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

12 August, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News

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3. 0840 (Just before Target) B-17 with #3 engine on fire at 24,000' seen going down. No chutes observed.
4. 0845 B-17 seen going down under control (Just before Target). No chutes observed.
5. 0850 B-17, with 2 engines on fire, blew up under fighter attack. 3 or more chutes seen.
6. Soon after Target. 6 to 7 chutes seen from B-17 going down.

2. Narrative

20 A/C took off at 0620 hours to bomb the synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Crossed English Coast at Mundlesley, north of Great Yarmouth. The route followed was as briefed to I.P. Then, under intense fighter attack, picked up target of opportunity, made right turn off target. The 92nd Group cut across A.A. gunfire area to make fighter rendezvous. 4 A/C returned early. All brought bombs back. 1 A/C turned back just over Dutch Coast at 24,000' at 0820. Could not keep up. 1 A/C turned back at 52° 33'N, 03° 00' E at 0756 at 21,000'. #3 prop ran away. 1 A/C turned back off English Coast at 0753, at 17,500'. Could not keep up. 1 A/C turned back at Coast of Holland, north of Hague, at 22,000' at 0819. Could not keep up. Nickels were carried in two ships but both aborted, bringing back nickels.

3. Fighter Opposition

Intense fighter opposition. From 100 to 150 E/A seen, mostly FW190's. There were also scattered Me109's and Ju88's. Some FW's had yellow noses, some with yellow tails, others with green wings and yellow stripes, others were light blue with white bottoms. Night fighters were also seen. Fighters were first sighted at 0830 and first attacks came at 0840. E/A continued attacks with diminishing intensity until P47's were met at rendezvous.

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4. A.A. Gun Fire

In the Ruhr Valley, a fixed barrage, stepped up in altitude from 18,000' to 23,000'. The fire was heavy, black and intense. There was intense, accurate A.A. Gun Fire at the southern end of the Ruhr, when formation cut across to make fighter rendezvous. A.A. Gun Fire was also reported at Roermond, Hierenthals and Steembergen. Red bursts were seen south of Amsterdam.

5. Bombing

Ineffective smoke screen was seen in the target area. The formation was under intense fighter attack from I.P. on and bombed target of opportunity with unobserved results. There was 5/10 low cloud in target area.

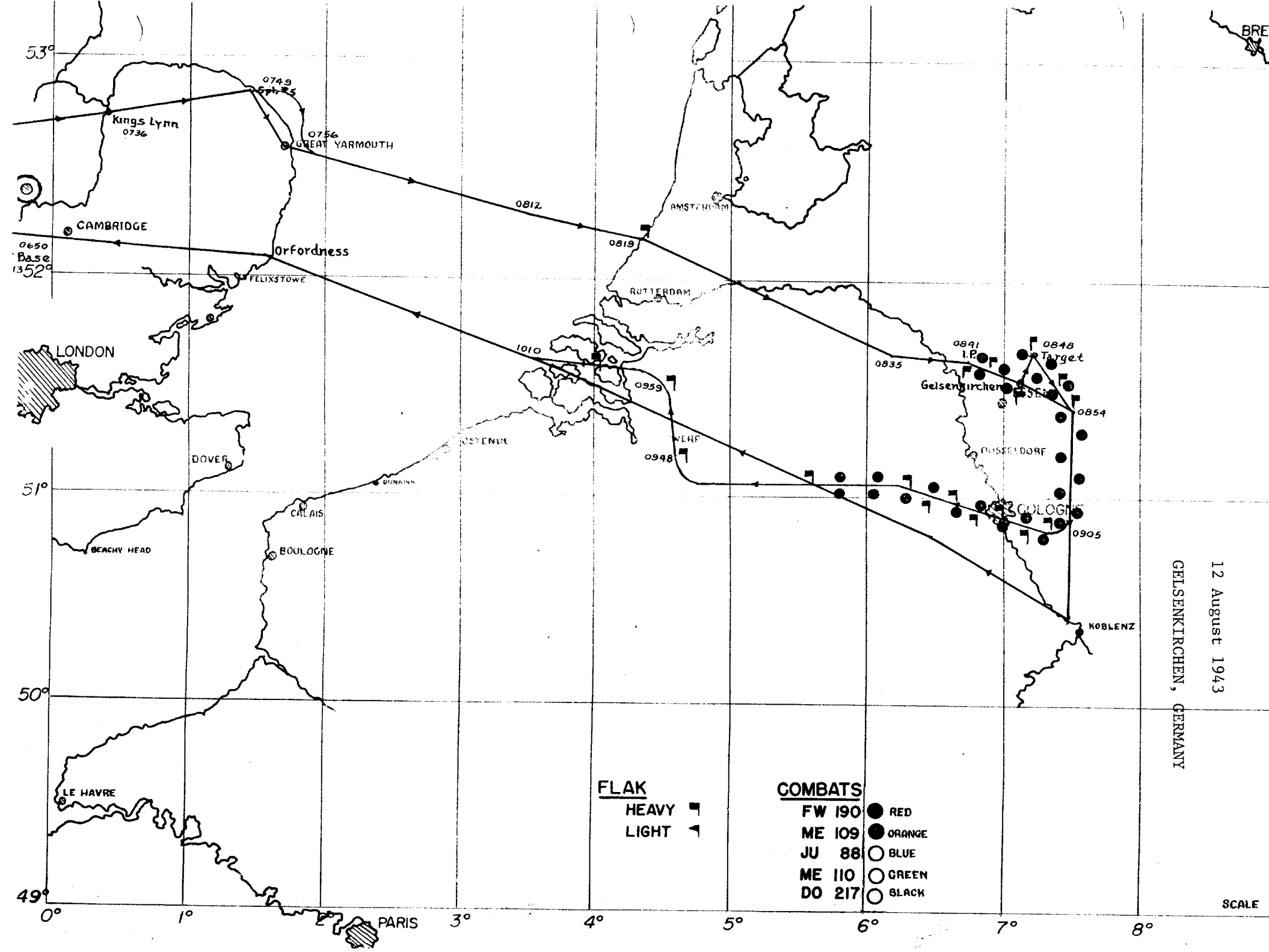
6. Observations

"More A.A. Gun Fire than ever seen before."
"A.A. Gun Fire formed a solid wall in target area."

7. Comments

Most of the abortives and some of the other pilots complained that the climb was too fast.

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



12 August 1943

GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY

SCALE

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office Of The Materiel Officer
United States Forces
APO 634

12 Aug 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report.

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

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

- (1) B-17F 42-29554, 367th Sqdn.
 - a-Flak damage to hydraulic system.
 - b-Flak damage to oxygen system
 - c-Flak damage to upper turret
 - d-Flak damage to fuselage, and nose, cockpit and vertical stabilizer. Categorized as serious.

- (2) B-17F 42-29959, 367th Sqdn.
 - a-Fuselage hit by flak throughout fuselage.
 - b-Windshield hit by flak.
 - c-Categorized as slight damage.

- (3) B-17F 42-3406, 367th Sqdn.
 - a-Lost In Action.

- (4) B-17F 41-24507, 368th Sqdn.
 - a-#3 engine hit by flak.
 - b-Fuselage hit by flak throughout.
 - c-Elevator trim tab cables hit by flak.
 - d-#2 prop hit by flak.
 - e-Categorized as serious damage.

- (5) B-17F 42-5404, 369th Sqdn.
 - a-Plexiglass nose hit by flak.
 - b-Flak and 303 holes between #3 engine and fuselage.
 - c-Left horizontal stabilizer hit by flak.
 - d-Categorized as slight damage.

- (6) B-17F 41-24629, 369th Sqdn.
 - a-Tail wheel assy. hit by 303 bullets.
 - b-Small flak holes throughout plane.
 - c-Categorized as slight damage.

- (7) B-17F 42-3169, 369th Sqdn.
 - a-Elevator trim tab hit by flak.
 - b-Small flak holes throughout plane.
 - c-Categorized as slight damage.

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- (8) B-17F 42-29993, 369th Sqdn.
a-Holes in tail wheel cavity from flak.
b-Categorized as slight damage.
- (9) B-17F 42-2978, 369th Sqdn.
a-#4 engine hit by 20MM
b-#1 prop. hit by 20MM
c-Leading edge left outer wing panel hit by 20MM
d-Dorsal fin hit by 20MM
e-Flak holes throughout plane.
f-Categorized as serious damage.
- (10) B-17F 42-5729, 369th Sqdn.
a-20MM hit fuselage by Co-pilot.
b-Oxygen system hit by 20MM
c-Wiring hit by 20MM
d-Dorsal fin hit by 20MM
e-Categorized as serious damage.
- (11) B-17F 42-29629, 369th Sqdn.
a-Right outer wing panel hit by 303 bullets.
b-Main spar right inner wing hit by 303 bullets.
c-Left outer wing hit by flak.
d-Right side of fuselage near co-pilot hit by 303 bullets damaging wiring.
e-Horizontal stabilizer hit by 303 bullets.
f-Categorized as Serious damage.
- (12) B-17F 42-29971, 423rd Sqdn.
a-Co-Pilot's window hit by flak.
b-Hole in fuselage underneath waist gunner caused by flak.
c-Horizontal stabilizer hit by flak.
d-Categorized as slight damage.
- (13) B-17F 42-30221, 423rd Sqdn.
a-No battle damages.
- (14) B-17F 42-5841, 423rd Sqdn.
a-#1 engine hit by flak.
b-Small flak holes throughout plane
c-Categorized as slight damage
- (15) B-17F 42-29930, 423rd Sqdn.
a-Small flak holes in fuselage and wing
b-Categorized as slight damage.
- (16) B-17F 42-5804, 423rd Sqdn.
a-Left horizontal stabilizer & elevator hit by flak.
b-Left wing, outer panel hit by flak.
c-Left aileron hit by flak.
d-Right outer wing hit by flak.
e-Flak hit diagonal member between 2 spars forward of flap mechanism mounting bracket.
f-Nose section hit by flak.

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- (17) B-17F 42-30175, 367th Sqdn.
a-Aborted.
- (18) B-17F 42-29815, 367th Sqdn.
a-Aborted.
- (19) B-17F 42-29794, 367th Sqdn.
a-Aborted.
- (20) B-17F 41-24557, 423rd Sqdn.
a-Aborted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Henry Schmidt
HENRY N. SCHMIDT,
Major, Air Corps,
Materiel Officer.

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Target Opportunity in Germany (Recklinghausen)

1. Route followed. Katwykan Zee to Gosh to Feddenberg to Gelsenkirchen to Recklinghausen to Herdecke to Kuch to Keln to Bergheim to Gittard to Herenthals to Steenberg to 51° 35' N-05° 40' E

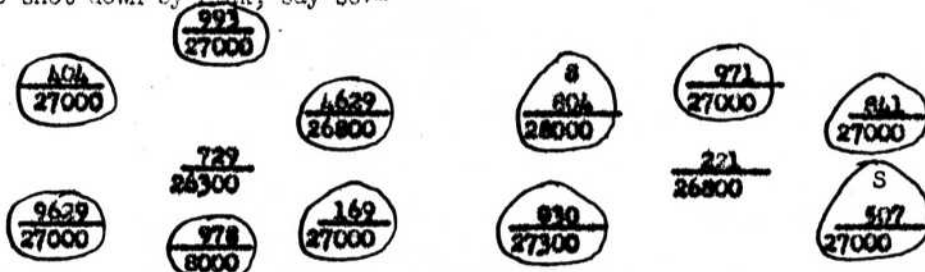
2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?)

5/10 Cumulus Clouds--some condensation trails.

3. No. of A/C over Target.

16 A/C

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



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

25 degree Mag.

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

50 seconds

7. Turn after bombing.

Sharpe right

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. 2nd.

9. What evasive action was taken?

Violent

10. A short description of Flak en route (if any) and at the Target, including if possible a suggestion as to type of fire control employed - i.e. Continuous following predicted concentrations, predicted barrages, or fixed barrages.

0844 hrs.- Ruhr (near Gelsenkirchen) 27000', intense, heavy, black, accurate, fixed barrage stepped up in Alt. from 18000' to 27000' also cont. following:

0904 - Fred. Cons. and cont. following heavy, bl., intense, accurate.

0905 - Kehn - fixed barrage lasting 10 minutes, heavy, black, accurate.

0922 - Roermund - approx. bursts inaccurate.

0944 - Herenthals - inaccurate.

0945 - Steenberger - inaccurate.

0945 - Antwerp- 24000' H. Mod. aimed shots. inaccurate.

Few bursts from flak ships about 10 miles off enemy coast. Inaccurate.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

Smoke screen at target ineffective because of wind.

FW 190's firing either shells or rockets from U shaped objects mounted under the wings.

Large pieces of steel were observed after the burst. 2 - JU 88's firing large caliber

cannon, approx. 37 MM., bursts like flak.

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12 AUGUST 1943

B17s Pound Ruhr Plants; 25 Missing

U.S. and Allied Fighters Escort Bombers in 4-Way Blow

American heavy bombers struck three simultaneous blows at the heart of Germany's war industry in daylight yesterday, slashing deep into the Reich to end two weeks of inactivity.

While Flying Fortresses rained heavy explosives and incendiaries on synthetic gasoline plants at Wesseling and Gelsenkirchen, in the Ruhr, a third formation of the heavies hit industrial targets at Bonn, 15 miles southeast of Cologne.

Meanwhile, Marauders of Eighth Air Support Command, escorted by Allied fighters, raided the Luftwaffe airfield at Poix, in France. Crewmen reported good bombing results.

Escorted by Spits, P47s

The Forts, escorted by P47 Thunderbolts and Spitfires part of the way to and from the Ruhr, encountered heavy fighter opposition. More than a score of enemy planes were destroyed. Twenty-five Fortresses are missing, the highest loss since 26 B17s failed to return from Bremen and Kiel on June 13.

Yesterday marked the 24th U.S. raid on German targets, and the 82nd on European targets by heavy bombers.

Large fires were left burning in the target areas in the Reich, and bomber crews reported successful bomb runs despite the heavy flak and fighter opposition.

Both Wesseling and Gelsenkirchen are important fuel sources for the Luftwaffe. The plants attacked by the Forts yesterday produce high-grade gasoline suitable for aircraft motors.

Important Rail Center

Bonn, the third USAAF target, is an important railroad center on a trunk line serving the Ruhr and southern Germany. It is also the site of a precision instrument factory.

Capt. Clark Gable flew with Maj. Theodore R. Milton, of Washington, in the lead Fort on the Gelsenkirchen raid, standing throughout the six-hour flight to shoot a gunnery training film. His ship landed with 15 flak holes in it.

German radio claimed that the Fortress squadrons were dispersed by German fighters and forced to drop their bombs at Bonn.

Formations attacking Bonn praised the aid provided by USAAF Thunderbolts and Spitfires, which destroyed many targets without loss.

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TELETYPE REPORT

A-171-D

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bomb Wing
Attention: A-2

(A) Narrative

S-1. Intense fighter opposition. From 100 to 150 E/A seen, mostly FW190's, but also scattered Me109's and a very few Ju88's. FW's were yellow nosed, some with yellow tails, others green wings and yellow stripes, others light blue with white bottoms. Also black night fighters. First sighted at 0830. First attacks 0840. At 0859 more encountered. E/A kept after formation with diminishing intensity until P47's met at rendezvous

S-2. In Ruhr Valley, a fixed barrage stepped up in altitude from 18,000' to 27,000'. Heavy, black, intense. Intense, accurate flak in southern end of Ruhr, when formation cut across to make good fighter rendezvous. Flak reported at Roermand, Herenthals, Steembergen. Red bursts south of Amsterdam.

- S-3. 6 B-17's seen in distress:
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S-4. No A/C crashed in British Isles. Six seriously damaged - 8 slightly damaged. Only one ship reports no damage.

S-5. Not available

S-6. Fighters first met formation near I.P. with vicious head on attacks, 12 and one o'clock, from above, attacking in line abreast up to eight at a time, and coming through flak until bombs were away, making every effort to break up bomb run. Thereafter attacks were more moderate and not pressed home with quite the same recklessness.

S-7. Ineffective smoke screen in target area. Formation under intense fighter attack from I.P. on, Bombed target of opportunity with unobserved results. 5/10 low cloud in target area.

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S-8. "More flak than ever seen before"
"Flak formed a solid wall in target area."

- S-9. (1) 20 A/C at 0620
- (2) 0749 at Mundlesley, north of Great Yarmouth.
- (3) As briefed to I.P. Then, under intense fighter attack, picked up target of opportunity. Right turn off target. Did not go to Koblenz. 92nd cut across flak area to make fighter rendezvous. On way out swung north to avoid Antwerp.
- (4) 0819 at Katwyik aan Cee
- (5) 0848 - 2nd group low - 25° Magnetic
- (6) 1120
- (7) 4 abortive - all brought bombs back.
- (8) 1 A/C turned back just over Dutch Coast at 24,000 feet at 0820. Could not keep up.
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1 A/C off English Coast at 0753, altitude 17,500'. Could not keep up.
1 A/C at Coast of Holland, north of Hague, at 22,000 feet, at 0819. Could not keep up.

(9) Nickels carried in 2 ships. Both abortive. No nickels dropped. Nickels dropped by lead group broke open at bombing altitude, drifting back through our formation.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

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JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER
Captain, AG,
S-2.

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C.O.'s Report

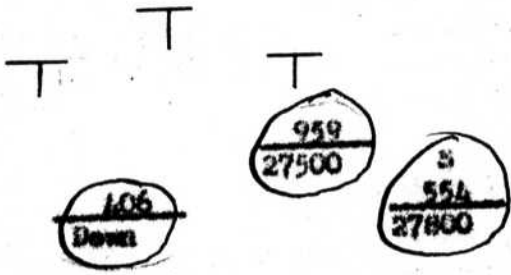
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7. → Comment: • Most of the abortives and some of the other pilots complained that the climb was too fast.

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92nd High



RUHR VALLEY - Alt. 27000', heavy, black, intense, accurate, fixed barrage stepped up in Alt. from 18000 ft. to 27000 ft. seemed to form a solid wall in the target area. There was also predicted concentrations of approximately 30 bursts from the southern end of the Ruhr. A fixed barrage was encountered at Kain and continuous following at Neesmond, Herenthals and Steenberger which was low and inaccurate. Cent. following A.A. fire was also encountered 7 miles south of Amsterdam. Some red bursts from this area were followed almost immediately by E/A attacks.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 921 Letter F Date 12/8/43

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0620 Time Landed 1130

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

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, fuel, details)

1st Lt F.M. Harkstetter Pilot Col. TURNER

① 17 went down just before 2nd target slow ship. No smoke
② 17 hit by fighters just after target. 3 chutes, then 2 more. No 92(?)

2nd Lt J.H. LEWIS CO-P

2nd Lt L.S. PIERCE Nav.

1st Lt J.S. LUCAS Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0549

1st Lt E.A. PFISTER Radio

Alternate Height: 27,000

1st Lt R.F. BUCHANAN Top T.

Last Resort Heading: 30°

1st Lt A.J. CAROZZA Ball T.

Duration Bomb Run:

S. Sgt C.W. DUBHAM R. Waist

1st Lt F.A. BLUM L. Waist

1st Lt W.U. GRAY Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Part target. Poor visibility and flak spoiled fire front of target.

Other Bombing: Saw lot of smoke on target.

Any Nickels: Yes / No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHIC taken: Yes? No? Yes.

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. BOMB (if different than ordered) (if ABORTIVE give time, place, height of burst, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

as briefed

8. WEATHER (if affected mission) low level clouds patches.

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 encountered at 51°40' 6'10" E. Heavy but inaccurate. Black

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

30-35 on us. About 80 way behind on another
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)
 Wing. FW 190s mostly. First spotted the at ~~about~~
 (Location and length of fight)
 (0930) Return 5-20 E attacks on nose. 3 to 12 at
 a time. 2 fighters came in from 6 o'clock. At 6 to 200
 yards they let go to big shells or rockets for two
 (Tactics of E/A)
 big "U" shaped things under the wings. The 4 exploded
 about 20 yards from our tail. I saw big pieces of steel
 fly up in the air from the explosion. (Gray, T Co)
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Saw P-47 suddenly dive down making no fighters in
 sight. (Durham)
 Saw tail gunners fire another
 (Offensive action)
 group about 4 o'clock high
 from is shooting at 47.
 escort as it met us at
 coast. (Blum L.W.)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	NO
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

no

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

no

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)
 Racketish piece of glass in mesh

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
 Saw flash hole burst off under wing

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

no

at 1000 hours

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

109 'S - E's before 1 P -

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

going thru own flak -
(Location and length of fight)

flak coming in
lines ahead 100 600
a time
(Tactics of E/A)

quit coming in
after a while -
make passes -
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Idea was to break up
bombing - laid
off after
(Our defensive action)
bombs away

good formation work

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

(Fill out immediately separate FOIA for each claim.)

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

47's there - 1
929 but fighters were gone

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; wing tip of FW flew past Rocket Cloud of black paper

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)
multitiered flock like 40's formation
Victory Group ahead broke at

14. INCIDENTS TO ENEMY (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME)
no bombing altitude

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)
Tail wheel assembly shot up.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
Supercharger bucket -

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
More flak than you ever saw -
Dinner father

S-2 OFFICER

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SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 404 Letter Date 12/8/43

Bomb Load 10 X 500 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0624 Time Landed 1120



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)

W. A. PRICE Pilot

One B-17 - 0830 - before IP, going down in control, 20,000 ft.

Ralph Peters CO-P

D. H. Peterson Nav.

One B-17 - 0935 - at the edge of control going down, 18000 ft, 50 mi from enemy coast, on course

V. Wang Ltr Bomb.

Brown, B. A. Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

S/ Ray M Grimm Top T.

Alternate Height:

C. E. Freymoyer Ball T.

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

S/ W. A. Holliman R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

S/ B. L. Fessing L. Waist

T/ A. E. Meaux Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Chart see

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number boxes returned

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Bombes scattered from 27,000 ft

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 target, but did a 180° back over target

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 5/10 over target, 8000 ft

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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0840 IP 2000 Intense most thick all around baggage

0900 to 0920 (27000) " " baggage +

where returned 27,000 " " aimed

1010 enemy 24,000 slight. (started low) came up 5 ft 9d.

Crew observations about Flak:

Few bursts from flak ships off coast 10 mi or so. Almost solid wall of flak before target.

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All. F W 190 -

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

Yellow ~~one~~ ^{one} w green yellow checkboard fus.
 ~~some black ones.~~

(Location and length of fight)

most 12 + 2 o'clock in 2s, 3s, 4s, level. High gp was
 attacked out of the sun, broke below at 300 yds.

(Tactics of E/A)

0855 - 2 FWs, 25 mis to of target, came from 6-7 o'clock
 level w. high gp. fired 1 rocket each from 200-300 yds; big
 explosion from time it leaves FW, fire as it ~~operating~~
 big black puff when it got near formation.

(Color markings etc. of E/A)

Attacks from bombs away

at 0848 - 0927 when

(Our defensive action)

our. ~~for~~ ^{for} appeared

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>no</u>
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Yes 0927 - P 47A at 26000 -
 enemy ac vanished.

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; con-
 centrations of vehicles, troops, vessels, landmarks, new enemy installations,
 smoke screen on 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)

0955 - at 51°30'N 4°40'E at 15000 was ducking in +
 out of clouds, followed by flash, same course as flight.

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~~ ³ flash holes and
 303 bullet hole
 one 50 cal hit waist

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

fuel showed upper burst burst out.

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

no -

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 729 Letter 9 Date 12 August 43

Bomb Load 10 X 500 H/E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 6:10 Time Landed _____

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

Sgt Maresch Pilot

3 B 17 go down soon after target
(1) 4 chutes (2) 6-7 chutes
(3) no chutes.

Sgt Y.C. Beltinger CO-P

Sgt Y. Meltzer Nav.

Sgt A. Isaacs Bomb.

Sgt Y.F. Lewis Radio

Sgt J.T. Ross Top T.

Sgt M. Steinhart Ball T.

Sgt T.A. Hardin R. Waist

Sgt R.M. Norton L. Waist

Sgt L.K. Voight Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 8:46

Alternate Height: 26,300

Last Resort Heading: 68°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 20"

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

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

Own Bombs: none - too busy

Other Bombing: no cloud cover, smoke

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes No?

Any Missals: Yes No

Number boxes dropped _____

Number boxes returned _____

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) cloudy over target (middle)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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target area (Ruhr) barrage - accurate
after target: flak - 5 bursts in diamond shape, then
3 burst flak

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

11E 109's
PWT 190's

50
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

10 nose attacks (11-1 o'clock), none on tail.

(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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

9-27

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

Sgt Ross got

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.)

Sgt Ross hit in the back by 20 mm fragments. Lt March slightly injured in shoulder. Lt Pellegrini slightly injured in shoulder, head & leg.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) nose, cowling of no. 3, hole in left wing between 1st & 2nd engines. 20 mm exploded in cockpit. 20 mm

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Vehicle stabilizer, no 4 engine supercharger, oxygen out, nose gun off

17. OTHER COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
mount, interphone

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By ALB/JHC MABA Date 1/8/91

Bomb Load 10x500 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0622 Time Landed 1120

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

B-17 going down under control 1st R.W. Paster Pilot

0845 just before bombs away 2nd H.C. Sharkey CO-P

0922 - B-17 blew up 10 minutes after target - 3 chutes (93rd) 2nd G.M. Boldness Nav.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
- 1st L.B. Jones Bomb
- 1st H.H. Krueger Radio
- 1st J.B. Kimball Top T.
- 1st F.K. Massey Ball T.
- 1st J.E. Hodges R. Waist
- 1st L.B. Cook L. Waist
- 1st H.E. Rogers Tail G.

Primary Time: 0847

Alternate Height: 2700

Last Resort Heading: 150

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

30-40 seconds had to take violent evasive action

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 7 (circled) (circled) Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: couldn't not see target because of either smoke screen or low cloud

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes (No)

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as briefed

WEATHER (if it affected mission)

generally clear with many vapor trails

encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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0840 (target 2700, H.B. stepped up fire barrage fairly accurate flak seemed to come from all over the valley. Fighters attacked thru their own flak

Crew observations about Flak:

0945 Antwerp 2700 H moderate - aimed shots

predicted concentrations of 30 bursts. (red bursts)

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Sharp at turn off target.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPO. ION:

N 110
FW 190
JU 88
(J)

60
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

10 minutes before target

0837 - 0927
(Location and length of fight)

JU 88 fired large cannon at least 37mm - bursts like heavy flak - each ship fired one burst.

(Tactics of E/A)

Head on attacks in formations of 3 attacks from 3-9 o'clock at the same time

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

Black FW

(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 on time

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

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)

slight flak damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

interphone very poor - B Piper charger
would be good wouldn't close

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

rough

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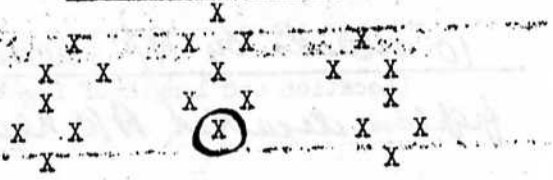
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SQUADRON 367-368-369-429 A/C Number 978 Letter M Date 12 August 43

Bomb Load 10x500 Hi.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 02:30 Time landed 10:50



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: 34 Ships 270 4:30 seemed anchored.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

None.

- Lt Schoolfield Pilot
- Lt U.D. Noack CO-P
- Lt J.B. Magarik Nav.
- Lt J.A. Kelly Bomb.
- Sgt H.B. Stevens Radio
- S/ J.C. Stone Top T.
- S/ E.W. Mills Ball T.
- S/ B.H. Perlmutt R. Taist
- S/ R.J. Goulet L. Taist
- S/ H.J. Sommers Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 2:10
 Alternate Height: 8,000
 Last Resort Heading:
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

Jettisoned bombs in woods near Matamoros due to being hit & losing altitude

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit by 20mm at Bislich Damaged no. 4 & part of left wing. knocked controls loose.

Other Bombing: smoke screen over target.

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

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered

WEATHER: (If it affected mission) visibility good at target.

8. 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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None on way in none approaching target.

South (7 miles of Amsterdam) flak: 8-9000' heavy, good for altitude. red. continuous following

Crew observations about Flak: Red flak followed by fighters.

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10. 10-15 FW190
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

10 attacks on A/C, near Harlem & ten miles to sea.
(Location and length of fight)
fighters disabled A/C near target.

most attacks from tail & sides.
(Tactics of E/A)

white noses on ME 109.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

<u>C L A I M S (2)</u>	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT none

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,

34 convoys near Dutch coast. Lots of barges in lakes & canals. solid concrete buildings. 52012 N. 4025 E.

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

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

Copilot - 20 mm fragment in hip
ball turret - 20 mm fragment in leg

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) no engine out. left outer wing fin
right stabilizer, numerous plank holes, top & ball turret

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: electrical system, OX2 gen system
& engine ran rough.

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

S-2 OFFICER Jermiah F. Sullivan (TYPE COMPLETE)

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 84 Letter _____ Date 12/1/43

Bomb Load 10 X 500 (H.E.) Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0620 Time Landed 1123



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: No

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

M. ANDREWS Pilot

One B17 - #329 on fire, just before target 0840 - alt. 24000, heading 57° 20' N 06° 50' E going down

Rich CO-P

One B17 about 1000 yds before target at 23000 ft. heading 55° 15' N 06° 15' E

Prentice Nav.

One B17 at target, heading 57° 20' N 06° 50' E

Huisinga Bomb

TARGET ATTACKED?

Scott, B.H. Radio

Primary Yes Time: 0840 (30 seconds)

Jewer, L.V. Top T.

Alternate Height:

Rood Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 60° (circle)

Hampton, E.C. R. Laist

Duration Bomb Run: 60 sec

Kozlowski L. Laist

Rucker Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Colt 88 - industrial base, smoke screen - Ball turret gunner believes he saw 4 or 5 red fires in area where buildings # 47 + 48
Other Bombing: one shown on target #

Any Missiles: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
Depart from I target, bomb run was 60° instead of 130°.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
0840		27000	intense	bl. smoke	above	inaccurate
						3 bursts red just 4 mins after target. accurate in alt, 1 miss to rt.

Crew observations about Flak: All over the Ruhr valley, + looking back it looked like solid wall.

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temp plane damaged & exploded in midair

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By RLB/BAC NARA Date 1/8/91

10. ENEMY FIGHTER POSITION:

35-40

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

To 2 eng - (1 Juss) together
MET09s; FW 190s

12-20'clock, low high; broke 500-600 yds under.
(Location and length of fight)

Attacked in pairs

2-eng jobs attacked from behind at 10
(Tactics of E/A)
behind you. FWs didn't flip over as they
used to when attacking, but pressed straight through
under formation.

One ME Lt blue;
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Up & down
(Our defensive action)

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

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Yes - at place as briefed. All enemy a/c disappeared.

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, etc.)

Flashed from FW 190s several show larger than 20 mm. C/L seen further away than 20 mm.

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) 6-9 shrapnel, few 30 cal bullets.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Oxygen system not working, ported out.

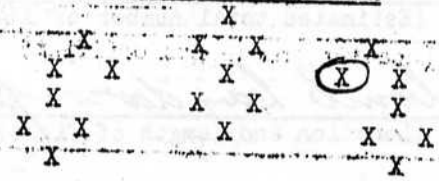
17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
Where are the flash units?
Have flare for identification to identify themselves.

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 MAA Date 1/8/9

Bomb Load 10/500 HiE, Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 2025 Time Landed 1130



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)

- L. E. MUNGER Pilot
- " H. ENGEL CO-P
- " W. H. DICKENSON Nav.
- " W. R. WICK Bomb
- 1/5 W. F. DAY Radio
- 1/5 R. P. BIGGS Top T.
- 1/5 L. L. LORD Ball T.
- 1/5 H. R. SHUTTS R. Waist
- 1/5 E. D. WALTERS L. Waist
- 1/5 C. T. SCHRÖDER Tail G.

1 B17 Blew up - 3 chunks
Rt. after target.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0843

Alternate Height: 28000

Last Resort Heading: 148° comp

Duration Bomb Run:

Couldn't use sight, showed up, waggled on formation to left

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Saw some near river target not seen due to smoke

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Any Nickels: Yes (No)
 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.)
OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
low came over target - scattered all over

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target			int.	black	much low	took more than 4 1/2 min to fly thru.
most acc. flak after target			high	for above	lots at alt. some above.	
ground cologne Kolm						

Crew observations about Flak:

1/2 way cross channel 20-30 small objects fell thru formation
looked like bombs

30-40-50
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

As bomb bay doors opened combat P.47's arrived
 (Location and length of fight)

2 E/A FW190 firing at tail from long range - larger than 20mm
 attacked thru flak, attacked thru group.
 Came in formation.

(Tactics of E/A)

Yellow stripes on wing, with green,

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>2</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

OK

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,

Smoke screen 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)

Undetermined

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

Tail gunner froze two fingers 2 on left 1 on right

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

few flak holes, self inflicted.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Short in fuel hose to
 Interphone out - not properly equipped
 Left landing gear damaged - had to crank down

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

Good show.

R. Shalaka

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 By RLB/BAC MARA Date 1/18/99

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By RLB/JAC

SQUADRON 367-968-369/423 A/C Number 221 Letter Date Aug 12

Bomb Load 10 X 500 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off	Time Landed	X	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X	X
		X	X	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. Reese Pilot

B-17, 10 min. after T. - 1
chute - 2 fighters attacking
blew up - into clouds

2nd R.B. Eckles CO-P

2nd C.G. Bowers Nav.

2nd L. Feldman Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

1/s E.J. Borlik Radio

Primary Time: 0849 T. 1/s H.W. Hawkes Top T.

Alternate Height: 26,800 s/s J.T. Brunkman Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 32° s/s J.H. Jessup R. Laist

Duration Bomb Run: 30 sec. s/s J.L. Braman L. Laist

s/s L.B. Parks Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 X 500
Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: None seen

Other Bombing: Clouds over T.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No
6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Any Nicks: Yes No
Number boxes dropped: _____
Number boxes returned: _____

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

Swing N.E. after T. - otherwise

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) as planned

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Intensity + Predicted Concentration acc. as to alt.
+ Tracking - acc. too

Crew observations about Flak:

Evade action

Flak intense below briefed Flak area

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Date 1/8/99
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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 557 Letter T Date 12/2/43

Bomb Load 10x500 lb H.E. Incendiary _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0626 Time Landed 0920

	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)

Jepries Pilot

Paul CO-P

Nav.

Bomb.

Radio

Top T.

Ball T.

R. Waist

L. Waist

Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: about

Alternate Height: _____

Last Resort Heading: _____
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Turned back at 52°33N 03°; 0756; alt. 21,000.

#3 runaway prop

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about FLAK: _____

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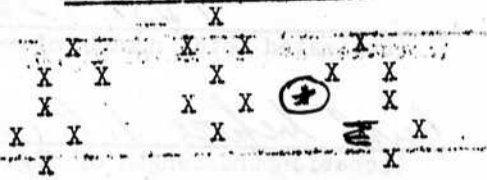
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SQUADRON 367 368 369 (23) A/C Number 930 Letter C1 Date 10

Bomb Load 19/500 HiE! Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0627 Time Landed 1125



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 B17 blow-up-fighters attacking - 3 shuttles from behind 7-8 mins after target
 2 B17's down, lagged-fighters got - 4 shuttles out of one, more weather

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0843
 Alternate Height: 27300
 Last Resort Heading: MAG-95°
 Duration Bomb Run: 35-40 sec

LT. W.P. CASSELY Pilot
 D.C. RODMAN CO-P
 W.J. CEARIDA Nav.
 P.V. MANNING Bomb.
 S.W.T. JOHNSON Radio
 1/S W.L. BIELOGA Top T.
 4/S J.O. HOOKS Ball T.
 1/S D. AXELROD R. Waist
 1/S J. PETO L. Waist
 4/S M.B. EDWARD Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: none observed - smoke, cloud & flak

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

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 5/10 clouds - didn't see target.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target area 27000 very int. lasted almost good
 was stacked over several thousand ft almost 10 min height good few flaks
 finished with cont following all around this A/C

Crew observations about Flak:

Several barrages after target - about 5 min after target.
 Scattered fire all along route

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OFFICER ACTION:

ea 5088
few Me109

125-135
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Just before 1. P. (0837) until 09:25 (P. 47 escort arrived)
(Location and length of fight)

E/A didn't press attacks.
Me109 had nose arrow - shot & then shell shot off again - with rocket effect - E/A opened fire at 1000 yds.

E/A didn't attack over target
tail & nose attacks - 7 at a time group behind was getting attacks from the side.

Varied - markings -
(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

EXCELLENT, ON TIME

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

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

fighters on stragglers

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

few flak holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

heater didn't work, supercharger lagged

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
interphone out in nose

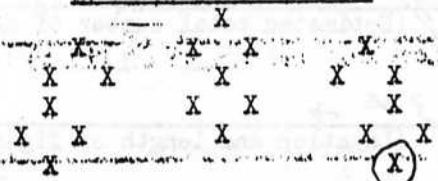
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Bomb Load 10 X 500 H.E. Internal

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0620 Time Landed 1120



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

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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- LT. W. D. PETERSON Pilot
- Flt. S. W. MOWERS CO-P
- LT. F. E. BULLARD Nav.
- LT. H. URMAN Bomb
- S/SGT. W. B. PLASKETT Radio
- T/SGT. W. L. UTLEY Top T.
- SGT. F. E. HUNTZINGER Ball T.
- SGT. R. K. BANKS R. Waist
- S/SGT. G. S. MONSER L. Waist
- S/SGT. M. B. ARRIETA Tail G.

2 B-17's down over Rukr Valley

No chutes; no fire

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0844
 Alternate Height: 27000
 Last Resort Heading: 135
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
 50 seconds

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all

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

Own Bombs:

couldn't see target

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: ~~Yes~~ No

Any Nichols: Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as briefed.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

good

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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0834 - light flak (4 miles before target) - aimed shots
 0844 - target, 27000 - intense H.B. barrage. Accurate covered from 18000' to 27000' alt.

Crew observations about Flak: ~~flak~~ - Barrage and continuous following from southern tip of Rukr valley - intense

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about 1/2 turn off target.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOS. ICM:

W. 190

1 - twin engine jet.

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approx 80
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

1834
(Location and length of fight)

head on mostly - five at a time - once attacked - 10 at a time

3 mi out attacked flying a tight V
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

on terms - good

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *flying glass cut eye of bombardier*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *#3 engine shot out - flat damage*

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
none

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SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 959 Letter _____ Date _____

Bomb Load 10 x 300 N.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

② B-17 down time of first attack - lost right of

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

Capt. Keecher Pilot

① B-17 blew up 8:48 1/2 approx - 7 o'clock low 2 fighters - blew up no chutes

W.C. Bisson CO-P

A.F. Titus Nav.

H.E. Phelan Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 8:49 1/2

T/S J. Argentos Top T.

Alternate Height: 27,500

S/S J.E. Corcoran Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 110°
(circle)

S/S J.R. Bloom R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: 25"

S/S H.K. Turing L. Waist

S/S W.J. Ball Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Could not see - smoke (scr?)

Other Bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? Froze up? Any Nichols: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Swung up beyond T, a little N.E.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Roughly N.E.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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8:40 - Predicted barrage continuous both

Dortmund (approx) Very acc. + intense in spite of violent evasive action - much bigger blast

Crew-observations about Flak: Bursts of continuous following
For 15 min. after T frequent barrages + continuous track down both

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OFFICER ACTION:

about 50 fighters

Most FWs were MEs

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

Visual is up at 40 miles before target. - this band not persistent. Most band on target. & from then on mostly 40-45 miles.

Come in 5 abreast from 10 and 12 mil high & then hit low synchro.

(Tactics of E/A)

Yellow nose. - some all black

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

close action

(Our defensive action)

(Now 2 fighters flew up from ground fire)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

As brief - Good! Me saw 2 minutes early

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.)

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)

As above

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
flashed in nose - worked out to pulber & all flk.
hydraulic system. Press than glass in upper turret.
Another worked out light for hydraulic system. Nothing + wings were hit.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

none (Butt rough)
Capt. [Signature]

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 794 Letter K Date 12/8/43

Bomb Load 8x500 H.E. ~~Incond.~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0630 Time Landed 0825

			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)

Kooima, Pilot

CO-P

Nav.

Bomb.

Radio

Top T.

Ball T.

R. Waist

L. Waist

Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Aborted

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed to point north of Great Yarmouth, 0753 alt. 17,500 feet; #3 supercharger was giving 37" + was gradually falling.

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

Crew observations about flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *## 3 imp. changes gone 32" at 11,000 ft.*

2 oil pressure dropped to 55 lbs
17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)

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SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 9629 Letter A Date 12/9/43

Bomb Load 10x6-00 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off	0622	Time Landed	1118
	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 at 0704 saw 1790 down 3 EA 2nd Lt. I.V. Klotze Pilot
after him: steep dive Wings 2nd Lt. W.H. Lockyear CO-P
came off 3 chutes. Ejected. 2nd Lt. D.B. Dash Nav.

② at 0706 17 followed by E/A. 2nd Lt. A.V. Nagy Bomb
Watched him under control for 3 min. 2nd Lt. B.A. Swift Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary	Time: 0848	1st Lt. D.C. Rich, Top T.
Alternate	Height: 27000	1st Lt. A.H. Wieland, Ball T.
Last Resort	Heading: 22°	1st Lt. V. Trakan, R. Waist
Duration Bomb Run:		1st Lt. V.J. Regan, L. Waist
		1st Lt. L.V. Kurik, Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Target obscured by clouds. Unable to determine results.

Other Bombings: no.

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped no
Number Boxes returned no

5. AEROPHOTOGRAPHIC taken? Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered). (If ABORTED give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
As briefed to IP. 2nd 22° heading at altitude.

8. WEATHER (if not affected at mission) low stratus interfered with bombing

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Ruhr region. Very heavy. Fairly accurate. Predicted concentration. What we finally got out of Ruhr the flak stopped.

Crew observations about Flak: Flak at Adenauert at great height. Flak over islands on way out at us.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

125 - Mostly Me 109's and some FW 190's
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

About 40 E/A came in from north in 2's to 12's
(Location and length of fight)
for about 20 attacks. seem to co-ordinate their
attacks to come in first about 1 to 2 and then 10 to 12.

No tail attacks on our ship
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY Yes

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P-47's right on time at 0925. Swell.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, 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)

see front.

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

no.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) FLAKIR wing, #3 engine 3 prop., fuselage under nose left wing left aileron left waist. horizontal stab, tail.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: #4 engine prop. ran away just before I.P.

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

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number Letter Date

Bomb Load H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off Time Landed X X X X

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

D.H. White CO-P

Nav.

Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: Top T.

Alternate Height: Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: L. Waist

Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) 368-369 423 A/C Number 815 Letter _____ Date 12/8/43

Bomb Load _____ H.E. Incendi. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed 0911

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)

(A)

F.H. JENNEN Pilot

2nd Lt J.R. Elliot CO-P

2nd Lt H.C. Edlestein Nav.

2nd Lt R.K. Pringle Bomb.

Sgt Bocelli Radio

Sgt. Hovis Top T.

SPELL Ball T.

Schmitt R. Waist

Elliott L. Waist

Wilson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: _____

Alternate Height: _____

Last Resort Heading: (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

About 5/4

Broughtt back Nickles

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

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

Own Bombs: _____

Other Bombing: _____

Turned back just ^{over} Dutch coast. 24,000 ft. With full power from English coast to Dutch coast could not catch formation

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about FLAK: _____

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

13-17 observed being followed by E/A formation came in at diagonal. Looked as though he were trying to decoy some of our ships to go down to his assistance so that E/A squadrons could jump them. At about 5000 ft. below us he finally disappeared in clouds.

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

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

At Dutch coast

13-17 (saw the end just below.)
Enemy decoy possibly

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<i>Our formation</i>
PROBABLY	<i>about to enter</i>
DAMAGED	<i>enemy territory</i>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *NO.*

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

Climbing speed far too fast.

S-2 OFFICER *1st Lt. R. Richardson* FILE CO. FILED

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MISSION:

GELSENBERG
12.8.43

306th Group

1ST BOMBARDMENT WING
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TABULATION OF E/A ENCOUNTERS

ITEM	GROUP SQUADRON	A/C NO.	CLAIMANTS NAME AND RANK	GUN POSITION	DESTROYED	PROBABLE DESTROYED	DAMAGED	NO CLAIM ALLOWED	REMARK
1	306-368	993	T/Sgt. J.J. O'Neill	TT/G				X	
2	306-421	841	2nd Lt. E.M. Huisinger	Boob.		X			
3	306-368	999	T/Sgt. J. Argentea	TT/G			X		
4	306-367	554	T/Sgt. J.W. Halkschorst	TT/G				X	
5	306-368	993	T/Sgt. J.E. Omsa	BT/G				X	
6	306-368	169	2nd Lt. E.P. Madson	Nav.			X		
7	306-368	978	S/Sgt. Herbert H. Pocklister	BT/G				X	
8	306-368	978	S/Sgt. Elmer W. Mills	BT/G	X				
				TOTAL	1	2	1	4	

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COMBAT FORM
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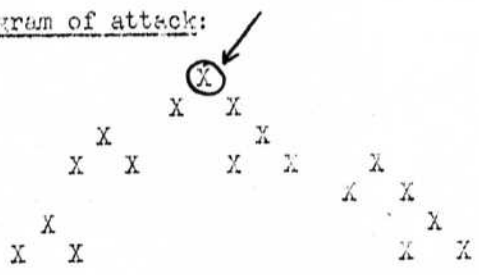
Group 306 Date 12 August, 1943
 Squadron 369 Place where attacked Before target
 A/C No. 993 Time 0840 hrs. Height 27,000'

Story of the attack-- E/A came in at 1 o'clock, high with another. Fired at them. One hit started to drop. His prop stopped and he flipped down out of control. He was too close to miss.

NO CLAIM
 A-2 THW

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show
 a. which of our A/C was attacked;
 b. direction of E/A attack;
 c. sun position.

Data on combat
 a. our heading 120
 b. visibility Good
 c. type of E/A F4U
 d. level of attack;
 from high above X
 (Check level _____
 one) below _____
 very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt. J.J. O'Neill

Positions Top turret

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

Corroborated by _____
 Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: _____

Damaged, no doubt.

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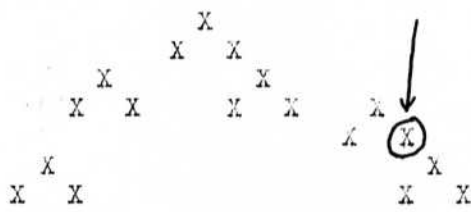
Group 306 Date 12 August, 1943
Squadron 423 Place where attacked Before I.F.
A/C No. 841 Time 0840 hrs. Height 27,000'

Story of the attack: F7190 came from 12 o'clock out of sun. Seen at 800 yds. Steady burst at him to 300 yds. Burst into flames at 500 yds, then veered toward left and went out of sight below. Flames from engine and back to tail.

PROBABLE
A-2 T.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on combat
a. our heading _____
b. visibility _____
c. type of E/A F7190
d. level of attack;
 From high above _____
 (Check level _____
 one) below X
 very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Huisinger, R.W. 2nd Lt.

Positions Bombardier

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

Corroborated by Rish, R.W. 2nd Lt.
Position in A/C Co-Pilot

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: _____

Probable

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Time 1310 Interrogator

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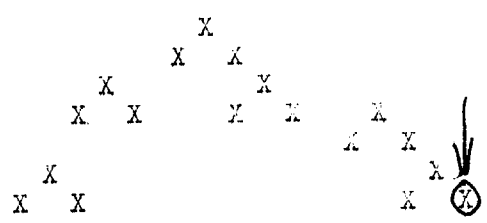
Group 306 Date 12/8/43
 Squadron 367 Place where attacked after target on leg south.
 A/C No. 554 Time 0854 Height 26,000'

Story of the attack-- four fighters made head on attack, on 306th group.
Upper turret hazed them. One fighter floundered around. Pilot say's no
question he was hit and damaged.

NO CLAIM
 A.C. T.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show
 a. which of our A/C was attacked;
 b. direction of E/A attack;
 c. sun position.

Data on combat
 a. our heading 180°
 b. visibility good
 c. type of E/A F W 190
 d. level of attack;
 from high above X
 level _____
 (Check one) below _____
 very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names T/Sgt J.W. Walkenhorst
 Positions Top Turret

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

Corroborated by Lt. L.L. ROBINSON
 Position in A/C PILOT

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Damaged.

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

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Group 306

Date 12 August, 1943

Squadron 369

Place where attacked After target

A/C No. 973

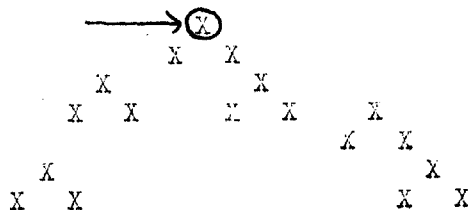
Time 0905 Height 25,000'

Story of the attack-- E/A came from 9 o'clock and below. Ball turret was firing at him. Left waist saw him hit and go down out of control. Sure he is damaged at least.

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

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show

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

Data on combat

- a. our heading 180
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A FW190
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above _____
 - (Check level _____
 - one) below X
 - very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt. J.H. Coons

Positions Ball turret

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

Corroborated by Sgt. G.A. Melita
Position in A/C Left Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: _____

Probably damaged.

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Capt. Baldwin

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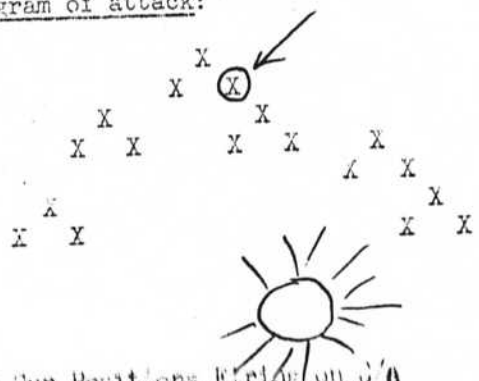
Group 306 Date 12 August, 1943
Squadron 369 Place where attacked 50°27'N 07°20'E
A/C No. 469 Time 0906 hrs. Height 24,000'

Story of the attack-- Me109 came in from 1 o'clock, high. Hit him
solidly with long burst. E/A wobbled, nose dropped, prop practically
stopped, fell in heavy smoke and flames, completely out of control.
Thinks pilot was hit.

PROBABLE
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on combat
a. our heading 200°
b. visibility Good
c. type of E/A Me109
d. level of attack;
from high above X
(Check level _____
one) below _____
very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names 2nd Lt. E.F. Madden
Positions Navigator

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

Corroborated by 2nd Lt. E.G. Bryant - Co-pilot
Position in A/C Sgt. D.J. Williams - Ball turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? Don't think so

Comments of the interrogator: _____

Co-pilot is sure pilot was hit and that E/A was hopelessly out of
control. He's had 18 raids and this is only E/A claim he has ever
confirmed.

If formation was very different, show on back of sheet. _____ Time _____ Interrogator _____
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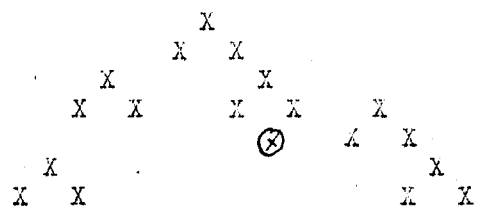
Group 306 **NO CLAIM** Date 12/9/43
Squadron 349 Place where attacked Near Amsterdam
A/C No. 978 Time 0930 Height 8,000'

Story of the attack-- Mal09 attacked from 5:30 level, fired on at 800 yards
E/A breaks off flight at 800 to 100 yards.-- Smoke from engine and dived down,
probably under control.

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

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on combat
a. our heading _____
b. visibility Good
c. type of E/A Mal09
d. level of attack;
from high above _____
(Check level X
one) below _____
very low _____

A/C all alone at time.

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Bertram H. Parlmutter

Positions Right Waist

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

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Damaged

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Time _____ Interrogator
J.F. O'Sullivan

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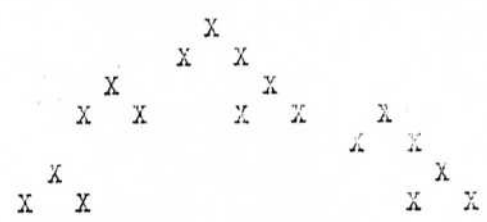
Group 306 Date 12 August, 1943
Squadron 369 Place where attacked Near Amsterdam
A/C No. 978 Time 0922 Height 8,000'

Story of the attack-- No109 attacked from 6-9 o'clock, low. First fired on E/A at 100-50 yards. Tracers poured into E/A which went straight down and hit the ground. No pilot bailed out.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



A/C all alone at time

On diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on combat
a. our heading _____
b. visibility Good
c. type of E/A No109
d. level of attack;
from high above _____
(Check level _____
one) below X
very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Elmer V. Mills

Positions Ball turret

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. Bertman H. Parlmutter
Position in A/C Right Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? NO

Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed.

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Time _____ Interrogator
Jeremiah F. O'Sullivan