

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

(D-A-4)

21st February, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: LIPPSTADT, 21st February, 1944.

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

1. Narrative

21 A/C of the 306th flew lead Group of the 40th Combat Wing. Over Cromer at 1214 hours; enemy coast 5236N-0439E at 1302 hours. Then slightly north of briefed course to IP, where cloud made visual identification of target impossible. Turning right in search of a last resort target, made a 360 degree turn south of Bielefeld in an unsuccessful effort to make a run on a town momentarily glimpsed through a break in the clouds. Course then passed between Munster and Osnabruck, and northeast of Rheine, bombs were dropped on Hopsten A.D. after a short run on a heading of 302 degrees Mag. Then north of Zwolle, leaving enemy coast 5 miles south of briefed point at 1534 hours. Landed at base at 1702.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

Fighter support was excellent until about 1420 hours when 4 sets of RR flares were fired by leader of Group in distance ahead and to left. All fighters in sight swarmed over to that formation, leaving 40th Combat Wing unprotected from approximately 1420 to 1440. During this period 20 to 30 T/E and S/E's were seen. At 1424, in general area of primary, 2 Me210s made a violent headon attack from 12 o'clock above, diving close over our high squadron. One of these under heavy fire of our gunners, collided with a Bl7 "B" in triangle, which was flying as an 8th A/C with our high squadron. Left wing came off Bl7 and two chutes were seen. There were no other direct attacks on this Group. E/A seemed content to wait for stragglers. We claim 1-0-1 5 no claim.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Worst A.A. gun fire encountered was at coast on way in and out, moderate but accurate. At Rheine, moderate, tracking and accurate. Meager and inaccurate from other points en route. A.A. gun fire damage out of 21 A/C, 12 slight, 5 serious.

4. Bombing

Primary covered by 10/10ths cloud. Formation headed out over break which opened to northeast, bombing Rheine/Hopsten airfield, identified by strike photos. Bombs are short to southeast. Town of Lingen hit by another Group.

6. Weather

10/10ths cloud in area over primary, but clear to north. Visibility good in bombing area.

JOHN A. BAINSFATHER,
Major, Air Corps,

FORMATION - MISSION 21 February, 1944

LABBATT *
945-S

OPDYKE *
385-U

CLARK
850-B

THOMPSON
139-L

WASSLER *
158-J

SURINTANCE
196-O

HAYWOOD
558-E

HEAF *
963-P

ROSDEN
245-K

THOMPSON
406-O

SCHUERING *
939-A

OLIVIERI
539-O

HANDLIN
505-V

REEDER *
836-P

DOWELL
019-A

CZECHOWSKI
768-V

CARLSON *
524-G

SMITH
363-F

SMITH
700-U

HORST
935-Y

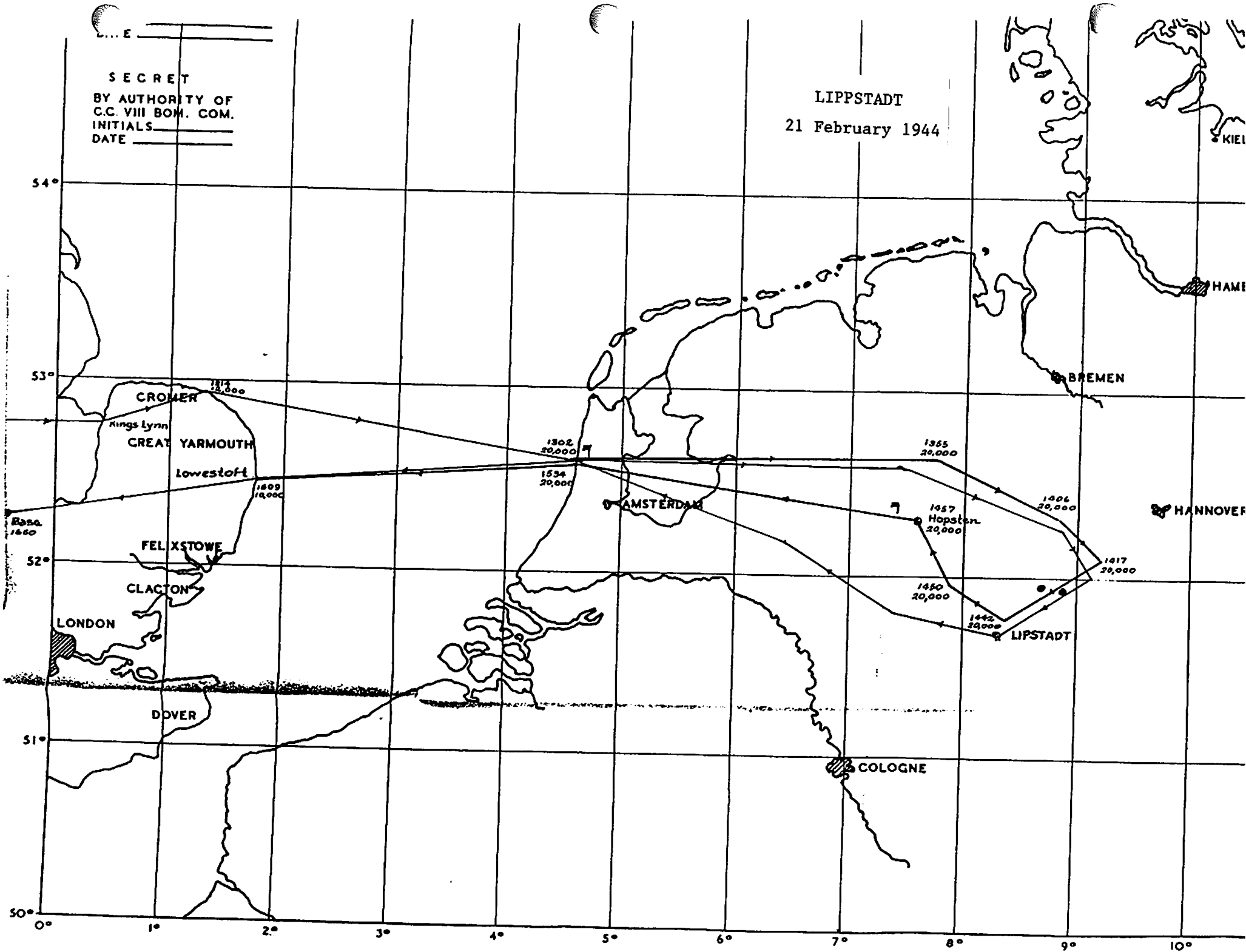
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* INDICATES CAMERA IN AIRCRAFT

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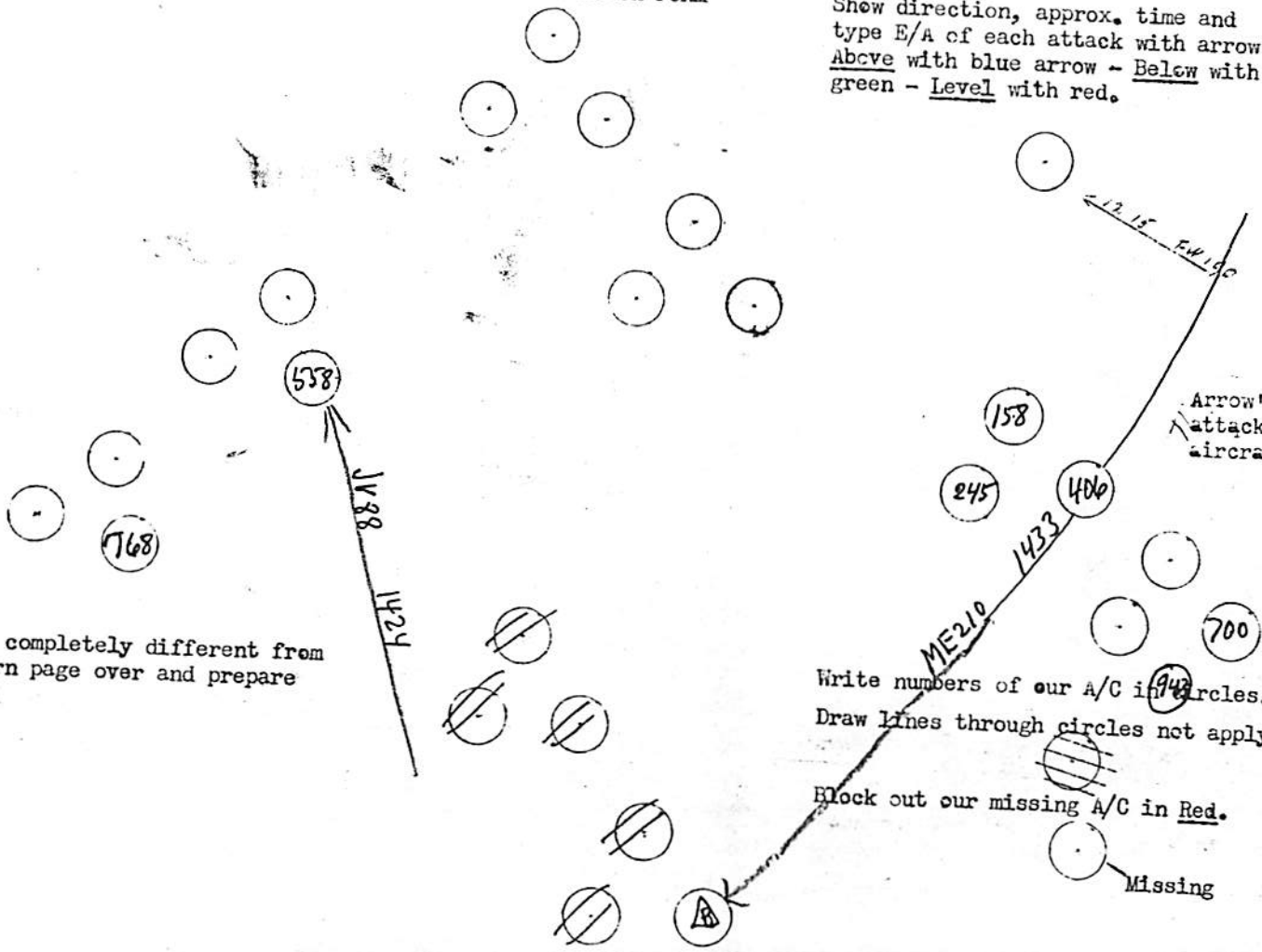
LIPPSTADT
21 February 1944



GROUP 306
DATE 21/2/44

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM

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



Arrow's cover
attack's by
aircraft # 158
768
245-X
700
943-L

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.

Missing

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By RJB/THC
Date 1/8/91

8,000 Tons on Reich in 36 Hours

2,000 U.S. Planes Out Again; Nazi Fighter Output Is Cut 30 Pct.

Two Day Raids of 1,000 Bombers Each Follow Devastating RAF Blows At Stuttgart and Leipzig

Two thousand American warplanes struck again at the German aircraft industry yesterday in the fourth major Allied assault on the Reich in 36 hours.

Switching their main attack from the Nazi fighter factories, whose production was slashed more than 30 per cent by the heaviest daylight raid of the war Sunday, the Fortresses and Liberators pounded airdromes, plants and depots and two plants.

The attack carried the total tonnage dropped in the four raids to about 8,000, far and away the heaviest battering of the war.

Yesterday's assault, with nearly as many aircraft in the air as the 1,000 bombers and 1,000 fighters which Sunday ripped the heart out of the Germans' capacity to build fighter planes, cost 15 bombers and five fighters, it was announced officially. U.S. fighters destroyed 33 enemy planes, but there was no immediate announcement of aircraft destroyed by the bombers.

The attacks yesterday comprised the 12th day of operations this month for the heavies of the U.S. Strategic Air Force in Europe, equaling the previous high mark for any full month's operations.

The second great daylight blow was struck in the wake of the RAF's second straight major night effort—an attack Sunday night in "very great strength" on Stuttgart, in southwestern Germany.

Marauder medium bombers of the Ninth Air Force and RAF medium and light bombers meanwhile contributed to the strain on the Luftwaffe with their second straight day of attacks on targets in France and the Low Countries, all without loss.

Bombed yesterday were two air-frame-component factories in Brunswick, which were badly damaged on Sunday; targets at industrial Hanover, and large aircraft parks and other military installations near the Netherlands border, including Bramsche, Lingen, Vechte, Quakenbruck, Diepholz and Ahlhorn.

While USSTAF ground crews were working through the night to equip the bombers for a second successive major effort, preliminary recapitulation of claims in Sunday's battles showed 126 enemy aircraft destroyed in the air and some two score more damaged or destroyed on the ground.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that at least 38 per cent of the facilities producing single-engine fighters in Germany, and 30 per cent of those turning out twin-engined fighters, had been shut down following Sunday's attack. In a statement last night, Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson Jr., deputy commander for operations of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, said:

"The best evidence now available shows that results of Sunday's daylight operations by the Eighth Air Force were in part as follows:

"1—There is no production today in factories near Leipzig which, immediately prior to the attack, were manufacturing approximately 38 per cent of Germany's single-engine fighter aircraft. Heavy damage was done to these plants. Whether it may be possible in time for the Germans to restore partial production has not yet been determined.

"2—The same statements hold true concerning the twin-engine fighter

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FULTON IS POINTING FOR THE NATIONAL A.A.U. NIPCOR CAMPAIGNERS IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Penalties Mark As Canucks Re

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Ten penalty Dutch Hiller and the Canadiens' Leo fireworks as the front-running Montreal York sextet, 7-2, in a National Hockey Garden.

Phil Watson, former Ranger, was a he scored two goals and aided in many

Frick Speaks Out Against NL Critics; Draft Figures Cited

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—Obviously annoyed with the publication of misleading statistics on National League ball players in service, Ford Frick, league president, stepped forward to defend the players by revealing the accurate figures.

"Just to keep the record straight," Frick said, "61 per cent of the men who were on the reserve list in 1941-42 are now in service or were called up and rejected.

"Of those not in service, 17 are 4-F, two are dead, two are aliens and perhaps a half dozen others are in war plants. I can say that we have in our league only a few more than 100 of the 294 originally on call.

"I should say," Frick continued, "that the two major leagues have around 425 players in service."

Durocher's Status Settled; Overseas Trip Cancelled

...ernberg and Brunswick, and other types of targets at Oschersleben, Tutow, Stettin, Rostock and a few more industrial centers.

The force of more than 1,000 bombers and almost as many fighters headed home from the targets with 21 bombers and three fighters missing. U.S. fighters definitely destroyed 61 enemy planes for a new record—the old mark was 55, set Feb. 10 over Brunswick—and bomber gunners' claims were ...

Dispersed from their bases by the costly RAF raid on Leipzig, then misled and further scattered by the hammering of the 2,000-plane armada in daylight, the Luftwaffe's interceptors were able to do little with the major RAF force of heavy bombers which carried on the assault with a blow at Stuttgart Sunday night.

Only ten aircraft were reported missing from the Stuttgart attack and lighter raids on Munich and other targets, as well as mine-laying operations.

In Stuttgart, too, great fires were re-

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~265~~ 423 A/C Number: ~~25~~ 945 Letter S Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~2500~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024	Time Landed				
		X	X	X	X
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No		X	X	X	X
Details:		X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X

See other side for 1 B-17 hit

11:20

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Bigfield
Dispersals
E + S sides

Lt. Col. J. L. Lambert Pilot ✓
 1st Lt. La M. Love Co-P ✓
 1st Lt. R. P. Williams ✓
 Capt. L. S. Pierce Nav. ✓
 1st Lt. W. R. Wick Bomb ✓
 T/Sgt. J. E. Hunt Radio ✓
 T/Sgt. J. I. Stutts Top T ✓
 S/Sgt. M. K. Fieser Ball T ✓
 S/Sgt. F. M. Vrabel R. Waist ✓
 S/Sgt. R. J. Wilhelm L. Waist ✓
 Capt. R. B. Eckles Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ~~20 mi N~~ 20 mi N of
 Alternate 19.90 Height: about 2000
 Last Report 3:50 Heading: minutes
 Duration Bomb Run: 3 min.

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

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

Own Bombs: went 9/50 over Primary hence saw flak, minutes
20 mi. N of looked there. bombed A/F about
 Other Bombing: 2 of close to Primary
 Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? Yes
 Any NICKELS: Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped
 Number Boxes returned

Various
CBW's
milled
around
clear
from
Newster
&
Quabreech

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Low certainty
high, possibly bombed

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered). (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)
Come short - some on runway

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
5000 ft. overcast

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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T. Flak - after bombing a little

Cast - heavy reverse all

Crew observations about Flak: 5 mi. S. of Bigfield
flamover - heavy barrage
port
on way out

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RIB BAC
Date 1/18/94
MARA

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 12:14 Cromer

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

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast 1302 Briefed point

4. Time over Target _____

Altitude over Target _____

Position of Group on Bomb Run _____

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____

Duration Bomb Run _____

*then approx. as briefed
to primary then W. of
Nunwater + Ornebruck
to T. of O. (Doria?)
to inlet N. of (Hypack)
Zwolle
+ home about as
briefed slightly S. of
course
Enemy coast out 15:34
about 5 mi. S. of course*

5. Time of Landing at Base 17:02

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

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~377XX368XX368~~ 423 A/C Number 139 - Letter 139-0 Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. XMXand.

Position in Formation

			X		
Time Took off 1024	Time Landed 1703	X	X	(X)	X
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes	(No)	X	X	X	X X
Details:		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) B-17 at 1424 hrs. at 20,000 ft. immediately following bomb run. An H.E. 210 collided with B-17 and sheered off left wing. B-17 burst into flame and went down.

1st Lt. R. B. Thompson Pilot

1st Lt. J. W. Frazer, Jr. Co-Pil

1st Lt. W. B. Barnes Nav.

1st Lt. G. Boncic Bomb

Sgt. C. S. Brown, Jr. Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED: One chute seen.

Primary Time: 5200 N. 0436 E.

T/Sgt. W. G. Caldwell Top T

Alternate Height: 20,000

S/Sgt. C. W. Harby Ball T

Last Report Heading: 298° (circle)

Sgt. B. White R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: Two minutes

S/Sgt. H. F. Gramelspacher L. Waist

S/Sgt. C. T. Schroeder Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Some bombs fell on runways.

Many on dispersal areas.

Other Bombing: Concentration excellent

Any Nickels: Yes (No)

Number boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 1/10 over target bombed.

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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Just after bombs away. Moderate-Heavy, tracking and accurate. Black bursts. At 5230 N - 0436 E. Intense-Heavy accurate. Black bursts.

Crew observations about Flak: What flak we saw was accurate.

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BY RIB/DAC NARA Date 1/18/91

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INTERROGATION FORM

21 Feb. 1944

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ ~~369~~ 423 A/C Number 505 Letter V Date 21/24

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. INCERDA Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed 1705
X X X X X
X X X X X
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No X X X X X
Details: 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)

- 2nd Lt. H. V. Hardin Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. R. T. Knowles Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. A. Perline Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. L. F. Barrows, Jr. Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. W. W. Hay Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. E. B. Jackson Top T ✓
- S/Sgt. W. E. Moulis Ball T ✓
- Sgt. L. T. Jenks R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. J. L. Dilley L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. J. K. Hedberg Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1450:45
Alternate Height: 19,500
Last Report Heading: 300 mag.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: 4-5 min

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

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

Own Bombs: A/D with no activity

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

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.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *break 20 miles could see 15 miles of Dmabuch*

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *could see ground occasionally, all the way to target bombed.*

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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at least coming out, accurate as to altitude

Crew observations about Flak:

that lot of flak at fighters but may have been because of 10/10 of time.

*no contrails over target -
no turn off target*

INTERROGATION FORM

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 BY RLB/BAC MAA Date 1/8/11

SQUADRON ~~X 227X03880 862X~~ 423 A/C Number 5850 Letter B Date 21 Feb. 1971

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed 1401

Position in Formation

	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:
*just before target - one 210 crashed
B-17 - exploded - 2 chutes*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R. F. Clark Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. N. D. Munn Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. J. Valenti Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. F. Huistra Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. L. D. Cannon Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. S. H. Zych Top T ✓
- S/Sgt. E. N. Dillinger Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. Schmidt, W. R. Waist ✓
- S/Gt. H. Minniti L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. M. C. Crow Tail G. ✓

2. **TARGET ATTACKED:**

Primary Time: 1456
 alternate Height: 19460

Last Resort Heading: ?

Duration Bomb Run: 30-70 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs: 5212-0602 (compass out, this may be wrong)

Other Bombing: *missile* → N

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

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

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

8. **WEATHER:** (If it affected mission) solid overcast over cont.

9. **FLAK:** Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *present over contrails at 20,000 - 3/10 at target (hole in cloud)*

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location	Accuracy
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3 minutes after coast - magin low - 1000 right
1141 hrs - Vanagusi distance (20 miles) (Rhein?)

Crew observations about Flak:

1447 - black tracking flak - acc -

target tracking acc moderate

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 963 Letter P Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Inoad.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024	Time Landed 1735	X	X	X	X
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No		X	X	X	X
(2nd) Details:		X	X	X	X
1. B-17 down at 1418 near 51420900E		X			X
hit in collision with ME 210 had wing (L) broken off one chute					

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. E. L. Heap Pilot

1st Lt. J. P. Shutz, Jr. Co-P

1st Lt. P. D. Lanyon Nav.

1st Lt. M. Borysoff Bomb

T/Sgt. A. R. Erickson Radio

T/Sgt. A. J. LaBarge Top T

S/Sgt. K. J. Morris Ball T

S/Sgt. S. M. Kupferman R. Waist

S/Sgt. H. E. McIntyre L. Waist

S/Sgt. J. C. Dehler Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Airframe - unknown
 Primary Time: 1456
 Alternate Height: 19600'
 Last Report Heading: 350° mag
 Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Good concentration on runways and field.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

In co brief - Target covered with clouds 10/10 the plane went beyond target turned back west then south - then 350° mag and banked down at 0700 feet

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 moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C.	Accuracy
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No flak at target
 9/8 the bombs were dropped by the aircraft - which rocket trail - common in that area

Crew observations about Flak:

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Date 1/18/94 MABA

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~~~368~~~~369~~ 423 A/C Number: 539 Letter O Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~Misc~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed 1703

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. C. D. Oliver Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. D. Ebert Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. Baltunas, A.P. Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. Tobias Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. J. A. Atchley Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. K. H. Feltner Top T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. B. Early Ball T ✓
- S/Sgt. J. E. Walker R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. H. C. Turner L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. E. J. Knapp Tail G. ✓

B17 - crashed by Me 210 before bombing - 1 chute seen 11420

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1430 1/2
Alternate Height: 19800

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 300 MAG

Duration Bomb Run:

An airdrome? think it was in Germany

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

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

Bombs: Edge of an airdrome, and on runway

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

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.)

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8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. target bombed - clear Primary - 10/ths

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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just before target bombed slight race, all good minor damage

just over sea slight (30-40 bursts) mostly low

Crew observations about flak

500 mi above target area - 4 mi back

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Me 210 FW190
Me 109

50-75
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

1420 - attacks at formation - damage ~~heavy~~
(Location and length of fight)

raked formation
persistent attacks from sun high

(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

38's, 47's - in good, out-came late
38's late

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, PL.CE and TIME.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

minor flak damage, 2.50 cal self-inflicted

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER R. Redak, Capt TIME COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~267~~ ~~268~~ ~~269~~ 423 A/C Number 524 Letter G Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. None

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed _____

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

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: 5235 08th E 1417 ME 210 came in and fired at him. Engine bombed. then puff + miss came off. No chutes. B in triangle.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. R. W. Carlson Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. K. Yass Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. S. Soscia Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. R. D. Beres Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. P. Brouman Radio ✓
- S/Sgt. W. H. Morgan Top T ✓
- Sgt. N. A. Orlando Ball T ✓
- Sgt. R. C. Blura, Jr. R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. A. J. Mariani L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. C. W. Kester Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1457
 Alternate Height: 2000
 Last Resort Heading: 295 (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:

DR 5271 N X 0141 E thine. Aired like down field. Hit north
short but did get on down. Clear runway or building.

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

10/10 over target (primary) clear to north. open at T of O.

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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Heavy minutes flak with a hit down
Best case for bomb making and bombed. Smoke trail into town. Came up to on height smelt.
White trail cloud into town.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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 MABA Date 1/18/94
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INTERCOMMUNICATION FORM

SQUADRON 363 368 369 429 A/C Number 158 Letter Date / /

Bomb Load 12 X 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 10:24 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)

*B-17 with B flying just behind this A/C & above
 collided with the 210-1426-*

- Lt. J. Cassler Pilot ✓
- Lt. J. Gay Co-P ✓
- Lt. T. Hughes Nav. ✓
- Lt. H. Johnston Bomb ✓
- Lt. J. Smith Radi. ✓
- D. L. Ellis Top T ✓
- D. J. Callagher Ball T ✓
- Lt. J. Rothe R. Waist ✓
- W. J. King L. Waist ✓
- C. V. Kowalski Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1457
 Alternate Height: 20,000
 Last Report. Heading: 295
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: about a minute

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

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

Own Bombs: ATO at Lingen - hit buildings which may have been hit before

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 at Lippstadt - about 3/4 out 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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*Monsters in distance
 coast coming out 5236 0429 - 42, huge flak bursts*

Crew observations about Flak:

No flak. 15. 1

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 _____

London

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By *RIB/BAC* NARA Date *1/18/99*

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast Cromer - 1214

2. Was Course as briefed? as briefed to bypassed, right turn, slow run then
If not, describe course in detail. SE, then W, then N - looking for target

3. Time and Place of crossing enemy Coast 5240,0438 - 1308
5236,0439 ~~1617~~ 1534

4. Time over Target 1457

Altitude over Target 20,000

Position of Group on Bomb Run alone

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 295

Duration Bomb Run about 2 minutes

5. Time of Landing at Base 1710

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

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER *King*

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INTERCOMMUNICATION FORM

SQUADRON 352 (368) 162nd A/C Number 406 Letter O Date 21/2/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. xIncand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed 1710

		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 B-17 hit by 210 wing (C)
1 chute out - 1436 - 13

CREW: Give rank and initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:

(Give position, time, altitude, full details) 1st. LT. C.R. THOMPSON Pilot

1 B-17 at enemy target to
fact #2 engine 1534 lower
Rat run under control at 18000

1st. LT. I.L. GORDON Co-P

1st. LT. R.G. JOBE Nav.

1st. R.F. PROCTOR Bomb

T/SGT. E.G. DANIELSON Radio

T/SGT. F.F. HUGHES Top T

S/SGT. L. BROFFORD Ball T

S/SGT. S.J. KRISKO R. Waist

S/SGT. G.E. LILJA L. Waist

S/SGT. B.J. MITTI Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1457

Alternate Height: 2000

Last Resort Heading: 299° mag
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

to sea

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12 all on lead

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

Own Bombs: Pattern was beautiful on coming

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes (No)
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Aborted except at primary target west North
toward Denmark

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
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Flak - 10/10th - 1505 - Rockett smoke trail - white ball - near 10/10th

Own observations about Flak:

1505 - Rockett smoke trail - white ball - near 10/10th

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

10 below - 2/090 - 2-210
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

40 above but no attacks

(Location and length of fight)

7:40 pm 1 o'clock passed the position

(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

Good in - late evening out - scattered

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, etc.)

Guides 300 - 4000 ft, 11 ships heading northwest -
Convoy - at 5248-0221-1230 heading north small ship

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: Oxygen flow indicated mal function -
Intercom plan of procedure out -

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

S-2 OFFICER McNeely
Capt.

TIME COMPLETED _____

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 NARA Date 1/18/94
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INTERROGATION FORM

10

SQUADRON 362 (368) 369 423 A/C Number 215 Letter K Date 21/2/44

Bomb Load 12x500 h.E. Incense

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 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	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)

*D17 at 1000 at 1424 htd NE210.
 1 chrt at 1000 More seen out of it.*

- 1st. Lt. G.M. ROEDER Pilot ✓
- 1st. Lt. P.I. ENDRES Co-P ✓
- 1st. Lt. K.M. FARRER Nav.
- 1st. M.K. AMYON Bomb ✓
- T/SGT. D.R. MILLS Radio ✓
- T/SGT. E.G. MILLER Top T ✓
- SGT. N.M. HAVEN Ball T ✓
- SGT. W. BENNINGFIELD R. Waist ✓
- SGT. L.L. ROBINSON L. Waist ✓
- SGT. J. BLEMUN Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1457
 Alternate Height: 19000
 Last Report Heading: 300
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 21520 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *Hit down field N of Rhine between here & beyond
 Hit runway.*

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped
 Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

OK in to Rhine base

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	Remarks
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*Flak at end. Could all flak ground but still near it.
 Under at 1322*

Crew Observations about Flak:

INTERROGATION FORM

11

SQUADRON 297th 368 369th 423 A/C Number: 36836 Letter: Date: 20/1/44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 10:00 Time Landed 1710

			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: 42nd - B17 hit by me 210 and blew up - 1 chute

CHE.: Give rank and initials

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

- 1st. Lt. J. J. ... Pilot ✓
- 1st. Lt. ... Co-P ✓
- 1st. Lt. ... Nav. ✓
- 1st. Lt. ... Bomb ✓
- ... Radi. ✓
- ... Top W ✓
- ... Ball T ✓
- ... R. Waist ✓
- ... L. Waist ✓
- ... Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACHED

Plant line A/D. S/E of Kruger
Primary Time: 1457
Alternate Height: 19,800
Last Report Heading: 301 mag
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit S/E end of A/D.

Other Bombing: Heavy smoke up to about 6000 coming from point about 30 to 40 miles east of our target.
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)
Aborted on course on way in to target coming out.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 over Primary

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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1343 (After crossing)			Heavy	White	Neagre	Inaccurate
1419 (Over target)			"	Black	"	(Inaccurate)
1457 (Target)			"	"	"	(Accurate)

Flak observations about flak: Moderate Accurate.

Cocked flak near target bombed.
Flak bursts about 4 minutes after crossing coast on way out.

at. Spuider

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INTERROGATION FORM

13

SQUADRON 367 (68) 369 A/C Number: 363 Letter M Date 21/2/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incendi:

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1028 Time Landed 1705

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	X	X	X	X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1. Chute only 210 feet
B-17

- 1st. LT. R.H. BIERLER Pilot ✓
- 2nd. LT. D.O. JONES Co-P ✓
- 1st. LT. L. RODRIGUES Nav. ✓
- 1st. LT. G.C. TATMAN Bomb ✓
- S/SGT. B.B. FERNS Radio
- S/SGT. P.J. PRATT Top T ✓
- S/SGT. G.C. ABBATELLO Ball T ✓
- S/SGT. E.J. HEINTZ R. Waist ✓
- SGT. S.J. FREDKO L. Waist ✓
- S/SGT. A.J. DOINE Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1453

Alternate Height: 2000

Last Resort Heading: 2970mg

Duration Bomb Run:

5 min - 1 min 2 sec

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

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

Own Bombs: Good return sweep

Other Bombing:

Any Nickols: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

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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1520-5231-045E - No flak at target - Very accurate

Crew observations about flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

210-100 2-410s - attacked
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

2-410's made attack about 10:10 pm
(Location and length of fight)

sun from high to low -

2-210 - from 5 o'clock - passed straight thru.

2. New type planes thru formation -
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

None.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - but restricted -

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)

Big minor flat holes -

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
Supply lagging 2 down -

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
Radio has no flexibility - use old type -

S-2 OFFICER Mc Neely
Capt.

TIME COMPLETED

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 MABA Date 1/18/99

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367A (368) 369 A/C Number 243 Letter L Date 21/2/44

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. XXXXXXXX Position in Formation

Time Took off 1021 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	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 with B in Δ was hit by ME 210
 HAD "B" IN Δ DOWN AT 1425 NEAR PRIMARY*

1st. LT. R.S. GEROLD Pilot ✓
 1st. LT. R.C. FIA Co-P ✓
 1st. LT. F.E. TINGLER Nav. ✓
 1st. LT. J.H. LAUGHLIN Bomb ✓
 T/SGT. R.L. KOHLER Radio ✓
 T/SGT. H.J. ALARWIG Top T ✓
 S/SGT. R.L. SEILER Ball T ✓
 S/SGT. R.D. BARTEL R. Waist ✓
 SGT. S.M. POWELL L. Waist ✓
 S/SGT. E.F. GRAY Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary _____ Time: _____
 Alternate: _____ Height: 20000
 Last Report Heading: 305
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 5 MIN
LINGEN

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

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

Own Bombs: *Proper loader & didn't aim at anything. Looked like small town with good pattern in it.*
 Other Bombing: _____
 Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

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.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 9000 *10/10 over primary, & high thin cloud we were flying in.*
 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 over our target, but behind us. One 3 under 3000 heavy black bursts, gd. altitude & gd tracking.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~862XX368X~~ 369. ~~A23XXA~~/C. Number ~~3385~~ Letter U Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~ Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:
 617. hit by 210 from shot at by us. exploded.
 2 shots at 17. 1425 km. target area.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Lt. J. S. Opdyke Pilot ✓
- Lt. T. C. Olsen Co-Pv
- Lt. L. R. Musselwhite Nav. ✓
- Lt. C. L. Couch Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. T. W. Hunter ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. W. H. Jones ✓ Top T
- Sgt. R. N. Gates ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. G. J. McManus ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. E. J. Gustafson ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. E. H. Moody ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1457
 Alternate Height: 20000
 Last Report (circle) Heading: 300
 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: 5227.X 0723. Hit in field. Not for God. R in diagonal area.
1 in large hit went to side. (Killed)

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

W of route on way out. Target to NW in vicinity of target.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 11/10 from target. 10 mile radius.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1304</u>	<u>5236 N</u>	<u>1429</u>	<u>Concave in Q. burst.</u>			
<u>1341</u>	<u>Zudle</u>	<u>1432</u>	<u>Explosive area probably 11mm or 12mm.</u>			
<u>1427</u>	<u>Chashuk 189 at 17</u>	<u>1534</u>	<u>m. m. 2 gm. batteries took picture of these.</u>			

Grew observations about Flak: 5236 N. 0479

Spdyhe.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER ✓ _____
FLAKE WITH CENTER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification,
SINGLE AIRCRAFT)

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By RIB/JMC NARA Date 1/18/81

1. Time and Place of crossing En route 1212 5234 x 0114.
1609 2 mi S of Enver.
3 mi N of target

2. Was Course as briefed After target. Headed 310 to reach target.
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast 1308. 5236 x 0436.
1534 1/2 "

4. Time over Target 1457
Altitude over Target 20000
Position of Group on Bomb Run Lead.
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 300.
Duration Bomb Run ~~1.5~~

5. Time of Landing at Base 1656.
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sr-2 OFFICER Baldwin

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 369 A/C Number 558 Letter M Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~Incendiary~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed 1657

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

no

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

no

- Lt. G. H. Haywood Pilot
- Lt. ^{RA} Robertson Co-P
- Lt. J. D. Bailiff Nav.
- Lt. H. K. Beach Bomb
- T/Sgt. J. A. Evenson Radio
- T/Sgt. E. D. Oldfield Top T
- Sgt. M. Steinhart Ball T
- T/Sgt. E. J. Wentworth R. Waist
- S/Sgt. E. H. Johnson L. Waist
- S/Sgt. R. P. Butler Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1457

Alternate Height: 19,400.

Last Report Heading: 301 way

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: Looked like dummy A/C because queer looking dipped area. Ball burst mostly hit amongst buildings. Other Bombing: 9:10 am night hit on that A/C. Any Nickols: Yes No Number boxes dropped Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

made by 360° turn at about 14:15 o'clock, to left.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 over target

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Agency
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6 white puffs about on way out, very accurate 14:33 hours - for 4 minutes, accurate, moderate. Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERCOMMUNICATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ 369 ~~369~~ A/C Number 196 Letter O Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed _____

		X	X	X	
(A)	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X
	X				X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:
 7 was minutes by the 210-1425 - 1 chute
 Caught on fire & fell apart, fighter blowing

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Lt. W. C. Guaintance Pilot ✓
- Lt. R. L. Jonson Co-P ✓
- Lt. A. W. Ostrow Nav. ✓
- Lt. H. I. Levy Bomb ✓
- S/Sgt. F. X. Driscoll ✓ Radio
- S/Sgt. J. F. Strukel ✓ Top T
- S/Sgt. H. J. Light ✓ Ball T
- Sgt. M. W. Williams ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. A. F. Markowski ✓ L. Waist
- Sgt. R. C. Donahue ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1457

Alternate Height: 19,600

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 291

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: damaged good pattern on building of airframe

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear north of route, overcast south

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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LINGEN, about 12 bursts - inaccurate

Target - accurate - moderate - good cover

flak bursts at crest equipment - 5235, 0438

Crew observations about Flak: 2 ground volute 10 miles ahead on bombing run

More "pinpoints" or snowflakes burst about 2000 ft. below this etc

A great splotch of black smoke hovered in air at 5228, 0150 (DR)

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~423~~ A/C Number 939 Letter A Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Friend

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1032 Time Landed 1658

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Lt. A. G. Schuering Pilot ✓
- P/O. E. K. Price Co-P ✓
- Lt. J. M. Hamilton Nav. ✓
- Lt. R. J. Flood Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. A. Comarnisky ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. F. H. Hawthorne ✓ Top T
- S/Sgt. H. C. Ashley ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. L. W. Currie ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. B. E. Wabler ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. M. H. Bergan ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1456 1/2
 Alternate Height: 19300'
 Last Report Heading: 300°M.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 3 min.

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit in dead woods, no activity. Black runways
no planes. Runways looked new.

Other Bombing: Hit on runways; Smoke
 Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped: _____
 Number Boxes returned: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED 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 + on back N of note.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Over 10/10 - saw airfield

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. breaks 8/10 - saw coast out.

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>1450-6 min</u>	<u>before target</u>	<u>med</u>	<u>medium</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Front-tracking</u>	<u>Yes</u>

1534 0437E 5232N. 19,000 - med. - Black - Hit

Crew observations about Flak: _____

at Rhein
 to 729E
 at R. Eme

Hit
 1st
 left
 well

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~260XX368XX~~ 369 ~~XX33XX~~ A/C Number: 3768 Letter V Date 21 Feb. 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~Target:~~ Position in Formation

Time Took off	1030	Time Landed	1657	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:

1435- ME210 hit B-17.
5203N 0915E.

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. T. J. Czechowski Pilot ✓

Lt. P. C. Jorgenson Co-P ✓

Lt. F. L. Sovis Nav. ✓

T/Sgt. H. J. Sommers ✓ Bomb

T/Sgt. J. W. Ferguson ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. C. T. Slappy ✓ Top T

S/Sgt. C. E. Shakespeare ✓ Ball T

S/Sgt. F. M. Sliva ✓ R. Waist

S/Sgt. E. R. Busch ✓ L. Waist

S/Sgt. R. A. Yerak ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1457 hr

Alternate Height: 20,000

Last Report Heading: 295° M
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 2

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on Target Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: In buildings on edge of field.

No activity on field.

Other Bombing: Group behind dropped - Any Nickels: Yes No

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? Middle of field.

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) 16/10 in few holes - 1/10 back.

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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1535L-5238N 0438E - 20,000 Tracking yes

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERCOMMUNICATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ 369 ~~369~~ A/C Number: 935 Letter Y Date 21 Feb, 1944

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ~~12000~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1024 Time Landed _____

		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:

1475-B17 hit by me no blow up
thought saw 3 Chittes - 2 for sure.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. R. Horst Pilot ✓

Lt. F. E. Wright Co-P ✓

Lt. J. C. Joplin Nav. ✓

Lt. H. N. Schmitz Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. A. G. Cook Radio ✓

T/Sgt. L. I. Cagood Top T ✓

Sgt. L. M. Klöster Ball T ✓

Sgt. E. R. Justice R. Waist ✓

Sgt. E. N. Ryan L. Waist ✓

Sgt. J. E. Threlkeld Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED

Primary Time: 1457

Alternate Height: 19,400

Last Resort Heading: 322 mag S

Duration Bomb Run: Visual

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit S/E Corner Airbase mostly over

Other Bombing: Town of Lingen had been bombed.
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Made turn NE of Primary which was covered by 10/10 clouds
Route home north of briefed route.

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
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1525	Over Lingen	19,200	Heavy	Black + White	Concentrated	Accurate
1343	going in	"	"	"	Wider	Tracking
1457	Rising	"	"	"	and (White above)	Accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

Two smoke streamers probably markers over Lingen

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

3 Me109's - 2 Me210's -

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

No direct attacks this Group

(Location and length of fight)

Released 4:20 and 14:30 E/A picked up formation

(Tactics of E/A)

Yellow nose and silver fuselage Me 210's

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<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

Good P. 475-385

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) none minor fah damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Interphone alert N.G. Flak cut oxygen line

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

S-2 OFFICER

W. W. Glass

TIME COMPLETE

COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 21/2/44

Squadron 368

Place where attacked 52°08' 0815

A/C No: 406-0

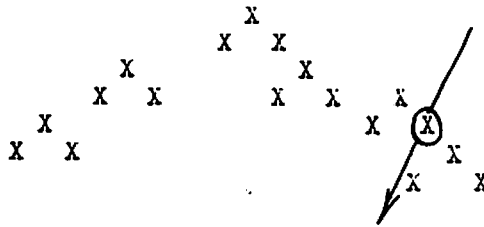
Time 14:33 Height 20,000

1. Story of the attack:- Two 210's came 12:30 high in file. 1st went through. 2nd one came directly over head, started firing about 800 yds. I had him right in my sight's. and continued till passed over. E/A on fire and out of control as it passed our A/C. It later collided with a B-17 with "B" in triangle to the rear.

DESTROYED
A-2 I.B.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and 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 clear
- c. type of E/A ME 210
- d. level of attack; From high above 12:30 clock level _____ 0'clock (Check below _____ 0'clock One) very low _____ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names T/Sgt P.F. Hughes

Positions Top Turret

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. J.L. Gordon

Position in A/C Co-pilot

Other A/C firing at the same time? Possibly other's

5. Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Captain Sam McLesly

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