

	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT
WENT ENROUTE	303	21000	306	12000	33	12000	305	22000	31	22000						
COMING HEIGHT	303	-	306	12000	33	12000	305	22000	31	-						

ROUTE AND ENCOUNTER PLOT

TARGET: SUBMARINE INSTALLATIONS ST NAZARS

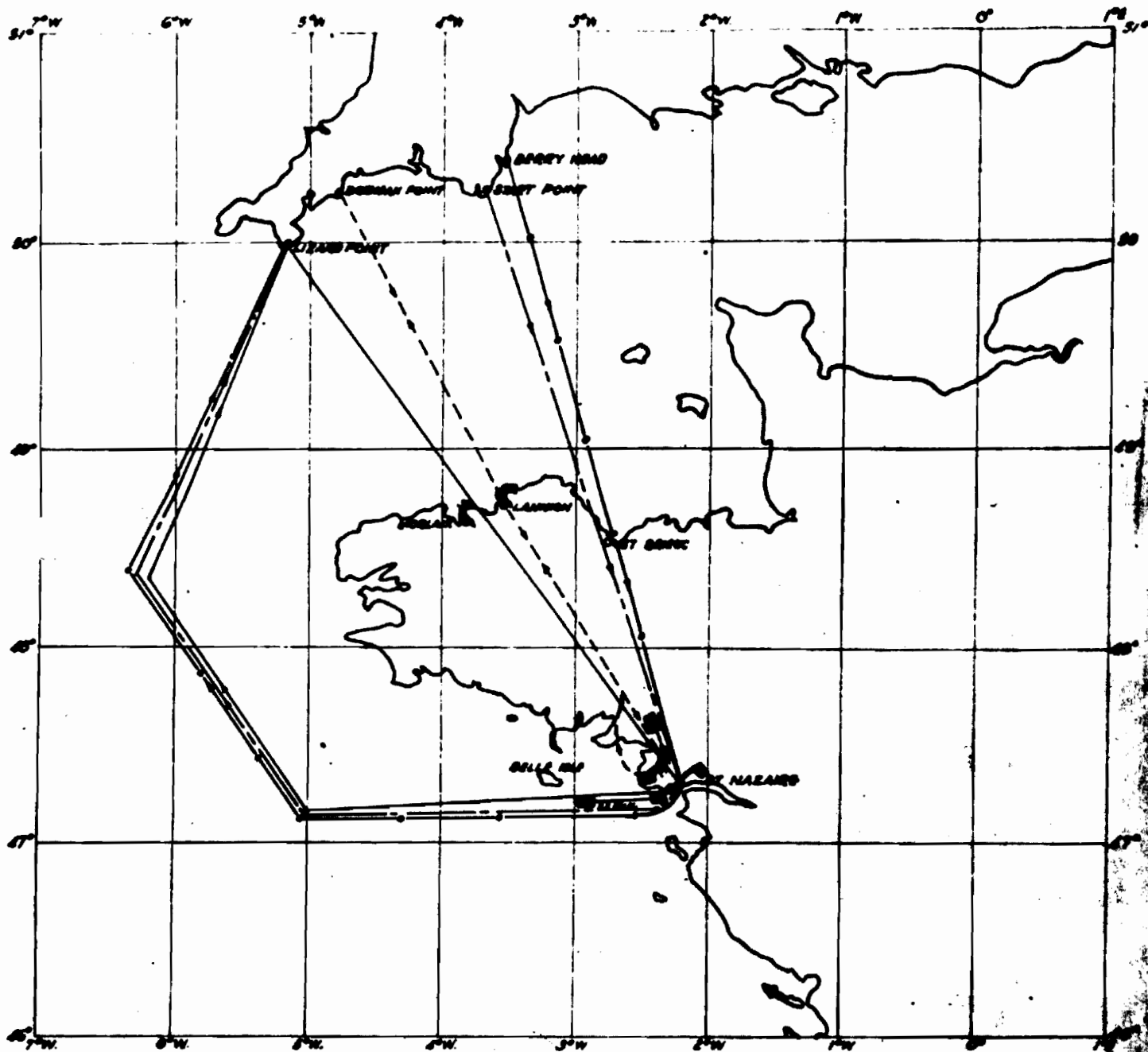
DATE: 23 November 1942 (DAY)

Route followed by 306 & 33 GRB (1st WING)

31 GP. (1st WING)

305 GR (1st WING)

303 GP. (1st WING)



- Point at which Enemy A/C was encountered. (Arrow shows direction of flight of our A/C.)
- ▣ Point at which Heavy Flak was encountered. (" " " " " " " ")
- ▤ Point at which Light Flak was encountered. (" " " " " " " ")

SECRET
24/11/42

SUBJECT: Encounter Report, St. Nazaire, 23/11/42.

TO: A-2, 1st Bomg. Wing

NINE E/A DESTROYED

- #12448
1. Our AC #12448 destroyed seven F. W. 190's in a running fight near St. Nazaire on ~~23/11~~ 23/11. The first E/A destroyed ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ attacked at 13:28 at a height of 18,000'. It came from one o'clock at time encounter ~~XXXX~~ began, from below. Was first hit at 250 yards, and destroyed at 400 yards. Plane was seen to break up in the air and enemy pilot baled out.

E/A made frontal attack. As he came back, the tail gunner picked him up and saw bullets entering tail. As he turned, the tail gunner got more bullets into nose, and saw heavy smoke come out of nose. The plane disintegrated, the gunner clearly remembering seeing a wheel fly through the air. The pilot was seen to bale out.

E/A is claimed as destroyed by Sgt. P. D. Small, Tail Gunner who fired forty to fifty rounds from each gun. Claim is confirmed by S/Sgt. Joe ~~XXXX~~, Ball Tur. Gunner. No other member of the crew fired. No other U.S. Crew fired. E/A was only one attacking at ~~XXXXXXXX~~ time. Position our AC - right wing to a formation of three ships, the fourth having been shot down a few moments before.

- Bowles
2. Our AC #12448 destroyed a second F.W. 190, over the coast after leaving target, at 13:34 at a height of 15,000'. E/A came from five o'clock at time encounter began, from below. Was first hit at 500 yards, and destroyed at 200 yards. E/A was seen to hit the sea. Pilot did not bale out.

E/A came it at 5 o'clock. ~~XX~~ Waist Gunner fired steadily, using 75 rounds. At 200 yards, E/A fell out of control and was seen to hit ocean. ~~XXXX~~

~~XXXX~~ as destroyed
E/A is claimed by S/Sgt. R. G. Harris, Waist Gunner. Six E/A were attacking at time, so no confirmation is available. No other member of crew fired. No other U.S. Crew fired. Position: our AC - on right wing formation of three ships.

3. Our AC #12448 destroyed a third F.W. 190 at 13:35 at a height of 15,000'. E/A came from three o'clock at time encounter began, from below. Was first hit at 100 yards and destroyed at 50 yards. E/A was seen to break up in air while in flames so intense pilot could not possibly have extinguished them.

E/A came from three o'clock and below and came directly up. Ball Turret Gunner fired ~~XXXX~~ fifty rounds, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Bullets seen to enter motor, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Plane broke into flames and ~~XXXXXXXX~~ burst into pieces. Crew members doubt that pilot could possibly have baled out.

E/A is claimed as destroyed by S/Sgt. Joe Bowles, Ball Tur. Gun., and claim is confirmed by Sgt. P. D. Small, Tail Gunner, who saw pieces of the E/A in the air. E/A was only one attacking at time, and no other crew member or U.S. Crew fired. Position our AC - right wing.

*See Battle
Include copy
this report
JPD 19/1/42*

4. Our AC #1248 destroyed a fourth F. W. 190 on 11/23/44 over water after leaving target, at a height of 13,000'. E/A first came from two o'clock, high, was hit at 400 yards and destroyed at 200 yards. Plane seen to break up in air, ~~and hit the sea.~~

Tracers seen entering engine.

E/A came from two o'clock, peeled off in smoke and flames at 200 yards, and broke up in air.

- ✓ E/A is claimed as destroyed by S/Sgt. ~~Robert~~ Wilson C. Elliott, Top Tur. Gun. No other crew member or U.S. Crew fired. Claim is confirmed by S/Sgt. A.F. Meaux, Waist Gunner. Six other E/A attacking at time. Position our AC - Right Wing.

5. Our AC #1248 destroyed a fifth F. W. 190 over water after leaving St. Nazaire, on 11/23/44, about 13:38 at a height of 13,000'. E/A ~~came from~~ came from two o'clock above, was first hit at 400 yards and destroyed at 100 yards. Pilot was seen to bale out.

E/A came in from the sun. Waist Gunner fired about 100 rounds, and hit plane in the nose. Plane began smoking heavily, and pilot baled out.

E/A is claimed as destroyed by S/Sgt. R. G. Harris, Waist Gunner, and is confirmed by Tail Gunner, Sgt. P. D. Small. No other ~~member of crew~~ member of crew and no other U.S. Crew fired. Six E/A attacking. Position our AC - right wing.

6. Our AC #1248 destroyed a sixth F. W. 190 over water after leaving St. Nazaire, on 11/23/44, about 13:38, at a height of 12,000'. E/A came from five o'clock, below. E/A broke up in air and was seen to hit the water. It is felt that pilot could not possibly have baled out.

Plane came from five o'clock and below, and zoomed up straight at ball turret. Gunner fired 70 rounds, seeing tracers go into motor and through cockpit. Plane was seen to practically disintegrate, and fall into water.

Ball Tur. Gun.,

E/A is claimed by S/Sgt. Joe Bowles, and claim is confirmed by Waist Gunner S/Sgt. R. G. Harris. No other crew member, and no other U.S. Crew fired. E/A was only one attacking. Position our AC - Right Wing.

7. Our AC #1248 destroyed a seventh F. W. 190 over water after leaving St. Nazaire, on 11/23/44 about 13:40, at a height of 12,000'. E/A came from two o'clock, above, was first hit at 200 yards, ~~and hit the sea.~~ fell out of control at 1000 yards. Pilot did not bale out.

and hit the sea.

As E/A came ~~over~~ over our AC, Waist Gunner S/Sgt. Allan F. Meaux, fired about 100 rounds, hitting plane as it was going away, ~~and hit the sea.~~ and fell out of control at about 1000 yards. Plane was seen by S/Sgt. Joe Bowles, Ball Tur. Gunner, to hit the sea.

E/A is claimed as destroyed by S/Sgt. Allan F. Meaux and claim is confirmed by S/Sgt. Bowles. Radio Operator fired a few shots but does not dispute claim. No other U.S. Crew fired. Four E/A attacking. Position our AC - right wing.

- 124489
8. Our AC #~~124489~~ destroyed a F. W. 190 on ~~23/11~~ 23/11 near St. Nazaire at 13:31 at a height of 18,000'. E/A came from ten o'clock at time encounter began, level, was first hit at 500 yards and destroyed at the same distance. Plane was seen to break up in the air and pilot baled out.

2nd Lieut. Lem. B. Smith, Navigator, fired at least fifty rounds. Tracers seen to enter enemy AC, which caught fire and blew up in air. Pilot baled out, and pilot and one wing of plane were seen falling close together.

S/Sgt.
E/A is claimed destroyed by 2nd. Lt. Lem. B. Smith, Navigator, and claim is confirmed by G. A. Tracy, Ball Tur. Gunner. Only one crew member fired, and no other U.S. Crew fired. Position our AC - number three.

9. Our AC #124469 destroyed a F. W. 190 on ~~23/11~~ 23/11 ~~at~~ twenty miles from St. Nazaire at 13:45 at a height of 12,000 feet. E/A came from two o'clock high and above, was first hit at 350 yards, and destroyed or damaged at 200 yards. Right wing seen to come off. Pilot did not bale out.

E/A came in high and above at two o'clock. Was first hit at 350 yards by T/Sgt. R. G. Mumaw who fired 30 rounds. E/A kept coming in in spite of receiving several bursts. At 250 yards, wing came off and plane went down in flames.

E/A is claimed destroyed by T/Sgt. R. G. Mumaw, Top Tur. Gunner. Claim is confirmed by Lt. Toland, Bombadier, and Sgt. DeWolf, Waist Gunner. Two other crew members fired, but do not dispute claim. No other U.S. Crew is believed to have fired. Three other E/A attacking at time. Position our AC - Lead ship.

ONE E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED

probably destroyed

10. Our AC #124489 a F.W. 190 on 23/11 about fifteen miles after leaving St. Nazaire, at 13:37 at a height of 16,000 feet. E/A came from one o'clock at time encounter began, above, and was hit and probably destroyed about four to five hundred yards away.

As E/A attacked, Lt. A. J. Friedrich, Bombadier, emptied a can at him (50 rounds). Several bursts were seen to enter F.W., and pilot broke off encounter with smoking engine.

E/A is claimed as probably destroyed by Lt. A. J. Friedrich, Bombadier, and claim is confirmed by Radio Operator, T/Sgt. Siavage. No other crew member fired, but it is believed that a gunner in the lead ship also fired. Four other E/A attacking at time. Position our AC - #3 in formation.

John A. Bairnsfather, Captain, A.C.

Bomb Load 2 x 2000

M.S. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot Mag. Holt

Radio Op Swyers

Co-Pilot McKesson

Top Gun

Navigator Hester

Ball Gun Cox

Bombardier Zoland

Waist Gun Hewley

Engineer Mumaw

Tail Gun Milik

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 1033 Height 18000 Heading 150°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives

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

Sight Haze

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

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs About 60 feet from target

(b) Other Bombing Fires and bomb bursts on target and immediate area

(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" as ordered with 9 B 17's

Exceptions

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Accuracy	
			Severe	Mod'te		Height	Direction
<u>nil</u>							
<u>Target</u>	<u>18000</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>✓</u>		<u>Blue</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>no</u>

saw bursts off to left looked like phosphorus

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack. 10FW's 2 2MS 109

over target and attacked from groups of 2 or 3
constantly over 20 min. All attacks were

E/A claimed DESTROYED 1

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 Over England - Boucaut,

" Channel - Clear - Slight haze

" Target - Broken clouds about 4/10
Open spot 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.A., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

Saw B-17 about 20 miles from target go
down in flames. No one bailed.

(c) New tactics of E/A Head on attacks - in every
instance

(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. —

None

16. Crew comments. —

J. W. Wright
Interrogating Officer

File

INTERROGATION FORM

1. Squadron 367 368 (3) 423

4/c No. 124488 Date 11/23 1942

Bomb Load 2 X 2000

H.E. Incend.

Harold F

2. Crew: Pilot Sgt Casey Wm

Radio Op Light bown. SGT

2nd Co-Pilot Tilli Oliver E

Waist Top Gun Harris R.G. S/SGT

Navigator Lapper Walter C

Ball Tur Gun Boles Joe. S/SGT

Bombardier Smith A.G.

Waist Gun Mearns A.E. Mearns S/SGT

S/SGT Engineer Elliott Wilson C

Tail Gun Small, P.D. SGT

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

(a) Planes down on water: Isabel

Shot down just before target. Kreaky
Saw 2 spots. ~~Parachutes~~ ~~if left in my~~

(b) Dinghies.

(c) enemy capital ships:

Parachutes Probably three

2540
00.65

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time 6:15 AM Height 18000 Heading

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Went to Es Pilot and Bomb in Hospital

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 Mr

(b) Other Bombing

(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			
One Cont on main	18000	lum	H	✓	Black	Yes	Left of beam
Target	18000	"	✓		Black	Yes	Ahead maybe

Target 18000 " ✓ Black Yes Ahead maybe ✓

Target 18000 " ✓ Black Yes Ahead maybe ✓

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack *that 10 minutes before target. Came in high after target. Last enemy aircraft have been seen 35 at least. This fall 30 minutes away fight*

- E/A claimed DESTROYED 7
- E/A claimed PROBABLE 0
E/A claimed DAMAGED 0

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

As briefed

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. *No chutes*

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

Low Dshel's ship gr down 3 minutes before target. Lighter got his wing tip off 10 ft. in 2 short runs - gotta probably - may have been in

(c) New tactics of E/A *Head on attacks by many F.W.S*

(d) Targets of opportunity *none*

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

*A. Clark Pilot - 20 mm
chert under his middle peak (a splinter under his leg) Sgt Lecker
hit in both legs with 20 mm splinters (Bomber) Sgt Smith Bomber
hit in legs and hand with 20 mm. hit the most, all three sent to
hospital Sgt Elliot Splinters in neck and head.*

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

Sgt Lecker + Smith hit at same time. Lecker got no attention, went on firing, fired 1000 during ball. No one knew he was hit until afterwards.

16. Crew comments:

1st Lt Fred C. Baldwin Time
Interrogating Officer

1. Squadron 367 368 369 423

u/c No. 124470

Date 11/23 1942

Bomb Load 2 2000's lb.

H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot Capt. Johnson

Radio Op Sgt. Constantine

Co-Pilot Lt. Brungert

Top Tur Gun Sgt. Jordan

Navigator Lt. Byers

Ball Tur Gun Sgt. Pappas

Bombardier Lt. Reed

Waist Gun Sgt. Muzick

Engineer Sgt. Gordon

Tail Gun Sgt. Wall

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

also in Waist Sgt. Gocier

(a) Planes down on water.

(b) Dinghies.

(c) enemy capital ships.

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time _____ Height _____ Heading _____

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives Guns out

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 Brought back

(b) Other Bombing _____

(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"

1. Squadron 507 A/C No. Date 11/1

Bomb Load _____ H.E. Incend. _____

2. Crew: Pilot LT J. W. Nygaard Radio Op Sgt. R.B. Sadlin

Co-Pilot Sgt. W. J. McKean Top Tur Gun Sgt.

Navigator FB Lessorman Ball Tur Gun Sgt. A. E. Pearson

Bombardier LT J. S. Trout Waist Gun Sgt. J. E. Gross

Engineer Sgt. E. J. Floyd Tail Gun Sgt. E.A. Simoneck

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 _____ Height _____ Heading _____

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Both turrets out

Reason for abortives 11:45 Turned around

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 Brought bombs back

(b) Other Bombing _____

(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" 10 min. late

Exceptions (due to a/c stuck here on runway before take-off)

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Height	Direction
			Severe	Mod'te			
Target							

5. LT. Trout
 4. Sgt. McKean
 3. FB Lessorman

11. Encounters to enemy aircraft; give number enemy attacks, and number of E/A participating in each attack _____

E/A claimed DESTROYED _____

E/A claimed PROBABLE _____

E/A claimed DAMAGED _____

Fill out immediately separate GLAIL 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 _____

13. Observations:

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

(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.) _____

(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.) _____

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

16. Crew comments. 3 Planes turned back before this a/c - This a/c turned back after finding both turrets out 15 miles over channel Lt. Weld

Interrogating Officer _____ Time _____

Bomb Load 2 X 2000 H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot Capt JM Regan Radio Op T/pt. NH Hoffman
 Co-Pilot 2nd Lt TA Janowski TopTurGun S/pt Roy Knudsen
 Navigator 1st Lt WD Boring BallTurGun S/pt. CL Pugh
 Bombardier 1st Lt J E Kosakowski Waist Gun S/pt Mount
 Engineer S/pt Christian Tail Gun S/pt. Krajcik
 Waist S/pt. Christian

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

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

*Bomb load returned,
 went to lizard Point
 turned 1230 home
 station.
 oxygen froze
 at ball turret gun*

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 _____

(b) Other Bombing _____

(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

: Intensity : Accuracy : Height : Direction

Bomb Load 2 x 2000

(H.E.)

Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot 1st Lt RW Seelos
 Co-Pilot 1st Lt A Kramarinko
 Navigator 2nd Lt DR Greene
 Bombardier 2nd Lt WW Saunders
 Engineer T/Sgt Stempkowski

Radio Op T/Sgt Kesky
 Top Tur Gun T/Sgt Stempkowski
 Ball Tur Gun S/Sgt Magee
 Waist Gun S/Sgt Crowther
 Tail Gun S/Sgt Magee Bak
 Waist Gun S/Sgt Gregiano

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

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

Turned back
 above Perryhead
 (south of Torquay)
 1215

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time _____ Height _____ Heading _____

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked? Take off late - Batteries down due to hydraulic switch stuck - could not pick up group - returned with bombs
 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 _____

(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

Intensity : : accuracy
 Height : Type : Severe : Mod'te : Color : Height : Direction