

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

16 September, 1943
APO 634

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative.

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

1. Hot News.

At 1444 hours, 1 B-17 went down near Rennes. 5 chutes.

At 1458 hours, before the IP, 1 B-17 was seen spinning down out of sight, with no chutes visible.

At 1500 hours, 1 B-17 was seen losing altitude under control at 10,000 feet., between IP and target.

At 1733 hours, 2 miles from English coast near Prawle Point, 3 dinghies and one man were visible in the water; a Beau-fighter was circling and a launch was within half a mile. Our A/C #727, Letter Z, dropped Mae Wests within 10 feet of dinghies.

Two P-47s were reported downed by AA fire before the IP.

2. Narrative.

18 A/C took off at 1115 hours. Formation crossed the English coast at 1339 hours at 49°48'N - 00°35'W. The course was as briefed. Formation crossed the enemy coast at 1413 hours at 49°24'N - 01°02'W. Target was reached at 1509 hours. This was the second Group of the 102nd Combat Wing, returning to Base at 1840 hours. All ships bombed the target.

3. Bombing.

Single large cloud obscured area of the primary, causing the formation to seek alternate target. Bombing was good. Hits were seen on Chateau Bougon Airfield, especially on dispersal area north of field. Hits were confirmed by photographs. Hits from other groups were seen north of northern fork of river at Nantes and near a large ship there, which was not believed hit.

4. Abortions.

None.

5. Enemy Aircraft.

No fighter opposition was encountered. Not more than 12 enemy A/C were seen, those being at great distance or in dogfights with friendly fighters. One fighter was seen to hit the ground near Rennes after dogfight, but whether friendly or enemy was not ascertained. Two FW 190s and one JU 88 were reported shot down by friendly fighters just before the target.

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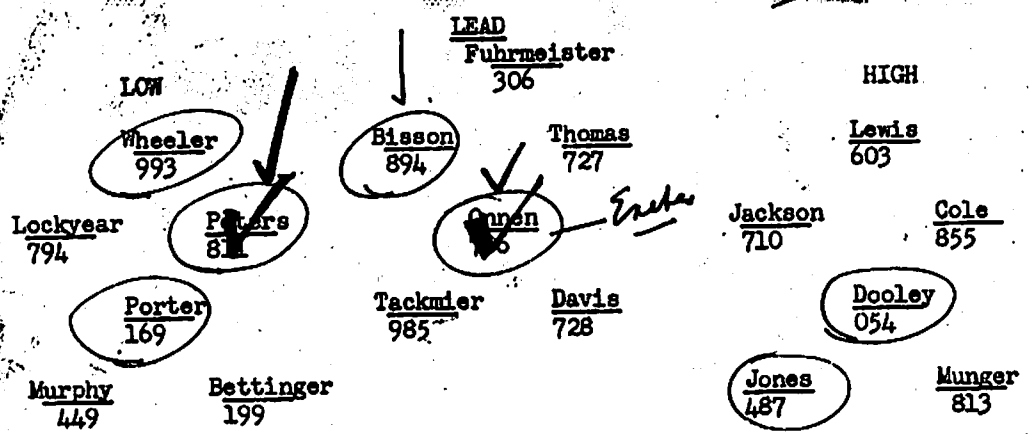
- 6. Flak.
At Nantes AA fire was moderate and accurate only as to altitude. Gun positions were mainly south of the river fork, and both black and white bursts were visible. At Rennes, moderate AA fire was accurate as to altitude but off to one side, increasing on the groups following.
- 7. Battle Damage.
No planes crashed, and there was practically no battle damage. One plane came down at Predannack, due to technical failure of two engines. Two A/C sustained very slight AA damage.
- 8. Observations.
The smoke screen was visible twenty miles away, generators being located on both sides of the river on northern fork. Three large ships were seen in the river about three miles south of where primary was supposed to be. An unusual number of ships were stirring at St. Nazaire. Two six-ship convoys were sighted off French coast of Belle Isle. Ships in the 305th Group bombed one convoy but missed. Fighter escort was superb. close, and continued almost to the target. One crew which landed at Exeter found B-17 crews there who told of being jumped by ME 110s about 130 miles from French coast, suffering losses.
- 9. Comments.
Lt. Peters reports that the top turret gunner in the lead A/C of the 305th Group fired at least 500 rounds at P-47s.

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 JOHN A. BALKNSFATER,
 Captain,
 AC,
 Group 8-2.

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Target, CHATEAU BOUGON (Air field)

1. Route followed. St. Lo, 5 miles left of AVRANCHES, 5 miles left of RENNES, SAVENAY (IP), NANTES, 46°53'N - 02°08'W, 47°10'N - 03°10'W, 47°25'N - 05°10'W, 48°30'N - 06°00'W, Start Point.

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) No condensation trails over enemy territory. 5/10 cloud - big cloud over primary break in clouds made bombing of airfield possible.

3. No. of A/C over Target. 18 A/C.

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

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|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>794</u> | <u>993</u> | <u>811</u> | <u>894</u> | <u>306</u> <u>19400</u> | <u>727</u> | <u>603</u> | <u>855</u> |
| <u>449</u> | <u>169</u> | <u>199</u> | <u>985</u> | <u>706</u> | <u>728</u> | <u>710</u> | <u>813</u> |
| | | | | | | <u>487</u> | <u>054</u> |

5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible) 180 degrees Mag.

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? 35 seconds.

7. Turn after bombing. Gradual right turn off target (20 degs.)

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. Second Group in C.W. over target.

9. What evasive action was taken? Usual "S" turns - lost 500' altitude after bombs away.

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

A.A. gun position on west point of island south of St. Lo, meager, low, inaccurate.

VIRE - Predicted concentration from 8-10 guns, black, good altitude, not on this Group.

RENNES - Predicted concentration from approx. 20 guns, also continuous following, black, good altitude, poor deflection.

NANTES - Heavy, moderate, accurate, barrage changing to cont. following after bombs away. Barrage covered area from 17,000' to 21,000' and 1000 yds. wide.

ST. HILLARIE - 6 or 8 bursts.

ST. AUBIN - Heavy, moderate, inaccurate, barrage type, 4000' low.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

Good smoke screen at Nantes.

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Office of the Materiel Officer
United States Forces
A. P. O. 634

16 September, 1943

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report.

TO Group S-2 Officer, 306th Bomb Group (H), APO 634.

1. The following listed damages were received by Aircraft on the Mission of this date:

387th Squadron:

- 42-5306-No damages
- 42-30727- No damages
- 42-29894- No Damages
- 42-30706- No damages
- 42-30728-No damages
- 42-29985-No damages

368th Squadron:

- 42-5054-No damages
- 41-24487- Forced down with two engines out at Predannack. No battle damages as far as known this station.

369th Squadron:

- 42-29993- No damages
- 42-30811- No damages

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42-30794-No damages

42-3169-No Damages

42-30199-No damages

42-3449- No damages

423rd Squadron:

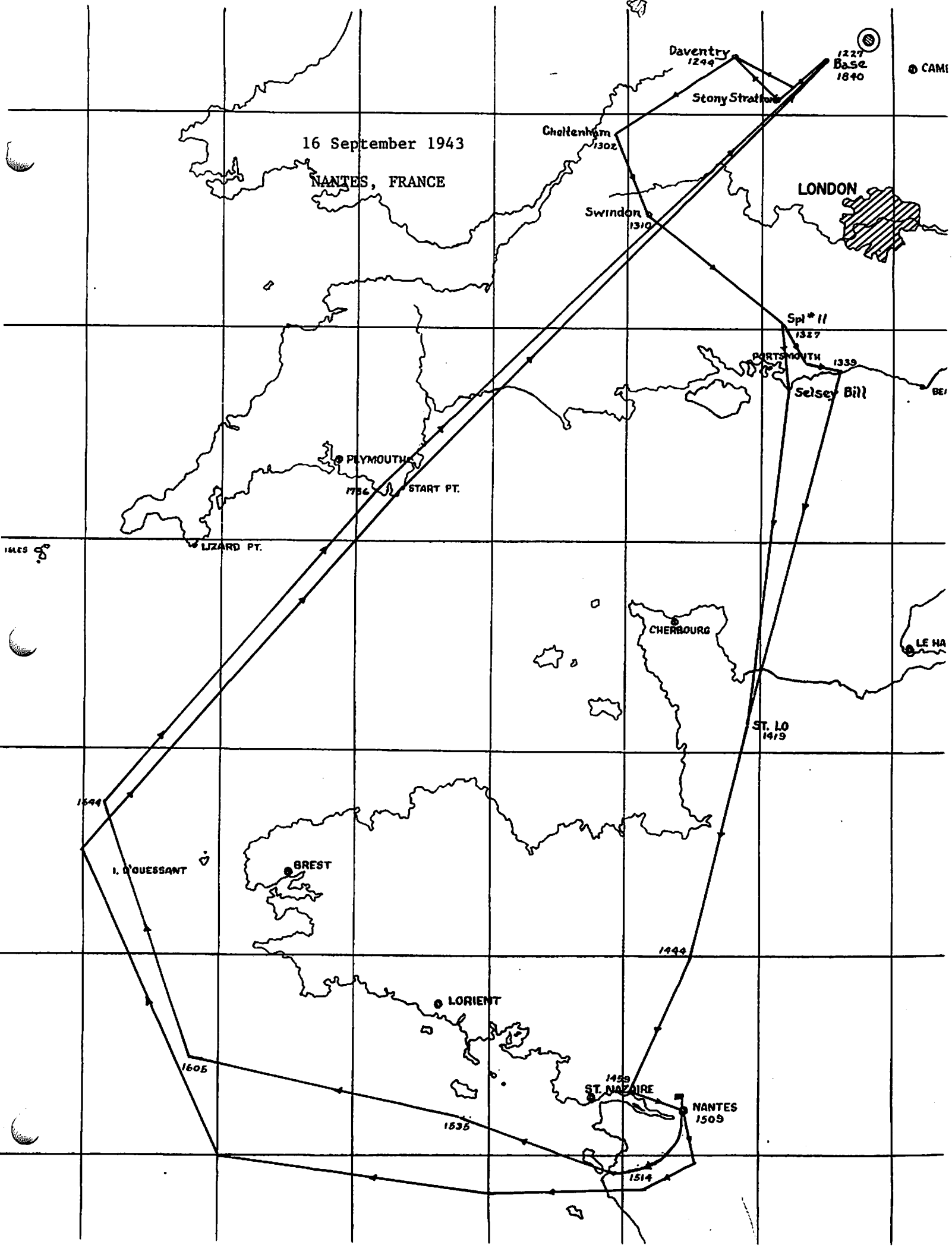
42-30603- No damages

42-5855- No damages

42-30710- 2 small flak holes in left wing and fuselage-slight damage

42-30813- 1 small flak hole in No. 3 nacelle, slight damage.

R. S. STEVENS,
Capt. Air Corps,
Actg. Materiel Officer.



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 23449 Letter X Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1432 Time Landed 1847

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | X | | |
| X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X |

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*1/2 mile off Eng. coast, holding by at 1733 hours, south of
Pavle Point. Two B 17s peeled off 1/365th
1/4 hr to investigate.*

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Lt. E. M. Murphy Pilot ✓

Lt. G. S. Holmstrom Co-P ✓

F/O J. D. Bailiff Nav. ✓

Lt. J. A. Kelly Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. R. L. Newport Radio ✓

Sgt. B. D. Oldfield Top T. ✓

Sgt. E. J. Gustafson Ball T. ✓

T/Sgt. J. T. Deets R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. A. Milita L. Waist ✓

Sgt. P. L. Noisat Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

~~Time~~ Time: 1509.

Alternate Height: 19,000

Last Resort Heading 215 way

(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: Hit on small end of X of runways.
Also along edge for beach of run.

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

After leaving Fr coast, went north of end of route, apparently following another group that had not bombed & perhaps was heading for secondary at Vannes. Broke off from that group, however.

8. WEATHER: (if it affected mission) 2/10 - 3/10 over target

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of bursts | Location | Accuracy |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------|
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------|

target. All altitudes, moderate; just a few accurate bursts.
1446 - 48° 07' N 01° 30' W - to left of compassing in - slight, but most west
Flak gun right on point of island.
South of St. Lo, 1435, slight, low inaccurate.
Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

fighters seen
Two to five before target at 10,000 ft.
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

climbing. Two miles away.
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS *6*

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Power good - ~~was~~ left before I?
Very close.

2. OBSERVATIONS: Give TYPE, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, *make mean, especially to west of Long Is.*

6 ship at 1527, south of Belle Isle.

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

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *flex hole in stabilizer.*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Ball turret smoking in S. O. B.*

reported every mission. D/R compass reported

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?) *not synchronized.*

S-2 OFFICER

B. H. Pool

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BY *RLB/ATC* NARA Date *1/8/99*

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th Bomb Sq (H). A/C Number 42-50706

Total time for complete mission 8:00 Date September 16, 1943.

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| O P. <u>Ommen, F.H.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | O R. <u>Rozanski, W.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> |
| O CP. <u>Kirk, W.S.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | O G. <u>Spell, J.K.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O N. <u>Edelstein, H.C.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | O G. <u>Walsh, P.A.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O B. <u>Jensen, E.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | O G. <u>Van Dragt., R.G.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O E. <u>Hovis, D. M.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | O G. <u>Robinson, A.E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th Bomb Sq (H). A/C Number 42-30727

Total time for complete mission 8:00 Date September 16, 1943.

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| O P. <u>Thomas, W.W.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | O R. <u>Palmer, T.W.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> |
| O CP. <u>Kammeyer, J.W.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | O G. <u>Cooke, H.D.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O N. <u>McCaleb, H.K.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | O G. <u>St. Louis, M.J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O B. <u>Henderson, E.H.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | O G. <u>DeBuyser, E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O E. <u>Heyburn, A.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | O G. <u>Harris, J.E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th Bomb. Sq. A/C Number 42-3169

Total time for complete mission 7:35 Date 16/9/43

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| J | P. <u>Porter, R. W.</u> | <u>1st. Lt.</u> | o | R. <u>Krueger, H. H.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> |
| U | CP. <u>Sharkey, E. C.</u> | <u>2nd. Lt.</u> | o | G. <u>McCabe, J. E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O | N. <u>Bellknop, G. M.</u> | <u>"</u> | o | G. <u>Hodge, J. E.</u> | <u>"</u> |
| O | B. <u>Jones, L. B.</u> | <u>1st. Lt.</u> | o | G. <u>Cook, L. B.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> |
| O | E. <u>Kimball, J. B.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | o | G. <u>Rogers, H. E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th Bomb. Sq. A/C Number 41-30794

Total time for complete mission 7:40 Date 16/9/43

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| O | P. <u>Lockyear, H. H.</u> | <u>1st. Lt.</u> | o | R. <u>Swift, B. A.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O | CP. <u>Reed, M. D.</u> | <u>F/O.</u> | o | G. <u>Wieland, A. H.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O | N. <u>Dash, D. B.</u> | <u>2nd. Lt.</u> | o | G. <u>Gilbert, E. J.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> |
| O | B. <u>Nagy, A. J.</u> | <u>"</u> | o | G. <u>Regan, J. J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| O | E. <u>Rich, D. C.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | o | G. <u>Kurk, L. J.</u> | <u>"</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th. Bomb. Sq. A/C Number 42-3449

Total time for complete mission 7:30 Date 16/9/43

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| 0 P. <u>Murphy, E. M.</u> 2nd. Lt. | 0 R. <u>Newport, R. L.</u> T/Sgt. |
| 0 CP. <u>Holmstrom, G. S.</u> 1st. Lt. | 0 G. <u>Gustafson, E. J.</u> Sgt. |
| 0 N. <u>Bailiff, J. D.</u> F/O | 0 G. <u>Deets, J. T.</u> T/Sgt. |
| 0 B. <u>Kelley, J.</u> 1st. Lt. | 0 G. <u>Melita, C.</u> S/Sgt. |
| 0 E. <u>Oldfield, B. D.</u> Sgt. | 0 G. <u>Noisat, P. L.</u> Sgt. |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th. Bomb. Sq. A/C Number 42-30811

Total time for complete mission 8:10 Date 16/9/43

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| 0 P. <u>Peters, R. T.</u> 2nd. Lt. | 0 R. <u>John, M. L.</u> S/Sgt. |
| 0 CP. <u>Noack, J. P.</u> " | 0 G. <u>Steed, B. S.</u> Sgt. |
| 0 N. <u>Peterson, D. H.</u> 1st. Lt. | 0 G. <u>Piedmont, D. J.</u> Sgt. |
| 0 B. <u>Vaughter, J. V.</u> " | 0 G. <u>Kern, R. L.</u> " |
| 0 E. <u>Grimm, R. M.</u> S/Sgt. | 0 G. <u>Mayer, E. J.</u> " |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th. Bomb. Sq. A/C Number 993

Total time for complete mission 9:15 Date 16/9/43

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| ○ P. <u>Wheeler, D. W. Capt.</u> | ○ R. <u>Narum, M. A. T/Sgt.</u> |
| ○ CP. <u>Klette, I. J. 1st. Lt.</u> | ○ G. <u>Norris, R. L. S/Sgt.</u> |
| ○ N. <u>Ma zenek, J. 1st. Lt.</u> | ○ G. <u>Mills, E. W. "</u> |
| ○ B. <u>Evans, F. A. 1st. Lt.</u> | ○ G. <u>Montana, J. F. "</u> |
| ○ E. <u>Noyes, W. L. T/Sgt.</u> | ○ G. <u>Oliver, B. Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 369th. Bomb. Sq. A/C Number 42-0199

Total time for complete mission 7:45 Date 16/9/43

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| ○ P. <u>Bettinger, G. C. 1st. Lt.</u> | ○ R. <u>Lewis, G. F. S/Sgt.</u> |
| ○ CP. <u>Block, A. 2nd. Lt.</u> | ○ G. <u>Steinhart, M. Sgt.</u> |
| ○ N. <u>Wood, E. S. "</u> | ○ G. <u>Harkins, T. "</u> |
| ○ B. <u>Isaac, A. "</u> | ○ G. <u>Williams, D. E. Sgt.</u> |
| ○ E. <u>Ross, J. T. T/Sgt.</u> | ○ G. <u>Sommers, H. J. S/Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368th A/C Number 487

Total time for complete mission 8:50 Date Sept. 16, 1943

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| 0 P. <u>1st Lt. Jones, W.D.</u> | 0 R. <u>T/Sgt. Tobin, J.J.</u> |
| 0 CP. <u>2nd Lt. Mowers, S.W.</u> | 0 G. <u>S/Sgt. Lester, P.G.</u> |
| 0 N. <u>2nd Lt. Voehringer, J.</u> | 0 G. <u>Sgt. Schmeckpepper, E.</u> |
| 0 B. <u>1st Lt. Swapp, W.W.</u> | 0 G. <u>S/Sgt. Mynatt, J.G.</u> |
| 0 E. <u>T/Sgt. Enos, M.J.</u> | 0 G. <u>S/Sgt. Brandon, L.A.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-5855

Total time for complete mission 7:40 Date Sept. 16, 1943

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| 0 P. <u>Cole, V. K. 2nd Lt.</u> | 0 R. <u>Shields, R. C. S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 CP. <u>Partridge, R. F. 2nd Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Wright, A. R. S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 N. <u>Kuehn, C. R. 2nd Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Snedden, W. A. S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 B. <u>Columbus, J. M. 2nd Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Richardson, D. S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 E. <u>Folk, R. D. S/Sgt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Werner, D. C. S/Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-30603

Total time for complete mission 8:00 Date Sept. 16, 1943

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| 0 P. Lewis, J. H. 1st Lt. | 0 R. Day, W. F. T/Sgt. |
| 0 CP. Bickett, K. R. 2nd Lt. | 0 G. Axelrod, D. S/Sgt. |
| 0 N. Morris, A. S. 2nd Lt. | 0 G. Weed, A. A. S/Sgt. |
| 0 B. Ellertson, W. S. 2nd Lt. | 0 G. Goetz, L. R. S/Sgt. |
| 0 E. Capper, L. C. T/Sgt. | 0 G. Rood, K. B. S/Sgt. |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-29985

Total time for complete mission 7:50 Date September 16, 1943.

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| 0 P. Tackmier, W.H. 1st Lt. | 0 R. Coulter, A.G. T/Sgt. |
| 0 CP. Winter, J.E. 1st Lt. | 0 G. Corcoran, J.E. S/Sgt. |
| 0 N. Holmes, C.W. (368) 1st Lt. | 0 G. Twing, H.K. S/Sgt. |
| 0 B. Pierce, F.K. 1st Lt. | 0 G. Sall, H. S/Sgt. |
| 0 E. Argentos, J. T/Sgt. | 0 G. Bloom, J.P. S/Sgt. |

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 NARA Date 1/18/91

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~367XX367XX367~~ A/C Number 706 Letter W Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1118 Time Landed 1743 Ejector 2040 Burn

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| | | | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. F.H. Onnen Pilot ✓
 2nd Lt. W.S. Kirk Co-P ✓
 2nd Lt. H.C. Edelstein Nav. ✓
 2nd Lt. E. Jensen Bomb. ✓
 T/Sgt. W.C. Rozanski Radio ✓
 T/Sgt. D.M. Novis Top T. ✓
 S/Sgt. J.K. Spell Ball T. ✓
 S/Sgt. P.A. Walsh H.Waist ✓
 S/Sgt. R.G. Van Dragt L.Waist ✓
 S/Sgt. A.E. Robinson Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
 Alternate Height: 19000
 Last Resort Heading 185
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
40 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken? Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of bursts | Location of Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
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Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 894 Letter O Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend. ^{10 miles N of Plymouth} ~~XXXXXX~~ Harrowbeer 1805 Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1118 Time Landed 2105

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

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | X | X | X |
| 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 any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

Just before target B-17 - 5 chutes - blew up.

- 1st Lt. W. C. Bisson Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. R. Butler Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. G. W. Young Nav. ✓
- S/Sgt. J.M. Elliott Bomb. ✓
- Sgt. J.J. McLellan Radio ✓
- Sgt. E.J. Osep Top T. ✓
- Sgt. R.H. Vader Ball T. ✓
- Sgt. W.G. Schmitt R.Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C.G. Lamb L.Waist ✓
- Sgt. T.E. Wilson Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
Alternate Height: 19000
Last Resort Heading 185 May
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:
40 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

same

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? No

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

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.

| 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 |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|

1437 St. Auben ^{heavy} light flak barrage moderate inacc 4000' low

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

3 -

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

near P-47 knock down (2) FW 190 ^{also 1-F088} (Just before target)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. ENEMY SUPPORT

Excellent to target

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

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

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

15. DELAY TO A/C: (Briefly)

flat hole - (target)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

#4 engine oil pressure dropped

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

S-2 OFFICER

Smith

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~287X~~ 368 ~~867XXL28X~~ A/C Number 054 Letter T Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend. ¹⁷⁵² (Lizard Point) Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1125 Time Landed Base 2050

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

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| | | 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 any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>1st Lt. W. Dooley</u> | <u>Pilot</u> ✓ |
| <u>1st Lt. W. Nally</u> | <u>Co-P</u> ✓ |
| <u>2nd Lt. H. Urman</u> | <u>Nav.</u> ✓ |
| <u>2nd Lt. F. Bullard</u> | <u>Bomb.</u> ✓ |
| <u>T/Sgt. L. Morton</u> | <u>Radio</u> ✓ |
| <u>T/Sgt. W. Back</u> | <u>Top T.</u> ✓ |
| <u>S/Sgt. L. Haskell</u> | <u>Ball T.</u> ✓ |
| <u>S/Sgt. J. Kelch</u> | <u>R. Waist</u> ✓ |
| <u>Sgt. W. Meade</u> | <u>L. Waist</u> ✓ |
| <u>S/Sgt. H. Jordan</u> | <u>Tail G.</u> ✓ |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15'09
 Alternate Height: 19500
 Last Resort Heading 183 Mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
40 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of bursts | Location of Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
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Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ XXXX A/C Number 23169 Letter S Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend. Pradenich Position in Formation
 Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes <u>No</u> <u>1745</u> | X | X | X | X |
| Details: | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

none.

- Lt. R. W. Porter Pilot ✓
- Lt. N. C. Sharkey Cc-P
- Lt. G. M. Belknap Nav. ✓
- Lt. L. B. Jones Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. N. H. Kmueger Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. J. B. Kimball Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. J. E. McCabe Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. L. E. Cook R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. E. Hodge ✓
- S/Sgt. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. H. E. Rogers Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: _____
 Alternate Height: _____
 Last Resort Heading _____
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: _____

with rest

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2 x 500 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: ME coming from field.

Other Bombing: _____

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

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

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

name

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) name

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight | Color of bursts | Location | accuracy |
|------|--------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | Bursts in relation to A/C | |
| | <u>Met as much as possible</u> | | | | <u>Shot at planes over city</u> | |

Crew observations about Flak: Matched

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~X369XXXX~~ A/C Number 487 Letter Q Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1126 Time Landed 1832 at big rd

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No because

| | | | | |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| | X | X | X | X |
| Pilot | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

none landed this base engine trouble 2048 but in different plane

1st Lt. W.D. Jones Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. S.W. Mowers Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. J.L. Voehringer Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. W. Swapp Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. J. Tobin Radio ✓

T/Sgt. M. Enos Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. P. Lester Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. J. Mynatt R.Waist ✓

Sgt. E. Schmeckpepper L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. Brandon Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
 Alternate Height: 19700
 Last Resort (circle) Heading 182° Mag
 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: not observed to miss slightly the airfield.
~~about 1 mile off target one bomb hit the plane~~
 Other Bombing: Despersal area bombed. (Ball turret gunner "thinks" groups behind bombed the ship) entire area bombed.
This ship bombed independently. Seq #16 for reason.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (16?) Any Nickels: Yes (16)

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

moderate flak over target

Crew observations about Flak: _____

(Doubtly is plane + Whalers)

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: *Number & determine number; perhaps 6-8*

Few enemy fighters engaged in dog fight
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

with P47's about half way ~~between~~ toward coast and target
(Location and length of fight)

no attacks this a/c

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

| C L A I M S | |
|--|---|
| DESTROYED | 0 |
| PROBABLY | 0 |
| DAMAGED | 0 |
| (Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.) | |

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT *P47 support*

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

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

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLA and TIME.)
None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *None, they say*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Engine caught fire at 1440 Superchargers burnt out on No. 1 engine before target. Feathered engine about half hour before target. Another engine out before landing*

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?) *at Sigard Point.*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 29993 Letter K Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend. Predemark 1750
Time Took Off 1128 Time Landed: 2055

| Position in Formation | | | |
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| | | X | |
| X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X |

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Capt. D. W. Wheeler Pilot
- Lt. I. J. Klette Co-P ✓
- Lt. J. B. Mazanek Nav. ✓
- Lt. F. A. Evans Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. M. A. Narum Radio
- T/Sgt. N. L. Noyes Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. E. W. Mills Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. J. F. Montana R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. B. Oliver L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. R. L. Norris Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
 Alternate Height: 19150
 Last Resort. Heading 186
 (circle)...
 Duration Bomb Run: 40 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No? Any ticks: Yes ___ No ___
 Number boxes dropped ___
 6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned ___

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of bursts | Location of Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|------------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
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Crew observations about Flak: _____

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th Bomb Sq (H). A/C Number 42-29394

Total time for complete mission 3:00 Date September 16, 1943.

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|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <u>OP. Bisson, W.C.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>OR. McLellan, J.J.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> |
| <u>OP. Butler, R.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>OG. Lamb, C.G.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| <u>ON. Young, G.W.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>OG. Schmitt, W.G.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> |
| <u>OB. Elliot, J.M.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>OG. Vader, R.H.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> |
| <u>OE. Osep, E.J.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> | <u>OG. Wilson, T.E.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th Bomb Sq (H). A/C Number 42-30728

Total time for complete mission 8:00 Date September 16, 1943.

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|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <u>OP. Davis, Z.D.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>OR. McCullar, L.C.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> |
| <u>OP. Elliot, I.R.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>OG. Foster, D.J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| <u>ON. Houck, R.V.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>OG. Shade, F.M.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> |
| <u>OB. Anderson, G.R.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>OG. Toney, G.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| <u>OE. Webb, G.F.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | <u>OG. Antonelli, D.J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-30710

Total time for complete mission 8:00 Date Sept. 16, 1943

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| 0 P. <u>Jackson, J. D.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | 0 R. <u>Eitner, W. V.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 CP. <u>Rodman, D. C.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Garrett, A.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 N. <u>Clarida, W. J.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Hooks, J. O.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 B. <u>Manning, P. V.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Peto, J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 E. <u>Levine, S. D.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Ristau, R. J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 367th Bomb Sq (H). A/C Number 42-5306

Total time for complete mission 8:00 Date September 16, 1943.

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| 0 P. <u>Fuhrmeister, D.</u> | <u>Captain</u> | 0 R. <u>May, A.R.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 CP. <u>Reecher, K.A.</u> | <u>Captain</u> | 0 G. <u>Nabors, O.K.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 N. <u>Titus, A.F.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Wilson, R.Y.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 B. <u>Kostal, J.C.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | 0 G. <u>Clark, W.R.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> |
| 0 E. <u>Vondrachek, C.E.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | 0 TG. <u>Rasmussen, E.O.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> |
| | | 0 N. <u>Alexander, C.A.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> |

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 368th A/C Number 42-25054
Total time for complete mission 8:45 ~~6:55~~ Date Sept. 16, 1943

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- O P. 1st Lt. Dooley, W.J. O R. T/Sgt. Morton, L.E.
 - O CP. 2nd Lt. Nally, W.S. O G. S/Sgt. Haskell, L.
 - O N. 2nd Lt. Bullard, F.F. O G. S/Sgt. Jordan, H.E.
 - O B. 2nd Lt. Urman, H. O G. S/Sgt. Kelch, J.A.
 - O E. T/Sgt. Back, W.P. O G. Sgt. Meade, W.J.

MISSION LOADING LIST

Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) A/C Number 42-30813
Total time for complete mission 7:50 Date Sept. 16, 1943

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- O P. Munger, C. E. 1st Lt. O E. Hawkes, H. W. T/Sgt.
 - O CP Engel, H. J. 2nd Lt. O G. Brinkman, J. T. S/Sgt.
 - O N. Barton, R. D. 1st Lt. O G. Braman, J. L. S/Sgt.
 - O B. Feldman, L. 2nd Lt. O G. Jessup, J. H. S/Sgt.
 - O R. Borlik, E. J. T/Sgt. O G. Parks, L. B. S/Sgt.

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REASON: 2710, 2711, 2712, 2713, 2714, 2715, 2716, 2717, 2718, 2719, 2720, 2721, 2722, 2723, 2724, 2725, 2726, 2727, 2728, 2729, 2730, 2731, 2732, 2733, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2737, 2738, 2739, 2740, 2741, 2742, 2743, 2744, 2745, 2746, 2747, 2748, 2749, 2750, 2751, 2752, 2753, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2757, 2758, 2759, 2760, 2761, 2762, 2763, 2764, 2765, 2766, 2767, 2768, 2769, 2770, 2771, 2772, 2773, 2774, 2775, 2776, 2777, 2778, 2779, 2780, 2781, 2782, 2783, 2784, 2785, 2786, 2787, 2788, 2789, 2790, 2791, 2792, 2793, 2794, 2795, 2796, 2797, 2798, 2799, 2800, 2801, 2802, 2803, 2804, 2805, 2806, 2807, 2808, 2809, 2810, 2811, 2812, 2813, 2814, 2815, 2816, 2817, 2818, 2819, 2820, 2821, 2822, 2823, 2824, 2825, 2826, 2827, 2828, 2829, 2830, 2831, 2832, 2833, 2834, 2835, 2836, 2837, 2838, 2839, 2840, 2841, 2842, 2843, 2844, 2845, 2846, 2847, 2848, 2849, 2850, 2851, 2852, 2853, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2858, 2859, 2860, 2861, 2862, 2863, 2864, 2865, 2866, 2867, 2868, 2869, 2870, 2871, 2872, 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2878, 2879, 2880, 2881, 2882, 2883, 2884, 2885, 2886, 2887, 2888, 2889, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2893, 2894, 2895, 2896, 2897, 2898, 2899, 2900, 2901, 2902, 2903, 2904, 2905, 2906, 2907, 2908, 2909, 2910, 2911, 2912, 2913, 2914, 2915, 2916, 2917, 2918, 2919, 2920, 2921, 2922, 2923, 2924, 2925, 2926, 2927, 2928, 2929, 2930, 2931, 2932, 2933, 2934, 2935, 2936, 2937, 2938, 2939, 2940, 2941, 2942, 2943, 2944, 2945, 2946, 2947, 2948, 2949, 2950, 2951, 2952, 2953, 2954, 2955, 2956, 2957, 2958, 2959, 2960, 2961, 2962, 2963, 2964, 2965, 2966, 2967, 2968, 2969, 2970, 2971, 2972, 2973, 2974, 2975, 2976, 2977, 2978, 2979, 2980, 2981, 2982, 2983, 2984, 2985, 2986, 2987, 2988, 2989, 2990, 2991, 2992, 2993, 2994, 2995, 2996, 2997, 2998, 2999, 3000

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~369~~ ~~369~~ ~~423~~ A/C Number 728 Letter S Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1115 Time Landed 1247

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|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| | | X | | | |
| X | X | X | X | X | |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | (X) | X | X |
| X | X | | ^ | X | X |
| X | | | | | X |

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. Z.D. Davis Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. I.R. Elliot Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. R.V. Houck Nav ✓

S/Sgt. G.R. Anderson Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. L.C. McCullar Radio ✓

T/Sgt. G.T. Webb Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. D.J. Foster Ball T. ✓

Sgt. F.M. Shade R.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. G. Toney, Jr. L.Waist ✓

S/Sgt. D.J. Antonelli Tail G. ✓

Two ships feathered prop - all made our coast

Before I P, 1458 hours, 1 B (?) spun down through low layer of clouds, out of contact. The chutes seen.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
by 1st Lt. I P, 1458 hours, 1 B (?) spun down through low layer of clouds, out of contact. The chutes seen.

Alternate Height: 12,800

Last Resort Heading 140 mag.

Duration Bomb Run: 60 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs: Little and all south of fork in river. One chutes smoke seen shortly before they reached I P. Bombs hit to West of river where it jets up in fork, also hit across island beyond fork.

Other Bombing:

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

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) Belief as hoped first returned to English coast to right of landfall as hoped.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 4/10 over target. smoke seen mid-air.

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of bursts | Location of bursts | Accuracy in relation to A/C |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
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1508. South of fork in river at mouth, pretty heavy; accurate.

Reins 5 miles east of, damage.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ ~~367~~ ~~367~~ A/C Number 727 Letter Z Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 11:16 Time Landed 1850

Position in Formation

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | X | | |
| 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

- 1st Lt. W.W. Thomas Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. J.W. Kappmeyer Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. H.K. McCaleb Nav. ✓
- S/Sgt. E.H. Henderson [✓] Body
- T/Sgt. F.W. Palmer [✓] Radio
- T/Sgt. A. Heyburn [✓] Top T. [✓]
- S/Sgt. E. DeBuyser [✓] Ball T.
- S/Sgt. M.J. St. Louis [✓] R.Waist
- T/Sgt. H.D. Cooke [✓] L.Waist
- S/Sgt. J.E. Harris [✓] Tail G.

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

*Am BT detail 3 miles
2 dirigibles + one man in water. One dropped life raft
to him. Beaufighter circled him + made land
friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details)
on the way. Pilot dropped two inflated
life rafts within 10 ft of the man. Landed
within half a mile as we left.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:09.
 Alternate Height: 19000
 Last Resort Heading 181 mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 31 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 x 500 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

*Own Bombs: Released bombs to hit at Nantes, and hit in field South
of Nantes. More bombs to N of S river. Picked up bombs but damaged
area. Looked like mammoth hangar. One fully shot hangar.
Other Bombing: One ship looked like S of Belle when we got out.*

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number boxes returned _____

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)
To I.P. about 8 miles at of course. Turned back to I.P. than to target.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of bursts | Location of Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
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*Target. Quite a bit behind + off to side. From us or about 10 knots
backing along ground. About 2 burst at Rennes.*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Not hit.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368XX369XX37X~~ A/C Number 985 Letter X Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1120 Time Landed 1845

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

Position in Formation

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      X
    X  X  X  X
  X  X  X  X  X
  X  X  X  X  X
    X  X  X  X
  
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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. W.J. Tackmier Pilot

1st Lt. J.E. Winter Co-P

1st Lt. C.W. Holmes (368th) Nav.

1st Lt. F.X. Pierce Bomb.

T/Sgt. A.G. Coulter Radio

T/Sgt. J. Argentos Top T.

S/Sgt. J.E. Corcoran Ball T.

S/Sgt. H. Sall R.Waist

S/Sgt. H.K. Twing L.Waist

S/Sgt. J.P. Bloom Tail G.

~~817~~
 1 cluste seen from
 an A/c unidentified - about

Airport? Across river from Naves

TARGET ATTACKED: 40 mi. from target.

Primary Time: 1508

Alternate Height: 19220'

Last Resort Heading 190
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: logged

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

~~Own Bombs:~~ Primary covered by low cloud & a smoke screen.

Other Bombing: Hit in dispersal area
 6-8 E/A on field - looked like T/engine

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

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

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

Slightly east in France.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

8/10 low cloud right over target

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of bursts | Location | Accuracy |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------|
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|----------|----------|

Target — slight black ahead alt good
(dirty brown)

Crew observations about Flak: going into France 15-20 miles in
near St. Helier - 1-0 0.5 1-0 1-0

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number _____ Letter _____ Date _____

Bomb Load 12 X 500 H.E. Incendi. 1825 (Exeter) Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 1129 Time Landed 2042 (last) X X X X X X X X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details: near Whazair, 1 B17 from wing ahead, going down, at about 1500 hours
 Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- PETERS, R.T. 2nd Lt. Pilot ✓
NOACK, J.P. 2nd Lt. CO-PI ✓
PETERSON, D.H. 1st Lt. Nav. ✓
VAUGHTER, J.V. 1st Lt. Bomb. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

6
 Time: 1509
 Alternate Height: 19,200
 Last Resort Heading: 175 mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 30 sec.

- John, M.L. 1st Lt. Radio
GRIMM, R.M. 1st Lt. Top T.
KERN, R.L. 1st Lt. Ball T.
STEED, B. 1st Lt. R. Waist
PIEDMONT, D.J. 1st Lt. L. Waist
MAYER, E.J. 1st Lt. Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 00 Detonated: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: Bombed airfield to south of river.

Other Bombing: Saw hits to north of upper fork of river, & around a large ship there, but ship not believed hit.

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

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

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

To left of route leaving England. Twenty miles late over target. Landed at Exeter 1825 to refuel.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) OK. 4/10 smoke screen.

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type, height, or altitude of flak | Color of bursts | Location of bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | <u>target</u> | | <u>low</u> | <u>lots of it -</u> | <u>blue white</u> | <u>flak than usual, especially before target. Following.</u> |

Crew observations about flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 423 A/C Number 813 Letter L Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1125 Time Landed 1855

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |

(either 8-17 or 8-26)

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1750 Sidmouth - A/C ditched about 4 miles off coast - Beaufort was circling and landed put out to them.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Charles E. Munger Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. Henry J. Engel Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. Roger D. Barton Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. Leon Feldman Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. Edwin J. Borlik ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. Herbert W. Hawkes ✓ Top T.
- S/Sgt. John T. Brinkman ✓ Ball T.
- S/Sgt. Jay L. Braman ✓ R.Waist
- S/Sgt. John H. Jessup ✓ L.Waist
- S/Sgt. Lester B. Parks ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
 Alternate Height: 19400
 Last Resort Heading 183
 Duration Bomb Run: 40 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs: NW corner of airfield.

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Vie - Pred. conc. - 8-10 guns - Black good alt. but not in this formation
 Rennes - Pred. conc. - Black - good alt. - poor deflection
 Nantes - H. mod. accurate - barrage - tracking of the bombs away.

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

saw few dog fights - no attacks
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

saw 1 E/A going down - looked like me 109
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

*S-turns - lost 500' alt
coming off target*

| C L A I M S | |
|--|--|
| DESTROYED | |
| PROBABLY | |
| DAMAGED | |
| (fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.) | |

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

excellent

12. 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,

*6 fast boats - one group tried to bomb, missed - (prob. destroyed)
two convoys of 6 ships each, just west of Nantes) smoke screen at Nantes (port)*

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

large ship about 3 miles down river from place where target should have been

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

flat hole in #3 engine - flat hole in de-icer on left wing.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

interceptor jam

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

poor formation
Wiertha

S-2 OFFICER

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367XXX~~ 369 423 A/C Number 30794 Letter V. Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1129 Time Landed 1854

Position in Formation

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No target
 Details: About 3 o'clock fast check out at 10,000 ft - apparently a trouble just sight of 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 any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
convoy about 15 mi. of coast SW les Sables. Somebody bombed. Convoy dispersed.

- Lt. W. H. Lockyear Pilot ✓
- F/O M. D. Reed Co-P ✓
- Lt. D. B. Dash Nav. ✓
- Lt. A. J. Nagy Bomb. ✓
- S/Sgt. B. A. Swift ✓ Radio
- S/Sgt. D. C. Rich ✓ Top T.
- S/Sgt. A. H. Weiland ✓ Ball T.
- Sgt. E. J. Gilbert ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. J. Regan ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. L. J. Kurk ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1508 1/2
 Alternate Height: 19,000
 Last Resort Heading 170° mag
 (circle) airport below pannes
 Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec (approx.)

- S/Sgt. B. A. Swift ✓ Radio
- S/Sgt. D. C. Rich ✓ Top T.
- S/Sgt. A. H. Weiland ✓ Ball T.
- Sgt. E. J. Gilbert ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. J. Regan ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. L. J. Kurk ✓ Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed

Other Bombing: Dispersion area in airfield. Some bombs, smoke around Bank of River.

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

moderate amount flak over target. accurate as to altitude - probably tracking (white and black bursts)

Grew observations about Flak: Flak at town of Reannes was first to come close. as much as at target

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 603 Letter H Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11 21 Time Landed 18 53

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----------|
| | | | X | |
| X | X | X | X | (X) High |
| X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X |

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

None

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. John H. Lewis Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. Kenneth R. Bickett Co-P ✓

1st Lt. Arthur S. Morris Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. Woddrow S. Ellerts Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. Leo C. Capper Radio ✓

T/Sgt. Warren F. Day Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. Kenneth B. Rood Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. Almond A. Weed R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. David (NMI) Axelrod Waist ✓

S/Sgt. Leon R. Goetz Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:09

Alternate Height: 19,300

Last Resort Heading 183° Mag

Duration Bomb Run: 120"

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 x 500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Bombed Chateau Bourgon N. dispersal areas

Other Bombing: Possibly only 4 or 5 a/c from group dropped on Chateau Bourgon

Any Photographs taken: (Yes) No

Any Nickels: Yes (No)

Number boxes dropped

GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) None

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Clear all way to T. - then middle clouds + smoke screen covered

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. None

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

None - moderate fairly acc. - Group ahead got predicted barrage this group tracking

Crew observations about Flak:

1 a/c from group ahead bombed Bourgon in Bay Biscay

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~369~~ A/C Number 306 Letter P Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1115 Time Landed 1845

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|---|
| Capt. D. Fuhrmeister | Pilot | ✓ |
| Capt. K.A. Reecher | Co-P | ✓ |
| 1st Lt. C.A. Alexander | | ✓ |
| 1st Lt. A.F. Titus | Nav. | ✓ |
| 1st Lt. J.J. Kostal | Bomb. | ✓ |
| T/Sgt. A.R. May | Radio | ✓ |
| T/Sgt. C.E. Vondrachek | Top T. | ✓ |
| S/Sgt. W.R. Clark | Rail T. | ✓ |
| S/Sgt. O.K. Nabors | R.Waist | ✓ |
| S/Sgt. R.Y. Wilson | L.Waist | ✓ |
| 1st Lt. E.O. Rasmussen | Tail G. | ✓ |

1444 - Rennes - B-17 going back - 5 chutes
1503 - Between F.P. + target going down - no chutes

Attack airfield about 2 or 3 miles S.E. of Primary

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
Alternate Height: 19400
Last Resort Heading 180° Mag
Duration Bomb Run: 35 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs: bomb pattern in disposal area - mostly to left of hanger saw twin engine E/A and building under bomb bursts.
Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 5/10 clouds - big cloud right over primary - break in clouds made bombing of air field possible.

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

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

Rennes.

1445 - cont. following from approx 20 guns, good for alt poor deflection - changed to grad. cont. in group behind Bl.

Crew observations about Flak: 1700' to 2100' and 1000 yds in width.

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grad. right turn of target (20°) no coord. trail over France

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

(Color, markings, etc of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

very good - no split 95

2. 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,

saw convoy just of coast - fired on planes that left formation to get gas.

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

1459 Saw either Bomb or tank drop from P47 - blew up when it hit ground

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

#2 + #3 superchargers lagged.

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

305th dropped some bombs on convoy - missed 10 miles S. of Belle Isle.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 423 A/C Number 855 Letter T Date 16/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1022 Time Landed 1854

Position in Formation

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| | | 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

- 1st Lt. Vernon K. Cole Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. Robert E. Partridge Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. Charles R. Kuehn Nav ✓
- 2nd Lt. Joseph M. Columbus Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. Robah C. Shields, Jr. Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. Robert D. Folk Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. Donald Richardson Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. Adrian H. Wright R. Waist ✓
- Enl. S/Sgt. Wallace A. Snedden L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. Donald C. Werner Tail G. ✓

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1817 about 4 minutes before IP on fire in formation ahead. Did not go & he went down. no chutes observed.
friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position; time; altitude, full details)

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Nantes

Primary Time: 1509
Alternate Height: 19,500
Last Resort (circle) Heading 206° Mag

Duration Bomb Run:

not initially Bouguenais

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed.

Other Bombing:

other bombs with good pattern, observed to hit target.

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

Any Nickels: Yes (No)

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Number boxes returned

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

Approx. as briefed except for target.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Little flak over target (1845)
A few bursts (black) near Rennes

Crew observations about Flak:

Wing behind seemed to get most flak. no flak at crest.

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