

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

APO 557
30 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative,
Mission: Lyons A/F, France; 30 April, 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 557.

1. Narrative

7 A/C of the 306th Group took off at 0648 hours, flying low squadron in high composite group of 41st Composite Wing. Course was approximately as briefed throughout. Planes returned to base at 1416 hours.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

E/A made two attempts to attack the formation. The first was immediately countered by fighter escort. The second took advantage of the brief and only absence of fighter support during the mission. However, enemy pilots acted rather green and inexperienced. Near Orleans, 0916 hours, 3 S/E E/A made one pass at low or lead group, without firing a shot, and hotly pursued by P-47's. At 1155 between Nevers and Orleans, a glancing attack by two yellow-nosed Fw 190's was made on this squadron from 11 o'clock high. One group fired green-green flares, and friendly fighters on Channel C stated that they would be there in about three minutes. At 1158 about 50 Fw 190's, quequing up out of range at 6 o'clock, failed to press attacks, apparently due to appearance of P-47's. We claim 1-0-1-0.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

No anti-aircraft fire was experienced by our A/C.

4. Bombing

The high group virtually wiped out section of target assigned to it; almost the entire area on the western side of the field, from 94th CEW MPI to our MPI being covered with a close concentration which covered ammunition dump as well. Only one or two hangars at north end of field are visible on strike photos. Lead pilot reported that two hangars were lifted bodily into the air by 1,000 pounders. 2 hangars under lead CEW's MPI have roofs blasted off and field around them is heavily cratered.

5. Weather

Visibility was very good and light scattered cloud in target area was no hindrance to bombing.

6. Leaflets

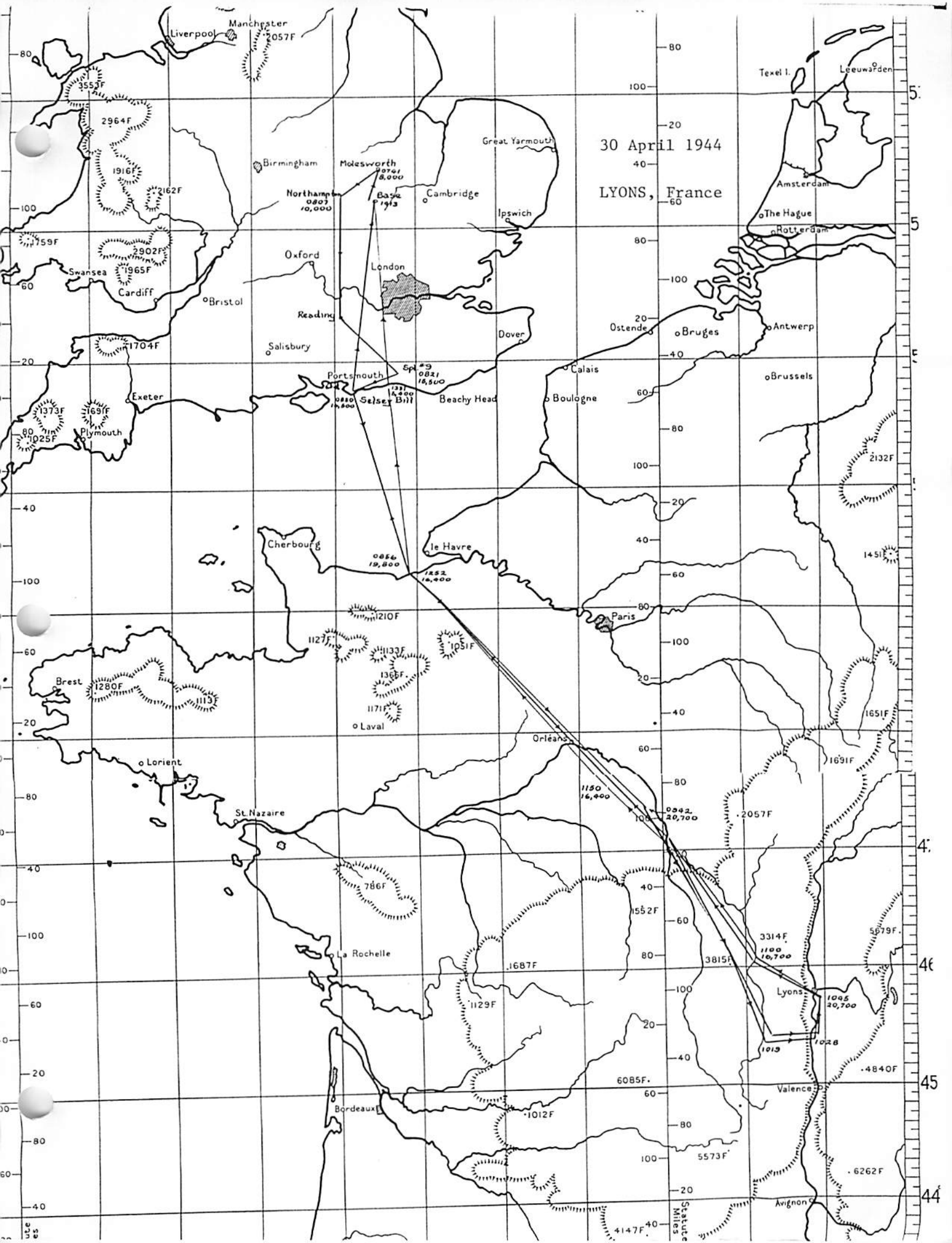
No leaflets carried on French target.

7. A/C In Distress

B-17 from High squadron (92nd Group) at 1158 on course near Orleans, hit by enemy fighters, caught fire and went into a spin, then disintegrated. It had been straggling at the time. One chute out.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

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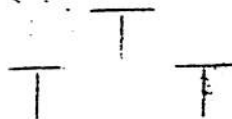
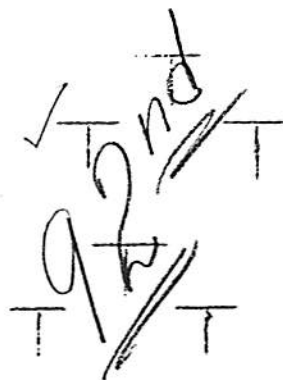
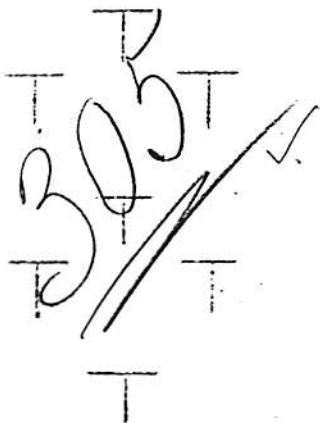
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Somerville
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Mace Hanson
W | 133 Q | 259

Malsam
S | 099
Smith McGuire
Y | 840 P | 042

Peters
O | 126

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* Abortive
O Position not flown this mission
X Missing

Spares 008 - 942
Disp'l #17 #29
Letter V A

NARRATIVE SECTION "B"

30 APRIL 1944

PRIORITY

TO: C. G. 1st BOMB DIVISION

40th COMBAT WING

ATTN: A-2

6:48
~~16:48~~
1416

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4. No anti-aircraft fire was experienced by our a/c.

5. Visibility very good and light scattered cloud in target area was no hindrance to bombing.

6. None

7. Route

306th flew low squadron in high composite group lead by 305th. Course was approximately as briefed throughout.

A/C in Distress.

B-17 from high squadron (92nd Group) at 1158 on course near Orleans,

hit by enemy fighters, caught fire and went into a spin, then ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ disintegrated. It had been straggling at the time. One chute seen.

John A Bairnsfather
Major, A.C.
Group S-2.

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By RLB/BAC NABA Date 1/18/91

STAND BY FOR B/C

EMP - 40CBW V THU NR 18 P

FROM COMBONGR THREE HUNDRED SIX 301655B
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ATTENTION : A-2

306BG P-425-D NARRATIVE SECTION "B"

1. NO LEAFLETS CARRIED TO FRENCH TARGET.
2. HIGH GROUP VIRTUALLY WIPED OUT SECTION OF TARGET ASSIGNED TO IT; ALMOST THE ENTIRE AREA ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE FIELD, FROM 94TH CBW MPI TO OUR MPI BEING COVERED WITH A CLOSE CONCENTRATION WHICH COVERED AMMUNITION DUMP AS WELL. ONLY ONE OR TWO HANGARS AT NORTH END OF FIELD ARE VISIBLE ON STRIKE PHOTOS. LEAD PILOT REPORTED THAT TWO HANGARS WERE LIFTED BODILY INTO THE AIR BY 1000 POUNDS. 2 HANGARS UNDER LEAD CBW'S MPI HAVE ROOFS BLASTED OFF AND FIELD AROUND THEM IS HEAVILY CRATERED.
3. 306TH FLEW 7 A/C IN LOW SQUADRON IN HIGH COMPOSITE GROUP OF 41ST COMPOSITE WING. E/A MADE TWO ATTEMPTS TO ATTACK THE FORMATION. THE FIRST WAS IMMEDIATELY COUNTERED BY FIGHTER ESCORT. THE SECOND TOODXXXXXX TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE BRIEF AND ONLY ABSENCE OF FIGHTER SUPPORT DURING THE MISSION. HOWEVER, MANY ENEMY PILOTS ACTED RATHER GREEN AND INEXPERIENCED. NEAR ORLEANS, 0916 HOURS, 3 EX S/E E/A MADE ONE PASS AT LOW OR LEAD GROUP, WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT, AND HOTLY PURSUED BY P-47'S. AT 1158 BETWEEN NEVERS AND ORLEANS, A GLANCING ATTACK BY TWO YELLOW NOSED FW 190'S WAS MADE ON THIS SQUADRON FROM 11 O'CLOCK HIGH. ONE GROUP FIRED GREEN-GREEN FLARES, AND FRIENDLY FIGHTERS ON CHANNEL C STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE THERE IN ABOUT THREE MINUTS. AT 1158 ABOUT 50 FW 190'S, QUEUING UP OUT OF RANGE AT 6 O'CLOCK, FAILED TO PRESS ATTACKS. APPARENTLY DUE TO APPEARANCE OF P-47'S. WE CLAIM 1-0-1-0.
4. NO ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS EXPERIENCED BY OUR A/C.
5. VISIBILITY VERY GOOD AND LIGHT SCATTERED CLOUD IN TARGET AREA WAS NO HINDRANCE TO BOMBING.
6. NONE
7. ROUTE
306TH FLEW LOW SQUADRON IN HIGH COMPOSITE GROUP LEAD BY 305TH. COURSE WAS APPROXIMATELY AS BRIEFED THROUGHOUT.
A/C IN DISTRESS.
B-17 FROM HIGH SQUADRON (92ND GROUP) AT 1158 ON COURSE NEAR ORLEANS, HIT BY ENEMY FIGHTERS, CAUGHT FIRE AND WENT INTO A SPIN, THEN DISINTEGRATED. IT HAD BEEN STRAGGLING AT THE TIME. ONE CHUTE SEEN.

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CC PARA 3 AFTER 50 FW 190'S 2ND LINE FROM END INSERT AND XXXX
AND ME 109'S, QUEUING UP ETC

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EMP R30162/ 301725B BILLIE AR

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By RLB/BAC WABA Date 1/8/91

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368XX369XX423 A/C Number 129 Letter L Date April 30, 1941

Bomb Load 5 x 1000 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:38 Time Landed _____

			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

1150. Details: 1317 from fire sq in own group shot by fighters (5 attacked) they had been strafed all day on way out at Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) One fire sq started to spin & fell apart. No chute.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. R. J. Somerville Pilot ✓
- 1st Lt. W. B. Butterfield Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. G. L. Feltz Nav. ✓
- Capt. E Jensen Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. O. W. Cooper Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. A. E. Jones Top E ✓
- S/Sgt. C. H. Gillespie Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. D. Puskar R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. F.R. Scarpace L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. P. Seymanski Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1045
 Alternate Height: 20700
 Last Report Heading: 28°
 (circle)
 Duration Eqmb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) 5X/NO

Own Bombs: Wing ahead hit in field. One out of port South of in. Bombs on fire after we left. Explosion behind bomber.

Other Bombing: One bomber completely burning any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? dit.

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) Clear at target. 9 tenths from east to 50 miles to 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 light	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Remarks
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Not one burst all the way.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 368XX359XX423 A/C Number 259 Letter Q Date 30 April, 1944

Bomb Load 5 x 1000 H.E. Indiana

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:38 Time Landed 1416

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

	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	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)

B17- 1158 by E/A
1 minute seen - OK.

1st Lt. H. E. Hanson Pilot

2nd Lt. R. F. Cox Co-P

2nd Lt. V. J. Kiely Nav.

F/O A. J. Clarke Bomb

T/Sgt. C. D. O'Malley Radio

T/Sgt. R. L. Maxwell Top P

S/Sgt. D. F. Urban Ball T

S/Sgt. J. T. Hamilton R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. F. Eskew L. Waist

S/Sgt. D. M. Bloise Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 10:45

Alternate Height: 20860

Last Report Heading: 012
(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: On A.P.

Other Bombing: 5. end well hit Any Nickels: Yes No

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: some on A.P. some over to N. but some red
Number boxes dropped: Number boxes returned:

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: brick buildings were smoking.

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Target 1/10

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C

Grew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

FW190 - mostly
Me109

50-60

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

1st attack 0916 20 min inside fr. coast.
(Location and length of fight)

2nd " 11⁵⁵ - 12⁰⁰ at rivers and Orleans

do - show another formation

back - 2 FW came in from 10:00 o'clock - sprayed
(Tactics of E/A) formation.
no persistent attacks.

Yellow nose, wings, and tail

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, ether 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)

" 1 B17 by E/A.

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)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

lost # engine - sump full of brass filings
just barely ran.

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

S-2 OFFICER

R. Kalak Capt

TIME COMPLETED

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INTERROGATION FORM

3

SQUADRON 367 ~~368X369X423~~ A/C Number 133 Letter W Date 30 April, 1944

Bomb Load 5 x 1000 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~ Position in Formation
Time Took off 06:38 Time Landed 1415

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

B17 1st Group, W. 2 ft on him at 1151, height 183

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. E. W. C. Magee Pilot
- 1st Lt. P. G. Griswold Co-P
- 2nd Lt. G. W. Clements Nav,
- 2nd Lt. R. G. Danknich Bomb
- T/Sgt. R. P. Ashwood Radio
- T/Sgt. R. R. Hollister Top P
- S/Sgt. W. S. Landrum Ball T
- S/Sgt. R. O. Elkins Waist
- S/Sgt. R. W. Russell Waist
- S/Sgt. W. E. Tuckey Tail G.

6. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1045
Alternate Height: 20,800
Last Report Heading: 140 mag
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: 0 - MPT fuses -

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

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.)

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	Remarks
			no			

Grew observations about Flak:

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Date 1/8/44

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~370~~ ~~371~~ ~~372~~ ~~373~~ ~~374~~ ~~375~~ ~~376~~ ~~377~~ ~~378~~ ~~379~~ ~~380~~ ~~381~~ ~~382~~ ~~383~~ ~~384~~ ~~385~~ ~~386~~ ~~387~~ ~~388~~ ~~389~~ ~~390~~ ~~391~~ ~~392~~ ~~393~~ ~~394~~ ~~395~~ ~~396~~ ~~397~~ ~~398~~ ~~399~~ ~~400~~ ~~401~~ ~~402~~ ~~403~~ ~~404~~ ~~405~~ ~~406~~ ~~407~~ ~~408~~ ~~409~~ ~~410~~ ~~411~~ ~~412~~ ~~413~~ ~~414~~ ~~415~~ ~~416~~ ~~417~~ ~~418~~ ~~419~~ ~~420~~ ~~421~~ ~~422~~ ~~423~~ ~~424~~ ~~425~~ ~~426~~ ~~427~~ ~~428~~ ~~429~~ ~~430~~ ~~431~~ ~~432~~ ~~433~~ ~~434~~ ~~435~~ ~~436~~ ~~437~~ ~~438~~ ~~439~~ ~~440~~ ~~441~~ ~~442~~ ~~443~~ ~~444~~ ~~445~~ ~~446~~ ~~447~~ ~~448~~ ~~449~~ ~~450~~ ~~451~~ ~~452~~ ~~453~~ ~~454~~ ~~455~~ ~~456~~ ~~457~~ ~~458~~ ~~459~~ ~~460~~ ~~461~~ ~~462~~ ~~463~~ ~~464~~ ~~465~~ ~~466~~ ~~467~~ ~~468~~ ~~469~~ ~~470~~ ~~471~~ ~~472~~ ~~473~~ ~~474~~ ~~475~~ ~~476~~ ~~477~~ ~~478~~ ~~479~~ ~~480~~ ~~481~~ ~~482~~ ~~483~~ ~~484~~ ~~485~~ ~~486~~ ~~487~~ ~~488~~ ~~489~~ ~~490~~ 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Bomb Load 5 x 1000 H.E. Mincor

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:38 Time Landed _____

		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 had wing shot up nr. Orleans on way back, pulled off. May have got back

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R. B. Malsom ✓ Pilot
- 2nd Lt. E. H. Jacobs ✓ Co-P
- 1st Lt. J. C. Fowler ✓ Nav.
- 1st Lt. J. D. Welch Bomb
- T/Sgt. M. Goldberg ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. E. L. Fulmer ✓ Top P
- S/Sgt. E. L. Sexton ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. J. J. Robbins ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. C. Walters ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. W. Corcoran ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1045
Alternate Height: 29,700
Last Resort Heading: 13°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:
10 mins.

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

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

Own Bombs: at least 3 direct hits on middle hangar + others on other 2 hangars

Other Bombing: S. W. corner was plastered. explosions after formation left.

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

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.)

With Group

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>Not a burst.</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 ~~268X369X428X~~ A/C Number 042 Letter A Date 30 April, 1944

Bomb Load 5 x 1000 H.E. ~~Incandes~~

Time Took off 06:38 Time Landed 1420

Position in Formation

	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	(X)	X	X	X
				X

2. 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)

1 B17 - down 11:58 - 1 chute caught on tail, no others seen, near Orleans - by Me 109

- 1st Lt. B. J. McGuire Pilot
- 2nd Lt. D. L. Spellman Co-P
- 1st Lt. A. H. Rothenberg Nav.
- 2nd Lt. I. B. Ogden Bomb
- T/Sgt. L. C. Manning Radio
- T/Sgt. H. W. Karol Top P
- S/Sgt. G. T. Smith Ball T
- S/Sgt. O. A. Shafer R. Waist
- S/Sgt. R. E. Weed L. Waist
- S/Sgt. L. P. Thomas Tail G.

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 10:45
Alternate Height: 20500
Last Report Heading: 018 MAG.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:
On smoke bomb of group lead.

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

3. Number of Bombs dropped on target: All

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

Own Bombs: Two hangars hit, other bombs in target area

Other Bombing: In 5 targets.

Any Nickels: Yes
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

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.)

Good

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Target - very good.

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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Sumner Airfield 48°15'N 01°19'E - few bursts - far behind & to 90 clock

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 8680 8680 0028 A/C Numbers 840 Letter Y Date 30 April, 1944

Bomb Load 5 x 1000 H.E. Demand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:38 Time Landed _____

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

		X		
		X	X	X
	X	X	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)

- 2nd Lt. D. A. Smith Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. M. J. Rahn Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. G. R. Hawkins Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. A. J. Laura Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. J. W. Childers Radio ✓
- Sgt. M. M. Miller Exp P ✓
- Sgt. G. E. Kriekhaus Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. E. E. Wright R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. W. D. Holder L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. R. P. Granberg Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 10:45
 Alternate Height: 20300
 Last Report Heading: 15°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 1

Bombing good

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: Good

any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

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 briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

2 to 3/10 Target Was very good

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Remarks
<u>None</u>						

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~X367X367X367~~ A/C Number 6726 Letter 0 Date April 30, 1944

Bomb Load 5 x 1000 H.E. ~~XXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:38 Time Landed _____

			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	X	X	X	X	X

(Wereal
st sensors
11:40)

NOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

hit + 12:00 B-17 from right
then straggled + went down

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

in spiral

- 1st Lt. B. H. Peters ✓ Pilot
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Pitblado ✓ Co-P
- 2nd Lt. R. R. Gustafson ✓ Nav.
- 1st Lt. H. R. Legowski ✓ Bomb
- S/Sgt. C. W. Piper ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. K. S. Hoffman ✓ Top E
- S/Sgt. O. O. Dobbs ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. H. Shore ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. C. W. Raymond ✓ Y. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. D. Tricoglov ✓ Tail G.

6. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 10:45
Alternate Height: 20500
Last Report Heading: 150
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: _____

8. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 8 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Refuel. 4Acm field. 2 of them got hit. over
spiral. 4Acm field. 2 of them got hit. over
spiral. 4Acm field. 2 of them got hit. over
spiral. 4Acm field. 2 of them got hit. over

Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

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.)

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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No flak.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION;

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

30-40 at 0916 came from 2 o'clock at my altitude.

(Location and length of fight)

1158 km. got into 78 ME 108; came in from west. Came in +
swirl of spin. None from hit.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

Painted green
and attracted and missed base

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Some support as to whether it was there all the time but pretty good
just the same.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, ear signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations)

Again saw B-17 just inside AF, Coast
12:55 seen came out from France turned back

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by E/A, A/A, or other cause, 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) 1 20mm fragment in waist etc.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 30/4/44

Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Near Orleans

A/C No: 099-B

Time 1700 Height 11k

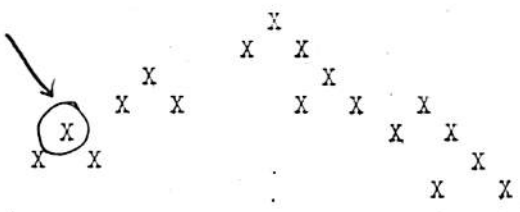
1. Story of the attack: ~~3 ME 109's came in from 11 o'clock low. Ball Turret Gunner selected one and kept firing at him as he came in to about 300 yards. Then ME 109 peeled off and turned its belly up, then went down in a dive, engine smoking and on fire.~~

DAMAGED
BY _____
SERIAL _____

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away)

2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show:
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. Direction of E/A attack;
c. Sun position.



Data on Combat
a. our heading 345
b. visibility good
c. type of E/A ME 109
d. level of attack;
From high above _____ O'clock
level _____ O'clock
(Check below 11 O'clock
One) very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names s/Sgt. E. L. Sexton

Positions Ball Turret Gunner

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by Lt. J. D. Welch

Position in A/C Bombardier

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: _____

If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet.

Time Lt. Hogg Interrogator _____

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 30/4/44

Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Near Orleans

A/C No: 099-3

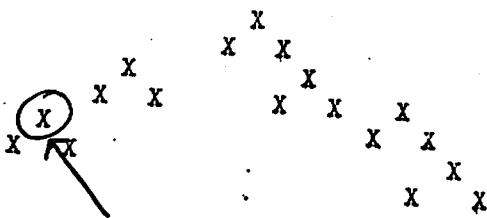
Time 17,000 Height 11,500

1. Story of the attack:- 10 or 12 ME 109's were coming in from about 5 o'clock. Most were driven off by concentration of fire from all A/C, but one ME 109 pressed his attack. Tail Gunner kept firing until he closed to within 300 yards, at which point E/A exploded.

DESTROYED

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away)

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show:

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. Direction of E/A attack;
- c. Sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. our heading 345
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above 5 O'clock
 - level 5 O'clock
 - (Check below 0 O'clock
 - One) very low 0 O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. J. W. Casperson

Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. J. J. Robbins

Position in A/C Right Waist Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet.

Time _____ Interrogator _____

1st Lt. Hagg.

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