

APD 634
10th October, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative.

TO.....: Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H).

1. Hot News

One B-17 exploded over Munster as a result of A.A. Gun fire. Seven chutes observed. One B-17 exploded over Munster as a result of A.A. Gun fire. Eight chutes observed. One B-17 spinning down, out of control at 1518 hours in Munster area, with enemy fighters attacking. Three to four chutes. One B-17 going down south of Zuider Zee at 1536 hours. Six chutes seen. Plane exploded at ground. One B-17 going down at 1504 hours before I.P. Six chutes. One B-17 went into spin in Munster area, 1521 hours. Three to five chutes. Regained control, followed this group, and, it is believed, made home. One P-47 in Munster area. Pilot bailed out.

2. Narrative

Nineteen A/C took off at 1155, and at 1403 were over Felixstowe. The course was as briefed to 51 48N - 07 03E, then followed 92nd Group to Coesfeld, bombed and proceeded to 52 14N - 07 03E, then returned as briefed.

3. Fighter Opposition

The 306th Group was the low and second group in the 40th Combat Wing. There were no attacks on this group. Enemy fighters in quantity were seen attacking other formations, notably the wing behind, in the target area, and the formations over Munster. Me109s and Fw190s predominated. A few Me110s were seen. Fighter support was good. P-47s were first seen engaging E/A just before the I.P. at 51 48N - 07 03E at 1506 hours and provided effective high cover and wide area support from there to target and on the course back. An Fw190 was seen destroyed by a P-47 right after bombs away (Coesfeld). A pilot was seen to bail out of a P-47 in Munster area. Spits were first observed at Dutch coast on route back. We make no claims.

4. A.A. Gun fire

No A.A. Gun fire on this group at Coesfeld. Moderate accurate tracking fire noted in Ruhr, but not near this group. At Munster A.A. Gun fire was intense, both barrage and continuous following. A.A. Gun fire was meager and inaccurate at Dutch coast.

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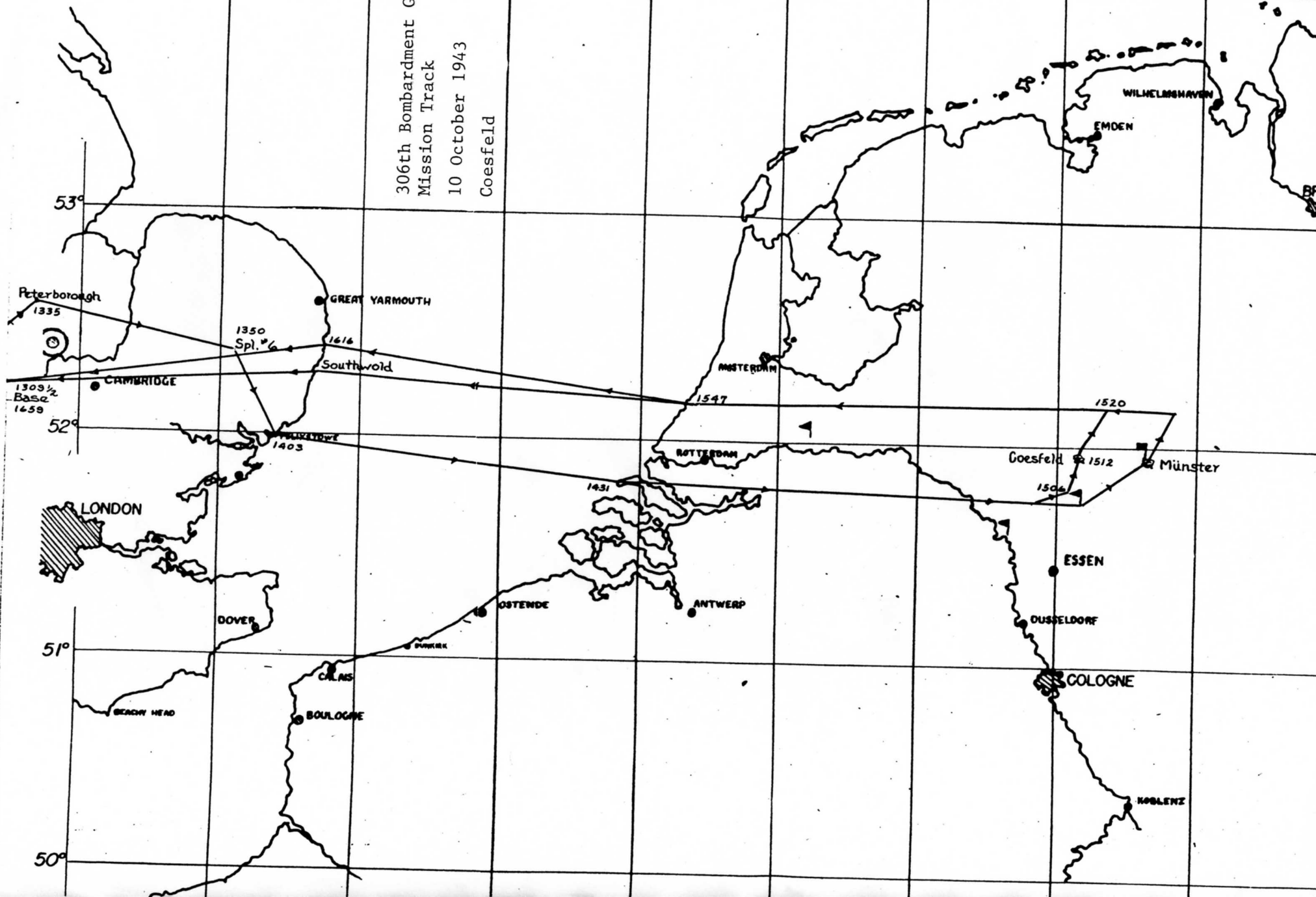
5. Bombing

Photographs show 92nd Group bombs in dense concentration right on town of Coesfeld. 306th Group bombs short as our lead bombardier expected to bomb Munster, and had only 10 second run after he saw 92nd bombs away.

6. Comments

Smoke screen observed over Ruhr Valley. A large explosion or burst of flame seen near Zaltbommel, Holland on way in. Something like red flare reported coming from ground, bursting at A.A. Gun fire altitude, possibly ground-based rocket guns.

306th Bombardment Group
Mission Track
10 October 1943
Coesfeld



HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 634,
10 October, 43.

SUBJECT: Group Leader's Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. Take-off and join-up was executed as usual except for bad weather conditions. A track of 245° was made good 1000 feet above overcast. Join-up was executed over Cranfield as planned.

2. The 306th Group was over Thurleigh at 18,000 feet on time for Wing rendezvous. There being no other Groups in sight, this Group continued on course, joining the Wing at Stony Stratford.

3. The climb was too fast to enable this Group to form proper Wing formation before leaving the English Coast.

4. The lead Group of the Wing made two "g" turns upon reaching enemy coast, thus allowing the 306th Group to get in proper formation. The cruising speed of the Wing was consistently between 160 and 165 MPH. Good Wing formation was maintained and our Wing suffered no attacks by enemy aircraft. No AAGF was encountered on the route in.

5. The I.P. was broadcast on VHF as well as 6440 Kc and a red flare was fired. Moderate AAGF was encountered over the I.P. The plane was given over to the bombardier on A.F.C.E., but it momentarily locked. Because of this the pilot moved this Group to the left and again turned the ship over to the bombardier. It became apparent that the target selected was not that which had been briefed. The lead bombardier of this Group then set up on target being bombed, aiming for center of town, and released the bombs.

6. No AAGF was encountered after the bombs were away. No difficulty was experienced in getting the 306th Group back into Wing formation after the bombing run.

7. The return trip was uneventful and no attacks by enemy aircraft were encountered.

8. Fighter cover offered by P-47's was excellent.

JOSEPH H. NELSER,
Captain, AC,
Group Leader.

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Materiel Officer
United States Forces
A. P. O. 634

10 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report on Mission of 10 October, 1943.

TO : Group S-2 Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following listed damages were received by aircraft of this Group on the mission of this date:

367th Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-30767- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30727- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30728- Slight flak damage to right wing tip

B 17G No. 42-37720- Not damaged

368th Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-30782- not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30832- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30451- .303 hit left wing flap and aileron control cable.

B 17F No. 42-3142- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-37724- Not damaged

B 17G No. 42-3520- Not damaged

369th Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-3169- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30199-Notdamaged

B 17F No. 42-30811-Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30779- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-39993- Not damaged

423rd Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-30603- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30710-Aborted (Personnel failure)

B 17F No. 42-30813- Not damaged

B 17G No. 42-3515- Not damaged

Henry J. Schmidt
HENRY J. SCHMIDT,
Major, Air Corps,
Materiel Officer.

AFO 634.
10 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: Communications Report for Mission of 10 October, 1943.
TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), AFO 634.

1. PROGRAM:

In general, the correct radio procedure was followed throughout the mission.

2. RADIO AIDS:

Eighteen airplanes were equipped with "Cos" and reported good results to 05 52'E longitude. No jamming was reported, but greater distance was not possible due to fading of signals.

Splasher Beacon Number Six was used for homing with good results. Splasher Beacons Four and Five were used for L.O.P.'S in some cases. "B" group of Multi-Group Beacons was used for L.O.P.'S all the way to Germany and back - strong, clear signals were reported.

Two airplanes obtained weather reports from our base HF D/F station. One airplane obtained a QRM from our base station.

3. RADIO DISCIPLINE:

No breaches in radio discipline were observed or reported.

4. EQUIPMENT:

- 4-23515-423rd Squadron, Interphone weak at altitude. Co-pilot's mike button sticks, being checked.
- 4-30813-423rd Squadron, Bombardier's interphone out, fixed.
- 4-30767-367th Squadron, Pilot's mike button sticks, fixed.
- 4-57720-367th Squadron, Interphone weak at altitude.
- 4-30728-367th Squadron, Interphone weak, being checked.
- 4-30727-367th Squadron, Interphone weak at altitude.
- 4-23142-368th Squadron, Interphone noisy, fixed.
- 4-57724-368th Squadron, VHF out, being checked. Co-pilot's mike erratic, fixed.
- 4-30814-369th Squadron, Right waist interphone out, fixed.

5. REMARKS:

The 40th Combat Bombardment Wing Bomber proved very useful for keeping our airplanes close to the field with a low ceiling and poor visibility.

Good radio reception was reported throughout the flight.

Ray V. Hopper
R.V. Hopper
AC

HEADQUARTERS 808TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 634,
10 October 1945.

SUBJECT: S-3 Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 808th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. At 1155 hours, 10-October, 1945, nineteen airplanes of this Group began taking off to bomb Munster, Germany. One was abortive, none flew with other units, and all returned safely.

2. The assembly and route over England were flown substantially as planned, though poor visibility hampered the rendezvous of the Group. The lead Group flew at too high an indicated airspeed at altitude, resulting in excessive manifold pressure requirements in our Group. The navigation, in the vicinity of the IP and target, was poor, resulting in the bombing of the wrong town. The return to base was uneventful, with the exception of the problems and hazards presented by landing under conditions of extremely poor visibility.

3. It is recommended that the lead Group of the Combat Wing restrict cruising speeds to those laid down in Standard Operating Procedures. Such a policy will make for better formation flying, and also save the engines.

It is also recommended that missions not be flown on three consecutive days, since it leads to undue flying fatigue, especially on the part of the pilots. This is particularly dangerous when the landing at the end of the third mission is made under conditions of extremely poor visibility. Such landings tax the skill of a fresh pilot, and are extremely dangerous to one who is fatigued from twenty-two hours of combat formation flying in a space of fifty-four hours.

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,
Major, AC,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

A. P. O. 634,
10 October, 43.

SUBJECT: Navigation Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The 306th Bombardment Group (H) took off at 1155, 10 October 1943 to bomb Munster, Germany.
2. We climbed through dense fog to 8,000 feet and assembled the Group over the undercast.
3. The Group departed from Thurleigh on course at 1809 hours. Rendezvous was made with the 92nd and 305th Groups between Daventry and Peterborough. The 306th Group was the low Group in the Combat Wing.
4. The Combat Wing followed the planned course up to the last crossing of the Rhine River, when they turned slightly North to avoid AAGF.
5. The 92nd Group established the I.P. at 5148 N - 0703 E and went on to bomb Coesfeld.
6. The lead navigator of the 92nd Group must have mistaken the railroad at the I.P. and land marks were confusing. The town was similar to the primary only smaller.
7. The return to base was as briefed and was uneventful.
8. The Group arrived at base at 1659 hours and landed.

ALFRED E. SIMON,
1st Lieut., AC,
Lead Navigator.

LOG SHEET-NAVIGATOR

DEPARTURE Thurleigh
DATE 16 Oct., 1943
AIRPLANE TYPE AND No. B-17 42-90782
MISSION Bombing - Combat.

DESTINATION London
PILOT Capt. J. N. Baines
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. A. E. Simon

POSITION	TIME	TRUE COURSE	DRIFT CORR.	TRUE HEAD.	VAR.	MAG. HEAD.	DEV.	COMP. HEAD.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E. T. A.	E. T. A. DEST.	ALTITUDE
									DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME			
Base	1309	233														16,000'
Stony Stratford	1315	212														16,000'
Deventry	1319	61														16,500'
Peterborough	1335	104														17,500'
Splashes #6	1350	162														21,000'
Felixstowe	1403	96														24,000'
S1 45N, 03 50E	1431	92														24,000'
S1 45N, 07 02E	1506	57														24,000'
S1 57N, 07 10E	1512	24														24,000'
S2 14N, 07 20E	1520	275														24,000'
S2 14N, 04 25E	1527	274														20,000'
South Wold	1616	260														8,000'
Base	1659															500'

RECAPTURES 506TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Armament Officer
United States Forces

P-D-4

A P O 634,
10, Oct., 1943.

SUBJECT: Armament, Bombing Equipment, C-1 Autopilot, and Bombsight Report,
Mission of 10, October 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 506th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following is a report of Armament equipment failures provided by interrogation of gun crews and reports from individual Squadron Armorsers.

a. Aircraft No. 42-89199, Lower Ball Turret, reported as having erratic operation in azimuth at altitude.

b. Aircraft No. 42-3515, Right Upper Turret gun, Solenoid burned out.

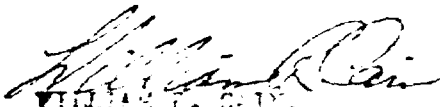
2. Bombing Equipment failure was limited to the following:

a. Aircraft No. 42-30779, Bomb Load released by the Emergency Release; Bomb Control Rods hit by flak.

b. The following is a report of the C-1 Autopilot and bombsight equipment.

a. The group lead aircraft No. 42-30752 made the bombing run on A.F.C.E. and the pilot reported that the equipment operated satisfactorily. The bombardier reported that the secondary clutch locking solenoid locked momentarily several times when he was in control of the aircraft. Complete ground check of the A.F.C.E. before and after the mission failed to reveal any malfunctioning.

b. No other malfunctions were found or reported.


WILLIAM H. GRAY,
Capt., Air Corps,
Armament Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 308TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

(E-D-7)

APO 634,
10 October, 45.

SUBJECT: Bombing Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 308th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. A.F.C.E. and ANC computer were used. Metro data checked O.K.

2. Much confusion was encountered by the 308th Bombardment Group (E) at the IP, and a collision with another Group was averted only because of a violent turn. The lead Group settled down on its bombing run, and the lead bombardier of the 308th Group became confused as to which of the two cities in the vicinity was the target. As a result he had an actual 10 second run on the same target as the Combat Wing leader, and experienced great difficulty in aligning himself on the target of Coosfield. It is believed this city was the target attacked, although neither navigators nor bombardiers are certain.

3. The 308th Group dispatched 19 aircraft, all of which carried 22 X 500 lb. M45 bombs. One aircraft was abortive and returned bombs; 18 aircraft released at target.

4. Strike photographs show some hits on the city, and a string of bombs wasted on open territory as a result of the very short run.

5. Pertinent information.

a.	True altitude	24,500 feet
b.	Indicated altitude	24,000 feet
c.	True heading	86 degrees
d.	Time of release	1512 hours
e.	Length of run	10 seconds
f.	Wind direction and velocity	180° at 24 MPH
g.	216 AN M45 500 lb. bombs were released.	

HUGH J. TOLAND,
Major, AC,
Group Bombardier.

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Armament Officer
United States Forces

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A P O 634,
10, Oct., 1943.

SUBJECT: Ammunition and Bomb Expenditure for the Mission of 10, Oct., 1943

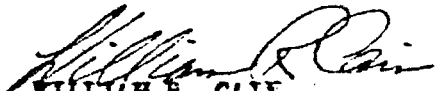
TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following is the expenditure by individual gun positions of AP and T ammunition for the mission of 10, October 1943.

36 UPPER TURRET GUNS	475 Rounds
36 LOWER TURRET GUNS	510 Rounds
56 TAIL GUNS	630 Rounds
18 RADIO GUNS	210 Rounds
19 LEFT WAIST GUNS	290 Rounds
18 RIGHT WAIST GUNS	290 Rounds
18 LEFT NOSE GUNS	210 Rounds
18 RIGHT NOSE GUNS	225 Rounds
21 FRONT NOSE GUNS (CHIEF TURRET INCL.)	320 Rounds

2. A total of 213 .50 calibre guns expended a total of 3,160 rounds of ammunition.

3. 216 - five hundred pound, M-45 Demolition Bombs were expended on this mission.


WILLIAM E. CAIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Armament Officer.

Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

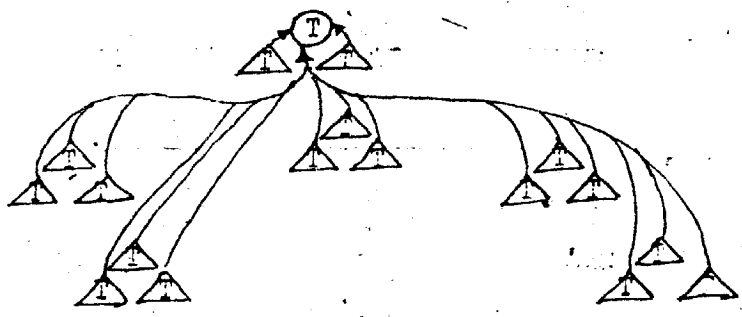
POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN ¹⁰ West end of town

NAVIGATION DATA ¹¹ Metro OK

WINDS

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP C.	
	Est.	Actual	Est.	Actual	Est.	Actual
Surface	140		5		13	13
3000	180		10		7	8
5000						
10000	190		15		2	3
15000	190		20		-7	-6
20000	180		25		-18	-18
25000	180	180	20	24	-25	-25

METHOD OF BOMBING ¹²



Bombardier making complete sighting operation



Bombardier making range operation only



Bombardier dropping on leader, with error indicating leader's position.



REPORTING FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 603 Letter H Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incant.

Time Took Off 1203 Time Landed 1714

Position in Formation

	X			
X		X	X	X
X	X		X	X
	X	X		X
X	X		X	X
	X			X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. George (NMI) Rees Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R.B. Eckles Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. W.H. Dickenson Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. W.S. Ellertson Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. E.A. Pfister Radio ✓

T/Sgt. T.F. Mihelick Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. K.R. Rood Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. E.D. Walters R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H.R. Shutts L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L.R. Goetz Tail G. ✓

*B17
2 over target - Flak - 7 chys des
P47 - pilot bailed out - over target
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2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 23900

Last Report Heading 300

Duration Bomb Run:

Tagged

*Probably
Cocafeld*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

*In center of town just above
R.R. tracks, # others around edges*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped _____ Number boxes returned _____

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Good

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Target - slight haze

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Accuracy
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Ruhr valley - off to right about 2 miles

Red Flak - Antwerp - nowhere's close

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

11110

10-15

FW190

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

All behind in target area
 (Location and length of fight)

none near this group

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

going in met late, never did see Spits - out good

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

*Ruhr valley - smoke screen
 Munster - smoke over target*

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

B17's - flak.

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER *R Skalak*

TIME COMPLETED _____

Capt AC

INTERCOM FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~368~~ A/C Number 451 Letter N Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1756 Time Landed 1713

		X		
	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:
 B17-1518 - Hit by flak? Shining down
out of control fighter attacking, shortly
after making turn off town? Bombed

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. G. Goris Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. K. Cabe Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. F. Bullard Nav ✓
- 1st Lt. H. Urman Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. L. Morton Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. W. Back Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. L. Haskell Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. J. Kelch R.Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. W. Meade L.Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. H. Jordan Tail G. ✓

*B17-1536 - Sgt. under engine
 Jason under control, & chutes out!
 hit ground & exploded
 B-17-1504 - the boy I.P. going down
 to chutes.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Coesfield-99

Primary Time: 1512
 Alternate Height: 23950'
 Last Resort Heading: 25 mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Hit marshaling yard and buildings in town

Other Bombing: Most of our group dropped same place

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

*As ordered -
 Hazy Good visibility*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*At IP
 little to right 1507 hrs 23950 Heavy Black Moderate Predicted Conclusions
 Near Haged 1545 hrs " " " Meagre Inaccurate*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: *Some 5 or 6 on ground behind no direct attack on*
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

this A/C

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *Late on way in Good cover*

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels, landmarks, new enemy installations.)

Two large ships in harbor of town as crossed coast on course on way in

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *none*
3-30 cal holes in L-wing

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *none*

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

5

no com. at this alt.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 368 ~~368XXX~~ A/C Number 832 Letter J Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1156 Time Landed 1703

		X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: B-17 at target blew up (fighters) no chutes

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2. B-17's went down, smoking at target (no chutes) under control

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

2nd Lt. J. McMahon Pilot

B-17 at target did slow roll and went into spin - straightened out and two chutes - went into 3 different spins then followed this group. Behind it made home.

2nd Lt. S. Nowars Co-P

2nd Lt. P.N. Walton (369) Nav

1st Lt. W. Swapp Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

T/Sgt. J. Tobin Radio

Primary Time: 1515

T/Sgt. M. Epps Top T.

Alternate Height: 24100'

S/Sgt. P. Lester Ball T.

Last Resort Heading 40° Mag.

S/Sgt. P. Mantor R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

S/Sgt. L. Northcott L. Waist

30 seconds.

S/Sgt. L. Brandon Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Could see heavy flak and smoke at Munster - saw own bombs burst in middle of unknown town
Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No)

any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped

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6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Approx. as briefed except at target -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home 3/10 cloud - ground haze

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, intense, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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white bursts, white bursts very high, Munster - intense, Bl, good alt. looked like barrage from our distance. Also cont following Edge of Ruhr - bursts appeared to be tracking but we crew observations about flak: were out of range; moderate

went straight after target for 2 minutes then left hand

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OFFENSE ACTION:

W 190
time 109

Couldn't identify etc.

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

from I.P. - 15 minutes
(Location and length of fight)

Did not attack this group - attack group behind
(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

*S turns - flew around
flak at I.P. -*

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good
did not see spots.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

thick sm screen over Ruhr but wind was making it ineffective. Could see smoke from fires in town to

13. INCIDENTS TO ENEMY A/C: (Indicate whether by A.A., E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

1/2 boat in harbor at Amsterdam.

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)

should have bombed Himmler

S-2 OFFICER

Meutha

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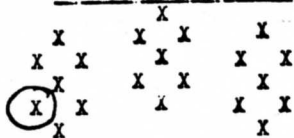
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 813 Letter L Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. I.cord.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1204 Time Landed 1711



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

2nd Lt. Robert McCallum Pilot ✓

R.E. PATRIDGE
2nd Lt. R.E. Thompson Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. A.J. Prentice Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. P.V. Manning Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. W.F. Day ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. M.L. Bartlett ✓ Top T.

S/Sgt. J.E. Dunford ✓ Ball T.

S/Sgt. A.H. Sadler ✓ R.Waist

S/Sgt. W.L. Bostic ✓ L.Waist

S/Sgt. W.H. McQuarrie ✓ Tail G.

4 B17 - Group ahead & to right over Ruhr - 4 chunks, 10 chunks, one blew up, one none seen.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:11:45

Alternate Height: 23720

Last Resort Heading 350
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Toggled

*Possibly
Hamm
saw a large
marshalling
yard*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: *To left & south of the center of town.*

Other Bombing: *In center of town*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No Any Hickeys: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped _____ Number boxes returned _____

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Fair, cut some corners

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Target - clear, slight haze

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target - none
Ruhr mid point black off to right - not tracking, too far.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATION:

3-4

FW190

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

many on group behind and on group ahead
 (Location and length of fight)
no direct attacks this A/C

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Close Support - Good - nothing over target this group

12. OBSERVATIONS: (Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (list any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, *hub - smoke screen.*)

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

B7's mostly flak one by fighters

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

one flak hole in nose

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

Need S. B.A. in all A/C to land under under conditions

S-2 OFFICER

R Skalak

TITLE CO. FILLED

Cap A/C

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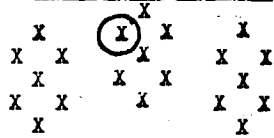
IN EMERGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~262~~ 363 ~~38900000X~~ A/C Number 520 Letter Y Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off ¹¹⁵⁶ ~~1205~~ Time Landed 1714



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

- 1st Lt. W. Nally Pilot ✓
- 1st Lt. D. Wadley Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. P. Marinon Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. Ashman Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. R. Little Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. H. Whitten Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. L. Stahlman Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. K. Cameron R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. M. Dixon L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. M. Ravasio Tail G. ✓

1 B-17 just after target down followed by fighters - 5 chute.
 3 more B-17's down in target area - no time or fix given - no chute noticed - at great distance

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1513
 Alternate Height: 24,300
 Last Resort (circle) Heading 43°
 Duration Bomb Run:

about 60" left turn off

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: probably DULMEN
burst hell out of it

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No? Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned _____
 7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If POSITIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)
 8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) pretty hazy visibility OK
 9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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	<u>hub</u>		<u>intense</u>		<u>barage</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>
	<u>Minster</u>		<u>moderate</u>			<u>inaccurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION:

no attacks
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out <u>immediately</u> separate CLAIM FORM for <u>each</u> claim.)	

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT *good - didn't see shots, maybe they were below.*

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,
have some pictures of some hijacks in river near Dutch Canal 51°42'N 04°40'E - 105°W
Heavy smoke screen in Ruhr 24,500

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER *Hogg* FILE COMPLETED *1805*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~2691159XX421~~ A/C Number 991 Letter K Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 12:05 Time Landed 17:30

		X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. D. H. White Pilot ✓

1st Lt. E. O. Rasmussen Co-P ✓

1st Lt. H. K. McCaleb Nav ✓

S/Sgt. O. K. Nabors Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. J. C. Bocelli Radio ✓

Sgt. E. E. Harbour Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. F. W. Pulliam Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. W. R. Earnest R. Waist ✓

Sgt. R. L. Whiteside L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. R. Sherrill Tail G. ✓

*15:32
New B-17 spinning + on fire. Not loaded
off at 3000 ft & headed home. 5 minutes
lost, then 10 minutes of churning under control.
Crew came after it landed off.*

TARGET ATTACKED:

T-O.

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 24260

Last Resort Heading 20° mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 125 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: *Dropped on leader on turn shortly after
opp. dropped on wing leader.*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes 26 pictures No? Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped _____ Number boxes returned _____

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

As briefed but cut short of Munster. then pitched up behind at 90°

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 4-5 mile visibility no clouds just haze.

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Munster target.
hits on Ruhr to our rt. of from left to rt. of behind on me
dropped bombs. 15:22 saw lots of red flak off to rt.*

Crew observations about Flak: Not hit.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER C/P TYPE:

25-30 S/E

(Estimated total number o. S/A seen)

(T. pos)

No attacks.

(Location and length of fight)

47s took care of them till them it down to ground.
real close support

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

<u>C L A I M S</u>	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.	

FIGHTER SUPPORT

2. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (list any observations of milita importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)

Big air battle over Rotterdam to south.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

1 B17 seen to blow up on primary at about 1512. 1 chute seen at same time.

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

none.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

none

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

none. - Wing renders prog. over enemy coast before caught up with 92nd.
Capt. Baldwin.

S-2 OFFICER

FILE COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 727 Letter Z Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. XXXXX.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 12:05 Time Landed 17:30

		X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X					X

1. **HOT NEWS** to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1516 hrs
B17 over Münster going down
three chutes, still under control

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. W. J. Tackmier Pilot ✓

B17 straggled, about 1521-

1st Lt. J. G. Parks Co-P. ✓

four chutes, still

1st Lt. C. D. Moore Nav. ✓

under control. Came down to deck.

1st Lt. F. X. Pierce Bomb. ✓

None ^{that} different.

T/Sgt. A. G. Coulter Radio ✓

2. **TARGET ATTACKED:**

T/Sgt. J. Argentos Top T. ✓

Primary Time: 1512

S/Sgt. J. E. Corcoran Ball T. ✓

Alternate Height: 24000

S/Sgt. H. K. Twing H. Waist ✓

Last Resort (circle) Heading 35 Mag

S/Sgt. H. Sall L. Waist ✓

Duration Bomb Run:

S/Sgt. J. P. Bloom Tail G. ✓

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed **RESULTS OF BOMBING:** (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Creechfield, this crew feels -

Other Bombing:

Real damage to whatever it was.
cut short by IP and turned about 4 minutes thereafter

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

6. **GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:** Number boxes returned

7. **ROUTE:** (If different than ordered) (If **ABORTIVE** give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Two steep turns at IP. This A/C almost lost formation.

8. **WEATHER:** (If it affected mission) Clear weather.

9. **FLAK:** Encountered on way out, at target, and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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No flak over target found.

accurate
Moderate flak 3 miles parallel to course at destination

Crew observations about Flak:

just missed it. Should have been sent there.

3. 700 feet away for distance, in - Port
 (Estimated total number of 7 seen) (Type)
8-15 miles positively recognized by this crew
 (Location and length of flight)

His A/C not attacked

(Tactics of F/A) Mustard group was being hit.
Escort was helping out.

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

FIGHTER SUPPORT P-51 seemed to lapse at wrong moment for Mustard Group.

2. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (list any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, Heavy smoke screens in Ruhr area.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A.; E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLATE and TILE.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) None

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
IP as flak area damn bad figuring.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~369~~ 369 ~~421X~~ A/C Number 30811 Letter D Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1203 Time Landed 1705

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    X X X X
  X X X X X
  X X X X X
  X X X X X
    X X
  
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1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

Lt. R.T. Peters Pilot ✓

Lt. E.B. Hughel Co-P ✓

Lt. J.B. Mazanak Nav ✓

Lt. J.V. Vaughter Bomb ✓

Sgt. K.H. Smith Radio ✓

Sgt. W.R.L. Jones Top T. ✓

Sgt. R.L. Kern Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. B.S. Steed R.Waist ✓

Sgt. D.J. Piedmont L.Waist ✓

Sgt. E.J. Mayer Tail G. ✓

*B-17 down just after target - 1516. our heading due north - 8 minutes. plane hit ground within 100 yds
B-17 exploded in target area*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 24,000

Last Resort Heading 38°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

30' *mild left turn off*

*Good mild
diversion action
all the way*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: *probably Colesfield off Dielmen - dropped on group leader hit the town - S.E. part*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No Any Nicks: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

To right of course all the way, cut 1. P. short (Porter instead of Bodenham) out on long flight north

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 to Dutch Coast, then haze

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	Accuracy in relation to A/C
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DORSTEN

meager

Cracking

low inaccurate

AMERSFOORT

meager

low

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER SPECIFICATION:

109

(Estimated total number of s/w seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

many fighters attached groups behind

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

fed at him & kept him away

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

(Fill out immediately
separate CLAIM FORM for
each claim.)

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT *damaged good - never saw Spits*
P-47 knocked down 190 in target area

12. OBSERVATIONS: (Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,
Smoke screen all over Ruhr

lot of barges in river near Dordrecht

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
#2 supercharger out

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER *Hogg*

TIME COMPLETED *1755*

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

20
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

20 19 0 12

(Type)

2 me 11 0

(Location and length of fight)

(P47 were after them)

This plane not attacked

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>None</u>
PROBABLY	<u>None</u>
DAMAGED	<u>None</u>

(Fill out immediately
separate CLAIM FORM for
each claim.)

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47 support small - Excellent. On
times. Dog fights over Holland (Coast, near South side
Zee)

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

Smoke screens in Ruhr, very heavy at about 1500 -
Every town thrown up screen regardless.

3. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) None

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER

Kavanaugh

TIME COMPLETED

13

IN ERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 720 Letter N Date 10/10/43Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXXXX~~Time Took Off 1158 ~~1200~~ Time Landed 1726

Position in Formation

		X		
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X				X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

16-17 in spin 52°10' 5°20' - 1537 - no chutes seen

1st Lt. W. S. Kirk Pilot ✓F/C. C. W. Cosper Co-P ✓2nd Lt. J. L. Dougherty Nav ✓2nd Lt. J. A. Sparks Bomb ✓S/Sgt. G. G. Roberts Radio ✓S/Sgt. T. E. Boyd Top T. ✓S/Sgt. E. R. Clark Ball T. ✓S/Sgt. T. R. Kelly Waist ✓Sgt. M. W. Buleson Waist ✓S/Sgt. C. A. Poff Tail G. ✓2. TARGET ATTACKED:Primary Time: 1512Alternate Height: 24,000Last Resort (circle) Heading 33° mag

Duration Bomb Run:

25-30"

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed
- RESULTS OF BOMBING
- : (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: probably COESFELD or DÜLMEN

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No)

Any Nickels: Yes NoNumber boxes dropped

- 6.
- GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS
- : Number boxes returned
-

- 7.
- ROUTE
- : (If different than ordered) (If
- ABORTIVE
- give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and
- disposition
- of bombs)

As briefed except cut 1.P. shot

- 8.
- WEATHER
- : (If it affected mission)
- hazy - visibility poor

- 9.
- FLAK
- : Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type of flight, heavy, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	accuracy of bursts in relation to A/C
<u>Wood</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Minster</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Ruhr</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

no attacks

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

11. REFUEL SUPPORT

*P-47's picked up just after target - ^{after some before target} had expended all fuel
no tanks or fixes available for support*

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (list any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dumps, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

large bank of flame, cause unknown near ZALTBORNEL

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLA and TOE.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER

Hogg

TIME COMPLETED

1820

14

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ A/C Number 728 Letter S Date 10/10/43Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.B. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 12:00 Time Landed 1735

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

			X		
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. Z. D. Davis Pilot ✓2nd Lt. C. R. Stafford Co-P ✓1st Lt. R. V. Houck Nav. ✓2nd Lt. C. L. Couch Bomb. ✓T/Sgt. L. C. McCullar Radio ✓T/Sgt. G. T. Webb Top T. ✓S/Sgt. D. J. Foster Ball T. ✓S/Sgt. G. R. Anderson R. Waist ✓Sgt. F. K. Shade L. Waist ✓S/Sgt. D. J. Antonelli Tail G. ✓

4 BIT's - in target area.
3 by FW190 - 8chutes, 4chutes
5chutes, One flak - 10chutes

- 2.
- TARGET ATTACKED

Primary Time: 1512Alternate Height: 24000Last Resort Heading 35
(circle)Duration Bomb Run: Toggled

Probably
Cresfield

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

in town some to right of town

5. Any
- Photographs
- taken: Yes?
- No?
- Any
- Nickels
- : Yes
- No

- 6.
- GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS
- : Number boxes returned

- 7.
- ROUTE
- : (If different than ordered) (If
- ABORTIVE
- give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

- 8.
- WEATHER
- : (If it affected mission)

- 9.
- FLAK
- : Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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Good
Slight haze
1. b. slight black flare
Flare - all to right.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATION:

large no. (about 100) FW 190 - on
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

group behind
(Location and length of flight)

no direct attacks this A/C

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate Claims Form for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

no escort until after bombs away. on way back - good

12. OBSERVATIONS: (Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (list any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, water ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

Essen - smoke screen - good
Ruhr - smoke screens.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

517's 3 - fighters one flak

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
Autophone sys weak.

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER R. Kalak Capt FILE COMPLETED

SQUADRON ~~94XXX~~ 423 A/C Number 515 Letter D Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed _____

		X	X	X	X
(X)	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

① 15:12:30 - 2 B-17's exploded at same time - probably Flak - they

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

we were down too close to Rhein - couple 7 chutes

1st Lt. C.E. Munger Pilot ✓

1st Lt. H.J. Engel Co-P ✓

1st Lt. R.D. Barton Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. Leon Feldman Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. J.A. Park Radio ✓

S/Sgt. W.G. Caldwell Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J.T. Brinkman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J.H. Jessup R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J.L. Braman L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. B. Parks Tail G. ✓

② B-17 down low hit by fighters went into spin - came out - went home - 2 chutes

Primary Time: 15:12

Alternate Height: 24,400

Last Resort Heading: 105° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 x 500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Dropped off Leader (on Coesfeld)

Good Concentration in turn a few on R.R. - a few short 1 ship ahead dropped late part of track

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped _____ Number boxes returned _____

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Course to approx. N. of Haltern - then up to

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) on Course to different I.P. Suring left off T. and back

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home home on Course

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Haltern - Scattered - moderate - accurate on high group.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Followed 92nd across this T. of O. but didn't see them drop bombs
305 on way off at 1 I.P. this was short 1 I.P. to the group

all our bombs dropped together

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

No attacks

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

Dogfights behind with E/A

Wing ahead had fighters

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

First seen at I. P. Haltern 15:07

Good all way back

2. OBSERVATIONS: (Give NAME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals, activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads; railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels, landmarks; new enemy installations,

Heavy Sm. Ser. in Rhur.

3. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

*No
Chin Turbets
in Low Sq.
on Outlets
Thru. must have
Gun on ea
side too*

S-2 OFFICER

Wald

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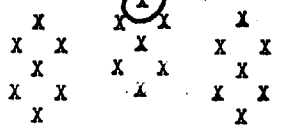
INTERCOMBATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ A/C Number 782 Letter Q Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed _____



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

- Capt. J.H. Belser Pilot ✓
- 1st Lt. W. Katz Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. A. Simmen Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. E. Montoya Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. D. Philpot Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. E. Spangenberg Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. L. Norman Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. J. Mynatt R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. W. McDaniel L. Waist ✓
- 2nd Lt. F. Scudder Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:12
 Alternate Height: 24,200
 Last Resort Heading 33°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 20 Sec.

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target; 12 x 500

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Bombed center of Coersfeld following 92nd. all hit center of town and R.R.

Other Bombing: Saw ^{big} town to East (Munster?) smoking from bombs - lots of Flak there

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No Yes No Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped _____ Number boxes returned _____

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

On course except 1.P. at about Wulfen

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) T. at Coersfeld

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Hazy - all right

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

None

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Attacked other group - believe

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

E/A were hitting Wing behind on way

in

Didn't touch this group

(Tactics of E/A)

To avoid them

Crossed Rhine just

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

South of Course then swung N. of N to position N. of Lemback then up R.R. to Coersfeld

May be starting at Borken

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P-47's Appeared just after bombing - gave good wide area support all way back -

Didn't see any spots

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. _____

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER

Wald

TIME COMPLETED

INFORMATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 142 Letter I Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.M. Lucena.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1652 Time Landed 1734

			X		
			X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: 1 was burning -
2 B-17's at Munster - shot down by flak (Schute)

1532 hrs. - just after own target - enemy fighters shot down in spin Schute

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. J. Gay Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. T. Brady Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. W. Clarida (423) Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. M. Dmochowski Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. E. Danielson Radio ✓

T/Sgt. P. Hughes Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. Brofford Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. S. Krisko R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. G. Lilja L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. Nicholson Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 2400

Last Resort Heading 34° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

40 seconds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

dropped in center of unidentified town
some bombs hit a marshalling yard.

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? No

Any Nickels: No Yes No N.

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

as briefed except at target.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

no cloud - ground haze

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1507 - Ruhr - at Alt. - tracking - turned just in time to miss it.

Munster - Barrage - instance accurate (barrage about 300' deep)

1537 - crew observations about 10 miles before coast. inacc.

1545 at coast on way out - about 18 bursts inacc behind.

No cond. at this Alt.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Could see lots of dog fights at target but couldn't estimate number of E/A.
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)
vicinity of I.P. + target.
(Location and length of fight)

✓
(Tactics of E/A)

✓
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____ <i>(D)</i>
(Fill out <u>immediately</u> separate CLAIM FORM for <u>each</u> claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good
sm. spots at coast.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

sm. screen at edge of Ruks.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by a.a., E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

see front

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER *Murtha*

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INTERROGATION Form

SQUADRON 367 ~~36008500123~~ A/C Number 767 Letter Y Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~2000000~~

Position in Formation

Time Tack Off 12:05 Time Landed 17:21

			X	
	X	X	X	(X)
X	X	X	X	X
X		X	X	X
X	X			X
X				X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes N
 Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

*1 B-17 1541 - 5 chutes.
 1 B-17 on hook at 1538 (Holland)*

<u>Capt. L. L. Robinson</u>	<u>Pilot</u> ✓
<u>2nd Lt. D. L. Jacobs</u>	<u>Co-P</u> ✓
<u>1st St. C. A. Alexander</u>	<u>Nav.</u> ✓
<u>1st Lt. H. E. Phelan</u>	<u>Bomb</u> ✓
<u>T/Sgt. J. R. Merson</u>	<u>Radio</u>
<u>T/Sgt. J. W. Walkenhorst</u>	<u>Top T.</u> ✓
<u>S/Sgt. E. W. Walker CLARK</u>	<u>Ball T.</u> ✓
<u>S/Sgt. S/Sgt. L. L. Meyer</u>	<u>R. Waist</u> ✓
<u>S/Sgt. W. J. Hifler</u>	<u>L. Waist</u> ✓
<u>S/Sgt. W. D. Brittain</u>	<u>Tail G.</u> ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512
 Alternate Height: 24,000
 Last Resort (circle) Heading 35 mag
 Duration Bomb Run: 15"

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: pretty sure it was COESFELD

hit western edge of town

Other Bombing:

lead group of hit town square

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No? Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

as briefed to shoot at I.P. to COESFELD

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy. visibility pretty good

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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DORSTEN meager to moderate
heavy intense

tracking accurate
tracking lead group

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

none

(Estimated total number of *E/A* seen) _____ (Types) _____

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of *E/A*) _____

(Color, markings, etc. of *E/A*) _____

(Our defensive action) _____

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

(fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

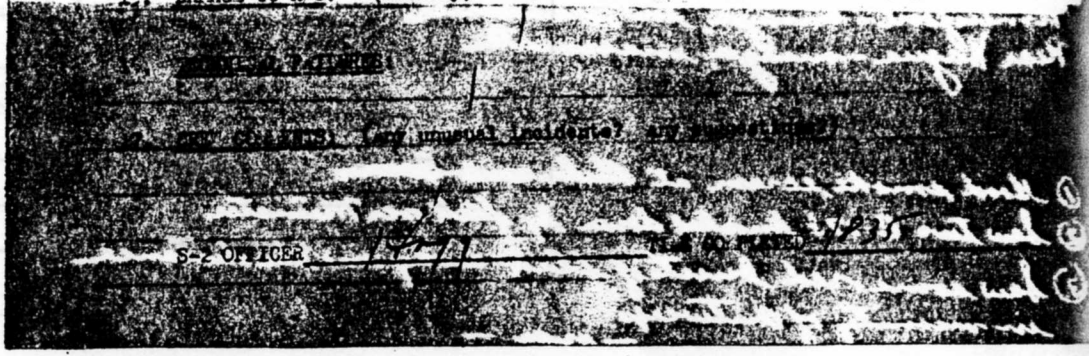
11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *maneuver with wing ahead - joined just before target and followed to end.*

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (list any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)



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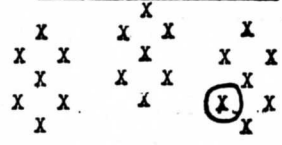
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 230779 Letter U Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1204 Time Landed 1730



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

B17-1517 hrs. hit by flak broken into exploded - 1 chute.

Details:

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

*B17-1520 hrs. attacked by 2A under control - 8 chutes
B17-1517 hrs. under attack - 5 chutes
B17-1525 " " 5 chutes*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Lt. E.L. Murphy Pilot ✓
- Lt. J.S. Opdyke Co-P ✓
- Lt. L.S. Musselwhite Nav. ✓
- Lt. M.A. Phillips Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. M.A. Narum Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. B.D. Oldfield Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. C.A. Melita Ball T. ✓
- T/Sgt. E.J. Wentworth R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. E.M. Johnson L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. P.L. Noisat Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1511 hrs
 Alternate Height: 24,400'
 Last Resort Heading: 25 mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: in town

Other Bombing: Group ahead to right of town

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Little to right of course before I.P.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1805</u>		<u>24,400</u>	<u>Heavy Black</u>	<u>Accurate</u>	<u>Predicted Concentration</u>	
<u>1508</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>1537</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>To left and low</u>	<u>One burst</u>	

Crew observations about Flak:

Rs' heard after I.P.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OR OBSERVATION:

E/A attacking stragglers behind did not attack our
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Group

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____ X _____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Late in rounds, most of P47's high cover, few came close.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummys, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

Nijmegen river boats and barges at Nijmegen on way in dry dock at Rotterdam

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

none

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Floak hole on left of nose.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Interphone ball turret out.
#2 & #3 Superchargers not working

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER

Capt Cow Glass

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1. PROGRESS REPORT FORM

SQUADRON 357X066 369 VA33X A/C Number: 23169 Letter S Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.P. Incond.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed 1705

		X			
X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X					X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: B17 in target area 1516
5 chute. down in strip of field
Chased by 7W/1915.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

- Lt. R.W. Porter Pilot ✓
- Lt. W.G. Hilton Co-P ✓
- Lt. G.M. Belknap Nav. ✓
- Lt. L.B. Jones Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. O.C. Hill ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. J.B. Kimball ✓ Top T.
- Sgt. E.E. Wynn ✓ Ball T.
- T/Sgt. J.E. Hodge ✓ R. Waist
- T/Sgt. J.F. McCabe ✓ L. Waist
- T/Sgt. H. E. Rogers ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512
 Alternate Height: 24700
 Last Resort Heading 22°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: dropped bombs about two minutes after 1 P
fuel wouldn't have had time to get to Caesfeld -
 Other Bombing: Believe it. Duhlman
Town really covered with bombs.

5. Any Photographs taken: (357) (363) Any Nickels: Yes (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped (No) Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)
As briefed - except target area -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good weather

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Flak from Ruhr and to right of bombing
None over bombed target.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

Lots of fighters but unable to distinguish
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)
number - confusion because of P47's
(Location and length of flight)

Min A/C not attacked. maybe 107 N's
(Type of aircraft)

Over I.P. before any fighters
(Tactics of E/A)

noticed.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

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(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>
<small>(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)</small>	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Many dog fights. P47 observed
set 2 N150 right after clearing target.
Support was really good. Kept fighters away.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,
fires and smoke screens obscure whole Ruhr valley
Nothing east of Rhine River visible because of it.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. NO
 DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) None

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Leak in COP oxygen system
(Lost life next)

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

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TIME CO. FILLED

Lt. Keranagh

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 230199 Letter R Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 "H.E." Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed 1730

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      X
    X  X  X  X
  X  X  X  X  X
    X  X  X  X
  X  X  X  X  X
    X
  
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1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

Lt. J.P. Noack Pilot ✓

Lt. R.L. Fallow Co-P ✓

Lt. D.H. Fay Nav. ✓

Lt. H.H. Bittman Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. C.J. Hufnagel ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. E.K. Fox ✓ Top T.

S/Sgt. D.J. Williams ✓ Ball T.

Sgt. E.J. Gustafson ✓ R.Waist

Sgt. E.L. Minto ✓ L.Waist

S/Sgt. T.H. Smith ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:11
 Alternate Height: 2400 +
 Last Resort Heading 40 mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target; 12500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: With group.

Other Bombing: 1500 yds. missed out whatever time it was.
lots of smoke on ground might have been bombs or
S/S.

5. Any Photographs taken: (Yes) No? Any Nickels: Yes (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Too close to Ruhr. Lost track but given me target about.
ETA for IP at our time was great at.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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1507 IP. 2400 ft. in air. Lots of it on another group.
None at target.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER PROBABILITIES:

101-128 fighters - Not go behind. but All S/E.
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

No attacks on us. They may have been more forward.
 (Location and length of fight)

Initial dog fight.

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good Now them just before I.P. but must have been there.
 From 10 gave us close support.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dumfries, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)

now 8 miles below us at I.P. must have come from my cloud.
 Now by explosion 15 minutes in front.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) none.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER Capt B. Blinn

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