

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **8**

Date: **24 DEC. 43**

TO: **GORENFLOS , FRANCE**

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE AIR EXECUTIVE

E-B-4

24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Group Leader's Narrative, Mission No. 8, Attack on
Gorenflos, France.

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

1. The 401st Group took off at 1045 with twenty one (21) aircraft, including three spares. One of the spares replaced A/C #42-37833 which returned early. Two other A/C attacked target with the 351st Group. Eighteen (18) 401st A/C bombed assigned target.

2. Group assembly was excellent and Wing assembly at 1133 was made good at the first point and was held until leaving coast. The target was bombed by squadrons as briefed, with the exception that the lead squadron made four runs in order to give bombardier a chance to drop his bombs properly. The second squadron bombed on its first run although hindered by prop wash of lead squadron. The third squadron (made up of A/C from 351st) originally scheduled to bomb target after both 401st squadrons had done so and missed, was not seen. The low squadron claims a possible hit on the target; the high claims a doubtful.

3. The Group followed the briefed course home, dropping to below 3,000' because of high overcast and returned all aircraft to home base.

4. No fighters, enemy or friendly, were observed and there was no flak.

H. E. ROGNER,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Group Leader.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER

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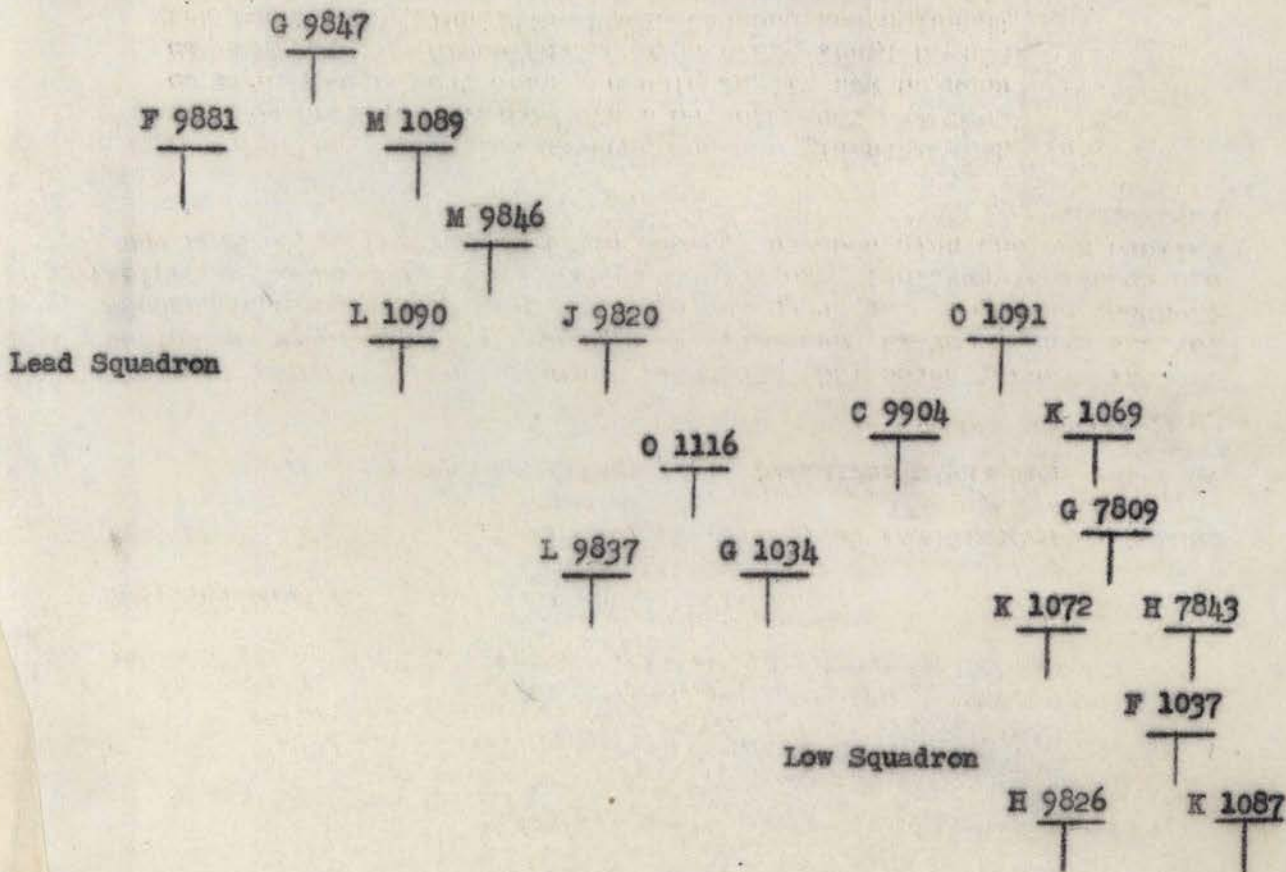
24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Operational Narrative, Mission No. 8, 24 December 1943.

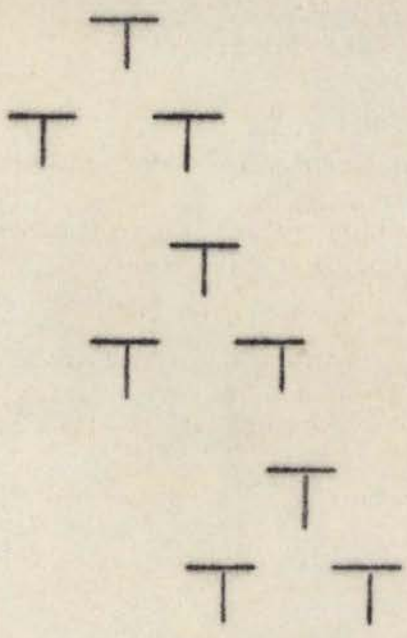
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H).

1. Twenty one (21) aircraft, including three spares, took off for the mission of 24 December, 1943. One ship, No. 42-37833, returned early because of a large gasoline leak in No. 1 tank. Eighteen (18) ships proceeded over the target with the 401st Group. Two ships, the two remaining spares, filled in formation and flew with the 351st Group. The new eighteen (18) ship formation, composed of two nine (9) ship Squadrons of three elements (of three ships each) stacked down, was flown very successfully. Group rendezvous was normal. Wing rendezvous was made as briefed. The 401st Group was low box in the Wing formation. The Group bombed individually by squadrons as briefed. The bombs did not hit the target. Only one burst of flak was observed, and no enemy fighters were seen. No battle damage was sustained. All ships returned to the home base.

2. Group formation in assembly and cruise

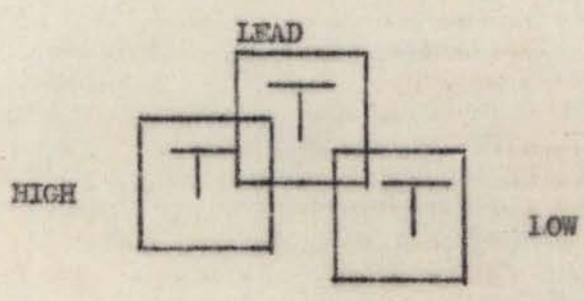


3. Formation over target



By individual squadrons

4. Position of Group in Wing formation. 401st Group was low box.



ALLISON C. BROOKS,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

GROUP INFORMATION

Combat Flight Leader: _____ (Date) _____
Deputy Flight Leader: _____
Group Call Sign: LT. COL ROGNER Fighter Call Sign 24 December 1943
Ground Control: MAJ EVELAND

DENVER

SQDN

TACK LINE

Call A/C#
614

CHAPMAN (ROGNER)

Call A/C# Call A/C#
G 9847

CARMACK

HOLLAND (EVELAND)

Call A/C# Call A/C#
F 9881 H 1089

KIRKRUVP

Call A/C# Call A/C#
M 9846

SMITH

KAUFMAN

SQDN L 1090

J 9820 SQDN

Call A/C#
612

GOODMAN

Call A/C#
615

SEAWELL (BROOKS)

Call A/C# O 1118 Call A/C#

KELLY

ROGNER

Call A/C# O 1091 Call A/C#

KAMINSKI

BURBY

L 9837 Call A/C# G 1034

DALLEY

C 9844 Call A/C# K 1069

BIERE

Call A/C# F 1057 Call A/C#

HEAG

POE

Call A/C# F 9838 Call A/C#

CHAPMAN

CHRISTENSEN

H 9823 SPARES K 1087

Call A/C# G 7809 Call A/C# H 7843

STARR

Call A/C#

LOCHER

Call A/C# B 1058 Call A/C#

FOULER

PIPER

O 3507 Call A/C#

N 0855

Call A/C#

ROSS

STELSON

K 1072

H 1084

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE NAVIGATION OFFICER

APO 634

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative of Mission Flown 24 December 1943

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
APO 634

1. Flight Plan and log attached.
2. Track Chart attached.
3. Narrative.
 - a. T/O at 1046 hours.
 - b. Group formed at 1122 hours at 5000 feet.
 - c. Formed CBW at 1133 hours at 5000 feet.
 - d. Began climb at 1202 hours.
 - e. Reached altitude at 1230 hours.
 - f. Weather encountered over England:
 - (1) Clouds 4 /10ths
 - (2) Visability 10 miles.
 - (3) Wind at altitude 340 degrees. 32 knots per hour
 - g. Means of navigation over England.
Geo Pilotage Radio D.R.
 - h. Means of checking Metro Winds
Geo
 - i. Joined task force at _____ hours at _____ (city, splasher, Coordinates)
 - j. Departed English Coast at 1302 hours.
Arrived at Enemy Coast at 1322 / 1324 hours

k. Fighter Rendezvous:

- (1) Going in: _____ hours.
- (2) Coming Back: _____ hours.

l. Wind used for bombing:

- (1) 315 degrees.
- (2) 35 knots per hour.
- (3) How Determined:

Gee

m. Description of Bomb Run and Method of target Identification:

- (1) Reached IP at 1324 hours.
- (2) Mag heading over target 95 degrees.
- (3) Altitude over target 12300 feet.
- (4) Time bombs away 1358 hours.
- (5) Method of target Identification and weather over target:

Visual - Good

n. Difficulties encountered with Radio, compass, and special equipment:

Gee Jammed Only "D" blip obtainable

o. Gee:

- (1) Coordinates of furthest fix 50 05N
02 03E
- (2) Time 1358 hours.

p. Comments:

NONE

JAMES F. NEAN
Captain, Air Corps
Lead Navigator
SIGNATURE

TRACK CHART

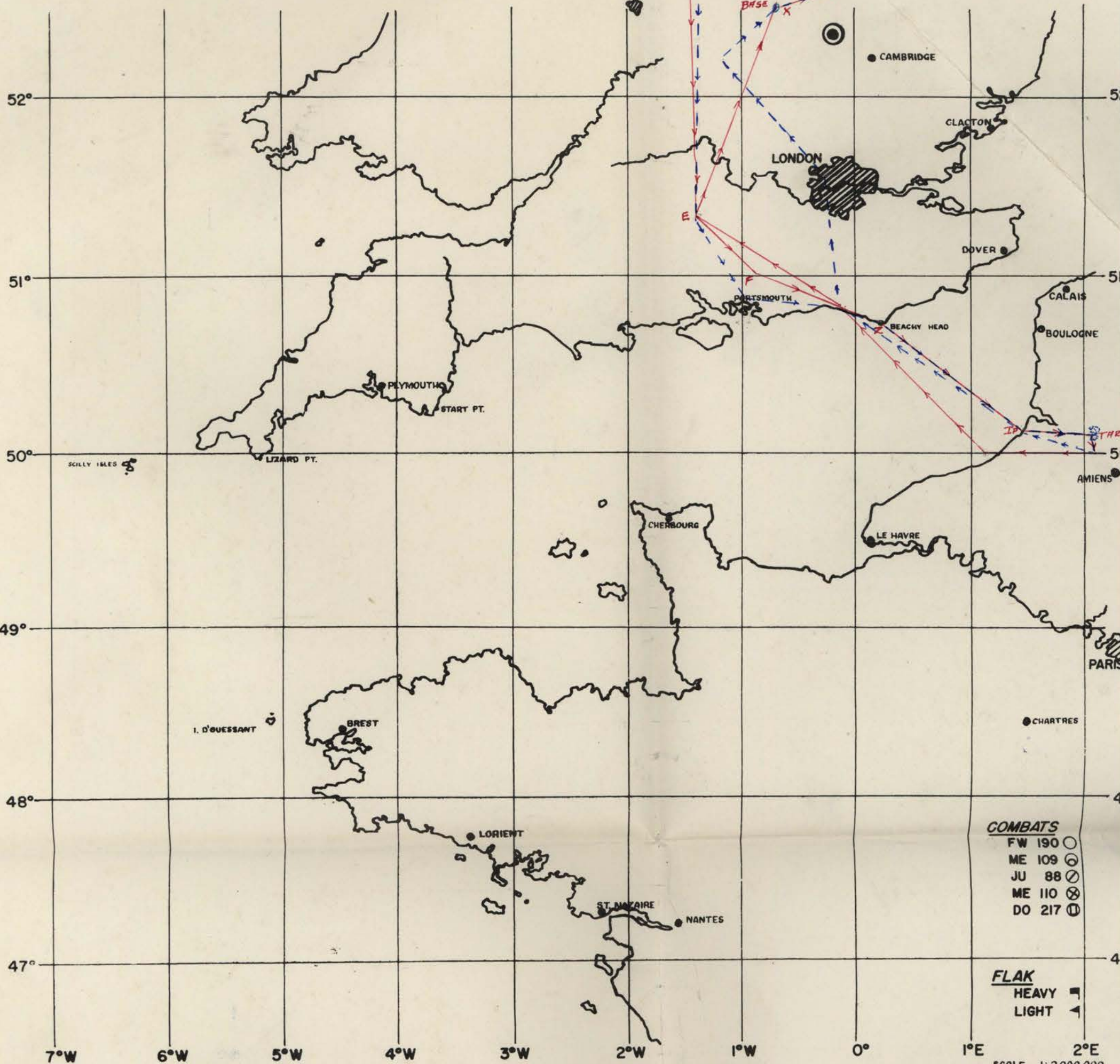
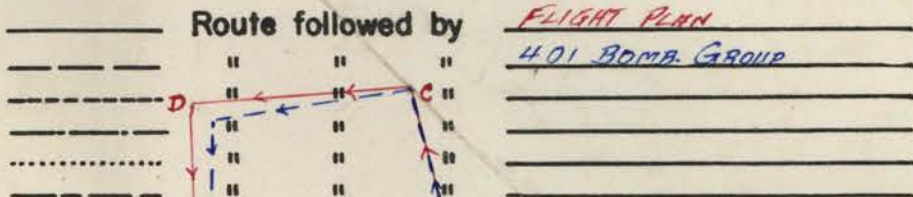
TARGET

Primary 5th SITE - GORENFLOS
 Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

DATE DEC 24, 1948

Route followed by

FLIGHT PLAN
401 BOMB GROUP



COMBATS

- FW 190 ○
- ME 109 ⊙
- JU 88 ⊗
- ME 110 ⊗
- DO 217 ⊕

FLAK

- HEAVY ▣
- LIGHT ◀

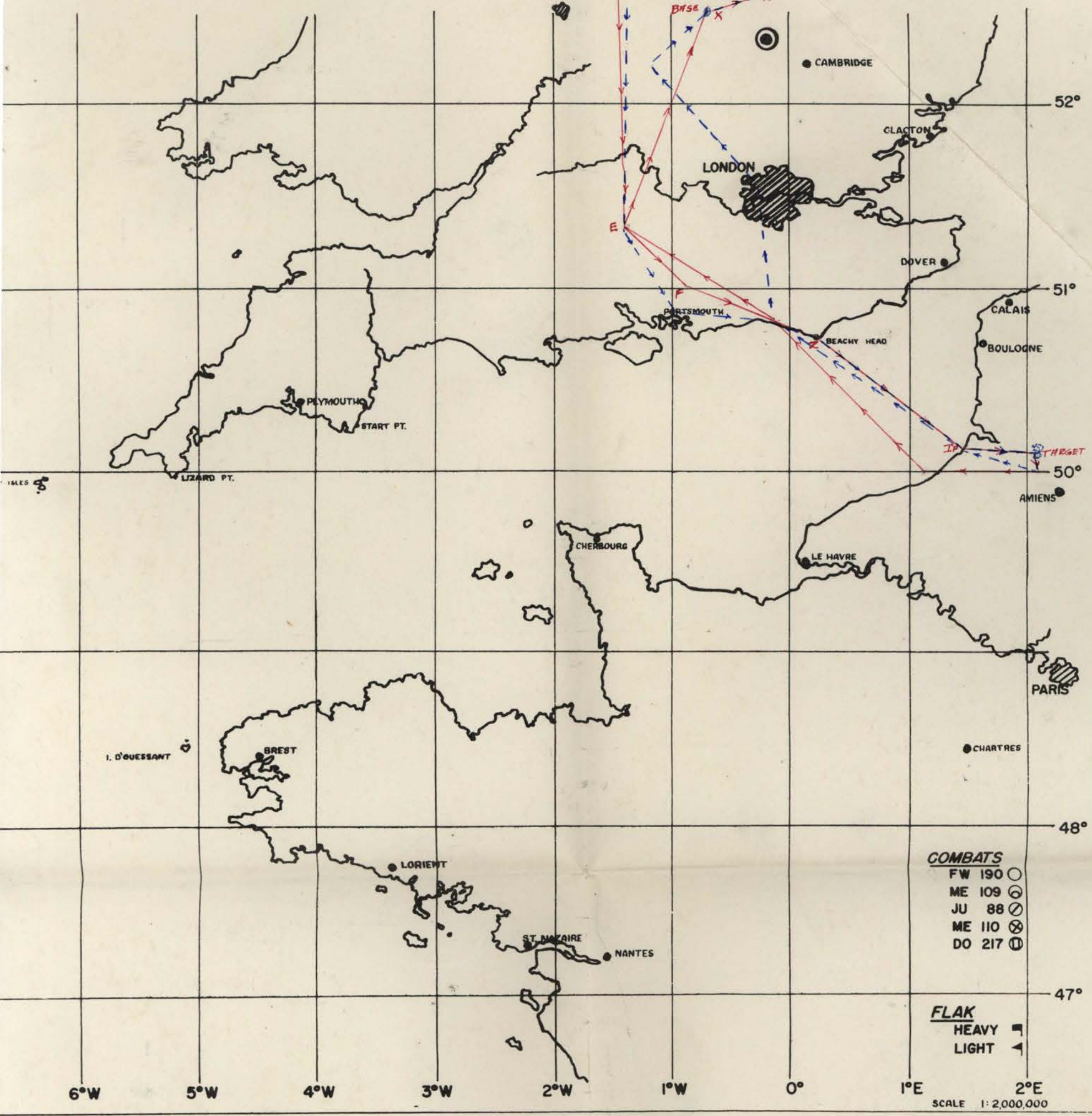
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TRACK CHART

SET
 Primary 5th SFG - FORENFLOS
 Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

DATE DEC. 24, 1943

Route followed by FLIGHT PLAN
 _____ 401 BOMB GROUP



COMBATS
 FW 190 ○
 ME 109 ⊙
 JU 88 ⊗
 ME 110 ⊗
 DO 217 ⊕

FLAK
 HEAVY ▣
 LIGHT ◀

SCALE 1:2,000,000

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF.	TRUE HDNC	MAG HDNC	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION	GENERAL OBSERVATIONS	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & A. TEMP.	T.A.S.	D.R. C.S.	DIS. TO RUN	TIME	E.T.A.
1254		-4	78										
1300					Turning on course of Beachy Head								
1302			125		English Coast out	50 44N 00 14E				185		18	1320
1315					Evasive Action to left								
1324					Enemy Coast								
1328													
1358			86		Bombs away								
1359					Turning to 280 degrees								
1402			280							216 to turn		1416	
1410			300		B-17's Ahead	"GEE" JAMMED							
1413			320		AULT								
1425			310		Can obtain only D Blip on Gee								
1430			305		Using Spl. #11 O.K.								
1443					English Coast								
1526					PP								
1600					LAND								
					LOG CLOSED								

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BY JN, NARA DATE 2/19/11

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 634 U. S. ARMY

24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Mission No. 8, Gorenflos, France
TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H)
APO #634

1. We made landfall at the I.P., Ault, on the enemy coast at 1324. A true heading of 102° was taken up from there directly to the target. Since no flak was fired at us, no evasive action was taken, though our formation passed directly over the center of ABBEVILLE. From ABBEVILLE the target area could be made out by the shape of its wooded area. As I was unable to see the target in the optics due to a film of moisture between the window panes in the nose, I synchronized first on a point between us and the target. The C-1 pilot was turned off when we encountered too much prop wash. Then, when we neared the target, I moved my aiming point on to the wooded area in which the Ski Site was located. The buildings themselves were not actually discernable through the sight until we were very close upon it. The bombs hit short, some falling within the village of Ergnies. "Bombs Away" was at 1334.

2. Bombing altitude was 11,500 feet at an indicated air speed of 155 MPH.

ARNOLD C. KUENNING
Captain, Air Corps
Lead Bombardier (Low Sqd)

BOMBARDIER B-17G

Target: **CORNFLOS** *Elevation: **366 Ft.** Take-Off: **1954**
 Date: **26 December 1943** Escort:

Description and Remarks:

*Pressure Altitude of Target _____ Type & Size of **M-57 250lb**
 **Bombs
 *Altimeter Setting **29.92** **No. of Bombs **16** *Fuzing: Nose
 Loaded Tail
 *Ind. Altitude **11600** **Initial Point **AULT** *Ordered Actual **AULT**
 *True Altitude Above Target **11320** xLength of Run _____ xTime of Run _____
 xAir Speed (MPH) **186** CIAS TAS **184** *Mag. Head. **103** xMag. Head. Actual _____
 *Ground Speed *Est **214** **Actual **208** xTime of Release _____ **No. of Bombs Released _____
 Drift *Forecast **1 R** xActual **1 L** **Type of Train **Salvo** Individual Jett. Ret.
 *Actual Range **7700** xPoint of impact (If Seen) **1000' Short**
 xTan. Drop. Angle *Est. **.74** xActual **.68** **Airplane Type **B-17G** No. **42-31091**
 x Disc Speed **198** x Irail **68** **Pilot **MAJOR WM. T. SEAWELL**

Actual Time **28 sec. **B.S. Type **M-7** *Navigator **1ST LT. R. F. CAUSEY**
 Of Fall and No.

Neight	Wind Direction		Wind Velocity		Temp Forecast	Temp Actual	Remarks:
	*Est.	xActual	*Est.	xActual	*	X	
1000							
2000							
6000	300		30		-2		
10000	290	280	30	24	-9	-7	
15000	290		35		-15		
20000							
220000							
24000							
26000							
30000							

*Fill in before take-off. **Fill in after landing x Fill in during flight

..D.
 A.C. Form
 12 E Modified
 25-9-43 8 BC APO 634

COMBAT BOMBING FLIGHT RECORD

BOMBARDIER² CAPT. ARNOLD C. KUENNING DATE 12-24-45
 PILOT² MAJ. W. T. SEABELL TAKE OFF 1054
 NAVIGATOR² 1ST LT. R. F. GAUSEY LANDED 1537
 ORGANIZATION 615th Squadron 401st Group AIRPLANE 42-51091

OBJECTIVE³ SKI SITE, GORREPLACE, FRANCE
 AIMING POINT (MPI) CENTER OF AREA

INITIAL POINT AULT FRANCE

METHOD OF ATTACK⁴ X
 Individual Flight Squadron Group Wing

NUMBER OF ATTACKING A/C IN GROUP 9 COMPOSITE GROUP

NUMBER A/C DROPPING BOMBS BY OWN SIGHTING OPERATION:

DEFLECTION AND RANGE SIGHTING, GROUP 1 COMPOSITE GROUP

RANGE SIGHTING ONLY. GROUP COMPOSITE GROUP

BOMBS, TYPES AND SIZES M-57, 250 lb. GP

NUMBER OF BOMBS LOADED 16 RELEASED 16

FUZING, NOSE 1/10 TAIL 1/40

SYNCHRONIZATION⁵ X
 On Fast Slow

INFORMATION AT RELEASE POINT⁶ SQR. JAVELIN DOWN

Altitude of target	<u>368 ft.</u>	MAG. HEAT. Order	<u>97</u>	Actual	<u>94</u>
True Altitude above target	<u>11,300</u>	True Sighting	<u>102</u>		
Ind. Altitude	<u>11,500</u>	Drift, Est.	<u>1 R</u>	Actual	<u>1 L</u>
Pressure altitude of target	<u>0</u>	True Track			
Altimeter setting		Actual Range	<u>7700</u>		
.I.A.S.	<u>155</u>	B.S. Type	<u>M-7</u>		
.A.S.	<u>185</u>	Time of release	<u>1334</u>		
.S., Est.	<u>214</u>	Actual	<u>208</u>	Length of Bombing Run	<u>50 sec</u>
Wind Direction, Metro	<u>280</u>	Actual	<u>280</u>	Intervalometer setting	<u>Min</u>
Wind Velocity, Metro	<u>32</u>	Actual	<u>24</u>	C-1 Pilot	<u>Too much prop wash</u>
.S.	<u>191.6</u>	Trail	<u>65</u>	ATF	<u>28</u>
AN. D.A. Est.	<u>.74</u>	Actual		Manual PILOT	<u>X</u>

TYPE OF RELEASE⁷

Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN⁸

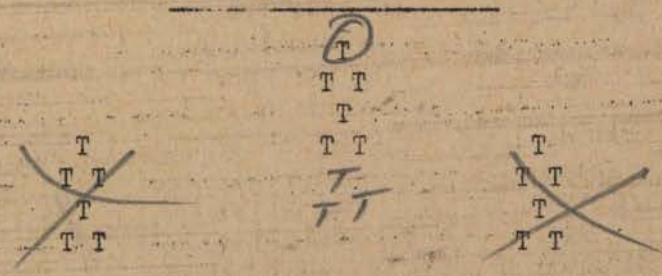
NAVIGATION DATA:⁹

MEAN TEMP. METRO _____ ACTUAL _____

W. D.

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP. C.	
	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual	Metro	Actual
1000						
3000						
6000						
10000						
15000						
20000						
22000						
24000						
26000						
28000						
30000						

METHODS OF BOMBING¹⁰



COMPOSITE GROUPS¹¹



Bombardier making complete sighting operation - - -



Bombardier making range operation only - - -



Bombardier dropping on leader, with arrow indicating leader's position - - -

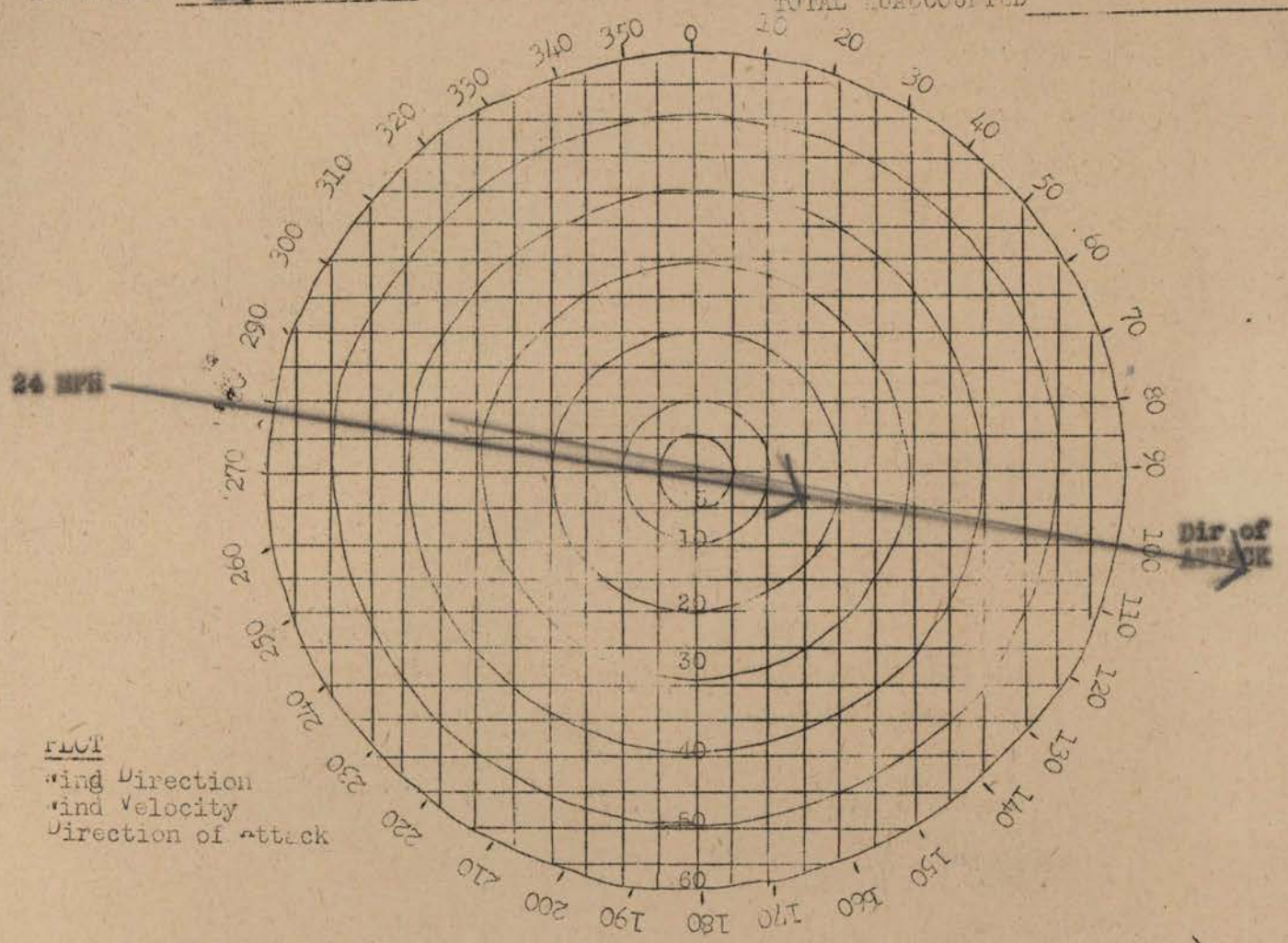


CENTERS INDIVIDUAL PLOT

GROUP 401st
TARGET GORNFLAS
METHOD OF BOMBING VISUAL
ALTITUDE 11,000



TOTAL BOMBS CARRIED 144
TOTAL BOMBS AT TARGET 144
TOTAL BOMBS HITTING TARGET 0
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR 144
TOTAL UNACCOUNTED _____



PLCI
Wind Direction
Wind Velocity
Direction of Attack

For Combat use form as
thousand foot concentric
circles..... For practice
use form as one hundred
foot concentric circles

Example:

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

A.P.O. 634,
24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report.

TO : Group Operations, Station 128.

1. Abortives.

a. None

2. Battle Damage.

a. None

CHARLES W. HUNT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Officer of the Armament Officer

A.P.O. 634,
24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 8, 24 December 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 634,
U.S. Army.

1. A negative Armament malfunction report is
submitted for the mission of 24 December 1943.

SAM P. BROOMHALL, JR.,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
 AAF STA 128, APO 634

(J-A-2)

24 DECEMBER 1943

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS REPORT, OPERATIONAL MISSION NO 8.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401ST BOMB GP (H), AAF STA 128, APO 634.

1. USE OF VHF SET.

CHANNELS "A" & "D" AVAILABLE. ROUTINE FORMATION MESSAGES ON CHANNEL "A". SHIPS 881 & 904 MONITORED CHANNEL "D" FROM 1315 TILL END OF MISSION BUT DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY TRANSMISSIONS.

2. VHF/DF BEARINGS.

SHIPS 507 & 847 RECEIVED 1 HOMING EACH FROM DEENE-THORPE.

3. HF/DF BEARINGS.

SHIPS 507, 847, & 846 RECEIVED 1 QDM EACH FROM POLE-BROOK. SHIP 116 RECEIVED 2 QDM'S FROM POLEBROOK.

4. MF/DF FIXES.

NONE OBTAINED.

5. DISTRESS ACTION TAKEN.

NONE TAKEN.

6. RADIO BEACONS USED.

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>SPLASHERS</u>	<u>MULTI-GROUPS</u>	<u>BUNCHERS</u>
837	11-12-16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
087	12-13-16	C-D	DEENETHORPE
034	11-12-16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
826	6-11-12	NOT USED	NOT USED
089	11-12-16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
037	7-12-16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
507	11-12-16	B-C	NOT USED
037	7-11-12-16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
064	11-12	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
116	9-11-12	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
846	11-12-16	NOT USED	NOT USED
847	11-12	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
843	9-11-12-16	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
809	8-9-11-12-13	B-C-D	NOT USED

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6. RADIO BEACONS USED (CONTD)

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>SPLASHERS</u>	<u>MULTI-GROUPS</u>	<u>BUNCHERS</u>
904	7-8-11-12	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE
091	11-12	NOT USED	NOT USED
069	6-11-12	NOT USED	DEENETHORPE

7. USE OF "GEE".

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>NORMAL</u>	<u>TRANS</u>	<u>MAXIMUM RANGE OBTAINED</u>	
			<u>XF NO 1</u>	<u>XF NO 2</u>
089	5010N	0130E	DID NOT USE	DID NOT USE
847	5157N	0130W	DID NOT USE	DID NOT USE
091	5000N	0205W	DID NOT USE	DID NOT USE
069	5144N	0123W	DID NOT USE	DID NOT USE

8. USE OF SBA & JAY BEAMS.

NOT USED.

9. USE OF MB/DF SECTION.

SECTION "N" AVAILABLE. NOT USED.

10. BREACHES OF RADIO DISCIPLINE.

NONE.

11. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES.

<u>PLANE</u>	<u>REPORTED DEFICIENCIES</u>
846	COMPASS - 90 DEG OUT OF PHASE.
847	COMPASS - SPINNING OF INDICATOR NOTICED.
809	COMPASS - CHECK FOR SIGNAL STRENGTH.
837	INTERPHONE - NAV POSN OUT (MIKE BUTTON OK), CHECK LOW IMPEDANCE ADAPTER - BALL TURRET. COMMAND - RECALIBRATE DIALS.
087	INTERPHONE - AMPLIFIER OUT.
820	VHF - STEADY HOWL OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.
064	INTERPHONE - CHECK PILOT POSN, WEAK OPERATION ENTIRE SYSTEM. LIAISON - RECEIVER NOISY & SCRATCHY.
116	INTERPHONE - WEAK, CAN'T TALK WITH JACK BOX IN RADIO ROOM.
843	INTERPHONE - #3 & #4 POSN WOULD NOT WORK FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSE.
091	INTERPHONE - LEFT WAIST POSN FAILED.
107	VHF - FEEDS INTO LIAISON WHEN TRANSMITTING. IFF - NO CORD TO CHECK WITH. NO FREQ METER.
881	IFF - OUT.
833	COMPASS - PILOT'S INDICATOR INOPERATIVE.

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12. ABORTIVES DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS.

NONE.

13. INFORMATION ON MEACONING.

826 REPORTED SPLASHER 12 MEACONED.
064 REPORTED SPLASHER 11 MEACONED AT 1400.

14. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES.

846 REPORTED INTERFERENCE SPLASHER 11.
069 REPORTED SLIGHT JAMMING ON VHF.
904 REPORTED SLIGHT JAMMING ON VHF.
826 REPORTED SLIGHT JAMMING ON VHF.

15. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE BUNCHER BEACON.

DEENETHORPE BUNCHER BEACON WAS IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. MOST NAVIGATORS REPORTED GOOD RESULTS WERE OBTAINED THO TROUBLE WAS EXPERIENCED DUE TO ERRATIC TRANSMISSIONS.

16. FUNCTIONING OF DEENETHORPE VHF/DF STATION.

DEENETHORPE VHF/DF STATION WAS IN OPERATION ENTIRE MISSION. GOOD RESULTS WERE OBTAINED THO TROUBLE WAS EXPERIENCED DUE TO INEXPERIENCED OPERATORS.

17. REMARKS.

DEFICIENCIES BEING INVESTIGATED & CORRECTED.

Harold M. Kennard, Jr.
(by *HMK*)

HAROLD M. KENNARD, JR.
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

1 INCL:
INCL #1 - LEAD SHIP RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG.

/S/ S/SGT ROBERT B. PYLE
 (RADIO OPERATOR'S NAME)

SHIP NO. 847
 NO. OF QDM'S... 1
 NO. OF FIXES 0
 NO. OF SOS'S 0

15/21/43
 (DATE)

NOTE: THE ABOVE IS TO BE FILLED AFTER LANDING

DIV. COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN: SWVC M/F D/F SECTION: N

C.W. COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN: XNCC SHIP CALL SIGN: KHNG

TIME: 1013 . WATCH OPENED: NAME: /S/ ROBERT B. PYLE

COMPASS: OK . COMMAND: OK . LIAISON: OK

INTERPHONE: OK . VHF: OK . IFF: OK

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS
1020			START #1 ENGINE
1030			TAXI
1045			TAKE OFF IFF ON DET PLUG IN
1049			IFF CHECK OK
WING		7MT	-4-V'S-X445-1104A AR
1105			IFF CHECK OK
1119			IFF CHECK OK
WING		7MT	-6-V'S-X445-1134A AR
1135			IFF CHECK OK
1150			IFF CHECK
1205			IFF CHECK
1219			IFF CHECK OK
1235			IFF CHECK OK
WING			-2-V'S-X445-1304A AR
1305			IFF CHECK
1318			IFF CHECK
WING		7MT	-7-V'S-X445-1334A AR
1335			IFF CHECK OK
1349			IFF CHECK OK
WING		7MT	-3-V'S-X445-1404A AR
1405			IFF CHECK
	7MT	KHNG	-X259-K
	KHNG	7MT	-R-K
	7MT	KHNG	-R-NR1-Y-GR2 = MXLY DP = 1359A K
1406	KHNG	7MT	-R-NR1-AR
1422			IFF CHECK OK
WING		7MT	-1-V'S-X445-1434A AR
1435			IFF CHECK OK
1449			IFF CHECK OK
WING		7MT	-8-V'S-X445-1504A AR
1505			IFF CHECK
1519			IFF CHECK
	DZ8	KHNG	-X696-K
	KHNG	DZ8	-R-X687-K
	DZ8	KHNG	-R- _____ G _____
	KHNG	DZ8	-R-X698-063-1529-K
1533	DZ8	KHNG	-R-AR

TIME	TO	FROM	REMARKS
1536			IFF CHECK OK
1557			LANDED IFF OKK DET OUT
1603			DISPERSED
1604			CUT ENGINES
1606			OKK OFF WATCH EQUIPMENT CHECK OK
			/S/ S/SGT ROBERT R. PYLE

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 634
U. S. ARMY

24 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in the Gorenflos Raid, this date.

TO : C.O., 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. S/Sgt. DeWitt, B.T. G. on Lt. Locher's crew reported wires to heated gloves and suit out. They were checked for connections and were O.K. by equipment room day before yesterday.
2. Lt. Stelzer waited for 45 minutes for truck after landing.
3. The crew of Lt. Charles E. Hess reported smoke from landing flares over runway when landing. No rubbers provided for relief.
4. Lt. Gaston M. Fox's engineer and right waist gunner had gas pains from breakfast.
5. Lt. Levey of Lt. Smith's crew says, "Lead bombardier did not drop on target, he and balance of squadron dropped on Deputy Lead Bombardier."
6. Lt. Maulo of Lt. Kaufman's crew said, "we had an hours too much time between briefing and takeoff."
7. Lt. Harold J. Chapman says, "Smoothest run mission yet".
8. Major Ivan W. Eveland left formation over London and climbed above cloud cover observing that the rest of the formation went through the clouds. Major Eveland being concious of the barrage balloons did not wish to take any chances on tangling with them.
9. S/Sgt. Cleve D. Harlow of Lt. Cammack's crew is need of heavy flying boots and rayon gloves.

W. B. FRY,
Major, AC,
Group S-2 Officer.

TO: C.G. 1ST BOMB DIV. AND 94TH COMBAT WING.

FROM: C.O. 401ST BOMB GP. (H).

TELETYPE A

- S-1. THE 401ST GROUP FLEW LOW BOX IN THE 94TH COMBAT WING UNTIL START OF BREAK UP AT BEACHYHEAD. NO ENEMY A/C WERE SEEN DURING THIS RAID. ONLY ABOUT THIRTY FIGHTERS CONSISTING OF P-38'S AND P-47'S WERE SEEN BY OUR GROUP, THEY WERE FIRST OBSERVED ABOUT THE CENTER OF THE CHANNEL AND INTERMITTENTLY THEREAFTER OVER THE ENTIRE ROUTE UNTIL THE ENEMY COAST WAS REACHED ON THE WAY BACK.
- S-2. VERY MEAGER AND INACCURATE A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED AT ABBEVILLE AND JUST AS OUR GROUP WAS LEAVING THE ENEMY COAST. THE GROUP WAS AT 11,600 FEET, ALL BURSTS OBSERVED WERE BLACK.
- S-3. NIL.
- S-4. NIL.
- S-5. NIL.
- S-6. OUR A/C OBSERVED THE AIRBASE ON THE OUTSKIRTS AND JUST NORTH OF ABBEVILLE REPORTING NOT A PLANE OR ANY ACTIVITY WAS SEEN ON THIS FIELD. A BUILDING WAS SEEN BY THE BOMBARDIER OF THE SECOND SQUADRON WHICH HE ESTIMATE TO BE THE CONTROL TOWER. THIS BUILDING WAS COVERED WITH A BLUISH-GREEN ROOF THAT TO HIM WAS AN UNMISTAKABLE RECOGNITION FEATURE. WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GUN IMPLACEMENT WITH FRESH EXCAVATIONS SURROUNDING IT WAS SEEN TWO HUNDRED YARDS WEST OF THE TOWN OF VANDRICOURT. THIRTY TO FORTY FRESH EXCAVATIONS WERE SEEN THREE EAST OF BALT.
- S-7. OUR FIRST SQUADRON MADE FOUR PASSES AT THE TARGET WITH REPORTED POOR BOMBING RESULTS, THE SECOND SQUADRON FEELS THAT ^{ONE CLUSTER} ~~SEVERAL~~ OF THEIR BOMBS MADE A PERFECT HIT WHILE SEVERAL WERE OBSERVED TO FALL SHORT, TO THE SIDE AND UPON OTHER BUILDINGS STRUCTURES IN THE TARGET AREA. MANY PHOTOS WERE TAKEN ON THIS RAID WHICH WHEN DEVELOPED WE EXPECT TO GIVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF OUR RESULTS.
- S-8. NO PARTICULAR CREW COMMENTS WERE MADE ON FRIENDLY FIGHTER COVER AS NO E/A WERE SEEN.
- S-9. 21 A/C TOOK OFF AT 1056 CROSSING THE ENGLISH COAST 1302 HRS. AT BEACHYHEAD FOLLOWING THE ROUTE AS BRIEFED EXCEPT THAT THE FIRST SQUADRON MADE FOUR PASSES AT THE TARGET. THE ENEMY COAST WAS CROSSED 1324 HRS. AT AULT. WE WERE OVER THE TARGET AT 1358 HRS., HEADING 86° TRUE. LANDED BACK AT BASE 1600 HOURS. OF THE 21 A/C TAKING OFF, A/C 064, 072, 507 WERE SPARES, A/C 072 TOOK THE PLACE OF A/C 833 WHICH TURNED AROUND JUST WEST OF OUR FIELD DUE TO GAS LEAKING FROM NO. TWO TANK. THE BOMBS FROM A/C 833 WERE BROUGHT BACK. A/C 064 AND 507 TACKED ON TO THE 351ST GROUP BOMBING WITH THIS GROUP.

CIRCLES : 1 MILE
SCALE 1:63,360

NOBALL AREA MAP N° 14

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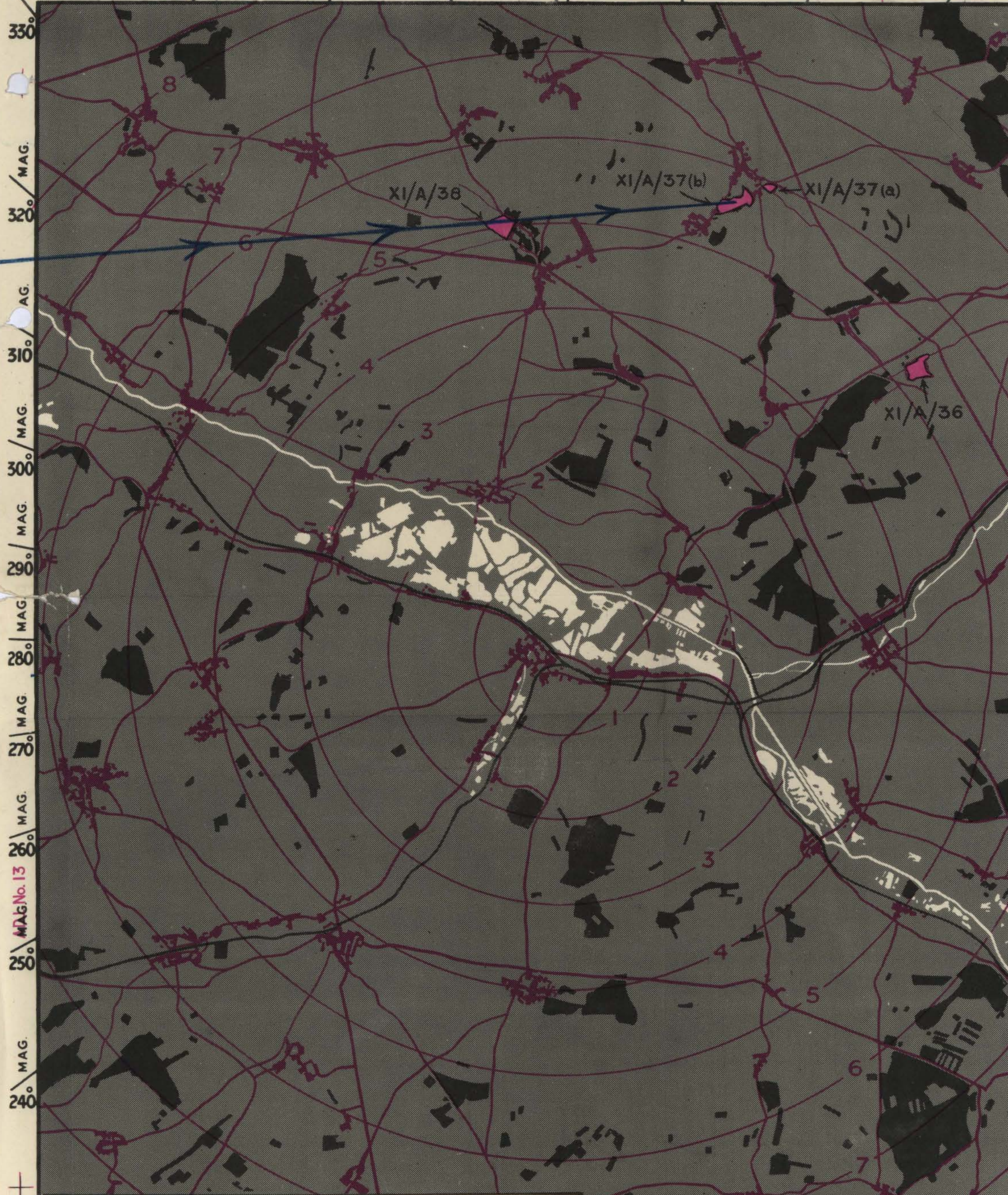
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TRUE NORTH

BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC

MAG. 340° MAG. 350° MAG. 360° MAG. 010° MAG. 020° MAG. 030° MAG. 040° MAG.



	Latitude.	Longitude.	Altitude.
XI/A/36.	50° 04' N.	02° 06' E.	400 feet.
XI/A/37(a).	50° 06' N.	02° 03' E.	366 feet.
XI/A/37(b).	50° 06' N.	02° 21' E.	366 feet.
XI/A/38.	50° 05' N.	01° 59' E.	333 feet.

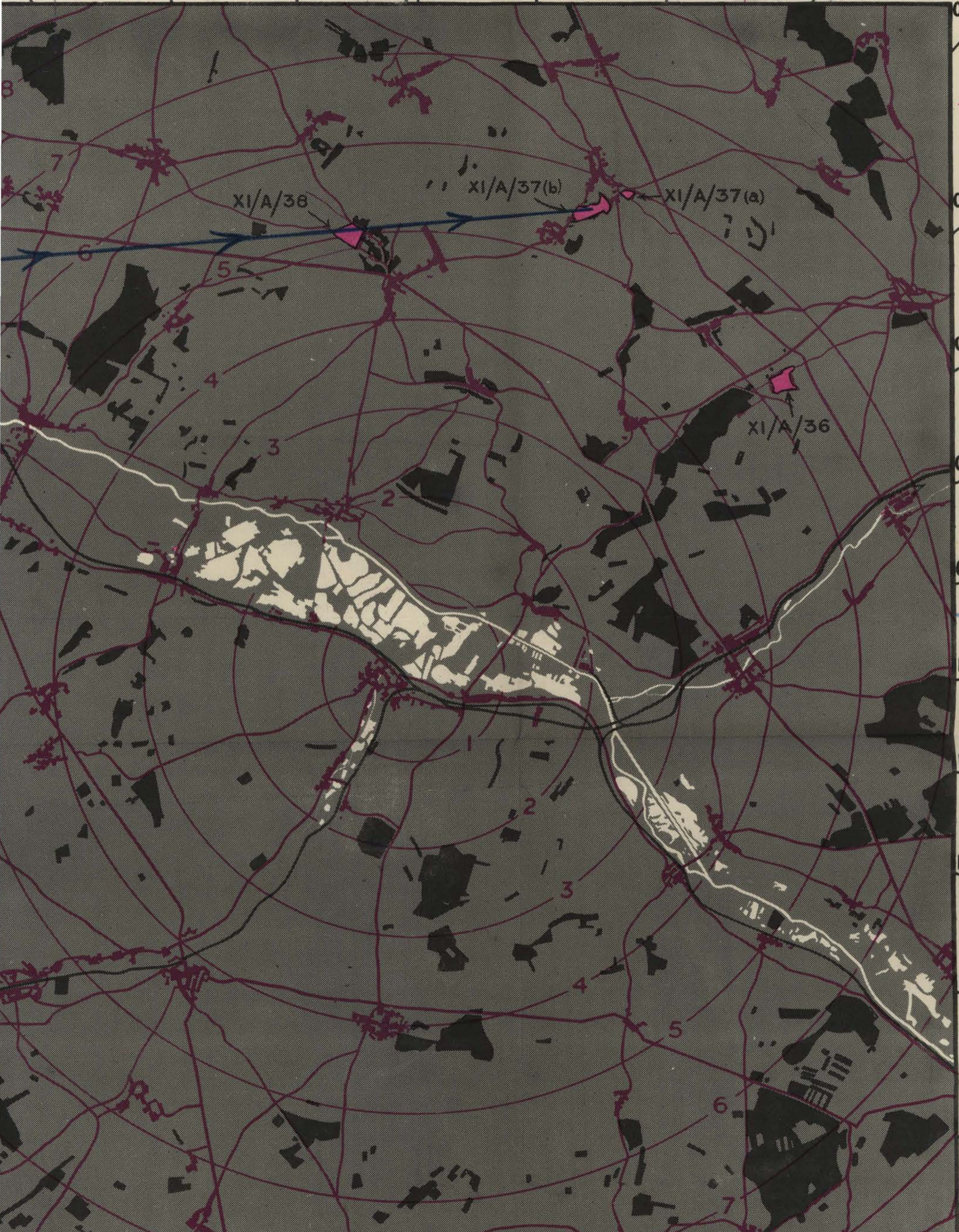
XI/A/36.	FLIXECOURT/DOMART EN DONTHIEU.	50° 04' N.	02° 06' E.	400 feet.
XI/A/37(a).	GORENFLOS.	50° 06' N.	02° 03' E.	366 feet.
XI/A/37(b).	GORENFLOS.	50° 06' N.	02° 21' E.	366 feet.
XI/A/38.	AILLY-LE-HAUT CLOCHER.	50° 05' N.	01° 59' E.	333 feet.

LECOURT

TRUE NORTH

BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC

00° MAG. 350° MAG. ADJ. No. 11 360° MAG. 010° MAG. 020° MAG. 030° MAG. 040° MAG. ADJ. No. 12



	Latitude.	Longitude.	Altitude.
LECOURT/DOMART EN DONTHIEU.	50° 04' N.,	02° 06' E.,	400 feet.
LENFLOS.	50° 06' N.,	02° 03' E.,	366 feet.
LENFLOS.	50° 06' N.,	02° 21' E.,	366 feet.
LENFLOS-LE-HAUT CLOCHER.	50° 05' N.,	01° 59' E.,	333 feet.

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 634
U S ARMY

24 December, 1943.

SUBJECT: Narrative of Gorenflos Mission this date.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H) APO 634.

1. Twenty-one A/C took off to attack Gorenflos, which had been determined as a possible "ski-site" for either Rocket Propelled A/C or Rocket Bombs and located approximately ten miles due east of Abbeville in northeastern part of France. Eighteen A/C attacked the primary target and two A/C attacked the target of opportunity. Visibility was clear over the target for visual bombing. Billows of smoke were observed by our crews arising from the bombed area but bombing results were generally described to interrogators as fair. One A/C 7833 returned early shortly after T/O. Pilot observed gas leaking from No. two tank. Upon landing immediate check however indicated that the tokyo tanks were empty, which was caused, probably due to a jammed valve. All A/C returned to the station.

2. No enemy fighters were seen. Friendly fighter support was regarded as good, particularly from landfall to target on way in, and out of target area.

3. Flak over the target was very meager, and for all practical purposes, negligible. Two bursts were seen of barrage type and black and white colors were observed. The time was 1358 hours. Additional meager flak was also noted after leaving enemy coast by A/C #1050 at 1415 hours. It was of five bursts and very poor as to height and deflection.

4. No A/C suffered either catagory "A" or "AC" battle damage.

5. A/C #9847 at 1418 hours at five minutes flying time past Ault on return to English coast believe that one of our A/C, possibly a B-24 was in some difficulty. This A/C was flying at about 6,000 to 8,000 feet altitude and was quite a long ways dead ahead of reporting A/C. Smoke was observed coming from the ship as it slowly disappeared from view.

W. B. FRY,
Maj. A. C.,
Group S-2.

NO COMBAT CLAIMS

NO CREWS TACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

NO UNUSUAL ENEMY TACTICS AGAINST OUR A/C

NO HOT NEWS SUMMARY

NOE/A ATTACK DATA SHEET

1. GROUP 401st SQUADRON Ship A/C NO. 9847 LETTER G DATE 24/12/43

2. POSITION BRIEFED #1, 1stE, Ld Sq POSITION OVER TARGET _____
T/O TIME 1046 TIME LANDED _____

3. <u>2nd Lt. Alvah H. Chapman</u>	PILOT	<u>S/Sgt. Robert B. Pyle</u>	RADIO
<u>2nd Lt. Jack B. Evans</u>	CO-PILOT	<u>S/Sgt. Bruno J. Spätilson</u>	BALL-T
<u>2nd Lt. Charles M. Smith</u>	NAVIGATOR	<u>Col. Harris E. Rogner</u>	CPW
<u>Capt. Julius Pickoff</u>	BOMB	<u>S/Sgt. Michael G. Brennan</u>	R-WAIST
<u>S/Sgt. George S. Wilson</u>	TOP-T	<u>S/Sgt. James E. Dayton</u>	T-GUNNER
<u>Capt. James F. Egan (N)</u>	OTHERS		

4. ROUTE AS BRIEFED: YES X NO. (~~DESCRIBE~~) Except Approach to Target Area - Made 4 clover-leaf patterns before bombing-On return came to Brighton - then to London.

ENGLISH	TIME	PLACE	ENEMY	TIME	PLACE
COAST OUT	<u>1302</u>	<u>50-44' 00-14' E</u>	COAST IN	<u>1334</u>	<u>Ault</u>
ENEMY	TIME	PLACE	ENGLISH	TIME	PLACE
COAST OUT	<u>1413</u>	<u>Ault</u>	COAST IN	<u>1443</u>	<u>Brighton</u>

5. WEATHER ENROUTE Visibility good-but 5/10 - 7/10 clouds visible South of Formation

6. BOMBING ALT. 12,000 feet TIME 1358 HEADING 86 degrees T WEATHER CAVU

7. BOMB LOADING 16 X 250 PRIMARY 16 X 250 SECONDARY X

8. LR X ELSEWHERE X (WHERE) _____

9. JETTISONED X (WHERE) _____ B.B. X

10. RESULTS: GOOD _____ FAIR _____ POOR _____ NIL _____ UNOBSERVED _____

11. CREW OBSERVATIONS OF MILITARY IMPORTANCE (TIME, PLACE, ALT.)

- A. At 1418 hours - 5 min past Ault, flying 6000-8000 feet alt. and dead ahead of A/C # 847 -, Smoke seen from unidentified A/C - believed B-24 or Fighter which
- B. then disappeared from view.

12. CASUALTIES OR MISSING (NAME, POSITION, INJURY, CAUSE) None

13. CREW COMMENTS (NAME OF MAN) Capt. Egan (Nav.) says all went well except Bombardier (Capt. Pickoff) had difficulty picking up target first time. Lt. Smith (Nav.) says bombs hit target although some were short and others patterned in woodland surrounding MPI area. Capt Egan (Nav.) states Gee Equipment went out after T/O/.

13. FRIENDLY ESCORT _____ TIME MET _____ PLACE _____ ALT. OF ESC. _____ T. _____ DATE _____

18 - P-38's 1337 - Target Area - 14,000'

EFFECTIVE (?) Yes HOW MANY SEEN 18

14. FLAK SUITS WORN EXCEPT BY Col. Rogner, Capts. Egan & Pickoff, Lts. Chapman and Smith
 NAME MEN HIT ON SUIT None

15. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT FAILURES: NAME None

FLAK REPORT

A/C NO 847 ACTUAL ALTITUDE 12,000' POSITION # 1 - 1st. El. Lead

1. DAMAGE TO OUR A/C: None

2. LOCATION _____ TIME _____ INT _____ MOD _____ MEG _____ COLOR B W R
 ACCURACY (HEIGHT) GOOD FAIR POOR : DEFLECTION: GOOD FAIR POOR

3. LOCATION _____ TIME _____ INT _____ MOD _____ MEG _____ COLOR B W R
 ACCURACY (HEIGHT) GOOD FAIR POOR : DEFLECTION: GOOD FAIR POOR

4. LOCATION _____ TIME _____ INT _____ MOD _____ MEG _____ COLOR B W R
 ACCURACY (HEIGHT) GOOD FAIR POOR : DEFLECTION: GOOD FAIR POOR

5. LOCATION _____ TIME _____ INT _____ MOD _____ MEG _____ COLOR B W R
 ACCURACY (HEIGHT) GOOD FAIR POOR : DEFLECTION: GOOD FAIR POOR

6. CON TRAILS None

7. COMMENTS: _____

Axis of Attack 86 Degrees -T 95 Degrees, MAGINITIAL H.L.K

Evasive Action For 10 Mins. before Landfall

Turn after Bombs Away 280 Degrees T. How long straight and level before bombs away 50 Seconds.

401st GROUP

DATE 24/12/43

FLAK REPORT

1. Route followed: **AS BRIEFED TO 5044-0014 E TO LANDFALL (AULT) TO TARGET TO AULT AND THENCE TO BRIGHTON AND BACK AGAIN TO BASE.**

2. Visibility at Target. (Any condensation trails?)

CAVU - NO CON TRAILS OBSERVED.

3. No. of A/C over Target: **18 A/C OVER P.T.
 2 A/C OVER TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY.**

4. Formation over target, with height of each A/C. Those A/C damaged by Flak to be circled, and if seriously damaged, insert small "S". If any A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-

OVER

NO FLAK DAMAGE

4.a. What evasive action was taken? **FOR 10 MINUTES BEFORE MAKING LANDFALL.**

5. General Axis of attack. (From lead A/C if possible). **95 DEG. MAG.**

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? **50 SECONDS**

7. Turn after bombing. **230 DEG. T.**

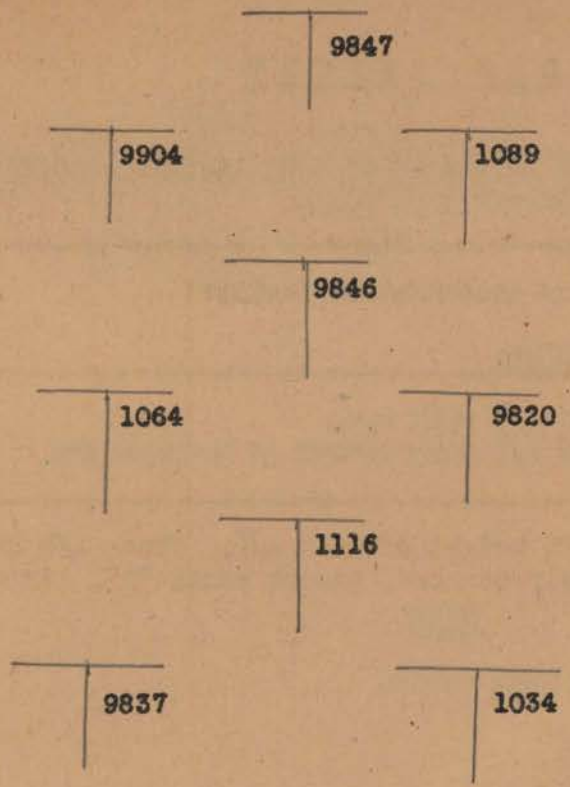
8. Position of group in relation to other Groups: **401st WENT INDIVIDUALLY INTO TARGET AS TWO SQUADRONS, AS PER F/O.**

9. A short description of Flak en route (if any), and at the Target, including if possible a suggestion as to type of fire control employed - i.e. continuous following, predicted concentrations, predicted barrages, or fixed barrages.

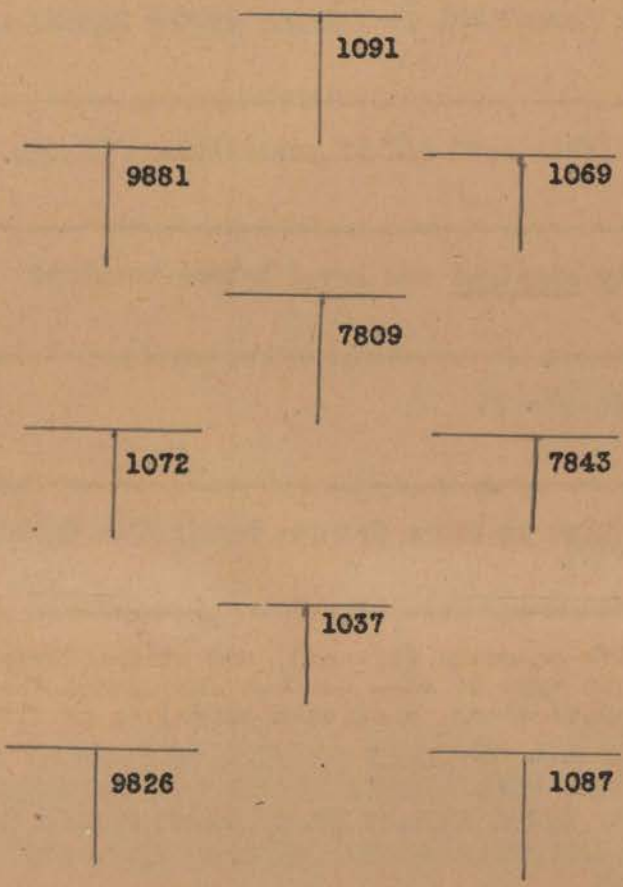
VERY MEAGER FLAK OBSERVED N.E. OF TARGET AND ALSO IN VICINITY OF ABBEVILLE - BOTH OF TWO BURSTS - BARRAGE TYPE (FIXED) IT WAS POOR FOR HEIGHT AND DEFLECTION, APPEARING LOW AND BEHIND. AFTER LEAVING BERRY COAST, MEAGER FLAK AGAIN OBSERVED, WHICH HAD FIVE (5) BLACK AND WHITE BURSTS (BARRAGE TYPE - FIXED) AND ALSO POOR FOR HEIGHT AND DEFLECTION.

10. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc. **NONE**

1st Squadron



2nd Squadron



(with the 351st)
3507

#3, 2nd E, 2nd Sq.

#3, 2nd Sq. (position in element not indicated correctly on interrogation form)
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J. B.

BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

24 December 19 43

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

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

*PLANE # 42-31116

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A. S. N.	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Goodman, James F.			0-24892	612th.
CP	2nd Lt.	Ramsey	Robert	J.	0-681191	"
N	2nd Lt.	Fraioli	Frank	P.	0-683234	"
B	2nd Lt.	Anderson	Donald	M.	0-735233	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Graham	James	J.	16099737	"
**TT	S/Sgt.	DeWees,	Foster	E.	35188513	"
BT	T/Sgt	Farmer	John	O.	6861113	"
TG	Sgt.	Smith	William	D.	19122676	"
LWG	S/Sgt	Hopkins	Calvin	W.	32078946	"
RWG	Sgt.	Markle	Burton	A.	32592715	"

*PLANE # 42-31034

P	Capt.	McGee	Donald	G	0-348319	"
CP	2nd Lt.	Currie	Donald	A.	0-805408	"
N	2nd Lt.	Jeffery	Morey	B.	0-685629	"
B	2nd Lt.	Winn	Roy	R.	0-679433	"
RO	S/Sgt.	DiPierro	Cosmio	A.	12172563	"
**TT	S/Sgt.	Gibson	Earl	C.	15086940	"
BT	Sgt.	Graf	Cecil	L.	19188506	"
TG	Sgt.	Surprise	Walter	L.	17129684	"
LWG	Sgt.	Severson	Marvel	T.	37426585	"
RWG	Sgt.	Amber	Joe	R.	36703821	"

*PLANE # 42-31037

P	2nd Lt.	Dailey	Scribner	C.	0-801940	"
CP	2nd Lt.	Stokes	Alexander	G.	0-801578	"
N	2nd Lt.	Malone	John	L.	0-805189	"
B	1st Lt.	Hutson	Wyman	T.	0-406409	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Hildreth	Arthur	W.	11055299	"
**TT	S/Sgt.	Flynn	William	B.	16046687	"
BT	Sgt.	Cook	George	P.	20429315	"
TG	Sgt.	Sanders	Charles	W.	12190382	"
LWG	Sgt.	Callahan	Michael	J.	18150617	"
RWG	T/Sgt.	Hagen	Charles	T.	37315748	"

** Enter complete number of aircraft
 Designate Engineer

DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (INI) A.S.N. SQUADRON

*PLANE # 42-31087

P	-	2nd Lt.	Fox	Gaston	M.	0-82737	612th.
CP	*	2nd Lt.	Blaise	Gerald	L.	0-748328	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	Wilson	Darrell	D.	0-750174	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	Mendelson	Leonard	J.	0-749917	"
RO	-	S/Sgt.	Lehr	Jesse	H.	34473124	"
**TT	-	S/Sgt.	Brown	Allen	D.	38294097	"
BT	-	Sgt.	Sabel	Jerome	(NMI)	12158528	"
TG	-	Sgt.	Estess	Cecil	C.	34425600	"
LWG	-	Sgt.	Gallas	Joseph	(NMI)	33394658	"
RWG	-	Sgt.	Russell	Lewis	S.	38051303	"

*Plane # 42-39826

P	-	2nd Lt.	Neag	Traian	(NMI)	0-802443	"
CP	-	2nd Lt.	England	John	P.	0-748608	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	Santos	Elmer	S.	0-676132	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	DeRaimo	Okey	(NMI)	0-679382	"
RO	-	S/Sgt.	Bardon	William	C.	35666460	"
**TT	-	S/Sgt.	Parrish	Donald	C.	16109825	"
BT	-	Sgt.	Purwin	Bert	A.	36405703	"
TG	-	Sgt.	Farrell	James	E.	35540644	"
LWG	-	Sgt.	Judd	Loyde	J.	31152069	"
RWG	-	S/Sgt.	Daskiewiuz	Benjamin	(NMI)	32214734	"

*PLANE # 42-39837

P	-	2nd Lt.	Kelly	William	J.	0-802205	"
CP	-	2nd Lt.	Coyne	Daniel	J.	0-684694	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	Van Dyke	George	R?	0-683350	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	Troy	Ephraim	F.	0-673754	"
RO	-	S/Sgt.	Van Duren	Paul	R.	12165646	"
**TT	-	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Morris	W/	35494817	"
BT	-	S/Sgt.	Stengel	Percey	J.	36276698	"
TG	-	Sgt.	Garity	John	B.	16155719	"
LWG	-	Sgt.	Peacock	George	P.	6573365	"
RWG	-	Sgt.	Pinilis	Enamuel	B.	12154654	"

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BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

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

*PLANE # 42-31072

TYPE	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A. S. N.	SQUADRON
P	2d Lt.	Hess	Charles	E.	0802852	613th
CP	2d Lt.	Mitchell	John	W.	0686264	"
N	2d Lt.	Bryant	Charles	E.	0750238	"
B	2d Lt.	Rowe	Robert	W.	0850095	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Santangelo	Mario	N.	32792053	"
**TT	S/Sgt.	Surowski	Ray	L.	13128780	"
BT	Sgt.	Gibson	Harney	A.	13117904	"
TC	Sgt.	Arbogast	Homer	F.	17127220	"
LWG	Sgt.	Angeli	August	E.	39487815	"
RWC	Sgt.	Reif	Lowell	A.	16111816	"

*PLANE # 42-3507

P	-2d Lt.	Locher	James	R. Jr.	0802585	"
CP	-2d Lt.	Pruitt	Dow	C.	0684771	"
N	-2d Lt.	Duquette	Fred	D.	0736692	"
B	-2d Lt.	Brown	John	F.	0673723	"
RO	-S/Sgt.	Owens	Garland	(NMI)	18155256	"
**TT	-T/Sgt.	Kennedy	George	L.	16008922	"
BT	-S/Sgt.	Dewitt	Frank	G.	19064865	"
TC	-Sgt.	Merrill	Clark	G.	13098643	"
LWG	-S/Sgt.	Klimek	John	C.	36414442	"
RWC	-S/Sgt.	Dunn	Harold	E.	18176517	"

*PLANE # 42-31090

P	-2d Lt.	Stelzer	Robert	L.	0461320	"
CP	-2d Lt.	Johnson	Wendell	T.	0687036	"
N	-2d Lt.	Hobbs	Herbert	L.	0688441	"
B	-2d Lt.	Warren	Robert	(NMI)	0685898	"
RO	-S/Sgt.	Hecker	Donald	A.	36522865	"
**TT	-S/Sgt.	Pack	Jesse	O.	38222601	"
BT	-Sgt.	Black	James	P.	39300495	"
TC	-Sgt.	Nicely	John	H.	13156041	"
LWG	-Sgt.	Rice	Edward	J.	16096299	"
RWC	-Sgt.	Holland	Thomas	H.	38211220	"

** Enter complete number of aircraft designator engineer

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614 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

December 24 1943

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

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

*PLANE # 42-39847

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST (MI)	A.S.N.	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Chapman, Alvah H.		0461727	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	EVANS, JACK B.		0686899	"
N	2nd Lt.	SMITH, CHARLES M.		0734380	"
B	Capt.	PECKOFF, JULIUS		0419228	401st Hqs
RO	S/lt.	Pyle, Robert B.		15335829	614th
**TT	S/Sgt.	Wilson, George S.		35407356	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Spatilson, Bruno J.		33164854	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Dayton, James E.		39032317	"
CPG	Col.	ROGNER, Harris E.		021269	401st Hqs
PWG	S/Sgt.	Brennan, Michael W.		31192434	614th
N	Capt.	Egan, James F.		0724301	401st Hqs

*PLANE # 42-39820

P	2nd Lt.	KAUFMAN, RICHARD H.		0802121	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	LAULO, EDWIN W.		0748693	"
N	2nd Lt.	O'NEAL, JOHN E.		0671169	"
B	2nd Lt.	FITZGERALD, ROBERT C.		0679459	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Sherman, Ezbon C.		31172258	"
**TT	S/Sgt.	Kukurin, Karl E.		33301988	"
BT	Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.		32896521	"
TG	Sgt.	LeSage, Alfred		13068963	"
IMG	S/Sgt.	Sandford, Francke W.		4458488	"
PWG	Sgt.	Mancuso, Carmon L.		32582642	"

*PLANE # 42-31089

P	Major	EVELAND, IVAN W.		0392811	614th
CP	2nd Lt.	BERGERSON, CLIFFORD C.		0748529	"
T	2nd Lt.	HARDING, JAMES B.		0750168	"
B	2nd Lt.	DEVILLE, FRANK M.		0747581	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Mehalshick, Joseph		13128235	"
**TT	T/Sgt.	Campbell, Tory L.		39539988	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Brown, Harold C.		31303404	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Orphan, William J.		11117687	"
IMG	S/Sgt.	Graves, Glenn W.		38085660	"
PWG	S/Sgt.	Hathaway, Walter		32476518	"
**N	2nd Lt.	CASAGRANDE, JOE J.		0675986	"

**N Designate Engineer

DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (FY) A.S.N. SQUADRON

*PLANE # 42-39881

P	-					
CP	*	2nd Lt. GAMMACK, VERNON K.		0802719		614th
N	-	2nd Lt. HARGER, ROBERT W.		0805448		"
B	-	2nd Lt. HASKINS, CECIL A.		0685604		"
RO	-	2nd Lt. WHITE, WILLIAM C.		0679423		"
**TT	-	T/Sgt. Timme, Glen A.		32581704		"
BT	-	T/Sgt. Slate, Chester A.		14134208		"
TG	-	S/Sgt. Ames, Ensign S.		8864052		"
LWG	-	S/Sgt/ Price, John A.		16151789		"
EWG	-	Sgt. Layland, John M.		37457551		"
		S/Sgt. Harlow, Clevy D.		36426472		"

*Plane # 42-39846

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CP	-	2nd Lt. KIRKHOFF, DONALD V.		0891995		614th
N	-	2nd Lt. SOBOLAK, BENNIE V.		0684571		"
B	-	2nd Lt. GRANDALL, WILLIAM C.		0801119		"
RO	-	1st Lt. MONTONE, LIBER J.		0732639		"
**TT	-	T/Sgt. Cook, Harold		35458366		"
BT	-	S/Sgt. Nicholas, Charles L.		13084635		"
TG	-	S/Sgt. Merritt, William E.		31203844		"
LWG	-	S/Sgt. Cohn, Leroy		39279686		"
EWG	-	S/Sgt. Koehler, Earl L.		16133877		"
		S/Sgt. Michel, Delmar L.		17166768		"

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CP	-	2nd Lt. SMITH, WALLACE R.		0801315		614th
N	-	F/O. PAULHAER, DONALD A.		T-121385		"
B	-	2nd Lt. CRANE, RENFRO V.		0686629		614th
RO	-	2nd Lt. LEVEY, JAMES G.		0674688		"
**TT	-	S/Sgt. Castronova, Salvatore L.		32550456		"
BT	-	S/Sgt. Fair, Charles H.		37211030		"
TG	-	Sgt. McKendry, Daniel C.		13114386		"
LWG	-	S/Sgt. Sundberg, David C.-		8878262		"
EWG	-	Sgt. Roberts, Marion E.		14159491		"
		S/Sgt. Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.		16190129		"

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BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
 APO # 634

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bomb Gp (H), APO #634.

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

*PLANE # 42-39647

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A. S. N.	SQUADRON
P	-					
CP	2nd Lt.	CHAPMAN, ALVAR H.			0461727	614th
N	2nd Lt.	EVANS, JACK B.			0686899	"
B	2nd Lt.	SMITH, CHARLES M.			0734580	"
RO	Capt.	PICKOFF, JULIUS			0419228	401st Hqs
**TT	S/Sgt.	Pyle, Robert B.			15335829	614th
BT	S/Sgt.	Spatilson, Bruno J.			53164854	614th
**TT	S/Sgt.	Wilson, George S.			55407866	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Dayton, James E.			59032317	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Brennan, Michael G.			31192484	"
CP	Col.	ROOPER, HARRIS E.			021269	401st Hqs.

*PLANE # 42-39820

P	-					
CP	2nd Lt.	KAUFMAN, RICHARD H.			0802121	614th
N	2nd Lt.	LAULO, ERWIN W.			0746693	"
B	2nd Lt.	O'NEAL, JOHN E.			0671169	"
RO	2nd Lt.	FITZGERALD, ROBERT C.			0679459	"
**TT	S/Sgt.	Sherran, Eason C.			31172258	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Kukurin, Karl E.			53301938	"
TC	Sgt.	Melia, Paul S.			52696521	"
LWG	Sgt.	Lesage, Alfred			15068963	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Sandford, Francke W.			4458488	"
	Sgt.	Mancuso, Carnon L.			32532642	"

*PLANE # 42-31039

P	-					
CP	Major	EVEIRD, IVAN W.			0392811	614th
I	2nd Lt.	BERGERSON, CLIFFORD G.			0746529	"
B	2nd Lt.	HARDING, JAMES B.			0750163	"
RO	2nd Lt.	DEVILLE, FRANK M.			0747581	"
**TT	T/Sgt.	Mehalshick, Joseph			15126235	"
BT	T/Sgt.	Campbell, Tory L.			39339988	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Brown, Harold C.			51505404	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Orphen, William J.			11117687	"
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*PLANE # 42-39881

P	-	2nd Lt.	CAMMACK, VERNON K.	0802719	614th
CP	*	2nd Lt.	HARGER, ROBERT W.	0805448	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	HASKINS, CECIL A.	0685604	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	WHITE, WILLIAM C.	0679423	"
RO	-	T/Sgt.	Timme, Glen A.	32581704	"
**TT	-	T/Sgt.	Slate, Chester A.	14134208	"
BT	-	S/Sgt.	Ames, Engosn S.	6864052	"
TG	-	S/Sgt.	Price, John A.	16151789	"
MSG	-	Sgt.	Layland, John M.	37457551	"
EWG	-	S/Sgt.	Harlow, Clevey D.	36426472	"

*Plane # 42-39846

P	-	2nd Lt.	KIRKHUFF, DONALD V.	0891995	6145h
CP	-	2nd Lt.	SOBOLAK, BENNIE V.	0684571	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	Crandall, William C.	0801119	"
B	-	1st Lt.	MONTONE, LIBER J.	0732639	"
RO	-	T/Sgt.	Cook, Harold	35458366	"
**TT	-	S/Sgt.	Nicholas, Charles L.	13084635	"
BT	-	S/Sgt.	Merritt, William E.	31203844	"
TG	-	S/Sgt.	Cohn, Leroy	39279686	"
LWG	-	S/Sgt.	Koehler, Earl L.	16133877	"
EWG	-	S/ Sgt.	Michel, Delmar L.	17166768	"

*PLANE # 42-31064

P	-	2nd Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R.	0801313	614th
CP	-	F/O.	FAULHABER, DONALD A.	T-121885	"
N	-	2nd Lt.	CRANE, RENFRO V.	0688629	"
B	-	2nd Lt.	LEVEY, JAMES G.	0674688	"
RO	-	S/Sgt.	Castronova, Salvatore L.	32550405	"
*TT	-	S/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	37211030	"
BT	-	Sgt.	McKendry, Daniel C.	13114386	"
TG	-	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David C.	6878362	"
MSG	-	Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	14159791	"
EWG	-	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.	16190129	"

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DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	A. S. N.	SQUADRON
P -	Capt.	Beers	Robert	W.	0-24910	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Byrne	Howard	E.	0-743405	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Gershon	Harold	(NMI)	0-801007	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Ritch	William	L.	0-739055	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Meehan	John	J.	33325533	615th
**TT -	T/Sgt.	Young	Clarence	E.	32449970	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Craft	Allen	H.	37225198	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Turvy	John	E.	35418681	615th
LWG -	S/Sgt.	Grigg	Franklin	M.	37125928	615th
RWG -	S/Sgt.	Lynn	Kenneth	J.	12167944	615th

*PLANE # 42-31091

P	Maj.	Seawell	William	T.	0-23712	615th
CP	Capt.	Brooks	Alison	C.	0-23250	615th-401st
N	1st Lt.	Causey	Rufus	F.	0-674149	615th
B	Capt.	Kuenning	Arnold	C.	0-725449	615th
RO	Sgt.	Beller	James	E.	6257280	615th
**TT	T/Sgt.	Zander	Harold	S.	33240304	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Sweepe	William	H.	15338388	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Knapp	Phil	N.	39540171	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Fatica	Battista	J.	35324899	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Merlino	Frank	A.	31208150	615th
N.	2nd Lt.	Sellers	Lloyd	W.	0-736661	615th

*PLANE # 42-31069

N.	2nd Lt.	Eaton	William	M.	0-749643	615th
P	1st Lt.	Rumsey	William	M.	0-728740	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Kaercher	Robert	D.	0-681433	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Walsh	Michael	R.	0-676185	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Haffner	James	D.	0-739024	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Carter	William	W.	39829464	615th
**TT	T/Sgt.	Roberts	Donald	B.	32377788	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Lieberman	Irving	I.	13103453	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	McElligott	Herbert	F.	36426974	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	Rothwell	Frank	A.	33330990	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Lee	Ivan	R.	12073240	615th

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DUTY RANK LAST (NAME) FIRST (MI) A. S. N. SQUADRON

*PLANE # 42-37809

P	-	2nd Lt.	Chapman	Harold	J.	0-800354	615th
CP	#	2nd Lt.	Trimble	William	M.	0-802891	615th
N	-	2nd Lt.	Hurlburt	Harrison	J.	0-682185	615th
B	-	2nd Lt.	Wallis	Donald	G.	0-679411	615th
RO	-	Sgt.	Kenny	Gerlad	M.	12157361	615th
**TT	-	Sgt.	McIntyre	William	(NMI)	33289742	615th
BT	-	Sgt.	Fix	Norman	J.	32381348	615th
TG	-	Sgt.	Reed	Francis	L.	15382546	615th
LWG	-	Sgt.	Badura	Charles	S.	16114314	615th
RWG	-	Sgt.	Johnson	Denzel	D.	17159678	615th

*Plane # 42-37843

P	-	2nd Lt.	Christensen	Ellsworth	E.	0-801593	615th
CP	-	2nd Lt.	Rustand	Ronald	L.	0-753815	615th
N	-	2nd Lt.	Wong	Delbert	E.	0-750236	615th
B	-	2nd Lt.	Reynolds	Herbert	A.	0-749931	615th
RO	-	S/Sgt.	Mehlman	Raymond	G.	32438897	615th
**TT	-	S/Sgt.	Breen	Roland	J.	16133764	615th
BT	-	Sgt.	Nonemaker	Jack	D.	19175334	615th
TG	-	Sgt.	Ross	Harry	A.	13145459	615th
LWG	-	Sgt.	Batson	Allen	L.	39268048	615th
RWG	-	S/Sgt.	Ostrowski	Julius	F.	31158476	615th

*PLANE # 42-39904

P	-	2nd Lt.	Kaminski	Vincent	(NMI)	0-802408	615th
CP	-	2nd Lt.	Mallon	Richard	W.	0-683039	615th
N	-	2nd Lt.	Hildinger	Lawrence	J.	0-734914	615th
B	-	2nd Lt.	Gurvin	Robert	M.	0-676945	615th
RO	-	Sgt.	Cheatham	Elmer	R.	14182350	615th
**TT	-	Sgt.	Draginis	Donald	L.	16133104	615th
BT	-	Sgt.	Cantin	Merlin	L.	19138375	615th
TG	-	Sgt.	Farnham	Richard	J.	17108710	615th
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RWG	B/Sgt.	Lynn	Kenneth	J.	12167944	615th

*PLANE # 42-31691

P	Maj.	Seawell	William	T.	0-23712	615th
CP	Maj.	Brooke	Allison	C.	0-25258	401st
N	1st Lt.	Causey	Rufus	F.	0-674149	615th
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STATION WEATHER OFFICE
AAF STATION 128
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Weather Interrogation Summary for Operations on 24 December, 1943

BASE AT TAKEOFF (1046): No clouds. Vsby 1500 Yds. in Haze. Surface wind 270 Deg., 12 mph.

ROUTE OUT : Haze top 5-6000'. 5-7/10 strato-cumulus off to west of route out from base to south England. 3-5/10 strato-cumulus at 5-6000' beginning at mid-channel and over France. Vsby unrestricted above haze. Downward visibility 10 plus over channel and France. H1 over channel to west of route.

TARGET (1330): 3-5/10 strato-cumulus at 5-6000'. No high or medium clouds. Vsby good. 7-10/10 low clouds to south and east of target.

RETURN ROUTE: Same as route out. Haze beginning south of London area. 3-5/10 strato-cumulus over S England increasing to 5-6/10 in base area. Tops 5-6000', bases 3-4000'. 3-5/10 cirrus in Midland area. Downward Vsby 1-2 miles in haze.

BASE ON RETURN (1539): 6/10 fracto-stratus at 3000'. 1/10 cirrus. Vsby 3000 YDS. Wind WNW at 9 mph.

REMARKS: Persistent contrails seen from fighters at about 20-25000'. Winds on route out at 12000' 335 Deg. at 34 mph. Temp -11 Deg. C. Wind over England at 9000' 328 Deg. at 49 mph.

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OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

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 PERIOD 1100 hours - 1600

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	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET TO BASE	C	D
1 WEATHER	PARTLY CLOUDY WITH HAZE	PARTLY CLOUDY WITH HAZE		
2 CLOUDS	1-3/10 PATCHY STRATO-CIRRUS WITH BASE AT 4000 -- TOPS 6000 NIL MEDIUM CLOUD NIL HIGH CLOUD	1-3/10 PATCHY STRATO-CIRRUS WITH BASE AT 4000 -- TOPS 6000 NIL MEDIUM CLOUD NIL HIGH CLOUD		
	REMARKS: TOP OF HAZE LAYER AT 6000 FEET. NO CONTRAILS			
3 ICING	3000 FT NIL ICING	3000 FT NIL ICING		
4 VISIBILITY	1-2 MILES OVER ENGLAND BECG 3-4 MILES, UNRESTRICTED AB OVE HAZE LAYER	3-4 MILES BECG 2-3 MILES AT BASES, UNRESTRICTED ABOVE HAZE LAYER		
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	320 10		PLUS 5	
5000 FT	300 20		MINUS 2	
10000 FT	290 30		MINUS 9	
15000 FT	270 35		MINUS 16	
20000 FT	260 40		MINUS 27	
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BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 30.39
 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. PLUS 5
 TARGET MEAN TEMP. MINUS 3
 TEMP. AT 12000 FT. MINUS 12
 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) MINUS 12

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Office of the Engineering Officer

A.P.O. 634
24 December 1943

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 24 December 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634.

1. The following Engineering failures were reported, with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Cylinder Guage Temperature Guage Out (2)
Bomb Bay Door Retracting Mechanism Out (1)
Free Air Temperature Guage Out (1)
Generator Out (1); Flux Gate Compass Out (1)

2. The following Armament failures were reported, with the number of cases in parenthesis:

None reported.

3. The following failures other than Engineering and Armament were reported, with the number of cases in parenthesis:

Heated Gloves Out (1)

CHARLES W. HUNT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer.

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

A.P.O. 634,
24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report.

TO : Group Operations, Station 128.

1. Abortives.
 - a. None
2. Battle Damage.
 - a. None

CHARLES W. HUNT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Engineering Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Officer of the Armament Officer

A.P.O. 634,
24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 8, 24 December 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 401st Bomb Group (H), APO 634,
U.S. Army.

1. A negative Armament malfunction report is
submitted for the mission of 24 December 1943.

SAM P. BROOMHALL, JR.,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer.