

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
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AFPO 557,
20th January, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Rheine, 20th January, 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), AFPO 557.

1. Narrative

306th flew 39 a/c including 1 MH-PPF a/c and 3 spares as 40th "B".
Route: 4 miles north of Clacton, 0911; Belgian coast 5119N-0926E, 0933 hours; 5110N-0546E, 0949 hours; 5125N-0544E, 0958 hours; Nijmegen, 1010; I.P. 5205N-0630E, 1015; target Rheine, 1026 hours; substantially back on course 5225N-0710E, 1030; Dutch coast 5237N-0437E, 1112; England 5300N-0120E, 1205; base 1250 hours.
Group leader unable to make contact with Buckeye. Only weather information received was from Division leader and, on way out, from Cycle Relay.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

There was no fighter opposition.
P-51s were picked up at 0937 hours, after crossing Belgian coast, and furnished close support throughout mission.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

None at target. Few scattered bursts at front lines. No damage.

4. Bombing

Because Micro-H beacon stayed in normal navigation code instead of delay, 306th as 40th "B" bombed briefed secondary, Rheine, by PPF, lead dropping at 1026. Low and high each made separate runs. Strike photos show no ground detail. Leader made manual run as AFCE was giving trouble.

5. Micro-H

Lead Lead: Ship #443 - Lt. Curran.
Received beacons satisfactorily.

M-101 came in as 1-1

M-102 not received

M-103 came in as 2-1-2

Winterton came in as 3-1

Beachy Head came in as 4

When formation turned at I.P. a Gee Fix showed them to be exactly at the briefed I.P. but the beacons (M-101 and M-103) were not equidistant from the center of the scope. The coding for the M-103 beacon showed that it was undelayed.

Lead operator said the reception of the beacons became progressively worse as formation approached the I.P., leading to the conclusion that someone was sector-scanning the beacons.

Deputy Lead: Ship #658 - Lt. Riley.

Received beacons excellently with same coding as lead operator.

Operator calculated that point of impact of bombs, if beacons were used in their condition at that time would be approximately at 5045N-0715E.

Operator believed Winterton beacon was being used on sector scan since the 3-1 coding appeared several times on the scope at one time.

High Lead: Ship #359 - Lt. Messler.
Did not pick up beacons. Made separate bomb run on PFF target.
Low Lead: Ship #362 - Lt. Hogan.
Did not pick up beacons. Made separate bomb run on PFF target.

6. Leaflets

A/c 711-D dropped four ZG-97s and six T-276s on Rhine.

7. Weather

5 to 6/10ths over continent to Germany, then 8 to 10/10ths, tops 24,000 feet. Slight breaks before PFF secondary; 10/10ths at target. Dense persistent contrails from 18,000 feet becoming less persistent above 24,000 feet. On return, cloud to 24,000 feet over Channel. Broken clouds and snow over England.

8. Aircraft in Distress

Our a/c 602-S, pilot Erne, landed in France; crew safe. *Returns to base*
Our a/c 384-L, pilot McKinney, crash-landed in France; crew safe. *2/11/45*
probably on way in to target.

9. Early Returns

A/c 376-F, pilot Leigh, flying spare, turned back 5 minutes after takeoff, due to engine failure; brought back 10 x 500.

A/c 446-S, pilot Maenner, turned back at 0938 hours near Ostend, unable to find formation; brought back 10 x 500.

A/c 619-S, pilot Kearney, flying spare, turned back as briefed; brought back 10 x 500.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

BOX 588

40th "B"

LEAD

20 January, 1945

1
Mages Pff
443-M

10
Bowley
181-B

3
Nanson
297-M

D
Denton Pff
658-B

1
Brown
802-F

11
Lomer
198-D

11
Ryder
185-J

4
Ernst
600-G

4
Swango
323-M

8
Gleen
512-A

6
Lewis
819-Q

5
Tinkham
301-W

37
Spare - Kearney - 619-S

160

13
Wilke Pff
362-L

22
Toner
397-O

15
Smith
153-G

14
Mutchinson
807-P

19
Jones
814-G

26
Spencer
616-X

23
Hollum
444-Y

16
Gibson
549-D

31
McKinney
384-L

28
McGahan
028-O

18
Tresser
585-K

11
Roth
516-M

38
Spare - Leigh - 376-F

HIG.

25
Hess Pff
359-B

34
Fowler
611-G

1
Overstreet
302-Z

26
Branch
407-P

31
McCauley
474-F

36
Daley
578-D

35
Patten
683-4

28
Hatch
412-T

33
Maenner
466-Q

32
Whitcomb
711-D
(nickels)
4 2097
6 T-276

50
Winslow
840-Y

29
Hodges
133-W

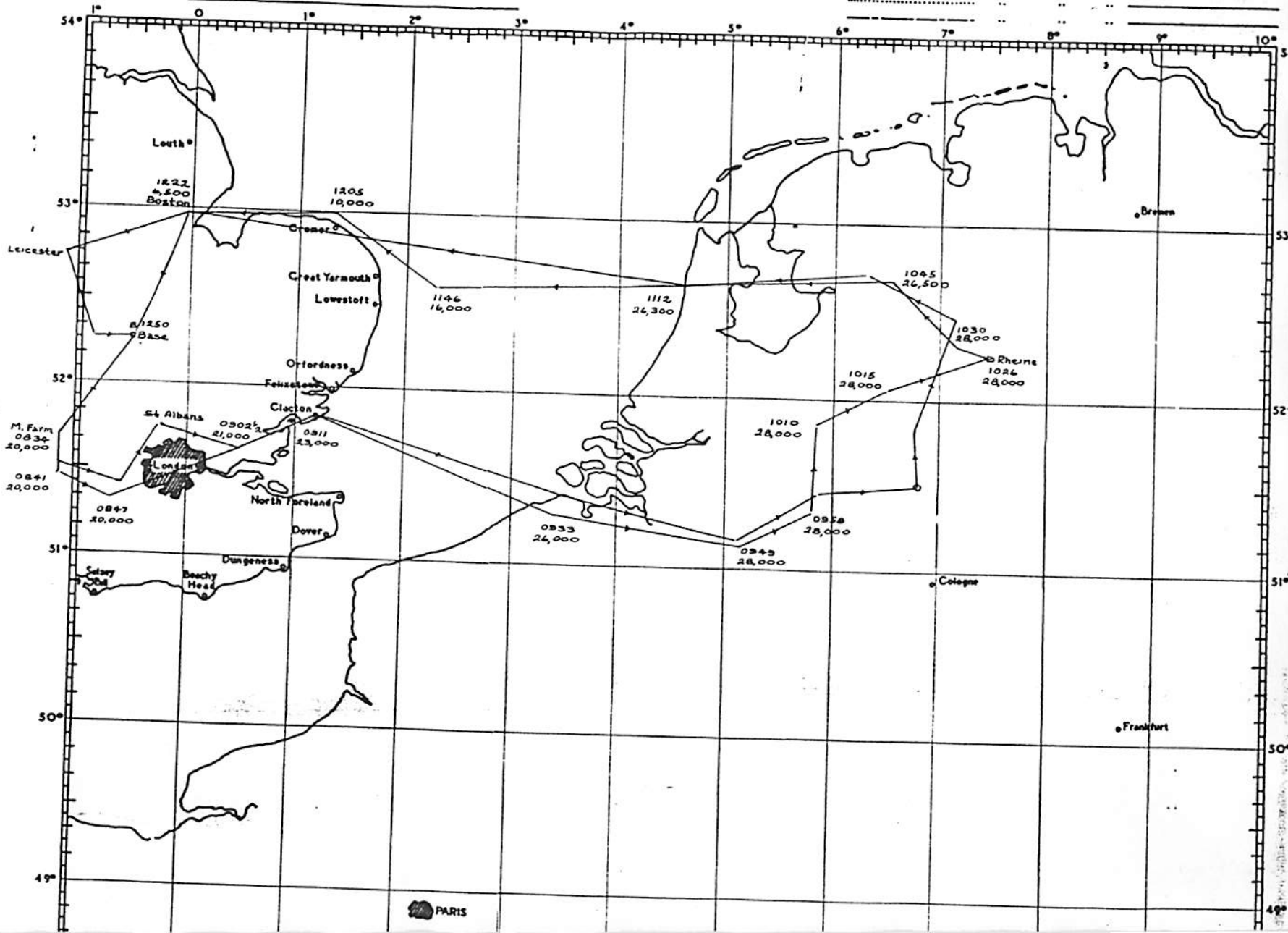
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Spare - Lissner - 547-F

TRACK CHART

DATE 20 January 1945

TARGETS
 PRIMARY Starkrade, Germany.
 PFF-Secondary Praine, Germany-(Attacked)

Planned	ROUTE FOLLOWED BY	40th "R" Gp.
<u>Actual</u>
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SQUADRON 307 369 3 A/C Number 413 Letter () Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 12 smoke H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time Landed 1250

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

40th B Lead

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Captain Magee, E.W.C. F
- Captain McCullagh, F.M. CP
- Captain Osburn, P.V. N
- Captain Vann, A. (NMT) B
- T/Sgt. Chase, C.R. RO
- T/Sgt. Cruff, A.S. E
- 2nd Lt. Fitzsimmons, J.D. #1 Nav.
- T/Sgt. Graham, O.J. WG
- 1st Lt. Burren, R.J. XXX R.Nav.
- 2nd Lt. Shaw, W.F. TG

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

Magee's left wing main dropped wheels and peeled off at target - after bombs away - all engines going.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PTF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1026
 Secondary: Heading: 072
 Last Resort: Height: 28300
 T.O. (Circle one) 300
 Turn off target:

3. Number of H.E.S dropped on target: etc. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *Beacons not operating correctly - could get them for a short time then they would go off.* an. Nickels: Yes 62
 Other bombing: they would go off. Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 3/10 to just W of Brimels - 9/10 the rest of the way - 10/10 over target - could see river thru clear
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? Couldn't contact Buckeyes all day.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: spot 10 miles S.W. of target - dense persistent from 20000 up

8. 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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Magu

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

0911 - 4 miles N of Charleston 23000

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____

2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing enemy Coast _____
26000
5119 0326 - 0933

4. Time over target 1026 _____
Altitude over Target 28300 _____
Position of Group on Bomb Run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 072 _____
Duration Bomb Run 300 _____
5. Time of Landing at Base 1250 _____
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

0749 - 5110N 0544E - 28000
0955 - 5105N 0544E -
1010 - 5100N 0544E - 28000
IP 1015 5005N 0630E - 28000
Target 1026 - 28300
1030 - 5005N 0710E 28000
1045 - 5043N 0632E 26500
1112 5037N 0439E 26300
1146 - 5040N 0248E 16000
1205 - 5300N 0100E 07000
3 miles S of Boston
Dover

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sq2 OFFICER _____

SQUADRON X6X0000369X X A/C Number 658 Letter S Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time Landed _____

1. HCT NELS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
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|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X |

40th B Lead

Hansen got what he wanted, peeled off on target. No apparent trouble - probably Wyege - Friendly A/C in distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether of a.m., p.m. action, accident or undetermined cause)

CNT: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. W.S. Denton P *Completing Form*
- 2nd Lt. W.W. Clark CP *Completing Form*
- 1st Lt. H.S. Israel N
- 2nd Lt. L.A. Harrison B
- T/Sgt. W.E. Cain RO
- T/Sgt. E.A. Luciani E
- S/Sgt. C.E. Alvitre BT
- S/Sgt. G.A. Waltersdorff WG
- Wft. W.H. RILEY - 92nd WG ✓
- S/Sgt. F. Piepenbrink TG
(Ret. Nov. - From 92nd)

2. TARGET AREA: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 61 mag
 Last Resort: Height: 28,000

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

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/wtc and Nickels: Yes No
 Other Bombing: Number and type: _____

Plum

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

6. WEATHER: few hecks in clouds - Average temp. 28700 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Persistent - Dense - all day

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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No Flak

Crew observations about Flak: "Saw some orange flak over primary, but we haven't seen it"

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SQUADRON ~~2000003~~ ~~3~~ ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 297 Letter N Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

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

Hot B Lead

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. D.R. Hansen ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. R.E. Powers ✓ CP
- F/O. W.R. Karrasch ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. W.R. Schumacher B
- Sgt. L.D. Connor RO ✓
- Sgt. W.L. Lynch E ✓
- Sgt. M.J. DiGiacoppo BT ✓
- Sgt. J. Stokoe WG ✓
- Sgt. B. E. Harkness TG ✓

Exchange

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1026
 Secondary: Heading: 65
 Last Resort: Height: 27500

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

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

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

Own Bombs: on lead An. Nichols: Yes N
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Target H: cir. 20,000 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: continues over + back

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATION:

None
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (T, res)

(Location and length of fight)

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(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

Good - close
Just after coast -

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

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (last 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.)

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

T.G. had trouble with suit would be too hot -

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) W.G. frostbite on face -
Pilot must pay almost amnesia - o.k.

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

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

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXX36~~ A/C Number 600 Letter Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed

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

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

4th "B"
Lead

Leaded Ast A 89 on way in to Target

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. N.A. Erne P

2nd Lt. A.H. Miller CP

2nd Lt. F.M. Hudson N

2nd Lt. G.D. Good B

S/Sgt. R.R. Gattis RO

S/Sgt. L.A. Marchese E

S/Sgt. J.J. Callaghan BT

S/Sgt. S. G. Parton KG

WG

S/Sgt. R.L. Tiff TG

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

*#3 eng out, #4 runaway, #1 turbo out.
 VHF out. feathering system out causing
 #3 prop to windmill until completely detached
 eng. planetary gears were burnt out.*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual) Therefore

Primary: Time: A/C landed at

Secondary: Heading: A 89. Ship

Last Resort: Height: OK except for listed above.

T.O. Landed

Turn off target: Away

Still in plane

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

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

Own Bombs: did not bomb An. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: At Thurleigh WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
21, 1, 1945

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON XXXXXXXXXX XXXX A/C Number 819 Letter Q Date 20/1/45
 Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

40th B Lead

Enemy left formation just before B.O.
Between 0906 and 0908 at 20000 feet.
 GIVE: Give Rank and Initials

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

Changed to #4 position from #5 (Enemy position)

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1026 1/2
- Secondary: Heading: 70
- Last Resort: Height: 28000
- T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 330

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (33) Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 368 ~~XXX~~ XX A/C Number 802-F Letter _____ Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time took off 0700 Time landed 1305

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

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

40th B Lead

CNT: Give rank and initials

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

- 1st Lt. M.P. Brown ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. D.C. Schertz ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. L.J. Krzemien ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. J.W. Long ✓ B
- T/Sgt. R.J. Yoder ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. S.J. McGillberry ✓ E
- S/Sgt. H.C. Trimmer ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. R.J. Bocian ✓ WG
- WG
- S/Sgt. R.G. Atwood ✓ TG

low element missing on return after target.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1026 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 70

Last Resort: Height: 28800

T.O. (Circle One) 3456300
 Turn off target:

3. Number of EGMS dropped on target: Detonated: 9x500 Returned: 1x500 Abortive: ← just frozen in racks.
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: 10/10
 Man, Nichols: Yes W.N.

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Same
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Same

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<i>nil</i>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON XXXX068 36 ~~XX~~ A/C Number 512 Letter A Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed

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

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

40th B Lead

N-van (3) (Hamm) left formation after
 B.A. dropped wheels pulled out formation

Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. B.L. Olsen P
- 2nd Lt. P.H. Greer CP
- 2nd Lt. J.M. Jaeger N
- S/Sgt. S.M. Mathes B
- Sgt. F.W. Ramsey RO
- Sgt. L. Foster E
- Sgt. J.W. Gerlach BT
- Sgt. H. Reppy WG
- Sgt. G.J. Bowers TG

Several struggles

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1226
 Secondary: Heading: 068
 Last Resort: Height: 28,300
- T.O.
 (Circle one)
 Turn off target:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
 Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs: _____ on lead. Am. Nickels: Yes ___ No ___
 Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 target -
 7 n. Coast 8/10-7/10 - 17/10 about gun barrier

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
 Heavy persist

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

Title	Flare	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Red 11'clock quite a way out - Red just after
 T.G. Reptd 3 bursts behind along line in
 Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 ~~XXXX~~ X A/C Number 323 Letter D Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time Landed 1245 hrs.

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

40 #B
Lead

1-B-17 Believed to be from this group
 set wheels down & pulled out to
 left under control. Used normal

CIBL: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
 Proceed (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 for lead. If lost, state whether by, a.a., E/A action,
 accident or undetermined cause).
 no chute, no fire, Believes to
 have had malfunction and could not
 hold altitude. No apparent reasons for

- 2nd Lt. B.E. Swango P
- 2nd Lt. W.C. Davenport CP
- 2nd Lt. G.R. Faulkner N
- S/Sgt. L. Itle E
- Sgt. W.T. Moss RO
- T/Sgt. W.J. Schultz E
- Sgt. J.F. Martinez BT
- Sgt. W. Smatlach WG
- Sgt. R. Pekofske TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1028 off
 P.F.F. Secondary: Heading: 65° M off
 Last Resort: Height: 25,000 off

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

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

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

Own Bombs: B BROUGHT An. Nichols: Yes (No)
 Other Bombing: ALL BOMBS Number and type _____
BACK

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
 Hand NO Movie NO

6. WEATHER:

Clouds None higher than 10,000
Cumulus up to 24-25,000 - clear above
25,000

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKEYE? Head but
Could not understand

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Contrails None persistent all the way to target
and most of way back. Started about 18,000 ft.

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) _____ (Total) _____

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

10. FIGHTER SUBS CRT: (Include time, place, and color markings:)

None

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

*1-42 seen 1116 hrs. at coast
off of coast.*

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

*Bomb doors & racks would not open
worked over channel. Not at target*

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

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

1116 hrs.

SQUADRON 368 (368-36) (X) A/C Number 181 Letter Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10, x 500 H.E. Position Formation

Time took 0703 1/2 Time landed 1370

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
- | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
- 40th B Lead*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

One B17 very low straggling in target area. Friendly fighters creating.

- 1st Lt. A.J. Bowley ✓ P
- F/O I.J. Zukowski CP
- 1st Lt. C.F. Pettit ✓ N
- F/O H.J. Sopinski ✓ B
- T/Sgt. G.D. Carey ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. C.J. Kruger ✓ E
- Sgt. R.D. Weir ✓ BT
- Sgt. C.F. Slapicka ✓ WG
- Sgt. G.A. Weber ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1076
 Secondary: PFF Heading: 74° mag
360° FROM TARGET
 Last Resort: Height: 28,000
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 360°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: None Jettisoned: in North Sea Returned: Abortive:
 Observed REMAINS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) POINT A - SHORT - EMERGENCY 3 ENGINES and landing alt.

Own Bombs: JETTISONED IN CHANNEL off coast of Holland
 Other Bombing: Number and type
 any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on NONE
 Hand Movie

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: DENSE PERSISTENT - ENGLISH CAUGHT TO TARGET

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

NONE IN FORMATION

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	<u>1027 PRIMARY AREA</u>		<u>HEAVY</u>			

Crew observations about Flak: NONE

9. ENEMY FIGHTER CLAIMS:

(Estimated total number of E/n seen) _____ (T, os)

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/n) _____

(Color, markings, etc. of E/n) _____

10. FIGHTER CLAIMS: (Include time, place, and color markings)

Good -

C L A I M S

DENIED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

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

None

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

not from flak - mechanical failure #4

14. TECHNICAL PROBLEMS:

NO. 4 ENGINE - BOMB BAY DOORS FROZEN

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

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

Followed formation over target. Unable to drop bombs because bomb bay doors frozen. Left formation 1030 and followed formation as close as possible til over North Sea. Jettisoned bombs and returned directly to Thurleigh.

SQUADRON ~~800095~~ 59 ~~123XX~~ A/C Number 185 Letter J Date 20/1/45 11

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed 124P

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

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

40th B Lead

*2 minutes after target - B-17 from lead -
 wheels down lost some alt. course parallel to
 ours - didn't seem in trouble*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. H.B. Ryder ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. L. ^{Mikles} Mikles ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. O.P. Minihand ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. R.C. Huf ✓ B
- Sgt. J.G. Wertenburger ✓ RO
- Sgt. A.H. Ness ✓ E
- Sgt. R.P. Iafrate ✓ BT
- Sgt. J.W. Stright ✓ WG
- Sgt. M.J. Loes ✓ TG

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

*A/c #181-B. Purley - aborted flight after
 bombs away - was following formation*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1026 1/4

Secondary: Heading: 71

Last Resort: Height: 27600

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 300°

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs. An. Nickels: Yes No
 Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on none
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: same WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? none

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: same

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ / ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 198 Lett. D Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed 1248

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

X	X	X	X
<u>(X)</u> X	X	X	X X
X	X	X	X
X	X		X X

Hot 'B' Lead

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

<u>2nd Lt. A.A. Lomar</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
<u>2nd Lt. D.C. Gray</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
<u>F/O. I.D. Sandler</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
<u>F/O P. Corvo</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
<u>Sgt. L.R. Ferrell</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
<u>Sgt. J.W. Mallek</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
<u>Pvt. J. T. Gorman</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
<u>Sgt. W.B. Bedsole</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
<u>S/Sgt. M.C. Angelilli</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027

PFF Secondary: Heading: 63°M

Last Resort: Height: 27,300

T.O. (Circle one) Turn off target: 300°M off

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Nickels: Yes (10)

Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES: _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<i>None</i>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Observed over Panama

SQUADRON *367/368/369* A/C Number *262* Letter *1* Date *20/1/45*

Bomb Load *10/500* H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off *0720* Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "B" Low

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Wilke, L.A. P
- 2nd Lt. Merrill, B.B. CP
- 1st Lt. Bollerup, K.E. N
- 1st Lt. Dinter, C.R. B
- T/Sgt. Keye, H.H. RO
- T/Sgt. McCollum, J.W. E
- S/Sgt. Persac, L.J., Jr. BT
- S/Sgt. Capaldi, C.B. WG
- 2nd Lt. Hogan, R. (NMI) R.Nav.
- S/Sgt. Dillon, D.W. TG

Separate PFF run

TARGET AIRCRAFT: (PFF or Visual)
 Time: *1027*
 Secondary: Heading: *064deg*
 Last Resort: Height: *27, 600*

Couldnt pick up beams:

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: *339*
 Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
 Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Goodman

Own Bombs: *Dropped Smoke + 1-500* An. Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: *Brought back 9x500* Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? *hot on B 7*

7. CONDENS. TRAIL TRAILS: *channel*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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low burst seen when we turned for secondary -

Crew observations about Flak: _____

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification.)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____

2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing enemy Coast _____

4. Time over target _____
Altitude over Target _____
Position of Group on Bomb Run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____
Duration Bomb Run _____

5. Time of Landing at base 1327

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

*With lead group
all the way
after we joined
them at 0924 hours
{ 5143 N
0203 E }*

*We let down off Pt.
you with ~~landed~~
by Coast
5753N
~~5753N~~
0135E
at 1302*

DATE _____ TIME _____ SGT OFFICER *P. 008*

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SQUADRON Bombardier 425 A/C Number 907 Letter P Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "B"
Low

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Hutchinson, H.E. ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. Hiney, W.H. ✓ CP
- F/O. Murphy, R.P. ✓ N
- 1st Lt. Mounts, R.E. ✓ B
- T/Sgt. Schurman, M.W. ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. Morder, D.O. ✓ E ✓
- S/Sgt. Hayen, C.V. ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. Brooks, E.B. ✓ WG
- _____ WG
- S/Sgt. Perry, J.W. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1028
 Secondary: Heading: 059
 Last Resort: Height: 27500
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: _____

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

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

Own Bombs: Hang up - frozen (?) Any Nickels: Yes N
 Number and type _____
 Other Bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: not as briefed 5/10 w/ 1.7. to Primary
10/10 Rhine WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Persistent out & in -

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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after target low bursts from target

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 44th Bomb Sq #25 A/C Number 153 Letter G Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Bombed 1330

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

40th B Low

D-17 from another group off to own right. hit by flak at 1029 - one engine feathered - losing alt. -

- Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. Smith, L.E. P
 - 2nd Lt. Lord, F.T., Jr. CP
 - 2nd Lt. Wolfe, H.D. N
 - Sgt. Dulworth, J.I. B
 - Sgt. Chestnut, E.H. RO
 - Sgt. Anderson, H.E. E
 - Sgt. Brown, M.L. BT
 - Sgt. Baffery, R.L. WG
 - Sgt. Casper, R.C. TG

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

2. TARGET ATTITUDE: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 063
 Last Resort: Height: 27300

T.O. (Circle one) 3/0
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: unkn. an. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
sun

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

Time	Alt	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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new burst at 1029 - 1030 - 1031

Crew observations about flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~267H368H369~~ 42 A/C Number 519 Letter D Date 20/2/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Bombed 18-30

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

40th B
Low

nil.

CBS: Give Rank and Initials

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

- F/O. Gibson, C.H. ✓ P
- 1st Lt. Seymour, J.G. ✓ CP
- 1st Lt. Larson, W.C. ✓ N
- F/O. Ross, W.F. ✓ B
- Sgt. Dowd, J.V. ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. Sene, A.D. ✓ E
- S/Sgt. Reno, L.C. ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. Odrowaz, C.M. ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. Bonen, J.F., Jr. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 10 2-7
 Secondary: Heading: 86
 Last Resort: Height: 27000

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 296

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs. any, Hacks: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER:

same

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?
no.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

same

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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seven bursts at times, none

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 25 A/C Number 916 Letter M Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time landed _____

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

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

40th "B"
Law

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. Roth, H.G. P OK
- 2nd Lt. Campbell, C.G. CP
- 2nd Lt. McGough, L.B. N
- T/Sgt. Bloedel, D.G. B ✓
- S/Sgt. Whitener, C.A. RO ✓
- T/Sgt. Barnett, E. (NMI) E ✓
- Sgt. Hurd, J.O. BT ✓
- S/Sgt. Finch, E.L. WG ✓
- S/Sgt. Tieck, F.E. TG ✓

Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether C, A.A., E/A action,
 accident or undetermined cause)
Feathered #3 right after B. A. low
fuel pressure.

2. TARGET AFFAIRS: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 (Secondary): Heading: 072
 Last Resort: Height: 27100
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 295

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 An. Nickels: Yes ✓
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 15/10 over target - few
tracks before target. About 5/10
until January. Then 8/10 - 10/10.
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY? Messages
low secondary.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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obs. after target - meager. at altitude.

Crew observations about flak: _____

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SQUADRON 367 364 36 A/C Number 595 Letter 1 Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time landed 1324

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

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

40th "B" Low

*A/C out of formation 1046 -
 5245N-8631E just losing
 alt. gained under control*

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

no trouble, no fire no smoke

- CRW: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. Trease, H.W. P
 - 2nd Lt. Snobble, J.K. CP
 - F/O. Key, G.W. N
 - Sgt. Collart, A.A. E
 - Sgt. Bellet, H. (NMT) RO
 - Sgt. Lewis, W.J. E
 - Sgt. Scribner, B.F., Jr. BT
 - Sgt. Scannell, J.J. WG
 - Sgt. Frank, I.I. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027

PPF Secondary: Heading: 60°M

Last Resort: Height: 27,000

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 330°M

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Michaels: Yes N-6
 Other Bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
 Hand No Movie No

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

No. 1000 P. 10000

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SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 368 ~~XX~~ ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 814 Letter: G Date 20/7/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

40th B Low

Mr. Kinney pulled up in formation (he was late in joining and was "pulling hard") about 10 minutes after coast. Then fell back. Couldn't keep up -

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

know no more -

CRW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. R.W. Jones ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. D.M. Sandercock ✓ CP
- F/O W.F. Rodgers ✓ N
- 1st Lt. R.G. Wilson ✓ B
- T/Sgt. S. Krauss ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. C.E. Koegel ✓ E
- S/Sgt. L.F. Brown ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. J.L. Gooden ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. R.J. Condrey ✓ TG

2. TARGET ACQUIRED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 056 mag
 Last Resort: Height: 27600

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

3. Number of EGMS dropped on target all Detentioned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: not observed and Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: 10/10ths Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Target obscured - 10/10ths WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____
Rest of route - 6/10ths orange
Target tops: 21000

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense, persistent

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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"No Flak"

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON XXX368 XXX B A/C Number 028 Letter O Date 20/1/85 20

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No	X	X	X	X	X
If <u>BITCHING</u> hold crew and fill out special form in detail.	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X		X	X

40th B Low

CREW: Give rank and Initials

- Friendly A/C in distress: _____ 2nd Lt. H.R. McGahan P
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details) _____ 2nd Lt. B.D. Martin CP
 If lost, state whether by A.M., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause) _____ 2nd Lt. M.F. Hepple N
 _____ S/Sgt. A.J. Stalder B
 _____ Sgt. J.J. Reilly RO
 _____ Sgt. W.T. Dugard E
 _____ Sgt. A.P. Dumenigo BT
 _____ Sgt. A.R. Dearing WG
 _____ Sgt. J.L. Minnucci TG

McKinney - saw him catching up informant as leaving Eng coast. Did not notice him particularly after that.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (FFF or Visual)
 Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 060
 Last Resort: Height: 27600
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 300°

3. Number of H.E.S dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: abortive: _____
 4. Observed INCIDENTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: _____ An. Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____
 5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
 Hand _____ Movie _____
 6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____
 7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>None</u>						
<u>Saw 2 bursts in vicinity of T.O.</u>						

 Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~44th~~ 425 A/C Number 397 Letter O Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th B Low

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Tomar, C.R. P
- 2nd Lt. Ruesgar, J.C. CP
- 2nd Lt. Casey, D.J. Sanctia N

F/O. Garberich, R.C. B

T/Sgt. West, H.C. RO

T/Sgt. Hicklin, J.A. E

S/Sgt. McCormick, L.E. BT

S/Sgt. McGonigle, W.J. WG

S/Sgt. ^{COOMER} Kieffer, J.C. check this name!

2. TARGET AREA: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1025

Secondary: Heading: 6875

Last Resort: Height: 27100

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Brought @ Back An. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on None
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
<u>Saw about 8 bursts down low over target.</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~267/268/269~~ 3 A/C Number 444 Letter C Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load: 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th B
Low

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. Hallway, W.D.	✓	P
F/O. Bard, R.M.	✓	CP
F/O. Meyer, C.R.	✓	N
2nd Lt. Jefferson, L.W.	✓	B
Sgt. Masters, A.F.	✓	RO
T/Sgt. Price, J.E.	✓	E
S/Sgt. Franklin, G.B.	✓	BT
S/Sgt. Kinsey, T.E.	✓	WG
_____	✓	WG
S/Sgt. Priemann, W.W.	✓	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 60
 Last Resort: Height: 27000

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 305

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ An. Nickels: Yes in

Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: _____ WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
General bursts seen <u>behind</u> <u>west</u> <u>target</u> <u>after</u> <u>we</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 44th # 425 A/C Number 616 Lett A Date 20/1/45

Bomb 10/500 H.S. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

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

40th B
 Lane

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. Spencer, D.R. P
- P/O Sprunger, R.W. CP
- 1st Lt. Lundberg, M. (M1) N
- S/Sgt. Kepcho, E.A. B
- T/Sgt. Neppan, J.J. RO
- T/Sgt. Naolonski, J.R. E
- S/Sgt. Hall, E.D. BT
- S/Sgt. Shearn, G.W. WG
- S/Sgt. Limke, E.E. TG

2. TARGET ALTITUDE: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 10 25
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 27000 ft.

Dropped all

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

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

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

Own Bombs: 70/1000

an, Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: Rhein

Number and type

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

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKEYES?

6. WEATHER: target 10/10 hrs -

overcast for route - 5-8/10 hrs - Tops - 20,000

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense persistent.

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

10. FIGHTER IDENTIFICATION: (Include time, place, and color markings:)

*Was found - all PSUs
just picked up thru (5115N
0330E)*

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

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

None

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

Tail burner, front hit in check-

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

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

with formation -

S-2 OFFICER

Kavanaugh

TYPE COMPLETED

SQUADRON 367 362/367-1 A/C Number 359 Letter C Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Lock Off 0700 Time Loaded

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

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

40th B High

no

CIBL: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. Hess, J.N. P
- 2nd Lt. Parrish, A.J. CP
- 1st Lt. Fortman, F.J. N
- 2nd Lt. Haagehson, D.C. B
- S/Sgt. Toosa, R.K. RO
- S/Sgt. Desrochers, A.P. E
- 1st Lt. Wessler, R.H. AT R.Nav.
- S/Sgt. Marler, C.L. WG
- S/Sgt. Revis, J. (GMT) TG

2. TARGET AREA: D: (PPH or Visual)

PPH ~~P~~ Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 070 by
 Last Resort: Height: 28,500

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 300

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

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

Own Bombs: Went away near previous smoke bombs! An. Nichols: Yes 1
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: tops at target 25,000 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? no

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
			<u>none</u>			

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Ken 359-S

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast Eastern 0908
91 Farnworth - about 1130

2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing ~~English~~ Coast 3 miles south of coast 519
IP, 5206-0638, 1016 hours - 1112 - on course 5207-045

4. Time over Target _____

Altitude over Target _____

Position of Group on Bomb Run _____

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____

Duration Bomb Run _____

*after searching,
regained course
at 5208-0710,
1044 hours*

5. Time of Landing at base 1314 -

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sq2 OFFICER Pool

SQUADRON *367 368 369 73* A/C Number *107* Letter *C* Date *20/1/45*

Bomb Load *10/500* H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took Off *0700* Time landed _____

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

40 dB High
 X X X X
 X X X X
 X X X X

LIST: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. Brasch, W. N. P
- F/O. Grunski, R.W. CP
- F/O. Le Connie, H.E. M
- Sgt. Dulli, A.F. B
- T/Sgt. Groover, R.H. RO
- T/Sgt. Owens, C.H. E
- Sgt. Miznik, R.E. BT
- Sgt. Doll, J.T. NG
- Sgt. Donohoe, V.D. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1027 1/2*
 Secondary: Heading: *90*
 Last Resort: Height: *28800*

T.O.
 (Circle One)

Turn off target: *355*

3. Number of EGMS dropped on target: *9x500* Jet/sones: Returned: Abortive: *Target was out after made turn of target about 1 min. later.*

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

Own Bombs:

Am. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on *None*

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: *8/10 & target*

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKLEY? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Very heavy, persistent.*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<i>None</i>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 367 368/369 A/C Number 302 Letter () Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time landed _____

40th B High

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 IF DITCHED hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
- | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----|---|---|---|
| X | X | (X) | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

- 1st Lt. Overstreet, R. B. P
- 2nd Lt. Shepard, F.K. CP
- P/O. Avitt, J.L. N
- 2nd Lt. Demaray, M.N. B
- T/Sgt. Bearden, W.E. RO ✓
- T/Sgt. Davis, S.J. E
- S/Sgt. Petrillo, G.W. BT
- S/Sgt. Dempsey, W.J. WG
- Sgt. Yelton, A. (NMI) TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFI or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1027
- Secondary: Heading: 70°
- Last Resort: Height: 28,800
- T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: 300

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

Own bombs: on lead A/C an. Nichols: Yes i
 Number and type _____

Other bombing:

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

6. WEATHER: 8/10 - 9/10 - WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: worst ever seen up to 29,500'

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (altitude, intensity, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target - behind & high - major

Crew observations about flak: _____

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SQUADRON 367 ~~268/269~~ 5 a/c Number 412 Letter 7 Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time landed 1310

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

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

40th B
 High

Check with Navigator

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

1st Lt. Hatch, G.L. P

2nd Lt. Hoffman, R.S. CP

1st Lt. Rubenstein, C.R. 368th agnd. N

2nd Lt. Johnson, W.J. B

T/Sgt. Whitney, F.S. RO

T/Sgt. Lothian, G.R. E

Sgt. Hernandez, H. (NMI) BT

S/Sgt. Munnery, H.G. WG

S/Sgt. Fisher, P.R. TG

1030-B-17 - 5000 feet below our alt - 3 1/2
 minutes after target - ~~under~~ A/c on heading
 of 195° mag. - not in trouble

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 102 1/2 W

(Secondary: PFF) Heading: 060°

Last Resort: Height: 28,400

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 330

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 211 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 10/10

an. Nichols: Yes (10)

Other bombing:

Number and type

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

6. WEATHER:

? PFF target solid right over cloud target. Low cloud middle & high cloud
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? heard but not read
Call me at 2012 said

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Heavy passes non persistent. 16,000ft to 29,000ft.

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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? PFF Target none at target observed heavy bursts at Primary
none at target

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367 ~~269/347~~ # 77 A/C Number 133 Letter Date 20/1/45 29

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed

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

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

40 th B High

*Lead Winston say walkwest #3
94 copies, out of gas. Over England.*

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

C.S.I.: Give name and Initials

- 1st Lt. Hodges, S.D., Jr. P *O.K.*
- 2nd Lt. Panolke, R.F. CP
- 2nd Lt. Hemenway, N.O. N
- S/Sgt. Crede, R.E. B
- S/Sgt. Rohinsky, A. (NLI) RO
- T/Sgt. Mannerlyn, D.F. E
- S/Sgt. Gibson, O. (NLI) BT
- Sgt. Stafford, R.L. WG
- S/Sgt. Menzie, F.D. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (P/F or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 80
 Last Resort: Height: 28200

T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: 10 °

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

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

Own Bombs: an, Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 at target
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Crew observations about Flak: None

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SQUADRON 367 ~~254/349th~~ A/C Number 840 Letter Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time Landed 1140 on 21 Jan 1945

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

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

40th "B" High

*Give us 100 gal gas
 Vokes may well
 case of
 F/O preparing*

*RAF - Phragmites
 at West Raychem getting gas coming back*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. Winslow, W.B. ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. Ross, S.J. ✓ CP
- F/O Janzito, L.P. ✓ N
- T/Sgt. Smith, C.G. ✓ B
- Sgt. Bradley, R.V. ✓ RO
- Sgt. Romneiss, S.G. ✓ E
- Sgt. Nile, S.E. ✓ BT
- Sgt. Templeton, R.R. ✓ WG
- Sgt. Miller, A.C. ✓ TG

O.K.

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

*feathered # 3 + 4
 said out of gas on English coast on way home. Leader
 Today took in wing, would not claim - ran out of gas*

2. TARGET ATTRIBUTES: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 10:45 Land
 Secondary: Heading: 70
 Last Resort: Height: 28000

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

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

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

Own Bombs: an, Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimate a total number of E/A seen) _____ (Types) _____

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Oxygen trouble - piled & navigator oxygen leaked out - changed to stored system & only 2 bottles filled - rest were empty.*

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

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

Left formation about 1230 at English ~~base~~ just after start of mission. Did not return & did not return until after.

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SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 3 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 474 Letter V Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th B High

NAME: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. W. T. McCaulie P
- 2nd Lt. R.T. Gregg CP
- 2nd Lt. R.W. Haining N
- 1st Lt. H.L. Hall B
- T/Sgt. J.R. Winborn RO
- T/Sgt. R.W. Roy E
- S/Sgt. L.G. Breeden BT
- Sgt. F. Pospiech WG
- S/Sgt. C.B. White TG

2. TARGET ATTAINED: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 022 mag
 Last Resort: Height: 29200

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

3. Number of H. S dropped on target: all Reasoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own bombs: 10/100 - very heavy any. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: snore Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 6-8/1000 clouds type target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
much higher than target - 25-27000 ft.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: seen, persistent.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Few high bursts vicinity of primary target
"NOT near us"

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON XXX368 XX XXX A/C Number 711 Letter D Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 4 ZG97 H.E. Position in Formation
6 T-276 nickels

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed 1327

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

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

40th "B" High

nil.

CME: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. C.W. Whitcomb ✓ F
- 2nd Lt. F.N. Hales ✓ CP
- 1st Lt. W.L. Gillaspie ✓ N
- S/Sgt. R.E. Cooper ✓ B
- Sgt. G.M. Ringwald ✓ RO
- Sgt. E.E. Nelson ✓ E
- Sgt. R.O. Dinger ✓ BT
- Sgt. F.C. Dusenberry ✓ WG
- Sgt. L.F. Dorenbusch ✓ TG

2. TARGET AREA: D: ((PPF or Visual))

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 70
 Last Resort: Height: 2800

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 330

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

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

Own Bombs: units. Any Nickels: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type: _____

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

6. WEATHER:
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSED TAIL TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, Moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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2 units from west

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ A/G Number 466 Letter Q Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.S. Position in Formation

Time took off 0700 Time landed _____

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

Hot "B" High

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. A.J. Maenner ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. A.V. Mura ✓ GP
- 2nd Lt. A. Varnado ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. L.F. Campbell ✓ B
- Sgt. L.N. Goldman ✓ RO
- Pvt. R.W. Circle ✓ E
- Sgt. Conrad ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. W.O. Jacobson ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. A.B. Leavell ✓ TG

24000 feet
 Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether O, A.A., R/A action, accident or undetermined cause
Turned back at 0938 hours, near Ostend, unable to find formation due to clouds which caused change in sea level altitude. I tried to intercept them at coast.

3. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPH or Visual) *hit us well*
- Primary: Time: *1 1/2 minutes*
- Secondary: Heading: *left & on group lead*
- Last Resort: Height: *already left*

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

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

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

6. WEATHER: *Patchy cumulus 6 to 8000 ft over England, a thin layer 12000. From 18 to 21000 dense layer similar to those present on target.*
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *6/10 low cumulus over channel. Dense 18 to 23000. Above 23,000, light.*

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~368~~ ~~369~~ A/C Number 683 Letter Q Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time took Off 0700 Time landed 0315

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

40th B High

C.P.I.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. Patten, J.L. P
- 2nd Lt. Clark, G.W. CP
- 2nd Lt. Jones, R.A. N
- S/Sgt. Richards, L.R. B
- Sgt. MacRano, J.T. RO
- Sgt. Stoklosa, W.J. E
- Sgt. Stetler, R.F. BT
- Sgt. Scott, J.H. NG
- S/Sgt. Hall, J.W. TG

Fouler pulled out over target with one engine out. Seen to leave & coast N through

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual)
 Primary: Time: 10 27 1/2

P.F.F. Secondary: Heading: 50° N

Last Resort: Height: 26,500

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: - 360°

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

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

Own bombs: Hit prop wash & just before bombs away lost altitude and Release was 30 sec. late
 Other Bombing: _____
 an. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
 Hand No Movie No

6. WEATHER: Clouds 20, - 22,000 cumulus over Champaign way back. Pale
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Down fairly precipitated contrails, & all

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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P.F.F. & burst seen in target area

C.P.O. observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) _____ (Type) _____

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

*Small P-51 seen
 Belg. coast 0923 - P-51*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

*Big fire S.W. of airport seen 5 miles
 on River. Black smoke not as dense as
 at night*

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

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

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *#3 & #4 props ran away.*

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

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

*Dropped bomb at target but caught
 up after bombs away*

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 619 Letter S Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0700 Time Landed _____

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

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

*40th B
Space*

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. L.T. Kearney ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. V. Moore CP
- F/O G.C. Dickerson -N
- 2nd Lt. A.B. Blair ✓ B
- Sgt. E.C. Thixtun RO
- Sgt. W. Pomykal E
- Sgt. C. Odsterial BT
- Sgt. V.C. Frederick WG
- Sgt. G.E. Wiley TG

*Returned early
 Landed 1031*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

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

Turned back as briefed

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

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

Own Bombs: *Could not find formation opening* An. Nichols: Yes N

Other Bombing: *Turned back at 976 alt* Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: *5146-0777 alt
 27500* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Brought bombs back*

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 376 Letter F Date _____

Bomb Load _____ H.E. Incend. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took off _____ Time Landed _____

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) _____ F.B. Leigh Pilot

4 feathered engine out, 5 minutes after take-off. Feathered it + came in _____ Co-P
 _____ Nav.
 _____ Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACKED: landed at 0750 _____ Radio
 _____ Top F

Primary Time: _____ Ball T
 Alternate Height: _____ R. Waist

Last Report Heading: _____ L. Waist
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: _____ Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: _____

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? _____

6. GROUNT 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), intensity, altitude or slant	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Remarks

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 368 WARS A/C Number 517 Lett F Date 20/1/45

Bomb Load 10/500 H.S. Position and Formation

Time took off 0700 Time landed _____

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

			X				
X	X		X	X	X		
X			X	X			
X	X						

40th B High

Crew: Give rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether by A/C, E/A action,
 accident or other (state cause)
*Patton off formation before B.A.
 reported underneath*

- 2nd Lt. Lössner, R.A. P
- 2nd Lt. Britton, C.F. CP
- 2nd Lt. Robbins, F.G. N
- S/Sgt. Galengor, C.D. B
- Sgt. Fenerty, V.L. RO
- Sgt. Miller, L.V. E
- S/Sgt. Robinson, S.D. BT
- Sgt. Benets, H.R. WG
- Sgt. Beck, G.W. TG

2. TARGET AREA: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1028
 Secondary: Heading: 072
 Last Resort: Height: 28,600
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 360

3. Number of ECMPS dropped on target: (see) Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: an, Nichols: Yes N
 Number and type _____
 Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on None
 _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 8-10/10 turning Cu.
Very heavy curtains
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES: _____

7. CONDENSED TELL TAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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3 Bursts off left wing near Rhine in

Crew observations about Flak: Sight 2 bursts - low