

HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND
A.P.O. 634

Bomber Command Narrative of Operations
Day Operation - 2 February 1943
Mission No. 32

Heavy overcast and generally bad weather conditions caused abandonment of this mission against German targets when our aircraft were 30 - 42 miles off the Dutch coast. 83 planes (61 B-17's and 22 B-24's) were dispatched, 17 turning back earlier than the main formation due to mechanical and other reasons. All landed safely, only two jettisoning their bombs.

The planes were airborne at 0825 - 0855 hrs and rendezvous point was Ctomer. With 1st Wing leading, course was set for Dutch coast. At approximately 53° N. - 04° E. turn back was made. The A/C landed at bases at 1128 - 1155 hrs.

Clouds built up rapidly to ten-tenths. There were three layers, one at 12,000 ft, one at 16 - 18,000 ft and one at 25,000 ft with heavy cloud bank appearing over continent. Extreme cold and icing conditions were encountered.

A single engined enemy aircraft was fired upon by one B-24. The fire was not returned and no claims are made.

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Day Operation - 4 February 1943
Mission No. 33
Target - Emden

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>ATTACKING</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>
91	17 B-17	16	2	5-2-0-
303	13 B-17	6	1	8-1-2
305	18 B-17	0	2	7-3-4
306	17 B-17	17	0	5-2-0
44	15 B-24	0	0	0-0-0
93	6 B-24	0	0	0-0-0
	<u>86</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25-8-6</u>

With clouds obscuring the primary and secondary targets, 91, 303, 305 and 306 Groups turned to Emden as a last resort. 381 x 500 HE were dropped on Emden and vicinity with results generally obscured by cloud and smoke screens. The 305 Group did not bomb due to unsatisfactory visibility. Strong enemy opposition was encountered with 54 engagements taking place. of the five B-17's lost, four are believed to have resulted from E/A action and one from unknown causes.

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44 and 93 Groups turned back before reaching the Dutch Coast, reporting many mechanical difficulties due to the extreme cold, (below the registering capacity of the thermometer, i.e., -43° C.).

A B-17 and a B-24, having turned back early, sighted an enemy convoy at 53°20' N. 05° E. They attacked, dropping 10 x 500 HE and 12 x 500 HE respectively, and near misses were reported.

ROUTE AND CHRONOLOGY: 91, 303, 305 and 306 Groups took off from bases at 0852 - 0953 Hrs., proceeded to Sutton Bridge, Cromer, Texel, Lingen, Wiedenbruck, Bremen and Emden (1200 - 1215 hrs). On the way back the Dutch Coast was crossed at Vlieland, thence to English coast. Landings were at 1400 - 1445 hours.

44 and 93 Groups became airborne at 0843 - 0906 Hrs., proceeded to Sutton Bridge and Cromer and followed 1st Wing. Farthest point reached by 44th Group was 53° N, 4° E. The 93rd Group had 3 aircraft go as far as 53°05' N, 03° E. Bases were reached at 1106 - 1217 hrs.

WEATHER: From English Coast to approximately 3°E, 4/10-7/10 variable cumulus and cumulo-nimbus with cloud tops near 7000 ft. Beyond 3° to Dutch Coast, clouds were similar but tops ranged 16000 - 20000 ft. Over holland 7/10-8/10 clouds of same types were encountered at same levels with low visibility. Going into Germany there was overcast cloudiness with few breaks, some anvil-tops extending to 25000-30000 ft. There were not enough breaks to see primary; secondary had a few good breaks but target was obscured by cloud: at emden generally 8/10-9/10 cloud prevailed with target occasionally visible. On return trip clouds tops decreased to 6000 - 7000 ft.

FLAK: Slight and inaccurate flak was encountered almost continuously over the continent. Due to heavy cloud cover accurate identification of installations was prevented. It is believed that flak was encountered at Emden, Vlieland, Terschelling, Quackenbruck and Lingen.

BOMBING RESULTS: 1ST WING.

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>A/C BOMBING</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>NOT BOMBING TARGET</u>	<u>JETTISONED</u>	<u>BROUGHT BACK</u>
91	16	1200	18500	151x500	1	(a)	9x500
303	6	1215	22000	60x500	7	(b)	60x500
305	0	--	--	--	13	(c)30x500	130x500
306	17	1200	19000	170x500	0	--	--

2ND WING

44	0	--	--	--	15	(d)	168x500
93	0	--	--	--	6	22x500	50x500
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>39</u>			<u>381x500</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>52x500</u>	<u>417x500</u>

- (a) 10x500 on convoy
- (b) 10x500 unaccounted
- (c) 20x500 unaccounted
- (d) 12x500 dropped on convoy

C O N F I D E N T I A L

ENCOUNTERS: More than fifty E/A were seen, with many attacks from vicinity of Emden, over coast, and well out to sea. FW190's, ME109's, ME110's and JU88's were encountered, single-engined and twin-engined aircraft being in approximately equal proportions. It is believed that four of our losses were due to E/A action.

REASONS FOR A/C NOT BOMBING TARGETS:

1ST WING

91st Group (1) 1 a/c ball turret
303rd Group (6) 2 a/c supercharger failure
3 a/c machine gun failures
1 a/c cloud-obscured targets
305th Group (18) 1 a/c machine gun failure
1 a/c late for formation
16 a/c cloud-obscured targets

2ND WING

44th Group (15) 1 a/c personnel failure
3 a/c frozen guns
2 a/c electric suits failures
2 a/c supercharger failure
7 a/c earlier returns made formation too small
93rd Group (6) 1 a/c engine and heating unit failure
1 a/c prop governor and oxygen failure
1 a/c solenoids and guns froze
1 a/c turret, gyro compass and prop governor froze
1 a/c engines and turret failure
1 a/c electric suit failure

CASUALTIES: In addition to the 50 crew members missing from the lost aircrafts the following casualties are reported: one man in 91 Group was seriously wounded. (hospitalized) Sixteen crew members from the 1st Wing Groups were slightly wounded or frostbitten (not hospitalized), and several minor frostbite cases are reported from 2nd Wing Groups.

OBSERVATIONS: A convoy, referred to above, was sighted off the Frisian Islands, headed Southwest.

Several of our A/C reported that one of the 5 missing B-17's collided with an FW190 near Emden.

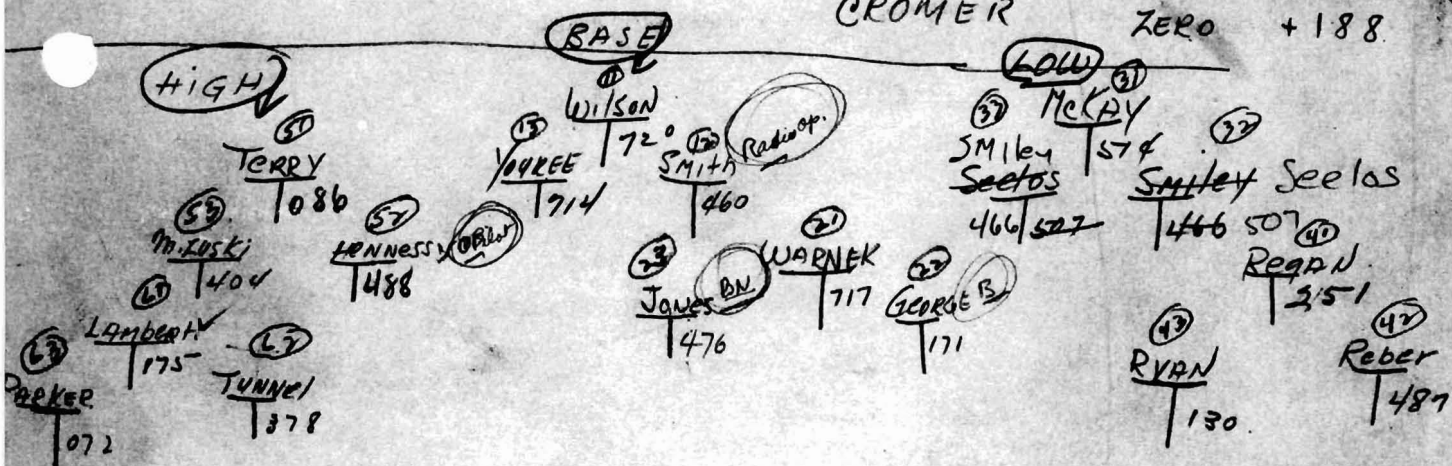
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CO. MAJ Wilson
 DEP CAPT McKAY
 DEP. CAPT TERRY
 LAMBERT
 WARNER
 REGAN.

By 0430
 Briefing 0530
 Take-off 0830 - 0825
 0855 - 0856
 1st Assemble Thurligh 3000'
 Endeavour CROMER - 15,000' Zero.Hr.
 Cruise 160IAS 18,500' IN COLUMN
 155IAS 18,500' - 75ft. INTERVAL.
 1st in Column of Groups
 All altimeters set on 29.92
 1st in Column High Rear.

TIME TABLE

Sutton BRIDGE	Zero - 12
CROMER	Zero
Texel	Zero + 38
LINGEN	Zero + 63
Wieddenbruck	Zero + 79
TARGET	Zero + 87
Dulmen.	Zero + 99
MEPPEL	Zero + 119
VHIELAND	Zero + 137
CROMER	Zero + 188



1st. will be over field at 0850.
 S-2, Weld, Weather, Comm. Time. 53. Colonel. Meetings
 28 P-N.B.

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th. Bomb. Sq. (H) A/C Number 42-5175

Total time for complete mission 3:50 Date February 2, 1943

P. <u>LAMBERT, J.L.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	R. <u>ROBEL, R.G.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>DOWNING, J.A.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	G. <u>PEDERSON, G.W.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>
N. <u>DEXTER, J.H.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	G. <u>PHILFER, N.H.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>
B. <u>TOLAND, H.J.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	G. <u>KUCZYNSKI, W.R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
E. <u>WENDOLOSKI, C.T.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	G. <u>ERIKSEN, R.H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th. Bomb. Sq. (H) A/C Number 42-5072 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:35 Date February 2, 1943.

P. <u>PARKER, W.H.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	R. <u>GROSS, J.E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>FORTIN, R.W.</u>	<u>2nd. Lt.</u>	G. <u>DAVIS, S.E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
N. <u>WALDEN, T.H.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	G. <u>CLARK, J.S.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
B. <u>MILBOURN, A.E.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	G. <u>ROSS, H.J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
E. <u>ENLOE, L.J.</u>	<u>T/SGT.</u>	G. <u>O'BRIEN, L.H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th. Bomb. Sq. (H) A/C Number 42-5130 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date February 2, 1943.

P. <u>RYAN, J.L.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	R. <u>PERRY, C.E.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>Mc KEARN, W.J.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	G. <u>BEAUDOIN, A.T.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
N. <u>HERMANN, R.B.</u>	<u>1st. Lt.</u>	G. <u>COLLETTE, J.E.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>
B. <u>LAINÉ, J.</u>	<u>2nd. Lt.</u>	G. <u>BUCHHEIM, W.S.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>
E. <u>SCHLITING, R.T.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	G. <u>CREATORE, R.N.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th Bomb Sq. (H) A/C Number 42-5378

Total time for complete mission 2:10 Date 2 February 1943

P. <u>TUNNELL, E. C., 1st Lieut.</u>	R. <u>SIAVAGE, R. H., T/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>BIGGS, R. E., 2nd Lieut.</u>	G. <u>TRACY, G. A., S/Sgt.</u>
N. <u>CONSOLMAGNE, J.E., 2nd Lieut.</u>	G. <u>HILL, C. D., S/Sgt.</u>
B. <u>FRIEDRICH, A. J., 1st Lieut.</u>	G. <u>MUMAW, R. G., Sgt.</u>
E. <u>KIRBY, C. R., T/Sgt.</u>	G. <u>TUNSTALL, D., S/Sgt.</u>

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368TH Bombardment Sq (H). A/C Number 41-124514 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 2 February 1943

P. MC KAY, MACK., Captain R. NELSON, R. F., T/Sgt.

CP. RAFFER, W. S., Captain G. CURRY, J. R., T/Sgt.

N. ROSS, F. E., 1st Lieut. G. OFF, L., S/Sgt.

B. DANIELS, F. G., 1st Lieut. G. MC KEAGE, R. J., S/Sgt.

E. DOWNARD, J. R., S/Sgt. G. GRAZIANO, J. R., S/Sgt.

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368th Bombardment Sq (H) A/C Number 41-24487 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 2 February 1943

P. REBER, M. E., 1st Lieut. R. ORIOND, W. C., T/Sgt.

CP. LALLY, G. J., 2nd Lieut. G. BOHLAND, R. L., S/Sgt.

N. BERGEN, L., 2nd Lieut. G. KEMBERLING, C. C., S/Sgt.

B. GEIMER, J. R., Sgt. G. BROTHMAN, E. H., S/Sgt.

E. CHRISTIAN, C. H., T/Sgt. G. LEFFERTH, L. C., Sgt.

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368th Bombardment Squadron (H) A/C Number 42-5251 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3.30 Date 2 February 1943

P. <u>REGAN, J. M., Captain</u>	R. <u>HOFFMAN, W. F., T/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>JANKOWSKI, T. A., 1st Lieut.</u>	G. <u>FUGH, C. L., S/Sgt.</u>
N. <u>OWENS, G. W., 2nd Lieut.</u>	G. <u>KRAJICK, A. J., S/Sgt.</u>
B. <u>KOSAKOWSKI, J. E., 1st Lieut.</u>	G. <u>KNUDSEN, R. E., S/Sgt.</u>
E. <u>WADE, J. E., Sgt.</u>	G. <u>GELNETT, W. G., Sgt.</u>

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368th Bombardment Sq. (H) A/C Number 41-24507 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 2 February 1943

P. <u>SEBLOS, R. W., 1st Lieut.</u>	R. <u>KESKEY, W. H., T/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>KRAMARINKO, A., 2nd Lieut.</u>	G. <u>SMALL, E. H., S/Sgt.</u>
N. <u>BIGGS, W. D., 2nd Lieut.</u>	G. <u>CROWTHER, J. K., S/Sgt.</u>
P. <u>MORIARTY, E. T., Sgt.</u>	G. <u>MAGEE, R., S/Sgt.</u>
E. <u>STEMKOSKI, S. P., S/Sgt.</u>	G. <u>BAKER, W. E., S/Sgt.</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368th Bombardment Sq (H) A/C Number 41-24466 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:15 Date 2 February 1943

<u>P. SILEY, W. N., 1st Lieut.</u>	<u>R. HEPLER, D. B., T/Sgt.</u>
<u>CP. MILLER, R. C., 2nd Lieut.</u>	<u>G. CLARK, R. C., S/Sgt.</u>
<u>B. BREUNIG, W. W., 2nd Lieut</u>	<u>G. DAYNE, W. R., S/Sgt.</u>
<u>N. STRAUSS, M. H., 2nd Lieut.</u>	<u>G. STELZEE, J. B., S/Sgt.</u>
<u>E. CLIFTON, R. C., T/Sgt.</u>	<u>G. RETOFSKY, A., S/Sgt.</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th. Bomb. Sq. (H) A/C Number 4124488

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 2, February 1943

<u>P. HENNESSY, E. J., 1st. Lieut.</u>	<u>R. DRENNAN, B. H. Sgt.</u>
<u>CP. LITTLEJOHN, R. D. 2nd. Lieut.</u>	<u>G. FANN, W. C. Sgt.</u>
<u>N. JONES, C. F. 1st. Lieut</u>	<u>G. SPELLMAN, P. J. Sgt.</u>
<u>B. COLANTONI, W. 1st. Lieut.</u>	<u>G. ADAMS, R. G. Sgt.</u>
<u>E. WYLY, G. R. S/Sgt.</u>	<u>G. BORYZN, J. E. Sgt.</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th. Bomb. Sq. (H) A/C Number 42-25404

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 2, February 1943

<u>P. MALISZEWSKI, E. P.</u>	<u>1st. Lieut.</u>	<u>R. GREENE, H. C.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>
<u>CP. WATSON, F. K.</u>	<u>1st. Lieut.</u>	<u>G. FOWLER, H. K.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>
<u>N. SCHULSTAD, A. E.</u>	<u>2nd. Lieut.</u>	<u>G. BOWLES, J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>
<u>B. McDONALD, W. J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>G. WILLIAMS, J. F.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>
<u>E. FATIGATI, C. A.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>G. DALEY, R. J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th. Bomb. Sq. (H) A/C Number 42-5086 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:45 Date 2, February 1943

<u>P. TERRY, H. W.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>R. GECOWITZ, M.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
<u>CP. HOWARD, J. M.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>G. PAPPAS, P. W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
<u>N. BROWN, J. C.</u>	<u>2nd. Lieut.</u>	<u>G. SMITH, C. B.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>
<u>B. ROTTER, G. D.</u>	<u>1st. Lieut.</u>	<u>G. COX, H. L.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>
<u>E. GORDON, B.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>G. HIGHAM, E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-5171 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:00 Date 2 February 43

D. GEORGE, W., JR. 1st Lt. R. THORNTON, J. H. T/Sgt.
CF. MALIN, R. O. 2nd Lt. G. YOST, F. S. S/Sgt.
N. SIMMONS, A. V. 2nd Lt. G. GARRIS, J. J. Sgt.
B. WARNER, M. J. 2nd Lt. G. McCLENNAN, G. J. Sgt.
E. MacGREGOR, W. A. S/Sgt. G. LAMB, E. J. Sgt.

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 41-24476 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 2 February 1943

P. JONES, R. W. 1st Lt. R. STYMACKS, R. T. T/Sgt.
CP. STEELE, D. A. 2nd Lt. G. HULL, W. E. S/Sgt.
N. TILLERY, O. B. 2nd Lt. G. PIOTROWSKI, W. S/Sgt.
B. PHELAN, H. E. 2nd Lt. G. SMOOT, J. E. S/Sgt.
E. BAMBORTH, L. L. S/Sgt. G. DURHAM, C. W. S/Sgt.

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 41-24460 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:15 Date 2 February 1943

P. SMITH, R. W. Capt. R. MOUNTAIN, W. H. S/Sgt.
CP. JOHNSON, L. P. 1st Lt. G. HOBBS, J. M. S/Sgt.
N. POLLOCK, E. J. 1st Lt. G. HENN, R. J. S/Sgt.
B. KISSEBERTH, S. N. 2nd Lt. G. SMITH, R. J. S/Sgt.
E. GIBSON, R. H. S/Sgt. G. STROM., H. F. S/Sgt.

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-5717

Total time for complete mission 3:00 Date 2 February 1943

P. WARNER, W. H. 1st Lt. R. ESPITALIER, E. F. T/Sgt.
CP. CARLSON, A. R. 2nd Lt. G. MORGAN, W. C. S/Sgt.
N. UTLEY, L. H. 1st Lt. G. KISLING, R. D. S/Sgt.
B. KYLIUS, R. E. 2nd Lt. G. WENTWORTH, S. M. Sgt.
E. WILSON, C. W. T/Sgt. G. WILLIAMS, W. E. S/Sgt.

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MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-5720 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:00 Date 2 February 1943

P. <u>WILSON, J. W. Major</u>	R. <u>KIRN, J. K. T/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>SALADA, M. V. Capt.</u>	G. <u>WILSON, H. V. S/Sgt.</u>
N. <u>SALITRNIK, R. L. 1st Lt.</u>	G. <u>HART, W. W. S/Sgt.</u>
B. <u>YAUSSI, F. D. 1st Lt.</u>	G. <u>BEAN, H. R. S/Sgt.</u>
E. <u>BEZAK, A. T/Sgt.</u>	G. <u>COUNTS, C. M. S/Sgt.</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-5714 ✓

Total time for complete mission 3:05 Date 2 February 1943

P. <u>YOUREE, P. E. 1st Lt.</u>	R. <u>ROSKOVICH, M. T/Sgt.</u>
CP. <u>HOPKINS, J. E. 1st Lt.</u>	G. <u>TRENARY, R. W. S/Sgt.</u>
N. <u>GASLIN, H. E. 1st Lt.</u>	G. <u>McCLURE, K. N. S/Sgt.</u>
B. <u>HORNER, G. S. 2nd Lt.</u>	G. <u>COLVARD, F. L. Sgt.</u>
E. <u>BLUM, F. A. S/Sgt.</u>	G. <u>BAKER, W. V. S/Sgt.</u>