

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

(D-A-4)

APO 634
20th October, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative.

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

1. Hot News.
None.

2. Narrative.
Twenty one A/C, including 8 from 381, and pathfinder from 482, took off at 1100 hours. Were over Beachy Head at 1335. Course was as briefed to 50°15'N - 03°40'E, a right turn at 1405 was then made over Tournal Ghent and Tholen Island to Hamstead. Briefed course was picked up from there and return was made to base.

3. Fighter Opposition.
There was one passing attack made on the lead ship by an Me109. A few E/A were believed seen at a distance and it was thought P-47s were observed in dogfights.

4. A.A. Gun fire.
A.A. Gun fire was exceedingly meager and inaccurate at scattered points but did not affect this group.

5. Bombing.
No bombs were dropped by this group. Lead Combat Wing turned back near Arras because front over entire target area was too high to get over. Lead Combat Wing turned back and went to coast, then without warning turned back into enemy territory, possibly to bomb Gilze-Rijen or Woensdrecht. This threw our formation out of position and left them over the Channel. 306th leader decided against trying to catch Combat Wing, especially as he was carrying incendiaries, and headed for base, bringing bombs back.

6. Fighter Support.
Fighter cover by P-47s and Spitfires was excellent.

7. Claims.
No claims were made by this Group.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

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BY RLB/BAC
Date 11/19/91
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RGET

TRACK CHART

Date 20/10/43

Planned
Actual

Route followed by

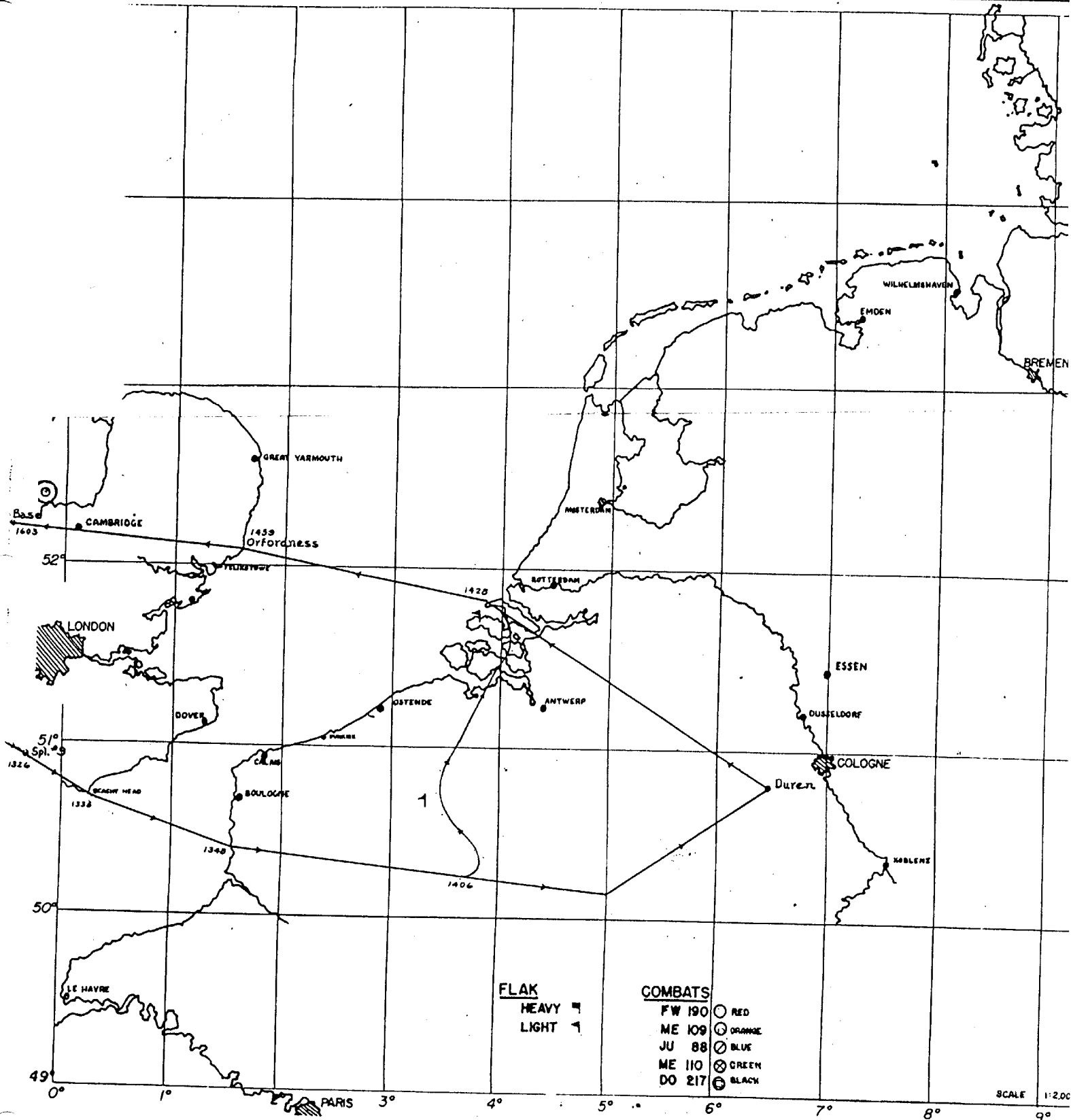
306th Bombardment

Primary Duren, Germany

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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" " "
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FLAK
HEAVY \blacksquare
LIGHT \blacktriangle

COMBATS

- FW 190 \bigcirc RED
- ME 109 \bigcirc ORANGE
- JU 88 \bigcirc BLUE
- ME 110 \bigcirc GREEN
- DO 217 \bigcirc BLACK

SCALE 1:2,000

To C.G.1st Division

Att'n A-2

Teletype Report 20-10-43

S-1 The 306th was the lead Group of the second C.W. in the 1st Division. A few E/A were believed seen at a distance and it was thought P47s were observed in dog-fights. Only one passing attack was made on the lead ship by an ME109. Cover by P47s and Spitfires was excellent. Two Spitfires escorted A/C#606 back from the French coast when it was forced to return due to personnel failure. No claims by this group.

S-2 ~~exceedingly meager and inaccurate~~ ^{fire} ~~AAfire~~ at scattered points did not affect this Group/

S-3 None

S-4 None

S-5 None

S-6 None

S-7 No bombs dropped. Lead C.W. turned back near Arras because front over entire target area was too high to get over. Lead C.W. turned back, went to coast, then without warning (no radio message received) turned back into enemy territory possibly to bomb Gilse Regin or Woensdrecht. This threw our formation out of position and left them over the channel. 306th leader decided against trying to catch lead C.W. especially as he was carrying incendiaries, and headed for base, bringing bombs back.

S-8 None

S-9

- (1) 21 at 11:00, including 8 from 381 and pathfinder from 482.
- (2) 13:35 at Beachy Head
- (3) Course as briefed to 50:15 North-0340 East. A right turn at 14:05 was then made over ~~the~~ Tournai Ghent and Tholen Island to Haamstede. Briefed course was picked up from there and return made to base.
- (4) ~~at~~ 13:48 at Berk Sur Mer
- (5) None
- (6) 1603
- (7) 19 A/C did not bomb, of which 18 brought bombs back and 1 A/C # 145 jettisoned in the Channel, one A/C # 606 returning early due to personnel failure.
- (8) 2 A/C returned early: #841 turning back at Beachy Head at 1333 hours, alt. 27,800 ft. due to personnel failure, and # 520 turning back at Beachy Head at 1332 hours. alt. 27,500 ft. Due to Engine failure. Bosh brought back

(9) No nickels

42 x 2047A1

John A Bairnsfather
Major AC
Group Intelligence Officer.

367th Squadron:

42-30706-B 17F- Not damaged

368th Squadron:

42-30145-B 17F- Not damaged by enemy action, prop fell off damaged engine.# 1.

42-30586-B 17F- Not damaged

42-37724-B 17G- Not damaged

42-3533-B 17G- Not damaged

42-3520- B 17 G- Aborted , Mechanical failure.

42-30832- B 17F- Not damaged

42-30776- B 17F- Not damaged

369th Squadron:

42-29993- B 17F- Not damaged

423rd Squadron:

42-30606-B 17F- Aborted, Personnel failure

42-30841-B 17F- Aborted, Personnel failure

42-30812-B 17F- Not damaged

Target _____

1. Route followed. **BEACHY HEAD TO BECK SUR MER TO CAMBRAI TO LE QUESNAY TO TOURNAI TO GHENT TO THOLEN IS. TO HAMSTEDDE TO ORFORDNESS.**

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) **GOOD VISIBILITY THROUGHOUT**

3. No. of A/C over Target, **NONE**

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:-

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

7. Turn after bombing.

NONE

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. **LEAD GROUP OF SECOND COMBAT WING OF FIRST DIVISION**

9. What evasive action was taken? **NONE**

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.

EXCEEDINGLY MEAGER AND INACCURATE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNFIRE

NOTED AT LILLE, GHENT, VALENCIENNES, ARRAS AND CHARLEROI DID NOT AFFECT THIS GROUP AT ALL.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

12. Turn after bombing.

NONE

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By RLB/BAC MRA Date 1/8/91

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 613 Letter J Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load ~~12 x 500~~ 2 x Smoke (M47) H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1100 Time Landed

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? - Capt. Kirk Gurney
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) Major G.R. Buckey Pilot

306th

These men are from 482nd and need not be added to reports

1st Lt. W. M. Leiser Bomb
1st Lt. Winc RF CO-P
1st Lt. Jacey HF Nav
Capt. G.D. Bennett Nav

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

750th 55th AC Radio
751st 21st PJ Top T.
Sgt East RJ Ball T.
Sgt. Keckle H R. Waist
Sgt. O'Neil W.G. L. Waist
Sgt. Fennell M.F.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

all brought back 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)

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)

7/10 about 14000 ft. Solid front about 3000 ft

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Pursuing W. to S. East of Charleston

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

Lille - a little more & somewhere near Ghent scattered -

Crew observations about flak:

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By RLB/NM NARA, Date 7-14-93

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~287X~~ (368) ~~2357XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 586 Letter A Date 20/70/43

Bomb Load 17-11 H.E. Incand. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:12 Time Landed 16:05 (X) X X X

1. HOT NEWS to be placed 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)

- Capt. L. Cook Pilot
- Capt. G. Komsmo Co-P
- 1st Lt. A. Simmen Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. J. Harrison Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. E. Ewing Radio
- T/Sgt. J. Herman Top T.
- S/Sgt. W. Trempier Ball T.
- S/Sgt. R. Kenney R. Waist
- S/Sgt. E. Gramm L. Waist
- S/Sgt. A. Jenniges Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: NONE

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: NONE Jettisoned: (Returned) Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: DID NOT DROP BOMBS.

Other Bombing: 41st C.W. DROPPED ON AIRFIELD AT GILZE-RINDA

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 CRITIC give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs

ROUTE FLOWN as planned until 50:14 W then flew north until about + departed enemy coast at 51:50 W 03:40 E

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 clouds from 20000' up - heavy clouds above formation

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

By RLB/NM NARA, Date 7-14-92

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

about 15-20 single engines ME 109's - Spitfire escorts
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

engaged in dogfights with E/A - in Cambrai area
(Location and length of fight)

P 47's also engaged in dogfights 27,000'

Buel turret reports one ME 109 going down due to P-47.

(Tactics of E/A)

No E/A attacks on our group

COULD NOT DISTINGUISH:

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DENIED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

VERY GOOD FIGHTER SUPPORT - SPITFIRES IX's + P47's

12. OBSERVATIONS (Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, droops, flares, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity on air bases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels, landmarks, new enemy installations,

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C is hit, state whether by E.A., E/A action, accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. PERSONNEL INJURY (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, DATE and TIME.)

15. DEFENSE TO A/C: (Briefly)

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ A/C Number 145 Letter G Date 20/10/43,

Bomb Load 42 M-47-A1 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:50 Time Landed 1550

		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. S. Kirk Pilot ✓

F/O C. W. Cosper Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. J. L. Dougherty Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. A. Sparks Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. G. G. Roberts Radio ✓

Sgt. A. D. Springer Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. E. W. Kristof Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. E. H. Kelly R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. R. E. Weber L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. A. Poff Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

*Five miles west of boundary
5150x0350*

Primary

Time: 1423 hrs

Alternate

Height: 27,000'

Last Resort
(circle)

Heading

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: *Solo* *Channel* Attended: 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

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.

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMPOSITION:

None

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(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 _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent

2. 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, waterways, 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)

None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

*one prop missing, came off in channel
small hole in #2 nacelle from prop.*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Capt. A. C. Shaw

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By RLB/BHC
Date 1/8/99
NARA

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 706 Letter W Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load: 2 M-47-A1 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 11:00 Time Landed 1615

Position in Formation

		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. F. H. Onnen Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. D. L. Jacobs Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. R. F. Jones Nav. ✓
- Capt. H. E. Phelan Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. W. C. Rozanski Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. D. M. Hovis Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. W. R. Clark Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. O. K. Nabors R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. R. Y. Wilson L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. D. A. McGinnis 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: ALL Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Turned - gradually north starting at 40°E 50°51' N. Came out just off Rotterdam.

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 ALERTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

OK until turn.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

40 mi inland clouds up to 29000'

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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14:27	just before Rotterdam	27000'	slight	black	level off at about 10 o'clock	more close
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Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ ~~369~~ 423 A/C Number 812 Letter Q Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47A1 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:00 Time Landed 1611

			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	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. Virgil H. Jeffries Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. N. L. Garrett Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. W. H. Dickenson Nav. ✓

1st Lt. J. H. Moon Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. R. G. Mowrer Radio ✓

S/Sgt. J. Vinciguerra Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. C. Sheeley Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. W. T. Morgan R. Waist ✓

Sgt. J. D. Subal L. Waist ✓

T/Sgt. H. C. Cordery 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

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)

followed lead a/c

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 4-5/10 moderate - visibility good

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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d/d Valenciennes/Le Brigneth - meager - inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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1 June 88, 1 unidentified

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

all far away

(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

down good + on time

12. OBSERVATIONS: (Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT) (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, balloons, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals, activity at airbases, ports, waterways, 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.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: #1 engine ran away, #2 Supercharger out, #3 lagged #4 OK.

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

S-2 OFFICER

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TIME COMPLETED

1655

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By RIB/JAC
Date 1/8/91
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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 776 Letter F Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47-A1 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:10 Time Landed 16:07

		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:

CHEN: Give Rank and Initials

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

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd Lt. P. Paulsen</u>	Pilot ✓
<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd Lt. J. Zardin</u>	Co-P ✓
<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd Lt. H. Zaborsky</u>	Nav. ✓
<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd Lt. L. Blatnica</u>	Bomb. ✓
<u>J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt. Zarriello</u>	Radio ✓
	<u>T/Sgt. T. Powell</u>	Top T. ✓
	<u>S/Sgt. R. Litherland</u>	Ball T. ✓
	<u>S/Sgt. F. Weitzel</u>	R. Waist ✓
	<u>S/Sgt. J. Carroll</u>	L. Waist ✓
	<u>S/Sgt. J. Arden</u>	Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Did not drop bombs.

Primary Time: *Did not reach primary. Reason due to weather.*
Alternate Height:
Last Resort Heading
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 0 Jettisoned: Returned: 42 Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Did not see any bombs drop.

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)

As ordered - except that it was not completed to primary. Reached 30 miles east of Cambrai, France.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Less clouds encountered than briefed - Visibility very good!*
9. FLAK: Encountered or way out, at target and on way home. *Slight inaccurate flak at Arras. For 5 black units at group behind us.*

Time	Place	Height	Type	Color	To the rear	Accuracy
1400	Arras	27500	Slight	Black	Bursts in re-	Poor
1352	5m in. inside coast	A/C 27500	moderate or slight	Black	Low & left	Poor

Crew observations about Flak:

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 By RLB/JAC MABA Date 1/8/99

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 NARA Date 1/8/91

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~X69XXXXX~~ A/C Number: 533 Letter M Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47-A1 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1100 Time Landed not recd.

1. HOT NEWS to be searched in? Yes No
 Details: 10/17 girls down at 1355 hrs. on fire engine
camp. spin. No charts. No. to. check

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. D. Wadley Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. K. Cabe Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. P. Marines Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. Ashman Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. R. Little Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. R. Long Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. L. Stahlman Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. K. Cameren R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. M. Dixen L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. M. Ravasie Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

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

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

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

Own Bombs: none seen.

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) OK to I.P. then turned to 355° then to 20° from out. then out
Monitors comparison.

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	Accuracy
					Bursts in relation to A/C	
<u>None.</u>						
<u>one burst seen 10 minutes before I.P. none off.</u>						
<u>then couple of bursts later on but before I.P.</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: None.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 993 Letter K Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47-A1 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:00 Time Landed 1610

		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. J. Tackmier Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. G. Campert Co-P ✓

1st Lt. C. D. Moore Nav ✓

2nd Lt. G. A. Rothernberg Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. A. G. Coulter Radio ✓

T/Sgt. J. Argentos Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. E. Corcoran Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. H. Sall R. Waist ✓

Sgt. B. Margineau L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. P. Bloom 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:

Turned - 040° 25'E
50° 12' N two groups out

Other Bombing:

no off at I.P. to secondary.

Returned early due to weather

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)

As briefed - on time - at Eng. coast - until turn.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

High cloud over Europe - over 28000'

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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50° 25' N	Charboui		very slight	black	off to side - not close	
40° 30' E	Gossellies Airfield				very black	

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ A/C Number 721 Letter 7 Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 2 M-47-A1 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1100 Time Landed 1606

		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:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. McMahon Pilot

2nd Lt. W. Reed Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. D. McCauley Nav. ✓

T/Sgt. E. Spangenberg Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. J. Tobin Radio ✓

T/Sgt. M. Enos Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. P. Lester Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. Mynatt R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. E. Schmeckpepper L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. Brandon Tail G. ✓

1 chute seen near Cambrai - probably fighter pilot.

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)

Turned, while enroute just north of Cambrai, at 1406, 20,000 ft. ~~at 1406~~ crossed only 1000 ft. then to Bull's meadow, circled that, returned to Gooderside, then home to Orford.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Cumulus up to about 30,000 - 10/10 ahead.*

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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none at coast.

Denain - 2 big bursts ahead; low -

no flak over hills -

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~257~~ 368 ~~869XX25X~~ A/C Number 832 Letter J Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47-41 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:10 Time Landed 16:30

X X X X X

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

*Flare in the
tube and back
the bell lost
when an engine.*

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)

2nd Lt. J. Gay Pilot ✓
2nd Lt. T. Brady Co-P ✓
2nd Lt. J. Elgin (423) Nav. ✓
2nd Lt. M. Dmochowski Bomb. ✓
T/Sgt. E. Danielson Radio
T/Sgt. P. Hughes Top T. ✓
S/Sgt. L. Brofford Ball T. ✓
S/Sgt. S. Krisko R. Waist
S/Sgt. ~~C. Hill~~ P.W. MANTOR L. Waist ✓
S/Sgt. O. Woodall Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED: *Did not drop*

Primary Time: *Could not reach primary.*
Alternate Height:
Last Resort Heading
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

Turned South of Rotterdam.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: 42 Abortive:

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

Observed B-17 salvo in channel 14:30 28,000
Own Bombs:

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 ordered until they turned.

8. WEATHER (If it affected mission) *As briefed - less clouds than briefed.*

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *Two bursts at 27,000 twenty minutes inside of France.*

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~327~~ ~~328~~ ~~329~~ 423 A/C Number 841 Letter R Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47A1 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 11:00 Time Landed 1430

Position in Formation

		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. B. Thompson Pilot
- 2nd Lt. R. B. Eckles Co-P
- 2nd Lt. P. D. Lanyon Nav.
- 2nd Lt. M. Borysoff Bomb.
- S/Sgt. J. A. Park Radio
- S/Sgt. W. G. Caldwell Top T.
- S/Sgt. C. W. Hamby Ball T.
- S/Sgt. J. Peto R.Waist
- S/Sgt. H. F. Gramelspacher L.Waist
- S/Sgt. D. C. Werner 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: *Caused: tail gunner complained of lack of oxygen at 21,000 feet. Pilot told him to check his oxygen system & after a few minutes tail gunner said he was still feeling dizzy. Pilot said to put on his high pressure mask.*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes No
6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped: Number boxes returned: T G

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) *27,800 feet turned back. After landing, T & G didn't help. Pilot oxygen system when checked was working O.K. He had not put on his high pressure mask. Pilot did not send*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)
9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
Time Place Height Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. Color of bursts Location Accuracy
A/C of bursts in relation to A/C

Condition when complaints were made. Pilot thinks T & G has 6 or 7 missions.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~370~~ A/C Number 520 Letter Y Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47-41 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1100 Time Landed 1440

		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. Katz Pilot

2nd Lt. F. Scudder Co-P

2nd Lt. I Glaze Nav.

2nd Lt. G. Bencic (423) Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

T/Sgt. S. Gomez Radio

Primary Time:

T/Sgt. O. Owens Top T.

Alternate Height:

S/Sgt. J. O'Connell Ball T.

Last Resort Heading
 (circle)

S/Sgt. A. Schaeffler R.Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

S/Sgt. J. Gemerski L.Waist

S/Sgt. W. Cole Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

all brought back

Other Bombing:

*Internal engine failure
 #3 turned back at
 Beachy Head 20,500 feet,
 at 1332 hours.*

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) *looked better than as briefed over channel. High Cumulus over Continent*

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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ABORTIVE INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367XX368XX369~~ 423 A/C Number 606 Letter U Date 20/10/43

Bomb Load 42 M-47A1 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 11:00 Time Landed 1450

Position in Formation

		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. K. R. Bickett Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. J. P. Toombs Jr. Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. A. G. Pulver Jr. Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. D. A. Cook Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. W. A. Snedden Radio ✓

Sgt. A. L. LaBarge Top T. ✓

W/Sgt. J. H. Coleman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. P. Clarke R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H. A. Steelesmith L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. O. Dehler 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 brought back

Own Bombs: *Ball turret gunner present from lack of oxygen shot mid channel, 27,500 feet. Radio operator dragged him out of turret to radio room, could not revive him, so pilot turned back at 1350 hours, about fifteen miles inland just south of Beach on the BT gunner revived at 16,000 feet. Two spotties escorted us back.*

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) *looked better than briefed.*

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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