

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

APO 634
5 January, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News

Our A/C 794-V Pilot Wolfe, flying with composite group, about 1150 hours, went down under fighter attack.

1 B-24, at 1230, sighted ditching by our A/C 728-S, at 54° 33'N 06° 35'E. Radio operator heard another A/C reporting position.

1 B-17, 1141 hours, left wing blown off, possibly by rocket, no chutes.

1 B-17, 1142, blew up, 8 chutes.

1 B-17, 1158 turned back over Hooge Island toward Danish Coast, at about 23,000 feet.

1 B-17, 1200 hours, in area between Tønning and Meldorf, hit by flak and fighters, lost altitude rapidly, fuselage broke up at about 10,000 feet, four or perhaps five chutes seen.

1 B-17, 1227, about 30 miles west of Heligoland, last seen under attack by three enemy A/C, one chute.

1 B-24, 1152, headed toward Danish coast, under attack by 4 enemy fighters.

1 B-24, 1153, chased by 2 enemy fighters, dove straight into ground, seen to hit, possibly two chutes.

2. Narrative

28 A/C took off, 21 with 306th, and 7 with Composite Group. The 306th high squadron in composite group of 40th C.B.W. left English Coast at 0855½ hours, and 306th group regular flying high in 41st C.B.W. at 0906 hours. Formation followed their wing leaders at 10,000 feet under unexpected overcast, base at 11,000 feet, to well out over North Sea. Overcast broke at about 54° 30'N 06° 50'E and climb was started south of course. Landfall in Denmark and rest of course as briefed to target. 6 A/C in the 306th composite flying at 24,500 feet bombed target at 1132 hours, on 185 degrees magnetic, dropping 72 x 500 M-43. The 306th regulars with 18 A/C plus one A/C carrying Nickels, flying at 27,000 feet, bombed target at 1143 hours, on 160 degrees magnetic, dropping 180 x 500 M-17. Formation then continued on course to base with the composite group landing at 1437½ hours, and the 306th regulars landing at 1505½ hours.

A/C 767-Y, pilot Captain Elliot, crashed taking off, had 10 x 500. 8 killed, 1 seriously hurt and 1 slightly hurt.

A/C 236-F, pilot F/O Page, returned early due to failure of electronic supercharger. Brought back 10 x 500.

A/C 007-F, pilot Lt. Horst, returned before reaching English Coast because he could not find group.

3. Fighter Opposition

6 A/C of 306th Group (high sq. 40th C.W. Composite) had a brief but violent attack between 1135 (3½ minutes after target) and 1141. Attack again was while our A/C were traveling alone without fighter support. A total of from 25 to 30 E/A, participated. ME 210's, queuing up 3 to 5 at a time, made several passes from 11 and 12 o'clock level or high, followed by JU 88's, ME 109's, ME 110's and FW 190's.

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All attacks were he. in. Our A/C 794 was lost in the attack. Twins fired a few rockets chiefly on group to left. No damage to our formation reported from rockets, although one burst between ships in formation. We claim 1-1-0.

306th Group (Regular) observed 30 E/A after target. About 12, attacked the low squadron. E/A concentrated on our A/C 245-K which was unable to keep in close formation, and which accounted for three of our four claims for enemy aircraft destroyed by our main formation. Attack on formation proper was short, E/A concentrating mainly on stragglers, including B-24's. Total claims (final) for all 306th ships, five destroyed, one probable, no damaged.

4. Fighter Support

P-38's and P-51's which had failed to make previous rendezvous (due possibly to our A/C being 1 1/2 minutes late at target,) came into sight shortly after attacks began, engaged E/A at 1141 and drew them off in dog fights astern. Friendly support covered formation thoroughly from then on. Two twins seen shot down by P-51's at 1152.

306th regular never did meet fighter escort.

5. A.A. Gun Fire

Moderate, accurate A.A. Gun Fire at Kiel. Also from Rendsburg, Friedrichsakoog, Heligoland. Interesting comment from crew member "Must have been good bombing yesterday, because we didn't get half the A.A. Gun Fire today with much better visibility." Several rockets were fired from ground. Crews report an A.A. burst quite like a regular one, then "red" things would come out like 4th of July night firework". Three of these reported in A.A. area, but seemed to have no relation to E/A or to other A.A. bursts. No A.A. bursts encountered by composite (in lat C.M. over target) until after bombs were away.

6. Bombing

6 A/C of 306th composite saw their bombs (500 lb. H.E.) go down through center of smoke screen. Bombed on P.F.F. Pictures from this group show bombs hit starting center of town below little lakes, and walked across Horn, solid concentration on sub building yards, briefed aiming point.

306th Group regulars report excellent bombing. Lead bombardier estimated C.W. in front fell short. Therefore released nine seconds after coming abreast of P.F.F.'s smoke flares. (Group carrying new 500 pound incendiaries). Bombs could be seen going down around aiming point, and great clouds of black smoke which rolled up above smoke screen could be seen by Group from over North Sea on way home. Pictures confirm excellent results.

Our A/C 850-B dropped 50 parcels of G-21 nickels over Kiel. Part of crew say parcels broke open immediately. Others say parcels broke open when they hit slip stream of group one thousand feet below.

7. Observations

Smoke screens reported operating at Kiel, Hamburg, Eckenford, Flensburg, Sanderborg, Schleswig and Wilhemshaven. Convoy of 15 ships observed in bay at 54° 04' N 08° 55' East. About 5 minutes after target, several crews reported black plate sized discs, leaving a smoking trail, which did not explode.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER

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

TARGET

Primary Kiel, Germany
 Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

TRACK CHART
 DATE 5 January 1943

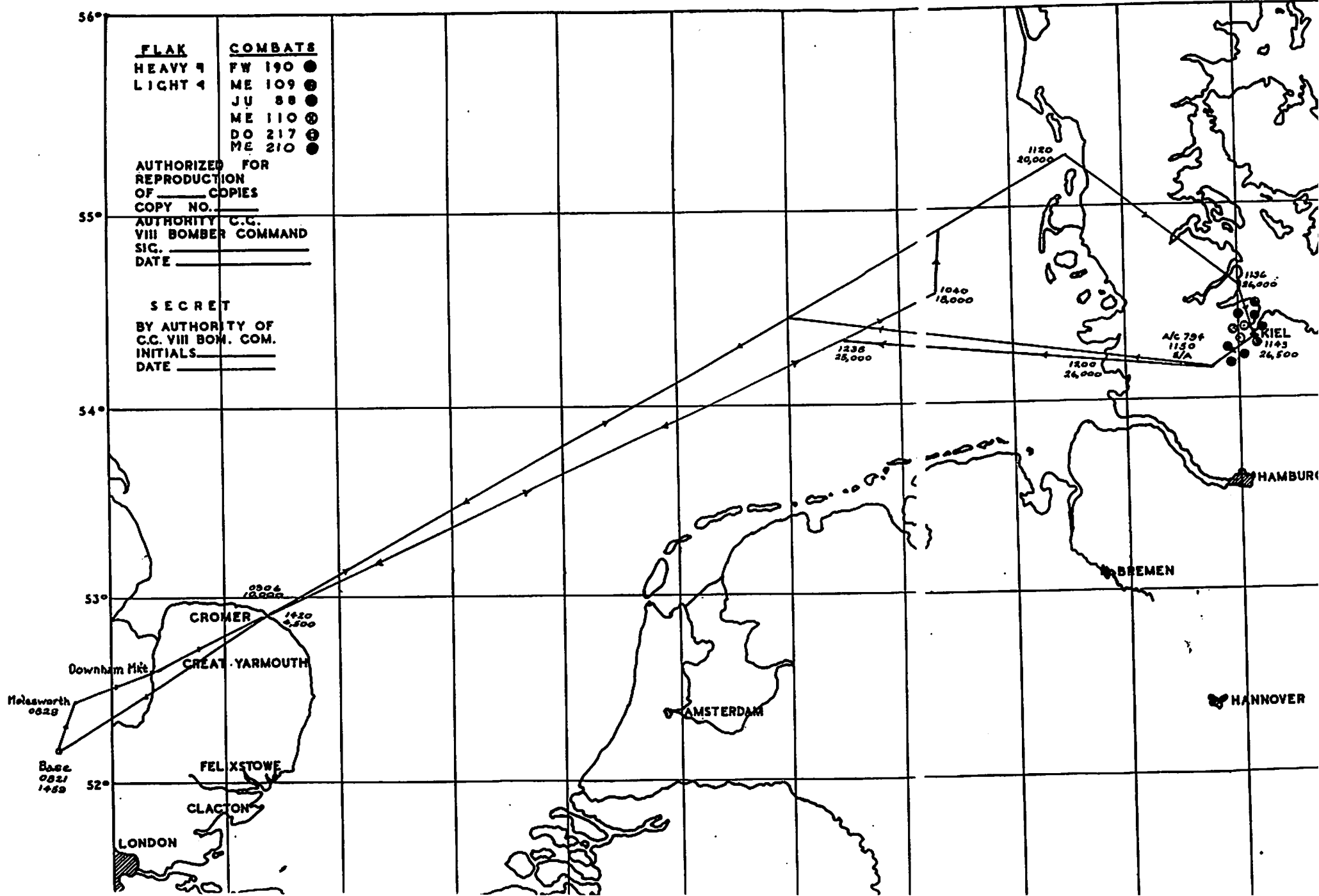
Planned _____
 Actual _____

56°
55°
54°
53°
52°

FLAK	COMBATS
HEAVY 4	FW 190 ●
LIGHT 4	ME 109 ●
	JU 88 ●
	ME 110 ⊕
	DO 217 ⊕
	ME 210 ●

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FORMATION - MISSION 5 JANUARY, 1944

FURMELSTER*
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COMPOSITE

Reed
~~158-J~~
158-J

STOLZ
728-S

ELLIOT
767-X *Crashed*

THOMPSON*
945-S

PETERSON*
143-P

GASSLER
454-B

STUBBS
454-943-L

PAGE*
236-F

OLIVER
431-F

MUSELY
950-K

FALLOH
136-D

WOLFE
794-V

COLEMAN*
245-K

MCCOLLEN
451-G

HACK*
942-A

HIGAN*
139-L

CASSIDY
965-W

FIELD
363-M

REEDS*
451-H

JACOBS
765-D

CLARK*
963-P

NICKELHOFT (NICKELS)
850-B

QUANTRELL
169-B

HORST
007-F *Horst*

GRANDING
586-A

BECKLES
388-A

HILTON
993-K

* INDICATES CAMERA IN AIRCRAFT

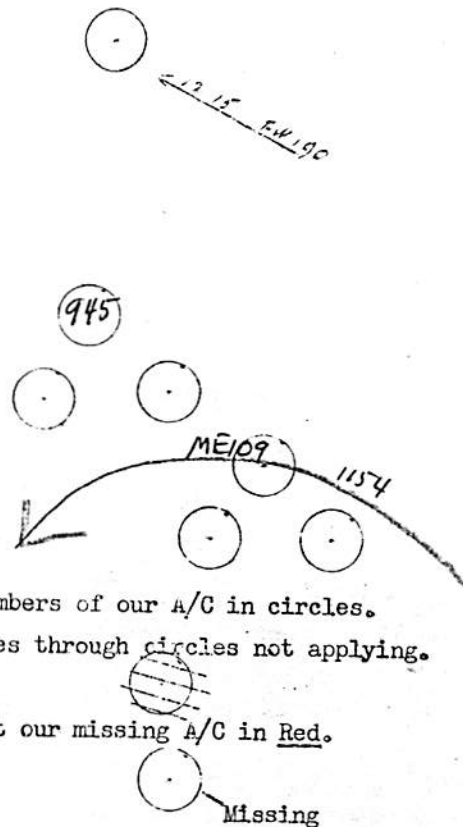
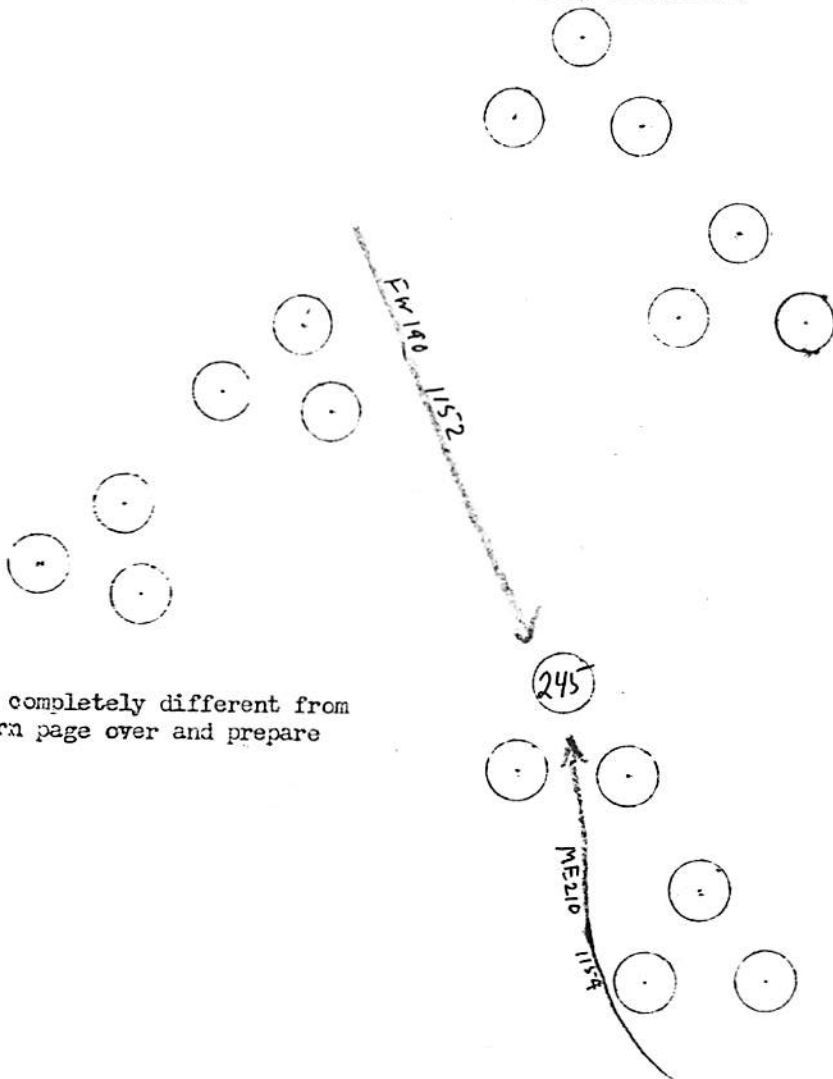
REMARKS: _____

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GROUP 306
DATE 5-1-44.

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM

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Above with blue arrow - Below with green - Level with red.



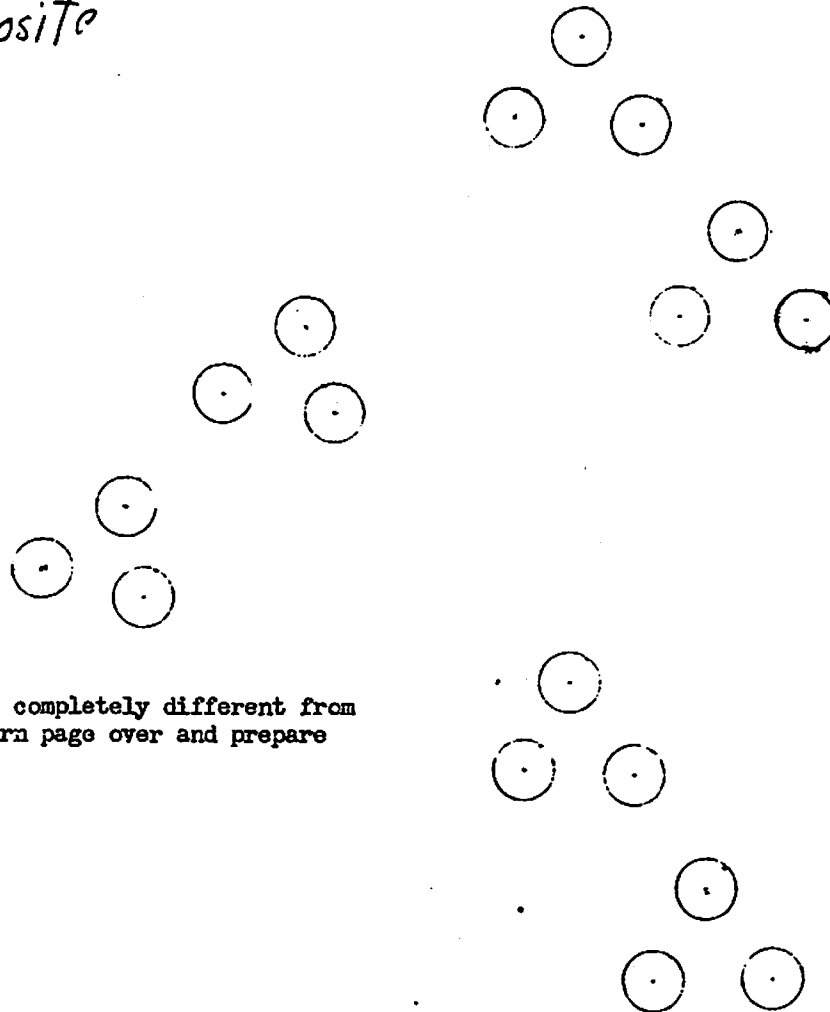
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Draw lines through circles not applying.

Block out our missing A/C in Red.

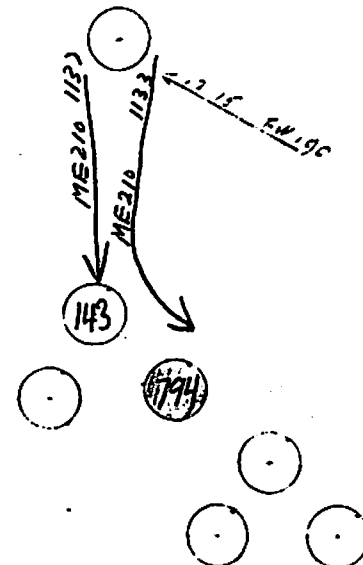
GROUP 306-Composite
 DATE 5-1-44

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 Draw lines through circles not applying.

Block out our missing A/C in Red.

Missing

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SQUADRON 367 ~~369~~ A/C Number 767 Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 ~~NAE~~ Incendi
 Time Took Off 07:45 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

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)

- Capt. I. R. Elliot Pilot
- 2nd Lt. T. J. Bridgeman Co-P
- 1st Lt. H. L. Renfro Nav.
- 1st Lt. W. N. Peterson Bomb.
- T/Sgt. J. H. Petlewski Radio
- T/Sgt. A. J. Waine Top T.
- Sgt. G. A. Johnson Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. R. S. Payne R. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. L. Mitchell L. Waist
- S/Sgt. W. W. Winans Tail G.

Cracked

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
 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)

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 367 ~~368~~ A/C Number 236 Letter F Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 ~~1000~~ Incoml.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 07:45 Time Landed 1305

		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 L. E. Page Pilot

2nd Lt. T. P. Kenny Co-P

2nd Lt. C. G. Elyer Nav.

2nd Lt. J. E. Caldwell Jr. Bomb.

T/Sgt. J. R. Merson Radio

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

Sgt. A. J. Butler Ball T.

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

Sgt. E. W. Moser L. Waist

S/Sgt. B. E. Ball Tail G.

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: *Turned back at 5436N 0627E over water. Had gone that far at 18000 ft. seeing no heads in ground. App 1200 meters 360° to get altitude. At 18000 ft. #2 got water & #1 approached, lost & couldn't see. Other Bombing: keep up Oct 19000 at 1049 turned back. About 5 miles off coast.*

5. Any Phot. graphs 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 if bombs)

Weather much than high & heavy on back.

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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 SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 451 ter G Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 108500 L.B. H.T. Intent
 Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 150 hrs

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes. No.
 Details:
 B17 just before target * 3 engine on fire
 with element of 3 planes below

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 B17 - just few minutes after target
 going down in steep glide no smoke
 B34 - After target cockpit on fire
 falling down under control
 B24 - About 10 minutes after target
 TARGET ATTACHED 2 Frontal

- 2nd Lt. R.A. McCollum Pilot
- 2nd Lt. M.E. Thomas Corp
- 2nd Lt. D.P. Jones Nav.
- 2nd Lt. L.G. Crabtree Bomb.
- S/Sgt. H.A. Stelmack Radio
- S/Sgt. W.A. Warner Top T.
- Sgt. H.L. Chatelain Ball T.
- S/Sgt. R.G. Rockwell R. Waist
- Sgt. W.B. Goss L. Waist
- Sgt. A.P. Barrus Tail G.

Primary Time: 11 4 hrs
 Alternate Height: 26000
 Last Resort Heading: 150 mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: long bomb run
 dropped vertically

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: Hit in town

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)
 South of course on way home about on course on way home

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear

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
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1142	Target	20000	moderate or slight	Red		
	Near Friedrichskov	20000	Heavy	Black	Heaps	Inaccurate
	Friedrichskov	20000	Black	Moderate		Predicted Concentration target area

Crew observations about flak: Spiral rocket? burst out above us, left smoke trails, did not burst.

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SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 942 Letter A Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.F. Intend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 1506

		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. A.W. Mack Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. F.M. McCullagh Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. G.L. Feltz Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J.J. Monticome Bomb. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Sgt. P.J. Marquez Radio ✓

Primary Time: 1143

Sgt. H.R. Fogelson Top T. ✓

Alternate Height: 26800

Sgt. L.A. Glasscock Ball T. ✓

Last Resort Heading 153

Sgt. M.A. Anderson R.Waist ✓

Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. O.J. Graham L.Waist ✓

Sgt. C.E. Dapra Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: *On East bank at South of Die Arm. first bomb on sub.
 mks. Real good pattern.
 No on sub*

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) *Clear over 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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Quite a lot of ground at target immediate. Then turned toward coast & took little course return & then they shot hit.

Bright

Crew observations about Flak: _____

we flew very low - signature of young man J.M.L.

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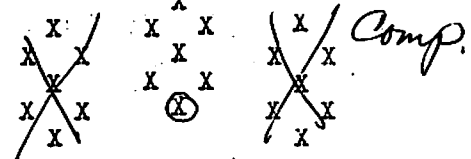
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~387~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 993 Letter K Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1430



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.B. Hilton Pilot ✓
- Lt. P.C. Jergenson Corp ✓
- Lt. D.H. White Nav. ✓
- Lt. C.M. Prantz Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. R.R. Decker Radio
- S/Sgt. C.R. Kalbach Top T. ✓
- Sgt. P. Mundell Ball T. ✓
- Sgt. K.D. Simpson R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. G.E. Weaver L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. F.J. Kappan Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1130
 Alternate Height: 24600
 Last Resort Heading: 165
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: *Hit all over Knapp & north of Knapp on East side of Dulton. Could see it cause thin smoke even.*

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) *Flam about on a coast at 11000 ft. then climbed in 30: & went to coast at*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Clouds 14 15000 ft all way until about to*

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *No cloud at target. Some flak at coast on way out. Men Meldrif.*

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
					Bursts in relation to A/C	
<i>Just beyond target some very accurate. Pretty heavy. We shot 4 holes from flak (small holes) 6-7 other holes.</i>						
<i>Flak at coast on way out. Men Meldrif.</i>						

Crew observations about Flak: H.S.

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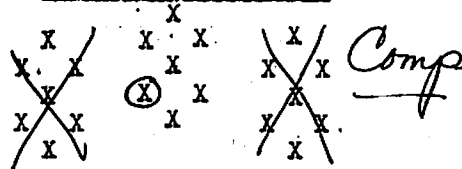
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~X~~ A/C Number 169 Letter S Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. ~~X~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1438



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 with right wing gone spinning down. In target area at 1135 at 25,000 ft. No chutes observed.

- Lt. W.C. Quaintance Pilot ✓
- Lt. H.O. Jensen Corp ✓
- Lt. A.W. Ostrow Nav. ✓
- Lt. J.W. Wirth Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. F.X. Driscoll Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. J.F. Strukel Top T. ✓
- Sgt. R.E. Hayes Ball T. ✓
- Sgt. M.W. Williams R.Waist ✓
- Sgt. A. Markowski L.Waist ✓
- S t. R.C. Donahue Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1132
 Alternate Height: 25,700
 Last Resort Heading 195°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 45 seconds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All ~~jettisoned~~ 16x500
 Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Huge black clouds of smoke billowing up from A.P. Smoke could be seen from a distance of 40 miles

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Excellent, Perfect visibility

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 in relation to A/C
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Heavy - intense flak followed this ship from target all the out to German coast. Not too accurate, seemed to be bursting behind ship. Bursts were all black.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

8 E/A 5 M.E. 210's 2 F.W. 190's 1 J.U. 88.
 (Estimated total number) (Type)

Approximately 1 minute ~~or less~~ E/A
 (Duration and length of fight)

attacked 5 minutes after Bombs away.

Attacked 12 o'clock high brake off 500
 yds away and headed for rear group.
 (Tactics of E/A)

Yellow noses on twin engined ships. Some singles
 painted dark below and light on top.
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Evasive action and
 heavy return fire.
 (Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT One group each of P-38's and P-51's.
 Escort stayed high.

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.)
 7 freighters at 54.15 N. 08.46 E. at 1151 hrs.
 altitude 24,300 ft.

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. NONE

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)
 2 .30 cal holes in vertical fin.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
 Some trouble with mike switches

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
 3 E/A seen going down over Readsburg area. 1 P-38 going down same place.

S-2 OFFICER William C. Southman TIME COMPLETED 1607
 Capt., A.C.

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1517 turned back to land near (VJ30N-083)
at 23,500 at 1158. Under control

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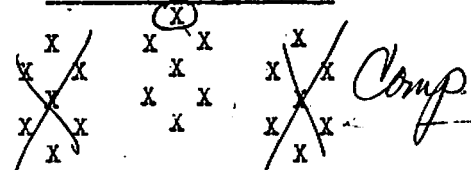
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 369 ~~120X~~ A/C Number 143 Letter P Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1437



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:
1817 left wing 7th (rocket) at 1141.
no ditches.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. L.F. Peterson Pilot ✓

#1 Tail Gunner Chicks Wolfe was
down under control at target.
no smoke. no fire. no ditches
1817 in fire at 1147. no ditches.

Lt. G.H. Haywood C.O.P ✓

Lt. P.H. Davis Comptroller ✓

Lt. W.D. Daniels Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. P.W. Christensen Radio ✓

S/Sgt. A. Picarello Top T. ✓

Sgt. G.B. Richardson Ball T. ✓

Sgt. J.W. Bentley R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C.F. Hayes L.Waist ✓

Sgt. C.W. Foley Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1131 1/2
Alternate Height: 24,500
Last Resort Heading 181° mag
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:
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: Bombd on smoke tank. 7th floors of lead ship
visually.
all of southern edge covered with smoke.
Other Bombing: Excellent concentration.

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)
see attached sheet.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear over 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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target area lighter than yesterday but more accurate
flak over Romio island (4 gun battery) inaccurate, just det.
flak over Antenna. flak over Sanderting (light)

Crew observations about Flak: Don't time Dodge

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2. A] *Gang ahead before there was just before target; our lead plane trying to get proper spacing screwed up. We bombed separately.*

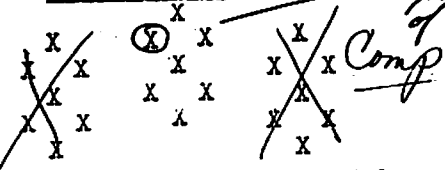
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXXX~~ A/C Number 136 Letter D Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation *High*

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1437



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1 B17 down in tight spin after rocket from FW took off, has left wing; no chute, about 1137 hours.

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Lt. R.L. Fallow Pilot ✓

Lt. G.W. Eike Corp ✓

Lt. J.W. Rodgers Nav. ✓

Lt. C.L. Dunlap Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. J.A. Hobbs Radio ✓

S/Sgt. Z.C. Beal Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. R.J. Might Bell T. ✓

T/Sgt. B.H. Perlmutter R. Waist ✓

T/Sgt. H.J. Sommers L. Waist ✓

Sgt. J.J. Richmond Tail Gunner ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1132

Alternate Height: 25000

Last Resort (circle) Heading 182° way.

Duration Bomb Run: 50 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: 6 *6ix dropped in field before target - due to accidental release.*

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

Own Bombs: Bombed on ground about 300 yards inland.

One seemed to drop in center of smoke screen. see high buildings starting close smoke screen to right lot of
 Other Bombing: *After leaving could see blacker than light colored smoke about middle screen.*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? Yes 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) *Smith of course on north sea, then over coast about where bombed.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Clear over target; 5/10 S. of target. Excellent visibility!*

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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Over target. notes heavy yesterday; but more accurate.

Crew observations about Flak: 3 Red bursts among at the flak

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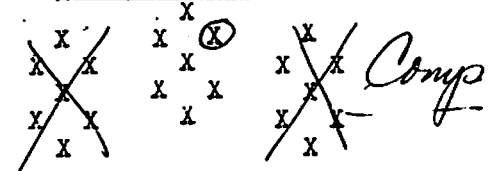
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 794 Letter V Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed

Position in Formation



- 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)

Down after fuel

Lt. S. Wolfe Pilot

Lt. A.A. Enos Corp

Lt. F.A. Jewell Nav.

Lt. H.H. Tomlin Bomb.

S/Sgt. G.E. Paige Radio

S/Sgt. A.E. Sicola Top T.

Sgt. R.A. McClure Ball T.

Sgt. R.E. Zeikler R.Waist

Sgt. M.F. Hannify L.Waist

Sgt. G.W. Allen Tail G.

- 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

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), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

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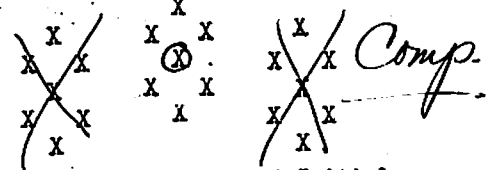
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~387XXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 965 Letter W Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 1444



CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

After target B-17 (flak) hit wing - part of wing came off - no chutes. (flak)

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

Lt. B.W. Cassiday Pilot ✓

Lt. R.F. Crowley Corp ✓

Lt. J. P. Bryan Nav. ✓

Lt. D.H. Currier Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. C.H. Moxley Radio ✓

E/Sgt. A.J. Marenholz Top T. ✓

Sgt. G. D. Barnett Ball T. ✓

Sgt. J.M. Ostrowski R.Waist ✓

Sgt. W.F. Olmsted L.Waist ✓

W A.J. FEDORKA Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1132 3/4

Alternate Height: 25200

Last Resort Heading 193 Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

2 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs:

Pattern all at 7m PI. could see explosion & fire

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) 7/10 cloud. excellent vis.

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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51° 15' N - 03° 30' E - mag on - scattered - to right.

Flak from various points along route.

target - mod. fl tracking - fairly acc.

54° 15' N 08° 37' E - coast (island) mod. on mainland

Crew observations about Flak:

607 Abortive

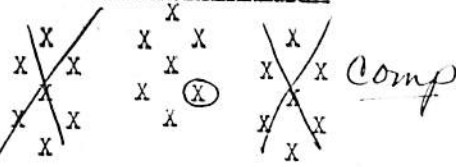
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 007 Letter F Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0715 Time Landed 0953



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: Spotted baby at 13000 ft. Had never been able to find at 13000 ft. Had never been able to find

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

the camp. It was dark. Radio work was off and no Gu. To dark in pilotage. Strayed around 13000 ft + finally gave up

- Lt. Horst Pilot
- Lt. Wright Corp
- Lt. Joplin Nav.
- Lt. R.J. Flood Bomb.
- S/Sgt. A.G. Cook Radio
- S/Sgt. W.R. Osgood Top T.
- Sgt. L.M. Klostes Ball T.
- Sgt. E.R. Justice R.Waist
- Sgt. E.N. Ryan L.Waist
- Sgt. P.A. Hartkopf Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

and comm back. Did not see crash up. Did not see camp from

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) 12x500

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 ~~XXXXXX~~ 558 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 454 Letter B Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 1500

	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. J. Gassler Pilot

B24 blew up - 10 min after target no chutes

2nd Lt. C.R. Thompson Corp

B24 - dove st. into ground was seen to hit - 2 1/2 chutes - no chutes

2nd Lt. W.T. Hughes Nav.

2nd Lt. D.R. Logan Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

S/Sgt. D.L. Mills Radio

Primary Time: 1143

S/Sgt. A.S. Cierp Top T.

Alternate Height: 26000

Sgt. D.E. Gollaher Ball T.

Last Resort Heading 145 (circle)

S/Sgt. B.S. Mings R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: Toggled

Sgt. T.V. Lenoski L. Waist

Sgt. R.W. Grothe 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: Hit over target area - smoke screen not too good - somewhat thin

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)

off - south of course in, same off, OK before E/coast.

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 in relation to A/C
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Target Area mod black level OK - scattered 2 pink entrance to Kiel Bay 2 white - high

E/coast out mod black acc - good.

Crew observations about Flak: Could see large no. of gun flashes but + 1

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~268~~ 368 ~~069020X~~ A/C Number 943 Letter L Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 15:10

	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: Large explosion observed on Heligoland.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

about ten friendly aircraft seen going down over the target. Seven eights out of one B-17. One B-17 being attacked by 3 ME-109's 30 miles out to sea

2nd Lt. T.W. Symons	Pilot
2nd Lt. R.H. Ehrler	Co. P
2nd Lt. R.G. Jobs	Nav.
2nd Lt. R.F. Proctor	Bomb.
S/Sgt. R.L. Woodruff	Radio
S/Sgt. O.V. Ellison	Top T.
Sgt. E. Goldbarst	Ball T.
Sgt. J.P. Fiddis	R. Waist
Sgt. H.M. Collier	L. Waist
S/Sgt. J. Lotti	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: out to sea

Primary Time: 11:45
 Alternate Height: 26,000
 Last Resort Heading 212
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Smoke and flame observed in the target are.

Other Bombings:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: 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)

South of course and then north on way into target

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Better than briefed

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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Moderate flak accurate to height and direction - low squadron tracked by one battery. A small amount of barrage type flak

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

25
(Estimated total number seen)

ME-210
ME-110 - JU-88 - ME-109
(Types)

One ME-110 attacked low squadron - Came in to 7000ft
and peeled off with one engine smoking. One ME-109 and
one JU-88 attacked at six o'clock. Broke off attack at 4000ft

(Tactics of E/A)

Many aircraft attacked from six o'clock

(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

Not one friendly aircraft seen in
the vicinity.

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, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)

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. _____

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) One 20 millimeter hit vertical stab.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Bomb bay door failed to function
properly. Also emergency release failed to release all bombs

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

Trouble with chin turret
Gull turret wouldn't work. Oxygen failure
S-2 OFFICER Capt. Stanley S. Martin FILE COMPLETED 16:13

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ ~~370~~ A/C Number 245 Letter K Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation Lead to Obit
just off Sgk

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 1501
0751

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: 1 B-24 plane of 4 E/F near Spanish Is
probably ~~target~~ ~~work~~

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials Bombs
away

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

1 B-17 just off target 11:45 blowing up
8 Chaco another group -
1 B-17 just off target following down by 2500
feet on - small this just did not
get result.

F/O J.R. Coleman Pilot
2nd Lt. O.B. Bourn ComP
2nd Lt. L. Rodrigues Nav.
2nd Lt. D.W. Baltzer Bomb.
S/Sgt. C.G. Garrison Radio
S/Sgt. R.L. Hayes Top T.
Sgt. O.V. Bittikofer Ball T.
Sgt. F.T. Organ R. Waist
Sgt. R.E. Snyder L. Waist
Sgt. A.J. Doine Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1142 1/2
Alternate Height: 25600
Last Resort Heading 151 1/2 mag
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: 3 min

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 9 on target

Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Good spread of I.B. went out in
wide circle - hit in target area - could
see clearly thru S/C - post appeared
on ground

Other Bombing:

Release on lead ship visually

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

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

8. WEATHER (If it affected mission)

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

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

1107 Sgt. - 22000 ft - H.V. light Blk - Inaccurate
I.P. to target 25600 - H.V. light Blk - Accurate

3. Red Bombs

10. Crew observations about Flak: Halgalad

No check in this

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

ME 210 - 5046

(Estimated total number seen)

EW 190 - 7 mostly 190

ME 109 - 3044

25

(Location and length of fight)

210 - fired rocket - burst of 1/2 min -
This ship on fire and chute out.

190 - blew up -
(Tactics of E/A)

109 - spinning & smoking - did not see end -

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

4-5 1/2 - open target - 1152-55

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.)

Enemy S/C E/C/ty in - north of town - heavy

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.)

Slight burn from elec. gloves by 2 A/C -

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

None

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Chc. short circuit in Bomb racks -

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

Tell P-51 - to just throw wings up as attacking

S-2 OFFICER

McNeil

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~368~~ A/C Number 363 Letter M Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500L.B. H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 1501

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: One B-17 with 5 fighters showing on the deck about 30 miles from Heligoland, 1227
 one chute seen

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. P.J. Field Pilot
- 2nd Lt. R.D. Tripp Corp
- 2nd Lt. C.W. Leake Nav.
- 2nd Lt. B.C. Gustafson Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: ~~1142~~ 1142
 Alternate Height: 25,800
 Last Resort Heading 150° W.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 3 mins.

- T/Sgt. R.N. Nupen Radio
- T/Sgt. J.G. Brownell Top T.
- Sgt. H.N. Millikin Bell T.
- Sgt. B.L. Jefferies R. Waist *
- Sgt. K.C. Madson L. Waist
- Sgt. S.M. Salspisky 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: Bombed on lead ship of group. much above smoke screen + red bursts of incendiaries thru smoke screen to west of basin.

Other Bombing: basin.

5. Any Photographs taken? Yes? No?

Any Nickels: 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)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Thick overcast until over water, which apparently lifted then until about 5 miles coast 20,000 then did almost 360° turn altitude.

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
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Target - more accurate than yesterday.
Scattered bursts after target as far as 20 miles to west.
Believed red bursts of flak on target with ordinary bursts.
 Crew observations about Flak: 2 individual red bursts of flak from Heligoland on way out at 12:11.

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(B17 with H on top of tail + K in down with (bottom middle) opened bomb bay set 1139, lost some bomb bays)

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

15 mostly 1/E About 1152
 (Estimated total number) (Seen) (Types)

No attacks on us.
 (Position and length of fight)

Red bursts amongst flock before they appeared.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>No</u>
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

after target P51's turned up.

Saw P51's knock down 2 ME 10's after target, about 1152.

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, Red bursts over target (flock?) for 5 seconds, with smoke following behind. Smoke seen at Hamburg.

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) 1 flock hole.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?) There is an anonymous dummy airbase on light in junction of road E of Westerland. Navigator could not see A/D shown on chart further ENE. He did see runway going 150° mag. Two shorter ones there.

S-2 OFFICER Pool

Underneath at Schleswig.

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08° 30' E ABs

(handwritten area)

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367X~~ 368 ~~369~~ A/C Number 451 Letter N Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed *with rest*

		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
 Establish *2 B 245 down strafing over Denmark. ME/113 jumped them. One landing off other is down on fire. No contact. 1 B 77 seen his engine & fuselage but could not see.*
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
Not Hot

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. W.D. Reeder Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. G.M. Roeder Corp ✓
- F/O M.W. Brage Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. Fontane Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. R.M. Cole Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. J.L. Hurley Top T. ✓
- Sgt. D. Burger Bell T. ✓
- Sgt. M.J. Harbud R.Waist ✓
- Sgt. W.S. Bastain L.Waist ✓
- Sgt. C.L. Hum Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
 Primary Time: 1142
 Alternate Height: 25800
 Last Resort Heading 155
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: on leader

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

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

Own Bombs: *Pen pictures.*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? *all* 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 ABRUPTIVE 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, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Not too much but what there was was good. All round us. Not in cluster.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~362X~~ 368 ~~5XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 586 Letter A Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 1403

Position in Formation

				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

Sam

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. C.N. Grending Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. A.F. Rehn ComP ✓
- 2nd Lt. J.C. Wilson Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. D.R. Ross Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. P.R. Wenrich Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. J.R. Borchers Top T. ✓
- Sgt. R.W. Milton Bell T. ✓
- Sgt. J.K. Adkins R.Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. L.A. Hudgins L.Waist ✓
- Sgt. S.M. Powell Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1142 1/2
 Alternate Height: 26000
 Last Resort Heading 160° mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
 45 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs:
On target
 Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken? Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes *No* 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Sam

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

30-40 E/A Mu 109
(Estimated total number of enemy fighters) (Types)

(Location and length of fight)

Mu 109 attack low

(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

6-PSI after target (boom)
shot down 2 twin eng E/A

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.)
fake sm. screen at Eckernforde

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)
flat holes.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
#4 engine feathered (engine failure)

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

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SQUADRON 367 ~~1000~~ 369000230X A/C Number 765 ter D Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.F. Intent _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 1515

			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) No

1st Lt. D.L. Jacobs Pilot

2nd Lt. A.D. Hawley Co-P

2nd Lt. P.V. Osburn Nav

2nd Lt. E.L. Bratrud Bomb

S/Sgt. H. Kline Radio

S/Sgt. A.S. Gruff Top T

Sgt. C.G. Smith Ball T

Sgt. R. Waldrop R.Waist

Sgt. F.S. Braniger L.Waist

Sgt. J.E. Offord Tail G

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1142

Alternate Height: 26600

Last Resort Heading: 143

(circle) Duration Bomb Run: 3 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: Some were pointed away from target.
all bombs in 1/2 way or before target. High color.
Other Bombing: _____

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No Any Nickels: Yes X 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) Follow Flight Plan.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Overcast 12500 ft. on target. 16000 ft. on way home.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color	Location	Accuracy
1142	Target	26600	slight	black	Bursts in relation to A/C	Very accurate

Crew Report: Reached target with heavy target.

Flak on way home.

Crew observations about Flak: Flak on way home.

Very accurate.

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~SECRET~~ A/C Number 025 Letter B Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 ~~XXX~~ Interri.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 07:43 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: 2 w/ S. of Tanning on Coast

① B-17 North of Wessell Base on Coast
at Wilby Flak & Fighter - Fuselage
12:00 broke up - 4 chutes scattered + A/C

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

start went down parts coming off.

② B-24 down low N. of Hennigstedt
smoking/catched fire in #3 - then
drove in flames & blew up -

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

S.O.S.
12:35
on 6:35

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Capt. D. Fuhrmeister Pilot

Capt. W. S. Kirk Co-P

1st Lt. R. V. Houck

2nd Lt. A. T. Ballarrd Nav.

1st 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.

Sgt. J. T. Shea R. Waist

S/Sgt. H. K. Twing L. Waist

2nd Lt. E. W. Magee Tail G.

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

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

Sum. Ser.
Could see target when over

Bombed 9 Sec. after abort of PFF
because saw his bombs dropping
short
group ahead hit shot of M.P. 1. + hit
blodge.

5. Any Photographs taken Yes? No? Any Niels: 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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Moderate + Accurate tracking
Pendulum slight flak + scattered over Peninsular

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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Fuhrmeister

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 _____

2 mi. S. of Cromer
09:06

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____
Cloud base 11,000 to ^{climb} started from 10,000 when briefed to be 26,000 (at 54:30 N. - 06:50 E.)
2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
If not, describe course in detail: then S. of coast course to picked up more height on 360 shot of Danish Coast at 26,000 at 54:33 N. - 07:21 E. where headed practically due N. to return to course

Manda at Island at 11:20³

Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____

4. Time over Target 11 43 In Course rest of way
Altitude over Target 26500 at I. P. Lead group said P.F.F.
Position of Group on Bomb Run High
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 160°
Duration Bomb Run 35" ? Back on Course

Enemy Coast at Tanning 12 00 o'clock

5. Time of Landing at Base 15 05 1/2
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER Wald

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SQUADRON ³⁶⁷ 367 368 691128 A/C Number 728 L er S Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 1210 x 500 H.A. Intend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 07:45 Time Landed 1506

		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:

B24
 Ditched 12:30 - heard another A/C
 sending position - 54°33'N 166°35'E

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. J. Stolz	Pilot
2nd Lt. B. McGuire	Co-P
2nd Lt. C. H. Amen	Nav.
2nd Lt. S. F. Tanella	Bomb.
S/Sgt. C. F. Piper	Radio
T/Sgt. A. D. Springer	Top T.
S/Sgt. F. R. Mashid	Ball T.
S/Sgt. G. R. Anderson	R. Waist
S/Sgt. F. M. Shade	L. Waist
S/Sgt. D. J. Antonelli	Tail G.

*B24 - ~~12:30~~ just after
 target - burst into flame
 1 chute seen (11:53)*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 11:43
 Alternate Height: 25,800
 Last Resort Heading 171 com.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

Toggled

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

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

Own Bombs: *Target area - smoke screen.*

Other Bombing: *Large fires in target area (especially SW end of basin - near R.R. tracks)*

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)

Came in 5, I.P. OK, ~~back weaved~~ back weaved

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *came into ENS. on course*

9. FLAK: *Target - clear.* 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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Target Area light black very acc several small holes.

Crew observations about Flak: *Two islands just off coast looked like rocket flak - after "bursts" on ground saw 1 flak burst - inacc.*

Reports 226 or 262 times.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 850 Letter B Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load ~~1000 lbs~~ E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed with Port

		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

1B17 Play up after landing. New Meldorf. 4 bombs. fighter got down

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2 B17s down rt. after target hit by fighter. Smoking. No chute.

- 2nd Lt. R. Nickelhoff Pilot
- 2nd Lt. R.L. Carlson Corp
- 2nd Lt. R.P. Williams Nav.
- 2nd Lt. R.D. Drenner Bomb.
- S/Sgt. A.J. Falco Radio
- S/Sgt. R.A. Piplar Top T.
- Sgt. R.M. Sabean Ball T.
- Sgt. A.E. Kootz R.Waist
- Sgt. J.D. Stotts L.Waist
- Sgt. R.M. Richardson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1142 45
Alternate Height: 2500
Last Resort Heading 172
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: All 1000 lbs bombs hit stream of group ahead & burst all up. Bombs hit on both banks of Dis Horn + north.

Other Bombing: Fuel still seen burning when West coast of Denmark - German coast.

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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Bombs from ground. White trail then explode in Red, Green, Yellow with redish tracer like shots going out.

Flak tracking very accurate better than yesterday + more. Crew observations about Flak: Heligoland flak better. Not hit. Also .. east on way out

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Date 1/18/44

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 423 A/C Number 388 Letter A Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed with net

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:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R.B. Eckles Pilot
- 1st Lt. G.D. Arrison ComP
- 1st Lt. W.J. Clarida Nav.
- 1st Lt. J.E. Sanders Bomb.
- S/Sgt. R.A. Powers Radio
- S/Sgt. J.L. Grouse Top T.
- S/Sgt. A.J. Carrozza Ball T.
- S/Sgt. H.M. Jack R.Waist
- Sgt. H. Cappelli L.Waist
- T/Sgt. H.C. Cordery Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1143.
Alternate Height: 26300.
Last Resort Heading 140° mag.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: with leads.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11x500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Whole stretch of town (main divide).
Could see it a long way off.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: 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)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Flak all around, maybe track, but if so was a lot of inaccurate
Eyes of flak spots above target.
Bullets from ground. #3 in rear element hit by bullets.

10. Crew Observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 158 Letter J Date 5/1/44

Bomb Load 10x500 I.B.H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0745 Time Landed 1400

		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:
*Just after bombs away 3 B17's hit
 by flak blew up 6 chutes*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*B-24 - down in flames - under
 fighter attack flew up - no chute*

- 1st Lt. W.D. Reed COPilot
- 1st Lt. J.M. Kelly COPilot
- 1st Lt. M. Kalish Nav.
- 1st Lt. T. Boswell Bomb.
- T/Sgt. D.A. Philpot Radio
- T/Sgt. E.C. Spangenberg Top T.
- Sgt. R.J. Kristoff Ball T.
- Sgt. C.E. Hudson R.Waist
- Sgt. K.E. Willey L.Waist
- Sgt. W.C. Christian Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1143
 Alternate Height: 25945'
 Last Resort Heading 157° mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
40 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

On target

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No?

Any Nickels: 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)

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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*Heligoland - meager - fairly accurate
 flak boats - on way out*

*What appears to be a smoke bomb fired from the ground
 Crew observations about Flak:
 just after target - red flak*

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Group 306th

Date 5 January, 1944

Squadron 368th

Place where attacked 53°58'N - 09°20'E

A/C No. 245

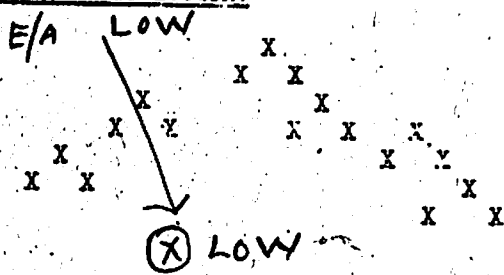
Time 1152 Height 25,000 ft.

1. Story of the attack: - FW 190 made head on attack from 11 O'clock, low when about 700 yds. away Ball Turret gunner fired on E/A short burst. Plane began to smoke and blow up, almost directly under our A/C.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



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

Data on Combat
a. our heading 265 degrees
b. visibility clear
c. type of E/A FW 190
d. level of attack;
From high above 0 o'clock
level 0 o'clock
below 11 o'clock
very low 0 o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.
Names Sgt. Oakland V. Rittkofer, 35029609
W. Main St., Andover, Ohio.

(Check One) very low 0 o'clock

Positions Ball Turret

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

Corroborated by 2nd Lt D.W. Baltzer, Sgt. G.E. Snyder, 2nd Lt. L. Rodriguez

Position in A/C Bombardier Left Waist Navigator-saw wreckage.

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed

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

Time _____ Interrogator Capt. McNeely.

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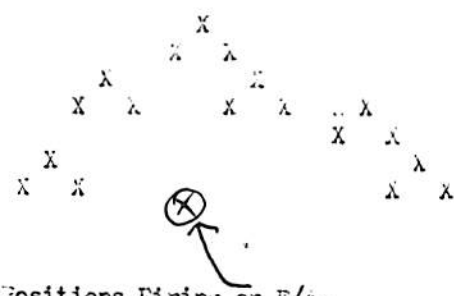
Group 306th Date 5 January, 1944
 Squadron 368th Place where attacked 53°58'N-09°15'W
 A/C No. 245 Time 1154 Height 25,000

1. Story of the attack-- ME 210 started attack between 5 and 6 O'clock and high. Dove just below and came up under our A/C and released rocket. Tail gunner fired as E/A came in. E/A hit in its right engine which caught fire. One of E/A crew bailed out. E/A fell off and started spinning. One more chute seen from this E/A which was blazing fiercely and spinning when last seen.

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

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2. Diagram of Attack:



On Diagram show:
 a. which of our A/C was attacked;
 b. direction of A/C attack;
 c. sun position.

Data on Combat:
 a. our heading 265 degrees
 b. visibility clear
 c. type of A/C ME 210
 d. level of attack:
 From high above 5-6 o'clock
 level o'clock
 below o'clock
 very low o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One) very low o'clock

Names Sgt. Albert J. Doine, 12043922, 86 Lake Shore Drive East, Dunkirk, N.Y.

Positions Tail Gunner

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

Corroborated by Sgt. O.V. Wittkofer, Sgt. C.E. Snyder, Sgt. S.D. Organ
 Position in A/C Tail Turret Left Waist Right Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certainly destroyed

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

Time Interrogator Capt. McNeely

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Group 906th

Date 5 January, 1944

Squadron 423

Place where attacked 5 minutes before coast going out.

A/C No. 945

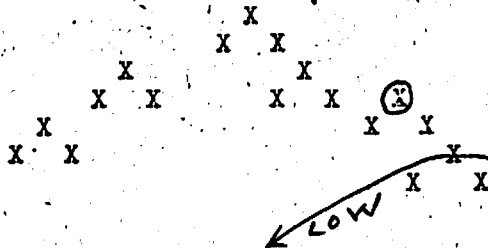
Time 1154 Height 26,000 ft.

1. Story of the attack:- ME 109 attacked from 4 O'clock, level, peeled off and went low and away at 7 O'clock. First hit him at 5 O'clock, by the time he reached 7 O'clock, he was completely enveloped in flame and tail was coming off in pieces. Tail buckled and E/A went down in uncontrollable spin.

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A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show.

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

Data on Combat

- a. cur heading 285 degrees Mag.
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;
- From high above _____ O'clock
- level _____ O'clock
- (Check below 4 O'clock
- One) very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(Check below _____ O'clock One) very low _____ O'clock

Names S/Sgt. Charles W. Hanby, 17058922, HFD #3, Naccho, Mo.

Positions Ball Turret

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. H.F. Failbach, S/Sgt. C.T. Schroeder

Position in A/C Navigator Tail Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? Probably

5. Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed

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Time _____ Interrogator _____

Lt. Murtha

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Group 306th (Composite)

Date 5 January, 1944

Squadron 369th

Place where attacked Kiel

A/C No: 143

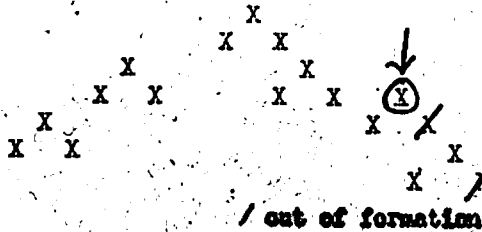
Time 1137 Height 25,000 ft.

1. Story of the attack: ME 210 came in from 12 o'clock high to about 400 yds. Top turret gunner and Bombardier both firing. Engine poured out smoke, peeled off, went out of sight spinning and smoking heavily.

NO CLAIM
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



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

Data on Combat

a. our heading 285 degrees
 b. visibility good
 c. type of E/A ME-210
 d. level of attack:
 From high above 12 o'clock
 level 0 o'clock
 (Check below 0 o'clock
 One) very low 0 o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 1st. Lt. William D. Daniels, O-679610, Centerville, Mo.

Positions Bombardier

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

Corroborated by Lt. Calvin F. Courcy, L.F. Peterson, Lt.

Position in A/C Navigator Pilot

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: Probably destroyed

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Group 906

Date 5 January, 1944

Squadron A29

Place where attacked 5 minutes before coast
going out

A/C No: 945

Time 1154 Height 26,000'

1. Story of the attack:- Me109 attacked from 4 o'clock, level, peeled off and went low and away at 7 o'clock. First hit him at 5 o'clock. By the time he reached 7 o'clock he was completely enveloped in flame and tail was coming off in pieces. Tail buckled and broke off as E/A went down in uncontrollable spin.

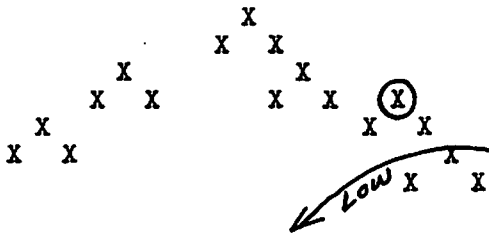
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A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show.

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



Data on Combat

- a. our heading 235° Mag.
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A Me109
- d. level of attack;
From high above _____ O'clock
level _____ O'clock
below _____ O'clock
One) very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(Check One) very low _____ O'clock

Names S/Sgt. Charles W. Hanby, 17058922

R.F.D. #3, Neesho, Mo.

Positions Ball Turret

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. R.F. Feilbach, S/Sgt. C.T. Schroeder

Position in A/C Navigator Tail Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? Probably

5. Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed.

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Time 1st Lt. Murtha Interrogator _____

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Date 5 January, 1944

Squadron 369th

Place where attacked Kiel

A/C No. 143

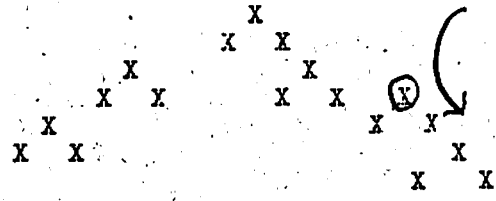
Time 1133 Height 25,000 ft.

1. Story of the attack: ME 210 came in from nose to about 200 - 300 ft. from 12 O'clock. Pealed off to left at 3 O'clock - when observed to explode in burst of flame, after Sgt. George B. Richardson fired on him.

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A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



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

Date of combat
a. sun heading 285 degrees
b. visibility good
c. type of E/A ME 210
d. level of attack:
From high above 12 O'clock
level O'clock
below O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A. (Name) very low O'clock
Names Sgt. George B. Richardson, 35027983
SOL - 5th St. North East Canton, Ohio.

Positions Ball Turret.

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:
Corroberated by Lt. G.R. Haywood, Sgt. J.W. Bently, Lt. Calvin P. Conroy

Position in A/C Co-pilot Right Waist Navigator

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain destroyed.

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Group 306th

Date 5 January, 1944

Squadron 368th

Place where attacked 53°58'N-09°10'E

A/C No. 245

Time 1156 Height 24,600 ft.

1. Story of the attack-- P-51 was chasing ME 109 at our left and level and just a little low. P-51 broke off and then Ball turret gunner firing on E/A. Saw smoke and flame from E/A which went into spin. Two other crews of 306th say this E/A seen to crash and explode on ground.

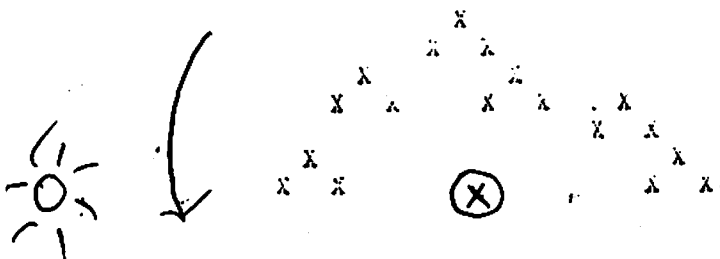
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A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. direction of A/C attack;
- c. sun position.



Data on Combat

- a. our heading: 265 degrees
- b. visibility: clear
- c. type of E/A: ME 109
- d. level of attack;

From high above o'clock
 level 12 o'clock
 below o'clock
 very low o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names Sgt. Oakland V. Bittkofer, 35029609
W. Mein St., Andover, Ohio.

Positions- Ball Turret

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

Corroborated by Sgt. H.J. Doine, Sgt. G.E. Snyder
Position in A/C Ball turret Left waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed

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