

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

27 September, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative

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

1. Hot News

Three B-17s going down as follows. 1003 hours, one B-17 down under control, vicinity Borkum; 1013 hours, on way out from target, one B-17 on fire, exploded, at least two and perhaps three chutes seen, one of which was on fire; At enemy coast on way out, one B-17 down under control.

2. Narrative

18 A/C took off at 0705. Crossed English coast at Cromer at 0856, the route followed was south of course on the way out and north of course on the way back. The enemy coast was crossed west of Rottumeroog at 1001 hours. The target attacked at 1009 hours at 98 degrees magnetic, this group being the second in the combat wing. All ships bombed. No ships returned early. All landed at base at 1241 hours.

3. Fighter Opposition

No attacks on this group. 20 to 30 S/E enemy fighters seen in distance between IP and target. FW 190s and black ME 109s. These attacked wing ahead and stragglers. T/E fighters seen after target. We make no claims.

4. Fighter Support

P-47 escort excellent. Numerous dog fights observed, P-47s practically always on top with advantage of altitude over FWs coming up.

5. A.A. Gun Fire

Over target A.A. Gunfire was moderate, fairly accurate, continuously pointed. Three red bursts seen. Some crews reported a moderate barrage. Meager inaccurate continuously pointed fire reported at Borkum, Roodeschool, Lopperun, Greetstiel, Hage, and Nordenerly.

6. Bombing

Weather seven to ten tenths from IP to target with ten-tenths over target. Crews report flares over IP instead of target. Bombs released by this group on lead group in target area with no results observed because of clouds. One crew reported thick black smoke rising from unidentified town. All reports agree bombs were dropped by various groups anywhere from IP to target to coast going out, making intense concentrations unlikely.

7. Abortives

None.

8. Observations

FW 190s coming up to attack B-17s apparently mistook P-47s for friendly fighters and flew to join them. Large radio station reported in vicinity of Norden. Half way from target to coast, three or four red or yellow bursts similar to Roman candles were seen. Presumably rocket bursts.

For The Commanding Officer.

TARGET

Primary                       
 Secondary                       
 Last Resort                     

Date 27/9/43

TRACK CHART

Planned	Route followed by		
<u>                    </u>	306th Bomb	306th Bomb	306th Bomb
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	<u>WHEELER</u> 606	<u>HOLSTROM</u> 831X 757		<u>LEWIS</u> 0714	
<u>PAULSEN</u> 145	<u>BETTINGER</u> 199	<u>MURPHY</u> 363		<u>MUNGER</u> 841	<u>COLE</u> 221
		<u>THOMAS</u> 749	<u>LOCKYEAR</u> 779		
<u>KATZ</u> 520	<u>ROBINSON</u> 451			<u>JACKSON</u> 710	<u>HUMBAS</u> 813
	<u>BANCK</u> 2707	<u>FORIS</u>			
		<u>POONEY</u> 832			





Target Kaden, Germany.

1. Route followed. Kottbusroog, Woodschool, south of Elerum, Saden, N. of Grottsdal, Hage, Saltrum.

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) Low condensation trails at our altitude but many trails at about 27,000'. 7/10 from I.P. to target but 10/10 at target.

3. No. of A/C over Target. 18 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:-

		<u>606</u>			
		<u>23,300</u>			
<u>738</u>		<u>189</u>	<u>752</u>		<u>716</u>
<u>145</u>			<u>363</u>		<u>641</u> <u>221</u>
	<u>451</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>779</u>		<u>710</u>
<u>520</u>	<u>032</u>	<u>707</u>		<u>730</u>	<u>813</u>

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

90° magnetic

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

35 - 40 seconds

7. Turn after bombing. 10° bank, 90° left turn

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. Low Group in C.W.

9. What evasive action was taken? Moderate "S" turns with slight changes in altitude.

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.

BURKES - approx. 10 bursts, very inaccurate.

WOODSCHOOL - Meager, low and inaccurate.

LOPPERIE - Meager, low and inaccurate.

WEDER - Moderate, tracking, few crews reported barrage, approx. 3 red bursts - fairly accurate.

WILHELMHAVEN - Meager, tracking, low and inaccurate.

HAGE - Meager, tracking in bursts of four, fairly accurate.

KOTTBUSROOG - Meager, few inaccurate bursts, tracking.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

Smoke screens at Aurich and Wilhelmshaven. Lt. Balsor brought his low squadron up level with the high squadron to avoid flak. Observed 3 or 4 displays similar to roman candles that burst red and yellow. Probably some kind of rocket. This occurred between the Target and the Coast.

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Office Of The Materiel Officer  
United States Forces  
APO 634

27 Sept 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report.

TO : Group S-2 Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H).

1. The following Aircraft of this Group were on the mission of this date and received damages as listed below.

423rd Bomb Sqdn. (H)

- A/C 42-30606-Not Damaged. (Flown by 369th Sqdn.)
- A/C 42-30714-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30221-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30841-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30710-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30813-Not Damaged.

369th Bomb Sqdn. (H)

- A/C 42-30199-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30779-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30794-Not Damaged.

368th Bomb Sqdn. (H)

- A/C 42-30828-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30707-Slight Flack-#3 Main Gas Tank Hit.
- A/C 42-30451-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30145-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-30832-Not Damaged.
- A/C 42-3520 -Not Damaged.

367th Bomb Sqdn. (H)

- A/C 42-3363 -Not Damaged. (Flown by 369th Sqdn. (H) )
- A/C 42-37759-Not Damaged. (Flown by 369th Sqdn. (H) )
- A/C 42-37720-Not Damaged. (Flown by 423rd Sqdn. (H) )

For The Commanding Officer:

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367XX368~~ 369 433X A/C Number 779 Letter U Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xM47-A1 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0705 Time Landed 1240

	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*Target - B-17 went down in flames and exploded - 1 chute but it caught fire and burned completely*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*B-17 going down under control at Borkum*

*B-17 going down under control near Norden*

Lt. W. E. Lockyear	✓	Pilot
Lt. C. S. Powell	✓	CO-P
Lt. J. N. Fay	✓	Nav.
Lt. A. J. Nagy	✓	Bomb.
S/sgt. B. A. Swift	✓	Radio
S/sgt. D. C. Rich	✓	Top T.
S/sgt. A. H. Weiland	✓	Ball T.
Sgt. E. J. Gilbert	✓	R. Waist
S/sgt. J. J. Regan	✓	L. Waist
S/sgt. L. J. Kurk	✓	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1009

Alternate Height: 22300

Last Resort Heading: 92° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run: no bomb run.

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

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

Own Bombs:

*dropped on leader* *1 box nickles*

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

16. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

17. 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)

*10/10 overcast*

9. FLAK encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type, height, altitude or other	Color of bursts	Description of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*London - barrage & tracking - accurate Mod*

*Near Hage - tracking low but fairly accurate*

*(bursts of 4) meager*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~36700368XXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 813 Letter L Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load <sup>38</sup> ~~48~~ M47-AL I.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

CHIEF: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes N. Details:

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
1 B17 down 2 engine on fire jumped by fighters - went down below in front of us. 1 chute seen but chute caught on fire. Saw 3 men jump but didn't see chute.

- 1st Lt. Eugene P. Bumpas Pilot
- F/O. Morris B. Cook Co-P
- 2nd Lt. Albert J. Prentice Nav.
- 2nd Lt. Paul V. Manning Bomb.
- T/Sgt. John W. Drennan Radio
- T/Sgt. Marvin L. Baartlett Top T.
- T/Sgt. James E. Dunford Ball T.
- S/Sgt. Austin H. Sadler K. Waist
- S/Sgt. Med L. Bostic L. Waist
- S/Sgt. Willard H. McQuarrie Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 10 09.

Alternate Height: 21350

Last Resort Heading 103 mag.

(circle) Duration Bomb Run: 40 seconds.

Yes. Sharp left turn after bombs away.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: abortive: 38

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

Own Bombs: Dropped on leader.

Other Bombing: Couldn't see.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any ticks: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped 1 Number boxes returned 0

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)  
Pretty good on Germany. But couldn't see.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 8-10/105 clouds most, thin. Same 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	Bursts in relation to A/C
1009	target	21350				Yoked like joint turning it up.
1016	Coast on way into					Same here. Some blue bursts.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 369 A/C Number 363 Letter H Date 2/19/43

Bomb Load 40 XM47al H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0706 Time Landed 1244

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: (1) B17 1013 spin down on fire exploded way down.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Lt. E. M. Murphy Pilot
- Lt. J. P. Noack C-P
- F/O. Bailiff, J. D. Nav.
- Lt. M. A. Phillips Bomb.
- T/Sgt. R. L. Newport Radio
- Sgt. B. D. Oldfield Top T.
- Sgt. C. W. Melita Ball T.
- T/Sgt. J. T. Deets R. Waist (this)
- Sgt. E. M. Johnson L. Waist
- Sgt. P. J. Noisat Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1008  
 Alternate Height: 22,400  
 Last Resort Heading 078° M.  
 Duration Bomb Run: promised off leader

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: Some black smoke.

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

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

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

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 7/10 medium heavy clouds - up to 19000

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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Low scattered flak at coast going in  
1008 Primary Intense Heavy Tracking Accurate.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~867XXX368XXX355A~~ 423 A/C Number 841 Letter R Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xM47-Al H.E. Incend.  
2 x 1000 GP External

Time Took Off 0809 Time Landed 1245

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:

1013 1 B17 after target - falling in flames.  
Thought 2 chute seen (one burned)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1030 hours, (after falling,  
scanned enemy?)

1st Lt. Charles E. Mungler Pilot

1st Lt. Henry J. Engel Co-P

2nd Lt. Raymond F. Feilbach Nav.

2nd Lt. Michael Borysoff Bomb.

S/Sgt. Richard G. Mowrer Radio

T/Sgt. William W. Fahrenhold Top T.

S/Sgt. Kenneth B. Hood Ball T.

S/Sgt. Robert L. Taylor R. Waist

S/Sgt. George Michaely (NMI) L. Waist

S/Sgt. Lester B. Parks Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1009

Alternate Height: 22,300

Last Resort Heading 105° mag  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:  
2 turn when bank away.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 22 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Couldnt see. Dropped (toys) on lead  
ship of formation.

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No)

Any Nickels: Yes (No)

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 7/10 a mail from I P to target,  
when it was 10/10 - 15000 ft.

9. FLARE: 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 way in - few bursts from one of clouds.  
1009 target - not accurate for this GP.  
on coast on way out - 8 or 9 bursts damned accurate.

Crew observations about target:

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Plenty of proper trails (27000')  
100 band 90° turn off target - 15'

INTERROGATION FORM

Dr. es + smoke photo at I.P.  
Parachute flares  
Dropped after lead  
6/4.  
in target area

SQUADRON ~~X367~~ ~~X368~~ 423 369 ~~X28~~ A/C Number 606 Letter ~~X~~ Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40X147-AL H.E. Incendi.  
2 x 1000 GP External  
Time Took Off 1225 Time Landed 1235

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

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, fuel details)

Shows it if  
captain could see  
this would be  
most serious  
but they  
didn't

- Capt. D. W. Wheeler Pilot
- Major. R. C. Williams Co-P
- Lt. D. B. Dash-- Lt. Mazanek Nav.
- Lt. F. A. Evans Bomb.
- T/Sgt. M. A. Narum Radio
- T/Sgt. M. L. Noyes Top T.
- T/Sgt. E. W. Mills Ball T.
- S/Sgt. J. F. Montana R. Waist
- S/Sgt. C. W. McGrane L. Waist
- Capt. N. M. Haus Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1009  
- 1012  
Alternate Height: 22,300  
Last Resort Heading 98° Mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: dropped thru cloud layer -- saw flares at I.P. not at target.

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLARE: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. 9/10 overcast

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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Borkum - few burst very small - black (10 bursts)  
Lindsey - barrage - small - moderate

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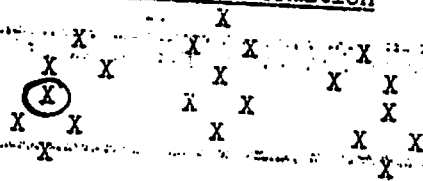
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 362-368-369 A/C Number 451 Letter N Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xM47-A-1 H.E. Incendi.

Time Took Off \_\_\_\_\_ Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Formation



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

① 10:05 B-17 went down from winghead thru clouds.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

ROBINSON, R. 1st. LT. Pilot

REED, W. 2nd. LT. CO-P

SLATER, R. 1st. LT. Nav.

LAMB, B. 1st. LT. Bomb.

BEARDEN, S. T/SGT. Radio

WHITTEN, H. T/SGT. Top T.

FISHER, G. S/SGT. Ball T.

HEINTZ, E. S/SGT. L-2 Waist

NORTHCOTT, L. S/SGT. R-2 Waist

NICHOLSON, C. S/SGT. Tail G.

② 10:13 B-17 went down flat spin - big fire in nose - left hand wing also ablaze (from wing) no chutes - after spinning five minutes joined down slow it exploded

2. TARGET ATTACKED

Primary Time: 10:09:30

alternate Height: 23,600

Last Resort Heading: 45° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run: 10 sec

When in flight

Number of BOMBS all dropped on target:

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

Own Bombs: (west side of target area could be seen) Bombs all scattered thru smoke - no bursts could be seen -

ANY NICKELS; YES  NO   
 NUMBER BOMBS DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER BOMBS RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

South of Course going in clouds and smoke screen together covered target

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 = Flak mass - mostly low - moderate  
Greatstal - Similar to target -

Crew observations about Flak:

③ 10:23 B-17 went down thru winghead clouds trailing smoke he was heading true North

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 By RLB/JFC MAA Date 1/8/11

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 720 Letter N Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xm 47A-M.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0110 Time Landed 1247

Position in Formation

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      X
    X  X  X  X
  X  X      X  X
    X  X      X  X
  X  X      *  (X)  X
    X
  
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CHIEF: 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)

2 B-17s going down out of control over Groszheide at 1013 hrs. at 23,000 ft.

1st. LT. BISSON, W.C.  Pilot

1st. LT. BUTLER, R.  Co-P

2nd. LT. YOUNG, G.W.  Nav.

S/SGT. ELLIOTT, J.M.  Bomb.

SGT. McLELLAN, J.J.  Radio

SGT. OSEP, E.J.  Top T.

SGT. VADER, R.H.  Ball T.

S/SGT. LAMB, C.G.  M. Waist

SGT. GIOVIAININI, P.  L. Waist

SGT. WILSON, T.E.  Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1009  
 Alternate Height: 23,000  
 Last Resort Heading 125°  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 10 seconds

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 40XM ATA-1 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Couldn't see anything through cloud cover.

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes?  No?

Any Nickels:    
 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)  
Went in further South and came out further North than briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Approximately nine tenths clouds.

9. FLAK: Encountered or 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
1010	Target	23,000	Moderate-Heavy	Black	9 o'clock level	Accurate
1002	Roadschool	23,000	Slight - Light	Grey	3 o'clock low	Inaccurate



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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

25 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) M.E. 109 ME 210 F.W. 190  
(Types) J.O. 88

Target Area  
(Location and length of fight)

No attacks on A/C

(Tactics of E/A)

ME 109s were black.

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT Support was excellent. Approximately  
35 to A/C P-17s.

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, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, Naval air station on coast off Appingedam)

3. 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 T.O.E.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)  
None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)  
Few flight holes in right wing and fuselage.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:  
#2 supercharger malfunction.

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)  
Extreme cold. Group marked "G" was dropping bombs in North Sea.

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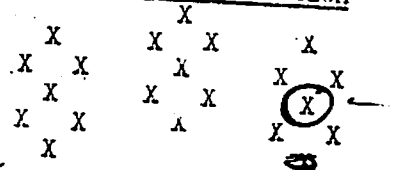
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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~86XXXXXXX369~~ 423 A/C Number 710 Letter 1 Date 27/9/43  
 Bomb Load 40x47-Al H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 710 Time Landed 1248

Position in Formation



CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phone in? Yes No

Details:  
2317 over target from 90.5 on left, went down and on further exploded, other went in steep climb - 2 delayed chutes believed seen.

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

1 enemy ptn down over target.  
1 enemy ptn " " 5 min after target

- 1st Lt. John D. Jackson Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. Daniel H. Carey Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. Willard J. Clarida Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. ~~Bernard~~ DAVID A. Cook Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. Warren V. Eitner Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. Sol D. Levine Top T.
- S/Sgt. Jerry O. Hooks Ball T.
- Sgt. Jerry (NMI) Greenberg Waist
- S/Sgt. Joseph (NMI) Peto L. Waist
- S/Sgt. Raymond (NMI) Ristau Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1009  
 Alternate Height: 22,800  
 Last Resort (circle) Heading 60° mag  
 Duration Bomb Run: over a minute.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target 23 Detentioned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: did not see a thing.  
 Other Bombing: 2 red flames went down with trail of smoke from external bombs.  
Dropped on lead bomber and lead group.

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND ROCKETS: 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) Crossing in coast was 5 miles off where hoped. Went further north after crossing Frisian Islands.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clouds 15000-18000 ft, broken to target, solid 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1001</u>	<u>over island on way in</u>					
<u>1006</u>	<u>before target</u>					
<u>1009</u>	<u>target - accurate</u>					

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369XXX23~~ A/C Number 520 Letter Y Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load <sup>38</sup> ~~47~~ 47-A1 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1113 Time Landed 1235

X  
X X X X  
X X X X X

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

(X) X X X X X X X  
 X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. W. Katz Pilot

1 B17 - after time after target - burst into flame + burst on way down: no chutes.

2nd Lt. J. McMahon CO-P

2nd Lt. I. Glaze Nav.

2nd Lt. N. Sanson Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

T/Sgt. H. Gorczyca Radio

Primary Time: 1017

T/Sgt. D. Griggs Top T.

Alternate Height: 22,000

J. Q. O'CONNELL  
S/Sgt. J. Dagonwell Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: ?  
 (circle)

S/Sgt. R. Banks R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

S/Sgt. J. Gemborski L. Waist

S/Sgt. L. Connolly Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Clouds over target, 17000 tops - flames against clouds. Popped on lead bomb bundles. Couldn't see

Other Bombing: none dropped in the line at target. Saw smoke where bombs burst.

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Wickels Yes  
 same time as bombs away  
 went out of sight in a bundle

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

Came off target, turned as needed, then over boundary, then further north than briefed, 5 54°10'N 7°0'E, then west.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clouds all the way - 17000 tops, bottom about 70,000 on up.

9. 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	Accuracy
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1017 target - moderate -

About 1030 vicinity of boundary & boundary - few bursts - quite accurate in fact to left, all had good black bursts.

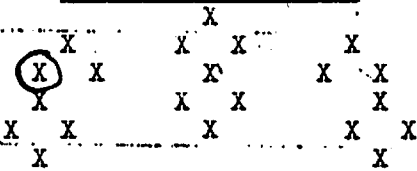
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~367~~ A/C Number 145 Letter G Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 4OXM47-Al H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 12.00 Time Landed 12.33



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)

*1317 of the target. Men report. Crashed down, motor, under control. No reports.  
1317 Before prop ring came off. In fire. In color spin. No clouds.  
Now something on ground explode. My hand has the A/C.*

1st Lt. P. Paulsen Pilot

2nd Lt. J. Zardin CO-P

2nd Lt. H. Zaborisky Nav.

2nd Lt. L. Blatnick Bomb.

T/Sgt. J. Zarriello Radio

T/Sgt. T. Powell Top T.

S/Sgt. R. Litherland Ball T.

S/Sgt. J. Carroll R. Waist

S/Sgt. F. Weitzell L. Waist

Sgt. O. Woodall Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 10.09

Alternate Height: 2230

Last Resort Heading: 136 mag.  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 40 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *Bomb hits plane. Landed over plane but saw one gutter thru a hole in clouds saw Embankment fire.*

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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.)

*Over Germany as planned. No reports on way back.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*6-8/10 clouds over Germany. No sea was visible. Big cloud 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Between 1st Point target. Accurate but low. Tracking.*

*Target. Lots of it tracking this motor. Lots of it.*

*Half way from target to coast 30-40 times saw bursts like Roman Candle that burst. The fire makes. Thick fire. Red + yellow fire. Red + yellow.*

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*lots + lots. Everywhere you looked, mostly out of sight.*  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

*Min attacks in us. But gone going behind bell. Sound as all  
we saw were P-51's chasing FW's, saw 6 FW's, 1 flew off. More came  
within 3000 ft of us. Killed several. 1 FW down in flames.*  
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

*above*

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

*above*

(Our defensive action)

*above*

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out <u>Immediately</u> separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*above*

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, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,  
*see flh. - base location, under base.*

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)  
*above.*

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *none. one flh. hole (3 inch) within 6 inches of pilot's seat.*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Came back with 7-ly engine feathered. Had to abort climb from pilot's seat. #3 run in fire parachute. After turned out after target.*

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367XX368 369XX423 A/C Number 707 Letter B Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40x47-41 H.E. Incend.  
~~GP External~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0730 Time Landed 1241

X X X X  
 X X X X  
 X X X X  
 X X X X

*changed ships*

*Here part time*

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

*Don bomb run*

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

1st Lt. R. Hanck Pilot

2nd Lt. J. Gay CO-P

2nd Lt. J. Samway Nav.

2nd Lt. H. Deriochowski Bomb.

S/Sgt. E. Danielson Radio

T/Sgt. P. Hughes Top T.

S/Sgt. M. Saj Ball T.

*S/Sgt. S.J. KRISKO*  
 S/Sgt. P. Mantor R. Waist

*S/Sgt. L. Bradford*  
 S/Sgt. L. Bradford L. Waist

*S/Sgt. B. J. NITTI*  
 S/Sgt. M. Ravazio Tail G.

*B17 - group ahead - slow spiral down - no chutes*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1012  
 alternate Height: 23 000  
 Last Resort Heading: 96  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: logged

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

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

Own Bombs: *off on turn - at smoke bomb did not see red & green flares*

Other Bombing: *not observed*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? NO?

*no nicks*

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY BOMBING AND RESULTS:

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

*OK*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*6/10 to 7/10ths over target.*

9. FLARE: 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	Accuracy
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*Target mod. black low - none close two red*



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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

7 many in distance  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

no direct attacks  
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(fill out <u>immediately</u> separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47's very 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)

B17- Flak - no fighters around

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

3 small flak holes.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

#1 & #2 mixture controls frozen

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 145 Letter O Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 2x1,000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0711 Time Landed 1233

		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:

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

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

BELSER, J. lsy. LT. Pilot

MOWERS, S. 2nd. LT. Co-P

HOLMES, C. 1st. LT. Nav.

RYAN, J. 1st. LT. Bomb.

PHILPOT, D. T/SGT. Radio

SPANGENBERG, E. T/SGT. Top T.

NORMAN, L. S/SGT. Tail T.

MYNATT, J. S/SGT. R. Waist

McDaniel, m. S/SGT. L. Waist

BARTON, W. S/SGT. Tail G.

*B17- off Lorkum - going in, at 10:01 - under control.*

*B17- 10:17 off eastern tip of Wording island - wing broke*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: *off. 2 no. clutes.*

*flew as a high speed. would flak*

Primary Time: 1014

Alternate Height: 22380

Last Resort (circle) Heading 050

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: *- went late*

*Saw two flares (red & green)*

Other Bombing: *not observed.*

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)

*not as prescribe - south out, north home*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*off course I.P. OK.*

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

*over target one big cloud rest about 10/10 the*

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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<i>Target</i>	<i>Wording (close to island)</i>	<i>about 20</i>	<i>mod. bursts</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>fair - fire-tracking</i>	<i>not too close</i>
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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

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30-40  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FV0190  
(Types)

no direct attacks  
(Location and length of fight)

some wing ahead got jumped

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate COMBFORM for each claim.)	

11. FRENCH SUBJECT

P47's very 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 airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)

Smoke screen - possibly Wilhelm's have - good.  
Large radio station vicinity of Warden.

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)

1817-~~1817~~ fighters, one - flak

14. INJURIES TO CREW (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, TIME and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak damage - skin

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Interphone out.

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

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*missed bombs from 1 P to count on way out, area bombing*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ ~~369~~ 423 A/C Number 714 Letter S Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 4000M7-Al H.E. Incend.  
2 x 1000 GP External

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0709 Time Landed 1246

			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:

CRIM: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. John H. Lewis, 1st Lt. Pilot

*B17 - blew up - after target over islands - tail & wing fell off - then fire. no chutes.*

1st Lt. Kenneth R. Bickett Co-P

2nd Lt. William H. Dickenson Nav.

2nd Lt. Woodrow S. Eliertson Bomb.

T/Sgt. Warren F. Day Radio

T/Sgt. Leo C. Gapper Top T.

S/Sgt. Lester L. Lord Ball T.

S/Sgt. Almond A. Heed R. Waist

S/Sgt. David Axelrod (NMI) L. Waist

S/Sgt. Leon R. Goetz Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1009

Alternate Height: 23100

Last Resort Heading 970  
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

60 sec. Drift

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 38 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this one or others) all except 2 incendiaries

Own Bombs: fogged - didn't see any marker on leader. flares

Other Bombing: Saw 1 P. - long string of smoke going straight down

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No? Any Nickels: Yes No  
 Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RETURN: 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)

*diff. than briefed*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLARE: Target 10/10ths - Rest about 8/10ths  
 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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Target mod black spread out  
 3-pink not close, few  
 low white close

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4  
 90° left turn.

INTE. LOCATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~867XXX~~ 369 ~~42XX~~ A/C Number 199 Letter R Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xM47-Al H.E. Incen.  
2 x 1000 GP External

Time Took Off 0206 Time Landed 1242

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)

Lt. G. C. Bettinger Pilot

Lt. A. Block Co-P

Lt. E. S. Wood Nav.

Lt. R. G. R. Beach Bomb.

S/Sgt. J. E. Hodge Bomb.

V/Sgt. V. B. Stevens Radio

Sgt. M. Steinhart Radio

S/Sgt. J. E. Hodge Top T.

V/Sgt. V. B. Frank Stevens Top T.

Sgt. M. Steinhart Ball T.

S/Sgt. T. A. Harkins Ball T.

S/Sgt. T. A. Harkins H. Waist

Sgt. D. B. Williams H. Waist

Sgt. D. E. Williams L. Waist

S/Sgt. R. L. Norris L. Waist

S/Sgt. R. L. Norris Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1009

Alternate Height: 22000

Last Resort Heading 142° Mag.  
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:  
none

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

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

Own Bombs:

dropped on flares.

Other Bombing:

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

Any Nickels: Yes  No

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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London - moderate mass - low - barrage  
Hastings - meagre tracking low mass

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ (368) ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 832 Letter F Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xM47-A-1 M.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1127 Time Landed 1247

		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 exploded over target chutes caught on fire  
 (2) B17 breaking disappeared through clouds

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. G. Goris	✓	Pilot
2nd Lt. K. Cabe	✓	CO-P
1st Lt. F. Bullard	✓	Nav.
1st Lt. H. Uman	✓	Bomb.
T/Sgt. L. Morton	✓	Radio
T/Sgt. W. Back	✓	Top T.
S/Sgt. L. Haskell	✓	Ball T.
S/Sgt. W. Meade	✓	R. Waist
S/Sgt. J. Kelch	✓	L. Waist
S/Sgt. H. Jordan	✓	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1009  
 Alternate Height: 22,300  
 Last Resort Heading: no compass  
 Duration Bomb Run: Bombed on lead B-24

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: Volume of black smoke from town ascending several thousand feet.  
1 Poor nickle broken up immediately after release.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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.)

Ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Heavy Clouds.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1009	Target	22,300	Heavy Moderate	Inaccurate	(misses in clusters)	



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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Several E/A at distance several dog fights  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

Primary  
(Location and length of fight)

Did not come in to attack

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____ <i>none</i>
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Excellent

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, *Trengganu Islands going in two large narrow ship anchored near mainland*)

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) *none* *slit in fuel line*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Right hand nose gun out* *compass out.*

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)  
*Any best wing formation have yet seen*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~B60X B60X B60X~~ 423 A/C Number 221 Letter G Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xM47-AL H.E. Incend.  
2 x 1000 GP External

Time Took Off 1209 Time Landed 1247

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes  No

Details:  
 (1) B17 hit by E/A wing on first attack broke off and exploded at primary.

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

(2) B17 before target on fire going down under control fighters following down.

- 1st Lt. Vernon K. Cole ✓ Pilot
- 2nd Lt. Robert E. Partridge Co-P
- 2nd Lt. Charles H. Kuehn ✓ Nav.
- 2nd Lt. Joseph M. Columbus ✓ Bomb.
- S/Sgt. Hoban C. Shields, Jr. ✓ Radio
- S/Sgt. Robert D. Folk ✓ Top I.
- S/Sgt. Donald Richardson ✓ Ball T.
- S/Sgt. Adrian H. Wright ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. Frederick W. Zumpf ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. Donald C. Werner ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1009  
 Alternate Height: 23,000  
 Last Resort Heading 67° W  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: Bombed by flares.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Could not see for cloud cover

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes  No

any Nickels: Yes  No   
 Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Heavy Clouds (Strat 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy.
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Light flak at coast going in.  
1009, Primary Heavy Moderate & accurate direction  
(tracking directed)

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Saw a number of 2/A at distance, several dog fights  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Target area.

(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	<u>None</u>
PROBABLY	<u>None</u>
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent as ordered

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) Right wing panel - neck panel broken; few black scratches  
16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Front doors would not open (valve);

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)  
Seemed to climb to fast but joined up on time.  
Capt. W. W. Fox

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ 369 ~~369~~ XEBX A/C Number 759 Letter W Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 2 x 1000 H.E. Intend: \_\_\_\_\_ Position in Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Time Took Off 0905 Time Landed 1240

	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: \_\_\_\_\_

*1817 noticed to pass under stands formation as if to land on one of friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Lt. G. S. Holmstrom ✓ Pilot
- Lt. F. E. Ferguson ✓ CO-P
- Lt. G. K. Belknap ✓ Nav.
- Lt. C. L. Dunlap ✓ Bomb.
- Sgt. O. C. Hill ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. C. Stoner ✓ Top T.
- Sgt. F. K. Massey ✓ Ball T.
- S/Sgt. B. H. Perlmutter ✓ R. Laist
- F/Sgt. H. J. Colley ✓ L. Laist
- Sgt. W. W. Lastinger ✓ Tail G.

*1817 down during spinning at 1014 hrs of target on main land no charts*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ~~not done~~ Time: 1009  
 alternate Height: 2200  
 Last Resort Heading: 45° Mg  
 Duration Bomb Run: 3/5 - 40 sec

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Utilised: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: not observed

Other bombing: not observed Smoke Screen

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

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 high*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*10/10 over target - slightly clear the 1st*

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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*note inaccurate barrage type mostly over target*

Comments about Flak: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 369 ~~488~~ A/C Number 794 Letter P Date 27/9/43

Bomb Load 40xM47-Al H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0702 Time Landed 1243

		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:

*3 ships just before 1 P (1002 hrs) probably warships (line astern) at 22,500'*

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

*B17 right after target going down at 1010 - One chute observed. On fire, wing broken*

Lt. G. F. Thomas  Pilot

Lt. R. L. Fallow  Co-P

Lt. P. N. Welton  Nav.

Lt. H. H. Bittman  Bomb.

S/Sgt. C. J. Hufnagel  Radio

T/Sgt. E. K. Fox  Top T.

Sgt. D. J. Williams  Ball T.

Sgt. K. H. Smith  H.Waist

Sgt. A. E. Sewald  L.Waist

S/Sgt. T. H. Smith  Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary *Planes dropped short target.* Time: 1009

Alternate Height: 22 300

Last Resort Heading 102 Mag

Duration Bomb Run:

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:

*None observed*

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)

*Approximately as briefed -*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *10/10 over target so far as could tell via target.*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Slight and inaccurate over target*

*Burst at bombing altitude.*

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