

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (D-A-4)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
United States Forces

31st December, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report.

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

1. Hot News

One B-17 ditched at 1427 hours at 4735N-0346W. This information radiated by our A/C 586, Pilot Belsler, and message was acknowledged. At 1207 hours, just north of Libourne, crews report 3 chutes and fire and smoke on ground which may have come from a crashed plane. One A/C, our 327, was unable to land after coming over base, went out of range of control tower and has not been heard from since. Details will follow.

2. Narrative

23 A/C took off at 0807 - 9 of which landed away from base as listed below. Course as briefed to French coast south of Gironde River at 4424N-0115W. Then this group followed 305th Group in sweep south over 10/10 overcast and back to 4420N-0100W, thence to Langon to Libourne to neighborhood of Touzac at 4533N-0008W. At this point lead group dropped its bombs. 306th, followed by 92nd then bombed Cognac on heading of 324 degrees while 305th made swing to north. After Cognac 306th fell in again behind 305th which led to coast at 4525N-0110W, thence to point 10 miles west of Belle Ile to 4738N-0350W and home on briefed course.

Nine of our A/C landed away from base, all because of weather and lack of gas.

A/C 850-B, pilot Jacobs, landed at Kimbolton.

A/C 942-A, pilot Mack and A/C 730-B, pilot Tattershall landed at Molesworth.

A/C 065-2, pilot Rector and A/C 169-S, pilot Smith landed at Chelveston.

A/C 765-D, pilot Campert, landed at Stoney Cross.

A/C 943-L, pilot Lund, landed at Warmwell.

A/C 953-L, pilot Schuering, landed at Little Staughton.

3. Bombing

305th, leading the 40th Combat Wing, proceeded south of Bordeaux finding coast and area south of Bordeaux overcast. Cut in at point briefed, proceeded to Langon, and continued due north, passing Bordeaux on east. Our leaders state Bordeaux clear but covered by smoke screen, and felt primary would be visible. 305th proceeded northward and dropped bombs in the vicinity of Touzac, reporting by radio they were dropped by mistake. The leader of the 306th Group identified the airfield at Cognac and requested Combat Wing leader to wait while our Group went in to bomb, followed by 92nd. Seeing fires at the north end, our leader's bombardier synchronized on the installations at the

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southern part of the field, and our bombs were seen to strike across the field from east to west, hitting the NE/SW runway and the installations at both sides. (First photos just developed show large fires, entire northern end wall hit.) 306th and 92nd then rejoined 305th, which led way out to sea over mouth of Gironde River. As Combat Wing passed Grave Point with empty bomb racks six large ships and twelve small ones were observed at and near a quay below. At 1320 hours there was no evidence of bombing in this area.

4. Enemy Aircraft

The 306th Group was low group of 40th Combat Wing. There were no attacks by enemy aircraft on this group. No more than 10 e/a, all single engine, were seen, all at a distance. Several Me109s over target, and balance FW190s over Brest Peninsula on way out. About 5 P-47s were reported over the Brest Peninsula going in, and no other friendly fighters were observed, probably because the 40th Combat Wing was off course and time schedule for the rest of the mission. We claim one destroyed, knocked down over target as it attacked group behind.

5. A.A. Gun Fire

Meager to moderate, inaccurate A.A. gun fire, chiefly tracking, from Bordeaux, Cognac, Graves Point, Kerlin Bastard, Guernsey and other points.

JOHN A. BAINSFATHER,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

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368th

- 42-31700 SLIGHT FLAK: Right stab. and deicer boot hit.
- 42-40006 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-31690 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-31454 SERIOUS DAMAGE, FLAK: Left outer wing and No. 6 tokio tank hit
- 42-37836 FLAK, SLIGHT: Vertical stabilizer, tail wheel well, No. 4 nacelle, dorsal fin, all hit by flak
- 42-31158 SLIGHT FLAK: Right wing tip, right aeliron, right outer wing.
- 42-37943 SLIGHT FLAK: Trim tab and left aeliron, right stabilizer.

423rd

- 42-31418 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-39950 SLIGHT DAMAGE: FLAK: Right outer wing, and right inner wing
- 42-39945 SEVERE FLAK DAMAGE: Right outer wing, fuselage, horiz. stab., right elevator, vertical stabilizer, rudder, left inner wing all severely damaged
- 42-31139 SLIGHT FLAK: Bombay compt.
- 42-3515 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-39963 SLIGHT FLAK: Right outer wing. Rudder.
- 42-31524 SLIGHT FLAK: Left aeliron trailing edge.
- 42-97505 NOT ~~EXCEED~~ DAMAGED

369th

- 42-31558 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-39827 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-31695 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-31768 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-39935 NOT DAMAGED
- 42-37953 Left side of fuselage beneath pilot hit by empty 50 cal shell case. Right outer wing hit by flak
SLIGHT DAMAGE

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To: CG 1st Bomb Division

31 December 1943

CG 40th Combat Wing

Attn. A-2

Teletype Report

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S-4. One a/c, our 327, was unable to land after coming over base, went out of range of control tower and has not been heard from since. Details will follow.

S-5 No major battle damage.

S-6. None

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S-8 - None

- S-9. (1) 23 A/C took off at 0807 - 9 of which landed away from base ^{as listed below,}
- (2) 0943 at 5035N, 0226W
- (3) Course as briefed to French Coast south of Gironde River at 4424N, 0115W.

Then this group followed 305th Group in sweep south over 10/10 overcast and back to 4420N, 0100W, thence to Langon to Libourne to neighborhood of Touzac at 4533N, 0008W. At this point lead group dropped its bombs, ~~then radioed 306th Group that bombs had been dropped by mistake. 306th then broke away to the left,~~ followed by the 92nd ~~and~~ ^{then} bombed Cognac ~~while 305th made swing to north.~~ on heading of 324 degrees, while 305th made swing to north. After Cognac 306th fell in again behind 305th which then led to coast at 4525N, 0110W, thence to point 10 miles west of Belle Ile to 4738N, 0350W and home on briefed course.

- (4) 1018 at 4822N, 0305W
- (5) 1313 $\frac{1}{2}$. Lead Group. 324 degrees
- (6) 1720
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) No nickels carried

(10) Nine of our A/C landed away from base

*Get list from
Security*

Nine of our A/C landed away from base. A/C 850-B, pilot Jacobs landed at Kimbolton. A/C 942-A, ~~KK~~ Mack and A/C 730B, ~~KK~~ Tottershall pilot landed at Molesworth. A/C 065-Z ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ pilot Rector landed at Chelveston. A/C 765-D, pilot Campert, landed at Stoney Cross. A/C 943-L pilot Lund landed at Warmwell. A/C 953-L landed at Little Staughton. All nine landed away because of weather and lack of gas.

and A/C 169-S, pilot Smith

pilot Schuring

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FORMATION DIAGRAM

Radio fix

Balser* ✓
586-A

Elliott* ✓
025-B

Gerald ✓
363-M

McMahon ✓
158-J

Peterson* ✓
143-P

Smith ✓
327-N

Jacobs* ✓ *Kimboulton*
850-B

Lund* ✓ *Warmwell*
943-L

Fallon ✓
136-D

Quintance ✓
196-O

Page ✓ *Ereber*
139-L

Gesler ✓
388-A

Gay * ✓
115-G
606-U

Cady* ✓
794-V

Hester ✓ *Chelverton*
065-Z

Mack ✓ *Molesworth*
942-A

Colman* ✓
245-K

Little Staughton
Schering* ✓
953-L

Tattershall ✓
730-B

Comport* ✓ *Stony Cross*
765-D

Newstreet ✓
939-A

Molesworth

SPARES

* Denotes camera in ship

REMARKS:

Chelverton Smith 169-S

Berry ✓
007-F

*flew with us
9 ship high
squadron*

1 STRAY HERE - *Thomas from 305th*

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Target COGNAC

1. Route followed. On course to (and, south then back to $44^{\circ}20'N - 01^{\circ}00'W$, Langon, Libourne, Tonnac, Cognac, $45^{\circ}25'N - 01^{\circ}10'W$, $47^{\circ}20'N - 03^{\circ}30'W$, $47^{\circ}30'N - 03^{\circ}40'W$, then on course to Dune.

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) **No con trails.**
Visibility excellent.

3. No. of A/C over Target. **23 A/C. Bombed at 1313 1/2 hours.**

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:-

				¹⁰⁶ 17005				
157	151	150	151	151	158		151	
	152		152	151	154	158	154	156
155		152	152	151	154		154	156
	151		152	151	152	151	157	159

5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible) **324° Mag.**

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? **4 1/2 min.**

7. Turn after bombing. **45° left turn after target.**

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups **Low Group in G.N. but lead Group to bomb.**

9. What evasive action was taken? **N-turn.**

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.

- $44^{\circ}15'N - 01^{\circ}10'W$ - **weaker inaccurate.**
- Bordeaux - **weaker to moderate.**
- Libourne - **weaker.**
- $45^{\circ}33'N - 01^{\circ}13'W$ - **weaker.**
- Cognac - **weaker to moderate, inaccurate, tracking.**
- Graves Point - **weaker.**
- Rochfort - **observed.**
- Kerlin Bastard - **six guns.**

- Lorient - **moderate, black, tracking, inaccurate.**
- $46^{\circ}15'N - 03^{\circ}29'W$ - **weaker.**
- Quercy - **weaker, tracking.**

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from S-4

HEADQUARTERS 500TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Materiel Officer
United States Forces

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APO 634,
2 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Annex to S-4 Combat Mission Report on Mission of 31 December 1945.

TO: Group Operations Officer, 500th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following is an annex to S-4 Mission Report on mission of 31 December 1945:

a. Combat Damaged received:

- B17G 42-31387 - 367th Squadron - Lost by crash landing near Stovage, England.
- B17G 42-31065 - 367th Squadron - Not damaged.
- B17G 42-37942 - 367th Squadron - Not damaged.
- B17G 42-37765 - 367th Squadron - Not damaged.
- B17G 42-37943 - 368th Squadron - Not damaged.
- B17F 42-30730 - 369th Squadron - Slight Flak damages to radio hatch, .50 calibre empty shell case damage to Pilots windshield.
- B17G 42-37933 - 369th Squadron - Slight Flak - Top turret window hit, also window above co-pilot. Flak to right side fuselage just below and forward of waist gun window. Slight damage to left inner wing by Flak.
- B17G 42-31120 - 369th Squadron - Not damaged.
- B17G 42-39850 - 423rd Squadron - Not damaged.
- B17F 42-3129 - 369th Squadron - Has not returned to this station from Chelveston. (Not damaged.)

b. Addition to summary of battle damage:

<u>Damaged</u>	<u>Slight</u>	<u>Flak</u>	<u>Empty Shell Case</u>
2		2	1

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

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PLANES ON COMBAT MISSION THIS DATE

367th Squadron (H):

B17F 42-31025 -Not damaged

B17G 42-31327 - ?

B17G 42-31065 -Landed at Chalveston

B17G 42-37942-Landed at Molesworth

B17G 42-37765-Landed at Stoney Cross

368th Squadron (H):

B17F 42-30586 Not damaged

B17G 42-31363. Not damaged

B17G 42-37943-Landed at Warnwell

B17G 42-31245-Not damaged

B17G 42-31158 -Not damaged

369th Squadron (H):

B17F 42-30730 Landed at Molesworth

B17F 42-30794 -Not damaged

B17G 42-31196 -Not damaged

B17F 42-30939 -Not damaged

B17G 42-~~31~~953-Landed at Little Staughton

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B17G 42-31136 -Not damaged

B17G 42-31143 -Not damaged

423rd Squadron (H):

B17F 42-30606 -Not damaged

B17G 42-31388 -Slight Flak Damage: Fuselage and No. 2 nacelle skin damage.
Skin back of No. 4 nacelle in right wing forward
of flap damaged by flak.

B17G 42-31139 -Landed at Exeter

B17G 42-39850 -Landed at Kimbolton

SPARES: (2) Used

369th Squadron (H):

B17E 42-31007 -Empty shell case damage to right elevator. Empty shell case damage to
skin by No. 4 Battery. -Slight Damage

B17F 42-3169 -Landed at Chalveston

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 586 Letter A Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 1720

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:

14:27 B-17 ditched - up 5 minutes - (from 40 CBW)

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

Radiot got acknowledged

47:35 03:46

weather clear here believe saw another ditching

2. TARGET ATTACKED: 5 min later

Primary Time: 13:13 1/2

Alternate Height: 17000

Last Resort Heading 324°

Duration Bomb Run: 4 1/2 min

Capt. J.H. Belser Pilot ✓

Capt. T.B. Husband Cr-P ✓

1st Lt. J.R. Samway Nav. ✓

Capt. S. Silverstein Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. D.A. Philpot Radio ✓

T/Sgt. E.G. Spangenberg Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. D. Norman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J.G. Mynatt R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. M.E. McDaniel L. Waist ✓

2nd Lt. C.D. Swan 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:

COGNAC

Believe hit Southern Runway & Dispersals

Other Bombing:

Field was burning & N. Hangers covered with black smoke as they came up

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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T. slight & low flak
Rockfort - threw up flak periodically

Crew observations about flak:

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See Over

Low 7 High 7 Lead
down to Field
all back to 10 min over by Coast

Unit file

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ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____ ✓
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

09:43 50:35-0226

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 10:18
48:22N. 0305W.

2. Was Course as Briefed? (OVER)
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____

Enemy Coast back 15:19

4. Time over Target _____
Altitude over Target _____
48 51 0310

Position of Group on Bomb Run Lead followed by 92 High
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____

Duration Bomb Run _____

5. Time of Landing at Base 1720
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER _____

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On Course out to ~~planned~~ between
Bordeaux Coast & ~~planned~~ I.P.

10/10 there

305 then went S. of I.P. to

~~S. of Bordeaux~~

4420 - ~~0410~~^{0100 W} to Langon to

Libourne (where Clouds broke)

to about Barbezien where

305 dropped to Cognac

then to S. of mouth of Gironde

at ~~St~~ St. Vivien

then outside Coast to

10 mi. W. of Belle Isle

to 47:38 - 0350 + home o

Course

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Bomb Load 12 x 500 (H.F.) Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 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:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. J.B. McMahon Pilot

2nd Lt. R.H. Ehrler Cr.-P

1st Lt. R.G. McCauley Nav.

1st Lt. H.F. Ezell Bomb.

*1247 4028, 93248
 1703*

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

T/Sgt. R.L. Kohler Radio

T/Sgt. J. Dunten Top T.

Sgt. W.C. Vought Ball T.

S/Sgt. A.A. Becker H. Waist

S/Sgt. F.W. Schmeckpepper J. Waist

S/Sgt. G. Barnt Tail G.

Primary Time:

Alternate Height: 17,000

Last Resort Heading 330 mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

about 1 min

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

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

Own Bombs:

Hit drone

Other Bombing:

Drone aflame

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED 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) Bombed thru opening primary, closed in

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

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H51 43°50'-0144' 17000 High Pink 9000 Low

Cognac 17000 High White Red, Pink

1441 Point 17000 High Pink

Crew observations about Flak:

Direct at by what appeared to be 4 gun batteries.

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10. ENEMY-FIGHTER DESTRUCTION:

3 9/2 at destroyed before 6
(Estimated total)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>X</u>
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Saw only P475 over Broadbeams

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)
none

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

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
Flak holes in each stabilizer

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Interphone died out.

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

Al W. Ross

10. ENEMY-FIGHTER IDENTIFICATION:

3 9/2 at distance 2 5/2 about line crossed
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) *A* (Type)

before bombs were
enemy coast on way out attacking High Group.

(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 immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Saw only P475 over Great Peninsula

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)
none

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

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*
Flak holes in each stabilizer

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Interphone died out.*

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

S-2 OFFICER

[Signature]

TIME COMPLETED

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DATE

DATE

DATE

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SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 943 Leader L Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Task Off 0810 Time Landed 16:35

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Landed at Warrmall

- 1st Lt. R.S. Lund Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. F.H. Brunn C/P ✓
- 1st Lt. S.N. Buck Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. G.C. Tatman Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. L.F. Garter Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. P.R. Ward Top T. ✓
- Sgt. R.M. Bowman Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. W.D. Jackson H.Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. W.W. Semler J.Waist ✓
- _____ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1343

Alternate Height: 16500

Cognac
Last Resort (circle)

Heading *334*

Duration Bomb Run: *4 min*

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:

5. Any Photographs taken: *(Yes)* No? Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number boxes returned _____

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

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

started letting down just west of Guernsey

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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*Course tracking - accurate, but good evasive action
Target - meager tracking*

Crew observations about Flak: *good smoke screen over Bordeaux*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 606 Letter U Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.F. Intend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 1730

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. J.M. Gay Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. I.L. Gordon Cr-P ✓

2nd Lt. R.G. Jobs Nav. ✓

1st Lt. M.J. Dmochowski Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. E.G. Danielson Radio

T/Sgt. P.F. Hughes Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. Cofford Ball T. ✓

Sgt. H.E. Easterly H. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. S.J. Krisko J. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. B.J. Nitti Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1313 1/2

Alternate Height: 26500

Last Resort Heading: 340°

Duration Bomb Run: 145 gm in sp.

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

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

Own Bombs: Copac. NE disposal + building part the runway.
all group down there ~~detonated~~ High group hit runway.

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photo-graphs taken: Yes? (No?)

Any Micks: 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)

from lead.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

not ascribed.

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

Time	Phase	Height	Type (light, or intensity)	Color	Location	Accuracy
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1815N 0329 W. pretty heavy. 1446 hrs. 4 gun battery hit front runway.
Lighthouse (Edwards) light

Crew observations about Flak:

No flak hit. (too dark to find)

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SQUADRON ~~X167~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number: 388 Letter: A Date: 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 1725

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:

May phoned Belier that a plane had ditched just before going into Bast prison camp

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. Gassler	Pilot	✓
2nd Lt. C.M. Bayless	C.O.P.	✓
2nd Lt. W.T. Hughes	Nav.	✓
2nd Lt. D.R. Logan	Bomb.	✓
S/Sgt. D.L. Mills	Radio	✓
S/Sgt. A.S. Cieri	Top T.	✓
Sgt. D.S. Gollaher	Ball T.	✓
S/Sgt. B.S. Mings	R. Waist	✓
Sgt. T.V. Lenoski	L. Waist	✓
Sgt. R.W. Grothe	Tail G.	✓

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1314

Alternate Height: 17000

Last Resort Heading 325° (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

4-5 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: *Bombed hangars in southeast corner. good concentration*

Other Bombing: *fires already burning in northwest corner*

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED 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 position of bombs)

crossed coast way south of Cognac, went E. to Libourne, then north, finished at Angoulême, looked out then went out over blockade runner.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) - *max clouds then brief near Bordeaux*

few scattered clouds at Cognac - good visibility - no contrails

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (Light, of heavy)	Color	Location	Accuracy
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about 4350N, 0050 W - meager, accurate - prob. cement - this A/C hit

orient - meager, inaccurate

nr. Cognac - moderate inaccurate

Guernsey - 7 or 8 shells - inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: *Search screen over city of Bordeaux*

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SQUADRON ~~067~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 245 Letter K Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 17.25

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

F/O J.R. Coleman Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R.D. Tripp Cr-P ✓

2nd Lt. L. Rodrigues Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. D.W. Baltzer Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. C.G. Garrison Radio ✓

T/Sgt. R.L. Hayes Top T. ✓

Sgt. O.V. Bittikofer Ball T. ✓

Sgt. F.T. Organ R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C.E. Snyder I.Waist ✓

Sgt. A.J. Doine Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13.13 1/2

Alternate ✓ Height: 16,800

Last Resort Heading 336

(circle) Duration Bomb Run: 3 1/2 min.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

on target.

Other Bombing: Smoke - bomb crater - building on fire. plane on fire.

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

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

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) Cloud + smoke

9. FLAK: Clear over Cognac, ~~flak~~ over primary 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

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~423~~ A/C Number 939 Letter A Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:10 Time Landed 1710

		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:

No

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Coming out from coast off d'Oléron Island, B-17, letting down through clouds, heading towards French coast, indicated about 1345 hours, clouds 5000 feet there.

Lt. M. Newstreet	Pilot	✓
Lt. F. R. Warner	ComP	✓
Lt. Joplin	Nav.	✓
Lt. R. W. Howard	Bomb.	✓
S/Sgt. C. R. Staats	Radio	✓
S/Sgt. C. F. Harry	Top T.	✓
Sgt. P. E. Morgan	Ball T.	✓
Sgt. F. H. HESSER	Waist	✓
Sgt. C. W. McGrane	Waist	✓
Sgt. W. A. Erickson	Tail G.	✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary: Chateaubriant/Andronp at Cognac Time: 1313:30
Alternate: Height: 16,000
Last Resort: Heading 241 long.
Duration Bomb Run: 3 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: Heavy black smoke up to 15,000 feet. One bomb hit right in center of field. Other bombs were in NW corner of field.

Other Bombing: Hit at Grand Point not bombed at 1320

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)

First objective location at getting out of clouds on Fr. coast was Brannet, on River of Libourne, then Sedan and Tilly.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Broken clouds over Brannet

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. 10/10 over Fr. coast by Bordeaux, up to Bordeaux itself.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	Accuracy in relation to A/C
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1308 Brannet, SE of Cognac, fairly heavy, good altitude.
On way out, 1447 Point Mary, NE of Kerlin Postard, 5 guns seen in success.

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 025 Letter B Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 1730

Position in Formation

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. I.R. Elliot Pilot ✓
2nd Lt. P.J. Pierce ComP ✓
1st Lt. J.L. Dougherty Nav. ✓
2nd Lt. T.P. Cliney Bomb ✓
T/Sgt. T.P. Piechowski Radio ✓
T/Sgt. G.C. Norris Top T. ✓
S/Sgt. R.K. Tully Ball T. ✓
S/Sgt. R.G. Rockwell R. Waist ✓
S/Sgt. B. Margineau L. Waist ✓
S/Sgt. H.E. Masle Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1314
Alternate Height: 16800
Last Resort Heading 338
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: tagged

Cognac

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

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

Own Bombs: NW corner well hit
Fires in N end target area

Other Bombing: West section target "blasted"
by another group

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)

Wind diff. -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

clear

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Primary except for smoke

screen over

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>near Bourdeaux</u>		<u>light</u>		<u>inacc</u>	
	<u>Brest Penis</u>		<u>light</u>		<u>level - to left</u>	

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

FILE NO 1
FW 190

5 to 6
(Estimated total number seen)

no direct attacks - passes at
left wing man
(Action 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 immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Rs poor saw only ~~none~~ 16 P47's
none after Brest

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

Near Belle Is - 10-12 small vessels one large
Smoke screen Bordeaux

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)
Five near Bordeaux - looked like
a B17 - blew up.

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
#2 top station #3 rack - had to salvo

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~268 269 273~~ A/C Number 327 Letter N Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 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

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)

2nd Lt. C.O. Smith Pilot *scatched face*

2nd Lt. E.J. Andras *fractured skull, at
Kings runway don't know of love*

2nd Lt. E.H. Wiener, Jr. Nav. *face cuts*

2nd Lt. D.L. Claytor Bomb *cut on hand
operation on hand*

S/Sgt. W.C. Lindsey Radio *OK. cuts*

S/Sgt. C.E. Weller *cut at hip* Top T. *cut on hand
& jaw & neck*

Sgt. C.R. Marlow *OK* Ball T.

Sgt. W.C. Maddox *cut on hand still moving* R. Waist

Sgt. J.M. Meloney *OK* L. Waist

Sgt. C.R. Pulcifer *OK. scatched on hand* Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: *without*

Alternate Height: *without*

Last Resort: Heading

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: *Made turn over low getting ready to land. Couldn't see ground. In making turn got beach getting steeper. Smith went on instruments & climbed to 7000 feet. G pilot & Pilot both calling on VHF and Comrad. Stutter too great to get instructions. Called Darkey.*

5. Any Phot. graphs 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)

Got some station (Moleynith) & got landing instructions but lost them on way down. Then got Warden's & was told he was over. He tried to let down again. I was so bad it did no good. Then again he had to get instructions. Then the down Smith got the perimeter got

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 of heavy moderate or slight	Color of intense bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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on instructions. Had Warden at one time and latter attention at another. He heard him tell him to turn on all lights. He had them on & kept circling to left. Saw a flare & let down again. Then saw lights on ground. Saw what seemed like runway but it turned out to be big beach. Then cut down again. Saw search light pointing along ground & followed that

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then cut down again. Saw search light pointing along ground & followed that

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*Only really worried about
H. Gardner.*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 850 Letter B Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 1730 at Kimbolton

X X X X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes (X) No

Details:

Back on track - brought plane back from 1 at 2130

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Landed at Kimbolton

1st Lt. D.L. Jacobs Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. T.J. Bridgeman Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. P.V. Osburn Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. E.L. Bratrud Bomb. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1713 1/2

Alternate

Height: 16300 ft

Last Resort

Heading 320

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

S/Sgt. H. Kline ✓ Radio

S/Sgt. A.S. Cruft ✓ Top T.

Sgt. C.G. Smith ✓ Ball T.

S/Sgt. G.W. Holland ✓ R. Waist

Sgt. F.S. Braniger ✓ L. Waist

Sgt. B.M. Offord ✓ 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:

Other Bombing:

Could see explosions going off where smoke shows at Cooper. One explosion after another. Crew

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

Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy 10/10, where we hit target but could see beyond. No other clouds at 20000. Think we could have hit it.

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

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

Sd bombers flew over our aircraft. 100ft directly below our squadron & some just in front. Making 12-15 bursts at a time. Cooper flew in our direction & missed. Robert hit up a nice burst of flak at us.

Crew observations about Flak:

Mark de Mars

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 339 ~~339~~ A/C Number 794 Letter V Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.P. ~~DDUUUUU~~

Time Took Off 08:10 Time Landed 1225

Position in Formation

			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)

606 running short of gas. No tanks.
[4700 - 0336W] 1437 hrs

Detached at ~~1819~~

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1314
Alternate Height: 17300
Last Resort Heading 380
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

- Lt. J. S. Opdyke Pilot ✓
- Lt. T. C. Olsen Co-P ✓
- Lt. E. B. Musselwhite Nav. ✓
- Et. A. Couch Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. T. W. Hunter Radio ✓
- Sgt. W. R. Jones Top T. ✓
- Sgt. R. N. Gates Ball T. ✓
- Sgt. G. J. McManus R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. E. J. Gustafson L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. E. R. Moody Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit right on → 637 - 0.6 (photo 5)

Other Bombing: Other buildings burning. This section burning like hell.

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)

Came in below the letter.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good visibility at Secondary

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, intense, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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Flak at Coast major but accurate (4415N - 0118W)

Flak at Bordeaux area moderate but accurate

Libourne (major)

Crew observations about Flak: Flak at Cognac (moderate) accurate

Little flak of group point

Kerlin Bostard at least six guns - Flak from Guernsey.

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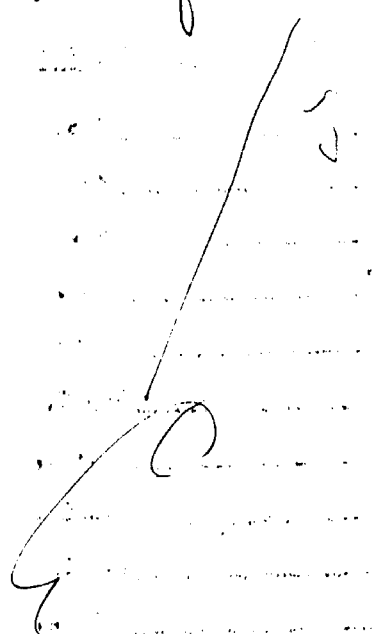
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Intersect other groups

6 E/H

M. 1095 (Brest)

no attack this A/C - but M. 1095 came
out of sun. Flew also in sun.



no claims

Fighters support on way down observed
(at Brest Peninsula). No more friendly
fighters observed.

Observations:

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~~13~~ ships in Gironde - one big -
off Brest coast among rocks (4850-0450W)
white nets all along shore up to rocks
in water. Smoke screen north of Bordenif.

Crew OK

4455-0032W

A/C. OK

one more like that and we
"go home".

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~068006900000~~ A/C Number 139 Letter L Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 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					

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

Landed at Exeter 1645 hrs.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

out of gas

F/O L.E. Page Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. T.P. Kenny Co-P ✓

1st Lt. H.M. Ranfro Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J.E. Caldwell, Jr. Bomb. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

T/Sgt. J.R. Merson Radio

Primary Time:

T/Sgt. E.E. Harbour Top T.

Alternate Height:

Sgt. M.F. Burleson Ball T.

Last Resort Heading

S/Sgt. R.L. Whiteside R.Waist

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

S/Sgt. B.E. Ball L.Waist

S/Sgt. T.D. Dixon Tail C.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 367 ~~865XX862XX823X~~ A/C Number 942 Letter A Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. A.W. Mack Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. E.W. Magee Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. G.L. Feltz Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J.D. Welch Bomb. ✓

Sgt. P.J. Marquez Radio ✓

Sgt. H.R. Fogelson Top T. ✓

Sgt. L.A. Glasscock Ball T. ✓

Sgt. C. Walters R.Waist ✓

Sgt. O.J. Graham L.Waist ✓

Sgt. G.E. Dapra Tail G. ✓

*Landed at
Molesworth*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED 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	Accuracy Bursts in relation to A/C

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 367 ~~X68XX399XX33X~~ A/C Number 065 Letter Z Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed

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

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

Landed at Chelveston

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. F.J. Rector Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. R.V. Stbll Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. J.M. Carella Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. Peterson Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. J.R. Petlewski Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. A.J. Waine Top-T ✓
- Sgt. A.J. Butler Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. R.S. Payne R.Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J.L. Mitchell L.Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. W.W. Winans Tail G ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1313 1/2

Alternate Height: 16500

Last Resort Heading

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own B.mbs: good pattern NW corner of field

Other Bombing: Hangars blazing from main group.

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, moderate or slight)	Intensity	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1313 - target area - accurate for course
Bordeaux + Cognac area.

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 765 Letter D Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 1645

Position in Formation

		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:

Landed at Honey Cross
Returned to base 1500 hrs. 31/12/43.
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude full details).

1st Lt. G. Campert Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. G.C. Coots ComP ✓

2nd Lt. A.H. Rothenberg Nav. ✓

1st Lt. J.A. Sparks Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. C.E. Lebert Radio

T/Sgt. P.F. Murray, Jr. Top T.

S/Sgt. A. Graubart Ball T.

S/Sgt. P.E. Colburn R. Waist

S/Sgt. W.P. Teston L. Waist

S/Sgt. K. Hudson Tail C.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: with the rest
Alternate Height:
Last Resort Heading
(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:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? film still here. 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, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1538	Guernsey Island		Quite a bit / it	Green flashes from the guns.		Not shortly after.
						Serious Flak.
1234	London area					Good m of bombs.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 339 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 113 Letter P Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.F. XXXXX

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

Time Took Off 08:10 Time Landed 1727

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. L. F. Peterson Pilot ✓
 Lt. ~~G.~~ R. Haywood JR Co-P ✓
 Lt. W. B. Courney Nav. ✓
 Lt. W. D. Daniels Bomb. ✓
 S/Sgt. P. W. Christenson Radio ✓
 S/Sgt. A. Picarello Top T. ✓
 Sgt. G. B. Richardson Ball T. ✓
 Sgt. J. W. Bentley R. Waist ✓
 Sgt. C. E. Hayes L. Waist ✓
 Sgt. C. W. Foley Tail G. ✓

1. B.17 at 1438 hours, 47° 43' N
03° 50' west, Bay of Biscay, just over
clouds, 1/4 mi. lead ship, intercept
on him via V.H.F.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1313

Alternate Height: 17,000

Last Resort Heading 323 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:

One hit across runway at Cognac.

Other Bombing:

Big fire (looked like oil) from other tanks.
Pretty well plastered.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped: _____

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10% over the coast.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intense, moderate or light	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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Account 49 miles north of A/C
over Cognac as we were going north, then
return to

hit over Couché Point, north of Grand Point.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
 GROUP LEADER _____
 HIGH SQUADRON LEADER 2 _____
 LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
 PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
 (Indicate Group and Group Identification)
 SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

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1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 0942 hours; 9000 feet
56°39'N 02°13'W.

2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
 If not, describe course in detail
After crossing enemy coast, pulled around along coast, for 34 minutes before penetrating on the loop of mine west of Marmande; SEd for about 20 minutes to Libourne at 1242; SEd toward Angoulême

3. Time and Place of crossing Energy Coast About 44°N, 02°01'20"W.
1150 hours; about 17,000 feet.

4. Time over Target 1313

Altitude over Target 17000

Position of Group on Bomb Run One group ahead bombed about 2 minutes before us.

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 323

Duration Bomb Run 3 1/2 minutes.

5. Time of Landing at Base 1727

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

& opened bomb doors at 1258 near Barberieux, & swung east towards Angoulême on 150 heading; Chateaufort sur C.; then over VHF came message that this was I P, 1304 hours. Ray took heading about 300° & bombed Cognac (Chateaufort). To coast south of Saintes crossed fourth of Grand Pointe at 45°30'N; flew low about 60 miles off the northeast, 12 miles
 DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER B. H. Pool
OVETT 1/8/91

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ ~~359~~ ~~1000~~ A/C Number 196 Letter 0 Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.T. incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:10 Time Landed 1725

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. W. C. Quaintance Pilot ✓

1521 hours. 49°N 03°W - B-17 losing alt - headed N.W. under control. Believe he made one of the landing fields in the south of England.

Lt. R. L. Janson Co-P ✓

Lt. A. W. Ostrow Nav. ✓

Lt. H. R. Levy Bomb. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

S/Sgt. F. L. Driscoll ✓ Radio

Primary Time: 1314

Sgt. J. F. Strukel ✓ Top T.

Alternate Height: 17500

Sgt. R. E. Hayes ✓ Ball T.

Last Resort Heading 335° Mag.

Sgt. M. W. Williams ✓ R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. A. Markowski ✓ L. Waist

2 minutes

Sgt. R. G. Donohue ✓ Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Bombs from this ship hit runway.

Other Bombing:

Saw lots of smoke & fire.

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

Any Nickels: Yes No No

Number boxes dropped _____

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

clear

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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1158 - major low mass.

vicinity Libourne - observed - tracking - mod.

45° 33' N - 00° 13' W - major black -

Cognac - black - tracking mod. body accurate

(P) Lorient - mod - black - tracking

et.

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 NW condensation trail
 45° left turn off target

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 169 Letter S Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 2 x 500 H.T. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0810 Time Landed 1712

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

Space

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

Landed at Kelston 1912

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. C.W. Smith Pilot

Came back to base just before bombing run
saw B-17 hit deck

2nd Lt. C.M. Roeder Co-P

2nd Lt. C.L. Stevenson Nav.

2nd Lt. H.F. Allen Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

T/Sgt. V.R. Marcotte Radio

Primary Time: 1313

T/Sgt. C.A. Heuser Top T.

Alternate Height: 17200

Sgt. H.M. Haven Ball T.

Last Resort Loading 312

Sgt. D.S. Courson H.Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. H.C. Granger I.Waist

2 minutes

Sgt. R.B. Trumble 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:

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (Light, or colour, intensity, or moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 339 A/C Number 730 Letter B Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.P. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:10 Time Landed

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Landed at Halesworth

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

Lt. D. W. Tattershall Pilot ✓

Lt. Grisham Co-P ✓

Lt. J. Crabtree Nav. ✓

Lt. J. T. Whittle Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. H. O. Honkonen Radio ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

S/Sgt. L. Johnson Top T. ✓

Primary Time:

Sgt. S. L. Whetstone Ball T. ✓

Alternate Height:

Sgt. R. B. Hogg R. Waist ✓

Last Resort : Heading
(circle)

Sgt. F. Sliva L. Waist ✓

Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. W. E. Dodson Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs:

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~660000~~ 369 A/C Number 953 Letter L Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:10 Time Landed 17:25

		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: *Landed at Little Haughton*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. A. G. Schuering Pilot ✓

B-17 at 14:41 just South of Lorient did 180° and headed South (Spain?)

Lt. B. R. Price F/O Corp ✓

Lt. J. M. Hamilton Nav. ✓

Lt. R. J. Flood Bomb. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary of A/C Time: 13:12

S/Sgt. M. Comarnisky Radio ✓

Alternate Height: 17,000

S/Sgt. F. Hawthorne Top T. ✓

Last Resort Heading 320° (circle)

Sgt. H. G. Ashley Ball T. ✓

Duration Bomb Run: 4 min.

Sgt. L. C. Currie R. Waist ✓

Sgt. B. E. Ambler L. Waist ✓

Sgt. M. H. Bergen Tail G. ✓

3. Number of BOMBS *all* dropped on target:

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

any Nickels: Yes No Number boxes dropped

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

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

like others of 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Lorient - saw Flak

Crew observations about Flak:

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INT-CES INTERROGATION FORM

A....OPERATING SECTION (to be filled in while planes are away)

1. 306 367 065 Z 31-12-43
 (Group) (Squadron) (A/G No.) (Letter) (Date)

Position No. 1 2 3 4 Element No. 1 2 3 Squadron No. 1 2 3
 (circle proper number) (time took off) (Time land)

2. 1st F.J. RECTOR Pos. T/SGT A.V. WAINE Top Turret
240 STOLL Co-Pilot SGT A.V. BUTLER Ball Turret
2nd J.M. CARELLA Navig. SGT J.L. MITCHELL R. Waist
1st W.H. PETERSON Bombard. SGT R.S. PAYNE L. Waist
J.R. PETLENSKI Radio SGT W.W. WINANS Tail Gunner

3. DISPOSITION OF BOMBS:

12 1500 lbs on Secondary TIME 1313.5 ALTITUDE 16,500
 X lbs JETTICOMED REASON: _____
 X lbs BROUGHT BACK REASON: _____

4. RESULT OF OUR BOMBING: Good pattern - NW corner of field.

5. RESULT OF OTHER GROUPS BOMBING: Targets blazing from previous group.

B.... INTELLIGENCE SECTION (to be filled in from interrogation of crews).

1. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION (Use separate combat form for each combat).

8 109's.
 Estimated total No. of E/A seen (Types)

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

across Best Penn. on way out.
 (Location and length of fight)

around target area.

No attacks on 306 Sp.
 (Tactics of E/A)

(Our defensive action).

2. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Heavy in P47 - Thunderbolt Spits.
 (If seen where, when, and estimate of their height)

None on way out
 (How long were they in sight; were they in any combats while seen?)

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 AREA A/C Number 007 Letter F Date 31/12/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:10 Time Landed 17:18

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*B17 ditched at 14:37 1/2
over Lorient 10 min later
at heading of 30° MAG.*

Lt. C. P. Berry	Pilot	✓
Lt. N. J. Laux	Co-P	✓
Lt. P. S. Jones	Nav.	✓
Lt. B. E. James	Bomb.	✓
S/Sgt. C. Zubov	Radio	✓
SgSgt. L. D. Wells	Top T.	
S/Sgt. T. G. Overn	Ball T.	
Sgt. G. Kessel	R. Waist	✓
Sgt. O. R. Hunter	L. Waist	
Sgt. R. V. Sokolowski	Tail G.	✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13:13 1/2
Alternate Height: 17400
Last Resort Heading 330°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

Cognac

Long run 7-8 min.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target ALL Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: *light into 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)

Terrible - came in S, didn't follow plan back

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Target - clear

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
	<i>Target</i>		<i>light</i>	<i>black</i>		<i>acc</i>
	<i>Brest</i>		<i>light</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>acc</i>
	<i>Lorient</i>		<i>light</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>close (hole in)</i>

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of enemy fighters)

(Types)

6 *Me109*
Over Brest on way back
Few after target

went after lone B17

(Tactics of E/A)

One E/A shot down S of Bordenay

(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.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Poor - only ~~seen~~ when
comin' in over Brest

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,

B17 - 2000 ft above flew along over Brest - didn't have
didn't see where he went. Big smoke screen over Bordenay

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)

one ditched

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)

hole in Lt wing of tail - flak

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Gas tanks should be full on long hauls
Weather - way off.

S-2 OFFICER

TIME COMPLETED

R. C. Calk

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5. Comments of the interrogator: Good.

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

Time 1045 Interrogator

Lt. J. R. Battle

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