

1. 20 AC TOOK OFF AT 12:05 HOURS TO BOMB THE MARSHALLING YARDS AT AMIENS FRANCE. THERE WERE NO ABORTIVES AND ALL RETURNED SAFELY. FOLLOWING THE LEAD GROUP, OUR FORMATION WAS OFF COURSE AND CROSSED THE FRENCH COAST NEAR LE TREFORT, EVENTUALLY MAKING A LEFT TURN TOWARD THE TARGET WEST OF THE TOWN OF FOIX.

2. THE WEATHER WAS POOR CROSSING THE CHANNEL AND DID NOT IMPROVE OVER THE FRENCH COAST. THERE WAS A BAD HAZE AND THAT COUPLED WITH UNUSUALLY LARGE VAPOR TRAILS MADE OBSERVATION EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. CONSEQUENTLY NINETEEN AC UNLOADED BOMBS ON FOIX AT 15:09, ONE AC BOMBED THE PRIMARY AT AMIENS AT 15:16.

3. NONE.

4. ONLY TWO OR 3 E/A OBSERVED ON ENTIRE ROUTE. NO ATTACKS. NO CLAIMS.

5. ONE SIX GUN BATTERY AT LA TREFORT FIRING ON GROUP AHEAD.

6. TWO B-17'S OBSERVED TURNING BACK BEFORE TARGET WAS REACHED - ONE OVER CHANNEL - ONE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SHORTLY AFTER CROSSING COAST.

7. NONE.

8. NONE.

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HEADQUARTERS
VIII BOMBER COMMAND
A.P.O. 634

BOMBER COMMAND NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS
Mission No. 43 - 13 March, 1943.

Unfavorable weather conditions which restricted visibility at times to 1-2 miles reduced the effort of the 1st Wing resulting in only 44 B-17's bombing the primary, The Amiens Longeau Marshalling Yards. Thirty-one B-17's bombed four other targets. Results in all cases were poor. Strong fighter cover was detailed and although some fighters did not locate the bombers, 1st Wing reports few encounters and good fighter support. All a/c returned safely.

The 2nd Wing diversion with enemy shipping as a potential target was carried out uneventfully by 16 B-24's although intended course was altered considerably by weather conditions.

PART I - 1ST WING

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>A/C ON PRIMARY TARGET</u>	<u>A/C ON OTHER TARGETS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>
91.	21	7	12	0	0-0-0
303	20	19	-	0	0-0-0
305	19	17	-	0	2-0-2
306	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>
TOTALS:	80	44	31	0	2-0-2

ROUTE: The 1st Wing Groups made the diversionary sweep as ordered, i.e., Dungeness to 50°10'N 01°10'E to 50°00'N 00°30'E and back to Dungeness where rendezvous with fighters was made. Course was then set for the French coast but it was more westerly than that ordered and landfall was made at Dieppe rather than at Cayeux. On crossing the coast the formation altered course slightly to the east until in the vicinity of Buchy. From thence course was set for Amiens. It had become generally impossible for Groups as a whole to maintain visual contact and it is variously reported that Abancourt, Poix and Crevecoeur-le-Grand were passed over on the way to Amiens. From the primary target area the 305th, 303rd and 306th Groups set course for French Coast and then Beachy Head where landfall was made. The 91st Group proceeded from Amiens to Abbeville and reached English coast at Bexhill.

WEATHER: Varying amounts of thin and diffuse Cirrostratus or Altostratus at about 20,000 feet were reported. Because the ships were frequently flying in this cloud and in heavy persistent vapor trails (contrails) made by the aircraft preceding them the amounts reported are to be taken as estimates made under difficult observational conditions. The heavy and persistent vapor trails were formed between 18,000 and 25,000 feet. The maximum cloud report was 8 tenths and the minimum was 2 tenths. No low cloud was observed. Flying in and above the vapor trails and the cloud, together with a ground haze, reduced visibility at times to 1 to 2 miles horizontally and 6 to 7 miles vertically.

Winds actually encountered by two of the Groups were somewhat different from those forecast according to their reports.

BOMBING RESULTS: Clouds, ground haze and low visibility not only made it difficult to see the targets but caused confusion among the Groups. As a consequence several targets were bombed with generally poor results.

At Amiens, 258 x 1000 and 10 x 500 G.P. were dropped from 21000 - 24000 ft.

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at 1515-1517 hours. Most of the bombs fell into the area south and west of the marshalling yards although there were hits on the locomotive shed, the main sidings, and on the tracks immediately south of the main yards.

The Abbeville/Drucaat A/D was bombed by 8 B-17's which dropped 48 x 1000 G.P. from 24000 ft. at 1525 hours on the northern edge of the landing field and straddling one section of the northern dispersal area. Some bombs burst close to a gun position. No fighter planes were shown on the A/D in the photographs taken at the time of bombing.

At Ronescamps, immediately northeast of Abancourt the railway sidings were bombed with 124 x 1000 G.P. dropped from 23000 ft. at 1509 hours. There appears to have been two direct hits on the tracks.

One a/c claims to have dropped 6 x 1000 G.P. on Crevecoeur-le-Grand, and another dropped 6 x 1000 G.P. on a point believed to have been Cresny, near Poix, with undetermined results.

FLAK: Fire was reported to be accurate at Dioppe with black bursts in clusters of 4 and 6. Slight and inaccurate fire was received from a 6-gun battery at Le Treport; from Amiens where the bursts were white; and from north of Abbeville where "roman candle" bursts were reported.

ENCOUNTERS: Fighter support provided by 11 squadrons of Spitfires was good. Only the 305th Group had encounters, although the various Groups reported 2-12 c/a mostly FW-190's, and one or two Me-109's. Attacks on the 305th were on the nose from level or slightly above. Noses of the c/a seen were yellow or blue.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: Of the 5 a/c that failed to bomb, 3 had mechanical failures, one was forced to turn back because of damage from flak, and one was due to failure of an oxygen mask.

CASUALTIES: EQUIPMENT: No a/c were lost although 9 a/c sustained category "A" battle damage.

CASUALTIES: PERSONNEL: Two crew members were seriously wounded and 4 slightly wounded.

OBSERVATION: Crews report that c/a have been following tactics of getting set for the attack about 2000 yards in front of the formation and suggest that, in order to prevent this, the Spits use their customary cross-weaving tactics further ahead of the formation.

The A/D at Abbeville was reported to be very well camouflaged.

PART II - 2ND WING

Sixteen B-24's carried out an uneventful diversion with shipping in the North Sea a potential target. The briefed route was: bases to Harwich to 51°25' N, 02°20'E to 52°00'N, 03°20'E to 52°55'N, 04°07'E, turn left and return to base. Heavy cloud encountered about 15 mi. southeast of Harwich on the first leg caused the formation to turn approximately 190° and proceed parallel with the coast to a point east of Orfordness, to 53°55'N, 4°07'E, turning left and crossing English coast at Lowestoft. Bombs were carried for any enemy shipping observed but none was seen.

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(A) Narrative

1. Brief descriptive summary of mission

2. General results of bombing attack

3. Abortives: points of turn-back and reasons for each

None

4. Enemy air opposition (in brief, no individual encounters):
General description of fighter opposition encountered; types of E/A encountered; tactics employed by enemy and ourselves; as to enemy destroyed state whether many, few or nil; distinguishing markings, color, characteristics or behavior of E/A.

Nil - only 2 or 3

*E/A observed on entire route **

5. Flak: where encountered, appearance of bursts, intensity, accuracy as to deflection and height, anything new or unusual.

*one six gun battery at La Joutat firing on group ahead **

6. Friendly A/C lost on in distress (elaboration of hot news report) Where last seen, time, altitude, estimated cause, personnel seen baling out, appearance of A/C

Two B17'S observed turning back before target was reached - one over channel, one shortly after crossing coast.

7. A/C crashed in England or seriously damaged.

None

8. Observations: Detail any items of interest seen by crews concerning the enemy or our own forces (Balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airfields, dromes, ports, waterways, roads, railway yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations).

None

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(B) Statistical

1. Number of A/C turning off 1
2. Number of A/C which failed to bomb a target 0
3. Name of primary target and number of A/C attacking it Amiens - 1
4. Name of secondary target and number of A/C attacking it 0
Abbeville
5. Name of last resort target and number of A/C attacking it none -
6. Description of target of opportunity and number of A/C attacking it Poix - 19
7. Total number of A/C lost or missing 0
8. Number of A/C lost to flak 0
9. Number of A/C lost to E/A action 0
10. Number of A/C lost by accident 0
11. Number of A/C lost, cause unknown 0
12. Bomb loadings, number, size and type 6 x 1000 -
13. Bombs dropped at each target, number, size and type 6 x 1000 - at Amiens - 112 at Poix -
14. Bombs jettisoned, number, size and type none
15. Bombs brought back, number, size and type 2 x 6000
16. Bombs unaccounted for, number, size and type none
17. Casualties, number killed none
18. Casualties, number wounded none
19. Casualties, number missing none
20. Time and altitude over each target Amiens - 15:16 - 23,000
Poix - 15:09 - 23,000'
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50° Magnetic

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No claims

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. Name of primary target Amiens Number of A/C attacking 1
 2. Name of secondary target Abbeville Number of A/C attacking 0
 3. Name of L.R. target None Number of A/C attacking 0
 4. Target of opportunity POIX Number of A/C attacking 19
 5. Units participating 367-368-369th-423-
 6. Number of A/C taking off 20-
 7. Number of A/C returning early 0-
 8. Number of A/C lost or missing so far as known 0-
 9. Results of bombing: good fair poor nil
 10. Number of casualties: killed 0; wounded 0; missing 0
 11. enemy air opposition: considerable moderate slight nil
 12. Flak: intense moderate slight nil
 13. Observed fighter support: Excellent
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14. Weather as it affected the mission: Very thick haze
and vapor trails made observation
extremely difficult
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15. Flash observations of outstanding importance None

Telephoned to Barre by Boris Greter
 Timed 6:10; Date 13-3-43-

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SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 25086 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation Lead 2nd Platoon ^{Bomb} 6 x 1000
on Left Squad.

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

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress? R.P. Riordan Pilot

1st M.H. Hoar Co-P

1st G.J. Spellman Nav.

1st G.D. Ratter Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: R/L 7/s O.B. Schulz Radio

Primary Time: 14:16 7/s A. Santoro Top T.

alternate Height: 90° S/s C.M. Davis Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: (check) S/S Duriggin R. Waist

S/S May L. Waist

S/S McMahon Tail G.

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
6 x 1000

Mostly short & walking across

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) Way Westen route down

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Flak from Dieppe breaking
Between 306 & 303 - Severe
but trace - tho' height
was acc.
2 Batteries

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 431 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation _____ Bomb load 6 X 1000

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

CREW

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress? W.S. Papes Pilot
F.H. Omer Co-P
G.H. Doster Nav.
H.C. Toland Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: T/S F.L. Eastman Radio
Primary Time: 15:09 T/S C.T. Wendolowski Top T.
Alternate Height: 23,000 s/s Lee Sanders Ball T.
Last Resort Heading: 80° S/S Phifer R. Wait
(check) Roberson L. Wait
Kuczynski Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Prix R.R. Junction following group ahead Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Could see

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

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)
Way West of Route - Bombing on

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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On left crossing Dippa
2 Batteries 1 mass light

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SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 720 Date 3/13/42

Position in formation Hole of Lead Squadron Bomb load 0 X 1000.

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

Frighly A/C in any kind of distress?
*1B17 seen to jettison bomb in channel and
 turn back over ground cont. Had 4 engines
 running. Reason OK*

CREW

<u>O'Hara</u>	Pilot
<u>R H Smith</u>	Co-P
<u>Sillay</u>	Nav.
<u>Phelan</u>	Bomb.
<u>Mountain</u>	Radio
<u>Sheffield</u>	Top T.
<u>Letwin</u>	Ball T.
<u>Nelson</u>	R. Waist
<u>Gavin</u>	L. Waist
<u>Thom</u>	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:09
 alternate Height: 23000
 Last Resort Heading: 50°
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned:

4. OBSERVED RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Couldnt see - too much clouds & water haze.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: None

7. RE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
		<u>Approx. 23000</u>	<u>Seamy</u>	<u>Mediate range</u>	<u>(6 bursts at a time above to left.)</u>	
			<u>No other flak seen.</u>			
			<u>No damage.</u>			

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 498 Date 13/12/43

Position in formation 4th Dec. Element Bomb load 6 x 1000

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

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Raw Foster, about over France at D.P. having been through flak

CREW

- L Seelos Pilot
- L Kraunko Co-P
- L Bergen Nav.
- L Saunders Bomb.
- Sgt Kestey Radio
- Sgt Tom Koski Top T.
- Sgt Magee Ball T.
- Sgt Small R. Waist
- Sgt Crowther L. Waist
- Sgt W.F. Baker Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Priority? Time: 1510
 Alternate Height: 22,500
 Last Resort Heading: HS mag.
 (check)

*HD 20-30 seconds
bomb run*

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

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

not observable due to weather & vapor trails

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

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6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned, time, place, height of turn.) *as ordered 9 miles off alt*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, moderate or slight)	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Flak at Tripoli (9 miles off course) Heavy low but stepped up fairly accurate

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 4-5 Place Target area
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number _____ Time _____ Place _____ Height _____

did not fire guns

Notes:

c. C U S: DESTROYED _____ T O R N A B L E _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

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

none

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNIC I FAILURES: supercharge regulator of NO. 1 engine fell off at take off. NO 2 supercharge ran away at altitude.

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

15 Fighte support excellent

S - 2 OFFICER Joseph F. D'Sullivan TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 407 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation left wing Rightly Bomb load 6x1000
front element

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

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

- HARWOOD Pilot
- Clymer Co-P
- Whiteman Nav.
- Zabawa Bomb.
- Robel Radio
- Enloe Top T.
- Eriksen Ball T.
- Pekett R. Waist
- Buchanan L. Waist
- Collette Tail G.

*One spitfire shot down
just before target -
Flack.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
 Alternate Height: 23000
 Last Resort Heading: mag 40°
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Couldn't see -

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: nil

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned, by, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered except return over England East of London

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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*5 Min. After entering coast slight heavy flak -
 About 10 - 16 gun emplacements - Flack burst left and below
 None over target*

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place 3 over coast going out
 Time _____ Height 23000
 b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
		<u>none</u>	

Notes:

one #w 190 + one #w 109 shot down by spotters just before reaching target

c. Claims: DESTROYED none PROBABLY none DAMAGED none

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

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

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

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.) none

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

none

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Left waist heating unit (outplug out)
Tail gunners heating unit out

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

Spit. cover damn good

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JR Harmon

TIME COMPLETED 1718

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By ALB DHC

SQUADRON 368 GROUP _____ A/C Number 487 Date 13 Mar

Position in formation #2 in lead. Bomb load _____

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

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

is.

- Rally ^{CHEW} Pilot
- Judds Co-P
- Ross Nav.
- Tragiano Bomb.
- Nelson Radio
- Downard Top T.
- Curry Ball T.
- Off R. Wais
- Goss L. Wais
- McKeage Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary -- Time:

Dropped at Poix

Alternate -- Height: 23000'

Last Resort-Heading: 88° mag.
(check)

- Downard Top T.
- Curry Ball T.
- Off R. Wais
- Goss L. Wais
- McKeage Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

nil.

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

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Take ?

On way in a few burst at least very ineffectual

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SQUADRON 423 GROUP _____ A/C Number 218 Date 13 March

Position in formation #3 in 2nd fl. Bomb _____

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

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress? Check Pilot
Saw 1 B17 Peel off after Wigginton Co-P
less entering French coast. Blanchett Nav.
Ford Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: Thomson Thornes Radio
Primary No Time: 1510 Dropped out in Sawick Top T.
field.
Alternate No Height: 25000' Bealoga Ball T.
Last Resort No Heading: 45° mag. Trenary R. Waist
(check) Bobbitt L. Waist
Lamb Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 X 1000 Jettisoned: - Returned: -

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or _____ rs)
Nil. Other groups had fair hits not on
AP but in yards.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: -

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) South of course over coast
observed as ordered.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Coast going in at 1450 23000 probably at
Le Treport. Good for alt but not for direction.

? Bursts over target believed to have hit Spit

Few bursts on way out over coast
- not good.

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FORMATION 369 GROUP _____ A/C Number 488 Date _____

Position in formation as given Bomb load 6 X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? no
Details:

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress? Casey Pilot
1 Turned away K.G. Ross Co-P
from group in W.H. Owens Nav.
front - A.L. Millburn Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
Primary Time: ? Jeannot's Radio
Alternate Height: 24,000 Wainwright Top T.
Last Resort Heading: 24,000 Raidline Ball T.
(check) s/s C.C. Collins R. Wait
Compass Borgym L. Wait
was out - P.D. Small Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 4 X 1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For: this plane or others)
Hit farm land - 2 X 1000
back

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes no
Yes None
(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.) of actual target

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Acc. as to alt. over Dieppe
but deflection

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number	Time	Place	Height
1		Head on attack from 12 o'clock	
		low with Spit on tail	
		Missed went under Spit alongside	

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

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

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

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

No

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

No

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

2 Bombs didn't release

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

Weather

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Weld

TIME COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 466 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation lead #2 elem. Bomb load 6 x 1000
center

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

CREW

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress? LT. W. N. SMILEY Pilot

" R. C. MILLER Co-P

" M. M. STRAUSS Nav.

" W. W. BRUNIG Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

7/5 D. B. HEPLER Radio

Primary Time: 1509 1/2

7/5 R. C. CLIFTON Top T.

Altitude Height: 23000'

5/5 R. C. CLARK Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 45°
(check) POIX

5/5 W. R. PAYNE R. Waist

5/5 J. M. SPIROW L. Waist

5/5 L. J. SLIFF Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Haze & Clouds - couldn't see target

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? K 20

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) See Nas. Log.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Coast - low inaccurate (24000') 5 bursts at a time black.

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number 2-3 ^{FW190} Place Over France
Time _____ Height _____

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

Number	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

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

Spit cover good

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

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

*Guns froze, 1000' per min let down
too d - in fast.*

S - 2 OFFICER Skalak TAC TIME COMPLETED 1735

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 729 Date _____

Position in formation Leader of left Squad Bomb load 6 X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No Group ahead

Details:

Flak 10 miles S.E. of Dieppe has B17, left formation hit by
Flak, under control.

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

Howard Pilot
Holmstrom Co-P
Bacon Nav.
Zinkovich Bomb.
Lightbown Radio
Gordon Top T.
Pappas Ball T.
Higham R. Waist
Smith CB L. Waist
Cox Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ? Time: 1508 hrs

alternate Height: 23000

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

Reached primary at 1515

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
few bombs hitting river do not know exact location

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

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) Went too far south of I.P.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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1451 Dieppe? accurate not intense
six bursts every ten seconds

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9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
a. Total E/A seen: Number None Place 5 miles of Abbeville
Time _____ Height 12,000

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

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>No encounters</u>			

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

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

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, aid received.) none

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) none

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: reperabarger inboards flaps leaking #3 oil pressure down

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

S - 2 OFFICER Capt W. W. Glass TIME COMPLETED 10 minutes

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 422 Date 3/13/43

Position in formation _____ Bomb load 6 X 1000.

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

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

1 B17 hit by flak at coast + turn back. Still under control 1 engine working. Spite engine down.

CREW

Hopkins Pilot
Pipp Co-P
Flower Nav.
Mellello Bomb.
Williams B.C. Radio
Rogers Top T.
Zaban Ball T.
LUSIC R. Waist
Roskorich L. Waist
Babbs. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
 Alternate Height: 22800
 Last Resort Heading: 7750
 (check)

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

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

*Hit formation between T.P. + target. Could see marshalling yards ahead but clouds covered target at time of bombing.
 Hitville Bombed well by group on left.*

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

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: None

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

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
1457.	Bombing in form coast.	23000				Alt. good but left final acc
1500	near coast		Slight and moderate			5000 feet low

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SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 507 Date 13 March 42

Position in formation No 3 front element Bomb load 6-1000

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

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Raw Spitfire hit by F Waaabergel

- CHW
- Lt. Gillego Pilot
 - Lt. Price Co-P
 - Lt. C. G. Jones Nav.
 - Sgt. A. G. H. H. Bomb.
 - Sgt. John Radio
 - Sgt. Schmidt Top T.
 - Sgt. Wanner Ball T.
 - Sgt. Schmidt R. Waist
 - Sgt. Rankin L. Waist
 - Sgt. Hayward Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary? Time: 7455

Alternate Height: 22,700

Last Resort Heading: 56
(check)

2 minutes bomb run

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

difficult to estimate because of overcast & vapor trails.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned by, time, place, height of turn.) *as ordered*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Little at coast of France - Cayeux; heavy low Pennaculate

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 1.13 GROUP 306 A/C Number 779 Date 13-3-43

Position in formation ✓ Bomb load 6x1000

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

CREW

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

Sheele Pilot

~~Two~~ one B17 turned back just before coast - ~~retreating~~ spins around

Jones Co-P

one ~~target~~ between coast + target on way in turned back - escorted by

Simmons Nav.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: 4 Spits

Hull Bomb.

Primary Time: 15:09

Estymachos Radio

Alternate Height: 22,900

McGellin Top T.

Last Resort Heading: 30°
(check)

Piotrowski Ball T.

Berwin R. Waist

Durham L. Waist

Moot Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Hits on tracks to left ~~of target~~

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

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered - 15 minutes late over target

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

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

Pop-p- on Group ahead - 306 detoured -

nil

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SQUADRON 306 GROUP 368 A/C Number 67 Date 13-3

Position in formation Lead Bomb load 6x1000

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

CREW

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress? MacKay - Pilot

Reber Co-P

Boring Nav.

Rassakowsh Bomb.

Arnold Radio

Christain Top T.

Kemberling Ball T.

Temmerhut R. Waic

Bohl Dohlund L. Waic

Brostman - Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alt. rnate. Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

15' Bombed (2) targets
RR tracks + Bldgs
POIX
23000
50°

Didn't show flak

only one ship
dropped bombs at
amies

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

none

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

5 miles S of Course

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Other Data
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On Coast La Report 6 gun battery

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To left

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SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 477 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation #2 in 2nd El. Bomb load 6x1000

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

CREW

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? Magellan Pilot

Vinnet Vinnet Co-P

Howenstein Nav.

Trawis Bomb.

Sparkes Radio

Hinebaugh Top T.

Fatigage Ball T.

Dicks R. Waist

Means L. Waist

Rosati Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1514

Alternate Height: 72900

Last Resort Heading: 40°
(check)

near the primary - about 12 miles.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

The bombs hit in a field. They bombs hit just W. of target in a built up area and one line of tracks were hit.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: ✓

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If return, time, place, height of turn.) *They think they were on course.*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light or heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in Relation to A/C	Other Data
	<u>15 miles in from coast - H.S.</u>					<u>low + 7000 feet</u>

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By RLB/DHC MABA Date 1/8/91

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 180 Date 13/3/44

Position in formation #4 in 2nd El. Bomb load 6 x 1000

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

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW

P.W. Smith Pilot
D.T. Kenaley Co-P
Gorman Nav.
Mary Bomb.
Norm Radio
Bezak Top T.
H.W. Wilson Ball T.
Wentworth R. Waist
Start L. Waist
Counts Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

✓ Primary Time: 1509 1/2
 Alternate Height: 23500
 Last Resort Heading: 180°
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

Not observed because of clouds.
The bombs of the 91st hit in the village and not on the target.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: ✓

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

Were very south of course on the way in - came in near
 8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home. Let report - see page 70

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in re- lation to a/c	Other Data
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On the way in - H.M. - inaccurate - low & to our left.

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SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number R5994 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation #2nd 4th E Bomb load 6 x 1000

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

CREW

Frighly A/C in any kind of distress?

R.W. Fortin Pilot

D. Farrell Co-P

T.H. Walden Nav.

Sgt. W.R. Clark Bomb.

J.A. Gunn Radio

G. Klusick Top T.

W.G. Hicks Ball T.

W.J. Standish R. Waist

E.J. Miller L. Waist

E. Kennedy Tail T.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1510

Alternate Height: 23000

Last Resort Heading: 50°
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 x 1000 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

Not observed because of clouds + haze.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Were ~~some~~ course on way in France crossing ~~of~~ the report.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Flak as we crossed the coast on the way -
Slight, ~~and~~ dec. as to alt. but off to our left

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SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 5072 Date 13 March 43

Position in formation hor-^{lead sq} rec'd on Bomb load

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

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

saw two about over french coast

CREW

- Pt Fischer Pilot
- Pt McKearn Co-P
- Pt Bennett Nav.
- Sgt Bowles Bomb.
- Sgt Moss Radio
- Sgt Breator Top T.
- Sgt S. Clark Ball T.
- Sgt Pease R. Waist
- Sgt Haefl L. Waist
- Sgt C. Smith Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

not observable; saw other bombs hit on R R track. saw big fire

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned by, time, place, height of turn.) *off course by 10 miles - Le Treport*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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Flak low, left at coast

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 355 A/C Number 560 Date 13 March

Position in formation no 3 second down Bomb load 6-1000

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

Frichtly A/C in any kind of distress?

*raw one B7F about over coast
of France after meeting flak
bursts*

CREW

L. Demaria Pilot

W. Littlejohn Co-P

A. Jones (RAF) Nav.

L. Colantoni Bomb.

Ogil Drinnan Radio

Sgt 1126 Top T.

Sgt Rose Ball T.

Sgt 1124 R. Waist

Sgt Adams L. Waist

Major Schmidt Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

? Primary Time: 1509

alternate Height: 23,200

Last Resort Heading: 45 mag.
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

*hit in a field - about 1/2 miles short
of target*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ord. red.) (If return, day, time, place, height of turn.) 7 miles south of Pointe

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light: heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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*Flak over coast - Le Troport - heavy
- came in bursts of fire
accurate*

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