

By RLB/JHC NARA Date 1/8/91

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
United States Forces

APO 634  
20 December, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News

Our A/C 706, Pilot Ryther, is still outstanding. He left the formation over the North Sea after reporting to the group leader by radio that he had a wounded bombardier and was leaving formation to make land fall as quickly as possible.

One B-17 with group marking "L" in triangle was seen by most of our crews to ditch at 1321 hours at 53° 28'N - 05° 28'E. It was immediately reported by radio by our lead A/C and one B-17 and two Spitfires were seen to circle it. B-17 stayed afloat 4 minutes. Crew already rescued.

B-17's Seen In Distress

1142 hours One B-17 peeled off to left between I.P. and target. No apparent trouble. No chutes.

1148 B-17 from lead group attacked by five E/A. Two engines on fire. Four chutes seen.

1155 B-17 from group behind attacked by enemy fighters. First smoking then on fire. Four chutes seen.

1201 B-17 flying low attacked by fighters. At 1205 3 chutes from this A/C. Last seen on fire between Aurich and Norden.

1217 B-17 wing came off. Spun to ground. No chutes seen.

1222 B-17 seen circling Vlieland at low altitude as the trying to make landing under control.

Convoy Sighted

One crew reported convoy of approximately 30 large merchant type ships apparently at anchor at 53° 40'N. - 06° 25'E. at 1218 hours. Reported by phone.

2. Narrative

21 A/C took off 0837. 18 A/C of 306th Group made rendezvous as briefed with 40th Combat Wing which then fell in behind lead Combat Wing. Forced to zigzag to allow lead combat wing to keep lead position while climbing over over-cast. Left English Coast 8 minutes late south of course. Crossed Tessel at southern tip of island. Returned to briefed course at enemy mainland at about 53° 06'N. - 05° 22'E and remained approximately on course for balance of mission.

Pilot Opdyke, was over target but brought back 42 x M47A1 because he could not see group drop bombs. One A/C, # 756, Pilot Campart, released late because of malfunction of release mechanism.

Abortions: One A/C # 776, Pilot Gay, turned back at 1109 hours at 52° 57'N. - 04° 37'E. because his # 1 engine was out and oil pressure dropped. He brought back 42 x M47A1. One A/C # 742, Pilot Lund, turned back at 0915 hours near Bicester because of dropping oil pressure and increasing temperature in one engine. Brought back 42 x M47A1. One A/C # 451, Pilot Gerald, turned back at 1040 hours at English Coast at 52° 48'N. - 01° 32'E. because of sheared drive shaft. Brought back 42 x M47A1. One A/C # 939, Pilot Casseday, turned back at 1042 hours at 52° 54'N. - 01° 47'E. because the superchargers on two engines ran away. Brought back 42 x M47A1.

### 3. Fighter Opposition

The 306th was high Group of the 40th Combat Wing. Enemy fighter opposition was surprisingly weak. Some 25 single engined and twin engined fighters were seen. A lone ME 109 with silver fuselage, yellow nose, yellow wing tips, and a broad red band on tail made a barrel-roll attack on head on at 1213 hours, coming right through formation for only attack on this group. 6 T/E fighters, ME 110's and ME 210's were seen below at 1157 hours. They flubbed about for twenty minutes attempting without success to climb to the altitude of this group (28,000 ft.). Last seen at 1217 hours. Other S/E E/A confined attacks to stragglers.

### 4. Fighter Support

Fighter support was excellent. Two groups of P-47's were met at the coast on the way in and furnished close support to the I.P. Two other groups of P-47's were met at the target and stayed with the formation to the coast on the way out. We make no claims.

### 5. A.A. Gun Fire

Meager, inaccurate A.A. gun fire from Den Helder, Tessel, 52° 57'N - 08° 00'E, Emden, Borkum and Juist. A.A. gun fire at Bremen was very intense, both barrage and tracking. This group missed most of the barrage which was off to the right apparently aimed at lead Combat Wing from the southern part of the town. Tracking fire was only fairly accurate. Several especially large brown bursts were observed at the target. Volume at Bremen today when firing at seen target reported much greater than last time when enemy batteries were firing at unseen target.

At Bremen 6 or 7 red balls with a slight smoke haze trailing seen to be falling on the down swing of an arc leading to the belief that they came from the ground. When approximately at our altitude, but away from formation, they exploded with a large burst throwing out particles that gradually burned themselves out.

### 6. Bombing

Two to three-tenths cloud over target. Bombing results partly obscured by haze and smoke screen but results are believed good and strong fires were burning in town area. Unfortunately all 306th cameras failed or aborted. Receiving late instructions, after I.P., to bomb visually, our lead Bombardier set heading based on estimated position of hidden MPI and corrected heading to left fifteen seconds before bombs away when bridges upstream from R.R. bridge were identified. Bombs are believed to have been placed close to, possibly south of, briefed aiming point.

### 7. Observations

Smoke screen at target rather thin due possibly to late start or strong ground wind. Other smoke screens observed at Wilhelmshaven, Emden, and Oldenburg. Very heavy condensation trails. One bomb from another group seen to drop just inside Dutch Coast.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER

DATE 20-12-43

BREAKFAST 0445 BRIEFING 0545 STATIONS 0815 TAXI 0825

CAMERAS \_\_\_\_\_ TAKE OFF 0837 ASSEMBLE AT 19,000 FT

LUNCH \_\_\_\_\_ SANDWICHES 0700 RADIO CHECK TO THUR AT 0946 HOURS  
 CONVOYS \_\_\_\_\_ REMD THUR AT 0948 AT 19,000 FT  
 \_\_\_\_\_ REMD \_\_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_\_\_ FT

SPARES : : 221 : 431 :  
 OXYGEN : : : D : D :  
 DISPIL : : : 11 : 2 :

GROUP C.O. Belser  
 GROUP DEPUTY Katz  
 GROUP DEPUTY \_\_\_\_\_

CLIMB AT 150 AT 200 FPM  
 CRUISE AT 150 AT 28,000 FT  
 BOMB AT 150 AT 28,000 FT  
 RETURN AT 150 AT 28,000 FT  
 DESCEND AT 170 AT 500 FPM

SPLASHER NO. 5 LET DOWN 245T DEGREES  
 ALTIMETERS 29.92 TOP DIALS YES  
 ZERO HOUR 1030 BOMB HIT MIN  
 PUNDIT FLASHING LETTERS

305 GP LEADS 92, 306  
 41st CW LEADS 40th, 92nd, 1st  
 305 GP YY PERIOD 0700-1300 1300-1900  
 306 GP RY FLARE GY RY  
 92 GP RG ANSWER B V  
 GP CHALLENGE D M

FIGHTER SUPPORT 1 Gp P-47's 5308-0450  
 2 Gp P-47's 5305-0550E  
 2 Gp P-47's 5300-0656E  
 1 Gp P-38's 5258-0800E

2 Sq Spits-With Drawal- if needed "C"  
 OTHER EFFORTS 3 & 2 Div Follow 1st 22 min  
 Later

1 Wc Typhoons - Venld & Deelen Area

FIGHTERS Denver one  
 BOMBERS Goldsmith one two  
 G.S.C. Tackline

THUR	: 0948	: 19,000
BLETCHLEY	: 0958	: 19,000
LUTON	: 1003	: 19,000
CAMBRIDGE	: 1012	: 19,000
KINGS LYNN	: 1023	: 21,000
CROMER	: 1033	: 22,000
FR 5307-0450	: 1103	: 28,000
FR 5305-0550	: 1112	: 28,000
FR 5300-0656	: 1121	: 28,000
FR 5258-0800	IP : 1130	: "
Target	: 1137	: "
5320-0850	: 1141	: "
5320-0800	: 1155	: "
5340-0700	: 1213	: "
5412-0530	: 1237	: 16,000
CROMER	: 1359	: 6,000
BASE	: 1435	: "

STAN ENGINES REAPER  
 STAN BY MISS RIGON  
 DELAY TAKE OFF BEAVERS  
 SCRUB BITIN  
 ABANDON

I.P. VHF Codeword - BOXMORE  
 VHF auth HUMBUG  
 VHF air Com LITTLE MAN

By RLB/JHC NARA Date 1/8/91

Hq. 306th Bomb Group (H)

FLAK REPORT

Date 20 Dec

Target Bremen

1. Route followed. South tip of Pessel, 53°00'N-06°55'E, 52°58'N-08°00'E, Target, 53°20'N-08°50'E, 53°20'N-08°00'E, 53°40'N, 07°00'E

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) Persistent condensation trails from 22000' 2/10 to 4/10 cloud cover, some haze.

3. No. of A/C over Target. 18 A/c were targets for flak.

Bombed at 1145 hrs.

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>431</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>025</u>	<u>586</u> <u>28000</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>797</u>	<u>007</u>
<u>363</u>	<u>765</u>	<u>065</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>515</u>
	<u>706</u>	<u>S</u>						
	?							

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

80° Mag.

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

12 sec. - Bomb. made violent corrections at target

7. Turn after bombing. 90° left turn

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. High group of C.W.

9. What evasive action was taken?

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.

Dim Helder - meager, white, tracking, inaccurate  
S. tip of Pessel - meager, white, tracking, inaccurate  
52°57'N-08°00'E - meager, accurate  
Bremen - intense, both barrage and tracking, fairly acc. on this group  
Emden - meager, approx. 16 bursts, inaccurate prob. tracking.

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~~Bremen~~ - at Bremen  
6 or 7 red balls with a slight smoke haze trailing  
seen to be falling on the down swing of an  
~~arc~~ arc leading to the belief that they came  
from the ground. They exploded <sup>where approximately at our</sup> with a large  
burst throwing out particles that gradually  
burned themselves out.

altitude but away  
from formation  
they exploded

367th Squadron

- B 17F-42-30767 - Slight flak damage to Right Outer Wing Panel - Hit Main Spar.
- B 17G-42-31327 - None
- B 17G-42-37765 - Slight flak damage to Right Side Tail Gun Compartment.- Forward
- B 17F-42-3363 - Slight flak damage to Right Side Tail Gun Compartment.
- B 17F-42-31025 - None
- B 17F-42-30706 ?
- B 17E-42-31065 - Serious flak damage to Bulkhead 7B between waist position and Radio Room.

368th Squadron

- B 17F-42-30586 - None
- B 17G-42-39776 - Abortive; Oil leak in #1 prop gov. Loss of oil caused oil pressure to drop to 40lbs.
- B 17G-42-37724 - Abortive: #2 eng oil cooler shutters stuck in closed position, causing high oil temperature and low oil pressure.
- B 17F-42-30145 - Slight flak damage to Left Inner Wing Panel.
- B 17F-42-30451- Abortive: #4 engine propeller ran away. Prop Gov drive shaft sheared off causing internal damage to engine.

369th Squadron

- B 17F-42-30794- None
- B 17G-42-31196- None
- B 17F-42-30939- Abortive: #2 and #4 engine rough at altitude. Aircraft was test flown after it aborted at 22,000 ft. and no defects were noted by pilot.
- B 17G-42-31143- Slight flak damage to Right Elevator and Stabilizer.

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369th Squadron (Continued)

B 17G-42-31136 - None

423rd Squadron

B 17G-42-3515 - None

B 17G-42-31139 - None

B 17F-42-30431 - None

20 December, 1943.

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 ~~369~~ A/C Number 765 Letter D Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 ~~XXXX~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1500

		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:

1-B-17 - ditched - 1321 h. 53° 28' N - 03° 28' E  
 Head - 255° mag - floating ok.  
 53° 40' - 065256 - 1218 h. at anchor  
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
 Searched to be large ~~ship~~

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. G. Campert Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. F. M. McCullagh ComP ✓
- 1st Lt. J. L. Dougherty Nav ✓
- 1st Lt. J. A. Sparks Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. C. E. Lebert Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. P. W. Murray Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. A. (NMI) Graubart Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. P. E. Colburn H. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. W. P. Teston L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. K. H. Hudson Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary of A/C Time: 1145  
 Alternate Height: 27800  
 Last Resort Heading 90°  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 4 or 5 min.

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) 1/2 in North Sea

Own Bombs: Salvo release did not work half 2 or 3 minutes  
 half released 2 or 3 min. after target. Then one after target  
 by one into N. Sea.

Other Bombing:

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)

South of course 10 to 12 mile going over E coast  
 52 48 - 0442 - 2 mi south of target course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) target clear - A/C going fair visibility -

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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1108 15 mi S. of coast - Heavy light Blk - very high - inaccurate

1145 - 27800 - Target - Heavy Barrage - Blk - 2 or 3 bursts - to group -

Tracking also. No. Blk.

Crew observations about Flak: along coast on islands - low inaccurate

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 By RLB/BAC  
 MARA Date 1/8/49  
 Phoned to ... 1610 h.



10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number seen)

*FW 190*  
(Types)

*ME 109*

(Reason and length of fight)

*FW made one pass -*

(Tactics of E/A)

*FW - all - white*

(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.)

*None*

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *76-38's*

*29. P 47's - coast going in to I.P. Then 2 Bg gl  
target to coast -*

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,

*Two Bally fire going straight down about 2 mi off to right - over target 27800'*

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.)

*None -*

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

*None*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*Simple - out - 2 inboard superchargers P.P.  
Chin turret - non-operative - Bomb releases + doors -*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*McNeely*

FILE COMPLETED

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By RIB/DHC NARA Date 1/18/91

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 369 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 143 Letter (P) Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 ~~XXXX~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1502

	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: B17 ditched. (5320-0325) from DR  
Another 17 circled, also 2 Spitfires

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

B17 down in flames about 1150. 3-4 chutes - exploded near ground. (2 W1s brought it down)

Lt. Opdyke, J.S.	Pilot
Lt. T. C. Olsen	ComP
Lt. L. B. Kusselwhite	Nav
Lt. Couch	Bomb
Sgt. T. W. Hunter	Radio
Sgt. W. R. Jones	Top T.
Sgt. R. N. Gates	Ball T.
Sgt. F. Sliva	R. Waist
Sgt. E. J. Gustafson	L. Waist
Sgt. E. R. Maddy	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary CLAS Time: *Alt 10000*  
Alternate CP Height:  
Last Resort Heading  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Navigator thinks he observed results (red flashes) in southern part of town. *Could not see bombs dropping so did not drop his - N. K. H. S.*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

any Nickels: Yes  No   
Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: 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)

*Approved. As briefed - turned off as briefed*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *7/10 alto cirrus - slight haze*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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*at target area intense black accurate  
on way in ~~Kirkham~~ moderate - magenta - white accurate  
on way out at Borkum*

Crew observations about Flak: *"Dive in elevator"*

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By RLB/JHC  
Date 1/8/91  
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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 065 Letter Z Date 20/12/43.

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 ~~MYX~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1440.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: 10 p from lead group. hit by enemy fighters shortly after target - Caught fire. No details.

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

None at 5314N 0245E (lost my S.O.S. call) here. got hit 5327N 0401E (blinded). This was at 1328. - Call letters M.V. W.G.

1st Lt. F. J. Rector Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R. W. Ashley Corp ✓

2nd Lt. J. M. Carella Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. W. H. Peterson Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. J. G. Miller Radio ✓

T/Sgt. C. E. Vondrachek Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. S. G. Downs Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. M. Elliott R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H. K. Twing L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. D. A. McGinnis Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1145 1/4

Alternate Height: 27500

Last Resort Heading 90

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: No Bombs. Target obscured by smoke screen.

Other Bombing: I went on way in + out, not P.P. a target.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? any Nickels: Yes No

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early; and disposition) Little S/Com in no. 10000 ft. between 1145 and 1155. No target. Came out just S of W. Humber + Ender + not over hills. (Zerschellen) Jan Klutland. (Come out above. Lots of paper trails all the way over.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Lots of paper trails all the way over.

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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	Modeste flak. Den Heide.	27500 - 11000.	Incend.			
	Target. Went out. Zerschellen. Very close - some at 1145 hrs 27500 ft. Biggest burst seen yet. Hit at target in night.					
	Zerschellen on way out - Modeste but some came thru smoke.					

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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S-E

(Estimated total number) (Types)

None in m

(Action and length of fight)

5 attempted lead groups. Head on attacks - S/E Horizontal strafing half white - half black. White on vertical str. also. Long range. Poor sight thru. formation.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	0
DAMAGED	0
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT P47s damage good. All on the plane.

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, ...)

Smile Suen Bremen - Wilhelmshaven - Bismarck

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)

1 over target

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

2 of crew in hospital. Oxygen tank gunner

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Ball turret gunner with in magnet. No one got much on eye. Clash in wings MW & tail

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None

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

S-2 OFFICER Capt Baldwin FILE COMPLETED

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By RLB/BAC NARA Date 1/8/91



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~200 XXX 200 XXX~~ A/C Number 327 Letter N Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 ~~XXXX~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:43 Time Landed 1453

			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					X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

5327.0330: head L in triangle - landed in water  
OK - floated for quite a while - went down because vertical  
stabilizer was falling off.

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

B-17 caught fire & headed to sea near Wilhelmshaven  
1 chute - 1201 hrs.

B-17 down in target area just after - no chutes 1147  
B-17 just before target peeled off to left. looked OK, no chutes 1142

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. A. W. Mack	Pilot	✓
2nd Lt. T. H. Bridgeman	Comd	✓
2nd Lt. G. L. Feltz	Nav.	✓
2nd Lt. J. D. Welch	Bomb.	✓
Sgt. P. J. Marquez	Radio	
Sgt. H. R. Fogelson	Top T.	
Sgt. L. A. Glasscock	Bell T.	
Sgt. C. Walters	R. Waist	
Sgt. O. J. Graham	L. Waist	
Sgt. C. E. Dapra	Tail G.	

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1145  
Alternate Height: 27,900  
Last Resort Heading 85° mag.  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:  
None

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

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

Own Bombs: dropped on group leader streamers  
Bombs should have landed south of them

Other Bombing:

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)

as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) very clear - about 3/10 over target - 5-7/10 in area.

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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Target - good altitude but ahead of target at first, then tracking - intense  
Level - low - merged in and out - fairly accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

Explosion at Bremen - very intense - wind to strong - heavy smoke screen

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON, ~~368~~ 368 ~~447~~ 447 A/C Number 025 Letter B Date 20-12-43

Bomb Load 42 M47 Al H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

TA: CRE Time Took Off 0837 Time Landed 1458

		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: B17 ditching 1317z (5326-0323)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. W. Katz Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. A. F. Rehn Corp ✓

1st Lt. I. E. Glaze Nav. ✓

1st Lt. M. J. Dmochowski Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. J. Alvarez Radio ✓

T/Sgt. O. G. Owens Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. G. O'Connell Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. A. C. Schaeffler R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. J. Gemborski L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. C. Kay Tail G. ✓

B17 1153 hrs right engine burning (NO. 1 engine) 3 chutes. (5340 0820)

2. TARGET ATTACKED

Primary of Alt Time: 1145

Alternate Height: 28700

Last Resort Heading 75° Mag

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 20

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

Own Bombs: seen to hit town

much smoke

(Visual Bombing)

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: 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)

ascended east side of canal south of route going in. approximately as briefed going out about little south.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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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In target area intense flak yellow accurate

Crew observations about Flak: Flak at Borkum, Kijnduin

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ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)  
GROUP LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER  \_\_\_\_\_  
LOW SQUADRON LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)  
SINGLE AIRCRAFT \_\_\_\_\_

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 1041 52°49'N  
01°35'E

2. Was Course as Briefed? OK to target, made 180°  
If not, describe course in detail  
turn off target came out NE of Emden

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast 1106 52°54'N  
04°42'E

4. Time over Target 1145  
Altitude over Target 28500  
Position of Group on Bomb Run to left of other groups  
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 80° mag  
Duration Bomb Run 5 min

5. Time of Landing at Base 1505  
~~1610~~  
If landed away from base before return state where and why \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ S-2 OFFICER Skalak  
Capt AC

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By RIB/AC MARA Date 1/8/91



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~367XX362XX423X~~ A/C Number 431 Letter F ~~K31~~ Date 29/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 ~~XXXX~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1447

	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: *B17 - just after bombs away #1 engine #2 engine on fire 21 chutes out they pres went out, last saw below headed toward home.*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*B17 - 12 miles Rishling V. Hilland low, looked as if trying to make a landing under control.*

2nd Lt. J. J. Stolz Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. B. McGuire Corp ✓

2nd Lt. A. T. Ballard Nav ✓

2nd Lt. S. F. Tanella Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. L. C. McCullar Radio ✓

T/Sgt. G. T. Webb Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. D. J. Foster Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. G. R. Anderson R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. F. M. Shade L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. D. J. Antonelli Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary: of A/C Time: *1145 hrs*

Alternate: of A/C Height: *28,900'*

Last Resort Heading: *92° mag.*

Duration Bomb Run: *About 2 minutes on leader*

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

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

Own Bombs: *Could not see own trails*

Other Bombing: *Fats of black smoke area north end of bridge*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? *No?* No? any Nickels: *Yes* No Number boxes dropped: *0*

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned: *0*

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

*On way back left formation as ordered on way out 5357 x 0530 then 5225 x 03.42 then met Cromer*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *3/10 low Cumulus*

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
1145		28900	Heavy, intense	Orange	Directly ahead	Accurate on altitude
1222	Borkum	25000	Heavy, intense	Orange	Directly ahead	Accurate on altitude

Crew observations about Flak:

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MARA

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

M21099 + E's M88 M8110's  
(Estimated total number of enemy fighters)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

E. Came in head on peeled off about 500 yds and attacked formations below -

M21099, Came up through our group and attacked group below and behind -

(Tactics of E/A)

S/E blue underneath -  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED X  
PROBABLY X  
DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

<sup>Flight</sup> Coast to EP. good P47 cover, also some P38 low and Spids high after leaving Coast on way home

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, etc.)  
Smoke screens Ender + Wilhelmshaven

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.)  
none

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Flak in #3 engine left wing

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Radio + DR Compas out, fuel air temp gauge.

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

S-2 OFFICER

*C. W. Glass*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~369~~ ~~400X~~ ~~XXXXXXX~~ 369 ~~400X~~ A/C Number 196 Letter (O) Date 20/12/43.

Bomb Load ~~420~~ ~~MATL~~ ~~XXXX~~ Incend.

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1455

Position in Formation

		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)

*1320 hrs DR Pa. 5333N 0350 E altitude: 2 Sprints  
Crew found in emergency VHF for 3 minutes: 200 ft  
to see target  
1617 flak in down #2 engine on fig 2 chute just  
after bomb was 2 fighters had attacked him.*

Lt. W. B. Hilton Pilot ✓

Lt. P. C. Jergensen Com.P. ✓

Lt. F. A. Jewell Nav. ✓

Lt. C. M. Frantz Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. R. R. Decker Radio ✓

S/Sgt. C. R. Kalbach Top T. ✓

Sgt. P. Mundel Ball T. ✓

Sgt. K. D. Simpson R. Waist ✓

Sgt. C. E. Weaver L. Waist ✓

Sgt. F. J. Kappan Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1145  
Alternate Height: 2850  
Last Resort Heading 87.  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: Long run.

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

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

Own Bombs: *Could see target. Good return.  
Lots of flak smoke in middle of S.S. in target area seen after  
turn.*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes  No  K-20.

any Nickels: 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)

*about as planned. Little S.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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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*Good. Smoke and 1109. Not much.  
Bremen accurate - covered the plane. Both bombs + tractor  
from Wilhelmshaven. Flak at target lots heavier than last trip*

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Not many 25 in area SE  
(Estimated total number) (Area)

2 Attacked B17 straggler  
(Action and length of fight)

1 attack from FW190 yellow nose. head on. 1155 hrs.  
Came rolling thru formation. Got a 30 thru trim tabs from him.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	<u>J</u>
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

W38s seen. 47. all the way after land.

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.)  
S/S at Bremersborn + Waldenborn. All S/S late. Also at target.

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)  
1 escort P47 spinning down thru clouds after being hit. 2 other P47s crashed in.

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)  
Tail gunner, American. Hit 45 mm. at hospital. X-ray.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) 30 cal. hole in trim tabs.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Flak heavy + accurate - Ginter hit more than last trip.  
Capt Walden

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~269 269 269 269~~ A/C Number 767 Letter Y Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 ~~XXXX~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1453

		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:

B-17 - Letter L in triangle 53° 23' N - 031° 17' E  
1320 hrs. - left stack partially gone  
elevator completely gone - ditched.  
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. W. S. Kirk Pilot ✓

1st Lt. W. W. Thomas Corp ✓

1st Lt. R. V. Houck Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. E. Jensen Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. G. G. Roberts Radio ✓

S/Sgt. E. H. Kelly Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. E. W. Kristof Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. N. Shore R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. R. W. Weber L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. A. Poff Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1145

Alternate Height: 28000

Last Resort Heading 80° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

60 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

on target - saw fires

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No? No

Any Nickels: No

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: 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)

approx as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

slight haze - 2/10 cloud

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	Accuracy
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6 bursts from southern tip of target - magenta, white, good alt but behind -

Brown - vertical barrage ahead + to right - tracking on this group - several very large brown bursts down from

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Emden - 16 bursts - magenta  
Some bursts in operation - pred. cone.  
left turn to target 90°

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number)

*My 109*

(Position and length of fight)

*attack from out of cloud went thru formation -  
set engine on fire (probably out of our group)*  
(Tactics of E/A)

*silver - with white nose - wide red band on tail.*  
(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 up to target - no 305*

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, etc.)

*Smoke screen at Lunders Wilhelmshaven (P 475 made radio check on Channel D.)  
fair smoke screen at Bremen.*

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

*A/c 948 A-WF-M - } Stopping around in our lead sqdn.  
A/c 644 A-UX-V - } gave Kirk trouble and forced us to fly wide*

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number)

1 Me 109 - yellow - was hit & seen to go down in spin

(Location and length of fight)

(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

good - did not see P38's

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, Smoke screen target, and Oldenburg)

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by E.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause) 2 B17's flak; ditched A/c unknown

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: Bomb Bay doors failed to close

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?) All windows in nose except bomb window were covered with burlap

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~428~~ A/C Number 586 Letter A Date 20-12-13  
 Bomb Load 42 M47 Al H.E. Incend,

Time Took Off 0837 Time Landed 14:58 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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

*B-17 personally reported, floated 4 min. level - no noise or rafts seen after this*  
*but waves were high*

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

- Capt. J. H. Belser Pilot ✓
- Lt. Col. W. S. Raper Corp ✓
- ~~1st~~ Lts. Samway & Kalish Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. E. M. Montoya Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. C. A. Nichols Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. E. G. Spangenberg Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. L. Norman Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. M. S. McDaniel R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. G. Mynatt L. Waist ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. Fontane Tail G. ✓

*11:54 B-17 on fire going down 2 chutes*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 11:45  
 Alternate Height: 28,100  
 Last Resort (circle) Heading 73°  
 Duration Bomb Run: 12 Sec straight + level 7 min from T.P.  
 Visual Formation Low

*Got instructions Wing Commander after no coord. P. completely slip to visual formation*  
*Bombardier making no about coordinate at target - (col. R.)*

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

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Formation dropped well together  
Picked up take & fork  
 Other Bombing: Headed for approx. fix thru screen - then saw bridges S. of R.R. Bridge, headed further left & any tickers: Yes No  
 Number boxes dropped 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)

*2/10 to 4/10 over*

*Wing ahead bombed way to right-up R.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy

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

*but Hazy*

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight,	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy Bursts in relation to A/C
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T. - Big barrage at level of Load...

*Belzer*

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)  
GROUP LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
LOW SQUADRON LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)  
SINGLE AIRCRAFT \_\_\_\_\_

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 10:41 (8 min. late)  
52:49-01:34

2. Was Course as Briefed? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, describe course in detail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast 11:08 1/2  
52:58-04:43

4. Time over Target 11:45  
Altitude over Target 28,100  
Position of Group on Bomb Run 83°  
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run \_\_\_\_\_  
Duration Bomb Run 7 min. from 1-P  
12 sec. straight + level

Lead group dropped  
first - then 306  
+ Low group  
dropped at same  
time as lead group  
306 being on  
left + Low group  
on right

5. Time of Landing at Base \_\_\_\_\_  
If landed away from base before return state where and why \_\_\_\_\_

From Enemy Coast on in to T. on Course  
On Course Coming out -

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~400X~~ A/C Number 515 Letter D Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 15

	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:

17#2 engines spin - 3 units -  
Right after target

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

Bombadier Died  
Navigator Hospital  
Lack of oxygen

- Lt. C. J. Kinsey Pilot ✓
- Lt. T. J. Czechowski Corp ✓
- Lt. J. M. Hamilton Nav. ✓
- Lt. H. Bloom Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. J. W. Ferguson Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. C. T. Slappy Top T. ✓
- Sgt. C. E. Shakespeare Bell T. ✓
- Sgt. W. C. Fann R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. H. F. Kepler L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. R. A. Yerak Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1145

Alternate Height: 28,000

Last Resort (circle) Heading 7

Duration Bomb Run: 7

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target 20 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Lots of smoke but figure from  
Smoke screen

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No? any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped 3  
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)

As per brief

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Ground visible - slightly hazy

9. FUEL: 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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On target area intense accurate

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

17W190

(Estimated total number of enemy fighters) 2-3 me 110s or ju 88's

(Position and length of fight) (1 me 110 shot rockets at formation below.)  
This crew positioned instead of me 109

17W190 (black and white stripes, yellow wings) Came through formation.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

OK

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, etc.)

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)

See front

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: none

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

1st & Bombardier went out about 15 minutes before 1 P.M.  
1st was trying to help bomb...

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*B17 just after bombs away*

INTERROGATION FORM 515

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 136 Letter (D) Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1459

		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:

*B17 - 5321N x 0329E Ditched another  
 B17 was circling 132 hrs*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. D. W. Tattershall Pilot ✓

*B17 - 5345 x 0115 with wheels down  
 Close to water could not see if ditched  
 seemed under control 17 hrs  
 About halfway between target and coast on  
 way in B17 on fire under attack of flak*

Lt. A. G. Schuering Corp ✓

Lt. J. Crabtree Nav ✓

Lt. J. F. Whittle Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. G. L. Wood Radio ✓

Sgt. L. Johnson Top T. ✓

Sgt. C. L. Whetstone Ball T. ✓

Sgt. R. H. Hegg R. Waist ✓

Sgt. E. J. Sweitzer L. Waist ✓

Sgt. Dodson Tail G. ✓

Primary Time: 1145  
 Alternate Height: 28,000  
 Last Resort Heading: 80 mag  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 1 minute  
*dropped on leader*

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: Lots of black smoke.

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 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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1113 hrs - 0110N x 0449E Heavy near inaccurate





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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~##7~~ 368 ~~##4~~ ~~##2~~ A/C Number 145 Letter G Date 20-12-43

Bomb Load 42 M47 AL H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0837 Time Landed 1540

		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:

13. Sps off. Is Broken 3 miles - 1240

Headed SW along coast 250° mag -

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. P. J. Field Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. C. W. Smith Corp ✓

2nd Lt. C. W. Leake Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. B. X. Gustafson Bomb. ✓

Sgt. H. N. Nupen Radio

T/Sgt. J. G. Brownell Top T. ✓

Sgt. S. M. Powell Ball T. ✓

Sgt. B. L. Jeffries H. Waist ✓

Sgt. K. C. Madson L. Waist ✓

Sgt. H. N. Millikin Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1145.5 hrs.

Alternate Height: 27900

Last Resort Heading 89° mag.  
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

5 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: Very Good - S/C - poor -

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No) any Nickels: Yes (No)

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: 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)

53° 40' - 0456 E - pulled out of formation at 15000' at 1244 west direct ~~course~~ 285° heading - to 6000'

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good but #2 engine #1 went out losing crit. pressure -

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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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

3 ME-110  
(Estimated total number seen) (Types)

(Position and length of fight)

No attack

(Tactics of E/A)

None

(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.)	

None

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT No. 38's

12 P 47 - to target also 2 Spit -  
6-8-47 - out about 50 miles -

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,

See Hist News

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.)

None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Two fuel holes - injury (left.)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Oil pressure gauge # 2 Eng - 0 -

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 706 Letter Q Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 ~~XXXX~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

			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

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)

2nd Lt. R. W. Ryther Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. A. N. Myers ComP ✓

2nd Lt. J. N. Dennison Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. R. Weiselberg Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. T. A. Gold Radio ✓

T/Sgt. W. D. Griffith Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. P. L. Wells Bell T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. R. Laney R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. Terry L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. W. Billheimer 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:

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

Own Bombs: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Bombing: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: 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)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~1247~~ 368 ~~367~~ ~~423~~ A/C Number 451 Letter N Date 20-12-43

Bomb Load 42 M47 A1 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0837 Time Landed 11:30 hrs

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					

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R. S. Gerald Pilot
- 2nd Lt. C. R. Thompson Corp
- 2nd Lt. M. W. Bragg Nav.
- 2nd Lt. M. K. Anton Bomb.
- T/Sgt. E. D. Ewing Radio
- S/Sgt. D. A. Rockwell Top T.
- Sgt. H. M. Haven Ball T.
- Sgt. J. E. Buckley R. Waist
- Sgt. E. F. Gramm L. Waist
- S/Sgt. L. W. Northcott Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time  
 Alternate Height: 22,000'  
 Last Resort Heading  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run:

*Turned  
 104 hrs  
 New English  
 Coaction course*

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

*Brought back  
 Sheared drive shaft by engine  
 could not feather*

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)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

*Clear*

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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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~347~~ 368 ~~#367~~ #428 A/C Number 776 Letter F Date 20-12-43

Bomb Load 42 M47 Al H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0837 Time Landed 1306

		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: 6 ships 525300 - 0143 E (3 Head. 120°) (3 - 270°) 1147 hrs.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 about - 5250 - 03145 - 1058 hrs  
Rank 928 ship -

1st Lt. J. M. Gay Pilot ✓  
I.L.

2nd Lt. I. L. Gordon Corp

2nd Lt. K. M. Farrar Nav.  
FARRAR

F/O G. W. Tapper Bomb.

T/Sgt. E. G. Danielson Radio

S/Sgt. E. G. Miller Top T.

S/Sgt. L. Brofford Ball T.

S/Sgt. S. J. Krisko R. Waist

S/Sgt. G. E. Lilja L. Waist

S/Sgt. B. J. Nitti Tail G.

*about* (handwritten note with arrow pointing to question 2)

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: abouted at 1009 - 52551' 0437  
tuned back - and hit coast 4 miles south  
of Anvers - to 5228. 0006 E - 1228. Heading 235

Other Bombing: 2200 then to field - #1 engine out. oil pressure dropping - back!

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Camera but no pictures 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)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Heavy Contrails 1025 - 5228 - 0225 - 24000' - Cirrus clouds forming exp.

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. 3/10 clouds.

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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1058. S. of Tend - Heavy (Roman) Blk. of Tend. 2nd acc.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None  
(Estimated total number of enemy fighters) (Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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,

*Bombs dropped at 1119 - 5248-0721. Came from above farming on #6 splash at 1130 hrs.*

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:  
*#1 Engine - oil - see variable C + B.*

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~XXX~~ ~~XXX~~ ~~XXX~~ 369 ~~423~~ A/C Number 939 Letter B (A) Date 20/12/43

Bomb Load 42 M47A1 H.E. Incend.  
Time Took Off 08:37 Time Landed 1140hrs

Position in Formation				
				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)

- Lt. B. W. Cassiday Pilot
- Lt. R. F. Crowley Corp
- Lt. J. H. Bryan Nav.
- Lt. R. J. Flood Bomb.
- S/Sgt. G. D. Collins Radio
- S/Sgt. A. J. Marenholz Top T.
- Sgt. G. D. Barnett Bell T.
- Sgt. J. M. Ostrowski R.Waist
- Sgt. A. J. Federka L.Waist
- Sgt. W. F. Olmstead Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:  
Alternate Height:  
Last Resort Heading  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

*Turned 1042 hrs  
for 50.1  
254N x 0147E  
25,700'*

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

*Returned  
Superchargers on #2 + #4 ran away  
no control.*

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)

*Clear*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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Abort.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~##~~ 368 ~~##~~ A/C Number 724 Letter Z Date 20-12-43

Bomb Load 42 M47 Al H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0837 Time Landed 0945

Position in Formation

		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	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

*Turned back at 0915 on heading of 245° at 4000 feet. Had not joined group. Turned on Bisestey.*

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

*#2 engine trouble oil pressure dropped. Temperature went up.*

- 1st Lt. R. S. Lund Pilot
- 2nd Lt. T. J. Brady ComP
- 2nd Lt. S. N. Buck Nav.
- 2nd Lt. J. H. Laughlin Bomb.
- S/Sgt. R. L. Kohler Radio
- T/Sgt. P. R. Ward Top T.
- Sgt. R. M. Bowman Ball T.
- Sgt. W. E. Collier R. Waist
- Sgt. W. D. Jackson L. Waist
- S/Sgt. W. W. Semler 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:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: 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)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)