

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (D-A-4)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
United States Forces

APO 634
13th December, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report.

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

1. Hot News.

A/C #768, Pilot Brinkley, of this group, is missing. No information reported here since he flew with composite group of 40th Combat Wing, which should report any information available. One B-17 spun down over target at 1250 hours. No chutes observed. One B-17 peeled off (under control) SW of target at 1217 hours. No chutes seen. One B-17 feathered prop at target, dropped bombs; was very low and straggling when last seen at 1243 hours. B in triangle. No chutes. One B-17 in another wing, number 4 engine on fire, was under control going down near I.P. No chutes observed.

2. Narrative.

22 A/C took off at 0825, and at 1005 were at 5325N - 0007E. 20 A/C of 306th group were slightly south of course on leg out over North Sea, making turn, however, at briefed point for turn into Germany. Estimated course then crossed Heligoland to mouth of Elbe where this group followed wing leader in 360 degree turn to allow the 40th CBW to take the lead; thence to a point just SW of Hamburg; thence due north 15 miles; thence to 5340N-0950E to I.P. at 5413N-1026E at 1245 hours. Bombed target at 1248 on heading of 300 degrees. Left target with a swing slightly south of west, then north again to a point just north of Heligoland and a straight leg from there to 5438N-0646E, and thence home on course. One A/C #363, Pilot Winter, turned back at 1010 hours at 5330N-0100E because of engine failure and brought back 8x500 and 20xM47A1. One A/C #724, Pilot Rehn, turned back at 1120 hours at 5420N-0500E because of engine failure and jettisoned 8x500 and 20xM47A1 in North Sea.

3. A.A. Gun Fire.

Moderate A.A. gun fire through 10/10th undercast at Hamburg took form of continuous following and concentrations of 8 to 12 bursts. Its accuracy made evasive action essential. Meager to moderate fire over Heligoland, Cuxhaven, Elmshorn, Eutin. Six rockets were reported to burst above formation in target area - as if fired from the ground. They trailed white smoke. Bursts were A.A. gun fire size.

4. Fighter Support and Fighter Opposition

The 306th supplied 20 A/C as low group in the 92nd Combat Wing and 2 A/C to fill in the composite group of the 40th Combat Wing. No enemy fighters were met by our group formation. Fighter escort was met as briefed. P-38s were seen near I.P. at 1230 hours and continued with formation until 0103. P-51s were picked up at the target at 1247 and stayed with formation over coast on the way out at 1344. One of our A/C #782, lost an engine through oil failure, left formation and started back alone. He was attacked persistently by a Ju88 which picked him up over Amrum and pursued him at practically zero altitude through an enemy convoy. Our A/C got in solid bursts and 88 broke away with both engines ablaze firing two sets of Red-Yellow flares before disappearing in haze. We claim this Ju88 destroyed - only claim on mission.

5. Bombing.

Pathfinder of 92nd C.W. had trouble before target. Tried to reach Bull Pen leader to take over. Finally made 360 and got behind 40th C.W. who went in first and bombed. Our lead A/C dropped bombs on one large red flare from 92nd PFF A/C which made its own fix following the bombing of the 40th. 92nd bombs dropped approximately one mile or more from 40th's bombs. The flare was partially obscured by heavy con trails. 19 A/C including the leader, dropped at this time. Results were unobserved due to 10/10ths undercast, but several crews reported that there was a good concentration on the marker flares. One A/C #782, Pilot reed, had engine failure and jettisoned 8x500 and 20x147A1 over Germany 12 minutes before the target in order to lighten his A/C.

6. Observations and Comment

Several crews saw big red flash and 2 big columns of black smoke on right of formation going in. Seemed to come from Bremen and was probably result of bombing of other task force. Pilots feel PFF procedure should be standardized to avoid confusion. One red flare was observed at bombing instead of two yellows which had been briefed.

For the Commanding Officer;

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

TARGET

Primary None
 Secondary Amsterdam
 Last Resort 5430 9° NE

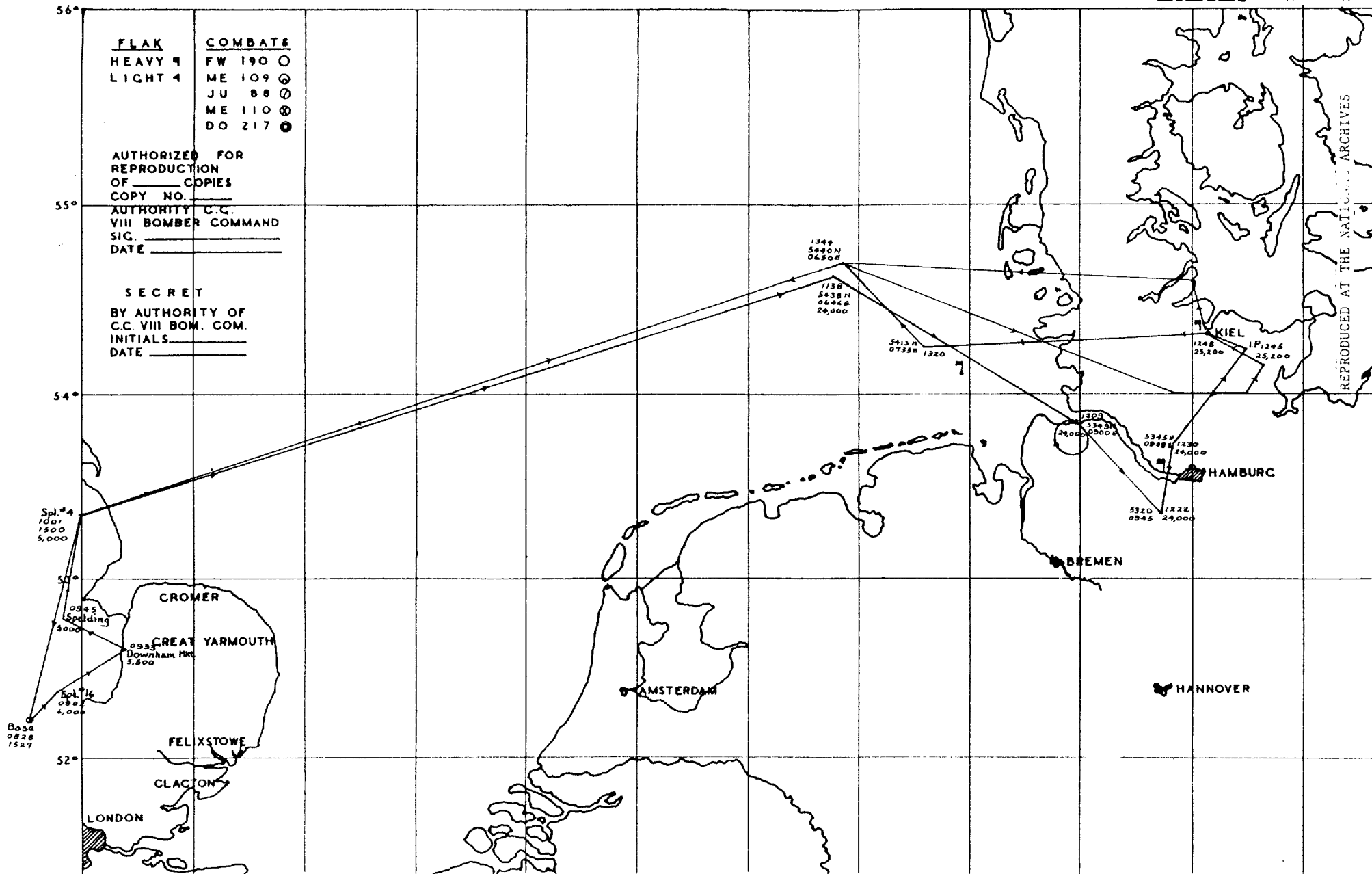
TRACK CHART
 DATE 17-12-43

Route follow
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FLAK	COMBATS
HEAVY 4	FW 190 ○
LIGHT 4	ME 109 ⊙
	JU 88 ⊙
	ME 110 ⊙
	DO 217 ⊙

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Target KIEL

1. Route followed Heligoland to mouth of Elbe, made 360° turn to allow 92nd C.B.W. to take lead to S.W. of Hamburg to 53°40' N. - 09°50' E. to I.P. at 54°13' N. - 10°26' E. to target then a swing slightly S.W. thence to just north of Heligoland to 54°38' N. - 06°46' E. to base.

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) **Persistent con. trails. 10/10 cloud at target.**

3. No. of A/C over Target. **20 A/C.**
Bombed at 12:48 hours.

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

			<u>025</u> 25200				
451	506 730	827	865 S 728 S	767	706 796	992 S 841	606 632 143
							515 132

782 came back alone. Was target for flak.
One ship did not return with Group. Reported flak from Frisian Islands.

5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible)
300° Mag.

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

7. Turn after bombing. **30° left turn.**

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups, **Low Group in 92nd C.B.W.**

9. What evasive action was taken? **Gradual "S" turns.**

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

Heligoland - meager, low, inaccurate.
Cuxhaven - meager, accurate, tracking.
Hamburg - moderate, accurate, both barrage and tracking.
Klusehorn - moderate, accurate, probably pred. concs.
Butin (in vicinity of) - moderate, inaccurate.
Target - moderate, accurate, both barrage and tracking.
Flak at coast on way out - tracking.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.
Target area - six rockets fired from ground gave off white smoke trails and burst was red about size of flak. Burst above our formation. Few red bursts just after target.

(OVER)

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A/C # 776 flew number 3 position in second element of lead squadron on composite group. Numbered at 1245 hours.

A/C # 766 flew with composite - did not return to Base.

53°25'N - 00°07'E

Heligoland to north of Elbe - ~~Hamburg~~ - 360° to allow 92nd C. BW to take lead, thence to point J. SW of Hamburg. Then due North for 15 miles then to 53°40'N - 09°50'E to FB at 54°13'N 10°26'E to target then a swing slightly S.W. then North again to a point just N. of Heligoland to 54°38'N - 06°46'E to Base.

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PLANES ON MISSION-13 DECEMBER, 1943

367th SQUADRON

- B 17F-42-30706- Not damaged
B 17F-42-31025-Not damaged
B 17F-42-30767 - Not damaged
B 17F-42-3363-Aborted-No. 1 prop ran away, shaft sheared, causing internal damage to No. 1 engine.
B 17G-42-31065- Serious damage-right inner wing hit by flak
B 17G-42-39768- Missing in action
B 17F-42-30728- Serious damage-Left inner wing hit by flak

368th SQUADRON

- B 17F-42-30586- No battle damages.
B 17G-42-37724- Aborted-Internal failure of No. 2 engine.
B 17F-42-30145-Aborted-Failed to take off-No. 4 engine starter failure.
B 17F-42-30782- Serious damage- No. 4 engine hit by flak,
B 17F-42-30451- Not damaged
B 17G-42-39776 Slight damage-Empty 50 cal. shell case-right horiz. stabilizer.

369th SQUADRON

- B 17F-42-30794- Slight flak damage to left side fuselage below waist window
B 17F-42-29993- Left outer wing damaged by flak-Slight damage Serious
B 17G-42-31143- Right wing tip damaged by flak-slight damage
B 17G-42-39827- Not damaged
B 17F-42-30730- Slight flak damage to skin of nose section

423rd SQUADRON

- B 17F-42-30606- Flak damage to right wing tank vent line and right inner wing-Slight Dam
B 17G-42-3515- Not damaged
B 17F-42-30431- Right inner wing slightly damaged by flak
B 17G-42-31139-Right section slightly damaged by empty 50 cal shell case.
B 17F-42-30841 Not damaged.

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BREAKFAST 04:30 BRIEFING 05:30
CAMERAS 724,812,706,827,841,606,431,025,767
CHECK 728,586,782 SANDWICHES
ENVOYS

STATIONS 0805 TAXI
TAKE OFF 08:25 ASSEMBLE AT 08:15 FT
RADIO CHECK TO AT 6,000 HOURS
REND Cranfield AT AT FT
REND Spl. 16 AT 09:12 AT 6,000 FT

SPARES : 993 : : :
OXYGEN : D : : :
DISP'L : 30 : : :
GROUP C.O. WITT
GROUP DEPUTY ELLIOT
GROUP DEPUTY BICKETT
CLIMB AT 150 AT 200-300 FPM
CRUISE AT 155 AT 24,000 FT
BOMB AT 150 AT 24,000 FT
RETURN AT 150 AT FT
DESCEND AT 170 AT 500 FPM
FLASHER NO. 16 LET DOWN 280T DEGREES
METERS 29.92 TOP TANKS Yes
ZERO HOUR 1000 BOMB INT. Minimum

Run 06 NB Turn Right
Out 19 Min Back to Cranfield (85°)
(S) SPLASHER 16 : 09:12 : 6,000
(G) DOWNHAM MIST : 09:25 : 6,000
(B) SPALDING : 09:35 : 6,000
(Z) LOUTH (4) : 09:50 : 5,000
5440-0650 E : 11:37 : 24,000
5400-09360E : 12:18 : 24,000
5400-1030 E : 12:27 : 24,000
TP 5408-1038 E : 12:30 : 24,000
TARGET : 12:35 : 24,000
5435-1000 E : 12:43 : 24,000
5440-0650 E : 13:13 : 17,000
LOUTH : 14:17 : 4,000
BASE : 15:27 : 2,000

UNDIT FLASHING LETTERS
351 GP LEADS 306, 401
92 CW LEADS 40th
351 GP BY PERIOD 0900-1300 1300-1900
306 GP R FLARE GY : ZG
401 GP G ANSWER W : C
GP CHALLENGE S : T
FIGHTER SUPPORT 1 Gp-P-38, 1 Gp-P-51
From Target To Limit Of Range.
8 Gp-P-47 for other 3 Crews - 1st Day.

OTHER EFFORTS 7CBW's - 2nd & 3rd Div. Depart
Louth Zero Plus 23 to 40 At 12,000 Ft. Same
Target - 3 CBW's 1st Division on Bremen

START ENGINES CAMELS
STAND BY MESSAGE LUCKY STRIKE
DELAY TAKE OFF CHESTERFIELD
SCRUB CHELSEA
ABANDON

FIGHTERS Daner One
BOMBERS Goldsmith One One
I.S.C. Tackline

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DER 12356, Section 3.3, 189
NARA Date 1/8/94

Story of the Attack - After B-17 # 782 had been forced to fall out of formation due to engine trouble, and had lost altitude to 13,000 feet, a Ju-88 flew 3,000 feet below it, climbed to its altitude, and attacked from 7 o'clock. The B-17 at once headed for the deck and its bad engine caught fire. With the enemy plane on its tail it managed to get into clouds at 4,000 feet, continuing down until only twenty feet from the water near Aarua Island. Here the fire went out. Then the Ju 88 jumped it again and attacked from the tail, pulling around to the right and preparing to make another attack from 1 or 2 o'clock. Our pilot turned sharply into the attack, thus preventing the enemy fighter from bringing its guns to bear and compelling it to turn away from our plane. It then turned left and across our nose, when the bombardier and top-turret gunner each fired bursts and saw tracers going into him. The Ju 88 then turned left again, going down our left side in the opposite direction with engines smoking. The left waist gunner got in a good burst, then, as both engines burst into flames, two series of red-yellow flares were seen to come from the enemy fighter, and it then disappeared into the haze, only forty feet off the water.

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#789, with "H" in triangle, joined 92nd on way out and seen between I.P. and target at 1244 at 25,000' with #3 prop feathered, #4 smoking.
A B-17, possibly the same, was seen over target at 1247 at 8,000 feet with #3 prop feathered and #4 smoking. This A/C was seen still flying at same altitude at 54° 15'N., 09° 50'E.

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Report from Johnson at Division says 92nd not sure of # (correct # is 768) but was sure of "H" in triangle. Since Brinkley was only ship lost identification seems positive.

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

FORMATION - MISSION 13 DECEMBER, 1943

✓
WITT*
025-B

✓
MCMAHON*
586-A

✓
RYTHER
065-Z

✓
ELLIOT*
706-Q

✓
BICKETT*
606-U

✓
KELLY
451-N

✓
REHN*
724-Z

✓
KIRK*
767-Y

✓
DEBETTA *
993-K

✓
ADAMS
515-D

✓
REED*
782-O

✓
STOLZ*
728-S

✓
WINTERS
362-G

✓
THOMPSON*
431-F

✓
LUND
730-B

✓
GASSLER*
827-G

✓
CAMPERT
794-V

✓
TOOMBS*
841-R

✓
GARRETT
139-L

✓
HEAP
143-P

COMPOSITE

✓
GAY
776-F

✓
BRINKLEY
768-A

* INDICATES CAMERA IN AIRCRAFT

REMARKS: _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 025 Letter B Date 13-12-43

20 M47 A1

Bomb Load 8 X 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. T. F. Witt Pilot ✓

Lt. Col. R. C. Williams Co-P ✓

1st Lt. R. V. Houck ✓

2nd Lt. A. T. Ballard Nav. ✓

1st Lt. D.A.R. Toller Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. A. G. Coulter Radio ✓

T/Sgt. C. E. Vondrachek Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. E. Corcoran Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. O. G. Dobbs R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. B. Bloom L. Waist ✓

2nd Lt. T. D. Bridgeman Tail C. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12:48

Alternate Height: 25 200

Last Resort Heading 300 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 3 min.

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10's Dropped on P.F.F. who was with

351

churned up ahead - probably from Bomb

Other Bombing:

clouds of smoke (Bombing?) approx. Bremen

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

Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

undercast 10/10 about 10 000 all way in & out

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. a few little holes

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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Heligoland - slight a little low

Hamburg - went just below it - mod. & acc.

inc 8 to 12 bunches also tracking

Crew observations about Flak: Evasive action saved them

V. Flak came up after formation over

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a few bursts wings left - low 1300/1306/1312

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None

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

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A)

P-38's mostly high cover

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

P-51's close above sweeping up & down
4 C-47's

(Our defensive action)

P-47's briefly covering
Wing ahead

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P-38's after 8 min. after
Hamburg at 12:30 to 0103

P-51's from Boulogne away till after Coast
12:45
1344

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

Clouds (Bombing?) - Bremen
Same zigzag vapourish columns appeared right on

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)

course just ahead
before reaching T.

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

PRF W. We sent part in Bomb
Strike - PRF procedure
and be standard

S-2 OFFICER _____

TIME COMPLETED _____

Added 1 F + in water Had big red
instead of 3 up class

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ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

witt

10:05 hrs.
53:25-00:07

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____

2. Was Course as Briefed?
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast 12:09 Elbe

4. Time over Target _____

Altitude over Target _____

Position of Group on Bomb Run LOW (2nd.)

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____

Duration Bomb Run _____

5. Time of Landing at Base 15:40

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER _____

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*last Gee Fix
54:32 - 0608 E. at 11:25
(S. of Course)*

*On course at turning
point at
11:38
54:38 - 06:46 E*

*then headed for
over Heligoland
360° over Elbe
at mouth of Elbe
to allow 4000 ft. to
get ahead
(92nd P.F.F. out)*

*12:22 below Hamburg. SW.
then straight N.
15 mi*

*then 53:40 - 09:50
then 1.P. at
54:13 N. 10:26 E.
at 12:45*

*then T.
then swing S. + up
+ just N. of Heligoland
+ leg from there back
to 54 38-0646
First fix in
at 13:53
54 16-0500 E*

INTERROGATION FORM

2.

SQUADRON ~~###~~ ~~###~~ ~~###~~ 123 A/C Number 993 Letter 4 Date 13-12-4

20 M47 A1

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1540

			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

2nd Lt. G. DiBetta Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. E. J. Wolf, Jr. Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. R. P. Williams Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. P. C. Coad Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. C. E. Hewitt Radio ✓

S/Sgt. F. V. Chiccarelli Top T. ✓

Sgt. M. W. Feiser Ball T. ✓

Sgt. L. F. Bergeron R. Waist ✓

Sgt. R. E. Kootz L. Waist ✓

Sgt. M. D. Heavin Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary (?) Time: 1247:45

Alternate Height: 25,400

Last Resort (circle) Heading 312° way

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:

Couldnt see - 10/10

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) At Alt 5340' N 10° 30' E did a 360° turn

Last see fix 54° 17' N 05° 39' E 421

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Before Eng. coast, almost 10/10 but 5 miles out, much fewer clouds.

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

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~###~~ ~~###~~ ~~###~~ 23 A/C Number 515 Letter D Date 13-12

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1541

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

*11:19 B-17 - aborted from high alt.
 5430 - 8620 E
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 11:23 - B-17 - 5440 - 0715 appeared
 to about the last night in low sq.
 1317 about 4000 ft below
 flying along with formation
 from I.P. to target then
 out!*

2nd Lt. A. A. Adams Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. J. B. Mathis Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. W. B. Barnes Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. A. J. Bugni Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. M. E. Palencia Radio ✓

S/Sgt. L. B. Keene Top T. ✓

Sgt. L. Stevenson Ball T. ✓

Sgt. M. Cech R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. C. White L. Waist ✓

Sgt. J. K. Hedberg Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 12:47.5

Alternate Height: 25400

Last Resort Heading 313 mag

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

10-12 min.

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

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

Own Bombs:

None

10/10 - Bombed on

Lead ship -

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

Number boxes returned

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As Brief - early - made two one 360° fairly

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

I.P. at 9 pm

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

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Good
 wing
 good

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

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~309XXXX~~ A/C Number 827 Letter G Date 13/12/43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1345

	X			
X	at target		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. J. Gassler Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. G. R. Thompson Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. W. T. Hughes Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. D. R. Logan Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. D. L. Mills Radio

S/Sgt. A. S. Ciero Top T. ✓

Sgt. D. E. Gollaher Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. B. S. Mings R. Waist ✓

Sgt. T. V. Leonski L. Waist ✓

Sgt. R. W. Grothe Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Ground Primary Time: 1247 1/2

Alternate Height: 25000

Last Resort Heading 298 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

logged on lead A/C

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

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

Own Bombs:

Saw P.F. flares - bombing of flares looked good

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped

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

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

Slight S of track going out, slight N back

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. 10/10ths all the way after few spots in N. Sea

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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	Heligoland		slight			poor - behind
	53° 50' N 09° 40' E			black		
	(South of I.P.)		intense	white		all good - all good

Crew observations about Flak:

few bursts seen all along route over enemy territories - acc - poor. few minor holes in A/C

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

4 - 5
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

too far away
(Types)

Attacked group ahead - right
(Location and length of fight)

after bombs away

(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

OK

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

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

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)

few minor flak holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

ret upper IT flut gate compass repeater - went out
gun out

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?) fall IT - out - also oxygen leak

S-2 OFFICER

Skalak
captain

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~370~~ A/C Number 065 Letter Z Date 13-12-43

20 M47 AI

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1535

		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. R. W. Ryther Pilot

2nd Lt. G. C. Coats Corp

2nd Lt. J. N. Denninson Nav.

2nd Lt. L. G. Crabtree Bomb.

T/Sgt. T. A. Gold Radio

T/Sgt. W. D. Griffith Top T.

S/Sgt. P. L. Wells Bail T.

S/Sgt. L. R. Laney R. Waist

Sgt. C. Walters L. Waist

S/Sgt. L. W. Billheimer Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1248h

Alternate

Height: 21,200

Last Resort (circle)

Heading: 296 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

Dropped on PFF

S/Sgt. L. W. Billheimer Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 0 Jettisoned: 0 Returned: 0 Abortive: 0

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

Own Bombs:

10/10 Cloud could not see ground

Other Bombing:

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped: 0 Number boxes returned: 0

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

About as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

10/10

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1204h	?	2000	Heavy	Black	Moderate	Inaccurate on the high
1220	?	"	"	"	"	Accurate followed by faint
1304	?	"	"	"	"	Accurate the best condition

Crew observations about Flak: Target area about 6 rockets fired from ground gave off white smoke trails burst was not about size of flak on route but burst was

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

no 2/A.

(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	X
PROBABLY	X
DAMAGED	
(Fill out <u>immediately</u> separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *P38, 47 + 51's gave good cover over target
 Area did not escort out.*

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

*Directly on route 14.5 hrs on way home saw at 28000 mag
 4000 altitude saw grey boat medium size ship head opposite our course*

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *one shell hole directly through right wing
 exploded 20 above other flat damage.*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Bomb bay doors did not close, A/C not modified
 cannot get Radio Operator, Interphone out on operations.*

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
*Sun glasses more important than Chukles,
 Red Glass*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 667 ### ### 123 A/C Number 431 Letter F Date 13-12-48

20 M47 A1

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0828 Time Landed 1543

		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)

Bill spun over target - 1250 - no chutes

1st Lt. R. B. Thompson Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. L. M. Love Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. A. P. Baltunas Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. M. Borysoff Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. J. A. Atchley Radio ✓

T/Sgt. W. G. Caldwell Top T. ✓

Sgt. R. E. Moulis Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. Peto R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H. F. Gremelspacher L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. T. Schroeder Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1247

Alternate Height: 25700

Last Resort Heading
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

5 min.

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

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

Own Bombs: *propulsion leader
couldn't see*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

about 4 360° over target

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *10/10 - heavy contrails - large target*

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

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

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~###~~ ~~###~~ ~~###~~ (369th Sq.) A/C Number 794 Letter V Date 13-12-43

Bomb Load ~~2500~~ x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1535

		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

moved to #2 second element

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)

Saw 1-B-17 peeled off (under control) S.W. of target - time: 1217 another at 1250 and other turns made 360°

1st Lt. G. Campert Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. E. M. McCullagh Co-P ✓

1st Lt. J. L. Dougherty Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. A. Sparks Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. C. E. Lebert Radio ✓

T/Sgt. P. F. Murray Jr. Top T. ✓

Sgt. A. J. Butler Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. P. E. Colburn R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. P. Teston L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. K. H. Rudson Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1248
Alternate Height: 24,900
Last Resort Heading 303 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: *Complete overcast Dropped on Leader Red Bombs*

Other Bombing: *not seen due to overcast*

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Generally as briefed Weather was as briefed*

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *Con trail very bad when bombs were released*

Fairly heavy flak but inaccurate

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

Crew observations about Flak: *Over a pretty good*

area, but not accurate.

*Released 3 cover
1 case jammed in bomb bay
and also returned*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~047~~ ~~448~~ ~~457~~ 23 A/C Number 606 Letter U Date 13-12-43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed X X X X (X)

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: None

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)

1st Lt. K. R. Bickett Pilot ✓

1st Lt. R. B. Eckles Co-Pr ✓

2nd Lt. A. G. Pulver, Jr. Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. J. E. Sanders Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. E. J. Borlik Radio ✓

Sgt. L. G. Dillon Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. H. Coleman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. P. Clarke R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. H. C. Turner L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. C. Dekler Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1247^{3/4}

Alternate Height: 25,400

Last Resort Heading 300° Wing

Duration Bomb Run

Heading up to time of falling bomb by cloud, & heading from that time

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

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

Own Bombs: Bombed on group leader.

Can't see due to 10/10.

Other Bombing: none seen

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No?

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 from north sea, all the way in & back; 5000 feet clouds; can't see land.

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

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

1st flak, presumably at coast, few bursts, at 1209 hours, but couldn't see land. Then formation did a 360° turn, during which some flak was seen. 2 or 3 bursts coming

Crew observations about Flak: up almost all the time between 1212 + 1247 hours.

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AC 606 Pilot Bickett

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 1004; 53°25'N.
00°12'E

2. Was Course as Briefed? Good
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast Don't know

Last obs
fix at
54°15'N.
05°33'E
at 11:19 hours

Time over Target (?) 1247 3/4 but believe 1155 hours,
on D R Conf.

Altitude over Target 25,400

Position of Group on Bomb Run no one seen ^{right} ahead, but some
away

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 300° ade

Duration Bomb Run 2 mins 55 secs.

5. Time of Landing at Base _____

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

10-15 minutes after took away we overran lead
squadron, then Sed, but in meantime they too
turned towards us, & with sun in our
eyes, we crossed right over them, then
pulled back to proper location.

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER B. O'Loof

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~444~~ ~~444~~ ~~444~~ A/C Number 767 Letter Y Date 13-12-43

20 M47 A1
Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0827 1/2 Time Landed 1537

		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. W. S. Kirk Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R. V. Stoll Co-PI ✓

2nd Lt. D. P. Jones Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. T. P. Cliney Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. G. G. Roberts Radio ✓

S/Sgt. E. H. Kelly Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. E. W. Kristof Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. H. M. Shore R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. R. E. Weber L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. A. Poff Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1247 1/2

Alternate Height: 24,600

Last Resort Heading 310°

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: *All first 500's - 2 minutes later M47's.*

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

Own Bombs: *dropped on lead ship - red flares at bowls away.*

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *10/10 - reports*

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 acc. moderate-accurate - barrage + tracking

cross going in - major - accurate - tracking

cross going out

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 263 Letter G Date 13 Dec

Bomb Load 2x500 H.E. Incond.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1110

		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)

*Turned back at 1010 hrs.
6000' - 53°30'N 01°00'E*

St. J. E. Winter Pilot

Co-P

Nav.

Bomb.

Radio

Top T.

Ball T.

R. Waist

L. Waist

Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: *super charge #1 eng in rear wing - was straggling behind group - couldn't keep up when other bombing: group started to climb*

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

Number boxes dropped

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

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

was two minutes late at zero hour

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

group was in good formation + wing formation looked good leaving the coast - 92nd P.P.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 368 ~~339XXXX~~ A/C Number: 716 Letter: F Date 13/12/43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1531

	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

1248 hrs Details:

B-17 feathered engine at target - dropped bombs - was very low and struggling when last seen - B in white triangle.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. J. M. Gay Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. T. J. Brady Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. J. R. Saraway Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. B. G. Gustafson Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. E. G. Danielson Radio ✓

T/Sgt. P. F. Hughes Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. Brofford Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. S. J. Kriške R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. G. E. Lilja L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. B. J. Mittl Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1245

Alternate Height: 24600

Last Resort Heading 318° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run: 2 1/2 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs:

P.P.F. Bombing

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes No

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

south of course going in - made 360 just before T.P.

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, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	Accuracy
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1200 hrs. - at Coast going in - not at this group - barrage covering a small area - intense

1216 - 53° 55' N - 208° 55' E - barrage - intense

Crew observations about Flak:

1308 - level - 54° 29' N - 01° 30' - coast - tracking moderate

out - out after target

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11 percent con trails - 30° left turn off target

Composite

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... area support

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Murtha

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ ~~423~~ A/C Number 728 Letter S Date 13-12-43

20 M47 A1 Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1538

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. J. J. Stolz Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. B. McGuire Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. R. D. Wright Nav. ✓

1st Lt. E. Jensen Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. L. C. McCullar Radio ✓

T/Sgt. G. T. Webb Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. D. J. Foster Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. G. R. Anderson R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. F. M. Shade L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. D. J. Antonelli Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1246

Alternate Height: 24,500

Last Resort (circle) Heading 305

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Not observed

Other Bombing: 10/10 overcast

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

Number boxes dropped 0

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned 0

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

As briefed at Coast. make 360 -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) not then recorded

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	Accuracy
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1208	at coast		few bursts	meager	Very	inaccurate
	in target area		black burst	moderate		accurate

Crew observations about Flak: After target area on coast on way out - white and black bursts - moderate tracking

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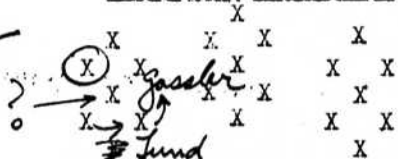
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON: ~~367~~ 368 ~~399XXXX~~ A/C Number: 451 Letter: N - Date: 13/12/43

Bomb Load: 8 x 500 H.F. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off: 08:25 Time Landed: 1532



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. J. M. Kelly Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. W. D. Reeder Cr-P ✓

2nd Lt. M. Kalish Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. T. Boswell Bomb. ✓

Sgt. E. C. Smartt Radio ✓

Sgt. G. W. Wallace Top T. ✓

Sgt. W. C. Vought Ball T. ✓

Sgt. C. E. Hudson R. Waist ✓

Sgt. K. E. Willey L. Waist ✓

Sgt. W. C. Christian Tail G. ✓

B17 another wing #4 on fire was under control going down near I.P.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1248

Alternate Height: 25100

Last Resort Heading: 293 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

made a 360° turn - then several other turns - dropped on group leader

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

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

Own Bombs:

Saw P.F. flares - drop on same looked looked

Other Bombing:

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

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Number boxes returned

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

Going in OK. then turns, out of - late all the way 20-25 min. just before

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Heavies can trails as bombs away 10/100 until islands on the way out.

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 before target - when making slight circles - mod black acc - all good 3 holes in tail 1 hole in wing

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~333~~ 369 ~~333~~ A/C Number 586 Letter A Date 13/12/43.

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.P. Inexp.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:25 Time Landed 15:20

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

1217-6:17 friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

*down in control
1 engine smoking
no chutes
12:40-6:17 low on
apparent trouble - losing altitude*

*Reported to Div (St. Quentin)
as Ditching
at 245*

1st Lt. J. B. McMahon Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. P. J. Field Co-P ✓

1st Lt. I. E. Glaze Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. M. J. Dmochowski Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. H. E. Gorczyca Radio ✓

Sgt. J. L. Duntem Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. M. J. Saj Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. G. Barnt R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. A. A. Becker L. Waist ✓

Sgt. E. W. Schmeckpepper Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 12:47 1/2 *Made bomb fall at*

Alternate

Height: 25,000

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 330 *251*

Duration Bomb Run:

2 1/2"

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

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

Own Bombs:

Low on Gas - 5310N

Other Bombing:

*dropped on ~~target~~ red bombs from group ahead
0300E alt 1000'
saw streamers
Heading 250*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

flow within a mile or so of prisoners at 364,000' left formation after coast going out.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 + vapor trails

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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*Prisoners - a lot of flak - following, no tracer - apparently heavy flak, varying intensity
Target - accurate - moderate - following*

Crew observations about Flak:

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Mr. Markson

586
Lower gas - May want to ditch.
Will send position lower.
Wing Freq. →

Ditching 5330 ~~N~~
0410 E

26.5° 1400hms

~~make
possible alt
1451~~

5310 N
0300 E
Heads 950
alt 1000 ft
→

WING FREQUENCY

Duncan
245

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~307~~ ~~307~~ ~~307~~ 123 A/C Number 143 Letter P Date 13-12-43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incendi.

Time Take Off 0825 Time Landed 1345

Position in Formation

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

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

2nd Lt. E. L. Heap Pilot

2nd Lt. R. F. Clark Co-P

2nd Lt. P. D. Lanvon Nav.

2nd Lt. G. Boncic Bomb.

T/Sgt. A. R. Erickson Radio

Sgt. A. J. LaBarge Top T.

Sgt. E. N. Dillinger Ball T.

S/Sgt. S. M. Kupferman R. Waist

S/Sgt. H. E. McIntyre L. Waist

S/Sgt. D. F. Suhaysik Tail-G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1247

Alternate Height: 29700

Last Resort Heading 280

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2 Utilized: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Missiles: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

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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not observed
10/10 overcast
(note) 2 boxes
dropped on they think
approx. as brief except for circling about 8 minutes before
IP - PFF location
10/10 - PFF

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~369 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 724 Letter Z Date 13/12/43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.P. incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off: 08:25 Time Landed ~~11:10~~ 1310

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. A. F. Rehn Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. C. W. Smith Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. J. C. Wilson Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. D. R. Ross Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. P. R. Wenrich Radio ✓

S/Sgt. J. R. Borchers Top T. ✓

Sgt. R. W. Milton Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. C. Hay R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. A. Hudgins L. Waist ✓

Sgt. J. K. Atkins Tail G. ✓

*turned back at 1120 -
54°20'N - 05°00'E - 16000'*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort 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: *salvo - all in N. Sea -*

#4 prop ran away - #2 went out -

Other Bombing: *couldn't feather #2 - prop shaft broke*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Number boxes returned

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

about us briefed

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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excellent formation -

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ ~~268~~ ~~269~~ 23 A/C Number 139 Letter L Date 13-12-43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

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

Time Took-Off 0825 Time Landed 1540

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. N. L. Garrett Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R. Nickelhoff Co-Pil ✓

2nd Lt. J. Elgin Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. E. J. Shurilla Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. A. E. Dilts Radio ✓

T/Sgt. V. Vinciguerra Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. A. Glenn Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. W. J. Carroll R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. W. Schmidt L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. L. Yator Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1245

Alternate Height: 25800

Last Resort Heading 310
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Bomb dropped on PFF all put together

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

As planned - made 360° turn South West of IP. but otherwise pretty close to briefed course including IP.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 over target

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Flak 1st on curved course. In & behind. A few close bursts. No flak at Bombing. Quite a bit on 360° close to IP. 5409 } 1207
0952 }*

After bombs away, without flak all the way out.

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 20 47 RI A/C Number 841 Letter R Date 13-12-43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.F. Intend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed 1545

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. P. Toombs, Jr. Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. C. D. Oliver Cr-P ✓

2nd Lt. O. O. Young, Jr. Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. B. E. Branom Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. P. G. Gaire Radio ✓

T/Sgt. R. H. Wheeler Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. C. T. Brend Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. W. V. Harris A. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. C. Foley L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. V. G. Chappie Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1247

Alternate Height: 25,100

Last Resort Heading: 300°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 35 Seconds.

8 x 500 20-MA7A 1
Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

3. Number of Bombs dropped on target:

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

Own Bombs: Weather 10/10 results unobserved.

Other Bombing: Some dark smoke was seen coming up through clouds over target area.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No) Any Nickels: Yes (No)
Number boxes dropped: _____

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) A little south of heading on way home.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 through mission

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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1732 Over I.P. 24,000 Heavy-Medium Black Front and left Inaccurate

White burst mixed with black

Crew observations about Flak: Medium and inaccurate

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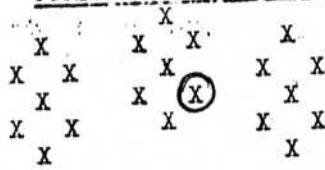
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SQUADRON 367 ~~060~~ ~~060~~ ~~060~~ A/C Number 363 Letter G Date 13-12-43

Bomb Lead 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 Time Landed



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. J. E. Winter Pilot

2nd Lt. R. W. Ashley Com-PV

2nd Lt. R. F. Jones Nav.

1st Lt. R. K. Pringle Bomb.

T/Sgt. W. C. Rozanski Radio

T/Sgt. D. M. Hovis Top T.

Sgt. J. E. Olsen Jr. Ball T.

S/Sgt. H. Sall R. Waist

S/Sgt. R. Y. Wilson L. Waist

Sgt. O. F. Thomas Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort 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:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~###~~ ~~###~~ ~~###~~ (Composite) A/C Number 768 Letter A Date

20 M47 rA1 Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0825 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

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. W. E. Brinkley Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. C. A. Mull Co-Pil ✓
- 2nd Lt. B. A. Grossman Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. D. F. Dickson Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. F. D. Kittredge Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. J. G. Landherr Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. G. Murat Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. F. M. Gargill H. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. S. W. Rust L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. G. F. Younger Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:
Alternate Height:
Last Resort 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:

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

Number boxes dropped

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

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

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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Inmate, sent home from

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 730 Letter B Date 13/12/43

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.F. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off: 08:25 Time Loaded: *1131*

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. R. S. Lund Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. W. Neilt Com-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. S. W. Buck Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. H. L. Harmston Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. C. A. Nichols Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. A. C. Schaeffler *Rel* T. ✓
- Sgt. R. D. Vaught *Top* T. ✓
- Sgt. D. Burger R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. J. Gemborski L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. W. W. Cole Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: *1246*
 Alternate Height: *23500*
 Last Resort Heading: *245° Mag*
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
45 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

ppf. (believed bombing was S. W. Fuel)

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: *10/10* Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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At Coast - barrage acc
most flak was of barrage type
54° 12' N - 08° 35' E - barrage with flak

Crew observations about Flak:

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COMBAT FORM

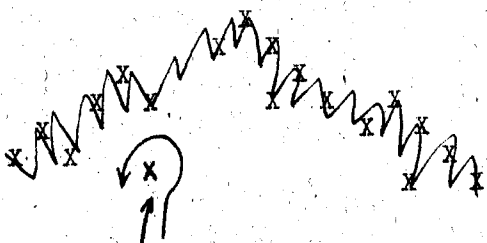
Group 306th Date 13 December, 1943
 Squadron 363th Place where attacked Over Denmark
 A/C No. 782 Time 1310 Height 13,000

1. Story of the attack:- (See reverse side)

DAMAGED
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show.

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

Data on Combat

- a. our heading Good at altitude
- b. visibility JU 88
- c. type of E/A
- d. level of attack;
- From high above 6 O'clock
- level 7 O'clock
- below very low O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(Check below)

Names Sgt. C. A. Houser Sgt. D. S. CoGreen
6712 69th Place, Glendale, N.Y. Postal Box 21, Winborne, Miss.
 Positions Top Turret Left Waist

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by 1st Lt. Reed 2nd Lt. Allen
 Position in A/C Pilot Bombardier
 Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator:

Destroyed

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

Time _____ Interrogator Lt. S.H. Pool

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

APO 634
17 December, 1943

SUBJECT: Tactical Note

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634
Attention: Lt. Col. John B. Wright, A-2

B-17 WITH ONE ENGINE OUT TURNS INSIDE JU88

On the 13 December mission to Kiel, 1st Lt. W.D. Reed of 306th Group had his #4 engine knocked out by flak. He lost the formation but went on to drop his bombs, then started home alone. Just off the Danish Coast he was attacked by a Ju88 which he managed to lose by diving into the clouds. Coming home on the deck, the Ju88 found him again and attacked from the tail. Passing to the right, the Ju88 turned back to attack from two o'clock. Lt. Reed turned into the attack so sharply the Ju88 could not bring its guns to bear and exposed itself to the concentrated fire of the Bombardier, Top Turret and Waist Gunner as he went by. Three times the Ju88 swung into attack and each time the crippled B-17 swung inside the enemy aircraft, the dead #4 engine on the inside of the turn. The third time the 88 passed, both engines broke into flame and the Junkers disappeared, firing red and yellow flares, probably a recognition or distress signal to nearby surface vessels. ✓ Although Lt. Reed bumped into two enemy convoys on his way home, he landed at base with none of his crew injured and no battle damage, except for that caused by the first burst of flak --- a tribute to his pilotage and the maneuverability of the B-17.

John A. Bairnsfather
JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,
Major,
Group S-2.
AC,