

HEADQUARTERS 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP
Office of the Intelligence Officer
United States Forces

APO 557
14 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Dresden, Germany

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

1. Narrative

The 306th Group flew 39 A/C including 4 PFF A/C and 3 spares on 40th "C". Route: Left Felixstowe-1007; Dutch coast 5240N x 0433E, 1045 hours; IP 5053N x 1223E, 1206 hours; target Dresden, 1218 hours; from 10 to 15 miles north of course between 1250°E and 1000°E; Ostend 1557 hours; English coast 5150N x 0115E, 1633; base 1720.

The low squadron followed lead over Dresden but failed to drop. Made 130 degree turn to left, taking I.P. northeast of target, dropping at 1230 hours on heading of 239 degrees. 5018N x 1253E, 1258 hours; 2 miles south of Plauen 1314; 5019N x 1135E, 1327; 5040N x 0912E, 1402; 5023N x 0859E, 1411; then substantially on course to Ostend, 1615; 5 miles south of Clacton, 1653; base 1736.

Buckeye said the clouds were up to 28,000, breaking abruptly on approach to target. Advised not trying to go underneath.

All P.F.F. equipment worked satisfactorily.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

At 1233, low squadron, after a second run on target, was flying alone in area between Dresden and Chemnitz. One A/C 916-N, pilot Melchman #2 of low element, was straggling, when 3 F.W. 190's in line abreast closed from 5 or 6 o'clock level. As tail gunner opened fire, at 600 yards, F.W.'s broke line abreast formation, one flying high, other two below. High F.W. flew directly over Melchman's A/C and attacked 466-N, pilot Carder, #3 in low element, this A/C receiving serious damage. The other two F.W.'s broke off to the right, one attacking 814-N, pilot Sautercock, #6 in lead element, damaging this A/C severely, and wounding two crew members. The other, closed to within 100 yards of lead A/C of high element, A/C 297-N, pilot Wood, and is claimed as destroyed by Wood's top turret gunner. F.W.'s had time for only one pass, as they were immediately bounced by P-51 escort. Several crews, including 297-N report P-51's knocked down the F.W. which attacked Carder's A/C.

Our A/C 185-J, pilot Lewis, #3 in high element, did not return, and may have borne brunt of attack reported by Wood. Fighter support was close and good.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

None at target. Total damages to our A/C 2 slight. Damage inaccurate tracking north of Kassel, at Chemnitz, North of Frankfurt, over front lines.

4. Bombing

The 306th as 40th "C" bombed Dresden PFF. Each squadron made its own run, lead dropping at 1218 on a heading of 66 degrees, high at 1219, heading 62 degrees. Low failed to pick up blip on first sighting, and made a second run on practically a reciprocal heading, dropping at 1230, 239 degrees. Photos show no strikes, 8 to 9/10 cloud cover, very faint ground detail at bombs away, probably not plottable.

5. Nickels
A/C 896/X, p.

and two FG-34's on Dresden.

6. Weather
3/10 cloud top 2000 feet over England at take off. Clear over channel and at Dutch Coast. Over Holland, scattered low cloud with streaks of cirrus at 23,000 feet. Heavy haze and very dense persistent contrails between eight and eleven degrees with increasing low clouds. Near I.P. Buckeye said soup was up to 28,000 feet, coming down "like a shelf" toward target. 8 to 9/10 low cloud, tops 6,000, with light haze and light non persistent contrails in target area. Route out 8 to 10/10 undercast breaking north of Frankfurt. 2/10 low clouds over France and Channel. Clear over England on return.

7. Observations
M/Y at Fulda shows bomb craters. Heavy concentration of vehicles parked at edge of gorge at approximately 5020N x 1140E.
Three V-2 contrails at 1105 coming from approximately 10 miles south of 5238N x 0700E.
Huge oil fire and explosion at Ostend in ship channel. Black smoke up to 7,000 feet.
Smoke screen on Rhine below Frankfurt.
What appeared to be concentration of trucks or tanks at 5029N x 0720E.
Factory area burning at Chemnitz.

8. A/C In Distress
Our A/C 185-J, pilot Lewis, left formation shortly after fighter attack 1233 hours, Chemnitz - Dresden area. One chute reported (may not have been from Lewis' A/C). Pilot Hathaway, A/C 914-B, says Lewis did a 180 and headed east.
An unidentified fighter seen to go down at 1358 hours at approximately 5025N x 0900E.
A B-17 blow up in the Frankfurt area about 1430 hours. Plane believed from 3rd Division, "J" in square 390th Group.
One B-24 was seen to crash 5 miles south of Ostend.
A plane, type unknown, was seen going down one mile south of Koblenz - hit by flak - one engine on fire. No chutes.
Four chutes seen near the ground at 1452 hours at approximately 5025N x 0620E. Reported by two crews.

9. A/C Landing Wary
A/C 908-J, pilot Higginbotham, landed at B-53.
A/C 975-F, pilot Henley, landed at B-53.
A/C 713-K, pilot Carakostas, left formation at 1516 hours between Liège and Brussels, reporting to lead he intended to land.

JOHN A. BARNSPATHER,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

40th "C"

LEAD

Format: 14 February, 1945

LaVier
Stewart
021-U Pff

Equipment
N. or
no amun

Half or 4 for
not limited point
- made run on
bottles

Crashy
x

Patton
683-J

Higgenbotham
908-J

Glacys
388-E Pff

Tinkham
619-S

Fields
515-U

Smith
412-T

Turner
801-S

Carakostas
713-E

Strode
765-E

Woodbridge

Wear
302-Z

Brasch
133-W

Spare Pawlke
913-P

Curve shapers
in layers across
path 30 miles deep

Buckeye paid up to 28000
down hills & piled on
ground toward target
2.0 - no amun
under 20000

7 to 8
in target

Bounded in questions
Pff North part of run

Landed
stuffed
back to
infecter
before
flight
Mullenshead
on way
back

167

Separated
Beautiful support
Morris
802-F

went over target
came back on
Underwood
362-L Pff
reciprocal
heading -
Altahaler
148-X

Separate
run
Hathaway
914-B

Second Run
on target

Carder
466-Q

McGahan
916-M

Olsen
928-L

A-84
McKinney
029-U

Lewis
189-J

Healey
915-F

3-190's Laguna

Sandcock
814-S

12 A/C slow
one pass from
5 30 level
1 wash

Droping
Wood
297-B
Sawyer
gal
P.W.

80
9-110
Very thick
Heavy persistent
High dark chest

stuffed outtop
Turned south
27000

Wilks
346-B Pff
No vis
col on
Comes on

Flak from both
near him
on way out
76000

had to be
coming out

Lindsay
807-F

Blackshaw
376-F

Hallum
398-Q

Bowley
181-B

Hiney
616-L

Schafer
474-V

Gibson
749-D

Callahan
901-U

Hansen
896-M
(nickels)
8-7303
2-834

None reached
6 to 8/10
Hogback

Hedley
385-X

Ruegger
418-J

Spare Leigh
198-D

000 on way out
50 cal
Denny

13000
50 cal
on way out

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14/2/45

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~~at~~ 1152, Buckeye said the clouds were up to 28,000, breaking abruptly
on approach to target. Advised not trying to go ~~underneath~~
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~~RIGHTER~~ FIGHTER SUPPORT: Excellent fighter support picked up at Dutch
Coast at 1045 hours. Gave close support to target and ~~were~~ were on
hand when low squadron was attacked. Good support all the way out.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR DIVISION
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D-M-8

IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. 232, 0530 hours, 15 February, 1945.

This report covers strike attack photography of the 91st, 92nd, 303rd, 305th, 306th, 351st, 379th, 381st, 384th, 398th, 401st and 457th Bombardment Groups taken during the mission of 14 February, 1945 to TARGETS IN GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

DRESDEN, GERMANY

The target was the city of DRESDEN, the historical capital of SAXONY, and an industrial center of considerable importance. It is one of the finest residential cities in GERMANY with a population of 650,000.

Due to cloud cover of 7/10 to 10/10 density combined with smoke from fires started by the attack of the R.A.F. on the night of 13/14 February, most of the bombs dropped on this target could not be plotted and only a few bomb strikes could be pin-pointed.

Of the 27 concentrations dropped on this target, 11 could be plotted. However, portions of these were partially obscured.

Three concentrations of general purpose bombs could be seen bursting in the DRESDEN-FRIEDRICHSTADT MARSHALLING YARD AREA. A few bomb bursts could be pin-pointed in the forwarding sidings area. However, the main weight of bombs appears to have fallen across the central portion of the marshalling yard and into an industrial area immediately adjacent to the northern edge of the yard.

Two, possibly three concentrations of bombs could be seen in the LOBTAU MARSHALLING YARD AREA, 1 mile S.E. of the DRESDEN FRIEDRICHSTADT YARDS in the central portion of the city. Hits could not be pin-pointed, however, two explosions were seen. Immediately adjacent to both the eastern and western sides of the yard are built-up industrial areas. There is a high probability that severe damage will result in these areas.

Three heavy concentrations of general purpose bombs fell into the RACKNITZ DISTRICT, 1 1/2 miles S.E. of the center of the city. This area is a compact residential area (40% to 70%) built-up. Fires could be seen burning in this area late in the attack and severe damage can be expected.

Two concentrations of bombs could be plotted in the LEUBENITZ-COTTA DISTRICT, 1 1/2 miles N. W. of the center of the city. These areas are residential (40% to 70%) built-up and damage should be severe.

At least one concentration of general purpose bombs could be seen bursting in the ZSCHERTNITZ DISTRICT. This area is suburban (10% to 40%) built-up. Damage should be moderate.

Target markers and bomb area photography indicate that the majority of bombs dropped fell into heavily built-up areas of the city. Damage to the city should be severe.

R E S T R I C T E D

TO: COMAIRDIV ONE
ATTN: A-2

FROM: 306 COMBOMGR

SECRET BT

Nr. 13

Requested data on A/C suspected of landing in Russian held territory
since January 1, 1945.

231530A

F-377-D

1. 306th Bomb Group
2. 369th Bomb Squadron
3. B.B. Lewis, Capt. A.C.
4. A/C 185-J
5. Suspected
6. Additional information:

Our A/C 185-J, pilot B.^B. Lewis, Capt., A.C., left formation shortly after fighter attack 1233 hours, Chemnitz-Dresden area. 1 chute ~~was reported~~ reported may not have been from Lewis' A/C. Pilot Hathaway, A/C 914-B says Lewis did 180° turn and headed east. Date of mission 14/2/45, to Dresden. ~~Group #306, Squadron #369th.~~
~~Could only be~~ Suspected of going to Russia. ~~This is only possible case of A/C~~
~~going to Russia.~~ 9 men, including pilot, were in A/C 185-J on this mission.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,
Group S-2

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LEGEND TO SUPPLEMENT OF IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION
REPORT NO. 232, 15 February, 1945

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. 379 LEAD (BOILBS AWAY) | <u>41ST A GROUP</u> | 12. 457 LEAD LOW AND HIGH | <u>94TH B GROUP</u> |
| 2. 379 LOW (BOILBS AWAY) | | | |
| 3. 379 HIGH (BOILBS IN FLIGHT) | | | |
| 4. 303 LEAD (BOILBS AWAY) | <u>41ST B GROUP</u> | 13. 384 LEAD AND LOW | <u>41ST C GROUP</u> |
| 303 LOW (10/10 CLOUD) | | 14. 384 HIGH (BOILBS IN FLIGHT) | |
| 5. 303 HIGH (BOILBS IN FLIGHT) | | | |
| 6. 401 HIGH | <u>94TH A GROUP</u> | 15. 351 LEAD (10/10 CLOUD) | <u>94TH C GROUP</u> |
| 7. 401 LEAD AND LOW | | 351 LOW (BOILBS IN FLIGHT) | |
| | | 351 HIGH (UNABLE TO PLOT) | |
| | | 16. UNIDENTIFIED | |
| 8. 305 LEAD (NO PIX) | <u>40TH A GROUP</u> | | <u>1ST A GROUP</u> |
| 9. 305 LOW | | | 398 LEAD LOW AND HIGH (PRAGUE) |
| 9. 305 HIGH (BOILBS AWAY) | | | |
| | | | <u>1ST B GROUP</u> |
| 10. 92 LEAD | <u>40TH B GROUP</u> | | 91 LEAD (UNIDENTIFIED) |
| 11. 92 LOW (BOILBS AWAY) | | | 91 LOW AND HIGH (PRAGUE) |
| 92 HIGH (INADEQUATE PIX) | | | <u>1ST C GROUP</u> |
| | | | 381 LEAD AND HIGH (BRUX) |
| | | | 381 LOW (NO PIX) |
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| | <u>40TH C GROUP</u> | | |
| 306 LEAD (UNABLE TO PLOT) | | | |
| 306 LOW (10/10 CLOUD) | | | |
| 306 HIGH (UNABLE TO PLOT) | | | |

John B. Wright
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for

JOHN B. WRIGHT;
Col., GSC,
Director of Intelligence.

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AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

14 February 1945
(1/15)

SQDN.	TYPE A/C	SERIAL NO.	FLAK	20MM	.303	50CAL FIRE	50CAL SHOTS	DAYS EST IN-OP	
367th	J	44-8908	<i>landed on Continent</i>						
	S	44-8904	O						
	W	42-97138	O						
	Z	43-38502	O						
	Q	43-38683	O						
Spare	P	43-39918	O						
	O	44-8618	O						
	T	43-38412	O						
368th	P.F.F. Y	44-8203	O						
	B	43-38914		Sev					
	K	43-38148	O						
	L	44-6928	O						
	O	43-39028	O						
	G	44-6614	O						
	F	43-38908	O						
	H	43-38916	O						
	Q	44-6486		Sev					
Spare	W	42-97332	O						
	V	42-31474	O						
369th	B	43-37619	Shl						
	H	43-38768	O						
	K	43-38718	<i>Outstanding</i>						
	H	42-97897	O						
	F	42-102976	<i>landed on Continent</i>						
	J	42-97185	<i>Outstanding</i>						
	B	42-97181	O						
	K	42-97896				Sev			

<u>TOTAL DAMAGED</u>	<u>SEVERE</u>	<u>SLIGHT</u>	<u>FLAK</u>	<u>20MM</u>	<u>.303</u>	<u>50Cal Fire</u>	<u>50Cal Shell Cases</u>
5	3	2	2	2	0	1	0
<u>MISSING</u>	<u>ABORTIONS</u>	<u>AOC</u>					
2	1	2					

MISSION LOADING LIST

SQUADRON 368th

MISSION NUMBER 295

DATE Feb. 14, 1945

not 2/15

A/C Number 42-97323
Total Flying Time 9:30

SANDERCOCK

A/C Number 43-39028
Total Flying Time 9:20

- (P) 2nd Lt. Hartshorn, R.T.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Hunt, E.E.
- (N) 2nd Lt. LeKashman, R.L.
- (B) S/Sgt. Itle, L.A.
- (E) Sgt. Blakey, M.L.
- (RO) Sgt. McDonald, L.J.
- (G) Sgt. Conrod, E.P.
- (G) Sgt. Allen, W.K.
- (G) Sgt. Leavell, A.B.
- (G)
- (G)

- (P) 2nd Lt. McKinny, N.W.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. McCalley, A.J.
- (N) 1st Lt. Norris, J.H.
- (B) Sgt. Pinela, J.
- (E) Sgt. Warren, L.F.
- (RO) Sgt. Feigum, J.
- (G) Sgt. Eaton, S.H.
- (G) Sgt. Foley, T.R.
- (G) S/Sgt. Bowers, W.M.
- (G) Sgt. Shacklett, J.H.

A/C Number 44-6928
Total Flying Time 9:35

A/C Number 44-6814
Total Flying Time 9:50

- (P) 2nd Lt. Olsen, B.L.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Greer, P.H.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Jaeger, J.M.
- (B) 2nd Lt. Long, J.W.
- (E) Sgt. Foster, L.
- (RO) Sgt. Ramsey, A.
- (G) Sgt. Reppy, H.
- (G) Sgt. Gerlach, J.W.
- (G) Sgt. Pospiech, F.
- (G)

- (P) 2nd Lt. Sandercock, D.M. X
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Cohn, H.B.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Blouch, W.
- (B) Sgt. Rommanelli, R.
- (E) Sgt. Frazier, B.H.
- (RO) Sgt. Kuharich, C.
- (G) Sgt. Sutor, M.O.
- (G) Sgt. Olson, G.
- (G) Sgt. Leaptrot, H.
- (G) Sgt. McQuain, R.I.

A/C Number 43-38802
Total Flying Time 9:05

A/C Number
Total Flying Time

- (P) 2nd Lt. Morris, H.N.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Butler, J.H.
- (N) F/O Lemon, C.R.
- (B) 2nd Lt. Brigg, C.R.
- (E) T/Sgt. McGilberry, S.J.
- (RO) T/Sgt. Yoder, R.J.
- (G) Sgt. Hensely, B.J.
- (G) Sgt. White, C.R.
- (G) Sgt. Bosworth, G.E.
- (G)

- (P)
- (CP)
- (N)
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- (RO)
- (G)
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- (G)

McGAHAN

not 2/15

CARDER
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A/C Number 203
Total Flying Time 9:30

A/C Number 43-38.4
Total Flying Time 9:05

- (P) 1st Lt. Underwood, H.E.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Purnell, G.W.
- (N) 1st Lt. Wagner, P.C.
- (B) Capt. Bordner, R.E.
- (E) T/Sgt. Davelli, F.T.
- (RO) T/Sgt. Leventhal, H.
- (G) S/Sgt. Kelly, L.E.
- (G) S/Sgt. Messar, H.P.
- (RN) F/O Burley, L.
- (G)

- (P) 1st Lt. Hathaway, C.B.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Huelatt, E.E.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Haining, R.W.
- (B) 2nd Lt. Urich, R.C.
- (E) T/Sgt. Popivchak, M.
- (RO) S/Sgt. Moss, W.T.
- (G) S/Sgt. Feeney, E.J.
- (G) S/Sgt. Swift, P.L.
- (G) S/Sgt. Davissan, L.B.
- (G)

A/C Number 44-8588
Total Flying Time 9:30

A/C Number 43-38916
Total Flying Time 9:10

- (P) 1st Lt. Claeys, R.H.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Schertz, D.C.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Varnado, A.F.
- (B) 1st Lt. Frederick, J.A.
- (E) T/Sgt. Schultz, W.J.
- (RO) T/Sgt. McKay, R.G. (367)
- (G) Sgt. Smatlack, W.F.
- (G) Sgt. Pekofske, R.
- (RN) 2nd Lt. Brandt, H.R. (369)
- (G)

- (P) 1st Lt. McGahan, R.H. X
- (CP) Capt. Dorich, L.B.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Hepple, M.F.
- (B) T/Sgt. Stalder, R.A.
- (E) S/Sgt. Dugard, W.T.
- (RO) Sgt. Reilly, J.J.
- (G) Sgt. Dumenigo, A.P.
- (G) Sgt. Minnucci, J.L.
- (G) Sgt. O'Brien, J.E.
- (G)

A/C Number 44-6466
Total Flying Time 9:10

A/C Number 42-38148
Total Flying Time 9:40

- X (P) 2nd Lt. Carder, W.D.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Mura, A.V.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Campbell, L.F.
- (B) S/Sgt. Norheim, R.H.
- (E) Sgt. Circle, R.W.
- (RO) Sgt. Goldman, L.N.
- (G) Sgt. Brown, L.F.
- (G) S/Sgt. Atwood, R.G.
- (G) S/Sgt. Bocian, R.
- (G)

- (P) 2nd Lt. Altshuler, H.P.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Forsyth, R.J.
- (N) F/O Remal, A.J.
- (B) Sgt. Alston, F.F.
- (E) Sgt. Stewart, C.D.
- (RO) Sgt. Curry, L.R.
- (G) Sgt. Fayette, R.R.
- (G) Sgt. Riedel, A.J.
- (G) Sgt. Trammell, E.H.
- (G)

SQUADRON 369th.

MISSION LOADING LIST
MISSION NUMBER 295

DATE FEB 14, 1945

WOOD

not 2/15

A/C Number 42-97297
Total Flying Time 9:45

A/C Number 301
Total Flying Time 9:30

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| (P) Wood, R. H. 1st. Lt. | (T) Callahan, J. A. 2nd. Lt. |
| (CP) Norman, A. J. 2nd. Lt. | (CP) David, S. D. " |
| (N) Lanius, W. M. " | (N) Kane, B. E. F/O |
| (B) Parker, B. T/Sgt. | (B) Nelson, G. L. Sgt. |
| (E) Richards, E. P. " | (E) Eldridge, W. O. " |
| (RO) Thwaite, J. E. " | (RO) Slattery, F. J. " |
| (C) Fitterman, I. H. S/Sgt. | (G) Lucas, E. G. " |
| (G) Beigel, S. Sgt. | (G) Eiler, L. V. " |
| (G) Angelillo, M. S/Sgt. | (G) Bornell, D. J. " |
| (G) | (G) |

A/C Number 42-97181
Total Flying Time 9:00

A/C Number 42-97896
Total Flying Time 9:10

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| (P) Bowley, A. J. 1st. Lt. | (P) Hansen, D. R. 2nd. Lt. |
| (CP) Clark, W. W. " | (CP) Christenson, R. H. F/O |
| (N) Kurrasch, R. W. F/O | (N) Guyser, R. P. F/O |
| (B) Good, G. D. 2nd. Lt. | (B) Lynch, W. I. Sgt. |
| (E) Kruger, C. J. S/Sgt. | (E) Conner, L. D. " |
| (RO) Carey, G. D. T/Sgt. | (RO) Stokoe, J. " |
| (C) Slepicka, C. E. Sgt. | (C) Alvitre, C. F. " |
| (G) Weir, R. L. " | (G) Harkness, B. E. " |
| (G) Weber, G. A. " | (G) Fecht, V. T. " |
| (G) | (G) |

A/C Number 619
Total Flying Time 9:10

A/C Number 43-38765
Total Flying Time 10:00

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| (P) Tinkham, C. P. 2nd. Lt. | (P) Strode, L. L. 1st. Lt. |
| (CP) Grumbles, B. H. " | (CP) Collins, J. E. 2nd. Lt. |
| (N) Burwick, B. " | (N) Shaw, W. F. " |
| (B) Vickroy, J. G. Sgt. | (B) Parks, H. E. S/Sgt. |
| (E) White, L. P. " | (E) Wood, M. D. " |
| (RO) Guttenberg, D. E. " | (RO) Jagnow, L. W. T/Sgt. |
| (G) Motisi, F. L. " | (G) Smith, C. E. S/Sgt. |
| (G) Hesser, R. L. " | (G) Davis, B. R. " |
| (G) Gilmore, M. E. " | (G) Geitz, F. H. " |
| (G) | (G) |

SQUADRON # 6 x 500 A/C Number 570 Letter 7 Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation 40 C Lead

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Captain F. J. Stewart P
- Lt. Col. E. C. LaVier CP
- 2nd Lt. R. A. Atherton M
- 2nd Lt. R. C. Cheney M
- 1st Lt. C. R. Dimter B
- T/Sgt. J. R. Hathaway RO
- T/Sgt. D. D. Erwin E
- S/Sgt. E. C. Herold BT
- S/Sgt. M. B. Westmoreland WG
- 2nd Lt. W. Quan ## RN
- F/O A. H. Lemmon, Jr. TG

Re: shoot 765-M at 1240 hours, Col LaVier called Colgate and 765-M was under way to give him support. Fighters acknowledged.

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

1576 hours: leaving formation, having trouble w/ prop, might not make it to base. 1/2 way between Fresno & Bussell

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or visual)

PFF Primary: Time: 1218
Secondary: Heading: 66 way
Last Resort: Height: 25,500

T.O. (Circle One) gradually
Turn off target: to 250

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

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

Own Bombs: Could see north part of town near M/Y. thick black smoke. hot open enemy An. Attacks: Yes No

Other Bombing: for visual correction. (slight correction) Number and type _____

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
Hand _____ Movie _____ at 1152 hours.

WEATHER: 3 bands, 30 miles wide, at 0700, 0800 + 1200 E.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Ad clouds up to 25000 then down like shell approaching target. Ad note 90 under it.

We flew through clouds, at 25000 ft from 1200 E to target. Breaking up near the target

CONDENSATION TRAILS: Heavy persistent contrails, 24,500 to 25,500, + at 26000 moderate semi-persistent.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Another group, after turn off target, was heavily hit by flak, off to our left. hit at us.

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 369 ~~370~~ a/c Number 588 Letter 6 Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 5 x 500 4 x M17 ✓ H.E.

Position - n Formation 40 C
Lead

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1719

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes (No)
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

1358 hrs. 5025N 0900E - fighter
going down.

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

1st Lt. R. H. Clays P

2nd Lt. D. G. Schertz CP

2nd Lt. A. Varnado N

2nd Lt. J. A. Fredericks B

~~T/Sgt. R. G. McKay~~ RO

T/Sgt. W. J. Schultz E

 BT

Sgt. R. Pekofski WG

 WG

Sgt. W. Smatlach TG

Brandt RM.

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 059 M.

Last Resort: Height: 25,200

T.O. 282 m.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 058 m.

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs: an, Nickels: Yes (No)

Other Bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on
Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TAILS:

 Heavy - Painted - Target - Lt. run - pers. at
 Lt. out. Target.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, moderate or light	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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505 N 0804 - Kellenbach - Meager - Tracking - yes

Font lines out - went around - ahead + went around.

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 908 Letter J Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6x500 4M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1620

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Lead
Squad

4 B-53 14-2-45

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Took Off 1530 Rome } 16-2-45 2nd Lt
Landed 1650

Friendly A/C in distress:

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

V.E. Higginbottom P

2nd Lt Burton, D.W. CP

F/O Lewinstone L. N

Landed at B-53 with 50 gals gas.
80 A/C there, too many crews out
gave best treatment possible.
These gas supplies in

T/Sgt. N. McComaughy TOG

Sgt. P.H. Rueschhoff RO

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

V. Pacchioni Paul Pacchioni E

Primary: Time: 1217 1/2

Sgt. Roberts, E.F. BT

Secondary: Heading: 1217 1/2

S/S C. Calengor WC

Last Resort: Height: 980 M

Sgt R.T. Huuck WC TG

T.O.
(Circle One)

Turn off target: -180° M

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

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

Own Bombs: 15/10 unobserved an, Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: on target of whole area Number and type was bombing
with accuracy

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on None
Hand X Movie X

6. WEATHER:

Right target 10/10 - 5/6/10 over
Route in.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Present but continued

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target none
fired on 20 miles West of Expert 1152 not accurate
Frankfurt zone at observed. Very accurate

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Excellent

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

*Too much cloud
Broken to 10/10*

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

interceptor, jinx gate gyro instruments

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

In spite of very crowded quarters 92 men in Room 2nd Seminary slept in halls. - no comment

S-2 OFFICER

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TIME COMPLETED

6-2-45

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 804 Letter J Date 14-2-45 ⁴

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40C Lead

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

Landed B-53 - for gas

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. B. Turner, Jr. P
- 2nd Lt. J. W. Kidwell CP
- F/O J. L. Avitt N
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Johnson B
- S/Sgt. E. F. Heyer RO
- S/Sgt. C. S. Sostowski E
- S/Sgt. S. D. Robinson BT
- S/Sgt. J. N. Thompson KG
- Sgt. W. H. Cranford (SJ) WG
- S/Sgt. F. V. Menzie TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218
Secondary: Heading: 70
Last Resort: Height: 25300

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 185

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no
Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target
Explosions: 5033-1102 - meager, damage
Saw flak at 5033-1337

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Good support. Picked up at close support at 1104-5247-0715. Saw together in area 20 min earlier. Red heads with yellow stripe on rudder on target.

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

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



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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Flux gate troubles

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left squadron because of gas - landed at 8:53 - came back alone.

-2 OFFICER Scheiter TIME COMPLETED _____

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation 40 C
Lead

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1717

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in Distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. W. Brasch P
- F/O R. W. Grunski CP
- F/O H. E. LeCompte N
- Sgt. A. E. Dulli B
- Sgt. J. A. Hutledge RO
- S/Sgt. T. C. Schuster E
- Sgt. R. E. Niznik BT
- Sgt. R. G. Clark WG
- S/Sgt. V. D. Donohoe TG

Lead high said he contemplated landing in France - had trouble with

TARGET/ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual) 2 ENCS. out (not known)

Primary: DFF Time: 1218
Secondary: Heading: 060
Last Resort: Height: 26000'

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs:

an. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type 6x500, 4xM17

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on yes
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 9/10 vis at target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Very heavy before target area. Low persistent at target.

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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none at target.

SQUADRON 367 #55500#173# A/C Number 302 Letter Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position - n Formation 40C Lead

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed 17⁰⁰

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

nil

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

1st Lt. W. H. Wear P

2nd Lt. F. R. Specht CP

1st Lt. N. O. Hemfway N

Sgt. H. W. Wertz B

Sgt. H. R. Hall RO

Sgt. C. D. Petitjean E

Sgt. G. H. Allred BT

Sgt. S. T. Kwientewski WG

 WG

Sgt. R. R. Arledge TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 65

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 180

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs.

an. Nickals: No Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on
Hand Movie

5. WEATHER: high cirrus, bomb run - 8/10 tops 15000 feet over target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
dense persistent contrails -

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target - 5016-0626 to 5023-0618 - scattered in air burst along this route - 5020-0611

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~II~~ A/C Number 619 Letter 6 Date 14 February, 1945 7

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C Lead

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. C. P. Finkham P

2nd Lt. B. H. Grumbles CP

2nd Lt. B. Burwick N

Sgt. J. G. Vickrey B

Sgt. D. E. Guttenburg RO

Sgt. L. P. White E

Sgt. F. L. Motisi BT

Sgt. R. L. Hesser WG

Sgt. H. F. Gilmore, Jr. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 60

Last Resort: Height: 25300

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 160

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (20) Jettished: Returned: Abortive:

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs: 10/10

an. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes
 Hand Movie

5. WEATHER: 5/10 broken gray in 10/10
at target - on way back 3/10 becoming clear

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Coming out: Frankfort base. account. L.

1 B17 hit in bomb bay over Frankfurt 1430 hrs. Ship broke in two. No chutes or flames

SQUADRON ~~XXXXX~~ 369 X A/C Number 765 Letter Date 14 February, 1945. 8

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 C Lead

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed

HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Landed at Hamstead

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C In distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 1st Lt. L. L. Strode P
- 2nd Lt. J. E. Collins CP
- 2nd Lt. W. F. Shaw N
- S/Sgt. H. E. Parks B
- T/Sgt. L. W. Jagnow RO
- S/Sgt. M. D. Wood E
- S/Sgt. F. H. Gätz BT
- S/Sgt. B. R. Davis WG
- WG
- Sgt. C. E. Smith TG

Left formation after 1P. Dropped bombs on S.B. Follow bomber stream out until 6:00 n. E. Frankfurt. Picked 4 Low Sqdn at 1310 hrs. With them until lines 1450 hrs.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1217
Secondary: Heading: off
Last Resort: Height: 26000
T.O. (Circle One) St. ahead.
Turn off target: 280

Followed briefed route until ostend in at Felixstowe. Not

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others) Refueled. Then to base.

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on
Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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	Accuracy
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1430-1440 Frankfurt gap Meager Inacc. Low
5012 0739

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Good.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

P-51 over Frankfurt.

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: #1 eng. runaway prop at 1P. Feathered
eng. OK. 1207 hrs. Worked OK
Bomb bay doors wouldn't close.

15. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?) Tur. and Ball Tur. out.

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

OK.

-2 OFFICER

Esper.

TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ A/C Number 683 Letter Date 14-2-45 ¹⁰

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation Lead ^{40 C}

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1702

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CHEL: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. J. L. Patten P
 2nd Lt. R. Hopkins CP
 2nd Lt. R. A. Lomas N
 2nd Lt. R. W. Weishar B
 T/Sgt. W. J. Porozinski RO
 Sgt. N. C. Hansen E
 Sgt. R. F. Stetler BT
 Sgt. I. W. Scott WG
 _____ WG
 S/Sgt. PR. Fisher TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: DRESDEN Time: 1218
 Secondary: Heading: 0200°
 Last Resort: Height: 25,040

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type 6x500 - M17

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on No Camera
Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: Cloud tops - about 25,400'
high cumulus - @ about 18,500'
about 8 or 9/10 BS.
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Clear, persistent

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>no flak over target</u>						

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Ditched east of 1043 - P-51s stayed with formation all the way -

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

Two trains at Guesen Station & one going south. Unable to tell whether freight or passenger -

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) _____

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: _____

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left Group over Belgium (5111N-0310E). Low on gas & low on oxygen

3-2 OFFICER *B. Schwartz*

TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 515 Letter 0 Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40C Lead

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

ho —

GIVE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

- #1 1st Lt. J. K. Fields P ✓
- 2nd Lt. L. G. Casey CP
- 2nd Lt. M. Brecher N
- T/Sgt. J. S. Regulla B
- T/Sgt. R. W. Search, Jr. RO
- T/Sgt. G. H. Maddock E
- S/Sgt. O. Gibson BT
- S/Sgt. D. R. Brashear RG
- _____ WG
- S/Sgt. W. T. Gillespie TE ✓

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 68

Last Resort: Height: 23000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

2. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 22 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: _____ an. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on _____
Hand _____ Movie _____

3. WEATHER: _____
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 24 A/C Number 203 Letter Y Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500 - 4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C Low

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1744

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. H. E. Underwood ✓ P

2nd Lt. G. W. Purnell ✓ CP

1st Lt. P. C. Wagner ✓ N

Capt. R. E. Bordner ✓ B

T/Sgt. H. Leventhal ✓ RO

T/Sgt. F. T. Davelli ✓ E

S/Sgt. L. E. Kelly ✓ KG

S/Sgt. H. P. Meszar ✓ TG

F/O. L. W. Burley ✓ RN

B-17 with large yellow stripes diagonally across wings seen just west of Rhine. Rudder gone. Right elevator canvas flapping.

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, H.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

and under good control.

No A/C seen to go down

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

PFF Primary:

Time: 1230/2

Secondary:

Heading: 289°M

Last Resort:

Height: 24,420

T.O.
(Circle One)

Turn off target: 289°M

Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *Nothing seen*

any Nickels: Yes (No)

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no
Hand no Movie no

WEATHER:

Target 7 to 80% obscured area clouds obscured target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Heavy persistent contrails over ground 6000. Light non-persistent in target area.

FLAK? encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target

Cloudy area message to radio to include in

(17)

Engl coast Clacton 19500 1007

Even coast 1045 - 5240 - 0437

1107 - 5238 - 0700

1116 - 5138 - 0800

1126 - 5232 - 0810

1136 - 5203 - 0843

1142 - 5153 - 0910

1146 - 5143 - 0920

1158 - 5036 - 1148

F.P. 1203 - 5053 - 1226

LOW
Route

Made first run with group
but over run target did one
180° to left at 1217 hours.

Took an F.P. ~~run~~ to N.E. of target

Made 6 run run on target
~~believed~~ hit S. end of
town.

1239 - 5050N - 1335

1258 - 5018N - 1253

1314 - 2 miles south of Plauen

1327 - 5019N - 1135

1402 - 5040N - 0912

1411 - 5023N - 0859

1438 - 5007 - 0745

1508 - 5025 - 0650

1532 - 5040 - 0601

1642 - 5054 - 0408

1615 - ~~over~~

1653 - 5 miles S. Clacton

Base 1236 - 1500 ft.

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~660X~~ A/C Number 148 Letter Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 C
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 17⁵⁰

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

B-17 from 3rd Div down over Frankfurt area 2 miles SW

CHIEF: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. H. P. Altshuler P
- 2nd Lt. R. J. Forsyth CP
- 2nd Lt. A. J. Remal N
- Sgt. F. F. Alston, (Togg) B
- Sgt. L. R. Curry RO
- Sgt. C. D. Stewart E
- Sgt. R. R. Payett BT
- Sgt. E. H. Trammell KG
- Sgt. A. J. Riedel TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1230

Secondary: Heading: 218

Last Resort: Height: 25900

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 233

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

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

Own Bombs: 11 bombs Am. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no
Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target on first run - some in vicinity of target on second run.

SQUADRON ~~067~~ 368 ~~189X~~

A/C Number 028

Letter

Date

14 February, 1945

Bomb Load

6 x 500

H.E.

Position in Formation

400
Low

Time Took Off

08:05

Time Landed

1730

- 1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
- If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

*Left over from
no PR - (In vicinity of
Bussell.)*

2nd Lt. N. W. McKian P

2nd Lt. A. J. McCalley CP

1st Lt. J. H. Morris N

Sgt. J. Pinela (TOG.) B

Sgt. J. A. Feigun RO

Sgt. L. F. Warren E

Sgt. S. H. Eaton BT

Sgt. T. R. Foley KG

J. H. SHACKLETT *Spot Summer*

S/Sgt. W. M. Bowers TG

4. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Time: 1730

Secondary:

Heading: 224

Last Resort:

Height: 24,000

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target:

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs:

an. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type 6 x 500

4 x M175

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on?

Hand Camera in Ball - no pictures

6. WEATHER:

about 7/10 S - 8/10 S

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

dense persistent trails
had over target area

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>None over target</u>						

22 'sided about
(1235)

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

3 F-105 - smoke seen from
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (T, res)

one believed - hit by 1
(Location and length of fight)

Came in tail 3 at least
~~but breaking to left~~ ~~two~~ ~~and breaking to~~

right - 4 circles one coming straight
(Tactics of E/A)

P-51's were on their tails
about 3 P-51's after them
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Very good support.

1 fighter on 323 - sent to
see P-51 finish him off.

Ball James fired about
20 rounds at ship - w-190 so he

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

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

(Tail James) (about 6000 ft) came straight in (about) two
away to James (tail) left. & one
to the right. one on the right was smoking.
w-190 burst into smoke just as he reached outside

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) no battle damage
Ball & tail James fired at
them

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left formation at Brussels
Law on jet

5111

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~40~~ 40 n/C Number 814 Letter Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500
4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40-C
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

D.M.

2nd Lt. ~~W. A.~~ Sandercock P

2nd Lt. H. B. Cohn CP

2nd Lt. W. E. Blough N

Sgt. P. Romanelli (Togg) B

Sgt. C. N. Kuharich RO

Sgt. B. H. Frazier E

Sgt. H. G. Laprot BT

Sgt. M. O. Sutor WC

Sgt. R. L. McQuain spot hammer

Sgt. G. G. Olsen TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1232

Secondary: Heading: 220

Last Resort: Height: 24500 broken

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 235 (1235)

Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 20 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: An Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on None
Hand Movie

WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

CONDENSATION TAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target.
Shells at target.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Three FW190's attacked from 7 o'clock level
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Times)

1235

~~1235~~ - came in line abreast, opened fire at
(Location and length of fight)

about 600 yds. 190's opened fire at about same time.
Each 190 attacked a different A/C - 028-0, and 916-H.

Tail chumps hit one attacking us - broke off to left
(Tactics of E/A)

at 25 yards. Last tail chump saw them after attack near
1235 - FW190
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

came up under A/C going away at 1 o'clock - became break
away - 190 was shot down.

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings)

Good support. That time when trying to get guns
to bear, that's last I saw
of him.

CLAIMS

PROCESSED

DAMAGED

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

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

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

See front

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak + fighter

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left formation after fighters attacked (suffer shot out) at 1300. Came back alone in bomber stream. 431's + 638's gone. support in way out.

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 369 ~~22~~ a/c Number 297 Letter ~~N~~ Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1750

19
40c
Low

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

A/C 185 - left formation immediately after fighter attack. chute out full gear going - Lewis was 300 yds behind and started when hit.

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether U.S.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause

1st Lt. R. H. Wood (completing Tour) B

2nd Lt. A. J. Norman CP

1st Lt. W. M. Lanus (completing Tour) B

T/Sgt. B. Parker (completing Tour) B

T/Sgt. J. E. Thwaite RO

T/Sgt. E. P. Richards E

Sgt. I. H. Fitterman BT

Sgt. S. Beigel KG

WG

S/Sgt. M. C. Angelilli TG

124 hrs. at target - low had made a 360 and a second run.

B-17 over Frankfurt hit by flak & chutes (3rd div.)

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF) or Visual

Primary: Time: 1232

Secondary: Heading: 24500

Last Resort: Height: 230

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 197

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs: Unobs. An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes
Hand _____ Movie _____

5. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target - 1st Lt. near Frankfurt - B-17 from 3rd div. hit over Frankfurt - 9 chutes.

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXX~~ a/c Number 975 Letter ~~F~~ Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E. Position in Formation 40C Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

B-53-

CRM: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether of A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. J. E. Henley ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. R. H. Stewart ✓ OP
- F/O. W. A. Becker ✓ W
- Sgt. Whitaker, R. ✓ B
- Sgt. D. F. McCarthy ✓ RO
- Sgt. V. J. Coppa ✓ E
- Sgt. R. C. Hanson ✓ BT
- Sgt. A. Harcarick ✓ WG
- _____ ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. F. Piepenbrink ✓ TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time:
Secondary: Heading:
Last Resort: Height:
T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

On 14 February, 1945, at 1421st Air Division picked up a message from Lt Henley, Aircraft 975-F, that he was low on gas and was going to land at B-53. No further message was received. 1st Air Division Flying Control contacted A.S.C. for confirmation of the landing and ~~was~~ instigated message ~~was~~ sent. It was found that there was no record of aircraft 975-F ever landing at B-53. *having*

was
A.S.C. replied
Saying

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XX~~ A/C Number 185 Letter J Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position 400 Formation Low

Time took off 08:05 Time landed _____

1. WFF NEWS to be shown in. Yes No
If WFF NEWS read crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Post check after flight, attach

Capt: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether O, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

*Pathway, stay, say, Oct 1800 -
needed east at 1300*

- Capt. B. B. Lewis CP
- 2nd Lt. R. S. Whitelaw CP
- 2nd Lt. L. A. Harrison W
- F/O. J. R. Sicard B
- Sgt. H. F. McChesney RO
- T/Sgt. J. F. Standlee E
- Sgt. A. S. Lubjacky BT
- Sgt. F. L. McDonough WG
- Sgt. L. Nahmias TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: _____

Secondary: _____ Heading: _____

Last Resort: _____ Height: _____

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn-off target: _____

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on _____
Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: _____
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ 368 A/C Number 802 Letter F Date 14 February, 1945. 22

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 C
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1725

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

B-24 crash 5 miles S of Oatland.
Big oil fire at Oatland
One plane went down 1 mile S of Oatland
hit by flak. Flak from Oatland. One engine on fire.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual) no data

Primary: 2nd run Time: 1230

Secondary: Heading: 220°

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. 0821 takeoff.
(Circle One)

Turn off target: straight on

2nd Lt. H. N. Morris P

2nd Lt. J. H. Butler CP

F/O. C. R. Lemon N

2nd Lt. S. O. Briggs B

T/Sgt. R. J. Yoder RO

T/Sgt. S. J. McGillberry E

Sgt. C. R. White BT

Sgt. C. E. Bosworth WG

Sgt. B. J. Hensley TG

3. Number of Bombs dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: all bombs away
- Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: 10/10

Any Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: none

Number and type 6x500 x2 incendi

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on none aboard
Hand _____ Movie _____

5. WEATHER:

Dense persistent contrails at 17,000+ above.
3/10 to I.P.
clouds.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKEYE? none

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Dense persistent above 17,000 ft.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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<u>1145</u>	<u>Kessel</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>light</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>both behind</u>	<u>accurate</u>
<u>1246</u>	<u>Chimney</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>light</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>in front</u>	<u>accurate</u>

way in none at target way out

3
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FW 190's
(Types)

Target area between Chisney & Dunder 25,000 ft
(Location and length of fight) alt 4 min.

Came in level from behind - one followed about 10 min
tail attack. - Tail gunner shot at A/C but no hits.

Red stripe around tail - grey belly - Swastika on vertical
(Tactics of E/A)

stabilizer. came straight through from 6 o'clock & sped
off to right.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

fighter support ahead with bulk of formation.

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>none</u>
PROBABLE	<u>none</u>
DAMAGED	<u>none</u>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

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

none

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

none

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

slight - nothing serious

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none - left waist gun froze up

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

none

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

See box jammed. - Came back in low squadron. Squadron came back alone. - Came out from 5 to 15 miles north of course. Seemed north of course at Frankfurt gap. Came straight to field from Clacton.

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 A A/C Number 916 Letter N Date 14 February, 1945.
Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation 40C
Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed _____ Low

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. H. R. McGahan ✓ P
- Capt. L. B. Dorich ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. M. F. Hepple ✓ N
- S/Sgt. A. J. Stalder ✓ B
- Sgt. J. J. Reilly ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. W. T. Dugard ✓ (claim?)
- Sgt. A. P. Dumenigo ✓ BT
- Sgt. J. E. O'Brien ✓ LG
- Sgt. J. L. Minnucci ✓ WG

O.K.

Friendly A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

Saw one B-17 go down - hit by flak - broke in this - saw 2 chutes at 1430 - Cahoon area.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1231
Secondary: Heading: 220
Last Resort: Height: 23900
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 340

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

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

Own Bombs: 18/10
Number and type of Bombs: _____
Number and type of Bombs: _____

Saw 2 B-17's drop bombs on small town in N.Y. at 1324. At 1324 saw 2 B-17's drop bombs on small town in N.Y. at 1324. At 1324 saw 2 B-17's drop bombs on small town in N.Y. at 1324.

Photographs taken: _____
Vertical? _____
Was camera turned on? _____
Hand _____ Movie _____

WEATHER: ✓

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

CONDENSATION TRAILS: ✓

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Immediately after target at 1232 - major tracking

we were ~~500~~ 500 yds behind our formation when

At 1232 saw three FW 190's off at
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (T, 08)

9 o'clock level going away about 1000 yds. away.
(Location and length of flight)

They went away and then attacked from 6 o'clock
(~~low high and low~~) in line abreast at 1233. One
tail opened fire at 1000 yds - 2 of them came in low &
(Tactics of E/A)

one went high. The one coming in high - both ~~came in~~ ^{Co-pilot} pilot
saw ~~tail~~ make strikes on his belly - came over ship
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

of about 100 feet and slightly to our right - went ahead into
10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and
color markings) He opened fire. ^{CLAIMS} ~~came within~~ 100
yds of formation then peeled off & went ~~down~~ ^{down}. Of the two
190's which came in low - both were ~~attacked~~ ^{attacked} by a P-51 co.

Saw one 190 going in spin & P-51 following. The other
stated diving with P-51 on his tail. ^{(Fill out in separate CLAIM FORM for}
us. P-51's were first noticed when ~~each~~ ^{each} 190's were about 600
yds. ~~away~~ ^{away} from us. ~~both~~ ^{both} were ~~attacked~~ ^{attacked}.

OBSERVATIONS: Give FILE, PLACE, HEIGHT, ~~Dist. of~~ ^{Dist. of} observations ~~of~~ ^{of}
such as balloons, decoys, dummys, camouflage, smoke screens,
enemy signs; activity of ~~air~~ ^{air} ~~ports~~ ^{ports} ~~water~~ ^{water} ~~roads~~ ^{roads}, railroad
yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy
installations.

Saw air fire & explosion in Ostende -
black smoke & flames, smoke 7000' high
on way out at 1557. None of these 190's
actually fired on us.

12. INJURIES TO A/C: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received,
PLACE and FILE.) ~~Call fired~~ - 700 rounds
Tail " - 200 rounds
Top T. - 175 Rounds.

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron
or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left formation right after front
lines on way back - getting low on gas.

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 A/C Number 466 Letter Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

Saw B-17 behind at 1235 after the target
go down. One chute. Looked like
under control.

Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether b, A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause

2nd Lt. W. D. Carder P

2nd Lt. A. V. Mura CP

2nd Lt. L. F. Campbell N

S/Sgt. R. H. Norheim B

Sgt. L. N. Goldman RO

Sgt. R. W. Circle E

Sgt. L. F. Brown BT

S/Sgt. R. J. Boeian WG

S/Sgt. R. G. Atwood TG

Saw B-17 ~~at 1435~~ go down
burning at 1435, near Frankfurt.
Saw 2 chutes.

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Time: 1228

Secondary:

Heading: 225

Last Resort:

Height: 24000

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target: 269 @

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs:

an. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on Yes
Hand Movie

WEATHER:

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKEYE?

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: messages to read, inaccurate tracking, low
near Frankfurt on way back - tracking accurate

Surprise attack - no call "Sanitization Area" until
this attached (over VHF).

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st FW Tail gunner saw 4 FW 190's at
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

1233. It started to make attack at 60' clock
(Location and length of fight)
level - three broke away before they really got started
and one came just over top of pilot Mc Galen A/C 9164
(behind formation in hole) and opened fire about 500-
600 yds. Tail gunner fired on him; also went and
(Tactics of E/A)

Top T. Came in to about 20 yds in our tail & then
broke off to the right & went down. 2 P-51's
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

jumped him as he broke away. Saw FW 190
go down smoking. Didn't see anything more of
other 3 FW 190's. Top T. said he saw
chits on belly. A/C 802 F Tail gunner also
fired on him.

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

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

Excellent fighter support. Pickled up at 5040 -
0437 E at 4042. Just close support in area at
time of attack.

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

Ball turret injured on landing.

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flick and 30 mm. from FW 190.

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Co-pilot oxygen out. Tire ~~blew out~~ on landing
& went off runway with one wheel.

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left formation about 0500 E on way back.

SQUADRON ~~047#040#049~~
6 x 500

A/C Number 362

Letter PFF

Date 14-2-45

362-L PFF

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Bomb Load 4 x M7

H.E.

Position - n Formation

400 High

Time Took Off 0805

Time Landed 17²⁰

- 1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
- If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Check A/C number

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

Capt. L. A. Wilke ✓ P
 Major J. H. Buie ✓ CP
 2nd Lt. W. W. Gunkel ✓ N
 2nd Lt. D. M. Gorrell ✓ B
 T/Sgt. H. H. Kaye ✓ RO
 S/Sgt. J. W. Watson ✓ E
 S/Sgt. C. B. Capaldi ✓ BG
 2nd Lt. T. N. Kichincoe ✓ RN
 S/Sgt. L. B. Baker ✓ TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Time: 1219

Secondary:

Heading: 062

Last Resort:

Height: 26200

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: right turn to 120 to 220

- 2. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

unobs.

an. Results: No Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

- 3. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? believe excellent mucky photos has camera turned on no

Hand _____ Movie _____

WEATHER:

Cold front near 7 degrees east - 4/10 to 5/10 to 1150 E tops 21000 - solid from here to target -

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

Fox hole A leader said to bomb PFF and is taking intervals between bombing

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

persistent con trails

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1419 hrs. 5013-0812 - low red bursts -

SQUADRON ##### A/C Number 598 Letter Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position n Formation 400 High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1710

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CIDR: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- Capt. W. D. Hallum P
- 2nd Lt. R. S. Kimball CP
- 2nd Lt. D. J. Casey N
- 2nd Lt. C. D. Orr B
- T/Sgt. E. W. Courtright RO
- Sgt. A. E. Hatton S
- S/Sgt. N. D. Hall BT
- S/Sgt. R. K. Bentley WG
- WG
- Sgt. C. E. Ridge TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: P.F.F. Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 063

Last Resort: Height: 26100

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

6-500 4 M17

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

Own Bombs: Unobserved

Am. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: unobserved

Number and type

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no camera

Hand none Movie none

WEATHER: 10/10 at target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? not heard

CONDENSATION TRAILS: D.P.

FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. none at target moderate

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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at Front Lines Red Flak. in front of A/C.

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ A/C Number 376 Letter P Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation 40 C High

Time 'took Off' 0805 Time Landed 1655

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

None

CICR.: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. K. D. Blackshaw P
- 2nd Lt. J. D. Wilson CP
- F/O R. P. Murphy N
- 1st Lt. J. (NMI) Hrnciar B
- T/Sgt. E. H. Tutun RO
- S/Sgt. F. W. Yorgason E
- S/Sgt. D. J. Brunner BT
- S/Sgt. C. N. Yeager WG
- S/Sgt. R. E. Nokes TG

None

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: PFF Time: 1218 1/2
Secondary: Heading: 063° A
Last Resort: Height: 25,700

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: high wind turn to right ending on 290°

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 An. Nickals: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on NO
Hand NO Movie NO

6. WEATHER:

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

Target right over target
Big break just before reaching target

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: might have seen edge of town
Dense Very prominent contrails at 25,000 starting at 17,000 west on S.E. leg.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target

B30 lbs Heavy Flak at Chemist

SQUADRON ~~247th Bomb Group~~ A/C Number 549 Letter Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E. Position Formation 40 C High

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

no

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- F/O C. H. Gibson P
- 2nd Lt. R. W. Daniel CP
- F/O G. R. P. Eggleston N
- 2nd Lt. R. G. Holscher B
- Sgt. W. M. Teets RO
- T/Sgt. J. E. Price E
- Sgt. E. L. Riha BT
- S/Sgt. C. M. Odrowas WG
- S/Sgt. J. F. Bonem, Jr. TO

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218
 Secondary: Heading: 79 mag.
 Last Resort: Height: 26,000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on
Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: 10/10 at target.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>none at target.</u>						

SQUADRON ~~00700000000~~ 3 A/C Number 418 Letter 0 Date 14-2-45
 Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation 40C High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1710

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether b, A.A., E/A action,
 accident or undetermined cause)

1st Lt. J. G. Ruegger P
2nd Lt. W. M. Rich CP
2nd Lt. V. C. Larson N
2nd Lt. E. L. Hodges B
Sgt. A. C. McGuire, Jr. RO
S/Sgt. H. A. Kelson E
Sgt. C. A. Diffendaffer BT
S/Sgt. E. (NMI) Richardson WG
S/Sgt. J. C. Kieffer TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1220
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: P.F.F. Height: 22300

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

1. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
6-500 and 4-117

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Obs Bombs: unobserved an. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing: unobserved Number and type none

2. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no
 Hand no Movie no

WEATHER:

D. P. Contrail 9/10 clouds at target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

not received on "A" Channel

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

D. P.

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

target none at the

Time	Place	Height of A/O	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>22000 over target - Red near Frankfurt, I.</u>						

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x 107 H.E.

Position Formation 40 C High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in, Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

A/C 516 (?) dropped back after target left formation, no missile trouble.

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. T. D. Hedley P ✓
- 2nd Lt. F. E. Jones CP
- 2nd Lt. S. (NMI) Manthey N
- 2nd Lt. F. L. Fiora B
- S/Sgt. A. F. Masters RO
- S/Sgt. J. (NMI) Butz E
- S/Sgt. R. C. Shaffer BT
- S/Sgt. J. L. Anderson WG
- Sgt. T. M. Ryan TG

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

3. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219
Secondary: Heading: 135 way
Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target:

4. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2000 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

On Bomb: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

6. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on
Hand Movie

7. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

8. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

SQUADRON ~~1000000~~ 369 ~~300~~ A/C Number 181 Letter 18X Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position - n Formation 40 S
High

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

CIDE: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. A. J. Bowley P
- 2nd Lt. W. W. Clark CP
- P/O. R. W. Kurrasch N
- 2nd Lt. G. D. Good B
- T/Sgt. G. D. Carey RO
- S/Sgt. C. J. Kruger E
- Sgt. R. D. Weir BT
- Sgt. C. J. Slepicka WG
- Sgt. G. A. Weber TG

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether o, n.a., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause

*Saw 4 parachutes at 1452
at 5025 N - 0620 E. No airplane
seen. Chutes were close to ground*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219
Secondary: Heading: 38
Last Resort: Height: 26200

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 170

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10

Ant. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes
Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: 10/10 over target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKEYE?

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*None at target - Saw flak from vicinity, heavy barrage.
Near ground lines coming out - meager, accurate*

369th. SQUADRON ~~369th~~ 8-T303

A/C Number 896 Letter

Date 14 February, 1945

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Bomb Load 2-WG34 H.E.

Position in Formation

400 High

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1720

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether U.S.A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. D. R. Hansen ✓ P
- F/O. R. H. Christensen ✓ CP
- F/O. R. P. Geyser ✓ N
- Sgt. J. Stokoe _____ B
- Sgt. L. D. Connor _____ RO
- Sgt. W. L. Lynch _____ E
- S/Sgt. C. E. Alvitre _____ BT
- Sgt. V. T. Fecht _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. B. E. Harkness ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1019
 Secondary: Heading: 060
 Last Resort: Height: 25,650

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs:

an. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no
Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER:

10/10ths Undercast

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Heavy persistent when they hit coast going in - persistent but not as much and, aside

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	Accuracy
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none over target

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*None good
Rided up @ 1055 (P57)
stood with formation
all the way in
out.*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

Saw tanks @ 50-20k 0-20E - "looked like trucks or tanks all parked together."

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*Left Group at C coast
EMG. FAILURE #2 (exit of
friendly B-17 (50 cal.
(301)?) "left of us"*

3-2 OFFICER Blanchard TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~24~~ A/C Number 301 Letter 0 Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C High

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 17:45

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CLERK: Give Rank and Initials

nil

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. J. A. Callahan ✓ P
- 2nd Lt S. D. David ✓ CP
- F/O. R. E. Kane ✓ N
- Sgt. F. J. Slattery ✓ B
- Sgt. G. L. Nelson ✓ RO
- Sgt. W. D. Eldridge ✓ E
- Sgt. L. V. Eiler ✓ BT
- Sgt. F. G. Lucas, Jr. ✓ WG
- Sgt. D. J. Bonnell ✓ TG

Called secondary over VHF

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual) (dropped as one late)
Primary: Time: 12:19

Secondary: Heading: 066
Last Resort: Height: 26000

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 175 D 245

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs. An. Nickels: No Yes No Nc
Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on No
Hand _____ Movie _____

WEATHER: CAVU for rendezvous - 7/10 undercast at coast in - climbed above cold front between 8 & 9 degrees east - 6-7/10 at I.P. - 7/10 at target - gradually better on way home until clear at English coast.
CONDENSATION TRAILS: very dense persistent contrails - cause difficulty in vicinity of cold front - none at target
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? couldn't get any definite info. on weather - already decided to bomb secondary

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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no flak seen at target - received some damage from scattered points enroute

Flak from lines enroute home

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*very good PSI at Dutch coast 1045. Blue
no gaps - could always see friendly
fighters*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

nil.

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

minor flak.

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Bombs hung up - had to salvo - had to crank up B.B. guns

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

-2 OFFICER

Murtha

TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ a/c Number 807 Letter Date 11-2-45 ³⁴

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position - n Formation 40 C High

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause)

- 1st Lt. E. J. Lindsay P
- 2nd Lt. C. N. Cannon CP
- 2nd Lt. L. F. Finnell N
- F/O R. C. Garberich B
- T/Sgt. J. M. Cullen RO
- T/Sgt. H. G. Boker E
- S/Sgt. R. H. Schmettpelz BT
- S/Sgt. E. D. Craig WG
- S/Sgt. L. L. Bagwell TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219
 Secondary: Heading: 048
 Last Resort: Height: 25500
 T.O. (Circle One) 285 (comp not good)
 Turn off target:

Number of Bombs All dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Thinks hit NW An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
Hand Movie

WEATHER: No Sea - Cirrus 20000'
4-6/10 middle cloud. 2 uider
zee to Erfurt. ~~out vis.~~ No x E
dense cirrus. 2/3/10 on ground 6/10 middle cloud 15000'
 CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense persis. contrails. 20000'
over contin. 6/10 out. Frank. 4/10.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
			<u>None on app.</u>			

Obs. Leipzig, Dresden, Chemnitz, Frankfurt. Area.

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Very Good

P-51

Red canopy

Checked nose.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Flux Gate comp. out

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left grp front lines 1451 hrs.

St. t. to base.

3-2 OFFICER

F S per

TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON # 24TH BOMBARD

A/C Number 474 Letter

Date 14-2-45 35

Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E.

Position and Formation 400 High

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed 1707

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether B, A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. E. W. Schafer P

2nd Lt. J. R. Clark CP

F/O C. Meyer N

2nd Lt. R. G. Hillabrand B

S/Sgt. C. A. Whitener RO

S/Sgt. K. D. Morrison B

S/Sgt. J. C. Hurd BT

S/Sgt. W. E. Strawn WG

 WG

S/Sgt. U. J. Lewis TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1819

Secondary: Heading: 060

Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type 6 x 500
4 x 177

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
Hand Movie

5. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

9/400, 10/10th (Target)
6/10th Cumulus

CONDENSATION TRAILS: at 10° E. Increasing clouds
Dense persistent as approached target.
all the way out.

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

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

None at target

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*Picked up shells
at 1100
Good all the way*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately
separate CLAIM FORM for
each claim.

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*Runaway #03 #1 - brought
under control*

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*Left formation at 15-17
flying with 3 E/C's*

3-2 OFFICER *K. J. [unclear]* TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~30TH BOMB~~ 3 A/C Number 616 Letter Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500
4 x M17 H.L.

Position in Formation 400 High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action,
accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. H. Hiney P
- F/O R. M. Bard CP
- F/O J. C. Neighmond N
- F/O W. F. Ross B
- Sgt. H. J. Thomas RO
- S/Sgt. S. L. Goodwin E
- Sgt. A. J. Owsianny BT
- Sgt. H. V. Carter WG
- S/Sgt. R. L. Demetre (Jammer) WG
- Sgt. W. H. Olson TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219
Secondary: Heading: 060
Last Resort: Height: 25600
T.O. 238
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: Any Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None (automatic)
Hand Movie

WEATHER: Cirrus at 26000
4-6-8/10 Germany. Thinned to
4/10 coming out over Belg.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense persistent 26000

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Obs. Red bursts near Kassel, Leipzig area, Chemnitz, near Rhine.

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ A/C Number 913 Letter Date 14-2-45

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Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40C

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1720

Bombed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Possible lone chute (no A/C)
Seen 5027N-0630E (DR) almost on ground. 1450 hours

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

40C
Lead

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by N.A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. R. F. Pawelke	<u> </u>	P
2nd Lt. C. Q. Hills	<u> </u>	CP
2nd Lt. I. R. Baron	<u> </u>	N
F/O T. E. Streeter	<u> </u>	B
Sgt. R. V. Bradley	<u> </u>	RO
Sgt. E. G. Rommies	<u> </u>	E
Sgt. M. H. Elder	<u> </u>	BT
Sgt. R. R. Templeton	<u> </u>	WG
	<u> </u>	WG
Sgt. A. C. Miller	<u> </u>	TG

Studer left dropped back 5 min before T.P. was last seen dropping back. O.K. A/C was seen behind after Bomb away on turn.

.. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: PFF Time: 1218 hours

Secondary: Heading: 50° M

Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 165° M then continued to circle to right

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed on turn an, Nickels: Yes (No)

Off crew reports seeing Bomb bursts in a turn Number and type

.. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None

Low clouds 3/10 & haze no Hand no Movie no

WEATHER: Channel. Clear with few patches scattered low clouds over Holland with high cirrus layer 23,000 in streaks about 8° very dense haze on thin cloud up

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

CONDENSATION TRAILS: Target 6/10 low cloud with light haze 8,000 tops. 40 miles East of Rhine River began to clear 7/10 scattered

.. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. low clouds over France and Channel. Clear at Base on Return.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Visual none at target
 - accurate on lower tracking
at front lines observed to right on 17/10 1945

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Times)

Violation of security heard over V.H.F. in the
(Location and length of flight)

Clear from someone ahead — Just before
we reached I.P. — "Be prepared to Bomb Dresden
P.F.F. with possible visual correction" might
(Tactics of E/A)

not be verbatim quote)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Good. First at E/P 1044
Hours P-51s. Very close
support all day — no gaps
flew below, under, and above

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

5-P-51s 1326 hours seen to be shooting up
engine in small marshalling yard. several times
in yard — Engine spraying steam (See Not
news)

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

with a group

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ X A/C Number 323 Letter ○ Date 14 February, 1945
 Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E. Position Formation 40C

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
None

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

filled in
 X ~~○~~ SPARE
 X X 5/22/45 1009E

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. R. T. Hartshorn _____ P
- 2nd Lt. E. E. Hunt _____ CP
- 2nd Lt. R. L. LeKashman _____ N
- 2nd Lt. L. Ittle _____ B
- Sgt. L. J. McDonald _____ RO
- Sgt. M. L. Blakey _____ E
- Sgt. E. P. Conrad _____ BT
- Sgt. W. K. Allen _____ WG
- Sgt. A. B. Leavell _____ TG

Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

185 was straggling after Bombs away. [X] A badly damaged and straggling coming through Frankfurt. No. 1. No chute. No. 2. No chute. No. 3. No chute. No. 4. No chute. No. 5. No chute. No. 6. No chute. No. 7. No chute. No. 8. No chute. No. 9. No chute. No. 10. No chute.

Primary: P.F.F. Time: 1231
 Secondary: Heading: 221
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 270°
 Height: 24 200

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

.. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)
 Own Bombs: See bombs bursting but could not see any ground detail
 Other Bombing: none
 An. Nickels: Yes No
 Number and type _____

3. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
 Hand None

.. WEATHER: 7-8/10 over target
lots of cirrus
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

CONDENSATION TRAILS:
Dense Persistent from 15000 up to Frankfurt flap flak mod and

.. FLAK: encountered on way at target and on way home
51.22 10.09 - light. (Target flak none) 6 min after target light tracking but

Time	Place	Height of	Type (light, heavy), intensity,	Color of	Location of Bursts in re-	Accuracy
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9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

4-190's attack one minute after target.

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(T.O.s)

Came in from 6 o'clock level and attacked 17 straggling (185) but did not seem to hurt him. One Bandid attack the low element and one went into low squad - 2 attacking this high element and all made only one pass, then the 54's attack them. Ship 297 gunners were firing at the P-51's also.

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

Dark Green color, with 2 red bands around fuselage just behind the cockpit and one red yellow bands. Besides the grey crosses,

(Color markings, etc. of E/A)

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Very good short gaps coming out but they were always in the vicinity

C L A I M S

DESTROYED none

PROBABLE

DAMAGED The same one that a P-51 got separate CLAIM FORM for each claim. Upper turret

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

A big explosion and fire at Ostend on way out on ship channel - an oil fire tanker. Big fires at Flouren on way out.

12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in a/c, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

none

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) few small flak holes

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Gun heaters were out.

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

Ward Gunner ruined a good pair of drawers.

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Just about as briefed except at target.

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1026

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

SPARE

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. F. B. Leigh P
2nd Lt. J. C. Ribble CP
2nd Lt. L. C. Heitman N
Sgt. J. R. Bennett B
Sgt. G. Conetzkey RO
Sgt. D. F. Burden E
Sgt. A. L. Swire BT
Sgt. D. L. O'Neill WG
Sgt. H. S. Moreland TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 219
Secondary: Heading: 860
Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Bal. James saw explosions (hit everything) after turn off target. Number and type 6 x 500
4 x M175.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
Hand _____ Movie None

6. WEATHER: S/10th S Built - cumulus about 9/10th S over target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Very dense - became light after left target

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

None at target.

CONFIDENTIAL

SPECIAL FORM

Group 306th

Date 14 February, 1945.

Squadron 369th

Place where attacked S.W. of Dresden

A/C No: 297-B

Time 12:33 Height 24,500 feet.

1. Story of the attack: 3 Fw 190's in line abreast crossed from 6 O'clock level, breaking off at 600 yards. 1 F/A broke to left attacking A/C

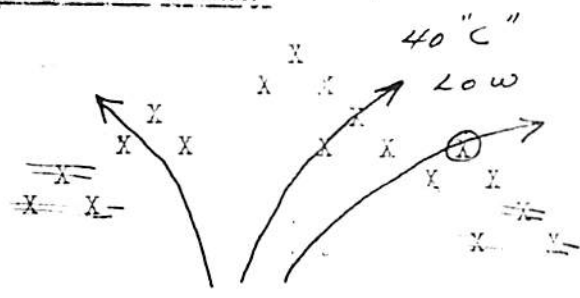
#466-C. The other 2 broke right, one attacking #314-C and the other

attacking A/C #297-B. T/sgt. W. P. Richards, Engineer on A/C #297-B
opened fire at 700 yards, tracking the F/A as it came over the formation,
scoring many hits. F.A. broke away at 100 yards and went down in flames,
breaking up before hitting cloud level.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how plane he came, where hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away.)

DESTROYED
A-2, A-19, W.

2. Diagram of attack:



- a. Direction of E/A attack;
- b. Direction of F/A attack;
- c. Our position.

- Data of Combat
- a. our heading 210°
 - b. visibility Good
 - c. type of E/A Fw 190
 - d. level of attack;
 - From High above 0'clock
 - level 6 O'clock
 - below 0'clock
 - (or) very low 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names T/sgt. W. P. RICHARDS

Positions Top Turret Gunner.

4. If E/A was shot down or Damaged:

Corroborated by 1st Lt. W. H. LAWRENCE.

Position in A/C Navigator.

Other A/C firing at the same time? Yes.

5. Comments of the interrogator:

Definitely Destroyed.

If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet.

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt. HAROLD T. BURZMA.