the spare amplifier but the trouble was not remedied so the pilot turned back.

3. Ground inspection revealed that both amplifiers had fuses blown. They were replaced and the turbo operated satisfactorily on the ground.

4. When the aircraft taxied out to take-off for test hop the fuse blew in the original spare-amplifier, now mounted in the # 4 position. The original amplifier was used as a replacement and the test hop was completed satisfactorily at an altitude of 7500 feet for a period of two (2) hours.

5. A check of the original spare-amplifier revealed that the receptacle for one of the discriminator tubes in the amplifier was faulty causing a short circuit in the amplifier, which in turn, blew out the amplifier fuse.

6. The abortion can be considered as mechanical.

7. The pilot was guilty of laxity due to the fact that he did not have the blown fuse, which is very obvious, replaced by the spare fuse. The amplifier mounted in # 4 position did carry a good spare fuse.

8. Changing the fuse may, or may not, have remedied the trouble.

FRANK E. WILSON
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst Group Engineering O.

LEAD SQUADRON 94th C GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader MAJ STRAUSS Date 31 March 45

Deputy Sq. Leader LT SPÜHLER

Deputy Gp. Leader LT SPÜHLER

01-0700 RG
07-1300 RG
13-1900 RY

6 X 1000 MK 13 4100 4100

618 SQDN

612 SQ JAWWOCK

613 IN MACRO

CAMPBELL(STRAUSS)

614 IW GOLFCURB

615 IY BUZZARD

IY G 8708 PFF

EVANS(BURTON)

SPÜHLER

IN U 7706 Spet

IY O 8153 PFF

613 SQDN

613 SQDN

NIELSEN

SHEPHERD

IN D 6588 Spet

IW O 7602

YOUNG

BRADLEY

MAY

LITCHEFIELD(RYAN)

IN G 1983

IN B 6132

IN O 9125

IN V 6042

GEREN

IN J 1661

BERNEBURG

LOVELACE

IN S 2947

IN O 1780

SPARES

LONG

IN W 8707

Spare PFF IY S 8853 Disp 32

VIS IY P 6047 Run 28

REG SC T 8788 Disp 16

IW S 2468 Disp 19

LOW SQDN 94 "C" GROUP

Comba* Sq. Leader: CAPT HARB Date: 31 Mar 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT SPEER

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPUHLER

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

POST (HARB)

IY A 8812 PFF

REYNOLDS

SPEER

SC B 1662

IY Q 9148

612 SQDN

612 SQDN

MARTIN

STEPHENS

SC M 7039

SC L 8637 spot

GUY

HARVESON

LEAP

MC KALE

SC F 8541

SC D 6992

SC S 8680

SC N 6506

AHLERS

SC P 1891

HAZELTON

CLEMONS

SC H 2398

SC V 8810 spot

SPARE PFF IY S 8655 disp 32
SPARE VIS IY P 6947 runway 28
REG SPARES SC T 8788 disp 16
IW S 2468 disp 9

HIGH SQDN 84th GROUP

Combat Sq. Leader: LT GERBER Date 31 Mar 45

Deputy Sq. Leader: LT HART

Deputy Gp. Leader: LT SPUHLER

614 SQDN
GERBER
612 SC JAWOCK
613 IW MACRO
614 IW GOLFCUB
615 IY BUZZARD

IY C 8033 PFF

SALISBURY HART
IW Z 8330 IY L 8941

614 SQDN 614 SQDN

BABCOCK SORENSON
IW X 8665 spot IW G 8791

JAMES CAMERON VIERMAN GIBSON
P 2012 IW T 8646 spot IW K 8677 IW B 7151

AYRE
IW A 7951

SCIMEGA GRAY
IW E 8077 IW R 7780

SPARE

STEINMAN
IW Q 7478

SPARE PFF IY S 8653 disp 32
SPARE VIS IY P 6947 runway 22

REG GRD SPARES SC T 8788 disp 16
IW S 2468 disp 9