

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (D-A-3)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
United States Forces

APD 557
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SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative,
Mission: Merseburg

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

1. Narrative

6 A/C of 306th Group took off at 0859 hours, flying High Squadron in High Group in 40th CBW. 18 A/C plus 2 spares took off at 0912 hours, flying High Group in 41st "B" CBW. 41st "B" CBW ran increasingly behind schedule going out, reaching target 28 minutes late, largely due to "S"ing on course between Brussels area and 7 degrees East. Approaching target, 306th High Group flew as described in section 4 and, after bombs away made a sharp left turn to avoid Halle flak, rejoining lead group (which had continued through flak) at 51°26'N-10°47'E. Course then parallel and to north of briefed route until Marburg flak came up, when Wing leader turned sharp south and came home on briefed route. Rendezvous and assembly satisfactory. English coast 1056 hours, Belgian coast 1123 hours, both on course. Target 1400 hours, Belgian coast 1605 hours (24 minutes late), English coast 1626 hours, Base 1649½ hours.

6 A/C of 306th flying High Squadron, flew same course as High Composite Group Leader throughout. It is of note that this High Group turned right after bombs away and circled Halle flak area.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No enemy A/C encountered. Escort was good without gaps. P-47's met at coast going in at 1125 hours. P-51's at 50°04'N-06°00'E. Stayed with formation until P-38's took over at 1415 hours on the way out.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Meager inaccurate fire at target with solid barrage from Halle in front which Group Leader avoided by sharp bank to left after bombs away. Little other flak on entire route.

4. Bombing

Crews report "excellent" bombing results with flames and smoke rising almost to altitude of bombers. Estimates agree on from 18 to 20,000 feet. Main 306th Group with 41st "B" could not make run as briefed because Low Group swung under them on approach. Briefed M.P.I. visible and unhit. When Low Group interfered, had to make run on heading of 30 degrees and drifting smoke obscured M.P.I. Lead bombardier synchronized on corner brown coal mine and moved indices to M.P.I. Navigator, ball turret gunner and other crews report direct hit. Crews with 40th CBW which made run at 45 degrees state bombs over. Pictures show tremendous fire and smoke covering entire target area.

5. Leaflets

A/C #145-N and #729-B dropped eight G40's and eight G41's at the primary.

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6. Weather
Hazy, but otherwise clear in target area.

7. Observations
Smoke screen reported coming into quick operation to right of target area as 40th CBW turned off target in that direction.

8. A/C Returning Early--Dispatched
A/C #836-P, pilot Swan, turned back at 1155 hours at 50°30'N-04°40'E because of oxygen leak. Brought back 16 x 300.

9. A/C Returning Early--Not Dispatched
A/C #181-B, pilot Butteroff, turned back at Splasher 7. Brought back 16 x 300. Position filled by spare A/C #148-K, pilot Pederson. Remaining spare A/C #431-A, pilot Rabe, returned as briefed. Brought back 16 x 300.

10. Other A/C in Distress
1357 hours, P-51 down just before I.P. One chute seen.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

No. 26
Merseburg (Germany)

Received May 12
D.F.C.
Engineer finished his tour of
missions.

1000 PLANES FIGHT OVER 5 OIL PLANTS

Nazis Put Up 1,000, But Heavies Hit Targets

THE fiercest and toughest battle of the air war raged from the border of Western Germany to Czechoslovakia yesterday when British-based American heavies made a dramatic switch from the West Wall to blitz five Nazi oil plants.

THREE THOUSAND planes fought it out. So highly do the Nazis value these oil factories that they sent up ONE THOUSAND fighters to defend them from the onslaught of TWO THOUSAND Allied planes—1,000 Forts and Liberators and a similar number of long-range fighters.

At midnight last night an American communiqué reported that 150 enemy planes were shot down for the loss of 52 aircraft—42 bombers and 10 fighters.

Four separate striking forces of heavy bombers reported being set up by up to 250 enemy planes.

The targets were the Leuna Refinery at Merseburg, the Lupzkendorf factory, 14 miles south of Halle, the Bohlen plant just outside Leipzig, the refinery at Zeitz and the factory Brux, on the borders of Czechoslovakia.

In addition, the fighter aircraft repair plant at Zwickau, south of Leipzig, and the railroad yards at Zwickau were also attacked.

The German pilots used every trick, every manoeuvre to reach the bombers.

They came from out of the sun, 30 at a time. They came in singly and in pairs from the sides. They came in a steady stream from below. They flew into a hail of lead from the bombers and the pursuing American fighters.

Flak, Rockets, Debris

From the ground the Nazis heavily defended the well-camouflaged oil plants, and threw up a cloud-like barrage of flak.

From one target the Nazis fired ground rockets which exploded in bursts of flame near the bomber formations.

A third danger for our airmen was from flying burning parts of exploding and crashing aircraft and enemy parachutes.

Returning pilots told many vivid stories of their combats. One pilot gave this most dramatic account of all:

"The Germans kept on coming at us, but when he was even with our tail he blew up. That was no novelty.

"Planes were blowing up all over the sky. You could have walked down to earth stepping from 'chute to 'chute among all those enemy baling out."

Suicide Attacks

Another pilot said: "German fighters tried to lure our escort out of position with feints by suicide forces.

"About 200 assorted Messerschmitt and Focke-Wulfs gave us hell. We just had to hold the trigger down and let them run into it."

Probably the most heavily defended target was the Leuna plant.

In 1938 it already covered four square miles. Production was then 370,000 tons of synthetic petrol.

Output since the war began must have been greatly increased. Its destruction would be as great a loss to the Nazis as that of Ploesti.

This was the first raid on the Leuna works. But the Germans

4 Oil Plants Hit Deep in The Reich

1 in Czechoslovakia Also
Pounded; Cost Is 42
Bombers, 10 Fighters

One of the strongest forces of American heavy bombers and fighters ever sent against German targets thundered across Europe yesterday to attack four major synthetic-oil plants in the Leipzig area of Germany and one at Brux, inside Czechoslovakia. In addition, the aircraft repair plant at Zwickau, south of Leipzig, was hit.

Nearly 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by as many Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings, were engaged in the operation.

Battling through savage resistance from enemy fighters, the planes bombed their targets with excellent results, photographs taken during the operations indicated. Forty-two American bombers and ten fighters failed to return.

While some formations encountered fierce opposition, others saw not a single enemy plane. The force which went to Brux said as many as 200 interceptors of all kinds swept in, sometimes 40 or 50 at a time. American fighter pilots claimed 66 enemy aircraft shot down; bomber crews' claims had not been tabulated at a late hour.

One fighter pilot, 1/Lt. Robert J. Rankin, of Washington, reported shooting down five—the second pilot in the ETO to make such a score.

Channel Blitz Continues

As the heavies switched suddenly to a new kind of objective in the campaign to paralyze the German war machine, before the western invasion, American and British medium, light and fighter-bombers kept up the pounding of airfields and rail targets in France and Belgium with a follow-up to the RAF's night blows against rail yards at Boulogne and Louvain and other targets in the same countries.

Targets in the Leipzig area were the big Leuna oil plant at Merseburg, 18 miles west of Leipzig; other plants at Lupzkendorf, 14 miles south of Halle; Bohlen, just outside of Leipzig, and Zeitz. The Lupzkendorf plant alone produces an estimated 3,000 tons of synthetic oil yearly, mostly of the Diesel variety.

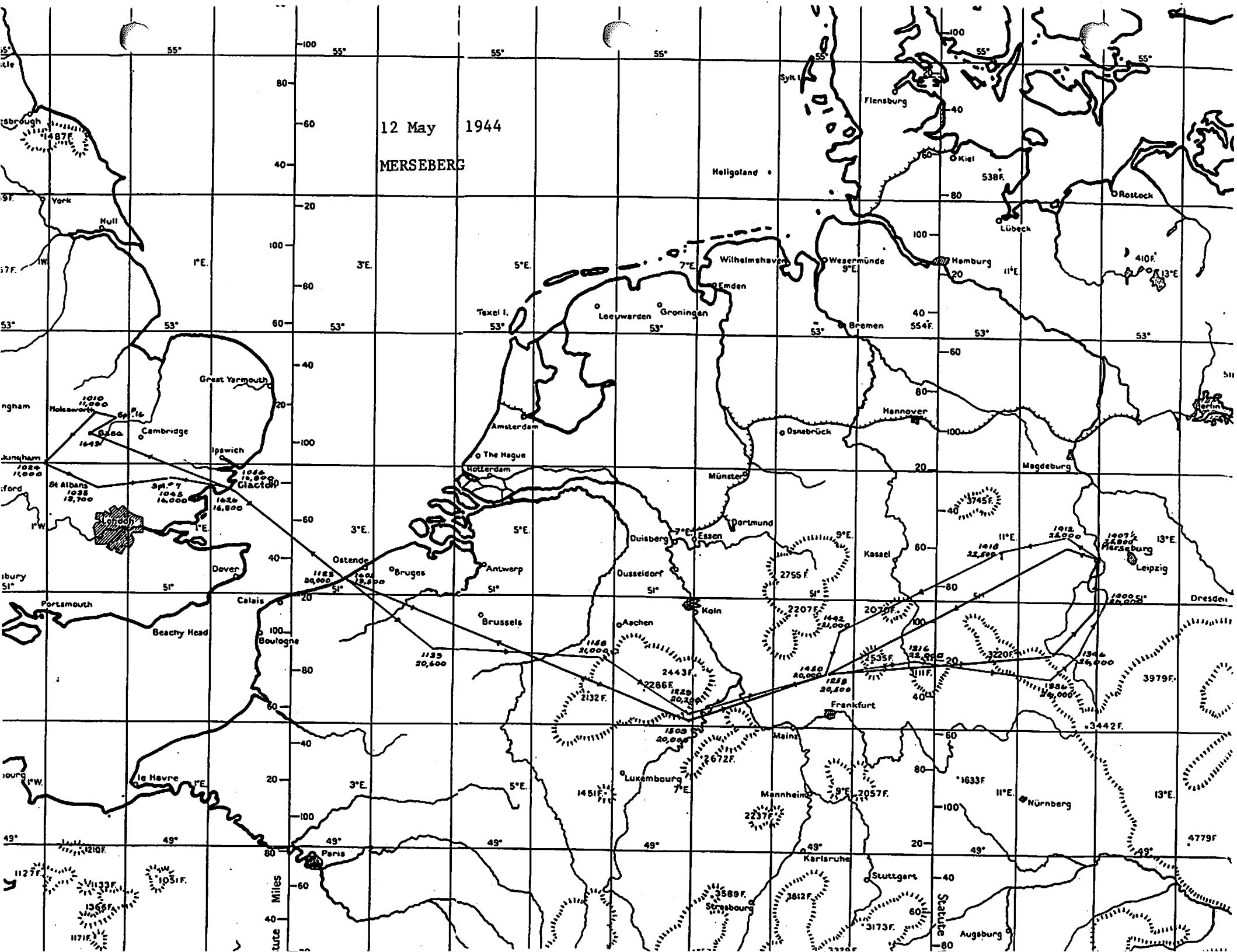
Leipzig is an estimated 550 airline miles from London and Brux 650.

The occupied countries, meanwhile, shook under thousands of tons of high explosives as smaller planes of the Ninth Air Force, the RAF and Allied units carried on the cross-Channel pre-invasion blitz.

The Ninth—which Thursday had carried out three major operations in one day for the first time—sent Marauders and A20s against five important Luftwaffe fields in northern France. No enemy aircraft were sighted, and all of the bombers and escorting fighters returned.

Simultaneously, bombers and fighter-bombers of the Second Tactical Air Force (RAF, Dominion and Allied) attacked railway and other military targets in northern France.

USSTAF headquarters announced yesterday that its two bombing operations on Thursday—against 11 German railway yards in Belgium, France, Luxembourg and western Germany—had cost 16 bombers and ten fighters. American bomber crews claimed three enemy aircraft shot down; fighter pilots claimed 15.



AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

12 MAY 1944
(DATE)

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SQDN.	TYPE A/C	SERIAL NO.	FLAK	20MM	.303	50CAL FIRE	50CAL SHELL CASES	DAYS EST IN-OP	
367th	G	42-97133	SLI						
	G	42-38129	SLI						
	F	42-30729	O						
368th	G	42-32113	SLI						
	G	42-37836	ABORTED: PILOT SWAN OXYGEN PRESSURE DROPPED TO 200 LBS						
	G	42-97796	O						
	G	42-102512	SLI						
	G	42-97323	O						
	G	42-31158	SLI						
	G	42-97368	SLI						
	F	42-30145	SLI		SLI				
	G	42-38148	SEV		SEV				
369th	G	42-31143	SPV						
	F	42-5970	O						
	G	42-97181	ABORTED: SWB DIED FOR BIX 148 PILOT BUTROFF - NAVIGATOR ILL						
	F	42-30939	SEV						
	G	42-107153	SEV						
	G	42-31196	SLI						
423rd	G	42-31444	SLI						
SPARE	F	42-30431	O	NOT USED					
	G	42-97397	SLI						
	G	42-39963	SLI						
	G	42-31897	SLI						
	G	42-31737	SLI						
	G	42-97588	SEV						
	G	42-107212	SLI						
RELAY	F	42-3061	O						

TOTAL DAMAGED	SEVERE	SLIGHT	FLAK	20MM	.303	50cal FIRE	50cal Shell Cases
19	5	14	18	0	2	0	0
MISSING	ABORTIONS						
0	2 (one subbed for)						

12-5-44

PETERSON *
143-P

SHRLEK *
133-G

THOMPSON
970-R

NICHOLS
444-L

HANSON *
133-P

SWAN
836-P

Basile
~~111~~
~~113~~ 116-0

BUTLER *
181-B

HAWLEY
129-L

PETERS
158-S

CURTIS
796-A

McARDNEY
153-V

SAUNDERS
939-A

McGUIRE
368-C

ENDRES
323-M

JONES *
796-D

ALLEN *
145-N
(Nickels)

McDONOUGH
729-B
(Nickels)

Spares
Rabe 431-F
Johns 196-G
Pederson 148-K
Baxter 196-0

COMPOSITE

SHUTZ *
377-0

BALDWIN
897-S

FOSSUM
963-P

TRCUP *
737-U

BERNER
212-Z

O'BRIEN
588-D

Falak

*N 6 F-3 over
Frankfort
in 3 towns
acc. the mod.*

inter-urban route

*T-1 - wall of Falak
ahead when turned
after Bombs + avoided
it (this from
Secondary)*

Comp. over to East?

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 359 423 A/C Number 43 Letter F Date May 1, 1945

Bomb Load 15 1 round h.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

11:29 50 07-0656 B-17 hit - to ground - fire on ground - no flak
must have been fighters.

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

1501 E. of Koblenz - Flak - spin ground - fire there

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Capt. L. F. Peterson Pilot ✓
- 1st Lt. A. J. Switzer Co-P ✓
- Capt. C. F. Conroy Nav. ✓
- Capt. E. A. Phillips Bomb ✓
- P/Sgt. P. H. Christenson Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. A. Picarello Top E ✓
- S/Sgt. G. B. Richardson Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. W. Bentley P. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C. F. Hayes L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C. W. Foley Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407 1/2
Alternate Height: 25900
Last Report Heading: 30
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: _____

- S/Sgt. G. B. Richardson Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. W. Bentley P. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C. F. Hayes L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C. W. Foley Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: _____

Other Bombing: _____

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes Dropped _____
Number Boxes Returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Passing in - Good going out -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) _____

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

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

Marburg No F - 2nd Lt - acc. - over
Crew observations about Flak: Pleasant - Cloud - like - individual

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367N36R 359 423 A/C Number 444 Letter Y Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>09:12</u> Time Landed _____	X	X	X	X	X
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No	X	X	X	X	X
Details:	X	X	X	X	X
	X				X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. C. W. McBride	Pilot
2nd Lt. F. H. Bennett	Co-P
1st Lt. A. H. Jacobs	Nav.
2nd Lt. W. E. Fraley	Bomb
T/Sgt. G. R. Bates	Radio
T/Sgt. H. B. Osterhoudt	Top P
Sgt. W. W. Hoskins	Ball T
S/Sgt. W. Brand	R. Waist
Sgt. H. E. Parks	L. Waist
S/Sgt. W. A. Noble	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407 1/2
 Alternate Height: 26,100
 Last Resort Heading: 50°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 1 1/2 mins.

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

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

Own Bombs: Can't get it, but a lot of bomb smoke & big fire in target area

Other Bombing: Big fire at Litzendorf

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With Group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy, but clear at target than anywhere

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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Halle - observed - intense barrage
Merschburg - moderate, bombing accurate mostly in city
2 miles W. of Gramont - no flak, accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

Probably no smoke screen at target.

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Summary for parent to brief course to avoid being put in following in toghans

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X367XX368 359 ARI A/C-Number 970 Letter K Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed 16:57

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*2 min out of Dunkirk B17 ditched
no fire given - floated about 30 sec*

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

CREW: Give rank and Initials

2nd Lt. W. O. Thompson Pilot

Capt. H. M. Hays Co-P

2nd Lt. T. O. Roberts Nav.

2nd Lt. J. Ford Bomb

S/Sgt. H. B. White Radio

S/Sgt. A. R. Coe Top I

Sgt. R. G. Miller Ball T

Sgt. H. H. Portnoy R. Waist

Sgt. F. Piepenbrink L. Waist

Sgt. J. J. Lawler Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407 1/2

Alternate Height: 26100

Last Report Heading: 40 MAG

Duration Bomb Run

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

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

Own Bombs: In target area - fires smoke

Other Bombing: Fires in S end before we went over Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No large fire in middle

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Target - clear some haze

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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In. 11:42 near Reig Koblenz Target - intense - bar race for other group

Crew observations about Flak: we turned away - none -

Out - 14:42 about 40 mi N of Frankfurt - acc - hit this A/C

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION:

heard some called out none seen
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - most coming out some all the 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.)

Considerable large traffic on them.

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)

Bomb bay - radio room, near ballast

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *all minor flak holes.*

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

Good mission - evasive action especially at target - excellent

S-2 OFFICER

R. Stalok

TIME COMPLETED

(4)

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X367A268 369 A22A A/C Number 0182 Letter B Date May 12, 1941

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Inhand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 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

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

used radio at control point F (Spl. 7)
5152-0030 *was illness of*

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

engine (crampa)

propulsion tank of "F"

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. R. D. Butterff Pilot
- 2nd Lt. J. D. Corcoran Gp-P
- 2nd Lt. W. W. Middleton Nav.
- 2nd Lt. D. F. Borchardt Bomb
- s/sgt. F. E. Clay Radio
- Sgt. R. C. Spry Top P
- Sgt. G. Mason Ball T
- Sgt. J. W. McClannahan R. Waist
- Sgt. L. R. Smith L. Waist
- Sgt. A. L. Smith Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height 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

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SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number: 133 Letter W Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0912 Time Landed 1907

			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:

1617 hrs. - B-24 headed back towards Belgian coast (1/2 minute off enemy coast)

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

B-17 turned back towards enemy coast after he had reached English coast.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. H. E. Hanson Pilot
- 2nd Lt. R. F. Cox Co-P
- 2nd Lt. V. J. Kiely Nav.
- 1st Lt. H. R. Legowski Bomb
- S/Sgt. C. D. O'Malley Radio
- T/Sgt. R. L. Maxwell Top P
- S/Sgt. E. F. Urban Ball T
- S/Sgt. O. J. Graham R. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. T. Hamilton L. Waist
- S/Sgt. D. H. Bloise Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1408
 Alternate Height: 26240
 Last Report Heading: 35° Mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 30 seconds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: 16 x 300

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

Own Bombs: Previous bombing on our aiming point - our bombs fell into the
 Other Bombing: smoke on the target
 Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped: _____
 Number Boxes returned: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)
never over 7 or 8 miles off briefed course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) haze - 10 mile vis. very little cloud but haze over continent

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C
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no con track at our alt. - no chaff

1142 hrs target - meager tracking mass flake - large type obs - Crew observations about flak:

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~362~~ ~~368~~ 369 428 A/C Number: 939 Letter A Date May 2, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Dobbink

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:21 Time Landed 1700

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)

2nd Lt. E. R. Saunders Pilot

2nd Lt. B. F. Smith Co-P

2nd Lt. J. J. O'Hara Nav,

F/O. N. N. Gordon Bomb

S/Sgt. W. C. Reid Radio

Sgt. W. J. McCue Top E

Sgt. J. Iacarusio Ball T

Sgt. L. S. Sytka R. Waist

Sgt. L. N. Overly L. Waist

Sgt. W. R. Pinnock Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407

Alternate Height: 26000

Last Report Heading: 30 mag
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Smoke & fires in area approx 15000'

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height 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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Just
 1443 - heading 265 - thinks over secondary mod - to see
 none target no this ship
 no flak on way back

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 369 368 369 429 A/C Number: 153 Letter: V Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incend:

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed 1609

2. 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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. C. G. McKinney Pilot
- 2nd Lt. W. H. Schaeffer Co-P
- 2nd Lt. C. W. Burns Nav.
- 2nd Lt. J. W. Reeves Bomb
- Sgt. C. D. Whelan Radio
- S/Sgt. Z. G. Beal Top P
- Sgt. V. J. Guozzo Ball T
- Sgt. G. E. Coughlin Waist
- Sgt. H. E. Sutugno Waist
- Sgt. W. E. Wagoner Tail G.

1550 hours

5053 - 0345, B - 17 about 10000 feet

e. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407
 Alternate Height: 26000
 Last Report Heading: 42° mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (circle) Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 2 to make that was that we carried.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS

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

Chaff - bad flak + used at 7440 feet - one box - real close - low - also

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
12-16	(ten minutes before)	5003-0658			throat	

Crew observations about Flak: Chaff - near harburg

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SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number: 158 Letter S Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0912 Time Landed 1702

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. B. H. Peters Pilot

1st Lt. W. J. Pitbaldo Co-P

1st Lt. R. E. Gustafson Navl

1st Lt. W. A. Smith Bomb

T/Sgt. T. R. Hill Radio

T/Sgt. K. E. Hoffman Top P

S/Sgt. S. C. Downs Ball T

S/Sgt. E. F. McGlinchy R. Waist

S/Sgt. W. C. Maddox L. Waist

S/Sgt. J. D. Tricoglou Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1408
Alternate Height: 26,000
Last Report Heading: 290 mag
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or other
Own Bombs: Black-white smoke on MPE.

Other Bombing: Fires and high columns of smoke on MPE.
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1240	Coblenz	10,000	Heavy	Black	Major	Inaccurate
1408	Target	26,000	"	"	Moderate	Accurate
1440	Marburg	22,000	"	"	"	Accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 367-363##### A/C Number 00129 Letter L Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0912 Time Landed 1658

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

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

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407 1/2
 Alternate Height: 26300
 Last Report Heading: 035
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: In target area, target smoke & fire - up to 10,000'
 Other Bombing: Large col. smoke from target
 Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped: _____
 Number Boxes returned: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? (circle) 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), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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In - abn airfield - mod - acc fair - at wing to target
 Target (mod - damage - none close)
 (most from tower) ahead - low

Crew observations about Flak:
Out. 14:40 NE Frankfurt 25 miles - acc - damage this 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)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - consistent, kind of even tho we were late

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, non-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)

Flak - 6 flak holes - minor

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Chin turret burned out

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

25 is enough

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SQUADRON 367 ~~DAF#123456789~~ A/C Number 368 Letter O Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 B.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0912 Time Landed 1703

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

none

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

none

1st Lt. B. J. McGuire Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. D. L. Speelman Co-P ✓

1st Lt. A. H. Rothenberg Nav. ✓

T/Sgt. D. S. Needham Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. P. J. Marquez Radio ✓

T/Sgt. H. W. Karol Top P ✓

S/Sgt. R. E. Weed Ball T ✓

S/Sgt. O. A. Shaffer R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H. H. Rodgers L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. P. Thomas Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407

Alternate Height: 26,200

Last Report Heading: 030 M

(circle) Duration Bomb Run: 4 min. 50 s

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

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

Own Bombs: Too much smoke - own bombs went too MPI.

whole MPI covered large explosions

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

South on way in
little North on way out

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Remarks
	<u>Target</u>		<u>intense</u>	<u>Blk</u>		<u>Just too accurate</u>
	<u>Holding</u>		<u>mod</u>	<u>Blk</u>		<u>accurate</u>
	<u>Marbury</u>		<u>mod</u>	<u>Blk</u>		<u>accurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak:

Some Flak close in on
plane

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Quickest concentration on East side MPI, Best definitely on MPI.

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SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 729 Letter B Date 12-5-44

Bomb Lead Nickels H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0912 Time Landed

Formation grid with X marks indicating positions.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. T. C. McDonough Pilot

2nd Lt. R. C. Sage Co-P

2nd Lt. G. W. Clements Nav.

2nd Lt. C. J. Crnican Bomb

S/Sgt. E. Malan Radio

S/Sgt. D. Carter Top P

Sgt. R. Shaw Ball T

Sgt. L. Ristuccia R. Waist

Sgt. E. Dickhaus L. Waist

S/Sgt. P. H. Wood Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407 1/2

Alternate Height: 26,600

Last Report Heading: 006 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: about 6 mins.

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

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

Own Bombs: Big fire on other MPI - black smoke to at least 6,000

Other Bombing: Big fire at Lufthafen

any Nickels: Yes No Number Boxes dropped Number Boxes returned

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With Group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Lot of haze, visibility fair, no low cloud could identify target - no contrails.

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

Table with columns: 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, Accuracy.

Merit: tracking, accurate (especially altitude) probably all from city

Collar: moderate, fairly accurate

Coast coming out - firing of P-38

8misc. ltr 5025, 0840 - crew observations about Flak:

1227 5004, 0657 - few small ground rockets

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367X 368 369 372X A/C Number: 796-Letter D Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Maces

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: _____

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. D. O. Jones Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. W. H. Breslin Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. H. Wilson Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. G. Marshall Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. J. A. Purello Radio ✓

S/Sgt. C. J. Hardesty Top F ✓

Sgt. E. J. Drost Ball T ✓

Sgt. D. O. Stewart R. Waist ✓

Sgt. L. E. Martin L. Waist ✓

Sgt. H. F. Champlin Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407

Alternate Height: 037

Last Report Heading: 26450
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 x 300 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: _____

Smoke from previous miss up to 15000 ft. We all let go in land. Big explosion in north of plant run.

Other Bombing: _____

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As filed.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Heavy but good otherwise.*

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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5042HX 0405E Light, moderate, A/D, 1144

5012HX 0740E " " " " 1242

Target area (Mansley + Hills) on top of mountain

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 0-115 Letter N Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 300 H.E. I#####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0912 Time Landed _____

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. W. R. Allen Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. O. Wells Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. V. B. Bodenheimer Nav. ✓
- F/O R. L. Burton Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. J. D. Bowen Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. H. H. Lamb Sep ✓
- Sgt. J. M. Valdespino Ball T ✓
- Sgt. R. E. Welter R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. E. H. Winslow L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. J. L. Dunn Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1416
 Alternate Height: 26,000
 Last Report Heading: 300
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: to east of target 10 miles
Smoke - flame to 2000 from bombing

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped 8
 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.)

Almost as briefed. except missed 1.P. near S & West of it

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Heavy. No Com track.

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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Lots of burning flak. massive burst on

1240 near Ruhr valley -

Crew observations about Flak: 5012X0925 slight. accurate.

Hit on way out.

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SQUADRON 3571 (368) 35900023A A/C Number: 113 Letter G Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. X2000X Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed 1655 X X X X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:
4-B-17 down East of Frankfurt
could not identify

1 fighter P-51 - just before I.P.
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
1 chute out

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. R. H. Ehrler Pilot

2nd Lt. J. J. Allen Co-P

1st Lt. J. W. James Nav.

1st Lt. B. C. Gustafson Bomb

T/Sgt. B. B. Ferns Radio

T/Sgt. P. J. Pratt Top T

S/Sgt. B. C. Abbatiello Ball T

S/Sgt. C. C. Williams L. Waist

S/Sgt. C. J. Predko R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. C. Hay Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1408

Alternate Height: 25800

Last Report Heading: 035° mag
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:
30 to 40 sec.

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

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

Own Bombs: 2g fire near S end of Plant

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

no -
Chaff

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
<u>1143</u>	<u>Wabe</u>	<u>21000</u>	<u>H.V. slight</u>	<u>Blk</u>	<u>Inaccurate</u>	
			<u>blown not clear</u>			
	<u>Target</u>	<u>25800</u>	<u>H.V. mod</u>	<u>Blk + High White</u>	<u>Inaccurate</u>	
				<u>Barrage - Wash</u>		
Crew observations about Flak:						
	<u>Eg Frankfurt</u>	<u>A/D</u>	<u>H.V. Blk</u>	<u>Tracking</u>	<u>Accurate</u>	
	<u>None</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>Coast</u>	<u>either way</u>		

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SQUADRON X367X362 359 423 A/G Number: 196 Letter O Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed 17:00

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

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

Forced out of position # 796

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. C. F. Baxter Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Gribowicz Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. D. J. Insardi Nav, ✓
- 2nd Lt. D. A. Esper Bomb ✓
- S/sgt. E. H. Rees Radio ✓
- Sgt. G. Woodard Top T ✓
- Sgt. C. G. Latta Ball T ✓
- Sgt. P. Cousoulis R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. D. F. Bohrer L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. F. G. Bisignano Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1408
Alternate Height: 26,000
Last Report Heading: 42 mag
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: fires and and high column of black + white smoke
Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

About 30 minutes late over target route about as briefed.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1242	2015 X 0729	20,000	Heavy	Black	Meagre	Inaccurate tracking
1408	Target	26,000	"	"	Meagre	Accurate tracking
1435	South of Rail	20,000	"	"	"	Accurate tracking
Crew observations about Flak:						
1443-4950	X 0903	20,000	"	"	"	Accurate tracking

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10. FRENCH FIGHTER POSITION:

None

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

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

(Our defensive action) _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good as ordered.

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

None Radio Operator, Sprained Ankle -

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Slight flak

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Supercharger lag, turret out on location

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

S-2 OFFICER

W. C. Gair

TIME COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X367 368 3592221 A/C Number 836 Letter P Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incand

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed 1331

	X	X	X	X
(A)	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:

Sumellash 5030X 0440 E
at 1155

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Orange leak. dropping very low.

1st Lt. C. D. Swan Pilot

2nd Lt. G. A. Boswell Co-P

2nd Lt. T. C. Cumberlandge Nav.

2nd Lt. A. F. Burnett Bomb

S/Sgt. D. F. Rischmayer Radio

S/Sgt. J. J. Sullivan Top F

Sgt. R. W. Copp, Jr. Ball T

Sgt. O. L. Cook R. Waist

Sgt. B. D. Sharp L. Waist

Sgt. N. W. Teska Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) 16 x 300

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Hazy. Not disruptive to weather
thick or less than yesterday.

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

No on tank
at 2100

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Remarks
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35-40 miles in hit flak right on course - hit us.
Saw some on way out at coast. left of course.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 (368) 309 XX XX XX a/c Number 512 Letter A Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took off	09:12	Time Landed				
	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No	X	X	X	X	X	X
Details:	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)

1st Lt. J. W. Curtis Pilot

2nd Lt. K. E. Christianson Co-P

1st Lt. S. J. Tanner Nav.

2nd Lt. R. S. Hodgson Bomb

T/Sgt. C. E. Lane Radio

T/Sgt. F. J. O'Brien Top F

S/Sgt. G. F. Wortham Ball T

S/Sgt. G. R. Kerley R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. R. Trigani L. Waist

S/Sgt. D. V. Cookman Tail G.

*Plan ditched right 5110N 0235E
3 or 4 miles off coast. A/c going heading 305 mag.
Could not tell if anybody in vicinity -
B-17 = last part missing, fuselage tail saw nothing
Slightly time 1605 - Rad. tried to call in.*

*Think B-17 - Tail 12 mi SW. on ground.
see it burning TARGET ATTACKED:
-ing puff red smoke - 1434
Primary Time: 1407*

Alternate Height: 25,600

Last Report Heading: 100

(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: 10:00

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 on target Jettisoned: 6 Returned: 3 Abertive: 1
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) 10 on target - 6 3 min. later - 1 made interval work for last 6

Own Bombs: Smoke in target - MP1 about 2000 altitude: cut on top
Some smoke 5 part of area

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped: _____
Number Boxes returned: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?
6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:
7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) hazy

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 - at 1242 Klobentz - Meager - little of left that was left
Target - mod - pretty accurate. Heavy damage N. by 2nd
got hit

Crew observations about Flak:
Marbury - very accurate few bursts - tracking

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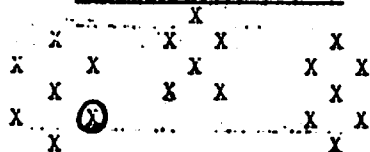
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SQUADRON 367A 368 359 423 A/C Number: 796-Letter D Date: May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Mincord

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed _____



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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. D. O. Jones Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. W. H. Breslin Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. H. Wilson Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. G. Marshall Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. J. K. Purello Radio ✓

S/Sgt. C. J. Hardesty Top F ✓

Sgt. E. J. Drost Ball T ✓

Sgt. D. O. Stewart R. Waist ✓

Sgt. L. E. Martin L. Waist ✓

Sgt. H. P. Champlin Tail G. ✓

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407

Alternate Height: 037

Last Report Heading: 26450
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 x 300 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: Smoke from previous miss up to 15000 ft. No all hit
Exp on lead. Big explosion in north of plant run.

Other Bombing: _____

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes Dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (67)

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 high

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Heavy but good altitude.

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
<u>5042H x 0405E</u>	<u>Left main</u>	<u>main</u>	<u>main</u>	<u>ASP</u>	<u>1144</u>	
<u>5012H x 0740E</u>	<u>Target area</u>	<u>(Mansley + Halls)</u>	<u>on top of wires</u>		<u>1242</u>	

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 367A 368 342XXX23 A/C Number 323 Letter K Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incaand

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed 11:51

	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:

None

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

None

- 1st Lt. F. I. Andres Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. E. Reece Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. R. C. Lewis Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. H. E. Astoon Bomb ✓
- Sgt. R. S. Morrow Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. E. G. Miller Top P ✓
- S/Sgt. W. J. Benningfield Ball TV ✓
- S/Sgt. H. R. Haven R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. E. F. Robinson L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. T. Lanningham Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1408
 Alternate Height: 2500
 Last Report Heading: 370
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

Note!

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

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

Own Bombs:

Target burning

4 Rack malfunctions

Other Bombing:

Results - good this target firing along Northern part

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

with punches

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

good - little hazy

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

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

Intense - not too accurate. Black bursts above and below - 7/8 side.

Crew observations about Flak:

Black at Coblenz - mod - burning around on way out, vicinity of base, different spots.

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number: 397 Letter O Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0859 Time Landed 1707

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

at 1349 hrs - four chutes observed - (5030-11434) Very close to this.

Composite Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. J. P. Shutz, Jr. Pilot
- 2nd Lt. W. C. Weiland Co-P
- 2nd Lt. F. A. Brockway Nav.
- 2nd Lt. J. C. Chambers Bomb
- T/Sgt. M. L. Hodges, Jr. Radio
- T/Sgt. S. J. LaGory Top P
- Pvt. J. D. Subal Ball T
- S/Sgt. H. M. Jack R. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. A. McShaffery L. Waist
- Sgt. A. Berman Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1403
Alternate Height: 26,200
Last Report Heading: 40° mag
Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. A. Berman Tail G.

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (all) Attended: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Northern Section directly hit and burning. Explosions on arrival also in north. Tail burner
Other Bombing: says rear bomb hit also northern edge
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

Explosions all along. Smoke 18-20,000 ft. Red flames.

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? Yes

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good visibility

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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Near target - maybe one burst - observed 1000 some on way out - two "bunches"

Crew observations about Flak: Well above top of flak to north of target. Seemed to have caught them off guard. 2nd was 7/8 over Pipe as we passed over at 40° mag. 1st had flak over crest on way out.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~1423~~ A/C Number 963 Letter P Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. ~~100/1000~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>0859 1/2</u>	Time Landed <u>1705 1/2</u>	X	X	X	X
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No		X	X	X	X (X) ✓
Details:		X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
		X			X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. H. R. Fossum Pilot ✓

F/O J. M. Lockard Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. A. E. Telfer Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. Horkulic Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. K. E. Sutton Radio ✓

T/Sgt. H. F. Chase Top F ✓

Sgt. H. J. Torrance, Jr. Ball T ✓

Sgt. J. N. Knight R. Waist ✓

Sgt. J. V. Schember L. Waist ✓

Sgt. R. G. Morton Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1401 1/2

Alternate Height: 26 000

Last Report Heading: 360°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

50 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 4 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Target area (center), area in flames. Smoke w/ high

Other Bombing: 3- Explosions. Smoke & fire. Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped: 2
Number boxes returned: 0

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.)

Good.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy.

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	Remarks
1237	5017N 0737E		meager	Black	around aircraft	no
1401	Target		mod.	Black	forward	no
1438	5034N 0915E		meager	Black	forward	no

Crew observations about Flak:

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Chaff
1353.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number ~~#####~~ 897 Letter S Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. ~~#####~~

Time Took off ~~#####~~ 07:00 Time Landed 17:10

Position in Formation

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
							X	

Composite

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. J. D. Baldwin Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. G. C. Price Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. A. Perline Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. R. A. Bundt Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. I. L. Johnson Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. G. B. Grant Top P ✓
- S/Sgt. T. W. Fowler Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. McCord R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. H. G. Spence, Jr. L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C. J. Nasby Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1403
 Alternate Height: 26,400
 Last Report Heading: 045°M.
 Duration Bomb Run: 46 sec.

*Chaff
1400 began
dropping.*

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target 17
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

Own Bombs: Fire + smoke in target area.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes (No)
Number Boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy. no part. controls.

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
<u>1403</u>	<u>Target</u>		<u>Heavy</u>	<u>light</u>	<u>Tracking black no</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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 BY RLB/JAC MABA Date 1/8/91

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 6737 Letter U Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0900 Time Landed 1708

		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 Composite

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

2nd Lt. N. R. Troup Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. W. B. O'Brien Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. W. D. Allen Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. I. Brill Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. C. D. Pearson Radio ✓

S/Sgt. R. F. Boozer Top E ✓

Sgt. D. F. Gibson Ball T ✓

Sgt. B. W. Ellington R. Waist ✓

Sgt. G. M. Insley L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. R. Goetz Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1402

Alternate Height: 26200

Last Report Heading: 048° N.
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Hit by chimp. Fires & smoke.
1 hits 3 target area

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

etc.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy.

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	Remarks
1502+						
123812	Koblenz		meager	Black	to right	no
1402	Target		Heavy	Black	ahead	no

Crew observations about Flak: bombs only

Chaff at 1357.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 0588 Letter D Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 l.e. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0859 Time Landed 1710

	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:

none

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Saw one chute but did not know if friend or enemy (PT I.P.)

- 2nd Lt. J. J. O'Brien (Pilot ✓)
- 2nd Lt. J. J. Quintis (Co-PI ✓)
- 2nd Lt. R. L. Raymond (Nav. ✓)
- 2nd Lt. W. L. Ryan (Bomb ✓)
- S/Sgt. C. B. Gadd (Radio ✓)
- S/Sgt. M. H. Shipp (Top E ✓)
- Sgt. J. W. Lewis (Ball TV ✓)
- Sgt. C. D. Romine (F. Waist ✓)
- Sgt. L. C. Rohrer (L. Waist ✓)
- Sgt. R. J. Kennedy (Tail G. ✓)

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1403
 Alternate Height: 26,400
 Last Report Heading: 45 M
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: min

5. Number of Bombs dropped on target: 11 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Target covered with smoke to 15,000 ft.
own Bombs about middle of installation
 Other Bombing: any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered). (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)
Turned off target 180° to bombing and went by Halle

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Very clear slight haze
C.P.V.

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
	<u>Target</u>		<u>intense</u>	<u>BLK</u>		<u>inaccurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak:

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first smoke when turned left
fire up to 1000 ft.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER POSITION:

Saw three smoke trails (503/N 0658E)
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Could have been fighters going down for
 (Location and length of fight)

There were planes in smoke trails

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

51s around target + 51 coming out P-47 carried in 51 just before he was between coast and target
 P-47 after target released smoke breaks

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.)

9 small boats possibly E boats headed for Dunkirk

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

slight flat

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

No. 4 engine Rough at altitude

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

Turn Right from target was good nav. Turn left would have put ships right in place
 S-2 OFFICER W.C. [Signature] FILE COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number: 212 Letter 2 Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. #####

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0859 Time Landed 1715

		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:

Composite
CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. G. C. Berner Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. F. J. Millette Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. R. A. Hallquist Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. H. H. Winning Bomb ✓

Sgt. R. Paolini Radi ✓

S/Sgt. W. H. Gaylord Tip P ✓

~~Cpl. J. W. Freed~~ Ball T ✓

Sgt. L. M. Nixon R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. T. Schroeder L. Waist ✓

~~Sgt. V. M. Hudel~~ Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1403

Alternate Height: 26500

Last Report Heading: 008° Mag.
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:
60 rounds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 x 300 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: into smoke of previous bombing.

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? ✓

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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target - mod. to intense low mass tracking -
reducing
Halls

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~340#12556#12356~~ A/C Number 148 Letter K Date 12-5-44

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0912 Time Landed 1710

		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:

SPARE

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. J. W. Pedersen Pilot
- 2nd Lt. L. J. Blood Co-P
- 2nd Lt. N. W. Eilar Nav.
- T/Sgt. E. R. Bagwell Bomb
- S/Sgt. J. E. Woning Radio
- S/Sgt. D. F. Arnold Top E
- Sgt. J. E. Blackwell Ball T
- Sgt. W. E. Kerr P. Waist
- Sgt. J. H. Fries S. Waist
- Sgt. H. P. Ehrhard Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407
 Alternate Height: 26000'
 Last Report Heading: 360° (?)
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
two 1/2 min.

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

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

Own Bombs: Planes 500ft high whole area
planted -
 Other Bombing:

Any Nickals: 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.)

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8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

None - Clouds 2 to 10 - 10000'
 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

5025-0840-21000 - HV. Sl. - BLK - inaccurate
Target - (North) No. Bombs inaccurate
Tracking -

Crew observations about Flak:

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 BY RIB/BAC
 Date 1/8/11

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X367X 368 369 423 A/C Number 431 Letter A Date May 12, 1944

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi:

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:12 Time Landed _____

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

*Summed 1110
5232-0153*

SPARE

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. E. C. Habe Pilot

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

2nd Lt. J. J. Bischof Nav.

2nd Lt. J. J. Polich Bomb

1st Sgt. J. Miskerman Radio

1st Sgt. W. H. Gentile Top

Sgt. D. J. Galvin Ball T

Sgt. E. E. Ottoson R. Waist

Sgt. W. A. Davis L. Waist

Sgt. F. J. Vischi Tail G.

*No low gp. 149 filled in
#4 lead sq.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading:

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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Crew observations about Flak: