

HEADQUARTERS 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
United States Forces

APO 557  
14 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative  
Mission: Dresden, Germany

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

1. Narrative

The 306th Group flew 39 A/C including 4 PFF A/C and 3 spares on 40th "C". Route: Left Felixstowe-1007; Dutch coast 5240N x 0433E, 1045 hours; IP 5053N x 1223E, 1206 hours; target Dresden, 1218 hours; from 10 to 15 miles north of course between 1250°E and 1000°E; Ostend 1557 hours; English coast 5150N x 0115E, 1633; base 1720.

The low squadron followed lead over Dresden but failed to drop. Made 130 degree turn to left, taking I.P. northeast of target, dropping at 1230 hours on heading of 239 degrees. 5018N x 1253E, 1258 hours; 2 miles south of Plauen 1314; 5019N x 1135E, 1327; 5040N x 0912E, 1402; 5023N x 0859E, 1411; then substantially on course to Ostend, 1615; 5 miles south of Clacton, 1653; base 1736.

Buckeye said the clouds were up to 28,000, breaking abruptly on approach to target. Advised not trying to go underneath.

All P.F.F. equipment worked satisfactorily.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

At 1233, low squadron, after a second run on target, was flying alone in area between Dresden and Chemnitz. One A/C 916-N, pilot Melchman #2 of low element, was straggling, when 3 F.W. 190's in line abreast closed from 5 or 6 o'clock level. As tail gunner opened fire, at 600 yards, F.W.'s broke line abreast formation, one flying high, other two below. High F.W. flew directly over Melchman's A/C and attacked 466-N, pilot Carder, #3 in low element, this A/C receiving serious damage. The other two F.W.'s broke off to the right, one attacking 814-N, pilot Sautercock, #6 in lead element, damaging this A/C severely, and wounding two crew members. The other, closed to within 100 yards of lead A/C of high element, A/C 297-N, pilot Wood, and is claimed as destroyed by Wood's top turret gunner. F.W.'s had time for only one pass, as they were immediately bounced by P-51 escort. Several crews, including 297-N report P-51's knocked down the F.W. which attacked Carder's A/C.

Our A/C 185-J, pilot Lewis, #3 in high element, did not return, and may have borne brunt of attack reported by Wood. Fighter support was close and good.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

None at target. Total damages to our A/C 2 slight. Damage inaccurate tracking north of Kassel, at Chemnitz, North of Frankfurt, over front lines.

4. Bombing

The 306th as 40th "C" bombed Dresden PFF. Each squadron made its own run, lead dropping at 1218 on a heading of 66 degrees, high at 1219, heading 62 degrees. Low failed to pick up blip on first sighting, and made a second run on practically a reciprocal heading, dropping at 1230, 239 degrees. Photos show no strikes, 8 to 9/10 cloud cover, very faint ground detail at bombs away, probably not plottable.

5. Nickels  
A/C 896/X, p.

and two FG-34's on Dresden.

6. Weather  
3/10 cloud top 2000 feet over England at take off. Clear over channel and at Dutch Coast. Over Holland, scattered low cloud with streaks of cirrus at 23,000 feet. Heavy haze and very dense persistent contrails between eight and eleven degrees with increasing low clouds. Near I.P. Buckeye said soup was up to 28,000 feet, coming down "like a shelf" toward target. 8 to 9/10 low cloud, tops 6,000, with light haze and light non persistent contrails in target area. Route out 8 to 10/10 undercast breaking north of Frankfurt. 2/10 low clouds over France and Channel. Clear over England on return.

7. Observations  
M/Y at Fulda shows bomb craters. Heavy concentration of vehicles parked at edge of gorge at approximately 5020N x 1140E.  
Three V-2 contrails at 1105 coming from approximately 10 miles south of 5238N x 0700E.  
Huge oil fire and explosion at Ostend in ship channel. Black smoke up to 7,000 feet.  
Smoke screen on Rhine below Frankfurt.  
What appeared to be concentration of trucks or tanks at 5029N x 0720E.  
Factory area burning at Chemnitz.

8. A/C In Distress  
Our A/C 185-J, pilot Lewis, left formation shortly after fighter attack 1233 hours, Chemnitz - Dresden area. One chute reported (may not have been from Lewis' A/C). Pilot Hathaway, A/C 914-B, says Lewis did a 180 and headed east.  
An unidentified fighter seen to go down at 1358 hours at approximately 5025N x 0900E.  
A B-17 blow up in the Frankfurt area about 1430 hours. Plane believed from 3rd Division, "J" in square 390th Group.  
One B-24 was seen to crash 5 miles south of Ostend.  
A plane, type unknown, was seen going down one mile south of Koblenz - hit by flak - one engine on fire. No chutes.  
Four chutes seen near the ground at 1452 hours at approximately 5025N x 0620E. Reported by two crews.

9. A/C Landing Wey  
A/C 908-J, pilot Higginbotham, landed at B-53.  
A/C 975-F, pilot Henley, landed at B-53.  
A/C 713-K, pilot Carakostas, left formation at 1516 hours between Liège and Brussels, reporting to lead he intended to land.

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



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~~at~~ 1152, Buckeye said the clouds were up to 28,000, breaking abruptly  
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~~RIGHTER~~ FIGHTER SUPPORT: Excellent fighter support picked up at Dutch  
Coast at 1045 hours. Gave close support to target and ~~were~~ were on  
hand when low squadron was attacked. Good support all the way out.

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40th "C"  
LEAD

Formation 14 February, 1945

LaVier  
Stewart  
027-U Pff

Equipment  
N. orth  
no sun

Half or 4 pm  
not until 5 pm  
- make run on  
bottles

✓ Patton  
683-J

✓ Higgenbotham  
908-J

✓ Glacy  
588-E Pff

✓ Tinkham  
619-S

✓ Fields  
515-O

✓ Smith  
412-T

✓ Turner  
824-S

✓ Carakostas  
713-E

✓ Strode  
767-E

(Woodbridge)

✓ Weir  
302-Z

✓ Brasch  
133-W

✓ Spare Pawalko  
913-P

Carakostas  
in 2000 across  
path 30 miles sep

Buckey said up to 28000  
down like a pencil on  
ground toward target  
D.O. no advice  
under 25000 ft

7280  
in target  
Bounded in by eadrons  
Pff North part of man

Landed  
left  
dropped  
back to  
ground  
before  
flight  
Mullerhead  
On way  
back

167

Separated  
Beautiful support  
Morris  
802-F

Underwood  
362-L Pff  
rejoined  
head-on

✓ Hathaway  
914-B

✓ Wood  
297-W

✓ Carder  
466-G

✓ McGahan  
916-W

✓ Olsen  
928-L

✓ Lewis  
185-J

✓ Healey  
915-F

3-190's  
Laguna

✓ Sandercock  
814-S

✓ McKimsey  
028-D

✓ Spare Hartshorn  
323-X

80  
9:11  
Very high  
Heavy persistent clouds  
High dark cloud

10000  
12 A/c alone  
one pass from tail  
530 level  
1 high

Flak from Gotha  
near him

13000  
5000-12000  
on way out

HIGH

27000  
stuffed out top  
Turned south

✓ Wilke  
368-E Pff

✓ No  
vis  
coll on  
Comms

76000  
on way out

Not as bad  
coming back

✓ Lindsay  
807-F

✓ Blackshaw  
376-F

✓ Hallen  
598-Q

✓ Bowley  
181-B

✓ Hiney  
616-X

✓ Schafer  
474-V

✓ Gibson  
749-D

✓ Callahan  
301-U

✓ Hanson  
896-X  
(nickels)  
8-7303  
2-834

None visible  
6 to 8/10  
Hypocent

✓ Hedley  
585-X

✓ Ruggier  
418-J

✓ Spare Leigh  
198-D

50 cal  
Denny  
5000  
on way out

AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

14 February 1945  
(1/15)

SQDN.	TYPE A/C	SERIAL NO.	FLAK	20MM	.303	50CAL FIRE	50CAL SHOTS	DAYS EST IN-OP	
367th	J	44-8908	<i>landed on Continent</i>						
	S	44-8904	O						
	W	42-97138	O						
	Z	43-38502	O						
	Q	43-38683	O						
Spare	P	43-39918	O						
	O	44-8618	O						
	T	43-38412	O						
368th	P.F.F. Y	44-8203	O						
	B	43-38914		Sev					
	K	43-38148	O						
	L	44-6928	O						
	O	43-39028	O						
	G	44-6614	O						
	F	43-38908	O						
	H	43-38916	O						
	Q	44-6486		Sev					
Spare	W	42-97332	O						
	V	42-31474	O						
369th	B	43-37619	Shl						
	H	43-38768	O						
	K	43-38718	<i>Outstanding</i>						
	H	42-97897	O						
	F	42-102976	<i>landed on Continent</i>						
	J	42-97185	<i>Outstanding</i>						
	B	42-97181	O						
	K	42-97896				Sev			

<u>TOTAL DAMAGED</u>	<u>SEVERE</u>	<u>SLIGHT</u>	<u>FLAK</u>	<u>20MM</u>	<u>.303</u>	<u>50Cal Fire</u>	<u>50Cal Shell Cases</u>
5	3	2	2	2	0	1	0
<u>MISSING</u>	<u>ABORTIONS</u>	<u>AOC</u>					
2	1	2					





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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR DIVISION  
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D-M-8

IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. 232, 0530 hours, 15 February, 1945.

This report covers strike attack photography of the 91st, 92nd, 303rd, 305th, 306th, 351st, 379th, 381st, 384th, 398th, 401st and 457th Bombardment Groups taken during the mission of 14 February, 1945 to TARGETS IN GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

**DRESDEN, GERMANY**

The target was the city of DRESDEN, the historical capital of SAXONY, and an industrial center of considerable importance. It is one of the finest residential cities in GERMANY with a population of 650,000.

Due to cloud cover of 7/10 to 10/10 density combined with smoke from fires started by the attack of the R.A.F. on the night of 13/14 February, most of the bombs dropped on this target could not be plotted and only a few bomb strikes could be pin-pointed.

Of the 27 concentrations dropped on this target, 11 could be plotted. However, portions of these were partially obscured.

Three concentrations of general purpose bombs could be seen bursting in the DRESDEN-FRIEDRICHSTADT MARSHALLING YARD AREA. A few bomb bursts could be pin-pointed in the forwarding sidings area. However, the main weight of bombs appears to have fallen across the central portion of the marshalling yard and into an industrial area immediately adjacent to the northern edge of the yard.

Two, possibly three concentrations of bombs could be seen in the LOBTAU MARSHALLING YARD AREA, 1 mile S.E. of the DRESDEN FRIEDRICHSTADT YARDS in the central portion of the city. Hits could not be pin-pointed, however, two explosions were seen. Immediately adjacent to both the eastern and western sides of the yard are built-up industrial areas. There is a high probability that severe damage will result in these areas.

Three heavy concentrations of general purpose bombs fell into the RACKNITZ DISTRICT, 1 1/2 miles S.E. of the center of the city. This area is a compact residential area (40% to 70%) built-up. Fires could be seen burning in this area late in the attack and severe damage can be expected.

Two concentrations of bombs could be plotted in the LEHNITZ-COTTA DISTRICT, 1 1/2 miles N.W. of the center of the city. These areas are residential (40% to 70%) built-up and damage should be severe.

At least one concentration of general purpose bombs could be seen bursting in the ZSCHERTNITZ DISTRICT. This area is suburban (10% to 40%) built-up. Damage should be moderate.

Target markers and bomb area photography indicate that the majority of bombs dropped fell into heavily built-up areas of the city. Damage to the city should be severe.

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LEGEND TO SUPPLEMENT OF IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION  
REPORT NO. 232, 15 February, 1945

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. 379 LEAD (BOILBS AWAY)      | <u>41ST A GROUP</u> | 12. 457 LEAD LOW AND HIGH       | <u>94TH B GROUP</u>            |
| 2. 379 LOW (BOILBS AWAY)       |                     |                                 |                                |
| 3. 379 HIGH (BOILBS IN FLIGHT) |                     |                                 |                                |
| 4. 303 LEAD (BOILBS AWAY)      | <u>41ST B GROUP</u> | 13. 384 LEAD AND LOW            | <u>41ST C GROUP</u>            |
| 303 LOW (10/10 CLOUD)          |                     | 14. 384 HIGH (BOILBS IN FLIGHT) |                                |
| 5. 303 HIGH (BOILBS IN FLIGHT) |                     |                                 |                                |
| 6. 401 HIGH                    | <u>94TH A GROUP</u> | 15. 351 LEAD (10/10 CLOUD)      | <u>94TH C GROUP</u>            |
| 7. 401 LEAD AND LOW            |                     | 351 LOW (BOILBS IN FLIGHT)      |                                |
|                                |                     | 351 HIGH (UNABLE TO PLOT)       |                                |
|                                |                     | 16. UNIDENTIFIED                |                                |
| 8. 305 LEAD (NO PIX)           | <u>40TH A GROUP</u> |                                 | <u>1ST A GROUP</u>             |
| 9. 305 LOW                     |                     |                                 | 398 LEAD LOW AND HIGH (PRAGUE) |
| 9. 305 HIGH (BOILBS AWAY)      |                     |                                 |                                |
|                                |                     |                                 | <u>1ST B GROUP</u>             |
| 10. 92 LEAD                    | <u>40TH B GROUP</u> |                                 | 91 LEAD (UNIDENTIFIED)         |
| 11. 92 LOW (BOILBS AWAY)       |                     |                                 | 91 LOW AND HIGH (PRAGUE)       |
| 92 HIGH (INADEQUATE PIX)       |                     |                                 | <u>1ST C GROUP</u>             |
|                                |                     |                                 | 381 LEAD AND HIGH (BRUX)       |
|                                |                     |                                 | 381 LOW (NO PIX)               |
|                                |                     |                                 |                                |
|                                | <u>40TH C GROUP</u> |                                 |                                |
| 306 LEAD (UNABLE TO PLOT)      |                     |                                 |                                |
| 306 LOW (10/10 CLOUD)          |                     |                                 |                                |
| 306 HIGH (UNABLE TO PLOT)      |                     |                                 |                                |

*John B. Wright*  
Capt ac  
for

JOHN B. WRIGHT;  
Col., GSC,  
Director of Intelligence.

R E S T R I C T E D

SQUADRON ~~6 x 500~~ 123 A/C Number 570 Letter 7 Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation 40 C Lead

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Re: shoot 765-M at 1240 hours, Col LaVier called Colgate and 765-M was under way to give him support. Fighters acknowledged.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Captain F. J. Stewart          P
- Lt. Col. E. C. LaVier          CP
- 2nd Lt. R. A. Atherton          M
- 2nd Lt. R. C. Cheney          M
- 1st Lt. C. R. Dimter          B
- T/Sgt. J. R. Hathaway          RO
- T/Sgt. D. D. Erwin          E
- S/Sgt. E. C. Herold          BT
- S/Sgt. M. B. Westmoreland          WG
- 2nd Lt. W. Quan          ## RN
- F/O A. H. Lemmon, Jr.          TG

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

1576 hours: leaving formation, having trouble w/ prop, might not make it to base. 1/2 way between Fresno & Bussell

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or visual)

PFF Primary: Time: 1218  
Secondary: Heading: 66 way  
Last Resort: Height: 25,500

T.O. (Circle One) gradually  
Turn off target: to 250

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

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

Own Bombs: Could see north part of town near M/Y. thick black smoke. hot open enemy. An. Attacks: Yes No  
Other Bombing: for visual correction. (slight correction). Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on \_\_\_\_\_  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_ at 1152 hours.

6. WEATHER: 3 bands, 30 miles wide, at 0700, 0800 + 1200 E.  
We flew through clouds, at 25000 ft from 1200 E to target.  
Breaking up near the target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Ad clouds up to 25000 then down like shell approaching target. Ad note 90 under it.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Heavy persistent contrails, 24,500 to 25,500, + at 26000 moderate semi-persistent.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Another group, after turn off target, was heavily hit by flak, off to our left. hit at us.

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 369 ~~370~~ a/c Number 588 Letter 6 Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 5 x 500 4 x M17 ✓ H.E.

Position - n Formation 40 C  
Lead

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1719

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes (No)  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

1358 hrs. 5025N 0900E - fighter  
going down.

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

1st Lt. R. H. Clays P  
2nd Lt. D. G. Schertz CP  
2nd Lt. A. Varnado N  
2nd Lt. J. A. Fredericks B  
T/Sgt. R. G. McKay RO  
T/Sgt. W. J. Schultz E  
Sgt. R. Pekofski WG  
Sgt. W. Smatlach TG  
Brandt RM

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218  
 Secondary: Heading: 059 M.  
 Last Resort: Height: 25,200  
 T.O. 282 m.  
 (Circle One)  
 Turn off target: 088 m.

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

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

Own Bombs: \_\_\_\_\_ an, Nickels: Yes (No)

Other Bombing: \_\_\_\_\_ Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

6. WEATHER: circus - fronts - 26,000'  
8/10 - 20,000'; Cumulus 7,000'  
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

7. CONDENSATION TAILS: Heavy - Painted - Target - Lt. run - pers. at  
Lt. out. Target.  
8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), altitude, moderate or light	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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505 N 0804 - Kellenbach - Meager - Tracking - yes  
Font lines out - went around - ahead + west and

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 908 Letter J Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6x500 4M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1620

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Lead  
Squad

4 B-53 14-2-45

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Took Off 1530 Rome } 16-2-45 2nd Lt  
Landed 1650

Friendly A/C in distress:

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

V.E. Higginbottom P

2nd Lt Burton, D.W. CP

F/O Lewinstone L. N

Landed at B-53 with 50 gals gas.  
80 A/C there, too many crews and gave best treatment possible.  
These gas supplies in tanks.

T/Sgt. N. McComaughy TOG

Sgt. P.H. Rueschhoff RO

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

V. Pacchioni Paul Pacchioni E

Primary:

Time:

Sgt. Roberts, E.F. BT

Secondary:

Heading:

S/S C. Calengor WC

Last Resort:

Height:

Sgt R.T. Huuck WC TG

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: -180° M

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

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

Own Bombs:

15/10 unobserved

an, Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

outlines of whole area were visible with accuracy

Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on

Hand X Movie X

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

6. WEATHER:

Right target 10/10 - 5/6/10 over Rome in.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Present but continuous

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target none  
fired on 20 miles West of Export 1152 not accurate  
Frankfurt zone at observed, very accurate

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*Excellent*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. 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, now enemy installations.)

*Too much cloud  
Broken to 10/10*

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*interceptor, jinx gate gyro instruments*

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*In spite of very crowded quarters 92 men in Room 2nd Seminary slept in halls. - no comment*

S-2 OFFICER

*Seath*

TIME COMPLETED

*6-2-45*

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 804 Letter J Date 14-2-45 <sup>4</sup>

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40C Lead

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

*Landed B-53 - for gas*

CRNR: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. B. Turner, Jr.          P
- 2nd Lt. J. W. Kidwell          CP
- F/O J. L. Avitt          N
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Johnson          B
- S/Sgt. E. F. Heyer          RO
- S/Sgt. C. S. Sostowski          E
- S/Sgt. S. D. Robinson          BT
- S/Sgt. J. N. Thompson          KG
- Sgt. W. H. Cranford (SJ)          WG
- S/Sgt. F. V. Menzie          TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218  
 Secondary: Heading: 70  
 Last Resort: Height: 25300

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target: 185

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels:          Yes          No

Other Bombing: Number and type:         

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no.  
Hand          Movie         

6. WEATHER:  WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?         

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*None at target*  
*Explos: 5033-1102 - meager, damage*  
*Saw flak at 5033-1337*

(Location and length of fight)

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(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*Good support. Picked up at close support at 1104-5247-0715. Saw together in area 20 min earlier. Red heads with yellow stripe on rudder on target.*

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

11. 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.)



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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*Flux gate troubles*

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*Left squadron because of gas - landed at 8:53 - came back alone.*

-2 OFFICER Scheiter TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation 40 C  
Lead

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1717

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in Distress:  
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
 If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. W. Brasch  P
- F/O R. W. Grunski  CP
- F/O H. E. LeCompte  N
- Sgt. A. E. Dulli  B
- Sgt. J. A. Hutledge  RO
- S/Sgt. T. C. Schuster  E
- Sgt. R. E. Niznik  BT
- Sgt. R. G. Clark  WG
- S/Sgt. V. D. Donohoe  TG

*Lead high said he contemplated landing in France - had trouble with*

TARGET/ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual) 2 ENCS. out (not known)

Primary: DFF Time: 1218  
Secondary: Heading: 060  
Last Resort: Height: 26000'

T.O. (Circle One)  
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: an, Nickels: Yes  No

Other Bombing: Number and type 6 x 500, 4 x M17

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical?  Was camera turned on yes  
 Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

6. WEATHER: 9/10 vis at target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Very heavy before target area. Low persistent at target.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>none at target.</u>						

Bomb Loads x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position - n Formation 40C Lead

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed 17<sup>20</sup>

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

nil

GIVE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. H. Wear ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. F. R. Specht ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. N. O. Hemfway ✓ N
- Sgt. H. W. Wertz ✓ B
- Sgt. H. R. Hall ✓ RO
- Sgt. C. D. Petitjean ✓ E
- Sgt. G. H. Allred ✓ BT
- Sgt. S. T. Kwientiewski ✓ WG
- Sgt. R. R. Arledge ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Title: 1218  
Secondary: Heading: 65  
Last Resort: Height: 25000  
T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target: 180

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs.

an, Nickals: No Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

5. WEATHER: high cirrus, bomb run -  
8/10 tops 15000 feet over target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

dense persistent contrails -

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target -  
5016-0626 to 5023-0618 - scattered in our burst along this route  
no flak

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Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C Lead

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
 If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. C. P. Finkham          P

2nd Lt. B. H. Grumbles          CP

2nd Lt. B. Burwick          N

Sgt. J. G. Vickrey          B

Sgt. D. E. Guttenburg          RO

Sgt. L. P. White          E

Sgt. F. L. Motisi          BT

Sgt. R. L. Hesser          WG

Sgt. H. F. Gilmore, Jr.          TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 60

Last Resort: Height: 25300

T.O. (Circle One)  
 Turn off target: 160

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (20) Jettished: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 10/10

an. Nickels:          Yes          No

Other Bombing: Number and type         

- Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes  
 Hand          Movie

WEATHER: 5/10 broken gray in 10/10  
at target - on way back 3/10 becoming clear

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?         

- CONDENSATION TRAILS:

- 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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Coming out: Frankfort base. account. L.

McGAHAN

not 2/15

CARDER  
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A/C Number 203  
Total Flying Time 9:30

A/C Number 43-38.4  
Total Flying Time 9:05

- (P) 1st Lt. Underwood, H.E.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Purnell, G.W.
- (N) 1st Lt. Wagner, P.C.
- (B) Capt. Bordner, R.E.
- (E) T/Sgt. Davelli, F.T.
- (RO) T/Sgt. Leventhal, H.
- (G) S/Sgt. Kelly, L.E.
- (G) S/Sgt. Messar, H.P.
- (RN) (C) F/O Burley, L.
- (G)

- (P) 1st Lt. Hathaway, C.B.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Huelatt, E.E.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Haining, R.W.
- (B) 2nd Lt. Urich, R.C.
- (E) T/Sgt. Popivchak, M.
- (RO) S/Sgt. Moss, W.T.
- (G) S/Sgt. Feeney, E.J.
- (G) S/Sgt. Swift, P.L.
- (G) S/Sgt. Davison, L.B.
- (G)

A/C Number 44-8588  
Total Flying Time 9:30

A/C Number 43-38916  
Total Flying Time 9:10

- (P) 1st Lt. Claeys, R.H.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Schertz, D.C.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Varnado, A.F.
- (B) 1st Lt. Frederick, J.A.
- (E) T/Sgt. Schultz, W.J.
- (RO) T/Sgt. McKay, R.G. (367)
- (G) Sgt. Smatlack, W.F.
- (G) Sgt. Pekofske, R.
- (RN) (C) 2nd Lt. Brandt, H.R. (369)
- (G)

- (P) 1st Lt. McGahan, R.H. X
- (CP) Capt. Dorich, L.B.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Hepple, M.F.
- (B) T/Sgt. Stalder, R.A.
- (E) S/Sgt. Dugard, W.T.
- (RO) Sgt. Reilly, J.J.
- (G) Sgt. Dumenigo, A.P.
- (G) Sgt. Minnucci, J.L.
- (G) Sgt. O'Brien, J.E.
- (G)

A/C Number 44-6466  
Total Flying Time 9:10

A/C Number 42-38148  
Total Flying Time 9:40

- X (P) 2nd Lt. Carder, W.D.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Mura, A.V.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Campbell, L.F.
- (B) S/Sgt. Norheim, R.H.
- (E) Sgt. Circle, R.W.
- (RO) Sgt. Goldman, L.N.
- (G) Sgt. Brown, L.F.
- (G) S/Sgt. Atwood, R.G.
- (G) S/Sgt. Bocian, R.
- (G)

- (P) 2nd Lt. Altshuler, H.P.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Forsyth, R.J.
- (N) F/O Remal, A.J.
- (B) Sgt. Alston, F.F.
- (E) Sgt. Stewart, C.D.
- (RO) Sgt. Curry, L.R.
- (G) Sgt. Fayette, R.R.
- (G) Sgt. Riedel, A.J.
- (G) Sgt. Trammell, E.H.
- (G)

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A/C Number 42-97323  
Total Flying Time 9:30

SANDERCOCK

A/C Number 43-39028  
Total Flying Time 9:20

- (P) 2nd Lt. Hartshorn, R.T.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Hunt, E.E.
- (N) 2nd Lt. LeKashman, R.L.
- (B) S/Sgt. Itle, L.A.
- (E) Sgt. Blakey, M.L.
- (RO) Sgt. McDonald, L.J.
- (G) Sgt. Conrod, E.P.
- (G) Sgt. Allen, W.K.
- (G) Sgt. Leavell, A.B.
- (G)
- (G)

- (P) 2nd Lt. McKinny, N.W.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. McCalley, A.J.
- (N) 1st Lt. Norris, J.H.
- (B) Sgt. Pinela, J.
- (E) Sgt. Warren, L.F.
- (RO) Sgt. Feigum, J.
- (G) Sgt. Eaton, S.H.
- (G) Sgt. Foley, T.R.
- (G) S/Sgt. Bowers, W.M.
- (G) Sgt. Shacklett, J.H.

A/C Number 44-6928  
Total Flying Time 9:35

A/C Number 44-6814  
Total Flying Time 9:50

- (P) 2nd Lt. Olsen, B.L.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Greer, P.H.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Jaeger, J.M.
- (B) 2nd Lt. Long, J.W.
- (E) Sgt. Foster, L.
- (RO) Sgt. Ramsey, A.
- (G) Sgt. Reppy, H.
- (G) Sgt. Gerlach, J.W.
- (G) Sgt. Pospiech, F.
- (G)

- (P) 2nd Lt. Sandercock, D.M. X
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Cohn, H.B.
- (N) 2nd Lt. Blouch, W.
- (B) Sgt. Rommanelli, R.
- (E) Sgt. Frazier, B.H.
- (RO) Sgt. Kuharich, C.
- (G) Sgt. Sutor, M.O.
- (G) Sgt. Olson, G.
- (G) Sgt. Leaptrot, H.
- (G) Sgt. McQuain, R.L.

A/C Number 43-38802  
Total Flying Time 9:05

A/C Number  
Total Flying Time

- (P) 2nd Lt. Morris, H.N.
- (CP) 2nd Lt. Butler, J.H.
- (N) F/O Lemon, C.R.
- (B) 2nd Lt. Brigg, C.R.
- (E) T/Sgt. McGilberry, S.J.
- (RO) T/Sgt. Yoder, R.J.
- (G) Sgt. Hensely, B.J.
- (G) Sgt. White, C.R.
- (G) Sgt. Bosworth, G.E.
- (G)

- (P)
- (CP)
- (N)
- (B)
- (E)
- (RO)
- (G)
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- (G)
- (G)

SQUADRON 369th.

MISSION LOADING LIST  
MISSION NUMBER 295

DATE FEB 14, 1945

WOOD

not 2/15

A/C Number 42-97297  
Total Flying Time 9:45

A/C Number 301  
Total Flying Time 9:30

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| (P) Wood, R. H. 1st. Lt.    | (T) Callahan, J. A. 2nd. Lt. |
| (CP) Norman, A. J. 2nd. Lt. | (CP) David, S. D. "          |
| (N) Lanius, W. M. "         | (N) Kane, B. E. F/O          |
| (B) Parker, B. T/Sgt.       | (B) Nelson, G. L. Sgt.       |
| (E) Richards, E. P. "       | (E) Eldridge, W. O. "        |
| (RO) Thwaite, J. E. "       | (RO) Slattery, E. J. "       |
| (C) Fitterman, I. H. S/Sgt. | (G) Lucas, E. G. "           |
| (G) Beigel, S. Sgt.         | (G) Eiler, L. V. "           |
| (G) Angelillo, M. S/Sgt.    | (G) Bornell, D. J. "         |
| (G)                         | (G)                          |

A/C Number 42-97181  
Total Flying Time 9:00

A/C Number 42-97896  
Total Flying Time 9:10

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| (P) Bowley, A. J. 1st. Lt. | (P) Hansen, D. R. 2nd. Lt.  |
| (CP) Clark, W. W. "        | (CP) Christenson, R. H. F/O |
| (N) Kurrasch, R. W. F/O    | (N) Guyser, R. P. F/O       |
| (B) Good, G. D. 2nd. Lt.   | (B) Lynch, W. I. Sgt.       |
| (E) Kruger, C. J. S/Sgt.   | (E) Conner, L. D. "         |
| (RO) Carey, G. D. T/Sgt.   | (RO) Stokoe, J. "           |
| (G) Slepicka, C. E. Sgt.   | (G) Alvitre, C. F. "        |
| (G) Weir, R. L. "          | (G) Harkness, B. E. "       |
| (G) Weber, G. A. "         | (G) Fecht, V. T. "          |
| (G)                        | (G)                         |

A/C Number 619  
Total Flying Time 9:10

A/C Number 43-38765  
Total Flying Time 10:00

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| (P) Tinkham, C. P. 2nd. Lt. | (P) Strode, L. L. 1st. Lt.   |
| (CP) Grumbles, B. H. "      | (CP) Collins, J. E. 2nd. Lt. |
| (N) Burwick, B. "           | (N) Shaw, W. F. "            |
| (B) Vickroy, J. G. Sgt.     | (B) Parks, H. E. S/Sgt.      |
| (E) White, L. P. "          | (E) Wood, M. D. "            |
| (RO) Guttenberg, D. E. "    | (RO) Jagnow, L. W. T/Sgt.    |
| (G) Motisi, F. L. "         | (G) Smith, C. E. S/Sgt.      |
| (G) Hesser, R. L. "         | (G) Davis, B. R. "           |
| (G) Gilmore, M. E. "        | (G) Geitz, F. H. "           |
| (G)                         | (G)                          |

1 B17 hit in bomb bay over Frankfurt 1430 hrs. Ship broke in two. No chutes or flames

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Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 C Lead

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed           

HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Landed at Hamstead

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C In distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 1st Lt. L. L. Strode          P
- 2nd Lt. J. E. Collins          CP
- 2nd Lt. W. F. Shaw          N
- S/Sgt. H. E. Parks          B
- T/Sgt. L. W. Jagnow          RO
- S/Sgt. M. D. Wood          E
- S/Sgt. F. H. Gatz          BT
- S/Sgt. B. R. Davis          WG
- WG
- Sgt. C. E. Smith          TG

Left formation after 1P. Dropped bombs on S.B. Follow bomber stream out until 6:00 n. E. Frankfurt. Picked 4 Low Sqdn at 1310 hrs. With them until lines 1450 hrs.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1217  
Secondary: Heading: 088  
Last Resort: Height: 26000  
T.O. (Circle One) St. ahead.  
Turn off target: 280

Followed briefed route until ostend in at Felixstowe. ~~to~~ Not

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: Hamstead  
Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others) Refueled. Then to base.

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes NC  
Number and type           

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on             
Hand            Movie           

6. WEATHER:            WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?           

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:           

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1430-1440	Frankfurt	2200	Meager	Inacc.	Low	
		5012	0739			

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Good.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. 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.)

P-51 over Frankfurt.

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: #1 eng. runaway prop at 1P. Feathered  
eng. OK. 1207 hrs. Worked OK  
Bomb bay doors wouldn't close.

15. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?) Tur. and Ball  
Tur. out.

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

OK.

-2 OFFICER

Esper.

TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 713 Letter K Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 C  
Lead

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

*fold lead navigator news leaving formation at 1516 halfway between Peize & Bunnells.*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. K. Carakostas P
- 2nd Lt. A. H. Miller CP
- F/O. P. J. Butucel N
- Sgt. S. G. Barton B
- S/Sgt. R. R. Gattis RO
- S/Sgt. L. A. Marchese E
- S/Sgt. J. J. Callahan BT
- Sgt. R. L. Tiff WG
- Sgt. G. E. Johnson WG
- Sgt. W. G. Bidwell (Spot) TG

Friendly A/C in distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause.

*landed in 1309 per sgt will 15/2/45*

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218  
Secondary: Heading: 060  
Last Resort: Height: 25,400

T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: hits in tow An. Nichols: Yes  No

Other Bombing: Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on \_\_\_\_\_  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

CONDENSATION TRAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Landed at B-58 outside Bunnells. Short of ops operations officer did a good job. ~~W. G. Bidwell~~ from front line.

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ 3 A/C Number 683 Letter      Date 14-2-45 <sup>10</sup>

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation Lead <sup>40 C</sup>

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1702

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CHEL: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. J. L. Patten      P  
 2nd Lt. R. Hopkins      CP  
 2nd Lt. R. A. Lomas      N  
 2nd Lt. R. W. Weishar      B  
 T/Sgt. W. J. Porozinski      RO  
 Sgt. N. C. Hansen      E  
 Sgt. R. F. Stetler      BT  
 Sgt. I. W. Scott      WG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ WG  
 S/Sgt. PR. Fisher      TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: DRESDEN Time: 1218  
 Secondary: Heading: 060°  
 Last Resort: Height: 25,040

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An, Nickels: Yes  No

Other Bombing: Number and type 6x500 - M17

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on No Camera  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

6. WEATHER: Cloud tops - about 25,400'  
high cumulus - @ about 18,500'  
about 8 or 9/10 BS.  
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None, present

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	Accuracy
<u>no flak over target</u>						

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*Ditched east of 1043 - P-51s stayed with formation all the way -*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. 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.)

*Two trains at Guesen Station & one going south. Unable to tell whether freight or passenger -*

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) \_\_\_\_\_

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: \_\_\_\_\_

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*Left Group over Belgium (5111N-0310E). Low on gas & low on oxygen*

SQUADRON 367 ~~###~~ A/C Number 412 Letter      Date 14-2-45 11

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 ✓ H.E. 40c  
Position - n Formation Lead

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1705

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes  No   
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. I. D. Smith      P  
2nd Lt. F. K. Shepard      CP  
2nd Lt. F. E. Ballish      N  
S/Sgt. A. Yehoda      B ✓  
T/Sgt. A. Mohinsky      RO  
T/Sgt. B. F. Munnerlyn      E  
Sgt. E. J. Mammenga      BT  
S/Sgt. C. L. Marler      KG  
          WG  
Sgt. R. L. Stafford      TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:      Time: 1238  
Secondary: Heading: 060  
Last Resort: Height: 25,000  
T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target:     

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

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

Own Bombs: 87, 10 lbs. An. Nickels:      Yes  No   
Number and type       
Other Bombing: No strikes seen.

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical?      Was camera turned on Hand      Movie     

4. WEATHER: 8/10/10ths. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?     

CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense - persistent over - mod persistent back.

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

Back at...

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 515 Letter      Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40C Lead

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed     

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

ho —

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

- #1 1st Lt. J. K. Fields      P ✓
- 2nd Lt. L. G. Casey      CP
- 2nd Lt. M. Brecher      N
- T/Sgt. J. S. Regulla      B
- T/Sgt. R. W. Search, Jr.      RO
- T/Sgt. G. H. Maddock      E
- S/Sgt. O. Gibson      BT
- S/Sgt. D. R. Brashear      RG
- WG
- S/Sgt. W. T. Gillespie      TE ✓

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 68

Last Resort: Height: 23000

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target:

2. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 22 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: an. Nickels:      Yes      No

Other Bombing: Number and type     

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on       
Hand      Movie     

3. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?     

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

4. 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 24 A/C Number 203 Letter Y Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500 - 4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C Low

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1744

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. H. E. Underwood ✓ P

2nd Lt. G. W. Purnell ✓ CP

1st Lt. P. C. Wagner ✓ N

Capt. R. E. Bordner ✓ B

T/Sgt. H. Leventhal ✓ RO

T/Sgt. F. T. Davelli ✓ E

S/Sgt. L. E. Kelly ✓ KG

S/Sgt. H. P. Meszar ✓ TG

F/O. L. W. Burley ✓ RN

*B-17 with large yellow stripes diagonally across wings seen just west of Rhine. Rudder gone. Right elevator canvas flapping.*

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, H.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

*and under good control.*

*No A/C seen to go down*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

PFF Primary:

Time: 1230/2

Secondary:

Heading: 289°M

Last Resort:

Height: 24,420

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 289°M

Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

*Nothing seen*

any Nickels: Yes (No)

Other Bombing:

Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no

Hand no Movie no

WEATHER:

*Target 7 to 80% obscured area clouds obscured target*

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

*Heavy persistent contrails over ground 6000. Light non-persistent in target area.*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*None at target*

*Cloudy area message to radio to include in*



(17)

Engl coast Clacton 19500 1007

Even coast 1045 - 5240 - 0437

1107 - 5238 - 0700

1176 - 5138 - 0800

1126 - 5232 - 0810

1136 - 5203 - 0843

1142 - 5153 - 0910

1146 - 5143 - 0920

1158 - 5036 - 1148

F.P. 1203 - 5053 - 1226

LOW  
Route

Made first run with group  
but over run target did one  
180° to left at 1217 hours.

Took an F.P. ~~run~~ to N.E. of target

Made 6 run run on target  
~~believed~~ hit S. end of  
town.

1239 - 5050N - 1335

1258 - 5018N - 1253

1314 - 2 miles south of Plauen

1327 - 5019N - 1135

1402 - 5040N - 0912

1411 - 5023N - 0859

1438 - 5007 - 0745

1508 - 5025 - 0650

1532 - 5040 - 0601

1642 - 5054 - 0408

1615 - ~~over~~

1653 - 5 miles S. Clacton

Rose 1736 - 1500 ft.



SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~660X~~ A/C Number 148 Letter      Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 C  
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 17<sup>50</sup>

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

*B-17 from 3rd Div down over  
Frankfurt area 2 miles SW.*

CHIEF: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. H. P. Altshuler P
- 2nd Lt. R. J. Forsyth CP
- 2nd Lt. A. J. Remal N
- Sgt. F. F. Alston, (Togg) B
- Sgt. L. R. Curry RO
- Sgt. C. D. Stewart E
- Sgt. R. R. Payett BT
- Sgt. E. H. Trammell KG
- Sgt. A. J. Riedel TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1230

Secondary: Heading: 218

Last Resort: Height: 25900

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target: 233

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

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

Own Bombs: 11 bombs Am. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type     

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no  
Hand      Movie     

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?     

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*None at target on first run - some on way off target on second run.*

Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E.          Position - n Formation 40C  
4 x M-17 A-84 at 1605 Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed         

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail. gassed up and T.O. at 1805 landing at Base at 1950 hrs.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
 If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

*Mr. Kabling at 1432 - B-17 blew up from flak - 2 cigarettes. Another B-17 had most of tail shot off but believe he made it into friendly territory.*

- 2nd Lt. B. L. Olsen          P
- 2nd Lt. P. H. Green          CP
- 2nd Lt. J. M. Jaeger          N
- 2nd Lt. J. W. Long          B
- Sgt. F. W. Ramsey          RO
- Sgt. L. Foster          E
- Sgt. J. W. Gerlach          BT
- Sgt. H. Reppy          KG
- WG
- S/Sgt. F. Pospiech          TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PF) or Visual

Primary:          Time: 12:31  
 Secondary:          Heading: 220  
 Last Resort:          Height: 24500  
 T.O. (Circle One)  
 Turn off target: 240

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

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

Own Bombs:          an. Nickels:          Yes          No         

Other Bombing:          Number and type         

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical?          Has camera turned on yes  
 Hand          Movie         

6. WEATHER:          WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?         

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:         

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	Accuracy
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Target none  
Chemistry - low mass tracking & barrage

SQUADRON ~~067~~ 368 ~~169XX~~

A/C Number 028

Letter

Date

14 February, 1945

Bomb Load

6 x 500

H.E.

Position in Formation

400  
Low

Time Took Off

08:05

Time Landed

1730

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

*Left over from  
no PR - (In vicinity of  
Bussell.)*

2nd Lt. N. W. McKian          P

2nd Lt. A. J. McCalley          CP

1st Lt. J. H. Morris          N

Sgt. J. Pinela (TOG.)          B

Sgt. J. A. Feigun          RO

Sgt. L. F. Warren          E

Sgt. S. H. Eaton          BT

Sgt. T. R. Foley          KG

J. H. SHACKLETT *spot summer*

S/Sgt. W. M. Bowers          TG

4. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1730

Secondary: Heading: 224

Last Resort: Height: 24,000

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes          No         

Other Bombing: Number and type 6x500

4xM175

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on?

Hand Camera in Ball - no pictures  
Movie         

WEATHER:

about 7/10s - 8/10s

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?         

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

dense persistent trails  
had over target area

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>None over target</u>						

22 'sided about  
(1235)

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

3 F-4U 1905 - smoke seen from  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (T, res)

one believed - ~~hit by~~  
(Location and length of fight)

Came in tail 3 at least  
~~but breaking to left~~ ~~two~~ ~~and breaking to~~

right - 4 circles one coming straight  
(Tactics of E/A)

P-51's were on their tails  
about 3 P-51's after them  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Very good support.

7 goggles on 323 - sent to  
see P-51 finish - him off

Ball James fired about  
20 rounds at ship - w-190 so he

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

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

(Tail James) Came straight in (about) (at least) two  
went away to James (tail) left. & one  
to the right. one on the right was smoking.  
P-51-190 burst into smoke just as he reached outside

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) No battle damage  
Ball & tail James fired at  
him

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left formation at Brussels  
Law on jet

5111

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~40~~ 40 n/C Number 814 Letter 0 Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40-C  
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

D.M.

2nd Lt. ~~W. A.~~ Sandercock P

2nd Lt. H. B. Cohn CP

2nd Lt. W. E. Blough N

Sgt. P. Romanelli (Togg) B

Sgt. C. N. Kuharich RO

Sgt. B. H. Frazier E

Sgt. H. G. Laprot BT

Sgt. M. O. Sutor WC

Sgt. R. L. McQuain spot hammer

Sgt. G. G. Olsen TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1232

Secondary: Heading: 220

Last Resort: Height: 24500 broken

T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target: 235 (1235)

Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (20) Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: An Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on None  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONDENSATION TAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target.  
Shells at target.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Three FW190's attacked from 7 o'clock level  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Times)

1235

~~1235~~ - came in line abreast, opened fire at  
(Location and length of fight)

about 600 yds. 190's opened fire at about same time.  
Each 190 attacked a different A/C - 028-0, and 916-H.

Tail chumps hit one attacking us - broke off to left  
(Tactics of E/A)

at 25 yards. Last tail g. saw of them - after attack saw  
chasing on about 5 o'clock. (about 1235 - FW190)  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

came up under A/C going away at 1 o'clock - became break  
away - 190 was ~~shot~~ shot out at

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings)

Good support. That time when trying to get guns  
to bear that's last I saw  
of him.

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

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List all 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.)

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

See front

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak + fighter

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left formation after fighters attacked (suffer shot out) at 1300. Came back alone in bomber stream. 431's + 638's gone. support in way out.

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 369 ~~22~~ a/c Number 297 Letter N Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1750

19  
40c  
Low

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

NOTE: Give rank and Initials

A/C 185 - left formation immediately after fighter attack. chute out full gear going - Lewis was 300 yds behind and started when hit.

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether U.S.A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

1st Lt. R. H. Wood (completing tour)      P

2nd Lt. A. J. Norman      CP

1st Lt. W. M. Lanus (completing tour)      N

T/Sgt. B. Parker (completing tour)      B

T/Sgt. J. E. Thwaite      RO

T/Sgt. E. P. Richards      E

Sgt. I. H. Fitterman      BT

Sgt. S. Beigel      KG

     WG

S/Sgt. M. C. Angelilli      TG

124 hrs. at target - low had made a 360 and a second run.

B-17 over Frankfurt hit by flak & chutes (3rd div.)

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1232

Secondary: Heading: 24500

Last Resort: Height: 230

T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target: 197

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs. An. Nickels: Yes None

Other Bombing: Number and type     

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes  
Hand      Movie     

5. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?     

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target - flak near Frankfurt - B-17 from 3rd div. hit over Frankfurt - chutes.

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXX~~ a/c Number 975 Letter ~~F~~ Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E. Position in Formation 40C Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

B-53

Officer: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether of A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. J. E. Henley ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. R. H. Stewart ✓ OP
- F/O. W. A. Becker ✓ N
- Sgt. Whitaker, R. ✓ B
- Sgt. D. F. McCarthy ✓ RO
- Sgt. V. J. Coppa ✓ E
- Sgt. R. C. Hanson ✓ BT
- Sgt. A. Harcarick ✓ WG
- \_\_\_\_\_ ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. F. Piepenbrink ✓ TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_ Heading: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Resort: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_  
 T.O. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Circle One)  
 Turn off target: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of bombs dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

On 14 February, 1945, at 1421st Air Division picked up a message from Lt. Henley, Aircraft 975-F, that he was low on gas and was going to land at B-53. No further message was received. 1st Air Division Flying Control contacted A.S.C. for confirmation of the landing and ~~was~~ instigated message ~~was~~ sent. It was found that there was no record of aircraft 975-F ever landing at B-53.

A.S.C. replied

Saying

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XX~~ A/C Number 185 Letter J Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation 400  
Low

Time took off 08:05 Time landed \_\_\_\_\_

1. WFF NEWS to be shown in. Yes No  
If WFF NEWS read crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

*Lost track of after night, attack*

Capt: Give rank and initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether O, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

*Pathway, stay, say, Oct 1800 -  
Heard east at 1300*

- Capt. B. B. Lewis  CP
- 2nd Lt. R. S. Whitelaw  CP
- 2nd Lt. L. A. Harrison  N
- F/O. J. R. Sicard  B
- Sgt. H. F. McChesney  RO
- T/Sgt. J. F. Standlee  E
- Sgt. A. S. Lubjacky  BT
- Sgt. F. L. McDonough  WG
- Sgt. L. Nahmias  TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_ Heading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Resort: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_  
T.O. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)  
Turn-off target: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Own Bombs: \_\_\_\_\_ An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: \_\_\_\_\_ Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on \_\_\_\_\_  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

6. WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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	Accuracy

TO: COMAIRDIV ONE  
ATTN: A-2

FROM: 306 COMBOMGR

SECRET BT

Nr. 13

Requested data on A/C suspected of landing in Russian held territory  
since January 1, 1945.

231530A

F-377-D

1. 306th Bomb Group
2. 369th Bomb Squadron
3. B.B. Lewis, Capt. A.C.
4. A/C 185-J
5. Suspected
6. Additional information:

Our A/C 185-J, pilot B.<sup>B</sup>. Lewis, Capt., A.C., left formation shortly after fighter attack 1233 hours, Chemnitz-Dresden area. 1 chute ~~reported~~ reported may not have been from Lewis' A/C. Pilot Hathaway, A/C 914-B says Lewis did 180° turn and headed east. Date of mission 14/2/45, to Dresden. ~~Group #306, Squadron #369th.~~  
~~Could only be~~ Suspected of going to Russia. ~~This is only possible case of A/C~~  
~~going to Russia.~~ 9 men, including pilot, were in A/C 185-J on this mission.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,  
Group S-2

"27 Topliff Street  
Dorchester 22, Mass  
August 4, 1945

Dear Mrs. Lubojacky,

We are very sorry to know that you have received no word of Alfred as yet.

I shall answer your two letters and hope you understand my delay. I shall also answer your questions and tell you all Frank knows about the attack.

The War Department did notify us by telegram that on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Frank was liberated and was hospitalized in the European Area. We were also notified by telegram when he arrived in So. Carolina and again when he arrived at the hospital here in Mass.

Yes, Mrs. Lubojacky Alfred was wounded during the attack. When Frank was hit he was knocked down and while he was laying on the floor he looked over toward Al's ball turret - the turret door was opened - he saw that Al was bleeding from the head -- his oxygen mask was off. Frank made an attempt to crawl over to him but could not make it. It was then that Sgt. McChesney came into the waist and put Frank's chute on him and got him out of the plane. Frank bailed out before Al and does not know what happened after that. Frank bailed out near a small town called Aussig in Czechoslovakia, which is about fifty miles from Dresden, it was in a hospital in this small town that Frank was liberated by Russians. Frank was wounded in both legs, he received a bad wound in the calf of right leg and a shattered shin bone of the left leg. He has suffered a nervous breakdown which the worse is over. He is at the Cushing General Hospital Framingham, Mass.

I hope this information will help you in determining Alfred's whereabouts. If there is any thing more we can do please let us know and we will do our best to help.

My dear Mrs. Lubojacky from what Frank has told us of your son's devotion to you and his fine character and good living I do trust you will hear from some source soon.

God give you courage in this distress. I close thinking of you I am  
Frank's Mother  
Esther McDonough"

My wording, by the way, for that "encouraged to bail out" phrase in my first letter, came from a letter that was written 22 July 1945 by Capt. Boylston B. Lewis to my grandmother. Since you are the Secretary/ Historian of the 306<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Association, and since both Capt. Lewis and my grandmother have long ago left this mortal plain, I will share with you his letter in full. My grandmother received it in 1945:

"22 July

Dear Mrs. Lubojacky:

I had hoped since returning to this country that my vacation would be made perfect by news of Alfred's return. I still feel he will come back, but since I have been informed of the safe return of my other missing crewman, Sgt. Frank McDonough, I want to tell you what I know of Alfred's becoming missing. He was in his firing position at the time repeated attacks were made on our formation. All during the attacks his guns were firing so I have no reason to believe he was hit. We received battle damage and attempted to make the Russians - closest friendly forces. Because of power failure there was no interphone and due to fire a messenger could not get through the bomb bay. We had talked about what we would do if these circumstances ever existed, and the boys in the back began bailing out, encouraged by signals from the Engineer through the flames in the bomb bay. The ship was not under attack at the time, but immediate danger of explosion existed. Two crew members reported seeing Sgt. Lubojacky jump from the main exit door, although I did not see this myself because my station is such that I could not. When I did leave the ship Alfred's guns were vertical, indicating the exit position of the turret. This was 30 minutes after the last enemy attack (time ship left formation).

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ 368 A/C Number 802 Letter F Date 14 February, 1945. 22

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 C  
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1725

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.


CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

B-24 crash 5 miles S of Oatland.  
Big oil fire at Oatland  
One plane went down 1 mile S of Oatland  
hit by flak. Flak from Oatland. One engine on fire.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual) no data

Primary: 2nd run Time: 1230

Secondary: Heading: 220°

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. 0821 Takeoff.  
(Circle One)

Turn off target: straight on

2nd Lt. H. N. Morris ✓ P

2nd Lt. J. H. Butler ✓ CP

F/O. C. R. Lemon ✓ N

2nd Lt. S. O. Briggs ✓ B

T/Sgt. R. J. Yoder ✓ RO

T/Sgt. S. J. McGillberry ✓ E

Sgt. C. R. White ✓ BT

Sgt. C. E. Bosworth ✓ WG

Sgt. B. J. Hensley ✓ TG

3. Number of Bombs dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: all bombs away  
Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: 10/10

Any Nickels: Yes  No

Other Bombing: none

Number and type 6x500 x2 incendi

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on none aboard  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

5. WEATHER:

Dense persistent contrails at 17,000+ above.  
3/10 to I.P.  
clouds.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM  
BUCKEYE? none

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Dense persistent above 17,000 ft.

7. 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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way in 1145 Kessel 2400 light black both behind accurate.  
none at target.  
way out 1246 Chinits 25,000 light 10 ft in front.

3  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

FW 190's  
(Types)

Target area between Chisney & Dunder 25,000 ft  
(Location and length of fight) alt 4 min.

Came in level from behind - one followed about 10 min  
tail attack. - Tail gunner shot at A/C but no hits.

Red stripe around tail - grey belly - Swastika on vertical  
(Tactics of E/A)

stabilizer. came straight through from 6 o'clock & sped  
off to right.  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

fighter support ahead with bulk of formation.

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>none</u>
PROBABLE	<u>none</u>
DAMAGED	<u>none</u>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List an 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.)

none

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

none

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

slight - nothing serious

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none - left waist gun froze up

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

none

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

See box jammed. - Came back in low squadron. Squadron came back alone. - Came out from 5 to 15 miles north of course. Seemed north of course at Frankfurt gap. Came straight to field from Clacton.

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 A A/C Number 916 Letter N Date 14 February, 1945.  
Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation 40C  
Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_ Low

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. H. R. McGahan ✓ P
- Capt. L. B. Dorich ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. M. F. Hepple ✓ N
- S/Sgt. A. J. Stalder ✓ B
- Sgt. J. J. Reilly ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. W. T. Dugard ✓ (claim?)
- Sgt. A. P. Dumenigo ✓ BT
- Sgt. J. E. O'Brien ✓ LG
- \_\_\_\_\_ WG
- Sgt. J. L. Minnucci ✓ TG

O.K.

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

Saw one B-17 go down - hit by flak - broke in two - saw 2 chutes at 1430 - Cahoon area.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1231  
Secondary: Heading: 220  
Last Resort: Height: 23900  
T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target: 340

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

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

Own Bombs: 18/10  
Number and type of Bombs: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and type of Bombs: \_\_\_\_\_

Saw 2 B-17's drop bombs on small town in N.Y. at 1304. At 1324 saw another plane at 1330 - 1035. NO

WEATHER: ✓

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

CONDENSATION TRAILS: ✓

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Immediately after target at 1232 - major tracking



SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 A/C Number 466 Letter 0 Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C  
Low

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

Saw B-17 behind at 1235 after the target  
go down. One chute. Looked like  
under control.

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether b, A.A., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause

2nd Lt. W. D. Carder          P

2nd Lt. A. V. Mura          CP

2nd Lt. L. F. Campbell          N

S/Sgt. R. H. Norheim          B

Sgt. L. N. Goldman          RO

Sgt. R. W. Circle          E

Sgt. L. F. Brown          BT

S/Sgt. R. J. Boeian          WG

S/Sgt. R. G. Atwood          TG

Saw B-17 ~~at 1435~~ go down  
burning at 1435, near Frankfurt.  
Saw 2 chutes.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Time: 1228

Secondary:

Heading: 225

Last Resort:

Height: 24000

V.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target: 269 @

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

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

Own Bombs:

an. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on Yes  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

WEATHER:

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM  
BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: message to read, inaccurate tracking, low  
near Frankfurt on way back - tracking accurate

Surprise attack - no call "Sanitization Area" until  
this attached (over VHF).

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st FW Tail gunner saw 4 FW 190's at  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

1233. It started to make attack at 60' clock  
(Location and length of fight)  
level - three broke away before they really got started  
and one came just over top of pilot Mc Galen A/C 9164  
(behind formation in hole) and opened fire about 500-  
600 yds. Tail gunner fired on him; also went and  
(Tactics of E/A)

Top T. Came in to about 20 yds in our tail & then  
broke off to the right & went down. 2 P-51's  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

jumped him as he broke away. Saw FW 190  
go down smoking. Didn't see anything more of  
other 3 FW 190's. Top T. said he saw  
chits on belly. A/C 802 F Tail gunner also  
fired on him.

CLAIMS  
DESTROYED  
PROBABLE  
DAMAGED  
(Fill out immediately  
separate CLAIM FORM for  
each claim.)

11. 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.)

Excellent fighter support. Picked up at 5040 -  
0437 E at 4042. Good close support in area at  
time of attack.

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

Ball turret injured on landing.

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flick and 2 men from FW 190.

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Co-pilot oxygen out. Tire ~~blew out~~ on landing  
& went off runway with one wheel.

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left formation about 0500 E on way back.

SQUADRON ~~047#040#040~~  
6 x 500

A/C Number 362

Letter PFF

Date 14-2-45

362-L PFF

25

Bomb Load 4 x M7

H.E.

Position - n Formation

400 High

Time Took Off 0805

Time Landed 17<sup>20</sup>

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

Check  
A/C number

OFFER: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

Capt. L. A. Wilke ✓ P

Major J. H. Buie ✓ CP

2nd Lt. W. W. Gunkel ✓ N

2nd Lt. D. M. Gorrell ✓ B

T/Sgt. H. H. Kaye ✓ RO

S/Sgt. J. W. Watson ✓ E

S/Sgt. C. B. Capaldi ✓ BG

2nd Lt. T. N. Kichincoe ✓ RN

S/Sgt. L. B. Baker ✓ TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Time: 1219

Secondary:

Heading: 062

Last Resort:

Height: 26200

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: right turn to 120 to 220

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

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

Own Bombs:

unobs.

an. Results: No Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

3. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? believe excellent mucky photos

Hand no Movie no

WEATHER:

Cold front near 7 degrees east - 4/10 to 5/10 to 1150 E tops 21000 - solid from here to target -

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

Fox hole A leader said to bomb PFF and is taking intervals between bombing

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

persistent con trails

4. 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1419 hrs. 5013-0812 - low red bursts -

SQUADRON ##### A/C Number 598 Letter     Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position     n Formation 400 High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1710

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CIDR: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- Capt. W. D. Hallum     P
- 2nd Lt. R. S. Kimball     CP
- 2nd Lt. D. J. Casey     N
- 2nd Lt. C. D. Orr     B
- T/Sgt. E. W. Courtright     RO
- Sgt. A. E. Hatton     S
- S/Sgt. N. D. Hall     BT
- S/Sgt. R. K. Bentley     WG
- WG
- Sgt. C. E. Ridge     TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: P.F.F. Time: 1218

Secondary:     Heading: 063

Last Resort:     Height: 26100

T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target:    

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

6-500 4 M17

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

Own Bombs: Unobserved

Am. Nickels:     Yes     No

Other Bombing: unobserved

Number and type    

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on no camera  
Hand none Movie none

WEATHER: 10/10 at target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? not heard

CONDENSATION TRAILS: D.P.

FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. none at target moderate

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 Front Lines Red Flak. in front of A/C.

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ A/C Number 376 Letter P Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation 40 C  
High

Time 'took Off' 0805 Time Landed 1655

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

None

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. K. D. Blackshaw  P
- 2nd Lt. J. D. Wilson  CP
- F/O R. P. Murphy  N
- 1st Lt. J. (NMI) Hrnciar  B
- T/Sgt. E. H. Tutun  RO
- S/Sgt. F. W. Yorgason  E
- S/Sgt. D. J. Brunner  BT
- S/Sgt. C. N. Yeager  WG
- S/Sgt. R. E. Nokes  TG

None

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: PFF Time: 1218 1/2  
Secondary: Heading: 063° A  
Last Resort: Height: 25,700

T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target: high wind  
turn to right ending on 290°

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 An. Nickals: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on NO  
Hand NO Movie NO

6. WEATHER:

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

Target right over target  
Big break just before reaching target

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: might have seen edge of town  
Dense Very prominent contrails at 25,000 starting at 17,000 west on S.E. leg.

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None at target

B30 lbs Heavy flak at Chemist

SQUADRON ~~247th Bomb Sq~~ A/C Number 549 Letter          Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E. Position          Formation 40 C High

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed         

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

- No -

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

F/O C. H. Gibson          P         

2nd Lt. R. W. Daniel          CP         

F/O G. R. P. Eggleston          N         

2nd Lt. R. G. Holscher          B         

Sgt. W. M. Teets          RO         

T/Sgt. J. E. Price          E         

Sgt. E. L. Riha          BT         

S/Sgt. C. M. Odrowas          WG         

S/Sgt. J. F. Bonem, Jr.          TG         

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1218

Secondary: Heading: 79 mag.

Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels:          Yes          No

Other Bombing: Number and type         

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on           
Hand          Movie         

6. WEATHER: 10/10 at target.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?         

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), Intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>None at target.</u>						

SQUADRON ~~00700000000~~ 3 A/C Number 418 Letter 0 Date 14-2-45  
 Bomb Load 6 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation 40C High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1710

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
 If lost, state whether b, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

1st Lt. J. G. Ruegger P  
2nd Lt. W. M. Rich CP  
2nd Lt. V. C. Larson N  
2nd Lt. E. L. Hodges B  
Sgt. A. C. McGuire, Jr. RO  
S/Sgt. H. A. Kelson E  
Sgt. C. A. Diffendaffer BT  
S/Sgt. E. (NMI) Richardson WG  
S/Sgt. J. C. Kieffer TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1220  
 Secondary: Heading: 120  
 Last Resort: P.F.F. Height: 22300

T.O. (Circle One)  
 Turn off target:

1. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:  
6-500 and 4-117

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

Obs Bombs: unobserved an. Nichols: Yes  No

Other Bombing: unobserved Number and type none

2. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no  
 Hand no Movie no

WEATHER:

D. P. Contrail 9/10 clouds at target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

not received on "A" Channel

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

D. P.

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

target none at the

Time	Place	Height of A/O	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>22000 over target - Red near Frankfurt, L.</u>						

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x 107 H.E.

Position      Formation 40 C High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed     

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in, Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

*A/C 516 (?) dropped back after target left formation, no missile trouble.*

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. T. D. Hedley P ✓
- 2nd Lt. F. E. Jones CP
- 2nd Lt. S. (NMI) Manthey N
- 2nd Lt. F. L. Fiora B
- S/Sgt. A. F. Masters RO
- S/Sgt. J. (NMI) Butz E
- S/Sgt. R. C. Shaffer BT
- S/Sgt. J. L. Anderson WG
- Sgt. T. M. Ryan TG

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether b, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

3. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219  
Secondary: Heading: 135 way  
Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O. (Circle One)  
Turn off target:

4. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2000 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

On Bomb: An, Nickels:      Yes      No  
Other Bombing: Number and type     

6. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on       
Hand      Movie     

7. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?     

8. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

SQUADRON ~~1000000~~ 369 ~~300~~ A/C Number 181 Letter 18X Date 14 February, 1945.

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position - n Formation 40 S  
High

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

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

CIDR: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether o, n.a.a., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause

*Saw 4 parachutes at 1452  
at 5025 N - 0620 E. No airplane  
seen. Chutes were close to ground*

- 1st Lt. A. J. Bowley          P
- 2nd Lt. W. W. Clark          CP
- F/O. R. W. Kurrasch          N
- 2nd Lt. G. D. Good          B
- T/Sgt. G. D. Carey          RO
- S/Sgt. C. J. Kruger          E
- Sgt. R. D. Weir          BT
- Sgt. C. J. Slepicka          WG
- Sgt. G. A. Weber          TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219  
Secondary: Heading: 38  
Last Resort: Height: 26 200

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target: 170

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10

Ant. Nickels:          Yes          No

Other Bombing:          Number and type         

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes  
Hand          Movie         

6. WEATHER: 10/10 over target

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?         

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*None at target - Saw flak from vicinity, heavy barrage.  
Near ground lines coming out - meager, accurate*

369th.  
SQUADRON ~~369~~ 896

A/C Number 896 Letter

Date 14 February, 1945

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Bomb Load 2-WG34 H.E.

Position in Formation

400  
High

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 1220

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether U.S.A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. D. R. Hansen ✓ P
- F/O. R. H. Christensen ✓ CP
- F/O. R. P. Geyser ✓ N
- Sgt. J. Stokoe \_\_\_\_\_ B
- Sgt. L. D. Connor \_\_\_\_\_ RO
- Sgt. W. L. Lynch \_\_\_\_\_ E
- S/Sgt. C. E. Alvitre \_\_\_\_\_ BT
- Sgt. V. T. Fecht \_\_\_\_\_ WG
- \_\_\_\_\_ WG
- Sgt. B. E. Harkness ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219  
 Secondary: Heading: 060  
 Last Resort: Height: 25,650

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs:

an. Nichols:  Yes  No

Other Bombing:

Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on no  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

6. WEATHER: 10/10ths Undercast

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Heavy persistent when they hit coast going in - persistent but not as much and, white.

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

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

none over target

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*None good  
Rided up @ 1055 (P57)  
stood with formation  
all the way in  
out.*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Saw tanks @ 50-20k 0-20E - "looked like trucks or tanks all parked together."*

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*Left Group at C coast  
EMG. FAILURE #2 (exit of  
friendly B-17 (50 cal.  
(301)?) "left of us"*

3-2 OFFICER *Blanchard* TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369/2X A/C Number 301 Letter 0 Date 14 February, 1945

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M-17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C High

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 17:45

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

CLERK: Give Rank and Initials

nil

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. J. A. Callahan ✓ P
- 2nd Lt S. D. David ✓ CP
- F/O. R. E. Kane ✓ N
- Sgt. F. J. Slattery ✓ B
- Sgt. G. L. Nelson ✓ RO
- Sgt. W. D. Eldridge ✓ E
- Sgt. L. V. Eiler ✓ BT
- Sgt. F. G. Lucas, Jr. ✓ WG
- Sgt. D. J. Bonnell ✓ TG

Called secondary over VHF

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual) (dropped as seen late)

Primary:

Time: 12:19

Secondary:

Heading: 066

Last Resort:

Height: 26000

T.O.  
(Circle One)

Turn off target: 175 D 245

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

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

Own Bombs:

unobs.

Am. Nickels: No Yes No No

Number and type \_\_\_\_\_

Other Bombing:

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on No

Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

WEATHER: CAVU for rendezvous - 7/10 undercast at coast in - chimbled above cold front between 8 + 9 degrees east - 6-7/10 at I.P. - 7/10 at target - gradually better on way home until clear at English coast.  
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? couldn't get any definite info. on weather already decided to bomb secondary.

CONDENSATION TRAILS:

very dense persistent contrails - cause difficulty in vicinity of cold front - none at target

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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no flak seen at target - received some damage from scattered points enroute

Flak from lines enroute home

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*very good PSI at Dutch coast 1045. Blue  
no gaps - could always see friendly  
fighters*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. 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.)

*nil.*

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

*minor flak.*

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*Bombs hung up - had to salvo - had to crank up B.B. guns*

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

-2 OFFICER

*Murtha*

TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ a/c Number 807 Letter      Date 11-2-45 <sup>34</sup>

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position - n Formation 40 C High

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed     

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident, or undetermined cause)

1st Lt. E. J. Lindsay P

2nd Lt. C. N. Cannon CP

2nd Lt. L. F. Finnell N

F/O R. C. Garberich B

T/Sgt. J. M. Cullen RO

T/Sgt. H. G. Boker E

S/Sgt. R. H. Schmettpelz BT

S/Sgt. E. D. Craig WG

S/Sgt. L. L. Bagwell TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219

Secondary: Heading: 048

Last Resort: Height: 25500

T.O. (Circle One) 285 (comp not good)

Turn off target:

Number of Bombs All dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Thinks hit NW An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type     

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None  
Hand      Movie     

WEATHER: No Sea - Cirrus 20000'  
4-6/10 middle cloud. 2/10 dense  
zee to Erfurt. ~~out vis.~~ No x E  
dense cirrus. 2/3/10 on ground 6/10 middle cloud 15000'  
CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense persis. contrails. 20000'  
over contin. 6/10 out. Frank. 4/10.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?     

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
			None on app.			

Obs. Leipzig, Dresden, Chemnitz, Frankfurt Area.

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Very Good

P-51

Red canopy

Checked nose.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. 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.)

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Flux Gate comp. out

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Left grp front lines 1451 hrs.

St. t. to base.

3-2 OFFICER

F S per

TIME COMPLETED



(Tactics of E/A)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*Picked up shells  
at 1100  
Good all the way*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

(Fill out immediately  
separate CLAIM FORM for  
each claim.

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List all 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.)

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*Runaway #03 #1 - brought  
under control*

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*Left formation at 15-17  
flying with 3 E/C's*

3-2 OFFICER

*50 [signature]*

TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON ~~70TH~~ 3 A/C Number 616 Letter      Date 14-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500  
4 x M17 H.L.

Position in Formation 400 High

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed     

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. H. Hiney      P
- F/O R. M. Bard      CP
- F/O J. C. Neighmond      N
- F/O W. F. Ross      B
- Sgt. H. J. Thomas      RO
- S/Sgt. S. L. Goodwin      E
- Sgt. A. J. Owsianny      BT
- Sgt. H. V. Carter      WG
- S/Sgt. R. L. Demetre (Jammer) WG
- Sgt. W. H. Olson      TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1219

Secondary: Heading: 060

Last Resort: Height: 25600

F.O. 238  
(Circle One)

Turn off target:

2. Number of BOMBS All dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Any Nickels: Yes (No)

Other Bombing: Number and type     

3. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None (automatic)  
Hand      Movie     

WEATHER: Cirrus at 26000  
4/6-8/10 Germany. Thinned to  
4/10 coming out over Belg.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?     

CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense persistent 26000

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Obs. Red bursts near Kassel, Leipzig area, Chemnitz, near Rhine.

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ A/C Number 913 Letter      Date 14-2-45 37

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x ML7 H.E.

Position and Formation 40C

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1720

*Bombed  
near*

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out  
special form in detail.

			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

Possible lone chute (no A/C)  
Seen 5027N-0630E (DR) almost on  
ground. 1450 hours

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

*40C  
Lead*

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether by N.A.A., E/A action,  
accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. R. F. Pawelke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. C. Q. Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
2nd Lt. I. R. Baron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
F/O T. E. Streeter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
Sgt. R. V. Bradley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
Sgt. E. G. Rommies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. M. H. Elder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
Sgt. R. R. Templeton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
Sgt. A. C. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

*Studer left dropped back 5  
min before I.P. was last seen  
dropping back O.K. A/C was seen  
behind after Bomb away on turn.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: PFF Time: 1218 hours

Secondary: Heading: 50° M

Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O.  
(Circle One)

Turn off target: 165° M then continued to circle to  
Right

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed on turn an, Nickels: Yes  No

Off crew reports seeing Bomb bursts in a turn  
Other Bombing: Number and type     

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None

Low clouds 3/10 & haze no Hand no Movie no

WEATHER: Channel. Clear with few patches scattered low clouds over Holland with high cirrus layer 23,000 in streaks about 8° very dense haze on thin cloud up

CONDENSATION TRAILS: Target 6/10 low cloud with light haze 8,000 tops. 40 miles East of Rhine River began to clear 7/10 scattered

FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.  
low clouds over France and Channel. Clear at Base on Return.

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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Visual none at target  
mingling - meager accurate on lower tracking  
at front lines observed to Right on 17/10 1945

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*None*

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Times)

Violation of security heard over V.H.F. in the  
(Location and length of flight)

Clear from someone ahead — Just before  
we reached I.P. — "Be prepared to Bomb Dresden  
P.F.F. with possible visual correction," might  
(Tactics of E/A)

not be verbatim quote)

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

*Good. First at E/P 1044*  
*Hours P-51s. Very close*  
*support all day — no gaps*  
*flew below, under, and above*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_

PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_

DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List an 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.)

*5-P-51s 1326 hours seen to be shooting up*  
*engine in small marshalling yard. several times*  
*in yard — Engine spraying steam (See Not*  
*news)*

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

*with a group*



9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

4-190's attack one minute after target.

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(T.O.s)

Came in from 6 o'clock level and attacked 17 straggling (185) but did not seem to hurt him. One Bandid attack the low element and one went into low squad - 2 attacking this high element and all made only one pass, then the 54's attack them. Ship 297 gunners were firing at the P-51's also.

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

Dark Green color, with 2 red bands around fuselage just behind the cockpit and one red yellow bands. Besides the grey crosses,

(Color markings, etc. of E/A)

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Very good short gaps coming out but they were always in the vicinity

C L A I M S

DESTROYED none

PROBABLE

DAMAGED The same one that a P-51 got separate CLAIM FORM for each claim. Upper turret

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

A big explosion and fire at Ostend on way out on ship channel - an oil fire tanker. Big fires at Flouren on way out.

12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in a/c, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

none

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) few small flak holes

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: gun heaters were out

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

Ward Gunner ruined a good pair of drawers.

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Just about as briefed except at target.

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation 40 C

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1026

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No  
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

SPARE

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2nd Lt. F. B. Leigh P  
2nd Lt. J. C. Ribble CP  
2nd Lt. L. C. Heitman N  
Sgt. J. R. Bennett B  
Sgt. G. Conetzkey RO  
Sgt. D. F. Burden E  
Sgt. A. L. Swire BT  
Sgt. D. L. O'Neill WG  
Sgt. H. S. Moreland TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 219  
Secondary: Heading: 860  
Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O.  
(Circle One)  
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Bal. James saw explosions (hit everything) after turn off target. Number and type 6 x 500  
4 x M175.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on \_\_\_\_\_  
Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Movie None

6. WEATHER: S/10th S Built - cumulus about 9/10th S over target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? \_\_\_\_\_

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Very dense - became light after left target

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

None at target.

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SPECIAL FORM

Group 306th

Date 14 February, 1945.

Squadron 369th

Place where attacked S.W. of Dresden

A/C No: 297-B

Time 12:33 Height 24,500 feet.

1. Story of the attack: 3 Fw 190's in line abreast crossed from 6 O'clock level, breaking off at 600 yards. 1 F/A broke to left attacking A/C

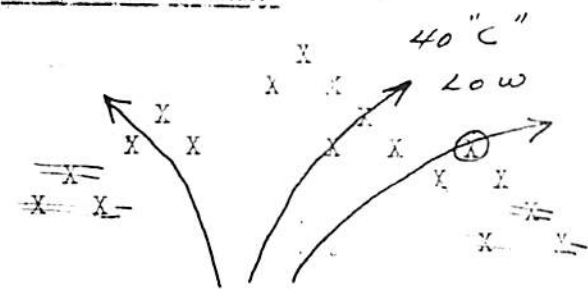
#466-C. The other 2 broke right, one attacking #314-G and the other

attacking A/C #297-B. T/sgt. W. P. Richards, Engineer on A/C #297-B  
opened fire at 700 yards, tracking the F/A as it came over the formation,  
scoring many hits. F.A. broke away at 100 yards and went down in flames,  
breaking up before hitting cloud level.

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

**DESTROYED**  
A-2, A-19, W.

2. Diagram of attack:



- a. Direction of E/A attack;
- b. Direction of F/A attack;
- c. Our position.

- Data of Combat
- a. our heading 210°
  - b. visibility Good
  - c. type of E/A Fw 190
  - d. level of attack;
  - From High above 0'clock
  - Level 6 O'clock
  - Below 0'clock
  - (or) very low 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names T/sgt. W. P. RICHARDS

Positions Top Turret Gunner.

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. W. H. LAWRENCE.

Position in A/C Navigator.

Other A/C firing at the same time? Yes.

5. Comments of the interrogator:

Definitely Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. HAROLD T. BURZMA.