

R-470-D.

22 MARCH, 1943

TELETYPE REPORT

TTC COM. GEN. FIRST BOMB WING
Attention A-2

(A)

1. Nineteen aircraft of the 368, 369, and 423rd squadrons took off at 11:40 on Monday ~~M~~ 22 March 1943 to bomb Wilhelmshaven, Germany, the target being the Von Scheer, photographed on 18 March in the middle of three docks on the north side of the Bauhafen. All aircraft took off, all dropped bombs over the target, and all returned safely. No bombs were brought back.

The route was substantially as ordered, the bombing run being made on an axis of 50 degrees. It was not found possible to make turns as tight as indicated after bombing, and the route out to sea in consequence was North and East of the route as briefed.

2. The visibility was good and the smoke screen ineffective. Most crews were able to identify the aiming point, and several crew members insist they were able to see the Von Scheer in the center dock. It is felt, however, that our bombing, while good, in the sense that it hit important installations near the Bauhafen, was short and to the left of the given aiming point.

3. None

4. Enemy opposition was determined and persistent, 25 to 30 E/a of all types being encountered. Single Engine fighters picked up our ~~the formation~~ off the Islands and did their utmost to break up the formation before bombs were dropped. Some crews report attacks even in the flack area. The S/E enemy aircraft followed the formation to sea. After they left, there was a lull of from 20 to 30 minutes, when twin engines attacked, almost catching the formation by surprise. These twin engines followed the formation almost to the English Coast.

5. Flack was severe and intense, first appearing over the Islands, and continuing throughout the target area. Several of our ships were hit by flack, none seriously. General impression seems to be that no barrage fire was encountered, and that fire was directed at individual aircraft.

6 - 0

7 - 0

8 - One E/A was thought to have dropped a bomb. E/A was 1000 yards ahead and 600 yards higher when it dropped an object with the apparent intention of hitting a ship in our formation. This is reported because it is the first time anything of this sort has been mentioned by any of our crews.

1 Damaged
1 Destroyed
1 Probable
(A) Narrative

TELETYPE REPORT

1. Brief descriptive summary of mission

2. General results of bombing attack

3. Abortives; points of turn-back and reasons for each

None

4. Enemy air opposition (in brief; no individual encounters):
General description of fighter opposition encountered; types of E/A encountered; tactics employed by enemy and ourselves; as to enemy destroyed state whether many, few or nil; distinguishing markings, color, characteristics or behavior of E/A.

5. Flak: where encountered, appearance of bursts, intensity, accuracy as to deflection and height, anything new or unusual.

6. Friendly A/C lost or in distress (elaboration of hot news report) Where last seen, time, altitude, estimated cause, personnel seen baling out, appearance of A/C

7. A/C crashed in England or seriously damaged.

8. Observations: Detail any items of interest seen by crews concerning the enemy or our own forces (Balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at air-dromes, ports, waterways, roads, railway yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations).

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This is the first time any thing of this sort was has been reported

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TELEPHONE REPORT

- 1. Name of primary target Docks at Wilhelmshaven Number of A/C attacking 19.
- 2. Name of secondary target Emden Number of A/C attacking 0
- 3. Name of L.R. target " Number of A/C attacking 0
- 4. Target of opportunity — Number of A/C attacking —
- 5. Units participating 368-869-423.
- 6. Number of A/C taking off 19.
- 7. Number of A/C returning early 0
- 8. Number of A/C lost or missing so far as known 0
- 9. Results of bombing: good — fair poor — nil — *shot & 2 by*
- 10. Number of casualties: killed 1; wounded 3; missing 0.
- 11. Enemy air opposition: considerable moderate — slight — nil —
- 12. Flak: intense moderate — slight — nil —
- 13. Observed fighter support: none.

14. Weather as it affected the mission: nil

15. Flash observations of outstanding importance T/E's stayed with formation almost to English coast.
active shipping at Emden.
1 Permit for thought to have dropped bomb.

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Timed _____; Date _____

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Number
of
A/C
lost

(B) Statistical

1. Number of A/C taking off 19

2. Number of A/C which failed to bomb a target 0

3. Name of primary target and number of A/C attacking it: Wilhelmshaven 19

4. Name of secondary target and number of A/C attacking it Emden 0

5. Name of last resort target and number of A/C attacking it None

6. Description of target of opportunity and number of A/C attacking it None

7. Total number of A/C lost or missing 0

8. Number of A/C lost to flak 0

9. Number of A/C lost to E/A action 0

10. Number of A/C lost by accident 0

11. Number of A/C lost, cause unknown 0

12. Bomb loadings, number, size and type 5 000-M44

13. Bombs dropped at each target, number, size and type 95 x 1000 - M44

14. Bombs jettisoned, number, size and type 0

15. Bombs brought back, number, size and type 0

16. Bombs unaccounted for, number, size and type 0

17. Casualties, number killed 1

18. Casualties, number wounded 3

19. Casualties, number missing 0

20. Time and altitude over each target 24000 feet
500
Wilhelmshaven

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3.

INTERROGATION

SQUADRON 3108 GROUP 306 A/C Number 466 Date March 22 43

Position in formation lead element Bomb load 5 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friendlly A/C in any kind of distress?
1 B-17 attacked after target. still fighting over ocean.

- CREW
- Lt Smiley Pilot
 - Lt Ewan Co-P
 - Lt # Amson Nav.
 - Lt Breunig Bomb.
 - Sgt Hepler Radio
 - Sgt Clefion Top T.
 - Sgt R. Clark Ball T.
 - Sgt Sliff R. Waist
 - Sgt Staiff L. Waist
 - Sgt Payne Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1502
Alternate Height: 24,000
Last Resort Heading: 45°
(check).

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

little short of target: could see target in flames. saw bombs of others over & left

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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heavy, intense, inaccurate coast to target

very inaccurate but intense over target

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2 ME 110's Place over sea & target
 Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
<i>fired several bursts.</i>			

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

top turret out

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

fine weather

S - 2 OFFICER Jeremiah F. O'Halloran TIME COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 308 GROUP 306 A/C Number 498 Date March 22-43

Position in formation lead Bomb load 5-1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

one B-17 in distress on way ~~Pom~~ coast, about 20' out.

CREW

Major M'Key Pilot

Capt Regan Co-P

Capt Salimind Nav.

Capt Gausai Bomb.

Sgt Hoffman Radio

Sgt Crowther Top T.

Sgt Con Ball T.

Sgt Le Blanche R. Waist

Sgt Kel Kopke L. Waist

Sgt Krasick Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1507

Alternate Height: 24,000

Last Resort Heading: 0
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

unobserved: much smoke: probably little short, but right on course

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE, AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered.) (if returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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intense accurate below left - after target area

heavy below: at target

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I.E. (ME 110)
9, intercepted us at Pexel.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 15-25 Place from J.P. to target
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number _____ Time _____ Place _____ Height _____

Several bursts

Notes:

F.W. 190's cut through formation near for target.

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

Smoke screens over target, ineffective
3 Airports near J.P. (2) 1 near target.

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

no. 2 engine hit by flak: damage to extend aileron control damaged

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S - 2 OFFICER

Jeremiah F. O'Sullivan

TIME COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 720 Date 3/22

Position in formation #3 on tail of high element Bomb load 5x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: ...

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

none.

CREW

- O'Hara R. K. Pilot
- Smith R. H. Co-P
- Zillery Nav.
- Farmer Bomb.
- Mountain Radio
- Sheffield Top T.
- Feltner Ball T.
- Nelson M. R. Waist
- Ganis J. J. L. Waist
- Stum Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1458
 Alternate Height: 24000
 Last Resort Heading: 60°
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: Returned:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Dropped on "meat" ship. War flight or combat rec whether hit target.

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

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: *none.*

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) *As ordered.*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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1443 On coast coming in 24000 heavy complex of dozen bursts - pretty accurate

1458 Target 24000 heavy Moderate to heavy. (Dark) None getting range
pretty accurate for
those that followed.

One flak whole.

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
a. Total E/A seen: Number 15-20 Swigs Place _____
Time _____ Height _____
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
	Swigs followed out		
	Lots just emitted over coast & came land on. Most attacks off coast.		
	JD 98	ME 110	FW 190

Notes: Some me got ME 110 after out to sea.
Followed to 20 minutes from English coast.

c. Claims: DESTROYED None PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: Normal to pass 1 to 2 miles above coast every level.
Attempt to pass above attacks more. No turning of earls.

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, camouflages, smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.) Swigs frozen face. Went to hospital.

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) Expanded ³⁰⁰ Cartridge in wing + 1 fuel hole.

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None

14. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
Bring us back too close to British Islands. Should be out further.

S - 2 OFFICER Capt. Gull Baldwin FILE COMPLETED 18.17

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUAD 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number J 24- Date 27-3-43

Position in formation as ordered Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

1-B-17 - 10 miles out on way home under attack - 2 miles back, but seemed to make it @

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 300

Alternate Height: 24000-

Last Resort Heading: 40°
(check)

short run - 30 pounds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 x 1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

seemed to hit residential district | Big red blaze + black smoke

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

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) Don't know -

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
	<u>clouds -</u>					
	<u>target -</u>			<u>intense</u>		<u>not too accurate</u>
	<u>clouds</u>					<u>accurate</u>

CREW

DAVID A. Stule Pilot

R.W. Jones Co-P

Sgt Bukacek Nav.

S/SGT Hull Bomb.

Stymach, Stejnacho Radio

Pardubolt Top T.

Pitroch Ball ..

Stowkowski R. Waist

Durham L. Waist

Amoot - Tail G.

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P to 15 Jul 88's

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number _____ Time _____ Place _____ Height _____

Before target - Come in three black - over target

4 head on attacks on Squadron F.W.

Notes: *10 minutes after Coast - bell - 1330*
then bell of 45 minutes then formation
attacked at 400

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airbases; ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S - 2 OFFICER _____ TIME COMPLETED _____

*Left wing 30cal
one cockpit - black -
Radio Comp. Flash -*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 171 Date 3/22
 Position in formation #3 in rear element of right-hand squadron Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details: 10 ships coming going west on sea side of island next to Barbours. 14:45

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

None on B17 by self with FWS after it was target but still ok. Still up at altitude.

CREW

Johnson Pilot
Wiggenton Co-P
Pollock Nav.
Lucas J.S. Bomb.
Bpan Radio
Harrison C.K. Top T.
Hottz Ball T.
Hern R. Wa.
Correll L. Wa.
Smith R.J. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:00
 Alternate Height: 24,000
 Last Resort Heading: 90°
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

None seen results

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As planned going

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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1448	Wilhelmstern	24000	Heavy	Intense	Accurate	totally
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1532
Barbours. 24000. Shooting at elements behind.
Piece of flack in #2 engine & in left wing
after turning off target.

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

*From enemy coast & followed
way out to sea.*

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
<i>10 at one time was all. During fight.</i>			
<i>Attacked particularly over target area.</i>			
<i>First attack at 16.05.</i>			

Notes: *Head on attack about. One from 9 o'clock.*

c. Claims: DESTROYED None PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: *Head on attack.*

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents of friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.) *Sgt. Kern. hit by 20mm in face. killed. While on bombing run. 1505*

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) *R. Waist 2 port holes. which made window out also. Holes in wing. Oxygen system in tail shot out. at target. Interphone system shot out. - Gunn*

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Change call in target failed. Waist gun jammed. Gun in crew section on wing side.*

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

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 218 Date 22/3/43

Position in formation # in hole Bomb load 5/1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress? Lt. R. J. CHECK Pilot

" W. P. CASSEDY Co-P

" M. P. BLANCHETT Av.

" E. W. FORD Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

(Primary) Time: 1502

alternate Height: 70° compass

Last Resort Heading: 24000'
 (check)

R. W. WALLACE Radio

T. S. M. M. SAWICKE Top T.

S. W. I. BIELOGA Ball T.

S. L. A. BOBBETT R. Waist

S. M. B. EDWARDS L. Waist

S. R. I. C. WEBB Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Hits to left of pin pt. in target area

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: _____

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Over islands - low inacc. behind
3 1/4 min. target - int. behind this ship. Black
not too close

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Date

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By RLB/BAC

ME 109
" 110
" 10 88

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 30 Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>1559 - left of attack</u>			
<u>attack began just before target</u>			

Notes: 4 to 5 E/A me 110 followed almost to English coast.
Attacked over target

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ DOUBTLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

Smoke screens poor at target
at 1515 pursuit a/c was seen to drop something of reddish color, no smoke but could possibly have been a bomb. It was dropped from about 600' ft. above and 1000 yards ahead of our formation.

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

flak: - 1 small nick in left wing

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

14. CREW COMMENTS: (.ny unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

most perfectly executed raid yet.
trucks failed to meet crews

S - 2 OFFICER K Skalack LtAC TIME COMPLETED 1748

Suggestions - a code word to begin 'startin' engines preliminary to taxi-ing (from Lt AC)

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By RLB/BAC MRA Date 1/8/91

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 467 Date 27/1/43

Position in formation #2 Second Element Bomb load 5 X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

Reber Pilot
W.A. Peterson Co-P
L. Bergen Nav.
F.G. Daniels Bomb.
W.C. Ormond Radio
C.A. Christians Top T.
C.C. Kimberling Ball T.
L. Lemmer R. Waist
R.L. Bohland L. Waist
E.H. Brotzman Tail G.

2. 1. NET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:02
 Alternate Height: 23900
 Last Resort Heading: 60
 (check)

Run 40 minutes

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

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

No

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken : Yes ? No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered

8. FLAA: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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18:02 Target Intense heavy black Inaccurate

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 10 Place 45 minutes from coast
Time 4:30 Height 7000'
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number None at this A/C Time _____ Place _____ Height _____

Notes: JU 88 shot down in water on last attack on way home

c. Claims: DESTROYED none POSSIBLY none DAMAGED none

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

Smoke screen was turned on but did not obscure target because of high ground winds

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

St Daniel's hand injured by enemy shell going coming through nose from Kelly's ship.

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

6" hole in nose plexiglass
6" tear in duraluminum above cockpit.
none

14. CREW COMMENTS: (.ny unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S - 2 OFFICER W. G. Lass TIME COMPLETED 16 minutes

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 714 Date 22/3/43

Position in formation lead 2nd element Bomb 5/1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Prichily A/C in any kind of distress? LT P.E. YOUREE Pilot

B.17F marked DFD " L. E. SUGG Co-P

no. one engine smoking, dropt " D.L. MODBERG Nav.

behind under control " G.S. HORNER Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: T/S M. KOSKOVITCH Radio

(Primary) Time: new T/S F.A. BLUM Top T.

alternate Height: not navigable S/S K.N. McCURE Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: S/S R.W. TRENAR R. Waig
(check)

S/S F.L. COLVARD L. Waig

S/W.V. BAKER Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

not observed
later - fires observed.

5. A. PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED: GROUND FIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Target & after int. - all rounds 10/10th undercast
not very good.

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W Silver & black
1088
ME110

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 30-35 Place _____
Time _____ Height _____
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

(30 E/A) 10 min before target - until about 15 min after target.
2nd interception 1600 hrs by twin engine E/A - until close to coast.
(3-5 E/A)

Notes: E/A came in thru flak
came in d-m close

c. CASUALTIES: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummys, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

smoke screen didn't appear to be very effective
large vessel just off coast with two small vessels escorting. was going in looked like a large merchant ship

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNIC & FAILURES:

bomb bay doors didn't open again

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

Question course of interception

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R Skalabz LtAC

TIME COMPLETED

18:30

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 308 GROUP 300 A/C Number 034 Date 12 March 43

Position in formation 2 in ec. element ^{leader,} Bomb load 5-1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes (No)

Details:
five ships, 1 big, 4 small headed for Wilhelmhaven. Big boat in lake south of W.

Frichtily A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

- Lt Jankowski Pilot
- Lt Scheil Co-P
- Lt Lyncham Nav.
- Sgt Brown Bomb.
- Sgt Benigno Radio
- Sgt Stelzer Top T.
- Sgt C.R. Bell Ball T.
- Sgt Gelmett R. Waist
- Sgt T.P. McDonnell L. Waist
- Sgt Chinkund Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1502
Alternate Height: 241000
Last Resort Heading: 450
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

unobserved: saw bombs but hit towards city over

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
<u>heavy, intense, accurate, black - target area</u>						

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some ME 110 out at sea
mostly FW. 190

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number about 20 Place coast to target: out at sea
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>fired several bursts</u>			

Notes:

Saw one ME 110 being hit & going down in smoke; saw one FW. 190 disintegrate in air over target.

c. Claims: DESTROYED / / / DAMAGED /

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: mostly from sun

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dumps, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

one flak hole back of waist gunner

13. TEC ML FAILURES:

inner phone out over target

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

S - 2 OFFICER

Jeremiah F. O'Mullivan

TILES COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 407 Date 3/22

Position in formation #8 1st pl. En route Bomb load _____

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Family A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

Briscoe Pilot
Sherman Co-P
MacPhee Nav.
Hickey J. K Bomb.
Brown, William Radio
Wentworth Top T.
Rae V.L. Ball T.
Meaux R. Waist
Deets L. Waist
Hoser, H.W Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1459.
alternate Height: ~~22600~~ 22800
Last Resort Heading: 10°
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

Little short for most part one just over.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

Hard camera but no pictures taken.

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: none

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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1459	Target Area	22800	Heavy	Black	Annular	Got a lot on point across from target.
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The hole maybe from 20 mm. shot down.

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 25 Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>ME110</u>	<u>J087</u>		
<u>1 attack on this plane. about 45 minutes after.</u>			
<u>1600-1605 were 2 attacks of ME110 + J087 about which</u>			
<u>they were missed.</u>			

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED None. PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.) None.

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

20 mm or

front of ball turret from

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES

Navigator's gun. - all except radio had gone trouble. Bad ammunition.

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

None of best service actions seen. Fuel tank about empty.

S - 2 OFFICER

Capt. Fred O. Baldwin

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 417 Date 22-3-43-

Position in formation as ordered Bombs 5 x 1000 -

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

Hanes - Pilot

Winters Co-P

Meltzer Nav.

Lindsay Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

1500 S/Sgt Fred B Larmer

Moore Top T.

alternate Height:

22500-

Owens Ball T.

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

70° Sgt Frank Ratto R. Waist

Sgt Mike J Komos L. Waist

40°

Peterson - Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 x 1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

think they hit all 3 docks. something in middle dock.

5. Are PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

as ordered -

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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First at target Robtly low

Heavy - Accurate

Bursts of 3 - No barrage

Seemed to be shooting at ind ships - Violent evasive -

Over Islands

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MABA Date 1/18/41

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
4 attacks on nose	1-12-		} Persistent
	2-2-		
	1-9-		

Luell & Shen (Twins) almost caught them -

Very determined attacks

Notes:

One JUSS for Squadron - Hit Sea

c. Claims: DESTROYED 1 PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landings en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

Shipping going toward Wilhelmshaven
(3) - Range near Islands -

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

Radio operator - 1/SGT Fred B Larmer

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

all instruments shot out - wounded in leg think 30 cal
Radio out - Oxygen on tail waist radio. Definitely 8 E/A.

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Group behind long way behind

Extra boxes of ammunition over here 25 in belt

S - 2 OFFICER

Bransfather

TIME COMPLETED

6:30

Black bursts in elevator + both wings.

Sail

Line of bullet holes.

Went higher below

16.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 507 Date Mar. 22

Position in formation No 2 in Lead Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? ~~Yes~~ No
Details: _____

CREW

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress? _____

1st Lt. R.C. Mills Pilot

2nd Lt. J.D. Teare Co-P

2nd Lt. M.M. Strauss Nav.

2nd Lt. J.D. Shaaber Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

s/s J.M. Spino Radio

Primary Time: 15:02

s/s E.H. Small Top T.

alternate Height: _____

s/s W.J. Phillips Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 87°
(check)

s/s J.E. Wade R. Waist

T/s D.A. Griggs L. Waist

s/s E.A. Truscott Tail G.

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

5 x 1000

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

Bomb Smoke obscured Bauhaufen area

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: ~~Yes~~ No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

As planned

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: _____

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

at Sea on way to T, drifted further N. // over land as planned

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Baltrum Very slight

Target ① Intense, heavy, acc. as to height, cut behind -

② Intense Light F-lake bursting with silver bursts miles below -

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BY RIB/JAC MARA Date 1/8/91

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 629 Date 12/3/43

Position in formation lead 2nd El. Bomb load 5X1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress? Diagoffin Pilot

Conley Co-P

Nav. Nav.

C.J. Travis Bomb.

D.W. Spales Radio

H.L. Hinchbaugh Top T.

Nolasco Ball T.

F.M. Sliva R. Waist

R.G. Watkins L. Waist

T.A. Rosato Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

✓ Primary Time: 1502

alternate Height: 22300'

Last Resort Heading: 20° mag.
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 51000 Jettisoned: Returned:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Our bombs were 3 yards to left of the gun points.

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

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: ✓

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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1500	Target	22300'	H-I	Black.	H-acc. Def-acc.	Following
1510	Alt. Mellum	22300'	H-3	Black.	Down left.	'not barraged'

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12 FW. 1905
1 3088
2 MC1108

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 15 Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this line:

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes: First encounter at IIP

c. Claims: DESTROYED 0 PROBABLY 0 DAMAGED 0

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly; etc.)

Could see smoke screen before we started on our run - it was inefficient.

6. E/ships - at 53° 50' N and 8° 10' E - and were on a course of 180° at 1510 hours - we were at 2200' and a course of 350°

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/O: (Briefly) if late and gunfire - caused holes in tail and both wings and in fuselage -

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: N/A

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

A lot of fun shooting at them. - We can't figure why they didn't go down. There was a great improvement in fire control today.

S - 2 OFFICER _____ TIME COMPLETED _____

B (over)

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INT-OPS INTERROGATION FORM

1. OPERATIONS SECTION (to be filled in while planes are away).

1. 306 369 560 507 24/3/43
 (Group) (Squadron) (A/C No.) (Letter) (Date)

2nd Lt. Ed.
 (Position in formation) (Time took off) (Time landed) *

*filled in by S-2.

2. <u>E.J. Hennessey</u>	Pilot	<u>J.J. O'Neill</u>	Top Turb
<u>R.D. Littlejohn</u>	Co. Lt.	<u>J.F. Blake</u>	Ball Tur
<u>C.F. Jones</u>	Navis.	<u>P.J. Spellman</u>	a. Waist
<u>W. Colantoni</u>	Bo. ber.	<u>R.G. Adams</u>	L. Waist
<u>B.H. Brennan</u>	Rec. o	<u>Saunders</u>	Tail Gun

3. INTELLIGENCE SECTION (to be filled in from interrogation of crews).
 4. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION (Use separate combat form for each combat).

30 FW.190 Me109 Me110-J088
 (Estimated total no. of E/A seen) (Types)

First attack - at 1456 - near Baltimore -
 (Location and length of fight)

last attack by J088 + ME110's over the sea - 40mi. N. of Fessel.

(Tactics of E/A) Many head on attacks. They would dive under the formation then come up at us.

ME 109 - was all white.
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action).

2. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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By RIB/JAC NARA Date 1/18/94

FLAK (Give time, place, height of our A/C, Intensity of flak, its accuracy and appearance, and all crew operations about the flak).

1500 Target - H-I - acc fault. but in acc. as to deflection.
It was fired in bursts of fours.

4. CREW OBSERVATIONS (Give any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.).

Smoke screen very weak over target.
Balloons over Emden. There was a lot of ships at Emden!
There were 3 very large ships in harbor at Emden.
There was an E/A took off from airbase near Emden.
There were 3 He 115 anchored at Norderny.

5. CASUALTIES (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, and cause.)
NO

No damage to aircraft.
Tech Future - 1. Target indicator out
2. Target elevation would not work. #3 supercharger out.

6. SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

You could see the ship in the slip.
The bombing run was lousy - many bombs were dropped in the turns at the target. Less than a 20 sec run.

✓ Precision Time 1502 Carried Camera -
H. 23000
Height 70' max.

Bombs 5x1000
Bombs hit to the left of the target - one large explosion with much black smoke.

S-2 OFFICER S. J. Owen Time Completed

No claims.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 122 Date 22/3/43

Position in formation #12 on lead El. Bomb load 5x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Hopkins Pilot
Pipp Co-P
FLOWER Nav.
J.S. Mello Bomb.
B.C. Williams Radio
E.C. Rogers Top T.
E Zuban Ball T.
Music R. Wait
J.A. Van Clue L. Wait
Babbs Tail G.

at 1618- ~~to off the coast on the~~
 90 miles before we reached the
 coast. #1 engine was smoking.
 it was losing alt. and was under
 control. - Course heading 235°

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1502
 alternate Height: 24000'
 Last Resort Heading: 112° mag.
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5x1000 Jettisoned: R. turned:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Couldnt tell - there was a lot of smoke over the target
- white - black and brown.

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

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered.

8. FL : 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	Other Data
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1502 Target. 24000 H-I Black H-acc. it was behind. Banage Type.
Some flack on the coast on the way out -

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Target - FW190's - 24000m height
On way home - 110-110's - 7000ft height.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 10 Place _____
Time 15-00 Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes: 5 nose attacks on our ships.

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: The attacks ^{of ME109's} did not seem to be pursued.

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dumming, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

Smoke screen started 17 min. before we got to target. -
the screen was ineffective - it was thin and did not cover the target.

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.) ✓

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) ✓

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: 1350m charger lagged badly.

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

Top turret link chutes caused the guns to jam twice - 3

S - 2 OFFICER S. C. W. E. TIME COMPLETED _____

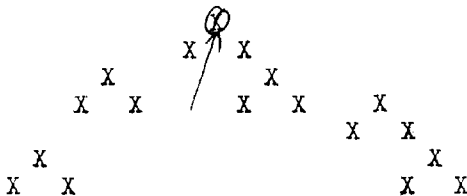
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By RLB/DAC MRA Date 1/18/91

CONFIDENTIALGroup 306Date 22/3/43Squadron 368Place where attacked over North SeaA/C No. 498Time about 16000 Alt 13,000 to 15,000

Story of the attack-- Me. 110 attacked from 7 o'clock and low. Fired about 250 rounds. Tracers seen to enter fuselage. Fire broke out in right engine. Went down almost straight smoking badly. Because of haze couldn't see the final results.

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

2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- Our heading _____
- visibility good
- type of E/A Me. 110
- level of attack;
 - From high above _____
 - (Check level _____
 - One) below _____
 - low X

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/ANames S/Sgt August J. KrajeikPositions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. Marvin H. GossPosition in A/C Ball TurretOther A/C firing at the same time? No.5. Comments of the interrogator: damaged.

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt. J. F. O'Sullivan

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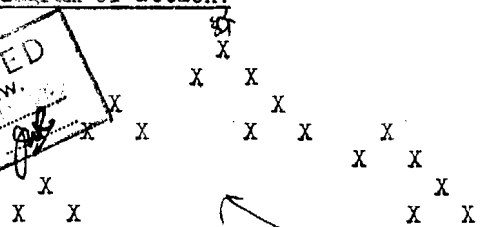
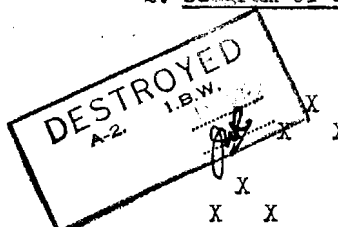
Group 306Date 22/3/43Squadron 7Place where attacked over North SeaA/C No. 7Time about 1555 Height 15,500

Story of the attack-- This E/A, and No. 110, came in from 4 o'clock toward the tail end of the formation. This happened way out to sea and just before another No. 110 attacked Major McKay's ship from behind. This E/A was fired at by every available plane, was damaged at about 150 yards from the formation, nosed down and was seen by several crews to hit the sea. No particular gunner, plane, or squadron claims this E/A which was destroyed by the group.
 (Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show

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



Data on Combat

- Our heading 300°
- visibility good
- type of E/A Me110
- level of attack;
 From high above _____
 (Check level X (level)
 One) below _____
 very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names _____

Positions All available guns4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by Sgt. Webb, Lt. E. Pollock, St. Strom, Sgt. Fetkin
 Position in A/C tail gunner, navigator tail gunner ball turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? all available5. Comments of the interrogator: certainly destroyed -- to be distinguished from attack on Major McKay's plane.

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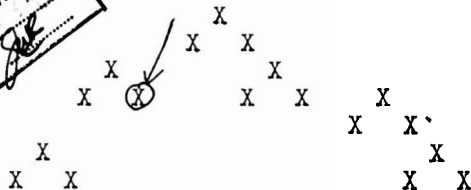
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Group 306 Date 22/3/43
 Squadron 423 Place where attacked Eckworden, Germany
 A/C No. 422 Time 1505 Height 23,500

Story of the attack-- E/A came in at 12:30 o'clock and at 800 yards the navigator and bombardier both opened fire. At 250 yards, after bullets were seen to hit him, he rolled over and intense flames broke out under the cockpit. E/A went into a tight spin going straight down.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- Our heading 300° mag.
- visibility excellent
- type of E/A FW 190
- level of attack;
 From high above above
 (Check level _____
 One) below _____
 very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Lt. L. J. Flowers

Positions Navigator

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. F. T. Lusie

Position in A/C Right Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator:

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Lt. S. J. Green

Group 306

Date 22/3/43

Squadron 369

Place where attacked over water 15 minutes after target

A/C No. 417

(Hanes Pilot)

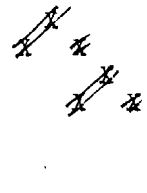
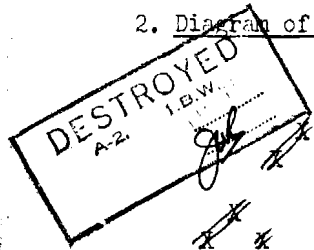
Time 1515

Height 15,000

Story of the attack-- F.N.190 came in from 3 o'clock and high. First noticed when quite close. E/A closed in to 150 yards. N. waist gunner Frank C. Latto fired 100 rounds and bullets were seen to hit E/A which nosed straight down and was seen to hit the water by Sgt. Mike J. Kono.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



Right High
X
X X
X
X (X) ←

On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading ?
- b. visibility very good
- c. type of E/A F.N.190
- d. level of attack;
From high above above
(Check level
One) below
very low

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt. Frank C. Latto

Positions Right Waist

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by Sgt. Mike J. Kono
Position in A/C Left Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator:

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Time 1845

Interrogator

Captain Bairnsfather

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP _____ A/C Number 487 Date _____

Position in formation #3 in lead Bomb load 5x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details: _____

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress? Lally ^{CREW} Pilot
Judas Co-P
Ross Nav.
Arietta Bomb.

Stragglers

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1501 Downard ~~Boel~~ Top T.
 alternate Height: 24000' Tragiano Ball T.
 Last Resort Heading: 50° off R. Wait
 (check) Yelfo L. Wait
McKeage Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5x1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

Couldn't see results accurately

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it; on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Burst	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Flashes off island going in (Portum)
x intense burst to the rear
going in over target.
Bursts off point going out.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 404 Date 11/3/43

Position in formation #2 1st Element Bomb load Saw Squadron X1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Think saw dingy 5320 N and 0244 E sighted at 1320 from 4500' 57 miles from Green Promer map heading 74°
Frichily A/C in any kind of distress? Maliszewski Pilot

Klette Co-P

Schulstad Nav.

McDonald Bomb.

Green Radio

Sgt Hall Top T.

T/S Ray Ball T.

J.P. Williams R. Waist

Fowler L. Waist

Daly Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1503
alternate Height: 23,200'
Last Resort Heading: 65°
(check)

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
None some bombs N of target

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULT:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) About as ordered.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
<u>15.04</u>	<u>Just after target</u>	<u>23,200'</u>	<u>medium</u>	<u>Black fair accuracy and white</u>		
						<u>Covered large area not intense</u>

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON B69 GROUP 306 A/C NUMBER 789 Date March 12-43

Position in formation Lead, long Bomb load 5,000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

1 B17- in distress, on way home

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

- Capt Howard Pilot
- Lt Holstrom Co-P
- Lt Brown Nav.
- Lt Zerkowch Bomb.
- Sgt Lightbrown Radio
- Sgt Gordon Top T.
- Sgt Pappas Ball T.
- Sgt Stephens R. Waist
- Sgt Smith L. Waist
- Sgt Cox Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1502
 Alternate Height: 2400
 Last Resort Heading: HO
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

to left of target: 0

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Other Data
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Heavy, intense, fairly accurate, black, some white low & right

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 306 GROUP 368 A/C Number 180 Date Mar. 23

Position in formation Lead ship Bomb load 5 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? ~~Yes~~ No
Details:

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

None

CREW

R.W. Smith Pilot

Kelly Co-P

Garlin Nav.

May Bomb.

T/S J.K. Kinn Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:02

T/S A. Benak Top T.

alternate Height: 24,308

S/S H.V. Wilson Ball T.

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

60 to 70°

S/S S.M. Westworth R. Waist

Romero L. Waist

S/S C.M. Courts Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 5 x 1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

0 H N.W. corner of Bauhaufen

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes ~~Yes~~ No ~~No~~

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.) As ordered -

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) Further to Sea before coming in Approt. as planned over land

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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	<u>Battman</u>		<u>Slight - behind -</u>			
	<u>Target</u>		<u>Intense + Acc. Heavy</u>			
			<u>individually aimed - not barrage -</u>			
	<u>Along Coast</u>		<u>N. of Target</u>			
			<u>acc. + moderate</u>			

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