

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (D-A-2)  
Officer Of The Intelligence Officer  
United States Forces

AFPO 634  
16 August, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News

At 0859, one Aircraft in distance, presumably B-17, on fire. 5 chutes seen. Just before IP, one B-17 from group ahead reported going down. At 0945, one B-17 was reported going down east of Breux, in flames. One chute seen.

2. Narrative

20 A/C took off at 0715. Course as briefed except to North over Channel. Formation followed enemy coastline down to South for two-three minutes before turning in. Crossed enemy coast at Fecamp at 0909. Over target at 0936, lead Group of Third Combat Wing, bomb run 1350 Magnetic. Back over enemy coast at TROUVILLE at 1028, over English Coast at Airport FORD at 1059, at base at 1129. 1 ship brought back 16 x 300 - malfunction of bomb release.

3. Bombing

Good: five pattern with concentration right on aiming point. (Confirmed by photographs). Other wings show good hits on airdrome. Heavy black smoke visible long after leaving target, rising 5,000 ft. to 10,000 ft. Believe this Group obliterated its aiming point.

4. Abortive

None

5. Enemy Aircraft

Crews reported a maximum of ten (10) E/A attacking 306 Bomb Group. Types were FW 190's and ME 109's, colours varying from black to silver with white spinners. E/A were first encountered at 0930 and last seen at 1008, that is, from before till after the target. Two or three persistent attacks were made on the Group, breaking off at close range; attacks on six and eleven o'clock positions predominated, from below and individually. Capt. Reeher reported guns heavier than 20 mm. in one FW 190.

6. A.A. Gun fire

Scattered A.A. Gun fire was observed from Les Andelys, Staverney and Rouen. This fire was heavy, black and inaccurate, A.A. fire from approximately twelve gun positions at Le Bourget; probably continuous following, also inaccurate.

7. Observations

(1) Two large new - looking hangers at Breteigny, with about 25 A/C on the ground. (2) Most Airdromes seemed deserted. Three Airfields at Ficamp and near Le Bourget were without A/C. (3) A huge explosion in wood before reaching target area. (4) Woods south of Conflans now cleared and contained large black and brown storage tanks.

8. Report on Accidental Firing over England

Pilot Onnen reports a runaway gun in nose. Fired 15 shots down, from altitude of 7,000 feet over England.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,  
Captain, AC,  
Group S-2.

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**TRACK CHART**

DATE 16 August 1943

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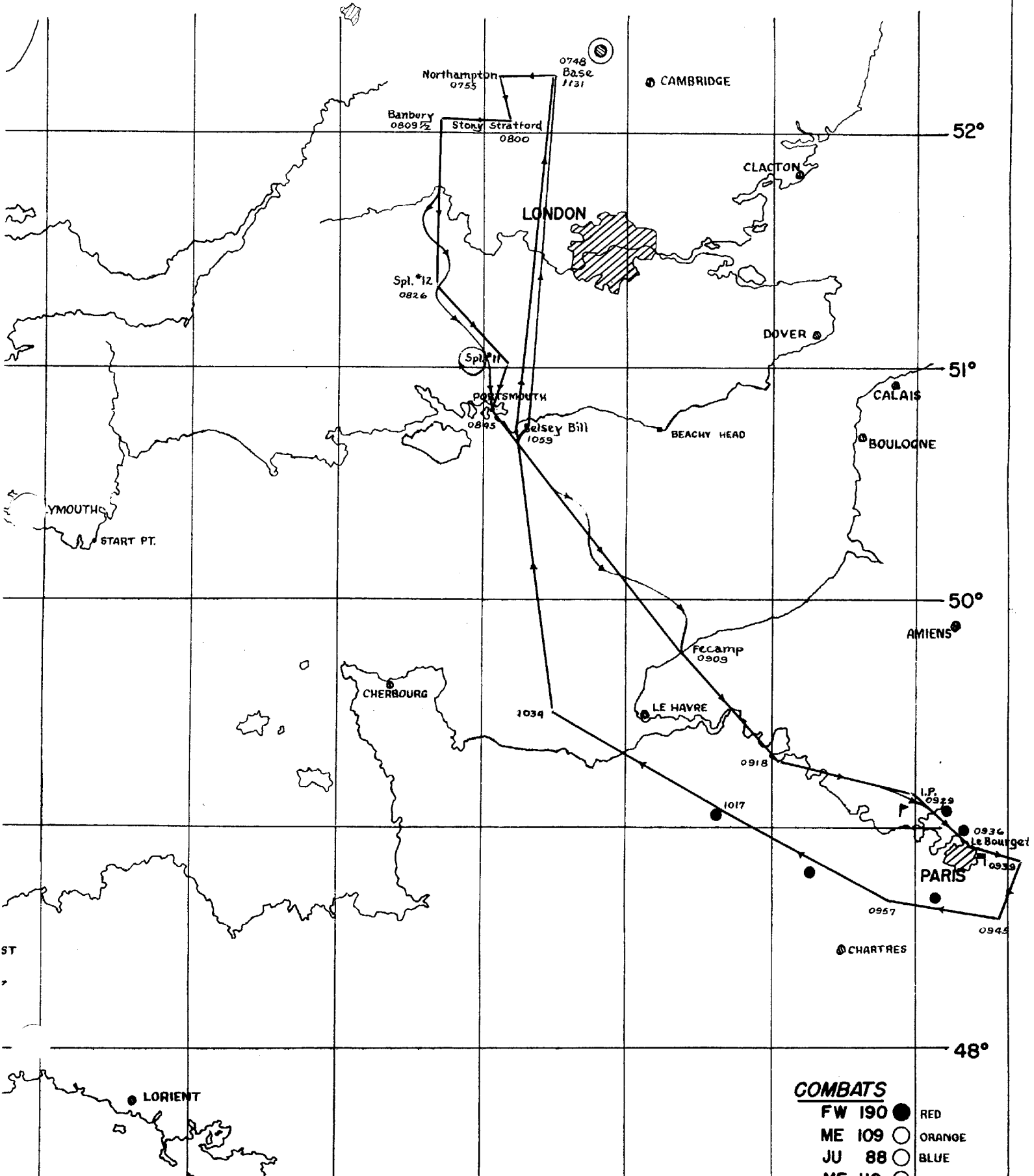
Actual

Route followed by

306th Bombardment Group (W)

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LE BOURGET AIRFIELD
PARIS, FRANCE



Target Le Bourget

1. Route followed. Crossed Channel North of Course and paralleled French Coast from St. Valery en Caux to Fecamp, to Elbeuf, to Marines, to Target, around Paris, to Bernay to Trouville to Selsay Bill.

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) **No Condensation Trails**  
Good visibility - some scattered cloud.

3. No. of A/C over Target. **20 A/C**

4. Formation over target, with height of each A/C. Those A/C damaged by Flak to be circled, and if seriously damaged, insert small "S". If any A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-

	<u>971</u>		<u>054</u>	<u>052</u>	
	20000		20200	20000	
<u>841</u>		<u>603</u>		<u>498</u>	
20000		20650		20000	
	<u>930</u>		<u>741</u>	<u>793</u>	
	19900		20150	20000	
<u>221</u>		<u>714</u>		<u>560</u>	
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					<del>814</del>
					20200
					<u>794</u>
					20200
					<u>428</u>
					20500
					<u>815</u>
					20250
					<u>720</u>
					20390
					<u>407</u>
					20600
					<u>554</u>
					20500

5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible)

**135° Mag.**

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

**45 Seconds.**

7. Turn after bombing. **90° right turn off target 10° bank**

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. **Lead Group of 3rd Combat Wing.**

9. What evasive action was taken? **Slow lazy 8 turns - No altitude change.**

10. A short description of Flak en route (if any) and at the Target, including if possible a suggestion as to type of fire control employed - i.e. Continuous following predicted concentrations, predicted barrages, or fixed barrages.

**Taverney - meager Black, heavy, scattered inaccurate.**

**Les Andelys - meager Black, heavy, scattered inaccurate.**

**Rambouillet - meager, white, scattered inaccurate**

**Le Bourget - meager Black, inaccurate, probably continuously pointed.**

**A.A. Fire from about 12 gun positions.**

**Rouen - Meager, Black scattered inaccurate.**

**Crews felt that enemy was caught unprepared.**

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

**Smoke screen observed just starting at Paris.**

**An object about 5 feet long fell in front of one of our A/C at 20,000 Ft.**

**Altitude. No E/A was observed above.**

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Materiel Officer  
United States Forces  
A. F. O. 634

16 August, 1943.

SUBJECT: B-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission of 16 August, 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. No Aircraft of this Group was Class "A" abortive.
2. B-17F No. 42-8052, 368th Squadron, was Class "B" abortive due to failure to drop bombs.
3. The following engineering malfunctions occurred:
  - (1) Supercharger lags - 3
  - (2) Erratic superchargers - 1
  - (3) Landing gear will not lower - 1
  - (4) Oil leak in engine.- 1
4. The following Armament malfunctions occurred:
  - (1) End position stoppage - 1
  - (2) Electric bomb release failure - 1
  - (3) Runaway gun - 1
  - (4) Jammed guns - 1
  - (5) Guns fail to feed - 1
  - (6) Guns fail to fire - 1
5. The following listed Radio and Instrument malfunctions occurred:
  - (1) Interphone out - 2
  - (2) Command set noisy - 1
  - (3) Noisy V.H.F. - 2
  - (4) Navigators compass improperly installed - 1
  - (5) Noisy I.H.F. - 1
  - (6) Interphone weak - 2
  - (7) Weak command set - 1
  - (8) Radio compass - 1
6. No electric heated clothing or safety equipment malfunctions occurred.
7. No aircraft was damaged by enemy action on mission.
8. Following self inflicted damages were received:

B-17F-42-29793-368th Squadron, Slight damage caused by 50 Cal. fire.

B-17F-41-24680-368th Squadron, Slight damage caused by 50 Cal. fire.

HENRY J. SCHMIDT,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Materiel Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Materiel Officer  
United States Forces  
A. P. O. 634

16 August, 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.  
Att: S-2 Officer.

1. No aircraft of this group was damaged by enemy action on missions this date.

2. Following self inflicted damages were received:

B-17F-41-24560-368th Squadron:

- (1) Skin at waist slightly damaged by 50 Cal fire.
- (2) Left outer wing damaged slightly.

B-17F-42-29793-368th Squadron:

- (1) Skin at waist damaged slightly by 50 Cal fire.

3. The following listed aircraft failed to drop bombs, thus becoming class "B" abortive:

B-17F-42-5052-368th Squadron.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Henry J. Schmidt*  
HENRY J. SCHMIDT,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Materiel Officer.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~2000028~~ A/C Number ~~447~~ 504 Letter ~~163~~ Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1115

X	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  
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

Robinson, Col. Gp. CL Pilot

1B17 Go down before 9 P. from group ahead  
1B17 .. .. at 905 km. near Noudan

Maj. Ragan J.M. CO-P

Capt. Boring W.D. Nav.

2nd Lt. Silverstein S. Bomb

T/Sgt. Long R.L. Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 9:36:29

T/Sgt. Milner J.R. Top T.

Alternate Height: 20,000

S/Sgt. Holt G.G. Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 135

S/Sgt. Sorenson A.R. R. Laist

Duration Bomb Run: 45

S/Sgt. Migloresi J.J. L. Laist

2nd Lt. Maslanka E.L. Tail G.

Cheney Capt. A.S. J.S. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all

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

Own Bombs: raw own bombs hit aiming point

Other Bombing: Concentration of Group bombs on aiming point. Airfield  
Crossed by other groups. Saw smoke  
When leaving coast of France. Smoke from target.

ANY NICKELS YES NO  
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)  
Selay, Bill 8-45:20. paralleled French coast 2-3 minutes to Pe camp 9:59. taking  
Bligny 9:18. 9 P. 9:29. Bernay 10:17. Frouville 10:29. Selay, Bill 10:38

8. WEATHER (As it affected mission) Clear over Continent. Clear over target

9. 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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Way in - light flak at preceding Group Ronan

target - light inaccurate, to right high.

raw 2 4 bursts at target. Continuous following

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION:

5  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) Fw190  
(Types)

Two on formation - one on A/C.  
(Location and length of fight)

six o'clock level. one came close from 11 o'clock on low sq.  
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT met at Pecamp, sq. in 9:09. (P.47). met others at target, on to Bernay. Spits met just before French coast. Did excellent job.

12. 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, object, about 5' long bell in front of no 3 engine at D.P. Could not see any A/C above, saw two fighters take off at Cillon. Saw 14 A/C on ground at Billigny.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. OTHER COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)

306 flew too high to give proper support to lead group. 92nd flew excell. formation. Low group of 101 C-47 did not get in good formation, flying too far back.

S-2 OFFICER

TIME COMPLETED

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 867 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 407 Letter L Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 720 Time Landed 1150

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

CR. Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

- 1st. Lt. Z. D. DAVIS Pilot
- 2nd. Lt. I. R. ELLIOTT CO-P
- 2nd. Lt. R. V. HOUGH Nav.
- 2nd. Lt. E. JENSEN Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1937  
 Alternate Height: 20600  
 Last Resort Heading: 115°  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 45 sec.

- T/SGT. L. G. McCULLAR Radio
- T/SGT. G. T. WEBB Top T.
- S/SGT. L. A. LEGGETT Ball T.
- S/SGT. D. J. FOSTER R. Taist
- S/SGT. G. R. ANDERSON L. Taist
- S/SGT. D. J. ANTONNELLI Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: In target area ANY NICKELS YES NO  
fire started. NUMBER BOXES DROPPED  
 NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of return; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs.)

OK

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

OK

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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Target 20600 slight to mod. black off to rt. all good

Crew observations about Flak:



10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Me109

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(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

After target - followed to Fr. coast.  
(Location and length of fight)

E/A from 2-3 o'clock, some attacks 6, 7 o'clock  
E/A used 37mm cannon

1 we pressed attack, rest stayed off  
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Didn't see any over France until at west out.

12. 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,

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Guns. { Bad feed rt upper top turret  
Bad adapter ret. tail

17. OTHER COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER R. Skalak TAC FILE COMPLETED 1250

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367XX366X362~~ (423) A/C Number B41 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/16/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0723 Time Landed 1135

	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  
Details: no

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

No

- MUNGER C.E. 1st Lt Pilot
- ENGEL H.J. 2nd Lt CO-P
- KUEHN C.B. 2nd Lt Nav.
- WICK W.R. 2nd Lt Bomb
- BIGGS R.B. 1st Lt Top Turret
- MOWBRER R.G. 1st Lt Radio
- LORD L.H. 1st Lt Ball T.
- WALTERS E.D. 1st Lt Waist
- SHUTTS H.R. 1st Lt Waist
- CORDERY H.C. 1st Lt Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0936  
 Alternate Height: 20,000  
 Last Resort Heading: 143 True  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: much longer action from IP started about 5:15 seconds

- BIGGS R.B. 1st Lt Top Turret
- MOWBRER R.G. 1st Lt Radio
- LORD L.H. 1st Lt Ball T.
- WALTERS E.D. 1st Lt Waist
- SHUTTS H.R. 1st Lt Waist
- CORDERY H.C. 1st Lt Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Detonated: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

OWN BOMBS: On the button

OTHER BOMBING: hit buildings WNW of actual target. other on target. Lots of black smoke, up to 5000 feet.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHERS taken? Yes (N) No

Any NICKELS: Yes (N) No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)  
Did 360° turn Eastleigh off below Bell, headed for H. Valley - en route there, off coast, parallel coast, returned to coast at 3000 feet as briefed.

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
<u>0936</u>	<u>amb</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>slight.</u>	<u>bl + fine ball.</u>	<u>ahead</u>	<u>light.</u>

Crew observations about Flak: flak behind seemed to get more  
flak.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

F-190s

Fuel  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

One streak 10 o'clock high, broke off 150 yds.  
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

White noise -  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	No
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

0915 Thunderbolts(?) left right after bomb run.

1030 Spits gave high cover.

12. 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)

About 0955, B17s in other formation fired at P 47s which had just gone by this formation. Also fired at Spits: "solid wall of fire."

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

None

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

No

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

No

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Oil leak - # 3 engine

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?) Watering k chow

for EM maintenance, 1st Lt. land at field & last to get in. Last night had to walk back after mission.

S-2 OFFICER B. H. Pool

TIME COMPLETED 1250

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Selay Bill - 0851 - 2 miles left of Peamp 0914

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON: 368 A/C Number: 793 Letter: Date: 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1145

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No Details: 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 any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd W.D. JONES Pilot

2nd Rank R.C. CO-P

2nd Swapp W.W. Nav.

2nd Slater R.J. Bomb.

T/S Enos M.J. Radio

T/S Tobin J.J. Top T.

S/L Lester P.G. Ball T.

S/L Lotti J.C. R. Taist

S/L Brendon L.A. L. Taist

T/S Lemmerhirt L.C. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0957

Alternate Height: 20,000

Last Resort Heading: 146 Mag.

Duration Bomb Run: 30 sec

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: On target

ANY NICKELS YES NO NUMBER BOXES DROPPED NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of return, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

practically as briefed.

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

Table with columns: Type, Place, Height of A/C, Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight, Color of Bursts, Location, Accuracy

Rowen - H. Black inaccurate scattered bursts target - H. Bl... (started a smoke at Paris)

Crew observations about Flak:

seem to have taken them by surprise

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

M 109  
FW 190

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100  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Just before target - 5000 meters  
(Location and length of fight)

mostly tail attacks some from 11+1 o'clock  
single attacks  
(Tactics of E/A)

Black on bottom - tan on top  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good

12. 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,)

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

50 cal hole in waist  
interphone went out  
Some one dropped bombs 5000 meters after target (group behind)  
Leadership was excellent

S-2 OFFICER Murtha TIME CO. FILED

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By RLB/JAC  
MARA Date 1/18/91

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~2600488~~ A/C Number 052 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1142

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

	X	X	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 any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. Husband T.B. Pilot

2nd Lt. Shingler R.W. CO-P

2nd Lt. Bycott A.G. Nav.

2nd Lt. Montoya R.M. Bomb.

T/Sgt. Kilbride F.J. Radio L-Waist

Sgt. Ewing E.D. Top T. Radio

S/Sgt. Mardis P. Ball T.

S/Sgt Neff D.E. Top T. No Waist

S/Sgt. Mantar P.W.D. R. Waist

S/Sgt McCann D.T. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

16x300

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

Own Bombs: Bombs hung up.

Other Bombing:

Very good

ANY NICKELS YES (NO)

NUMBER BOXES DROPPED

NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of return, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

1. WEATHER: (IA-46 affected missile) Visibility excellent

2. FLAA: 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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Le Bourget 0938 20400 Slight, not accurate. Barrage form

Rozen - some flak at 920 bursts of 4-tracking

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

About 5. FW 190 and ME 109 ~~about 0934 to 0950 at Le Bourget to 0950~~  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Le Bourget 0934 to 0950  
(Location and length of flight)

All attacks on low ground - appeared to attack from below

(Tactics of E/A)

Silver

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

3 Squadrons of P47's just after Fecamp at 0903 at 25000 ft.

About 8 Spitfires in mid-channel at 1035 at 24/25000 ft.

12. 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;

Beligny 0955 20400 4838N 0770E

Two large hangars new looking and about 25' a/c on the ground.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

0956 - Excavations and what seemed to be pill boxes under construction in wooded area

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

also at

4847 0707E

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Can see new cement structures and round henge like forms

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Bomb <sup>release</sup> failed to function

17. OTHER COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)

Villa coublay

25 Missions thought enough

957 shows little damage except for area

S-2 OFFICER

E.P.C. Colley F/L

TIME COMPLETED

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Crater, marks east of field

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~X167~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 054 Letter T Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0716 Time Landed 1140



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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

W.U.  
1st Lt. Dooley Pilot  
W.S.  
2nd Lt. Nally CO-P  
H.  
2nd Lt. Urman ~~Nav Bomb~~  
F.E.  
2nd Lt. Bullard ~~Bomb Nav~~

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0937  
Alternate Height: 20,200  
Last Resort Heading: 151  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 30"

T/Sgt. W.P. Back Radio Top T.  
T/Sgt. L.E. Morton Top T. Radio  
S/Sgt. L. Hagkell Ball T.  
S/Sgt. J.A. Kelch Waist  
S/Sgt. A.A. Nyman Waist  
S/Sgt. H.E. Jordan Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Big clouds of smoke to 10,000 feet seen after leaving target  
Streak laid all along row of buildings at aiming point

ANY MICHELS YES  NO  
NUMBER BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER BOMBS RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes?  No? \_\_\_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)  
hit coast above Fucamp then headed S.W. to cross coast at Fucamp just as briefed

8. WEATHER (Was it affected by weather?) CAVU. no report trails

9. 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>0935</u>	<u>near Tawny</u>	<u>29000</u>	<u>moderate-heavy</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>following</u>	<u>little below</u>
	<u>at target</u>		<u>meager looked like 1 gun</u>			

Crew observations about Flak:

Crew action - log 55

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 720 Letter --- Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0721 Time Landed 1146

	X	X	X	X	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  
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st. Lt. W. W. THOMAS Pilot

2nd. Lt. C. R. STAFFORD CO-P

2nd. Lt. H. K. McCALEB Nav.

2nd. Lt. J. W. LUKENS Bomb.

T/SGT. F. W. PALMER Radio

S/SGT. A. HEYBURN Top T.

S/SGT. E. DeBUYSER Ball T.

S/SGT. M. J. ST. LOUIS R. Waist

S/SGT. E. H. HENDERSON L. Waist

S/SGT. J. E. HARRIS Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0946.45

Alternate Height: 21,390

Last Resort Heading: 745  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 25

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

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

Own Bombs: No sure but think we saw huge column of white smoke above black fall over target.

Other Bombing: Good

ANY NICKELS: YES (NO)  
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs.)

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

Flak	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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Slight inaccurate. At target. Predicted barrage where we would have been if we hadn't turned at T.P. Think Col Robinson did superb job of evasive action.

Crew observations about Flak: Blak boats at Trouville

White flak from Rambouillet area. Shot at intercepting F.W.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~349~~ A/C Number 560 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 7:18 Time Landed 11:45

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

	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 any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

- S/Lt S. McIntire Pilot
- J. J. E. Goris CO-P
- S/Lt M. Levy Nav.
- S/Lt T. Harrison Bomb.

1 B17 on way down, being attacked by fighters at 10,000' a 15 minutes after target in group ahead

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary  Time: 9.36.30  
 Alternate Height: 20,000  
 Last Resort Heading: 146  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 45"

- S/O A.W. Griggs Radio
- S/C.A. Nichols Top T.
- S/Lt (W) Norman Ball T.
- S/Lt G. Mynatt R. Waist
- S/Lt V. H. Brennan L. Waist
- S/Lt J. Connolly Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: probably overshoot - a bit to right, probably hit buildings not so important - started huge fire.

Other Bombing: 1st group ahead got hangars on far side of field. Group got hangars on near side. This group hit runway point.

ANY NICKELS YES NO  
 NUMBER BOXES DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER BOXES RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

as ordered.

8. WEATHER (as to affected mission) Good. visibility 20-miles. haze on scene.

9. 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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Hit at target moderate black, right inaccurate. 4 gun bursts on bombing run

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 (423) A/C Number 221 Letter Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0915 Time Landed 1140

HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: (X) X X X X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? F/O V.H. Jeffries Pilot

(Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. J.D. JACKSON CO-P

PRENTICE Nav.

1st Lt. J.H. MOON Bomb

1st Lt. W.W. FAHRENHOLD Radio

1st Lt. M.A. MCGIVNEY Radio

1st Lt. C. SHELLEY Ball T.

1st Lt. R. TAYLOR Laist

1st Lt. O. VAN CLEAVE Laist

1st Lt. E.J. STOKOSKI Tail G.

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0936:20  
alternate Height: 20,000  
Last Resort Heading: 129 mag.  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 15-20 secs.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Did not burn

Other Bombing: Grouped on target

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHIC taken? Yes No Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number Boxes dropped Number Boxes returned

7. BOMBS (if different than ordered) (if ABORTIVE give time, place, height of burst, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.) See previous interrog.

8. (If affected in some way) O.K.

9. 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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036 mod. bl. gd alt. trace (varied)

Crew observations about Flak: ...

One B.17 ... 0945 ...

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INTERROGATION FORM

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 SQUADRON 367 ~~368008600000000000000000~~ A/C Number 428 Letter Z Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0736 Time Landed 1148

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
- |          |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|
|          |   | X | X | X | X |
| Details: | X | X | X | X | X |
|          | X | X | X | X | X |
|          | X |   |   |   | X |

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. F. H. Onnen Pilot

J.E.  
 2nd Lt. Winter CO-P

2nd Lt H. G. Edelstein Nav.

2nd Lt R. K. Pringle Bomb.

S/Sgt D M Hovis Radio Top T

S/Sgt W. G. Rozanski Top T Radio

S/Sgt P. A. Walsh Ball T R. waist

S/Sgt R. G. Van Dragt Ball T waist

S/Sgt J. K. Spall Ball T waist

Sgt. A E Robinson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0936 1/2

Alternate Height: 20,500

Last Resort Heading: 170 mag  
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: about 30"

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

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

Own Bombs: good hits

Other Bombing: hit airway point. Fires observed E. side of hangar

Any Nickels Yes   NO  
 Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (N?)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

as briefed

8. WEATHER (As it affected mission) CAVV no vapor trails

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

Bomb	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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0935 target moderate, heavy black following good height but deflection

0917 near Raven moderate " " " " Factored not close Inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: lot of flak over Paris proper

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOS. ION

5  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

1 M-109  
FW 190  
(Types)

for 5 attacks at 0945-1008

(Location and length of fight)

M-109 went right through formation attached plane below Hockley high  
FW attached slip on left

Tail attacks 530 low - one came into 400 yds.

(Tactics of E/A)

gray

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

pulled up so another ship blanketed.

FW 190  
one plane destroyed by  
(Our defensive action)  
coming crossfire of 4 planes 0949  
lots of flame & smoke - out of control.

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

pretty bad going in - require late for  
rendezvous - good at target & coming out

12. 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.)

woods south of Comfian cleared & black & brown storage tanks now there |||

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

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

15.

16. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

17. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Should have longer extension on leads to headset of radio  
17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)

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1/09/9

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Section 3.3, Date 1/8/9

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~350XX366XX399~~ (423) A/C Number 603 Letter H Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0721 Time Landed 1150

	X	X	X	X
X	<u>(X)</u>	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X				X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

G. G. REESE Pilot

L. R. B. ECKLES CO-P

" R. D. BARTON Nav.

" L. FELDMAN Bomb.

T/S HW HAWKES TOP T. Radio

T/S EN BORLIK RADIO Top T.

S/S J. T. BRINKMAN Ball T.

S/S J. H. JESSUP R. Waist

S/S L. BRAMAN L. Waist

S/S L. B. PARKS Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0937

Alternate Height: 20650

Last Resort Heading: 147°  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Entire target area in smoke from bombs.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs.)

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Perfect

9. 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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<u>Flak target</u>	<u>slight</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>poor</u>	<u>poor</u>		
	<u>crateries out</u>					
	<u>in fields</u>					

Crew observations about flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*Me109  
FW190*

*4-10*  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

*at target until coast out.*  
(Location and length of fight)

*Very cautious - expended am. from out of range. Only one Me109 attacked this A/C.*  
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Good*

12. 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,

*Large fire about 5 miles due west of target (about 500' in circumference)*

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*superchargers #1, 2, 4" sh wex  
than #3, 4 causes jawking*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*R. Skalak*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ (423) A/C Number ~~XXX~~ 714 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1130

	X	X	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  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

2<sup>nd</sup> LEWIS JH Pilot  
 2<sup>nd</sup> BICKETT KR CO-P  
 2<sup>nd</sup> DICKENSON W.H. Nav.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> MANNING PV Bomb.  
 1/5 COPPER L.C. Radio  
 1/5 DAY W.F. Top T.  
 1/5 DEPIETRO G. Ball T.  
 Sgt. MORGAN W. R. Waist  
 Sgt. AXELROD D. L. Waist  
 Sgt. GOETZ L. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0936  
 Alternate Height: 20100  
 Last Resort Heading: 145°  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 40'

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

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

Own Bombs:

in area

Other Bombing:

on target

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes?) No?

Any Nicks: Yes No  
 Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

clear - broken clouds at 8000'

9. 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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0930 - Sub. of Paris, 20000 meager Bl. in acc. poorly aimed flak

Crew observations about flak: very poor

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No condensation trails  
 10' bank - 90' at turn off target

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~167XXX68XXX~~ (423) A/C Number 971 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0722 Time Landed 1103

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

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 any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

*no.*

KACKSTETTER Pilot

THOMPSON CO-P

PIERCE Nav.

LUCAS Bomb

BUCHANAN Radio *TT*

FPISTER Top T. Radio

CARROZZA Ball T.

BLUM R. Laist

DURHAM L. Laist

GRAY Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0937

Alternate Height: 20,000

Last Resort Heading: 130°

Duration Bomb Run: 40"

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

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

Own Bombs: *Right on target. Big column of black smoke*

Other Bombing: *on dispersed areas to N. and NE*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? *Yes* Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_ Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

7. BOMB (if different than ordered) (if ABORTIVE give time, place, height of burst, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

*No bombs*

8. WEATHER (if it affected mission)

9. E.A.M. 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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*Flak 49°12' 8" at 0920 hrs. Slight, inaccurate*

*Didn't notice it suddenly*

Crew observations about Flak

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367 368 369~~ (423) A/C Number 930 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0723 Time Landed 1145

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes  No

Details:

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 any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1<sup>st</sup> Lt W.P. CASSEDY Pilot

S. Paris.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt D.C. RODMAN CO-P

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt W.S. CLARIDA Nav.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt J.E. SANDERS Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

T/Sgt M.L. BARTLETT Radio Top T

Primary

Time: 0936

T/Sgt W.T. JOHNSON Top T. Radio

Alternate

Height: 19900

S/Sgt J.O. HOOKS Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 137° (circle)

Sgt W.R. WILKINSON R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: 45 secs

Sgt J. PETO L. Waist

S/Sgt M.B. EDWARDS Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

16 x 300

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

Own Bombs: Good

Other Bombing: Good - a very good show all round

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes  No

Any Nickels? Yes  No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_

Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

None

8. WEATHER (Is it affected at all?)

Good - scattered clouds

9. 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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Le Bourget 0936 19900 slight and very inaccurate - mostly single guns

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~370~~ A/C Number 741 Letter V Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0718 Time Landed 1142

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details) Lt. Lt. Robinson RL Pilot

*A/c in distance on fire 859  
5 clouds seen - prob.  
a B17*

2nd Lt. Katz W CO-P

2nd Lt. Holmes C, W Nav.

2nd Lt. Lamb B R Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0937  
alternate Height: 20150  
Last Resort Heading: 132°  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 10 sec.

Sgt Whitten HR Radio

Sgt Bearden SP Top T.

S/Sgt Fisher GP Ball T.

Sgt Northcott - R. waist

S/Sgt Nicholson - L. waist

S/Sgt Coulson P Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *Group ahead right on target.*

Other Bombing: *Over target on fire* ANY NICKELS YES NO  
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

*OK  
perfect*

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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<i>Target</i>			<i>mod</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>→ some close</i>	<i>fair</i>
				<i>some white high</i>		
				<i>&amp; behind</i>		

Crew observations about Flak: *12 into target a few burst  
les - Andelly - nowhere's close*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) 366X369X373X A/C Number 815 Letter Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0719 1/2 Time Landed 1146 1/2

Position in Formation

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes (No)

Details:

			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 any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

13-17 mushing down burning hard. One chute seen. Over Beauvais, 0948 hrs. 20,000 ft.

Capt. T. F. Witt Pilot

2nd. Lt. D. H. White CO-P

2nd. Lt. G. E. Meltzer Nav.

2nd. Lt. W. Z. Morey Bomb.

T/Sgt. J. C. Bocelli Radio

T/Sgt. G. Riecke Top T.

S/Sgt. F. W. Pulliam Ball T.

S/Sgt. C. A. Adams R. Waist

S/Sgt. W. R. Earnest L. Waist

S/Sgt. W. D. Sherrill Tail G.

MAJOR H. NUSSBAUM OBSERVER

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0936 3/4

Alternate Height: 20,250 ft

Last Resort Heading: 145 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 50 seconds

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: 0 Returned: 0 Abortive: 0

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

Own Bombs: was completely covered by bomb bursts.

Could not observe own bombs

Other Bombing:

ANY NICKELS: YES X NO  
NUMBER BOMBS DROPPED 0  
NUMBER BOMBS RETURNED 0

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No X

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn) Reason for route change and disposition of bombs.

As prescribed

8. WEATHER (If affected mention) Excellent. Visibility Unlimited

9. 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
0915	RAVEN	20,000	Heavy, slight	Black	10 o'clock	Inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: Very ineffective.

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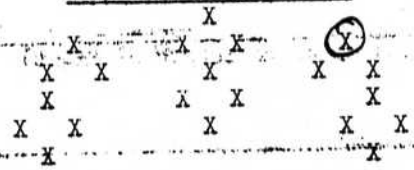
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) 368 369 XXX 23X A/C Number 891 Letter O Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0719 Time Landed 1150



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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

Capt. K. A. Reecher Pilot  
2nd. Lt. E. O. Rasmussen CO-P

One B-17 from formation ahead  
within 1000 yds of us +  
hit ground about 0715, way  
south of Rouen

1st. Lt. A. F. Titus Nav.

1st. Lt. H. E. Phelan Bomb.

T/Sgt. A. G. Coulter Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

T/Sgt. J. Argentos Top T.

Primary Time: 0936

S/Sgt. J. E. Corcoran Ball T.

Alternate Height: 20,000

S/Sgt. J. P. Bloom R. Waist

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

S/Sgt. H.K. Twing L. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: 3.5 min

T/Sgt. E. E. Kennedy Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Right on the button

Other Bombing: All buildings blown up, it seemed  
ANY NICKELS YES NO  
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of return; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

Within 5 mins of route briefed all the time. south of  
0929 in 20300 ft. target on the button. Before then  
0935 in 20300 ft. target on the button. Perfect

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Left coast at 3000 ft

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
0924	Rouen	20,000	slight	bl.	low	5 left
0935	just before	20,000		bl.	low	right

Crew observations about Flak:

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~167~~ 368 ~~369~~ 423 A/C Number 698 Letter L Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0716 Time Landed 1145

	X	X	X	X
X	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  
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

L.G.  
Capt. Cook Pilot

*B-17 smoking badly going down in control  
no chutes. near Drome*

C.K.  
2nd Lt Logue CO-P

A.E.  
2nd Lt. Simmen Nav.

A.  
1st Lt. Winters Bomb

R.N.  
T/Sgt Nelson Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

J.K.  
T/Sgt Herman Top T.

Primary Time: 0936 1/2

S/Sgt W.J. TREMPER  
S/Sgt Bernt Ball T.

Alternate Height: 20,000

R.T.  
S/Sgt Kenney R. Laist

Last Resort - Heading: 148° var.

M.H.  
S/Sgt Goss L. Laist

Duration Bomb-Run: 1 minute

A.N.  
S/Sgt Jenniges Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: none

Other Bombing: big fire on primary, S.W. & E. side  
still see smoke from coast

ANY NICKELS YES  NO  
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: YES N? 15 exp.

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

as briefed

8. (If affected) CAVU no vapor trails

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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0920	Rover	20,000	medium heavy	continuously painted		Inaccurate
0935	target	20,000	moderate	"		fairly accurate

Crew observations about Flak: Probably not over 12 positions at target

*Slight right turn after target*

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SQUADRON (367) ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~409~~ A/C Number 554 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1722 Time Landed 1134

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

	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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials...

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

*Saw chute from fighter - not sure if enemy or friendly at Breteigny 0947 hrs. Plane crashed in fork of river to N.*

1st. Lt. L. L. ROBINSON Pilot

2nd. Lt. W. J. TACKMIER CO-P

1st. Lt. C. D. MOORE Nav.

2nd. Lt. F. X. PRERGE Bomb.

SGT. J. R. MERSON Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0937

T/SGT. J. W. WALKENHORST Top T.

Alternate Height: 20,500 I

S/SGT. M. CAUSEY Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 160°  
(circle)

SGT. H. W. HEFFNER R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: 50"

S/SGT. W. J. HIFLER L. Waist

S/SGT. W. D. BRITTAIN Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Right on shipyard area to NNW.

Other Bombing: same as above

ANY NICKELS: YES  NO   
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? Ma

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

As briefed

8. WEATHER (Time, it affected mission)

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

Bomb	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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Moderate. At target area 4 guns seem to follow us. White bursts seem to burst above black.

Crew observations about Flak: \_\_\_\_\_

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~306X309X028X~~ A/C Number 794 Letter K Date 16/8/43

Bomb Load 16x300 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0720 Time Landed 1155

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

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 any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. L. W. KOOIMA Pilot

2nd Lt. F. H. CRANFORD CO-P

2nd Lt. D. W. BERKEY Nav.

2nd Lt. G. A. CRESSY Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0937  
Alternate Height: 20000  
Last Resort Heading: 140  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec

T/SGT. C. L. BROOKS Radio

T/SGT. V. A. STRUCKHOFF Top T.

S/SGT. S. S. COUVILLION Ball T.

S/SGT. A. W. TINSLEY R. Laist

S/SGT. F. E. HUTCHINSON L. Laist

S/SGT. R. S. WESTON Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Covered target  
concentrated pattern

ANY MESSAGES YES NO  
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (N)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered). (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of return, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

OK

8. WEATHER (If it affected mission):

OK - no cloud, unlimited visibility.  
temperature -3°

9. 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
	Target		slight		sort of	fair

Look out bet Trouville & Calvary - no flak used tracking

Crew observations about Flak: long fire at wing ahead

1/2 between coast & target, vicinity of les Andelys??



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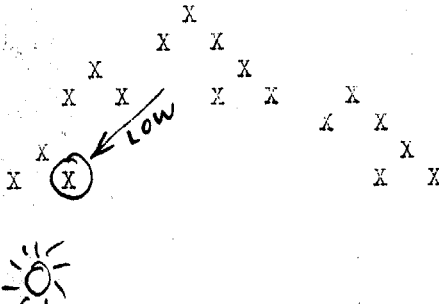
Group 306 Date 16/8/43  
Squadron 429 Place where attacked Just before target  
A/C No. 724 Time 09:31 Height 20,000 ft.

Story of the attack-- Attack from 1 o'clock and low. Fired 3 good bursts into E/A. He peeled off and went straight down - Hit the ground and exploded. This E/A was seen to hit ground and explode, a parachute was also seen by A/C number 930.

**DESTROYED**  
A-2 L.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. direction of E/A attack;
- c. sun position.

Data on combat

- a. our heading 1
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;  
from high above \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check level \_\_\_\_\_  
one) below X  
very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. G. Dupitre  
Positions Tail Turret

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

Corroborated by Sgt. L. Coats (Saw E/A going down smoking)  
Position in A/C Tail Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments of the interrogator: Definitely Destroyed

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator

Sgt. Lt. Edward T. Murtha

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