

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

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AFO 557,
11 May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative,
Mission: Saarbrucken

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

1. Narrative

1- 18 A/C of the 306th flew low group 40th Combat Wing. Group and Combat Wing rendezvous satisfactory. Crossed English Coast at 1718 hours at 5222N-0140E. Enemy coast at 1744 hours at 5109N-0242E. Followed briefed route to target where a run was made at 1900 hours on a heading of 150 degrees. The target not bombed. The Lead Group, followed by 306 Low Group, circled and made a second run at 1927 hours, bombing from 22,600 feet on a heading of 40 degrees.

After bombs away the Combat Wing leader made a wide circle and again headed south, obviously in trouble. 306 took over lead at 4855N-0605E and brought 13 A/C of the 306th plus two squadrons of six A/C each of another group out to 4940N-0415E, to the enemy coast at 5025-0135 at 2050 hours. English Coast at Dungeness at 2101 hours. Base at 2148 hours.

6 A/C of 306th flew high squadron Composite Group, 40th CBW. With Wing to Saarbrucken, where at 1900 hours Wing leader was heard to say that a second run would be made. Composite turned right off target, and closing bomb bay doors executed a 180 degree turn, and thereafter flying as a lone Group, circled to the left, making a run over Metz on about 90 degree heading, giving clear view of town and A/D. Over Metz, 1936 hours, leader failed to bomb; turned northwesterly, five A/C of high squadron jettisoning bombs because of gasoline shortage between 1955 and 2001 hours in woods about 4957N-0531E, single remaining A/C bringing bombs back. West of Namur, then 8 miles south of Brussels 2022; 6 miles south of Ghent 2030; enemy coast 5109N-0242E, 2041 hours; south of Clacton 2105; base 2130.

2- 2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No enemy fighters; no claims. Fighter support on route in was as briefed with no gaps. No friendly escort was seen by either formation after target, probably due to being late and considerably south of course. Two A/C which came back alone and substantially on briefed course had escort by P-47s from thirty miles inside French coast.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Moderate but very accurate tracking gun fire from points along river in center of Saarbrucken and from the NE side of the city, damaged 21 of our 24 A/C, 17 severely, including every A/C of Low Group which made two runs, and causing loss of our A/C 303-G, pilot Wills.

4. Bombing
Heavy ground haze at target. Two runs by Lead and Low Groups, which bombed primary on second run. One run by High Group which did not bomb. Crews agree bombing poor.
5. Leaflets
A/C 396 and 185 dropped 16 x G40's on primary.
6. Weather
Weather good but ground haze in target areas made good visual bombing extremely difficult. Bombardiers say could see directly down but not through bomb sight.
7. A/C Returning Early
6 spare A/C returned as briefed. Each brought back 12 x 500.
8. Our A/C in Distress
Pilot Wills, A/C 303-Q, at 1859 hours, over target, peeled out of formation, under control, but losing altitude. No chutes seen.
9. Other A/C in Distress
1833 hours, 5017N-0611E, fighter hit by flak and went down.
1837 hours, B-17, from formation behind, blew up. No chutes seen.
1855 hours, 1 chute seen at 25,000'.
1859 hours, B-17, from formation ahead, hit by flak, down in spin and exploded. 3 chutes.
1928 hours, from formation ahead, hit by flak, 2 engines smoking, ship fell apart. 10 chutes.
1934 hours, B-17, #4 engine smoking, under control. 9 chutes.

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Group S-2.

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Camelhome
Hansen* 13
163-N

Pederson 15
099-S

Peters 14
726-O

McGuire 16
042-P

Magner 17
053-U

Allen* 17
840-Y

Leedy 3
505-V

McMahon* 1
093-V

Sutton 2
444-Y

Baldwin* 4
180-K

Berner 6
588-D

O'Brien S.J.
055-L

Spares
✓ Hawley 129-L
✓ Weiland 397-O
✓ McDonald 729-B

Stresslin

McEride* 7
198-D

Thompson 8
277-N

Wills 9
303-J

Switzer 10
557-Y

Baxter* 12
396-M
(Nickels)

Johns 11
185-J
(Nickels)

Over with 92 010 NOT
COMPOSITE
Pomuts 19

Kiel* 19
943-L

Trigg 21
155-J

Rabe 20
836-P

McDaniel* 22
327-U

Paulsen 24
113-G

Andres 23
323-L

Woods
DID NOT
Jettison
BOMB

Bad Group
Formation

No fighters
360 over target
account large

Level High

14 ships
Camelhome

Spares
✓ Sutorff 181-B
✓ Tesson 963-P
✓ Burgess 153-V

no trouble from weather
except haze

007
Lit between
engines
& cockpit

McDonnell
really on the money

dropped
Pulled
out to
right

3 ships
in height
all
way
down

went to
hazy

AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

11 May, 1944.
(DATE)

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SQDN.	TYPE A/C	SERIAL NO.	FLAK	20MM	.303	50CAL FIRE	50CAL SHELL CASES	DATE EST. IN-OP
<u>367th</u>	G	42-38163	SEV					
"	G	42-31726	SEV					
"	G	42-32099	SEV					
"	G	42-38042	SEV					
"	G	42-37840	SEV					
"	G	42-40053	SEV	LANDED - MANSTON				
Spare "	G	42-38129		NOT USED				
Spare "	F	42-30729		NOT USED				
<u>368th</u>	G	42-37943	O					
"	G	42-37836	O					
"	G	42-38155	SEV					
"	G	42-97327	SEV					
"	G	42-97323	SLI					
"	G	42-32113	SLI					
"	G	42-38093	SEV					
<u>369th</u>	G	42-38198	SEV					
"	G	42-97297	SEV					
"	G	42-97303	MISSING					
"	G	42-102557	SLI					
"	G	42-97185	SEV					
"	G	42-97396	SEV					
Spare "	G	42-97181		NOT USED				
Spare "	G	42-107153		NOT USED				
<u>423rd</u>	G	42-31444	SLI					
"	G	42-97505	SEV					
"	G	42-97180	SEV					
"	G	42-107055	SEV					
"	G	42-97588	SEV					
Spare "	G	42-97397		NOT USED				
Spare "	G	42-39963		NOT USED				

TOTAL DAMAGED	SEVERE	SLIGHT	FLAK	20MM	.303	50Cal Fire	50Cal Shell Cases
21	17	4	21	0	0	0	0
MISSING	ABORTIONS						
1	0						

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Saarbrücken (Germany)
May 11

Targets in 36 Hours

Non-Stop Offensive Hits Lines Serving Nazis' West Wall

Points in 5 Nations Pounded; Heavies, B26s Out Twice

Flying Fortresses struck at railway targets in four countries late yesterday, climaxing a non-stop 36-hour blitz against the transportation centers immediately supporting Hitler's Atlantic Wall defenses.

The Fortress attacks, second American heavy bomber mission of the day, coincided with other assaults by every type of Allied aircraft which in the 36 hours up to six o'clock last night had been smashing Nazi rail targets at the rate of one an hour across five nations.

Seventeen points along the network of railways leading to the invasion-jittery coastal areas of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany itself were pounded in daylight yesterday and during the night. Nineteen were hit in the preceding days as the pre-invasion air assault on coastal Europe mounted.

All-Day Shuttle

Two forces of U.S. heavies—Liberators first and then Fortresses—carried the major weight of bombs which blasted at the Nazi rail system yesterday, but medium and light forces of USAAF and RAF alike were working around the clock in thundering relays.

Interspersed with the offensive against the railways were raids by Marauder and A20 bombers on airfields, military objectives in northern France and fighter and dive-bomber sorties by the hundreds.

After Liberators, escorted by Lightnings, had slashed across France to strike three unspecified rail targets—which the German Achtung radio system indicated were near the Franco-German border—nearly 500 B17s, covered by Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings, sallied out from ETO bases to pound seven rail junctions in four countries. They hit Sarreguemines, in France; Brussels and Liege, in Belgium; the city of Luxembourg in the tiny border duchy of the same name, and Ehrang, Konz and Saarbrücken, in Germany.

With the Lib targets, this made ten hit by the heavies.

Luftwaffe Defenses Stretched

Meanwhile, as the Allied invasion high command swung its punches back and forth across the Continent, stretching Luftwaffe defenses and confusing the Nazi radio warning system until in the evening all German radio stations went off the air, lighter forces were adding to the total.

Thunderbolt dive-bombers pelted the freight yards at Arras and Bethune, tactical transport centers just behind the bomb-battered Pas de Calais.

The RAF sent Spitfire and Typhoon fighter-bombers to communications targets in France and Belgium and followed with a Mitchell and Boston attack at the rail town of Douai, heavily pounded the day before.

That was 13 for the day, and carried on the pattern of the preceding 24 hours which saw the RAF send major night forces to four German rail points—

Courtrai, Lens, Lille and Ghent—as well as military objectives in northern France and to the Reich chemical center of Ludwigshafen.

The attacks from bases in Britain were in addition to a continued battering of

It was blitz day on the railways

THE 24th successive day of the pre-invasion air offensive yesterday was blitz-day for railways in enemy and enemy-occupied territory.

Within 20 hours from early morning until late evening, British and American heavy bombers struck 21 shattering blows against marshalling yards and made other attacks on railways.

It was the greatest single day's offensive yet against von Rundstedt's vital rail communication hubs.

Losses in the attacks by U.S. machines were only 16 bombers and 10 fighters. Three enemy planes were shot down by the bombers, and fighters destroyed 15 more.

Five hours' confusion

So heavy and widespread were the final raids of the day that the "Achtung" warning service was broadcast from a short-wave station and all the German medium- and long-wave transmitters were either at half strength or completely off the air from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., when the warning service gave the "All Clear." There was five hours of radio confusion.

In one of these raids Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force attacked marshalling yards at Brussels and Liege, at Luxembourg, and at Ehrang, Konz, Saarbrücken and Sarreguemines in France.

Thunderbolts of the Ninth Air Force attacked yards at Valenciennes, France, and Charleroi, Belgium, also in the evening.

Three in a day

Later still Ninth Air Force bombers carried out their third raid of the day, on rail centres at Aerschot, Belgium, and Mohon-Mezieres, France. This is the first time that the Ninth has made three major bombing raids in a day. Over 600 tons of bombs were dropped.

R.A.F. Lancasters and Halifaxes, many hundreds strong, wrecked and fired yards at Lens and Lille in France, Ghent and Courtrai in Belgium, by moonlight in the early morning hours.

American Liberators, up to about 250, escorted by about 500 fighters, smashed three more (still officially unnamed last night) all in France in the morning light, while R.A.F. Mitchells and Bostons hit Douai and U.S. Thunderbolts bombed Arras and Bethune.

Other targets

Other targets besides the railways were:

COAST OBJECTIVES: Marauders of the Ninth Air Force bombed military objectives on the coast of Northern France.

AIRFIELDS: Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havocs attacked two German airfields near Paris. A small force of Marauders struck with good results at the Beaumont la Rogée airfield 70 miles west of the French

INTERROGATION FORM

423

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ A/C Number 444 Letter Y-33 Date 11-5-44

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

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>1527</u>	Time Landed <u>1712</u>	X	X	X	X	X
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No		X	X	X	X	X
Details:		X	X	X	X	X
<u>1934, after second run, 9 chutes - plane</u>		X	X	X	X	X
<u>under control</u>		X	X	X	X	X

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

Just after I.P., one chute from way up. probably fighter.

On second run - 1920 - 4 chutes B-17

1833: 5017, 0611 - fighter down from flak

- 1st Lt. C. J. Sutton Pilot ✓
- 1st Lt. K. Yass Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. H. Green Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. J. H. Weeman Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. E. A. Kiley Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. W. Harper Top P ✓
- S/Sgt. E. D. Creamer, Jr. Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. R. E. Burroughs R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. D. D. Leo L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. C. Steinwachs Tail G. ✓

C. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1927

Alternate Height: 22800

Last Resort Heading: 20
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 3 mins

5. Number of BOLES dropped on target: all

Jettisoned: Capt. H. Knight Returned: T.G. Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: good concentration, but don't know what

Other Bombing: Good bombing at T're

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

Number boxes returned

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

with group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Very haze all the way

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>Tough intense, very accurate tracking</u>						
<u>able to track - accurate moderate</u>						

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(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 in separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *Good griffin - coming out 57 mi south of course didn't have any.*

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. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

control room

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367th Bomb Group 423rd A/C Number 505 Letter V Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ##### Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 2:45

Wing leader down at 1929 - B-17 - 10 chutes - 2 engines out, smoking, out of control. (Flak)

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: X X X X X X

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

1854 - 1 chute

1st Lt. T. L. Leedy Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. W. D. Fortson Co-P ✓

1st Lt. E. F. West Nav. ✓

1st Lt. R. A. Bundt Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. C. D. Pearson Radio ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1926-50 sec S/Sgt. C. C. Loewen Top E ✓

Alternate Height: 22,500 Cpl. R. D. Johnson Ball T ✓

Last Resort Heading: 040° M Sgt. D. A. Snow R. Waist ✓

Duration Bomb Run: Sgt. J. C. Ellis L. Waist ✓

Cpl. J. W. Feeel Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: Haze

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes (No) Number boxes dropped Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

In ok - out of course.

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	Remarks
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1926	Target		mod.	Black	rocking	Yes
2:18	SP47N0210E		mod.	Black	low	Yes

Crew observations about Flak:

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Chaff at 1846

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON #477 #259 #079 # 423 A/C Number 6180 Letter K Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. #11111111

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 1755

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: B17 - 19 1/2 hrs between Mt. Neizgard Harbor - Chutes

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)

Saw white 1855 floating down from above formation

- 1st Lt. J. D. Baldwin Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. F. J. Millette Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. A. Perlins Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. J. P. Hallock Bomb ✓
- Sgt. R. Padlini Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. W. H. Gaylord Exp ✓
- Sgt. E. B. LaBola Ball T ✓
- Sgt. L. E. Nixon R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. R. K. Zach L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. W. R. Rudel Tail G. ✓

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1927
Alternate Height: 22,250
Last Report Heading: 030
Duration Bomb Run: HIT foot

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

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

Own Bombs: Did not observe

Other Bombing: any ticks: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

5. ANY PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes) No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

About 50 to 60 miles south of briefed course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) on way out. Hazy

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, moderate or heavy), intense or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1927	Primary		Black Heavy	Heavy	Accurate	Tracking and
2012	Forward	20000	Black Heavy	Moderate	Accurate	Tracking

Crew observations about Flak:

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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) _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *Good in none out*

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, ...)

none

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) *Left hand pumper 2 pieces of flak moderate flak damage in one foot*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Supercharger shot out at target.*

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

S-2 OFFICER *Co. Co. 9/11/44* TIME COMPLETED _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON: 367#1368#3577 423 A/C Number: 055 Letter: M Date: 11-5-44

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took off: 1527 Time Landed: 2145

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: X X X X X X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

18:37-B17 in rear lost - blew up

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: 2nd Lt. J. J. O'Brien Pilot

no 9 chutes B17 - 19:33 (time) 15 miles 2nd Lt. J. J. Quintis Co-Pl

or after 19:26 1/2 - 3 chutes - 19:37 - 4 chutes 2nd Lt. R. L. Raymond Nav.

seen to go down 18:55 1/2 - 1 chute up at 5000' 2nd Lt. W. L. Ryan Bomb

2. TARGET-ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 19:26 40

Alternate Height: 22 400

Last Report Heading: 30 MAG

Duration Bomb Run: 2nd run

S/Sgt. C. B. Gadd Radio

S/Sgt. H. H. Shipp Top P

Sgt. J. W. Lewis Ball T

Sgt. C. D. Kominie R. Waist

Sgt. E. C. Kohrer L. Waist

Sgt. R. J. Kennedy 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: Few strikes seen thru smoke N of line.

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No Number Boxes dropped: Number Boxes returned:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

In - OK. Way 5 back.

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	Altitude of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>In - None</u>						

Some damage to tail

Target - int - very acc - level good - more on the first run very acc on 2nd run less
50°10'N 02°18'W 2040 slight - acc level

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(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

*Good in
Back none - let of course*

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, *near
Trien - big conc n.e. to 5 was bombed 49°43'N 06°30'E
large col of smoke seen (was in distance)*

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)

*By flak #3 engine left wing gas tank squib popped out, ball window
16. TECHNICAL FAILURES wires in nose got tail hit
heat sink hit hole in #2 eng. + minor holes.*

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

*2 mess kits and bicycles stolen from shed
out in front*

S-2 OFFICER

R. Balak

TIME COMPLETED

Capt

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 588 Letter D Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~ Position in Formation

Time Took off 1523 Time Landed 2147

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

Target 1926 - B-17, flames, p +
hit up - 9 chutes

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. G. C. Berner Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. H. W. Hill Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. L. V. McGeoman Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. W. Finklestein Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. T. DuBois, Jr. Radio ✓

S/Sgt. T. G. Hatch Top P ✓

S/Sgt. T. W. Fowler Ball T ✓

Sgt. I. V. Johnson R. Waist ✓

Sgt. A. J. Moore, Jr. L. Waist ✓

Sgt. R. L. Mason Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1927

Alternate Height: 22700

Last Report Heading: 032°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 21

3. Number of BCLBS dropped on target: 1 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Smoke

Other Bombing: any Nickels: Yes (No) Number boxes dropped: Number boxes returned:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Went over target.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Heavy no contrails

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>1927</u>	<u>Target</u>		<u>Intense</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Tracking</u>	<u>Yes</u>
			<u>27 min was the flak belt</u>			

Crew observations about Flak:

2040-5045 0320 Mod. Black Yes

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27 min over target dropped
Chaff 1 min over 1st & 2nd

INTERCOMBAT FORM

SQUADRON AW 349 349 AW 349 A/C Number 198 Letter D Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 2 x 500 L.E. ANCANA

Position in Formation

Time Tock off 1527 Time Landed _____

			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: Willis pulled off under control just after target

CREW: Give rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. G. H. McBride Pilot

2nd Lt. G. E. Bryant Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. S. H. Jacobs Nav. ✓

1st Lt. G. E. Krenn Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. G. R. Bates Radio ✓

T/Sgt. A. Marsnholz Top W ✓

S/Sgt. R. G. Maloney Ball T ✓

S/Sgt. K. Brand R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. B. J. Doubrava L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. A. J. Fedorka Tail G. ✓

C. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1855

Alternate Height: 21000

Last Resort Heading: 320
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

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

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

Own Bombs: ?

Other Bombing: Very good bombing at target

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped _____

Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Turned off at about 320 after 1st run. Dropped bombs after left formation - 2nd, 3rd, 4th
#3 engine burned from target to coast - prop fell off at coast - fire went out.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Very hazy - few clouds over target.

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	(Remarks)
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Target - intense - covered all three groups in series of ones - tracking.
No other flak

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMPOSITION:

(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 *Good going in - not much coming out. This ok
was at 16,000' ^{not} might have been higher*

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummys, camouflage, smoke screens, ena. 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. *Sgt. Doubrava - flak*

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

several flaks - 4 engine changes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

By RLB/DFIC MABA Date 1/8/41

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~447~~ 359 ~~447~~ A/C Number ~~097~~ Letter ~~11-5-44~~ Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~Incendiary~~ Position in Formation X

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 2157

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

Details: X X X X X X

Last saw Wills ~~over target~~ first time

Thompson says: Wills hit by flak 1st time over target & left formation (peeled left) under control.

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 1st Lt. W. O. Thompson Pilot no

1855 hr - 1 chutes seen F/O A. T. Kata Cs-P Smoke

1934 hours - 8 chutes seen 2nd Lt. T. O. Roberts Nav. no

1937 hours - 2 chutes 2nd Lt. J. Ford Bomb Chutes

6. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1927

Alternate Height: 23,000

Last Report Heading: 030°

(circle) Duration Bomb Run: 2 min

S/Sgt. L. S. White Radio

S/Sgt. A. R. Cecere Trp P

Sgt. R. C. Miller Bail T

Sgt. H. H. Portnoy R. Waist

Sgt. F. Pisprenbrink L. Waist

Sgt. J. J. Lawlor Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: no

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

2nd W. of I.P. (ten min. late). Out S. of Course.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) overcast

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.	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C
1858 to 1927	Target		Mod.	Black Damage Tracking
2040			Flak	Black

Crew observations about Flak:

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2nd miss.

Chaff at 2 min. of T.P.

8.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON: ~~#####~~ 369 ~~###~~ A/C Number: 6303 Letter: (Q62) Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off: 1827 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)

2nd Lt. W. D. Wills Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. J. H. Roberts Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. J. W. Sharpe Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. R. F. Jindrich Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. R. G. Carlton Radio ✓

S/Sgt. C. E. Caine Top E ✓

Sgt. G. H. Dayk Batt. T ✓

Sgt. J. J. Barton P. Waist ✓

Sgt. K. Hanson L. Waist ✓

Sgt. D. E. Bishop Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED: Coastal
Primary Time:
Alternate Height: *Barter*
Last Report Heading: *rap*
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: *peeled off on first run looked like*

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

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

Own Bombs: *going to pick up second*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No? *checked*

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If not affected mission, own view)

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

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

9. 2nd phoned saying they saw A/c with (H) on tail coming across channel on our engine
Crew observations about Flak:
Air Sea Rescue - Looking.
(might have been Maguire)
Reported 12 miles East. Shale sand of

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INTERROGATION FORM

Serial No. 10

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 359 ~~###~~ A/C Number 557 Letter Y Detell 5-114

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

Position in Formation

Time Tock off 15 27 Time Landed 2159

	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 1925 exploded about 2000
below formation - 6 Chutes*

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

*About 1930 Saw 8 Chutes
about 2000' below formation*

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. A. J. Switzer Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. G. Weller Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Trotter Nav. ✓
- S/Sgt. P. E. Morgan Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. R. H. Reens Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. D. A. Newerth Top P ✓
- S/Sgt. V. A. Barnett Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. T. Justice R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C. R. Clark L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. F. W. Palmer Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1925

Alternate

Height: 22,000

Last Resort

Heading: 330 mag

Duration Bomb Run: after 360 turn

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

*Dropped on Squad leader
Black smoke from Marshall's Gds at trees*

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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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1888	Primary	22,000	Heavy	Black	Intense	Accurate
1926	"	"	"	"	"	Tracking

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

None coming out.

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.)

Ball turret arm broken

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *Considerable flux damage.*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Woodglass

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON: #359 #185 A/C Number: 185 Letter: J Ja3 Date: 11-5-44

Bomb Load: Nickels H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off: 1527 Time Landed: 2158

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

Primary Spundown
and expended no fuses

Give Rank and Initials

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

P17-1905 over secondary
saw three Chutes no A/C
850 at IP, white chute flying
down from above

- 2nd Lt. L. E. Johns Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. A. Morrison Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. M. G. Ewell Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. S. Ratner Com. ✓
- S/Sgt. E. E. Minor Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. R. I. Griggs Top P ✓
- Sgt. D. E. Ellis Ball T ✓
- Sgt. W. F. Manning R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. M. Ostrowski L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. W. J. Couture Tail G. ✓

TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1905

Alternate Height: 21500

Last Resort Heading: 330 way

Duration Bomb Run: 3

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: X Yes No
Number fuses dropped: 10
Number fuses returned: 0

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

About 40 miles south of course on way out

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Foggy

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>1905</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>21500</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>to</u>

1943-9 Chutes floating below formation no fuses

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Could not see on way back.

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. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *would*
Considerable flak damage.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Lost #2 over secondary -
Bomb + Navigators Officer out from flak*

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

S-2 OFFICER

W. W. Glass

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

12

SQUADRON ~~307#1308~~ 359 ~~###~~ A/C Number ~~396~~ Letter ~~M 321~~ Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load Nickels ~~#####~~

Position in Formation *dropped bombs*

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed

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)

2nd Lt. C. F. Baxter Pilot

2nd Lt. W. F. Gribovitz Co-P

2nd Lt. D. J. Insardi

2nd Lt. J. C. Flemmons Bomb

S/Sgt. R. N. Mitchell Radio

Sgt. G. P. Woodward Top P

S/Sgt. J. L. Brien Ball T

Sgt. R. F. Seymore R. Waist

Sgt. P. Cousoulis L. Waist

S/Sgt. R. A. Terak Tail G

13-1859
Wills
See target
slid down, came out in front, dropped bombs
disappeared

over target
on spine
line of ground ahead
burst flame ship goes
explosion, debris visible

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1906

Alternate Height: ~~2500~~

Last Report Heading: 250 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 11

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

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

Own Bombs: 10-15 HS. Scatter

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes Dropped: _____
Number Boxes Returned: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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) TYPE OF 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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target - intense accurate

(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 claim</u> .)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

213 AF WA on side falling to target 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, PLACE and TIME.)

Red man - left thigh bruise. flock - over target 2nd time around

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) to get heat

#3 engine feathered

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: 162 superchargers

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

S-2 OFFICER

Moore

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

13

SQUADRON 367 368 369 428 A/C Number 63 Letter H Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed

	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:

1930 hours - B17 - (# of lead plane of flight) - before bomb - fell out.

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

1853 - chutes - fighter

Two B17s over target, 1 chute out of one, 8 out of another

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. E. E. Hanson Pilot

2nd Lt. G. Fl Cox Co-P

2nd Lt. V. J. Keely Nav.

1st Lt. E. L. Braubrud Bomb

S/Sgt. C. D. O'Malley Radio

T/Sgt. R. L. Inwell Top P

S/Sgt. D. E. Urban Ball T

S/Sgt. C. J. Graham R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. F. Hamilton D. Waist

S/Sgt. D. E. Bloise Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1927

Alternate Height: 20,300

Last Report Heading: 280 (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: Chuted, then down to 20,300 again.

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

6. 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	Remarks
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Encountered Fl. coast at 2041 hours - tower less accurate.

Crew observations about Flak:

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Whole wing did 360. 2 of wings around wing leader had only 2 1/2 dies. the one helped took lead after bombing only 2 1/2 dies

Any Nickels: Yes No Number boxes dropped Number Boxes returned Chaff from IP to first trip over, then ran out.

Flak thick but not really so until target died.

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ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER 2 _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 1716, Lowestoft.
2105, W of Dungeness
2. Was Course as Briefed? 1744; 5709-0242
If not, describe course in detail 2050; track E of Ostend.
3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____
4. Time over Target _____
Altitude over Target _____
Position of Group on Bomb Run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____
Duration Bomb Run _____
5. Time of Landing at Base 2140

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

After target turned 340, then 240, past ~~London~~,
Trier, across Trier, then towards Luxembourg,
Hammer, 2030 hours.

DATE _____ TITLE _____ S-2 OFFICER B. H. Pool

Roughly in 21 for P.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 726 Letter O Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 1742

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1853 hrs (B1) in 60 ahead flanking - Direct flak hit. going down for fuel search in the cockpit. then friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. E. H. Peters Pilot

2nd Lt. W. J. Pitblado Co-P.

1st Lt. R. E. Gustafson Nav.

1st Lt. H. R. Legowski Bomb

T/Sgt. T. R. Hill Radio

T/Sgt. K. E. Hoffman Top E

S/Sgt. S. A. Downs Ball T

S/Sgt. E. F. McGlinchey R. Waist

S/Sgt. W. C. Maddox L. Waist

S/Sgt. J. D. Triboglau Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1927

Alternate Height: 22450

Last Resort Heading: 180 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (Planned) Return: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

not observed - too hazy

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With leader

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
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Moderate to intense - very acc at target

Crew observations about Flak:

"No flak before target"

on way out just before target

2145 - 3542 30-40 miles

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~1368~~ A/C Number 099 Letter S Date 11-5-44

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

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1522 Time Landed 2130

1. HOT WEBS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

(B) in weather going just after target - on fire, west down 3 chutes at 1933 hrs (approx)

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. J. W. Pedersen Pilot

miss chutes from tail jammers

2nd Lt. L. J. Blood Co-P

just observed at about 1933 hrs

2nd Lt. H. W. Bilar Nav.

just over target at first

2nd Lt. W. A. Smith Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

S/Sgt. J. E. Wanning Radi

Primary Time: 1929

S/Sgt. B. P. Arnold Top P

Alternate Height: 22400

Sgt. H. P. Ehrhard Ball T

Last Report Heading: 30 mag

Sgt. W. E. Kerr R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. J. E. Blackwell L. Waist

Sgt. J. H. Pries Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 1 (Bettisoned): Return: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Could not see at first for flak on way out

Other Bombing:

any nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No?)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Alone from target became engine out; combat path - came up through narrow and then followed target course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C
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Flak at target was rough - accurate + no bursts

Crew observations about Flak:

Ran into flak at coast from A/C south of Kisten

Flak just like map at Kisten

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Big flak hit on way in engine trouble - could not see at first for flak on way out. Flak hit engine system & hit out. Flak hit engine & hit wing - no flak.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~442~~ A/C Number 042 Letter P Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 h.E. Incand#

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 2142

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. B. J. McGuire Pilot

2nd Lt. D. L. Speelman Gun

1st Lt. A. H. Rotherberg Nav.

T/Sgt. E. H. Bagwell Bomb

T/Sgt. L. C. Manning Radio

T/Sgt. H. W. Karel Trip F

S/Sgt. R. E. Weed Ball T

S/Sgt. O. A. Shafer R. Waist

S/Sgt. H. H. Rodgers L. Waist

S/Sgt. L. P. Thomas Tail G.

*2 B17's down - 1 from lead group
1 from wing ahead - at target
17 chutes seen, leaving target.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1927

Alternate Height: 22000

Last Report Heading: 055 MAG
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

2 runs

6 *on first run - accidentally*
Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

3. Number of BCLBS dropped on target

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

Own Bombs: *Lots of smoke over marshalling yds
bombs seemed to go into center of sub base area.*
Other Bombing: any Nickels: Yes
Number boxes dropped: Number Boxes returned:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

In - good, Out - 50 of course, came out 40 miles S

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Target - 360°*

9. FLAK: *Target - haze visib. lit. fair.*
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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In - none

*Target - mod-int, caught some E of target due to
very acc-level good fire + 1st time; more
some damage this A/C. acc. the 2nd time*

Crew observations about Flak:

*Out. Airfield about 25 miles before coast S/E of St Quentin
slight to mod-int - acc fair - some low*

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 348/359/477 A/C Number 210 Letter X Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 2148

	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

1855 hrs 2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

1-B-17-099 - hit at Target
1-B-17053 - first run -
1930 hrs

#. 30m way back
CREW: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. J. R. Allen Pilot

1855 - 1 chute by self -
after bombs only 2 chutes coming down

2nd Lt. E. Silverman Co-P

2nd Lt. V. B. Bodenheimer Nav.

F/C R. I. Burton Bomb

S/Sgt. J. C. Bowen Radio

S/Sgt. H. H. Lamb Top P

Cpl. J. M. Vauldesvino Ball T

Cpl. R. E. Keeter R. Waist

Cpl. E. W. Winslow L. Waist

Sgt. J. L. Dunn Tail G.

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 19 26 1/2

Alternate Height: 22500

Last resort Heading: 055 mag
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 6 mi - 35-45 min

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Dead bombadier

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Twice Primary - out 40 miles S of Omaha
due on course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
None - light low stratus - No contrails -

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Remarks
1856	-	22500	Hv. Mod	Bonage	Red	Inacc.
1923	-	Target	22500 Hv. Mod	Tracking	Red	Acc.
2040	-	Target	Hv. Mod	Bonage	Red	Accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

2 bursts

Flak encountered along river - center of town
" " " " " "

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1-B-17 Pilot - 1st run
Sp. on point. 1st run only
Crew

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON B67# 368 B69.423# A/C Number 943 Letter L Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 2 x 500 H.E. incendi

Position in Formation

Time Tock off 1527 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

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

One 17 - before target - down in spin blowing no chutes.

1st Lt. W. Keilt Pilot

2nd Lt. W. E. Reece, Jr. Co-P

2nd Lt. S. L. Turner Nav.

1st Lt. G. Fontane Bomb

T/Sgt. G. J. Allen Radio

T/Sgt. H. J. Larwig Top P

S/Sgt. O. V. Bittkofer Ball T

S/Sgt. R. D. Kemp R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. P. Smith L. Waist

Sgt. L. B. Dannerman Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

see separate sheet

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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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had hit one as tall - very close between the eyes.

Crew observations about Flak:

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A-1 943
Pilot Keitt

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER ✓
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

Came back
done on 7/2

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast Immis of Lowestoft 1717
Breadwell - (to of Clacton)
2. Was Course as Briefed? OK. to target. (see map attached) then
If not, describe course in detail 2105

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast 5007 - 0240 - 1945
5709 - 0242 2041

4. Time over Target 1959
Altitude over Target 4957 N -
0531 E
Position of Group on Bomb Run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____
Duration Bomb Run _____

Went over center of
Saarbrücken + didn't
dip bombs, turned right
Left wing did 180°
made run on target 19 miles W of alt
then on 1956 but didn't drop.
ATC dropped that.
Don't believe land
dropped bombs
seen in woods
about target
missing before
our bombs

5. Time of Landing at Base 2130

After dropped If landed away from base before return state where and why.
lands, then 10 miles W of of Hey - on river
somewhere (between Hingst + Chardham)
E of Hammy, then 8 miles S of Bussels (2022)
then 6 miles S of Ghent (2038)

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER Keitt

10. ENEMY FIGHTER POSITION:

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 *Good - 2*

Did not see any after target -

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, *air - smoke 7-8000' at 1844 in 6th.*

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: *Oxygen gauge out Radio Room
only used for about 10 min.*

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

Twenty five is enough - one run

S-2 OFFICER *Moore*

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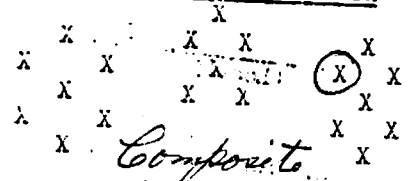
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 357 368 A/C Number 155 Letter J Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incendiary

Time Tock off 1527 Time Landed 2136

Position in Formation



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

single parachute - 2 minutes before target - (don't know what type of A/C it came from)

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. G. L. Trigg Pilot
- 2nd Lt. G. A. Krinel Co-P
- 2nd Lt. P. A. Tomasella Nav.
- 2nd Lt. R. E. Eldredge Bomb
- Sgt. R. E. Morrow Radio
- S/Sgt. J. B. Novak Top P
- S/Sgt. W. L. Benningfield Ball T
- Sgt. G. B. Foster R. Waist
- Sgt. F. L. Arnold L. Waist
- Sgt. D. H. Brunotte Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

49° 50' N 05° 55' E Primary Time: 1955 1/2

Alternate Height: 23500

Last Report Heading: 359 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

chaff - 1900 - until after target also because gas was running low

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: 10 x 500 returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Landed in open country.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes (No?)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Spartan - Tracking - very accurate - with ship -

Crew observations about Flak:

Flak route clear of flak.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMPOSITION:

(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) _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *good going in - none at all coming out -*

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. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

radio out - tail gunners interphone out

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

Too late in afternoon to bomb.

S-2 OFFICER *25 - plenty* Murtha TIME COMPLETED _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~359~~ #14237 A/C Number ~~327~~ Letter U Date 11-9-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incendiary

Position in formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 2136

	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. R. C. McDaniel Pilot

2nd Lt. W. H. Breslin Co-Pil

2nd Lt. E. A. Skrainar Nav.

2nd Lt. H. S. Hodson Bomb

T/Sgt. E. C. Smartt Radio

T/Sgt. R. E. Phillips Top Eng

S/Sgt. E. Goldbarat Ball T

S/Sgt. C. L. Hue, JR. Tail G.

S/Sgt. R. C. Granger L. Waist

S/Sgt. O. Woodall R. Waist

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 2000-45

Alternate Height: 23200

Last Resort Heading: 355° mag
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

all out

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

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

Own Bombs: *Remained for once then secondary twice -
dropped open field on way home in early*

Other Bombing: *to save gas*
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped: _____
Number Boxes returned: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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. *no contrails*

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 - 20000 - NV, not marked, blk - Very Acc.
No flak anywhere else.*

Grew observations about Flak:

4 - Rockets - 5 min paper I.P. - 2nd time

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*Chaff
In. to
burn*

10. ENEMY FIGHTER CIRCUMSTANCES:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) None

(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	<u>None</u>
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Complete - No support coming out -

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, etc.)

RR near I.P. Hit hard by some jets

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:

Torpedo - #3 oil tank (Shut - Radio & Horn - Reverses)

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

S-2 OFFICER

Capt. McKeel

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~1367~~ 368 ~~1367~~ A/C Number 323 Letter Y Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed _____

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

Composite

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. F. I. Endres Pilot

2nd Lt. G. A. Boswell Co-P

2nd Lt. T. C. Cumberledge Nav.

1st Lt. K. K. Antoon Bomb

T/Sgt. D. F. Buschwyer Radio

T/Sgt. E. G. Miller Top P

S/Sgt. D. Burger Ball TV

S/Sgt. J. T. Laningham R. Waist

S/Sgt. E. J. Robinson L. Waist

S/Sgt. H. K. Haven Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

*5007N
0520E*

Primary Time: 2000

Alternate Height: 23,000

Last Report Heading: 355
(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: *Secondary clearly identified - couldn't miss it - Don't know why it wasn't bombed + Dropped in field.*

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With 92nd

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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See bomb - fairly accurate moderate tracking.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON #347# 368 #349# #423 A/C Number #313 Letter G Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. # # # # # Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed 2136

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

none

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. P. F. Paulson Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. C. ... Johnson Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. R. C. Lewis Inv. ✓

2nd Lt. J. G. Marshall Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. J. J. Zarelllo Radio ✓

S/Sgt. J. J. Sullivan Top P ✓

S/Sgt. R. E. Litherland Ball T ✓

S/Sgt. F. ... Weitzel R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. E. J. Weintz L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. ... arden Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

*1958 target
Bombs away 1959
3470m
23,600
210 mag*

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(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:

Other Bombing:

*Bombs dropped in woods
Coordinates above*

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes Dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Hazy Primary and Secondary

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1818	Primary	23100	Heavy	Black	Moderate	Reasonably accurate but being of course
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Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OF IDENTIFICATION: *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 *Good going in, could see none coming out.*

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 from bombing at Trier*

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. *none*

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *minor flak damage*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Bomb bay doors would not open salvoed.*

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

S-2 OFFICER *W. Glass* TIME COMPLETED _____

Spare

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~423~~ 423 A/C Number ~~397~~ 397 Letter ~~OC~~ Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*Yarned back 5139 X 0220
1733 hrs*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. W. C. Weiland Pilot

2nd Lt. J. G. Seymour Co-P

2nd Lt. F. A. Brockway Nav

2nd Lt. J. C. Chambers Bomb

T/Sgt. M. L. Hodges, Jr. Radio

T/Sgt. S. J. Lagory Top P

Pvt. J. D. Subal Ball T

S/Sgt. E. P. Campos R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. A. McShaffery L. Waist

Sgt. A. Berman Tail G.

Erector OK.

*Came back in formation
except for 1st member
who lagged a bit
over number
islands.*

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height or A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Number of Bursts	Location and Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Remarks

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OP. SITUATION:

(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)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

Baldwin

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~423~~ 423 A/C Number 963 Letter P Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~423~~ Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed ~~1527~~ X X X X X

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

Details X X X X X X

Summed with out X X X X X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. H. K. Fossua Pilot

F/O J. L. Lockard Co-P

2nd Lt. R. A. Halliquist Nav.

2nd Lt. J. Horkulic Bomb

S/Sgt. K. E. Sutton Radio

T/Sgt. H. F. Chuse Top P

Sgt. H. J. Tarrano, Jr. Ball T

Sgt. J. N. Knight R. Waist

Sgt. J. C. Schember L. Waist

Sgt. R. G. Norton Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading: (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

NB. *Observed ahead with fighter at Leland Coast (Radio message)*

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION:

(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 each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER *[Signature]*

TIME COMPLETED _____

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~347~~##369##359. ##77 A/C Number 181 Letter B Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~777777~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Turned at target port. 1732

Details _____

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. R. D. Buttorff Pilot

2nd Lt. J. D. Corcoran Co-P

2nd Lt. W. W. Middleton Nav.

2nd Lt. D. A. Esper Bomb

S/Sgt. P. E. Clay Radio

Sgt. R. C. Spry Top P

Sgt. G. Mason Ball T

Sgt. J. W. McClanahan R. Waist

Sgt. L. R. Smith L. Waist

Sgt. A. L. Smith Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: _____

Alternate Height: _____

Last Report Heading:
(circle) _____

Duration Bomb Run: _____

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: _____

End of first bomb run by chief almost right after our turn back. "Black Opie"

Other Bombing: _____

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped _____

Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? _____

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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 in re.

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 129 Letter L Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>1527</u>	Time Landed			
		X	X	X
		X	X	X
		X	X	X
		X	X	X
		X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Turned back. 5139X 0220 F at 1733 km. Spare 2000 ft.

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

Information O.K.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. A. D. Hawley Pilot
- 2nd Lt. V. W. Dingman Co-P
- 1st Lt. P. V. Osburn Nav.
- T/Sgt. D. S. Needham Bom.
- T/Sgt. W. Schofield Radio
- T/Sgt. A. S. Cruff Top P
- S/Sgt. C. G. Smith Ball T
- S/Sgt. G. W. Holland R. Waist
- S/Sgt. R. S. Argo L. Waist
- S/Sgt. D. F. Offord Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:
 Alternate Height:
 Last Report Heading:
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number Boxes Dropped
 Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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) *7/10 Cumms 24-25000 No em tanks at 21000 ft.*

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 Bursts in relation to A/C

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~BAD 111 B6 BH~~ 359 ~~W 209~~ A/C Number 153 Letter V Date 11-5-44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.P. Inexplosive

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1527 Time Landed _____

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

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of the
Spare*

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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. L. W. Burgess Pilot

2nd Lt. C. J. Banas Co-P

2nd Lt. J. L. Tunstall Nav.

2nd Lt. J. X. Stocker Bomb

S/Sgt. L. S. Davis Radio

S/Sgt. J. M. Myers Top E

Sgt. G. Lowe Ball T

Sgt. C. E. Smith R. Waist

Sgt. G. O. Stahl L. Waist

Sgt. W. H. Morris Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped _____

Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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