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"MISSION SUMMARY"

MISSION NO. 51
18 TH. APRIL, 1944

94TH. COMBAT BOMB WING
401ST. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

REPORT OF OPERATIONAL
DAY

MISSION No. **51**

Date: **18 APR.**

TO: **ORANIENBURG , GER.**

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

D-J-4

18 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to ORANIENBERG,
18 April 1944.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army (Thru
Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks).

1. Lt. J. R. Lecher, pilot, and crew, state that breakfast was very poor. Eggs were cold and potatoes were greasy.
2. Lt. West states that breakfast was poor and that they had to wait ^{on} truck while other crew changed their guns.
3. Lt. D. M. Stephens states that a beautiful job in navigation was done and that this route should be flown into Germany again. Also stated that breakfast was very poor.
4. Lt. Busse and Stephens expressed desire to attend Group Critique for pilots and co-pilots, so navigators and bombardiers can get the benefit of Group Critique which could be accomplished by a supplementary Critique for navigators and bombardiers.
5. Lt. J. E. Ferdyn - "element leaders did not hold position."
6. Lt. C. S. Ksieniewicz states that high box flew thru prop wash all day. Lt. W. J. Murphy made the same statement.
7. Lt. John Schulz - objects to having oxygen masks and flak suits with blood stains on them.
8. Lt. S. E. Smith - "Poor wing formation, both wings behind ^{passed} past our our wing."
9. Lt. E. A. Post - believes our Group Leader could have bombed visually on Primary Target.

W. B. FRY,
Major, A. C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

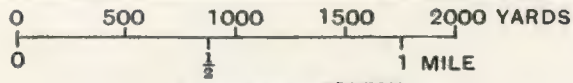
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ERNST HEINKEL FLUGZEUGWERKE
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ORANIENBURG (Germendorf)
(GERMANY)

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Report on A.A. Gunfire.

BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

401

Assigned ORANIEBERG Date of Mission 18 April 44
 Target: Bomed WITTENBERG

Route as Flown:-

1347 hr. (5410 - 0850 E) 1352 hr. (5408 - 0905 E) 1413 hr.
 (5385 - 1050 E) ~~1434 hr. (5255 - 1200 E) 1441 hr. (5250 - 1230 E) 1455 hr.~~
 (5255 - 1157 E) Wittenberg - 1545 hr. (5347 - 0835 E)

Weather conditions: (a) At target CAVV
 (b) En route Clear to T.P. Dense haze beyond
 Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" target? (a) At target
 (b) En route
 Any condensation trails?

Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL

NONE

Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced)

NO FLAK ENCOUNTERED EXCEPT 10 MILES S.W. OF HELIGOLAND WHERE ABOUT 40 BURSTS WERE SEEN FAIRLY ACCURATE.

Was CHAFF carried? . NO

How discharged?

Position of Group
 HIGH BOX

Details:-

Group	A/C over enemy territory	A/C Damaged	A/C lost to Flak	Time over Target	Time of Bombs away	Height	Axis of Attack	Bomb Pun
<u>401</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1502</u>	<u>25000</u>	<u>270 M</u>	<u>3 Min.</u>

Comments - Phenomena:-

1350 hr. Kaiser Wilhelm Canal - 3 rockets came up in cluster, brown - grey smoke burst & trail - accurate at 25000 ft.
 1440 hr. - At I.P. - saw large rocket explosion - size of B-17 exploding.
 1502 hr. - (5252 - 1200 E) large brown burst hung in air - thought it was rocket.

W. Putnam

STATION WEATHER OFFICE
 AAF STATION 128
 APO 557 - U.S. ARMY

18 April 1944

WEATHER INTERROGATION SUMMARY FOR MISSION OF 18 APRIL 1944.

BASE ON TAKE OFF: 1020. Trace of cumulus at 2500'. Nil medium cloud. 5/10 cirrus at 23000'. Visibility 8 miles.

ROUTE OUT: Nil low cloud becoming 2-4/10 stratocumulus tops 5-6000' interior of continent east of 08 degrees East becoming nil in target area. Nil medium cloud. 5/10 cirrus at 23000' becoming Nil-2/10 over England becoming 8-10/10 near primary target. Visibility unlimited at 25000' except in cirrus cloud near target.

TARGET BOMBED (WITHHELD): 1502. Nil low and medium cloud. 8-10/10 cirrus base 23-25000' tops 28-30000'. Visibility 10 miles plus with light haze.

RETURN ROUTE: Nil low cloud except 3-4/10 stratocumulus tops 5-6000' at continental coast. Nil medium cloud. High cloud reverse of route out. Visibility unlimited.

BASE ON RETURN: 1800. Clear. Visibility 10 miles.

REMARKS: Contrails: Light persistent above 13000' over North Sea on route out; semi-persistent over continent; dense persistent at 25000' over primary target; moderate semi-persistent entire route at 28-30000'.
 Temperatures: 0 to 3 degrees warmer than forecast.

13500' -11 degree 17000' -19 degree 25000' -36 degree

Winds: Directions about as briefed; velocities 5 to 10 knots lighter than forecast east of 08 degrees East.

Continent 24000' 241 degree 22; English Coast 35000 332 degree 12

Walter J. Saucier
 WALTER J. SAUCIER
 1st Lt., Air Corps
 Weather Officer

OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

DATE 18 April 1944
 PERIOD 1000 - 1900 hrs
AG P BR HQ SOS 2-44/65M/22929

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	A Issues to US Dir East.	B US Dir East to Target to US Dir East.	C US Dir East to Issues	D
1 WEATHER	Cloudy with Haze	Cloudy with slight or Moderate XXXXXXXXXXXX Rain Showers.	Cloudy with Haze	
2 CLOUDS	Variable 4-6/10 Strato-Cumulus occasionally 7-3/10 in East Anglia base 1000-1500ft. tops 5-4000ft. becoming 7-9/10 Cumulus base 1000-1500ft tops 5-3000ft. 4-6/10 Patchy Alto-cumulus base 9000 tops 11,000ft. becoming HI East of US Dir East. HI-5/10 Cirrus above 25,000ft.	7-3/10 Cumulus base 1000-1500ft. tops 6-3000ft. with tops rising to 15,000ft over Continent and with isolated tops in rising to 20,000ft. 4-5/10 3-3/10 Alto-cumulus or high Altostratus associated with Cumulus tops. HI-3/10 Cirrus becoming 5-7/10 Cirro-stratus at 25-26,000ft.	7-9/10 Cumulus base 1000-1500ft tops 6-3000 ft. becoming 5-7/10 Strato-cumulus base 2-3000ft tops 5-6000ft. over England. HI Middle Cloud becoming XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 4-6/10 Alto-cumulus base 10,000ft tops 14,000ft over England.	HI Dense Persistent Contrails 10000ft. below High Cloud Level. HI-3/10 Cirrus becoming 6-8/10 Cirrus at 22,000 ft and above.
3 ICING	4000 ft. Light Rime in Middle Cloud	4000 ft. Light Rime in Cumulus Cloud	4000 ft. Light Rime in Middle Cloud	
4 VISIBILITY	1-3000 Yds becoming 10 miles plus Aloft.	10 miles plus above Cloud	10 miles plus above Cloud becoming 2-3 miles at surface.	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	Issues to US Dir East 090 10	US Dir East to Target 350 10	Temperatures Plus 10	
5000 FT	360 10	290 20	00	
10000 FT	310 15	270 30	-08	
15000 FT	300 20	260 45	-17	
20000 FT	320 25	260 50	-26	
25000 FT	330 30	250 50	-33	
30000 FT	320 30	250 55	-41	

BASE ALTIMETER SETTING 29.36 TARGET SURFACE TEMP. 10 TARGET MEAN TEMP. 13.0
 TEMP. AT 3000 FT. 39.0 TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT) 62 ft.
 Plus Height of Target

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

AAF Station # 128
 16 April 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE 42-51891

P	1st Lt.	CARRACK, VERNON K.	614th Bomb Sq
CP	Capt.	GARLAND, WILLIAM C.	"
N	1st Lt.	HASKINS, CECIL A.	"
B	1st Lt.	WHITE, WILLIAM C.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Time, Glenn A.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Slate, Chester A.	"
BT	T/Sgt.	Amos, Ensign S.	"
TG	1st Lt.	HARGER, ROBERT W.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Wardle, Charles P.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Price, John R.	"

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PLANE 42-51815

P	1st Lt.	SMITH, WALLACE R. JR.	614th
CP	P/O.	PAULHART, DONALD A.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CRANE, RENFRO V.	"
B.	2nd Lt.	LEVY, JAMES G.	"
RO	T/Sgt.	Gastronova, Salvatore L.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Fair, Charles H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	McKandry, Daniel G.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Sundberg, David C.	"
LWG	S/Sgt.	Roberts, Marion E.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Gatzemeyer, Gerald R.	"

PLANE 42-3116

P	2nd Lt.	KSIENIEWICZ, CHARLES S.	614th Bomb Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	HARRINGTON, KENNETH G.	"
N	2nd Lt.	DASTOUS, JOSEPH G.	"
B	2nd Lt.	KING, JOHN J.	"
RO	Sgt.	Wilber, Maurice, V.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Burke, Francis	"
BT	Sgt.	McEldowney, Donald, E.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Rister, Kenneth A.	"
LNG	Sgt.	Harmon, Terrance W.	"
RWG	Sgt.	McCarthy	"

PLANE 42-39478

P	1st Lt.	WILSON, CARLETON L.	614th Bomb Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	KELLEY, CURTIS G.	"
N	2nd Lt.	CONNERY, JOHN K.	"
B	2nd Lt.	FOGARTY, FRANCIS M.	"
RO	S/Sgt.	Marlow, Clewy D.	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Quinn, Robert E.	2
BT	S/Sgt/	Fasseno, William W.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Pettit, Gerald, H.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Molahan, James F.	"
RWG	S/Sgt.	Smith, George R.	"

PLANE 42-31863

P	2nd Lt.	WASH, ROBERT P.	614th Bomb Sq
CP	2nd Lt.	KENNEDY SCHULZ, JOHN	"
N	2nd Lt.	MATRICIAN, MICHAEL	"
B	2nd Lt.	PORTER, GUY R.	"
RO	Cpl.	Zappala, Vincent	"
TT	T/Sgt.	Stallcup, Mose H.	"
BT	S/Sgt.	Collie, Perry O.	"
TG	S/Sgt.	Brgeoch, Ludvick J.	"
LNG	S/Sgt.	Cartmill, Charles L.	"
RWG	S/Sgt/	Layland, John M.	"

For the Squadron Commander:

WILLIAM C. GARLAND,
 CAPT., Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 FOUR HUNDRED AND FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 AAF - Sta - 123 - APO - 557

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

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

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

PLANE # 42-97073

DUTY	RANK	LAST (NAME)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P -	1st Lt.	Post	Edwin	A.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	Ledray	Vincent	L.	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Hirsch	Bernard	M. H.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Walsh	James	V.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Casner	Charles	F.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Romano	Emanuel	L.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Lutsi	Frank	R.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Thompson	Walter, Jr.	F.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Brennan	Lawrence	F.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Bunger	Alva	L.	615th

PLANE # 42-31521

P -	2nd Lt.	Campbell	Paul	L.	615th
CP -	2nd Lt.	De Siano	Ambrose	(MI)	615th
N -	2nd Lt.	Wilhelm	Andrew	G.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Malone	Ralph	B.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Anderson	Martin	A.	615th
TT -	S/Sgt.	Hensley	Orance	H.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Brown	Saul	H.	615th
TG -	Sgt.	Standafer	Stanley	(MI)	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Smith	Alan	E.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Kendrick	Joseph, Jr.	W.	615th

PLANE # 42-39873

P -	1st Lt.	Kaminski	Vincent	(MI)	615th
CP -	1st Lt.	Mallon	Richard	M.	615th
N -	1st Lt.	Hildinger	Lawrence	H.	615th
B -	2nd Lt.	Lots	Robert	E.	615th
RO -	T/Sgt.	Chesnut	Elmer	E.	615th
TT -	T/Sgt.	Dravins	Donald	R.	615th
BT -	S/Sgt.	Low	Charles	H.	615th
TG -	S/Sgt.	Powell	Gerald	J.	615th
LWG-	S/Sgt.	Robideaux	Jay	W.	615th
RWG-	S/Sgt.	Lowholt	Jay	(MI)	615th

MYNE # 43-27070

PLANE # 42-31619

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	1st Lt.	Ferdyn	Joseph	E.	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Enstad	Robert	J.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Manning	Charles	K.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Black	J. (10)	Dee	615th
RO	S/Sgt.	Reddy	Hugh	D.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Agge	Jack	D.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Johnson	Joe	R.	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Hertzau	Harold	(WMI)	615th
LWG	S/Sgt.	May	William	M.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Bushendorf	Everett	M.	615th

PLANE # 42-31985

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
P	2nd Lt.	Knight	Dan	(C.M.)	615th
CP	2nd Lt.	Huogia	William	B.	615th
N	2nd Lt.	Cummings	Lawrence	T.	615th
B	2nd Lt.	Gury	Erner	G.	615th
RO	T/Sgt.	Binkia	Nathan	C.	615th
TT	T/Sgt.	Sartor	William	D.	615th
BT	S/Sgt.	Mackowick	William	(E.M.)	615th
TG	S/Sgt.	Pacely	Charles	L.	615th
LWG	Sgt.	Crawley	Eugene	F.	615th
RWG	S/Sgt.	Cope	Krederick	L.	615th

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HMG	S/Sgt.			F.	615th
PWG	S/Sgt.			L.	615th
IC	S/Sgt.			L.	615th
WL	S/Sgt.			H.	615th
LL	S/Sgt.			F.	615th
HO	S/Sgt.			L.	615th
B	S/Sgt.			A.	615th
E	S/Sgt.			H. H.	615th
GB	S/Sgt.			F.	615th
S	S/Sgt.			V.	615th

DUTY	RANK	NAME (LAST)	FIRST	(MI)	SQUADRON
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PLANE # 45-21012

* Following is the list of names of personnel assigned to this squadron
 as of the date of this report. (H) is the name of the pilot.
 (M) is the name of the mechanic.

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-612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer
 A.P.O. # 557

AAF, Station No. 128
 18th April 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List
 TO: Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H), AAF,
 Station No. 128, APO #557

Plane 42-31662

P	Dalley, Scribner G.	1st Lt.	612th.
CP	Johnston, Clayton A.	2nd Lt.	
N	Shapiro, Aaron (NMI)	2nd Lt.	
B	Winn, Roy R.	1st Lt.	
RO	Hildreth, Arthur W.	S/Sgt.	
TTG	Flynn, William B.	T/Sgt.	
BTG	Sable, Jerome (NMI)	S/Sgt.	
TG	Surprise, Walter L. Jr.	S/Sgt.	
LWG	Plate, Robert E.	S/Sgt.	
RWG	Hagen, Charles T.	T/Sgt.	

Plane 42-40050

P	Smith, Stuart E.	1st Lt.	
CP	Chmura, Stanislaw R.	1st Lt.	
N	Reese, Victor S.	2nd Lt.	
B	Musso, David M.	2nd Lt.	
RO	McCawley, Fred E.	T/Sgt.	
TTG	Garr, Maurice A.	T/Sgt.	
BTG	Davies, Leonardo F.	S/Sgt.	
TG	Parker, Harry C.	S/Sgt.	
LWG	Scicchitano, Frank J.	S/Sgt.	
RWG	Hopkins, Calvin W.	T/Sgt.	

Plane 42-97487

P	West, George E.	1st Lt.	
CP	McKinnon, Douglas H.	2nd Lt.	
N	Nutter, Lloyd A.	2nd Lt.	
B	Montgomery, Thomas P.	2nd Lt.	
RO	Andrus, Robert L.	T/Sgt.	
TTG	Russell, Francis L.	T/Sgt.	
BTG	Womble, John L.	S/Sgt.	
TG	Lefkin, Michael (NMI)	S/Sgt.	
LWG	Russell, Hugh D.	Sgt.	
RWG	Merini, Alfred J.	S/Sgt.	

Plane 42-79943

P	Tanner, John R.	1st Lt.	
CP	McDaniel, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	
N	Strom, Kenneth L.	2nd Lt.	
B	Szungyi, John P.	2nd Lt.	
RO	Chen, Waldon B.	Sgt.	
TTG	Cable, Harvey T.	T/Sgt.	
BTG	Norris, John B.	S/Sgt.	
TG	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Francis, Ray R.	S/Sgt.	
LWG	Daniel, Edward P.	S/Sgt.	
RWG	Bealey, Philip G.	S/Sgt.	

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Plane 42-31036

P Hershey, Harry J.
CP woods, Robert R.
N Buder, Eugene H.
B Boxer, Martin W.
RO Cherry, Noel C.
TTG Pugh, Alfred E.
BTG Schaefer, Donald E.
TU Blaugh, Joseph W.
LWG Shannon, James L.
RWG Litchfield, Russell E.

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Plane 42-31087

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P Wells, Kenneth G.
CP Guinn, Edna N.
N Gelula, Warren (NMI)
B Lingengelter, Leo I.
RO Brandt, Melvin A.
TTG Larson, Robert D.
BTG Convertino, Rico S.
TU Weatherman, James H.
LWG Price, William
RWG Chapman, William E.

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

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.

TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group, AAF Station 128, APO # 557.

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

SHIP #	DUTY	RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	NI
<u>A3-31072</u>	P.	1st Lt.	Locher	James	R. Jr.
	CP	2nd Lt.	Eggs	James	B.
	N.	1st Lt.	Duquette	Fred	D.
	B.	1st Lt.	Brown	John	F.
	RO.	T/Sgt.	Brady	Otho	H.
	TT.	T/Sgt.	Kennedy	George	L.
	BT.	S/Sgt.	Dewitt	Frank	F.
	TG.	S/Sgt.	Merrill	Clark	G.
	LNG.	S/Sgt.	Klinek	John	C.
	RWG.	S/Sgt.	Down	Harold	H.
<u>A2-31557</u>	P.	2nd Lt.	Fruitt	Dow	C.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Murphy	Walter	J.
	N.	1st Lt.	Priest	Jack	B.
	B.	1st Lt.	Buchanan	Allen	S. Jr.
	RO.	T/Sgt.	Martinez	Richard	V.
	TT.	T/Sgt.	Tryba	Alexander	F.
	BT.	Sgt.	Peres	Frank	D.
	TG.	S/Sgt.	Kashner	Charles	D.
	LNG.	S/Sgt.	Hadsell	David	N.
	RWG.	S/Sgt.	Flores	Louis	(NMI)
<u>A2-107009</u>	P.	2nd Lt.	Sharp	James	C.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Russ	Vincent	J.
	N.	2nd Lt.	Stephens	David	M.
	B.	2nd Lt.	Busse	Myles	R.
	RO.	Sgt.	Finnie	Charles	S.
	TT.	M/Sgt.	Older	Harold	K.
	BT.	Sgt.	Sederis	John	J.
	TG.	S/Sgt.	Tomkinson	Alfred	A.
	LNG.	S/Sgt.	Tobine	Rodney	T.
	RWG.	Sgt.	Drain	James	A.
<u>A2-31005</u>	P.	2nd Lt.	O'Neil	Edward	T.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Livingstone	Alexander	R.
	N.	2nd Lt.	Whiting	Myrick	J.
	B.	2nd Lt.	Cober	Dene	C.
	RO.	S/Sgt.	Mamoh	Elmer	C.
	TT.	S/Sgt.	Greer	Cecil	B.
	BT.	S/Sgt.	O'Brien	John	D.
	TG.	S/Sgt.	Fetsner	Elmer	M.
	LNG.	S/Sgt.	Beshler	James	E.
	RWG.	S/Sgt.	Martinelli	Alexander	H.
<u>A2-31591</u>	P.	2nd Lt.	Fitchett	Lawrence	E.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Campbell	Bruce	M.
	N.	2nd Lt.	Pfeiffer	Lawrence	W.
	B.	2nd Lt.	Sanchez	Louis	T.
	RO.	T/Sgt.	Bergener	Max	H.
	TT.	T/Sgt.	Parsloe	Bertram	(NMI)
	BT.	S/Sgt.	Sassi	Louis	M.
	TG.	S/Sgt.	Ross	Anthony	F.
	LNG.	S/Sgt.	Hannabury	Ralph	A.
	RWG.	Sgt.	Cole	Thomas	B.

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

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Loading List.
TO : Operations Officer, 401st Bombardment Group, AAF Station 128, APO # 557.

I. Following is the list of Combat Crews participating in Today's Mission.

<u>GROUP #</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>MI</u>
<u>AR-31072</u>	P.	1st Lt.	Locher	James	R. Jr.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Hogg	James	B.
	N.	1st Lt.	Duquette	Fred	D.
	B.	1st Lt.	Brown	John	F.
	NO.	T/Sgt.	Brady	Otho	H.
	TT.	T/Sgt.	Kennedy	George	L.
	BT.	S/Sgt.	Dewitt	Frank	F.
	TO.	S/Sgt.	Merrill	Clark	G.
	ING.	S/Sgt.	Klinek	John	C.
	NSG.	S/Sgt.	Down	Harold	H.
<u>AR-31557</u>	P.	2nd Lt.	Fruitt	Low	C.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Murphy	Walter	J.
	N.	1st Lt.	Priest	Jack	B.
	B.	1st Lt.	Duchanan	Allen	H. Jr.
	NO.	T/Sgt.	Martinez	Richard	V.
	TT.	T/Sgt.	Trybe	Alexander	F.
	BT.	Sgt.	Ieros	Frank	D.
	TO.	S/Sgt.	Fashner	Charles	D.
	ING.	S/Sgt.	Halsell	David	H.
	NSG.	S/Sgt.	Flores	Louis	(MHI)
<u>AR-307002</u>	P.	2nd Lt.	Sharp	James	C.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Russ	Vincent	J.
	N.	2nd Lt.	Stephens	David	H.
	B.	2nd Lt.	Russo	Nyles	R.
	NO.	Sgt.	Pinnie	Charles	B.
	TT.	T/Sgt.	Older	Harold	K.
	BT.	Sgt.	Soderis	John	J.
	TO.	S/Sgt.	Tomkinson	Alfred	A.
	ING.	S/Sgt.	Tobine	Rodney	T.
	NSG.	Sgt.	Irwin	James	A.
<u>AR-31005</u>	P.	2nd Lt.	O'Neil	Edward	T.
	CP.	2nd Lt.	Livingstone	Alexander	F.
	N.	2nd Lt.	Whiting	Myrick	J.
	B.	2nd Lt.	Cober	Dene	C.
	NO.	T/Sgt.	Hunch	Elmer	C.
	TT.	S/Sgt.	Greer	Cecil	B.
	BT.	S/Sgt.	O'Brien	John	D.
	TO.	S/Sgt.	Fetner	Elmer	H.
	ING.	S/Sgt.	Bachler	James	B.
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	CP.	2nd Lt.	Campbell	Bruce	H.
	N.	2nd Lt.	Pfeiffer	Lawrence	V.
	B.	2nd Lt.	Sanchez	Louis	T.
	NO.	T/Sgt.	Bergener	Max	H.
	TT.	T/Sgt.	Forsloe	Bertram	(MHI)
	BT.	S/Sgt.	Sawd	Louis	H.
	TO.	S/Sgt.	Rose	Anthony	F.
	ING.	S/Sgt.	Hannabury	Ralph	A.
	NSG.	Sgt.	Cole	Thomas	B.

94 SW HIGH BOX

Combat Flight Leader: CAPT GARLAND 18 Apr 44
 (Date)
 Deputy Flight Leader: LT LOCHER
 Group Call Sign: _____ Fighter Call Sign: _____
 Ground Control: _____

612th ~~SC~~ ~~WILLIAMSON~~
 613th ~~IN~~ ~~LANE MACRO~~
 614th ~~IN~~ ~~ROSS/BOSS/CLUB~~
 615th ~~IN~~ ~~ESQUIRE BURRARD~~

(aborted)
 613 SQDN
CAMMACK (GARLAND)
 SC P ~~1/1~~ 1891

FRUITT LOCHER
 IN R 1857 IN X 1872
 SHARP
 IN E 7909

FITCHETT O'NEIL
 IN J 1891 IN M 2005
 612 SQDN 614 SQDN

DAILEY SMITH WR
 SC B 1862 IN C 1815

HERSHEY TANNER KEENINWICE WALSH
 SC G 1084 SC F 9843 IN O 1116 IN X 1898

SMITH SE WILSON CL.
 SC J 0050 ✓ IN Q 7278

WEST WELLS POST FRENCH
 SC O 7457 SC K 1087 IY H 7073 IY L 1813

SPARES

(aborted)
KAMINSKI
 IY Q 9878

CAMPBELL KNIGHT
 IY M 1821 IY G 1988

Alt-Lead IY C 9604
 Ground spares ~~IY H 7448~~ OUT
 IY L 0001
 IY H 7448

*Lt. Hunt
up eny*

APR 20 1944

OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
STATION 128 - APO 587
U. S. ARMY

(D-C-5)

19 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Comments of Crews Participating in Mission to KASSEL, This date.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 401st Bombardment Group (H), APO 587, U. S. Army.
(Thru Lt. Col. B. K. Voorhees and Lt. Col. A. C. Brooks.)

1. Lt George F Bingham (Pilot A/C 1034, stated that the Group leader of the lead box called on VHF to the high squadron to send two A/C to the low squadron; #3 A/C responded and #4 and #5 did not. Lt. Richard A. Hoyt, Lt. Bingham's Co-pilot, severely criticized formation flying done by #4 A/C in low squadron.

2. The crew of Lt. Harry J. Hershey (Pilot) A/C 9765, does not understand why landfall, either going out or coming home, is always made at Ostend, in as much as so many planes have been hit at that point.

3. The crew of Lt. Robert L. Stolzer (Pilot) A/C 1226, praised the job of navigation done by the Division leader. Lt. Ellsworth E. Christensen (Pilot) A/C 1619, thought the Division assembly today was confused.

4. Lt. Kenneth C. Wells, (Pilot) A/C 1091, and Lt. Vincent J. Kaminski (Pilot) A/C 9873, thought that the formation flown by the composite box was too loose and erratic.

5. The following comments were made concerning the Combat Mess:

- a. Lt. David H Stephens (Navigator) A/C 1037 was pleased that boiled eggs were served for breakfast.
- b. The crew of Lt. Vincent J. Kaminski did not like boiled eggs for breakfast, stating that they were hard to digest. S/Sgt. Anthony F Rose, TG A/C 1072 stated that the boiled eggs were hard on his stomach and requested two varieties of dry cereal be provided at breakfast.
- c. Lt. John Schulz (Co-pilot) A/C 1315, stated that the men on his crew don't like boiled eggs.
- d. Lt. Douglas H. McKinnon (Co-pilot) A/C 2393 and S/Sgt Michael J. Lefkin, TG, want fried eggs for breakfast.

6. Lt. Guy R. Porter (Bombardier) A/C 1863 criticized P-38 escort for peeling off at 500 yards, stating that they came in too close.

7. Lt. Warren Gulula (Navigator) A/C 1091, stated that no transportation was available this morning to take his crew to briefing. Lt. Carleton L. Wilson (Pilot) A/C 440, stated that no transportation was available when he landed, and

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his crew was late for Interrogation.

W. B. FRY,
Major, A. C.,
Group S-2 Officer.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 cy - Col BOYLAN
1 cy - Col VOORHEES
1 cy - Col BROOKS (Maj SILVER)
4 cy - Each Squadron C. O.
1 cy - Lt HUNT, Gp Eng. ✓

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 128
APO 557

19 April, 1944

SUBJECT: 8-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission 19 April, 1944
TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557
ATTN: Statistical Control Officer

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

Runaway Propeller (1) Oxygen Leak (1)
Turbo-supercharger Out at Altitude (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:

Rheostat Out (1)

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

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

A.P.O. 557
19 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

TO : Group Operations, Station 128, APO 557.

1. Abortives.

a. Airplane No. 42-39932 - Bearing in Armature of amplidyne motor in chin turret developed bind. Motor was smoking and filled nose of ship and pilot's compartment with smoke. If chin turret power switch had been turned off, smoke would have stopped. Crew did not know what was causing smoke until landing and check was made.

b. Airplane No. 42-39943 - Had flat tire before take-off. Tire was changed and aircraft took off at 0800. Final take-off time was 0800. Ship was unable to catch up with formation.

c. Airplane No. 42-39855 - Returned early because of a runaway prop on # 4 engine. Ground check revealed internal failure of the engine. Pieces of piston ring were found in the sump.

d. Airplane No. 42-39840 - Returned early because pilot claimed the airplane couldn't keep up with the formation. The ship was flying at approximately 15,000 feet, the engines running at 2500 RPM, 45" Hg. Indicated airspeed was 160 MPH. No crew was available for test hop, but this ship was altitude checked within the past week. At that time the indicated airspeed was 180 MPH with engines running at 2200RPM and 38" Hg.

2. Battle Damage.

a. 42-102393 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing between fuselage and # 3 engine. Fuel tank change necessary. Flak hole in bottom of right wing at station 19, striking chord joining wing panel to wing.

b. 42-40050 - Flak hole in left side of fuselage near station 6b.

c. 42-107039 - Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 41; Flak hole in bottom of leading edge of right wing near station 18; Flak hole in duct on left side of # 2 nacelle; Flak hole in duct of right side of nacelle, # 2; Flak hole in bottom of right wing, near station 8, tank change necessary; Flak hole in nose section of # 1 engine; engine change necessary; Flak hole through bottom of left wing below leading edge; Small flak hole through left elevator, near station 62.

SUBJECT: Missions Summary Report (continue)

d. 42-31315 - Two small flak holes in bottom of left wing; Two small rips in bottom of left elevator, caused by flak; 3" flak hole in bottom of fuselage, near nose section cutting radio wiring.

e. 42-31863 - Several small flak holes in bottom of wings, damaging # 4 main tank; 4" rip in bottom of left elevator caused by flak; Small flak hole in bottom of fuselage, left of ball turret.

f. 42-31226 - Large flak hole in leading edge of left wing, between fuselage and # 2 nacelle, damaging main wing spar; 7" flak cut in bottom of right wing tip; Flak nicked # 1 prop and entered engine, damaging push rod cover and prop feathering oil line; Small flak hole in top of fuselage, aft of upper turret, damaging stringer.

g. 42-31557 - Flak entered top right side of fuselage, went through bomb bay and into radio room; No structural damage.

h. 42-31037 - Flak hole through right horizontal stabilizer damaging internal brace.

i. 42-31521 - Several flak holes in left wing; Flak hole through left horizontal stabilizer; Flak hole in bottom of # 2 nacelle; Two small flak holes in left side of fuselage; Flak hole in right side of vertical fin.

j. 42-31619 - Several flak holes in wings causing slight structural damage; Several small flak holes in horizontal stabilizer and elevators.

k. 42-97664 - Several flak holes in wings; Flak hole in # 2 ring cowl and prop dome; # 4 supercharger damaged by flak; Flak hole in tail wheel well. Small flak hole through left elevator.

l. 42-31091 - Flak hole through left wing, near tip, damaging longeron; Flak hole in left side of fuselage, above wing; Flak hole in Plexiglass Nose Section.

<u>TOTAL NO.</u> <u>OF <i>Apo</i></u>	<u>MINOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>MAJOR</u> <u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>BY</u> <u>FLAK</u>
12	10	2	12

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

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

A.P.O. 557
19 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Armament Narrative, Mission No. 51, 19 April, 1944

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

Negative Armament and Bomb Rack malfunction report
is submitted for the mission of 19 April, 1944.

SAM P. BROOMHALL JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Armament Officer

612TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER
STATION 128
APO 557

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report

TO: Engineering Officer, 401st Bombardment Group (H),
Station 128, APO 557, U. S. Army

1. The following is the battle damage report for the airplanes operated by this Squadron on the combat mission completed this date.

AIRPLANE NO.	BATTLE DAMAGE
42-102393	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in bottom of right wing between fuselage and # 3 engine. Fuel tank change.2. Flak hole in bottom of right wing at station 19, striking chord joining wing panel (outer) to wing.
42-40050	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in left side of fuselage near station 6b. Damaged radio equipment case.
42-107039	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 412. Flak hole in bottom leading edge of right wing near station 18.3. Flak hole in duct on right side of # 2 nacelle.4. Flak hole in duct on right left side of # 2 nacelle. entered bottom of right wing and out top.5. Flak hole in bottom of right wing near station 8. Fuel tank change.6. Flak hole in bottom of left wing trailing edge near station 30.7. Flak hole in bottom of left wing trailing edge near station 29.8. Flak hole in nose section of # 1 engine. Engine change.9. Flak hole in left elevator near station 62, in bottom out top.10. Flak hole in trailing edge of rudder near station 9.11. Flak hole in bottom of left wing just below leading edge near station 32, in bottom out top.
42-31034	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Negative.
42-39765	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Negative.

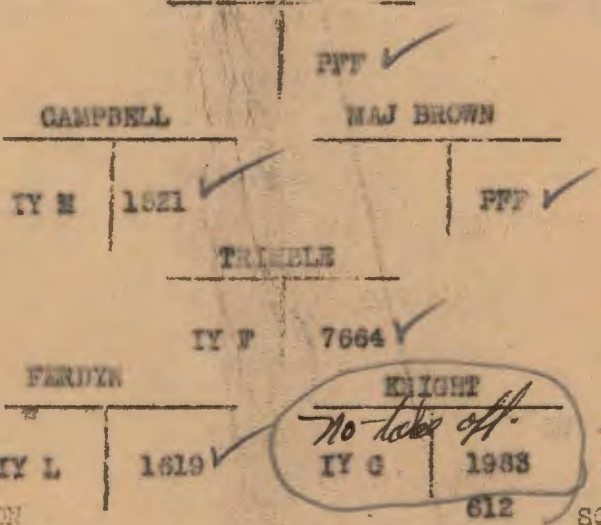
Herbert O. Kimmel
HERBERT O. KIMMEL
1st Lt, Air Corps
Engineering Officer

Lead Box 94th CGW

Combat Flight Leader: COL BOWMAN 19 April 1944
 (Date)
 Deputy Flight Leader: MAJOR BROWN
 Group Call Sign: _____ Fighter Call Sign: _____
 Ground Control: _____

615 SQDN
 COL BOWMAN
 612th SC FILLY
 613th IN GARET
 614th IW MOORMOSS
 615th IY ESQUIRE

10-5004P 1/10



No take off.

Flat tire

613 SQDN
 STELZER
 612 SQDN
 CURRIE

About
Couldnt keep up with formation

About
 CONNOLLY
 IN H 0855 ✓

About
 BINGHAM
 SC G 1034 ✓
Couldnt catch formation

SMITH SE
 SC J 0350 ✓
Flat tire

SHARP
 IN F 1037 ✓
 FRUIT
 IN R 1657 ✓

About
 LEV
 IN H ((9932) ✓
Braking in approach motor lurch

HERSHEY
 SC A 9765 ✓

WEST
 SC R 2393 ✓

SPARES.

SMITH WR
 IN C 1315 ✓
 KSIENIEWICZ
 IN O 1116 ✓
Back

WALSH
 IN X 1863 ✓

Lead spare SC P 1891
 Grand spare IY C 9904.

gas & ammo
for 6 hr mission
take off 54:5 - 6:15

Air sea
rescue
2,000 gas food

478 mut. ammo,

Eng Runway 2-8
X 637

6/3th opposite tower

932
Mag - dropped
100

HIGH SQUADRON HIGH BOX

Combat Flight Leader: _____ 19 April 44
 (Date)

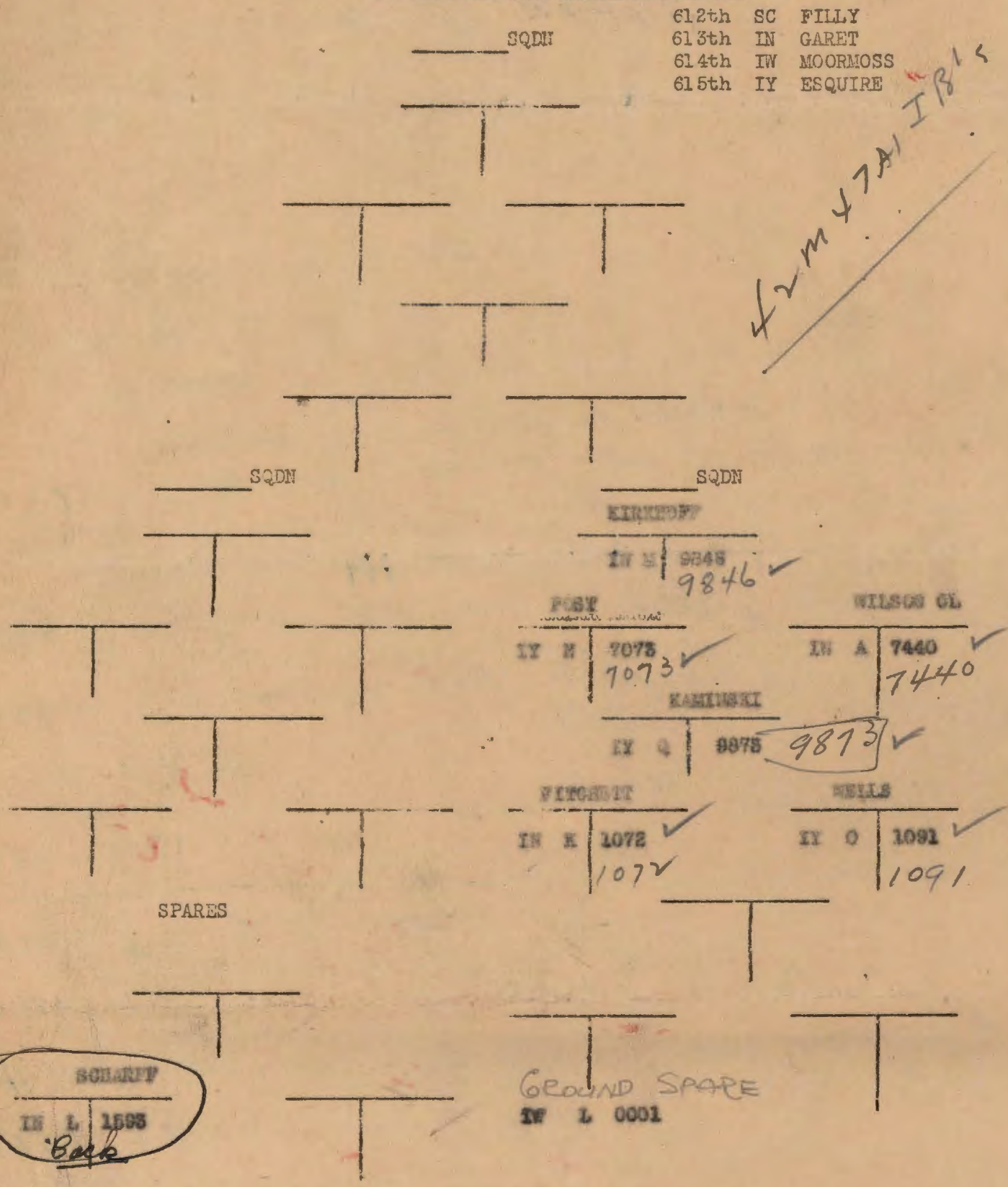
Deputy Flight Leader: _____

Group Call Sign: _____ Fighter Call Sign: _____

Ground Control: _____

- 612th SC FILLY
- 613th IN GARET
- 614th IW MOORMOSS
- 615th IY ESQUIRE

from 47A1 IR's



855 - #4 prop run away - could not feather
#2 no power: Blew a plug:

073 - O.K.

619 - O.K.

072 - O.K.

846 - Turbo's and Prop controls need synchronizing

091 - O.K.

873 - #2 turbo out of alt.

393 - O.K.

039 - O.K.

226 - #2 vacuum gage fluproate

664 - Recharger hose in RH waist leaks:
Leak in LH system (waist)

557 - Over Boost H4 - 25 for 15 or 20 mins
H0 - 24 for about 10 min:

Hunter's on #2 & 4 electronics:

Low oil indicator out

Reostat out.

#1 cyl head temp runs high:

440 - #3 eng throwing oil:

765 - #1 Eng exhaust manifold flaring up:
H0 - 24 R.P.M. Cyl head temp 210
oil temp 70
oil pres 40