

ALL STNS STAND BY FOR B/CAST

OPN NR GPH 15/15 OPS 2005A/16 US URGENT IMMEDIATE SECRET NOTWT

BAS= MOL = THU = PASS SELF

TO:- C.O.XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 91,93,303,306, GROUPS

1BW 177 N266-E 17/11

SENT IN CLEAR BY AUTHORITY FO A-3

1. PP NO 58 PART NXX TWO.

2. PRIMARY : Z540-93GRP; TARGET 26 AND 27 9, S-5490/3

91GRP: TARGET 40 AND 41 ON S-5490/3

303 GRP: TARGET BETWEEN 31 AND 37 ON S-5490/3

SECONDARY: Z544- 93 GRP TARGET "C" ON PHOTO S-574.

91GRP: TARGET "D" ON PHOTO S-574.

303 GRP TARGET BETWEEN "D" AND "B" ON PHOTO S574

306GRP: TARGET BETWEEN "D" AND "B" ON PHOTO S-574

LAST RESORT: Z539- TARGET 070055 ON P.S.PLOT.

3. 93 GP 12 B-24

91 GP 18 B-17

303 GP 18 B-17

306 GP 12 B-17

4. ROUTE OUTE. 93 GP AND 303 GP BASES TO BATH BELOW 1000 FT

XXXXX 10000 FT TO RENDEZVOUS AT START POINT AT ZERO HOUR

PLUS 30 MIN- 93GP 18000 FT 303 GP 20000 FT. PROCEED TO

RR-RIVER CORSSING 5 MILES SOUTH REDON 303 GP FOLLOWING 93 GROUP.

THENCE 93 GROUP TO TARGET. 303 GROUP TO IP APPROXIMATELY

7 MILES FARTHER SOUTH EAST ON CANAL.

GP AND 306 GP BASES TO BATH BELOW 10000 FT TO RENDEZVOUS

AT BERRY HEAD AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MIN - 91 GP AT 19000 FT,

306 GP AT 21000 FT. PROCEED 91 GP SAME AS 93 GP, 306 GP SAME

AS 303 GP

(ZERO HOUR 1000 BST 17 NOV)

LEADING GROUPS CRUISE 165 MPH INDICATED.

5. TIME OVER TARGET-NORMAL

6. BOMBING ALTITUDES

93 GP - 18000 FT

303 GP - 20000 FT.

91 GP - 19000 FT

306 GP - 21000 FT

TURN RIGHT TO START POINT TO BASES MAINTAINING ALTITUDE

TO HALF WAY ACROSS CHANNEL .

7. TO FOLLOW - IF ANY

8. LOADING:

93 GP - 12 X 500 LB RP 1/10 SEC

91 GP - 10 X 500 LB GP 1/10 SEC

303 GP - 10 X 500 LB GP 1/10 SEC

306 GP - 10 X 500 LB GP 1/10 SEC

9. SECTION 'E' MF D/F

10. COMBOMWIG ONE

T.H.I. 2220A/16

HOLD

CC B.WA LB GP NOT RP AS SENT

1.00 NO 58

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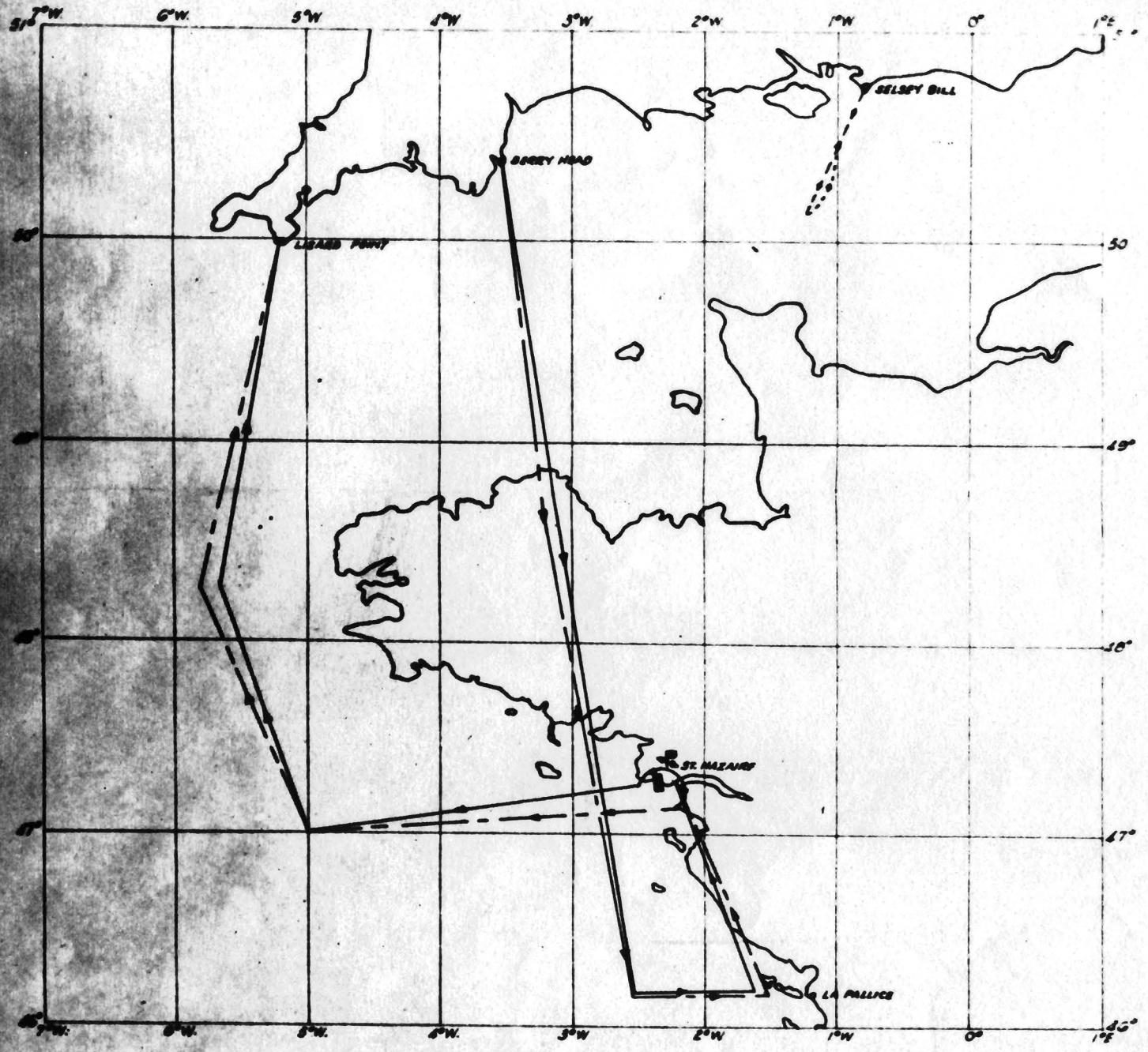
S 5490/3

44 Gr. (2nd Wing)

98

TARGET SUBMARINE INSTALLATIONS ST NAZAIRES
DIVERSION

DATE 14 November 1942 (DAY)



- Point at which Enemy A/C was encountered. (Arrow shows direction of flight of our A/C)
- ▣ Point at which Heavy Flak was encountered. (" " " " " " " ")
- ▢ Point at which Light Flak was encountered (" " " " " " " ")

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack one. Me 110 went by made
no attack.

E/A claimed DESTROYED nil

E/A claimed PROBABLE nil

E/A claimed DAMAGED nil

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on-return broken undercast 20 miles outside
English coast to 20 miles southern border of
Brest peninsula. 30 miles S of St Lazaire solid underca

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. nil.

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by a/c., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

nil

(c) New tactics of E/A nil

(d) Targets of opportunity nil

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.) nil

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to --: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

nil

16. Crew comments. Feathered #4 just after target. Got
black three nacelle and manifold pressure went
to 0 so P feathered engine - unfeathered ok at 500'

William P Berkeley Time 1850

Interrogating Officer

11. Participants with enemy aircraft, give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack

See one of U.S.S.

Top sheet saw 3 E/A

E/A claimed DESTROYED
E/A claimed PROBABLE
E/A claimed DAMAGED

No attacks

Fill out immediately separate CLAL REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return

*To target - Broken overcast and haze to target
at target boundary depth over completely overcast
near Primary target - St. Nazaire Clear
outside overcast.*

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. *To - Base - Clear then
four or five miles - Broken
clouds 4,000 -*

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by u.s., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.) *landed 4
to 6 miles*

(c) New tactics of E/A

(d) Targets of opportunity

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to --: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

16. Crew comments.

John A. B.
Interrogating Officer

Time *6:15*

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft, give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack

One J488-

~~E/A claimed DESTROYED~~

~~E/A claimed PROBABLE~~

~~E/A claimed DAMAGED~~

Fill out immediately separate CALL REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by n.a., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

(c) New tactics of E/A

(d) Targets of opportunity

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

one little hole

16. Crew comments.

JRS
Interrogating Officer

Time 6:55

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack

1 From Engine Juss

~~E/A claimed DESTROYED~~

~~E/A claimed PROBABLE~~

~~E/A claimed DAMAGED~~

Fill out immediately separate CLM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

(c) New tactics of E/A

(d) Targets of opportunity

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

no

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to --: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

16. Crew comments.

Interrogating Officer

Time

Bomb Load 2X 2000 H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot Robert W. Lealos 1st Lt Radio Op. D B Nepler
 Co-Pilot John R King 2nd Lt Top Tur Gun T Sgt Stanley P Stemborki
 Navigator Cash E Jones 2nd Lt Ball Tur Gun Sgt Ronald Magee
 Bombardier Vanduyke McKelvey 2nd Lt Waist Gun Sgt E H Small
 Engineer T Sgt Stanley P Stemborki Tail Gun Sgt M W E Baker
 Maint Gun Sgt J K Crowther

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) enemy capital ships.

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary ^{9 Nazare} Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time 1338½ Height 19000 Heading 330 true

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked? Complete overcast

Reason for abortives

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs Could not distinguish bombs dropped from others dropped by squadrons.

(b) Other Bombing ^{on photo} 9 to 16 4 bombs in water west 16 ^{photo}
 bombs hit edge of water - started fire. P says he saw 14 submarines scattered at 16 - P sure submarines must have been hit.

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Report Seen

"As ordered" Berryhead 1201 19000 No

Exceptions

10. Flak

	Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Accuracy	
				Severe	Mod't		Height	Direction
To target			Nothing					
Target		19000	heavy	✓		all black	18000	due west of 45 on target map
								170° - 4.5 mile radius target map.

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack one - 1 AC - made head on attack by Twin E' SFR

E/A claimed DESTROYED nil

E/A claimed PROBABLE nil

E/A claimed DAMAGED nil

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe rendezvous, over target, and on return overcast from midchannel to 20 miles short of French coast

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. no.

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

nil

(c) New tactics of E/A head on from level and 75yds above under our AC

(d) Targets of opportunity nil.

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.) nil.

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

nil

16. Crew comments. nil

William F. Berkley Time 1830
Interrogating Officer
St. J. A. C.