

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

26 June, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News  
None reported.
2. Narrative  
21 A/C of the 306th Group took off at 1555 to bomb Triqueville. Two returned early. 19 bombed target and landed at base at 1915.
3. Bombing Results  
Bombing results unobserved due to violent attack just as bombs were away.
4. Abortions  
1 turned back at 1719 at 23,000' at Beachy Head due to oil leak in #2 engine.  
1 turned back east of London at 1655 due to oil leak in #2 engine - unable to keep in formation.
5. Encounters  
9 to 12 E/A dove from above on formation out of sun just as bombs were away. In all about 25 FW and Me109s attacked formation from target to coast. We claim 4-2-0.
6. Flak  
Practically none encountered.
7. Observations  
2 Aerial bombs reported. 12 Spits met formation at target and did good work. Others observed high above formation on way out.
8. Crew Comments  
Bombardiers disliked the run into the sun. Crews thought climb speed too fast, said it strained the engines.
9. Route  
Route was as ordered except formation returned to the left of Le Havre instead of as briefed.
10. Casualties  
Capt. Check was killed on his 25th mission. Lt. Col. Wilson was burned on the hands, but flew the ship to mid-channel, where it was taken over by Lt. Cassidy, riding as waist gunner, who brought it in. Three crew members injured. Lt. Drew, Bombardier, bailed out over target.

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FLAK REPORT

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Target Air field at TRICQUEVILLE

1. Route followed.

St. Valery-en-Caux to Yvetot to target right turn from target around Le Havre and home

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?)

about as briefed - good - some condensation trails

3. No. of A/C over Target.

19 A/C

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:-

$\frac{720}{23000}$	$\frac{894}{23000}$	$\frac{815}{23000}$	$\frac{824}{23000}$	$\frac{826}{22900}$	$\frac{937}{23100}$
$\frac{274}{23000}$			$\frac{086}{23000}$	$\frac{793}{23800}$	$\frac{163}{23000}$
	$\frac{930}{22800}$		$\frac{978}{23600}$	$\frac{997}{23000}$	$\frac{057}{23600}$
					$\frac{177}{23100}$
					$\frac{779}{23600}$
					$\frac{221}{23000}$
					$\frac{841}{23400}$

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

240° Way

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

60 seconds

7. Turn after bombing.

gradual right turn

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups.

Lead group.

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.

Target 1746 hours - A.A. fire was meager, H. Blast, accurate as to alt. but way behind group. About 50 bursts all told. Aimed shots.

Le HAVRE - few bursts very meager and inaccurate

Between Yvetot and target - few bursts, meager, inaccurate, scattered

A.A. fire was very meager, some crews not having seen any.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

2 aerial bombs over target, nose high

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