

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

APO 634
23 September, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News

1747 hours, one B-17 exploded, on way in. No A.A.F. or E/A observed at time. Another crew reported that the number 4 engine of this A/C had been smoking since 1652 hours; that the A/C started down at 1744 hours; that nine chutes were seen before A/C blew up. 1838 hours, one B-17, engine smoking, going down near Rennes, five chutes and possibly seven, seen. 1846 hours, one B-17 on fire going down, 10 chutes.

2. Narrative

18 A/C took off at 1445 - Portland Bill at 1702. Course as briefed to target, then right turn over Grand Lieu Lac to Nozay to 5 miles West of Rennes to Yffiniac on coast at 1847 to English Coast at 50° 37'N 02° 13'W.

3. Bombing

Primary target, ship, not seen. Good concentration on Secondary along north bank of river fork. Other hits in dock area on west end of island. Confirmed by photographs. 4 did not bomb. 2 of these aborted bringing bombs back. Lt. Dooley A/C No. 707 jettisoned 12 miles after target due to mechanical failure. One turned back early with 2 superchargers out and jettisoned in Channel.

4. Enemy Air Craft

No direct attacks on this group. Only three F.W 190s seen. These were encountered near I.P. Had white tails. When they attempted to make tail attack P-47s drove them off.

5. A.A. Gun Fire

At target, moderate to intense, accurate predicted concentration at first, then continuously pointed. There seemed to be more than the 16 guns as briefed. At Rennes, moderate accurate continuously pointed fire.

6. Smoke Screens

Effective smoke screen prevented boat (primary) being seen. Heavy smoke screens at Lorient and at Brest. Ineffective smoke screen at St. Nazaire.

7. Abortives

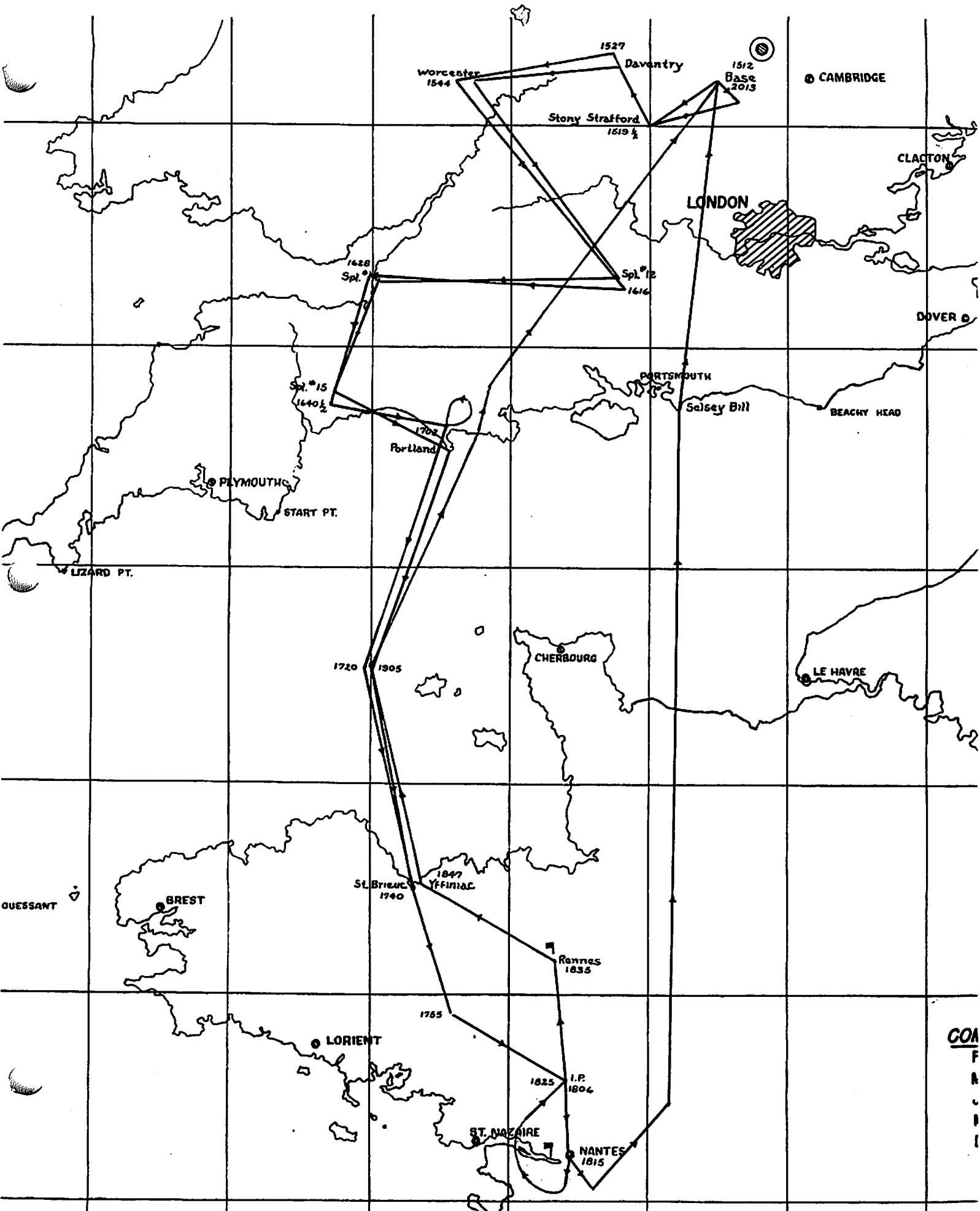
3 A/C returned early. A/C #889 Lt. Lockyear, turned back at Portland Bill at 1702 with 3 superchargers malfunctioning. Brought bombs back. A/C #145 Lt. Paulsen turned back 10 miles North West of Anvil Point at 1645 #2 engine out. Brought bombs back. A/C #169 Lt. Porter turned back 48° 00'N 02° 53'W. At 1745 oxygen leak and 2 superchargers out. Jettisoned in channel.

JOHN A. BAINSFATHER,
Captain, AC,
Group S-2.

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PARIS
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LINN
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PAULSEN
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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Materiel Officer
United States Forces
A. P. O. 634

23 September, 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report on Mission of 23 September, 1943.

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

1. The following listed Combat Damages were received by A/C on mission of this date:

- 42-3363, 367th Squadron, not damaged
- 42-30727, 367th Squadron, not damaged
- 42-30728, 367th Squadron, Right inner wing slightly damaged by flak
- 42-29985, 367th Squadron, Not damaged
- 42-29959, 367th Squadron, Not damaged
- 42-30720, 367th Squadron, Not damaged
- 42-3142, 368th Squadron, Upper turret slightly damaged by flak
- 42-30782, 368th Squadron, Co-Pilots windshield broken by flak-slight damage
- 42-30451, 368th Squadron, Slight flak damage to wings
- 42-30707, 368th Squadron, Not damaged
- 42-30586, 368th Squadron, Slight flak damage to wings and fuselage
- 42-30811, 369th Squadron, Not damaged
- 42-30199, 369th Squadron, Pilots window and Co-Pilots window broken by flak-slight damage
- 42-30794, 369th Squadron, Not damaged
- 42-3169, 369th Squadron, Slight flak damage to fuselage
- 42-3449, 369th Squadron, Crash landed at Wing-cause of damage unknown-aircraft burned after landing and will be salvaged-Serious
- 42-30145, 368th Squadron, Aborted
- 42-5889, 369th Squadron, Aborted

For the Commanding Officer:



HENRY J. SCHMIDT,
Major, Air Corps,
Materiel Officer.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 362 ~~3388~~ 369 ~~425~~ A/C Number 199 Letter R Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 li.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: 1017 (7000 ft) near bombs struggle + making hit lost. then flew up.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1017 at bombs circling over 3000 ft. one - two miles or more. landed out of sight.

- Lt. G. C. Bettinger Pilot
- Lt. A. Block Co-P
- Lt. E. S. Wood Nav.
- Lt. C. L. Dunlap Bomb.
- T/Sgt. V.R. Stevens Radio
- T/Sgt. J. T. Ross Top T.
- Sgt. E. E. Wynn Ball T.
- S/Sgt. T. A. Harkins R.Waist
- Sgt. D. E. Williams L.Waist
- S/Sgt. W. W. Lastinger Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1815
Alternate Height: 25300
Last Resort Heading 180
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Own Bombs: Walked thru bomb area + walked thru mine. Bomb didn't see lost.

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No) any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned _____

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)
As high - came out at 41.50.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good in frame. Some clouds above us but not heavy.

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
	Target		Very accurate		Moderate compared to Berlin but more than last time we went in. Alt above	
	Airfield		Precise moderate accuracy		altitude but just ahead of us.	
	more from Nant...					

Crew Allocation...

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 794 Letter 0 Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1822 Time Landed 2040

		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:

1749 hrs B17 Blowup 3 chutes under
1835 " " " " " " " " " " " "
Control, 3 chutes
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Lt. G.F. Thomas Pilot

Lt. R.L. Fallow Co-P

2nd Lt. G.M. Belknap
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Nav.

Lt. H.H. Bittman Bomb.

C.J. Hufangel, S/Sgt. Radio

S/Sgt. E.K. Fox Top T.

Sgt. D.J. Williams Ball T.

Sgt. K.W. Smith R.Waist

A.E. Sewald L.Waist

Sgt. F.H. Smith Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1828
Alternate Height: 25,400
Last Resort Heading 162° M.
(circle) Duration Bomb Run: 2 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs:

All bombs left end of island opposite Nantes.

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	Accuracy in relation to A/C
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1828	Target	25400	Heavy	Moderate to intense	Accurate	(3 bursts at a time)
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1838	Nantes	"	"	"	Accurate	directed
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Crew observations about Flak: None seen at target than Briefed.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1 or 2 3/8
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

target area
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	<u>none</u>
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Effective Cover

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give DATE, 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,

Effective Smoke Screen at Nantes

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)

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

14. DAMAGE TO A/C: none
15. none

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Runaway prop

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
Could Improve landing system at night believe too dangerous at present.

S-2 OFFICER W.D. Glass FILE COMPLETED
Believe our A/c should be guarded all night

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X62A568 369 4200A A/C Number 449 Letter AI Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incident _____

Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

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

CREW: Give rank and Initials

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

Lt. I. J. Klette Pilot

F/O M. D. Reed Co-P

Lt. E. P. Maddet Nav.

Lt. A. Isaac Bomb.

S/Sgt. J. A. Evenson Radio

T/Sgt. P. R. Loubet Top T.

Sgt. S. A. Hardy Ball T.

Sgt. H. M. Maron R. Waist

Sgt. B. Oliver L. Waist

Sgt. C. A. Fatigati Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: _____

Alternate Height: _____

Last Resort Heading _____
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

*Plane total wreck
 4 pieces
 required
 crash landed at WIMBY*

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

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

Own Bombs: _____

*2nd Gamma
 Crew came in Sept 25 - Dropped bomb in target area but probably across river due to bomb striking water just pulled emergency lines. No one hurt in landing. Gas was short. Circled the field at Halton (R.F. field). Then came over some trees on edge of field and when I scraped some small trees - pulled up to miss some big ones & gas got out. Plane nose dived into the ground. None damaged. Those 4 bombs badly hurt crew pilot -*

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

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

Co pilot, Navigator and Crewman. Others were all stunned a bit. Those 4 in hospital. Rest came back. Whole crew was checked at Halton by M.D.S.

WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 811 Letter Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 .E. Incen:

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 14 50 Time Landed 20 40

		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:

on way to target 1745 - 1817
Spring down - 9 chutes seen - 1817
(2nd 2nd 10.05 1st 1st) exploded

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

1817 at 1803, spring down -
No # 3 engine on fire, 3-4 chutes
out. Ship regained control

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Capt. C.E. Flannagan ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot
- Lt. J. P. Noack Co-P
- Lt. D. H. Peterson Nav.
- Lt. J. V. Vaughter Bomb.
- T/Sgt. M.A. Narum ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Radio
- Sgt. F. J. Wesner Top T.
- Sgt. R. L. Kern Ball T.
- Sgt. B. S. Steed R.Waist
- Sgt. ~~James Copelman~~ Piedmont L.Waist
- Sgt. ~~J. Mayer~~ ^{M. Brane} Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1811

Alternate

Height: 25300

Last Resort
(circle)

Heading 180° Mag

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Target area on N.W. end of island.

Other Bombing: Bombs seemed to be scattered

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (no)

any Nickels: Yes (no)

Number boxes dropped

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

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

approx as briefed going out. Returned approx same route as in.

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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Flak over target accurate, moderate going out, flak observed on way ahead (1853 over about 40 miles N.E. of Albatross)

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER POSITION:

1 76190 definitely recognized
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

for an hour
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>6</u>
PROBABLY	<u>1</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47 Squad close - good

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

13. INCIDENTS TO ENEMY 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.)
None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) None

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None - little supercharger trouble.

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

Should have turned left of target - would have arrived first.
(Did not follow briefing)

S-2 OFFICER

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~360X 368~~ ~~369~~ A/C Number 586 Letter B Date 23/9/43

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

Time Took Off 1445 Time Landed 2030

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. G.E. Paris Pilot

1745 B17 - 9 chutes - A/c out of control - flak, - seen to blow up
1850 B17 - 2 chutes - one engine on fire - A/c under control

1st Lt. C.K. Logue CO-P
1st Lt. R.L. Slater
1st Lt. M.D. Dix Nav.

1st Lt. E.M. Montoya Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

T/Sgt. H.E. Milner Radio R. Waist

Primary Time: 1815

T/Sgt. R.L. Long Top T.

Alternate Height: 25000

S/Sgt. G.G. Holt Bail T.

Last Resort Heading: 165

S/Sgt. A.R. Sorenson Top T

Duration Bomb Run: 40-50 sec

S/Sgt. J.J. Migliorasi L. Waist

Could not see

1st Lt. J.P. Ryan Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: followed with drift meter - hit in center of target area

Other Bombing: Two large fires where boat was briefed.

Any Missals: Yes No
Number Boxes Dropped
Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (10's?) N?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

OK to target - crossed coast's back in same places as on the way in. Broke away from other groups about at coast of France. Lead group visibility in France very good. countered on way out, at target and on way home, contin'd along French coast. clouds above.

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

Target

Crew observations about Flak:

St. Nazaire - little flak - in distance

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) 1 (FW190) (Types)

(Location and length of fight) about 15 min. before target
came up looked over formation
went down - no attack this
group.

(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 - all the way in, left
part way out.

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, tanks, St. Nazaire, Lorent - smoke screen.)

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)
B17 - one fighter (alone); one by flak

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak damage - minor

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Groups scattered all over the place. Combat wing
leader straggled, signs diff. from this group.

S-2 OFFICER Ellis
Capt A.C.

FILE NO. COMPLETED: _____
Paris
not at 1:1

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 782 Letter J Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1450 Time Landed 20 25

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	X	X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Final 305

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

1317 on fire engine on fire. Engine on fire. (W/Remes) control

1317 on way out in right of bank control had engine on fire. (W/Remes) control

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1815
 Alternate Height: 25,000
 Last Resort Heading 180°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 60 seconds plus.

wing ahead

made it turn

- 1st Lt. O.S. Linn Pilot
- 2nd Lt. S.W. Mowers Co-P
- 2nd Lt. J.L. Voehringer Nav.
- 1st Lt. W.W. Swapp Bomb.
- T/Sgt. J.J. Tobin Radio
- T/Sgt. M.J. Enos Top T.
- S/Sgt. P.G. Lester Ball T.
- S/Sgt. L.A. Brandon R.Waist
- Sgt. E.W. Schmeckpepper L.Waist
- S/Sgt. J. Coulson Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: *22* Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *In back area some.*

Other Bombing: *Big fire white smoke on north edge of north bank of river.*

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

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)
At turn off target & not on route as we went in.

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
1815	target	25,000	slight	a lot all around - tracking	Orange white	lost one of it pretty well
1840	Disport north of Remes	29,000	pretty good	tracking		

Crew observations about Flak: *Hit 2 Remes in air & control.*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~368 369 423~~ A/C Number 985 Letter X Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1454 Time Landed 2025

		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:
1747 hrs B17 Exploded 7 Chutes out.
1815 hrs - B17 Down out of Control Group ahead
Chute out.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1826 hrs B17 on fire going down
three chutes out.

1st Lt. W.J. Tackmier Pilot

1st Lt. T.D. Ledgerwood Co-P

1st Lt. D.W. Berkey Nav.

1st Lt. F.X. Pierce Bomb.

T/Sgt. A.G. Coulter Radio

T/Sgt. J. Argentos Top T.

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

S/Sgt. H. Small R.Waist

Sgt. A.D. Springer L.Waist

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

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1815

Alternate

Height: 75400

Last Resort
(circle)

Heading 180°

Duration Bomb Run:

1 minute

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

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

Own Bombs: All bombs on west end of island

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No)

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Number boxes returned

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

Ordered

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, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1815	Target	75400	Heavy	Intense	Accurate	Arrived following
1826	Remes	"	"	"	"	"

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 142 Letter E Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1046 Time Landed 2030

Position in Formation

X	X	<u>(X)</u>	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:
at 1835-0317 after Vannes marking
going down - 7 min chutes seen.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

one 0317 (NO3 engine) going down
1744 - 7 min chutes observed.

to far away probably required control

2nd Lt. W.S. Nally Pilot

2nd Lt. D.L. Wadley Co-P

2nd Lt. P. Marinos Nav.

2nd Lt. C.A. Ashman Bomb.

S/Sgt. R. Little Radio

T/Sgt. F.J. Kilbride Top T.

S/Sgt. P. Mardis Ball T.

Sgt. M.E. Dixon R.Waist

S/Sgt. K.W. Cameron L.Waist

S/Sgt. D.T. McCann Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary - hit oil on ship
 Time: 1815

Alternate Height: 25400

Last Resort Heading 198° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:
approx. 45 seconds -

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed

Other Bombing: Big oil fire North of River Fork.
other fire, smoke, dust in target area

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

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

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

Returned approx. same route as going out.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Favorable weather - Hgt. clouds

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts	accuracy in relation to A/C
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Heavy flak (fairly accurate) moderate intensity over target.
Little flak at Vannes, probably at ships below this crew at 15000ft.

Crew observations about Flak: None extracted 16-20 guns

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

maybe 3 seen (only one crew visible)
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

position of seeing one E/A. Can't identify it.
(Location and length of fight)

This A/C not attacked

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>0</u>
PROBABLY	<u>0</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM. for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Per support good and close

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

Smoke screens north of base

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. None

16. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Slight flat damage (hole or two in upper bomb bay)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: No. 2 engine damaged - logged.

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

S-2 OFFICER

Lt. Kavanagh

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 728 Letter ~~S~~ S Date 23/9/43

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

Time Took Off 1450 Time Landed 2025

- 1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
- Details: *1 Blen up 1750, 1 Bl 17. (Chute) 1 Bl 17 at 1835 grs down engine number 9 Chute, same as 1st*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Z.D. Davis Pilot
- 1st Lt. I.R. Elliot Co-P
- 2nd Lt. R.V. Houck Nav.
- S/Sgt. G.R. Anderson Bomb.
- T/Sgt. L.C. McCullar Radio
- T/Sgt. G.T. Webb Top T.
- S/Sgt. D.J. Foster Ball T.
- Sgt. H. Shore R.Waist
- Sgt. F.M. Shade L.Waist
- S/Sgt. D.J. Antonelli Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1814 1/2

Alternate Height: ~~2420~~ 2420.

Last Resort Heading 180

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: *1 min straight + level. Left turn off on a right turn.*

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

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

Own Bombs: *lots of smoke along river. Fires on south river bank over whole bridge. Results good. Group in front banked left out of city.*

Other Bombing:

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

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) *As briefed to target + back.*

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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1814 1/2 target. Tracking, thick as hell accurate but we didn't quite get into it.

Flak at infield north of base originally but Navigator didn't notice it.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 169 Letter 5 Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1445 Time Landed 1940

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	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)

*1845
 48°N 2°53'W - B-17 down - exploded - 7chutes
 1942 - B-17 from wing ahead down in flames - too
 far away to see chutes*

<u>Lt. R.W. Porter</u>	✓	Pilot
<u>Lt. E.B. Hughel</u>	✓	Co-P
<u>Lt. D.H. Fay</u>	✓	Nav.
<u>Lt. L.B. Jones</u>	✓	Bomb.
<u>T/Sgt. H.H. Krueger</u>		Radio
<u>T/Sgt. J.B. Kimball</u>		Top T.
<u>S/Sgt. J.F. McCabe</u>		Ball T.
<u>S/Sgt. J.E. Hodge</u>		R.Waist
<u>T/Sgt. L.B. Cook</u>		L.Waist
<u>p/Sgt. H.E. Rogers</u>		Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

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

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

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

Own Bombs: *Jettisoned to reduce weight - fighter in vicinity in channell*

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

turned back at 48°N - 2°53'W (NE of horizon) oxygen leaked, 1 exp. changer partially out, 1 completely out, couldn't keep up

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered Good 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
	<i>about 48°N 2°53'W</i>		<i>slight</i>	<i>gray</i>		<i>fair</i>

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON: ~~XXXX-368~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number: ~~XXXX~~ Letter: N Date: 23/9/43

Bomb Load: 2 x 500 H.E. incendi. Position in Formation
 Time Took Off: 1442 Time Landed: 2023

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)
1747-B-17 exploded - 9 chunks
1738-B-17 on fire - no chunks observed

1st Lt. R.L. Robinson	Pilot
2nd Lt. W.D. Reed	CO-P
1st Lt. C.W. Holmes	Nav.
1st Lt. B.R. Lamb	Bomb
T/Sgt. S.P. Bearden	Radio
T/Sgt. H.R. Whitten	Top T.
Sgt. G.P. Fisher	Ball T.
S/Sgt. L.W. Northcott	R. Asst
S/Sgt. E.J. Heints	L. Asst
S/Sgt. C.H. Nicholson	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
 Primary Time: 1815
 Alternate Height: 24,960
 Last Resort Heading: 165 mag
 Duration Bomb Run: 35d

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: hit dock area on island - pretty good concentration

Other Bombing: hits on island from another effort on St. Jago Is. Ap
 Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped: _____
 Number Boxes returned: _____

5. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:
 6. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn-off, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs)
right turn off target - came out same way

7. WEATHER (Time, altitude, direction) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn-off, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs)
high cirrus - good visibility

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	<u>target</u>		<u>intense</u>	<u>orange</u>	<u>benzene than tracking</u>	<u>pretty good</u>

Crew observations about target: AS Ball

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ ³⁶⁹ ~~368~~ ³⁶⁹ A/C Number 889 Letter W Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 2 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1450 Time Landed 1750

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. W.H. Lockyear Pilot

Lt. C.S. Powell Co-P

Lt. D.B. Dash Nav.

Lt. A.J. Nagy Bomb.

S/Sgt. B.A. Swift Radio

S/Sgt. D.C. Rich Top T.

S/Sgt. E.W. Mills Ball T.

Sgt. E.J. Gilbert R.Waist

S/Sgt. J.J. Regan L.Waist

S/Sgt. L.J. Kurk Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Number boxes returned

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

Turned back right at Portland Bill (Coast) Time: 1702 hrs.
(Bill of Portland) Alt: 2500

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear at point of turn 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	Accuracy

None

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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: Superchargers not properly functioning (no. 1, 2, 3) - Couldn't keep up.

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

Never turns on way out night help.

S-2 OFFICER

Lt. Kavanaugh

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON XXX 368 A/C Number 145 Letter G Date 23/9/43

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

Time Took Off 1945 Time Landed 1706

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 |

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. P.F. Paulsen Pilot
- 2nd Lt. J.J. Zardin CO-P
- 2nd Lt. H. Zaborsky Nav
- 2nd Lt. L.P. Blatnica Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

- Primary Time: _____
- Alternate Height: _____
- Last Resort Heading: _____
- (circle)
- Duration Bomb Run: _____
- T/Sgt. J.J. Zariello Radio
 - T/Sgt. T.P. Powell Top T.
 - S/Sgt. R.E. Litherland Ball T.
 - S/Sgt. F.A. Weitzel R. Waist
 - S/Sgt. J.W. Carrol L. Waist
 - Sgt. O. Woodal Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

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

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
10 mi. NW. Anvil Point. Time: 1645 hrs Alt. 25,000 ft.

8. WEATHER (If affected, state effect) weather clear (Wind 70) at point of ~~turn~~ turnback

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

Type	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:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	0
DAMAGED	0

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Had to overtake enemy fighters beginning with Paris

S-2 OFFICER

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BMP V THU NR 25 P 252345A
ATTN:- A-2 S-483-D 23/9/43
TELETYPE REPORT

- S 1- NO DIRECT ATTACKS ON THIS GROUP. ONLY THREE F.W. 190S SEEN. THESE WERE ENCOUNTERED NEAR I.P. HAD WHITE TAILS. WHEN X THEY ATTEMPTED TO MAKE TAIL ATTACK P-47S DOXX DROVE THEM OFF.
- S 2- AT TARGET, MODERATE TO INTENSE , ACCURATE PREDIVTED CONCENTAXX CONCENTRATION AT FIRST, THEN CONTINUOUSLY POINTED. THERE SEEMED TO BE MORE THAN THE 16 GUNS BRIEFED. AT RENNES, MODERATE ACCURATE CONTINUOUSLY POINTED FIRE.
- S 3- 1747 HOURS, ONE B-17 EXPLODED, ON WAY IN. NO A.A.F. OR E/A OBSERVED AT TIME. ANOTHER CREW REPORTED THAT THE NUMBER 4 ENGINE OF THIS A/C HAD BEEN SMOKING SINCE 1652 HOURS: THAT THE A/C STARTED DOWN AT ~~XXXX~~ 1744 HOURS: THAT NINE CHUTES WERE SEEN BEFORE A/C BLEW UP.
1838 HOURS, ONE B-17, ENGINE SMOKING GOING DOWN NEAR RENNES, FIVE CHUTES AND POSSIBLY SEVEN, SEEN.
1846 HOURS, ONE B-17 ON FIRE GOING DOWN, 10 CHUTES.
- S 4 - ONE A/C LOST CRASH LANDING IN ENGLAND. SEVEN A/C SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.
- S 5- NOT AVAILABLE.
- S 6- EFFECTIVE SMOKE SCREEN PREVENTED BOAT(PRIMARY) BEING SEEN. HEAVY SMOKE SCREENS AT LORIENT AND AT BREST. INEFFECTIVE SMOKE SCREEN AT ST. NAZAIRE. ONE LARGE BOAT, DARK GREY, TIED UP TO RIVER ABOUT TEN MILES WEST OF NANTES. FLASHES, AS OF MIRRORS REFLECTING SUN, SEEN W ALL OVER ISLAND OF GUERNSEY. SMALL FIRES IN FIELDS SOUTH OF ST. NAZAIRE.

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S 7- PRIMARY TARGET, SHIP, NOT SEEN. GOOD CONCENTRATION ON SECONDARY ALONG NORTH BANK OF RIVER FORK. OTHER HITS IN DOCK AREA ON WEST END OF ISLAND. CONFIRMED BY PHOTOGRAPHS. 4 DID NOT BOMB. 2 OF THESE ABORTED BRINGING BOMBS BACK. LT. BX DOOLEY A/C NO. 707 JETTISONED 12 MILES AFTER TARGET DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE. ONE TURNED BACK EARLY WITH 2 SUPERCHARGERS OUT AND JETTISONED IN CHANNEL.

S 8- 3 A/C RETURNED EARLY. A/C NO. 889 LT. LOCKYEAR, TURNED BACK AT PORTLAND BILL AT 1702 WITH 3 SUPERCHARGERS MALFUNCTIONING. BROUGHT BOMBS BACK. A/C NO. 145 LT. PAULSEN TURNED BACK 10 MILES N.W. OF ANVIL POINT AT 1645 NO. 2 ENGINE OUT. BROUGHT BOMBS BACK. A/C NO. 169 LT. PORTER TURNED BACK 48 DEGREES 00 SEC. N. 02 DEGS. 53 SEC. W. AT 1745 OXYGEN LEAK AND 2 SUPERCHARGERS OUT. JETTISONED IN CHANNEL.

S 9 -(1) 18 A/C AT 1445

(2) PORTLAND BILL AT 1702

(3) AS BRIEFED TO TARGET--THEN RIGHT TURN OVER GRAND LIEU LAC TO NOSAY TO 5 MILES WEST OF RENNES TO YFFINIAC ON COAST AT 1847 TO ENGLISH COAST AT 50 DEGS 37 SEC. N. 02 DEGS. 13 SEC. W.

(4) 1740 AT YFFINIAC.

(5) 1815 SECOND (HIGH) GROUP OF 40TH COMBAT WING.

(6) 2021

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CC UNDER S 9 WA LAC TO NOZAY RPT NOZAY
CC WB 1740 AT YFFINIAC (4)
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INTERVIEW FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~268X369X122~~ A/C Number 959 Letter _____ Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incanri.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

① B-17 blew up 17:45. Lead Group
Wing ahead

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. L.L. Robinson Pilot
- 1st Lt. T. P. Hedgerwood Co-P
- 1st Lt. O.B. Tillery Nav.
- 1st Lt. C.A. Cressy Bomb.
- T/Sgt. J.W. Merson Radio
- T/Sgt. J.W. Walkenhorst Top T.
- S/Sgt. M. Causey Ball T.
- S/Sgt. H.W. Heffner R.Waist
- S/Sgt. W.J. Hifler L.Waist
- S/Sgt. W.D. Brittain Tail G.

② 17:47 B-17 blew up
9 chutes

③ 18:38 B-17 turned around
near Rennes 5 chutes.
 2. TARGET ATTACKED: smoking engine

Primary Time: 18:15
 Alternate Height: 25 600
 Last Resort Heading 183 Mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 35 sec.

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

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

Own Bombs: Well concentrated
Big fire just N. of River between 2
Bridges
 Other Bombing: Airport just S. of Rennes really took pounding

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:
 7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

See attached

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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T. Big 6 Gun Battery N.W. of town - west of
Flak N.W. of town and W. of town
 Crew observations about Flak: _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number ~~727~~ Letter Z Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

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. L.W. Kooima Pilot

1st Lt. F.H. Crawford Co-P

1st Lt. C.D. Moore Nav.

1st Lt. R. K. Pringle Bomb.

T/Sgt. C.L. Brooks Radio

T/Sgt. V.A. Struckhoff Top T.

S/Sgt. W.H. Clark Ball T.

S/Sgt. A.W. Tinsley R.Waist

Sgt. E.H. Levy L.Waist

S/Sgt. R.S. Weston Tail G.

Primary Time: 18:15
Alternate Height: 25,000
Last Resort Heading 152 Mag.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: 50 sec.

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

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

Own Bombs: on West on Dock Area just N. of South arm of River - well concentrated

Other Bombing: Big fire - white smoke on N. side of North arm -

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Target - Moderate + Acc. Predicted Concentration first then tracking -

- ③ Flak from just W. of River 3x4 guns 4740N. 0132W.
- ② Blain - some flake in distance -

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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at 4740 N. 0132 W.

B-17 going down under control after Flak just West of River 18:30 - it turned around and 4 chutes came out as it headed back toward Nantes

Smoke from Airfield (bombed?) at

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Possibly 1

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

3 Helped
Hunt 17

Dangood to Target -
No time lapse between Escort Groups

2. 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,

Big boat seen down River about 10 mi. not under way
Smoke Screen on N. arm of River didn't disturb bombing

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

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

5. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

6. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Climb much too fast -

S-2 OFFICER

Wald

TIME COMPLETED

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/O Number 363 Letter G Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 1453 Time Landed 2033

Position in Formation

		X		
X		X	X	X
X	X		X	X
X		X	X	X
X	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		X
X				X

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. F.H. Onnen ✓ Pilot

1st Lt. J.E. Winter ✓ Co-P

2nd Lt. H.C. Edelstein ✓ Nav.

S/Sgt. G. Toney Bomb.

T/Sgt. W.C. Rozanski Radio

T/Sgt. D.M. Hovis Top T.

S/Sgt. J.K. Spell Ball T.

S/Sgt. R.G. Van Dragt R.Waist

S/Sgt. O.F. Thomas L.Waist

S/Sgt. A.E. Robinson Tail G.

1652 3-17 #4 engine smoking - 1744 started down - 9 chutes
 1747 blew up
 1843 0-17 down in control - no chutes
 1846 8-17 " " " on fire - 10 chutes

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1815
 Alternate Height: 24,700
 Last Resort Heading 168 mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 1 minute

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

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

Own Bombs: hit dock area north of river - pretty well concentrated black fires.

Other Bombing: airfield at Rennes

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

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

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

Right turn off target - came out same way as went in.

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
			<u>target moderate to heavy tracking</u>			<u>good altitude</u>
			<u>Rennes intense</u>			

Crew observations about Flak:

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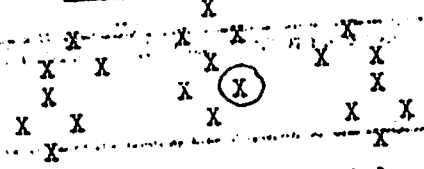
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 707 Letter T Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 (H.E.) Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1447 Time Landed 2025



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)

1745 hrs. at Collinee at
24,800 ft. B-17 exploded
8 chutes were seen to open

- 1st Lt. W.J. Dooley Pilot
- 2nd Lt. K.R. Caba CO-P
- 2nd Lt. F.E. Bullard Nav.
- 2nd Lt. H. Urman Bomb
- T/Sgt. L.E. Morton Radio
- T/Sgt. W.P. Back Top T.
- S/Sgt. L. Haskell Ball T.
- S/Sgt. J.A. Keloh G. Laist
- S/Sgt. W.J. Meade R. Laist
- S/Sgt. H.E. Jordan Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: Because of bomb
alternates Height: bay doors not
Last Resort Heading: opening properly
(circle) all bombs were
Duration Bomb Run: salvoed at 1823 hrs
SW Mag heading of
25 - 8 minutes
after crossed target

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

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

Own Bombs: All out in open fields approximately 12 miles East of target.

Other Bombing: Concentrated group of bombs close to
in Nantes dock area. medium sized ship

5. ANY BOMBS TAKEN? Yes No Any Nickels: Yes No

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

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of
route, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
Made right instead of left turn over target.

8. REMARKS (If target affected, describe) Good visibility.

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

Type	Place	Height or A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Accuracy
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1845 St. Malo 22,500 Heavy-Moderate Black Right and Left Inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: Inaccurate

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) NONE (Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>NONE</u>
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Excellent - 25 F-47's

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.)

NONE

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

(See hot news)

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

None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

None

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Malfunctioning of bomb bay doors

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

None

S-2 OFFICER William C. Smith FILE COMPLETED: 2123 hrs.
Capt, A.C.

Left Eng Coast 17:03

Crossed Fr. Coast just E. of Briene

17:30 48 32-0240

(as briefed)
as briefed to T.

After T. made right turn + swung
up to Chateau Briant - to Rennes
St Jacques Airfield 18:34 - to
Plineuf (St. Briene Bay) at 18:47
Eng. Coast Portland Bill at 19:32

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number ~~720~~ Letter N Date 23/9/43

Bomb Load 2 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1447 Time Landed 2025

		X		
X	X	X	Y	X
X	(X)	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X				Y

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

CRW: Give Rank and Initials

had to get another slip.
1835 hours: 1 B17 near, on fire, 5 minutes.
1746 hours, B17 blowing, 7 minutes (no fire or explosion)
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st Lt. W.S. Kirk Pilot

1st Lt. D.H. White Co-P

1st Lt. C.A. Alexander Nav.

S/Sgt. C.A. Adams Bomb.

T/Sgt. J.C. Bocelli Radio

T/Sgt. G. Riecke Top T.

S/Sgt. F.W. Pulliam Ball T.

Sgt. R.L. Whiteside R.Waist

Sgt. M.F. Burleson L.Waist

S/Sgt. W.D. Sherill Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1815

Alternate Height: 25,000

Last Resort Heading 180
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: Toggelies solved

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 20 Detonated: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Ship not seen - lots of smoke -

Other Bombing:

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

Number boxes dropped

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

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) Turned a lot on the way in from French coast. Came out of French coast to left of Guernsey.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) O.K.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location	accuracy Bursts in relation to A/C
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1815 target - first barrage, then tracking; gd. alt + deflection; moderate.
Remes - gd. altitude -

Crew observations about Flak: Must have been more than 16 guns. Seemed about like Stuttgart raid.

By RIB BTAC

Date 1/8/94

WABA

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OP. POSITION:

None close, one enemy (?) about 2000 yards.

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

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>1</u>
PROBABLY	<u>1</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

gd. on way in. Not seen after target in any number close, but a few a way out.

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

Remes airfield covered by brown smoke from bombs. Good heavy resistance at Brest. Also effective over hunters.

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) don't know.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Supercharger #2.

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
Together. Used chin turret - like it