

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

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SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative  
Mission: Ludwigshafen -- Recalled

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

1. Narrative

306th flew 33 A/C plus 3 PFF as 40th "B" CW. Selsey Bill 0926; French coast 4917N x 0016W, 0958 hours. Following advice of Buckeye Red, over friendly French territory formation first increased reference altitude then flew about 40 miles north of course, in effort to get over or around rapidly-building clouds. Over Paris 1029 hours. Turned back 4910N x 0230 1035 hours, after seeing 3 or 4 other Wings returning, unable to penetrate clouds towering to approximately 30,000 feet, and in accordance with Division recall. French coast 4917N x 0016W, 1142 hours; Selsey Bill 1216; Base 1315. Equipment of the 3 PFF A/C flown worked satisfactorily.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No E/A encountered. Fighter support in large numbers was picked up as briefed.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

None

4. Bombing

All bombs brought back.

5. Nickels

A/C 053-U brought back 2 XG13, 4 XG22 and 4 XG24.

6. Weather

Heavy contrails at 15,000 feet; intermittent at 21,000 feet. Rapidly building cirro-stratus up to about 30,000 feet, above converging stratus layers, beyond point of turn back. 5 to 7/10 cloud cover near French coast; 10/10 southwest of Paris.

7. A/C in Distress

None

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