

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

APO 634  
3 September, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News

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B-17 at approximately 0838 East of Paris (10 miles); 4-7 chutes seen. Plane appeared to be under control and had wheels down. Believed to belong to 92nd Group.

B-17 at 1000 hours exploded (flak hit), North of Evreux. No chutes seen.

2. Narrative

18 A/C took off at 0610, arriving over Dungeness at 0801. Course as briefed to target. On way back, came by way of Meulan, n/e of Paris, to Ganarden, to Nonancourt, to St. Andre, to Evreux, to Trouville, to Selsey Bill over London to base.

3. Fighter Opposition

Enemy fighter opposition was weak. Some 40 to 50 enemy aircraft, practically all FW190's, observed at 0815, but only direct attacks came between Meaux, East of Paris, at 0834 and IP, when about a dozen FW's made head on attacks on low elements of this group. Attacks lasted only a short time and were almost invariably from 12 o'clock, level. Fighter escort excellent and close, breaking up more than one nose attack, and taking complete care of all fighter opposition until leaving formation around I.P. No fighters encountered over target or on way out. We claim 2-0-0.

4. A.A. Gun Fire

There was no A.A. Gun Fire at this group over target, but intense firing off to left. This may have been directed at 92nd, which turned off to left between I.P. and target, while 306th went on to bomb primary. Most A.A. Gun Fire encountered by this group was at Evreux on way out at 0951. Odd bursts at other points on route including Cayeux, Grandvilliers, Rouen, Etampes, Conches and Le Havre.

5. Bombing

306th bombed primary. Position fixed by GEE. Photos confirm location, but cloud on photographs obscure point of impact. Lead bombardier and navigator had location of field fixed from I.P. Picked up field through hole in clouds, ran on briefed MPI, when cloud obscured it, picked up main dispersals and aiming point north side of field, made 25 second run and dropped. Weather clear to I.P. 8/10 to 10/10 from there to Target.

6. Abortive  
None

7. Observations

Several crew members reported that FW190's "ran away" from P47's, and seemed to avoid combat with them at all costs. Crews report Mel09's shooting rockets at P47's.

JOHN A. BARRNSPATER,  
Captain, AC,  
Group S-2

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By RLB/JAC  
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Section 3.3, 745005  
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To C.G. First Bomb Wing  
Attention A-2

Teletype Report  
306th Group

S-46-D 2100

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S-4. 5 seriously damaged, four slightly damaged. Practically all damage from A.A. F.

S-5. Not available

S-6. Black smoke seen rising above low cloud, at least 5,000 feet in air, SE of Paris, near easterly loop in Seine, undoubted result of 4th Wing bombing. 92nd bombed airfield on way out near Evreux, possibly St. Andre de L'Eure. Bombs hit center of airport, at 0948, without seeming to hit buildings or dispersals. Good concentration reported. About 25 E/A and other activity seen on airfield at Bretigny.

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For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOHN A. BAINSFATHER,  
Captain, AC,  
Group S-2

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# TRACK CHART

Number 43

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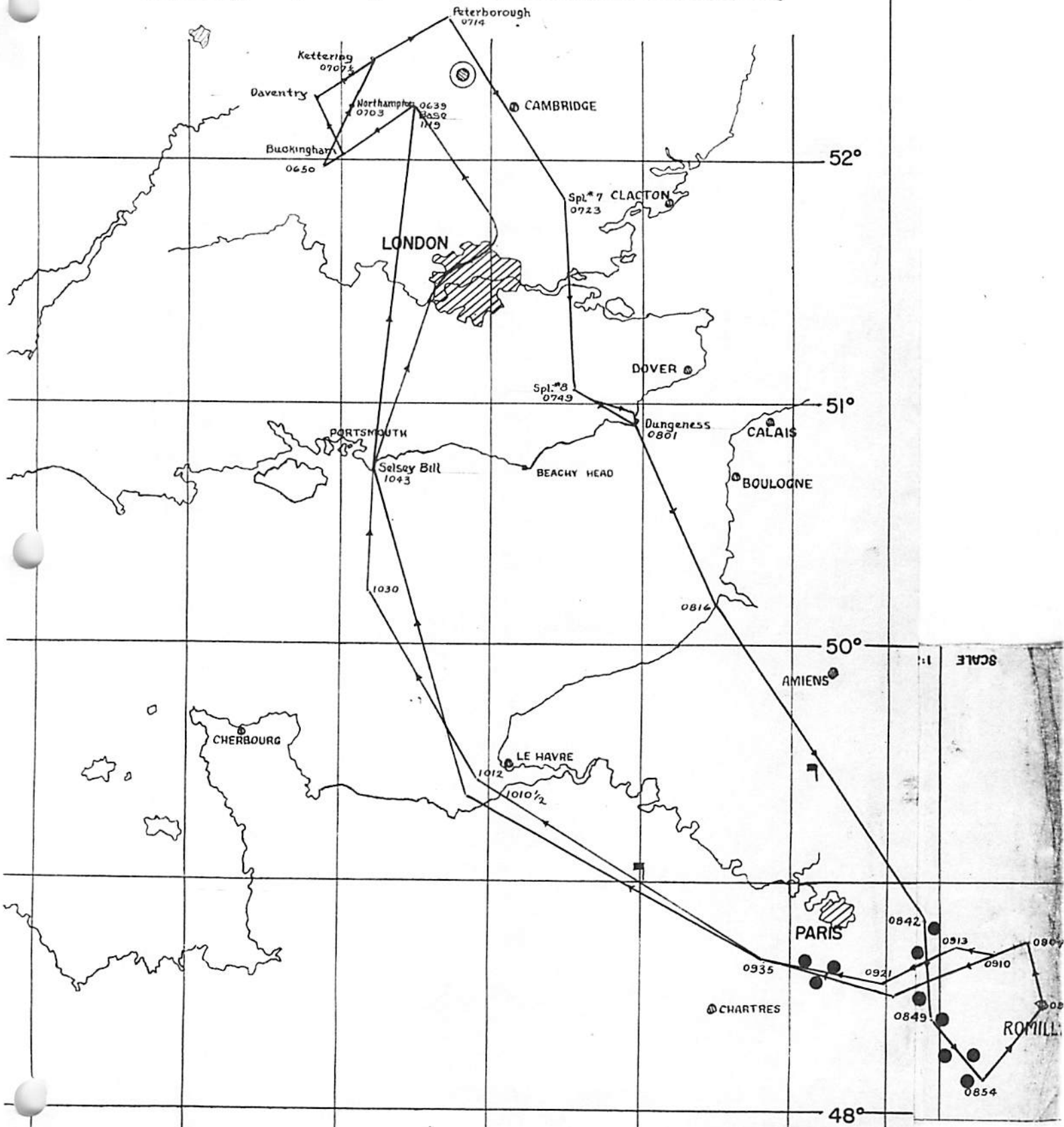
Planned  
Actual

Route followed by

306th Bombardment Group (M)

3 September 1943

Romilly sur Seine, France



SCALE

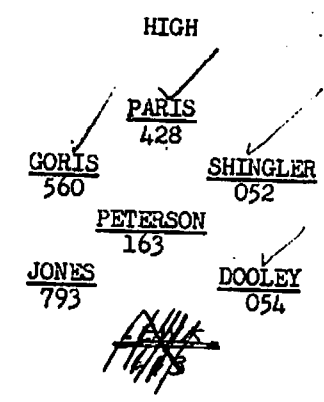
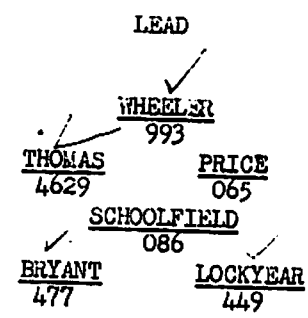
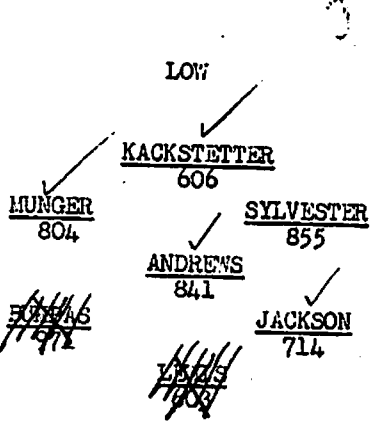


## COMBATS

- FW 190 ● RED
- ME 109 ○ ORANGE
- JU 88 ○ BLUE
- ME 110 ○

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LEWIS  
603  
~~7197~~



Target Ronilly

1. Route followed. Cayeux to Crevecoeur to Villeneuve le Conte to Donnesaire en H to Sens to Ronilly to Esternay to Melun to Rambouillet to Rouen to south of Pont Audemer to Cabourg.

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?)  
Almost solid overcast. Few condensation trails.

3. No. of A/C over Target.  
10 A/C

4. Formation over target, with height of each A/C. Those A/C damaged by Flak to be circled, and if seriously damaged, insert small "S". If any A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-

	<u>606</u>	<u>629</u> S	<u>923</u> 22,100	<u>065</u>	<u>428</u> S	<u>052</u>
<u>804</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>054</u>	
<u>841</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>743</u> S	<u>971</u> S	<u>714</u>	

5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible)  
10° Magnetic

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

7. Turn after bombing. 15° slow turn to left

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups.

9. What evasive action was taken? Gradual turns and slight altitude change of 300 to 400 feet.

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.

Meager to moderate, accurate, tracking A.A. fire seen at many points along route, chiefly at Cayeux, Grandvilliers, Rouen, Beauvais, Etampes, Evreux, Conches, Le Havre. All black bursts. No A.A. fire seen at target but an intense barrage consisting of about 40 bursts was seen to N.W. of Ronilly. It was suggested that this barrage came from a dummy airfield to throw us off the track.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

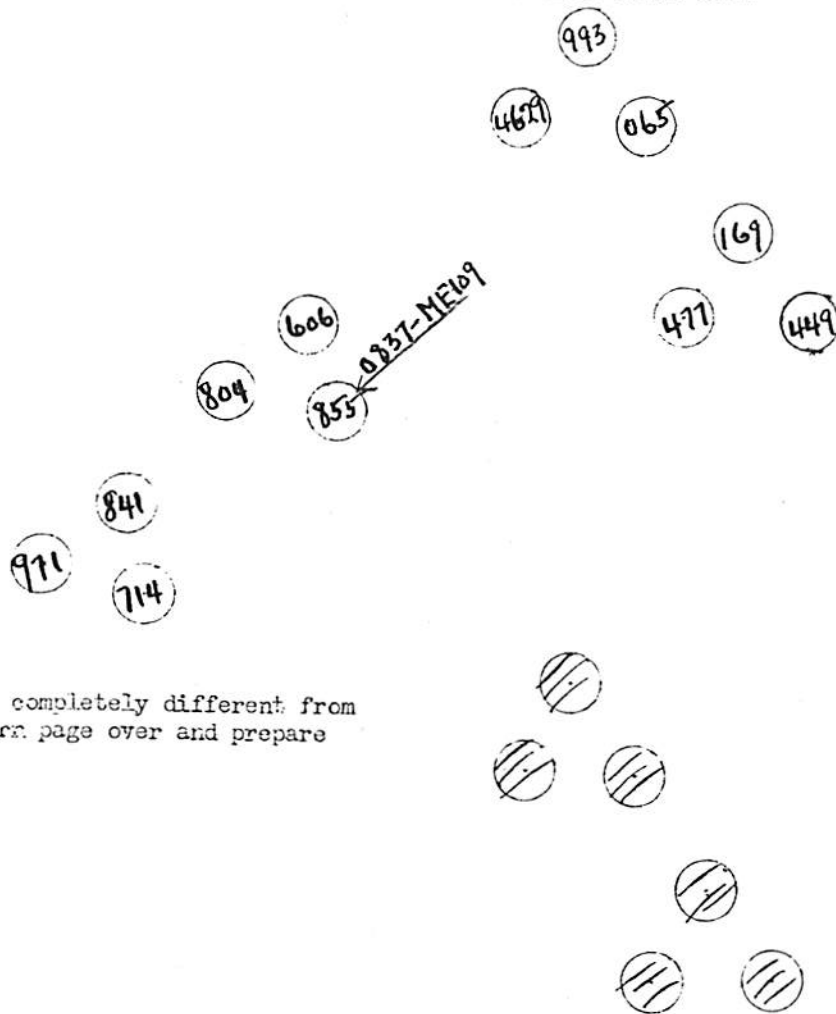
Beauvais - 15-20 guns  
Rouen - 2 4-gun batteries  
Ronilly - 10 guns  
Le Havre - 3-gun battery  
Evreux - 5 guns

1 B-17 of another Group was hit by flak near Evreux. Was observed going down in a slow spiral.

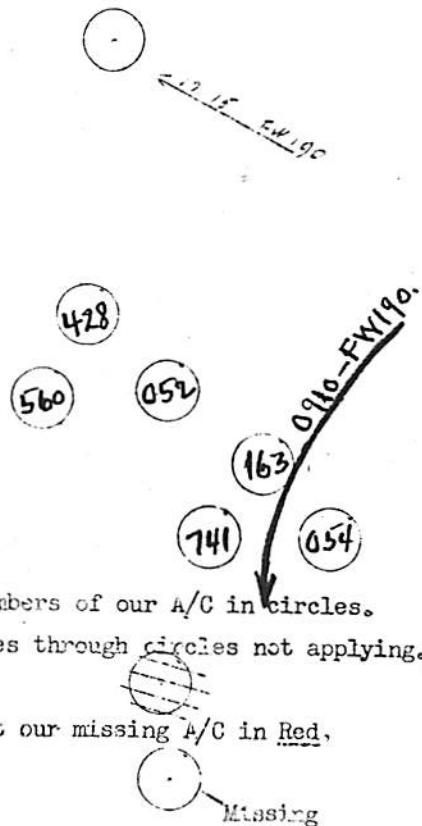
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GROUP 306  
DATE 3/9/43

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM



Show direction, approx. time and type E/A of each attack with arrow. Above with blue arrow - Below with green - Level with red.



If actual formation is completely different from position of circles turn page over and prepare diagram on back.

Write numbers of our A/C in circles. Draw lines through circles not applying.

Block out our missing A/C in Red.

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (F-A-6)  
Office of the Materiel Officer  
United States Forces  
APO 634

3 September, 1943.

SUBJECT: 3-4 Combat Damage Report for Mission of 3 September, 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.  
Att: E-2 Officer.

1. The following combat damages were incurred on the mission of this date:

B-17F-42-25971-425rd Squadron:

- a. Rear spar in left inner wing damaged by flak.
- b. Left stabilizer damaged by flak.
- c. Plexiglass nose damaged by 50 Cal. bullet.
- d. 303 hole between No. 1 and 2 engines.
- e. Damage serious - Plane transferred to MU for repair.

B-17F-42-5714-425rd Squadron:

- a. 50 Cal. bullet passed thru fuselage damaging left stabilizer and elevator.
- b. Damage slight.

B-17F-42-5841-425rd Squadron:

- a. Vertical stabilizer hit by empty 50 Cal. shell.
- b. Fuselage damaged in numerous places by empty 50 Cal. shells.
- c. Damage serious.

B-17F-42-29477-369th Squadron:

- a. 1 flak hole in right horizontal.
- b. Right elevator trim tab cable out by flak.
- c. Damage slight.

B-17F-42-24629-369th Squadron:

- a. Station 6A hit by flak, cutting all wires running to tail section.
- b. Flak holes in right stabilizer.
- c. Damage serious.

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B-17F-42-29995-368th Squadron:  
a. Vertical stabilizer hit by flak.  
b. Damage is slight.

B-17F-42-5428-368th Squadron:  
a. Small flak hole in right side of nose section.  
b. Small flak hole between No. 2 engine and fuselage.  
c. Rib in right outer wing out by flak.  
d. No. 3 engine hit by flak, damaging fuel booster pump drain cover.  
e. Damage serious.

B-17F-42-29741-368th Squadron:  
a. Small flak hole in fuselage below top turret.  
b. Small flak hole in leading edge of right wing between No. 3 and 4 engines.  
c. Small flak hole between No. 2 engine and fuselage.  
d. Small flak hole between No. 3 and 4 engines, damaging fuel line.  
e. Left bomb bay door stiffener hit by flak, penetrating thru No. 4 bulkhead and fire extinguisher line.  
f. Damage serious.

B-17F-42-5052-368th Squadron:  
a. Small flak hole in left wing-tip de-icer boot.  
b. Small flak hole in under side of right wing, damaging flap-rod and de-icer line.  
c. Small flak hole in left horizontal stabilizer.  
d. Small flak hole in left flap.  
e. Damage slight.

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Major, Air Corps,  
Material Officer.

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# THE STARS AND STRIPES

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in the European Theater

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# Allies Invade Boot of Italy

3 SEPT 1943

## USAAF Strikes Hard in France

### Paris Among Eight Enemy Targets Hit

#### Forts, Marauders Pound Air Bases; Nazis Lose 29 Fighters in Day

Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses and Marauders, smashing Luftwaffe airfields and repair bases for the second successive day, blasted eight targets in France yesterday, including the former Caudron-Renault aircraft factory at Paris, now used for Me109 repairs.

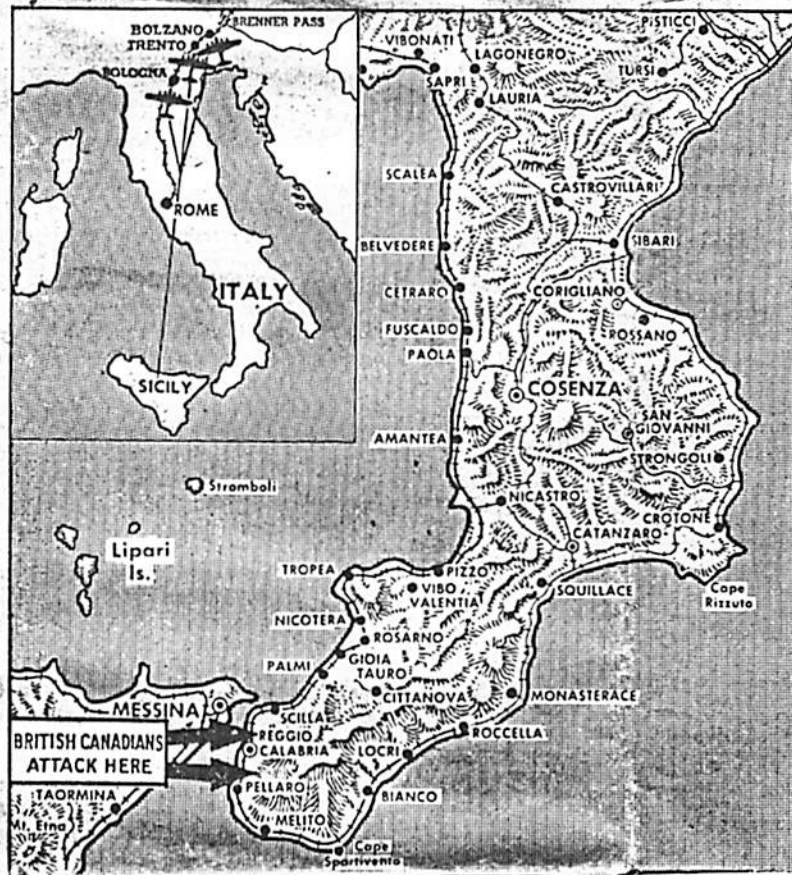
The day's raids, which cost the enemy 29 fighters knocked down by the Forts and the supporting fighters, came only a few hours after the same combination of heavy and medium USAAF bombers, striking out over the coast shortly before dusk Thursday under cover of the year's biggest fighter blanket, pounded two airdromes and a power station in western France.

**10 Planes Missing**  
Eight heavy bombers and two fighters failed to return from yesterday's raids, and one medium bomber, one light bomber and two fighters were missing after the Thursday evening operation.

The success of the heavily-armed Fortress against the toughest sort of fighter opposition was yesterday's bag of 29 enemy planes were credited to the B17s—led Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert to assert in a war commentary broadcast by radio that "It almost looks as though the Fortress type of bomber has defeated the contemporary fighter."

The Forts hit five targets in their early morning strike into France: 1—The Caudron-Renault aircraft factory in Paris, separated by a bend in the Seine from the large Renault motor works heavily damaged by Forts last April 5; 2—A large Luftwaffe repair base for single-engine fighters at Romilly-sur-Seine, 65 miles southeast of Paris; 3—A base for fighter reserves at Beaumont-le Roger, on the Risle river, about 30 miles southwest of Paris; 4—An operational fighter base

### Allies Get Foothold on Italy's Toe



The British Eighth Army and Canadian forces invade Italy across the Straits of Messina, landing in the vicinity of Reggio Calabria. Fortresses pulverize the Brenner Pass, Germany's rail route into Italy, with heavy raids at Bolzano, Trento and Bologna.

## Life-Line to Italy Pulverized By B17s in Pre-Invasion Raid

ALLIED HQ., Sept. 3 (AP)—Striking deep into northern Italy in one of the war's most spectacular raids only a few hours before Allied troops began landings on the country's southern tip, United States Flying Fortresses heavily bombed three vital railroad points on lines leading southward into Italy across the Brenner Pass from Germany.

The Fortress first plumped big bomb loads on Trento and Bolzano. At

## Eighth Air Force Strong And N

### Biggest Mediterranean For Canadian Forts Smash

The Allied invasion of the yesterday morning, four years of war on Germany.

British and Canadian troops operating under the supreme command of the narrow Strait of Messina, the fiercest of the most terrific Mediterranean. By last night, the strong bridgehead and to be taken from German troops.

Allied headquarters was presumably they were made the water from Messina.

Hundreds and hundreds of ships, force, while thousands of ships, cruisers, destroyers and other

Huge numbers of Allied troops established. At 10 AM, six ships, pilot returning to Sicily, streaming toward Italy in Canadian troops. Ashore, a fanning out with strong tank

A few hours before the first knock out the vital railroad to northern Italy. Making on a 1,500-mile round trip, 1 of bombs on the railroads at reconnaissance showed last reinforcements pouring into Nazis' life-line to Italy had

American troops, tried and only were not employed in Sicily for whatever part of for them. Whether they were a bridgehead was established some other part of Hitler's

The size of the landing

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~220X308~~ 369 ~~128X~~ A/C Number 29993 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

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

Position in Formation

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

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

None

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. D. W. Wheeler Pilot

Lt. A. H. Marsh Co-P

Lt. J. B. Mazanak Nav.

Lt. K. S. Lindsey Bomb.

T/Sgt. M. A. Narum Radio

T/Sgt. H. L. Noyes Top T.

S/Sgt. E. W. Mills Ball T.

S/Sgt. J. P. Montana R. Waist

S/Sgt. C. W. McGrane L. Waist

Capt. N. M. Haas Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 0904

Alternate

Height: 22100

Last Resort  
(circle)

Heading 10° mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

Started on 1 point but 25 sec on other

3. Number of BOMBS (dropped) on target: 12 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Small hit diagonal area on north of point. But clouds covered it before bombs dropped.

Other 2 groups on way did not bomb. that

Other Bombing: One bomb hit between edge of field & town near group and to office tail gunner.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No? in order.

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, 26500 for returning early; and disposition bombs)

About as high. ~~shown~~ shown group. 500 ft under planned height in turn. 27500.

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 burst, moderate or slight.	Intensity	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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22000 Cinders Airborne on way out

22000 Cinders on way in some slight heavy.

target not bad for us. But 305 lb got it at about target

Crew observations about Flak:

Flak hole.

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NARA Date 1/18/94

0. ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATION:

35-40

FW 190s

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

From Paris at 09 40 between Meaux + P.P.

(Location and length of fight)

One came thru middle group. Head on attack, 3 attacks in number but not necessary formation

(Tactics of E/A)

Yellow tail. Dark overall. Black nose.

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

Saw FW go down smoking. + pull out at very low level

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

In this form English sent message within to part Meaux area fighter made attack.

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, Oil burning black smoke at Paris.

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)

92 = parked off between Meaux + Paris 4-5 minutes

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Glah hole.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None.

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

Low leadership. Couldn't figure it out.

S-2 OFFICER

Capt. Haldon

FILE COMPLETED

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Date 1/18/11  
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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 230065 Letter          Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0610 Time Landed 1135

			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)

Lt. W. A. Price Pilot

0838 B-17 in distress at 0845 3 chutes seen from this ship near Villency.

F/O M. D. Reed Co-P

1000 hrs. - B-17 exploded and chutes hit by flak. north of Evreux

F/O P. D. Anderson Nav.

Lt. C. L. Dunlap Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

S/Sgt. J. A. Evenson Radio

Primary Time: 0903

S/Sgt. P. R. Loubet Top T.

Alternate Height: 22000

Sgt. F. K. Massey Ball T.

Last Resort Heading 049° Mag.

T/Sgt. B. L. Fassig R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. B. Oliver L. Waist

30 sec. run.

T/Sgt. H. W. Hoser Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

could not see bombs because of undercast.

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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Flak from air field 10 mi N.E. of Paris - moderate tracking.  
H.A.A. N.W. of Romilly - box barrage (40 bursts) good for  
altitude - about 3 miles off on this group.

Crew observations about Flak:

See H flak from air field N. of Evreux tracking 5 guns.

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 BY RIB/BAC NARA Date 1/8/41

2 plane firing from pier at south of Le Havre  
 1st gun battery on about 300 yds north of this group - tracking.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 24629 Letter 0 Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0611 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

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

① 0837 10 mi. E. of Paris 2 chutes  
gliding down in control  
1 or 2 Eng. parachutes  
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Lt. G. F. Thomas Pilot

Lt. R. L. Fallow Co-P

Lt. E. P. Madden Nav.

Lt. H. H. Bittman Bomb.

S/Sgt. C. J. Hufnagel Radio

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

Sgt. D. J. Williams Ball T.

Sgt. K. H. Smith R. Waist

Sgt. A. E. Sewald L. Waist

Sgt. T. H. Smith Tail G.

② 10:41 B-17 peeled off  
toward Portsmouth in face  
of English flak

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ? Time: 09 02 1/2

Alternate Height: 22 000

Last Resort Heading 40 Magd  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 2 1/2

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

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

Own Bombs: 0 Believe hit primary (see fix  
indicates Primary)

Other Bombing:

② Saw Bombs fall on airfield at St Andre or Orleans 9:47  
spread all over runway  
in close concentration

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No (North of Dreux) Any Micks: 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)

See map

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Front is still N.W. of Paris across T. area -  
Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. about 6/10

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slightly	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	Accuracy in relation to A/C
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① Beauvais: Low very trace

② About 10 mi. E. of Paris moderate acc. tracking  
hit ball turret

③ Crew observations about Flak:

Over T. way to left.

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

08:34 just N. of Paris 5 F W's in new attack

(Location and length of flight) on other group

Generally were well scattered by P-47's

(Tactics of E/A) On way back E/a attacked wing

behind

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

(Our defensive action) in

Between I.P. came in  
+ T. E/a came in  
hard on low group  
as P-47's pulled  
out but there  
were few E/a

C L A I M S

~~DESTROYED~~  
~~PROBABLY~~  
~~DAMAGED~~  
(Fill out immediately  
separate CLAIM FORM for  
each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

08:02 at Coast P-47's appeared and were  
cover all way to T.P. - Really breaking up  
attack.

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; con-  
centrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

09:28 airfield seen 25 E/a on field. mostly on  
Dispersal - approx. 25 miles from Melun on heading of

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by H.A., 270°  
E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause). approx.

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how  
received, PLACE and TIME.)  
None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Ball T. Electric knocked out + also

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Tail " by Flak -  
Oxygen also cut -

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

S-2 OFFICER

Wald

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XBZXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 169, Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 6:11 Time Landed 11:24

Position in Formation

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

About 20 miles inland French Coast on way in - B17 going down fully controlled. Hit by flak. One chute out.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Lt. C. T. Schoolfield Pilot

Lt. J. P. Noack Co-P

Lt. P. N. Welton Nav.

Lt. J. A. Kelly Bomb.

Sgt. V. B. Stevens Radio

T/Sgt. J. C. Stoner Top T.

S/Sgt. B. A. Hardy Ball T.

S/Sgt. R. J. Conley H. Waist

S/Sgt. B. Perlemutter L. Waist

S/Sgt. H. J. Sommers Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 9:03 1/2

Alternate

Height: 22,000'

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 146°

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: 9<sup>th</sup> bombed another field S.W. of Paris

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)

Route in about as ordered -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 4/10 to 1/10 low cumulous.

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

Line	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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Before and after Primary, Heavy, Moderate, Accurate, Following Directed. Predicted.

Crew observations about Flak:



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 XA22 A/C Number 23449 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1120

			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)

*B-17 ditched midchannel 1/4 way across channel  
near French coast 1025-18,500'  
B-17 0938-21,500', left wheels down, went down in water  
2 chutes  
1001 B-17 blew up - 49°N 00°25'E. no chute seen*

<u>Lt. H. W. Lockyear</u>	Pilot
<u>Lt. H. G. Sharkey</u>	Co-P
<u>Lt. D. B. Dash</u>	Nav.
<u>Lt. A. J. Nagy</u>	Bomb.
<u>S/Sgt. B. A. Swift</u>	Radio
<u>S/Sgt. D. C. Rich</u>	Top T.
<u>S/Sgt. M. Steinhart</u>	Ball T.
<u>Sgt. E. J. Gilbert</u>	R. Waist
<u>Sgt. J. J. Regan</u>	L. Waist
<u>S/Sgt. L. J. Kurk</u>	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0903  
Alternate Height: 21,800  
Last Resort Heading 13°  
(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:

*too cloudy*

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 POSITIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning; early; and disposition of bombs.

*as briefed up to I.P. -*

*left coast between Trouville + Caen.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 6/10

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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<i>Evening</i>			<i>moderate</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>tracking</i>	<i>accurate</i>
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Crew observations about Flak: *no flak over target*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 29477 Letter H Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1012 Time Landed 1125

Position in Formation

		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. B. C. Bryant Pilot
- Lt. G. E. Holstrom Co-P
- F/O J. D. Bailiff Nav.
- Lt. A. Isaac Bomb.
- T/Sgt. R. L. Newport Radio
- S/Sgt. B. D. Oldfield Top T.
- Sgt. E. J. Gustafson Ball T.
- T/Sgt. J. T. Deets R.Waist
- S/Sgt. C. A. Melita L.Waist
- S/Sgt. R. L. Norris Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0902  
 Alternate Height: 20,000  
 Last Resort Heading 70° mag.  
 Duration Bomb Run: approx. 5 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: Couldn't see

*5,000 ft. column smoke in SE Paris. Picked like*

Other Bombing: head group bombed airport near Louvres with accuracy. (Pictures taken of area and 15 miles west of Paris)

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)  
as briefed going in. Coming back, crossed coast (4920-0000) South of the Harve

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) strata clouds, 15,000 ft over target as briefed - clear over channel.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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0830 moderate heavy flak over Granddiller ↑ accurate  
over target mod. flak, below and to left.

Crew observations about Flak: Perhaps flak area at Louvres

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

18  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FW 190, Me 109's  
(Types)

First attack 0838, short duration, from 12 o'clock.  
(Location and length of fight)

one at 0911, about 4 minutes, near the town of  
Orlun - attacked from 12 o'clock

(Tactics of E/A)

one FW. Painted like 47's Me 109's, mottled green  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Not shooting,  
praying -  
(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	5
DAMAGED	5

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Swell

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

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

one B17 at 0815 after crossing coast near town, at least 3 chutes seen

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

none

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

Elw. Trim tab shot off - one flat hole in tail

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Fuel boost pump No. 4 engine went out.

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

Flak bad - ineffective

S-2 OFFICER:

Kavanaugh

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~882X~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 428 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incena.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1145

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

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

*1 B17 going down 4chute, near Beauvais, at about 0825 hours.*

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

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

*1 B17 near coast, on way out blew up. no chute, about 1000 hours  
 1 B17 at 1022 hours, ditched at 49° 50' N, 00° 30' W  
 Radioed in*

<u>Capt. G. Paris</u>	Pilot
<u>2nd Lt. E. Maslanka</u>	Co-P
<u>2nd Lt. H. Slater</u>	Nav.
<u>1st Lt. H. F. EZZELL</u>	
<u>2nd Lt. E. Silverstein</u>	Bomb.
<u>T/Sgt. J. Milner</u>	Radi.
<u>T/Sgt. R. Long</u>	Waist <del>Top</del>
<u>S/Sgt. G. Holt</u>	Ball T.
<u>S/Sgt. A. Sorenson</u>	Top Target <del>Waist</del>
<u>S/Sgt. J. Miglioresi</u>	L. Waist
<u>S/Sgt. J. Coulson</u>	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0902  
 Alternate Height: 22,000  
 Last Resort Heading 20 mag.  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 30 seconds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: Hits on east side of field - hangars.

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)

*Came out south of Greux, over Beauvais, over 70 east of Beauvais then as briefed to target at 1010, north of Caen.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Target almost completely covered by clouds at about 10,000 ft. A few holes through L. sea clouds

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. was clear of flak from clouds.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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0823	Beauvais		occasional, moderate, tracking			22,000.
0905	after target		very	black		at altitude.
0949	Beauvais					

Crew observations about Flak: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

2000 most

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

109

F-4

(Types)

F-4 190.

1st Fters 0836, driven off by P 47 cover.

(Location and length of fight)

One alt white F-4 drove right through in formation

(Tactics of E/A)

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

One enemy fter downed  
by P 47

(Our defensive action)

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Before point - as briefed. Good.

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

lots of dense black smoke, 10,000 ft high, on river near 3rd loop.  
apparently results of bombing.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by E.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.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) 6 holes from f-4, wing & body.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

B. H. Pool

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 052 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0613 Time Landed 1145

		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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

ME 109 ~~shot~~ rocket gun at P495.

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

Saw 2-3 chutes out of D17 at Paris near Meaux. Fighter attack.

2nd Lt. R. Shingler Pilot

2nd Lt. C. Logue Co-P

2nd Lt. A. Bycott Nav.

Sgt. T. Donlon ~~Radio~~ Nose guns

T/S H.E. Gorczyca Radio

T/Sgt. W. Skahan Radio

T/Sgt. F. Kilbride ~~Waist~~

S/Sgt. P. Mardis Ball T.

S/Sgt. D. Neff ~~Tail~~

S/Sgt. P. Mantor ~~R. Waist~~

S/Sgt. D. McCann Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Didn't drop.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned 1/2 abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

On edge of field on some buildings.

Malfunction on radios. Bomb release control out of order.

Other Bombing:

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

any ticks: Yes (No?)

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

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

As per my map.

8. WEATHER (If it affected mission) Good weather - as hoped.

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

Line	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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Parvillee.

St. Omer.

Vellecey (definitely)

one small burst 1/4 s at a time accurate tracking.

2. Red holes.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

28-30-40

FW Smith, also M Es.

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

No direct attacks on us but 2nd element got it.  
Off the target, one that attack

(Tactics of E/A)

White wings & engine & tail - dark body. Big black cross under the wings.

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P4 7's good Lt not enough. Went to be brought & some followed to target.

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.)

Big black smoke cloud at Paris.  
Good look at Creance. Remains in shape of T.

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.)

None.

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

#4 mail #2 engine each in flak.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Banking back out. No bank beyond.

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

S-2 OFFICER

Capt Baldwin

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267X~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 560 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0114<sup>1/2</sup> Time Landed 1140

		A		
X		X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X		X	X	X
X	X		X	X
X				X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes  No

Details:

*1-B7 near Overcamp hit by flak going down in slow spiral - the pilot*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. G. Goris Pilot

2nd Lt. Partridge Co-P

2nd Lt. J. Levy Nav.

2nd Lt. J. Ryan Bomb.

Sgt. E. Ewing Radio

S/Sgt. L. Connolly Top T.

Sgt. Saj Ball T.

Sgt. Jackson H. Waist

S/Sgt. N. Brennan L. Waist

Sgt. Gramm Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 0903

Alternate

Height: 27,500

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 10° W

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:

*Low none*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes?  No?

Any Micks: 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)

*Route as ordered.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*1/10 middle cloud*

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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	Blair's	27,500	Heavy	Moderate	Accurate	Tracking
	Primary	"	"	Intense	"	Altitude Parage
	Overcamp	"	"	Moderate	"	Tracking Predicted

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

10 to 20 E/A mostly F/W 190's

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

1- 835 hrs, 11000, one pass by about 1000 ft.

2- 15 to 20 minutes in from French Coast.

(Location and length of fight)

3. About 1000 hrs a few 1/2 hr distance, did not attack.

E/A putting wheels down

(Tactics of E/A)

White nose, <sup>white</sup> stripes on tail.

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY, None

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good as ordered

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

Large fire in part of Paris heavy clouds of both black and white smoke rising to a few thousand feet.

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 DATE.)

None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

a few small flak holes in tail.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

One tail gun out permanently throughout trip.

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

S-2 OFFICER

Capt. [Signature]

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ 368 A/C Number 163 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend. *for gas.*  
 Time Took Off 0614 Time Landed 1258 *landed at Tangmere*

Position in Formation

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

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes  No

Details:

0830 B-17 going down just E. of Paris.  
 going down under control.

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

2nd Lt. W. Peterson Pilot

F/O S. Mowers Co-P

2nd Lt. Phillips Nav.

1st Lt. A. Winters Bomb.

S/Sgt. W. Plasket Radio

T/Sgt. W. Utley Top T.

Sgt. Huntzinger Ball T.

Sgt. Woodal O. H. Waist

S/Sgt. G. Monser L. Waist

S/Sgt. M. Arrieta Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0903 3/4

Alternate Height: 22520

Last Resort Heading 10° mag.  
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:  
 4.0 seconds.

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 ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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Flak just before Paris - moderate acc. tracking 12 guns.

Romilly - after bombs away - tracking acc. mod. believe

flak was ~~strong~~ thrown up from dummy target -

Crew observations about Flak: then after bombs away flak

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~162XXXX~~ A/C Number 054 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1115 Time Landed 1134

		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:

B-17 going down in flames near Drecht (prob. 92nd Hq.) no chutes seen - spinning

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details) B-17

1st Lt. W. Dooley Pilot

(0832) going down saw 2 chutes there was plenty of time for the rest to get out. near Crevecoeur-le-Grand.

2nd Lt. W. Nally Co-P

2nd Lt. F. Bullard Nav.

2nd Lt. H. Urman Bomb.

B-17 put wheels down and jettied of fuel. TARGET ATTACKERS.

T/Sgt. L. Morton Radio

Primary

Time: 0808-0903

T/Sgt. W. Back Top T.

Alternate

Height: 22400

S/Sgt. L. Haskell Ball T.

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 20° Mag.

S/Sgt. J. Kelch A-Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

40 seconds

Sgt. Meade W.T. R-Waist

S/Sgt. H. Jordan 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:

B-17 knocked out of formation at Rouen - trailing smoke (prob. 92nd Hq.)

Other Bombing:

Cloud moved in before bombs hit.

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) Cayeux to Crevecoeur to Vallenueve le Comte to Donnemarie en M to Lens to Romilly to E. Steuay to Melun to Rambouillet

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) to Rouen to south of Port Audemer almost solid overcast at target to Cabourg.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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22400 - near Cayeux, mod. acc. tracking  
 Romilly - mod. acc. on other group. tracking approx 10 gms. *not seen at target.*  
 Rouen - approx 2 - four gun batteries. acc. - seen target.

Crew observations about Flak:

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10 to 15° gradual left turn of Nat. is sure in own mind the primary was bombed  
 few condensation trail. Bombarrier didn't think so.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~368~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 741 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 2 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0610 Time Landed 1130

		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 N  
Details:

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

*B-17 down between Paris & target. Wheels down in control. 3 chutes seen*

*B-17 blowing between Paris & coast out near downy no chutes 0930*

2nd Lt. W. Jones Pilot

2nd Lt. R. Ranck Co-P

2nd Lt. Vöehringer Nav.

2nd Lt. W. Swapp Bomb.

T/Sgt. J. Tobin Radio

T/Sgt. M. Enos Top T.

S/Sgt. P. Lester Ball T.

Sgt. Schmeckpepper R. Waist

S/Sgt. F. Nabors L. Waist

S/Sgt. L. Brandon Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0903

Alternate Height: 22400

Last Resort Heading 110 Mag  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 30"

*15° turn to left.*

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: *Saw bursts in NE dispersal area & S. E. dispersal area*

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 dis position of bombs)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	accuracy
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	<i>Target</i>		<i>moderate</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>large - 40 bursts</i>	<i>inaccurate</i>
	<i>Beavis</i>		<i>intense</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>tracking</i>	<i>accurate</i>

Crew observations about Flak: *flak from several airfields*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~960XXX66XXX669~~ 423 A/C Number 606 Letter U Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1615 Time Landed 1127

		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)

(see back)

1st Lt. F.M. Kackstetter Pilot

2nd Lt. R.B. Thompson Co-P

1st Lt. A.S. Morris Nav.

2nd Lt. W.R. Wick Bomb.

T/Sgt. E.A. Pflister Radio

T/Sgt. B.F. Buchanan Top T.

S/Sgt. A.R. Adrian Ball T.

S/Sgt. H.A. Steelesmith R.Waist

Sgt. H.M. Howard L.Waist

T/Sgt. W.J. Gray Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0902  
Alternate Height: 21,700  
Last Resort Heading 65-0  
Duration Bomb Run: 4 min  
tagged by leader

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

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

Own Bombs: no

Other Bombing: apparent concentration with east corner.

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)

as briefed going down - Came out (4918-0003M)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) As briefed, but other groups affected

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 of bursts in relation to A/C
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Before IP heavy flak, mod. intensity accurate

Group behind got more flak Flak from Everenz

Crew observations about flak: Continuous following

Some / on Everenz, near Paris

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

20-25  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FW190's 2 Me109's  
(Types)

no direct attacks this A/C  
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

Visual, light color, one silver  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED 1

PROBABLY 2

DAMAGED 0

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

B47 shells

B47's almost target

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, 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)

0837 One B17, after target destroyed, exploded, no chutes observed. One B17, got wheel down, two hatches up, 5 chutes seen, plans apparently

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

couple flak holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none

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

Easier than expected. May have to go back

S-2 OFFICER

Kavanaugh

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under control, east of phase over the nose

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 855 Letter T Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0610 Time Landed 1130

	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)

1817 - 3 chutes - near Paris

F/O J.F. Sylvester Pilot

2nd Lt. T.R. McGalliard C.O.P

2nd Lt. W.H. Dickenson Nav.

2nd Lt. W.S. Ellertson Bomb.

X/Sgt. R.G. Mowrer Radio

S/Sgt. J.S. Porter Top T.

S/Sgt. B.W. Ford Ball T.

S/Sgt. M.A. Mitosinka R.Waist

S/Sgt. H.C. Turner L.Waist

S/Sgt. J.W. Koetter Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Racks wouldn't release over target jett. in channel.

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 of A/C	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
	Target way over to left.	21000	mod.	Black		close acc.

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

20  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FW190 most.  
(Types)

near Paris 0836 - until 900  
(Location and length of fight)

nose attacks mostly - P47's broke up E/A attacks.

(Tactics of E/A)

yellow nose

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>1</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - all the way.

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, Scattered smoke screen.

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) Fire in Paris - big black cloud - smoke

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.) B17 - fighters on first attack

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak - Co-pilot windshield - #2 prop tip - scattered holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Left De-icer boot, #2 super chgr. lagging, toggle - switch or racks out.

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

S-2 OFFICER Skalak Capt FILE COMPLETED



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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 369 423 A/C Number 801 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: None.

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

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

1300 20 miles NW of Paris 4 chutes seen. Did not look like to be plane went on to England.

- 1st Lt. C.E. Munger Pilot
- 2nd Lt. H.J. Engel Co-P
- 2nd Lt. R.D. Barton Nav.
- 2nd Lt. L. Feldman Bomb.
- T/Sgt. E.J. Borlik Radio
- T/Sgt. H.W. Hawkes Top T.
- S/Sgt. J.T. Brinkman Ball T.
- S/Sgt. J.H. Jessup R.Waist
- S/Sgt. J.L. Braman L.Waist
- S/Sgt. L.B. Parks Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0903

Alternate Height: 21680

Last Resort Heading 008°  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 60 Seconds.

Bomb drops open 13 minutes.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: Not seen in clouds.

Other Bombing: Black smoke column 4000 ft from Paris in vicinity of End. Kaster.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No)

Any Micks: 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)

Hot ground burst at both north & south of route. This is in in it goes on. All around up on way out too. Headed to left of burst on way out for awhile. Got 2 flaks in nos. 1000 ft + dropped on it. in summary. near PC

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Flak. Sailed in at target area. Front was on edge of target.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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NW of Paris. 8 flaks. Beauvais Airfield. no employment accurate flak. Sattered accurate tracking.

9. Observations about Flak:  
1 piece hit front leg.

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4234 INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XX~~ A/C Number 841 Letter / Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0617 Time Landed 1131

		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)

- Lt. Martin Andrews Pilot
- Lt. Keith W. Rich Co-P
- Lt. Charles G. Bowers Nav.
- Lt. Robert W. Huisinga Bomb.
- T/Sgt. Venton H. Scott Radio
- T/Sgt. Leo V. Liewer Top T.
- S/Sgt. Kenneth B. Rood Ball T.
- S/Sgt. Elmo C. Simpson R. Waist
- S/Sgt. Walter A. Kozlowski Waist
- S/Sgt. Henry C. Hucker Tail G.

1817 by fighters near Paris - 7 chutes after target 1817 by flak

2. TARGET ATTACHED: at 10:00 no chutes seen.

Primary Time: 0903  
 Alternate Height: 21800  
 Last Resort Heading 80  
 Duration Bomb Run: Toggled

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

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

Own Bombs: haze & cloud - none observed

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Camera well door lever broke  
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)

In OK, back - stunk.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

P-55 poor - especially at target

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

Line	Place	Height of A/C	Type of burst, heavy, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
Target			slight	black	fairly close	
Beauvais			slight	"	good	

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

35  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FW190  
ME109 - 24000  
(Types)

north of Paris - for about 10-15 min - 450's  
(Location and length of fight)

chased E/A.  
more attacks - pressed -

(Tactics of E/A)

yellow noses

(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

Very nice - didn't last long  
enough -

2. 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.

Large fire near Paris (Le Bourget?) N.W. side of Paris

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

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

30 cal in #3 eng. Flak. slight damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: .50 cal cabs - pilot windshield, leg, stab.  
cowl #1 & #2

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

Fighter support good, but could use more  
what about flak suits ????

S-2 OFFICER Skalak CAPTAIN            COMPLETE

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③ 15-17 from wing venue (or straggler) flew up about 40 mi. before reaching Coast on way out -

INTERPOLATION FORM

17

SQUADRON X 867 XXXXX XXXXXX 423 A/C Number 714 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

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

① Crossing Coast as given to Capt. B.

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

- Lt. John B. Jackson Pilot
- Lt. Dean C. Rodman Co-P
- Lt. Willard G. Clarida Nav.
- Lt. Paul V. Manning Bomb.
- T/Sgt. Warren V. Eitner Radio
- T/Sgt. Sol D. Levine ~~Radio~~ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. Jerry O. Hooks Ball T.
- S/Sgt. Archie H. Garrett ~~Radio~~ Top T.
- S/Sgt. William R. Wilkinson ~~Radio~~ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. Raymond Ristau Tail G.

② B-17 knocked out of formation at Paris going down under control in long glide - no chutes seen ("may have landed")

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Unknown Primary Time: 09:03  
T. of Alternate East: 22,140  
Last Resort Heading 0° Mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Couldn't see

Other Bombing:

but a lot of black smoke - also big smoke in Paris

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)

Weaving around course in and out -

8. WEATHER (If it affected mission) (about 9,000 ft.)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. 3/4 10's to Paris then 8/10 then thinned out on way back

Line	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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① 20 min. in Beyond Coast - acc. tracking

② T. Area - moderate - off to left

③ 15 min. Before Coast - Tracking again acc. (on way out) on lead Squadron

Crew observations about flak:

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40 to 50 W's

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)  
(Coast) 8:16 ① 08:37 - 08:47 Made 2 <sup>close</sup> nose attacks (9 to 12)  
(Location and length of fight)

② 08:47 P-47's drove E/A off -

③ Before T, P-47's left, and some E/A attacked group behind.  
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for such claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

On time good while they lasted -

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

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

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

None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

None (30 cal. thru fuselage)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Groups poorly formed up - 423 Sq. joined at this a/c held  
S-2 OFFICER Weld TITLE COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 423 A/J Number 971 Letter F Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0618 Time Landed 1130

	X		X	X	X
X	X		X	X	X
X		X	X		X
<u>(X)</u>	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)

1817 - near Grand Allieres about 0835 - 12 chunks.

- Lt. John H. Lewis Pilot
- Lt. Kenneth R. Bickett Co-P
- Lt. Charles E. Kuehn Nav.
- Lt. Joseph M. Columbus Bomb.
- T/Sgt. Warren F. Day Radio
- T/Sgt. Leo C. Capper Top T.
- S/Sgt. Raymond D. Coie Ball T.
- S/Sgt. David Axelrod R. Waist
- S/Sgt. Almond A. Weed L. Waist
- S/Sgt. Leon R. Goetz Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 0903  
 Alternate Elevation: 20900  
 Last Resort. Heading: 75° TRUE  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 7 min.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Too much cloud

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No)

Any Micksels: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Number boxes dropped \_\_\_  
Number boxes returned \_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS

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

In OK. Out too long off course

8. WEATHER (If it affected mission)

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

Line	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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Clear. Target - none

	<u>Around Grand Allieres</u>	<u>slight</u>	<u>somewhat</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>hit by first bursts</u>	
"	<u>"</u>	<u>Evening mod.</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>all low</u>	

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS

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1- possible - 1087  
(Types)

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

East of Paris in <sup>two</sup> ~~one~~ attacks

(Location and length of fight)

1 E/A fighter at target

pressed both times

E/A attacked head-on & 2 attacks from below  
no tail attacks

(Tactics of E/A)

yellow noses, 1 black

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - but high at times

Bad - P47's flew thru our formation

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

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

Fighters - 1B17

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)

Flak - main spar left wing - skin damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: .50 cal - inter phone (1/2 bomb oxygen)

#2 eng. - rough

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

Flying all over France homeward - poor  
went over flak areas unnecessarily

S-2 OFFICER

R. Skalak  
Capt

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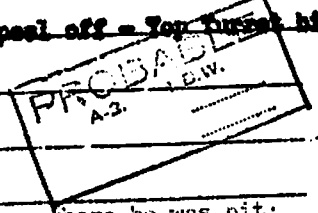


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COMBAT FORM

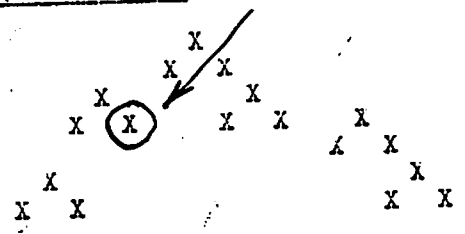
Group 306 Date 9/9/43  
 Squadron 423 Place where attacked Near Paris.  
 A/C No. 855 Time 08:37 Height 21,500 ft.

Story of the attack-- E/A came in with 3 ME 109, 1 P 47 chasing, 3rd E/A ME 109 came in at 200 level plus. Top/Turret opened fire, had to stop for one of our A/C. As E/A passed, E/A stood on wing to peel off - Top Turret hit same (at 400 yards) E/A Exploded.



(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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 130° - 140°  
 B. visibility 2400  
 c. type of E/A ME 109  
 d. level of attack;  
     From high above \_\_\_\_\_  
     (Check level 2  
     one) below \_\_\_\_\_  
     very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. James S. Porter, 32279109, Vandergrift, Pa.

Positions Top Turret Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time? Yes.

Comments of the interrogator: Gunner is not certain he destroyed E/A,  
But is positive E/A did blow up.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator  
Edolph Skalok Jr., Capt., A.G.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306  
Squadron 348  
A/C No. 163

Date 3/9/43

Place where attacked 49° 43' N. 03° 26' E.  
about 7 minutes after target.  
Time 0720 Height 22,000 ft.

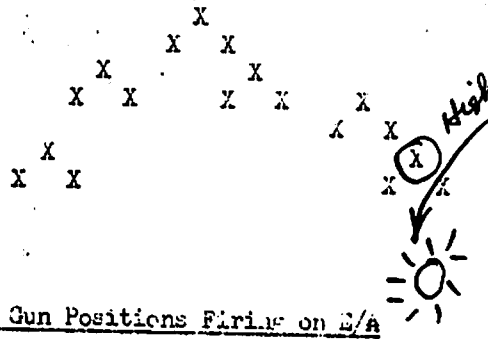
Story of the attack FW 190 attack from high above. Fired 150 to 200 rounds into him. He caught fire and blew up - no chute.

One of the bombardiers from the 305th Group told Lt. Winters that he saw this A/C blow up.

**DESTROYED**  
A-Z. I.R.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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 100° Mag.  
b. visibility Good  
c. type of E/A FW 190  
d. level of attack;  
    From high above       
    level       
    (Check one) below       
    very low     

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names T/sgt. E. Utley  
Positions Top Turret Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by XXXXXXXXXX Sgt. C. Hoodal T/O. S. Howers  
Position in A/C Right Waist Gunner Co - Pilot

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed.

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

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