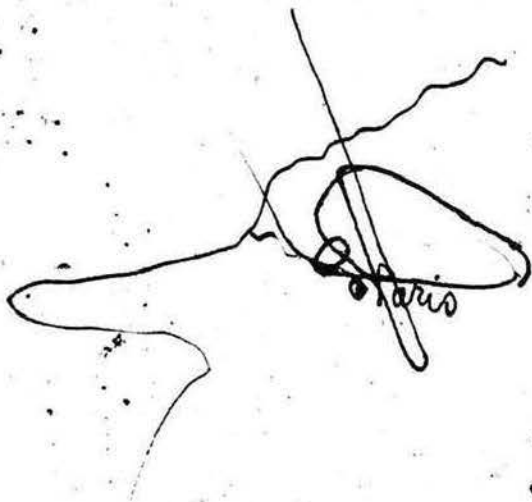
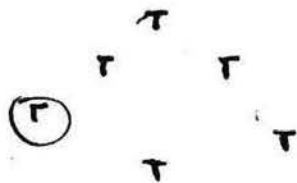


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Ryan

Wing on Cals left wing - start - (1) T

Flying on second on left of
Major Wilson



3 groups - Ryan middle group

Ryan in 3rd group

Made 2nd Run
& Dropped Bombs!

Spirits went away
with other 2 groups
then come back &
picked Ryan's
group up.

3 miles from Landford.

5 alone -

6 alone -



93841
Purdan's ship shot
out of formation from
here
to here

Purdan
423

#8 W

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 316 A/C Number 129 Date 12 Nov

Position in formation Lead 319. Bomb Load 10x500

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

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? May, W A Langford Pilot
2 B-17's shot down Friend Co.P.
vicinity of Paris (by fighters) Biggs Nav.
305 camp Karakowak Bomb.
Snow Radio.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary No Time: Kearler Top T.
 Alternate Height: Schumaker Ball T.
 Last Resort Heading: 54° 1345 Cherry R.Waist.
 (check) Clyton L.Waist.
Garland Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10x500 Jettisoned: Brought Back:

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

None observed - too foggy & hazy.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)

Circled Paris and came back to Rouen.

8. 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 | Other Data. |
|------|-------|---------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | <u>Practically nil</u> | | | |
| | | | <u>Few burst - behind just after crossing coast.</u> | | | |
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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 40-50 Place 9 miles *vicinity of main road*
Time _____ Height 2000 ft

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

| Number | Time | Place | Height |
|---|------|-------|--------|
| <i>all seemed to be working in pairs</i> | | | |
| <i>Peeling off and coming in repeatedly</i> | | | |
| <i>all the way in and out to road</i> | | | |
| <i>Channel.</i> | | | |

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE — DAMAGED —
went down burning.

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: *came in low*

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

None

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

S-2 OFFICER

Wright

Time Completed _____

#18 FW
2 me 109-

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 20 F.4 Place Over Rome -
Time _____ Height 70,000
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

| Number | Time | Place | Height |
|---|------|-------|--------|
| None | | | |
| 4 attacks - coming <u>(at a time)</u> from head on low (12) | | | |
| 2 attacks coming from 10 o'clock - one level - one low | | | |
| 8 attacks shot level going by on left - attached another group. | | | |

Notes (written vertically)

Notes:

Saw one destroyed 600 yards away - 17's shot him
Saw Spit shot one down - 7/4 away across element
Saw our 68 shoot one down -

c. aims: DESTROYED PROBABLY DAMAGED

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: 2 at a time from head on low

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

1 on Right - 5 o'clock - level
2 on Left - 7 o'clock - level
9 o'clock - level

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

Lt. Old. Bombardier - 3/A - hit head, shoulder, leg, foot -

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

None shot up - Horizontal stabilizer shot up -

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

New gunners should go to oxygen school -

S - 2 OFFICER John G. Davis, Jr. FILE COMPLETED 350

Read and act on briefing
plus old sq. formation

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 24476 Date 12/Dec/42

Position in formation 1 in 2nd EL. Bomb Load 14 x 250 I

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No

Details:

1216 hrs S.E. Paris ~~approximately~~ approx 15 miles
1222 S.E. Paris 25
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

2 bailed out 1 B17 crashed
1 " " CREW 1 B17 "

Cpt. BRADY Pilot
LT KENEALY Co.P.
LT LEWIS Nav.
LT KYLIUS Bomb.

S/ Sgt BEAN Radio.

T/ Sgt CARBERRY Top T.

S/ Sgt STEAD Ball T.

S/ Sgt VALLORANI R. Waist.

P/ Sgt SANSKI L. Waist.

Sgt MACMILLAN Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned:

Brought Back:

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

14 x 250 I

Nothing seen

aborted

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: NO

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)

AS ORDERED

8. 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 | Other Data. |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>1200</u> | <u>SEAWAYS</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>HEAVY</u> | <u>BLACK</u> | <u>7 H-</u> | |
| <u>1345</u> | <u>FR. COAST</u> | <u>1700</u> | <u>HEAVY</u> | <u>BLACK</u> | <u>6 L</u> | |
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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____
 Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

| Number | Time | Place | Height |
|--------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| 2-5 | 1216 | S.E. Paris 10-30M. | 20000 |
| 3-5 | 1230-45 | S. PARIS 20-40M | 20000 |
| 2-3 | 1245-1355 | FR. COAST | 14000 |
| 2-5 | 1216 | S.E. Paris 10-30M | 20000 |

} Mostly from side

Notes:

Followed by Fighters more or less continuously until over half way over the Channel but impossible to tell if the 2 or 3 seen at one time were fresh ones.

c. Claims: DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: 2 Fighters coming in at a time from side, level -

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

1215 S.E. Paris 10-30 M. 20000. FW 190 6 or look above appeared to be hit by FLAK, spun thru cloud, smoking, & do very doubtful if he got out of it.

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

intercomm Radio out all the time

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

B-2 OFFICER

C. B. Benson F/L

Time Completed

1620

44
#10

INTERROGATION FORM

507

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 1245 Date 03/12/42

Position in formation 2 m. lead Bomb Load 10x500

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No
 Details: Plan 2, B17s down on enemy territory. 1000 combat hrs. 300
2nd lead of formation on fire 35 miles in
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

- CREW
- SMITH, R.W.K. Pilot
 - Gillogly P.D. Co.P.
 - JONES C.B. Nav.
 - Ketchie C. Bomb.
 - Pehe C.L. Radio.
 - Edwards W. Top T.
 - Warren H.F. Ball T.
 - Banks R.K. R.Waist.
 - Kerwin E.L. L.Waist.
 - Hegardt. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
 Primary Time: 13:41
 Alternate Height: 21000
 Last Resort (check) Heading: 90°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 Jettisoned: 0 Brought Back: 0

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others)
Both that aircraft down from in area & bombs fall near
buildings but could not tell whether the rt. one

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No
 (Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: NO

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered) (if returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
turn at just start of P.P. followed the lead navigator. Dropped aircraft & got to
Roover. No trouble en route

8. 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 | Other Data. |
|-------|-------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12:00 | Patrol line | 21,000 | Slight | — | Behind last group. | Just angle/line |
| | Patrol line | 21,000 | Intense | Black | Directly in front of the plane | |
| | | | | | | |
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9. ENEMY AIR

a. Total A seen: Number Time Height

b. #/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

| Number | Time | Place | Height |
|--------|------|--------------------|--------|
| 3 | | from front | |
| 4 | | from 2 DoT 4000 ft | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Notes: Saw F.W. go down to back & left. Saw another go down on fire.

c. Claims: DESTROYED None PROBABLE DAMAGED

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: Came from all directions North position

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. e)

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)
None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)
few bolts - cannon shell st. miss

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: One

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

S-2 OFFICER: 1st Lieut. Baldwin Time Completed 10:22

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124487 Date 12/12/52

Position in formation 6 (OLD FORMATION) Bomb Load 14-500lb.

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

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? 1st Lt. M.E. REBER Pilot
2 B7F just over coast (10 min.) on way in. -- shot down. 6 chunks out of first 2nd ship 5 min later no chunks
2nd Lt. G.J. LALLY Co.P.
L. BERGEN Nav.
CAPT. L.C. LEMMERHART
T/S. W.C. ORMAND Radio.
S/S. R.L. BOHLAND Top T.
S/S. R.C. CLARK Ball T.
S/S. E.H. BROTZMAN Waist.
T/S. C.H. CHRISTIAN Waist.
S/S. J.R. GELMER Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
 Primary Time: 14:32
 Alternate Height: 20,000'
 Last Resort (check) Heading: 280°
 INJURED FIGURES APPROXIMATE

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 0 Jettisoned: 0 Brought Back: 10/50

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others) NONE
TARGET OVERCAST - AS WERE PRIMARY & SECONDARY.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? Yes? NO?
 (Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: NO

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
NO VARIATIONS (?) EXCEPT 2

8. 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 | Other Data. |
|---------------------|-------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1209 | PARIS | 20000 | HVY. LIGHT | BLACK | COMING THRU | |
| | | | | SOME WHITE | CLOUD - BEHIND & TO LEFT - VERY THICK | |
| 10 MIN INTO FRANK | | 21000 | HVY VERY LIGHT | BLACK | TO RIGHT BEHIND | AND FAR |
| OVER COAST HOMEWARD | | 18000 | HVY LIGHT | BLACK WHITE | TO LEFT ALONG SIDE | SOME BEHIN OVER A/C |

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Buddenbaum

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124502 Date 12/12/42

Position in formation No 2 in lead Bomb Load 10 x 500

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

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? Yes Lt. Otto Buddenbaum Pilot

① 12:30 30 mi. South W. of Paris 2nd. Max Gudas Co.P.
B-17
No 2 Eng. on fire 2nd George Owens Nav.
2 men Baled out 1st Joseph C Williams Bomb.
Then went into spin 1st Sgt. Sylvester Horstman Radio.
and down thru clouds

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Time:
Alternate Height:
Last Resort Heading:
(check)

② 12:40 (approx) 1st Sgt. R. Guthrie Top T.
B-17 Sgt. R. Lisca 8th T.
pealed off ? Sgt. McDonald R. Waist.
and went ? Sgt. E. E. Smith L. Waist.
down into S/Sgt. M. E. Aratta Tail G.
clouds

Made run at
Last Resort (Rover)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Brought Back:

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

None (clouds)

abov his
couldn't see target on
second run

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of planes; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)

about 30 mi. North of IP then 283° true about

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home. 90 min then down to 8,500 for 30 mi then N. to Last Resort

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light; heavy), Intense, Moderate or Slight. | Color of Bursts. | Location of Bursts in relation to A/C | Other Data. |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 12:30 | 100 mi. inland | 21,000 | heavy | black | Way below | Couldn't see it clear |
| 2:05 | Over coast between La Hague & Dieppe | < | | white | 300 or 400 ft. below | clear |
| | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | |

after turning away from Primary target

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number Uncertain Place Attack from ^{running} ~~land~~ ^{intermittent} ~~mid channel~~
 Time _____ Height 21,000

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

| | Number | Time | Place | Height |
|---|--------|---|-------|--------|
| Running battle from 3-4 mi. in east to each half way over channel | ① | 2FW: 12:50 | | 21,000 |
| | ② | Singly at long range floating around | | |
| | ③ | Midchannel about 2:10 | | |
| | | attached from 11 o'clock above came in close, and went below formation | | |

Notes: *Formation continuously*

*Came right th
formation
came on
of Sun
from bel
on left
forward
several
times*

None of attacks came really close to this ship - except for ① (above) all attacks were by singly ships from all directions darting in at intervals then hovering

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLE _____ DAMAGED out of range
 None

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
 (Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

None

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

None

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

Met Spitfire Escort on return ~~near~~
 just leaving Rouen
 Didn't see them on way down

S-2 OFFICER 2nd Lt. A. W. Weld Time Completed 5:10

#15

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUAD ~~423~~ GROUP 306 A/C Number 124460 Date 12/12/42

Position in formation 1 Bomb Load 14 X 250 Incendiaries

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No

Details:
3 B17s of group behind lead details on hot news sheet.

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

3 B17s on hot news sheet.

CREW

Capt. Mack Mc Kay Pilot
2nd Lt Lewis P Johnson Co. P.
1st Lt Eugene J Pollock Nav.
1st Lt
T/Sgt. Jake Kinn Radio.
T/Sgt. Harry Allerman Top T.
S/Sgt. James Hobbs Ball T.
Sgt. Donald Bevan R. Waist.
Sgt. Raymond Henn L. Waist.
S/Sgt. Roy Gibson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: Could not see 10/10
Alternate Height: Could not see 10/10
Last Resort Heading: (check)

Power Time 1345
Height 20600
Heading 310 mag

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 14 X 250

Jettisoned: Brought Back:

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

Could not see own bombs
Could not see other bombs

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: nil

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
20 miles North of course going in on French coast.

8. 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 | Other Data. |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1230 | Paris | 21000 | H-S (6burst) | Black | Back 1000 ft above | - |
| 1455 | Smiles left Route d'ailly | 15000 | H-M (10-15burst) | Black | left side 500' below | |
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#16

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 25180 Date 12.12.42

Position in formation #2 in lead element Bomb Load 14 X 750 lbs incendi.

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

OPER

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? Lt. W.H. Warriss Pilot

2 B-17 down over France, one near Grandvilliers. Another a few minutes later SE. of first.
Lt. P.A. Steele Co.P.
Lt. W.A. Boggs Nav.
Lt. C.H. May Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Romilly s/Seine Primary Time: S/S. C. W. Wilson Top T.
Villacoublay Alternate Height: Sgt. W. C. Morgan Ball T.
Rover Last Resort (check) Heading: approx. 220° S/S. C. E. Nasley R. Waist.
no bombs dropped. S/S. R. D. Kinsling L. Waist.
on run over target. S/S. G. M. Counts Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned 14 bombs over channel.

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others)
Several large explosions observed in a very close to target. Flare prevented accurate observation only visible to Nav. there drift meter.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?
(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
As ordered to Grandvilliers, then at turn toward East. RT turn primary due to 10/10 cloud. 310° to near Rover, circled and attacked target; then to East coast W. of Calais; home coast E. of Beachy Head.

8. 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 | Other Data. |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| about 1200 hrs | W. of Grandvilliers | 21,000 | H-5 | Black | 500-1000 yds at altitude | |
| about 1400 hrs | W. of Calais | 17,000 | H-5 | Black | 500-2000 yds at altitude, a bit low. | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Johnston - 15 sec. before ...

altogether 35-50 E/ see

stayed about 15 min. many of planes are in sight. 1. 1250-FW 190 (2) at 20000 ft. all planes seen.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
 a. Total E/A seen: Number 3, 10-12 Time 1405 Height 17000
 b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane?

| Out of Sight | Number | Time | Place | Height | Remarks |
|--------------|----------------------|------|-----------------|--------|--|
| | 1 FW (colt) | 1208 | N.W. Grandville | 21000 | 0400-0500 |
| | 5-Falladsky (FW) 190 | 1210 | " | " | 0700-above |
| | FW 190 | 1340 | Near Novos | " | high on south side |
| | 10-12 | 1350 | After Novos | " | just out of range to be shot |
| | 1 FW | 1340 | Near Novos 2100 | " | much repeated attack |
| | Notes: | | | | on Kisindan, also shot |
| | | | | | straggling with 1 sup. featured. |
| | | | | | Attacks on Kisindan dead a/c's, 0500, 0700 - Took late time. |

- c. Claims: DESTROYED (1) PROBABLE (0) DAMAGED (0)

- d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:
 10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
 (Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

See time #1.
 On way back, Nov. saw an FW 190, not claimed by their crew, going down in a spin; followed him during descent of over 6000'. A/c disappeared in cloud. Pilot probably shot. A/c not burning.

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received,)

None.

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

None

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None, except life raft came out and knocked command antenna off, dented horiz. stabilizer.

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

Poor sight, hardly saw anything, though cruised all over. Group just followed 305th Group blindly. Weather not clear from Gander to Moscow. Very miserable.

S-2 OFFICER P. H. P. ... Time Completed 1646

#17

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124493 Date 12/12/42
 Position in formation #3 of 12 Element Bomb Load 10x500 G.P.

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No
 Details: Saw three (3) B17 leave formation about behind tail
Address of front one, went into circle, one parachute left, rather two turns
on back and down out of sight about eight minutes before reaching
friendly A/C in any kind of distress? primary. Pilot Capt. J. M. Regan

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
 Primary Time: 13:42
 Alternate Height: 20,700'
 Last Resort (check) Heading: Almost N. about 10°
Two trips over

Co.P. W. J. Howell
 Nav. J. J. Spring
 Bomb. J. J. Spring
 Radio. W. J. Huffman
 Top T. J. Wade
 Ball T. C. L. Fugh
 R. Waist. J. Spire
 L. Waist. R. K. Mount
 Tail G. A. J. Krajeik

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Brought Back:
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others) could not see target.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?
 (Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)
 6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results:
 7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn left from primary then down almost directly then turned north
irregular course upon return trip
 8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

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Couldnt see

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light; heavy), Intense, Moderate or Slight. | Color of Bursts. | Location of Bursts in relation to A/C | Other Data. |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>about 13:52</u> | <u>about 19,000</u> | <u>19,000</u> | <u>Heavy</u> | <u>Black</u> | <u>Right and level</u> | |
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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number About 20 F.W. Place off. 2nd attack at beach
 Time 12:15 Height 21,000'
 b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane: 9 over the water

| | Number | Time | Place | Height |
|-----|--------|-------|--------------------------|---------|
| 1st | 5 | 12:15 | After leaving Escounte | 21,000' |
| 2nd | 5 | 13:40 | Before contact point | 21,000' |
| 3rd | 3 | 13:50 | French Coast on way home | 19,000' |
| 4th | 5 | 14:00 | Half way over channel | 10,000' |

Notes:
 1st Attack - 12:15 o'clock } Barked in pairs, came in
 2nd " - 13:40 " } mostly from 11:00 and 1:00 o'clock
 3rd " - 13:50 " } level and low. Last attack
 4th " - 14:00 " } F.W.'s followed by Spitfires who
 probably got some of them.

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLE 3 DAMAGED _____
 d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED _____

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
 (Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

At 2100' 70mm shells from F.W.'s exploded before contact one of these fragments injured waist gunner

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.) Spiro waist gunner
piece of 70mm shell in small of back (slight)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly) Small holes around waist, #1 Engine
3000, one in ball turret. Explosive 70mm

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Top turret guns could not fire after
2nd attack. Left hand waist gun went out on trial
overchannel.

14. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
Saw one go down black smoke rising from cockpit
at 11:00 o'clock about 100 yds distant. Could have
been top turret gunner in ship 129 Maj Langford

S-2 OFFICER Capt W. G. ... Time Completed 25 minutes

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~277~~ GROUP 706 A/C Number 124469 Date Dec 12, 1942

Position in formation #3 in last element Bomb Load 14-250 lb. incendiaries

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

(Name) NAME OF CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? ... Riodan Pilot

Maliszewski Co.P.

Spelman Nav.

Rettor Bomb.

Schultz Radio.

Holloway Top T.

Owen Ball T.

Hart R.Waist.

Davis L.Waist.

Langley Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Times?

Alternate Height: 10,000

✓ Last Resort Heading: (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (1410) Jettisoned: Brought Back:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others) No

(Name) NAME OF CREW

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? ✓

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)

8. 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 | Other Data. |
|----------|-------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| No flak. | | | | | | |
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9. **ENEMY AIRCRAFT**

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 single ^{about 50 20 half way to target plane} _{Plane} Crash into half way back
 Time Height ^{and engine down}

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

| Number | Time | Place | Height |
|--------|------------------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1/2 hour before target | Near Paris going | 20,000 |
| 10 | Turn off firing | | 20,000 |

Many colors - Kelly, Robin's egg blue, dark top yellow. Came in from all directions and continued until almost half way across channel. Spitfires covered when our plane lost two engines and slowed down while six ships (2-3 ship elements) struck by all the way back.

c. **Claims:** DESTROYED (4) PROBABLE (2) DAMAGED None

d. **ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:**

10. **OBSERVATIONS** (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
 (Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

NO
 11. (Continued) Langley first injured during encounter with plane he shot down at about 12:30. Similarly injured about five or seven minutes later during another encounter, probably Holloway's aircraft. *Schultz* ^{schultz} not seriously injured. Doesn't exactly know at what time he ^{hit} *S/Lt. Orville B. Schultz 39391123. Ellsworth, Kansas.*

11. **INJURIES to Crew:** (Name, injury, how received.)
 S/Lt. C. R. Langley, 20 min. left arm broken, lacerated leg and forehead. Head injured.

300 229-45
 S/Lt. B. Schultz - cut on face, scalp and stomach for 20 min. ^{and broken}
 DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)
 #4 engine out completely
 #3 " " above 10,000 ft. cut. No brakes (hydraulic on) ^{knocked out alternator tank}

13. **TECHNICAL FAILURES:**
 one top turret gun } shot out
 " " " }
 " tail gun }

14. **ENEMY COMMENTS:** (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
 Enemy planes made majority of attacks from north. They also flew parallel, then made sweep in on plane - often. Came in very close.

S-2 OFFICER 1st Lt. W. Richardson Time Completed 1710

None

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT (DESTROYED) OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 468 Group 304 Position in Formation #3 Date 12/12
2. Type of E/A 190 Place Wing of about Time 13:30 Height 20,000
3. E/A came from 2:20 o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, Below.
4. Distance E/A was first hit 400 yds. Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
 - a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? no. By whom? Top Turret
 - b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? no By whom? R. W. Holloway
 - c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? yes. By whom?
 - d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them? yes.
 - e. Did pilot bale out? Didn't see him.
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
 - a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - b. Did its engine stop?
 - c. Were parts shot away?
 - d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A? just Holloway (Top Turret)
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? "
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? no.
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? 4 or 5.
12. Other information:

Went down fast tail enveloped in flames and uncontrolled spin. Beils Zangley (in hospital) tail gunner, must of seen it.

*5/pt. Raleigh
#13032622
Holloway
Winn*

Name of Intelligence Officer: 1st Lt. A. B. Richardson

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an X for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation circled.

see over.

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 124507 Group 306 Position in Formation 2 Date 13th Dec
2. Type of E/A _____ Place _____ Time _____ Height _____
3. E/A came from _____ o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, Below, Low.
4. Distance E/A was first hit _____ Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged _____
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
- a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? By whom?
 - d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - e. Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
- a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - b. Did its engine stop?
 - c. Were parts shot away?
 - d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A?
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A?
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A?
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time?
12. Other information:

No claims.

— Name of Intelligence Officer: 1st Lt. Fred P. Baldwin

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CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 125 Group 306 Position in Formation Leading Date 12/12
2. Type of E/A FW Place 15 mi from target on way out Time 1350 Height 18000
3. E/A came from L o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, LOW
4. Distance E/A was first hit 200 Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged 300
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
- a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? yes By whom? Salamaster
 - d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - e. Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
- a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - b. Did its engine stop?
 - c. Were parts shot away?
 - d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A? no one
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? Kessler. L.J. 15074078
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? no.
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? 1. 1311
12. Other information: Spring Ave Canton Ohio.

(See Capt. Regan for confirmation)

Name of Intelligence Officer: Wright

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation circled.

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 493 Group 306 Position in Formation 3rd ^{First Element.} Date 12/12/42
2. Type of E/A FW190 Place Just after primary Time 12:45 Height 19000'
3. E/A came from 6 o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, (E) Low ^{(Probable) Low.}
4. Distance E/A was first hit 100 yds Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged 100 yds
one long and one short burst of 20 and five shots each
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
- a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? By whom?
 - d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - e. Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
Came across tail below could get traders entering FW. Done out of control
7. If claimed as DAMAGED:
- a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - b. Did its engine stop?
 - c. Were parts shot away?
 - d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A? Sgt. Krajcik Tail Gunner #16066671
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? no.
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? no.
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? no others.
12. Other information:

Home Address,
Route #3, Box #117
Elgin, Illinois
Capt. [Signature]

Name of Intelligence Officer: Capt. [Signature]

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation circled.

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 124557 Group 306 Position in Formation 3rd Alt. 12/14
2. Type of E/A FW190 Place over China Time 1400 Height 17000'
3. E/A came from 11 o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, E.L. Low.
4. Distance E/A was first hit 1500 distance when E/A destroyed or damaged 150
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
- Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - Was E/A seen to descend in flames? By whom?
 - Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
4-25 rd. bursts out each gun was fired. The A/C began to smoke heavily and headed down.
7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
- Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - Did its engine stop?
 - Were parts shot away?
 - Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A? ONE
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? Sgt. V. L. King 34448740
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? NO
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? ONE
12. Other information: NO

Don't know →

KNOXVILLE TENN.
Route 9.

Name of Intelligence Officer: Shubert
1st Lt. USAF

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation.

HEADQUARTERS 306th BOMB GRU
Office of the Intelligence Officer

12.12.42

SUBJECT: Encounter Report, Bouen 12.12.42.

TO : A-2, 1st Bomb Wing.

1~~4~~ Destroyed, 3 Probabl~~y~~, 0 Damaged.

*Also confirmed
by Capt. Ryan,
Pilot of our
A/c #124476*

1. Our A/c #124125 (Maj. Lanford, 368th Sqdn), destroyed an FW 190 15 Miles SW of target at 1330 hrs at a height of 18,000. It attacked from 1 o'clock, from below. It was first hit at 200 yards and destroyed at 300 yards. The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt G. G. Schumacker saw it go down in flames. E/A is claimed by S/Sgt L. J. Kessler. One other E/A attacked at about this time. No other member of this crew fired. No other U.S. crew fired. This was the lead plane, number 1, of a three-ship formation.

2. Our A/c #124557 (Lt. Check, 423rd Sqdn) claims as probably destroyed ~~one~~ FW 190 near the coast over the English Channel on the way home at 1400 hrs and a height of 17,000. It came from 1 o'clock, from above, and was hit at 150 yards and went down at 150 yards. The tail gunner, Sgt V. L. King, claims this ship, after firing four 25-round bursts from each gun. The A/c began to smoke heavily and went down toward the sea rapidly. It was not seen to hit the sea. No other member of the crew fired at it. One other E/a attacked at about this time.

3. Our A/c #124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109 East of Bris at 1222 hrs at 20,000 altitude. E/A attacked from 5 o'clock from above. It was first hit at 800 yards and broke into ~~intense~~ intense flames at 600 yds, spinning down through the clouds. S/Sgt John J. Vallerani, right waist gunner, claims this ship. It is believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Two other E/A attacked at about the same time.

4. Our A/c No. 124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed an FW 190 20 or 30 miles SW of Paris, at 1330 hrs and at 20,000 ft. It was attacked from nine o'clock and above. It was first hit at 400 yds and at 250 yds it went into a spin from 20,000 ft to 10,000 ft, where it went into a cloud. The fin was all cut up, and the left rudder was shot away, the torn edge shining in the sun. It is claimed by the tail gunner, Sgt. T. D. McMahon. It is believed that other U. S. crews fired on this E/A. Three other E/A attacked at about this time.

*Confirmed by
S/Sgt. Henry R.
Bean, radio
operator.*

5. Our A/c #124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed an FW 190, 20 or 30 miles SW of Paris, between 1330 and 1400 hrs. It was attacked from 5 o'clock and below. It was hit at 600 yds and was seen to spin down out of control with intense flames from the nose toward the wing and fuselage. Smoke was seen when the E/a came about 300 yds from our A/c. The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt Eugene H. Stein, claims this E/a. Corroborated by Pvt. Edward J. Sanski, left waist gunner. It is not known whether other U.S. aircraft fired at this E/A. Five or six other E/A attacked at about the same time.

6. Our A/c #124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109. Our A/c was attacked 20 mi SW of Paris at 1330 to 1400 hrs at a height of 20,000 ft. ~~The attack~~ The attack came from seven o'clock and above. E/A was hit at 900 yds and at 600 yds several parts were seen to break off, the plane falling about 10,000 ft into cloud. Left waist ~~gunner~~ gunner, Pvt. Edward J. Sanski, claims this E/A as destroyed. S/Sgt Henry R. Bean corroborates this claim. It is not known whether other U.S. aircraft fired at this E/A. About five other E/A attacked at about this time.

14. Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109. Our aircraft was attacked near Evreux at 1330 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 11 o'clock and below. E/A was first hit at 600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. Hits were observed in the engine, the prop stalled, and the plane was seen to fall enveloped in intense flame. This aircraft is claimed by Lt. Eugene J. Pollock, Navigator. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this aircraft. One other Me 109 attacked at about the same time.
15. Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked about 10 mi west of Paris at 1335 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 10 o'clock and from above. E/A was first hit at 500-600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. It was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This a/c is claimed by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. Corroboration by S/Sgt Roy Gibson, tail gunner. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Two other FW 190s attacked at about the same time.
16. Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked near Beauvais at 1320 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 3 o'clock and from above. It was first hit at 600 yds and there destroyed. E/A was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This aircraft is claimed by Sgt Donald Bevan, right waist gunner. ~~Corroborated by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner.~~ Corroborated by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this aircraft. One other E/A attacked at about the same time.

~~Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn) destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked about 10 mi west of Paris at 1335 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 10 o'clock and from above. E/A was first hit at 500-600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. It was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This a/c is claimed by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. Corroboration by S/Sgt Roy Gibson, tail gunner. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Two other FW 190s attacked at about the same time.~~

~~Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn) destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked near Beauvais at 1320 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 3 o'clock and from above. It was first hit at 600 yds and there destroyed. E/A was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This aircraft is claimed by Sgt Donald Bevan, right waist gunner. Corroborated by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this aircraft. One other E/A attacked at about the same time.~~

17. Our A/c #25180 (Lt Warner, 423rd Sqdn) destroyed one Me 109e. ~~Our aircraft was attacked near Beauvais at 1320 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 3 o'clock and from above. It was first hit at 600 yds and there destroyed. E/A was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This aircraft is claimed by Sgt Donald Bevan, right waist gunner. Corroborated by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this aircraft. One other E/A attacked at about the same time.~~ Enemy aircraft did not attack our aircraft, but was chasing a Spitfire of the escort, which was proceeding in the opposite direction to the heading of our plane. E/A first attracted the attention of S/Sgt Charles M. Counts, tail gunner, when its shells exploded in the vicinity of our aircraft. At first, Sgt. Counts thought it was a flak ship. Then a Spitfire went by, turning to avoid the Me 109, who was chasing him. E/A came in from about 9 o'clock, turning and going after the Spit in the general direction of 6 o'clock, reference our aircraft. Our tail gunner opened up at about 300 yds and destroyed the Me at about 800 yds. The Me was seen to descend in flames so intense the pilot could not extinguish them. This was seen by ~~Sgt Charles M. Counts, tail gunner.~~ S/Sgt Charles M. Counts, who claims this ship, and also by S/Sgt C. W. Wilson, top turret gunner and Sgt W. C. Morgan, ball turret gunner. The members of the crew believe that the destruction of this E/A probably saved the Spitfire which was being chased. It is not believed that any other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. One other E/A attacked our aircraft at about the same time.

For The Commanding Officer:

SHUBEL J. OWEN,
 1st Lt. Capt., AAF,
 Asst. Group S-2.

GRADUATES JOHN BOMBARDIER (R)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

14.12.42

SUBJECT: Amendment to Encounter Report of 12.12.42.

TO : A-2, 1st Bomb Wing.

1. Claim No. 7, over A/c #124468, Ops No 88. The manuscript of the Encounter Report contained the following, which was omitted by mistake in final typing:

"E/A was seen to break up in the air, tail completely shot off, on fire inside after explosion in cockpit."

The quoted sentence should follow the sentence reading, "It was first hit at 400 yds and destroyed beneath ship."

2. Claim No. 17, over A/c #25180, Ops No 109. This encounter occurred over the English Channel at about 1405 hrs, while over A/c was at approximately 15,000 ft altitude.

3. Claim No. 4, over A/c #124476, Ops No 190. Interrogation form on "Claim of Enemy Aircraft Destroyed or Damaged" reads, in part, as follows:

"Was E/A seen to break up in air? YES By whom? Sgt McMahon"

"Fin was all cut up and left rudder (sic) was broken off and ragged and torn edge shown in the sun— Sgt Bean saw A/c falling down in a spin — Sgt McMahon could see him falling from about 20,000 - 10,000 ft & then A/c went into cloud — "

4. Claim No. 6, over A/c #124476, Ops No 109. Interrogation form reads in part as follows:

"Was E/A seen to break up in air? PARTLY By whom? Sgt Bean & Sgt Sanaki".

"Sgt Bean saw several parts break off, & Sgt Sanaki also saw parts break off. A/c then went through cloud at about 10,000 ft, so E/A was seen to fall about 10,000 ft from 20,000 to 10,000—"

5. Claim No. 13, over A/c #124460, Ops No 109. Interrogation form reads as follows, in part:

"Was E/A seen to break up in the air? YES By whom? S/Sgt Gibben"

"Tail sections torn apart. Losing altitude fast — ship out of control. Tracers in back of cockpit also then on back to tail".

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE J. OWEN,
1st Lt., AAF,
Asst. S-2.

7. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Ju 88. Our aircraft was attacked N of Paris at 1220 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft. The attack came from 10 o'clock and below. It was first hit at 400 yds and destroyed ~~beneath~~ beneath ship. E/A was seen to break up in the air, tail completely shot off, on fire inside after explosion in cockpit. This E/A is claimed destroyed by S/Sgt John E. Owens, ball turret gunner. S/Sgt Carl L. Pugh, ball turret gunner in ~~our~~ A/c #124493 (Capt. Regan, 368th Sqdn), corroborates this claim. It is not believed that other U. S. A/a fired at this E/A. No other E/A attacked at about this time.
8. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our A/c was attacked in the vicinity of Rouen at 1330 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft from 7:30 o'clock and from above. E/A was hit at 400 yds and went down in an uncontrolled spin with the tail enveloped in flames. Top turret gunner, S/Sgt R. W. Holloway, claims this E/A. It is believed that ^{Sgt. C. R. Langley, tail gunner, who was wounded} and is now in hospital, may have seen this A/c go down. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. Four or five other E/A attacked at about this time.
9. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our A/c was attacked near Rouen at 1335 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft, from 1:30 o'clock and from above. E/A was first hit at 300 yds, nearly crashed into our A/c as it went over the top of our A/c out of control and completely enveloped in flames. S/Sgt R. W. Holloway, top turret gunner, claims this A/c. This claim is corroborated by Lt. Robert Riordan, Pilot. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Four or five other E/A attacked our A/c at about the same time.
10. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked near Rouen at 1332 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft, from 5:30 o'clock, level. The E/A was first hit 250 yds away. Both wings were seen to fold up and rip off approximately 200 yards under our A/c. ^{Sgt. C. R. Langley, tail gunner, claims this aircraft} destroyed. Claim corroborated by S/Sgt John E. Owens, ball turret gunner. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. Four or five other E/A attacked at about this time.
11. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), probably destroyed one FW 190. Our A/c was attacked near Rouen at 1228 hrs; height 20,600 ft, from 8 o'clock and below. E/A was first hit at 300 yds, and probably destroyed beneath our A/c. Our A/c fired as E/A went past. E/A was seen to emit a sudden burst of heavy smoke, and went down with wings wobbling and apparently out of control. Sgt C. M. Davis, left waist gunner, claims this E/A. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. One other E/A attacked at about this time.
12. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), probably destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked over the enemy coast on return at 1345 hrs, height 17,000 ft, from 12:30 o'clock and level. E/A was first hit at 500 yds and probably destroyed at 250 yds. E/A fell over in an outside loop completely out of control and enveloped in heavy black smoke from the nose past the tail. The Bombardier, Lt. Gerald D. Retter, claims this E/A. Confirmed by Lt. Robert Riordan, Pilot, and Lt. Edward P. Malisewski, Co-Pilot. There is a possibility that other U.S. Crews fired at this aircraft. One other E/A attacked at about this time.
13. Our A/c #124460 (Opt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109. Our A/c was attacked 15 mi off the French Coast, 50° N, 1° E, at 1400 hrs and at a height of 8,000 ft. E/A attacked from 5 o'clock and below. It was first hit at 300 yds and destroyed at 150 yds. The tail sections were seen torn apart, and the plane was seen losing latitude fast and obviously out of control. This aircraft is claimed by S/Sgt Roy Gibbison, tail gunner. It is not known whether any other U.S. Crew fired at this aircraft. Three FW 190s attacked our A/c head-on at about the same time.

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