

PRIORITY

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26 APRIL 1944

NARRATIVE SECTION "B"

TO: C. G. 1st BOMB DIVISION

40th COMBAT WING

ATTENTION: A-2

P-318-D

6 (1. No leaflets available.

2. 18 a/c of 306th, Low Group 41st "B". Leader, hit during violent fighter attack dropped bombs 25 minutes short of target in effort to stay in position. Others, not realizing leader in trouble, dropped on him. 6 a/c of 306th, High Squadron, High Group of 40th CBW. Only two reached target, dropping on lead Group with, they believe, good results. Of ten cameras, four returned, all from Low Group, only one with pictures. These show open country. 92nd pictures may show bombing of our two ships with 40th CBW.

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1. 306th flew <sup>18 planes as</sup> Low Group of 41st "B". P-47's were present until Strasbourg, 1250 hours. Except for a very few scattered and badly outnumbered P-51's in the target area, formation was without support from 1250 until 1449 when P-47's were picked up. In the first attack at 1215, 15 FW 190's made a single pass through the escort, damaging the low squadron leader severely. The Group leader was also hit but managed to control the damage. North of Augsburg at about 1325, Me 109's arrived in strength and kept the Group under unremitting attack for some 40 minutes. The Group leader was ~~again~~ hit again in the first of these attacks. He dropped his bombs at 1335 in an effort to stay in position. When this failed he attempted to break away in a tight <sup>turn,</sup> but the Group, not realizing his difficulty, followed him down to 16,000 feet, when he dropped his wheels and disappeared. The Group reformed under attack and struggled back to the main formation. Experienced crew members place the number of enemy a/c at 150 Me 109's. Tactics as described in recent heavy fighter attacks, concentrated on the lead planes, enemy attacking in elements of from four to ten, at least 16 passes being pressed home on this Group. One variation was simultaneous pincers attacks by four planes from 11, and four from 2 o'clock. Gunners gave good account of themselves, several stating 7 to 8 e/a seen in flames at one time. We claim 15-3-8-11. 5 planes lost in these attacks.

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306th also flew 6 A/C as high squadron, high group, 40th CBW. The two planes that returned report fighter support as briefed almost to target. Just before the ~~XXXX~~ target, 51's left to help a group under attack on the right. At 1341, 30 ME 109's made two passes through the group attacking in four waves of 15 each, all the damage being sustained in these attacks. A final attack at 1515 was driven off without loss. No claims from these aircraft.

E/A gray and silver hard to see in haze.

Engineering reports five cases of severe damage from 13 mm combination explosive and incendiary shells. They believe their identification of damage positive and state that ~~XXXXXXXX~~ <sup>attempt</sup> ~~subsequent~~ seems to be to hit aircraft in wings to explode tanks.

4. Flak at the coast going in was meager but very accurate: One of our A/C was shot down at this time. The only other flak close to this group was at Oberpfaffenhofen where it was moderate to intense, accurate, tracking. All twelve A/C flying in low group 40th B CBW were damaged by flak, 7 severely. There was no flak damage to the two A/C of this group which returned from 40th CBW.

5. Clear at target. Good going in. Fairly heavy haze coming out. Heavy con trails at 21,000.

b. None.

7. Course

306th group proper flying low group in 41stB CBW, made ~~lead~~ satisfactory rendezvous, left Beacny Head at 1100 hrs ~~approximately~~, crossed enemy coast south of briefed course 8 miles west of ~~XXXXXX~~ Dieppe at 1119, kept south of course, passing just outside Paris ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, continuing slightly south to near Stuttgart. ~~These~~ On course to south of Augsburg after leaving target. ~~These~~ North of course to 4925N x 0910E to 4950N x 0740E to 4955N x 0650E to coast at 5107N x 0235E to North east of Clacton at 1712. Base at 1747.

306th also flew high squadron with high composite group of 40th BBW and followed 92nds leadership throughout.

Other A/C in Distress

1. At 1202 hrs. a B-17 from lead group climbed high <sup>above formation</sup> and turned back towards England. No reason is known, ~~for this reason~~ Three chutes reported.
2. At 1700 hrs. a B-17 at 5140N x 0145E was observed on the deck. Lost from view.
3. At 1358 a B-17 blew up. No chutes seen.
4. At 1310 a B-17 from high group blew up. One chute.
5. An unidentified B-17 blew up in target area. 10 chutes.

*Mission Report*

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~~SECRET~~

BY AUTHORITY OF  
 CG 1st BOMB DIVISION  
 INITIALS  
 8 May 1944  
 D-C-4

HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
 OFFICE OF AC of S, A-2  
 APO 557

8 May, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : S-2, 306 Bomb Group, APO 557.

1. A report has been received at this Headquarters from USSTAF dealing with A/C of your Group landing in Switzerland 24 April, 1944. The following is a summary of information contained in this report.

A. A/C No. 172 piloted by 2nd Lt. Irwin Schwedock 367 Bomb Squadron was attacked by E/A which hit No. 2 engine prohibiting feathering of prop. No. 3 engine was leaking oil and the A/C was vibrating violently. All logs, flimsies and IFF equipment were destroyed. A/C is repairable.

B. A/C No. 231758 piloted by Capt. John Stoltz 367 Bomb Squadron was attacked by enemy fighters which knocked out engines 2 and 3 also damaging gas tank for No. 1 engine. The tail guns and one nose gun were out. Swiss flak knocked out the electric and hydraulic system. Bomb sight, radio, IFF gee box and confidential papers were destroyed. A/C is repairable.

C. A/C No. 539 piloted by 1st Lt. Dale Ebert 423 Bomb Squadron was attacked by E/A which shot out two engines and wounded members of the crew. The ball turret was seriously damaged and the A/C crash landed. Secret equipment was destroyed such as IFF, VHF flimsies etc. but destruction of the gee box is doubtful.

2. Further information to above A/C will be forwarded as received.

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 E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)  
 745005  
 NARS, Date 7/3/76

*John B. Wright*  
 JOHN B. WRIGHT,  
 Lt. Col., GSC,  
 A-2.

~~SECRET~~

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INTERCOMMISSION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ A/C Number 445 Letter G Date 24-4-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 h.Z. 1800  
Time Took off 0900 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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	X
		X	X	X	X

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

Carlson says Peterson - 3 chutes (one delayed)

Rock says 4 min for crossing E/and at 1123 hr. Libby flak #4 on fire

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. W. R. Peterson Pilot

Rock says 2 chutes - 1/2 blew up

2nd Lt. L. W. King Co-P

Shety agrees with above info

2nd Lt. C. A. Dinkel Nav.

Roster says 2 x chutes out

2nd Lt. E. F. Storlie Bomb

Trigg says 3-4 chutes out - 1124

S/Sgt. A. J. Smith Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

S/Sgt. A. T. Celli Top P

Primary Time: on way in  
Alternate Height: near coast

Sgt. J. R. Bell Ball T

Last Report Heading: 3 barrels  
(circle) out

Sgt. R. C. Burton R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: blew up

S/Sgt. C. R. Marlow L. Waist

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

Sgt. R. H. McAllister Tail G.

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

Own Bombs:

Small engine fire then blew up in less than a minute

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
Number boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

6. 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

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ C. Number 172 Letter B Date 24-4-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~10 x 500~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off C900 Time Landed

	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	(2)	X	X
X	X		X	X
X				X

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

*Card says three chutes out  
Zity says - time chutes out in air,  
Bombardier + Navigator -*

GHE: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. E. Schmedock	✓	Pilot
2nd Lt. P. Gambiara	✓	Gc-P
2nd Lt. H. M. Palmer	✓	Nav.
2nd Lt. H. O. Hunter	✓	Bomb
T/Sgt. C. Tsairis	✓	Radio
T/Sgt. E. N. Mc Neil	✓	Tsp F
S/Sgt. G. L. Dufau	✓	Ball T
S/Sgt. R. P. Jacoma	✓	R. Waist
S/Sgt. M. Willoughby	✓	L. Waist
S/Sgt. R. C. Frisbie	✓	Tail G.

*Wailand says - the man (probably Pilot)  
was severely wounded and 10 chutes  
out.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: *just land*  
Alternate Height: *Schuter*  
Last Resort Heading: *at H*  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: *Wing Dusk*  
*after target.*

T/Sgt. E. N. Mc Neil	✓	Tsp F
S/Sgt. G. L. Dufau	✓	Ball T
S/Sgt. R. P. Jacoma	✓	R. Waist
S/Sgt. M. Willoughby	✓	L. Waist
S/Sgt. R. C. Frisbie	✓	Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

*Bombardier in office  
+ Hunter or 3-2-45 -  
None of the crew personally  
hurt + all returned  
to England*

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.)

*High Altitude - then south of  
Hullport - continuous to time  
left group. Left before 1 P.*

8. WEATHER: (if it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *1 engine out. #2  
windmill*

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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*#3 - 17 to 15" - V. break at maximum - could not hook up -  
salvaged bombs - losing altitude with transition following Stolz -  
When done - only one fighter looking over + he never attacked.  
Crew observations about Pisk: Low altitude steadily + staggered  
into Soviet lines. Rained at Dierdorf's. Destroyed secret  
material. Paper's Maps 1 ft Carpet - Did not have bombing at*

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: OK Jan Wood Commodore General in  
240000 did more than fight  
 came running up with guns + took off in Car...  
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)  
 for interrogation. Told them Home Base + Serial #  
 seemed most interested in Gp per #. Flew. Took  
 (Location and length of flight) maps + compass from suspects +  
 kept off + showed them in barracks. Next they took to Adelboden  
 an entertainment camp. Stayed 2 months - had sketch of  
 town 1000 - all the way together. (Really Quarantine)  
 went to Davos - officers only. Men to Wengen -  
 (Tactics of E/A)  
 Did not see men again until they came out.  
 Oct 7 - tried to escape - caught + put in Detention  
 Camp - Strablaan Nautwiler moos - Pretty bad -  
 (Color markings, etc. of E/A)  
 6 weeks - Cabbage + Potatoes - 2 baths in 4 days -  
 30 day parole signed by  
 General B. R. Legge -  
 (Our defensive action)

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

Then sent to Les Diablerets  
 there from 23 Dec to 1 Feb.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Released on  
 Ex change - returned to Davos + returned to England +  
 Col Cheate - not attached OK -

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, on 3rd floor no doors - Les Diablerets - 3rd floor of Hotel

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)  
 out of hand. no doors for work - Elected with them

14. INJURIES TO CRE: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)  
 as both camps -

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Packages at HQ - 1 Red Cross package from home

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Nothing came thru (perhaps) + cigarettes sent French frontiers + few letters thru Germany -

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

*After 1st flak attack  
all bombs exploded - + Tripp was 1st  
low speed of lead group.*

**INTERROGATION FORM**

SQUADRON ~~368X~~ 368 ~~368X~~ A/C Number 093 Letter V Date April 24, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E.

Position Information

Time Took off 09:00 Time Landed 1735

	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	X	X

*after 1st  
Tripp was 1st  
Lead.*

*1 B17 - Return - 1124, 3 chutes (4?)  
B17-1202 - lead group - chuted in  
3 chutes; one of them didn't get.  
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full  
details)  
Over target - by flak - rig lt wing  
on fire, in spin, no chutes  
1236 - one headed towards hitz.  
(Hitz).*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. R. D. Tripp Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. T. W. Johnson Co-P
- 1st Lt. F. E. Tinglor Nav.
- 1st Lt. D. W. Baltzer Bomb
- S/Sgt. F. R. Mercurio Radio
- S/Sgt. R. L. Perkins Top P
- S/Sgt. E. Goldborst Ball T
- S/Sgt. O. Woodard Lt. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. K. Adkins R Waist
- S/Sgt. C. L. Hum Tail G.

**2. TARGET ATTACKED:**

Primary Time: 1240 - north  
Alternate Height: of bunch  
Last Report Heading: 1900  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBES dropped: all but don't know where. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Early

P in Δ

Other Bombing: Early for leader of the dropped the bottom  
Any Nickels: Yes  
Number boxes dropped:       
Number Boxes returned:     

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No Redshit.

no chaff.

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 BOMBES.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good visibility. 1st cirrus, enemy fighters came out of it.

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
<u>Accuracy fairly within</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: Off to left as we headed over target about 360°



INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~X364X~~ 368 ~~X369XXXX~~ A/C Number 586 Letter A Date April 24, 1945

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:00 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

*Schopf says Mr Dowell realized  
high & towards Switzerland. Two  
chutes out. #4 engine smoking - under  
control Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full  
details)  
E/a lopped him*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. R. E. McDowell Pilot

2nd Lt. F. A. Puckett, Jr. Co-pilot

2nd Lt. R. E. Schmielau Nav. *Sprand*

2nd Lt. E. F. Christofori Bomb *Rankie*

S/Sgt. J. H. Prout Radio

S/Sgt. D. J. Frye Top P

Sgt. W. L. Murdock Tail T

Sgt. R. P. Emery R. Waist

S/Sgt. L. E. Wagoner L. Waist

T/Sgt. J. Hazy Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

*2 chutes  
Before  
target*

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?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

*Returned to Group April 23, 1945  
Say Fighters shot down No. 3 & No. 4  
getting a pilot  
crew bailed, ~~dead~~ dead pilot  
remains in air - various injuries  
fil wounds & crew - see MIA  
of Sgt. Kavanaugh*

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

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(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, ena 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.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

B17. 1700 lead 315 on deck. 1540 x 15 (10% approximate front). (Memo of 10000) Not in log could use if detailed 9

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number ~~158~~ 158 Letter S Date April 24, 1941

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off <u>09:00</u>	Time Landed	X	X	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X	(X)	X
		X	X	X	X	X	X
		X	X			X	X
		X					X

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

Return - blew up French coast. 3 bailed, including bombardier & navigator - 1125

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

M<sup>2</sup> Dowell - 3 engines hit - 2 chutes. He turned to head back for England

Schwabach - 3 chutes, including bombardier & navigator

2nd Lt. W. S. Lutz	Pilot
2nd Lt. C. L. Trigg	Ce-P
2nd Lt. E. P. O'Neill	Nav.
2nd Lt. J. L. Knox	Bomb
S/Sgt. J. D. Reed	Rail
S/Sgt. W. J. Adams	Top P
Sgt. Roy Y. Ward	Ball T
Sgt. Ray Y. Ward	R. Waist
Sgt. A. Lasek	L. Waist
Sgt. C. H. Lux	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1336  
Alternate Height: 17,000  
Last Report (circle) Heading: 110  
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: Schneider leader

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number boxes dropped  
Number Boxes returned

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With Group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Cloud going in, heavy haze up to about 50,000 coming out. Heavy, non-punctate contrails

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	Remarks
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Target: accurate tracking, moderate  
Cloud going in, inexact, accurate; got return  
Flak: inexact

1325  
Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

*about 50-09's*

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

*at more than 6 passes*

(Location and length of fight)

*a lot of them together*

(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.)

*Confirmed by Lt. Trigg*

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*none in target area*

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,

*B-17 through to alt 1230*

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)

*hole*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

*Hog*

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~1067~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number: 148 Letter K Date April 24, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 09:00 Time Landed 1740

	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:

B-17 - 5 min #5 2d Sq - Pak.  
#4 engine blew up #45 - 1 chute

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. P. R. Paulsen Pilot

2nd Lt. C. A. Johnson Gc-P

2nd Lt. R. C. Lewis Nav,

1st Lt. L. P. Blatnica Bomb

T/Sgt. J. J. Zarriello Radio

T/Sgt. T. P. Powell Top P

S/Sgt. R. E. Litherland Ball T

S/Sgt. F. A. Weitzel R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. W. Carroll L. Waist

S/Sgt. J. Arden Tail G.

#776 - 22lb Oving #6 Hgt Sq.  
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1335 - fighter - blew up - 5 chutes?

1354 - B-17 - ~~blew up~~ no chute

#1310 - B-17 out of flight

3. TARGET ATTACKED: ~~blew up - 1 chute~~ out

Primary Time: 1335

Alternate Height: 19300

Last Report Heading: ~~100~~ mag. 100

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

on open fields - some targets ~~in area~~

Other Bombing:

at target area

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)

Clear - visibility, good

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, moderate or slight)	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C
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20 min target - 1 hr - intense - all red - accurate - all working 20 min - 1 predicted fire

Crew observations about Flak:

1206 - French coast - H. slight  
Strasbourg - H. slight

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

200 - S/E 109 + 1900 - No Trains  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Had on - Tail - All around all high.  
(Location and length of fight)  
1215 - slight practice - one pass at 109 - 1215 to 1216

1/2 hr before target - 15 to 20 (20 or 30 more) for 1 hour -

No friendly fighters seen at this time  
(Tactics of E/A)

Yellow wings and tails -  
Red & Yellow Noses  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Fighter seen to come from clouds

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	5
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

None at target for hours except 2 - P-51's  
outstanding in front.

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, 1-15-17 down early E/A - at 1430 hr.

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)  
1-30 cal - hole -

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:  
17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)  
Officer - loss of prop. flat -  
Officer - injury bullet in W. part of wing -  
about

S-2 OFFICER Capt. McNeil TIME COMPLETED

Our A/C #730-B, pilot Ramsey, was hit by fighters around 1335. Nos. 3 and 4 engines were out. He peeled out of formation and slid out of sight, losing altitude.

10. Other A/C in Distress

At 1202 hours, a B-17 from lead group climbed high above formation turned back towards England. No reason is known. Three chutes reported.

At 1700 hours, a B-17 at 5140N x 0145E was observed on the deck. Lost from view.

At 1358 hours, a B-17 blew up. No chutes seen.

At 1310 hours a B-17 from high group blew up. One chute.

An unidentified B-17 blew up in target area. 10 chutes.

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,  
Major, AC,  
Group S-2.

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

24 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative,  
Mission: Southern Germany, 24 April, 1944.

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

1. Narrative

30 A/C of the 306th Group took off at 0900 hours, flying 18 A/C in the Low Group of 41st "B", 6 A/C as high squadron, high group, 40th CBW and 6 A/C as spares. 306th group proper made satisfactory rendezvous, left Beachy Head at 1100 hours, crossed enemy coast south of briefed course 8 miles west of Dieppe at 1119 hours, kept south of course, passing just outside Paris, continuing slightly south to near Stuttgart. On course to south of Augsburg after leaving target. North of course to 4925 x 0910E to 4950N x 0740E to 4955N x 0650E to coast at 5107N x 0235E to North East of Clacton at 1712 hours. Base at 1747 hours. 306th planes flying high squadron with high composite group of 40th CBW followed 92nds leadership throughout.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

P-47's were present until Strasbourg, 1250 hours. Except for a very few scattered and badly out-numbered P-51's in the target area, formation was without support from 1250 hours until 1449 hours when P-47's were picked up. In the first attack at 1215 hours, 15 FW 190's made a single pass through the escort, damaging the low squadron leader severely. The Group leader was also hit but managed to control the damage. North of Augsburg at about 1325 hours, Me 109's arrived in strength and kept the Group under unremitting attack for some 40 minutes. The Group leader was hit again in the first of these attacks. He dropped his bombs at 1335 hours in an effort to stay in position. When this failed he attempted to break away in a tight turn, but the Group, not realizing his difficulty, followed him down to 16,000 feet, when he dropped his wheels and disappeared. The Group reformed under attack and struggled back to the main formation. Experienced crew members place the number of enemy A/C at 150 Me 109's. Tactics described in recent heavy fighter attacks, concentrated on the lead planes, enemy attacking in elements of from four to ten, at least 16 passes being pressed home on this Group. One variation was simultaneous pincers attacks by four planes from 11, and four from 2 o'clock. Gunners gave good account of themselves, several stating 7 to 8 E/A seen in flames at one time. We claim 15-3-8-11. 5 planes were lost in these attacks.

Report of 6 planes flying with 40th CBW. The two planes that returned report fighter support as briefed almost to target. Just before the target, P-51's left to help a group under attack on the right. At 1341 hours, 30 Me 109's made two passes through the group attacking in four waves of 15 each, all the damage being sustained in these attacks. A final attack at 1515 hours was driven off without loss. No claims from these aircraft. E/A were gray and silver making them hard to see in the haze. Engineering reports five cases of severe damage from 13 mm combination explosive and incendiary shells. They believe their identification of damage positive and state that attempt seems to be to hit aircraft in wings to explode tanks.

3. A.A. Gun Fire  
A.A. Gun Fire at the coast going in was meager but very accurate: One of our A/C was shot down at this time. The only other flak close to this group was at Oberpfaffenhofen where it was moderate to intense, accurate, tracking. All twelve A/C flying in low group 40th "B" CEW were damaged by flak, 7 severely. There was no flak damage to the two A/C of this group which returned from 40th CEW.

4. Bombing

Leader, hit during violent fighter attack dropped bombs 25 minutes short of target in effort to stay in position. Others, not realizing leader in trouble, dropped on him. 6 A/C of 306th, High Squadron, High Group of 40th CEW. Only two reached target, dropping on lead Group with, they believe, good results. Of ten cameras, four returned, all from Low Group, only one with pictures. These show open country. 92nd pictures may show bombing of our two ships with 40th CEW.

5. Leaflets

No leaflets available.

6. Weather

Clear at target. Good going in. Fairly heavy haze coming out. Heavy con-trails at 21,000 feet.

7. A/C Returning Early

A/C #250-G, pilot Fossum, turned back at Beachy Head; brought back 10 x 500. 306th spare, pilot Carlson, filled in.

8. 306th Missing A/C

10 306th A/C lost: 9 to fighters, 1 to flak.

9. Our A/C in Distress

Our A/C #753-F, pilot Stolz, was hit in first fighter attack at 1335 hours. He told group he was still all-right. He was hit again on second attack and tried to leave formation, but group followed him down to 16,000 feet. He finally put his wheels down and left, after telling Deputy Leader, pilot Somerville, "Well, I've got two engines, Slim - you know where I'm going."

Our A/C #445-G, pilot Peterson, was hit by flak shortly after crossing enemy coast at 1123 hours. No. 4 engine was on fire. He peeled out of formation. 3 to 4 chutes were observed. A/C then blew up about 1 minute later.

Our A/C #172-B, pilot Schwedock, was hit by fighters in the 3rd or 4th attack. Two engines were smoking and he dove down to the right. Three chutes were observed to come out before losing sight of A/C at 1340 hours. Pilot Lutz states that navigator and bombardier were two of the three out.

Our A/C #586-A, pilot McDowell, with #4 engine smoking, peeled out of formation. Pilots Lutz and Schaefer say that three chutes were out.

Our A/C #776-K, pilot Coughlin, was hit by fighters at 1335 hours and was on fire. Ten chutes were out before A/C blew up.

Our A/C #539-O, pilot Ebert, left formation after second fighter attack. No. 4 engine was wind-milling, gasoline leaking out of right wing.

Our A/C # 901-Y, pilot Tarr, was hit on first attack. Had hole in nose and wing tip. He slid off to right in control of plane when last seen. Capt. Cwen, 40th CEW was observer on this A/C.

Our A/C # 558-M, pilot James, was hit by fighters at 1335. Pilot Schlect says James peeled off to right on fire when last seen.

Our A/C # 762-V, pilot Biggs, was hit by first fighter attack at 1335 hours. Pilot McKinney's tail gunner says A/C had a fire in left waist window. Biggs was last seen in a very steep dive below formation.

Order of Flight

24 April 1944

41st "A" CBW - 2 PFF GU-4058 - Landsberg

379 - lead  
379 - low  
303 - high

41st "B" CBW - 2 PFF GY-4759 - Oberpfaffenhofen

384 - lead  
306 - low  
384) - high  
303)

40th CBW - 2 PFF GY-4759

305 - lead  
92 - low  
92) - high  
306)

1st CBW - 2 PFF GW-4901 - Erding

381 - lead  
91 - low  
381) - high  
91)

94th CBW - 2 PFF GW-4901

351 - lead  
457 - low  
401 - high

COMBAT REPORT FORM - (GROUP)

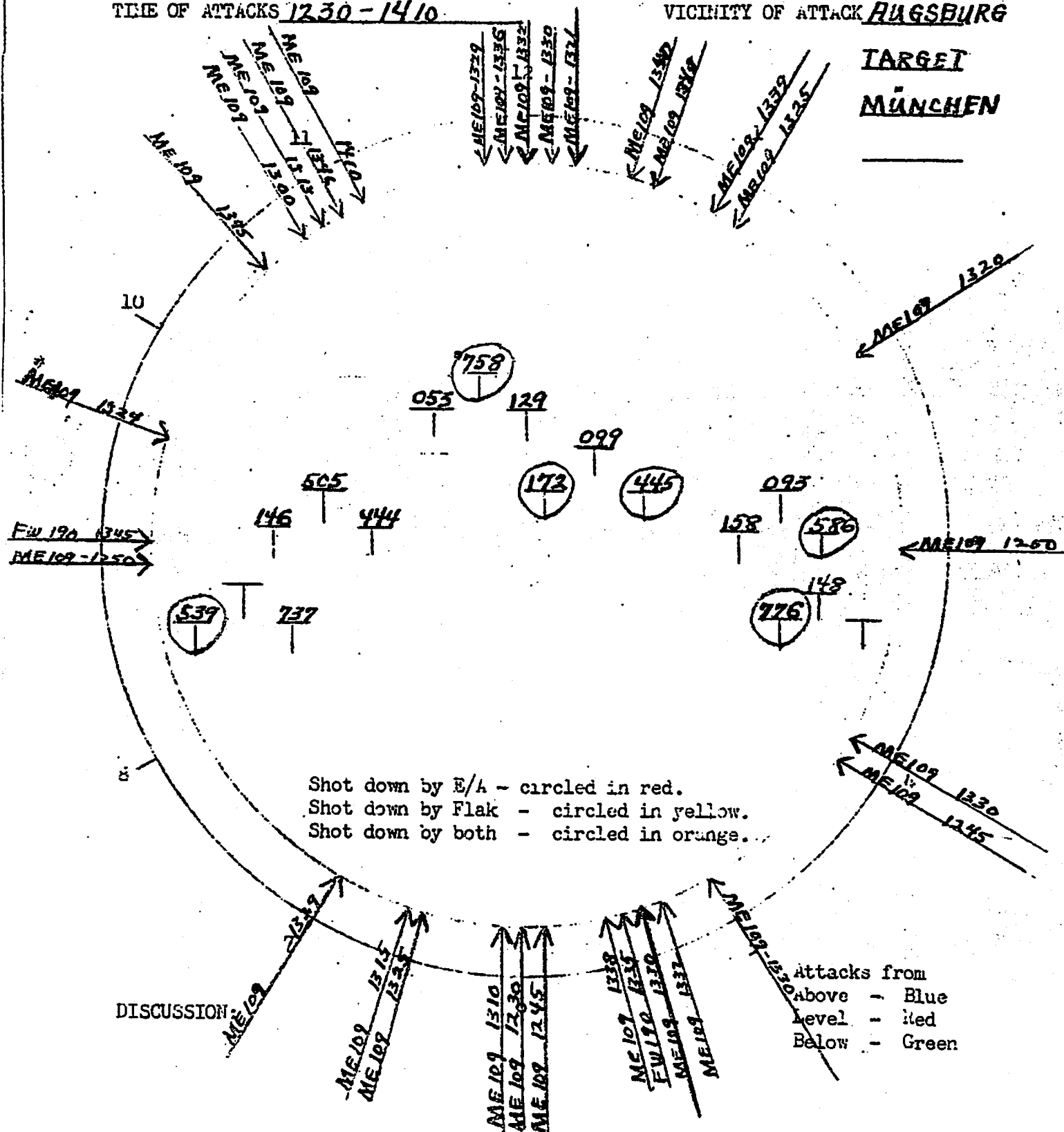
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DATE 24 APRIL, 1944

TIME OF ATTACKS 1230 - 1410

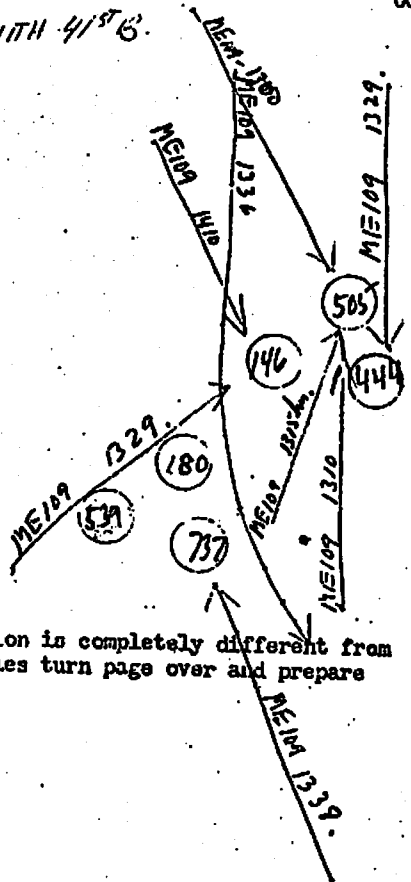
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TARGET  
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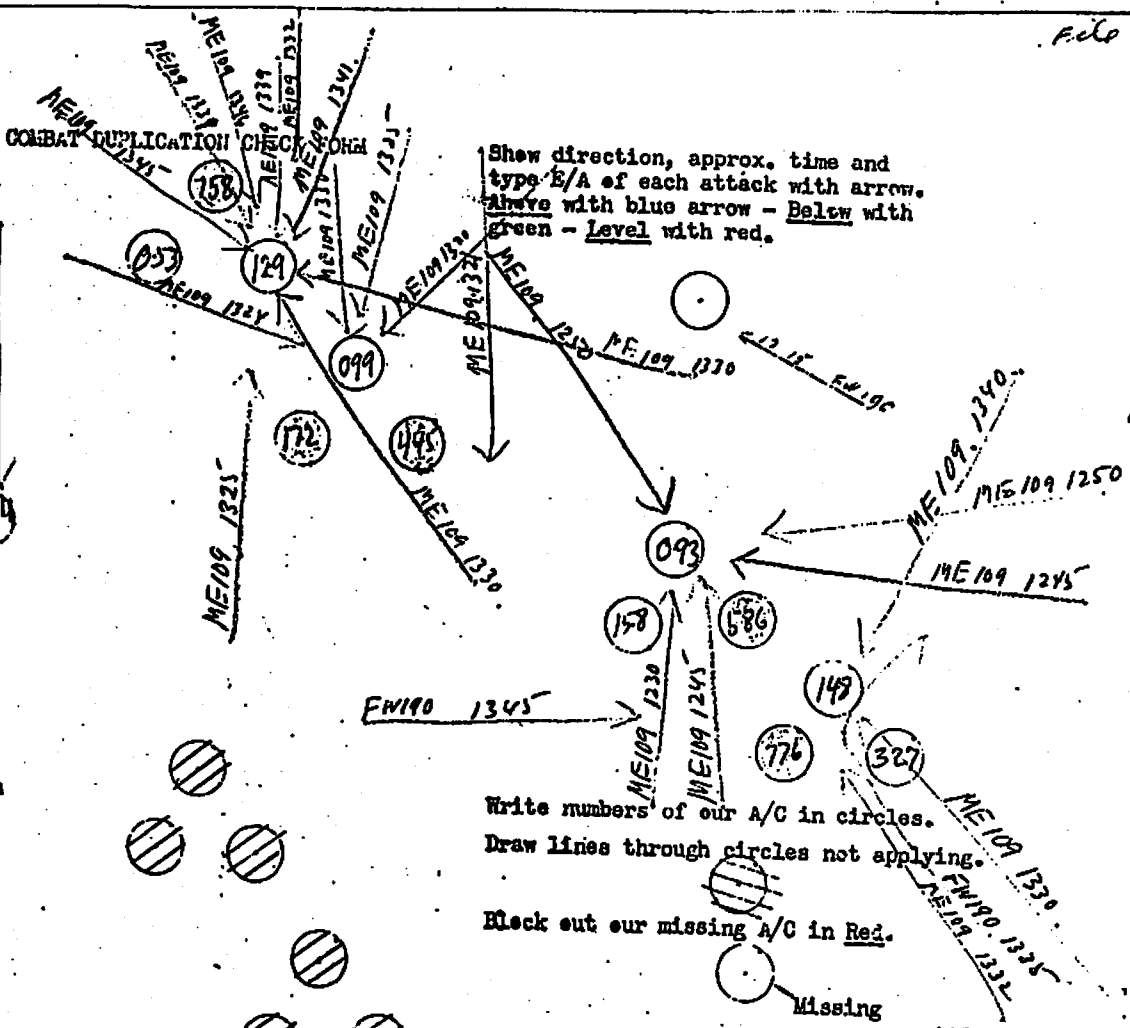


GROUP 306 - WITH 41ST B.

DATE 24/4/44



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



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

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

Missing

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 21/4/44

Squadron 433rd

Place where attacked \_\_\_\_\_

A/C No. 146

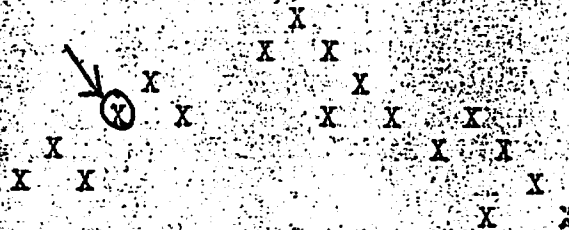
Time 1410 Height 19,800

1. Story of the attack: - He 109 came in from 11 o'clock slightly high. Top turret opened up at about 800 yds. and held triggers down. He came into about 75 yards flaming and smoking. Finally rolled over and exploded outside waist window.

**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 100°
- b. visibility Many
- c. type of E/A He 109
- d. level of attack;  
From high above 11 O'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names T/Sgt. W.H. Morgan.

Positions Top Turret.

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

Corroborated by Lt. Carlson.

Position in A/C Pilot.

Other A/C firing at the same time? No.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Hogg.

COMBAT FORM

Group 305th

Date 21/4/44

Squadron 363th

Place where attacked Munich

A/C No: 148-K

Time 1330 Height 19,000

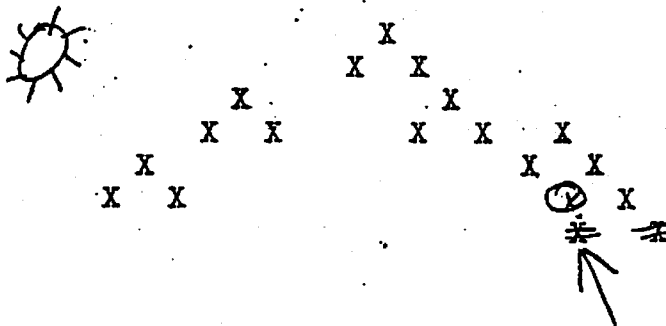
1. Story of the attack:- Five ME 109's attacked from 5 O'clock high.

One was hit and smoking by another A/C. Right waist gunner opened up on another at 500 yds. At 200 yds. he saw parts of E/A fall off and smoke burst out. E/A rolled over and pilot bailed out.

**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 110° Mag.
- b. visibility Clear
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;  
From high above 5 O'clock  
level 0 O'clock  
(Check below 0 O'clock  
One) very low 0 O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. F.A. Weitzel

Positions Right Waist

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. J.E. Arden

Position in A/C Tail gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

If formation was very different from standard, show on

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

COMBAT FORM

Group 305th

Date 24/4/45

Squadron 368th

Place where attacked Angsburg

A/C No: 091-V

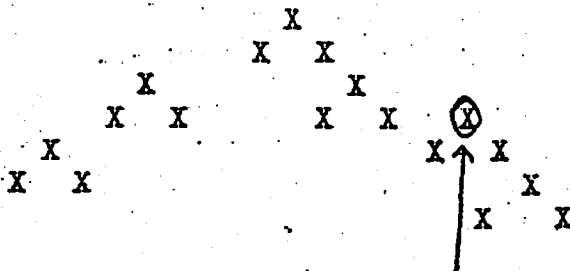
Time 1230 Height 18,000

1. Story of the attack:- Three silver ME 109's came from 6 O'clock high, first one at 400 yds. . . blew up and exploded after short burst from tail gunner.

<b>DESTROYED</b>	
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 90° Mag.
- b. visibility \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;
- From high above 6 O'clock
- level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- (Check bel. w \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. C.D. Bum

Positions Tail gunner

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. E. Goldbarst

Position in A/C Tail turret gunner one piece (a wing)

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. B.H. Pool

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 366th

Place where attacked \_\_\_\_\_

A/C No. 093-V

Time 1750 Height \_\_\_\_\_

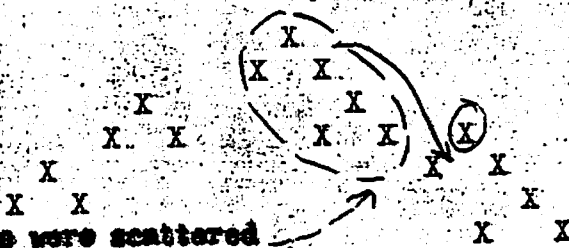
1. Story of the attack:- The ME 109's from 10 O'clock came in level, then peeled down to 9 O'clock low - Left waist gunner boxed him and one of A/C burst into flames and was seen by Ball turret gunner to fall apart with both wings breaking off. Other A/C of Lead Squadron were scattered at that time.

**DESTROYED**  
A-2. F.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.



All of these were scattered around quite far away.

Data on Combat  
a. our heading \_\_\_\_\_  
b. visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
c. type of E/A ME 109  
d. level of attack;  
From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
(Check below 5 O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. O. Woodall

Positions Left Waist

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. E. Goldbarst

Position in A/C Ball turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. E.H. Pool

1. GROUP 306 SQUADRON 367 DATE 24-4-44 A/C NUMBER 758-F LETTER \_\_\_\_\_

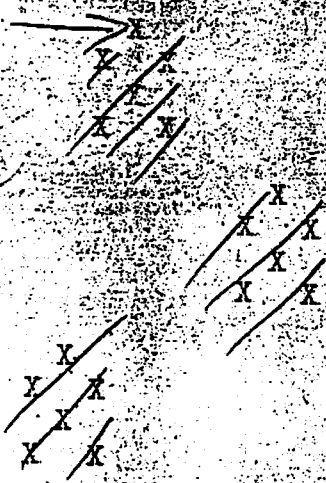
PLACE WHERE ATTACKED before I.P. TIME About 1400

2. STORY OF ATTACK This A/C damaged by fighter attacks, left formation about 1335. After one pass by three Me109s, when one of them was shot down, two Me109s came from 9 o'clock high and attacked this lone A/C. Left waist aimed at first of them, held trigger for at least three seconds and he blew up and flew to pieces about 200 yards away. The other one also blew up but somebody else was firing at him (thinks it was our engineer).

**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.)

3. DIAGRAM OF ATTACK



ON-DIAGRAM SHOW

- A. # OF A/C ATTACKED \_\_\_\_\_
- B. DIRECTION OF ATTACK \_\_\_\_\_
- C. SUBPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

DATA ON COMBAT

- A. VISIBILITY good
- B. TYPE OF E/A Me109
- C. LEVEL AND TIME OF ATTACK
- HIGH ABOVE 9 o'clock
- ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_
- LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_
- LOW \_\_\_\_\_
- VERY LOW \_\_\_\_\_

4. GUN POSITIONS FIRING ON E/A.

POSITION Left Waist NAME Wootten, H. D. RANK Sgt. ASN \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

5. CORROBORATED BY NAME S/Sgt. Arnold D. Springer POSITION Engineer

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER A/C FIRING AT E/A AT SAME TIME \_\_\_\_\_

6. COMMENTS OF INTERROGATOR Destroyed.

DESTROYED  DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_ PROBABLE \_\_\_\_\_ NO CLAIM \_\_\_\_\_  
(CHECK ONE)

B. H. Pool, Capt. A.C. TIME \_\_\_\_\_

Supplement 1  
COMBAT FORM

Group 305th

Date 24 April, 1944

Squadron 367

Place where attacked Before I.S.

A/C No: 753-F

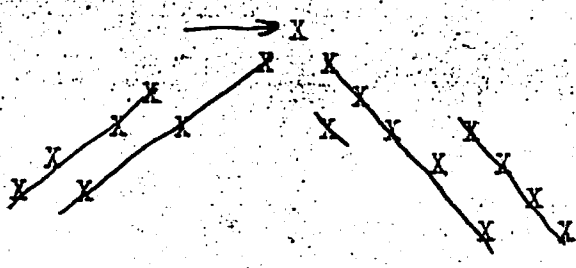
Time 1430 Height 16,000'

1. Story of the attack:- Our B-17, flying alone, attacked by two ME109s from 9 o'clock, slightly high, one about 30-50 feet above the other and slightly behind and to left of first ME109. Engineer aimed at second ME109 and opened fire at 800 yards and continued firing as ME109 failed to break away. As ME109 tried to pass over B-17, at about 2 o'clock, engineer saw smoke, fire, right wing break off near fuselage and ME109 go down in many parts.

**DESTROYED**  
where he was shot down

(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 good  
c. type of E/A Me109  
d. level of attack;  
From high above 9 O'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
(Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 3/Sgt. Arnold D. Springer

Positions Engineer

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

Corroborated by Sgt. H.D. Wooten Lt. D.H. Rutherford

Position in A/C Waist Gunner Co-Pilot

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: Lt. Rutherford saw the ME109 from the right side of the B-17 and confirms the fact that the wing blew off and that the A/C was definitely destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

B.H. 1001, Captain, AC

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 26/4/44

Squadron 347th

Place where attacked Munich Area.

A/C No: 139

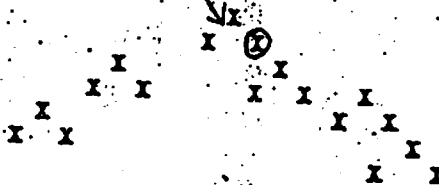
Time 1345 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- 1/1 came in from 1030 high to within 50 feet. Left waist hit him solidly. 2/1 caught fire, smoke poured out, and tail came off as it went down.

DESTROYED  
I.R.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 Approx, 250°  
b. visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
c. type of E/A 107  
d. level of attack:  
From high above 1030 o'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
(Check below \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. H. Shore.

Positions Left Waist.

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time? Do. Remaining A/C in formation were lagging behind at this time.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Feld.

*This is impossible without a collision with your a/c. We give the gunner the benefit of the doubt but suggest that more can be expressed in future narration of claims.*

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 423rd

Place where attacked Near Augsburg

A/C No: 444

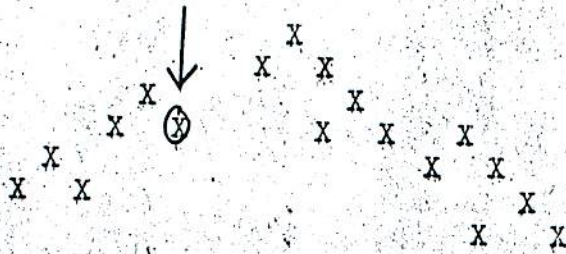
Time 1329 Height 20,000

1. Story of the attack:- 2 No 109's attacked from level at 1200 o'clock. Bombardier shot at one which at 300 yds. belled up with smoke and flame and spun down on left of plane. Left waist gunner saw this E/A blow up at 2,000 feet, below.

NO CLAIM  
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 90°
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A No 109
- d. level of attack;
- From high above 12 O'clock
- level 0 O'clock
- (Check below 0 O'clock
- One) very low 0 O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 2nd Lt. W.C. Gumbert

Positions Bombardier

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. Schaffery

Position in A/C Left waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Baldwin

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 21/1/44

Squadron A23rd

Place where attacked \_\_\_\_\_

A/C No: 145

Time 1929 Height 10,000

1. Story of the attack:- We 109 came in from 7 o'clock high. Tart mist fired as he came in until he was about at 100 yards. E/A then rolled off and went into vertical dive smoking heavily at about 10,000 feet E/A exploded.

NO CLAIM  
A-2. I.E.W.

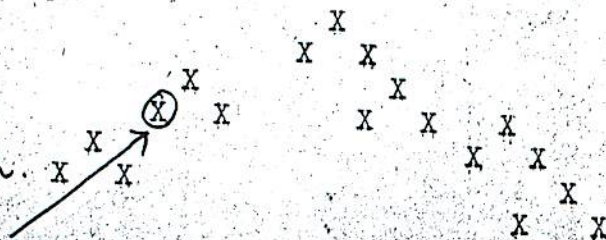
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2. Diagram of attack:

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 120°  
b. visibility good  
c. type of E/A E-109  
d. level of attack;  
From high above 7 O'clock  
level          O'clock  
(Check below          O'clock  
One) very low          O'clock

*this a/c was a little bit off formation.*



3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. W.P. Morgan.

Positions Left Waist.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. W.H. Morgan.

Position in A/C Top Turret.

Other A/C firing at the same time? No.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Moss.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 167th

Place where attacked Sea (Just before bombs bay)

A/C No: 099-B

Time 1330 Height \_\_\_\_\_

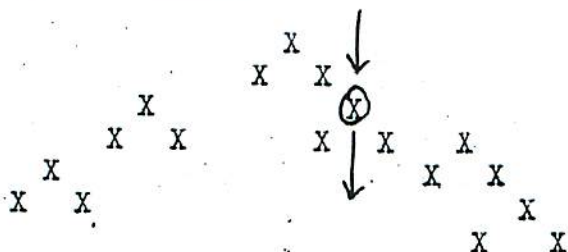
1. Story of the attack:- HE 109 came in from head on passed over ship.

Tail gunner fired bursts at his tail and it burst out with smoke.

NO CLAIM  
A-2. I.D.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 21 degrees
- b. visibility \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A HE 109
- d. level of attack;
- From high above 12 O'clock
- level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. R.J. Starynski

Positions Tail gunner

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Damaged (Claimant does not insist or believe destroyed)

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Kavanaugh

Group 306thDate 24/4/44Squadron 368thPlace where attacked HunlichA/C No: 148-ETime 1335 Height 10,000

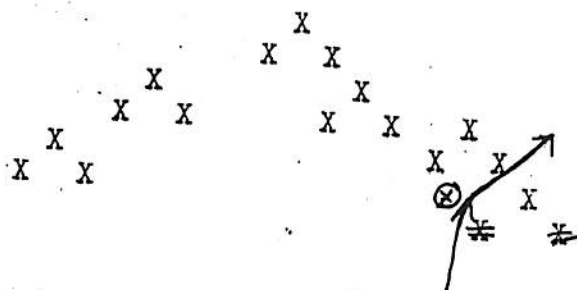
1. Story of the attack:- FV 190 had made attack from high above at 10 O'clock across formation to rear, then turned and was climbing back over formation from 5:30 and at about level. Tail gunner opened fire at 400 yds. Pilot bailed out and E/A hit ground shortly afterwards.

NO CLAIM

A-2. I.D.M.

(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.

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- Direction of E/A attack;
- Sun position.

Data on Combat

- our heading 110° Mag.
- visibility Clear
- type of E/A FV 190
- level of attack;
  - From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - level 5:30 O'clock
  - (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. J.E. ArdenPositions Tail gunner

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. V.A. WaitzelPosition in A/C Right wingOther A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator:

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. McNeely

Group 306th

Date 24/1/44

Squadron 523rd

Place where attacked Near Augsburg.

A/C No: 737

Time 1338 Height 1900

1. Story of the attack:- No 109's attacked in trail. S/Sgt. H.H. Parkash  
picked out the lead enemy A/C fired long burst into him. He dropped off  
on right wing and went down out of control pouring smoke, too busy at this  
time to see if he blew up.

NO CLAIM  
 A-2. I.D.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 95° Mag.
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A No 109
- d. level of attack;
- From high above 0530 O'clock
- level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. H.H. Parkash.

Positions Tail Gunner.

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

Corroborated by T/Sgt. C.S. Brown, Jr.

Position in A/C Radio Operator.

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 21/4/44

Squadron 368th

Place where attacked Wales

A/C No: 148-X

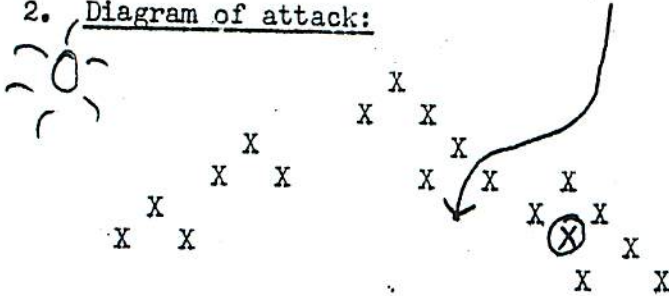
Time 1940 Height 19,000

1. Story of the attack:- Two ME 109's attacking high at 12130 at 2,000 yds.- opened fire on them. One was hit and on fire and smoking, dived straight down to earth and blew up as it hit ground.

**NO CLAIM**  
A-2. I.D.V.

(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 110° Mag.
- b. visibility Clear
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack: 12130
- From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 1st Lt. L.P. Blatnica

Positions Bombardier

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. P.F. Paulsen, 2nd Lt. R.O. Lewis

Position in A/C Pilot Navigator

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. McKeely

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/1/44

Squadron 165th

Place where attacked Kunich

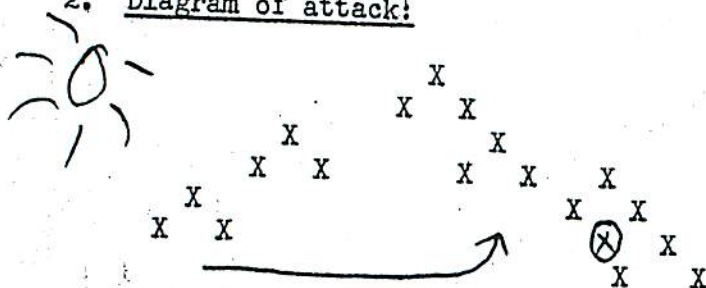
A/C No: 148-K

Time 13:45 Height 19,000

1. Story of the attack:- High Squadron out alone. PW 190 attacked at 9 O'clock just slightly high at 800 yds. Left Waist gunner opened fire and PW 190 apparently hit pulled up in climb, still coming toward formation. Left Waist gunner fired good bursts at 400 yds. and E/A nosed over end over end and blew up at about 6,000 ft. No chute.

(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.

<b>NO CLAIM</b>	
A-2.	I.E.W.

Data on Combat

- a. our heading 140° Mag.
- b. visibility Clear
- c. type of E/A PW 190
- d. level of attack;
 

From high above	<u>9</u> O'clock
level	<u>9</u> O'clock
(Check below	<u>0</u> O'clock
One) very low	<u>0</u> O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. J.V. Carroll

Positions Left Waist

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

Corroborated by 2nd Lt. H.C. Lewis

Position in A/C Navigator

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Kellely

Group 306thDate 26/4/44Squadron 368th

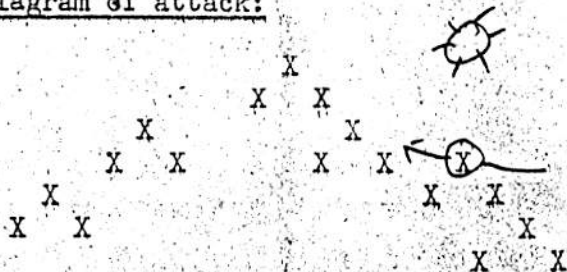
Place where attacked \_\_\_\_\_

A/C No: 093Time 1245 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- 3 No 109's in trail broke below from 4 o'clock towards 10 o'clock, ball turret hit last one and flames burst from cowling sweeping back over fuselage, until that too was ablaze and he went down at 830 o'clock, burning intensely. Pieces flew off according to the left waist gunner. They were either yellow or orange E/A.

**DAMAGED**  
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.

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- Direction of E/A attack;
- Sun position.

Data on Combat

- our heading 90°
- visibility good
- type of E/A No 109
- level of attack;
  - From high above \_\_\_\_\_ 0'clock
  - level \_\_\_\_\_ 0'clock
  - (Check below 4 0'clock
  - One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.Names S/Sgt. H. Goldbarst.Positions Ball Turret.

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

Corroborated by Sgt. Fuedall.Position in A/C Left Waist.

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Pool.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 2/4/44

Squadron 423rd

Place where attacked \_\_\_\_\_

A/C No: 505-V

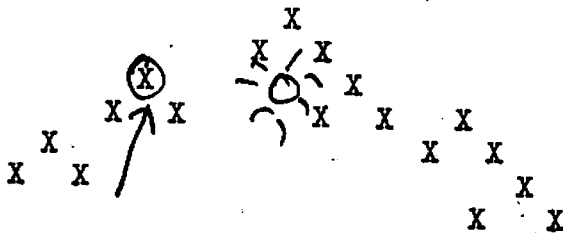
Time about 1310 Height 19,000

1. Story of the attack: - Several ME 109's came from 6 o'clock level  
abreast. Tail gunner shattered canopy of one of them - smoke came from  
cowling at 400 yds.; he dove straight down at 150 yds.

DAMAGED  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;  
From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
level 6 O'clock  
(Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Bgt. G.O. Kats

Positions Tail gunner

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. N.H. Pool

Group 106th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Munich Area,

A/C No: 129

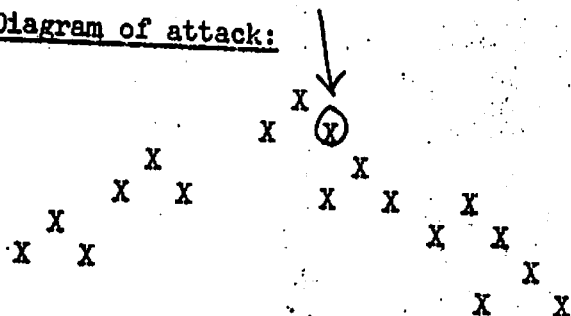
Time 1313 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- 109 came in from 11 o'clock just above the wing. It was a dead shot for Left Waist Gunner who caught E/A at point blank range. E/A turned and dove straight down in flames so heavy witnesses are certain they could not have been put out.

**DAMAGED**

(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 Good
- c. type of E/A No 109
- d. level of attack:
  - From high above 11 O'clock
  - level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - (Check belcw \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 2/Sgt. H. Shore

Positions Left Waist.

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

Corroborated by Lt. Somerville and 7/Sgt. N. Schfield.

Position in A/C Pilot. Radio Operator,

Other A/C firing at the same time? Don't believe so.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Veld.

Group 306th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 423rd.

Place where attacked Augsburg Area.

A/C No. 505

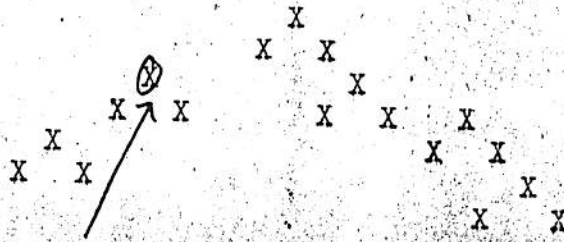
Time 1915 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- 2 No 109's came in from 630 high to 150 yds. trying for kill. Radio gunner shot 40 rounds. Saw huge piece of cowling fly off. Engine sputtered, stalled out fell off on side and E/A went down like a falling leaf. Was seen by ball turret gunner to hit the ground. (This A/C alone at time of attack).

**DAMAGED**  
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 130° Mag.  
b. visibility 2000  
c. type of E/A No 109  
d. level of attack:  
From high above \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
(Check below \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. J.V. Foster

Positions Radio Operator.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. G.H. Constock, Jr.

Position in A/C Ball Turret.

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Kavanaugh.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 21/1/44

Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Essard Attack.

A/C No: 099

Time 1320 Height 18,00

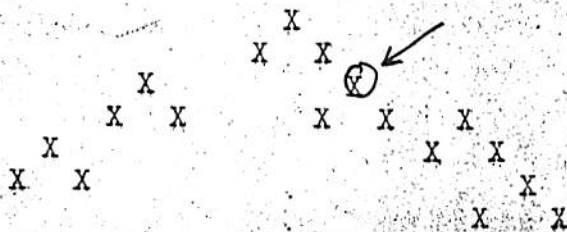
1. Story of the attack:- Me 109 came in very close, fired (could see pilot well) coming rigged completely off, ship went down thoroughly out of control and burning.

DAMAGED

A.E. 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 110°
  - b. visibility good
  - c. type of E/A Me 109
  - d. level of attack;
- From high above 2 O'clock from way out  
 level 0 O'clock  
 (Check below 0 O'clock  
 One) very low 0 O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. R.L. Dugette.

Positions R. Waist.

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Kavanaugh.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 21/1/44

Squadron 306th

Place where attacked Munich Area.

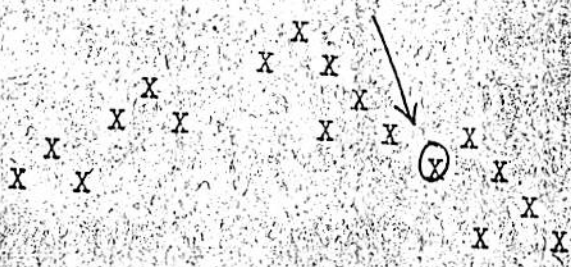
A/C No. 158

Time 1321 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack: A E/A attacked head on in echelon. Top turret gunner opened up on one at 100 yds. and kept him in sights until 100 yds. off. E/A burst into flames and went into uncontrolled spin, almost hitting a B-17 as it dove past. Flames were throughout fuselage from nose to tail. To intense to have by any stretch of the imagination been put out.

(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.

**DAMAGED**  
 A-2 I.B.W.

Data on Combat  
 a. cur heading \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. visibility \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. type of E/A \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. level of attack;  
 From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names Sgt. W.J. Adams.

Positions Top Turret.

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

Corroborated by 2nd Lt. Lugg.

Position in A/C Copilot.

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Baldwin.

COMBAT FORM

Group 366th

Date 8/4/44

Squadron 366th

Place where attacked Wunich

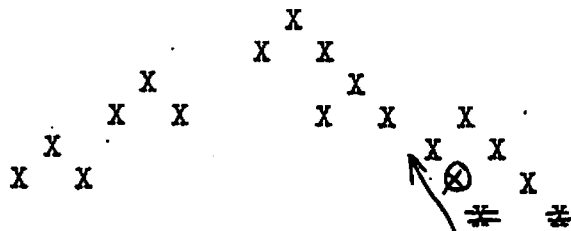
A/C No: 145-X

Time 1332 hrs. Height 19,000 ft.

1. Story of the attack:- Red nose ME 109 attacked at 5:30 O'clock high at 600 yds. - Radio operator opened fire. E/A started burning at 400 yds. Radio Operator still kept firing. E/A was burning from nose to tail and went into dive. Fire could not be put out. Last seen going down. No chute out.

<b>DAMAGED</b>	
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 110° Mag.  
b: visibility clear  
c. type of E/A ME 109  
d. level of attack;  
From high above 5:30 O'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
(Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 2/Sgt. J.J. Zurriello

Positions Radio Operator

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. F.A. Veitsel

Position in A/C Right Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator Capt. McKeely

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 423rd

Place where attacked Near Augsburg

A/C No: 737-U

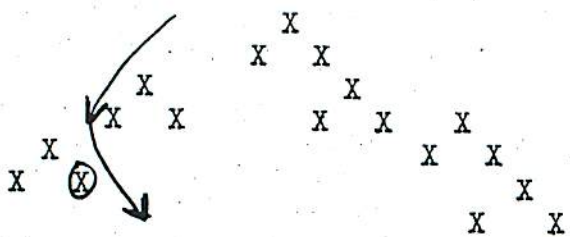
Time 1336 Height 19,000

1. Story of the attack: ME 109 attacked from 12 O'clock high. Tracked him from 800 yards in front until he peeled off over our right wing and went down in intense flames.

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(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 95° Mag.
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above 12 O'clock
  - level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. H.W. Lingle

Positions Top Turret

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. V.J. Lawrence

Position in A/C Right Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? Y Y

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Murtha

Group 306th

Date 21/4/44

Squadron 357th

Place where attacked Munich Area

A/C No: 129

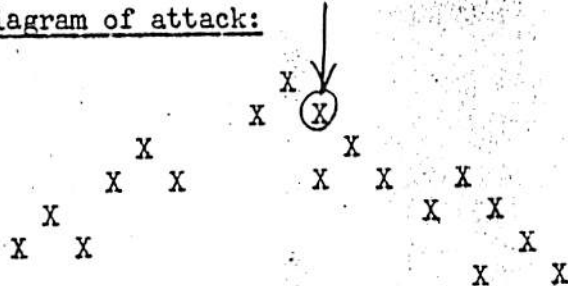
Time 1339 - 1340 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- No 109 from 1 o'clock level. 1 of 20 at about 100 yds out. Navigator got him with nose gun. E/A whipped by wing within feet and down with flames trailing back to cockpit. Witnesses both convinced flames were too heavy for E/A to put out.

DAMAGED  
A/C No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Squadron \_\_\_\_\_  
Group \_\_\_\_\_

(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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A 109
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 1st Lt. P.V. Caburn

Positions Navigator

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. J.D. Welch. and S/Sgt. G.G. Smith

Position in A/C Bombardier. Ball Turret.

Other A/C firing at the same time? No because rest of formation were lagging behind at this time.

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Weld.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th  
Squadron 367th  
A/C No; 129

Date 21/4/44

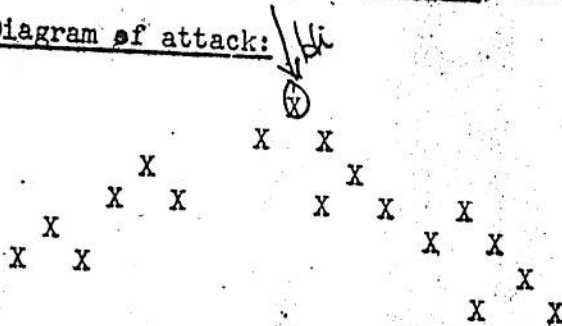
Place where attacked Munich Area.  
Time 1316 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:-

~~109 - 1 of 6, came from 11 o'clock high, and came straight through formation and underneath, peeled off to left. Bombardier hit him as he came in. He came out about 4 o'clock, with big puff of flame coming from fuselage. Drove in flat spin, flaring as far down as could be seen.~~

(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.

**DAMAGED**  
A-2. I.B.V.

Data on Combat

- a. our heading \_\_\_\_\_
- b. visibility \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A \_\_\_\_\_
- d. level of attack 109

From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
level 11 O'clock  
(Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 1st Lt. J.D. Walsh.

Positions Bombardier.

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

Corroborated by s/sgt. Smith.

Position in A/C tail turret.

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator:

No because rest of formation was lagging behind at this time.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Wald.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 21/4/44

Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Murich Area.

A/C No. 129

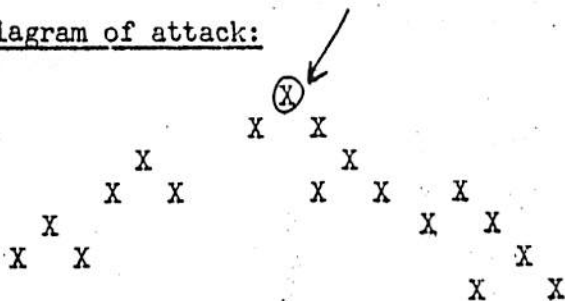
Time 1341 - 1342 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- 109 from 1230 low headed for group leader. Bombardier on chin turret got long sitting shot. E/A burst into flames covering fuselage, fell off on one wing disintegrating as it went down.

<b>PROBABLE</b>	
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A \_\_\_\_\_
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - (Check below 1230 O'clock
  - One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 1st Lt. S.D. Walsh.

Positions Bombardier.

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. M.V. Gurnea.

Position in A/C Navigator.

Other A/C firing at the same time? No because rest of formation were lagging behind at this time.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain Destroyed.

**(Certain Destroyed)**

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

**Capt. Wald.**



TARGET: ANDRESBURG, BRIDING, BERUPFAFFENROPER

DATE: 24.4.44

HEADQUARTERS  
1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
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GROUP: 306

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TABULATION OF E/A ENCOUNTERS

ITEM	GROUP SQUADRON	A/C NO.	CLAIMANTS NAME AND RANK	GUN POSITION	DESTROYED	PROBABLY DESTROYED	DAMAGED	NO CLAIM ALLOWED
1	306-368	093	S/Sgt. C. L. Hum	T/G	X			
2	306-368	093	S/Sgt. C. L. Hum	T/G				
	306-368	093	S/Sgt. E. Goldbarst	RT/G			X	X
3	306-368	093	S/Sgt. O. Woodall	LT/G	X			
5	306-368	093	S/Sgt. J. K. Adams	RT/G				
6	306-423	505	T/Sgt. G. J. Peterson	TR/G				X
7	306-423	505	S/Sgt. C. G. Hets	T/G			X	
8	306-367	129	S/Sgt. H. Shore	RT/G			X	
9	306-423	505	T/Sgt. J. V. Poston	Radio/G			X	
10	306-368	099	S/Sgt. R. L. Duquette	RT/G			X	
11	306-368	158	S/Sgt. W. J. Adams	TR/G			X	
12	306-367	099	S/Sgt. R. A. Sisson	RT/G			X	
13	306-367	053	Sgt. D. H. Kinter	RT/G				X
14	306-367	099	T/Sgt. W. P. Powers	TR/G				X
15	306-423	444	2nd Lt. J. C. Chambers	Bomb.				X
16	306-423	146	S/Sgt. W. T. Morgan	RT/G				X
17	306-367	129	S/Sgt. G. W. Holland	RT/G	X			X
18	306-368	148	S/Sgt. F. A. Hiltzel	RT/G	X			

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/1/44

Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Munich Area.

A/C No. 109

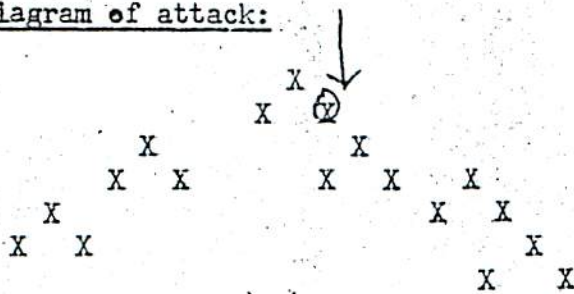
Time 1332 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- 109 from head-on low. Ball turret fired as E/A was coming in, swung and picked him up again at 0430 on his way past. E/A smoked heavily then. E/A blew up and had second burst.

DESTROYED

(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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A 109
- d. level of attack;
- From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names Sgt. C.G. Smith.

Positions Ball Turret.

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

Corroborated by Sgt. Holland

Position in A/C Right Waist

Other A/C firing at the same time? Don't know of any.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator Capt. Weld.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/4/44

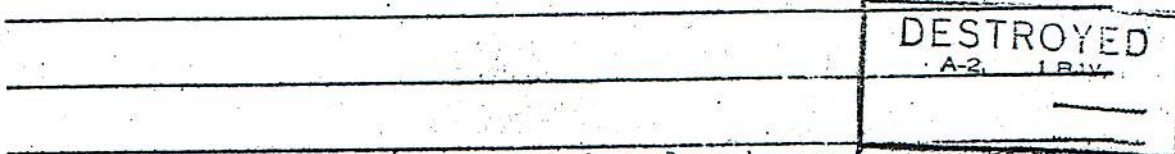
Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Munich Area.

A/C No. 129

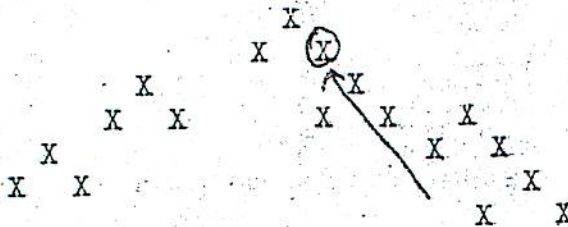
Time 1330 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- Came in at 5:30 with 3 others. Tail gunner got long burst. E/A started shimmy, burst into flames at 150 yds. and disintegrated, as it fell off into dive.



(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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A 109
- d. level of attack;

From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

(Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. D.F. Offerd.

Positions Tail Gunner.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. Smith.

Position in A/C Ball Turret.

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Weld.

COMBAT FORM

Date 26/4/44

Group 306th

Squadron 367th

A/C No. 129

Place where attacked Burich Area.

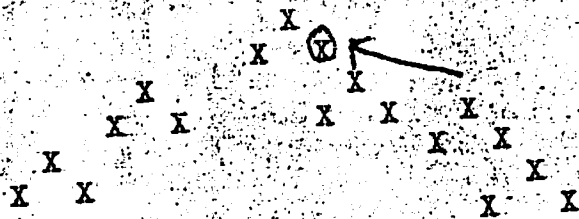
Time 13:30 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- He 109 came in from 4 o'clock low, to 200 yds. Right Waist got him with several bursts. E/A dropped belly tank and burst into flames, went straight down in dive. Left wing came off.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A \_\_\_\_\_
- d. level of attack; \_\_\_\_\_

From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. G.F. Holland.

Positions Right Waist.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. D.F. Offord.

Position in A/C Tail Gunner.

Other A/C firing at the same time? Probably not.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Certain Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Meld.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 ~~1st~~ A/C Number: 7301 Letter: B Date 24-4-44

MIA

Bomb Load: 2 Mk 7 AT ~~Incend.~~ Incend.

Time took off 0920 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*Select map. Runway good. Altitude of 1335 ft.*

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

2nd Lt. E. W. Miller C/P

2nd Lt. H. I. Krohn Nav.

2nd Lt. S. I. Strange Bomb

S/Sgt. J. Gray Radio

S/Sgt. J. R. Ryan Top 8

Sgt. P. D. Calahan Ball 1

Sgt. A. B. Miller R. Waist

Sgt. J. R. Potter L. Waist

Sgt. P. Walsby Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:

Duration Bomb Run:

*Color of target*

*McLennan #314*

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If APPOINTMENT given time, place, height of turning, 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 Type Light, Color Location Accuracy

Any Nicknails: Yes No  
Number boxes dropped  
Number boxes returned

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

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

INTERROGATION FORM

MIA

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~369~~ 359 #23# A/C Number 768 Letter V Date 21-4-44

Bomb Load 42 M47 A1 #17 Incant.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0920 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*McKinney T.G. says Biggs a/c was on fire at L. waist window after 1st fighter attack (1335). He passed below right way down.*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

*Comport*

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress;

(Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. C. G. Riggs Pilot

2nd Lt. W. W. Chapman Co-P

2nd Lt. J. S. Weldon Nav.

2nd Lt. J. R. Pedevillano Bomb

T/Sgt. G. E. Swift Radio

S/Sgt. G. Economos Tap P

Sgt. M. G. Moore Ball T

Sgt. L. A. Prugh R. Waist

Sgt. W. W. Carr L. Waist

Sgt. L. D. Victory Tail G.

C. 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:

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)

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Remarks

INTERROGATION FORM

MIA

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 369 ~~###~~ A/C Number 558 Letter M Date 24-4-44

Bomb Load 42 M47 Al ~~###~~ Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0920 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:

*Salacto says - Jones peeled off to night at 1335 on fire.*

*Composite*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*low and under control after first attack*

1st Lt. W. R. James Pilot

2nd Lt. G.E. Vandermailliere Co-P

2nd Lt. R. Ulrich Nav.

F/O S. C. Shertzer Bomb

S/Sgt. W. Elliott Radio

T/Sgt. G. A. Vogt Top P

S/Sgt. E. E. Wynn Ball T

S/Sgt. E. L. Minto R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. R. Copeman L. Waist

S/Sgt. W. W. Lastinger 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:

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)

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

Time Place Height Type (light) Color Location Altitude

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~86777000~~ 369 ~~888~~ A/C Number 939 Letter A Date 24-4-44

Bomb Load 42 M47 A1 ~~447~~. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0920 Time Landed 1802



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)

2nd Lt. K. C. Schlicht Pilot

2nd Lt. F. W. Hunt Co-P

2nd Lt. E. W. Gorder Nav.

2nd Lt. J. D. Blum Bomb

S/Sgt. C. B. Pallen Radio

S/Sgt. J. H. Davis Twp P

Sgt. S. Michalick Ball T

Sgt. J. H. Wharton R. Waist

Sgt. C. E. Hinds L. Waist

Sgt. J. D. Haudenshield Tail G.

13:55 attack - Target peeled off  
was damaged - no chutes observed  
Same time - fire in 558 peeled off - to right  
730 peeled away bring all to left  
4 chutes seen in distance at 10 o'clock - origin unknown

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1407

Alternate Height: 20100

Last Resort Heading: 330 MAG (circles)

Duration Bomb Run: On 156 E in 97nd -> the lead A/C

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

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

Own Bombs: - not observed.

Saw fires in hangar area.  
Other Bombing: Before we got there  
500's hit blast at N end and dome - large no of A/C of dome some hit.

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 Dispersion of bombs.)

OK out 15 miles off 5 - or because it avoided flak

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered en 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
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Sw. 11:25 near chert mod. not on map. inacc.  
1305 48°34' 09"08 slight - inacc - off to 9 o'clock  
Target - - - - - mod plus - fairly acc. damaged this AC  
Crew observations about Flak:

INTERROGATION FORM

One B-17 straggled after first flak attack - was lost sight of

after 1st flak, joined low again 23

SQUADRON #369 #77 A/C Number 382 Letter S Date 21-1-44

Bomb Load 42 M47 A1 #77. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0920 Time Landed 1906-

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

after 1st flak attack - tail gunner Biggs with window; he passed friendly A/C in any kind of distress; Give position, time, altitude, full details

OPER: Give rank and initials

2nd Lt. C. C. McKinney Pilot

2nd Lt. W. H. Shaefer Co-P

2nd Lt. C. W. Burns Nav.

2nd Lt. J. N. Reeves Bomb.

Sgt. O. D. Whelan Radio

S/Sgt. J. W. Welch Sergeant, Top P

Sgt. V. J. Cubizzo Ball T

Sgt. C. E. Coughlin R. Waist

Sgt. H. H. Cutugno L. Waist

Sgt. W. E. Wagoner Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Dropped off leader of our group

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped  
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, intense, moderate or slight)	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1st flak we got to target

Crew observations about Flak:

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~X67XXXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number ~~4146~~ Letter W Date April 24, 1944

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

Time Tock off 09:00 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

*Called in to formation.*

2. HOT MEAS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: Peterson - Schutes (one delayed) Schwedok - Schutes

	X	X	X	X
(2)	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X

*Spare*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*Chet left formation after second attack*

- 1st Lt. R. D. Carlson Pilot
- 1st Lt. K. (NMI) Yass Co-P
- 1st Lt. S. (NMI) Soscia Nav.
- 1st Lt. R. D. Beres Bomb
- T/Sgt. J. A. Park Radio
- T/Sgt. W. H. Morgan Tsp. F
- S/Sgt. A. J. Carrozza Ball T
- S/Sgt. V. L. King R. Waist
- S/Sgt. W. T. Morgan L. Waist
- Sgt. S. M. Garza Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1346  
Alternate Height: 19,000  
Last Report Heading: *compass out*  
Duration Bomb Run:

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

*All*

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

Own Bombs: *Dropped on leader. There was an APD directly under, leader may have been aiming at it.*  
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 (Leader had  $\Delta$ )*

8. WEATHER: (if it affected mission) *Good visibility going in, bad coming out. Climbed to 23,000 shortly after target but didn't get out of it.*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Coast going in - orange - accurate (about 14 bursts - 3 rounds each gun)  
Target - moderate, accurate, tracking.*

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

369

SQUADRON #477#21#268#123# A/C Number 901 Letter V Date 21-1-44

Bomb Load 42 M47 A1 #77. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Tock off 0920 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

Schlect says - Tarr peeled off being damaged by fighters. No chutes out - 1335 hrs. CREW: Give rank and initials

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

1st Lt. W. C. Tarr Pilot

1st Lt. R. B. Handy Co-P

2nd Lt. O. O. Odom Nav.

2nd Lt. B. Krashes Bomb

T/Sgt. J. Cunningham Radio

T/Sgt. G. Parkas Top E

Sgt. D. C. Lively Ball T

Sgt. J. P. Moore R. Waist

S/Sgt. W. C. Simpson L. Waist

S/Sgt. R. Seaman Tail G.

Capt. Owens 4OCW

C. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report 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:

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GURPINS AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time Place Height Type (light, Color Location  
of heavy), intense, of Bursts in re-

Schlect says  
NAV = Hit on first attack. Hole in nose  
& hole in wing tip. Flid down  
to right under control.

Handwritten signature/initials

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 423 A/C Number 539 Letter O Date April 24, 194

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. VACANT

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:00 Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

Carlson says - left formation yet, 2000 ft alt.
Koch says - 1550 hrs. #4 windmill,
Baseline leading out R-wing - headed
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
Walters says - sent out 3 formations at 1200 hrs(?) all engines going but losing altitude.

Table with columns for Name and Position. Includes: 1st Lt. D. (M.I.) Ebert Pilot, 2nd Lt. K. J. Hall Co-P, 1st Lt. A. P. Baltunas Nav., 1st Lt. J. (M.I.) Tobias Bomb, Sgt. C. W. Hamby Radio, T/Sgt. K. M. Feltner Top 2, S/Sgt. J. O. Early Ball T, S/Sgt. I. B. Walker, Jr. PR. Waist, S/Sgt. J. D. Stoots J. Waist, S/Sgt. H. J. Knapp Tail G.

G. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading: (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Dead - Loss of MIND -

Bureau 1600 - Dict 1301 - Positive - MUNSIGIN

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

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

Own Bombs:

Delivered ball turret - One from the 109 tried

Other Bombing:

for 30 minutes from tail - ran out of ammo

any nickels: Yes No Number boxes dropped

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

ammunition & all ammunition gone

GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

& could not fire back

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

Crash landed Neftanbach close to Winterthur

WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Hamby few rain in foreground when shaken but not hurt.

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

Left before 1.P.

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

Threw out Capt 1st Lt. Did not hear bomb sight

Crossed lake at Southern end Lake Constance Could recognize from Neftanbach - near Drausenfeld - Just at time with

Other observations about Flak:

Bombs - flew over Winterthur - Orbits up -

no contrails

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 737 Letter U Date April 24, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:00 Time Landed 1750

	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:

1123 - (4 minutes after crossing enemy coast)

#445 - #4 on fire, hit by flak - jettisoned

#2 - 2 chutes - blew up -

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

1336 - B-17 dropped bombs & headed for Switzerland

1200 hrs - B-17, two chutes out ship headed towards home

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. W. C. B. Koch Pilot
- 2nd Lt. J. J. O'Brien Co-P
- 2nd Lt. H. (NMI) Green Nay.
- 1st Lt. J. H. Weeman, Jr. Bcmb
- T/Sgt. C. S. Brown, Jr. Radio
- T/Sgt. H. W. Lingle Tsp. P
- S/Sgt. B. J. Theriault Ball
- S/Sgt. W. J. Lawrence R. Waist
- S/Sgt. E. P. Campos L. Waist
- S/Sgt. M. H. Farkash Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

(45° 30' N 11° 55' E)

Primary Time: 13:45

Alternate Height: 19,000

Last Report Heading: 95° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target; (10 x 500) Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

some dropped on Oberpfaffhoven No. 1000 ft - saw smoke

any Nickles: 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) no cloud - some haze

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home, not much cloud over continent

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C
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1123 - (just after coast) measure to mod. tracking - accurate

1203 - (48° 30' N 11° 55' E) - measure - tracking good alt. good deflection

1350 - Oberpfaffhoven - intense accurate tracking

Other observations about Flak:

1350 - Oberpfaffhoven - intense accurate tracking (and B-17 hit by flak and go down at this point)

1350 - 0-11 (cont.) ... 7. windmill ... gasoline leaking on right wing - headed for Switzerland

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 423 A/C Number 180 Letter K Date April 24, 1941

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~1000~~

Position in Formation

Time Tock off 09:00 Time Landed 1750

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. J. P. Shutz, Jr. Pilot

2nd Lt. G. C. Berner Co-P

2nd Lt. R. L. Raymond Nav.

1st Lt. A. J. Bugni Bomb

S/Sgt. S. M. Kupferman Radio

T/Sgt. J. I. Stutts Tep P

Sgt. C. R. Pomidore Ball T

Sgt. C. W. Sesko R. Waist

Sgt. N. (MNI) Minniti L. Waist

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

11:25 - B17 - disintegrated no dummies

soon after E/coast (from behind)

12:01 - chutes from B17 - out along A/C kept going then turned back.

B17 high again - wings on fire - no chutes seen.

B17 - 7:58 - peeled off 13:35 - did not see where he went (2 my work out)

Unknown about 40 minutes early

Primary Time: 13:35

Alternate Height: 19000 / approx.

Last Report Heading: 095

Duration Bomb Run:

Salvaged on group leader (#758)

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

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

Own Bombs: Under fighter attack - nothing observed

Other Bombing: Someone did bomb Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped: Number Boxes returned:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?  not started - too busy.

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.)

Good

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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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do - 11:25 2 min after coast in - acc - level good - no damage

12:05 - mod level off 4000 ft

Target - int. acc - got a B17, damaged.

Crew observations about Flak:

possible - rockets - target - large thick column

of brown smoke - 4 were together - not seen

No burst - large puff of smoke at top of column.

Welter left formation after bomb run, 093 took his place. I got on his left wing.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 267XX368XX369 423 A/C Number 444 Letter Y Date April 24, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. XXXXXX

Time Took off 09:00 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. 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)

*445-G front wing broken, coast flak hit #3 engine  
+ 10 chutes out. 1 chute + the 4th  
flap.  
1817 got after bomb run, juddered, chandeliers up.  
+ 10 chutes out. 1 chute + the 4th  
flap.  
1517 behind us, burst into flame + peeled off. 1st flak  
hit wing. No chute seen.*

- 2nd Lt. W. C. Weiland Pilot
- 2nd Lt. J. G. Seymour Co-P
- 2nd Lt. F. A. Brockway Nav.
- 2nd Lt. J. C. Chambers Bomb
- S/Sgt. M. L. Hodges, Jr. Radio
- S/Sgt. S. J. LaGory Top P
- Pvt. J. B. Subal Ball T
- Sgt. V. A. McQuinn R. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. A. McShaffery L. Waist
- Sgt. A. Berman, (NMI) Tail G.

1. TARGET ATTACHED:  
Primary Time: 1335  
Alternate Height: 17000  
Last Report Heading: 95 true  
(circle) 99 mag.  
Duration Bomb Run:

*NW of Munich*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12/620 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)  
Own Bombs: *any bombs 2 seconds after leader. Bombs dropped scattered - under flight path attached  
at the time. Did loop a lot of smoke. Don't know what hit. 8-10 over the high.  
Real ship hit + dropped, clouds seen. Don't know what hit.*  
Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes (circle)  
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.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *slightly very good.  
scattered clouds next to ground.*

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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*None at target.  
Flak got into way in of coast.  
Sally of Munich got quite a hit. E All up. Saw one burst with 4 bombs, streamer  
Crew observations about Flak: *open up + down with streamer  
color burst + white streamer**

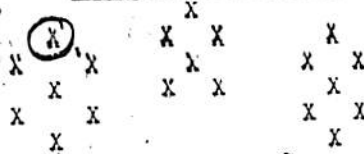
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number: 505 Letter V Date April 24, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:00 Time Landed 1232



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

Effect (559-0) shot out formation all again going slowly low altitude - about 13000 ft - nothing else observed. Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give rank and Initials

1st Lt. R. K. Welter Pilot

1st Lt. C. J. Sutton Co-P

2nd Lt. E. F. West Nav.

1st Lt. J. T. Hallock Bomb

T/Sgt. J. V. Poston Radio

T/Sgt. G. J. Peterson Top

S/Sgt. C. M. Comstock, Jr. Ball T

S/Sgt. I. L. McCoppin R. Waist

S/Sgt. A. F. Klepper C. Waist

S/Sgt. C. G. Metz Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1323 (approx)

Alternate Height: on leader

Last Report 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: smoke smoke

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? Had one but didn't turn it

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 sheet

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) (Poor) - no clouds available

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
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Moderate at target area

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~368~~ 368 A/C Number 776 Letter K Date April 24, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~100000~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:00 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:

*Panama says - at 1335 hit by fighters -  
fire chutes out and possibly more  
A/C blew up -*

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

*Before target on fire 10 chutes (yes)*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. J. F. Coughlin	Pilot
1st Lt. A. J. Johnson	C2-P
1st Lt. P. J. Hall	Nav.
1st Lt. G. T. Gretton	Bomb
T/Sgt. O. E. Libby	Radio
T/Sgt. M. O. Beasley	Top P
S/Sgt. T. A. Flores	Ball T
Sgt. R. A. Garner	R. Waist
Sgt. C. D. Ladage	L. Waist
S/Sgt. M. T. Tucker	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:

Any Nickals: 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)

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

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X36X 368 ~~X36XXXXX~~ A/C Number 327 Letter U Date April 24, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 09:00 Time Landed 1743

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

*at Bomb 20 min mark*

2. 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. R. C. McDaniel Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. E. C. Rabe Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. A. Bischof Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. J. Polich Bcmb ✓
- S/Sgt. J. Misterman Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. P. R. Ward Top P ✓
- S/Sgt. R. M. Bowman Ball T ✓
- Sgt. E. E. Ottoson R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. W. A. Davis L. Waist ✓
- Sgt. F. J. Vischi Tail G. ✓

*874 slips down in target area, whole crew  
on the 2 chutes as also there.  
B17- Also in going over coast -  
group uncertain - one chute possibly 2*

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1340  
Alternate Height: 22,000  
Last Report Heading: 120  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

*1 to look  
in wrong direction  
Numb 1800 in  
goes on  
mark*

4. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 x 500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Bombs, Smoke obs.  
not certain - possibly some other hits -  
Smoke obs. on lower area  
Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number Boxes dropped  
Number Boxes returned

6. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? No?

7. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

9. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

10. 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
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*light flak in light 4845-0420 E flak  
at Munich Bunker in front looking behind  
light flak - Munich*

Crew observations about Flak:

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2. DETAILS AND ANALYSIS.

A. FORMATION.

(1) The 41st CBW "g" Wing flew second and guided left on the "A" Wing in the Division formation. The 41st CBW "B" Wing was composed of the 384th Bombardment Group (H) leading, the 306th Bombardment Group (H) flying low and a composite high group composed of 2 squadrons from the 384th Bombardment Group (H) flying lead and low, and 1 squadron from the 303rd Bombardment Group (H) flying high. High squadrons were stacked right and high groups stacked left.

B. FIGHTER ESCORT.

(1) Friendly escort P47s was first sighted at 1129 hours. Just before and after the target this wing was without friendly support. The remainder of the flight, however, we had effective cover.

C. BOMBING TACTICS AND RESULTS.

(1) BOMBING NARRATIVE. The lead group turned toward the target at the briefed IP and due to (CAVU) weather the aiming point, and M.P.I. was very easily picked up. A long run was made, and bombs were released as usual. The high group lead ship seemed to be in trouble on the bomb run, and did not return from this mission. The deputy bombardier states that the lead bombardier completed the run, and all other ships released on him. Low group position was flown by a group from another wing, and report will be submitted by them.

(2) OBSERVED RESULTS. The lead group dropped 500 lb. G.P. bombs which covered the target area. Each of the three large buildings of the Aircraft Assembly Plant on the east side of the field received direct hits. There was one certain and one probable direct hit on the northernmost of these buildings, at least three direct hits on the central building which was the M.P.I. and at least five direct hits on the eastern building. It appears likely that these latter two received other hits later in the attack, since they become blanketed by a dense pattern of bursts. A smaller building in the northern part of the factory area received a direct hit. About one-fifth of the pattern is on the landing ground. The high group dropped 47 incendiaries which fell in woods and fields to the east of the airfield.

(3) STATISTICAL DATA.

GROUP	DIRECTION OF RUN	LENGTH OF RUN	BOMBING ALTITUDE	TIME OF RELEASE	NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS	
384 LG	SECO	7 min.	18,744	1358	163 X 500 G.P.	
	SECO	7 min.	18,661	1400	736 X 147AL.	
	NO. BOMBS				NO. SIGHTED	
				RANGE AND DEPRESSION	RANGE IN YD	% LEADER
384 LG	1	18		1	0	18
Comp H1	1	19		1	0	19

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HEADQUARTERS  
41ST COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
A.P.O. 557, U. S. ARMY

E-C-2

27 April, 1944.

Subject: Combat Mission Report - 41st Combat Bombardment Wing (H).

To : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division (H),  
A.P.O. 557, U. S. Army.

1. SUMMARY OF MISSION.

A. DATA.

- (1) 24 April, 1944.
- (2) Oberpfaffenhofen A/D, Germany.
- (3) 41st CBW "B" Wing.

GROUP	SCHEDULED	TOOK-OFF	RETURNED EARLY	SORTIE	ATTACKING TARGET	LOST
384 Ld	18	18	0	17	17	3
306 Lo	Statistics will be furnished by 40th CBW.					
Comp H1	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTALS:	38	38	0	37	37	10

Note: Lead Group figures do not include 2 PFF A/C.

B. NARRATIVE.

(1) Assembly of the lead group, therefore, the wing was difficult due to the fact that the Wing Leader was forced to take off last. The wing was assembled at 1020 hours. The English Coast was departed at 1100 hours over beach 1033, altitude 18,300'.

(2) The enemy coast was crossed at 1118 hours, 49°53'N-00°55'W, altitude 18,300'. The wing was south of course in the target area and encountered moderate to intense and accurate flak. Bombs were away at 1355 hours, magnetic heading 040°, altitude 20,000'. The route from target to enemy coast back was as planned. The enemy coast was recrossed at 1638 hours, 51°07'N-02°37'W, 19,000'.

(3) Let down was made crossing the Channel and the English Coast was crossed at 1711 hours over Clacton, altitude 8,000'. The groups returned directly to base.

C. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (1) None.

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2. DETAILS AND ANALYSIS:

- A. FORMATIONS: The 40th Combat Wing flew third in the 1st Division. A normal defensive formation was flown with the high group echeloned left and the high squadron echeloned right.

40th Combat Wing: Lead - 305th BG.

Low - 92nd BG.

High - Composite Group (92nd Gp. lead and low squadron.  
306th Gp. high squadron.)

306th Group flew low group in the 41st "B" Combat Wing.

B. LEAFLETS, FIGHTER SUPPORT, FLAK AND E/A OPPOSITION:

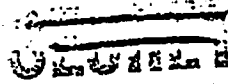
- (1) No leaflets were carried by our groups on this mission, as there were none available at their stations.
- (2) Friendly fighter support was generally good except in the target area, the Munich area, and near Mannheim. At these points our escort was either temporarily lessened or overwhelmed by many E/A, resulting in the losses our formations suffered.
- (3) Flak was moderate to intense and very accurate in the target area. There was some meagre but very accurate fire at the coast on the route in. This accounted for one of the A/C of the 306th. Other than at these two places, the flak encountered was widely scattered from many various points en route.
- (4) E/A opposition was very heavy on our formations. The 306th Group lost nine (9) A/C, all to the attacks which occurred from the time our formations were near Augsburg until they were well past the target area, times 1325 to 1405 hours. The 92nd Group lost five (5) A/C under these same circumstances. Practically all the E/A were Me-109's up to 150 of them being reported seen by experienced flyers. Attacks were in series of waves of 12-15 E/A. Attacks were made mostly from a head on position, 10 to 2 o'clock. On several occasions the E/A would attack in small groups of 3 or 4 A/C, from different clock positions at the same time, overwhelming the defenses. Attacks were pressed on unit lead A/C. Our claims for this mission are 29 - 6 - 16.

C. BOMBING: See bombing account form.

D. WEATHER: Weather for this mission was as briefed. No difficulty was had throughout the mission due to weather.

E. COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1) Buncher No. 2 was used for homing on this mission with good results reported from a distance of 35 miles.
  - (2) Splasher beacons 9, 11 and 16 were used for L.O.P.'s and homings with good results.
  - (3) "Gee" was effectively used to a distance of 5054-0346E.
  - (4) VHF was effectively used for air to air and air to ground R/T communications.
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HEADQUARTERS  
40TH COMBAT BOMB WING (H) AAF  
APO 557

AAF Station 111.  
26 April 1944.

RECEIVED  
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SUBJECT: Report on Planning, Execution and Results of Mission to Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany, 24 April 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 40th Combat Bomb Wing (H) AAF, APO 557.

1. SUMMARY OF MISSION:

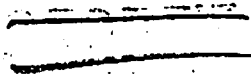
A. DATA:

- (1) The 1st Bombardment Division Field Order No. 333 was received at 2330 hours, 23 April 1944, and the 40th CBW Supplement teletyped to units concerned at 0010 hours 24 April 1944.
- (2) Targets:
  - (a) Primary: Dornier Factory, Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany.
  - (b) Secondary: Busch Factory, Stuttgart, Germany.
- (3) Units Participating and Operational Analysis: See attached chart.

B. NARRATIVE:

(1) 40th Combat Wing: Group take-offs and assembly were accomplished as planned on Podington buncher. Podington was departed three (3) minutes late with groups in Combat Wing formation. Points "A" and "B" were cut short and English Coast out was departed four (4) minutes early. Enemy coast in was three (3) minutes early, and briefed route was flown to target area. The course around Munich was flown five (5) miles outside of briefed route consequently the I.P. was reached nine (9) minutes late. On the bomb run the lead bombardier of the lead group was injured in the eye by flak, however he returned to the bomb-sight and made several corrections. Bombs fell short of the A.P. but in the target area of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. A/C worked properly until the A/C was hit by flak, causing it to make two large turns, but finally righting itself. The high squadron was not in good position because of these turns and the squadron leader had to sight for range. The assigned target was obscured by smoke from previous bombing making it difficult to locate. The low group leader selected as his A.P. a hanger 600 feet N. W. of the briefed A.P., because an effective camouflage and scattered woods in the target area, made it difficult to locate the briefed A.P. The high group leader had trouble because the nose hatch burst open and the rate knob and bombardiers hands froze, however he managed to get hits on the target. After bombing, a sharp left turn was made to avoid flak. On the return route, the turning point at 9 degrees east was overshoot by fifteen (15) miles, because of first aid being administered to the navigator who was also hit on the bomb run. Return was made to briefed route and followed for the remainder of mission. Enemy coast out time was twenty-eight (28) minutes late due to a change in wind velocity. Groups separated over the channel to let down through clouds and returned to bases without incident thirty-five (35) minutes late.

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66th Fighter Wing: The 73 A Group destroyed one He-110 and damaged another in a strafing attack on Wengerahr A/F. One 20 mm. position was noted at the northern end of the field and another at the southern end. A DO-217 was also destroyed on an A/F believed to be St. Trond. Only moderate machine gunfire was experienced in this attack coming from the northern end of the field. 15-20 black barrage balloons were observed at Bernsheim south of Mannheim. A strafing attack by one flight of the 361st Group was uneventful as only five dummy JU-88s were observed. Another flight strafed Metz A/F destroying an FW-190, a Me-109 and JU-88 and damaging a hangar. They were met with intense and accurate light flak. The same flight then attacked Leon/Chambry A/F and destroyed an Me-109, and He-110 and damaged a hangar and a fuel dump. Twenty plus e/a were observed on this field and flak was a in intense, accurate and light. Thirty plus e/a were reported observed on Attigny A/F. The 55th Group reported seeing five e/a taking off from a landing strip 15 miles north of 3rd Divisions target area. One pilot of the 357th Group returning alone on the deck reported 100 t/c e/a seen on an A/F believed to be Kaisach. Fifty He-109s and 25 He-110s were also observed on A/F east of Stuttgart believed to be Mellingen. Flak was intense and accurate at Ludwigshaven. One squadron of the 352nd Group strafed four unidentified A/Fs, one approximately 40 miles north of Munich at 1415 hours and three in the Stuttgart areas making claims of 22-0-18 t/c and 1-0-6 s/c e/a.

67th Fighter Wing: In various strafing attacks on St. Dizier, Champenois and Beltonville, fighters of the 359th Group made claims of 7-0-1 including the destruction of three He-109s. Two hangars, barracks, administration buildings, and power lines were also damaged. The 20th Group destroyed three locomotives and two flak towers and damaged four locomotives and one flak tower. Approximately 100 barrage balloons were seen over Mannheim at 800 feet. One flight of the 364th Group strafed ground targets from Mainz to Duren, destroying a river barge 20 miles west of Mainz, damaging a train 40 miles north of Trier, and destroying a locomotive 20 miles southeast of Duren.

#### IX Fighter Command

70th Fighter Wing: The 365th Group destroyed one e/a on the ground. Further information of this attack and other observations of the 70th Fighter Wing are not available.

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary information and should not be used for record purposes.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of A/C</u>	<u>Type of Support</u>	<u>No. A/C on Mission</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Claims</u>
<u>67th Fighter Wing</u>					
20	P-38	Target & Withdrawal	43	0	3-0-0
359	P-47	Penetration	39	0	7-0-1
364	P-38	Pen., Tgt., & Withdrawal	44	0	0-0-0
			<u>126</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10-0-1</u>
Totals			565	14	117-5-57

IX Fighter Command

<u>70th Fighter Wing</u>						
354	P-51	Penetration	42	0	4-0-1	
358	P-47	Withdrawal	40	0	0-0-0	
362	P-47	Withdrawal	50	2	2-0-0	
365	P-47	Withdrawal	36	1	1-0-0	
363	P-51	Withdrawal	44	0	0-0-0	
368	P-47	Withdrawal	47	0	0-0-0	
405	P-47	Withdrawal	47	0	0-0-0	
			<u>306</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7-0-1</u>	
+ Claims in air. (58-0-38)			Operational Totals	871	17	124-5-58
++ Claims on ground. (66-5-20)						

BOEMER ESCORT

Escort to 1st Air Task Force (1st Bombardment Division): The 361st Group under Type 16 control made rendezvous with five combat wings of the 1st Bombardment Division and two front combat wings of the 2nd Bombardment Division 20 miles southwest of Amiens. No e/a were reported. The 56 A Group took over next and continued escort to the vicinity of Strasbourg at 1240-1255 hours. This group saw 16 e/a which made one pass at bombers and evaded before P-47s could engage. The 354th Group escorted from the vicinity of Strasbourg at 1240 hours to the Munich area at 1330 hours, engaging 15 plus e/a near Friesen and Ingelstadt and claiming 4-0-1 for nil loss. The 357th Group took over from north of Augsburg at 1330 hours through the target and out to south of Mannheim at 1450 hours. Combat in the target area with approximately 25 s/e and 25 t/e e/a accounted for the loss of four of our fighters while claims of 22-2-7 were made. The 355th Group escorted from 4330N-1100E to the vicinity of Bockingen. 50 plus s/c e/a with top cover of 20 plus s/e e/a were engaged northwest of Munich. E/A were aggressive and experienced. 20 e/a were also seen in the air northeast of Trier, and 11 FW-190s north of Saarbrücken. For the loss of four fighters, this group claims 20-0-6, all in the air. The 353rd Group rendezvoused southeast of Heilbronn at 1430 hours and escorted to the vicinity of Paris at 1545 hours, engaging five plus FW-190s in the vicinity of Gernsheim for claims of 1-0-1. Two other e/a, attacking a B-17 straggler were dispersed northwest of Charleroi. The 4th Group arrived in the Frankfurt area at 1233 under Free Lance area support. 34 FW-190s and He-109s were engaged just north of Worms, claims being made of 12-2-4 for the loss of three. The 495th Group, under Type 16 control, rendezvoused 20 miles south of Helmstedt at 1523 hours and broke escort over North Foreland at 1645 hours. Four stragglers were escorted. No e/a were seen.

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2nd and 3rd Bombardment Divisions - Opposition to the remaining combat wings of the 1st Bombardment Division, and the 2nd and 3rd Bombardment Divisions was slight. A total of about 50 e/a were seen by the 3rd Bombardment Division which sustained weak attacks of short duration by about 30 Fw-190s east of Strasbourg, and 8-10 e/a southwest of Stuttgart. No bombers were lost to these attacks. One B-24 of the 2nd Bombardment Division was lost to attacks by Me-109s seen between Liege and Brussels on route back. E/A simulated escort fighters before making attacks which lasted approximately 20 minutes.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 27 B-17s and 11 B-24s failed to bomb - 13 B-17s and 10 B-24s due to mechanical or equipment failure, 1 B-24 due to weather, 11 B-17s due to enemy action and 3 B-17s to other reasons.

CASUALTIES: Personnel - 4 crew members were killed, 42 were wounded, 380 are missing and 13 are rescued.

Equipment - 36 B-17s and 4 B-24s were lost - 11 B-17s and 1 B-24 due to AA, 20 B-17s and 1 B-24 to e/a, and 4 B-17s and 2 B-24s due to unknown reasons.

Estimated Battle Damage - 204 B-17s and 54 B-24s Category "A" and "AC" and 52 B-17s Category "B".

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: Moderate to intense flak, both continuous-following and barrage fire was reported in the primary target area. Ground rockets also were reported employed in this region. Meager, inaccurate flak was reported from Ulm, Neustadt, Wiesbaden, Courtrai, Stuttgart, Mannheim, Noufchatel, Ostend, Le Troport, Dunkirk, Dieppe and Liege. Moderate and inaccurate flak was reported from Strasbourg, Karlsruhe and Lechfeld. Flak was intense at Munich, meager at Ludwigshafen; intense and accurate at Oberpfaffenhofen and meager and inaccurate at Sommesous, Vitry Francois A/F, Amiens and Altenheim. Most groups flying over Gablingen reported AA fire as being meager to moderate, but accurate over the target. They used predicted controlled at first, then fixed barrage. Flak at Augsburg was a moderate barrage, while at Ostend it was meager and accurate with predicted control. Groups attacking Leipheim report no flak over the target. Predicted controlled and accurate AA fire was encountered in the area of Courtrai A/F. 8 AA guns were noted along the railroad west of Rheims. Meager, inaccurate flak was reported over Nivelles and intense, fairly accurate fire from the area just north of Lille.

WEATHER: Weather and visibility en route and over the target area was generally very good. Scattered cirrus clouds were encountered over most of the route with contrails at 25,000 feet encountered by one group. A low base of cirrus clouds south of Stuttgart forced the 3rd Division formations to fly several thousand feet lower than the briefed bombing altitude. A wind shift in the target area caused them to run slightly past the I.P. 2/10 to 4/10 clouds were encountered in the target area, while visibility was reported slightly restricted by haze.

OBSERVATIONS: 2 s/e e/a were observed taking off from Mannheim/Sandhofen A/F at 1303 hours, and 10 Me-109s were seen taking off from Eutingen A/F at 1320 hours. A convoy of over 100 tanks or trucks was seen going toward Braine-La-Chateau. In addition, there was noted 20 large huts or buildings east of Holsfeld, a large military installation at Sonnenberg, six tripod gun batteries on the coast at 5105N-0202E., new constructions and buildings at 4921N-0806E., many boats and barges in locks or pens in a river at 4908N-0912E., considerable

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destroyed and the other received a direct hit. A small workshop and smaller airfield buildings were damaged or destroyed. At least three a/c were damaged or destroyed on the field.

Leipheim:- Very good results.

98 B-24s dropped 730 x 500 G.P. and 1302 x 100 I.B. - 248 tons - from 17,500 - 19,500 feet at 1345 to 1351 hours.

A very heavy and concentrated pattern of H.E. was laid down on the building area of the airfield. The main repair hangar received a direct hit on one wing and the remaining eight large hangars were all destroyed or severely damaged. Fires were started throughout the barracks area and PRU cover shows very severe damage to all installations. Four a/c were damaged on the airfield.

Cablingen:- Very good results.

120 B-24s dropped 370 x 500 G.P., 475 x 100 G.P. and 3322 x 100 I.B. - 282 tons - from 16,700 - 19,000 feet at 1343 to 1351 hours.

There were two objectives at this repair and equipment depot. The equipment storage section building in the woods north of the airfield was first attacked, and the first bombs down started large fires and explosions. The succeeding waves placed their bombs well, and the entire area was seen covered by smoke. PRU cover shows devastation through the building with fires still burning. The second objective was the repair and hangar area of the airfield, and this also was well hit with H.E. and I.B. Three of the six large hangars received direct hits and PRU cover shows two of these hangars gutted. A number of barracks and small workshops were destroyed or damaged. At least seven a/c were damaged or destroyed on the field.

Oberraffenhofen:- Good results.

64 B-17s dropped 525 x 500 G.P. and 1241 x 100 I.B. - 193 tons - from 16,000 - 21,500 feet at 1335 to 1407 hours.

The first bombs down scored direct hits on two of the five assembly hangars. The second wave fell just outside the target area, while the third wave covered the airfield buildings at the north end of the field. PRU cover shows every major building damaged to some degree. Three of the five assembly hangars are severely damaged. Two of the three flight hangars are destroyed as well as most of the barracks area and numerous other small airfield buildings. There were at least 12 a/c damaged or destroyed as a result of the bombing.

Langsbach:- Very good results.

37 B-17s dropped 395 x 500 G.P. and 688 x 100 I.B. - 135 tons - from 19,000 - 21,000 feet at 1342 to 1409 hours.

The target hangars and airfield buildings were completely enveloped by two heavy concentrations of H.E. and by the last wave of I.B. PRU cover shows the large repair hangar partially destroyed, and damage to five of the six other large hangars. Numerous fires were started throughout the barracks area. 13 a/c were damaged or destroyed on the field.

Willingen:- Good results on the airfield - poor on the equipment depot.

109 B-17s dropped 530 x 500 G.P., 681 x 100 G.P., and 1576 x 100 I.B. - 245 tons - from 19,000 - 21,500 feet at 1342 to 1345 hours.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

315th Operation - 24 April 1944

- 1st Bombardment Division - Landsberg A/F,  
Oberpfaffenhofen and  
Erding A/F.
- 2nd Bombardment Division - Leipheim and Gablingen A/F.
- 3rd Bombardment Division - Friedrichshafen.

Thirteen combat wings totalling 524 B-17s and 230 B-24s escorted by 22 USAAF fighter groups, were dispatched to attack five Luftwaffe targets in the Munich area, and aircraft and tank components plants at Friedrichshafen. Weather was clear and all targets were very successfully attacked, with the exception of one plant at Friedrichshafen, where a smoke screen hindered bombing.

The only serious air opposition was met by 1st Division B-17s bombing Oberpfaffenhofen, which were attacked by 75 - 200 c/a from the vicinity of Augsburg until after their target. Twenty B-17s were lost to c/a on this mission. Fighters escorting the 1st Division likewise reported a large number of sightings and combats, while the groups escorting other divisions reported meeting only about 40 c/a in all.

35 B-17s and four B-24s were lost, but 13 crew members were picked up by Air Sea Rescue. 14 Eighth Air Force fighters and three from Ninth Air Force were lost. Total fighter claims are 66-5-2- for air engagements and 58-0-38 for strafing attacks on several aircraft. Bomber claims have not yet been evaluated.

BOMBER OPERATIONS

Unit	(AB)	Number of A/C		Lost	Tons		O.T.'s	
		Disp.	Attached		Primary	I.B.	G.P.	I.B.
1st Bomb Div.			Primary	O.T.'s	G.P.	I.B.	G.P.	I.B.
1st C.W.	57	55	54	0	65	42	0	0
2nd C.W.	51	52	43	0	88	23	0	0
41st C.W.	65	55	55	0	94	34	0	0
41 B.C.W.	59	56	37	13	42	39	45	0
24th C.W.	60	52	52	0	74	37	0	0
1st Tailfins	10	10	9	0	23	0	0	0
	<u>310</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>

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1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
APO 557

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IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. 89, 0430 hours, 25 April, 1944.

This report covers strike attack photography of the 91st, 92nd, 303rd, 305th, 306th, 351st, 379th, 381st, 384th, 401st and 457th Bombardment Groups taken during the mission of 24 April, 1944 to targets in SOUTHERN GERMANY.

LANDSBERG

The target was the LANDSBERG AIRFIELD situated 32 miles west by south of MUNICH and 2 miles northeast of LANDSBERG. This airfield has extensive repair facilities and is reported to be used as a base for twin-engined fighters.

Two concentrations of general purpose bombs fell into the south central portion of the target area. In addition to these strikes, a concentration of incendiary bursts can be seen in the barracks area.

Three large flight hangars near the northeastern dispersal area received direct hits. The most westerly hangar received at least four direct hits and the second hangar received at least two direct hits. The remaining hangar received a direct hit near the southern edge and a small fire appears to be starting.

Two repair hangars received direct hits. One of these hangars received four direct hits, the other received two hits.

A large workshop building received at least two direct hits. At least three small workshop buildings received direct hits and should be severely damaged.

Incendiary bombs can be seen bursting on barracks buildings north of the hangar area. Smoke covers most of this area, however it is possible to see that at least five of the barracks were hit.

There were approximately 59 aircraft visible on the field at the time of the attack. At least six of these will be seriously damaged or destroyed.

ERDING (Mr. MUNCH)

The target was the ERDING AIR EQUIPMENT DEPOT AND AIRFIELD two miles ENE of ERDING and 20 miles NE of MUNICH. This depot is one of considerable importance and holds large stocks of aircraft parts and other equipment which is drawn on by the G.A.F. in the south.

Four concentrations of general purpose bombs fell into the target area.

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 11/1/44

Squadron 368th

Place where attacked Marsh Area

A/C No. 093

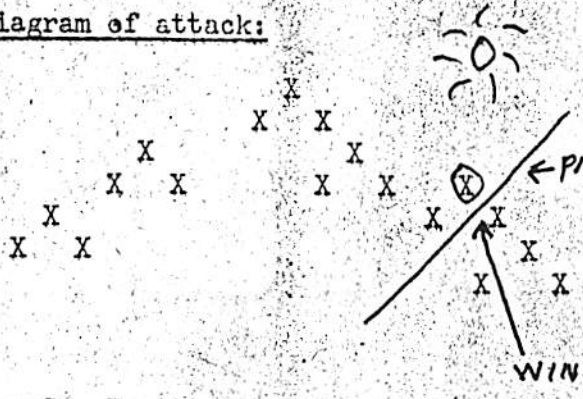
Time 17:15 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- ~~One No 109 came across from 7 o'clock level towards 1 o'clock low, tail gunner fired and pilot bailed out in blue chute shaped like tow target. (Long blue hot dog).~~

NO CLAIM  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A 109
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - WING BROKE level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
  - One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. C.L. Hill

Positions Tail Gunner

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. Adams

Position in A/C Tail gunner, he saw the chute.

Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Paul

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 23/4/44

Squadron 365th

Place where attacked \_\_\_\_\_

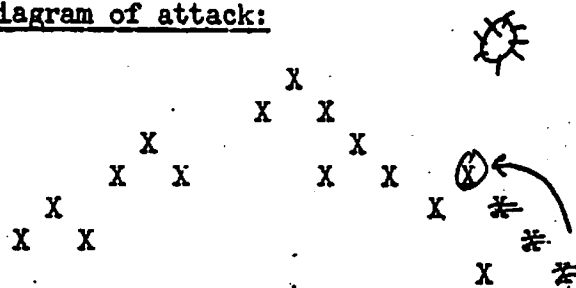
A/C No: 091-F

Time 1250 Height 19,000

1. Story of the attack:- About the 3rd attack by enemy fighters, about 6 ME 109's, silver and yellow, flying parallel at 3 O'clock high peeled off one at a time and attacked in tail from 11:30 - 2 O'clock reaching underneath. Right waist gunner boxed them low, flames all covering fuselage of 2nd A/C which passed below and was seen in flames by Ball turret gunner. Pilot bailed out at 10,000 ft.

(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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;
- From high above 3 O'clock
- level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- (Check belcw \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock
- One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

<b>NO CLAIM</b>	
A-2.	I.E.W.

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Sgt. J.K. Atkins

Positions Right Waist

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. E. Goldhurst

Position in A/C Ball turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. E.H. Pool

COMBAT FORM

Group \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron 306th

Place where attacked 28/4/44

A/C No: A23rd

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of <sup>504</sup>the attack:-

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3 Me 109's came from 11 o'clock high, top turret hit leader of them, he fell out of control ( almost into our formation ) with smoke pouring out, and winging over.

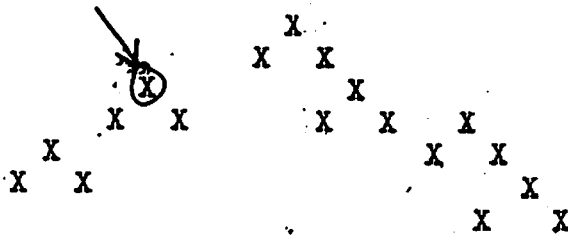
NO CLAIM  
A-2, I.B.W.

(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 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. type of E/A 300
- d. level of attack 3000  
From high above \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
belcw \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(Check One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Positions T/Sgt. G.J. Peterson

4. If E/A was <sup>Top Turret</sup>shot down or Damaged:

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in A/C Lt. Sutton; flying on the left, and T/Sgt. Poston.

Other A/C firing at the <sup>Co-pilot</sup> same time? Radio Op.

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Peel.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 67th

Place where attacked Just before bombs away

A/C No 099-S

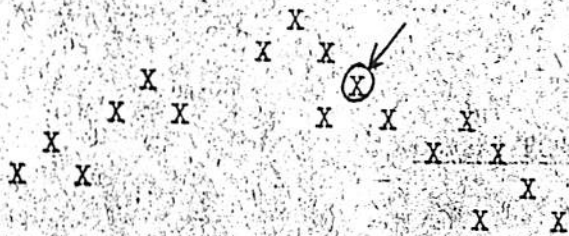
Time 1325 Height 15,000

1. Story of the attack: - ME 109 from about 1 O'clock high, fired short bursts, then long bursts. (within 250 yds.) - plenty of smoke out of right wing, plane rolled over on back, went down.

<b>NO CLAIM</b>	
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.

Date on Combat  
a. our heading \_\_\_\_\_  
b. visibility good  
c. type of E/A ME 109  
d. level of attack;  
From high above \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names T/Sgt. W.P. Powers

Positions Top Turret

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time Not unless from ship behind. Doubt it.

5. Comments of the interrogator: Possibly destroyed

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Kavanaugh

COMBAT FORM

Group 366th

Date 24/4/44

Squadron 367th

Place where attacked Just before bombs away

A/C No: 699-B

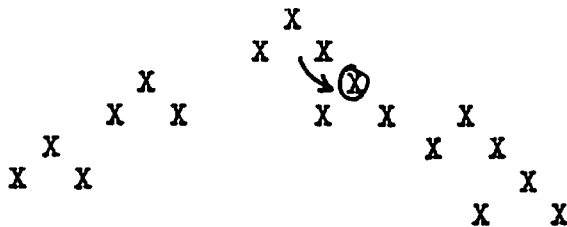
Time 1324 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- MB 109 came within 300yds. - gunner fired - ship went absolutely out of control, and over and. Smoke rolled out. Gunners feel sure claim valid but not sure if solely responsible. Was trailing smoke when he came in.

NO CLAIM  
A-2, LEV.

(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 80° - 90°  
c. type of E/A good  
d. level of attack, MB 109  
From high above \_\_\_\_\_ 0'clock  
level \_\_\_\_\_ 0'clock  
below 9130 0'clock  
One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ 0'clock

little high

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names S/Ogt. R.A. Simpson

Positions left waist

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time? Possibly

5. Comments of the interrogator: Definite destroyed but not but not

sure if this man.

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

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Kavanaugh

COMBAT FORM

Group 366th  
 Squadron 367th  
 A/C No: 053-U

Date 21/4/45  
 Place where attacked near Augsburg

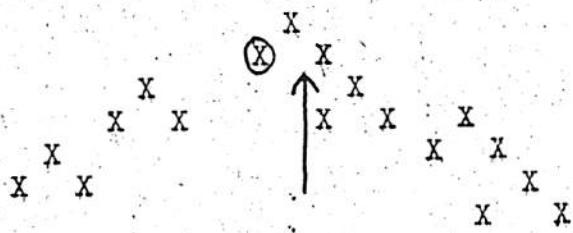
Time 1325 Height \_\_\_\_\_

1. Story of the attack:- 2 ME 109's were attacking, crippled ship on our right from the tail. An E/A attacked right waist gunner fired at 1st and he peeled off smoking. 2nd E/A came in from tail and I held trigger down. This one peeled off smoking and after big puff of flame. Pilot bailed out.

NO CLAIM  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. type of E/A \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. level of attack;  
 From high above 610 O'clock  
 level \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 (Check below \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock  
 One) very low \_\_\_\_\_ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Sgt. D.M. Winter  
 Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Right waist  
 Positions \_\_\_\_\_

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

S/Sgt. G. Wildstein  
 Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_  
Left Waist  
 Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other A/C firing at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Comments of the interrogator: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet.

Time \_\_\_\_\_ Interrogator Capt. Baldwin