

30 DEC 1942

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PASS TO  
TO: C.O. 1ST BOMB WING  
ATTENTION A-2

306 PG D-228-D 30 DECEMBER 1942

1. ONE AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF LATE AND NEVER JOINED FORMATION. THIS AIRCRAFT PROBABLY ATTACHED ITSELF TO ANOTHER GROUP, AND HAS FAILED TO RETURN.

18 AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF GROUND. ONE WAS LATE. EIGHT ABORTED. FORMATION COMMANDER HAD ORDERS NOT TO PROCEED WITH LESS THAN TWELVE AIRCRAFT, THEREFORE BROUGHT REMAINING NINE BACK TO BASE. 3 X 1600 A.P. BOMBS JETTISONED. 31 X 1600 A.P. BOMBS BROUGHT BACK.

2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - NOTHING TO REPORT.

6 - ONE CREW MISSING.

7 - EIGHT ABORTIVES - 3 TURRET TROUBLE, 1 OXYGEN FAILURE, 1 RADIO OUT, 2 ELECTRIC SUIT FAILURES, 1 GUNNER ILL.

8 - ONE SHIP MISSING, CAUSE UNKNOWN.

9 - NONE

===J.B. WRIGHT===

===CAPTAIN, S-2

===COBOMGR THREE HUNDRED SIXTH===

HOLD  
1ST LINE WA NEVER...JOINED  
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MH VA+++

THU 1814A/30 JPS VA

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By RLB/JAC Date 1/8/91 NARA

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE GROUP GUNNERY OFFICER  
UNITED STATES FORCES

APO 634,  
31 December, 1942.

SUBJECT: Failure of Aircraft to Complete Mission.

TO: Group Operations Officer, 306th Bomb Grp (H), APO 634.

1. A complete inspection was made of airplanes # 42-5072, 41-24493 and 41-24470, this date after failure to complete mission, the following malfunctions being noted:

- a. 367th Bomb Sq, Airplane #42-5072.
- (1) Upper Turret  
Right Hand Gun--cocking lever cam broken. appeared to have been broken after take-off.  
Left Hand Gun--bolt switch in backwards.
  - (2) The gunner in this position was S/Ogt Paul E. Nelson, 31066180.
- b. 368th Bomb Sq, Airplane #41-24493.
- (1) Upper Turret, Left Gun.  
Dome Charging Bracket loose from dome. This was due to the severing of the ~~two~~ bolts which secure the bracket to the turret dome; broke when gunner tried to charge his gun.
  - (2) The gunner in this position was Sgt J. Wade, 0814485.
  - (3) Lower Ball Turret.  
Assembled without the barrel extension shank and the Oil Buffer Piston Rod shank being engaged. This caused the barrel, barrel extension and bolt to remain in a locked position, and the gunner could not charge his guns. Interphone out due to fact the plug was not in the socket.
  - (4) The gunner in this position was Sgt E.L. Smith, 34189597.
- c. 369th Bomb Sq (H), Airplane #41-24470.
- (1) Upper Turret, both guns.  
The guns were completely washed in high octane gasoline before the mission. When the guns were checked after failure to complete mission it was found that there was not any oil on any part of the movable parts of the gun. It was almost impossible to charge the guns on the ground. The bolt could be pulled to the rear and on counter recoil it would stop about the second position. Using force on the bolt stud the bolt could be forced into battery. This same action occurred with the cover

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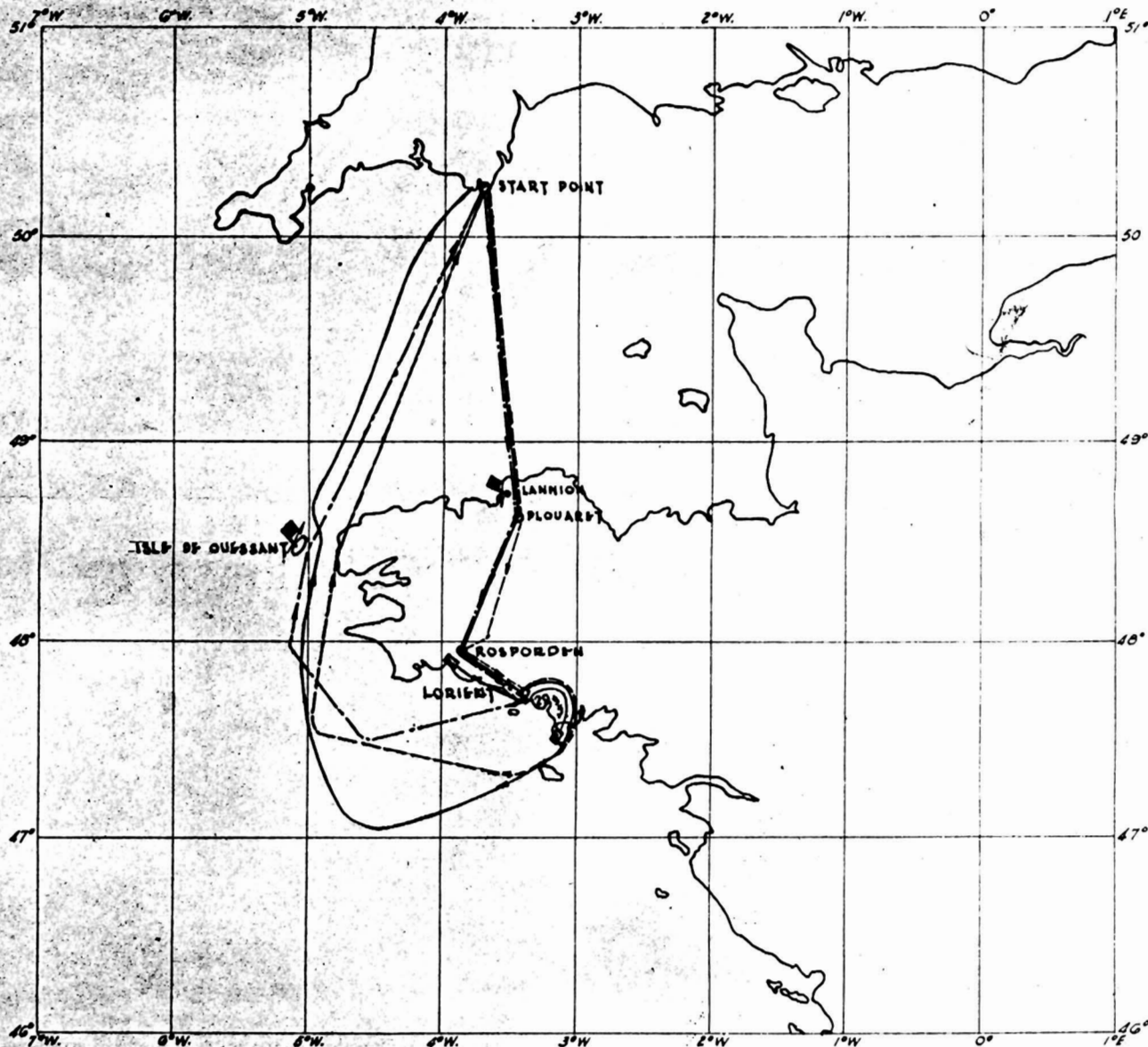
	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT	GROUP	HEIGHT
HEIGHT ENROUTE	91	21,000	305-6	22/22,700	303	21/22,900										
BOMBING HEIGHT	91	21,000	305-6	22/22,700	303	21/22,900										

Route followed by 91 GR (1ST WING)  
 305-6 GRS (1ST WING)  
 303 GR (1ST WING)

### ROUTE AND ENCOUNTER PLOT

TARGET: SUBMARINE INSTALLATIONS-LORIENT

DATE: 30 DECEMBER, 1942 (DAY)



- ☐ Point at which Enemy A/C was encountered. (Arrow shows direction of flight of our A/C.)
- ☐ Point at which Heavy Flak was encountered. ( " " " " " " " )
- ☐ Point at which Light Flak was encountered ( " " " " " " " )

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T 180 Maj Wilson

T 171 Beck

T 714 Spence

T 460 McKay

T 476 Brady

T 717 Warner

T 464 Buckley

T 1072 Purka

T 175 Jannell

T 40 Jones Jordan

T 88 Casey

T 41 Spaulding

T 71 Johnston

T 70 Kramer

T 507 Smith

T 514 Raper

T 93 Buddenbaum

T 466 Ferguson


T 129 Friend

Failure of Aircraft to Complete Mission--Contd.

up and no ammunition in the feedway. There was no rust or grit in the guns at all. It is my belief that the stoppage in this case was due to lack of oil, causing too much friction between the moving parts.

After checking the guns in this condition the guns were oiled slightly and it was found that they would work very smoothly. (note. New driving springs were tried and the effects were still the same.)

(2) The gunner in this position was 1/Sgt A. I. Harris, 6296272.

  
CHARLES G. NOWATA,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Group Gunnery Officer.

McKay - ✓  
 Cheek - A - Sick gunner - aerial broken  
 Terry - A - Bull turret. (elect. suit failed to make contact)  
 Parker - A - <sup>Both</sup> Turrets out  
 Ferguson - A - Radio out - (beats out) / Dinner phones & Radio out  
 Friend - ✓  
 Raper - ✓  
 Youree - ✓  
 Wilson - ✓  
 Buddenbaum - A - <sup>upper</sup> Turrets out.  
 Warner - ✓  
 Cranmer - A. - Turrets  
 Bucky ✓  
 Tunnell ✓  
 Casey - A - Electric suit on way out. / Hands frozen

Spaulding - A - Oxygen hose cut - had to drop down to  
 level man - lost formation  
 Smith - did not take off  
 Johnston - ✓  
 Brady -

HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND  
A.P.O.634

*W. B. ...*  
*O.P.S. ...*  
*Dawson*

Intelligence Narrative No.27 - Day Operation 30 December 1942.

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>ATTACKING</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>
91	19	16	1	19/5/-
303	16	10	-	4/1/-
305	24	13	1	6/1/3
306	18	1	-	-/-/-
Totals	77	40	3	29/7/3

Attacking the submarine pens at Lorient for the fourth time, 40 of the 77 B-17s dispatched reached the target and report: "Bombs well placed, many hits on pens". Of the planes attacking, 39 carried 2 x 2000 lb. HE and the 40th, from the 306 Group, 2 x 1600 lb. A.P. Planes attacking report many encounters and claim 29/7/3 enemy a/c. Three planes were lost, 1 from enemy a/c in the target area, and 2 from enemy a/c action over the Brest peninsula. Eight of the returning crews report casualties - 2 killed and 18 wounded. There were 37 abortives. Weather over target was CAVU, with visibility reported 30 miles. Three planes attacking took photographs.

*a*  
*a*  
*b*  
*b*

ROUTE AND CHRONOLOGY: 91 Group took off at 0950-1003, was over target at 1140 and returned to base at 1540-1549. The 303 Group took off at 0948-0958, was over target at 1142 and returned to base at 1528-1539. The 305 Group took off at 0935-0949, was over target 1138 and returned to base at 1544-1549. Of the 18 planes dispatched by the 306 Group, 17 returned to base shortly after leaving Start Point on the route out and one plane reached the target, but did not return to base. All planes attacking followed route cut as ordered, rendezvousing at Start Point, proceeding to Plouaret near the French coast, and from there to target. On the return, various routes were followed, with most planes skirting the tip of the Brest peninsula. Four planes landed away from base, 2 of the 91st Group at Exeter, 1 of the 305th Group at St. Eval and 1 at Portreath.

WEATHER: From English Coast to mid-channel, moderate cumulus; from mid-channel to French coast 5/10 to 7/10 cumulus with tops at 10,000; from French coast to target gradually decreasing cloud, with CAVU conditions over the target. On return haze was experienced over base area, with visibility 2 to 4 miles.

FLAK: Moderate, heavy, inaccurate flak, below and to left, crossing French coast; moderate, heavy, accurate flak over target.

BOMBING RESULTS: Bombs reported well placed, with hits reported on pens. A total of 156,000 lb. HE and 3,200 lb. A.P. was dropped on target.

plunger. This may have caused the plunger to freeze.

- (5) Aircraft No. 41-24592, 305th Bombardment Group, one tail gun, right waist gun and right top turret gun were reported out by the gunners. No trouble could be found when whip returns

Six aircraft of the 364th Bomb Squadron were unable to locate main body of group - returned after searching for reasonable length of time.

### 306th Group

- (1) Aircraft No. 41-24460, 306th Bomb Group, 368th Bomb Squadron. Aircraft returned before completion of mission due to No. 3 generator out. This generator being out also caused the ball turret heating unit to become inoperative. Repairs made and aircraft now in combat status.
- (2) Aircraft No. 41-24480, 306th Bomb Group, 369th Bomb Squadron. Aircraft failed to complete mission because of malfunction of waist gunners electric heated flying suit. There was no malfunction of aircraft.
- (3) Aircraft No. 42-5171, 306th Bomb Group 423rd Bomb Squadron. Aircraft did not complete mission because of broken radio trailing antenna. Upper turret interphone out. Radio command set out. Aircraft has been repaired and is on combat status.
- (4) Aircraft No. 41-24560, 306th Bombardment Group, returned early when upper turret guns failed to operate. Guns would stop in the 2nd position on counter recoil. Guns would not go into battery unless pressure was applied to the bolt stud by hand. Gunner claimed that he washed the guns in high octane gasoline before mission and that they were dry. Upon return of the aircraft the guns were examined by an armament officer and found to be in good condition. After oiling guns they were reported to have worked very smoothly. These particular guns will be inspected by the Wing Armament Inspector.
- (5) Aircraft No. 42-5072, 306th Bombardment Group, returned early when both Upper Turret Guns failed to fire when an attempt was made to test fire them over the channel. Right hand gun cocking lever broke due to defective part. Left hand gun bolt switch was put in backwards.
- (6) Aircraft No. 41-2493, 306th Bombardment Group, returned early when bolts in left hand dome charging cable pulley bracket in Upper Turret broke. Left hand gun in ball turret was assembled incorrectly. Gunner failed to engage the barrel extension "T" stud with the oil buffer piston rod stud.



(7) Aircraft No. 41-24507, 306th Bomb Group, 368th Bomb Squadron. Aircraft failed to take off for mission. Booster coil on No. 1 engine went out on pre-flight. An effort was made to get aircraft in the air on time but the induction system became flooded and fouled the spark plugs. Aircraft now in combat status.

9 aircraft due to abortives decreasing formation strength below allowable minimum.

1 abortive aircraft not accounted for.

3. Three of our aircraft were lost in combat with enemy aircraft. Claims indicate the enemy lost 29 aircraft. Our losses were:

91st Group: 41-24449

305th Group: 42-5078

306th Group: 42-2975

Battle Damage:

4. The following chart shows a category of repair to aircraft damaged on this mission:

(11) Aircraft No. 41-24410, 91st Bomb Group, 41st Bomb Squadron. Category of Repair

Group	A	AO	B	E
91	12	1	-	-
303	4	-	-	-
305	3	2	-	-
306	-	-	-	-

(12) Aircraft No. 41-24417, 91st Bomb Group, 41st Bomb Squadron. Total: 19

b (1) Aircraft No. 41-24481, 91st Bomb Group, 322nd Bomb Squadron. Flak hole in exhaust manifold "Y" section. Ring cowling dented. Flak hole in trailing edge of left wing. Flak hole in right wing.

(2) Aircraft No. 41-24482, 91st Bomb Group, 322nd Bomb Squadron. Flak hole through nacelle damaging propeller governor and hitting supercharger intercooler.

(3) Aircraft No. 41-24453, 91st Bomb Group, 322nd Bomb Squadron. Pilot's windshield broken by flak and No. 3 engine cowling slightly damaged.

(4) Aircraft No. 42-5034, 91st Bomb Group, 323rd Bomb Squadron. Small flak hole in right wing. Small hole in right aileron.

Flak

Flak

Flak

Flak

Squadron 477TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 42-6072

Total time for complete mission 1:10 Date 17 APR 1942

P. 1ST LT. J. E. DUCKEY R. PR. E. L. JOHAN  
CP. 1ST LT. M. D. HENRY G. S/SGT. A. F. REDONAS  
N. 2ND LT. A. R. SMITH G. S/SGT. W. L. STANLISH  
B. 1ST LT. W. E. BROWN G. S/SGT. W. E. WIGGS  
E. 1ST LT. W. F. FANCION G. S/SGT. J. M. WAPINS

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 477TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 42-6072

Total time for complete mission 1:10 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. 1ST LT. W. H. FARVER R. S/SGT. C. F. DAVIS  
CP. 2ND LT. R. W. FORTIN G. S/SGT. W. S. CLAPP  
N. 1ST LT. R. I. EDWARDS G. S/SGT. J. W. O'BRIEN  
B. 1ST LT. T. H. WALDEN G. S/SGT. J. E. KENNEDY  
E. S/SGT. J. D. NELSON G. S/SGT. J. M. MALDONADO



MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 41-24466  
Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. 1ST LT. J. M. FERGUSON R. S/SGT. E. L. KERBOW  
CP. 2ND LT. J. B. ELLIOTT G. S/SGT. J. V. LOVING  
N. 2ND LT. D. R. GREENE G. S/SGT. R. L. KINGEN  
B. 2ND LT. W. W. SAUNDERS G. S/SGT. P. W. ARNOLD  
E. T/SGT. R. G. HACKWORTH G. T/SGT. C. A. EDINGER

TURNED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 42-5129  
Total time for complete mission 3:25 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. CAPT. W. E. FRIEND R. S/SGT. R. L. BOHLAND  
CP. 1ST LT. A. E. CUDDEBACK G. T/SGT. M. E. SNOVER  
N. 1ST LT. W. D. BORING G. S/SGT. R. C. CLARK  
B. 2ND LT. G. W. FREDRICK G. S/SGT. R. W. DYKES  
E. T/SGT. R. C. CLIFFTON G. T/SGT. E. P. GARLAND

TURNED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 41-24514  
Total time for complete mission 4:00 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. CAPT. W. S. RAPER R. T/SGT. W. ORMAND  
CP. 2ND LT. R. R. FRYER G. T/SGT. J. R. CURRY  
N. 1ST LT. E. E. ROSS G. S/SGT. R. S. McKEAGE  
B. 1ST LT. F. G. DANIELS G. SGT. L. OFF  
E. SGT. J. P. DOWNARD G. S<sup>?</sup>SGT. S. K. CROWTHER

TURNED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 41-24470  
Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. 1ST LT. C. W. CRANMER R. S/SGT. K. J. CONSTANTINE  
CP. 2ND LT. A BRUNSTING G. CPL. W. C. FANN  
N. 2ND LT. P. E. BYER G. S/SGT. W. MUSICK  
B. 2ND LT. J. G. REED G. S/SGT. H. MEYERS  
E. T/SGT. A. T. HARRIS G. S/SGT. G. S. WALL

TURNED BACK

Squadron 369TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 41-24471

Total time for complete mission 3:50 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. CAPT. J. H. JOHNSON R. T/SGT. R. L. STEVENSON  
CP. 1ST LT. R. G. KAHL G. S/SGT. C. R. TIPTON  
N. 1ST LT. F. J. JACKNICK G. S/SGT. G. R. WYLLY  
B. 1ST LT. S. E. JONES G. SGT. F. J. ZDOBYLAK  
E. S/SGT. C. M. BENNETT G. SGT. T. D. McNAHON

TURNUED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 41-24860

Total time for complete mission 2:30 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. 1ST LT. R. P. RICRDAN R. S/SGT. W. HAGEMEYER JR.  
CP. CAPT. H. W. TERRY G. T/SGT. J. E. OWENS  
N. 1ST LT. G. J. SPELMAN G. S/SGT. R. W. HOLLAWAY  
B. 1ST LT. G. D. ROTTER G. S/SGT. C. M. DAVIS  
E. S/SGT. A. L. SANTORO G. SGT. A. N. McMAHON

TURNUED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369TH BOMB SQ A/C Number 41-24461

Total time for complete mission 3:15 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. 1ST LT. J. A. SPAULDING R. S/SGT. E. A. NORK  
CP. 2ND LT. J. O. JONES G. S/SGT. D. A. DAVIS  
N. 2ND LT. J. C. BROWN G. S/SGT. L. WILLIAMS  
B. 2ND LT. G. R. GRANT G. S/SGT. H. L. COX  
E. T/SGT. T. H. GILLAND G. S/SGT. M. R. MORGAN

TURNED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423RD BOMB SQ A/C Number 42-5171

Total time for complete mission 2:25 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

P. 1ST LT. R. J. CHECK R. T/SGT. W. T. JOHNSON  
CP. 1ST LT. B. WIGGINTON G. S/SGT. C. W. RAIDLINE  
N. 2ND LT. M. P. BLANCHETTE G. S/SGT. N. M. SAWICKE  
B. 2ND LT. E. W. FORD G. SGT. C. W. DURHAM  
E. SGT. E. J. BOWES G. SGT. V. L. KING

TURNED BACK

Squadron 423 RD BOMB SQ

A/C Number 425180

Total time for complete mission 3:30

Date 30 December, 1942

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P. <u>MAJ. J. W. WILSON</u>	R. <u>T/SGT. J. K. KIRN</u>
CP. <u>CAPT. M. V. SALADA</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. W. W. HART</u>
N. <u>1ST LT. H. E. GASLIN</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. H. R. BEAN</u>
B. <u>1ST LT. R. F. YAUSSE</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. H. V. WILSON</u>
E. <u>T/SGT. A. BEZAK</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. C. M. COUNTS</u>

TURNED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423RD BOMB SQ

A/C Number 42-2975

Total time for complete mission \_\_\_\_\_

Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

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P. <u>CAPT. J. B. BRADY</u>	R. <u>T/SGT. W. L. NISBETT</u>
CP. <u>2ND LT. B. T. HEALEY</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. E. H. STEIN</u>
N. <u>2ND LT. W. M. LEVIS</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. J. J. VALLORANI</u>
B. <u>2ND LT. G. M. REYNOLDS</u>	G. <u>SGT. E. J. SANSKI</u>
E. <u>T/SGT. J. L. CARBERRY</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. J. P. GAFFNEY</u>

MISSING IN ACTION



MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423RD BOMB SQ A/C Number 41-24460

Total time for complete mission 3:30 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

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P. <u>CAPT. M. McKAY</u>	R. <u>T/SGT. G. J. KRUSZYNSKI</u>
CP. <u>2ND LT. L. P. JOHNSON</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. J. M. HOBBS</u>
N. <u>1ST LT. E. J. POLLOCK</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. R. J. HENN</u>
B. <u>2ND LT. S. N. FISSEBERTH</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. L. GEDNEY</u>
E. <u>T/SGT. H. G. ALLEMAN</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. T. H. GIBSON</u>

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423RD BOMB SQ A/C Number 42-5717

Total time for complete mission 3:20 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

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P. <u>1ST LT. W. H. WARNER</u>	R. <u>T/SGT. E. F. ESPITALIER</u>
CP. <u>2ND LT. A. R. CARLSON</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. W. C. MORGAN</u>
N. <u>1ST LT. L. H. UTLEY</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. C. E. NEELEY</u>
B. <u>2ND LT. W. L. WARNER</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. R. D. KISLING</u>
E. <u>S/SGT. C. W. WILSON</u>	G. <u>S/SGT. W. E. WILLIAMS</u>

TURNED BACK

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423RD BOMB SQ. A/C Number 42-5714

Total time for complete mission 3:45 Date 30 DECEMBER, 1942

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P. 1ST LT. P. E. YOUREE R. T/SGT. M. ROSKOVICH

CP. 2ND LT. J. E. HOPKINS G. S/SGT. J. J. MELLILO

G R. S/SGT. D. J. BEVAN G. S/SGT. W. R. WILKINSON

B. 2ND LT. G. E. HORNER G. S/SGT. K. N. McCLURE

E. S/SGT. R. W. TRENARY G. S/SGT. W. V. BAKER

TURNED BACK







INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ A/C Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Position in formation \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb load \_\_\_\_\_

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No  
 Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Frantically A/C in any kind of distress?

*Half come home  
 left with mine  
 poper come home*

CREW  
Maj Wilson Pilot  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Co-P  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Nav.  
Gaussi Bomb.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Radio  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Top T.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ball T.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ R. Waist  
 \_\_\_\_\_ L. Waist  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Resort Heading:  
 (check) \_\_\_\_\_

*Had trouble  
 getting  
 group  
 together  
 in snow storm*

*left coast one minute  
 late*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: \_\_\_\_\_

Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*didn't find 91st Gauss 3 groups went in ahead*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? \_\_\_\_\_

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

8. 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	Other Data

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_ PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_ DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)  
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys; dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

Came back because the rest of the group did.

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Ball-turret mal-function  
gens O.K. but turret movement was not good.

14. CREW COMMENTS: (.ny unusual incidents? any suggestions? )

S - 2 OFFICER

S. J. O'Brien

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124460 Date 30-12-41

Position in formation 1 in 2nd Element Bomb load \_\_\_\_\_

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No  
Details:

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

Capt. Viskay Pilot

Johnson Co-P

Godack Nav.

Kimbert Bomb.

Kreuzginski Radio

Alleman Top T.

Hobbs Ball T.

W. W. W. R. Waist

Gedney L. Waist

Johnson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(check)

*Alternative*

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

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? \_\_\_\_\_

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D.F.R. L.S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

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

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_ PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_ DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)  
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R., yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

Returned because of a formation of friendly group formation

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: nil

14. CREW COMMENTS: (.ny unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

- a. Total E/A seen: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_
- b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_ PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_ DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

*R. Wait. Harris froze his hands.  
(Gloves were out and think his whole suit was out.)*

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *See above*

14. CREW COMMENTS: (.ny unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

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*S. J. Owen*

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_ PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_ DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C, etc.)

Returned because only 9 planes were left in group formation

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: nil

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

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*S. J. [Signature]*

TIME COMPLETED



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ A/C Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date 30/7/42

Position in formation \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb load \_\_\_\_\_

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No  
Details:

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

*Top turret beams would not feed through due to working in gasoline*

CREW	
<u>Cramer</u>	Pilot
_____	Co-P
_____	Nav.
_____	Bomb.
_____	Radio
_____	Top T.
_____	Ball T.
_____	R. Waist
_____	L. Waist
_____	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading: (check)

*2 x 1600 AP*

*Could not get pins back.*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Almost to France*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROLL (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

8. 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	Other Data

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 Jerry  
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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_ PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_ DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)  
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

*Tube on oxygen mask was cut - he passed out  
- we went down and revived him then could not  
catch up with formation  
1/3 of way across Channel*

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *See above.*

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

Check  
Abortive

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 20721 Date 30/12/42

Position in formation #3 in 2<sup>nd</sup> flight Bomb load 2-160 A10

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No  
Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

St. Check Pilot

Wigginta Co-P

Blanchett Nav.

Ford Bomb.

Jahner Radio

Rowles Top T.

Randline Ball T.

McClure R. Waist

Sawicki L. Waist

King Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(check)

Abortive

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

An object from plane in front flew back and broke command set aerial and caused 'knocking' sound on outside plane. Having further damage we returned. Also two men sick. Before returning tried to contact Major who got sheet of paper giving date, target number, place; sent to Wing by D.R. L.S.)

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes/No?

Get no response to radio or "jockey" mancomms.

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Turned back at 11,500 feet.

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

8. 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	Other Data

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.B. Richardson S-2

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SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 425072 Date 30/12/42

Position in formation #3 in 3rd flight Bomb load 2 - 600lb AP

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No  
Details:

Friendlly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

- Parker Pilot
- Tortin Co-P
- Waldie Nav.
- Edwards Bomb.
- Radio
- Nelson Top T.
- Clark Ball T.
- Dunn R. Waist
- L. Waist
- O'Brien Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(check)

aborted

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

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

Both top turret guns out. Returned from

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? 50 miles away

after reaching oxygen altitude.  
(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it; on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

8. 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	Other Data

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