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HEADQUARTERS
1st BOMBARDMENT WING
HPOUSA APO 634

(7-10-33a)

10 November, 1942

SUBJECT: Damages to planes resulting from Combat Mission of Nov. 8, 1942.

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Bombardment Wing, APO 634.

1. The following is a detailed list of the damages resulting from the Combat Mission of Nov. 8, 1942 to Planes of this Group:

305th Bombardment Group

357th Bomb Squadron:

All Planes going on this mission returned O. K.

358th Bomb Squadron:

Plane No. 41-24437. Upper Turret Inoperative..Being repaired by replacement of Range Shaft. Plane in flying status on morning of 9, November, 1942?? Plane still out morning of Nov. 10.

359th Bombardment Squadron:

Plane No. 41-24438..Ball Turret Inoperative..Being replaced with turret from Plane 41-24468..Plane will be in flying status on morning of 9, Nov., 1942?? Plane still out morning of Nov. 10.

.. Plane No. 41-24470..Engine and Surface damaged..Nose glass on Bombardier's compartment bursted..Bullet holes in right wing, fuselage and vertical fin damaged by bullet holes, Supercharger regulator inoperative..Plane will be in flying status on 14, Nov., 1942.

Plane No. 41-24461..No. 1 Prop damaged by bullet. Center Section of left wing damaged by bullets, will have to be replaced. Supercharger lubricating tank and vents punctured will have to be replaced. Radio wiring slightly damaged by bullets. Left De-Icer boot punctured, No. 1. oil tank punctured. No. 1 Fuel Pressure transmitter damaged. Left expander tube leading. Both tires damaged. Directional gyro in-accurate. No. 3 tachometer transmitter damaged. Plane will be in flying status in approximately two weeks.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT ON DAMAGES TO PLANES RESULTING FROM COMBAT MISSION.

359th Bomb Squadron

Plane No. 41-24453, Surface, Controls, Props, and Engine Damaged. Vertical and horizontal stabilizer full of bullet holes. Right Horizontal stabilizer and elevator damaged by bullets, will have to be replaced. Fuselage badly torn under waist gunners position, tail gunners compartment damaged, will have to be replaced. No. 1 Prop blade will have to be replaced. Left wing tip demolished, will have to be replaced. Plane transferred to M. U. 54 for repairs and MIL 54 notified by teletype Nov. 8, 1942. Flying status indefinite.

REPORT ON PLANES FAILING TO COMPLETE COMBAT MISSION. 8, November, 1942.

306th Bombardment Group

367th Bomb Sqn.

Plane No. 41-24494..Plane returned without finishing mission due to Roll Turnot Not Functioning. Upon inspection it was found that the Solenoid Fuse was blown. Fuse was replaced and plane is now in Flying Status.

Plane No. 41-24495..Plane returned without finishing mission due to Tail Gun becoming inoperative. Upon return Tail Gun was checked for cause and found that excessive oil had been used and upon removing this oil the guns are now working perfectly. Plane is now in flying status.

368th Bomb Sqn.

Plane No. 41-24493..On take off Right Landing Gear Wheel was broken and plane failed to leave ground. Wheel has been replaced and this plane is now in flying status.

Plane No. 41-24514..Prior to take off three engines of this plane began cutting out. Spark plugs have been changed in these engines and same is now performing properly. Plane is in flying status now.

Plane No. 41-24502.. This plane returned after about three hours flight due to the Radio Operator becoming ill. Nothing was wrong with the plane itself. Plane is now in flying status.

REPORT ON PLANES FAILING TO COMPLETE COMBAT MISSION. 9, Nov., 1942.

357th Bomb Sqn.

Plane No. 41-24494..Balance Line Stopped U. Balance line was stopped up by carbon particles and an accumulation of carbonized oil

OPERATIONS OF REPORT ON PLANE MISSING TO OFFICE OF CAPT MESSICH,
9, November, 1942.

1st Bomb Grp.

over the balance line in exhaust pipe between collector ring and supercharger. Tail gun inoperative due to improper head space adjustment. gun failing to feed. Supercharger maintenance and inspection. Balance line has been cleaned out and proper adjustment made on Tail Gun. All now in flying status. This ship is in now.

Plane No. 41-24486. No. 4 Engine overheating due to Oil Regulator being stopped up, carbon particles found in oil line. Trouble caused excessive oil temperature. Oil line cleaned out and plane now in flying status. Thermostat no functioning properly due to excessive carbon particles.

1st Bomb Grp.

Plane No. 41-24488. No. 2 Engine overhauled. No. 4 Engine not showing enough carboid pressure. Guns are found and corrections made. Plane now in flying status. In.

Plane No. 41-24492. Main Ex center tube on takeoff. Ex center tube being replaced. Plane in flying status morning of 9, Nov. Aircraft in commission.

Plane No. 41-24497. Upper Turret Breaker Points burned out on pre-flight warm-up. New Breaker points installed in plane and plane now in flying status. In.

Plane No. 41-24494. Ball Turret out. Night head gun failed to feed due to obstruction in Ammunition feedway, dent in track. Dent being removed and plane will be in flying status on the morning of 9, November. Aircraft in commission.

1st Bomb Grp.

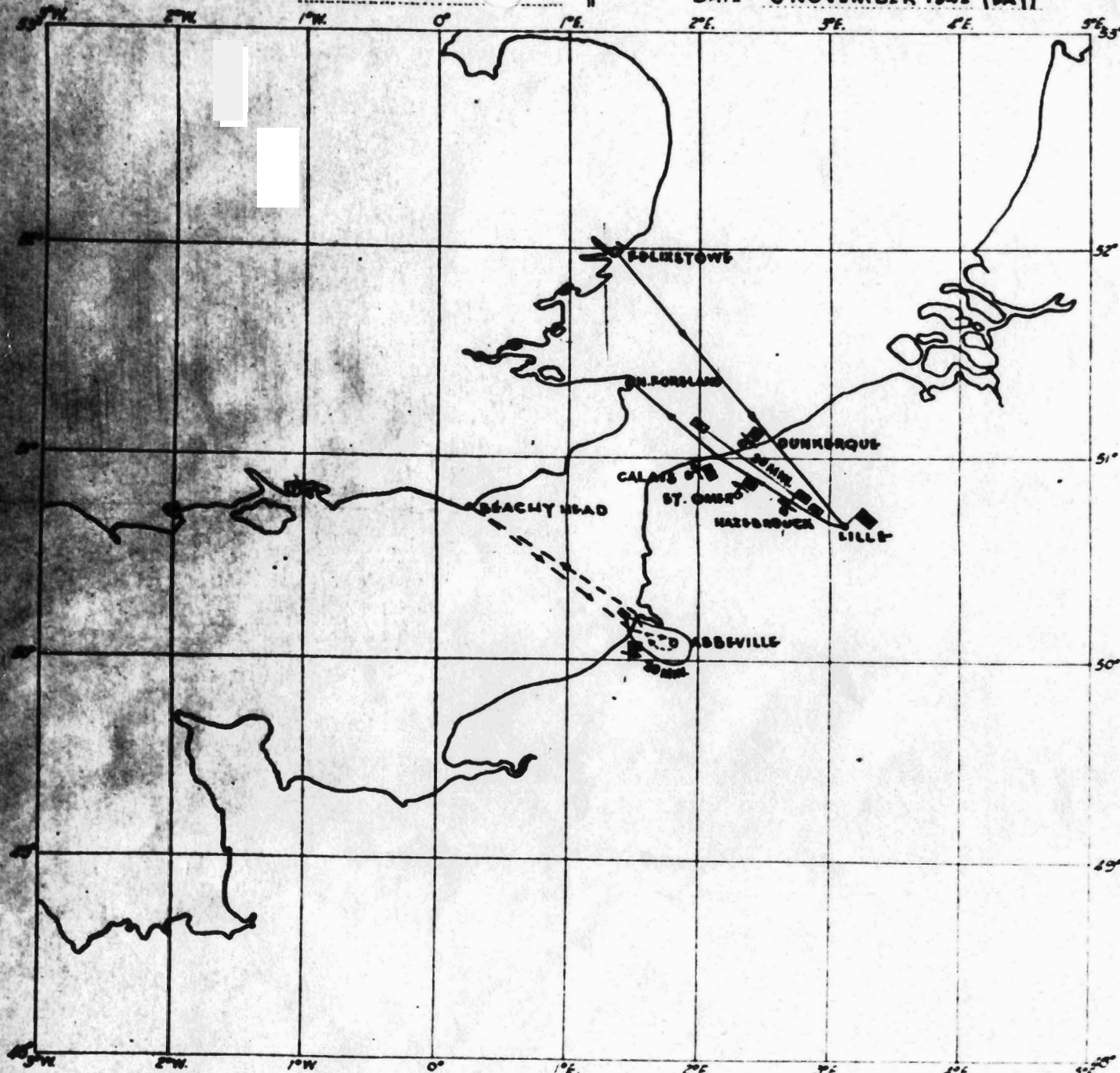
Plane No. 41-24577. Generator out. has been replaced and plane is not out but is now in flying status.

1st Bombardment Group

1st Bomb Grp.

Plane No. 41-24343. Having failed in the first attempt to start No. 3 engine on this aircraft, the co-pilot, instead of returning the starter switch to the neutral position, allowing the starter meshing gears to be disengaged, turned the starter switch to the energizing position which resulted in internal starter break age. The aircraft was unable to make its mission.

TARGET: HELLEMMES WORKS - LILLE
 ABBEVILLE / DRUCAT A/D
 DATE: 8 NOVEMBER 1942 (DAY)



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

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Bomb Load _____ H.E. Incend. _____
 2. Crew: Pilot Reads ^{18/1} Radio Op Rehndt
 Co-Pilot Malagowski ^{10/1} ^{M. PLISZEWSKI} Top Tur Gun W. G. Lawrence
 Navigator Spillman ^{S. J.} Ball Tur Gun Owen
 Bombardier Rother ^{S. D.} Waist Gun Santora Davis
 Engineer Santora Tail Gun Rejzler

3. (Immediate News to be telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) Enemy capital ships.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
FIRST RUN
 (Rich-checked)

4. Target Attacked: (Primary) Secondary Last Report Jettisoned Abortive
 Time 12:11 Height 23,200 Heading 170°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs hit on "B" (see photo)

(b) Other Bombing saw about ten on tracks

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"As ordered"

Exceptions a little early, but otherwise OK.

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity			Accuracy	
			Severe	Mod'te	Color	Height	Direction
<u>On way in</u>			<u>hardly any - slight</u>				
<u>Target</u>							
<u>On way out</u>	<u>20,000</u>				<u>White</u>	<u>Above</u>	<u>all around</u>

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack on 2nd run. - yellow was and silver was (W 190's (some black) engaged and followed to coast and over water. Gold was moving slowly to protect crippled ship. Estimated 30 E/A combinations attack attacked thru formation from most angles except bottom directly in front. This ship on left alone took severe attack consequence too busy to make any estimate of no. of attacks - would guess to

E/A claimed DESTROYED none over 200

E/A claimed PROBABLE 1 ✓

E/A claimed DAMAGED 5 ✓ OK

Fill out immediately separate CLARK REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return AS PREDICTED

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. none

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

elevator stuck, wing tip shot away on Jordan's ship formation stayed behind without escort to protect cripple and had a running fight all the way home.

(c) New tactics of E/A none

(d) Targets of opportunity /

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.) none

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

16. Crew comments. 20mm in left wing, radio shot up windows frost-up - can not fly formation

Skalak Time _____
Interrogating Officer.

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot RAPER Radio Op _____
Co-Pilot _____ TopTurGun _____
Navigator _____ BallTurGun _____
Bombardier _____ Waist Gun _____
Engineer _____ Tail Gun _____

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) enemy capital ships.

Returned with bombs

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive
Time _____ Height _____ Heading _____

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

- (a) Own Bombs _____
- (b) Other Bombing _____

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"As ordered"

Exceptions

10. Flak

*To channel - then dropped out -
#4 motor manifold down to 27"
and could not stay up.*

: Intensity : : accuracy

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack _____

none

E/A claimed DESTROYED _____

E/A claimed PROBABLE _____

E/A claimed DAMAGED _____

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return _____

*Clear visibility over land; little
cloudy over channel*

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. _____

none

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by a/c, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.) _____

(c) New tactics of E/A _____

(d) Targets of opportunity *Saw some at Denmark -*

large covey on an estuary - the British side

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.) _____

no

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to -: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission. _____

none

16. Crew comments. _____

*Saw 48 Spitfires - good
escort provided by Guts*

Wright
Interrogation officer

Time _____

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Bomb Load 10 X 500 - Only 3 on target n.s. Indond.

2. Crew: Pilot Bucky Radio Op Brown
 Co-Pilot Brandon TopTurGun Klaus Hopkins
 Navigator Smith BallTurGun Hicks
 Bombardier Coons Waist Gun Stanwick
 Engineer Boucek Tail Gun McAuliffe

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies. none 3
- (c) enemy capital ships.

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort 7 Jettisoned Abortive
 Time 1215 Height 21000 Heading 144°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked? —
 Reason for abortives —

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other —
Easily identified from photo

7. Any Photos? Yes No — (Photo & Bomb Plot report)

8. Results of Bombing:
 (a) Own Bombs Saw bombs burst on target

(b) Other Bombing Saw wreckage of preceding plane hit
west of target. Probably on marshalling yds.
 (If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Felix Time 1158 Height 22100 Escort Seen yes (Perfect escort) ✓
 Exceptions 10 mi from Boucek

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity	Severe	Mod'te	Color	Height	Direction	accuracy	
			Moderate							
			the whole trip in & out							
			Just out from coast crew observed very							
			small bursts 500 ft. below (might have been							
Target			explosive shells (Flash & small white puff)							

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack 4 FW's came in on tail but were promptly downed by spits

E/A claimed DESTROYED

E/A claimed PROBABLE

E/A claimed DAMAGED

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return Over Eng. clear. Low cumulus

5000' on coast. Over target pretty thick clouds but an opening gave clear view.

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. None

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

Spit dove down trailing smoke but crew lost sight of it.

(c) New tactics of E/A None

(d) Targets of opportunity

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

None

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

None

16. Crew comments. Bomb racks failed to release 7 bombs. Jettisoned alive over channel. One motor had to be feathered & other was to manifold pressure may be cutting off
- Interrogated Time
 Officer

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Bomb Load Jettisoned 10 x 500 Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot Mc Kee Radio Op _____
Co-Pilot _____ Top Tur Gun _____
Navigator _____ Ball Tur Gun _____
Bombardier _____ Waist Gun _____
Engineer _____ Tail Gun _____

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) Enemy capital ships.

*Superchargers running aw
ball turret gun jammed
Oxygen system went out.*

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive
Time _____ Height _____ Heading _____

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) On Bombs _____

(b) Other Bombing _____

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen
"As ordered"
Exceptions

367th
7
Skunk
Wing 2nd
+ Jettisoned

10. Flak

: Intensity : : Accuracy



Bomb Load 10-500 H.E. Incend. _____
 2. Crew: Pilot Stewart Radio Op _____
 Co-Pilot _____ Top Tur Gun _____
 Navigator _____ Ball Tur Gun _____
 Bombardier _____ Waist Gun _____
 Engineer _____ Tail Gun _____

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) Enemy capital ships.

*So Coast -
at Wash*

Jettisoned Abortive

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Report Jettisoned Abortive
 Time _____ Height _____ Heading _____

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

 Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:
 (a) Own Bombs _____

 (b) Other Bombing _____

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen
 "As ordered"
 Exceptions *Bad engine #4-*

10. Flak *Couldn't keep up -*

 Intensity _____ Accuracy _____

(8)

Bomb Load 10 x 500 (H.E.) Incend.
 2. Crew: Pilot Ryan Radio Op Perry
 Co-Pilot Shannon Top Tur Gun Beaudoin
 Navigator Herman Bull Tur Gun Kelburn
 Bombardier Olso Waist Gun Conde
 Engineer _____ Tail Gun Forrester

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) Enemy capital ships.

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive
 Time 12:12 Height 21000 Heading Approx 35

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs None

(b) Other Bombing A few sticks or train of bombs hit 600 yds west of target

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"AS ordered" Beautiful escort of Spitfires
 Exceptions Saw almost 100

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Accuracy	
			Severe	Mod'te		Height	Direction
Target							

Saw 3 bursts way far behind

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of onray attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack _____

One attack by 6 ships coming single - between 12³⁰

Over East coming out - Spit took them on -

E/A claimed DESTROYED no

E/A claimed PROBABLE no

E/A claimed DAMAGED no

Fill out immediately separate CLMIA REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return from here to Bedford. Scattered alto cumulus

at 1700g ground lay. vis from 8 to 15 ORW

Scattered cumulus from 7/10 to 5/10 at 17000-

13. Observations: on way back observations same -

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by n.a., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

You saw Spit get Focke-Wulf at 17³⁰ - on fire
bad.

(c) New tactics of E/A _____

(d) Targets of opportunity _____

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft; nature of wound, how received.) _____

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to -: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission. _____

16. Crew comments. Follow Spit - camouflaged spits etc
Want to know what color.

Mc Kee - }
Stewart - } See a book

John G. Baumgardner Time 200
Interrogating Officer

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack

Nil

E/A claimed DESTROYED Nil

E/A claimed PROBABLE Nil

E/A claimed DAMAGED Nil

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return

Clear over England - slight haze
1/10 over Channel - 3/10 small cumulus at target

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.

Nil

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by enemy, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

Nil

(c) New tactics of E/A

(d) Targets of opportunity

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

Nil

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to --: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

16. Crew comments.

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Excellent fighter escort

Interrogating Officer

Time 1405

Bomb Load 10/500 G.P. ~~Incendiary~~

2. Crew: Pilot O. A. BURDEMBAUM Radio Op C. F. FEAR
 Co-Pilot M. V. JUDAS Top TurGn. " "
 Navigator G. W. OWENS Ball TurGn. R. S. LISCANASE
 Bombardier J. C. WILKINS Waist Gun L. V. EDWARDS
 Engineer R. GUTHRIE Tail Gun E. H. BROTZMAN
M. E. BAKER

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) enemy capital ships.

4 in box
 lead again
 two ships
 turned back

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time 12:11 Height 22,000' Heading 180°

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for Abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? ~~Essely Visual~~ From Photo Other from SHAR PREVIOUS VISIT

HAZE TARGET OVER TARGET SUN ON HAZE

7 Any Photos? Yes (No)

(photo & Bomb Plot report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs none

(b) Other Bombing none

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place As ordered Time 12:03 Height 23000 Escort Seen YES SPITS ALL THE WAY.

Exceptions _____

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity			Accuracy	
			Severe	Mod'te	Color	Height	Direction
COMING OUT BEFORE COAST	21000'	HEAVY		VERY	BLACK	3000'	
						5000'	
						4000'	
Target							
<u>none</u>							



11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack 2 EA made 3 attacks on all MEs half-on attacks. MEs didn't get within 600 yds & didn't shoot.

E/A claimed DESTROYED None

E/A claimed PROBABLE None

E/A claimed DAMAGED None

Fill out immediately separate CL-14 REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return 4 in contact at target only. Altitude as briefed.

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.

None.

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by a/c, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

None

(c) New tactics of E/A

None.

(d) Targets of opportunity

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

None.

(2 guns went out during trip but this did not affect mission.)

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to -: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

16. Crew comments. 1st left says that he had to go in at 1200 mph which was too fast with bomb load. Lots of proper tanks were left in tank.

J. Fred W. Johnson
Interrogating officer

Time _____

1. Squadron 307 509 40
 Boml Load 40x Froths (H.E.) Incend.
 2. Crew: Pilot J. M. Ferguson Radio Op R. L. Hackworth
 Co-Pilot E. G. Dale Top Tur Gun J. B. Stelzer
 Navigator D. R. Greene Ball Tur Gun R. L. Kingen
 Bombardier W. W. Saunders Waist Gun R. W. Arnold
 Engineer C. A. Edinger Tail Gun J. V. Loring

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3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) Enemy capital ships.

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time 1210 Height 22000 Heading 144 True

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs Released bombs saw puff of smoke around target area.

(b) Other Bombing No fires visible

(If interviewing squadron leader state THE bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place Time Height Escort Seen

"as ordered" Jelleytown 1147 23000 Yes.

Except _____

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Height	Direction
			Severe	Mod'to			
In. 51st 23000	23000	Heavy		✓	Black	23000	500ft behind 7 o'clock
Out 51st 23000	22000	Heavy		✓	Black	24000 23000	9 o'clock
Target							
Nothing at target							

11. Counters with enemy aircraft, give names of enemy aircraft, and number of EA participating in each attack none

E/A claimed DESTROYED nil

E/A claimed PROBABLE nil

E/A claimed DAMAGED nil

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return Scattered over target - cumulus building up at channel

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. no

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by u.s., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

nil

(c) New tactics of E/A nil

(d) Targets of opportunity nil

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

Radio operator R Y Hackworth / Sgt Radio operator
froze both cheeks, low temperature

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

nil

16. Crew comments. An easy job. (Early ship on target)

St. William P. Berkeley Time 1406
Interrogating Officer

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack

did not see any friendly units
then, as our search took care of us

E/A claimed DESTROYED _____

E/A claimed PROBABLE _____

E/A claimed DAMAGED _____

Fill out immediately separate CLMIA REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return

Excellent visibility - clear over target, the
some broken clouds. north & south of target. it

13. Observations: in aircraft

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc.

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by ... E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause)

(c) New tactics of E/A

(d) Targets of opportunity

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to -: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

Setting prop-

16. Crew comments.

Interrogating Officer

Time 12/10

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of any attacks, and number of E/A participating in each attack 15 or 20 attacks. 2 or 4 attack at a time

from sides, top, and rear.

E/A claimed DESTROYED 4 ✓

E/A claimed PROBABLE One ✓

E/A claimed DAMAGED 0

(57K)

Advised
Dropped on
1st RUN

Fill out immediately separate CLAIR REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return Scattered Cumulus - 10 000 feet at midchannel

small bunches of pscud at 6000 over target - good visibility over target.

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. nil

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

E/A action on one B17. Saw B17 drop back - FWs all over them - B17 went into slow spin at 1223 west of target 14 miles. no one seen to bail out.

(c) New tactics of E/A E/A came in in 2, 3, or 4 instead of singly

E/A did not decoy in flight E/A came in at all times

(d) Targets of opportunity nil

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

H N Meyers Sgt. waist gunner. small calibre in right calf lodged did not come through leg.

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to -: Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

Air discipline was exceptionally good Meyers stood at his gun after being wounded and even when his gun was out of action.

16. Crew comments. Top turret jammed - Sgt Harris held on at post

swinging dead guns. Tail guns also jammed for 3 different times Sgt. Wall at post. Left waist gunner Musick had guns jam also

St William P Berkeley Time 1510
Interrogator Officer

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack identify in pencil some angle
and some by three

E/A claimed DESTROYED 1 ✓

E/A claimed PROBABLE 6 - ✓ (E/A) OK

E/A claimed DAMAGED _____

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return. Good to Rendezvous, clear over target scattered clouds about 2000. Found haze on way back

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. _____

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.) _____

(c) New tactics of E/A Come in clear to about 100 yds out of gun.

(d) Targets of opportunity _____

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.) _____

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

#3 Fuel gauges out, waist intercoms out. Fuel out for low altitude flight, oil leak #2. Dispute

16. Crew comments. _____

Capt W. W. Shaw
Interrogation officer

Time 3:15

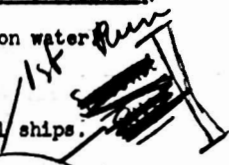
✓
(18)

Bomb Load 10/500 GP H.E. Incendiary

2. Crew: Pilot J. A. SPALDING Radio Op E. A. NORK
 Co-Pilot F. D. GILGEL Top Tur Gun "
 Navigator W. B. KIRKPATRICK Ball Tur Gun D. A. DAVIS
 Bombardier GR GRANT Waist Gun C. R. LANGLEY
L. WILLIAMS
 Engine F. H. GILLILAND Tail Gun L. R. MORGAN

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water Run
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) enemy capital ships.



flaw left wing of lead ship only ship on left side of formation.

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time 12:19 1/2 Height 23500' Heading COMPASS OUT

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No (Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

- (a) Own Bombs NONE
- (b) Other Bombing THINK some bombs dropped on "L" of RH

(If interviewing squadron leader state TLE bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous: Place _____ Time 12:05 Height 23000' approx. Escort Seen YES (GOING N) *no escort back.*
 Exceptions (EARLY 8175)

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Height	Direction
			Severe	Mod'te			
<i>near coast</i>							
<i>off coast</i>	<u>18000'</u>	<u>Heavy</u>		✓	<u>black</u>	<u>good</u>	<u>to left</u>
<i>on way back</i>							
Target							
<u>2nd run</u>	<u>21000'</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	✓		<u>black</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>scattered</u>

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack identify in pencil some single and some by three

E/A claimed DESTROYED 1 ✓

E/A claimed PROBABLE 6 - ✓ (E/A) OK

E/A claimed DAMAGED _____

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM REPORT for each E/A claimed as Destroyed, Probably, or Damaged.

12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return. Good to Rendezvous, Clear over target scattered clouds about 2000. Found haze on way back

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. _____

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by, E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.) _____

(c) New tactics of E/A Come in closer to about 100 yds out of gun.

(d) Targets of opportunity _____

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.) _____

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

#3 Supercharger out, waist interflaps out. fuse out for lower turret part, oil leak #2 engine

16. Crew comments. _____

Capt W. W. Clark
Interrogating officer

Time 3:15

(20)

Bomb Load 10 x 500lb H.E. Incend.

2. Crew: Pilot CW Craumer Radio Op K.J. Constantine
 Co-Pilot D.L. Dugger Top Tur Gun AT Harris
 Navigator P.E. Beyer Ball Tur Gun C.M. Taylor
 Bombardier J.G. Reed Waist Gun H.B. Myers
 Engineer AT Harris Tail Gun C.S. Hall

3. (Immediate News to be Telephoned)

- (a) Planes down on water.
- (b) Dinghies.
- (c) Enemy capital ships.

FIRST RUN

4. Target Attacked: Primary Secondary Last Resort Jettisoned Abortive

Time 12:12 Height 22,200 Heading 180 mag.

5. Why wasn't Primary attacked?

Reason for abortives _____

6. How was Target Identified? Easily Visible From Photo Other _____

7. Any Photos? Yes No

(Photo & Bomb Plot Report)

8. Results of Bombing:

(a) Own Bombs Some hit buildings B target and some over.

(b) Other Bombing Wall of smoke over B target
Large amount of smoke seen on A target.

(If interviewing squadron leader state TIME bombs struck target, average altitude at which attack took place.)

9. Rendezvous:

Place	Time	Height	Escort Seen
"As ordered" <u>Felixstone</u>	<u>1147</u>	<u>23000'</u>	<u>yes 3 squad of spits. just before reaching French coast.</u>

Exceptions _____

10. Flak

Place	Height	Type	Intensity		Color	Accuracy	
			Severe	Mod'te		Height	Direction
Target							
	<u>22000</u>	<u>Heavy</u>		<u>✓</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>21500</u>	<u>2 o'clock</u>
<u>3 miles SE of Archonai</u>	<u>12000</u> <u>15000</u>				<u>Black</u>	<u>10000</u> <u>10000</u>	<u>9 o'clock</u>

(2 bursts 10 o'clock)

11. Encounters with enemy aircraft; give number of enemy attacks, and number of EA participating in each attack _____

about 40 or at times very fine seconds for almost 25 percent

FW 190s

E/A claimed DESTROYED 4 ✓

E/A claimed PROBABLE 4 ✓

E/A claimed DAMAGED 1 ✓

OK

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12. Weather: Secure in detail from first crew you interview and from any crew where weather affects mission. Describe to rendezvous, over target, and on return _____

No predicted

13. Observations:

(a) Dummies, decoys, camouflage, etc. *no*

(b) Incidents to friendly a/c. (If one of our a/c was lost, state whether by ..., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause.)

Noted that Adams failed to notice speeder's bank to left. He was thrown out of formation, EA got between him and Adams about 3 at least.

(c) How tactics of EA *formation and left on diving at Adams on his left, forcing him still further away.*

(d) Targets of opportunity *seemed to lose altitude more and more away and do for formation. Couldn't locate dummy further because of EA attack over him.*

14. Injuries to Crew. (On each man injured, give name, rank, and position in aircraft, nature of wound, how received.)

S/Lt John T. De John. Hit in groin, left leg, left arm and probably torso.

S/Lt Davis received slight nose scratch -
O. M. DAVIS

15. Incidents of bravery or skill due to Technical failure, damage to a/c affecting mission.

I With #1 engine out, left wing tip shot off, stabilizer damaged at joint controls, Lt Rindan showed extraordinary

16. Crew comments. *skill - King, etc.*

II Lt Spillman left parachute after order "prepare to leave ship" to administer aid to De John, then took same post (lost and carried on.

1st Lt Allen D. Richards Time _____
Interrogator Officer

De John himself continued shoot after our army destroyed and entirely wooded, believing that if tail were out ship was down.