

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

27 August, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report.

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

1. Hot News.
1 B-17 at 1924, before target, hit by flak. Blew up.
4 chutes.
1 B-17 at 1925, over target, 8 to 10 chutes.
1 B-17 at 1926 going down under control - no chutes seen.
2. Bombing.
Bombing probably over - possibly few hits in edge of evacuation.
3. Abortive.
None.
4. Encounters.
None - no enemy aircraft seen. Fighter support excellent and very close.
5. A.A. Gun Fire.
From I.P. to Target - moderate but exceptionally accurate in spite of vigorous evasive action. Black bursts. Continuously following. Lots of A.A. gun fire, not quite up to altitude. White bursts.
6. Observations.
Crews say - bomb run into late afternoon sun all wrong. Breaking formation to bomb by squadrons disastrous. Can't fly formation when you can't see.

TRACK CHART

DATE 27/8/43

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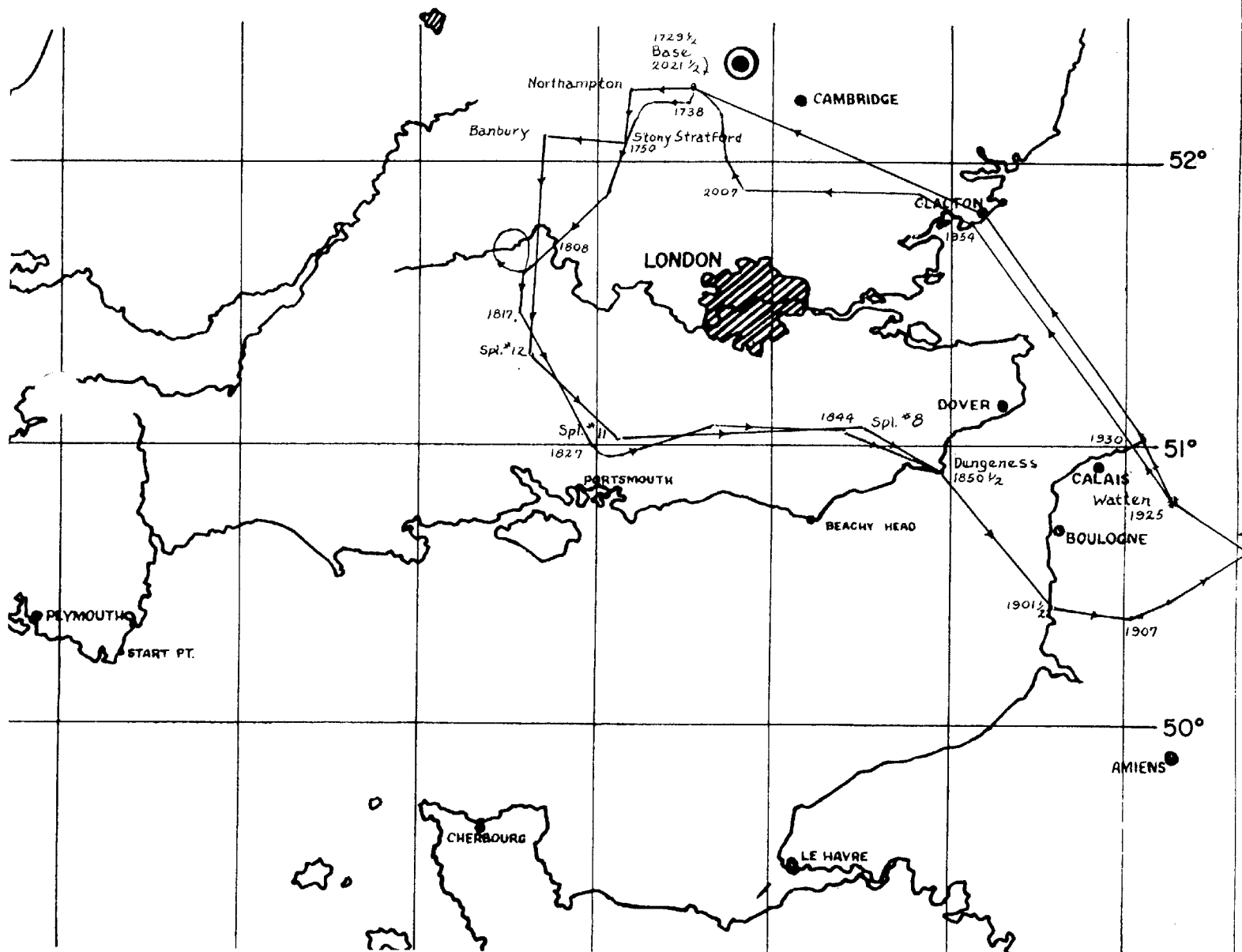
Actual

Route followed by

306th Bombardment Group (H)

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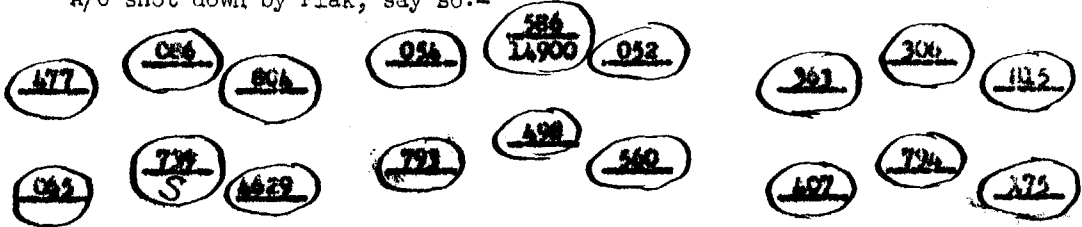
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1. Route followed. **Dungouess - N. of March-sur-Bar to Aire to target to West of Gravelines to Cluaten.**

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) **Slight haze - Broken clouds at target 3/10ths - 5/10ths**

3. No. of A/C over Target. **18**

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 A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-



5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible) **120 degs Mag.**

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? **60 seconds**

7. Turn after bombing. **25 deg. Right turn, 10 deg. bank.**

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. **Second Group over target.**

9. What evasive action was taken? **Constant wide turning.**

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.

Intense, heavy, accurate, continuous following Gun A.A. fire from IP to target. Barrages noted over fortified areas.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc. **Object near Montreal, at altitude, exploded and burst all over sky. Orange burst. None of our aircraft in vicinity at time. -- Three crews report tracer anti-aircraft fire at altitude.**

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office Of The Materiel Officer
United States Forces
APO 634

28 August 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634
ATT: S-2 Officer.

1. The following Combat Damages were incurred on Mission of 27 Aug 43.

367th Bomb Sqdn. (H)

B-17F 42-5306.

a. Slight flak damage to right outer wing panel.

B-17F 42-29794.

a. Slight flak damage to left stabilizer.

B-17F 42-5407.

a. Slight flak damage to right outer wing.

B-17F 42-3363.

a. Slight flak damage to leading edge left outer wing, left outer wing stabilizer, and #2 engine.

B-17F 42-29959.

a. Slight flak damage to right outer wing, and left outer wing.

B-17F 42-30175.

a. Slight flak damage to left outer wing, right stabilizer, and right inner wing.

369th Bomb Sqdn. (H)

B-17F 42-5086.

a. Slight flak damage to #1 prop and left inner wing.

B-17F 42-29477.

a. Slight flak left aileron, left elevator, and left side of fuselage at nose.

B-17F 42-29739.

a. Serious flak damage to both right and left inner and outer wing, nose section and fuselage.

B-17F 42-5804. (423rd ship flown by 369th)

a. Slight flak damage to left side of fuselage, & oxygen lines.

For the Commanding Officer:

Henry J. Schmidt
HENRY J. SCHMIDT,
Major, Air Corps,
Materiel Officer.

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By RLB/BAC
Date 1/8/91
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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~370~~ ~~371~~ A/C Number 306 Letter PP Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 22000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1715 Time Landed 2044

			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:

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

✓ CAPT. T.F. WITT Pilot

✓ 2nd LT. D. H. WHITE Co-P

✓ 1st LT. TITUS, A.F. Nav.

✓ CAPT. J.E. KOSAKOWSKI Bomb.

✓ T/SGT. BOCELLI, J.C. Radio

✓ T/SGT. G. RIECKE Top T.

✓ S/Sgt. F.W. PULLIAM Ball T.

✓ S/SGT. W.R. EARNEST R.Waist

✓ S/SGT. C.A. ADAMS L.Waist

✓ S/SGT. W.D. SHERILL Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary + Time: 1925

Alternate Height: 15,000

Last Resort Heading 320°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:
30-40 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs: -

Other Bombing: Two in ~~hole~~ ^{Hole} (Ball turret gunner reports)

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped 1 Number boxes returned 1

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Visibility poor - sun in face

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
		<u>15000</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>110 to target</u>	<u>Accurate</u>
		<u>15000</u>	<u>Tracer Flak observed</u>		<u>Right of target</u>	
<u>1935</u>			<u>Tracer Flak observed</u>		<u>(off coast) (5 minutes)</u>	

Crew observations about Flak:

Tracer Flak observed

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~368~~ A/C Number 163 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2x2000 ^{H.E.} Incend.

Time Took Off 17:10 Time Landed 20:30

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)

1517 storm part target. at least 8 possibly 10 chutes seen. 19:25-1825

✓ CAPT. G. PARIS Pilot

✓ 1st LT. J. BELSER Co-P

✓ 1st LT. M. DIX Nav.

✓ 2nd LT. S. SILVERSTEIN Bomb.

✓ T/SGT. J. MILNER Radio

✓ T/SGT. R. LONG *R. W. Wainst.*

✓ S/SGT. G. HOLT Ball T.

✓ 2nd LT. HARRISON *Fallist*

✓ S/SGT. A. SORENSON *Top Inmet.*

✓ S/SGT. J. MIGLORESI *Wainst*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1825?

Alternate

Height: 14900

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 296 = 320

Duration Bomb Run:

155 MPH air speed. started on 60 sec run but ended with 10 seconds. because of difficulty with other Squadron.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: *Slightly over the target - on edge of woods.*

Other Bombing: *No modern target either before or after*

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)

Slight haze over target. Broken clouds. 3-5 tenths.

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	Accuracy in relation to A/C
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St Over. 15000 light intense but stopped below me at about 12000ft.

Wind of 20mph. 15000ft - 6 gun battery. tracking close enough to hear it.

1925 Target 14900 light very bright 12000. Some haze at our height.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Not hit.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~36900128~~ A/C Number 052 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 x 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1610 Time Landed 2045

			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: one B17 before target, in flames - 1925 hours. Some-thing fell out of it. Heated. 1930 after target, down, no chutes.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

No

- ✓ 2nd LT. R. SHINGLER Pilot
- ✓ 2nd LT. E. MASLANKA Co-P
- ✓ 1st LT. H. EZELL **BOMB**
- ✓ 2nd LT. A BYCOTT **NAV**
- ✓ S/SGT. HE GORCZYCA Bomb.
- ✓ T/SGT. W. SKAMAN Radio **L.W.**
- ✓ T/SGT. E. KILBRIDE **Top T.**
- ✓ S/SGT. P. MARDIS Ball T.
- ✓ S/SGT. D. NEFF **TOP 1**
- ✓ S/SGT. P. MANTOR **R** Waist
- ✓ S/SGT. D. McCANN Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1925:30

Alternate Height: 15,000

Last Resort Heading 310° mag.

Duration Bomb Run: Left before out across our course on the bomb run causing us to go up the down before bomb away. 30 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs: Flew lit extreme ^{inside} edge of hole towards woods.

Other Bombing: Other landed - woods.

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) Hazy - 5700 up to 7000

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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Bunay, Just before target, accurate, slight, up to altitude, in at air, over St. Omer. backing.

Saw it over the Barrage over NW coast on way out.

Crew observations about Flak: sawed like Roman candles. see also (observations over)

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~36800000~~ A/C Number 054 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 X 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1711 Time Landed 2031

			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)

*2 B 17's in flames just before target
no chutes seen from one, - 3 or 4 from other*

✓ 1st LT. W. DOOLEY Pilot

✓ 2nd LT. W. NALLY Co-P

✓ 2nd LT. F. BULLARD Nav.

✓ 2nd LT. H. URMAN Bomb.

✓ T/SGT. L. MORTON Radio

✓ T/SGT. W. BACK Top T.

✓ S/SGT. L. HASKELL Ball T.

✓ S/SGT. J. KELCH L. Waist

✓ SGT. MEAD R. Waist

✓ S/SGT. H. JORDAN Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1925

Alternate Height: 15,000

Last Resort Heading 307° mag
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 30"

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Bursts seen on E + N side of aiming points

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)

is briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) hazy 3/10 - 4/10

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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	<u>target</u>		<u>slight</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>continuous pattern</u>	<u>very accurate</u>
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Crew observations about Flak: none on 305

Some tracer seen at altitude

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~36900023~~ A/C Number 428 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2X2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1712 Time Landed 2032

		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:

1 B17 5 mins before target - flames
#2 engine, 7 chutes.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

✓ 1st LT. R. ROBINSON Pilot

✓ 2nd LT. W. KATZ Co-P

✓ 2nd LT. G. HOLMES Nav.

✓ 2nd LT. B. LAMB Bomb.

✓ T/SGT. S. BEARDEN Radio

✓ T/SGT. H. WHITTEN Top T.

✓ S/SGT. G. FISHER Ball T.

✓ S/SGT. L. NORTHCOTT R. Waist

✓ SGT. HEINTZ L. Waist

✓ SSGT. G. NICHOLSON Tail G.

1 B17 at 1924 - no chutes -
in control going down.

1 B17 for bright (i.e. north)
of target, out of control, disappeared in
clouds.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1924

Alternate Height: 14,900

Last Resort Heading 315 mag.
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

system across road after driving,
+ spoiled each other bomb runs.
must have interval between squadrons.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

Overrun last sqdn of 305 in front of this group.

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

Own Bombs: 2 in woods beyond target about
perhaps 1 or 2 hit actual target. 1000 ft beyond.

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) 0.1 cloud 1/3 way
had heading into sun (had to see target).

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
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from I P to target, heavy, accurate, barraged(?)
stopped after target.
Big barrage to left coming out.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369000000~~ A/C Number 560 Letter D Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 x 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1710 Time Landed 2045

		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:

No

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

One B17 down in flames
Time:

- 1st. LT. L. McINTIRE Pilot
- 2nd LT. G. GORIS Co-P
- 2nd LT. J. LEVY Nav.
- 2nd LT. J. RYAN Bomb.
- S/SGT. C. NICHOLS Radio
- T/SGT. D. GRIGGS Top T.
- SGT. WOODALL Ball T.
- S/SGT. J. MYNATT R.Waist
- S/SGT. N. BRENNAN L.Waist
- S/SGT. L. CONNOLLY Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: _____
 Alternate Height: None
 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: Returned

Other Bombing: No observation

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) as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) as briefed - hazy -

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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1425 target area 15000 heavy Black Close accurate

Not sure (from IP% coast observed wing ahead go through it)

Crew observations about Flak: Wing ahead appeared to lose

several ships because a light - none observed - all but observed

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 498 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2X2000 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

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

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

*low 3017 on a distant formation at +mt target area. 2000 ft to see chutes.
1B17 on target area. 10 chutes.*

- ✓ 1st LT. W. PETERSON Pilot
- ✓ F/O S. MOWERS Co-P
- ✓ 2nd LT. R. SLATER Nav.
- ✓ SGT. SCOTT Bomb.
- ✓ S/SGT. W. PLASKET Radio
- ✓ T/SGT. W. UTLEY Top T.
- ✓ SGT. HUNTZINGER FE Ball T.
- ✓ SGT. R. BANKS R.Waist
- ✓ S/SGT. O. MONSER L.Waist
- ✓ SGT. CONISON Coulson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: *No time*
 Alternate Height: *No height*
 Last Resort (circle) Heading: *390-330*
 Duration Bomb Run: *Reckles humming up.*

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

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

Own Bombs: *Could not see the target. High & sun hid it all. Should have come other way.*

Other Bombing: *Hit on N. edge of hole.*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped: more 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 button

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *change. but as briefed otherwise.*

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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1st to target. Flak scattered but accurate. Heavy & slight. accurate. rest was not so bad.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Hot. as hole in sudden

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None seen.

(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)

Grid - On button - Real Close.

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

no guns were fired except on try out.

12. 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, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

none.

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)

none.

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)

*none.
1. Flew hole.*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none. Bomb racks hung up.

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

Don't land into the sun especially at dusk & with haze.

S-2 OFFICER

Capt. Belshin

FILE COMPLETED

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~00433~~ A/C Number -959 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2X 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1713 Time Landed 2045

			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:

1-B17 just before target hit by flak appeared in clouds target ground down
1-B17 just after target ground down friendly A/C in any form of distress (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
1-B17 just before target dropping down out of control due to engine failure fire saw 4 chutes

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd LT. W. C. BISSON Pilot

2nd LT. R. BUTLER Co-P

1st LT. C. D. MOORE Nav.

S/SGT. J. M. ELLIOTT Bomb.

SGT. J. J. McLELLAN Radio

SGT. E. J. OSEP Top T.

SGT. R. H. VADER Ball T.

SGT. E. E. HARBOUR R.Waist

SGT. B. MARGINEAU L.Waist

S/SGT. H. SALL Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1924

Alternate Height: 14800

Last Resort Heading 320

(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: none

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.
Visibility not good, Hazy

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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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On Run from F.P. to target, 14800 Heavy concentration light accurate directed
Some scattered accurate heavy some place
Coast on return some flak from F/B

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~370~~ A/C Number 363 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 x 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

			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:

1 B-17 - 1924 hours - 9 chutes
1 B-17 - 1920 hours - 3 chutes -

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- ✓ 1st LT. F. H. OMNEN Pilot
- ✓ 2nd LT. J. E. WINTER Co-P
- ✓ 2nd LT. H. C. EDELSTEIN Nav.
- ✓ SGT. R. L. WHITESIDE Bomb.
- ✓ T/SGT. W. C. ROZANSKI Radio
- ✓ T/SGT. D. M. HOVIS Top T.
- ✓ S/SGT. J. K. SPELL Ball T.
- ✓ S/SGT. P. A. WALSH R. Waist
- ✓ S/SGT. R. G. VAN DRAGT L. Waist
- ✓ S/SGT. A. E. ROBINSON Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1925
Alternate Height: 14,800
Last Resort Heading 300° mag.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target, 200 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: not observed

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) 1/4 cloudy

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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	<u>Very intense.</u>		<u>Heavy + light flak.</u>		<u>White bursts.</u>	
	<u>E P to target.</u>		<u>One engine out of power.</u>		<u>+ large search bursts.</u>	
			<u>50 cal bullet holes (2).</u>			

Crew observations about Flak: ✓

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SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 794 Letter K Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 x 2000 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1717 Time Landed 2040

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	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. L. W. KOOIMA Pilot

2nd LT. F. H. CRAWFORD Co-P

2nd LT. D. W. BERKEY Nav.

2nd LT. C. A. CRESSY Bomb.

TSGT. A. G. COULTER Radio

T/SGT. V. A. STRUCKHOFF Top T.

S/SGT. S. J. COUVILLON Ball T.

S/SGT. A. W. TINSLEY R.Waist

S/SGT. F. HUTCHINSON L.Waist

S/SGT. R. S. WESTON Tail G.

1. B17 Rt. over target - blew up 5 chunks
15-20 chunks by tail.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: after target passed.

Primary Time: 1925

Alternate Height: 14500

Last Resort Heading 315°

Duration Bomb Run:

evasive action all the way

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Some over, haze, into sun mostly not observed

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 - approach poor

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

OK - except into sun.

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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1.P. Target		14500	mod. to int.	black	close	acc. good
after				white	(could hear bursts)	
Coast out - shore batteries firing				out ahead	several holes (minor)	

Crew observations about Flak: Picked on radar - 1.P. Carriage (two reported) Saw traces at 1.P. all...

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SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 175 Letter B Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 X 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1715 Time Landed 2040

		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: B-17 burning, going down,
9 chutes seen at 1923 hrs at 15,000 ft.
over target area.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

See above

- 1st LT. W. W. THOMAS Pilot
- 2nd LT. J. W. KAPPEMEYER Co-P
- 2nd LT. H. K. McCALEB Nav.
- 2nd LT. J. W. LUKENS Bomb.
- T/SGT. F. W. PALMER Radio
- T/SGT. A. HEYBURN Top T.
- S/SGT. E. DE BUYSER Ball T.
- S/SGT. M. J. ST. LOUIS R.Waist
- S/SGT. E. H. HENDERSON L.Waist
- S/SGT. J. E. HARRIS Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1925
 Alternate Height: 15,000
 Last Resort Heading 325°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 15 seconds

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2 Jettisoned: 0 Returned: 0 Abortive: 0

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) Mean point of impact
of 367 Sq. approx. 1/8 mile North East of aiming point.
 Own Bombs: Same as above

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:

NONE

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) AS BRIEFED

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear over target.

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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1917	I.P.	15,500	Moderate - light and heavy	Black	level to right	Extremely accurate
1935	Target Area	15,000	Intense - Heavy	Black	far behind	Accurate

Crew observations about Flak: Moderate to intense and extremely accurate.

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SQUADRON 367 ~~3680036900229~~ A/C Number 407 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2X2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1717 Time Landed 2038

			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)

*B-17 in flames at target - 5 chutes
B-17 pulled south out of formation at target*

✓ 1stLT Z.D. DAVIS Pilot

✓ 2nd LT. I. R. ELLIOT Co-P

✓ 2nd LT. R. V. HOUCK Nav.

✓ SGT. O. O. DOBBS Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

✓ T/SGT. L. E. McCULLAR Radio

✓ T/SGT. G. T. WEBB Top T.

✓ S/SGT. D. J. FOSTER Ball T.

✓ S/SGT. G. R. ANDERSON L. Waist

✓ ~~S/SGT. L. A. LEGGETT~~ R. Waist

✓ S/SGT. D. J. ANTONELLI Tail G.

Primary

Time: 1926

Alternate

Height: 15,600

Last Resort
(circle)

Heading 339°

Duration Bomb Run:

20"

*10° bank
25° right turn*

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

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

Own Bombs: hard to see as sun was into sun.

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 briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) hazy

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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	<u>target</u>		<u>heavy</u>	<u>white</u>	<u>tracking</u>	<u>too accurate</u>
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Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

(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) _____

<u>C L A I M S</u>	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *damn good*

12. 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, water-ways, 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. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)
flak in ball turret, top turret + rt. wing

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
pilot interphone - left upper turret gun wouldn't fire

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
our tactics were bad - attitude taken

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 25086 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2X 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1716 Time Landed 2026

		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:
1-1317 over target direct hit by flak over target & blew up 60 crates, one of which burned up.
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Capt. D. W. Wheeler Pilot
- Lt. C. T. Schoolfield Co-P
- Lt. J. B. Mazanak Nav.
- Lt. F. A. Evans Bomb.
- T/Sgt. ~~XXXX~~ M. A. Narum Radio
- T/Sgt. H. L. Noyes. Top T.
- S/Sgt. C. W. McGrane Ball T.
- S/Sgt. E. W. Mills R.Waist
- S/Sgt. J. W. Montana L.Waist
- S/Sgt. R. L. Norris Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1927
 Alternate Height: 15000
 Last Resort Heading 316°
 (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: Flak bursts to north of woods at target

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.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Sun in eyes 3/10 Cumulus
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
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Target 15000 Moderate Heavy accurate tracking checked.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 804 Letter Z Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2x2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1718 Time Landed 2025

		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)

✓ Lt. Porter, R. W. Pilot

✓ Lt. Sharkey, H. C. Co-P

✓ Lt. Belknap, G. M. Nav.

✓ Lt. Jones, L. B. Bomb.

✓ T/Sgt. Krueger, H. H. Radio

✓ T/Sgt. Kimbal, J. B. Top T.

✓ S/Sgt. McCabe, J. F. Ball T.

✓ S/Sgt. Hodge, J. E. R.Waist

✓ S/Sgt. Cook, L. B. L.Waist

✓ S/Sgt. Rogers, H. E. Tail G.

1 B17 - 9 chutes - on fire
det. 1. P. & target - went down
1 B17 - 4 chutes - an engine fell off
A/C 2. leveled out - after target

TARGET ATTACKED:

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jetlisoned: Returned: 2 Abortive:

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

didn't find target

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

not observed

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)

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Haze - run into sun

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color (intense, white)	Location of bursts	Accuracy
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	1. P. - Target	15000'	mod.	black white	contin. following	acc.
	(more on way, weather in or out)					

Crew observations about Flak:

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0. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) 22000

(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 _____

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good - close support

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

2 B17's Flak

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and T.D.E.)

5.

5. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak - in oxygen sys - pilots - #3 gas tank

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

interphone out

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

too low - flak too good

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 29477 Letter H Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 X 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1717 Time Landed 2020

		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)

✓ Lt. B. C. Bryant Pilot

✓ Lt. R. T. Peters Co-P

✓ Lt. D. H. Peterson Nav.

✓ Lt. J. V. Vaughter Bomb.

✓ S/Sgt. M. L. John Radio

✓ Sgt. B. S. Steed Top T.

✓ Sgt. R.L. Kern Ball T.

✓ St. E. J. Gustafson R.Waist

✓ Sgt. D. J. Peidmont L.Waist

✓ Sgt. E. J. Mayer Tail G.

1. B17 - 8 chutes - #921 just after target - on fire - went down wing fell off

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: 2 Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) *no sight*

Own Bombs:

Lead Cont. Didn't drop

Other Bombing:

Sense to left of target in woods

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 or turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Haze into sun.

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	Accuracy in relation to A/C
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1st target 5000 mod black close range

Coast out - coastal batteries low

Crew observations about FLAK: *fire control - cont. following some 6 bursts lat on time at level just to right*

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 29739 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2x2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1718 Time Landed 20:20

		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)

Lt. Maresh, H. H. Pilot

Lt. Bettinger, G. F. Co-P

Lt. Meltzer, G. F. Nav.

Lt. Isaac, A. Bomb.

S/Sgt. Lewis, G. F. Radio

T/Sgt. Ross, J. T. Top T.

S/Sgt. Steinhart, M. Ball T.

Sgt. Maron, H. M. R. Waist

Sgt/ Fuller, H. C. L. Waist

Sgt. Voight, L. K. Tail G.

Friend Capt 1928. 1920
017 in flames, struck
across as later identified flight
seen to go down burning.

Monitors in hospital

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1920 on bomb run

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: 2 abortive:

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 _____

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 dis position of bombs)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) None in eyes + haze + 4/10 heavy clouds

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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18 to target 1500 heavy tracking moderate accurate
saw red burst like fire works in front of us. Might have been 20 mm.

Crew observations about Flak:

Hit by flak almost at target.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None. 1 FW

(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	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good close in time. Couldn't see it.

12. 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, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)

Saw result of large explosion just as we were hit but couldn't see where exact at target area.

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.)

*Wright Lt. Tail Gunner shot in hand / St. Miller hit by prop on belly
Marion flak in leg.*

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

*Left wing badly hit. 2 wings shot down. Dents doors, tail & waist.
Alvins*

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

Don't like low altitude. 25000 ft gives with some at back would have been better.

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~367XXX368~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 24629 Letter _____ Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2x2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1717 Time Landed 2028

		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)

1924-B-17 down over target - 9 or 10 minutes

✓ Lt. Thomas, G. F. Pilot

✓ Lt. Fallow, R. L. Co-P

✓ Lt. Madden, E. P. Nav.

✓ Lt. Bittman, H. H. Bomb.

✓ S/Sgt. Hufnagel, C. J. Radio

✓ S/Sgt. Fox, E. K. Top T.

✓ Sgt. Williams, D. J. Ball T.

✓ Sgt. Williams, D. E. H. Waist

✓ Sgt. Sewald, A. E. L. Waist

✓ Sgt. Smith, T. H. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1925

Alternate Height: 15000

Last Resort Heading 290
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: none Jettisoned: _____ Returned: all Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs:

target not seen

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 briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) hazy 3/10 - 4/10

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	Accuracy in relation to A/C
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	<u>target</u>		<u>slight</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>continuous following</u>	<u>very accurate</u>
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Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~369 XXXXXX~~ 369 XXXXX A/C Number 230065 Letter U Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2x2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1719 Time Landed 2038

		X		X
	X	X	X	X
X	X		X	X
X		X	X	X
<u>(X)</u>	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) B-17 at 1922 hours over target at 15,000 ft. Burning, going down out of control, six chutes seen.

✓ Lt. Price, W. A. Pilot

✓ F/O Reed, M. D. Co-P

✓ F/O Anderson, P. D. Nav.

✓ Lt. Dunlap, C. L. Bomb.

✓ S/Sgt. Evenson, J. J. Radio

✓ S/Sgt. Okafield, B. D. Top T.

✓ Sgt. Massey, F. K. Ball T.

✓ T/Sgt. Fassig, B. L. R. Waist

✓ Sgt. Trahan, J. L. Waist

✓ T/Sgt. Hoser, H. W. 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: Reason for not dropping - target not visible.

Other Bombing: Several bomb bursts seen approx 3 miles North of aiming point

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No?) Any Nickels: Yes (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUN FIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dumped _____
NONE 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) As 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
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1915 I.P. 15,000 Moderate-Heavy Black Level to right Accurate

Crew observations about Flak: Moderate but extremely accurate.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

NONE

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

NONE

(Location and length of fight)

NONE

(Tactics of E/A)

NONE

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

NONE

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED NONE

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent - All Spits.

12. 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, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, No flak at coast. at crossing point.

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) See hot news.

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)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: 1 small flak hole in plexig right under plexiglass nose.

No. 2 supercharger no more than 30 inches.

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

Why bomb run into sun?
Bombing altitude too low.

S-2 OFFICER W.D. C. Sanborn 1st Lt. TIME COMPLETED 2145 hours.

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