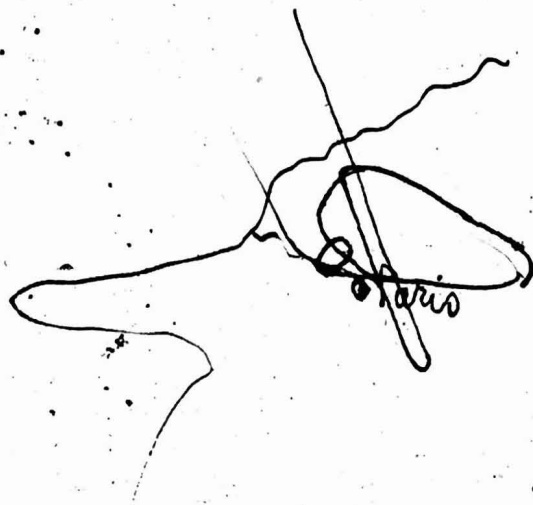
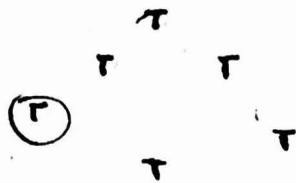


Ryan

Wing on Cal's left wing - start. (1) T

Flying on second on left of

Major Wilson



3 groups - Ryan middle group

Ryan in 3rd group
made 2nd Run
& Dropped Bombs!

Spits went away
with other 2 groups
then come back &
picked up
group up.

3 miles from Landford.

5 alone -
6 alone -

Rhodan's ship shot
out of formation from
here
to here



Rhodan
423

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT (DESTROYED) OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 468 Group 304 Position in Formation #3 Date 12/12
 2. Type of E/A 190 Place Nearby of about Time 13:30 Height 20,600
 3. E/A came from 2:20 o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, Below, Low.

4. Distance E/A was first hit 400 yds. Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged
 5. If claimed DESTROYED:
 a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? no. By whom? Top Turret
 b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? no By whom? R.W. Holloway
 c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? yes. By whom?
 d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them? yes.
 e. Did pilot bale out? Did not see him.
 6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.

7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
 a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 b. Did its engine stop?
 c. Were parts shot away?
 d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
 8. Which gunners fired at E/A? just Holloway (Top Turret)
 9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? "
 10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? no.
 11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? 4 or 5.
 12. Other information:

Went down past tail enveloped in flames and uncontrolled spin. Heals Saugley (in hospital) tail gunner, must of seen it.

Name of Intelligence Officer: 1st Lt. AR Richards

*5/pt. Raleigh
 #13032622
 Division*

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation circled.
see over

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 124501 Group 306 Position in Formation 2 Date 13 Feb
2. Type of E/A _____ Place _____ Time _____ Height _____
3. E/A came from _____ o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, Below, Low.
4. Distance E/A was first hit _____ Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged _____
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
- Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - Was E/A seen to descend in flames? By whom?
 - Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
- Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - Did its engine stop?
 - Were parts shot away?
 - Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A?
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A?
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A?
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time?
12. Other information:

— Name of Intelligence Officer:

1st Lt. Gerald Baldwin

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation circled.

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 125 Group 306 Position in Formation Leading Date 12/12
2. Type of E/A FW Place 15 mi from target on way out Time 1350 Height 18000
3. E/A came from L o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, Low
4. Distance E/A was first hit 200 Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged 300
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
- a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? yes By whom? Salamander (K)
 - d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - e. Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
- a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - b. Did its engine stop?
 - c. Were parts shot away?
 - d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A? None no one
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? Kessler. L.J. 15074078
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? no.
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? 1.
12. Other information: 1311 Spring ave Canton Ohio.

(See Capt. Regan for confirmation)

Name of Intelligence Officer: Wright

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation circled.

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

*3rd First Element. Date 12/12/42

1. Our A/C No. 493 Group 306 Position in Formation 3rd Date 12/12/42
2. Type of E/A FW190 Place Just after primary landing Time 12:45 Height 19000'
3. E/A came from 6 o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above, Level, Below Probable Low.
4. Distance E/A was first hit 100 yds Distance when E/A destroyed or damaged 100 yds
one long and one short burst off 20 and five shots each
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
 - a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? By whom?
 - d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - e. Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
Came across tail below could feel tracer entering FW. dove out of control
7. If claimed as DAMAGED:
 - a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - b. Did its engine stop?
 - c. Were parts shot away?
 - d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A? Sgt. Krajcik Tail Gunner
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? #16066671
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? No.
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? no others.
12. Other information:

Home Address:
Route #3, Box #117
Elgin, Illinois

Name of Intelligence Officer: Capt. [Signature]

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation circled.

CLAIM OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

1. Our A/C No. 124557 Group 306 Position in Formation 3rd AF Lt. 12/1/42
2. Type of E/A FW190 Place over Charnel Time 1400 Height 17000'
3. E/A came from 11 o'clock at time combat began, from High, Above Level, B.L. Low.
4. Distance E/A was first hit 1500 distance when E/A destroyed or damaged 150
5. If claimed DESTROYED:
 - a. Was E/A seen to hit ground or sea? By whom?
 - b. Was E/A seen to break up in air? By whom?
 - c. Was E/A seen to descend in flames? By whom?
 - d. Were flames so intense pilot could not extinguish them?
 - e. Did pilot bale out?
6. If claimed as PROBABLE, did E/A break off combat in circumstances which lead to conclusion that it must be a loss? Describe.
4-25 rd. bursts out each gun was fired. The A/c began to smoke heavily and headed down.
7. If claimed as DAMAGED,
 - a. Did E/A lower its undercarriage?
 - b. Did its engine stop?
 - c. Were parts shot away?
 - d. Was our explosive ammunition seen to enter E/A?
 - e. Were our cannon projectiles seen to enter E/A?
8. Which gunners fired at E/A? ONE
9. Which member of crew claims this E/A? Sgt. V. L. King 34448740
10. Is it believed other U. S. crews fired at this E/A? NO
11. How many other E/A attacked at about this same time? 0
12. Other information: NO

Don't know
ONG-11

34448740
KNOXVILLE TENN.
Route 9.

Name of Intelligence Officer: Shubert
1st Lt. USAF

On the back of this sheet, sketch the formation at the time (with an x for an A/C), and this plane's position in the formation.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 129 Date 12 May
 Position in formation Lead 309. Bomb Load 10x500

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

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? May, W A Langford, Pilot
2 B 17's shot down Friend Co.P.
vicinity of Paris (by fighters) Biggs Nav.
305 camp Karakowak Bomb.
Snowier Radio.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary No Time: _____
 Alternate Height: _____
 Last Resort Rouen Heading: 54° 1345 Cherry R.Waist.
 (check) Clyton L.Waist.
Garland Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: _____ Jettisoned: _____ Brought Back: _____
10x500.

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others)
None observed - too foggy & hazy.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? No
 (Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: _____

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
Circled Paris and came back to Rouen.

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	Other Data.
			<u>Practically nil</u>			
			<u>Few bursts behind just after crossing coast.</u>			

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 40-50 Place 9 Rows *Velocity 40 miles*
Time _____ Height 20000

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
<i>all seemed to be working in pairs</i>			
<i>Peeking off and coming in repeatedly</i>			
<i>all the way in and out to mud</i>			
<i>Channel.</i>			

Notes:

went down burning.

c. Claims: DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE — DAMAGED —

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: *came in low*

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

None

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

Wright

Ryan
J

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 GROU 2 A/C Number 25130 Date 14/12/42
Position in formation Wing - Cal Expressing
3rd in line, 4th Bomb load 10x500

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

12:00 Ship of Group behind shot down ① fold out
also think another shot down. CHRY

Frichtly A/C in any kind of distress? Ryan Pilot

Bennison Co-P

Herman Nav.

Olds Bomb.

Paulin Radio

Bedson Top T.

Kellum Ball T.

Schanning R. Waist

Held L. Waist

Forster Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Bombardier wounded.

Primary Time: Unknown

alternate Height: 70,000

Last Resort Heading: Don't know
(check)

Marshalling yard at
Rover

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10x500 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Couldnt see -

Heidomenous -

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) Sig ht seeing trip all over coast.

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

Overcast all the way
could not find target

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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2 bursts - @ 12:05

18FW
2 me 109-

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 20 F-4s Place over Rome
Time _____ Height 7000
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number Time Place Height

nose { 4 attacks - coming at a time from head on low (17)
2 attacks coming from 10 o'clock - one level - one low -
8 attacks shot level going by on left - attached another group.

Miss Gummer - 2 on left - 2 on right - 5 on left - level

Notes:

→ Saw one destroyed 600 yards away - over target
Saw Spit shot one down - 7/4 away across channel
Saw our G8 shoot one down -

c. Aims: DESTROYED PROBABLY DAMAGED

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: 2 at a time from head on low

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops; equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks on route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

Lt. Old - Bombardier - E/A - hit head, shoulder, leg, foot -

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

nose shot up - ^{Horizontal} vertical stabilizer shot up -

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

New gunners should go to oxygen school -

S - 2 OFFICER

John G. Davis

TIME COMPLETED

350

Handled at briefing
flow old 20 formation

INTERROGATION FORM

13

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 24476 Date 12/Dec/47

Position in formation in 2nd EL. Bomb Load 14 X 250 I

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No

Details:

1216 hrs S.E. Paris approximately 15 miles
1222 S.E. Paris " 25 "

2 bailed out 1 B17 crashed
1 " " CRASH 1 B17 "

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? CP. BRADY Pilot

LT KENEALY Co.P.

LT LEWIS Nav.

LT KYLIUS Bomb.

S/ S/ B E A N Radio.

T/ S/ C A R B E R R Y Top T.

S/ S/ S T E A D Ball T.

S/ S/ V A L L O R A M I R. Waist.

P/ R S A N S K I L. Waist.

Sgt M A C M H O N Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: Brought Back: 14 X 250 I

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

Nothing seen

abortive

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: NO

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
As ordered

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	Other Data.
<u>1200</u>	<u>BEAUNAIS</u>	<u>20000</u>	<u>HEAVY Slight</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>7 H.</u>	
<u>1345</u>	<u>FR. COAST</u>	<u>17000</u>	<u>HEAVY S</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>6 L</u>	

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
 a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____
 Time _____ Height _____
 b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
2-5	1216	S.E. Paris 10-30M.	20000
3-5	1230-45	S. PARIS 20-40M	20000
2-3	1245-1355	COAST	14000
2-5	1216	S.E. Paris 10-30M	20000

} Mostly from side

Notes:

Followed by Fighters more or less continuously until over half way over the Channel but impossible to tell if the 2 or 3 seen at one time were fresh ones.

c. Claims: DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: 2 Fighters coming in at a time from side, level -

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
 (Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

1215 S.E. Paris 10-30 M - 20000. FW 190 6 o'clock above appeared to be hit by FLAK, spun thru cloud, smoking, & do very doubtful if he got out of it.

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: ^{intercomm} Radio out all the time

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

B-2 OFFICER C.B. Benson F/L Time Completed 1620

INTERROGATION FORM 507

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 1245 Date 03/12/42
 Position in formation 2nd Bomb Load 10x500

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No
 Details: for 2 B17s down on enemy target 35 miles out, 1000 combat 3500
2nd place of formation on fire 25 miles in
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW
SMITH R.W.K. Pilot
Gillogly P.D. Co.P.
JONES C.B. Nav.
Ketchie C. Bomb.
Pete C.L. Radio.
Edwards W. Top T.
Warren H.F. Ball T.
Banks R.K. R.Waist.
Keston E.L. L.Waist.
Hagyard. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13:41
 Alternate Height: 21000
 Last Resort (check) Heading: 90°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 Jettisoned: 0 Brought Back: 0

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others)
both that aircraft down from in view & bombs fall near
building but could not tell whether the rt. one

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?
 (Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: NO

7. ROUTE (if different than ordered) (if returned early: time, place, hgt, of turn)
turn at just start of 90° followed by 180° navigation. Dodge aimed to get to
down. No trouble coming home

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	Other Data.
12:00	Atlanta	21000	Slight	—	Behind last group, just angle/turn	
	Atlanta	21000	Intense	Black	Accumulated light but not on right	

9. ENEMY AIR

a. Total No. A seen: Number _____ Time _____ Height _____
 b. A/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
3		from front.	
4		from 2:30 to 4:00 alt.	

Notes:

*Mr F.W. go down to look & left.
 saw another go down on fire.*

c. Claims: DESTROYED None PROBABLE _____ DAMAGED _____
 d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: *Came from all directions North
 Northwest.*

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
 (Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. e

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

few bolts. - Cannon shell st. ins.

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *One*

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

S-2 OFFICER

1st Lieut. Baldwin

Time Completed

10:22

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 168 GROUP 206 A/C Number 124487 Date 12/12/57

Position in formation 6 (old formation) Bomb Load 10-500lb.

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No

Details:

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? 1st Lt. M.E. REBER Pilot

2 B7F just over coast 2nd Lt. G.J. LALLY Co.P.

(10 min.) on way in. -- shot down. 4 L. BERGEN Nav.

6 chutes out of first Capt. L.C. LEMMERHART

2nd ship 5 min later no chutes T/S. W.C. ORMAND Radio.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 14:32

Alternate 2000' Height: NAV.

✓ Last Resort (check) Heading: 280°

INJURED FIGURES APPROXIMATE

S/S R.L. BOHLAND Top T.

S/S R.C. CLARK Ball T.

S/S E.H. BROTZMAN Waist.

T/S. C.H. CHRISTIAN Waist.

S/S J.R. GEIMER Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 0 Jettisoned: 0 Brought Back: 10/50

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others) NONE

TARGET OVERCAST - AS WERE PRIMARY & SECONDARY.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? NO?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: NO

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)

NO VARIATIONS (?) EXCEPT 2

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	Other Data.
1209	PARIS	2000	NAV. LIGHT	BLACK	COMING THRU	
				SOME WHITE	CLOUD - BEHIND & TO LEFT - VERY SCATTERED	
10 MIN INTO FRANK		2100	NAV. VERY LIGHT	BLACK	TO RIGHT BEHIND	AND FAR
OVER COAST HOMEWARDS		1800	NAV. LIGHT	BLACK WHITE	TO LEFT ALONGSIDE & BEHIND	SOME OVER A/C

Buddenbaum
368

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124502 Date 12/12/42

Position in formation No 2 in lead Bomb Load 10 x 500

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

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? Plt. Otto Buddenbaum Pilot

① 12:30 30 mi. South W. of Paris 1st. Max Gudas Co.P.
B-17
No 2 Eng. on fire
2 men Baled out
Then went into spin
and down thru clouds
2nd George Owens Nav.
1st Joseph C Williams Stab.
T/Sgt. Sylvester Horstman Radio.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Time:
Alternate Height:
Last Resort Heading:
(check)

12:40 (approx) T/Sgt. R. Guthrie Top T.
② B-17 peeled off and went down into clouds
Sgt. R. Liscawa Tail T.
? Sgt. McDonald R. Waist
? Sgt. E. E. Smith L. Waist
S/Sgt. M. B. Arietta Tail G.

Made gun at Last Resort (Rover)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Brought Back:

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

None (clouds)

archive
couldn't see target on second run

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of planes; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
about 30 mi. North of IP then 283° true about

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home
90 min then ~~due to~~ 8.5° for 30 mi. then N. to Last Resort -

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), Intense, Moderate or Slight.	Color of Bursts.	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data.
12:30	100 mi inland	21,000	heavy	black	Way below	Couldn't see it
2:05	Over coast between Le Havre & Dieppe	<		white	300 or 400 ft below	clear

after turning away from Primary target

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number Uncertain ^{Attack from running intermittent passing over land}
 Time Place to mid channel
 Height 21,000

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
①	2 FW's	12:50	21,000
②	Singly at long range floating around		
③	Mid channel about 2:10		

Running
 battle from
 30 mi. in
 coast to
 each half
 way over
 channel

Came
 right the
 format
 came on
 of Sun
 from side
 on left
 forward
 several
 times

Notes: Formation continuously
 attacked from 11 o'clock above came
 in close, and went below formation

None of attacks came really close
 to this ship - except for ① (above) all attacks
 were by singly ships from all directions
 darting in at intervals then hovering

c. Claims: DESTROYED PROBABLE DAMAGED out of range
 None
 d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

None

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

None

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

Met Spitfire Escort on return ~~was~~
 just leaving Rouen
 Didn't see them on way down

S-2 OFFICER

2nd Lt. A. W. Weld

Time Completed 5:10

INTERROGATION FORM

#15

423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124460 Date 12/12/42

Position in formation 1 Bomb Load 14 X 250 Incendiaries

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No

Details:

3 B17s of group behind boat
details on hot news sheet.

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? Capt Mack McKay Pilot

3 B17s on hot news sheet.

2nd Lt Lewis P Johnson Co. P.

1st Lt Eugene J Pollock Nav.

1st Lt

T/Sgt Jake Kinn Radio.

T/Sgt Harry Allerman Top T.

S/Sgt James Hobbs Ball T.

Sgt Donald Bevan R. Waist.

Sgt Raymond Henn L. Waist.

S/Sgt Roy Gibson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: Could not see 10/10

Alternate Height: Could not see 10/10

Last Resort Heading: (check)

Route Time 1345
Height 20600
Heading 310 mag

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 14 X 250

Jettisoned: Brought Back:

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

Could not see own bombs
Could not see other bombs

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: nil

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn 20 miles North of course going in on French coast.)

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	Other Data.
1230	Paris	21000	H-S (6bursts)	Black	Back 1000 ft above	-
1455	3 miles left Route d'ailly	15000	H-M (10-15bursts)	Black	left side 500' below	-

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 40 ^{FW190 ME109F} ^{25 miles after crossing French pos} ^{Abbeville} ^{Quinault} ²¹⁰⁰⁰ ²⁰⁰⁰⁰ feet
 Time 1205-14-46 Place _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
2	FW190	1205	Quinault 21000 1200 A

Notes:

There was actually a continuous running fight with E/A attacking from all angles from all heights (above, level, below) most of the attacks were from the front (1200). 50 passes were made at our $\frac{1}{2}$

c. Claims: DESTROYED 4 PROBABLE 2 DAMAGED 0

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED: Two planes attacking at the same time to the nose - attacks were from above, level, and below. Other E/A attack simultaneously from other clock positions. Decoy planes OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT). off to side to distract attention (Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, 2 or 3 waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C, etc.)

Detailed report on hot news on 3 B-17s lost on mission from group behind 306 group

fighting each other then all attacked

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

nil.

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

1 hole in fuselage below star right hand side

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Life raft came out - lost command antenna gone

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

#16

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 25180 Date 12.12.42

Position in formation #2 in lead element Bomb Load 14 x 250 lbs incendi.

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

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? LT W.H. Warner Pilot

2 B-17 down over France, one near Grandvilliers. Another a few minutes later SE. of first.

LT D.A. Steele Co.P.

LT W.H. Baggs Nav.

LT C.H. May Bomb.

T/Sgt. E.F. Esposito Radio.

S/S. C. W. Wilson Top T.

Sgt. W.C. Morgan Ball T.

S/S. C.E. Nooley R.Waist.

S/S. R.D. Kinsling L.Waist.

S/S. G.M. Counts Tail G.

Romilly s/scene
 Villacoublay
 Rouen

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading: approx. 220°
 (check)

no bombs dropped on run over target.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned 14 bombs over channel.

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others)
Several large explosions observed in a very close to target. Flare prevented accurate observation only visible to Nav. thru drift meter.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?
 (Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results: None

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)
As ordered to Grandvilliers, then rt. turn toward coast. RT turn primary due to 10/10 cloud. 310° to near Rouen, circled and attacked target; then to E. coast W. of Calais; lower coast E. of Beachy Head.

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	Other Data.
about 1200 hrs	W. of Grandvilliers	21,000	H-5	Black	500-1000 yds at altitude	
about 1400 hrs	W. of Calais	17,000	H-5	Black	500-2000 yds at altitude, a bit low.	

altogether (25-50 E/ 44)

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 3, 10-12 Place Over channel
Time 1405 Height 14000
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane?

Out of Sight

Number	Time	Place	Height	Remarks
<u>3 FW 190</u>	<u>1209</u>	<u>N.W. Grandvilleis</u>	<u>21000</u>	<u>0400-0500</u>
<u>5-7</u>	<u>1210</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>0700-0800</u>
<u>12 FW 190</u>	<u>1340</u>	<u>Near Rouen</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>high on each side</u>
<u>1 black</u>	<u>1350</u>	<u>After Rouen</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>just out of range to attack</u>
<u>1 FW 190</u>	<u>1340</u>	<u>Near Rouen 2100</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>most repeated attacks</u>
				<u>on Rouen, etc. etc.</u>

from 1 o'clock, down, then up under right wing, to within 200' then peeled off.
2 FW 190, Mr. Kahan, 1300 from above
1 black - during attack.
12 FW 190. 1405 Over channel 17000 ft. lead-on attacks. from ~~etc~~ below, some

straggling with 1 sup. feathered.
Attacks on Rouen dead astern, 0500, 0700 - took little time.

landing group.

c. Claims: DESTROYED (1) PROBABLE (0) DAMAGED (0)

d. ENEMY FACTS OBSERVED:

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).
{Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

See item #1.
On way back, Nav. saw an FW 190, not claimed by their crew, going down in a spin; followed him during descent of over 6000'. A/c disappeared in cloud. Tail probably shot. A/c not burning.

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

none.

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

none

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none, except life raft came out and knocked command antennas off, dented horiz. stabiliz. cr.
14. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

Poor show, hardly saw anything, though cruised all over. Group just followed 305th Group blindly. Weather not clear from Gander to Moscow. Very miserable.

S-2 OFFICER P. H. Palmer Time Completed 1645

INTERROGATION FORM

#17

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 124493 Date 12/12/42

Position in formation #3 of 12 Element Bomb Load 10x500 G.P.

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned? Yes No

Details: Saw three (3) B17 leave formation ahead behind tail... friendly A/C in any kind of distress? primary.

When ship flew out two men thrown out could see no parachutes open on these.

- Capt. M. Regan Pilot
Lt. J. ... Co. P.
Lt. ... Nav.
Lt. ... Bomb.
W. F. Hoffman Radio.
J. Wade Top T.
C. L. Fugh Ball T.
J. Spiro R. Waist.
R. B. Mount L. Waist.
A. J. Krajeck Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13:42
Alternate Height: 20,700'
Last Resort (check) Heading: Almost N. about 10°

Rosen

Two trips over

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Brought Back:

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

Couldnt see

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

Table with 7 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, Other Data. Includes handwritten entry: 13:50 ... 19,000 ... Black ... Right and ...

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number About 20 F.W. Place 3rd Attack
 Time 17:15 Height 21,000'

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane: 9

	Number	Time	Place	Height
1st	5	17:15	After leaving Escorte	21,000'
2nd	5	17:40	Before and Over Eastport	21,000'
3rd	3	17:50	Halfway over warehouse	19,000'
4th	5	18:00	Halfway over warehouse	10,000'

Notes:
 1st Attack - 12:15 o'clock
 2nd " - 13:40 "
 3rd " - 13:50 "
 4th " - 14:00 "

Worked in pairs, came in
 mostly from 11:00 and 1:00 o'clock
 level and low. Last attack
 F.W.'s followed by Spitfires who
 probably got some of them.

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLE 3 DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C. etc.)

At 2000' 20mm shells from F.W.'s exploded before contact one of these fragments injured waist gunner

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

Two crew members
 Piece of 20mm shell in small of back (slight)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (briefly)

Small holes around waist, #1 Engine 3000h, one in tail turret. Explosive 20mm

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Top turret guns would not fire after 2nd attack. Left hand waist gun went out on trial over channel.

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

Saw one F.W. black smoke ^{and flames} broke off attack at 11:00 o'clock level about 100 yds distant. Could have been top turret gunner in ship 129 Maj Langford

S-2 OFFICER

Capt W. G. ...

Time Completed

25 minutes

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~277~~ GROUP 706 A/C Number 124469 Date Dec 12, 1942

Position in formation #3 in last element Bomb Load 14-257 lb. Random

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

(Followed) NAME of CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? ...

Riedan Pilot
Maliszewski Co.P.
Spellman Nav.
Ratibor Bomb.
Schultz Radio.
Holloway Top T.
Owen Ball T.
Start R.Waist.
Davis L.Waist.
Langley Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Times? 1

Alternate Height: 20,000

Last Resort Heading: (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 1412 Jettisoned: Brought Back:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (for this plane or others) no

(Followed) NAME of CREW

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE and results:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early: time, place, hgt. of turn)

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	Other Data.
<u>no flak</u>						

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 25-30 *about 50* Plane *20 - Half way to target plane*
 Time _____ *_____* Height _____ *_____*
 b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane _____ *_____*

Number	Time	Place	Height
1	<u>1/2 hour</u>	<u>Near Paris going</u>	<u>20,000</u>
10	<u>Turn off firing</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>20,100</u>

Many colors - Kelly, Robin's egg blue, brass top, yellow.
Plenty Vicinity of last heart. Came in from all directions and continued until almost half way across channel. Spitfires covered when our plane lost two engines and slowed down while six ships (2-3 ship elements) struck by all the way back.

c. Claims: DESTROYED (4) PROBABLE (2) DAMAGED _____ None _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. OBSERVATIONS (always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT).

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C, etc.)

NO
 11. (Continued) Langley first injured during encounter with plane he shot down at about 12:30. Similarly injured about five or seven minutes later during another encounter, probably Holway's aircraft.
Langley not seriously injured. Doesn't exactly know at what time he
 (S/pt. Orville B. Schultz 3939 1123. Ellsworth, Kansas)

11. INJURIES to Crew: (Name, injury, how received.)

S/pt. C. R. Langley, 20 men, left arm broken, lacerated leg
and head injured.
S/pt. O. B. Schultz - cut on face, scalp and stomach for 20 men
and head injured.
 DAMAGE to A/C: (Slightly)
 #4 engine out completely
 #3 " " above 10,000 ft. cut. No brakes (hydraulic on, sudden at altitude then take)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

NO one top turret gun } shot out
" " " " }
" " " " }
" " " " }

14. BRIEF COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

Enemy planes made majority of attacks from north. They
also flew parallel, then made sweep in on plane - often.
Came in very close.

12.12.42

SUBJECT: Encounter Report, Bouen 12.12.42.

TO : A-2, 1st Bomb Wing.

1~~7~~ Destroyed, 3 Probabl~~y~~, 0 Damaged.

1. Our A/c #124125 (Maj. Lanford, 368th Sqdn), destroyed an FW 190 15 Miles SW of target at 1330 hrs at a height of 18,000. It attacked from 1 o'clock, from below. It was first hit at 200 yards and destroyed at 300 yards. The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt G. G. Schumacker saw it go down in flames. E/A is claimed by S/Sgt L. J. Kessler. One other E/A attacked at about this time. No other member of this crew fired. No other U.S. crew fired. This was the lead plane, number 1, of a three-ship formation.
2. Our A/c #124557 (Lt. Check, 423rd Sqdn) claims as probably destroyed one FW 190 near the coast over the English Channel on the way home at 1400 hrs and a height of 17,000. It came from 1 o'clock, from above, and was hit at 150 yards and went down at 150 yards. The tail gunner, Sgt V. L. King, claims this ship, after firing four 25-round bursts from each gun. The A/c began to smoke heavily and went down toward the sea rapidly. It was not seen to hit the sea. No other member of the crew fired at it. One other E/A attacked at about this time.
3. Our A/c #124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109 East of Bris at 1222 hrs at 20,000 altitude. E/A attacked from 5 o'clock from above. It was first hit at 800 yards and broke into ~~shameless~~ intense flames at 600 yds, spinning down through the clouds. S/Sgt John J. Vallerani, right waist gunner, claims this ship. It is believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Two other E/A attacked at about the same time.
4. Our A/c No. 124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed an FW 190 20 or 30 miles SW of Paris, at 1330 hrs and at 20,000 ft. It was attacked from nine o'clock and above. It was first hit at 400 yds and at 250 yds it went into a spin from 20,000 ft to 10,000 ft, where it went into a cloud. The fin was all cut up, and the left rudder was shot away, the torn edge shining in the sun. It is claimed by the tail gunner, Sgt. T. D. McMahon. It is believed that other U. S. crews fired on this E/A. Three other E/A attacked at about this time.
5. Our A/c #124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed an FW 190, 20 or 30 miles SW of Paris, between 1330 and 1400 hrs. It was attacked from 5 o'clock and below. It was hit at 600 yds and was seen to spin down out of control with intense flames from the nose toward the wing and fuselage. Smoke was seen when the E/a came about 300 yds from our A/c. The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt Eugene H. Stein, claims this E/a. Corroborated by Pvt. Edward J. Sanski, left waist gunner. It is not known whether other U.S. aircraft fired at this E/A. Five or six other E/A attacked at about the same time.
6. Our A/c #124476 (Capt. Brady, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109. Our A/c was attacked 20 mi SW of Paris at 1330 to 1400 hrs at a height of 20,000 ft. ~~Shameless~~ The attack came from seven o'clock and above. E/A was hit at 900 yds and at 600 yds several parts were seen to break off, the plane falling about 10,000 ft into cloud. Left waist ~~gunner~~ gunner, Pvt. Edward J. Sanski, claims this E/A as destroyed. S/Sgt Henry R. Bean corroborates this claim. It is not known whether other U.S. aircraft fired at this E/A. About five other E/A attacked at about this time.

Also confirmed
by Capt. Rogan,
Pilot of our
A/c # 124476

Confirmed by
S/Sgt. Henry R.
Bean, radio
operator.

14. Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109. Our aircraft was attacked near Evreux at 1330 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 11 o'clock and below. E/A was first hit at 600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. Hits were observed in the engine, the prop stalled, and the plane was to fall enveloped in intense flame. This aircraft is claimed by Lt. Eugene J. Pollock, Navigator. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this aircraft. One other Me 109 attacked at about the same time.
15. Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked about 10 mi west of Paris at 1335 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 10 o'clock and from above. E/A was first hit at 500-600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. It was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This a/c is claimed by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. Corroborated by S/Sgt Roy Gibson, tail gunner. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Two other FW 190s attacked at about the same time.
16. Our A/c #124460 (Capt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked near Beauvais at 1320 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 3 o'clock and from above. It was first hit at 600 yds and there destroyed. E/A was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This aircraft is claimed by Sgt Donald Bevan, right waist gunner. ~~Corroborated by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner.~~ Corroborated by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this aircraft. One other E/A attacked at about the same time.

~~Summary of the attack on our aircraft by an enemy aircraft on 12/14/44. Our aircraft was attacked by an enemy aircraft at 1330 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 11 o'clock and below. E/A was first hit at 600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. Hits were observed in the engine, the prop stalled, and the plane was to fall enveloped in intense flame. This aircraft is claimed by Lt. Eugene J. Pollock, Navigator. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this aircraft. One other Me 109 attacked at about the same time.~~

~~Summary of the attack on our aircraft by an enemy aircraft on 12/15/44. Our aircraft was attacked by an enemy aircraft at 1335 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 10 o'clock and from above. E/A was first hit at 500-600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. It was seen to descend in flames so intense that the pilot could not extinguish them. This a/c is claimed by S/Sgt Raymond Henn, left waist gunner. Corroborated by S/Sgt Roy Gibson, tail gunner. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Two other FW 190s attacked at about the same time.~~

from the engine as E/A flipped over on one wing and

17. Our A/c #124460 (Lt Warner, 423rd Sqdn) destroyed one Me 109. ~~Summary of the attack on our aircraft by an enemy aircraft on 12/16/44. Our aircraft was attacked by an enemy aircraft at 1330 hrs, height 21,000 ft, from 11 o'clock and below. E/A was first hit at 600 yds and destroyed at 200 yds. Hits were observed in the engine, the prop stalled, and the plane was to fall enveloped in intense flame. This aircraft is claimed by Lt. Eugene J. Pollock, Navigator. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this aircraft. One other Me 109 attacked at about the same time.~~ Enemy aircraft did not attack our aircraft, but was chasing a Spitfire of the escort, which was proceeding in the opposite direction to the heading of our plane. E/A first attracted the attention of S/Sgt Charles M. Counts, tail gunner, when its shells exploded in the vicinity of our aircraft. At first, Sgt. Counts thought it was a flak ship. Then a Spitfire went by, turning to avoid the Me 109, who was chasing him. E/A came in from about 9 o'clock, turning and going after the Spit in the general direction of 6 o'clock, reference our aircraft. Our tail gunner opened up at about 300 yds and destroyed the Me at about 800 yds. The Me was seen to descend in flames so intense the pilot could not extinguish them. This was seen by ~~Sgt Charles M. Counts, tail gunner~~ S/Sgt Charles M. Counts, who claims this ship, and also by S/Sgt C. W. Wilson, top turret gunner and Sgt W. C. Morgan, ball turret gunner. The members of the crew believe that the destruction of this E/A probably saved the Spitfire which was being chased. It is not believed that any other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. One other E/A attacked our aircraft at about the same time.

For The Commanding Officer:

SHUBEL J. OWEN,
~~1st Lt., AAF,~~

1st Lt., AAF,
 Asst. Group S-2.

14.12.42

SUBJECT: Amendment to Encounter Report of 12.12.42.

TO : A-2, 1st Bomb Wing.

1. Claim No. 7, our A/c #124468, Ops No 28. The manuscript of the Encounter Report contained the following, which was omitted by mistake in final typing:

"E/A was seen to break up in the air, tail completely shot off, on fire inside after explosion in cockpit."

The quoted sentence should follow the sentence reading, "It was first hit at 400 yds and destroyed beneath ship."

2. Claim No. 17, our A/c #25180, Ops No 109. This encounter occurred over the English Channel at about 1405 hrs, while our A/c was at approximately 15,000 ft altitude.

3. Claim No. 4, our A/c #124476, Ops No 190. Interrogation form on "Claim of Enemy Aircraft Destroyed or Damaged" reads, in part, as follows:

"Was E/A seen to break up in air? YES By whom? Sgt McMahon"

"Fin was all cut up and left rudder (sic) was broken off and ragged and torn edge shone in the sun— Sgt Bean saw A/c falling down in a spin — Sgt McMahon could see him falling from about 20,000 - 10,000 ft & then A/c went into cloud —".

4. Claim No. 6, our A/c #124476, Ops No 109. Interrogation form reads in part as follows:

"Was E/A seen to break up in air? PARTLY By whom? Sgt Bean & Sgt Sanaki".

"Sgt Bean saw several parts break off, & Sgt Sanaki also saw parts break off. A/c then went through cloud at about 10,000 ft, so E/A was seen to fall about 10,000 ft from 20,000 to 10,000—"

5. Claim No. 13, our A/c #124460, Ops No 109. Interrogation form reads as follows, in part:

"Was E/A seen to break up in the air? YES By whom? S/Sgt Gibson"

"Tail sections torn apart. Losing altitude fast — ship out of control. Tracers in back of cockpit also then on back to tail".

For the Commanding Officer:

SEUREL J. OWEN,
1st Lt., AAF,
Asst. S-2.

7. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Ju 88. Our aircraft was attacked N of Paris at 1220 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft. The attack came from 10 o'clock and below. It was first hit at 400 yds and destroyed ~~beneath~~ beneath ship. E/A was seen to break up in the air, tail completely shot off, on fire inside after explosion in cockpit. This E/A is claimed destroyed by S/Sgt John E. Owens, ball turret gunner. S/Sgt Carl L. Pugh, ball turret gunner in ~~our~~ A/c #124493 (Capt. Regan, 368th Sqdn), corroborates this claim. It is not believed that other U. S. A/a fired at this E/A. No other E/A attacked at about this time.
8. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our A/c was attacked in the vicinity of Rouen at 1330 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft from 7:30 o'clock and from above. E/A was hit at 400 yds and went down in an uncontrolled spin with the tail enveloped in flames. Top turret gunner, S/Sgt R. W. Holloway, claims this E/A. It is believed that ^{Sgt. C.R. Langley}, tail gunner, who was wounded and is now in hospital, may have seen this A/c go down. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. Four or five other E/A attacked at about this time.
9. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our A/c was attacked near Rouen at 1335 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft, from 1:30 o'clock and from above. E/A was first hit at 300 yds, nearly crashed into our A/c as it went over the top of our A/c out of control and completely enveloped in flames. S/Sgt R. W. Holloway, top turret gunner, claims this A/c. This claim is corroborated by Lt. Robert Riordan, Pilot. It is not believed that other U.S. crews fired at this E/A. Four or five other E/A attacked our A/c at about the same time.
10. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked near Rouen at 1332 hrs, at a height of 20,600 ft, from 5:30 o'clock, level. The E/A was first hit 250 yds away. Both wings were seen to fold up and rip off approximately 200 yards under our A/c. ^{Sgt. C. R. Langley}, tail gunner, claims this aircraft destroyed. Claim corroborated by S/Sgt John E. Owens, ball turret gunner. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. Four or five other E/A attacked at about this time.
11. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), probably destroyed one FW 190. Our A/c was attacked near Rouen at 1228 hrs, height 20,600 ft, from 8 o'clock and below. E/A was first hit at 300 yds, and probably destroyed beneath our A/c. Our A/c fired as E/A went past. E/A was seen to emit a sudden burst of heavy smoke, and went down with wings wobbling and apparently out of control. Sgt C. M. Davis, left waist gunner, claims this E/A. It is believed that no other U.S. crew fired at this E/A. One other E/A attacked at about this time.
12. Our A/c #124468 (Lt Riordan, 423rd Sqdn), probably destroyed one FW 190. Our aircraft was attacked over the enemy coast on return at 1345 hrs, height 17,000 ft, from 12:30 o'clock and level. E/A was first hit at 500 yds and probably destroyed at 250 yds. E/A fell over in an outside loop completely out of control and enveloped in heavy black smoke from the nose past the tail. The Bombardier, Lt. Gerald D. Better, claims this E/A. Confirmed by Lt. Robert Riordan, Pilot, and Lt. Edward P. Malisewski, Co-Pilot. There is a possibility that other U.S. Crews fired at this aircraft. One other E/A attacked at about this time.
13. Our A/c #124460 (Opt McKay, 423rd Sqdn), destroyed one Me 109. Our A/c was attacked 15 mi off the French Coast, 50° N, 1° E, at 1400 hrs and at a height of 8,000 ft. E/A attacked from 5 o'clock and below. It was first hit at 300 yds and destroyed at 150 yds. The tail sections were seen torn apart, and the plane was seen losing latitude fast and obviously out of control. This aircraft is claimed by S/Sgt Roy Gibbons, tail gunner. It is not known whether any other U.S. Crew fired at this aircraft. Three FW 190s attacked our A/c head-on at about the same time.

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