

AFO 557
13 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Herselburg

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

1. Narrative

The 306th flew 11 A/C plus one PFF as High Group of 40th "A" Combat Wing. Route: Orfordness, 0839; Ostend, 0908; as briefed to about 1000 East, then slightly South, doing a 360 degree turn near Saalburg; briefed I.P., 1118; target 1121; as briefed to Ostend, 1137; Clacton, 1406; base 1451. No report received from Buckeye Red except that he would not be over target.

The 306th flew 11 A/C plus one PFF as High Group of 40th "B" Combat Wing. Route as briefed, except about 30 miles South of course on way out over Rhine Valley.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No fighter opposition encountered by this Group. Continuous and very close support throughout by P-47's and P-51's as briefed.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

The only A.A. gun fire encountered was at target where barrage and very accurate tracking fire damaged 16 of our A/C, mostly within a few seconds of "bombs away". Damage: 40th "A" High, 2 slight, 3 severe. 40th "B" High, out of 12 ships over target, 1 missing, 8 severe, 3 slight. Crews report fires at Eisenach, Mulhausen and Gleichen.

4. Bombing

40th "A" bombing of 306th High Group should be excellent. Lead bombardier found briefed aiming point obscured but tanks immediately to the left in clear. Dropped on tanks and crews report large oil fire. This fire well developed shown plainly in pictures by 40th "B" High in next Combat Wing over.

40th "B" pictures of 306th High show hits on G55024/13.

PFF equipment of High Group 40th "A" CBW did not work satisfactorily and failed completely near Frankfurt. PFF equipment of 40th "B" High Group CBW gave good returns on scope over entire route. Camera did not function at bombing altitude.

5. Missiles

A/C 155-J dropped five W352; one W350; two W36F; two W36P on primary.

6. Weather

Cirrus 29,000 to 30,000 feet in belts over entire route. Thick haze but no clouds at target. Contrails were dense and persistent 20,000 feet and higher.

7. Our A/C in Distress

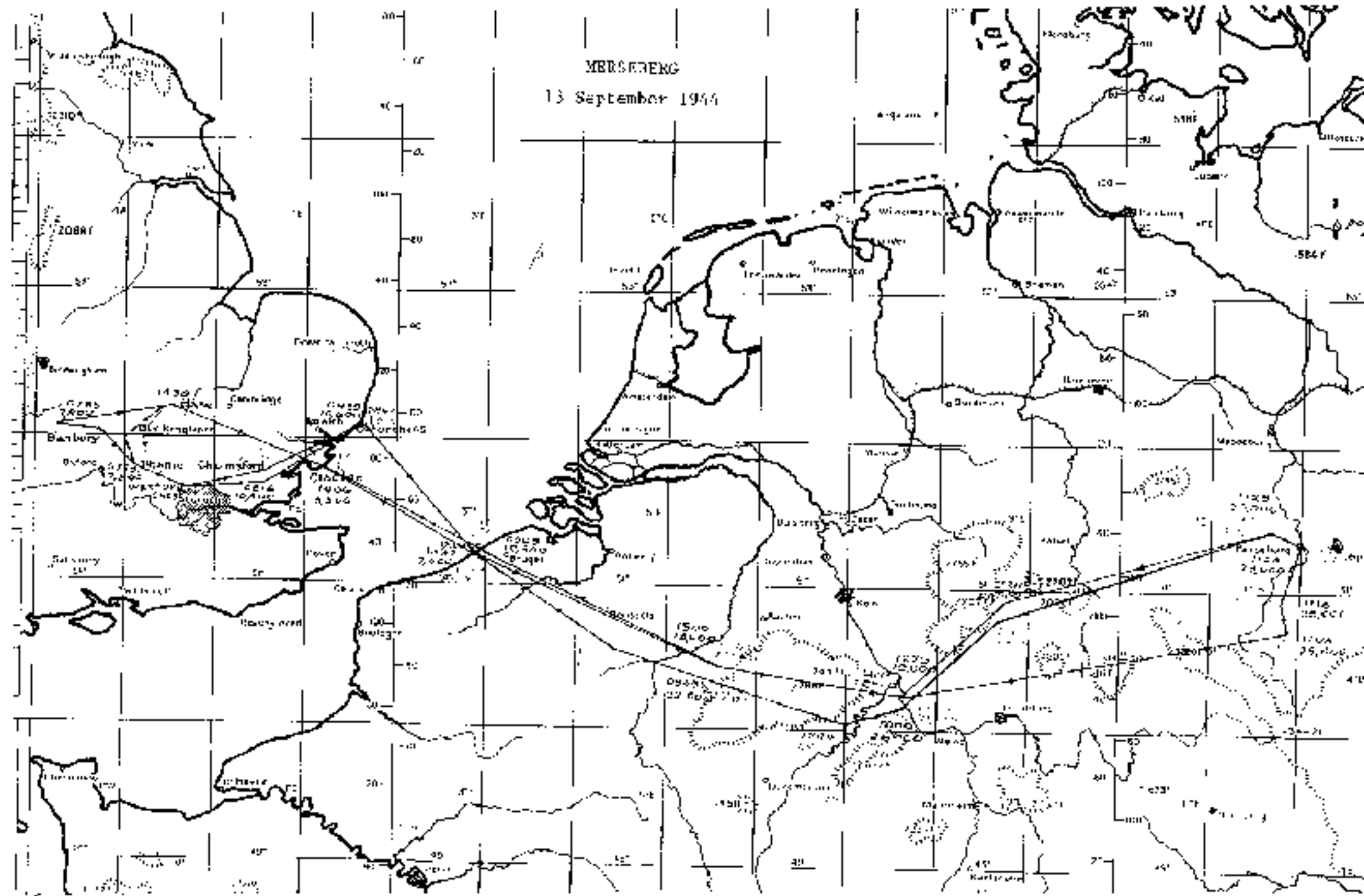
A/C 276-G, pilot Maltier, left formation just after target, covered by P-51's.

8. A/C Returns Early

A/C 011-G, pilot Martin, turned back 50238-0910, at 1036 hours; dropped 5 x 1000 lb on T.O. at approximately 50161-0846 at 1028 hours.

MERSERBERG

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A/C Number 42-38129
 Total Flying Time 8:45

A/C Number 43-37715
 Total Flying Time 8:25

(P)	SUTHERLAND, E.D.	2nd Lieut	(P)	GASSMAN, L.W.	1st Lieut
(CP)	FIELD, J.K.	2nd Lieut	(CP)	DAVIS, W.J.	2nd Lieut
(N)	ALLEN, R.D.	F/O	(N)	MC COURT, R.J.	1st Lieut
(B)	STARBUCK, W.C.	Sgt.	(B)	REYNOLDS GREUENING, R.D.	2nd Lieut
(E)	MADDOCK, G.W.	Sgt.	(E)	HAMMOND, P.A.	Sgt.
(RO)	GEVING, M.K.	Sgt.	(RO)	STACHOWIAK, J.L.	T/Sgt.
(G)	BRASHEAR, D.R.	Sgt.	(G)	LANHAM, M.A.	S/Sgt.
(G)	VICKNAIR, G.A.	Sgt.	(G)	MEYER, C.L.	S/Sgt.
(G)	GILLESPIE, W.T.	Sgt.	(G)	SCHNEIDER, H.	Sgt.
(G)			(G)		

A/C Number 44-8124
 Total Flying Time 8:40

A/C Number 42-107063
 Total Flying Time 8:20

(P)	HANSON, H.E.	Captain	(P)	CONLIN, J.C.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	PROKOP, L.P.	2nd Lieut	(CP)	DAVIS, J.L.	2nd Lieut
(N)	FELTZ, G.L.	1st Lieut	(N)	MALAY, R.E.	2nd Lieut
(B)	LAYFIELD, R.	2nd Lieut	(B)	SACOTHE, E.F.	2nd Lieut
(E)	GUY, W.P.	2nd Lieut	(E)	COLLINS, E.F.	T/Sgt.
(G)	VITALE, H.	T/Sgt.	(G)	PERSTI, D.L.	T/Sgt.
(G)	PIECHOWSKI, T.P.	T/Sgt.	(G)	AMMAR, C.A.	Sgt.
(G)	GRAHAM, O.L.	S/Sgt.	(G)	HULME, E.E.	Sgt.
(G)	WERT WALTERS, C.	S/Sgt.	(G)	RUSSELL, N.F.	Sgt.
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A/C Number 43-37600
 Total Flying Time 8:35

A/C Number 43-37611
 Total Flying Time 6:40

(P)	CARDON, R.L.	2nd Lieut	(P)	MARTIN, P.H.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	BALCOM, H.O.	2nd Lieut	(CP)	ROPER, B.W.	2nd Lieut
(N)	KELLY, P.E.	1st Lieut	(N)	STRAND, N.	F/O
(B)	KAUFMAN, W.B.	F/O	(B)	STAFANO, A.	2nd Lieut
(E)	FOX, E.S.	T/Sgt.	(E)	MUNNERLYN, B.F.	T/Sgt.
(RO)	DECLINICH, J.	Sgt.	(RO)	WHITNEY, F.G.	S/Sgt.
(G)	SIRCY, R.S.	Sgt.	(G)	BACHMAN, G.W.	Sgt.
(G)	COLEMAN, J.	Sgt.	(G)	SNOW, R.E.	Sgt.
(G)	MILLER, H.I.	Sgt.	(G)	BARBER, H.H.	Sgt.
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SQUADRON 369th

MISSION LOADING LIST

MISSION NUMBER 230

13 September 1944

A/C Number 726
Total Flying Time M.I.A.A/C Number 42-97896
Total Flying Time 7:00

(P)	NATTIER, C.A.	2nd Lieut	(P)	BROWN, R.H.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	JOHNSON, G.I.	2nd Lieut	(CP)	GYGLIO, W.F.	2nd Lieut
(M)	WEINSTEIN, B.F.	2nd Lieut	(M)	WALDEN, J.B.	2nd Lieut
(B)	GREGORY, W.A.	2nd Lieut	(B)	STAKLER, R.A.	2nd Lieut
(E)	BUMP, G.B.	Sgt.	(E)	FANN, J.J.	Sgt.
(RO)	BLOCK, E.J.	S/Sgt.	(RO)	OHM, R.A.	Sgt.
(G)	RICHARDSON, C.	Sgt.	(G)	BAASEL, J.W.	Sgt.
(G)	KIMMEL, N.	Sgt.	(G)	HOVEY, E.P.	Sgt.
(G)	EDWARDS, R.G.	Sgt.	(G)	FERRARA, M.J. (KIA)	Sgt.
(G)	MISSING IN ACTION		(G)		

A/C Number 42-102975
Total Flying Time 8:45A/C Number 43-38362
Total Flying Time 7:40

(P)	EDELER, J.H.	1st Lieut	(P)	BRAUN, R.B.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	CHAMBERS, G.S.	1st Lieut	(CP)	PETERSON, E.G.	2nd Lieut
(N)	SCHOONOVER, E.L.	1st Lieut	(N)	SEIBERT, J.A.	2nd Lieut
(B)	DILLON, J.P.	2nd Lieut	(B)	BERMAN, J.R.	2nd Lieut
(E)	WILLIAMS, R.F.	T/Sgt.	(E)	WILLIAMS, T.R.	S/Sgt.
(C)	EVANS, A.F.	T/Sgt.	(C)	FARMER, M.N.	S/Sgt.
(C)	BRUCE, W.D.	S/Sgt.	(C)	ABDELKOUR, S.E.	Sgt.
(C)	INGRAM, C.C.	S/Sgt.	(C)	MAPLE, G.A.	Sgt.
(C)	HOFFER, B.A.	S/Sgt.	(C)	CARLSON, N.P.	Sgt.
(G)			(G)		

A/C Number 43-38287
Total Flying Time 8:50A/C Number _____
Total Flying Time _____

(P)	LAUGHLIN, H.L.	1st Lieut	(P)		
(CP)	ROGERS, W.L.	2nd Lieut	(CP)		
(M)	BUSH, C.F.	2nd Lieut	(M)		
(B)	GALLEY, B.S.	2nd Lieut	(B)		
(E)	HOMESLEY, J.A.	Sgt.	(E)		
(RO)	HICKMAN, W.L.	Sgt.	(RO)		
(G)	MATHEWS, J.A.	Sgt.	(G)		
(G)	UCKE, C.K.	Sgt.	(G)		
(G)	KEUER, V.N.	Sgt.	(G)		
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SQUADRON 423rd

MISSION LOADING LIST

MISSION NUMBER 230

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13 September 1944A/C Number 43-37976Total Flying Time 8:25A/C Number 42-39963Total Flying Time 8:45

(P) MOX, R. F/O
 (CP) BORGES, W. 2nd Lieut
 (N) GONCHER, S. F/O
 (B) MC CARTNEY, M.A. 2nd Lieut
 (E) MARQUEZ, E. T/Sgt.
 (RO) WILSON, B.A. T/Sgt.
 (G) SWEENEY, D.K. S/Sgt.
 (G) KNIGHT, H. Capt.
 (G) HENSON, H.H. S/Sgt.
 (G) SMITH, L.E. S/Sgt.

(P) SCHRACK, D.T. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) SPRUNGER, R.W. F/O
 (N) MURPHY, R.P. F/O
 (B) FRANK, R.M. 2nd Lieut
 (E) JABLONSKI, J.R. Cpl.
 (RO) KOPCHO, E.H. Sgt.
 (G) NOONAN, J.J. Cpl.
 (G) HALL, N.D. Cpl.
 (G) LIMKE, E.E. Cpl.

A/C Number 43-37616Total Flying Time 8:40A/C Number 44-6012Total Flying Time 8:45

(P) GREENBERG, H. 1st Lieut
 (CP) REIOUX, P.J. 2nd Lieut
 (N) MC MAHON, J.B. 2nd Lieut
 (B) OLSHEWITZ, M.J. 2nd Lieut
 (E) HORTEWILLER, P.H. T/Sgt.
 (RO) LANIGRI, E.A. T/Sgt.
 (G) PERSAG, L.J. (Cpl.)
 (G) SCHLAGETER, C. S/Sgt.
 (G) FINCH, C. Sgt.

(P) BROWN, H. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) PHILLIPS, D.W. 2nd Lieut
 (N) GUILFOYLE, W.A. 2nd Lieut
 (B) BERRY, L. 2nd Lieut
 (E) THOMAS, T. T/Sgt.
 (RO) FATICA, C. T/Sgt.
 (G) BARKER, M.C. S/Sgt.
 (G) BECK, R.H. S/Sgt.
 (G) FERRARI, J.J. S/Sgt.

A/C Number 43-37549Total Flying Time 8:40A/C Number 42-97505Total Flying Time 8:45

(P) TONLR, C.R. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) RUEGGER, J.G. 2nd Lieut
 (N) BOLLERUP, K.E. 2nd Lieut
 (B) MOUNTS, R.E. 2nd Lieut
 (E) WICKLIN, J.A. Cpl.
 (RO) HILL, R.A. T/Sgt.
 (G) MC CORMICK, L.E. Cpl.
 (G) MC GONIGLE, W.J. Cpl.
 (G) KIEFFER, J.C. Cpl.

(P) WOOD, W.W. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) MAC DONALD, W.A. 2nd Lieut
 (N) HOWE, D.O. 2nd Lieut
 (B) VENC, A.J. 2nd Lieut
 (E) HOVEY, E.C. T/Sgt.
 (RO) GARRETT, T.L. T/Sgt.
 (G) NEELY, J.H. S/Sgt.
 (G) WOLFOPE, C.R. S/Sgt.
 (G) BLOEDEL, D.G. S/Sgt.

MISSION LOADING LIST

SQUADRON 423rd MISSION NUMBER 230 DATE 13 September 1944

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- (P) MC KEE, W.C. 1st Lieut
- (CP) LAVERS, M.D. 1st Lieut
- (N) LAWRENCE, B.L. 1st Lieut
- (B) BRILL, J. 1st Lieut
- (E) ORENSTEIN, R. 2nd Lieut
- (RO) MAUPIN, J.F. T/Sgt.
- (C) GOVINGTON, W.R. T/Sgt.
- (C) KASMIERSKY, J.A. S/Sgt.
- (C) GOOKE, C.O. S/Sgt.
- (G) REIMANN, C.L. S/Sgt.

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