

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 634,
19 May 1943.

SUBJECT: Tactical Comments and Recommendations on Mission of 19 May 1943.

TO : Commanding General, First Bombardment Wing, APO 634.

1. It is recommended that the cancellation or postponement of take-off for combat missions be decided on and so coordinated between control officers with the information available to them, that the message may reach the operational stations at least a few minutes before the scheduled take-off time. On this mission twelve ships of the 94th Bombardment Group (H) had already taken off before the word was passed down to this station that the take-off had been delayed a half hour. Owing to the peculiar weather conditions, it was impossible to bring them back into this field, and they had to be sent to Bassingbourne for refueling before another take-off. This caused no little confusion both here and at Bassingbourne.

2. It is recommended that more consideration be given to the difficulties and hardships encountered when several different loadings are sent down, previous to a mission. In this case our ships were about 80% loaded when the final change came in at a late hour. Armorers and Ordnance personnel worked far into the night, undoing the work they had so assiduously performed previously, resulting in dangerous loss of sleep to these men, and, what is more important, a definite drop in morale. This is only a natural psychological reaction to these conditions, and the men themselves are not to be blamed for it.

3. On this mission the poorest piece of headwork was done by the leader of one of the other Groups. He attempted to get into our Combat Wing formation, and though he was not entirely successful, he needlessly exposed one Group to attacks from fighters, as well as raising havoc with the bombing run of the Composite Group of the 101st Combat Wing.

The leader of this offending Group brought his formation up alongside the Composite Group which was flying high off the lead Group. He fired a flare and attempted to move in to the position occupied by the Composite Group, but was not allowed to do so until after several attempts, he accomplished his purpose.

The two Groups then played a game of aerial tag, while lustily shooting flares to indicate that each knew the other was wrong. We are convinced that we were not wrong, since the leader of the Composite Group was one of our Squadron Commanders, flying near enough to the Lead Group to identify the planes in the high Squadron as belonging to his own Squadron. During this jockeying the Composite Group was thrown far enough out on the turn at the I.P. to cause considerable difficulty on the bombing run.

The problems presented by this incident are many. In the first place the present use of flares, with the coordination and knowledge displayed, does not seem to have solved the problem of Group identification. Secondly a better quality of "battle thinking" must be developed in order that such a thing is not allowed to happen again. Thirdly, a closer coordination must be developed between the Combat Wings, and among the individual Groups, so that a rendezvous may be affected without any possible chance of a recurrence of this incident. In connection with this last, it is felt that the choice of Leicester as one end of the rendezvous line was not too well made, since it involved a concentration of unassembled Groups and Combat Wings in such a position that such a thing as did happen could happen, which is really at the root of the whole trouble.

4. Again members of the 92nd Bombardment Group abandoned their assigned positions in the Combat Wing formation at a crucial time. It is again recommended that this Group not be required to participate in Combat missions until such time as they demonstrate proficiency in maintaining the Combat Wing formation.

5. It is recommended that the present available incendiary clusters not be carried into enemy territory until ballistic data is definitely established which will allow precision incendiary bombing with confidence commensurate with demolition bombing. This Group feels that the risk involved in carrying such a load into Germany are all out of proportion with the results attained.

Claude E. Putnam
CLAUDE E. PUTNAM,
Colonel, AC,
Commanding.

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TELETYPE REPORT

A. Narrative.

1. 24 A/C took off at 0950 hrs to bomb the shipbuilding yards at Kiel. 3 A/C returned early due to mechanical failures and 21 A/C bombed the target. The route flown was approximately as ordered in good weather and clear visibility at the target.

2. Confused and uncertain because of inexperience with incendiary bombs. Crews reported that bombs were dropped in target area but could not follow them.

3. 1 - 1245 hours turned back 25 miles from German coast with #4 engine out.

1 - 1300 hours turned back 20 miles from German coast with engine failure.

1 - 1315 hours turned back at German coast with #4 prop wild and superchargers lagging.

4. Some 40 - 50 E/A, chiefly Fw 190's, Ju 88's, and Me 110's were reported seen but there were very few direct attacks on this group. They were first encountered at coast on way to target and pilots appeared inexperienced. Most attacks were from rear. No unusual markings were reported although one pure white Me 110 was seen. Aerial bombing was again resorted to and 1 B-17 may have been lost as a result. We claim 3 destroyed and 1 probable.

5. Flak was moderate and inaccurate for deflection on this group, but seemed intense and accurate on groups following. AA fire was reported from several ships in Kiel harbor.

6. 1 B-17 down just before target -- 3 chutes out picked up by boat.

1 B-17 down at target -- 4 chutes (this may have been hit by bomb).

1 B-17 hit just after target -- went down in water -- 5 chutes out close to boat.

1 B-17 straight down in dive at target -- no chutes.

7. Nil.

8. Many naval and merchant ships in Kiel harbor taking evasive action.

Smoke screens seemed effective at Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, and Eckenford.

3 submarines off German coast headed north.

B. Statistical.

1. 24.

2. 3.

3. 21.

4. Kiel -- 0.

5. Flensburg -- 0.

6. 0.

7. 0.

8. 0.

9. 0.

10. 0.

11. 0.

12. 10 x 500 G. P.; 16 x 100 Inc.; 4 x 500 Inc.

13. 304 x 100 Inc.; 76 x 500 Inc.; 20 x 500 G.P.

14. 48 x 100 Inc.; 12 x 500 Inc.

15. 0.

16. 0.

17. 0.

18. 0.

19. 0.

20. Primary. 1332 hours, 25,000 feet.

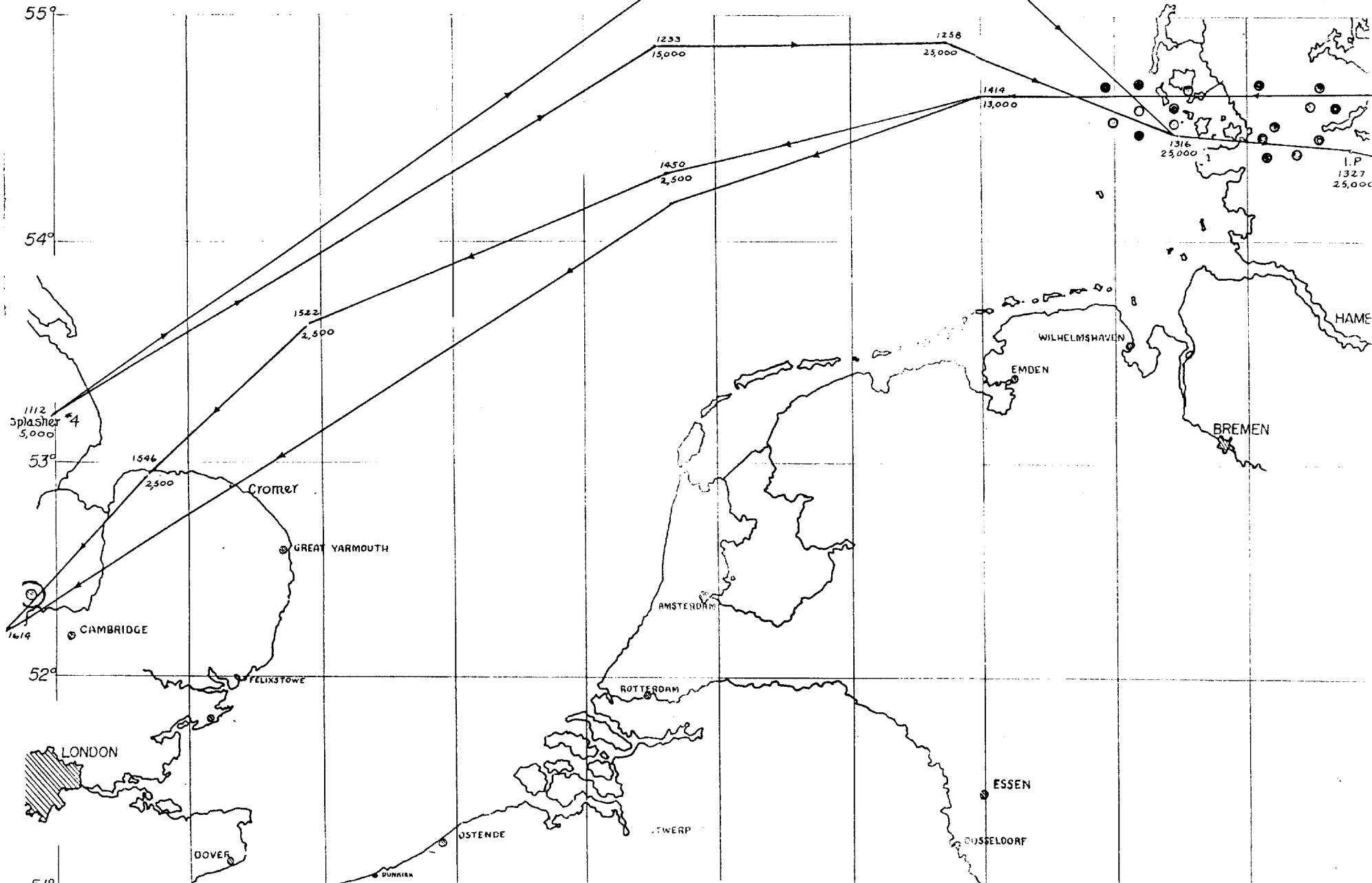
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TARGET

Date 19 - 5 - 43

Primary Kiel
 Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

Planned	Route followed by	
<u>Actual</u>	" " "	<u>306 Bomb Gp.</u>
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Crew delivery

HEADQUARTERS
VIII BOMBER COMMAND
A.P.O. 634

Bomber Command Narrative of Operations
Day Operation - 19 May, 1943
Mission No. 59

Targets: I. Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards at Kiel.
II. Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards at Flensburg.

A total of 187 B-17s from the 1st and 4th Wings were dispatched to carry out attacks against the Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards at Kiel and the Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards at Flensburg. The 379th Group carried out a diversionary sweep. Photographic evidence on the Kiel effort recorded during and after the raid does not reveal any new damage in the target area, however, crews report fair results. Bombing results on the Flensburg effort were good. No fighter support was furnished on the mission. Opposition was considerable at Kiel and moderate at Flensburg. Flak was moderate. 6 B-17s were lost, all from the 1st Wing.

Group	Number of a/c					Claims	Personnel casualties		
	Dispatched	Attacking	Abortive*	Lost			Killed	Wounded	Missing
			A	B					
1st Wing									
91	19	16	2	1	1	4-0-0	0	0	10***
92	10	9	1	0	0	9-0-0	0	0	0
303	27	22	5	0	0	14-1-10	0	2	0
305	22	19	1	2	4	11-5-7	0	2	40
306	24	21	3	0	0	3-0-1	0	1	0
351	21	16**	5	0	1	7-1-3	1	2	10
	123	103**	17	3	6	48-7-21	1	7	60***
4th Wing									
94	26	25	1	0	0	6-0-4	2	0	0
95	15	11	4	0	0	3-2-6	0	4	0
96	23	19	4	0	0	3-2-4	0	0	0
	64	55	9	0	0	12-4-14	2	4	0
Diversion									
379	24	0	1	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0

* Abortive 'A' - mechanical or personnel failures.

'B' - weather, recall, enemy action.

** 1 a/c attacked secondary target and 1 attacked last resort target.

*** In addition one civilian, a British News Correspondent, was killed.

PART I

Target: Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards at Kiel

Bombing Results: 101 B-17s dropped 679 x 500 G.P., 156 x 500 I.B., and 464

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x 100 I.B. from 24500 - 26200 ft. at 1329 - 1333 hrs. at the Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards with fair results. 1 B-17 dropped 10 x 500 G.P. on the Kriegsmarinewerft Dock Yards with results unknown. 1 B-17 dropped 10 x 500 G.P. on Flensburg with results unknown.

Reasons for failure to bomb: 17 a/c returned early because of mechanical failures, 1 was lost before reaching the target and 2 were lost at the target without definite knowledge of their having bombed.

Encounters: Considerable opposition was encountered from 35-75 e/a which were mostly FW 190s and Me 110s with some Ju 88s, Me 210s and Me 109s. Attacks began at the coast on the way in and continued for an hour and 10 minutes until ~~the coast on the way back.~~ Generally attacks were from all

angles and positions with single engine a/c attacking mainly from the nose. 3-5 e/a attacked simultaneously at times. Over the target e/a came in bunches, attacking from the tail and below and breaking off at 800 yards, while a few came in from under the nose to about 300 yds. One group reported very few direct attacks and these mostly from the tail. Air-to-air bombing was again reported. Some FW 190s and Me 110s were solid white, some grey with yellow noses, and some with black fuselage and brown wings. Ju 88s were silver.

Casualties - Personnel: 1 crew member killed, 7 wounded, and 60 missing.

Equipment: Of the 6 B-17s lost, 1 was due to flak, 2 to e/a and three to unknown cause. 1 a/c went down at Kiel Fiord with three chutes opening, 1 down between Nordstrand Island and the mainland with 4 chutes, 1 crashed into Vollerwick Bay with 2 chutes (3 small boats near), 1 went into a straight dive over target with 6 chutes, one in a long dive in Kiel Fiord about five miles east of Kiel with 3 to 5 chutes seen and small boats picking up crews, and one unknown.

Estimated Battle Damage: 21 category "A", 7 category "AC".

Flak: Over target flak was barrage type, moderate to intense, and accurate for height but with inaccurate deflection. 1 red burst near the target. Flak ships in Kiel Harbor and Kieler Fohrde were very accurate. Slight, inaccurate flak at Suderoog, Husun, Rendsburg, Kappeln and Echernforde. Some red bursts seen in vicinity of Flensburg.

Fighter Support: No fighter support was furnished.

Route: Bases to Splasher 4, to 55°10'N - 04°40'E, to 55°17'N - 07°00'E, to 54°30'N - 08°32'E to I.P. at lake two miles N.W. of Schestedt at 54°23'N - 09°48'E to target. Route back: target to 54°24'N - 10°22'E, to 54°42'N - 10°00'E, to 54°40'N - 07°00'E, to 54°08'N - 04°20'E. to Cromer, to bases.

Weather: At take-off there were traces of medium and high cloud with trace - 4/10 thin low cloud at 1000-1500 ft. Visibility generally 4 - 6 miles, occasionally 1-2 miles. On the route out there was 3/10 - 5/10 variable strato-cumulus and cumulus with base at 2000-2500 ft, becoming clear at English Coast and to the target. Visibility 5-10 mi. with occasional haze. No medium or high cloud. At target there was clear - 2/10 low cloud at 2500-3000 ft. with trace of high cloud at estimated 30000 ft. Visibility 10-20 miles. On return route clear to 3/10 low clouds with base at 2000 ft. and tops at 3500

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ft, with traces of high cloud, and clearing as English Coast approached. Occasional patch of 3/10 - 5/10 medium cloud at 8000 ft. Visibility at 10-20 miles. At bases on return clear with 10-20 mi. visibility. No contrails were reported. Winds and temperature was reported as good and as forecast.

Observations: One Ju 88 is reported to have directed flak from I.P. to beyond target. 14 vessels were seen in the Kiel Fiord some of which resemble naval craft and 2 as large as cruisers. Smoke from Flensburg after bombing was seen rising to a height of 8000 ft. from our a/c which were flying at an altitude of 25,000 ft. and 70 mi. away. 50 balloons were seen at Kiel; 50 were seen at Echernford at 1500 ft. A large, well camouflaged vessel was lying on the lee side of a small island S. of Sylt; 8-10 subs were observed E. of Sylt. There was 1 naval vessel thought to be an aircraft carrier or target tow in Kiel Harbor. A camouflaged cruiser was seen at Heligoland. 2 crews reported FW 190 with gun in tail firing to rear. 1 group reported that incendiaries dropped by group above flew apart and dropped in their path.

PART II

Target - Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards

Bombing Results: 55 B-17s of the 4th Wing dropped 536 x 500 GPs on the Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards from 22000 - 25000 ft. at 1325-1328 hrs. Strike photographs show a heavy concentration of bombs on and around the new shipyard. Reconnaissance photos show several hits on the U-Boat building shops. The main frame and angle bending shop and the quarantine station were also damaged. The old shipyards were damaged and were still smoking at the time of photographic reconnaissance.

Reasons for Failure to Bomb: 9 B-17s returned early due to mechanical failures

Encounters: Moderate opposition was encountered from I.P. into and out from the target over a period of approximately 30 minutes. Most of the e/a were FW 190s plus a few twin engine fighters. Attacks were persistent and mostly from 5-7 o'clock although some came from 11-2 o'clock. FW markings were silver, light blue, light grey, and yellow and red noses.

Casualties - Personnel: 2 crew members were killed and 4 wounded.

Equipment: No losses.

Estimated Battle Damage: 8 category "A" and 1 category "AC".

Flak: Flak was slight to moderate and inaccurate as to deflection. Black bursts were seen before reaching the target and red bursts after passing over it.

Fighter Support: None furnished.

Route: Bases to Splasher 4, to 55°10'N - 04°40'E, to 55°17'N - 07°00'E, to

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306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

AP0 624,
19 May, 1943

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition Tactics Report for Mission of 19th May, 1943.

To : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. General.

On 19th May, 1943, twenty four (24) A/C of the 306th Bomb Group (H) were airborne to bomb, with incendiaries, the shipbuilding yards at Kiel, Germany. Of the twenty four (24) A/C, three (3) flew with the Composite Group, the 92nd & 303 Bomb Groups (H). On the whole, because of the nature of the bombing load, the bombing results were visibly indeterminate.

2. Flak.

Flak over the target was accurate as to height, but off on deflection. Several crew members reported having seen red bursts of flak.

3. Fighter Opposition.

Fighter opposition as it affected this group was moderate. Between 30 & 50 E/A, mostly Fw 190's, with some Ju 88's and Me 109's, were encountered. Most attacks were made from between 2 and 5 o'clock. An Fw 190, painted silver, was reported as directing the enemy attack. Our A/C claim three (3) certainly destroyed and one (1) as probably destroyed. Several crew members reported aerial bombing.

JOHN B. WRIGHT,
Major, AC,
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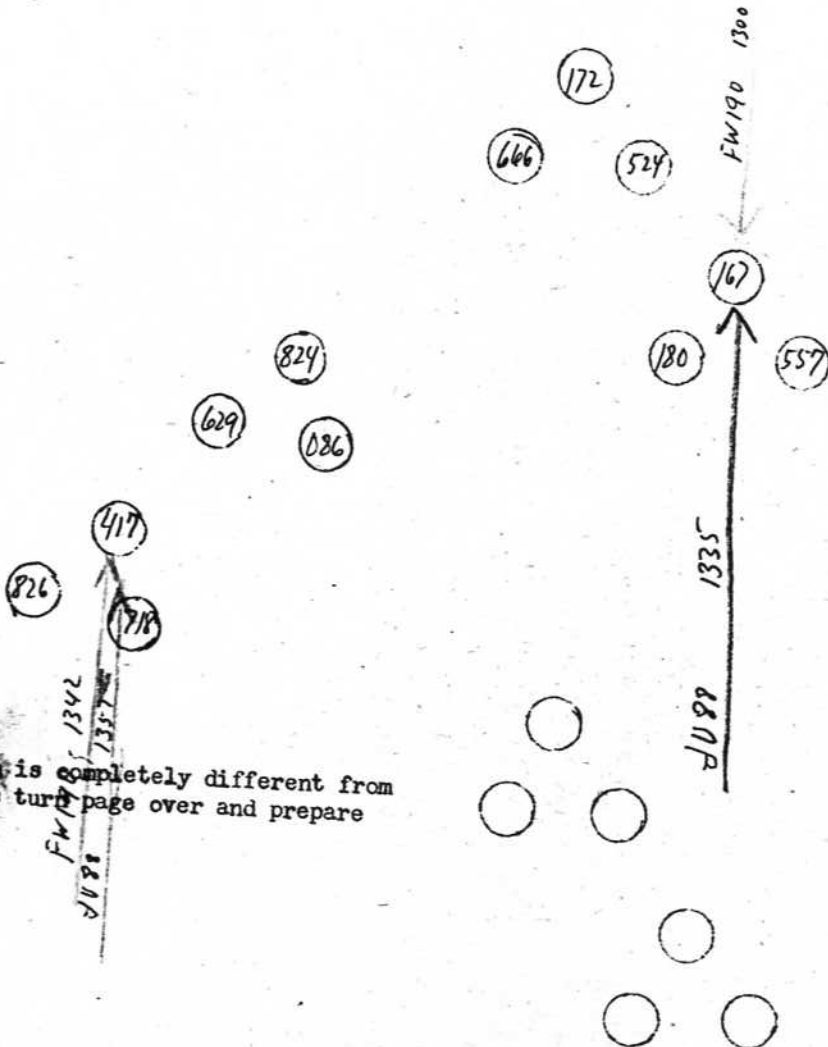
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GROUP 306
 DATE 3/19/43

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM

Show direction, approx. time and type E/A of each attack with arrow. Above with ~~XXX~~ arrow - Below with green - Level with ~~XXXX~~ red.



If actual formation is completely different from position of circles turn page over and prepare diagram on back.

Write numbers of our A/C in circles.
 Draw lines through circles not applying.
 Block out our missing A/C in Red.

③ 92nd didn't descend until Denmark

Assembled at 7000

went to low ⑤

Delayed 20 minutes
circled & climbed to 17000

④ No com trails at altitude

2 Gps at Polington

92 at Denmark

Fighter support going in a few gaps coming out

~~Denmark~~

Plans to Buttercup Regt

A Gp dropped 35 miles out after fight

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 MABA Date 1/18/19

4x500-161100 -

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 180 Letter D Date 19-5-43

Bomb Load H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 9:55 Time Landed 16:28

	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	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1-B17 - ~~13:35~~ 13:35 before near I.P.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. C.F. Logan - Pilot

1 B17 - out of formation - 4 fighters #3 smoking - steep spiral just before target

2nd Lt. M.W. Davis CO-P

2nd Lt. R.S. Morris Nav.

1st Lt. E. Drew Bomb.

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13:30

Alternate Height: 75000 -

Last Resort Heading: 67°

Duration Bomb Run: 200

S/Sgt. S.W. Swartz Radio

S/Sgt. M. Wentworth Top T.

S/Sgt. G. Rowland Ball T.

S/Sgt. H. Cordery - R. Waist

S/Sgt. A. Romero - L. Waist

S/Sgt. F.N. Porcelli Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Scattered like leaves in WIND

Other Bombing:

Don't know

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (if it affected mission)

6000 -

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

Time	Place	Height or 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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Flak from Echmford - at Kabai near target

Low, Behind at target, Black-

Crew observations about Flak:

Good but but inaccurate - 3 or 4000 feet below

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20 all day ~~at 3~~ 70-30 F.W.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

14 fighters at 13:10 Several dives
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

1/2 angles - F.W.
 1/2 J488-
 (Location and length of fight)

No attacks
 (Tactics of E/A)

Silver fuselage - Red ladder - F.W.
 (Color markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)
 One at B17 was out of range.

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

53°47'N
 0010° East

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

11:27 Saw 7 ships one apparently sinking - another standing by - One still - Other circling
 5000'

12. 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,
 Good Smoke Screen - Boats making smoke - Smoke pots along bank - Smoke pots to NW on Bay.

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)
 Buildings like hangars (10-15) on Langston - along

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Log says that one ship went down with his hand. It got the form somewhere in coffee room.

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③ 13:22 - Down 3 chutes - in water

4x500 - 16K, 0

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) 368 369 423 A/C Number 794 Letter K Date 19-5-43

Bomb Load _____ H.E. Incendi Position in Formation _____
Time Took Off 10:00 Time Landed 16:30

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 X

① Before target - Spun Spun again
3 minutes overboard + Blew Up - No chutes
Fighter (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 1322 at Coast

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st F.A. Onnes - Pilot

② 11 B17 aborted at 1256 - 15 minutes from Coast & turned back.

Redwood CO-P
2nd Q.D. Moore Nav.
2nd F.K. Pierce Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: B17 - 8000 Coast

Walkerhurst Radio Toppt

Primary Time: before target spinning 1/2 R. S. Schultz Top P. Radio
Alternate Height: falling leaf 1/2 M. Causey Ball T.
Last Resort Heading: 1330 1/2 R. J. Durfee R. Waist
(circle) 24500 S. W. H. H. H. L. Waist
Duration Bomb Run: 450 1/2 W. D. Brittain Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

BIG FIRE
at target

Fwd 1943

Other Bombing:

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy)	Color	Location of Bursts	Accuracy
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Accurate for height Inaccurate for Range
Moderate + heavy - Perceived more than last time

Crew Observations about Flak:

3 bursts spinning in

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Twins
(6)

(25) singles

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

F.W.

(Location and length of fight)

No attacks -

Hooping well away -

J U F 8 lobbing in

shells than thought leaves than

(Tactics of E/A)

70 mm -

(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. FIGHTER 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 airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

3 submarines - 5 minutes off coast - German - headed North - parallel to coast - 24500 -

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)

See English Batteries shoot & burst at incoming A/C.

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

(Person way out)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Incendians falling from plane ahead - 10 hit. } =

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

(ship 150 yards away) -

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

Something need be done on formation or procedures

S-2 OFFICER

Baumgardner

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 By RLB/JAC NARA Date 1/8/94

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ 423 A/C Number 084 Letter N Date 3/19/43

Bomb Load 16 x 100 4 x 500 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation
 Time Took Off 9:50 Time Landed 16:10

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details: 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)
 1B17 seen to explode about the location
 may in 5 minutes seen.
 1B17 out over target. (Demmand) Coal bunker.
 1B17 on turn after target followed by F.Ws. 3 Clusters
 exploded

G. T. B. Howland Pilot
 W. R. W. Shroyer CO-P
 W. A. J. Bycott Nav.
 W. E. M. Montoya Bomb.
 T/S W. D. Skahan Radio
 S/S D. E. Neff Top T.
 S/S P. Morris Ball T.
 S/S W. Barton R. Waist
 T/S F. J. Kilbride L. Waist
 S/S B. T. McCann Tail G.

Impressed

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
 Primary Time: 13:35
 Alternate Height: 24,600
 Last Resort Heading: 125° mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 20-25 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Big smoke seen. But also fire seen.
 Cluster of black smoke definitely over target area.

Other Bombing:

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: none seen

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
 as briefed except straight over until we got a fix. then straight in.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good

9. 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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1331 target 24600 Intense
 1331-35 Bats. 24600 slight hit fairly accurate.
 before target 10 to target more faint tracks.
 both accurate in formation.
 not accurate.

Crew observations about Flak: none

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 557 Letter T Date 19 May 43

Bomb Load Incendiary H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation
 Time Took Off 9:58 Time Landed 1645

	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)

- D. E. Hopkins Pilot
- St. F. O. H. Jeffries CO-P
- D. L. S. Pierce Nav.
- D. S. R. Stead Bomb.
- S/Sgt H. M. C. Givney Radio
- S/Sgt T. F. Haketic Top T.
- S/Sgt C. Shelly Ball T.
- S/Sgt O. Van Gleave R. Waist
- Sgt R. L. Taylor L. Waist
- Sgt E. G. Westloh Tail G.

2 B17 on water right after target
3 chutes from 1. 2 from other.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1405
 Alternate Height: 25000
 Last Resort Heading: 10
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 30"

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

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

Own Bombs: difficult to see due to smoke & smoke screens

Other Bombing: whole area all smoke.

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.)

As ordered - hit German coast about 40 miles north of where should.

8. WEATHER: (if it affected mission) good visibility

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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heavy but inaccurate.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 786 Letter _____ Date May 19

Bomb Load ~~4x~~ H.E. Incendi 4x 500

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed 16x100

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No 4:45

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

Over Target (Hi)

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. R.R. Fryer Pilot

3 17's from Group ahead
hit by Flak + Fighters

2nd. W.D. Peterson CO-P

2nd. F. Harrison Nav.

3 Chutes - 3 Chutes - 0 Chute

S/S M.B. Annetta Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13:26
Alternate Height: 25,500
Last Resort Heading: 105°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: ?

H/W W.F. Hoffman Radio
Land F.K. Crowther Top T.
S/S R. LeBlanche Ball T.
S/S A. Ratsosky R. Waist
S/S F. Gelfo L. Waist
S/S A.F. Krajcik Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: _____

Other Bombing: Incendiaries S.W. of Aiming Point

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: 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.)

As planned

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Clear

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
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Coast coming in a little

I. - Mostly at Group ahead

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

15 to 20

FW's 109's also 110's +

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

Just 88's

No direct attacks on this

(Location and length of fight)

Squadron - just circling at distance -

(Tactics of E/A)

Just silver + black -

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	
PROBABLY	None
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

None

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummbos, 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/Cs: (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, PLACE and TIME.)

Harrison cut on finger - shell casing

15. DAMAGE TO A/Cs: (Briefly)

none

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none

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

Suggest ^{added} abortion signal - Squadron followed Hemmery at first when aborted - Weld

S-2 OFFICER

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 MARA Date 1/8/94

INTERVIEW FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/U Number 417 Letter Date 19/5/43
 Bomb Load 16 x 100 / 7 x 500 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation
 Time Took Off 1004 Time Landed 1626

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

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

Details:

At 1318 a B-17 went down at coast on way in in wide spiral - no smoke - lots of fighters - crashed on land - 3 chutes
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Capt. J.G. Magoffin Pilot
 Lt. A. Block CO-P
 Lt. B.E. Howenstein Nav.
 Lt. C.J. Travis Bomb.
 1/S DW Sparks Radio
 1/S DL Hinebaugh Top T.
 1/S P.P. Nolasco Ball T.
 3/S J.T. Ross R. Waist
 1/S R.G. Wathens L. Waist
 1/S T.A. Rosato Tail G.

B-17 - went down spinning - salvaged. bombs - under fighter attack - just before I.P. - 3 chutes - crashed.
 B-17 - at 1338 - went down in bay - #32 on fire - under fighter attack - 5 chutes.
 TARGET ATTACKED: #1332
 Primary Time: 1332

Alternate Height: 24800'

Last Resort Heading: 30 mag.

Duration Bomb Run: Toggled on leader were so spread that we couldn't tell.

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

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

Own Bombs: Couldn't tell

Other Bombing: Previous two groups seemed to have concentrated their bombs right on the target.

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

Exactly as ordered. Slight drift off target at alt of 10000'.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Excellent

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

Time	Place	Height or A/C	Type (light, heavy) intense, portable or other	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1332 Target 24800' H-M. Black. Not accurate - covered a great area covered with sporadic bursts - not grouped. Not looked like they were firing, but one gun at a time.

Crew observations about flak: 2 bombs dropped as we crossed the area - then in alt and - hit us also. Got us

Bomb was silver in color. Bomb exploded level - about 4000 yd. behind us.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

8 of these.

#5 Fw 190's MC109. Ju 88's -
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Attacked the group below us.
(Location and length of fight)

Stood off & lobed 80mm. at us from tail - just out of range
of our guns.

Fighters were very poor today.
(Tactics of E/A)

MC 109 - painted white - did not attack, but was visible
for miles.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED R

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER 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 airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; con-
centrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

Good smoke screen over target.

Saw the group behind us blow an Ju 88 all to pieces.

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, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Group doesn't stand a chance while releasing incendiaries
would have been slaughtered if there had been good fighter opposition.

S-2 OFFICER

S. J. Owen

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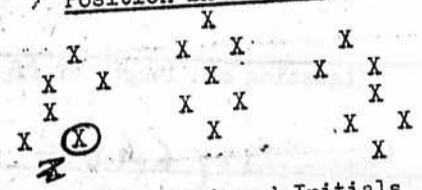
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 718 Letter _____ Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load 10x500 GP Incendi

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed 1630

Position in Formation



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)

B17 - went down in a spin (from group ahead) crashed into water out of control - 2 chutes out - on route just as we were about to cross coast on way in.

- A. A. H. Maresh Pilot
- H. G. C. Beltinger CO-P
- H. J. C. Brown Nav.
- H. M. C. Zinkovich Bomb.
- 1/S H. H. Lightbourn Radio
- 1/S B. Gordon Top T.
- 1/S P. W. Pappas Ball T.
- 1/S H. H. Krueger R. Waist
- 1/S C. B. Smith L. Waist
- 1/S H. L. Cox Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1332
 Alternate Height: 2500'
 Last Resort Heading: 100 mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 30 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10x500 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: about 5 miles - to right of target on some R.R. tracks, We were on a wing and made our own bombing run, stayed in formation.
 Other Bombing: large billows of black smoke from the target of the 94th

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.)
As ordered - except at I.P. - moved up at I.P.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Excellent.

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
<u>1332</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>2500'</u>	<u>H-</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>	<u>act inaccurate</u>
<u>Single bursts or in twos - did not follow.</u>						
<u>Flak seemed to be between the two groups.</u>						
<u>Crew observations about Flak: <u>Two aerial bombs - good for</u></u>						

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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25 FW190
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

Me110
(Types) About 6 - did not attack us.

(Location and length of fight)

Groups of 6 or 8 - hung out away from us then went below - Saw 3 planes expend ammunition when they were not in range - then they went home.
(Tactics of E/A)

Two Me110's were painted white.
FW.190's were black - one was silver.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>Not</u>
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER 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 airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,

Smoke screen - over target - very effective.
75-100 boats in Kiel Harbor - (most of them small)

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, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Empty cart - & Ejected fuel cart.
went thru nose + wing - metal prop.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: ✓

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

S-2 OFFICER

J. Owen

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 (368, 369) (423) A/R Number 666 Letter Date 19 May

Bomb Load 16 x 100 4x500 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off Time Landed

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

R. H. Smelt Pilot

1 B17 down off island going in salvo in water

R. McCallum CO-P

1 B17 down spinning just before target. 1 chute

J. S. Chaney Nav.

1 B17 over target with 2 chutes

W. Gray Bomb.

2- TARGET ATTACKED:

H. Kate Radio

Primary Time: 1331

B. F. Buchanan Top T.

Alternate Height: 25000'

A. R. Adrian Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 40°

C. W. Durham R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

J. C. Warminski L. Waist

B. J. Lamb Tail G.

3- Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: Return it: Abortive:

4- Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or other)

Own Bombs:

Nil

5- Other Bombing:

Several fires & heavy smoke in target area.

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.)

As briefed.

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), moderate or slight. Color of Bursts Location Accuracy Bursts in relation to A/C

Moderate to heavy over target accurate as to altitude but off on deflection. Too close tho' for comfort. Looked like predicted fire. Saw bursts near target area going in and coming out.

Crew. Query: (ons about flak)

Orange bursts again.

BY RLB/BAC NARA Date 1/8/94

1 B17 down in water close to land after target - 3 chutes

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

35 to 50 F.W.S. Some T.E.'s Jan. 88

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

8 ME110 followed groups out

(Location and length of fight)

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

Aerial bombs, big bursts of black smoke again dropped from above. Bursts were way ahead.

Attacks today were more from the tail than head-on today.

Solid white H.O. came in fairly close (Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
DAMAGED	<input type="radio"/>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Nil.

Boat leading out for sea from Kiel

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, etc.)
T.E. single tail. 2 fighters on boat just off English coast - looked like heavy attack. Boat was not retreating. Smoke screens as usual. Level attack and Wilhelmshaven.

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)

Over.

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly describe damage to A/C)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: (Briefly describe technical failures)

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
Still hearing someone on radio - Command. Could be German, be transmitting 6440

S-2 OFFICER Wright

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By RLB/BAC MABA Date 1/8/43

A/c in distress continued. ③ 17 went down half minute later, should our water make central parachute then turning about and probably headed for land. ④ 17 down then target smoke crash landed near Handewitt. ⑤ On way in saw 17 go down and other engine hit by flake. He crashed in water - W. Z. E.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) 368 369 423 A/C Number B/V Letter _____ Date 5/19/43

Bomb Load 16-100 4-500 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation (Composites)

Time Took Off 1000 Time Landed 1620

	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)

- ① 2-17 and on way down together returning from Mc109 return side fall on Nordstrand Island on way in. saw just one chute. 1st Lt. D.H. White CO-P
- ② on minute before target saw 17 probably from first group (10 below) go down in W. Z. Morley Bomb.

TARGET ATTACKED: spin at 1315 o'clock

Primary	Time: <u>1330</u>	<u>S/pt J.C. Voce/lli</u>	Radio
Alternate	Height: <u>25,600</u>	<u>S/pt F.W. Pulliam</u>	Ball T.
Last Resort (circle)	Heading: <u>95° (M)</u>	<u>S/pt G. Toney</u>	R. Waist
Duration Bomb Run:	<u>60"</u>	<u>S/pt W.R. Earnest</u>	L. Waist
		<u>S/pt W.D. Sherrill</u>	Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: _____

Other Bombing: Whole plain looked shattered with fires on both sides of harbour.

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? no

GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: no

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

As ordered.

WEATHER: (If it affected mission) swell.

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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Encountered flak at museum, heavy but inaccurate for us next at target also heavy but inaccurate. Black or white. Altitude fair.

Crew observations about flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

About 25 500 Fw of 10012 J488. (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

No attacks. One silver J488. sat off to right (Location and length of fight)

about 1200 yds high. Our 172 shot at him - he left. 10 minutes after target down - 1902 came level 12 o'clock

Picked off - went down under us in dive probably to attack (Tactics of E/A)

grain behind. 4 J488's after our water at 11 o'clock followed us fifty miles over water. Finally chased them off with

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>NO</u>
PROBABLY	<u> </u>
DAMAGED	<u> </u>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

NO

12. 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,

see front smoke screen at target infestation
see saw convey near Coomer.

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)

see front

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

NO

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

NO

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: #3 & 4 engines rough at altitude - spark plugs dirty

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

New comfortable trip. Good formation. Some changes unpredictable when required.

By KLB:UMC MARE Date 1/8/49

INVESTIGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 172 Letter _____ Date 19 May

Bomb Load 16 x 100 4 x 500 Hitz Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed _____

	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)

May. Lambert Pilot

1 1317 down off island
3 chutes of nodestand

R. O'Hara CO-P

1 1317 down right over target
fighter and flak
4 chutes in water

Gasslin Nav.

Horne Bomb.

2- TARGET ATTACKED:

Sgt. J. K. Kear Radio

Primary Time: 1332

F. A. Blum Top T.

Alternate Height: 24800

K. N. McClure Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 65° mag.

R. G. Jones R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

G. O. Hooks L. Waist

30"

W. V. Baker Tail G.

3- Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: all of them Returned: 0 Abortive: 0

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

Own Bombs:

nil.

Other Bombing:

Heavy fire and smoke near target
near the previous 1st target.

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.)

About as planned.

8- WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Excellent.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type of heavy or moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate over target accurate for alt. not so good for deflection.

Flak boats at point going about 5000 feet below

Crew observations about Flak:

BY RLB/JAC MABA Date 18/19 REGULATIONS NUMBER 1235b, Section 3.3.

10. ENEMY INTER OP-POSITION:

35-50 Mostly FW's Perhaps 12 T.E.
 (Estimated total number of E/A) (Types) looking for struggles

Most of fighters either went down for
 (Location and length of)
 gas or after another group.

Dropped aerial bombs again pretty close
 E/A appeared to be going higher than previously.
 (Tactics of E/A)
 My black bursts as before

No direct attacks on this group.
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Head on attacks on group behind.

white T.E.'s.
 (Our defensive action)
 white fuelage + blue

DESTROYED	①
PROBABLY	①
DAMAGED	
Will cut immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47's at 8 o'clock leaving English coast.

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

lots of ships going full steam
 Smoke screens at Emden, Wilhelmshaven and Eckenford. Kiel's was fairly good.

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)

Over.

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

nil.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

nil.

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

nil.
 Wright

BY KLB/UTC NABA Date 1/8/41

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 426 Letter Date 19 May

Bomb Load 16 x 100 4 x 500 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1002 Time Landed

		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, fuel details)

- J.M. Kennedee Pilot
- B.C. Bryant CO-P
- R. Cavado Nav. K.B.
- R.S. Lindsay Bomb.
- B.S. Brown Radio
- P.R. Loubet Top T.
- C.E. Frymoyer Ball T.
- S.H. Holliman R. Waist
- B.H. Fassig L. Waist
- H.W. Hoser Tail G.

B-17's down near target area, 1 looked like it was hit by bomb (3 chutes) hit water & exploded. Some bombs out.

2- TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1330
Alternate Height: 2500'
Last Resort Heading: 100°
(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:

nil.

Other Bombing:

Smoke screen at target might have been composed for bomb bursts. Large fire 1 mile east of secondary.

5- Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6- GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed

8- WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Good

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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Flak from ships in harbor may have accounted moderate on this group but looked intense and accurate on group behind.

Crew observations about Flak:

Black & white bursts

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1 B17 just before target - 4 chutes in water.
1 B17 after target hit near water 5 chutes
1 B17 down in dirt no chute.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION:

7/5 or 30.
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

(Location and length of fight)

No attacks on this AC.

Group ahead was catching hell, however.
(Tactics of E/A)

Not close enemy to see.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

nil

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, etc. signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations.)
15 B 17; turned and went home near coast of Germany.
Bombfighter after ship off English coast.
Smoke screens good at Wilhelmshaven x Kiel.

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)
(Over)

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

nil

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)
Small hole in supercharger - flak?

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Running low on fuel on Flemberg.

S-2 OFFICER Wright TIME COMPLETED

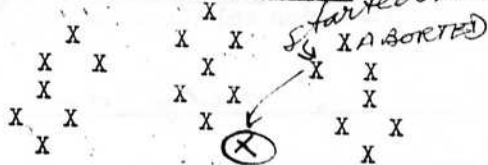
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 A/C Number 071 Letter B Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load 10/500 (H.E.) Incendi.

Time Took Off 1002 Time Landed 1640

Position in Formation



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)

2 B17 (1 climb) before, & one after (3 climbs 1340)

LT. L. S. M^o INTIRE Pilot

LT. I. R. EFIRD CO-P

" R. L. CLAUSEN Nav.

" H. L. YOUNG Bomb.
ZIMMERMAN Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1329
Alternate Height: 24800'
Last Resort Heading: 91°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: _____

T/S W. L. UTLEY Top T.

S/S A. D. CROMER Ball T.

T/S H. H. HEBERT R. Waist

S/S R. T. GOODWIN L. Waist

S/S M. G. MOODY Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: In target area

Other Bombing: Fires all over

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.)

slightly rt. - gained alt too late

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) ok

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 & vicinity - mod - black lots very low - as much as 5000'

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

10 7/E
20 5/E FW190 MC110
MC210
MC109

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

13110 until 1412
(Location and length of fight)

only one came close

(Tactics of E/A)

red with blue nose - mostly too far off

(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

12. 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,

not effective, smoke generators all over E territory

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)

E/A after 2 B17's going down.

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

3 incendi - hit - slight damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Poor formation for incendi.

S-2 OFFICER Skalab AAC FILE COMPLETED 1717

By RLB/JAC Date 1/8/41

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 524 Letter D Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load 3600 lbs. (Incend.)

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed 425 P.M.

			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)

Lt. RW JONES Pilot

2 B17 - one in spin
one gliding just
before target. 1 chute 1st
16 chutes 2nd

" D.A. STEELE CO-P

" L.M. CARUANA LHO Nav.

" MF PITTS Bomb.

T/S ME HOUCHENS Radio

S/S W.G. BERTHOLD Top T.

S/S D. DEFLORIO Ball T.

S/S L.J. HUSCHLER. Waist

S/S J.H. JESSUP L. Waist

S/S E.S. MASON Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1331

Alternate Height: 25000'

Last Resort Heading: 109°

Duration Bomb Run:
10-15 sec.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: - Target in smoke
Town - full of smoke

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.)

OK

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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Before target - coast. not very acc. - mode to int. black

Target - mod. to int. mostly in front & to right very few (4) bursts came close

after target flak boats - mostly low some acc.

Crew observations about Flak:

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By RLB/BAC NABA Date 1/8/91

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 086 Letter J Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load 16/100 NABA (Incendi)

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 4/500 " " Time Landed 1638

		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	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)

LT. D.W. WHEELER Pilot

2 B17's down. 1 just before target - 2 chunks after coast (target) 4 chunks

" GE THOMAS CO-P

" D BOLLEUACK Nav.

" K. EVANS Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

5/5 MA. NARUM Radio

7/5 AR SANTORO Top T.

1/5 E. MILLS Ball T.

5/5 RD DWIGGINS R. Waist

5/5 NOT HERE HODGES L. Waist

1/5 RL MORRIS Tail G.

Primary Time: 1332

Alternate Height: 25100

Last Resort Heading: 70° TRUE

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 360 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Smoke over target from fires and smoke screens.

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.)

OK except at target

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

OK

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
	Target & all over its vicinity	25000'	mod.	black white	several close	low

Crew observations about Flak: flak boats at coast

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DATE 1/8/91

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

11:110

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

F-110

(Types)

off coast going in until 1425
(Location and length of fight)

no direct attacks

one missile appeared to go 20 mi in
up ~~xx~~ while in level flight
(Tactics of E/A)

silver (110)

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

violent evasive action
(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER 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.)

smoke screens all over enemy country
savage balloons over target

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)

E/A got 2 B17's

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

Rosio Ball/T head injury

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

flake one - film camera well

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Skalak JAC

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WHEELER-PILOT

Information necessary for Submission of Battle Casualty Reports:

19/5/43 (Date)

- (a) Name ELMER W. MILLS
(First) (middle) (Last)
- (b) Army Serial Number _____
- (c) Organization: 367th Bomb Sq (H); 368th Bomb Sq (H); 369th Bomb Sq (H);
423rd Bomb Sq (H) (NOTE: Underline words applicable).
- (d) Position in Plane: Pilot; Co-pilot; Navigator; Bombardier; Aerial Engineer;
Radio Operator; Waist Gunner; Lower Turret Gunner;
Tail Gunner. (NOTE: Underline words applicable).
- (e) Time of Casualty: 17⁴⁵ after Eng coast about 120
- (f) Locality of Casualty: _____
- (g) Nature of Injury: head cut in front
- (h) Cause of Injury: hurret door opened
accidentally

Officer Submitting Information:

R. Kalak

MEDICAL

INTELLIGENCE

OPERATIONS

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By RLB/JAC NARA Date 1/18/91

By RLB/BAC MABA Date 1/18/94

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1B17. Seen spinning in sky in light 1st time. No charts.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 4629 Letter WWO Date 5/19/43.

Bomb Load 16 X 100 4 X 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

		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:

1B17 from 1st group on target. 02.
hit by flak the fighters or bomb. Part out
of formation. A/C in kind of...
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) ... Denmark.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Pilot: E.G. Hanes
- CO-P: D.R. Winters
- Nav.: G.F. Muttner
- Bomb.: A.J. Kelly
- Radio: S/S F. Cottenger
- Top T.: T/S R.E. Moore
- Ball T.: S/S J.F. McCabe
- R. Waist: Sgt. F.C. Latta
- L. Waist: S/S M.A. Koor
- Tail G.: S/S E.G. Rogers

1B17. on strip of water part target. 1st time seen. 30 shots.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1330
Alternate Height: 25000 plus.
Last Resort Heading: about 60°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: very short.
Smartest bomb at time.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Fire & smoke obscured view results.
over whole end of bank.
94th loaded good.

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: more.

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

as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) perfect.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1330	Target	25000	Moderate to heavy	Black	Ahead & behind	some accurate
			2 bursts may have been bombs.			
			flak near to target. few under at time.			
			flak hits on East Coast of Denmark. But accurate.			

Crew observations about flak:

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 306 Letter P Date 19 May 43

Bomb Load Incandran H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 935 Time Landed 1030

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 B17 gd down in spin at Zeman coast - 2 chute

Capt Regan Pilot

Capt O'Hara CO-P

Capt Kosakowski Nav.

Capt Dexter Bomb.

1/3 Sjt W.H. Mountain Radio

1/5 Sjt C.T. Wendolocki Top T.

S/Sgt P. Fetkew Ball T.

S/Sgt M.E. Nelson R. Waist

S/Sgt J.J. Garris L. Waist

S/Sgt H.R. Shrom Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1330

Alternate Height: 26000

Last Resort Heading: 110
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 30'

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

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

Own Bombs: no

Other Bombing: not good - difficult to control bombs - also smoke screens

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6. CROWD TARGETS ATTACHED BY COUNTRY AND RESULTS:

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

as ordered

8. LEATHER: (if it affected mission) good

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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By RLB/JAC Date 1/8/91 MARA

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367, 368 (369) 425 A/C Number 826 Letter Date May 19 43

Bomb Load Incendiary H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1004 Time Landed 1623

	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)

- Lt. G. T. Schooffield Pilot
- Lt. W. A. Price CO-P
- Lt. J. B. Mazanek Nav.
- Lt. L. B. Jones Bomb.
- S/Sgt V. B. Stevens Radio
- S/Sgt J. C. Stone Top T.
- Sgt B. A. Hardy Ball T.
- Sgt H. H. Furr R. Waist
- S/Sgt R. J. Conley L. Waist
- S/Sgt A. D. McMahan Tail G.

2 B17's go down on way to target.
1 before German coast - 2 chutes out.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1331
Alternate Height: 25000
Last Resort Heading: 30°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: 15"

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

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

Own Bombs: not see due to smoke screen

Other Bombing: visibility bad on target due to smoke

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

6. CROWD TARGETS ATTACKED BY CONFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type of bombs or incendiary	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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heavy but inaccurate. Slepped up barrage.

Crew observations about flak:

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INT. LOGGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 824 Letter _____ Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load _____ H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1002 Time Landed 1625

			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)

B.17 group immediately ahead going down in smoke out of control. Saw it crash on land near I.P.

A. E. P. Malinowski Pilot

J. J. Klette CO-P

A. E. Schulstad Nav.

Sgt. W. J. McDonald Bomb.

Sgt. H. C. Greene Radio

Sgt. R. W. Holloway Top T.

Sgt. T. H. Ray Ball T.

Sgt. J. F. Williams R. Waist

Sgt. H. K. Fowler L. Waist

Sgt. R. D. Daly Tail G.

2- TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 133 hrs

Alternate Height: 24500'

Last Resort Heading: 20°

Duration Bomb Run: 30 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs: Many incendiary burst in mid air

Other Bombing: Smoke in concentrated target area

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.)

About as ordered.

8- WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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133 hrs target 24500' - Moderate Heavy Flak Inaccurate on direction

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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By RLB/BAC MABA Date 1/8/94

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 (368) 369-423 A/C Number 809 Letter T Date 19 19-43

Bomb Load incendiaries Position in Formation
Time Took Off 9:55 Time Landed 1645

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- L. Judas Pilot
- L. O. Cummings CO-P
- L. Arnold Nav.
- Lt E. J. Seipred Bomb.
- Sgt R. Graziano Radio
- Sgt E. J. Kester Top T.
- Sgt Kemberling Ball T.
- Sgt Hlevac R. Waist
- Sgt G. Stroud L. Waist
- Sgt E. H. Prolyman Tail G.

2 B17 90 down just before target
1 at target - 3 Chutes picked up
by boat.
2 Smoking badly.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1332
Alternate Height: 25,500
Last Resort Heading:
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:
30'

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOASTING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: good
Other Bombing: good

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?
6. CROWD 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.)
as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good

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

Time	Place	Height	Type	Color	Location	Accuracy
		of A/C	of burst	of burst	Bursts in relation to A/C	

moderate flak over target

Crew observations about flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 823 Letter _____ Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load _____ H.E. (Incendi.)

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed 1545

			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:

yes.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. Cook Pilot

Lt. Logue CO-P

Lt. Simmer Nav.

Lt. Winters Bomb.

S/S Nelson Radio

S/S Herman Top T.

_____ Ball T.

_____ R. Waist

_____ L. Waist

S/S Jennings Tail G.

Turned back because #4 engine failed - at 1245 - about 25 miles from coast of Denmark. Height 22500'

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:

ABORTIVE

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.

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

Crew observations about flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 A/C Number 502 Letter _____ Date 5/19/43

Bomb Load 5X 500 16X 700 H.E. incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 9:50 Time Landed 1300

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

Position in Formation				
				X
X		X	X	<u>(X)</u>
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)

Winged, back in sight of land (Danish Coast), 20mi off, at 1300 hrs. Henningsen. Pilot
no fighter or flak. CO-P
Production line on #4 Nav.
Approach on #3 Bomb.
Shot in fuel tank #1 Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
- Primary Time: _____ Top T. _____
 Alternate Height: _____ Ball T. _____
 Last Resort Heading: _____ R. Waist _____
 (circle) _____ L. Waist _____
 Duration Bomb Run: _____ Tail G. _____

Bombs returned in clouds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned Returned: _____ Abortive: _____
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: _____
 Other Bombing: Abortive

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.

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 167 Letter _____ Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load _____ H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed 1630

		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 1

Details: 5332N - 45E at 12000 ft 5000'
Saw friendly battleship and small boat
with friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Capt M.V. Salada Pilot
- Lt. R.R. Kelly CO-P
- Lt. E.F. Drumbrook Nav.
- Lt. J.S. Lucas Bomb.
- Sgt. R.L. Mullykaski Radio
- Sgt. W.W. Fahrenhold Top T.
- Sgt. B.E. Robinson Ball T.
- Mt. P. Dascouhis R. Waist
- Capt C.R. Patten L. Waist
- Sgt. D.L. Davis Tail G.
- Capt. W.J. Humphrey

B-17 from 9150 ft group diving straight
down in mid at 1316 hrs.
B-17 from 1316 hrs group
group time depth head
group down in fuselage with 5 fighters
on his tail at about 10000 altitude
in target area.
probably hit by flak

Primary Time: 1326 hrs
 Alternate Height: 24500'
 Last Resort Heading: 110°
 Duration Bomb Run: 30 second

- 3- Number of BOMBS dropped on target: _____ Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____
- 4- Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: _____

Other Bombing: One fire and dense smoke on target. White smoke
coming out of water target area.

- 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) Clear 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>Target</u>	<u>1315</u>	<u>24500'</u>	<u>Moderate heavy</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>	<u>at altitude</u>	

Flak positions marked on map being turned in.
 Crew observations about Flak: Flak boats at Labae

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

Peltan 25 and 30. Probable 4 or 5 T/E JU 88. also ME 109 and
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Fw 190s

At 1348 hrs picked up followed about 20 minutes (T/E)
(Location and gth of flight)

At 1311 hrs picked up 15/2 at England followed through
target

Did not press attacks
(Tactics of E/A)

Observations Convoy about six ships trailing balloons
1545 hrs headed north, just short distance behind a friendly,
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)
T/E plane dropping bombs probably at a submarine.

(Our defensive action)

DESTROY	1	_____
PROBABLY	1	_____
DAMAGED		_____
All out immediately separate COMA FORM for each claim.		

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Saw fighters taking off from Overcup. at
1314 hrs.

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

Flensburg harbor smoke screen bombing. Eckenforde trucks screen on edge of body and in town. Wilhelmshaven smoke screen

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)
About 35 boats anchored in Kiel harbor about 9 in motion

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) ?

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

One nose gunner. Zolensieds in ball turret not working. Duggen's all turret not working

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

B17 following our formation at a distance made an approach landing at nearby field with wheels up and continued in flight without making landing

OFFICER

Capt. W.D. Lass

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SQUADRON (367) 368 369 423 A/C Number 554 Letter Date May 19

Bomb Load 2 X 500 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 10:00 Time Landed 15:45
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)

No. 4 Engine prop wild
No. 2 Supercharger lagging
No. 3 like 4 more or less

- 1st D R Furmeister Pilot
2nd W.W. Thomas CO-P
2nd A.F. Titus Nav.
2nd W. H. Rice Bomb.
T/S A.R. May Radio
T/S O.F. Harvey Top-E.
Sgt. P.G. Pedersen Ball T.
S/S E. Neuhaus R. Waist
S/S O.K. Nabors L. Waist
T/S H.B. Goldberg Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading: (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Turned at 13:15

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

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

Own Bombs:

Just over Coast

Other Bombing:

Ran into Fighters - Bombardiers & Waist Gunner fired back over coast -

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?
6. CROWD 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.)

as planned

8. LEATHER: (if it affected mission)

Good

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

Table with columns: Time, Place, Height of A/C, Type (light, heavy, inverse, rocket or flare), Color of Bombs, Location of Bombs in relation to A/C, Accuracy

At Coast 1 Battery burst behind on a/c's level

Crew observations about flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OR POSITION:

(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)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER 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 airdromes, ports, water-ways, 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, PLACE and TIME.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *Radio Op. had Oxygen trouble - affected his eyes temporarily -*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

See 1st Page

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

S-2 OFFICER

Weld

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Group 306Date 19/5/43Squadron 423Place where attacked after sighting land going in.A/C No. 167Time about 1300 Height 24,500

Story of the attack-- E/A turned in to attack about 1200 yards. Gave his short burst at about 800 yds (about 15 to 20 rounds) kept coming straight in to about 400 yds, then fell out of control and spiralled down giving off greivish yellow smoke. Saw him hit the water about 3000 yards off shore. Could not see pilot bail out.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.S.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how many he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and act going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:

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

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On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading about 70°
b. visibility good
c. type of E/A: Pw 190
d. level of attack:
From high above _____
(Check level level
One) below _____
very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/ANames Lt. J. S. LucasPositions Bombardier

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by Col. W. J. Humphrey
Position in A/C observer

Other A/C firing at the same time? none

Comments of the interrogator: Sure destroyed.

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt. W. W. Glass

Group 306
Squadron 369
A/C No. 417

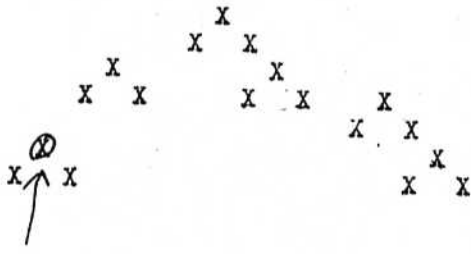
Date 19/5/43
Place where attacked Just off coast on way back
Time 1357 Height 23,000

Story of the attack--
A Ju 88 was attacking a group below us. He broke off his attack up toward us. At about 800 yards the ball turret gunner gave him about 200 rounds. He broke off in a steep dive to the left and hit the water with a large splash.

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

DESTROYED

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on Combat
a. Our heading _____
b. visibility _____
c. type of E/A _____
d. level of attack 88
From high above _____
(Check level _____
One) below _____
very low _____
x

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. P. P. Wolasco.
Positions Ball turret.

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C S/Sgt. E. G. Watkins.
Left waist.

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

Comments of the interrogator: This hit the water -- there is no fire.

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

Time _____ Interrogator Capt. Owens.

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Group 306

Date 19/5/43

Squadron 369

Place where attacked after we left target
in turn

A/C No. 117

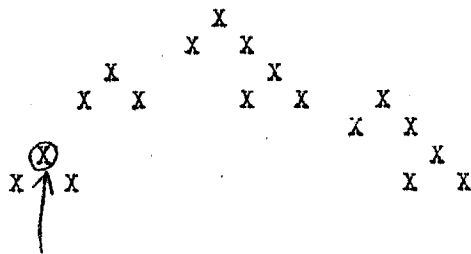
Time 1342 Height 25,000

DESTROYED
A-2
I.B.W.

Story of the attack-- E/A came in, I started firing at 900 yards --
he kept coming to 400 yds -- broke off in a dive -- fell about 500 ft. when
he broke into flames -- began to spin & spun on into the ground. No chute.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. direction of E/A attack;
- c. sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading _____
- b. visibility _____
- c. type of E/A Ew 190
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____
 - (Check level _____ level _____
 - One) below _____
 - very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. T. S. Rosato

Positions Tail gunner

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. P. P. Molano

Position in A/C Ball turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

Comments of the interrogator: This A/C is destroyed.

Handwritten mark

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt. S. J. Gran

Group 306

Date 19/5/43

Squadron 429

Place where attacked after turn out of target

A/C No. 167

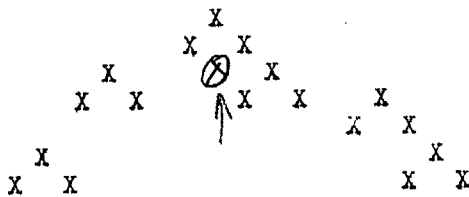
Time 1935 Height 22,500

Story of the attack-- ~~First saw E/A above group behind. He dove over front and to side of this formation and into our A/C. Opened up with one burst of about 20 rounds at about 800 yards. E/A's left engine began smoking immediately after this burst and wings wavered and then E/A fell out of control passing under our A/C. Followed him down about 5000 feet.~~

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

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on Combat
a. Our heading 1-7
b. visibility good
c. type of E/A Lu 88
d. level of attack;
From high above _____
(Check level X
One) below _____
very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names s/Sgt. D. G. Davis

Positions Tail gunner

4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? ~~Element to gunner's right gave burst~~
Comments after E/A was hit and started smoking and falling out of control.

Probably destroyed.

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

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