

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

(D-A-3)

AFPO 557  
8 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative  
MISSION: BERLIN, 8 May, 1944.

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

1. Narrative

32 A/C of the 306th Group took off at 0612 hours flying Low Group and Lead and Low Squadrons of High Group in 40th CBW. Residences and assembly were all right. At start of climb, around 0956 hours, our crews in Low Group had great difficulty in keeping up, the leader of the Low Squadron, for instance, reporting he had to indicate 160, and when formation levelled off, he was indicating 170.

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A/C # 148, pilot Trigg, lost an engine, not due to enemy action, jettisoned bombs at 1035 hours, turned back and returned to base alone.

A/C # 129, pilot McDonough, could not keep up in steep climb, jettisoned bombs at 1041 hours to stay with formation.

A/C # 259, pilot Smith, dropped behind at 0959 hours just after start of climb. He came back to formation, then fell behind and was never seen again. A/C did not return to base.

All 5 of above A/C flew in 306th Low Group.

At 1042 hours, one A/C collided with another, taking down a third as they fell. A/C involved were # 239, pilot Lambert, # 942, pilot Jacobs, and # 969, pilot Schlecht. These three A/C were in High Group. Some crews report one chute, but contrails below prevented accurate observation. Magee A/C # 113-W, and Burgess, # 181-B, both of whom flew near the A/C involved, agree that the following is substantially what happened: Jacobs was flying in # 2 position of lead element, Low Squadron High Composite Group. He originally flew # 3, but dropped back, and when he regained the formation he found Matichka had moved into his old position, so Jacobs took over the # 2 spot. Reports agree that both Jacobs and Lambert were flying wide. At 1042 hours, with heavy persistent con-trails, making visibility difficult, Lambert was apparently caught in prop wash and was pitched around. Lambert moved to his left trying to avoid the prop wash, and his plane came down on top of Jacob's ship. Lambert's left wing panel flew off, and his A/C seemed to make a loop around the fuselage of Jacob's ship, cutting or knocking the tail section completely off. The tail section dropped and hit the wing of the plane in the hold, A/C # 969-F, pilot Schlecht, knocking him down, as well.

A/C # 008, pilot Matichka was reported with formation when bombs were away. After bombing, he left formation with no apparent trouble. He did not return to base.

Wing leadership was praised for the right turn off target, averaging 225 degrees magnetic, which avoided flak seen to be engaging those CBW's which

held to the briefed course. CBW was south of course for a time coming back, drawing flak from A/D at Bransche and Rhelne which were identified through clouds. Except for above, course was approximately as briefed: English Coast 0817 hours, Dutch Coast 0853 hours, target 1111 hours, Dutch Coast 1305 hours, English Coast 1343 hours. Planes landed at Base 1417 hours.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No E/A encountered. At 0959 hours, North of Nienburg, crews report wing to left ahead under attack. Support left 40th CBW and went to rescue, but not before 3 B-17's were seen to go down, one exploding in air. Crews are of the opinion that the formation under attack was probably last Combat Wing of 3rd Division. Our support was better than briefed, no gaps being reported. More friendly A/C seen than briefed, the feeling being that part of the 3rd Division support was with 40th CBW.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Berlin: Moderate, inaccurate barrage and tracking. Very low at first, but came up to altitude after 40th CBW passed over the city. Practically no A.A. gun fire until after bombs away. A few bursts in Dummer Lake area on way out.

4. Bombing

Bombing was on PFF through 10/10ths undercast. Good pattern reported.

5. Leaflets

No leaflets carried. Planes were loaded for French Mission.

6. Weather

6 to 7/10ths cloud up to 10 degrees East, then practically solid with dense, persistent contrails at altitude.

7. Observations

Good-sized ship off Enkhuizen in Zuider Zee. Same ship seen on last two or three missions.

8. Other Aircraft In Distress

B-17, at 1000 hours, straggler from formation ahead, seen making slow circles with chutes coming out, then later seen in spin. 6 or 7 chutes were seen. See: Paragraph 2 above, 3 B-17's hit near Nienburg.

9. A/C Returning Early, Not Dispatched

A/C #444-Y and #836-P, spares, turned back at 52°40'N x 03°08'E at 0834 hours. Each A/C brought back 10 x 500 M43's.

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

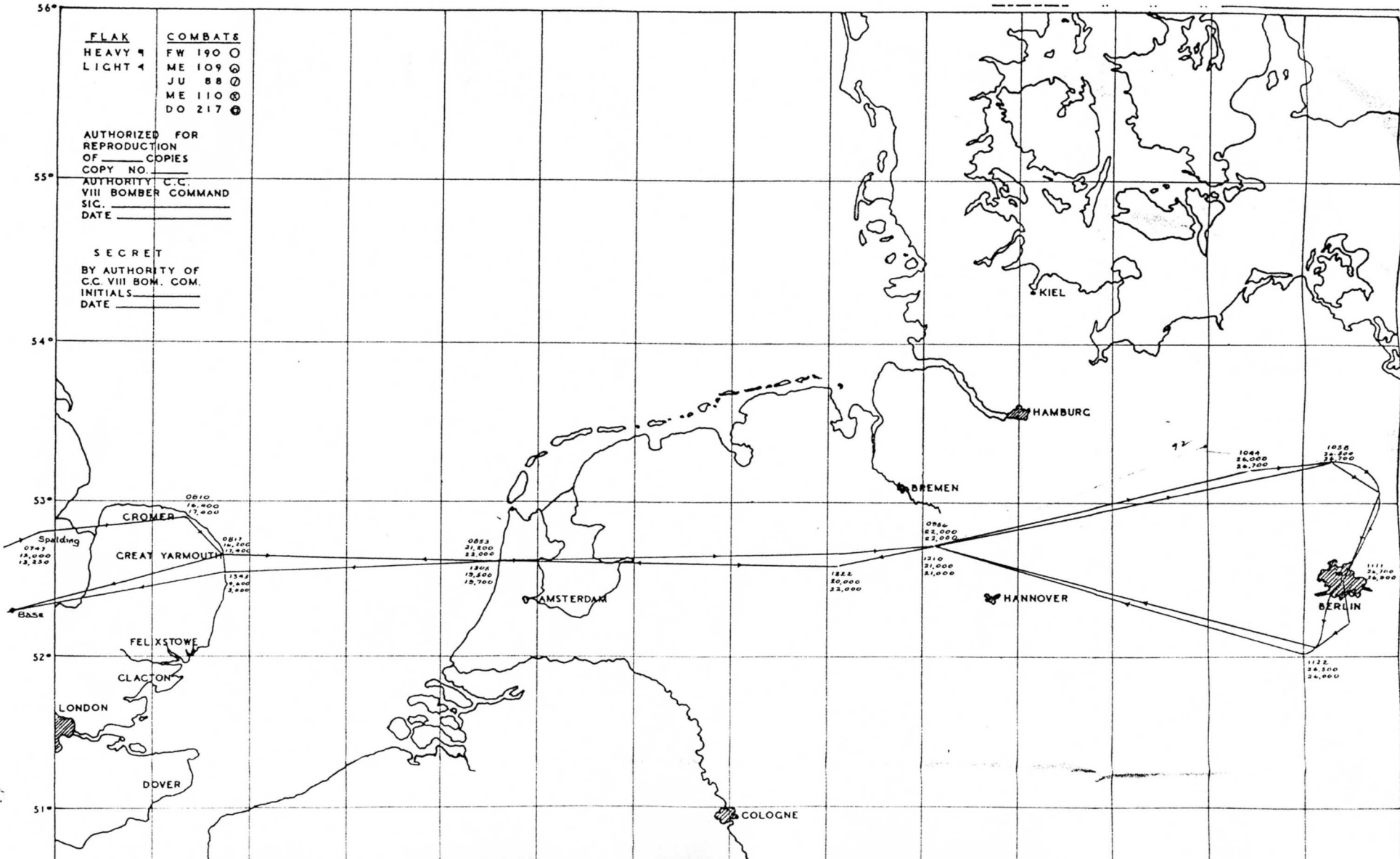
TARGET

Primary Berlin, Germany.  
 Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

TRACK CHART

DATE 8 May, 1944.

Planned	Route followed by	306th Bombardment Gr. (H)
<u>Actual</u>	..	..
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FORMATION DIAGRAM - MAY 8, 1944

Next

92 Head New  
Navigator peeled out  
off flash at Berlin

GRENDING \* 1  
690-W

Always in  
sight

1 batch  
outside  
flash  
N of D batch

SHUTZ \* 13  
397-0

MCDONOUGH 3  
129-L

MALSOM 2  
163-N

KIELT 7  
943-L

LEEDY 15  
505-V

KESLING 14  
897-S

cut support

MCGUIRE \* 4  
099-S

MCDANIEL 9  
155-J

Lost engine  
fuel tank  
TRIGG 8  
148-K  
came down  
alone

SUTTON \* 16  
055-M

SMITH 6  
259-Q

HAWLEY 5-  
726-0

TRIPP \* 10  
327-U

Oil  
out

TROUP 18  
588-D

MUNN 17  
737-U

under  
attacked  
lost 3 ships  
one exploded

ENDRES 12  
323-M

KRZYSTON 11  
113-G

SPARES

RABE 19  
836-P

Lost wing  
and D/F port

MILLER 20  
444-Y

Flash-

E.T.A.

Less than yesterday

Dribbling in  
with engine  
- 92 - 1 ship lost

959  
N of Nienberg

\* INDICATES CAMERA IN AIRCRAFT:

Good support  
Contrails

10/10 plus  
con trail

Just before  
flash got out

PETERSON \* 21  
143-P

assembly OK  
@ W OK  
Route N  
of course going in  
South turned  
off target  
225 instead  
of 215

MAGEE \* 27  
133-W

DOWELL 23  
198-D

JOHNS 22  
185-J

JACOBS 29  
942-A

MATICHKA 28  
008-V

REED \* 24  
939-A

SCHLECHT \* 30  
969-F  
Green

back  
prop  
wash

LAMBERT 22  
239-L

SAUNDERS 23  
153-V

Landed away



YASS 32  
180-K

BURGESS 31  
181-B

WLGK

1000 before target  
Before L.P.

\* INDICATES CAMERA IN AIRCRAFT

Broken up

cut tail off

Not as bad as  
yesterday

1 chute

9/10  
No E/A  
Flash

Left wing panel  
flew off  
made loop around  
fuselage

Tail section hit  
man in hole  
& punched  
him  
from



Yam

going in  
Before 1P  
Came in on top

Leader indicating  
170 to high up

2 hit + knocked  
3rd man down  
front 2, broke belly  
tail of one

Silva  
ship  
around  
trouble

climbing 160  
level of we  
were doing  
170

Shurtz  
Smith  
Started to climb  
on way in  
Smith started to  
struggle - fell  
back - came up  
again then

struggle  
and came  
back

290  
3 minutes after

minutes after  
action

RECEIVED  
JES-1  
REVISION 11  
JES-1  
REVISION 11

22

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NARRATIVE SECTION "B"

PRIORITY

TO: C. G. 1st BOMB DIVISION  
40th COMBAT WING  
ATTENTION: A-2

M-109-D

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AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

8 May 1944

(DATE)

SQDN.	TYPE A/C	SERIAL NO.	FLAK	20MM	.303	50CAL FIRE	50CAL SHELL CASES	DAYS EST IN-OP
367th	B17G	42-38129	0					
"	"	42-38163	0					
"	"	42-32099					SLI	
"	"	42-31726	0					
"	"	42-97259	MIA					
"	"	42-97133	SEV					
"	"	42-38008	MIA					
"	"	42-37942	MIA					
369th	"	42-31143	SEV					
"	"	42-97188	SEV					
"	"	42-38198	0					
"	"	42-107153	0					
"	B17F	42-30939	0					
"	"	42-97239	MIA					
"	"	42-38969	MIA					
"	"	42-97181	0					
368th	"	42-31690	SEV					
"	"	42-37943	SLI					
"	"	42-38148	SEV					
"	"	42-38155	SEV					
"	"	42-97327	0					
"	"	42-32113	SLI					
"	"	42-97323	0					
SPARE	"	42-37836		NOT USED				
423rd	"	42-97397	0					
"	"	42-38897	0					
"	"	42-97505	0					
"	"	42-107055	0					
"	"	42-38737	0					

*See other side*

TOTAL DAMAGED	SEVERE	SLIGHT	FLAK	20MM	.303	50Cal Fire	50Cal Shell Cases
11	6	5	10	0	0	0	1

MISSING	ABORTIONS	
5	0	NOTED



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MILITARY AIR ATTACHE  
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN.

June 19, 1944.

Subject: Pilot's Mission Report.

TO : A.C. of A.S., Intelligence, Headquarters, A.A.F., Washington, D. C.

Through: A.C. of S., G-2, War Department, Washington, D. C.

The following report was submitted by pilot, 2nd Lt. Louis F. Matichka, ASN O-753805, who ditched a Flying Fortress off the coast of Sweden on May 8, 1944.

A. Ship Type, Number, Pilot, Unit:

B-17, #238008, pilot, Louis F. Matichka, 2nd Lt., O-238008, 306th Bomb Group, 367 Bomb Squadron.

B. Time of Take Off (Date):

0610 hours, departed English coast 0845 hours at 15,000 feet, and arrived enemy coast 0928 hours at 22,000 ft.

C. Defects In Ship on Trip Out:

Oil pressure dropped below 50 lbs. on #1 engine, unable to feather prop.

D. Time & Place of Enemy Fighter Opposition, Action of Friendly Fighters:

None.

E. Target: A. Briefed Target. B. Bombed Target. Bombs Dropped (Type & How Dropped, Altitude, Results):

Briefed target Berlin, Germany, PFF. Bombs were salvoed approximately 2 miles north of the I.P., but strikes were not observed because of cloud. Bombs dropped from 27,000 Ft.

F. Ground Defenses:

Encountered 2 flak barrages from I.P. out on course of 10 degrees magnetic.

G. When & Where Decision Made to Land in Sweden & Why:

Left formation at 53-03 N. 13-49 E., at 1105 hours, approximately 15 minutes before I.P. having lost all oil pressure on #1 engine. An attempt was made to feather prop before oil pressure dropped below 50 lbs., to no avail. Up to the time we lost #1 engine we were constantly using 2500 RPM and 46 inches mercury to remain in formation, due to our position in formation and the rate of climb lead ship was using. An attempt was made to stay in formation with #1 prop windmill:

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and pulling 2500 RPM and 50 inches mercury on the three remaining engines. Approximately 5 minutes before 1310, the co-pilot checked the gas gauges which read approximately 500 gallons gas remaining. At the time #4 engine began to detonate and vibrate excessively, with cylinder head temp. reading about 250 degrees C. We began to straggle and when our group turned on the I.P. we were straggling a considerable distance behind them. Because of the acute gas situation and our inability to remain in formation on two engines, and one of them detonating, a decision was reached to strike out for the Baltic Sea rather than the briefed route home, which if followed, would have probably landed us in German occupied territory. It was impossible to notify our formation leader, the VHF radio being inoperative. Bombs were salvaged, and on leaving the I.P. encountered two barrages of flak from the I.P. out. One burst hit the radio room, knocking out the liaison transmitter. Upon assuming we were over the sea, we decided to let down through the overcast, breaking out 50 ft above the water. The visibility was very poor due to precipitation and we continued on a magnetic course of 10 degrees until landfall was observed. Landfall was an island which did not appear on any of the navigator's charts. Not being certain of the position other than by D.R., navigator decided to follow coast until able to pin point. Island on our right and about 5 minutes later land appeared on our left. We continued midway between the bodies of land until island on right ended. Still not having found any landmarks identifiable on navigator's charts, at 1315 hours, with approximately 100 gallons of gas, we flew over the land on left searching for a field suitable for a crash landing. This attempt failed as land was heavily forested and rough. Having but a few minutes of gas left we then prepared to ditch about one half mile off shore. #4 engine quit running and no attempt was made to feather since ditching was imminent. As we were taking up positions for ditching two Swedish, single engine planes appeared and beckoned us to follow them inland. Because of the acute gas shortage we had no alternative but to ditch. We followed Swedish planes for about 2 minutes when engines began to splutter. We made a turn toward land and ditched about one half mile off shore at 1345 hours. Plane and all equipment sank about one and one half minutes after landing.

H. Opposition After Leaving Formation:

Flak after leaving I.P. on way out.

I. Claims of Enemy Fighters Destroyed:

None.

J. Disposition of Classified Equipment:

No disposition. Equipment went down with plane.

K. Time of Landing in Sweden (Ditching off shore) and Damage Sustained:

No injuries sustained by crew in ditching - plane and equipment sank about one and one half minutes after ditching.

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Report of collision of three *April 1951*

Reed, a/c 939-A, states; another squadron flying above Lambert, backed down on Lambert and cut tail off. Turned over on side, went down. No chutes seen.

Magee, a/c I33-W states: at IO42 hours, with heavy persistent con trails making visibility difficult, Lambert was apparently caught in prop wash (they could not tell whose) and was pitched around. At that time, Jacobs was flying #2 of lead element low sqdn, Composite Group. He had gone in there after dropping back, and upon trying to regain his position, finding that Matichka (who had also been thrown out by prop wash) had moved over to #3 position. This had occurred before the collision. Lambert peeled to his left trying to avoid prop wash, with Jacobs flying a bit wide. Lambert's ship came down on top of Jacob's plane, breaking off the right wing of the ~~plane~~ latter's a/c. Lambert's a/c seemed to do a circle around the fuselage of Jacob's a/c, knocking the tail off the latter a/c. This tail hit the right wing of the plane in the hole (Schlecht) and he too went down. No chutes seen. Three planes with "B" in a triangle were reported flying between lead and low sqdns, moving "all over the place", higher; lower; and generally about. (Cf. Burgess report)

Tripp, a/c 327-U, says: Collision 5305N-I225E, IO42 hours, two B-17s came together and hit a third all three came apart and went down. One chute seen, might have been chance for others to get out.

Trigg, a/c I48-K, ball turret reports three chutes from collision craft.

Dowell, a/c I98-D, saw one ship of collision in flat spin, smoking, and flames.

Keeling, a/c 897-S, IO42 hours, saw two B-17s going down, one without a wing, one without tail. Did not see actual collision. No chutes seen.

McDonough, a/c I29-L, 3 B-17s hi Group hit by A/c from left, spun down clipped tail off one below. All three down, no chutes.

McDaniel, I55-J, IO42 hours, collision, wings and fuselage broken off and spiralled down. No chutes, 26,000 feet.

Keilt, a/c 943-L, says: saw two a/c, believed from lo sqdn, in collision, saw three go down, no chutes.

says:

Yass, a/c I80-K says: IO48 hours, low sqdn making left turn and high sqdn making right turn, very dense con trails and poor visibility at the times A/C # 239

(Lambert) skidded over and dropped down on A/C # 942 (Jacobs) - sliced Jacob's right wing off as the two a/c broke away. a/c # 239 (Lambert) fell on a/c # 969 (Schlecht)

All three a/c broke up. No chutes seen.

Sutton, a/c # 055\*W, IO43 collision, 1 chute, at 5258N-I242E. ~~at 5258N-I242E~~

~~Malson~~  
Malson, a/c I63-N, says: 3 B-17s composite Group crashed midair, no chutes seen.

McGuire, a/c # 099-S, didn't see collision, only saw three B-17s going down out of control, IO43 hours, approximately 5300N-I240E.



*Opportunities*

Leedy, a/c 505-V, 1026 hours, two B-17s in midair crash, one with letter "B" in triangle— one chute seen.

Johns, a/c 185-J, 1005 hours, no chutes from collision. One skidded into the other, pieces hit wing of third ship, all fairly well disintegrated, but middle one more so.

Peterson, a/c 143-P, 1042 hours, 3 B-17s collided near Perleberg before target. This a/c took pictures. No chutes seen.

Shutz, a/c 397-O, 1043 collision, no chutes.

Munn, a/c 737-U, SA's: at 0954 hours, 5246N-0920E, 25,000 feet, a/c with either letter "B" or "G" in a triangle and a yellow "J" (small) under the triangle, came up from below through our formation, salvaged bombs in near a little village; our A/C 558, pilot Troup was forced out of formation and our a/c 737, pilot Munn was forced over into the lead sqdn. This strange a/c continued on up and disappeared into the con trails. A very few seconds later our three a/c were knocked down. Lt. Munn is positive this A/C caused the collision.. No chutes seen.

Troup, a/c 588-D, 1042, 5300N-1250E, two B-17s on left lost tails; one on right #1 engine and left outer wing came off.

Kryxston, a/c # 113-G, did not see actual collision but saw parts of A/C falling, and then the planes themselves.

Burgess, a/c 181-B (Compare this with Magee's report above) Story of this crew paralleled almost exactly the story told by Magee's crew. The following additional facts were reported: The props of Lambert's a/c cut through the <sup>pilot's cockpit</sup> cabiz/of Jacob's ship; IAS at the time seemed to be high though the pilot and Co-P could not say just what it was. Schlecht's left wing was struck by debris and his #1 engine was also hit. Ball turret watched two a/c till out of sight in clouds and did not see any chutes. This crew thought that the prop wash that originally caused Matichka to shift over to #3 position came from "the low Group ahead".

Saunders, a/c 153-V, says: ship from low sqdn, apparently due to prop wash came over, crowding # 239, hit wing of #239, and turned over so that two a/c were back to back and disintegrated, falling and hitting wing of another a/c in low sqdn. All went down. No chutes seen.



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L. Damage to Ship by Enemy Action:

Burst of flak in radio room knocked out liaison transmitter.

M. Fuel Now Aboard Ship:

No fuel left at ditching.

N. Other Unusual Occurrences or Comments:

None.

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Military Air Attache

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~769~~ A/C Number 690 Letter W Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~769~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*None except Hi.*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

*Group*

*Group*

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

Capt. C. N. Grending Pilot ✓

1st Lt. J. W. Curtis Co-P ✓

Capt. J. R. Samway Nav. ✓

1st Lt. D. R. Ross Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. R. L. Kohler Radio ✓

T/Sgt. D. A. Rockwell Top P ✓

T/Sgt. R. L. Semler Ball T ✓

S/Sgt. S. M. Powell R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. E. Bartel L. Waist ✓

2nd Lt. M. E. Christianson Tail G. ✓

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: *11 11 1/4*

Alternate Height: *26500*

Last Resort Heading: *215*

Duration Bomb Run: *11 1/2*

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

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

Own Bombs: *10/10*

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: - Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*Area 30 or 40 mi. wide*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*S. of Breun was spotty cloud & A/D's threw up flak visibly - otherwise 10/10 over*

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

*Continued*

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*Fighters*  
(Types)

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*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,

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)

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 X 369 423 A/C Number 6-163 Letter N Date May 8, 1

Bomb Lead 10 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>06:12</u> Time Landed <u>1433</u>	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No	X	X	X	X	X
Details:	X	X		X	X
				X	

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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R. B. Malsom Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. E. J. Wagner Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. P. V. Osburn Nav. ✓
- Capt. E. Jensen Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. M. Goldberg Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. E. L. Fulmer Top F ✓
- S/Sgt. E. L. Sexton Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. J. Robbins R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. O. D. Starnes L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. W. Corcoran Tail G. ✓

259 - Straggling - last seen not too far from E coast (near Zunder Zee)  
10:45 - 3 BIT's - comp group crashed - mid-air - no chutes seen.  
10:05 BIT Wing ahead - down with 5 chutes

2. TARGET ATTACKED: by E/A.  
 PFF Primary Time: 11 11 1/2  
 Alternate Height: 26 500  
 Last Resort Heading: 209° MAG.  
 Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: On group lead - saw PFF markers.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
 Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Fair.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Target Solid

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C
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On none

and - traceria lead ab. mass.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*1. Origin good - lined ok.*

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*H. gun at Tar. out (malfunc.)*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*Skalak Capt*

TIME COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 XX 369 XXX 423 A/C Number 129 Letter L Date May 8, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incend.

1433  
Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:12 Time Landed ~~06:12~~

	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

2nd Lt. T. G. McDonough Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R. C. Sage Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. V. B. Bodenheimer Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. C. J. Crunican Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. E. Malan Radio ✓

S/Sgt. D. Carter Top P ✓

S/Sgt. W. C. Maddox ~~Sub-T~~ ✓

Sgt. H. Shaw ~~R. Waist~~ ✓

Sgt. E. Dickhaus ~~R. Waist~~ ✓

S/Sgt. W. W. Winans Tail G. ✓

*5-B-17-1045 - High Sp. hit by  
ap from left - Spid down. clipped  
tail of one below all three  
friendly A/C in any kind of distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full  
details)  
down no. 423*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1041

Alternate Height: 26000

Last Resort Heading: 245° mag  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: *Solved before target under steep climb  
slowed w/c climb and could not keep up with  
formation*  
Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes  No   
Number Boxes dropped       
Number Boxes returned     

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes?  No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*As briefed -  
5 min on way out.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*Av. Control at 25000' - 10/10 th clouds - broken in Comp*

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

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

*check to top*

(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.)

*None*

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Complete cover ally wing in front.*

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

*3 large balls of fire 2000' - explosion  
smoke trail visible - (Rocket)*

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)

*Minor flak*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*#1 + 2: Rough cut altimeter*

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

S-2 OFFICER Capt. McNeely TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

INTERROGATION FORM

4

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~XXX~~ ~~28~~ A/C Number 099 Letter S Date May 8, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:12 Time Landed 1432

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Group

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

1st Lt. B. J. McGuire Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. M. R. Allen Co-PV ✓

1st Lt. A. H. Rothenberg Nav. ✓

1st Lt. W. A. Smith Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. L. C. Manning Radio ✓

T/Sgt. H. W. Karol Top T ✓

S/Sgt. S. R. Downs Ball T ✓

S/Sgt. O. A. Shafer R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. R. E. Weed L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. P. Thomas Tail G. ✓

3-817 called 1043 at app.  
5300 N 140 E

all went down out of control

no chutes. Did not see  
accident only.  
after it happened.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111 1/2

Alternate Height: 26500

Last Resort Heading: 315  
250 M  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 7 1/2 min

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

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

Own Bombs: PFF  
not observed

Other Bombing: not seen

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

A little south of Briefed course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Continuals decrease and  
Present at 25,000 ft. overcast over whole

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

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

Big breaks from ~~Target~~ coverage about 7% to 8%



(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

*Very good not a single gap  
'47 at coast 50 to target and after 38 joined  
and 49's brought all way back*

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

*Large number of Boats or barge in the water.  
Never saw such large number before.*

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

*none*  
16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Plastic glasses broken link from other ship*

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

*none*  
*W.A. Leatherman*

S-2 OFFICER

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~423~~ A/C Number 6726 Letter 0 Date May 8, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Mosad.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:12 Time Landed 1430

			X					
	X		X	X		X		
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
	X		X	(X)		X		
X	X					X	X	
	X					X	X	Group

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

*Xt*  
*Way in 1005 SWB Chutes out of B-17*  
*making slow circles from wing ahead*  
*hit ground and started burning.*  
*Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:*  
*(Give position, time, altitude, full details)*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. A. D. Hawley Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. V. W. Dingman Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. J. M. Carella Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. E. L. Bratrud Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. M. Schofield Radio
- T/Sgt. A. S. Cruff Top T ✓
- S/Sgt. C. G. Smith Ball T ✓
- Sgt. J. B. Lenaghan L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. G. W. Holland R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. D. F. Offord Tail G. ✓

3. B-17 in collision  
*Tail of one - did not see*  
*details -*  
*Smith seen before target but*  
*not after bombs away - did*  
*not observe bombs disappear*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: *no see disappear*  
Primary Time: 1111  
Alternate Height: 2650  
Last Resort Heading: 215° mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:  
4 mins

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10th dropped on leader  
to 18-20 thousand ft.  
Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes  No   
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes?  No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*as briefed -*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)  
*H. Perantel Contrails at 24000 ft.*

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

*None*

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

*None*

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Excellent no gaps - all way in & out.*

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

*2 small physics 3-3m  
1 large*

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)

*Small last seen before target*

*None*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~X368~~ ~~X369~~ ~~X372~~ A/C Number 259 Letter Q Date May 8, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:12 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

		X			
	X	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	X	X
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No	X	X	X	X	X
Details:	X	X	X	X	X
	X				X Group

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

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

*Dragged behind*

*Schutz says at 959 at start of climb*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: *on way in*  
 Primary Time: *Smith started*  
 Alternate Height: *to struggle -*  
 Last Resort Heading: *fell back -*  
 (circle) *came up*  
 Duration Bomb Run: *again then fell back out*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: *never reappeared.* Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: *On climb - our people were doing 160 indicated*

Other Bombing: *levelled off were doing*

Any Nickels: Yes No  
 Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? *170 -*

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: *several jettisoned to keep up*

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

*Another report puts him struggling at 950*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *at 1010E 5252N when he fell*

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *left formation & turned back toward*

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

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, etc signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; cc 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.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~#1477~~ 368 ~~#369~~ ~~#428~~ A/C Number 943 Letter L Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#1477~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1438

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

X Group

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)

*think 2 from low by saw 3 go down  
another under cut of vision no chutes seen  
8-10 ft wing tip 3rd man gone*

- |                                |          |     |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----|
| <u>1st Lt. W. Keilt</u>        | Pilot    | ✓   |
| <u>1st Lt. A. F. Rehn</u>      | Co-P     | ✓   |
| <u>1st Lt. S. L. Tanner</u>    | Nav.     | ✓   |
| <u>1st Lt. C. Fontane</u>      | Bomb     | ✓ ✓ |
| <u>T/Sgt. G. J. Allen</u>      | Radio    | ✓   |
| <u>T/Sgt. H. J. Larwig</u>     | Top P    | ✓   |
| <u>S/Sgt. O. V. Bittikofer</u> | Ball T   | ✓   |
| <u>S/Sgt. R. D. Kemp</u>       | R. Waist | ✓   |
| <u>S/Sgt. J. P. Smith</u>      | L. Waist | ✓   |
| <u>S/Sgt. M. B. Immerman</u>   | Tail G.  | ✓   |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1006  
Alternate Height: 21400  
Last Resort Heading: 80  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

*N. of Hannover  
Red to drop - fuel patch W. of*

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

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

Own Bombs: *Two engines out - couldn't keep up -  
dropped N.E. of Hannover -*

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped  
Number Boxes returned

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

*Staged with formation*

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
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*chaff*

*Flak bursts were going in - major at target - north range - and some tracking -*

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *good*

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TERM, 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.)

15. \_\_\_\_\_

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *shakes plot dinner table*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *2 engine (375 hr) no power - handle an way in from coast. - 1 engine kept going but no power.*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*Moore*

TIME COMPLETED



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~##~~ 368 ~~##~~ A/C Number 148 Letter K Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1143D

				X	
	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	(X)
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X			X	X
				X	Group

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

3 Chutes from collision cryst

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. C. L. Trigg Pilot ✓

Lost engine before I.P.  
(not in flak - probably oil  
cooler blow) - 1035 hrs

2nd Lt. G. A. Weinel Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. P. A. Tomasella Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. R. D. Eldredge Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. K. Bardsley Radio ✓

S/Sgt. J. B. Novak Top P ✓

Sgt. S. D. Bennett Ball T ✓

Sgt. G. B. Foster R. Waist ✓

Sgt. F. I. Arnold L. Waist ✓

Sgt. E. H. Brunotte Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

5315N - 1210E  
Time: 1040

Primary

Height:

Alternate

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Dropped back, called for fighter support - on 30 minutes PSTs - probably just happened along -

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Caught real flak  
North edge (probably) of  
Berlin and Brandenburg.

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Other formations gassed us all  
way out - 130 mph - missed

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Followed formations - more or less flak  
hitching a ride home

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
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Came home alone

Saw ground once - just east of



(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	0
DAMAGED	0

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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, *linked to fighters flying up ("Scorums")* - *Nienberg - Germany*

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)

*Defect under the floor damage (hydraulic system out -)*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES

*Chin turret beat up - Holes in wing - Hole in fuselage (fire in Cock pit) from hydraulic motor*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*Lt. Faraway*

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

9

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~#369###428~~ A/C Number 155 Letter J Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*104 hrs collision wings and fuselage broken off and spiralled down up Chutes*

		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

Group

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

*About 1/2 hour before target saw a B17 hit by plane tail came off (may have been a rocket) no Chutes!*

1st Lt. R. C. McDaniel Pilot ✓

1st Lt. A. D. Maynes Co-P ✓

1st Lt. M. W. Brage Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. R. S. Hodgson Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. R. M. Cole Radio ✓

S Sgt. J. J. Sullivan Top ? ✓

S/Sgt. D. Burger Ball T ✓

S/Sgt. T. A. Donlon R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. O. Wilson L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. S. Bastain Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1112

Alternate

Height: 27000

Last Resort (circle)

Heading: 210 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

*Pff through 10/10 cloud.*

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

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

Own Bombs:

*30 seconds late had to salvo*

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*About as briefed.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*Solid overcast.*

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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8:01		21500	Heavy	Black		
11:12	Target	27000	"	"	Inaccurate	Moderate Barrage
12:18	Chute	21000	"	"	Major tracking	Inaccurate

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

RECOVERED \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Excellent*

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.)

*Heavy ~~ass~~ contrails, not so bad about 26,000'*

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) *flake in #1 gastank*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *none*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*Wes Glass*

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~1269~~ A/C Number 327 Letter U Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~ATTACHED~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1420

			A		
	X		X	X	X
X	X		X		X X
X			X	X	(X)
X	X				X X
X					X

*Group*

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*About 28,000' Collision - 5305N x 1225E - 1042 hrs two B17's came together and hit a third, all three came apart and went down. One white plane might have been damaged for others to get out.*

Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: might have been damaged for others to get out  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

- 1st Lt. R. D. Tripp Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. E. Reece, Jr. Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. H. Wilson Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. D. W. Baltzer Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. E. C. Smartt Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. R. E. Phillips ✓ Top P
- S/Sgt. E. Goldbarst ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. R. C. Granger ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. W. W. Semler ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. C. L. Hum ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1111 hrs

Alternate

Height: 26,800'

Last Report (circle)

Heading: 198 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

T off through 10/10

Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*As briefed except south of course about 1/2 hour after leaving target*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

8/10 to 10/10 Cloud over Continent

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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<u>0945</u>	<u>5237N x 0875E</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Meager</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>	
<u>1111 hrs</u>	<u>Target 26,800'</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Accurate</u>	<u>Predicted Concentration</u>
<u>1710 "</u>	<u>SE of Dummer Lake, 2,000 "</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Accurate</u>	<u>Barage</u>

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

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Our defensive action)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Excellent all on schedule*

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,

*0958 hrs large explosion above clouds, grey color, about 21,000'*  
*5248 X 0908 E*

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)

*none*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*none*

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

*Wing Group & Squadron formations worst ever seen.*

*W.W. Glass*

S-2 OFFICER

TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~047H#047H#047H~~ 423 A/C Number 6737 Letter U Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1735

		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:

over ✓

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Group

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

1st Lt. N. D. Munn Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. F. J. Millette Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. R. A. Hallquist NavJ ✓

2nd Lt. H. H. Winning Bomb ✓

Sgt. R. Paolini Radio ✓

S/Sgt. W. H. Gaylord Tap P ✓

Sgt. F. E. Lancia Ball T ✓

Sgt. L. M. Mison R. Waist ✓

R. K. Zack L. Waist ✓

Sgt. W. M. Rudel Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1112  
Alternate Height: 25900  
Last Resort Heading: 210 mag.  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:  
P.F.F.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 x 500 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: ✓

Other Bombing: ✓

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped           
Number Boxes returned         

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height	Type	Flight	Color	Location
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0954 hrs. - 52°46'N 092°0'E - 25000 feet -

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

A/C with either B or H in Δ and a

*came up from below  
and threw our bombs near  
little valley*

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

*(Group) was forced out of formation and our*

(Location and length of fight)

*A/C # 737 (Munich) was forced over into*

*the lead squadron. This strange A/C*

*continued on up and disappeared into*

*contrails - a very few seconds later*

*our three A/C were knocked down - 1st*

(Tactics of E/A)

*Munich positive this A/C caused the  
collision - no chutes seen.*

(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

*no gaps*

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~###~~ 368 ~~###~~ A/C Number 113 Letter G Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load Nickels ~~#####~~

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Formation

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

	X		X	X	X	X
X	X		X		X	(X) after
	X		X	X	X	(X)
X	X				X	(X)
	X				X	

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. F. L. Krayston Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. D. W. Murphy Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. Niznanski Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. I. R. Norton Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. S. B. Haas Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. O. C. Huddle Top F ✓
- Sgt. F. L. Gesiriech Ball T ✓
- Sgt. A. J. Roe R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. J. R. Johnson L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. D. T. Reese Tail G. ✓

*100 P. 11*  
I will lead peed off, do 360° & come back & join formation because I AS fell to 130 - one below I. P. & one at the target.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Height: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Resort Heading: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out \_\_\_\_\_

*Chart - 1100 - 1181*



10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*W-*

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Very good -*

*381 + 57s over target*

*\* 381 around us on both 360° turns till we got back \**

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.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

17. CREW COMMENTS:

INTERROGATION FORM

12

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~367~~ A/C Number 323 Letter M Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load Nickels H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0618 Time Landed 1425 1/2

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

⊗ after Target  
Group

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

1043 - 3 planes crashed.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. F. I. Endres Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. G. A. Boswell Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. T. C. Cumberledge Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. A. F. Burnett Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. J. A. Purello Radio ✓
- T/Stt. E. G. Miller Top P ✓
- Sgt. R. R. Copp, Jr. Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. H. M. Haven B. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. E. L. Robinson L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. E. W. Teska Tail G. ✓

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1112  
Alternate Height: 26500  
Last Resort Heading: 208°  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

8 min.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

10710th

Any Nickels: Yes NO  
Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? NO

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

cut followed Target Turned r. rather than l. off

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

5/10 - 10710 over target.

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

Time Place Height

Chaff  
1 min.  
before I.P.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

51 1/2 target

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P-47's east; 51's - 0830 E; 38 - for target; 47's + 51's.

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.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 397 Letter 0 Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

GROUP

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

*1043 collision - no chutes*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. J. P. Shutz, Jr. Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. C. Weiland Gc-P ✓
- 1st Lt. E. F. West Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. A. J. Bugni Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. M. L. Hodges, Jr. Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. S. J. LaGory Top P ✓
- Pvt. D. D. Subal Ball T ✓
- Sgt. D. A. Snow R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. A. McShaffery L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. A. Berman Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111 1/2  
Alternate Height: 26,000  
Last Report Heading: 220 mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:  
3 or 4 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: undamaged

Other Bombing: couple dropped early, probably to keep up. indicating 170

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

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

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



10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

T/E, swept back wings, hit by our fighters - 3 shots, one hit ground + exploded  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (T.P. 3)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*letter from Excellent - briefed - no gaps*

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,

*Wake (maybe sub) 5231, 0250 approx.*

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)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

INTERROGATION FORM

14

SQUADRON: ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number: 897 Letter S Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 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	

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

Group

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. E. W. Kesling Pilot

2nd Lt. B. B. Peterson Co-P

2nd Lt. E. O. Jarvie Nav.

2nd Lt. N. G. Niersbach Bomb

S/Sgt. J. P. Zamora Radio

S/Sgt. C. E. Schwoch Tap #

Sgt. R. A. Prestidge Ball T

Sgt. W. M. Chessman R. Waist

Sgt. C. H. Obye L. Waist

Sgt. W. C. Lacy Tail G.

*Just saw 2 ships  
one dived  
to miles  
near saw  
3rd ship  
involved*

*1042 saw ~~the~~ Two  
B-17 go down after collision  
no chutes 5306N 1215E  
one wing off one tail off  
no chutes*

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: ~~1112~~ 1112

Alternate Height: 26,500

Last Resort Heading: 226 M

(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 2 min.

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

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

Own Bombs: none

Other Bombing: none

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

*Target 10/10 coverage  
Backs to 5/10 coverage on way out*

Time Place Height Type (light, Color Location  
of heavy). intense. of Bursts in re-

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Location and length of fight)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Tactics of E/A)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *Damn good*

*47 ~~600~~ 730 E 51 at 920 E 51 before 1 P  
38 over target, 51 at 820 E + 38, 47 710 to home*

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.)

*(2-3 min) Large column smoked, could have been B-17 immediately before collision. 100' clock from this ship.*

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

*none*  
*none*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 505 Letter V Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1429

		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)

<u>1st Lt. T. L. Leedy</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pilot
<u>2nd Lt. W. D. Fortson</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Co-P
<u>2nd Lt. V. L. Gudger, Jr.</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nav.
<u>1st Lt. J. T. Hallock</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bomb
<u>T/Sgt. J. V. Poston</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<u>T/Sgt. G. J. Peterson</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tap P
<u>S/Sgt. C. M. Comstock, Jr.</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ball T
<u>S/Sgt. I. L. McCoppin</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	R. Waist
<u>Sgt. J. C. Ellis</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	L. Waist
<u>Cpl. J. W. Freel</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tail G.

10:26  
2-B17's in mid-air crash one with A - one chute seen.  
10:10 - aircraft blew up in distance not identified

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

4 at 10:32 Primary Time:  
6 at 10:37 Alternate Height: hit Dossow  
Last Report Heading: possibly near or on a R/R.  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: Reason - had to lighten load to keep up + pulling max power - couldn't stay with formation

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

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

Own Bombs: Think they (last 6) hit along edge of R.R. at Dossow.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: 1 Yes No  
Number boxes dropped:       
Number Boxes returned:     

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

OK. 3 1/2 min late Berlin

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Route 8 to 9/10 + the last 1/4 -> 10/10 + the

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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In none -  
Target (Berlin) int alt-inacc, generally poor.  
11:35 52°40N 12°E mod- alt-acc + behind



(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*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,

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)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*Not enough power to keep up.*

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

*Climbed too fast at 25000 up to 26500*

S-2 OFFICER

*R. Skalak*

TIME COMPLETED

*Capit*

INTERROGATION FORM

16

SQUADRON ~~227~~ 423 A/C Number 055 Letter M Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1434

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

Group

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. C. J. Sutton Pilot

2nd Lt. G. C. Berner Co-P

1st Lt. H. Green Nav.

1st Lt. J. H. Weeman Bomb

T/Sgt. E. A. Kiley Radio

T/Sgt. W. Harper Top P

S/Sgt. E. D. Creamer, Jr. Ball T

S/Sgt. R. E. Burroughs Waist

S/Sgt. J. C. Steinwachs, Jr. Waist

S/Sgt. D. D. Leo S.R.W.

1043 - collision - 1 chute - 5258, 1212  
A/c 259 pulled out of formation 1010 - 5252, 0950  
still in good shape - headed for home.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1112

Alternate Height: 26,100

Last Report Heading: 210°  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

4 or 5 mins

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

10

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

10/10 - PFF

Other Bombing: Unknown

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped  
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 going in, about 6/10 halfway out.

have persistent contrails interfere with formation flying - Wing formation just fair.

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

Time Place Height Type (Light Color Location)

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*maneuvers - right kinds, right times, lots of them - close*

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.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

INTERROGATION FORM

18

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 588 Letter D Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1429

	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

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

*1042 Collision  
5300 x 1250 E two B17's on left lost  
tails on on right & engine  
and left on left wing  
came off!*

Give Rank and Initials

Group

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

- 2nd Lt. N. R. Troup Pilot
- 2nd Lt. W. D. O'Brien Co-P
- 2nd Lt. A. E. Telfer Nav.
- 2nd Lt. R. W. Hanson Bomb
- S/Sgt. L. H. Arnold Radio
- S/Sgt. J. Fajardo Top P
- Sgt. D. F. Gibson Ball T
- Sgt. A. G. Speakman R. Waist
- T/Sgt. J. Kerr L. Waist
- Sgt. R. T. Miller, Jr. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111 hrs  
Alternate Height: 26,500  
Last Report Heading: 215 mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: Pff.

Number of BOMBS dropped on target all Wastelined: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped       
Number Boxes returned     

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*As briefed*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

*10/10 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>0941</u>	<u>1234 x 0900</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>Stooy</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>As accurate as possible</u>



(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 *Excellent in schedule throughout*

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.)

*1006 hrs F248X 0951 B17 dropped bombs left target*

*1023 " 5254X 1141 " " " " " "*

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)

*Shell hit right back window in nose*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER *Cooper, Glass*

TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

SPARE

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~007#~~ 368 ~~050#~~ ~~170#~~ A/C Number 836 Letter P Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Time Took off 0626 Time Landed 0924

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*at 0834 hours at 5240 N 0308 E.  
17,000'*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

*Spare*

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

*Good formation.*

2nd Lt. E. C. Rabe Pilot

2nd Lt. D. H. Shawe Co-P

2nd Lt. J. J. Bischof Nav.

2nd Lt. J. J. Polich Bomb

T/Sgt. C. E. Lane Radio

S/Sgt. W. M. Gentile Top P

Sgt. D. J. Galvin Ball T

Sgt. E. E. Ottoson R. Waist

Sgt. W. A. Davis L. Waist

Sgt. H. F. Champlin Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped       

Number boxes returned       

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Good. No contrails.*

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

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

SPARE

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367#368#369~~ 423 A/C Number 0444 Letter Y Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>0612</u>	Time Landed <u>0922 1/2</u>	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X

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

*Spare*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*Turned at 5238 - 0310 E.  
at 17,000  
with 836-P*

2nd Lt. H. L. Miller Pilot

1st Lt. J. B. Mathis Co-P

2nd Lt. L. J. McGowan Nav, ←

2nd Lt. W. Finklestein Bomb

Sgt. R. A. Powers Radio

T/Sgt. L. G. Dillon Top P

Sgt. C. R. Pomidore Ball T

Sgt. C. W. SESCO R. Waist

Sgt. P. W. Green L. Waist

Sgt. L. R. Goetz Tail G.

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped         

Number Boxes returned         

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*Weather clear - formation, etc. good - better than yesterday*

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



INTERROGATION FORM

21

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 369 A/C Number 0143 Letter P Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 1500 10 x 500 H.E. ##### Position in Formation

Time Took off 0602 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

Composite

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

0959. 3 B-17's from wing ahead to left under fighter attack. at least 10-15 a/c

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. L. F. Peterson Pilot

1042. collision 3 B-17's from this group nr. letting before target. - this a/c took picture - no chutes seen

2nd Lt. R. D. Buttorff Co-PV

Capt. C. P. Conrey Nav. ✓

1st Lt. M. A. Phillips Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. P. W. Christenson Radi. ✓

T/Sgt. A. Picerallo Tsp P ✓

S/Sgt. G. D. Richardson Ball T ✓

S/Sgt. J. W. Bentley R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. F. Hayes L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. W. Foley Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111 1/2

Alternate Height: 26,900

Last Resort Heading: 215 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: about 7 mins

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 on PFF

Other Bombing: Might have been thin Any Nickels: Yes No Number Boxes dropped      Number Boxes returned     

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Until 10E - 6/7/10

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

Control, persistent contrails - 23,000

Rest of time 10/10 occasional break

Contrails made for had formation flying

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*good - right kind, right time*

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.)

*Good sized ship (about size of raider at Bordeaux) lying in Zee off ENKHUIZEN  
has been there for at least four days. Might be transport.*

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)

*Slight flesh from Diphoty*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 369 ~~422~~ A/C Number 185 Letter J Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~1000~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

Composite

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

*after going into clouds.*

2nd Lt. L. E. Johns Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. C. A. Morrison Co-PI ✓

2nd Lt. M. G. Ewell Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. S. Rather Bomb ✓

Sgt. E. E. Minor Radio ✓

Sgt. R. I. Griggs Top P ✓

Sgt. D. E. Ellis Ball T ✓

Sgt. W. F. Manning R. Waist ✓

Sgt. T. H. Davis L. Waist ✓

Sgt. W. J. Couture Tail G. ✓

*1005 hrs  
no chutes observed from  
the collision - but possibly  
some could have come out later  
one slid into other - pieces hit  
wing of third ship - all fairly  
well disintegrated - but middle  
one more so.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1112

Alternate

Height: 26900

Last Report  
(circle)

Heading: 215° mag

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All Wastage: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Total unaccounted

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*With the formation*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Contrails (persisted) at times.

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

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	8
PROBABLY	0
DAMAGED	0

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Always there -*

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)

*none*

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)

*Slight fuel damage*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

INTERROGATION FORM

23

SQUADRON ~~367~~~~368~~ 369 ~~###~~ A/C Number 198 Letter D Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1423

			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:

*B17 tail in cloud - spun in -  
crashed - 7 chute 1000 hrs on way in*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

*Composite*

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

*Only saw one ship of collision  
noticed going down - in flat  
spin - smoking flame.*

- 1st Lt. K. F. Dowell ✓ Pilot
- 1st Lt. C. W. Young ✓ Co-P
- 1st Lt. D. A. Sharkey ✓ Nav.
- ~~1st~~ Lt. H. F. Jenack ✓ Bomb
- T/Sgt. J. C. Hubbard ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. J. E. Mellyn ✓ Top P
- S/Sgt. C. E. Shakespeare ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. H. Yamka ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. E. Cannon ✓ L. Waist
- Sgt. W. A. Erickson ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111  
Alternate Height: 2703  
Last Resort Heading: 215 mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Nothing

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*With formation yes - 92d from formation*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Sooty all way - occasional*

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *Traces of ground - target completely overcast*

Time Place Height Type (light, Color Location Accuracy



10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of fight) \_\_\_\_\_

(Tactics of E/A) \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Our defensive action) \_\_\_\_\_

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	0
DAMAGED	1
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *Very good support in  
Egypt zone.*

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,

*D/R center  
5247-0923*

*5250 - 0930 - couple of Scarcrowls  
0954 hrs on way in*

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)

*See front -*

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*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~##~~368~~## 369 ~~423~~ A/C Number 939 Letter A Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~###~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed 1425

			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:

Composite

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. M. D. Reed Pilot

2nd Lt. W. J. Gribovich Co-P

E/O H. J. Lyer Nav.

2nd Lt. R. E. Fraley Bomb

S/Sgt. E. H. Rees Radio

S/Sgt. M. E. Lauvie Top P

Sgt. H. W. Hoskins Ball T

Sgt. J. H. Jenkins R. Waist

Sgt. D. F. Bohrer L. Waist

Sgt. W. A. Cousins Tail G.

*no chatters seen*  
*mother found flying above Lambert*  
*hooked down on Lambert + cut tail off*  
*turned over on side went down.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111  
Alternate Height: 26,700  
Last Resort Heading: 210 mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: none obs

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number boxes dropped       
Number boxes returned     

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*fairly close to briefed*

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

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	Remarks
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*Chaff first at Berlin - light rather than*  
*Pew spots*



(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

*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,

*Rockets: Dummer lake region - about 1030 - Big puff -  
10 mi from 11 road - burn slowly with orange - white smoke -*

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)

*heard on VF for King thinks going down bomb fell out formation then set  
in channel 2 up in water - after left coast out back in -*

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*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*2. waist of Ball turret oxygen - less #50 l.w. sure*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*None*

TIME COMPLETED



(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

*Excellent throughout*

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.)

*Contrails from about halfway into halfway out.*

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*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Severed oxygen line described on other side.*

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

S-2 OFFICER

*W. J. Glass*

TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

INTERROGATION FORM

26

SQUADRON ~~367#368#~~ 369 ~~#367~~ A/C Number 239 Letter L Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~INCORRECT~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

		X			
		X	X	X	
	X	X	X	X	X
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No	X	X	<u>(X)</u>	X	X
Details:	X	X		X	X
		X			X

*Composite*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*Callahan*

2nd Lt. R. W. Lambert ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. W. E. Owens ✓ Co-P

2nd Lt. W. J. Cambell ✓ Nav.

Sgt. C. J. Crawford ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. E. Stone ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. T. McNulty ✓ Top E

Sgt. F. A. Montez ✓ Ball T

Sgt. D. F. McNamara ✓ R. Waist

Sgt. B. N. Zameron ✓ L. Waist

Sgt. D. R. Gordon ✓ 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:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_

Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time Place Height Type (light, Color Location Accuracy

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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.)

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368XX369XX423 A/C Number 133 Letter W Date May 8, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 06:12 Time Landed 1421

		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:

*see separate report for our 3 A/c colliding at 7042 hours*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*1 B-17 spun down + blew up, 1032 or 1035, 5 chutes*

1st Lt. E. W. Magee Pilot

1st Lt. P. G. Griswold Co-P

2nd Lt. N. W. Milar Nav.

2nd Lt. H. R. Maroney Bomb

T/Sgt. R. P. Ashwood Radio

T/Sgt. R. R. Hollister Top F

S/Sgt. W. S. Landrum Ball T

S/Sgt. R. O. Elkins R. Waist

S/Sgt. R. W. Russell L. Waist

S/Sgt. W. E. Tucker, Jr. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111

Alternate Height: 26,700

Last Resort Heading: 210°  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

*Chaff - 1055 - all bombs away*

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) *holes in 7-8/10*

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

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*No -*

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

*At 7000 hours, saw saw 7 A/C*

*coming up thru clouds - could tell*

(Tactics of E/A)

*of enemy.*

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Best pilot ever saw.*

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



INTERROGATION FORM

29.

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~423~~ A/C Number 942 Letter A Date May 8, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>06:12</u> Time Landed _____		X			
	X		X	X	
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No	X		X	X	
Details:		X			X
		X			X

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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*Missing*

- 2nd Lt. E. H. Jacobs Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. M. Miller Co-PI ✓
- 2nd Lt. G. H. Grace Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. I. B. Odgen Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. R. J. Klein ✓ Radio
- Sgt. R. J. Groffenberg ✓ Top F
- Sgt. J. M. Salas ✓ Ball T
- Sgt. R. H. Bolin ✓ R. Waist
- Sgt. H. R. Wehrmann ✓ L. Waist
- Sgt. E. A. Getzewich ✓ Tail G.

*Collins*

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:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light,	Color	Location	Remarks
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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

INTERROGATION FORM

30

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 369 ~~##~~ A/C Number 969 Letter F Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Tock off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

*Composite*

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

Collision

1st Lt. E. C. Schlicht ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. F. W. Hunt ✓ Co-P

1st Lt. G. W. Gorder ✓ Nav.

2nd Lt. R. K. Ware ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. C. B. Pallen ✓ Radio

S/Sgt. J. H. Davis ✓ Top W

Sgt. S. Michalicki ✓ Ball T

Sgt. J. R. Wharton ✓ R. Waist

Sgt. C. E. Hines ✓ L. Waist

Sgt. J. D. Haudenshield ✓ 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:

Any Nicks: Yes No

Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_

Number boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time Place Height Time (light) Color Location

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

INTERROGATION FORM

31

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 369 ~~###~~ A/C Number 5181 Letter B Date 8-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0612 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

		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

*B17 from 9000 ft, low, over just above clouds, over target.*

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

- 2nd Lt. L. W. Burgess ✓ Pilot
- 2nd Lt. C. J. Banas ✓ Co-P
- 2nd Lt. J. L. Tunstall ✓ Nav.
- 2nd Lt. O. Z. Stocker ✓ Bomb
- S/Sgt. L. S. Davis ✓ Radi.
- S/Sgt. J. M. Myers ✓ Top P
- Sgt. G. Lowe ✓ Ball T
- Sgt. G. C. Stahl ✓ *H.F. KEPLER* Waist
- Sgt. G. C. Stahl ✓ *STAHAL* Waist
- Sgt. W. H. Morris ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1111 1/2  
Alternate Height: 20,000  
Last Resort Heading: 206 mag.  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

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

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

Any Nicks: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

*Chaff 1102 - 1116*



10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*no*

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Good* *none* *Damage done to target*  
*between 471-475. 381 coming out*

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.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: