

APD 634
10th October, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative.

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

1. Hot News

One B-17 exploded over Munster as a result of A.A. Gun fire. Seven chutes observed. One B-17 exploded over Munster as a result of A.A. Gun fire. Eight chutes observed. One B-17 spinning down, out of control at 1518 hours in Munster area, with enemy fighters attacking. Three to four chutes. One B-17 going down south of Zuider Zee at 1536 hours. Six chutes seen. Plane exploded at ground. One B-17 going down at 1504 hours before I.P. Six chutes. One B-17 went into spin in Munster area, 1521 hours. Three to five chutes. Regained control, followed this group, and, it is believed, made home. One P-47 in Munster area. Pilot bailed out.

2. Narrative

Nineteen A/C took off at 1155, and at 1403 were over Felixstowe. The course was as briefed to 51 48N - 07 03E, then followed 92nd Group to Coesfeld, bombed and proceeded to 52 14N - 07 03E, then returned as briefed.

3. Fighter Opposition

The 306th Group was the low and second group in the 40th Combat Wing. There were no attacks on this group. Enemy fighters in quantity were seen attacking other formations, notably the wing behind, in the target area, and the formations over Munster. Me109s and FW190s predominated. A few HellOs were seen. Fighter support was good. P-47s were first seen engaging E/A just before the I.P. at 51 48N - 07 03E at 1506 hours and provided effective high cover and wide area support from there to target and on the course back. An FW190 was seen destroyed by a P-47 right after bombs away (Coesfeld). A pilot was seen to bail out of a P-47 in Munster area. Spits were first observed at Dutch coast on route back. We make no claims.

4. A.A. Gun fire

No A.A. Gun fire on this group at Coesfeld. Moderate accurate tracking fire noted in Ruhr, but not near this group. At Munster A.A. Gun fire was intense, both barrage and continuous following. A.A. Gun fire was meager and inaccurate at Dutch coast.

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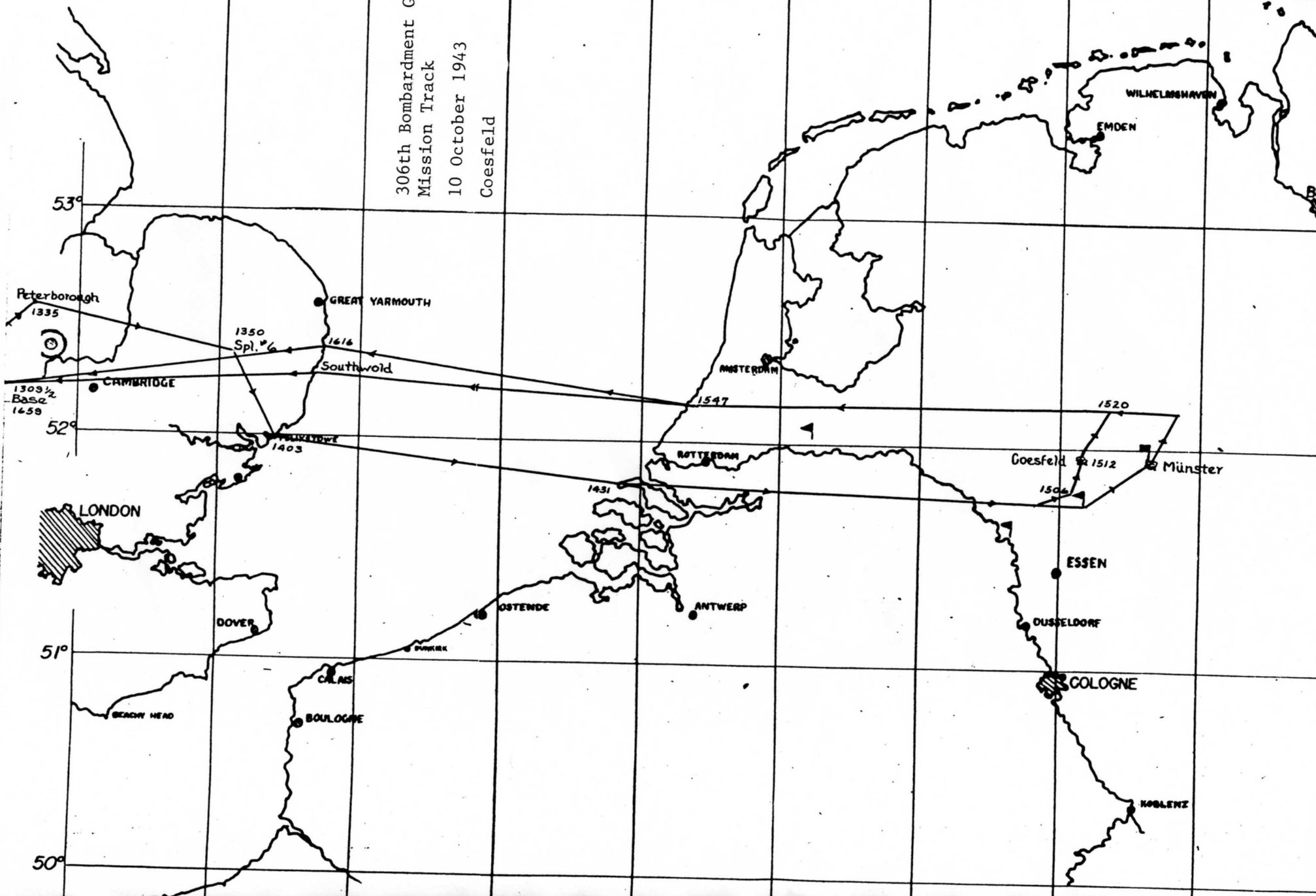
5. Bombing

Photographs show 92nd Group bombs in dense concentration right on town of Coesfeld. 306th Group bombs short as our lead bombardier expected to bomb Munster, and had only 10 second run after he saw 92nd bombs away.

6. Comments

Smoke screen observed over Ruhr Valley. A large explosion or burst of flame seen near Zaltbommel, Holland on way in. Something like red flare reported coming from ground, bursting at A.A. Gun fire altitude, possibly ground-based rocket guns.

306th Bombardment Group
Mission Track
10 October 1943
Coesfeld



54°

53°

52°

51°

50°

Peterborough

GREAT YARMOUTH

CAMBRIDGE

1350
Spl. #6

Southwold

AMSTERDAM

1547

1520

Goesfeld

Münster

1512

1506

LONDON

DOVER

BOULOGNE

CALAIS

DUNKIRK

OSTENDE

ANTWERP

ROTTERDAM

ESSEN

DUSSELDORF

COLOGNE

KOBLENZ

WILHELMSHAVEN

EMDEN

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

AFPO 634,
10 October, 43.

SUBJECT: Group Leader's Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), AFPO 634.

1. Take-off and join-up was executed as usual except for bad weather conditions. A track of 245° was made good 1000 feet above overcast. Join-up was executed over Cranfield as planned.
2. The 306th Group was over Thurleigh at 18,000 feet on time for Wing rendezvous. There being no other Groups in sight, this Group continued on course, joining the Wing at Stony Stratford.
3. The climb was too fast to enable this Group to form proper Wing formation before leaving the English Coast.
4. The lead Group of the Wing made two "S" turns upon reaching enemy coast, thus allowing the 306th Group to get in proper formation. The cruising speed of the Wing was consistently between 160 and 165 MPH. Good Wing formation was maintained and our Wing suffered no attacks by enemy aircraft. No AAGF was encountered on the route in.
5. The I.P. was broadcast on VHF as well as 6440 Kc and a red flare was fired. Moderate AAGF was encountered over the I.P. The plane was given over to the bombardier on A.F.C.E., but it momentarily locked. Because of this the pilot moved this Group to the left and again turned the ship over to the bombardier. It became apparent that the target selected was not that which had been briefed. The lead bombardier of this Group then set up on target being bombed, aiming for center of town, and released the bombs.
6. No AAGF was encountered after the bombs were away. No difficulty was experienced in getting the 306th Group back into Wing formation after the bombing run.
7. The return trip was uneventful and no attacks by enemy aircraft were encountered.
8. Fighter cover offered by P-47's was excellent.

JOSEPH H. BELSER,
Captain, AC,
Group Leader.

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Materiel Officer
United States Forces
A. P. O. 634

10 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report on Mission of 10 October, 1943.

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

1. The following listed damages were received by aircraft of this Group on the mission of this date:

367th Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-30767- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30727- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30728- Slight flak damage to right wing tip

B 17G No. 42-37720- Not damaged

368th Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-30782- not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30832- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30451- .303 hit left wing flap and aeliron control cable.

B 17F No. 42-3142- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-37724- Not damaged

B 17G No. 42-3520- Not damaged

369th Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-3169- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30199-Notdamaged

B 17F No. 42-30811-Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30779- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-39993- Not damaged

423rd Bombardment Squadron (H):

B 17F No. 42-30603- Not damaged

B 17F No. 42-30710-Aborted (Personnel failure)

B 17F No. 42-30813- Not damaged

B 17G No. 42-3515- Not damaged

Henry J. Schmidt
HENRY J. SCHMIDT,
Major, Air Corps,
Material Officer.

AFO 634.
10 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: Communications Report for Mission of 10 October, 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), AFO 634.

1. PROGRESS:

In general, the correct radio procedure was followed throughout the mission.

2. RADIO AIDS:

Eighteen airplanes were equipped with "Cos" and reported good results to 05 52'E longitude. No jamming was reported, but greater distance was not possible due to fading of signals.

Splasher Beacon Number Six was used for homing with good results. Splasher Beacons Four and Five were used for L.O.P.'S in some cases. "B" group of Multi-Group Beacons was used for L.O.P.'S all the way to Germany and back - strong, clear signals were reported.

Two airplanes obtained weather reports from our base HF D/F station. One airplane obtained a QRM from our base station.

3. RADIO DISCIPLINE:

No breaches in radio discipline were observed or reported.

4. EQUIPMENT:

- 4-23515-423rd Squadron, Interphone weak at altitude. Co-pilot's mike button sticks, being checked.
- 4-30813-423rd Squadron, Bombardier's interphone out, fixed.
- 4-30767-367th Squadron, Pilot's mike button sticks, fixed.
- 4-57720-367th Squadron, Interphone weak at altitude.
- 4-30728-367th Squadron, Interphone weak, being checked.
- 4-30727-367th Squadron, Interphone weak at altitude.
- 4-23142-368th Squadron, Interphone noisy, fixed.
- 4-57724-368th Squadron, VEF out, being checked. Co-pilot's mike erratic, fixed.
- 4-30814-369th Squadron, Right wrist interphone out, fixed.

5. REMARKS:

The 40th Combat Bombardment Wing Bomber proved very useful for keeping our airplanes close to the field with a low ceiling and poor visibility.

Good radio reception was reported throughout the flight.

Ray V. Hopper
RAY V. HOPPER,
LTC. AC

HEADQUARTERS 808th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 634,
10 October 1943.

SUBJECT: S-3 Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 808th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. At 1155 hours, 10-October, 1943, nineteen airplanes of this Group began taking off to bomb Munster, Germany. One was abortive, none flew with other units, and all returned safely.

2. The assembly and route over England were flown substantially as planned, though poor visibility hampered the rendezvous of the Group. The lead Group flew at too high an indicated airspeed at altitude, resulting in excessive manifold pressure requirements in our Group. The navigation, in the vicinity of the IP and target, was poor, resulting in the bombing of the wrong town. The return to base was uneventful, with the exception of the problems and hazards presented by landing under conditions of extremely poor visibility.

3. It is recommended that the lead Group of the Combat Wing restrict cruising speeds to those laid down in Standard Operating Procedures. Such a policy will make for better formation flying, and also save the engines.

It is also recommended that missions not be flown on three consecutive days, since it leads to undue flying fatigue, especially on the part of the pilots. This is particularly dangerous when the landing at the end of the third mission is made under conditions of extremely poor visibility. Such landings tax the skill of a fresh pilot, and are extremely dangerous to one who is fatigued from twenty-two hours of combat formation flying in a space of fifty-four hours.

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,
Major, AC,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

A. P. O. 634,
10 October, 43.

SUBJECT: Navigation Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The 306th Bombardment Group (H) took off at 1155, 10 October 1943 to bomb Munster, Germany.
2. We climbed through dense fog to 8,000 feet and assembled the Group over the undercast.
3. The Group departed from Thurleigh on course at 1809 hours. Rendezvous was made with the 92nd and 305th Groups between Daventry and Peterborough. The 306th Group was the low Group in the Combat Wing.
4. The Combat Wing followed the planned course up to the last crossing of the Rhine River, when they turned slightly North to avoid AAGF.
5. The 92nd Group established the I.P. at 5148 N - 0703 E and went on to bomb Coesfeld.
6. The lead navigator of the 92nd Group must have mistaken the railroad at the I.P. and land marks were confusing. The town was similar to the primary only smaller.
7. The return to base was as briefed and was uneventful.
8. The Group arrived at base at 1659 hours and landed.

ALFRED E. SIMON,
1st Lieut., AC,
Lead Navigator.

LOG SHEET-NAVIGATOR

DEPARTURE Thurleigh
DATE 16 Oct., 1943
AIRPLANE TYPE AND No. B-17 42-90782
MISSION Bombing - Combat.

DESTINATION London
PILOT Capt. J. N. Baines
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. A. E. Simon

POSITION	TIME	TRUE COURSE	DRIFT CORR.	TRUE HEAD.	VAR.	MAG. HEAD.	DEV.	COMP. HEAD.	RUN		G. S.	TO RUN		E. T. A.	E. T. A. DEST.	ALTITUDE
									DIST.	TIME		DIST.	TIME			
Base	1309	233														16,000'
Stony Stratford	1315	212														16,000'
Deventry	1319	61														16,500'
Peterborough	1335	104														17,500'
Splinter #6	1350	162														21,000'
Felixstowe	1403	96														24,000'
S1 45N, 03 50E	1431	92														24,000'
S1 45N, 07 02E	1506	57														24,000'
S1 57N, 07 10E	1512	24														24,000'
S2 14N, 07 20E	1520	275														24,000'
S2 14N, 04 25E	1527	274														20,000'
South Wold	1616	260														8,000'
Base	1657															500'

APO 634,
10, Oct., 1943.

SUBJECT: Armament, Bombing Equipment, C-1 Autopilot, and Bombsight Report,
Mission of 10, October 1943.

TO : Commanding Officer, 506th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following is a report of Armament equipment failures provided by interrogation of gun crews and reports from individual Squadron armorers.

a. Aircraft No. 42-30199, Lower Ball Turret, reported as having erratic operation in azimuth at altitude.

b. Aircraft No. 42-3515, Right Upper Turret gun, Solenoid burned out.

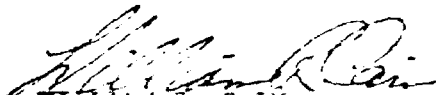
2. Bombing Equipment failure was limited to the following:

a. Aircraft No. 42-30779, Bomb Load released by the Emergency Release; Bomb Control Rods hit by flak.

b. The following is a report of the C-1 Autopilot and bombsight equipment.

a. The group lead aircraft No. 42-30732 made the bombing run on A.F.C.E. and the pilot reported that the equipment operated satisfactorily. The bombardier reported that the secondary clutch locking solenoid locked momentarily several times when he was in control of the aircraft. Complete ground check of the A.F.C.E. before and after the mission failed to reveal any malfunctioning.

b. No other malfunctions were found or reported.


WILLIAM H. CLIFF,
Capt., Air Corps,
Armament Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 308TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (E-D-7)
Office of the Operations Officer

A P O 634,
10 October, 45.

SUBJECT: Bombing Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 308th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. A.F.C.E. and ANO computer were used. Metro data checked O.K.

2. Much confusion was encountered by the 308th Bombardment Group (E) at the IP, and a collision with another Group was averted only because of a violent turn. The lead Group settled down on its bombing run, and the lead bombardier of the 308th Group became confused as to which of the two cities in the vicinity was the target. As a result he had an actual 10 second run on the same target as the Combat Wing leader, and experienced great difficulty in aligning himself on the target of Coosfield. It is believed this city was the target attacked, although neither navigators nor bombardiers are certain.

3. The 308th Group dispatched 19 aircraft, all of which carried 22 X 500 lb. M45 bombs. One aircraft was abortive and returned bombs; 18 aircraft released at target.

4. Strike photographs show some hits on the city, and a string of bombs wasted on open territory as a result of the very short run.

5. Pertinent information.

a.	True altitude	24,800 feet
b.	Indicated altitude	24,000 feet
c.	True heading	86 degrees
d.	Time of release	1512 hours
e.	Length of run	10 seconds
f.	Wind direction and velocity	180° at 24 MPH
g.	216 AN M45 500 lb. bombs were released.	

HUGH J. TOLAND,
Major, AC,
Group Bombardier.

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

F-D-4

APO 654,
10, Oct., 1943.

SUBJECT: Ammunition and Bomb Expenditure for the Mission of 10, Oct., 1943


TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 654.

1. The following is the expenditure by individual gun positions of AP and T ammunition for the mission of 10, October 1943.

36 UPPER TURRET GUNS	475 Rounds
36 LOWER TURRET GUNS	510 Rounds
56 TAIL GUNS	630 Rounds
18 RADIO GUNS	210 Rounds
19 LEFT WAIST GUNS	290 Rounds
18 RIGHT WAIST GUNS	290 Rounds
18 LEFT NOSE GUNS	210 Rounds
18 RIGHT NOSE GUNS	225 Rounds
21 FRONT NOSE GUNS (CHIN TURRET INCL.)	320 Rounds

2. A total of 213 .50 calibre guns expended a total of 3,160 rounds of ammunition.

3. 216 - five hundred pound, M-45 Demolition Bombs were expended on this mission.


WILLIAM E. CAIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Armament Officer.

Individual Train Salvo Jettisoned Returned

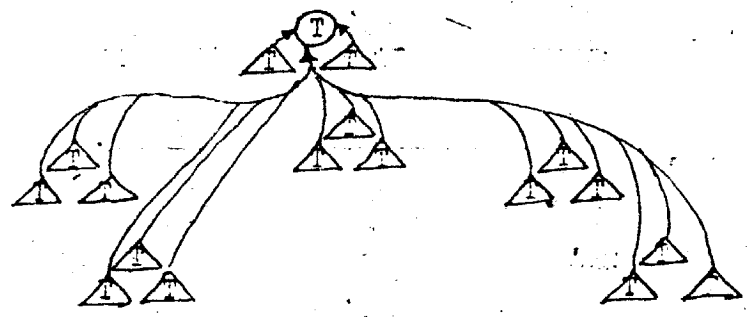
POINT OF IMPACT IF SEEN ¹⁰ West end of town

NAVIGATION DATA ¹¹ Metro OK

WINDS

ALTIMETER	DIRECTION		VELOCITY		TEMP C.	
	Est.	Actual	Est.	Actual	Est.	Actual
Surface	140		5		13	13
3000	190		10		7	8
5000						
10000	190		15		2	3
15000	190		20		-7	-6
20000	180		25		-18	-18
25000	180	180	20	24	-26	-26

METHOD OF BOMBING ¹²



Bombardier making complete sighting operation (T)

Bombardier making range operation only [T]

Bombardier dropping on leader, with error indicating leader's position. △T

COMMUNICATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~200XXXXXXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 603 Letter H Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incendi.

Time Took Off 1200 Time Landed 1714

Position in Formation

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

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. George (NMI) Rees/pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R.B. Eckles Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. W.H. Dickenson Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. W.S. Ellertson Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. E.A. Pfister Radio ✓

T/Sgt. T.F. Mihelick Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. K.R. Rood Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. E.D. Walters R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H.R. Shutts L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L.R. Goetz Tail G. ✓

B17
2 over target - Flak - 7 chydus
P47 - pilot bailed out - over target

Probably Coacafeld

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 23900

Last Report Heading 300
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:
Tagged

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

In center of town just above R.R. tracks, others around edges

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

Number boxes dropped

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

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

Good

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
Target - slight haze

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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Ruhr valley - off to right about 2 miles

Red Flak - Antwerp - nowhere's close

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

11110

10-15

FW190

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

All behind in target area
(Location and length of fight)

none near this group

(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.)

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

going in met late, never did see Spits - out 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 airbases, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

*Ruhr valley - smoke screen
Munster - smoke over target*

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)

B17's - flak.

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: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER

R Skalak

TIME COMPLETED

Capt AC

INTRODUCTION FORM

SQUADRON ~~352X~~ 368 ~~3380022X~~ A/C Number 451 Letter N Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1456 Time Landed 1713

		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:

B17-1518 - Hit by flak? Shining down out of control fighter attacking shortly after making turn off town? Bombed friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. G. Goris Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. K. Cobe Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. F. Bullard Nav ✓
- 1st Lt. H. Urman Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. L. Morton Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. W. Back Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. L. Haskell Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. J. Kelch R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. W. Meade L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. H. Jordan Tail G. ✓

B17-1536 - Sgt under engine Jason under control, hit ground exploded. B-17-1504 - before I.P. going down to Chutes.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Coe's field - 99
 Primary Time: 1512
 Alternate Height: 23950
 Last Resort Heading: 25 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: *Hit marshalling yard and buildings in town*

Other Bombing: *Most of our group dropped same place*

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

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

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

As ordered - Hazy Good visibility

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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At IP little to right 1507 hrs 23950 Heavy Black Moderate Predicted Concentration Inaccurate
Near target 1545 hrs " " " Meagre Inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: Some 5/2 on ground behind no direct attack on
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

this A/c
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Late on way in Good cover

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, two large ships in harbor of town as crossed coast on course 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)

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
3-30 cal holes in wing

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: none

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

S-2 OFFICER Capt W. D. H. [Signature] TIME COMPLETED

no com. at this alt.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 568 ~~369~~ A/C Number 832 Letter J Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1456 Time Landed 1703

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

B-17 at target blew up (fighters) no chutes

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2. B-17's went down, smoking at target (no chutes) under control

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

2nd Lt. J. McMahon Pilot ✓

B-17 at target did slow roll and 2nd Lt. S. Mowers Co-P ✓

went into spin - straightened out and 2nd Lt. P.N. Welton (369) Nav ✓

two chutes - went into 3 different spins then followed this group. Behind 1st Lt. W. Swapp Bomb ✓

it made home. T/Sgt. J. Tobin Radio ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1515

T/Sgt. M. Egan Top T. ✓

Alternate Height: 24100'

S/Sgt. P. Lester Ball T. ✓

Last Resort Heading 40° Mag.

S/Sgt. P. Mantor R. Waist ✓

Duration Bomb Run:

S/Sgt. L. Northcott L. Waist ✓

30 seconds.

S/Sgt. L. Brandon Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: Could see heavy flak and smoke at Munster - saw own bombs burst in middle of unknown town
Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No)

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

Approx. as briefed except at target -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

2/10 cloud - ground haze

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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Munster - intense, Bl. good alt. looked like barrage from our distance. Also cont following Edge of Ruhr - bursts appeared to be tracking but we crew observations about flak were out of range, moderate

went straight to target for 2 minutes then left target

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

W 190
time 109

Couldn't determine

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

from I.P. - 15 minutes

(Location and length of fight)

Did not attack this group - attack group behind

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

*Stems - flew around
flak at I.P. -*

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*good
did not see spots.*

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,

terrible sm screen over Ruhr but wind was making it ineffective. Could see smoke from fires in town to

13. INCIDENTS TO REPORT: (Indicate whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

lg. boat in harbor at Amsterdam.

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:

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

should have bombed Münster

S-2 OFFICER

Meetha

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

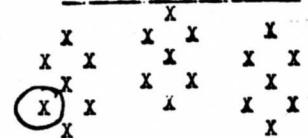
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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 813 Letter L Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. I. cond.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1204 Time Landed 1711



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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. Robert McCallum Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R.E. PATRIDGE Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. A.J. Prentice Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. P.V. Manning Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. W.F. Day Radio ✓

T/Sgt. M.L. Bartlett Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J.E. Dunford Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. A.H. Sadler R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. N.L. Bostic L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W.H. McQuarrie Tail G. ✓

*4 B17 - Group ahead & to right
over Ruhr - 4 chunks, 10 chunks,
one blew up, one none seen!*

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

*Possibly
Hamm
Saw a large
marshalling
yard*

Primary Time: 15:11:45

Alternate Height: 23720

Last Resort Heading 350
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Toggled

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

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

Own Bombs: *To left & south of the center of town*

Other Bombing: *In center of town*

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

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

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

Fair, cut some corners

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Target - clear, slight haze

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

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

Ruhr mid point, black off to right - not tracking, too far.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMBINATION:

3-4

FW190

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

many on group behind and on group ahead
no direct attacks this A/C

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Close support - Good - nothing over target this group

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

None - smoke screen.

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

B7's mostly flak one by fighters

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

one flak hole in nose

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Need S. B.A. in all A/C to land under winter conditions

S-2 OFFICER

Rskalak

TIME CO. FILED

Capt A/C

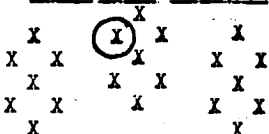
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SQUADRON ~~252~~ 363 ~~25200000X~~ A/C Number 520 Letter Y Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1514 Time Landed 1714



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. W. Nally Pilot ✓

1st Lt. D. Wadley Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. P. Marinao Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. C. Ashman Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. R. Little Radio ✓

T/Sgt. H. Whitten Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. Stahlman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. K. Cameron R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. M. Dixon L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. M. Ravasio Tail G. ✓

1 B-17 just after target down followed by fighters - 5 chute.
3 more B-17's down in target area - no time or fix given - no chute noticed - at great distance

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1513

Alternate Height: 24,300

Last Resort (circle) Heading 43°

Duration Bomb Run:

about 60" left turn off

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

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

Own Bombs: probably DULMEN
but hell out of it

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) pretty hazy visibility OK

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>huber</u>		<u>intense</u>		<u>barage</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>
	<u>Minster</u>		<u>moderate</u>			<u>inaccurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION:

no attacks

(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.)

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good - didn't see spots, maybe they were below

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,

*have some pictures of some hijacks in river near Dutch Canal 51°42' No 4°40' E - 105 mi long
Heavy smoke screen in river*

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:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Hogg

FILE COMPLETED

1805

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~2691169XXXX~~ A/C Number 993 Letter K Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 12:05 Time Landed 17:30

Position in Formation

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. D. H. White Pilot ✓

1st Lt. E. O. Rasmussen Co-P ✓

1st Lt. H. K. McCaleb Nav ✓

S/Sgt. C. K. Nabors Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. J. C. Bocelli Radio ✓

Sgt. E. E. Harbour Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. F. W. Pulliam Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. W. R. Earnest R. Waist ✓

Sgt. R. L. Whiteside L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. R. Sherrill Tail G. ✓

15:32. Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details) Navy B-17 spinning + on fire. But landed off at 5000 ft & headed home. 5 minutes past, seen 10 minutes of churning under control. Chute came after it landed off.

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512
Alternate Height: 24260
Last Resort Heading 20° mag.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *Dropped on leader on turn short of Munster. Gps. dropped on wing leader.*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No? 26 pictures Any Nickels: Yes No No

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

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

As briefed but cut short of Munster. then pointed up & headed out again.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *4-5 mile visibility no clouds just haze.*

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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Munster target. Lots on. Radar to on rt. of form diff. to rt. of behind on me dropped bombs. 15:22 saw lots of red flak off to rt.

Crew observations about Flak:

Not hit.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER C/P

25-30 S/E

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

No attacks

(Location and length of fight)

47s took care of them taking them at down to ground.
real close support

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	

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

FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

Big attack near Rotterdam to south.

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)

1 B17 seen to blow up on runway at about 1512. 1 chute seen at same time.

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

6. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

more: Wing undersides from enemy caught up with 90 m.
Capt. Baldwin

S-2 OFFICER

FILE COMPLETED

INTERRIGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 727 Letter Z Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. XXXXX.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 12:05 Time Landed 17:30

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

Details:

*1516 hrs B17 over Münster going down
three chutes, still under control*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*B17 straggled, about 1521-
four chutes, still
under control. Came
down to desk.*

1st Lt. W. J. Tackmier Pilot ✓

1st Lt. J. G. Parks Co-P. ✓

1st Lt. C. D. Moore Nav. ✓

1st Lt. F. X. Pierce Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. A. G. Coulter Radio ✓

T/Sgt. J. Argentos Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. E. Corcoran Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. H. K. Twing R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H. Sall L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. P. Bloom Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 24000

Last Resort Heading 35 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: Cresfield, this crew feels -

Other Bombing: Real damage to whatever it was.
cut short of IP and burned about 4 minutes thereafter

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

*Two steep turns at IP. This A/C almost
lost formation.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear weather.

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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No flak over target bombed -

Moderate, accurate flak 3 miles parallel to course at Dorsland

Crew observations about Flak:

just missed it. Should have been routed there.

1. ENEMY FIGHTER CONCERN:

Too far away for distinction - Probab
(Estimated total number of seen) (Type)

8-15 min positively recognized by this crew
(Location and length of fight)

this A/C not attacked

(Tactics of F/A) Mustor group was being hit.
Escort was helping out.

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

FIGHTER SUPPORT PW7 seemed to lapse at wrong moment for Mustor Group.

2. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, Heavy smoke screens in Ruhr area.

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: None

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
IP in flak area damn tall fighting.

S-2 OFFICER _____

FILE COMPLETED _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 369 A/C Number 30811 Letter D Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1200 Time Landed 1705

Position in Formation

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. R.T. Peters Pilot ✓

Lt. E.B. Hughel Co-P ✓

Lt. J.B. Mazanak Nav ✓

Lt. J.V. Vaughter Bomb ✓

Sgt. K.H. Smith Radio ✓

Sgt. W.R.L. Jones Top T. ✓

Sgt. R.L. Kern Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. B.S. Steed R.Waist ✓

Sgt. D.J. Piedmont L.Waist ✓

Sgt. E.J. Mayer Tail G. ✓

*B-17 down just after target - 1516 - our heading due north - 8 minutes - plane hit ground in low area
B-17 exploded in target area*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 24,000

Last Resort Heading 38°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

30' mild left turn off

*Good mild
downward action
all the way*

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

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

Own Bombs: *probably Colefield & Dülmen - dropped on Group leader
hit the town - S.E. part*

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

*To right of course all the way, cut 1. P. short (Porton instead of Bodenham) out on
diverged north*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 to Dutch Coast, then haze

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>PORTON</u>		<u>medium</u>		<u>crooking</u>	<u>disincarnate</u>
	<u>AMERSFOORT</u>		<u>medium</u>			<u>low</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

109

(Estimated total number of s/w seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

many fighter attached group behind

(Tactics of E/A)

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

fixed him & kept him away

(Our defensive action)

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

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

damaged good - never saw Spits

P-47 knocked down 190 in target area

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

Smoke screen all over theater

lot of barges in river near Dordrecht

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:

#2 supercharger out

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

S-2 OFFICER

Hogg

FILE COMPLETED

1755

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

20
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FW 190's
(Type)

2 me 110

(Location and length of fight)

(P47 were after them)

This a/c was not attacked

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>None</u>
PROBABLY	<u>None</u>
DAMAGED	<u>None</u>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT P47 support overall - Excellent - On
Thames. Dog fight over Holland (Coast, near South side
Sea)

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TYPE, 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,

Smoke screens in Ruhr, very heavy at about 1500 -
Every town thrown up screen regardless.

3. 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: None

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

S-2 OFFICER

Kavanaugh

TIME COMPLETED

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 720 Letter N Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.B. ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1158 Time Landed 1726

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 B-17 in spin 5210' 5:20 - 1537 - no chutes seen

1st Lt. W. S. Kirk Pilot ✓

F/C. C. W. Cosper Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. J. L. Dougherty Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. A. Sparks Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. G. G. Roberts Radio ✓

S/Sgt. T. E. Boyd Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. W. R. ~~Clark~~ Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. T. R. Kelly ✓ L. Waist

Sgt. M. W. Buleson ✓ R. Waist

S/Sgt. C. A. Poff Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 24,000

Last Resort (circle) Heading 33° mag

Duration Bomb Run: 25-30"

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

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

Own Bombs: probably COESFELD or DÜLMEN

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

As briefed except cut 1.P. short

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) hazy - visibility poor

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy); intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	accuracy in relation to A/C
	<u>West</u>	<u>moderate</u>	<u>moderate</u>			<u>moderate</u>
	<u>North</u>	<u>moderate</u>				"
	<u>East</u>	<u>moderate</u>				

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATION:

no attacks

(Estimated total number of S/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of flight)

(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. PIECEMEAL SUPPORT *P-47's picked up just after target - had expended all ammo
no time or fuel available for 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 airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,
large bank of flares, cause unknown near ZALTBORNEL

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, PLA and TGE.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER *Hogg*

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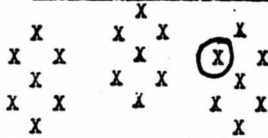
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~36009600023~~ A/C Number 728 Letter S Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~4000000~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 12:00 Time Landed 1735



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. Z. D. Davis Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. R. Stafford Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. R. V. Houck Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. L. Couch Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. L. C. McCullar ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. G. T. Webb ✓ Top T.
- S/Sgt. D. J. Foster ✓ Ball T.
- S/Sgt. G. R. Anderson ✓ R. Waist
- Sgt. F. E. Shade ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. D. J. Antonelli ✓ Tail G.

4 B7's - in target area.

3 by FW190 - 8chutes, 4chutes

5chutes, One flak - 10chutes

2. TARGET ATTACKED

Primary Time: 1512
 Alternate Height: 24000
 Last Resort Heading 35
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: Toggled

Probably Caspfield

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

In town some to right of town

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Good*
9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *Slight haze*

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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1.P. slight black fair
Flare - all to right.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OR A/C TYPE:

Large no. (about two) FW 190 - on
(Estimated total number of A/C seen) (Type)

group behind

(Location and length of fight).

no direct attacks this A/C

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

no escort until after bombs away. on way back - 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 airbases, ports, water ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

Essen - smoke screen - good
Ruhr - smoke screens.

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)

B7's 3 - fighters one flak

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

14.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

subphone sys weak.

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

S-2 OFFICER R. Kalak Capt. USMC FILE COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~24XXX~~ 423 A/C Number 515 Letter D Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

① 15:12:30 - 2 B-17's exploded at same time - ~~minutes~~ - probably Flak - they

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

1st Lt. C.E. Munger Pilot ✓

1st Lt. H.J. Engel Co-P ✓

1st Lt. R.D. Barton Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. Leon Feldman Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. J.A. Park Radio ✓

S/Sgt. W.G. Caldwell Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J.T. Brinkman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J.H. Jessup R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J.L. Braman L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. B. Parks Tail G. ✓

were down to close to Rhein - couple 7 chutes

② B-17 down low hit by fighters went into spin - came out - went home - 3 chutes.

Primary Time: 15:12

Alternate Height: 24,400

Last Resort Heading: 105° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 x 500 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Dropped off Leader (on Coesfeld)

Followed 92nd across this T. of O. but didn't see them drop bombs

all our bombs dropped together

Good Concentration in train a few on R.R. - a few short 1 ship ahead dropped late part of rack

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

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

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

305 on runway off at about 1 P. this was short 1 P. not strafed one

Course to approx. N. of Haltern - then up to probably

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) on Course to different I.P. turning left off T. and back

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, intense, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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Haltern - Scattered - moderate - accurate on high group.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

No attacks

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

Dogfights behind with E/A

Wing ahead had fighters

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

First seen at I. P. Haltern 15:07

Good all way back

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

Heavy Sm. Ser. in Rhur.

3. 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:

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

No
Chin Turbato
in Low Sq.
on Outside
Now. Must have
Gun on ea
side too

S-2 OFFICER

Weld

FILE COMPLETED

INTERCOM FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~370~~ A/C Number 782 Letter ⊙ Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed _____

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. J.H. Balser Pilot ✓

1st Lt. W. Katz Co-P ✓

1st Lt. A. Simmen Nav. ✓

1st Lt. E. Montoya Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. D. Philpot Radio ✓

T/Sgt. E. Spangenberg Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. Norman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. Mynatt R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. McDaniel L. Waist ✓

2nd Lt. F. Scudder Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:12

Alternate Height: 24,200

Last Resort Heading 33°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 20 Sec.

T/Sgt. D. Philpot Radio ✓

T/Sgt. E. Spangenberg Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. Norman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. Mynatt R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. McDaniel L. Waist ✓

2nd Lt. F. Scudder Tail G. ✓

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 x 500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Bombid center of Coesfeld following 92nd. all hit center of town and R.R.

Other Bombing: Saw ^{big} town to East (Munster?) smoking from bombs - lots of Flak there

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No None Any Nickels: Yes No

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

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

On course except I.P. at about Wulfen

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) T. at Coesfeld

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Hazy - all right

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

None

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Attached other group - believe

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

E/A were hitting Wing behind on way

in Didn't touch this group

To avoid they file

(Tactics of E/A)

Crossed Rhine just

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

South of Course then during N. of N. to position N. of Lemberg then up R.R. to Coersfeld

may be at Borken

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P-47's Appeared just after bombing - gave good wide area support all way back -

Didn't see any spots

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:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Wald

TIME COMPLETED

INFORMATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 142 Letter J Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.W. Lucena

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1452 Time Landed 1724

		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: was bombing

1517
2 B-17s at Munster - shot down by flak (Schute)
1533 hrs. - just after our target - enemy fighters shot down
in spin 5 Schutes

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

<u>2nd Lt. J. Gay</u>	Pilot	✓
<u>2nd Lt. T. Brady</u>	Co-P	✓
<u>2nd Lt. W. Clarida (423)</u>	Nav.	✓
<u>2nd Lt. M. Dmochowski</u>	Bomb.	✓
<u>T/Sgt. E. Danielson</u>	Radio	✓
<u>T/Sgt. P. Hughes</u>	Top T.	✓
<u>S/Sgt. L. Brofford</u>	Ball T.	✓
<u>S/Sgt. S. Krisko</u>	R. Waist	✓
<u>S/Sgt. G. Lilja</u>	L. Waist	✓
<u>S/Sgt. C. Nicholson</u>	Tail G.	✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 2400

Last Resort Heading 34° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

40 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

dropped in center of unidentified town
some bombs hit a marching yard.

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

as briefed except at target.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

no cloud - ground haze

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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1507 - Ruhr - at Alt. - tracking - turned just in time to miss it.

Munster - Barrage - intense accurate (barrage about 3000' deep)

1537 - no observations about before coast. miss.

1545 at coast on way out - about 18 bursts miss behind.

No cond at this Alt.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Could see lots of dog fights at target but couldn't estimate number of E/A. (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

vicinity of I.P. + target. (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
saw spots at coast.

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,

sm. screen at edge of Ruhr.

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.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Murtha

FILE COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 767 Letter Y Date 10/10/43

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

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1158 Time Landed 1721

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      X
    X  X  X  X  X
  X  X  X  X  X
X  X  X  X  X
X  X  X  X  X
  X
  
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1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes N
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 B-17 1541 - 5 chutes.
1 B-17 on hook at 1538 (Holland)

Capt. L. L. Robinson Pilot ✓
2nd Lt. D. L. Jacobs Co-P ✓
1st St. C. A. Alexander Nav. ✓
1st Lt. H. E. Phelan Bomb ✓
T/Sgt. J. R. Merson Radio
T/Sgt. J. W. Walkenhorst Top T.
S/Sgt. E. W. ^{CLARK} Krieger Ball T.
S/Sgt. S/Sgt. L. L. Meyer R. Waist
S/Sgt. W. J. Hifler L. Waist
S/Sgt. W. D. Brittain Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 24,000

Last Resort (circle) Heading 35 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

15"

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

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

Own Bombs: pretty sure it was COESFELD

hit western edge of town

Other Bombing:

lead group off hit town square

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

Number boxes dropped _____

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

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

as briefed to shoot of I.P. to COESFELD

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Heavy visibility pretty good

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

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

tracking accurate

huber intense

tracking lead group

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

none
(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.)

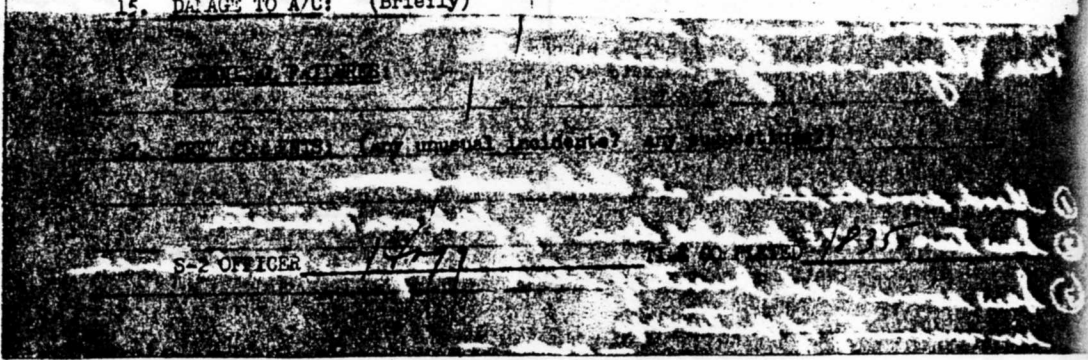
11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *man in with wing chad - found just before target and follows it out.*

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. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)



S-2 OFFICER

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~363~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 230779 Letter U Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1201 Time Landed 1730

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

B17-1517 hrs. hit by flak broken into exploded - 1 chute.

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

*B17-1520 hrs. attacked by 2A under control - 8 chutes
B17-1517 hrs. under attack - 1 chute
B17-1525 " " " 1 chute*

- Lt. E.M. Murphy Pilot ✓
- Lt. J.S. Opdyke Co-P ✓
- Lt. L.S. Musselwhite Nav. ✓
- Lt. M.A. Phillips Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. M.A. Narum Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. E.D. Oldfield Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. C.A. Melita Ball T. ✓
- T/Sgt. E.J. Wentworth H. Waist ✓
- Sgt. E.M. Johnson L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. P.L. Noisat Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1511 hrs

Alternate Height: 24,400'

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 25 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: in town

Other Bombing: Group ahead to right of town

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

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

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

Little to right of course before I.P.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	Accuracy
<u>1505</u>		<u>24,400</u>	<u>Heavy Black</u>	<u>Accurate</u>	<u>Predicted</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
<u>1508</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>1537</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>To left and low</u>	<u>One burst</u>	

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Rs' read after I.P.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OR QUANTON:

E/A attacking stragglers behind did not attack our
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Group

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Late in rendezvous, most of P4's high cover, few came 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 airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, *Many river boats and barges at Nijmegen on way in dry dock at Rotterdam*)

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*
Flesh hole on left of nose.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Interphone ball turret out. #2 & #3 Supercharges not working.*

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

S-2 OFFICER *Capt Cow Glass* TIME COMPLETED _____

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SQUADRON ~~357XX066~~ 369 ~~YA23X~~ A/C Number: 23169 Letter S Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.M. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed 1705

			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 in target area 1516
5 chutes. down in steep glide
Chased by 7W/1915.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. R.W. Porter Pilot ✓

Lt. W.G. Hilton Co-P ✓

Lt. G.M. Belknap Nav. ✓

Lt. L.B. Jones Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. O.C. Hill ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. J.B. Kimball ✓ Top T.

Sgt. E.E. Wynn ✓ Ball T.

T/Sgt. J.E. Hodge ✓ R. Waist

T/Sgt. J.F. McCabe ✓ L. Waist

T/Sgt. H. E. Rogers ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1512

Alternate Height: 24700

Last Resort Heading 22°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Dropped bombs about two minutes after 1 P
Feel we didn't have had time to get to Caesfeld -

Other Bombing: Believe it or not -
Town really covered with bombs.

5. Any Photographs taken: (3) (3) Any Nickels: Yes (1)

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

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

As briefed - except target area -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good weather

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Flak from Ruhr all to right of bombing
None over bombed target.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

Lots of fighters but unable to distinguish
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

number - confusion because of P47's
(Location and length of flight)

His A/C not attacked - maybe 107N's
justifying reason

(Tactics of E/A)
Over I.P. before any fighters

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Many dog fights. P47 observed
set 7N150 right after clearing target.
Support was really good. Kept fighters away.

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,
Fires and smoke screens obscure entire Ruhr Valley
Nothing east of Rhine River visible because of it.

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: Leak in COP oxygen system.
(Lost life next)

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

S-2 OFFICER Lt. Keranagh TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 230199 Letter R Date 10/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 "H.E." Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1205 Time Landed 1230

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. J.P. Noack Pilot ✓

Lt. R.L. Fallow Co-P ✓

Lt. D.H. Fay Nav. ✓

Lt. H.H. Bittman Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. C.J. Hufnagel ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. E.K. Fox ✓ Top T.

S/Sgt. D.J. Williams ✓ Ball T.

Sgt. E.J. Gustafson ✓ R.Waist

Sgt. E.L. Minto ✓ L.Waist

S/Sgt. T.H. Smith ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:11
Alternate Height: 24000 +
Last Resort Heading 40 mag.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target; 1250 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: With group.

Other Bombing: 1st gr. missed out whatever time it was.
lots of smoke on Monaca might have been bombs or SFS.

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

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)
Too close to Ruhr. Lost track but given me time about. ETA for IP at our time was great at.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1507 IP. 24000 ft. Lots of it on another group.
None at target.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER POSITION:

101-128 fighter - hit go behind. hit All S/E.

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

No attacks on us. They may have been some form of 1.

(Location and length of flight)

hit by light.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good. Saw them just before 1 P. hit most have been there. From 1 P saw us close 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, etc.)

now 8 miles below us at 1 P. must have been from my island. Saw by explosion 15 minutes in front.

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:

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

S-2 OFFICER Capt B. D. ...

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