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VIII BOMBER COMMAND

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BOMBER COMMAND NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS
Mission No. 42 - 12 March, 1943.

While the B-24's of 2nd Wing made an uneventful diversion off the Dutch coast, the B-17's of 1st Wing attacked with good results the Sotteville Marshalling Yards at Rouen. The B-17's which had strong fighter support had no encounters and reported only slight and inaccurate flak. All planes returned safely.

PART I - 1ST WING

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>A/C ON TARGET</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>
91	18	18	0	0
303	18	12	0	0
305	17	14	0	0
306	19	19	0	0
Totals:	72	63		

ROUTE: Out: Base to Dungeness; to 50° 13'N, 01° 15'E; to 50° 00'N, 00° 00'; thence north to rendezvous with fighters at Beachy Head; to I.P. at Fecamp; to Rouen.

Back: Turn right at Rouen; to Cap d'Antifer; to Beachy Head; to bases.

WEATHER: The 1st Wing encountered only isolated patches of cloud with 10-15 miles visibility over the Channel. This increased to 6/10 - 8/10 low cloud from the French coast inland, decreasing in the target area to 4/10 - 6/10 with 10-15 miles visibility. Conditions on the return route were similar.

BOMBING RESULTS: At Rouen the B-17's dropped 208 x 1000 and 210 x 500 G.P. bombs from 21000 - 24300 ft. at 1241-1244 hours. Photographs taken from planes making the attack confirmed crews' reports of good results, with many bursts visible on the marshalling yards and adjacent installations. Four distinct groups of bursts can be seen - one on the northern end and one on the southern end of the Reception Sidings, one on the Sorting Sidings, and one on the northern end of the Gare de l'Etat. Crews which observed heavy oily smoke rising 12000 ft. from a burst near the engine sheds believe oil storage or ammunition train may have been hit.

FLAK: Slight and inaccurate flak was encountered in the target area. Additional slight, inaccurate flak was reported near Norville and at a point on the coast between Fecamp and Cap d'Antifer. Bursts observed were mostly dark, with some white.

ENCOUNTERS: Eighth squadrons of Spitfires afforded support to the operation and two other fighter squadrons made a diversionary sweep. Crews of the B-17's observed only a few e/a, mostly FW 190's, and had no encounters. The Spitfires effectively covered the e/a which did get in range and were observed to shoot down one. The bomber crews were unanimous in their praise of the fighter cover.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: Nine B-17's failed to bomb the target due to mechanical failures of the a/c or equipment (including oxygen systems, superchargers, heating unit, oil pressure, and electric suit).

OBSERVATIONS: Heavy traffic was observed in the Rouen Marshalling Yards. What may be an army camp was seen at Caudebec. Eight to ten barges were sighted on the river, 30 miles east of Le Havre.

PART II - 2ND WING

Under favorable weather conditions the 2nd Wing a/c carried out an uneventful mission, with shipping off enemy coast as a potential target. All of the 18 B-24's dispatched, 6 from 44th and 12 from 93rd Group, completed the mission with the exception of one a/c from 93rd Group which left the formation due to mechanical failure. The route followed was from bases to Orfordness; to 51°20'N; 02°20'E, to 51°50'N, 03°15'E, to bases. No fighter opposition was encountered. Along the Dutch coast south of the Hague and west of Rotterdam two of the crews observed what appeared to be searchlights flashing on and off; but stated that this might have been the reflection of sunlight on greenhouses. One of the crews suggested the testing of electrical suits before issue, as three which were carried proved to be worthless.

12/3/43

R-222-D

TELETYPE

SUBJECT: ~~ROUEN~~ REPORT

TO : COM. GEN. FIRST BOMB WING, ATTENTION A-2

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(A)

1. 19 AC took off at 0940 hours to bomb the Marshalling Yards at Rouen, France. None returned early. All dropped their bombs on the target and returned safely. One AC brought back two bombs. The route was as ordered.

2. Due to splendid weather, the absence of flack, and excellent fighter support, an uninterrupted run on the target was permitted, and good bombing results achieved. Many bursts were observed directly on the A.P. and the installations adjacent thereto. Due to the heavy, oily smoke which mushroomed from the top of one burst, it is thought that an ~~ammunition~~ ammunition train was squarely hit. It is also believed that a hit was made on the viaduct leading from the yards across the Seine.

3. NONE

4. Not a single genuine attack from EA was reported. A few F. W. 's were seen but Spits were invariably on top of them. We are obviously making no claims.

5. Only a few random bursts of flack were seen on the entire mission and these were far away from the formation.

6. None

7. None

8. All crews were unanimous in their praise of today's fighter cover. It functioned perfectly from start to finish.

(B) -1 - 19

2 - 0

3 - Rouen - 19

4 - none

5 - none

6 - none

7 - 0

8 - 0

9 - 0

10 - 0

11 - 0

12 - 5 x 1000 M 44

13 - 93 x 1000

14 - 0

15 - 2

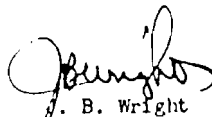
16 - 0

17 - 0

18 - 0

19 - 0

20 - Rouen, 12:43, 21,000 feet.

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CS


J. B. Wright

Major S-2

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GPH THU NR THU 25 1221605A IMMEDIATE SECRET NOTWT

PASS TO ADDRESSEE

TO COMMANDING GENERAL FIRST BOMWIG

ATTENTION A-2.

FROM BONGR 306

306BG R-222-D 12/3/43

(A)

1. 19 AC TOOK OFF AT 0940 HOURS TO BOMB THE MARSHALLING YARDS AT ROUEN, FRANCE. NONE RETURNED EARLY. ALL DROPPED THEIR BOMBS ON THE TARGET AND RETURNED SAFELY. ONE AC BROUGHT BACK TWO BOMBS. THE ROUTE WAS AS ORDERED.

2. DUE TO SPLENDID WEATHER, THE ABSENCE OF FLACK, AND EXCELLENT FIGHTER SUPPORT. AN INUXXX UNINTERRUPTED RUN ON THE TARGET WAS PERMITTED. AND GOOD BOMBING RESULTS ACHEXX SXXX ACHIEVED. MANY BURSTS WERE OBSERVED DIRECTLY ON THE A.P. AND THE INSTALLATIONS ADJACENT THERETO. DUE TO THE HEAVY, OILY SMOKE WHICH MUSHROOMED FROM THE TOP OF ONE BURST, IT IS THOUGHT THAT AN AMMUNITION TRAIN WAS SQUARELY HIT. IT IS ALYVM BELIEVED THAT A HIT WAS MADE ON THE VIADUCT LEADING FROM THE YARDS ACROSS THE SEINE.

3. NONE

4. NOT A SINGLE GENUINE ATTACK FROM EA WAS REPORTED. A FEW F.W.'S WERE SEEN BUT SPITS WERE INVARIABLE ON TOP OF THEM. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY MAKING NO CLAIMS.

5. ONLY A FEW RANDON BURSTS OF FLACK WERE SEEN ON THE ENTIRE MISSION AND THESE WERE FAR AWAY FROM THE FORMATION.

6. NONE

7. NONE

8. ALL CREWS WERE UNANIXXX UNANIMOUS IN THEIR PRAISE OF TODAY'S FIGHTER COVER. IT FUNCTIONED PERFECTLY FROM START TO FINISH.

(B) -1 -19

2 - (

3 - ROUEN - 19

URGENT SECRET 10MR209E

FIELD ORDER NO. 113

1. A. 2 NO WILL FURNISH DIVERSION.
- B. FIGHTER SUPPORT FOR 1ST WING BY 11 GRP. AND 8TH FIGHTER COMMAND. TWO SQDNS. SPIT. IX'S WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH BOMBERS AT DUNGENESS AND ACCOMPANY THEM ON 1ST LEG TO 50 DEG. 13 MIN. N, 01 DEG. 15 MIN E. LEAVING THEM AT THAT POINT. SIX SQDNS. SPIT. IX'S WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH AND ACCOMPANY BOMBERS FROM BEACHY HEAD REPEAT BEACHY HEAD TO TARGET AND RETURN AS CLOSE SUPPORT AND HIGH COVER. TWO SQDNS. SPIT. IX'S AS TARGET SUPPORT.
2. A. PRIMARY: Z-435. 101 CW ATTACK AP 4023 S 1685 /2. THE 102 CW ATTACK AP 4649 S 1685/2.
- B. SECONDARY - NONE.
3. A. 101 CW LEAD 102 C W WITH ALL AVAILABLE A/C. 101 CW PROCEED TO SOUTHEND AT ZERO MINUS 80 MIN TO ASHFORD AT ZERO MINUS 72 MIN, 21,000 FT AT BOTH POINTS. 102 CW JOIN 101 CW ON LINE SOUTHEND-ASHFORD AT 23,000 FT.
- B. ROUTE OUT: DEPART DUNGENESS AT ZERO MINUS 68 MIN., TO 50 DEG. 13 MIN. ~~XXXX~~ N, 01 DEG. 15 MIN. E. TO 50 DEG. 00 MIN. N. 00 DEG. 00 MIN., TO RENDEZVOUS WITH FIGHTERS AT BEACHY HEAD AT HEAD AT ZERO MINUS 19 MIN, TO BECAMP, TO I.P. 15 MILES N.W. OF TARGET, TO TARGET. MAKE GOOD THE TIME SCHEDULE AT THE FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS POINTS OF DUNGENESS AND BEACHY HEAD BY ALTERING IF NECESSARY THE TURNING POINTS ON ROUTE BETWEEN THESE TWO POINTS.
- C. AXIS OF ATTACK: GENERALLY 160 DEG. OR AS DETERMINED BY LEAD GROUP LEAD GROUP DESIGNATE I.P. BY RED FLARE.
- D. RALLY: TURN RIGHT AFTER BOMBING AND RALLY ON LINE TARGET TO CAPE ANTIFER.
- E. ROUTE BACK: TARGET TO CAPE ANTIFER, BEACHY HEAD TO BASE. MAINTAIN BOMBING ALTITUDE UNTILL APPROACHING ENGLISH COAST.
- F. F. BOMBING ALTITUDE:

101 CW	<u>21,000 FT.</u>
102 CW	<u>23,000 FT.</u>
- X. 1. BOMB LOADING: 101 CW 5 X 1000 LB GP. 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC TAIL FUSE. 102 CW 10 X 500 LB GP. 1/10 SEC NOSE 1/40 SEC

2. ZERO HOUR: 1130 P.S.T. 12 MARCH 1943.

3. TIME SCHEDULE:

DUNGENESS	ZERO MINUS 68
50 DEG 13 MIN N	
01 DEG 15 MIN E	ZERO MINUS 54
50 DEG 00 MIN N	
00 DEG 00 MIN	ZERO MINUS 33
BEACHY HEAD	ZERO MINUS 19
EECAMP	ZERO
TARGET	ZERO PLUS 9
CAPE ANTIFER	ZERO PLUS 30
BEACHY HEAD	ZERO PLUS 51

1- *Bessingbourne*
 2- *Boston*
 3- *Winglynn*
 4- *South Cl.*
 5- *Alfred*

5. A. HF/DF SECTION "H"

B. VHF CHANNEL "C" FIGHTER TO BOMBER.

C. JAY BEAMS - NONE

D. 5010 KC BOMBER TO BOMBER.

E. SPLASHER BEACONS: NO 7 AND 8 ON ZERO MINUS 120 TO ZERO.

NO. 9 AND 10 ON ZERO PLUS 120.

F. CALL SIGNS: 306 VANTIVE ONE

91 VANTIVE TWO

305 VANTIVE THREE

303 VANTIVE FOUR

FIGHTER PLATFORM

G. GROUP IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS:

306 RED GREEN

91 GREEN

305 RED YELLOW

303 YELLOW

H. AUTHENTICATION GROUP: SPARE GROUP 58.

CONDORWIG ONE

HOLD

CC PART 1.A. VA 2ND = WING RPT WING

KCC INSERT PART 4. == 4. NORMAL

CC VA LEAD = GROUP CC VA BASE == MAINTAIN

JM VA

ALL STNS Q FOR K

THU K M R 2239/011 JDR VA+

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. Name of primary target ROUEN Number of A/C attacking 19
2. Name of secondary target 0 Number of A/C attacking 0
3. Name of L.R. target 0 Number of A/C attacking 0
4. Target of opportunity 0 Number of A/C attacking 0
5. Units participating 367-68-69-473
6. Number of A/C taking off 19
7. Number of A/C returning early 0
8. Number of A/C lost or missing so far as known 0
9. Results of bombing: good fair poor nil
10. Number of casualties: killed 0; wounded 0; missing 0.
11. Enemy air opposition: considerable moderate slight nil
12. Flak: intense moderate slight nil
13. Observed fighter support: Superb

14. Weather as it affected the mission: ~~None~~
Hazy at 1 P. Clear at Target

15. Flash observations of outstanding importance None

Telephoned to Ray by Dominick
 Timed 340; Date 12-3-43

No claims

WE ARE OBVIOUSLY MAKING NO CLAIMS.

5. ONLY A FEW RANDOM BURSTS OF FLACK WERE SEEN ON THE ENTIRE MISSION AND THESE WERE FAR AWAY FROM THE FORMATION.

6. NONE

7. NONE

8. ALL CREWS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR PRAISE OF TODAY'S FIGHTER COVER. IT FUNCTIONED PERFECTLY FROM START TO FINISH.

(B) -1 -19

2 - C

3 - ROUEN - 19

4 - NONE

5 - NONE

6 - NONE

7 - C

8 - C

9 - C

10 - C

11 - C

12 - 5 X 1000 H 44

13 - 93 X 1000

14 - C

15 - 2

16 - C

17 - C

18 - C

19 - C

20 - ROUEN, 12:43, 21,00 FEET.

J.B. WRIGHT,

MAJOR S-2

HOLD

CC 11TH LINE UNDER (A) WB BELIEVED ALSO

IE IN PARA 2 UNDER A

CC PARA 4 UNDER (A) WA WERE INVARIABLY

JDR B8

THU R 121430-A JM V KKK

MARCH 1943

24-Hour Blitz Again

ROUEN BOMBED IN DAYLIGHT

THE round-the-clock air onslaught on enemy targets in Europe—held up by bad weather—is on again.

A few hours after the Berlin raid on Saturday night U.S. heavy bombers, protected by R.A.F., Dominion and Allied fighters, yesterday pounded Rouen's vital railyards for the sixth time in daylight.

Venturas with fighter escort attacked Rotterdam shipping and shipbuilding yards at dusk. Mosquitos bombed industrial targets in Liège.

No planes are missing from the Rotterdam raid. One bomber and four fighters are missing from the Rouen attack, during which several enemy planes were destroyed.

Chased By Fighters

One wave of American bombers had to fight their way to Rouen through heavy fighter opposition. As they returned, too, enemy fighters hung on until the English coast was in sight.

An oil dump is believed to have been hit in Rouen, and damage was done to a bridge.

In the attack on Rotterdam two direct hits were scored on a minesweeper in Wilton Shipbuilding Yard. Floating pontoons in the New waterway also were bombed.

As the crews left they saw a large fire burning in the dock area.

SQUADRON 306 GROUP 369 A/C Number 25086 Date Mar. 12

Position in formation Lead Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

May Terry Pilot
Capt R.P. Riordan Co-P
1st J.J. Spellman Nav.
1st J.D. Ratter Bomb.
S/S O.B. Schulz Radio
T/S Santoro Top T.
S/S C.M. Davis Ball T.
S/S R.D. May R. Waist
S/S R.D. Duggins L. Waist
S/S McMahon Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12:43 1/2
alternate Height: 21,000
Last Resort Heading: 145°
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 x 1000 Jettisoned: X Returned: X

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

Target - Big smoke + fire, similar to Tenner, right

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes ~~no~~

on target

(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, height of turn.)

As ordered left Beachy

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on

home. 6 min. early

Tjr	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
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None

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 15 in all Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number _____ Time _____ Place _____ Height _____

5 min. after Target

2 ME's from 1:30 high to 300 yds - (Painted like Spits)

Notes:

2 min after Target also ME 109's from 10 o'clock high at distance

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

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

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airbases, 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 of friendly A/C; etc.)

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

No

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

No

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

No P-47's

15. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

Superb

S - 20 _____ A W. Weld TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 498 Date 12 March 43

Position in formation lead, low sq. Bomb load 5-1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: ~~-----~~

CREW

Friently A/C in any kind of distress?

Capt Regan Pilot

Lt Janowski Co-P

Lt Proing Nav.

Lt Kosakowski Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1243

Alternate Height: 21,000

Last Resort Heading: 130
(check)

1 minute

Sgt Hoffman Radio

Sgt Helzlsouer Top T.

Sgt Graziano Ball T.

Sgt Sellnott R. Waist

Sgt Rekofsky L. Waist

Sgt Krajcik Tail G.

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

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

good

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, height 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
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none

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 4 Place target area
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY PRACTICES 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.)

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

15. Fighter support: excellent

S - 2 OFFICER Jeremiah P. O'Sullivan TIME COMPLETED _____

Position in formation left wing, 2nd element Bomb load 5-1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

~~F. Family A/C in any kind of distress?~~

CREW

Lt Seelos Pilot

Lt Kramerinko Co-P

Lt Mac Shea Nav.

Lt Saunders Bomb.

Sgt Keskey Radio

Sgt Demko Top T.

Sgt Magee Ball T.

Sgt Edsmall R. Waist

Sgt Growther L. Waist

Wt/Baker Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12.43

Alternate Height: 21,000

Last Resort Heading: 140 mag.
(check)

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

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

Good

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 ATTACHED BY GUN AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If r turned early, time, place, height 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
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no flak

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 A Place target
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number	Time	Place	Height

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED PROBABLY DAMAGED

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

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

(Check list of items: Enemy signs: 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.)

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

upper charges ran away

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

15. Fighter support: Excellent

S - 2 OFFICER James P. O'Sullivan TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 306th Date 12-3-43

Position in formation ✓

Bomb load 5x1000 -

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

No

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

No

CHEW

Buckey JR Pilot

McKearn Co-P

Bennett Nav.

Coons Bomb.

Brown # Radio

Klusick Top T.

Hicks Ball T.

Standish R. Waist

Miller L. Waist

Kennedy Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1243

Alternate Height: 71000

Last Resort Heading: 152°
(check)

7 minutes

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

*Solid hits
on aiming
point.*

Crimson column 3000' - blossoming into
immense mushroom at top - Boiling

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 RESULT:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If return by, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered -

8. FLY: 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>None</u>						

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
466	one o'clock	level - after target	(190) yds
	5 o'clock	tail - level - after target	

didn't fire

Notes:

c. Claim: DESTROYED PROBABLY DAMAGED

d. 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.)

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

*Demmed good cover - covered the sky
High low above 500 yds -*

S - 2 OFFICER _____ FILE COMPLETED 7:30

R. [Signature]

INTER-OPTION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124466 Date 12-3-

Position in formation ✓ Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: _____

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress? ✓

Smiley Pilot
Miller Co-P
A Kraus Nav.
Brenning Bomb.
Heples Radio
Clifton Top T.
Clark Ball T.
Go Pacific R. Waist
Spurio L. Waist
Sliff Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1243 -
 alternate Height: 20900
 Last Resort Heading: 130 mag
 (check)

*1. P. In target
 2. Lower -
 3. Clear at target*

*40 pounds -
 no evasive action.*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 x 1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

GOOD - BIG FIRE - in yards on target

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? ① shot in Residential Rest - on target

(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 by, time, place, height of turn.) OK

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: of heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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None - 3 bursts

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 _____

No attacks

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ 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.)

Two P47's -

shortly after target (?)

2 to 3000 -

one made a pass but nobody shot -

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Support was best they ever hope to see - English suits no good -

S - 2 OFFICER _____

TIME COMPLETED 7:45

Bannister

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 180 Date 3/12/43

Position in formation Lead on left sq. Bomb load 5X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Pambert ^{CREW} Pilot
Capt Smith Co-P
Porman Nav.
May Bomb.
Kirn Radio
Bezak Top T.
Wilson H.V. Ball T.
Wentworth R. Waist
Hart L. Waist
Counts. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12:39 1/2
 alternate Height: 20,300
 Last Resort Heading: 150°
 (check)

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

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

Our bombs hit target area.
Other planned targets Big lot of debris from smoke 5-6000 ft high

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, height of turn.) As ordered targets

8. FLY: 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-re-lation to A/C	Other Data
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About 4 black bursts at end of right turn. low - very inaccurate

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number About 5 Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

b. F- which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number Time Place Height

3 _____ tried to attack _____ around target area _____

Notes: Saw two F/W on fire hit by spots
Event perfect. Just as ordered except behind us with other
group on first trip across channel.

c. Claims: DESTROYED None PROBABLY _____ 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 (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: (.ny unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

Perfect mission. Failed to send up pyrotechs.

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 25218 Date _____

Position in formation # 2 in 2nd El. Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: _____

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

- Chick Pilot
- Wigginton Co-P
- Blanchett Nav.
- Ford Bomb.
- Stymacks Radio
- Sawicke Top T.
- Bieloga Ball T.
- Durham R. Waist
- Hull L. Waist
- Bobbit Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1243
Alternate Height: 21000
Last Resort Heading: 120° true
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 x 1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

Right abwoygh the aiming point
One bomb on bridge

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, height 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
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Few bursts off at distance from target
very inaccurate.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
a. Total E/A seen: Number very few Place Right over target
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number _____ Time _____ Place _____ Height _____

Every FW seen heard at least
one spit on it.

Notes: _____

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ 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.)

nil

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

nil

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

nil

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Flaps fell down.

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

Support superb.

Wright

S - 2 OFFICER _____

TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 729 Date March 12-43

Position in formation High lead sq. Bomb 5+1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Capt Howard Pilot

Lt Helshorn Co-P

CD Brown Nav.

LtM Lunkovich Bomb.

1) Sgt H.L. Luskman Radio

Sgt B. Gordon Top T.

Sgt M. Laffan Ball T.

Sgt Hedman R. Waist

Sgt C.B. Emble L. Waist

Sgt H.L. Cox Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12:44

alternate Height: 21,000

Last Resort Heading: 135 miles
(check)

1 minute lead run

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Big up - good, near bridge. Several huge fires.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED CONFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height 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
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very little - near bank hood of target, heavy, black

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 3 Place 10000 ft
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED / PROBABLY / 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.)

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

15. Fighter support. Excellent

S - 2 OFFICER Jeremiah F. [Signature] Capt DDF FILE COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 394 Date 12/3/43

Position in formation #3 in 2nd E.P. ahead Bomb load 21,000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:



Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

Casey Pilot

Ross Co-P

Dwens Nav.

J.K. Hickey Bomb.

Jecowetz ~~Radio~~ Radio

Elliot Top T.

Raidline Ball T.

Borgum R. Wai.

Harris L. Waist

Small Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

✓ Primary Time: 12:40

Alternate Height: 21,000'

Last Resort Heading: 160°
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target 5,100 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Many hits in target area - damn good!
Huge column of very red smoke.

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: No.

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height 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
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Very slight and inaccurate SW of target

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 3 FW190s Place Near target
 Time 1843 Height 21000'

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

Number	Time	Place	Height
1 FW190	1843	Near target	21000'

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED 0 PROBABLY 0 DAMAGED 0

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: Same.

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.)

Nil

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) Nil

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Nil

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

Nil

S - 2 OFFICER

S. J. E.

TIME COMPLETED 1440

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 422 Date 12/3/43

Position in formation #3rd lead pt. Bomb load 5x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: _____

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

J. E. Hopkins Pilot

E. G. Pipp Co-P

L. J. Flower Nav.

Melillo ~~Melillo~~ Bomb.

B. C. Williams Radio

F. C. Rogers Top T.

E. Zubin Ball T.

F. T. Lucic R. Waist

M. Cleman I. Waist

J. Bobbs Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

✓ Primary Time: 1242

alternate Height: 2000'

Last Resort Heading: 100°
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5x1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

Good - Big fire observed - oil fire -

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. ROLL (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height 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-re-lation to A/C	Other Data
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Slight - 1/2 miles to our left and 1000' ft low.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 FW190's Place near target
Time 17.45 Height 22000

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

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>No attacks</u>			

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED 0 PROBABLY 0 DAMAGED 0

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: Where were they?

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

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airbases, 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 w/ Friendly A/C; etc.)

nil

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) nil

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: nil

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

let's have more like this!

S. J. [Signature]

S - 2 OFFICER _____ TIME COMPLETED _____

at 0800 + [Signature] avoid!

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 229477 Date 12/3/43

Position in formation #2 in 2nd 6 of 11 cells Bomb load 5X1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Magoffin Pilot

Vinned Co-P

Hawenstem Nav.

Travis Bomb.

Sparks Radio

Hinebaugh Top T.

Nolasco Ball T.

Alets R. Waist

Meaux L. Waist

Rosato Tail G.

TARGET ATTACKED:

✓ Primary Time: 1743

Alternate Height: 21000'

Last Resort Heading: 140°
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5X1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Perfect - Right in center of engine shed -
A large explosion with red flames, right in center of yards -
Smoke + flame to 25,000'

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 return.ly, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered.

8. FI Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

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

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 1 FW190 Place just after leaving target
Time 1245 Height 21000'

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

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>a Spit was right on its tail.</u>			

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED PROBABLY DAMAGED

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airbases, 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.)

Saw a number of vapor trails over the continent on our first pass over France.

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S - 2 OFFICER S. Owen COMPLETED 1505

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 404 Date 12/3/43

Position in formation #2 LEAD E. Bomb load 5 X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? LT. E.P. MALISZENSKI Pilot
 " F.K. WATSON Co-P
 " A.E. SCHULSTAD Nav.
 → T/S W.J. MAC DONALD Bomb.
S/S H.C. GREEN Radio
S R.W. HOLLOWAY Top T.
S J.E. EWENS Ball T.
S/S J.F. WILLIAMS R. Waist
S/S H.K. FOWLER L. Waist
S R.J. DAILY Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5X1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

5 bulls eyes

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, height 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
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AFTER Target SLIGHT inaccurate
above, below

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

3 Me109 low, after target
1 FW19c after target

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

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: -

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

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at aerodromes, 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.)

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly):

2 small holes in tail

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

#3 Super-charger lagged

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

Piece of cake - good Spit cover
Spits come into B17 head-on (veddy poor)

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 714 Date _____

Position in formation Lead 3rd Element Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

no

CREW

Frichtly A/C in any kind of distress?

Younis Pilot

Sugg Co-P

Carlson Nav.

Homer Bomb.

Roskovich Radio

Blum Top T.

McClure Ball T.

Trenary R. Waist

Revan L. Waist

Colvard Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5x1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

On and a little to right of target. Huge red fire in yard beyond bridge. Ball of pink smoke 1000 feet in air -

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? 15-20 before after target

(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, height of turn.) as ordered

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home. area

Time	Place	Height	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in-re-lation to A/C	Other Data
1245	on way of target area	A/C 21500	slight	white/red	front+low	

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 Place Near target after leaving
Time 1250 Height 21000

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

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>1</u>	<u>1250</u>	<u>Near target after leaving</u>	<u>21000 - 109</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" 190</u>

Notes:

Both came in 1:00 o'clock level.

c. Claims: DESTROYED no PROBABLY no DAMAGED no

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: nothing new

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)

Hole in wing & cowling of No. 3

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

Spitfire coverage excellent -
no other out

SQUADRON 403 GROUP 306 A/C Number 720 Date 3/12/48

Position in formation #3 lead element of 1st sq. Bomb load 5/1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

<u>O'Hara</u>	Pilot
<u>Smith R.H.</u>	Co-P
<u>Tillery</u>	Nav.
<u>Phelax</u>	Bomb.
<u>Mountain</u>	Radio
<u>Sheffield</u>	Top T.
<u>Fetkin</u>	Ball T.
<u>Nelson M.E.</u>	R. Waist
<u>Garris</u>	L. Waist
<u>Strom</u>	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1244
 Alternate Height: 21,000
 Last Resort Heading: 145°
 (check)

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Squadron Bomb in target area. None in sq. but nice on 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: None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height 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
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Low bursts of flak on common shot - probably flak over Sutterville. Very inaccurate - low.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 1 FW Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number	Time	Place	Height
<i>Saw several that tried to get in but pilots kept them off.</i>			

Notes:

Excellent very good

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: *None. Couldn't get passed pilots.*

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

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity; airbases, 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 affecting mission.*

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

Don't think on our mission accomplished mission. that we could see.

Capt. Baldwin

12/57

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 308 GROUP 306 A/C Number 487 Date 12/3/43

Position in formation #2 RT. ELEM. Bomb load 5/1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

CREW

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

LT G.V. LALLY Pilot

" M.V. JUDAS Co-P

" F.E. ROSS Nav.

1/S T.P. McDONNELL
S/S J.R. DOWNARD Bomb

1/S R.F. NELSON Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 17:44

Alternate Height: 21,000'
150° MAG.

Last Resort Heading: 2
 (check)

_____ Top T.K

1/S R. CURRY Ball T.

S/S L. OFF R. Waic

S/S J.W. WADE L. Waic

S/S R.J. McKEAGE Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (3) Jettisoned: Returned: (2)

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

VERY GOOD
Saw col. smoke 5000' high

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, height of turn.)

as ordered

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in re- lation to A/C-	Other Data
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After turn off target few fl burst inacc. low

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

1 FW 170
Me109

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes: 2 passes underneath
off tail

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ 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.)

Spits - very good
Spits shot down 1 FW

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Good support.

S - 2 OFFICER W. L. L. L.

TIME COMPLETED 1500

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 072 Date 3/12/43

Position in formation #3 in rear element of right sq. Bomb load 5X1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: _____

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

none

<u>CREW</u>	
<u>Parker</u>	Pilot
<u>Fischer</u>	Co-P
<u>Spaduzzi</u>	Nav.
<u>Milburn</u>	Bomb.
<u>Gross</u>	Radio
<u>Creatore</u>	Top T.
<u>Clark</u>	Ball T.
<u>Compton</u>	R. Waist
<u>Hay</u>	L. Waist
<u>Kuczinski</u>	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12:44
Alternate Height: 21000
Last Resort Heading: 120°
(check)

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (for this plane or others) *Think our bombs hit a more house just short of target but may have hit target generally good bombing. Column of smoke on way back to cockpit high from north end of yards. Also in center on oil line.*

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, height of turn.) *Practically 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
<i>4 bursts about 5 miles north of target.</i>						

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	12:50	Half way between target cont.	25000
None hit target - they clouded by spits.			
None shot at him in our plane.			

Notes: Spit went damn good.

c. Claims: DESTROYED None PROBABLY _____ 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 on 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 affects missions

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

This was a good idea. All part.

S - 2 OFFICER Optim Baldwin

TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 417 Date 12/3/43

Position in formation #2 Second Sec Bomb load 5/1000
RT. ~~OFF~~ ELEM.

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? LT. X. W. FORTIN Pilot
" D. FARRELL Co-P
" T. H. WALDEN Nav.
7/3 U. K. CLARK Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: |
alternate Height: |
Last Resort Heading: |
(check)

5/5 J. A. GUINN Radio
7/5 J. E. BARNES Top T.
5/5 L. SANDERS Ball T.
5/5 G. W. PEDERSON R. Waist
5/5 M. R. PHIFER L. Waist
5/5 F. A. NEWCOMBE Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jetasoned: Returned:

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

*Hit far end of target - pin point
One big fire in middle*

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, height 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
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*RT after target few bursts low
near French coast 3 bursts low*

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 Place at target & 7. coast.
Time _____ Height _____
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number _____ Time _____ Place _____ Height _____

Mc109 - 1 attack from nose level then under

Notes: E/A appeared damaged - Spit on him
Spit went after FW190 E/A last
seen smoking

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ 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 of friendly A/C; etc.)

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)
E/A → 1 bullet → Rt. Wing, Rt Hor. Stabilizer

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
T/Turret oxygen froze - needed filling

14. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
D - in good fighter support.

S - 2 OBSERVER R Skalak Lt AC TIME COMPLETED 1512

SQUADRON 368 GROUP _____ A/C Number 507 Date _____

Position in formation 3rd left. Wing ^{Low Squadron} Bomb load 5 X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details: _____

CREW

Friehilly A/C in any kind of distress? LT. F.D. GORLOGLY Pilot

No

P.R. Fryer Co-P

P. G. Jones Nav.

S.G. Arrieta ^{nose gunner} Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: Pt. C.F. Fehr Radio

Primary yes Time: 12.44 Pt. L.V. Edwards Top T.

Alternate Height: 20,700 S.S. H.E. Warren Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: as directed. S.S. J.E. CHINLUND R. Waist

(check)

S.S. R.K. Banks L. Waist

S.S. J.W. Haywood Tail G.

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

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

Track of bombs on R.R. track 11 to track - two bursts near end bridge & 1 large explosion centre of marshalling yard.

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, height of turn.) line over channel. As directed except slightly to West of

8. FL.K: 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
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None at ~~Flak Channel~~ Target.
behind and on same level near coast 12.54.
on course

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 _____

~~15~~ 12.45 after leaving Rouen 20,200

Plenty of fighters over at that time

Several dogfights observed - at 27,000 - 28,000
 search channel over Cape Antifer.

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED None - PROBABLY _____ 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.)

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

No

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

No

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

~~No~~ 1x volometer failed to operate -

Combs were salvaged

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

Spetties did a good job - took them in & brought on as directed.

S - 2 OFFICER Jardine H. Price

FILE COMPLETED 3.20 PM

Mai...A.?

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 206 A/C Number _____ Date Mar-12

Position in formation as planned Bomb load 5 x 100

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

- Henneacy Pilot
- 2nd. Littlejohn Co-P
- 1st. C F Jones Nav.
- 1st. W. Cantina Bomb.
- S/S B. H. Drennan Radio
- T/S J. R. Wulig Top T.
- S/S Victor L. Rose Ball T.
- Cpt. P. J. Spellman R. Waist
- S/S R. G. Adams L. Waist
- Sgt. J. H. E. L. E. L. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12 43 1/2
Alternate Height: 21,000
Last Resort Heading: 130°
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 x 100 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

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, height of turn.)

8. FLAK: Encountered As ordered on way out; at target; and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Burst	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
<u>Light Flak only</u>						

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

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

<u>Number</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Height</u>

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ 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 (S, etc.)

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

None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

None

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Oil fires at Target -

15: SUPPORT FIGHTERS: Superb

S - 2 OFFICER A W Weld TIME COMPLETED _____