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

APO 557
26 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Gelsenkirchen

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

1. Narrative
The 306th Group flew 36 A/C as 40th "B" CBW. The formation substantially followed briefed course to a point east of Osnabruck, 5212N x 0822E, 5129N x 0810E, 5136N x 0740E, 5145N x 0732E, to target. On way to target Buckeye Blue advised Combat Wing leader target was visible straight down, but it was very hazy and he doubted if bombardier could see it. Leader decided to make run and lead plane succeeded in getting to within a mile of target. Could not bomb because of haze and lead proceeded northwest to secondary, passing last resort, both overcast. Leader then took lead group south toward Aachen looking for T.O. then northwest to Brecht, leaving enemy coast at Overflakee Island. Low Group flew over target but could not bomb identifying MPI as group passed over. Flew northwest from target toward secondary, out enemy coast north of Rotterdam. High Group bombed primary and continued virtually on briefed course out.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support
No E/A was seen by this group.
P-51's first appeared at 1110 hours, 5242N x 0411E; then P-47's at enemy coast and as briefed thereafter. Crews generally state support was excellent without gaps.

3. A.A. Gun Fire
Barrage and tracking encountered for seven minutes in target area. Most accurate on turn off target where some tracking flak came up to our altitude. Barrage was consistently low, firing into chaff of previous CBW. Meager but very accurate tracking flak on our lead group at Brecht northeast of Antwerp on way out. Damage: Lead Group, 3 minor, 3 severe, Low Group, 5 minor, 1 severe, 1 missing, High Group, no damage.

4. Bombing
Only High Group was able to bomb. Pictures show target but smoke makes it difficult to place exact bomb pattern. Oil fire in target area.

5. Nickels
A/C #362-K dropped 5 G26 and 5 XG19; A/C #297-N dropped 5 XG20 and 5 XG21; on primary at 1230 hours.

6. Weather
Solid overcast over England and channel; broke at enemy coast into scattered low clouds and dense haze. Condition prevailed over target and out until Zuider Zee where 6/10ths coverage was encountered. Contrails at 24,000 feet.

7. Observations
None.

8. Report On Loss of A/C #946-T, Allen, D.C.

The following two reports include all the elements of the story as reported by various other crews:

A/C #896-X, pilot Murphy, reports Allen hit by A.A. gun fire over target, pulled off to the left and went into dive, then fell apart; three chutes seen, no fire. 1234 hours.

A/C #943-L, pilot Ruffin flying on 325° Mag. heading, reports that Allen, received direct hit from A.A. gun fire on left wing. Wing tip blew off, and skin peeled off up to outboard engine. Allen turned to the left and went into tight spin--large pieces breaking off his A/C. One to four chutes reported.

9. Other A/C In Distress

P-47 at 1128 hours near Zuider Zee, tail blew off; no chute seen.
Unidentified fighter, 1235 hours, blew up in spin; no chute.

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

## Formation - Mission - 26 August, 1944

**40th "B" Lead**

**Lt. Col. Riordan**
**Peterson ***
397-O
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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lindwall 10 | Delanoer 3 | Clyes 2 | Schoonbachler * 7 |
| Lewis * 12 | Silverman 11 | Wood 4 | Gates 9 |
| | | | Cox 8 |
| | Wilke 6 | Hutchinson 5 | |

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**40th "B" Low**

**Sasser ***
363-O
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|---|---|---|---|
| Dodge 22 | Shepherd 15 | Hibluck 14 | Murphy 19 |
| Sumner * 24 | Christjohn 23 | Irwin 16 | Brown * 21 |
| | | | Hattier 20 |
| | Allen, D.C. 18 | Ruffin 17 | |

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**40th "B" High**

**Hollonough ***
25

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|---|---|---|---|
| Adam 34 | White 27 | Hagenfohr 26 | Adeler * 31 |
| Bailey 36 | Conlin 35 | Metzger * 28 | Schneider (Nickels) 33 |
| | | | Braun (Nickels) 32 |
| | Burrell 30 | McAllister 29 | |

* Indicates Camera in Aircraft

Formation - Mission - 26 August, 1944

40th "B" Lead

Lt. Col. Riordan
Paterson *
397-O

Lingwall
143-P

Delapaar
055-A

Alyea
153-G

Schoenbachler *
549-D

Lewis
196-O

Silverman
619-S

Mead
967-B

Gates
503-W

Fox
976-B

Milka
963-P

Hutchinson
626-X

Sasser *
368-O

Dodge
148-K

Shepherd
575-X

Mihlack
323-H

Murphy
896-X

Summer *
512-A

Chrisjohn
155-J

Erwin
633-Z

Brown *
185-J

Nattier
296-G

Allen, D.C.
946-T

Ruffin
943-L

40th "B" High

McDonough *
690-W

Adam
969-X

White
726-O

Wagenfohr
133-W

Edeler *
557-Y

Bailey
180-K

Conlin
065-A

Metzger *
578-D

Schneider
297-N
(Nickels)

Braun
362-K
(Nickels)

Burrell
129-L

McAllister
715-V

* Indicates Camera in Aircraft

EMP - 40 CBW V THU NR 1 P

FROM:- COMBOMGR THREE HUNDRED SIX - 261830B AUG 44
TO :- COMBOMDIV - ONE.
COMBATWIG - FORTY.
ATTN:- A-2

306 BG A-417-E 26 AUG 44 OPERATIONAL REPORT.

1. A/C 362-K DROPPED 5G26 AND 5 XG 19; A/C 297 - N DROPPED 5 XG 20 AND 5 XG 21; ON PRIMARY, GELSENKIRCHEN, AT 1230 HOURS.

2. ONLY HIGH GROUP WAS ABLE TO BOMB. PICTURES SHOW TARGET BUT SMOKE MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO PLACE EXACT BOMB PATTERN. OIL FIRE IN TARGET AREA.

3. NONE SEEN.

4. BARRAGE AND TRACKING ENCOUNTERED FOR SEVEN MINUTES IN TARGET AREA. MOST ACCURATE ON TURN OFF TARGET WHERE SOME TRZ TRACKING FLAK CAME UP TO OUR ALTITUDE. BARRAGE WAS CONSISTENTLY LOW, FIRING INTO CHAFF OF PREVIOUS C.B.W.
MEAGER BUT VERY ACCURATE TRACKING FLAK ON OUR LEAD GROUP AT BRECHT NORTHEAST OF ANTWERP ON WAY OUT.
DAMAGE: LEAD GROUP, 3 MINOR, 3 SEVERE. LOW GROUP, 5 MINOR, 1 SEVERE 1 MISSING. HIGH GROUP, NO DAMAGE.

5. SOLID OVERCAST OVER ENGLAND AND CHANNEL; BROKE AT ENEMY COAST INTO SCATTERED LOW CLOUDS AND DENSE HAZE. CONDITION PREVAILED OVER TARGET AND OUT UNTIL ZUIDER ZEE WHERE 6/10 COVERAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED. CONTRAILS AT 24,000 '.

6. FIGHTER SUPPORT: P-51'S FIRST APPEARED AT 1110 HOURS, 5242 N - 0411 E; THEN P-47'S AT ENEY COAST AND AS BRIEFED THEREAFTER. CREWS GENERALLY STATE SUPPORT WAS EXCELLENT WITHOUT GAPS.

7. THE 306TH GROUP FLEW 36 A/C S AS 40TH "B" CBW. THE FORMATION SUBSTANTIALLY FOLLOWED BRIEFED COURSE TO A POINT EAST OF OSNABRUCK, 5212 N - 0822 E, 5129 N - 0810 E, 5136N - 0740 E, 5145 N - 0732 E, TO TARGET. .ON WAY TO TARGET BUCKEYE BLUE ADVISED COMBAT WING LEADER TARGET WAS VISIBLE STRAIGHT DOWN BUT IT WAS VERY HAZY AND HE DOUBTED IF BOMBARDIER COULD SEE IT. LEADER DECIDED TO MAKE RUN AND LEAD PLANE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING TO WITHIN A MILE OF TARGET. COULD NOT BOMB BECAUSE OF HAZE . LEAD PROCEEDED NORTHEAST TO SECONDARY, PASSING LAST RESORT, BOTH OVERCAST. LEADER THEN TOOK LEAD GROUP SOUTH TOWARD AACHEN LOOKING FOR T O. THEN NORTHEAST TO BRECHT, LEAVING ENEMY COAST AT OVERFLAKKEE ISLAND. LOW GROUP FLEW OVER TARGET BUT COULD NOT BOMB IDENTIFYING MPI AS GROUP PASSED OVER. FLEW NORTHEAST FROM TARGET TOWARD SECONDARY, OUT ENEMY COAST NORTH OF ROTTERDAM. HIGH GROUP BOMBED PRIMARY AND CONTINUED VIRTUALLY ON BRIEFED COURSE OUT.

A/C IN DISTRESS:
OUR A/C 946 B T PILOT ALLEN, HIT BY FLAK OVER TARGET, WENT INTO SPIN, BROKE TO PIECES: THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR CHUTES SEEN.

OTHER A/C: P-47 1128 HOURS NEAR ZUIDER ZEE, TAIL BLEW OFF: NO CHUTE SEEN. UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTER, 1235 HOURS, FXXX BLEW UP IN SPIN: NO CHUTE.
NO ~~XXXPARXX~~ SPARES. NO A/C REW RETURNED EARLY. NO PFF A/C.

" ROBINSON - COMBOMGR 306"

BT - 261830B
AS FOR CHECK.
CC IN PARA 6., FIGHTER SUPPORT., WB COAST ... ENEMY
IN PARA 7.. ALL THE NORTHEASTS SHOULD BE NORTHWEST IMI SHUD BE NORTHWEST
M.H. B-1
AS FOR R.
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EMP R.....261935B AWF KK

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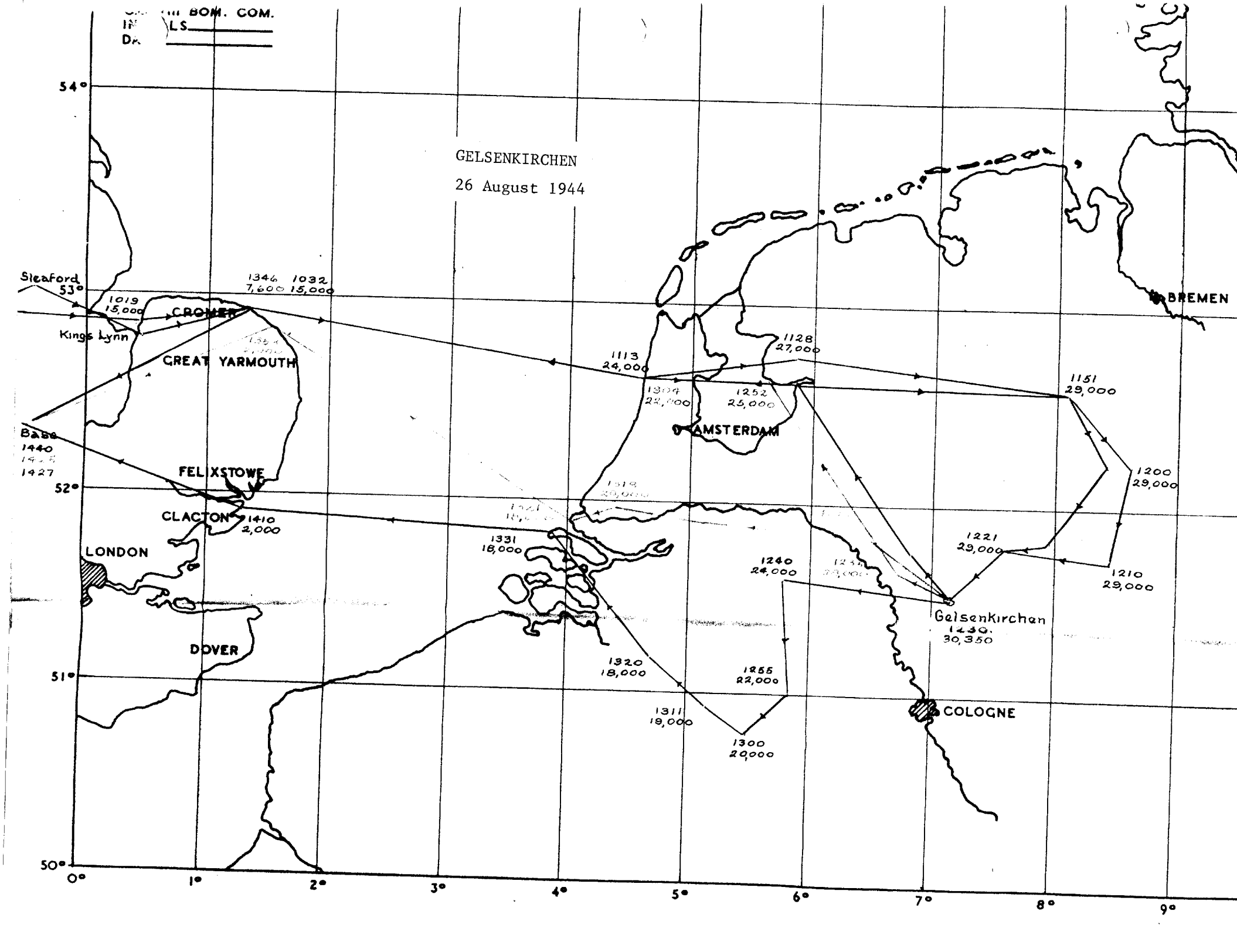
GELSENKIRCHEN

26 August 1944



# BRIEFING SHEET

Date 26 Aug. '44

Breakfast 0230 Briefing 0330

| "A" Group | Time | Code | Flares | "B" Group | Time | Code | Flares |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Start Eng. | 0555 | | YY | Start Eng. | | | |
| Taxi | 0610 | | RY | Taxi | | | |
| Take-Off | 0620 | | GG | Take-Off | | | |
| Scrub | | | RR | Scrub | | | |
| Standby | | | GY | Standby | | | |

Take-Off and Assembly Plan Runway 24

"A" Group: 245 Veg. for 28 min. "B" Group: ___ Veg. for ___ min.
Left 112 Veg. for 09 min. ___ Veg. for ___ min.
___ Veg. for ___ min. ___ Veg. for ___ min.

Homing on Mo. Farm at 10000 ft. Homing on ___ at ___ ft.

Friendly Activities: ~~8 CW's of 2nd div. on Emerich, Dulmen, Magdeburg. Great Yarmouth at zero plus 42 mins. 8 CW's of 2nd div. on Ludwigshafen. Felixstowe at zero hour. 3rd div. on targets in Brest Area.~~

1st Division Formation: 40-A, B, 41-A, B, 1-A, B, C, 94-A, B, C.

40 "B" CBW Lead 423 Lo 367 Hi 368 : "B" CBW Lead ___ Lo ___ Hi ___

| | Fighters: | Call Signs | Type | Rv Coordinates | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40- | Balance ~~///~~ | 2-1 | 1XP-47 | 5237-0551 | 0926 |
| | | 2-2 | 1-X-P-51 | " | 0936 |
| | | 2-3 | 1-X-P-51 | " | 0940 |
| | | 2-4 | 1-X-P-51 | sweeping target area and bringing out stragglers. | |

FIGHTER REFERENCE POINTS:
O = Zwolle
V = Lingen
K = Osnabruck
N = Soelinghausen
S = Enschede
I = Eindhoven
U = Liege
H = Trier
Y = Ludwigshafen

Route: ~~////////~~ 40th "B" CBW Plus 3rd Group

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Y | Mo. Farm | at 0727 | at 10000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| N | 5140-0130N | at 0733 | at " ft | | | at | at | ft |
| O | 5150-0150N | at 0737 | at " ft | | | at | at | ft |
| J | 5210-0110N | at 0745 | at 10,000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| K | Leicester | at 0755 | at 11000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| L | Blearford | at 0807 | at 13000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| Q | Kings Lynn | at 0820 | at 15000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| I | Cromer | at 0832 | at 15000 ft | begin climb | | at | at | ft |
| | 5237-0437 | at 0913 | at 23000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | 5237-0551 | at 0927 | at 26000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | 5238-0805 | at 0949 | at 25000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | 5213-0823 | at 0959 | at " ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | 5149-0758 | at 1010 | at " ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | 5147-0737 (I.P.) | at 1015 | at " ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | Target 5136N-0702E | at 1026 | at " ft | begin descent | | at | at | ft |
| | 5144-0648 | at 1029 | at 27000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | 5237-0551 | at 1044 | at 20000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | 5237-0437 | at 1101 | at " ft | begin descent | | at | at | ft |
| | Cromer | at 1145 | at 2000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
| | Base | at 1218 | at 2000 ft | | | at | at | ft |
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8. Special Instructions: Base ref. alt. - 20,000 ft. Div. assembly line, Kings Lynn to Cromer. Int. between CBW's, 3 mins. No second runs. Weather A/C Goldfinch "Q" Weather Beq. - B-A-T-I-V. 4 X P-51's (Buckeye Blue) over target 20 mins. before 1st A/C of 40 "A" CBW.

9. Zero Hour 0830 . "A" Bombs 8/500 Int Salvo . "B" Bombs Int

10. "A" Gas 2500 . Chaff 4 mins. before I.P. for 18 minutes.
"B" Gas . Chaff

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| 11. | Air Comm. Lt. Col. Riordan | | Air Comm. |
| | Gp. C. [illegible] Riordan, McDonough, Bassor | | Gp. C. O. |
| | Gp. Deputy Alyea, Wagenfohr, Niblack. | | Gp. Deputy |
| 12. | Bombers Kinnaux Vinegrove 2-2 | | Bombers |
| | G.S.C. Colgate | | G.S.C. |
| | "A" Group | | "B" Group |
| | To monitor Chan. "C" US | | "C" US |
| | " " " "C" RAF | | "A" RAF |
| | " " " "B" US | | "B" US |

40th Recall - "Southern Swamp Water"

13. VHF Code Words. Recall R-C-B-I. Visual Bombing
IP-PFF Bombing Authentication Bull Pen

14.

| | Call Sign | Flares | Tail Letter |
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| 40 "B" | | | |
| Lead Gp | Foxhole Baker Leader | YY-YY | |
| High Gp | " " High | RY | |
| Low Gp | " " Low | RG | |
| Gp | | | |
| Gp | | | |
| Gp | | | |
| 94 CBW | Woodcraft | | |
| 1 CBW | Swordfish | | |
| 41 CBW | Cowboy | | |
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Mt. Pare
Let Down Splasher Deg. 40° Mag

Pundit Flashing Letter

16. Colors of the Day:

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Color HAVE THESE.
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Answer

Spare Aircraft

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| Number | 169 | 198 | | | |
| Letter | K | D | | | |
| Displ | | 51 | | | |
| Sqdn | | 382 | | | |

17. Formations:

# AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

26 August 1944
(DATE)

| SQDN. | TYPE A/C | SERIAL NO. | FLAK | 20MM | .303 | 50CAL FIRE | 50CAL SHELL CASES | | | DAYS EST IN-OP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 367th | G W | 42-97133 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G O | 42-31726 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G D | 42-102578 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G V | 43-37715 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G L | 42-38129 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G X | 42-102969 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G Z | 42-31065 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| 368th | G W | 42-31690 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G O | 42-97368 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G M | 42-97323 | SEV | | | | | | | |
| | G X | 43-37575 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G Z | 43-37633 | SLI | | | | | | | |
| | G L | 42-37943 | SLI | | | | | | | |
| | G T | 42-97946 | M/A | | | | | | | |
| | G K | 42-38148 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G J | 42-38155 | SLI | | | | | | | |
| | G A | 42-102512 | SLI | | | | | | | |
| 369th | G P | 42-31143 | SEV | | | | | | | |
| | G S | 43-37619 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G O | 42-31196 | SEV | | | | | | | |
| | G Y | 42-102557 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G K | 43-38562 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G N | 42-97297 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G X | 42-97896 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G G | 43-38296 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G J | 42-97185 | SLI | | | | | | | |
| 423rd | G O | 42-97397 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G G | 43-38153 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | G M | 42-107055 | SLI | | | | | | | |

| TOTAL DAMAGED | SEVERE | SLIGHT | FLAK | 20MM | .303 | 50Cal Fire | 50Cal Shell Cases | Dispatched |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 |

MISSING: 1

ABORTIONS: 0

AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

| SQDN. | TYPE A/C | SERIAL NO. | FLAK | 20MM | .303 | 50CAL. FIRE | 50CAL. SHELL CASES | (DATE) | | DAYS EST IN-OP |
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| 423rd | G B | 43-37967 | SLI | | | | | | | |
| | G X | 43-37616 | O | | | | | | | |
| | G P | 42-39963 | SEV | | | | | | | |
| | G D | 43-37549 | O | | | | | | | |
| | G W | 42-102503 | SLI | | | | | | | |
| | G F | 43-37976 | O | | | | | | | |
| | G K | 42-97180 | O | | | | | | | |
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# OPERATIONAL REPORT

STATISTICAL SECTION: "A"

Lechlade 1700 Lowth B.H.P.

PRIORITY
TO: C.G., 1st Bomb Division,
40th Combat Wing,
Attention: A-2.

The information contained in this section will be telephoned within (5½) hours after planes have landed to Div. H.Q., A-2 Duty Officer. It will be submitted for each primary target.

26 aug. 1944

1. Designation of Group. — 1. 306th

2. Total number of airplanes dispatched (airborne) per Group, including spares. — 2. 36 (no PFF no spares)

3. Total number of sorties (missions) per group — 3. 36

4. Total number of airplanes attacking per Group. (If targets other than the primary are attacked, this information will be given on each.) — 4. 12
Ld + Low 9ps Ld not attack

3/ 1 1-Kmla 1-G.U.

5. Number of airplanes dispatched which failed to attack per Group. — 5.
(a) Due to mechanical failure — (a) 0
(b) Due to weather. — (b) 24 bombs screen and
(c) Due to enemy action (lost before target reached, etc. — (c) 0 ground haze
(d) Other (Include spares) — (d) 0

6. Number of airplanes lost. — 6.
(a) To anti-aircraft fire. — (a) 1
(b) To enemy fighters — (b) 0
2nd (5) (c) To anti-aircraft fire & enemy fighters — (c) 0
(d) To accident, etc., over enemy territory — (d) 0
(e) By reasons unknown. — (e) 0

3rd (2). Times of attack of each group — 7. High - 1230

8. Altitudes of attack of each group — 8. High - 30,350 ft; 235° mag.

9. Bombs on each target per group — 9. High
(a) Number — (a) 80
(b) Size — (b) 500
(c) Type — (c) M64s + 1 smoke

10. Personnel casualties — 10.
(a) Number killed — (a) 0
(b) Number wounded — (b) 2 (slight)
(c) Number missing. (If any personnel are known to have been rescued from the water, the number will be stated here. If rescues are made subsequent to the time the report is rendered, the information will be forwarded by teletype as soon as possible. — (c) 9
(d) Number rescued from the water — (d) 0

11. Airplanes suffering battle damage. (This will be an estimate only. Detailed report covered under Group Statistics). — 11. (Total 12)
(a) Minor (Category A and AC) — (a) 8
(b) Major (Category B) — (b) 4
(c) Salvage (Category E) (crash landings, crashes on takeoff, collisions over England, etc.) — (c) (plus 1 lost)

12. Claims 0

13. Leaflets 5G26; 5XG19; A/C#362-K
5XG20; 5XG21. A/C# 299-N

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOHN A. [illegible]NSFATHER,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

B.H.P.

5. **Descriptio** Solid overcast over England and Channel (~~rising 25000'~~) ~~broke~~ at enemy coast into scattered low clouds and dense haze. Condition prevailed over target and out until Zuider Zee where 6/10 coverage was encountered. Con trails at 24000'

6. Important observations of enemy installations, land or sea movements, etc. The number of the group which made the observation will be given in each instance. If photos have been taken - obliques or verticals - a note will be made to the effect.

Above Flak Heavy & Inaccurate Observation-None

Fighter support - ~~Good~~ ~~Fighters~~ P-51's at 1116 hours, 5242N-0411E; then P-47's at enemy coast and as briefed thereafter, a Crew generally state support was excellent

7. Any other information that will help Division and higher headquarters to better understand the execution and problems of the mission. This will include full information regarding the operation of any Pathfinder units, when utilized, effectiveness of friendly fighter support. Operation of AFCE.

(1) The 306th Group flew 36 a/c as 40th "B" CBW. The formation substantially followed briefed course to a point east of Osnabruck, 5212N-0822E, 5129N-0819E, 5136N-0740E, 5145N-0732E, to target.

(7) ~~Of the attack as indicated by instruments of the PFF aircraft.~~ On way to target Buckeye Blue Leader advised Combat wing ~~Bombardier~~ Leader target was visible straight down when over it, but it was very hazy and he doubted if bombardier could see it. Leader decided to make run and lead plane ~~bombardier~~ succeeded in getting to within a mile of target. ~~Bombardier~~ Could not ~~bomb because~~ of haze and lead proceeded to secondary, passing ~~bombed~~ last resort, both aircraft, Leader then took lead group

Northwest

South toward Aachen looking for T.O. - then N.W. to Brecht, leaving enemy coast at Overflakkee Island.

briefed course to 5212 N 0822 E, 5129 N 0810 E, 5136 N 0740 E, 5145 N 0732 E target. High group bombed primary and followed briefed route out. Lead group flew N.W. towards secondary, then back towards Aachen, back to Brecht and out at Overflakkee. Low group N.W. towards secondary then out enemy coast N. of Rotterdam.

1120 - 5245 - 0505 E left coast 9 miles
1128 5251 N 0554 E — Dummelake at
5134 — 0820 E — Passed I.P. 7 miles
then right across target - lead to right
about 2 miles. On course after target to
5150-0630 E turned to secondary to 5145 N 0550 E
Saw 2 = 9 over coast - to 5156 N 0502 E then saw
L.D. coast - then to 5159-0425 E then north
to 5210 - 0430 then left coast at 1321 hrs
5162 N - 0402 E.

Report on Anti. Gunfire
306th Bomb Group (H)

1. TARGET Gelsenkirchen DATE OF MISSION 26 Aug. 44

2. ROUTE AS FLOWN: - over -

3. Weather Conditions (a) At Target strong haze - meager broken cloud
(b) En Route 8/10 undercast

4. Were our A/C "Seen" or "Unseen" Targets? (a) At Target ~~Allen~~ (b) En Route ~~Unseen~~
Any Condensation Trails? ~~no~~

5. Description of Flak at Target, including METHOD OF FIRE CONTROL, if possible.
Barrage and tracking encountered for seven minutes in target area. Most accurate on turn off target where some tracking flak came up to our alt. Barrage was ~~consistantly low~~ ~~firing into chaff of previous CBW.~~

6. Flak encountered or observed en route. (In the order experienced if possible)
~~Brecht~~ Brecht - meager, very accurate tracking. Majority of damage to lead group received here.

Vechta - obs.

7. Was CHAFF carried? Was it used as briefed, if not how was it used? Observation of crews.
13196 units of chaff as briefed
18 carpet sets.

8. Position of Group and Combat Wing. 40th "B" CBW

9. Details:-

| Group | No. of A/C over E/Territory | A/C hit by Flak | Lost to Flak | T.O.T. | Height | Axis of attack | Bomb run |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| lead | 12 | 6 (3-S) | 0 | did not bomb | | | |
| low | 12 | 6 (1-S) | 1 | did not bomb | | | |
| high | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1230 | 30350 | 235 | 330 |
| TOTALS | 36 | 12 (4-S) | 1 | | | | |

10. OBSERVATIONS: 3 rockets obs. in target area
Sodium lights obs. in target area
8/s at target.

Low Group flew over target but could not bomb, identifying MPI as group passed over. Lead flew N.W. from target turned secondary, out Enemy Coast north of Rotterdam.

High group bombed primary and continued virtually on briefed course out.

A/C in distress:

Our A/C 946-T, pilot Allen, hit by flak over target, went into spin, broke to pieces; three, possibly four chutes seen.

Other A/C : P-47, 1128 hours, near Zuider Zeetail blew off; no chute seen. Unidentified fighter , 1235 hours , blew up in spin; no chute.

No spares. No A/C returned early. Two P/ff A/C.

single-engine or twin-engine — section of bomber formation under attack, and any other helpful information will be given. Description and effect of any special weapons.

None seen —

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Barrage and tracking encountered for seven minutes in target area. Most accurate on turn off target where some tracking flak came up to our altitude. Barrage was consistently low, firing into chaff & previous CBW.

Meagre but very accurate tracking flak on our lead group at Brecht northeast of Antwerp. on way out.

~~Brecht area AA fairly accurate flak.~~ Damage,

Lead ~~group~~ 13 minor 3 sev.

~~Last group~~ 5 minor 1 sev - 1 missing

Right - no damage.

OPERATIONAL REPORT

NARRATIVE SECTION
"B"

PRIORITY
TO: C.G., 1st Bomb Division,
40th Combat Wing,
Attention: A-2

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The information contained in this section will be teletyped to reach Division Headquarters within five (5) hours after airplanes have landed.

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1. Places where leaflets were dropped, giving the number of leaflets (by bombs) of each type on each leaflet target. A/c 362K dropped 5 G 26 and 5 XQ 19; A/c 297-N dropped 5 XQ 20 and 5 XQ 21; on primary, Gelsenkirchen, at 1230 hours.

2. Description of bombing results as shown by strike photos. When no photos are available, describe results as reported by crews. If crews noted any explosions, fire or smoke after leaving target which do not show on strike photos, give this information together with altitude and distance from target when observations are made. When bombing is done using navigational devices and results cannot be observed, statement will be made covering the effectiveness of the attack as indicated by instruments of the PFF aircraft.

Only High Group was able to bomb.
Pictures show ~~smoke~~ target but smoke
makes it difficult to place exact bomb pattern.
Oil fire ~~caught~~ in Target area.

3. Description of enemy air opposition. The time, general areas, estimated number of E/A encountered in each phase of the opposition, types of E/A -- single-engine or twin-engine — section of bomber formation under attack, and any other helpful information will be given. Description and effect of any special weapons.

— None seen —

8

Report On loss of A/C 946-T , Allen, D.C.,

The following two reports include all the elements of the story as reported by various other crews:

A/C 896-X, pilot Murphy reports Allen hit by flak over target, pulled off ~~xxx~~ to the left and went into dive, then fell apart; three chutes seen, no fire. 1234 hours.

A/C 943-L, pilot Ruffin, flying on 325 Mag heading, reports that A/C 946-T, Allen, received direct hit from flak on left wing. Wing tip blew off, and skin peeled off up to outboard engine. Allen turned to the left and went into tight spin— large pieces breaking off his A/C. One to four chutes ~~xxxx~~ reported

9

Flak { Ld- Dmgd Lmng Missing
Line 6 3 1
Hvy 0 0 0

BOMB DISPOSAL

| NO. | A/C NO. | PILOT | JETTISONED | BROUGHT BACK | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 397-O | Riordan-Peterson | | $ X500 | |
| 2 | 153-G | Alyea | | $ X500 | |
| 3 | 055-H | DeLaporer | | $ X500 | |
| 4 | 987-B | Wood | | $ X500 | |
| 5 | 616-X | Hutchinson | | $ X500 | |
| 6 | 963-F | Wilkie | | $ X500 | |
| 7 | 549-D | Schoenbachler | | $ X500 | |
| 8 | 976-B | Mox | | $ X500 | |
| 9 | 503-H | Gates | | $ X500 | |
| 10 | 143-P | Lingwall | $ X500 | | 5745 0332 |
| 11 | 619-S | Silverman | | $ X500 | |
| 12 | 196-O | Lewis | | $ X500 | |
| 13 | 368-O | Sasser | | $ X500 | 5743 - 0446 |
| 14 | 323-H | Niblack | $ X500 | | |
| 15 | 575-X | Shepherd | $ X500 | | m. 5235N 0745E |
| 16 | 633-E | Erwin | $ X500 | | in channel on my lone |
| 17 | 943-L | Ruffin | | $ X500 | |
| 18 | 946-T | Allen, D. C. missing | $ X500 Lost on last A/C | | missing |
| 19 | ~~Hebert~~ | ~~Hebert~~ | | | |
| 20 | ~~[illegible]~~ | ~~Christian~~ | | | |
| 19 21 | 894-K | Murphy | | $ X500 | |
| 20 22 | 296-G | Nattier | | $ X500 | |
| 21 ~~23~~ | 185-J | Brown | | $ X500 | |
| 22 ~~24~~ | 143-K | Dodge | | $ X500 | |
| 23 ~~25~~ | 155-J | Chrisjohn | | $ X500 | |
| 24 ~~26~~ | 512-A | Summer | $ X500 | | |
| 27 | | | | | |
| 28 | | | | | |
| 29 | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | |
| | TOTAL | | | | |

BOMB DISPOSAL

| NO. | A/C NO. | PILOT | Primary | | JETTI-SONED | BROUGHT BACK | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25 1 | 690-[illegible] | McDonough | 8 X500 | plus bombs | | | |
| 26 2 | 133-[illegible] | Wagenfohr | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 27 3 | 726-C | White | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 28 4 | 57?-D | Metzger | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 29 5 | 715-V | McAllister | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 30 6 | 129-L | Burrell | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 31 7 | 557-Y | Edeler | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 32 8 | 362-K | Braun | 5 XG26<br>5 XG 19 | nickels | | | |
| 33 9 | 297-[illegible] | Schneider | 5 XG20<br>5 XG21 | nickels<br>" | | | |
| 34 10 | 969-X | Adam | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 35 11 | 065-A | Conlin | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 36 12 | 120-K | Bailey | 8 X500 | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | High – 80 X 500 dropped, plus nickels plus bombs | | | | | |
| 15 | | Lead – 96 carried; 88 brought back; 8 jettisoned | | | | | |
| 16 | | Low – 96 carried; 56 brought back; 32 jettisoned; 8 lost due to lost A/c. | | | | | |
| 17 | | Lead-low did not drop, "due | | | | | |
| 18 | | to malfunction + ground haze" | | | | | |
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DEP - 40CBU V THU NR 13 -P-
FROM COBOMBR 306 AUG 44
TO COMBOMDIV ONE. ATTENTION : NAVIGATOR.
COMBATWIG FORTY
CONFIDENTIAL BT

306BG A-413-E.
THE FOLLOWING IS THE ROUTE FLOWN BY THE 306TH GROUP FLYING LEAD , LOW AND HIGH GROUPS IN THE 40TH C.B.W. "B" FORCE ON MISSION TO XNEX GELSEN KIRCHEN ON AUGUST 26, 1944:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| RT FARM | 0923 | 10,000 |
| 5150 0130W | 0933 | 10,000 |
| 5150 0126W | 0937 | 10,000 |
| 5210 0112 | 0946 | 10,000 |
| LEICESTER | 0957 | 11,500 |
| 5255 0035W | 1007 | 12,500 |
| 5252 0036E | 1019 | 15,000 |
| CROMER | 1032 | 15,000 |
| 5237 0437 | 1113 | 24,000 |
| 5245 0552 | 1126 | 27,000 |
| 5235 0603 | 1151 | 29,000 |
| 5212 0634 | 1200 | 29,000 |
| 5140 0630 | 1210 | 29,000 |
| IP 5147 0737 | 121XXX 1221 | 29,000 |
| TARGET | 1225 | 29,000 |

LEAD, LOW AND HIGH GROUPS WERE INTACT UP TO THIS POINT GROUPS SLIT UP TO BOMB TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ROUTE BACK FLOWN BY THE LEAD GROUP:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5146 0547 | 1240 | 24,000 |
| 5100 0552 | 1255 | 22,000 |
| 5046 052XXX 0530 | 1300 | 20,000 |
| 5033 0510 | 12XXX 1311 | 19,00 |
| 5116 0440 | 1320 | 18,000 |
| 5147 0351 | 1331 | 16,000 |
| 5155 0118 | 1410 | 2,000 |
| BASE | 1440 | 2,000 |

FOLLOWING IS THE ROUTE FLOWN FROM TARGET BACK TO BASE BY THE LOW GROUP:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5150N 0630E | 1243 | 24,000 |
| 5156N 0502E | 1313 | 21,000 |
| 5159N 0425E | 1313 | 20,200 |
| 5152 0402 | 1321 | 18,000 |
| 5253 0125 | 1353 | 2,000 |
| BASE | 1425 | 1,500 |

FOLLOWING IS THE ROUTE FLOWN FROM TARGET BACK TO BASE BY THE HIGH GROUP:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5144 0643 | 1235 | 26,000 |
| 5237 0538 | 1232 | 25,000 |
| 5237 0437 | 1304 | 22,000 |
| CROMER | 1346 | 7,500 |
| BASE | 1427 | 1,020 |

HIGH GROUP BOMBED AT 1230 ON A MAG HEADING OF 235, 30,350 FT. BOMBING WAS VISUAL. LEAD AND LOW GROUP DID NOT BOMB DUE TO SMOKE AND HEAVY GROUND HAZE. CLOUD COVERAGE OVER ROUTE WAS 3/10 TO 5/10 COVERAGE.
--ROBINSON COBOMBR 306--
BT 26 1709B
AS
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CC 21ST LINE TEXT WA GROUPS SPLIT INT SPLIT
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K WITH R WHEN REQUESTED
AOCBU R.....2617309 BBA AR
DEP R.....2617309 ADF AR

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

APO 557
25 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Peenemunde and Parow

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

1. Narrative

34 a/c plus two PFF flew as 40th "A" Combat Wing. Route in was substantially as briefed; English coast 0949 hours, 5323N-0006E; enemy coast 1145 hours, 5431N-0910E; over primary with only the High group bombing at 1313; Parow bombed by Lead 1323½ and by Low at 1333 after latter had made second run. Lead and High reassembled and returned together, leaving enemy coast at 1414½, 5435N-0853E; English coast 1618 hours, 5320N-0006E; base 1711. Low group enemy coast 1424 hours, 5433N-0905E; Great Yarmouth 1619; base 1715.

Of the two PFF a/c, equipment of Lead did not function after reaching enemy coast. The other PFF was used as navigational aid and was especially helpful in view of 10/10 undercast until far side of Danish peninsula.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No enemy aircraft seen. P-51 escort first picked up at 1159 hours southeast of Flensburg, was described as thin and intermittent to target, but in considerable numbers over target. Strong P-51 support present on way out. A/C 087-F, pilot Evans, returning alone on three engines from target area, was escorted over enemy territory first by four P-51s and then by four P-47s.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

All three groups were over primary although only one bombed. Tracking A.A. gun fire moderate and inaccurate on Lead - 1 damaged. Moderate and accurate on Low - 6 damaged, 4 severe. Inaccurate on High - 2 damaged, 1 severe. No A.A. gun fire at secondary or en route.

4. Bombing

Lead bombardier had general target area in view throughout bomb run, but due to smoke did not pick up actual M.P.I. until too late to bomb accurately. Rather than miss he proceeded to briefed secondary, Parow A/D. Pictures show pattern directly on briefed M.P.I.

Low group bombardier had no difficulty in picking up primary M.P.I. but bombs failed to release. Immediately after lead a/c was hit by A.A. gun fire, and could not retain lead. Deputy took over and led group to secondary which was bombed with unobserved results, no pictures being available. Damaged lead a/c pulled out of formation and bombed T.O.

High group bombardier was oriented throughout bomb run. Killed drift by visual references, put cross hairs on primary I.P.I. as soon as picked up and made direct hits on building, confirmed by pictures.

5. Weather
10/10 undercast until west coast of Danish peninsula, then rapidly clearing to 3/10 at east coast, clear over target, slight haze.

6. Nickels
None carried.

7. Observations
Marshalling yard at Stralsund filled. Several large oil tanks S.E. of marshalling yard.

8. A/C Returning Early
A/c 575-X, pilot Patton, turned back 0845, Mt. Farm, due to mechanical failure; brought back 5 x 1000 HE. A/c 297-N, pilot Schneider, turned back 1022 hours, 5343N-0238E, mechanical failure; brought back 5 x 1000 HE. A/c 633-Z, pilot Allen, turned back 1130 hours, 5427N-0830E; jettisoned 5 x 1000 HE at 5427N-0820E. A/c 053-U, pilot Conlin, turned back 1203 hours, 5438N-0915E, due to mechanical failure; jettisoned 5 x 1000 HE west of Sylt Island.

9. A/C in Distress
B-17 from Wing behind, 1335 hours, on fire, blew up; no chutes seen.
1343 hours, B-17, blew up, no chutes.
1352 hours, probable fighter, 1100 degrees east, blew up; no chutes.

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

VIII BOMBER COMMAND – PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TRACK CHART

DATE 25 August 1944

TARGET

Primary Peenemunde, Germany

Secondary Parow, Germany

Last Resort

Planned

Actual

Route followed by 306th Bomb Group (H)

306th Bomb Group (H)

FLAK

HEAVY

LIGHT

COMBATS

FW 190

ME 109

JU 88

ME 110

DO 217

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INITIALS ____

DATE ____

56°

55°

54°

53°

52°

1103 9,000

1511 8,000

Louth 0945 9,500

1618½ 1,600

Spalding

Base 1652

CROMER

GREAT YARMOUTH

FELIXSTOWE

CLACTON

LONDON

AMSTERDAM

BREMEN

HAMBURG

KIEL

HANNOVER

BERLIN

1358 20,000

1402 20,500

1338 20,000

1225 21,700

1256 22,000

1315½ 22,320

1338 22,000

1314 22,300

1305 22,300

Peenemunde 1319 23,000

Dover 568

BRIEFING SHEET

Date PEENEMUNDE

1. Breakfast _____ Briefing _____

2.

| "A" Group | Time | Code | Flares | "B" Group | Time | Code | Flares |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Start Eng. | 0803 | | YY | Start Eng. | | | |
| Taxi | 0818 | | RY | Taxi | | | |
| Take-Off | 0828 | | GG | Take-Off | | | |
| Scrub | | | RR | Scrub | | | |
| Standby | | | GY | Standby | | | |

3. Take-Off and Assembly Plan Runway 06

"A" Group: 245 Mag. for 25 min. "B" Group: ___ Mag. for ___ min
220 Mag. for 21 min. ___ Mag. for ___ min
___ Mag. for ___ min. ___ Mag. for ___ min
Homing on Fixed Beacon S at 6000 ft. Homing on ___ at ___ ft.

4. Friendly Activities: 2nd DIV 10 CBW's on Rostock, Schwerin, Wismar, Cromer zero plus 45. 3rd DIV 6 CBW's on Bremen and Hamburg Lowestoft zero hour. 3rd DIV 2 CBW's (B-24) on NoBall target Lowestoft zero plus 64

5. 1st Division Formation: 94A, 41A, 40A, 41B, 94B, 41C, 40B, 1A, 40C, 1B, 1C
"A" CBW Lead 306 Lo 306 Hi 306 : "B" CBW Lead ___ Lo ___ Hi ___

6.

| Fighters: | Call Signs | Type | Rv Coordinates | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BALANCE 2-1 | P-51's | | | |
| | 2-2 | | 5432-0800 | 1242 |
| | 2-3 | | 5435-1108 | 1240 |
| | 2-4 | | Target | 1411 |
| | 2-5 | | Target | 1418 |

FIGHTER REF POINTS:

W = Bremen
H = Hamburg
I = Flensburg
S = Kiel
K = Schweriner Lake
R = Rostock
Y = Stralsund

7. Route:

| | "A" Group | | | | "B" Group | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | at | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| | at | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| Z Fixed Beacon S | at 0929 | at 6000 | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| T Basingstoke | at 0935 | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| U Henley on Thame | at 0944 | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| J 5210-0110 W | at 1002 | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| K Leicester | at 1014 | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| Q Spalding | at 1051 | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| L Louth | at 1046 | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| 5400-0400 | at 1157 | at | ft | 1155 | at | at | ft | |
| 5420-0600 | at 1208 | at 12000 | ft | 1224 | at | at | ft | |
| Z 5435-0830 | at 1218 | at 19000 | ft | 1259 | at | at | ft | |
| 5440-1022 | at 1307 | at | ft | 1323 | at | at | ft | |
| 5448-1340 | at 1349 | at | ft | 1405 | at | at | ft | |
| 5440-1422 | at 1358 | at | ft | 1414 | at | at | ft | |
| 5425-1430 | at 1408 | at | ft | 1419 | at | at | ft | |
| S Target | at 1415 | at | ft | 1434 | at | at | ft | |
| 5400-1330 | at 1422 | at | ft | 1438 | at | at | ft | |
| 5425-1228 | at 1437 | at | ft | 1441 | at | at | ft | |
| 5445-1132 | at 1446 | at | ft | 1506 | at | at | ft | |
| 5440-1022 | at 1458 | at | ft | 1520 | at | at | ft | |
| 5435-0830 | at 1514 | Descent | ft | 1545 | at | at | ft | |
| 5420-0600 | at 1550 | at " | ft | 1612 | at | at | ft | |
| Cromer | at 1705 | at 6000 | ft | 1724 | at | at | ft | |
| Base | at | at 1500 | ft | 1750 | at | at | ft | |
| | at | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| | at | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |
| | at | at | ft | | at | at | ft | |

Special Instructions:

g Alt — 20,000 2 min between CBW Spares back 0250 E

ather Ship QUILPEN "S" Sugar Code Seq = A-V-B-Left

Lead 10x500 GP Salve (if visual) Lt Fuses 896

Zero Hour 1030 . "All" Bombs Max 14-47 at 100 (if PFF) Bombs Int

"A" Gas 2800 . Chaff 2 min before IP for 12 min

"B" Gas . Chaff

| | |
|---|---|
| Air. Comm. Maj Chalfant | Air Comm. |
| Gp. C. O. " " | Gp. C. O. |
| Gp. Deputy Lt Davis | Gp. Deputy |
| Bombers VINEGROVE 2-9 | Bombers |
| G.S.C. Colgate | G.S.C. |

"A" Group

To monitor Chan. "C" US

" " " "C" RAF

" " " "B" US

"B" Group

"C" US

"C" RAF

"B" US

40th Abandon OPs SMALL SOUR GRAPES

VHF Code Words. Recall B - B-I - B Visual Bombing

IP-PFF Bombing Authentication MICKEY MOUSE

| | Call Sign | Flares | Tail Letter |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gp | | | |
| Gp | | | |
| Gp | | | |
| Gp | | | |
| Gp | | | |
| Gp | | | |

Let Down Splasher Pod Deg. 265° Mag.

Pundit Flashing Letter

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41d CBW | COWBOY CHARLIE | | |
| 40a CBW | FOXHOLE BAKER | | |
| 1a CBW | SWORDFISH ABLE | | |
| 40d CBW | FOXHOLE CHARLIE | | |
| 1a CBW | SWORDFISH BAKER | | |
| 1d CBW | " CHARLIE | | |

Colors of the Day:

Spare Aircraft

| Time | 0800 - 1400 | 1400 - 2000 | Number | 840 | 798 | 198 | 019 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Color | Y-YR | R-RR | Letter | Y | D | D | T | |
| Challenge | Q | P | Displ | 14 | 39 | 51 | Cut-Off | |
| Answer | X | M | Sqdn | 367 | 368 | 369 | 423 | |

Formations: 40-C-

HIGH Grp

DeVack
O | 7368

McStay
P | 7836

Nash
W | 1690

Hutsell
L | 7943

Patton
X | 7675

Christianson
B | 1454

McDarett "C"
K | 8148

Weinel
A | 2512

Erwin
Z | 7633

Broz
F | 7976

Wood
D | 7549

Horn
Q | 7598

NICKELS

Machosky
J | 8155

FLYING SPARE

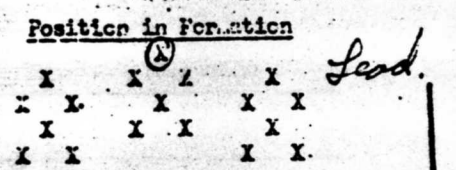
INTERROGATION Form

SQUADRON [illegible]423 a/C Number 397 Letter O Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation




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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. B.B. Peterson ✓ | Pilo |
| Lt. Col. Riordan ✓ | Co- |
| 2nd Lt. C.F. Handler ✓ | |
| 2nd Lt. C.C. Olenik ✓ | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. H.H. Baker ✓ | Bom |
| T/Sgt. R.A. Craig ✓ | Radi |
| T/Sgt. H. Cappelli ✓ | Top |
| Sgt. L.C. Reno ✓ | Ball |
| Sgt. C.M. Odrowaz ✓ | R/W |
| _____ | L/W |
| 2nd Lt. H. Quint ✓ | To |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

   Primary Time:

   Alternate Height:

   Last Resort Heading:
   (circle)
   Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS Of Bombing: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ____ Yes ____ No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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.)
   See attached - Around Bridlington, South of IP - Portland
   back on Course to run -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy days y clouds - 2 10/10 just before
   Coast. Did not disrupt formation.

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

Moderate inaccurate at us over Ruhr
Target area.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Fair no battery / flak from batteries - fairly accurate -
as hell - fine bursts.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED 0

PROBABLE 6

DAMAGED 6

(Fill out indentity separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT "Plenty of support — one reason we went back into Germany — ~~the~~ Bring by itself at this time."

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Slight flak damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

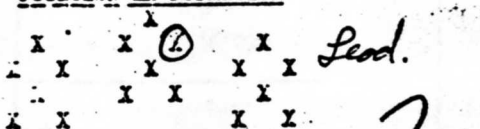
S-2 OFFICER Kavanagh TIME CORRECTED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 a/C Number 153 Letter G Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1510




1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
   Details: None.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. H.J. Alyea, Jr. | Pil. |
| 2nd Lt. J.A. Murphy | Co- |
| 2nd Lt. M.I. Radnofsky | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. C.E. Mueller | Bom |
| T/Sgt. D.W. Coleman | Rad |
| S/Sgt. G.H. Terry | Top |
| Sgt. R.P. Capps | Ball |
| Sgt. V.E. O'Brien | R/W |
| | L/W |
| Sgt. H.S. Key, Jr. | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
   Primary Time: did not bomb
   Alternate Height:
   Last Resort Heading:
   (circle)
   Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

   Own Bombs:

   Any Nickels: Yes No.
   Number bombs dropped
   Number Bombs 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.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Target resistance low barrage

Flak - 8 miles N. of Antwerp - meager accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT P 51 at 1110
P 47 at 1135
at 1140
P 47 at 1345
Excellent support.

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

S/S at target.

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

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

✓

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

flak.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

✓

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

S-2 OFFICER _____ TIME COMPLETED _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON [redacted] 423 A/C Number 055 Letter M Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1500

Position Information

X X X X X Lead
X X X X X
X X X 3
X X X X

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J.B. DeLapoer — Pilot
2nd Lt. D.E. Spencer — Co-
2nd Lt. R.S. Terrell — Nav
2nd Lt. R.E. Gard — Bomb
T/Sgt. C.S. Dunn — Rad
T/Sgt. J.M. McCollum — Top
Sgt. A.J. Immormino — Ball
Sgt. R.L. Demetre — R/W
Scalpwood — L/W
Sgt. D.W. Dillon — Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1224

Alternate Height: 29000'

Last Resort Heading: 240° Wood
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Did not drop

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs 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.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED 1 None

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and 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.)

W. G. behind Lt by flak at Gutterup.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak - Nose + wing at Aalborg.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Engine #3 at Gutterup.

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

S-2 OFFICER Capt. McCoy TIME DEBRIEFED

INTERROGATION Form

SQUADRON 423 a/C Number 967 Letter B Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1454

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. W.W. Wood | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. W.A. MacDonald | Co-Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. D.O. Howe | Navigator |
| 2nd Lt. A.J. Vero | Bomb. |
| T/Sgt. J.L. Garrett | Radio |
| T/Sgt. E.C. Hovey | Top Turret |
| Sgt. J.H. Neely | Ball Turret |
| Sgt. C.R. Wolfhope | R/W. |
| | L/W. |
| Sgt. D.G. Blosdel | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: did not bomb.

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs 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 of A/C | Type (Light heavy), intense, moderate or slight | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

target - intense barrage low - some came up to alt - accurate - hit on bomb run.

Crew observations about Flak:

Vicinity of Antwerp

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately one 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, and signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks; new enemy installations.

nil.

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

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

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Martha TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 A/C Number 616 Letter X Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed

Position in Formation

X
X X X X
X X X X X Lead.
X X (X)
X X X X

5

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

B17 in #3 position Lo gp. Crossing across Channel - Turned back just before IP. —

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. H.E. Hutchinson ✓ | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. M.W. Freeman ✓ | Co-p |
| 2nd Lt. E.P. Shapland, Jr. ✓ | Nav. |
| 2nd Lt. H.B. Griffin ✓ | Bom' |
| Sgt. G.W. Johnson ✓ | Rad |
| Sgt. A.D. Sepe ✓ | To, |
| Sgt. G.B. Franklin ✓ | Ball |
| Sgt. D.O. Mondor ✓ | R/W |
| | L/W |
| Sgt. A.H. Resser ✓ | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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 of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barrage — all some above some below | | | | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

5123-04.40 — Gee — undercast 4 bursts

N. Antwerp

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Good 51's + 47's no - None on way out looking for

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Minor

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

S-2 OFFICER Moore TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON [redacted] 423 A/C Number 963 Letter P Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. L.A. Wilke | Pi. |
| 2nd Lt. C.P. Smythe | Co- |
| 2nd Lt. C.E. Stansbery | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. C.F. Kimball | Bo. |
| S/gt. R.N. Reis | R. |
| T/gt. W.R. Farrell | Top |
| Sgt. W.A. DeHoff | Ball |
| Sgt. W.J. Boyle | R/W |
| Sgt. C.W. Pashon | L/W |
| | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: Deduct Hoop

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 Flickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND ROCKETS:

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)
60 mi. south I briefed route on way back. Heading for secondary.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy - secondary clouded in. visibility 5-10 mi. in & out. 9/10 undercast in & out.

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Just south Antwerp on way out | | | | | | & Inaccurate. |
| (4 holes) 5720 N - 0425 E. | | | | | | |
| At target - intense, inaccurate, low & to the right. | | | | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - in & out.

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14 flak holes -

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

O K.

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

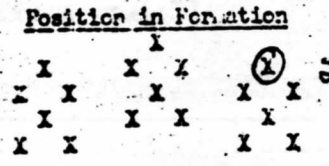
S-2 OFFICER Schreiter TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON [redacted]423 a/C Number 549 Letter D Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____




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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) None

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. E.A. Schoenbachler, Jr. | Pilo |
| 2nd Lt. M.E. Traver | Co- |
| 2nd Lt. G.W. Siler | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. D.K. McKnight | Bom |
| T/Sgt. N.A. Lynch | Radi |
| S/Sgt. M. Summers | Top |
| Sgt. S.C. Puglise | Ball |
| Sgt. W.E. Martin | R/W |
| Sgt. G.E. Bushell | L/W |
| | Tai |

Wounded

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
   Primary Time: Delit drop
   Alternate Height:
   Last Resort Heading:
   (circle)
   Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: None Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

   Own Bombs:

   Other Bombing: S.S. over target

   Any Nickels: Yes No
   Number bombs dropped
   Number Bombs returned

   Area Haze.

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.)
   5113-0559-1264 - Westerly + West - 3 miles - came out on 320°

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Visibility poor. Cloud cover about 6-10/10 in + out. Ground hazy.

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (Light, heavy) Intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | N.E. of Antwerp | 5118N - 0429E | M-12 bursts | | | accurate, |
| | 18500 altitude. | | | | | |
| | At once, intense, accurate, tr + Orange | | | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good - close - on way out & route
no fighter support for 30 minutes.

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

a/F at 5255 - 0630. on way in.

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.)

Co-pilot wounded in arm.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Few holes.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Schuster TIME COMPLETED

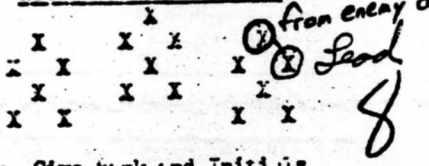
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 a/C Number 976 Letter B Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed

Position in Formation




1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:
Took over high sqdn - from enemy coast

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| F/O R.L. Mox | Pilot |
| F/O W. Borges | Co-P |
| F/O S. Goncher | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. M.A. McCartney | Bo |
| T/Sgt. B.A. Wilson | Rad |
| T/Sgt. E. Marques | Top |
| Sgt. D.K. Sweeney | Bal |
| Sgt. E.B. Brooks | R/V |
| Sgt. L.E. Smith | Tail |
| | XXXX |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Couldn't see target. SS on target
Secondary had overcast.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Haze. Thunderclouds. up to 25000' Scattered

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Target | | | Heavy Intense | | Accurate. Tracking | |

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good P47 P51

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

SS at target.

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) 3 holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Esper TIME COMPLETED 1559

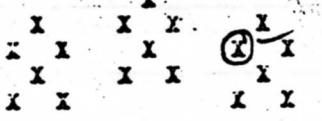
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON [redacted] 423 a/C Number 503 Letter W Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation



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

9

CAUTION: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. D.W Cates | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. E.E. Jordan | Co-Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. W.A. Guilfoyle | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. J.F. Taylor | Bom |
| S/Sgt. K.W. Levens | Radio |
| S/Sgt. C.L. Sulzinski | Top T |
| Sgt. R.W. Fountain, Jr. | Ball |
| Sgt. B.L. Johnson | R/W |
| _____ | L/W |
| Sgt. H.E. Reed | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

   Primary Time:

   Alternate Height: 29,500

   Last Resort (circle) Heading:

   Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS Of BOMBING: (For this plane or other)

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ____Yes ____No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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.)

broken & overcast till just before target — at target —

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy — Clear at target —

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

| Time | Place | Height of a/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to a/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shifted briefed | | | Intense, Most low-6000 | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

N. Antwerp — 4 bursts accurate (Couple of holes in ship)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good — 47's in at target none after secondary

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Moore TIME CONCLUDED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON [redacted] 409 [redacted] A/C Number 143 Letter D Date 26 August, 1944

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. [redacted]

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation

X X X

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**C L A I M S**

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Very good

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

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)
few holes. Control cables (Rudder & elevator Tab

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Esper TIME COMPLETED 1531

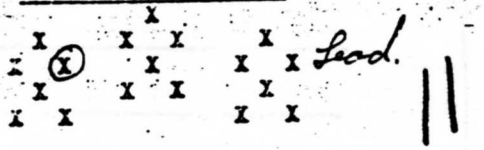
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXX~~ 369 XXX A/C Number 619 Letter S Date 26 August, 1944

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation




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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. B. S. Silverman | Pilo |
| 2nd Lt. L. H. Reinhart | Co- |
| 2nd Lt. E. A. Sandberg | Nav. |
| S/Sgt. R. A. Fowler | Bom |
| Sgt. P. M. Gallagher | Radi |
| Sgt. G. T. Keith | Top |
| Sgt. W. J. McCue | Ball |
| S/Sgt. H. W. Hoskins | R/W |
| _____ | L/W |
| S/Sgt. F. B. Bisignano | Tai |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
   Primary Time: Did not drop.
   Alternate Height:
   Last Resort (circle) Heading:
   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: Couldn't observe results too smoky, + cloudy.

Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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.)
   On way back - 70 miles South of briefed route. (Hvy flak at 5123-0437) just above Antwerp.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 5-7/10 into Germany - Hazy at target. Clouds over secondary

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 51 23'-0437 | | | Hvy flak - 5 bursts (out route.) | | | |
| At target | | | intense, barrage, - wasn't low! | | | Good range |

Crew observations about Flak: _____

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good support prior to 5242-0411 [illegible] rights.
Contrails - lasted 15 minutes (24000 ft). Scattered support coming out

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

Target obscured by smoke + haze.

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)

3 flak holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Schuster. TIME COMPLETED

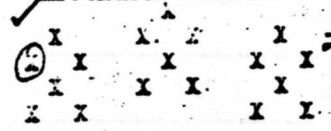
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON [redacted] XXX A/C Number 196 Letter O Date 26 August, 1944

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. [redacted]

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed 1452

Position in Formation




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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. J. R. Lewis | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. N. H. Perkins | Co-. |
| 2nd Lt. A. J. Silvasy | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. L. A. Harrison | Bom' |
| Sgt. G. A. Schuster | Rad' |
| S/Sgt. R. Patterson | Top |
| Sgt. F. Geitz | Ball |
| Sgt. R. Goetz | R/W |
| | L/W |
| Sgt. J. Bunn | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

   Primary Time:

   Alternate Height: 29000'

   Last Resort (circle) Heading: 226° mag

   Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

   Own Bombs:

   Other Bombing:

   Any Nickels: Yes No
   Number bombs dropped
   Number Bombs returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? no pictures —

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daff. | Antwerp - Hv. (5) Intense - 18000 - V. acc. | | | | | |
| | Target Hv. Intense - Barrage - V. A. | | | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED 1 None

PROBABLE

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

47's at E/C in - The 57's - This in Target Area + out - Hello -

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

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

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

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Capt. McNeely TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~###~~ A/C Number 368 Let( O Date 26-8-44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. ~~####~~

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1431

Position in Formation

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

Low 13

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

none

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. J. W. Sasser | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. J. T. McStay | Co-P |
| 1st Lt. G. F. Donahue | Nav. |
| 2nd Lt. R. E. Banta | Bom. |
| T/Sgt. E. T. Carroll | Rad. |
| Sgt. V. S. Mitchellson | To. |
| S/Sgt. A. C. Schultz | Ball |
| S/Sgt. D. R. Revolti | R/W |
| | L/W |
| S/Sgt. R. M. Wilson | Tail |

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) 1128 5251 – 0654 E
P-47 tail blew off ~~[illegible]~~
~~None~~
Possibly ran out did not get chute – just before tail off

2. TARGET ATTACKED: no time,

Primary Time: Did not
Alternate Height:
Last Resort (circle) Heading: Drop
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ No
Number bombs dropped ___
Number Bombs 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 missi n.)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out at target and on way home. Target – strong haze – Did not see target until Right over it.

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Red | | on the zoom |
| Primary Target | | 28,000 | intense | Blk | T to B | accurate |
| Secondary | | 26,000 | slight | | tracking | accurate |
| at Utica | | 25,000 | slight | | tracking | accurate |

Crew observations about Flak:

Flew through other groups chaff and right into flak V. Tracking after Passing Target

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

G-2 OFFICER _____ TIME COMPLETED _____

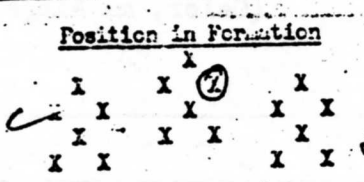
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON #347 368 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 323 Letter M Date 26 Aug 44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 ~ H.E. ~~#####~~

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation




14 Low

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:
Dropped bombs 1313 hr.

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
#3 eng windmilling causing pilot to leave formation Dropped in lake. (R.) 0445 5143

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. C. T. Niblack | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. C. E. Bumgardner | Co- |
| 1st Lt. R. L. Lewandowski | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. R. O. Borgert | Bom |
| Sgt. J. H. Bennett | Rad |
| S/Sgt. M. M. Brock | Top |
| S/Sgt. E. J. Lockard | Ball |
| S/Sgt. R. J. Estermyer | R/W |
| _____ | L/W |
| S/Sgt. W. M. Bowers | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
Primary Time: 1313
Alternate Height: 24000
Last Resort Heading: 270 M
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ (No)
Number Bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)
OK. Left formation at 5205 0500. Dropped Bombs & came out over Overflakkee

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Front going over cont. (going in)
Haze. ~~Hardly~~ Couldn't pick up target.

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Barrage & tracking | | Heavy med-intense | |

Crew observations about Flak: _____

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good. Didn't call, but fighters around after left formation

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and 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)
1 B17 (946, Allen) No. target. At least one poss. two chut
Under power straight dive down.

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) # 3 eng due to flak

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

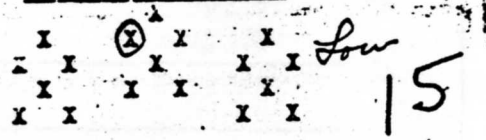
S-2 OFFICER Esper TIME COMPLETED 1555

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 36, 369th 423rd A/C Number 575 Letter X Date 26-8-44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1431




1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:
Aborted 20 min before I.P. #1 engine out of control & feathered - #4 oil line broke - Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) Turned back at 52 35N-07 51E 28000' - 3 ~~Fortresses~~ escorted almost to England.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. J. W. Shepherd | Pilo |
| 2nd Lt. L. A. Risk | Co-p |
| 2nd Lt. F. W. Seiford | Nav. |
| F/O J. W. Johnson | Bomb |
| Sgt. M. D. Houston | Radi |
| Sgt. J. H. Hoffman | Top |
| Sgt. R. A. Russo, Jr. | Bal |
| Sgt. R. E. Cooper | R/G |
| | L/G |
| Sgt. W. R. Carrasco | Tai |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
Primary Time: 1158
Alternate Height: 23000'
Last Resort (circle) Heading: 270° mag
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: area of 52 35N - 07 45E

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Own Bombs: T.O. Observed Explosions in Target area
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned
Other Bombing: T. Group seen bombs hit in Centre of built up area.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If aborted, give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
Back on same route - to Amsterdam then north to Lingen then to Ipswich

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Hidden | | | Just before dropping bombs - 15 or 20 bursts | | Behind & Port. | Accurate. |

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

C L A I M S

DESTROYED ____

PROBABLY ____

DAMAGED ____

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None

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Capt McNeely TIME COMPLETED ____

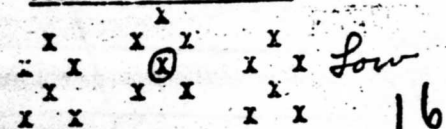
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 429 A/C Number 633 Letter Z Date 26-8-44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. [redacted]

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation




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

2/ B17 (Alb) hit in wing, piece fell off - went down 3 or 4 ft, then flew out - 2 chutes - plane turned over, two apart - no flame or smoke.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. W. H. Erwin | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. W. D. Markle | Co-P |
| 1st Lt. C. R. Brown | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. O. C. Swan | Bom |
| T/Sgt. S. (NMI) Shvely | R. |
| S/Sgt. W. F. Wilson | Top |
| S/Sgt. L. H. Teelon | Ball |
| S/Sgt. C. E. Gibbs | R/W |
| | L/W |
| S/Sgt. M. Pietrowski | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1332

Alternate Height: 1200

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 315° mag

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
in Channel on way back

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ___Yes ___No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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 formation - only four ships in group on way back -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about flak: Mod. flak at Rotterdam - fairly close -

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED 2

PROBABLY 0

DAMAGED 0

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Very good support. Many P47's followed all way through.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, saw no target area some of the "sudden type" flak bursts - light for two or 3 miles

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)

None See front.

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

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER [signature] TIME COMPLETED

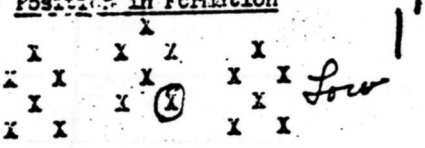
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 943 Letter L Date 26-8-44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1430

Position in Formation




17

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:
1235 hrs - on 325 mag. heading - a/c # 946 (Allen) received direct hit from flak on left wing. Wing tip blew off and skin peeled off up to #4 engine. Allen turned off to left and went into tight spin - large pieces breaking off a/c. no chutes obs.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. W. A. Ruffin ✓ | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. E. E. Muleat, Jr. ✓ | Co-Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. I. B. Holden, Jr. ✓ | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. J. H. Morris ✓ | Bom |
| Sgt. L. E. Edlund — | Rad. |
| Sgt. B. E. McCarthy — | Top |
| Sgt. W. F. Laubert — | Ball |
| Sgt. R. G. Atwood — | R/G |
| | L/G |
| Sgt. F. H. Killinger — | Tail |

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: /

Alternate Height: 28000

Last Resort (circle) Heading:

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: did not bomb.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs 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 of A/C | Type (light heavy) intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

Wesel - Gladbach - } Target Area

Crew observations about Flak:

Most accurate from Wesel - barrage + tracking

Accurate on low group

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIM:

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT: picked up on point briefed. Excellent fighter cover.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and 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.) ~~Nil~~ Top turret gunner - minor flak in leg.

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

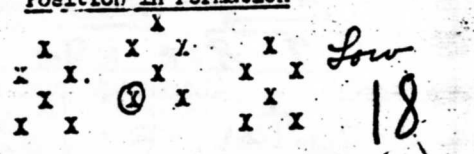
S-2 OFFICER [signature] TIME COMPLETED

INTERCOMM. FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 ~~369~~ 423 A/C Number 946 Letter T Date 25-8-44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Rheand. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0320 Time Landed _____




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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
Direct hit in wing after target. Spin - tore apart.

1st Lt. D. C. Allen ✓ Pilot
2nd Lt. C. U. Rapp, Jr. ✓ Co-
2nd Lt. C. H. Evans, Jr. ✓ Nav.
2nd Lt. M. L. Vlahos ✓ Bom'
T/Sgt. R. B. Newsbigle ✓ Rad'
T/Sgt. H. J. Purkey, Jr. ✓ Top
S/Sgt. E. W. LeVeques ✓ Ball
S/Sgt. R. C. Huebotter ✓ R/W
_____ L/W
S/Sgt. J. R. Carey ✓ Tail

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 bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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.)

Ervin Says: B-17 (allen) out in wing, Piece fell off, went down 3000' leveled out, plane turned over, tore apart - no flames or smoke - 2 - Chutes

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Brown Says: at 1230 B-17 in low Sq. go down - one chute. Then started spinning 5140 - 0658

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

Summers: about 1215 B17 just after target slid out of formation to left under Control. Left wing crumpled up, losing alt. Could not definitely identify.

Chrisfohn: 1220 hrs at target area B17 (946?) #6 in low sq. low gp. turned out of formation Smoking, Crew observed flak. Bailed out no open chutes Right Wing broke off, fuselage broke in two.

Dodge: Lowallen's ship got direct burst on left Wing + went into about 1201 bank losing altitude

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

Dodge Cont: ~~the~~ bees Ship break up 1000' below about 7-800 yds to the left

(Location and Length of fight)

Nettier: B17 at 1237 from Group - flak hit wing - left formation under control no chutes seen.

Murphy: One B17 2nd element of lead sq over target - hit by flak, pulled off to left went down into

(Tactics of E/A)

dive & fell apart. Three chutes out - no fire 1234

Ruffin: 1235 hours on 325 mag heading

A/c #946 (allen) received direct hit from flak

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

on left Wing. Wing tip blew off & skin peeled off to #4 engine; allen turned off to left and went into tight spin - large pieces breaking off A/C no Chutes observed.

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

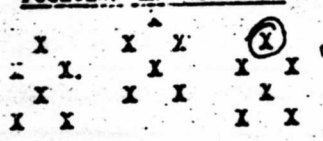
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 A/C Number 896 Letter X Date 26 August, 1944

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E.

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed 14:13

Position in Formation




1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
   Details:
   1-B-17- 2nd Element Lead Sq- over Target- hit by flak- pulled out to left- went into dive and fell to left. (3) Three chutes seen to open.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. J. L. Murphy | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. E. P. Fields | Co-P |
| 1st Lt. D. L. Stein | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. E. W. Keepman | Bom |
| T/Sgt. G. J. Coghlan | Rad |
| T/Sgt. M. E. Lavoie | Top |
| S/Sgt. C. B. Dodson | Ball |
| S/Sgt. D. F. Bohrer | R/W |
| | L/W |
| S/Sgt. W. A. Cousins | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
   Primary Time:
   Alternate Height: 28,000
   Last Resort (circle) Heading: 242° Hdg
   Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
   Own Bombs: Sq. Ldr. did not drop until on target- later called leader said bomb salvo- secondary- never released
   Other Bombing: secondary.
   Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ No
   Number bombs dropped ___
   Number Bombs 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.)
   25 miles east of I.P. (Orme) at 340° Hdg- climbing- Sighted Sowerby Bridge- I.P. - 242° Hdg to target- North of Course at 2/C - 0403E - 5157N -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)
   Under 2nd Cond- Hazy- No Clouds at Target -

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
   Barrels coming 6° E - 28800 -

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

Chaff used Target - Hv. Intense - Bel - Barrage - acc. Fuse - Type 88 m/m

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**C L A I M S**

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good no gaps - P-51's - 47th

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

✓

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

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

✓

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

✓

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

3-2 OFFICER Capt. McNeely TIME COMPLETED

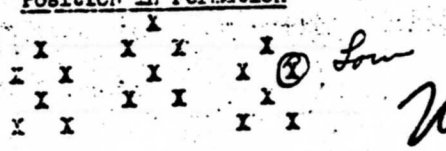
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GPBX a/C Number 296 Letter G Date 26 August, 1944

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. [illegible]

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation




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

B17 at 1237 from Group flak hit on wing - light production - CREW.. Give Rank and Initials
under control - no chute observed.

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

bandits fighter in Stream Sqn - flew up - 1235 hrs - no chute observed.

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|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. C. A. Mattier ✓ | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. G. I. Johnson ✓ | Co-: |
| 2nd Lt. B. F. Weinstein ✓ | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. W. A. Gregory ✓ | Bom! |
| S/Sgt. E. J. Block — | Rad: |
| T/Sgt. L. F. Yearous — | Top |
| Sgt. G. Richardson — | Bal |
| Sgt. M. Kimmel — | R/W. |
| _____ | L/W. |
| Sgt. R. Edwards — | Tai |

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: Don't know why didn't drop -

Other Bombing: Bundle malfunction - Cecil Ship - Weather mostly overcast.

Any Nickels: ___Yes ___No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY JUNIORS 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 formation —

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Mostly overcast — Contrails at 29000 ft - fairly persistent.

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| one thing hit by flak shortly after target - (See above) | | | | | | |

No other flak or Group - saw plenty

Crew observations about Flak: flak in target area - Used chaff

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED 0

PROBABLY 0

DAMAGED 6

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good support - no opposed [illegible]

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and 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)

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

None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER [illegible] TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 A/C Number 185 Letter J Date 26 August, 1944

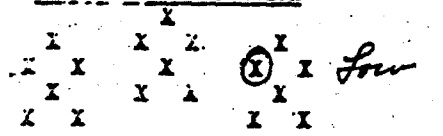
Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. IXXXXX.

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:
1230 B17 (in low Sqdn) go down. 1 chute. Then started spinning. 5180 0658

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

Position in Formation




CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. R. H. Brown | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. W. F. Giglio | Co-Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. J. B. Walden | Nav |
| Sgt. E. W. Rosener | Bom |
| Sgt. J. J. Fann | Rad. |
| Sgt. R. A. Olm | Top |
| Sgt. J. W. Baasel | Ball |
| Sgt. E. P. Hovey | R/W |
| _____ | L/W |
| Sgt. A. J. Ferrara | Tail |

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: Don't know why didn't drop.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ____ Yes ____ (No)
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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.)

Pretty course.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy. Clear enough to bomb. Broke undercast over Zuider Zee

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1224 | Target | | Heavy | Mod—Intense | Many low bursts. Tracking off target | Not to acc. |

Crew observations about Flak: _____

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT: Very good
P 47 in & out

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)
2 holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: #4 Supercharger 37" max. at alt.

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

S-2 OFFICER Draper Jr TIME CONFERRED 1513

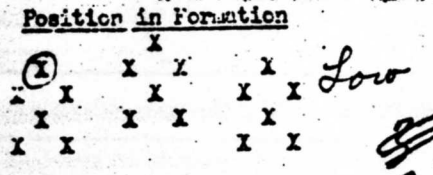
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369~~ ~~423~~ A/C Number 148 Let( ) K Date 26 [illegible]

Bomb Load 3 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation




Low

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. R. L. Dodge | ✓ | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. B. E. Jaden | ✓ | Co-Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. B. D. Wagoner | ✓ | Nav. |
| 2nd Lt. S. J. Hatton | ✓ | Bomb |
| S/Sgt. R. D. Mills | — | Radio |
| S/Sgt. D. G. Smith | — | Top T |
| Sgt. C. B. Cule | — | Ball |
| S/Sgt. L. B. Smitherman | — | R/W |
| _____ | _____ | L/W |
| Sgt. R. W. Peatross | — | Tail |

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O.K.

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

(DCalley) Direct hunt 2 flak on left wing about 4 to left back (12°) Saw one chute. Saw ship turn up 1000 ft. below about 700-800 yds. to the left.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: Didn't drop.

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 bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY JUNIORS 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) Lot of contrails. Very hazy. Broken stratus. Hazy all the way in.

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

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

At target. Intense, not accurate, heavy. Low on all groups ahead.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent - no gaps.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, Ship heading NE 5250N-0240E. Possible Destroyer.

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) Very slight

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

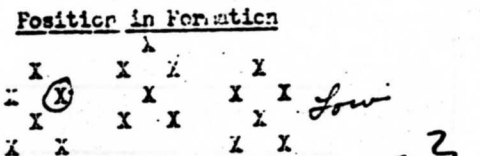
S-2 OFFICER Schneider TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 428 A/C Number 155 Letter J Date 26-3-44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0220 Time Landed 1310




1. PHOTO RUNS 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. F. J. Chrisjohn | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. N. (MAI) Risso | Co-P |
| 2nd Lt. C. H. Levy | Nav |
| S/Sgt. S. D. Bennett | Bom |
| Sgt. L. R. Gilbert | R/G |
| Sgt. A. C. Sigafus | Top |
| Sgt. H. Gadarian | Ball |
| Sgt. B. R. Fuller | R/W |
| | L/W |
| Sgt. A. E. Jacobson | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort (circle) Heading:

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:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number Bombs dropped

Number Bombs 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 of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good in.

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

Intense Contrails about 22,000 over Channel going in

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.)

Slight flying glass cut over eye (S/Sgt. S.D. Bland

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Numerous flak.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Runaway prop. Turbo #3 went out. Hydraulic System out.

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

S-2 OFFICER W.C. Glass. TIME COMPLETED

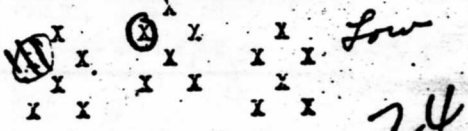
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368, ~~369~~ ~~423~~ A/C Number 512 Letter A Date 26-8-44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. ~~Incend.~~

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1418

Position in Formation




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

About 1215 hrs B17 - Just after target slid out of formation to left under control, left wing crumpled up, losing altitude, from this group but could not definitely identify.

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. W. H. Sumner | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. R. J. Scolnik | Co-P |
| 2nd Lt. A. E. O'Konski | Nav. |
| 2nd Lt. P. (NMI) Snead | Bom |
| T/Sgt. R. F. Combs | Rad |
| T/Sgt. R. E. Dobbs | To. |
| S/Sgt. R. M. Horste | Ball |
| S/Sgt. P. (NMI) Brunetti | R/W |
| | L/W |
| Sgt. R. C. Ficklin, Jr. | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED: 75° 1 45 X 06 33 1

Primary Time: 1238

Alternate Height: 24,800

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 313° mag

Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) Saboted one engine out * flak.

Own Bombs: 9/10 undercast

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ No
Number bombs dropped ___
Number Bombs 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) Undercast where bombed away

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1216 to 1229 | Target | Area | Heavy Flock | and White | Intense Barrage & Tracking | Accurate. |

Crew observations about Flak: Larger Red Flak Bursts

Ground Rockets. White smoke trails before end of flak bursts.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and 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.)

none

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Flak (Engine out)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Oil line out.

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?) Think Lead should have Dropped near Primary Area where flak was heavy.

S-2 OFFICER Lt. Col. Glass TIME CLAIMED _____

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 690 Leader W Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1446

X X X X High
X X X X
X X X X
X X X X

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

no

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

no

Capt. T.G. McDonough Pilot
Capt. H.E. Hanson Co-P
1st Lt. H. Jang Nav.
1st Lt. G.L. Feltz Bom
T/Sgt. L. Vanderploeg Rad
T/Sgt. R.V. Miller To
S/Sgt. L.A. Glasscock Ball
S/Sgt. A.J. Thro R/G
L/G
S/Sgt. W.G. Trumbull Tail

R.G. Schweon
Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No → A/D at 1131 hours, at about 5244N 0615E

Turned back 10 secs after bomb away, then A/C went into steep turn.

also A/D at 0918 hours, 0615E

Photos being developed

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND ROCKETS:

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

Had been hit by flak

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission.)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Debden Borough, 25% below us. | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Mostly P-47's — a few P-51's.

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Pool TIME COMPLETED _____

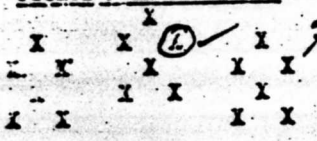
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] a/C Number 133 Letter N Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation

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

CREW: Give Names Initials

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

1st Lt. F.A. Hagenfohr Pil.
1st Lt. W.R. Fowler Co-
1st Lt. G.E. Procter Nav
2nd Lt. A. Stefano Bom
T/Sgt. W.C. Minter Rad
T/Sgt. W.J. Bauer Top
S/Sgt. E.B. Szubielski Ball
S/Sgt. R.J. Carpenter R/G
L/G
S/Sgt. W.W. Webb Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1229
Alternate Height: 30,600
Last Resort (circle) Heading: 236 mag
Duration Bomb Run: Jun 304-

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: -

Any Markers: ____ Yes ____ No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number bombs returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken; Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY OTHERS AND REMARKS:

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

10-30 mi to Lift & course all thru

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 ~~about 6000~~ to 8/Cloud — Haze Visby 3 mi. Continued Zuider Zee 24,000

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

chaff as briefed

| Time | Place | Height of a/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to a/C | accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Heavy inaccurate Barrage — Firing in Chaff | | | |
| | | | Low + over large Area | | | |
| | | | White clouds — | | | |

Crew observations about Flak:

A/C Arnham 4 guns — obs.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good 5's + 47's before coast - to target — 4 7's back.

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

5's at [redacted] Coast

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Moore TIME COMPLETED

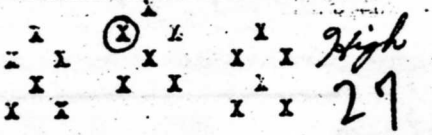
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] A/C Number 726 Letter O Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Lan'd 1450

Position in Formation




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

   ✓

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. L.H. White | Pil. |
| 2nd Lt. S.W. Henceroth | Co- |
| 2nd Lt. R.A. Christansen | Nav. |
| 2nd Lt. G.F. Zrust | Bom. |
| T/Sgt. J.P. Krahn | Rad. |
| Sgt. B.F. Munnerlyn | Top |
| S/Sgt. C. Wildstein | Ball |
| S/Sgt. O.J. Graham | R/W |
| | L/W |
| S/Sgt. A.L. Bulgrin | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

   Primary Time: 12.30

   Alternate Height: 30,700

   Last Resort (circle) Heading: 240 mag

   Duration Bomb Run: Visual.

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

4. Observed RESULTS Of Bombing: (For this plane or others)

   Own Bombs:

   Other Bombing: Heavy Smoke

   Any Nickels: ___Yes ___No
   Number bombs dropped _____
   Number Bombs returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes) No? K20

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) As briefed.

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1222 to 1233 | Primary | 30,700 | Heavy Black & White | Intense | Barrage & Tracking | Inaccurate Altitude |

Crew observations about Flak: ✓

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED

PROBABLE

DAMAGED

(Fill out in duplicate; separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good.

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

Effective Smoke Screen over Target
Took photo A/C previously Bombed in Rhur after Target

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

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

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: none

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

S-2 OFFICER Wm. Glass TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION Form

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] A/C Number 578 Letter D Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1445

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Lt. R.H. Metzger | ✓ | Pilot |
| 1st Lt. W.H. Allen | ✓ | Co- |
| 2nd Lt. W.J. McKenna | ✓ | Nav |
| 1st Lt. N.P. Boyer | | Bomb |
| T/Sgt. N.J. Kilcoyne | — | Radi |
| T/Sgt. J.S. Fluta | — | Top |
| S/Sgt. J.F. Lewis | — | Ball |
| S/Sgt. R.O. Elkins | — | R/W |
| | | L/W |
| S/Sgt. T.J. Costlow | — | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1230
Alternate Height: 30 / 00
Last Resort (circle) Heading: 230
Duration Bomb Run: 330

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

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

Own Bombs: smobs.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ___ Yes No
Number bombs dropped ___
Number Bombs 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 of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

Target - intense low inaccurate barrage. (in flak area 7 minutes) - see above

Crew observations about Flak:

Hit at secondary target.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, 3 rockets observed in target area —

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER [signature] TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] A/C Number 715 Letter Y Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed

Position in Formation

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

High 29

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. J.K. McAllister ✓ Pilot
2nd Lt. D.R. Seidenburg ✓ Co-P
2nd Lt. F.W. Shipman ✓ Nav.
2nd Lt. C.W. Tuohey ✓ Bomb
T/Sgt. H.E. Beistline ✓ R.
T/Sgt. J.H. Fries Top
S/Sgt. W.H. Sanders Rad
S/Sgt. R.G. Hillsinger R/G
L/G
S/Sgt. J.H. Hoffman Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1230
Alternate Height: 30,200
Last Resort (circle) Heading: 224
Duration Bomb Run: Turn off 315°

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND ROCKETS:

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

Contrails 24,000 — and.
Flak target — 10 mi.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission.)

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

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

Heavy at target mostly low

Crew observations about Flak:

Few burst A/C N. Apphsm

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good No Gaps

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Moore TIME COMPLETED

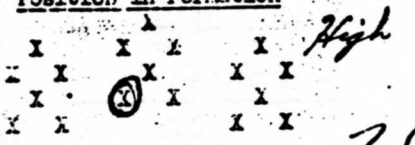
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] A/C Number 129 Letter L Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed [redacted]

Position in Formation




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

None

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

None

C.M.S.: Give Rank and Initials

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. E.J. Burrell | ✓ | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. G.B. Rawlings | ✓ | Co-Pilot |
| F/O D.J. Holland | ✓ | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. H. Bloom | ✓ | Bom |
| Sgt. Fistos, R.L. | — | Rad |
| T/Sgt. L.E. Smith | — | Top |
| S/Sgt. C.M. Cresswell | — | Ball |
| S/Sgt. J.A. Burns | — | R/W |
| | | L/W |
| S/Sgt. C.E. Dapra | — | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1230

Alternate Height: 30,500

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 234°M

~~Duration Bomb Run:~~ 290°M

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit in P.I.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Further bombs dropped
Number Bombs 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 Heavy contrails - 27,000 non-P. Met overcast over Channel

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Haze 3/8 8,000 — Hazy

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Target 5213-0557 | | intense Observed | white light Blk T & B | | low inaccurate |

Crew observations about Flak:

Some flak at target at altitude

Cleff - 1220 - 1240

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P-47's good all over - Picked up right at Coast. on route. ~~Nothing~~ but 47's seen few possibly 51's

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

upper turret froze.

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

S-2 OFFICER Leatherman TIME COMPLETED

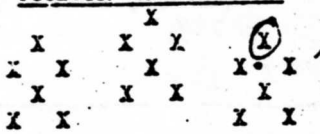
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 557 Letter Y Date 26 August, 1944

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed 1430

Position in Formation

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. J. H. Edeler | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. G. S. Chambers | Co-P |
| 2nd Lt. E. L. Schoonover | Nav |
| 2nd Lt. J. P. Dillon | Bom |
| T/Sgt. A. F. Evans | Radi |
| T/Sgt. R. F. Williams | Top |
| S/Sgt. W. D. Bruce | Ball |
| S/Sgt. G. C. Ingram | R/G |
| | L/G |
| S/Sgt. G. A. Hoffer | Ta |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1230

Alternate Height: 30800

Last Resort Heading: 232
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 314

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
all - 3 dropped 90 sec. late -

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

Own Bombs: unobs. -

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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 of A/C | Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Good sm. screen at target -

Crew observations about Flak: Vest - 8 miles S E of I P - obs - to right - unobs.
Secondary - obs.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM CARD for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Bar Tom

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

nil.

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Murtha TIME COMPLETED

NICKELS

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 384 A/C Number 362 Letter K Date 26 August, 1944

Bomb Load 5-626 5-AC-19 8-500 H.E.

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed

Position in Formation

X
X X X X
X X X X (X) High
X X X X
X X X X

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 32

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

2nd Lt. R. B. Braun Pilot
2nd Lt. E. P. Peterson Co-P
2nd Lt. I. I. Greenberg Nav.
F/O. J. R. Berman Bomb
Sgt. M. H. Farmer Rad
Sgt. T. R. Williams Top
Sgt. S. E. Abdelnour Tail
Sgt. A. Maple R/W
L/W
Sgt. N. P. Carlson Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1230½

Alternate Height: 30600

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 230 M

Duration Bomb Run:

All

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

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

Own Bombs: Unobserved

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs 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.)

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Haze. Undercast broke after Zuider Zee

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Very good
P 47 Coast to coast.

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Esper TIME COMPLETED 1521

NICKELS

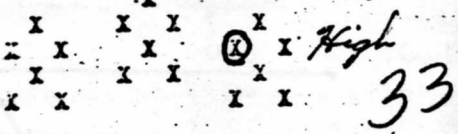
INTERROGATION FORM

Squadron [redacted] 369 [redacted] A/C Number 297 Letter N Date 26 August 1944

Bomb Load 6-XC-20 6-XC-21 H.E. [redacted]

Time Took Off 08:20 Time Landed 1447

Position in Formation

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

None

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

None

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

| | |
|---|---|
| 2nd Lt. G. C. Schneider | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. C. T. Bennett | Co-Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. C. W. Bryant | Nav. |
| S/Sgt. L. J. Peterson | Bomb. |
| S/Sgt. J. C. Scoles | Radio |
| S/Sgt. J. W. Reese[illegible] | Top T. |
| Sgt. D. G. DeBeauchamp | Ball T. |
| Sgt. P. L. Snead | R/W. |
| | L/W. |
| Sgt. R. Boach | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary / Alternate / Last Resort (circle)

Time: 1230

Height: 30,600

Heading: 286°M

Duration Bomb Run: 28½

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

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

Own Bombs: Flew into Nickels from ship ahead over opened after few hundred ft.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes: No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight. | Color of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Target | | | intense | Blk | B+T. | (low incendiaries) |
| | | | 500 units Choff | | 1214 - 1236 | |

Crew observations about Flak: 8-10 in flak

Few light contrails 26,000
contrails seen from low group (Non-P)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - P-47 + P-51's 47 gone as support
P-51's possibly at coast 47's at coast

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

app 15 A/C close together and in Rendezvous on A/F at 1852 hrs (5236-0820 app.)

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

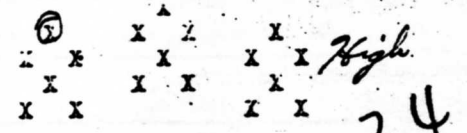
S-2 OFFICER W. B. Leatherman TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] A/C Number 969 Leader X Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend. Position in formation

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1420




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

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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Lt. M.M. Adam | Pilot |
| 2nd Lt. R.B. Barr | Co-Pilot |
| 1st Lt. R.A. Strong | Nav. |
| 2nd Lt. R.W. Weihrdt | Bom. |
| T/Sgt. P.M. Ferrari | Rad. |
| T/Sgt. R.N. Conger | Top |
| S/Sgt. J.O. Simon | Ball |
| S/Sgt. C.A. Redd | R/W |
| | L/W |
| S/Sgt. R.J.H. Prior | Tail |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1227½

Alternate Height: 30,500

Last Resort Heading: 230° Mag

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target 1200 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Tail Gunner saw oil fires – huge clouds, blacksmoke –

Other Bombing: Oil fire no doubt –

Any Nickels: ___ Yes ___ No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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 formation – but 30 mins off course going in west South of IP had to turn N. then back on course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Came out OK. Mostly haze at Target – not much undercast –

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. | Colour of Bursts | Location Bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Moderate, | | very inaccurate, (mostly low) at | |
| | | | Target. – Further down (probably Essen) | | very dense barrage | |

Crew observations about flak: No other flak

(Tactics of E/A)

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

| CLAIMS | |
|---|---|
| DESTROYED | 6 |
| PROBABLY | 8 |
| DAMAGED | 0 |

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good support - no gaps - P51's low - P47's at our altitude and above.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and 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) None

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

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Donovan TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] A/C Number 065 Letter Z Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed 1439

Position in Formation

X X X X High
X X X X X
X X X X
X X X X 35

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:
1250 hrs - 5219 N 0610 E - 4 parachutes seen.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J.C. Conlin — Pilot
2nd Lt. E.C. Rowley — Co-
2nd Lt. R.E. Maley — Nav
F/O G.H. Bower — Bomb
Sgt. D. Presti — Radi
T/Sgt. E.F. Collins — Top
S/Sgt. R.A. Osborne — Ball
S/Sgt. E.F. McGlinchy — R/G
— L/G
S/Sgt. V.T. Blucher — Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
(Primary) Time: 1230
Alternate Height: 30500
Last Resort (circle) Heading: 230
Duration Bomb Run: 330

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY ROUTE AND RESULTS:

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

10/10 undercast over England.
8/10 over continent
haze - at target no cloud.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

target - inaccurate - firing into sheaff - barrage.
13 minutes over target -

Crew observations about Flak:
Minute - No.

On con. trails no enemy aircraft

(Tactics of E/A)

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

**CLAIMS**

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER _____ TIME COMPLETED _____

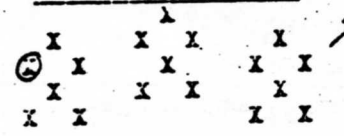
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 [redacted] A/C Number 180 Letter K Date 26/8/44

Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0820 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation

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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)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1/Lt. P.F. Bailey | Pilo |
| 2nd Lt. R.M. Babel | Co- |
| 1/Lt. R.L. Burton | Nav. |
| 2nd Lt. R.J. Vickers | Bom. |
| T/Sgt. T.F. Chandler | Radi |
| T/Sgt. L.H. Hollenberg | Top |
| S/Sgt. H.J. Boland | Ball |
| S/Sgt. T.C. Dunford | R/W |
| | L/W |
| S/Sgt. G.L. Hargis | Tai |

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1230

Alternate Height: 29,000

Last Resort (circle) Heading: 230

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: ____Yes ____No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAMS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

| Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight | Color of Bursts | Location bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chaff burst | | | Intense, inaccurate low — T.G. still shooting at chaff after formation had passed no formation behind. | | (think Chaff effective) | |

Crew observations about Flak: _____

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good No Gaps
47's no 51's seen.

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Moore TIME COMPLETED _____