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R. A. F.  
BURLEIGH

20 Nov 1942

1st BOMB WING  
FROM 14-170-0 20 NOV 42.

- 1. (a) Nine AC. landed Davidedow, three AC landed Exeter
- (b) none

2. 1 AC returned early due to broken oil line

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- 3. Weather route out, practically solid overcast until middle of French Peninsula. Cloud at target, but target itself clear. Route in, scattered clouds to 10/10 at one thousand feet over English Coast
- 4. After bombing target, flack hit #3 engine one AC resulting in vibration so severe pilot could not maintain speed or elevation. Plane last seen turning into French Coast as balance formation started across channel.

Flack responsible for injuries to four men in two crews.

One E/A destroyed by own flack over target as it flew between our ~~flack~~ squadrons.

- 5. Eight to ten Focke Wulf 190's attacked formation at 16,000 feet shortly after crossing French Coast on way to target. E/A attacked singly, one coming so close number of his plane clearly visible. Crews report attacks from underneath for first time. Claim two certain, ~~one~~ probable, ~~one~~ damaged.

two

- 6. Due to solid overcast over French ~~Peninsula~~ Peninsula and ~~unstable~~ to different wind velocities than those forecast at briefing, formation inadvertently came into flack area around St. Nazaire but proceeded back on course and bombed primary.

one

- 7. Four men from two crews injured. C. L. Grimes, Lt., Navigator, killed by flack. J. R. King, Lt., Co-pilot, wrist fractured by flack. R. P. Dresp, Lt., Co-pilot, hip and leg wounds from flack. R. Arnold, S/Sgt., Waist-gunner, leg wound from flack.

- 8. Defective release on bomb racks resulted in one AC dropping bombs off target.

- 9. Crews report seeing balloons along river Loire attached to boats. Four balloons at target. Number of flack ships at target. Flack positions on point peninsula at target. Two enemy naval vessels exact size unknown at St. Nazaire.

J. Wright Capt  
52

Squadrons 867-68 Groups 306 Wing 1<sup>st</sup> Date 20 Nov 42

1. Results of bombing: (include Secondary and Last Resort in separate paragraph.)

Not too satisfactory. Few bursts observed on target area. Others on south side & east end of basin

2. Encounters & Claims: (Summaries only, no details. Don't delay report for Claims.)

8 to 10 ~~for~~ Roche-Wulf 190's attacked formation at twelve o'clock after crossing French coast en way to target. Claim 2 certain, one probable, two damaged.

3. Flak: Location, Intensity, Accuracy. Heavy or Light?

Intense and accurate at St Nazaire. Moderate over target area

4. Injuries: (How many men from how many crews? No names in this report.)

4 men from 2 crews.

5. Reasons for abortives:

One abortive - returned because of broken oil line

6. Route if different than ordered. (Start with rendezvous point.)

Start point to St. Nazaire to Nantes to target.  
Nine at Santander - 3 at Exeter

7. Other important information:

One ship failed to return. Last seen heading in the French coast

*Mission Report*

~~SECRET~~  
8098/4

GPH THU NR THU 9/20 '42 URGENT - BR IMMEDIATE 1615A/20  
PASS TO ADDRESSEE  
TO A-2 BOMWIG ONE  
FROM BOMGR THREE HUNDRED SIXTH  
306BG N-168-D 20/NOV

**SIGNALS OFFICE**

(A) 306TH BOMB GP. (H)  
(B) LA PALLICE

368 -7 -7 -0 -0 -0 -0 -0 -0 -0 -12:56  
17,000-68X500-0 -1 -0 -0

367 -7 -6 -0 -0 -1 -1 -0 -0 -0 -12:56  
16,500-60X500-0 -1 -1 -2  
-----WRIGHT

**SIGNALS OFFICE**

HOLD  
JDR VA+

20 NOV 1942

GPH T O D 1620A/20  
JDR VA+

**R. A. F.  
THURLEIGH**

THU R 1626/20 NEECK VA

Bomb Load 10 500 M&S

H.S. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot 1st Lt G.R. Buckley  
Co-Pilot 2nd Lt R.L. Brandon  
Navigator 2nd Lt L.P. Smith  
Bombardier 1st Lt W.M. Coons  
Engineer T/Sgt G. Klucick

Radio Op S/ H. Brown  
Top Tur Gun S/ G. Klucick  
Ball Tur Gun S/S W. Hicks  
Waist Gun S/S W. Handish  
Tail Gun S/S J. Hopkins

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

S/S C.D. Hill (waist gunner)

(a) Planes down on water.

(b) Dinghies.

(c) Enemy capital ships. 2 big ships near target area.

4. Target Attacked: Primary  Secondary  Last Resort  Jettisoned  Abortive

Time 1255 Height 16,500 Heading 228

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Any Photos? Yes  No

(Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Other Bombing Saw fire & smoke on target (largest photo). Saw bombs exploding on target area and on water.

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

9. Rendezvous: Place \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Escort Seen \_\_\_\_\_

"As ordered"

Exceptions \_\_\_\_\_

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Height	Direction
			Severe	Mod'te			
St. Nazaire: <u>Sumptamp. over beach east</u>	<u>16500</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<u>Black (long)</u>	<u>16500</u>	<u>on path</u>
Target							
<u>La Pallice</u>	<u>16500</u>	<u>Heavy &amp; light</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Black</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>

St. Nazaire: Sumptamp. over beach east

11. Encounter with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack from E/A. 7 attacks - all.

1- ME 109. 3 FW's

E/A claimed DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

E/A claimed PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

E/A claimed DAMAGED ✓ 2

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

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return Heavy cumulus 1500-2000 except St. Nazaire

of target. Could see target & St. Nazaire

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. Balloon on River Loire

probably attached to boats - 5,000'

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

Pail gunner saw chute from St. Gaston A/c 13/16. A/c 25 "A"  
219 W.

(c) New tactics of E/A 1 FW dived (blue ones) dived between planes;  
got caught in our flak.

(d) Targets of opportunity

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

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

16. Crew comments.

Jeremiah P. O'Sullivan Time 12:35  
Interrogating Officer

Bomb Load 10x500- H.E. Incend.  
 2. Crew: Pilot Jerry Radio Op Earham  
 Co-Pilot McKeam Top Tur Gun Plager  
 Navigator Oster Ball Tur Gun W...  
 Bombardier Joland 1st Gun Byers  
 Engineer Plager Tail Gun Brunger

3. Immediate News to be Telephoned)

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

*Pallie*

2540  
 00.59

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive  
 Time 1756 Height 16400 Heading 190°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives \_\_\_\_\_

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*Clouds all around target*

*but target itself was open*

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

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs We hit right on nose. First time we did  
Had good run - saw 3 or 4 bombs there  
Wanted to

(b) Other Bombing No  
But's made a run in advance but did not bomb  
at least on first run.

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

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"As ordered"

Exceptions

To Pt Nazaire To Nantes to target  
then as directed except  
landed at David-dow.

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Accuracy	
			Severe	Mod'te		Height	Direction
<u>W of Pt Naz</u>	<u>16000</u>	<u>Heavy</u>		<u>✓</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>
<u>W of Pt Naz</u>	<u>16000</u>	<u>Heavy</u>		<u>✓</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>
<u>Target</u>							
<u>Pallie</u>	<u>16000</u>	<u>Heavy</u>		<u>✓</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>

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

At 1700 - 10 to 15 miles inside France - 2  
attacks by single F.W. 1 attack by ME.

E/A claimed DESTROYED X

E/A claimed PROBABLE 1

E/A claimed DAMAGED ~~1~~ 1

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

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

then parallel but to right of course. Cloud at  
target except target itself clear. Clear to scattered to

13. Observations: Broken to 10/10 at 1000 -

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. Black ships at target  
also black from tip of periscopes

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

Boston hit by black at 1000 (4 minutes after beyond

target - exploded Jerry - "#3 engine is out I cannot

(c) New tactics of E/A

Two belly attacks -  
from bottom.

(d) Targets of opportunity

feather it and it is shaking plane  
to pieces and I am going to have  
to put it down in water. Everybody  
OK." Squadron plowed down

Boston stayed a mile behind both  
elevation and speed. as cloud cover

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

formation and turned back into beach  
into coast of France.

No

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

No

16. Crew comments.

JRS Time 1200  
Interrogator Officer

o-pilot  
Felding

# 7

Bomb Load 10 X 500 lbs. H.E. Incendi.  
 2. Crew: Pilot Riordan Radio Op Schultz  
 Co-Pilot Malaszewski Top Tur Gun Grunkel  
 Navigator Spillman Ball Tur Gun Rose  
 Bombardier Ritter Waist Gun Santoro + Davis  
 Engineer Santoro Tail Gun Langley

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

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

4. Target Attacked Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive  
 Time 17.56 Height 16,800' Heading 220°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cloud over one end.

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

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs Short of target

(b) Other Bombing South side and east end of base could be seen hit

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

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height No Escort Seen

"As ordered"

Exceptions \_\_\_\_\_

10. Flak Flying # 6 position in formation.

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Height	Direction
			Severe	Mod'te.			
<u>Magazine</u>	<u>16,000'</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>below</u>	<u>to right</u>	
<u>Target</u>	<u>16,800'</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>below</u>	<u>to left</u>	



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

Five times. After breaking through coast by F1190 (Yellow base) near Me. 109's  
Attack from 4 to 8 o'clock low. Also saw 5/1 aircraft  
interfering between our formations, from right and left, on same level.

E/A claimed DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_  
E/A claimed PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_  
E/A claimed DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out immediately separate CLM-1a REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

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

110 to full cloud rendezvous to target  
St Nazaire to target 5/10 on return about 7/10

13. Observations:

(a) Bumpies, decoys, camouflage, etc. <sup>possibly</sup> Outer base of target could be seen through probably Cruiser

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by a/c., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause)  
Could see #971 dropping back out of formation then view obscured by clouds. Although about 10000' time before dropping through clouds and after making turn upon leaving target saw one parachute descending from this plane.

(d) Targets of opportunity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Tail, Ball turret and Top turret guns jammed before reaching St Nazaire

16. Crew comments.

Capt. W. A. Blaw Time 12:25  
Interrogating Officer

Bomb Load 10 500's H.E. Incend.  
 2. Crew: Pilot Lt. L.R. MacKenna Radio Op Sgt. D.L. Sutter  
 Co-Pilot Lt. Beach, K.A. Top Tur Gun S/Sgt. S. D. Milsch  
 Navigator Lt. Berk, S. Ball Tur Gun S/Sgt. J.A. Tracy  
 Bombardier Lt. Trout, J.S. Waist Gun Sgt. E.E. Kennedy  
 Engineer Sgt. McArthur, R.E. Tail Gun S/Sgt. D. Tunstall

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

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

None - T0991

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Report Jettisoned Abortive  
 Time 12:56 Height 16,500 Heading about 230°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked? Bombs were expended - Intervalometer out of Commission

Reason for abortives ---

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

Spotted 20 miles off - espec. Sub. per

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

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs Believed over shot target - some perhaps in water -

(b) Other Bombing Saw Columns smoke ahead from South Side of Target (Bom. + Nav.)

Nav. saw large no. bombs on S. side of lock, and  
 (If interviewing squadron leader state TL bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9 bombs in water beyond -

9. Rendezvous: Place . Time Height Escort Seen

"As ordered" Overcast - unable to tell  
 Exceptions time arrival at Rendezvous

10. Flak

	Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Height	Accuracy	Direction
				Severe	Mod'te				
① 12:20 at St. Nazaire to 12:23	St. Nazaire	16,500	Black	✓		Black	Accurate		off right wing
	St. Nazaire was below or <del>left</del> about 5 mi.								
① 11:55 Crossing Coast		15,700							Saw flak aimed at Group behind
② 12:04	Unknown	16,500	Heavy			✓ Black	Accurate		on right

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

about 12:00 2 Fighters from 6 o'clock level (Tail Gunner)

T. Gunner got bursts at him with one gun

E/A claimed DESTROYED - but damage unknown  
E/A claimed PROBABLY - the temporarily flame shot out, but Fighter regained control (F.W.)  
E/A claimed DAMAGED -

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

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

Clear over St. Nazaire

Clear all around target

13. Observations: Flew under overcast on return about 1000' alt.

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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

See below (Gaston)

(c) New tactics of E/A \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Targets of opportunity \_\_\_\_\_

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

None

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

1 Tail gun jammed

1 Ball turret gun out } both out when checked

Several crew men

16. Crew comments. Saw either Life raft or crew member trailing out of some ship - Possibly Gaston who was on right just after target (McKesson then heading 270° over water) and started to drop back -

Interrogating Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
F. Kesson tried to go back and stay with him when McKesson dropped thru clouds Gaston had disappeared - 19'000'

all notes in Gaston's plane apparently written

1. Squadron 507 1742 A/C No. 207 Date 10/1/42  
 Bomb Load 10 500 lbs H.E. Incend.  
 2. Crew: Pilot Capt J. R. Ryan Radio Op T/S G.E. Perry  
 Co-Pilot T. G. Simmons Top Tur Gun S/S. S.C. Sarna  
 Navigator S/R. B. Hermann Ball Tur Gun S/S. W.E. Bellum  
 Bombardier S/P. J. Friedman Waist Gun S/R. P.  
 Engineer S/P. R. Schaming Tail Gun S/S. W. Fomsta

✓  
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3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

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

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive  
 Time 12 56 Height 16,000 Heading 210

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Any Photos? Yes No

(Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs fell on field: (defective racks)

(b) Other Bombing Smoke beyond no. 3 (photo) lower bay

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

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"AS ordered"

Exceptions

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Accuracy	
			Severe	Mod'te		Height	Direction
St. Nazaire	15,000	Heavy		✓	Black	15,000	erratic
Target							
La Pallice	16,000	Heavy		✓	✓	16,000	fair

11. Encounter with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack 3. 2 attacks.  
2 FW's. 1 ME109.  
 E/A claimed DESTROYED ①  
 E/A claimed PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 E/A claimed DAMAGED ① damaged.  
 Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claim as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return.  
Cumulus 10-10 to St. Nazaire: break over target.  
Heavy overcast on way home 10-10. at 6,000'

13. Observations:  
 (a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by ... , E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)  
St. Gerson 10-3 engine hit before target. Saw either chute or raft drop from St. Gerson's ship.  
 (c) New tactics of E/A all attacks from beam. One E/A laid down smoke screen above ship<sup>at 1500 yds</sup> while other attacked from beam.  
 (d) Targets of opportunity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

16. Crew comments. Still like high altitude flying. Had in high altitude attack on target.

James F. O'Sullivan Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interrogating Officer

INTERROGATION FORM

1. Squadron 367 368 -59 423

A/c No. 24466 Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1942

Bomb Load 274000

H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot Allen, Franklin

Radio Op Hepler

Co-Pilot Friend

Top Tur Gun Justo

Navigator Morris

Ball Tur Gun Frederic Magee

Bombardier Belenis

Waist Gun SPiro

Engineer Clark

Tail Gun Meltzer

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

(a) Planes down on water.

(b) Dinghies.

(c) Enemy capital ships.

*Brought bombs back*

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Heading \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Any Photos? Yes No

(Photo & Bomb Plot report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs 17/10 Overcast

*4 layers -*

(b) Other Bombing No Encounters

*7 or 8 bursts black*

*Crossing French Coast on*

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

*1024 h - no where close*

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

Bomb Load 70 X 500 GI H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot W.P. Adams Cleveland Radio Op Account M.

Co-Pilot J. Young Top Tur Gun William WK

Navigator J. Jackson Ball Tur Gun Millett J.D.

Bombardier J. May Waist Gun McClure KN.

Engineer January R.W. Tail Gun Baker W.

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water. None
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) Enemy capital ships.

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time 12:56 Height 17000 Heading 245°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives \_\_\_\_\_

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

Could see hebeater and basin despite slight haze.

7. Any Photos? Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ (Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

- (a) Own Bombs Bomb hit in town just across the basin from target  
— over to left of intended target. Started at S edge of basin to  
SEA
- (b) Other Bombing None

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

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"As ordered" W right of course 7 M. of S. Marine then contacted  
to Nantes & from there straight on course.

Exceptions \_\_\_\_\_

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity			Color	Height	Direction
			Severe	Mod'te	Color			
<u>5 mi SW of Mayaguez</u>	<u>17000</u>	<u>Flak</u>	<u>✓</u>			<u>Black</u>	<u>to right</u>	
<u>Target</u>	<u>16000</u>	<u>Flak</u>	<u>Yes</u>			<u>Black</u>	<u>to right</u>	
<u>located on 1 mile circle of target range at S edge - shot hit in island across the bay</u>								

11. Encounter with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack. *None - 12 planes seen over*  
*our own Beach Coast. Did not see St. Nazaire One F.W. 190 made*  
*a sweep on this and other planes.*

E/A claimed DESTROYED *None*

E/A claimed PROBABLE *None*

E/A claimed DAMAGED *None*

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

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

*Spilled overcast up to target area. Could just see initial point & then target.*

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.

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

*None 303<sup>rd</sup> make 180° turn at St. Nazaire.*

(c) New tactics of E/A *Same "swap" of F.W. 190 as in Capt Williams' report*

(d) Targets of opportunity

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

*None*

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

16. Crew comments.

*Method on coast despite fuel now evident for a time from Kladernes to St. Nazaire.*

*1st Lt Williams*

Interrogated by Officer

Time 27.



1. Squadron 507 (42) 470 NO. 720 DATE 7/1/44

Bomb Load 10 X 500 GP H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot Cpt. Salda Radio Op Kim  
 Co-Pilot St. Kelly Top Tur Gun Hart  
 Navigator H. Lelick Ball Tur Gun BEAN Wilson HI.  
 Bombardier H. Horner Waist Gun BEAN  
 Engineer Bozack Tail Gun Counts

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

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

*none.*

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive  
 Time 12:56 Height 17000 Heading 245°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs Bombs started at Sub shed. & got over target. Hit 2 buildings

(b) Other Bombing 2 buildings hit low near bank hit water - no low near bank but initial print by mistake.

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

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"As ordered" Along with Col. Core.

Exceptions \_\_\_\_\_

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Accuracy	
			Severe	Moderate		Height	Direction
<u>Some near primary</u>	<u>17000</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Skewed</u>
<u>St. Nazaire</u>	<u>17000</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>very</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
<u>Target</u>	<u>16000</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Not so good</u>	<u>fair</u>

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of EA participating in each attack 2 attacks enemy attacks, and number 2 attacks of EA participating in each attack one plane attack each time

E/A claimed DESTROYED None

E/A claimed PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

E/A claimed DAMAGED ✓

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

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return  
cloud amount. except clear over target (slight haze.)

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. low 4 balloons at 6-8000 feet over target.

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

(c) New tactics of E/A \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Targets of opportunity \_\_\_\_\_

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

None.

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

16. Crew comments.

1st Lt. [Signature]

Interrogating Officer

Time 22 n.



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

1st Attack by 4 FW190's and 1 ME109

2nd Attack by 1 FW190

E/A claimed DESTROYED ✓

E/A claimed PROBABLE ✓

E/A claimed DAMAGED 1 FW190

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

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

About 4/10 over target

13. Observations:

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

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

(c) New tactics of E/A Attacks from 5 o'clock - Attack made from above with a sweep down to the altitude of our a/c.

(d) Targets of opportunity ✓

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

NONE

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

16. Crew comments. GUNNERS (from other planes in our formation) failed to cover their zones. ONE plane attacked without a shot being fired at him. He used the other planes as a cover

Interrogating officer

Shirley Jones

Time 20 minutes