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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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United States Forces

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SUBJECT: A/C in Distress, Mission 15 December, 1944

TO : S-4 Section, 306th Bombardment Group (H)
Attention: Major VENABLE

A/C 575-X, pilot Ruffin, landed at A-70 due to internal failure of two engines. Crew now on base, having returned to England by transport plane.

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JOHN A. BAINSFATHER, *B 117*
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~1367~~ 368 ~~1860XXV33X~~ A/C Number 633 Letter Z Date 15/12/44
10 x 500

Bomb Load 2 x M17 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0821 Time Landed

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

40th "C"
LEAD

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

GRE.: Give Rank and Initials

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

CRASHED in Greenham Common

2nd Lt. C.A. Crooks Pilot

2nd Lt. J.P. Mockus Co-r

2nd Lt. E.B. Slocum Nav.

T/Sgt. H.A. Polderman Bomb

Sgt. A.W. Seaberg Radi

S/Sgt. W.F. Laubert Top

Sgt. J.M. Mandula Ball

Sgt. L. Cain R/W

L/W

Sgt. R.W. Miller Tai

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number bombs dropped

Number Bombs returned

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

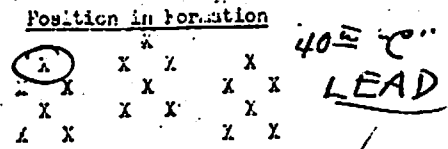
8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

INTERCOMBAT FORM

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SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 ~~169XXXX~~ A/C Number 575 Letter X Date 15/12/44
10 x 500
Bomb Load 2 x M17 H.E. Incand. Position in formation
Time Took Off 0821 Time Landed 1500 hr



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

CRS.: Give rank and initials

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

*Landed at Messigny
A-70
France*

- 2nd Lt. W.A. Ruffin *File*
- 2nd Lt. E.E. Huelat *Lead up while through forest - equip.*
- F/O M. Rosen *Nav*
- F/O R.C. Ulrich *Boat*
- T/Sgt. L.E. Edlund *Rtd*
- T/Sgt. D.E. McCarthy *Top*
- S/Sgt. C.B. Culp *Ball*
- S/Pvt. R.J. Bocian *R/W*
- S/Pvt. J.E. PRIMES L/A*
- S/Sgt. A.E. Jacobson *Tail*

2. TARGET ATTACKS:

Primary Time: 1210
Alternate Height: 23700
Last Resort Heading: 135° M
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: *Salvaged on smoke Bomb of another a/c*
Wiesenberg - 8 miles any nickels: Yes No
Other bombing: *from Kassel. See fix of Bombs coming* Number bombs dropped: _____
Number Bombs returned: _____

5. ANY PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

First engine out 1143, left formation at I.P. to beatter. Dropped alone on target. ~~Target~~ from target to about 60 miles west of Koblenz. Group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *border and PFE ~~to~~ lead us back*

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *came out together to ~~target~~ could not*

Time	Place	Height	Type (light of heavy), intense; w/c moderate or slight.	Color	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Put down through weather. 5113-0370 E
Returned back to land at A-70 all heavy equipment jett.
new observations about Flak: 2 only alerted to detonate
1324 hours. called for weather report - 500
to seeing - 2 minutes got worse everything

#1 engine out at 1316 hrs.

10.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMPOSITION:

yellowed then 1437 over A-70 then landed
(Estimate a total number of E/A seen) (times)

were there until afternoon 16-12-44 - Junk
(Location and length of flight)

to A-83 returned over night - 17-12-44
C-47 to Huntington - B-17 to Base

(Tactics of E/A)

Escape Rits thrown out with other
equipment - Purse, all Purse, and
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

other equipment - map - magazine,
clothing - one Parachute stolen from plane
during night.

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

UNKNOWN _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P-51s had solid green noses (35%) gave
Beautiful support while returning.

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

V-2 from around Rhine
V-2 trails east of Koblenz

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

no injuries.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none

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

2 engines

S-2 OFFICER

G.M. Scatena

THIS CASE FILED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 867XX369 423 A/C Number 019 Letter T Date 15 December, 1944

Bomb Load 2 x 500
2 x M17 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

40° "0"
LOW

Time Took Off 08:33 Time Landed _____

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

CRASHED at Greenham

4 per
13 Cms - dead
1 unacc for

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- 1st Lt. J. A. Murphy Co-ck
- F/O. E. S. Smolenski Nav.
- 1st Lt. R. E. Gard Bomb
- T/Sgt. W. R. Farrell Radi
- T/Sgt. R. K. Reis Top
- S/Sgt. W. E. DeHoff Bar
- S/Sgt. W. J. Boyle R/W
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