

MEMORANDUM FOR: 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
United States Forces

(2-a-6)

APC 557
28 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Cologne

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

1. Narrative

The 306th flew 39 a/c including 1 Gee H-PFF a/c, 2 PFF a/c, and three spares as 40th "C". Assembly satisfactory. Left English coast 5141N-012E at 1038 hours; Dutch coast 5140N-0341E, 1100 hours; I.P. 5108N-0535E, 1134 hours; primary at 1150₂ hours; turn slightly north of route over Zuider Zee, coast out 5250N-0440E, 1308 hours; English coast at Boston at 1400 hours; base 1455.
Lead and High Squadron lead a/c PFF equipment gave insufficient returns. Deputy lead a/c PFF equipment worked satisfactorily. All PFF used as navigational aid only.

Group leader was advised before leaving England that Buckeye had and such as Blue would not be operating.

2. Enemy Opposition and Fighter Support

No enemy aircraft seen.

Few F-51's noted about the I.P. and appeared in strength at the target. Excellent support on the way out.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Moderate barrage observed in chaff trail of preceding groups as 306th approached target. Formation encountered accurate predicted concentration at bombs away lasting 20 seconds. After one minute interval there was another predicted concentration of about 75 bursts at and above our altitude while on turn off target. Incendiary a.a. gun fire was also fired at the target, several casings and one pellet being recovered intact. Damage: 4 severe, 7 slight.

4. Bombing

306th as 40 "C" made Gee H run on primary in group formation, with no visual corrections, lead dropping at 1150₂ hours. Strike photos show hits, probably from 306th, to NE of target. Two other concentrations of bursts are seen on Osthain A/F, 2 1/2 miles to NE.

A/c #711-L, pilot Mitcomb, bombed with the 457th Group. Results unobserved.

5. Reicks

A/c #604-A dropped 2 T-285, brought back 8 T-285; a/c #611-C dropped 5 T-285 and 5 T-282. All on primary.

6. Weather

Almost solid undercast on route in with clouds breaking at target. Visibility very poor over target due to intense haze. Clear with better visibility on return route. Haze is definite at 20,000 feet. Low valley observed to be open. Heavy frost on ground.

No a/c returned early.

8. a/c in Distress

Distress - none.

Other a/c in distress: F-51's, from Group ahead, down in flames over Cologne. One to three chutes reported from one a/c. 1 B-27 down in spiral in Dortmund area. Three chutes.

JOHN A. BARKER, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Group 3-2.

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SQUADRON XXX368 EX a/c Number 028 Letter C Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1450

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

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

40th "C" High

*1-B-17, 1150, 15-17, aboard
 at 11000' alt, 3 chutes - on fire,
 exploded.*

NOTE: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. B.L. Olsen P

2nd Lt. P.H. Greer CP

2nd Lt. J.M. Jaeger N

2nd Lt. L.R. Dorman B

Sgt. F.W. Ramsey RO

Sgt. L. Foster E

Sgt. J.W. Gerlach BT

Sgt. H. Reppy WG

WG

WG

S/Sgt. F. Pospiech TG

*1-B-17, 1203, left - burst
 into flames & exploded at Dusseldorf.*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151

Secondary: Heading: 125

Last Resort: Height: 25,550

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: _____ An. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense.

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Kahn mod. T & Boyd eyes

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 592 Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.B.:

Personnel Information

Time back on 0805 Time landed _____

1. HOT REFS to be shown in. Yes to IF DITCHED to hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

460th C
Leak

Call: Give rank and Initials

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

Capt. P. Horvay P

Major T.M. Hulings CP

2nd Lt. H.D. Wolfe N

2nd Lt. O.J. Trude N

Capt. H.H. Baker B

T/Sgt. J.L. Garrett RO

T/Sgt. E.C. Hovey E

1st Lt. F.K. Lucas RN XXX

T/Sgt. C.R. Wolfshope WG

2nd Lt. H.C. Minnick TGMXX

2nd Lt. Hudspeth (Grafton) GH XX

GeeH.

2. TARGET AREA: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 116

Last Report: Height: 25000

T.O.
(Circle One) 066
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 at target. Bomb. glass had layer of ice
 * couldn't see. Pretty understood that bombing would be by instruments.
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to target. 4-5/10 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?
E Rhine. Ruhr clear. None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense from what seen.
25000

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (altitude, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Serial ~~XXXX~~ 3688 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 512 Netto A Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 lbs.

Position Formation

Time tick off 0805 Time down 10

1. ATTENTION to be marked in. Yes No
If ATTENTION mark crew and fill out special form in detail.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X		X	X

Information 1401 hrs. South

Boston, troubled until airbase see but.
Radio out at 1100.

Call: Give rank and Initials

friendly, A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by nav, B/A action,
accident or unexplained cause)

- 2nd Lt. C.B. Hathaway P
- 2nd Lt. H.P. Altshuler CP
- F/O A.J. Remal N
- 1st Lt. H.M. Hall B
- T/Sgt. J.R. Winborn RO
- T/Sgt. A.G. Trobaugh E
- Sgt. R.R. Payett BT
- Sgt. C.J. Jackson FG
- Sgt. A.J. Riedel TG

2. TARGET TYPE: (PFI or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1251

Secondary: Heading: 23 33

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. 73
(Circle one)

Turn off target:

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

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

Own bombs: an. Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSING TRAILS:

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

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

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 1423 A/C Number 359 Latt S Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 2 smoke H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1443

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

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

40th^c lead

1-B-17, Kohn, 1141 lbs., tight spin, wing off, 3 chutes.

COR: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. K.D. Blackshaw P

Lt. Col. E.C. LaVier CP

F/O R.P. Murphy N

F/O D.H. Gorrell B

T/Sgt. E.H. Tutun RO

S/Sgt. F.W. Yorgason E

S/Sgt. D.J. Brunner BT

Sgt. J.J. Scannell WG

S/Sgt. J.A. Coomer TGM

F/O E.C. Kuhn RN XX

1-B-17, Ludenschild, 1203 lbs., flames, no chutes

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150 hr

Secondary: Heading: 124° M.

Last Resort: Height: 25,000.

T.O. (Circle One) 054 M.

Turn off target:

3. Number of Bombs dropped on target: 1700 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Sp. ahead - hit X + over. an. Nichols: Yes No

Other bombing: Number and type: _____

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

6. WEATHER: Holes on way in, 1 min. bef. bombs away - 4. clear to Osmabuck. Patchy -
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKLEY? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: ant - yes. Snow.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	<u>Kohn</u>		<u>burst</u>		<u>Tracking</u>	<u>yes</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON XXXXXX IX.23 A/C Number 153 Lett G Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1500

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

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

*40th C
Lead*

1-B-17, Kohn, 1150, spun on fire, 3 clusters.

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. M.L. Mullen P
 2nd Lt. W.G.H. Schultz CP
 F/O G.W. Key N
 T/Sgt. J.H. Neely B
 Sgt. C.L. Love RO
 Sgt. W.I. Lewis E
 Sgt. E. Upthegrove BT
 S/Sgt. C.M. Odrowaz MG
 S/Sgt. L.L. Bagwell TG

2. TARGET AREA: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150/2
 Secondary: Heading: R20
 Last Resort: Height: 25,100

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 064° N.

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Nickels: Yes (X)

Other bombing: Number and type

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

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

1 mi. bef T. Jey Hoxey.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

None.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Kohn - mid T & B yes

Crew observations about Flak: 4-5 mins.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OFFICER'S NAME: _____

(Estimated total number of B/A seen)

(Times)

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of B/A)

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

10. IDENTIFY THE B/A: (Include time, place, and color markings:)

P-51's - target - out ok.

C L A I M S

DISTURBED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

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

Bull T. - mapin's sick.

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

Wing; window; elec. system #3 eng. fr

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

landing gear.

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

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

With sq.

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ XX425 A/C Number 585 Det K Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 n.e. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

1. NOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

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40th C
Lead

C.O.F.: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. N.G. Kirby ✓ P
 2nd Lt. D.V. Paisley ✓ CP
 2nd Lt. D.J. Casey ✓ N
 2nd Lt. L.F. Finnell ✓ B
 S/Sgt. R.E. Burkhardt ✓ BO
 S/Sgt. H.A. Kelso ✓ E
 S/Sgt. J.S. Adams ✓ BT
 S/Sgt. J.L. Harper, Jr. ✓ WG
 S/Sgt. S.R. Counts, Jr. ✓ TG

*Saw plane go down to our
 west over Ruhr - down in flames
 Too far away to identify.*

2. TARGET AIRCRAFT: (IFF or Visual)
 Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: in company
 Last Resort: Height: 24000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: _____

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 20 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: ✓ Am. Nickels: Yes No
 Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Moderate, tracking, fairly accurate.
 none at front lines - observed going in
 Open observations about Flak: _____*

SQUADRON XXXXXX 1423 A/C Number 444 Lt Y Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

*40th C
Lead*

Crew: (Give Rank and Initials)

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

One B17 in preceding group spun in at target 1151
 One B17 in following group blew up at target 1152

- 1st Lt. W.H. Morgan ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. V.H. Schimmel ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. L.U. Jefferson ✓ N
- F/A W.G. Murray ✓ B
- T/Sgt. E.W. Courtright ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. N.W. DeSeve ✓ E
- S/Sgt. E.L. Bishop ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. R.K. Bentley ✓ NG
- S/Sgt. J.J. Ferrari, Jr. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTITUDE: (PFV or Visual) & H with usual correct.
 Primary: ✓ Time: 1150 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 100° mag.
 Last Resort: Height: 25,000'
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 49°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
 SALVOED 10

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: Couldn't see direct results due to cloud formations but by orientation
 Other Bombing: Group ahead missed completely
 No. Hits: Yes (in circle)
 Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Occasional breaks in clouds at target area - generally better than briefed
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: none

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

meagre to moderate in target area - light at upper further after turn

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy of target
1708 & 1716	Ruhr		Heavy			looked accurate - barrages

Crew observations about Flak: Got bursts of fake smoke bombs almost immediately after turning on bomb run - continued intermittently during run

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

Very light - didn't notice any S/A until after target.

C L A I M S

DISTINGUISHED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

none

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

none

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

none

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:
chin turret wouldn't move in azimuth after reaching bomb altitude. Guns froze up - wouldn't fire.

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

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

as briefed.

SQUADRON 36 XXXX XXX A/C Number 578 Letter D Date 28 January, 1945

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

Time took off 08:05 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th's Lead

B17 down 1 minute before bomb away. 4 engines on fire. NO Chutes observed. Explosion. Not from this CG.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Capt. R. W. Cogswell P
- 2nd Lt. G. V. Luckett CP
- 2nd Lt. F. E. Ballish N
- 2nd Lt. G. W. David B
- T/Sgt. W. J. Porozinski RO
- T/Sgt. G. R. Lothian E
- S/Sgt. W. A. Whitman BT
- S/Sgt. H. G. Munnery WG
- Sgt. V. Spevac TG

2. TARGET AREA: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150
 Secondary: Heading: 105°
 Last Report: Height: 25,300

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

- Sgt. V. Spevac TG

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

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

Own Bombs: Visual - Results unobserved. an. Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: Hazy - ground barely visible Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Clear before target - but target obscured by haze. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Light

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (altitude, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate, accurate. AA fire at target.

Crew observations about Flak: no other flak.

SQUADRON 367 360001 53XX A/C NUMBER 683 Letter Q Date 28 January, 1945.

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

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed _____

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

*HotC
Lead*

Remarks - saw 3 planes go down in clouds about 1210 in Dostmund Even area.

CRW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendl. A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state where, how, E/A action,
 accident cause (undetermined cause)
*one B-17 over target at 1150, think
 hit by flak - lost right wing - burning
 no chutes. Went down in tight
 spiral*

- 2nd Lt. J. L. Patten _____ P
- 2nd Lt. R. S. Hoffmann _____ CP
- 2nd Lt. E. R. Bovich _____ N
- S/Sgt. L. R. Richards _____ B
- T/Sgt. M. K. Geving _____ RO
- Sgt. N. C. Hansen _____ E
- Sgt. R. F. Stetler _____ BT
- Sgt. R. R. Templeton _____ WG
- S/Sgt. J. W. Hall _____ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1150
- Secondary: Heading: 101
- Last Resort: height: 25000
- T.O. (Circle one) 69°
- Turn off target: 69°

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

4. Observed MOMENTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: Saw flashes - right wing prevented accurate location.
 An. Nichols: Yes in

Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. LEATHER: Clear at target with haze. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Light, non-persistent starting 18000 - 19000'

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
Intense, barrage composed from box - long high in

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

Tracking, to merge, at altitude, accurate. only few bursts seen.

None at front lines
 Crew comments about flak: _____

Saw at 3142-0820 - obscuring to our left - 30 bursts

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ 422 A/C Number 840 Letter Y Date 28 January, 1945

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

Time took off 08:05 Time landed _____

1. NOT NEE S to be phoned in. Yes No
 If BITCHING held crew and fill out special form in detail.
- | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X |

40th C
Lead

(B-17 (Baker 3), spun in a flower tight spin

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

3
1 Wide opened to left
1 Blew up wing off
1 Chute don't know from which

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

2nd Lt. W. B. Winslow P

2nd Lt. S. J. Ross CP

O. L. P. Ianzito N

S/Sgt. J. L. Dunn B

Sgt. R. V. Bradley RCV

Sgt. E. G. Roweis, Jr. E

Sgt. S. B. Rile BT

Sgt. E. L. Bressler BG

Sgt. A. C. Miller TG

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 070

3. Number of EGMS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Retained: Abortive:

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

Own bombs: all Am. Nichols: Yes No

Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Hand Movie
said to be within 3-4 mi. of target
Clear haze at target
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKETS? none
Blue + Red out on way in

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
above 23,000 light non persistent

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target - Moderate, all good, fruiting in bursts of 4.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Gun box jammed - 2-3 times in to target - same all way out -

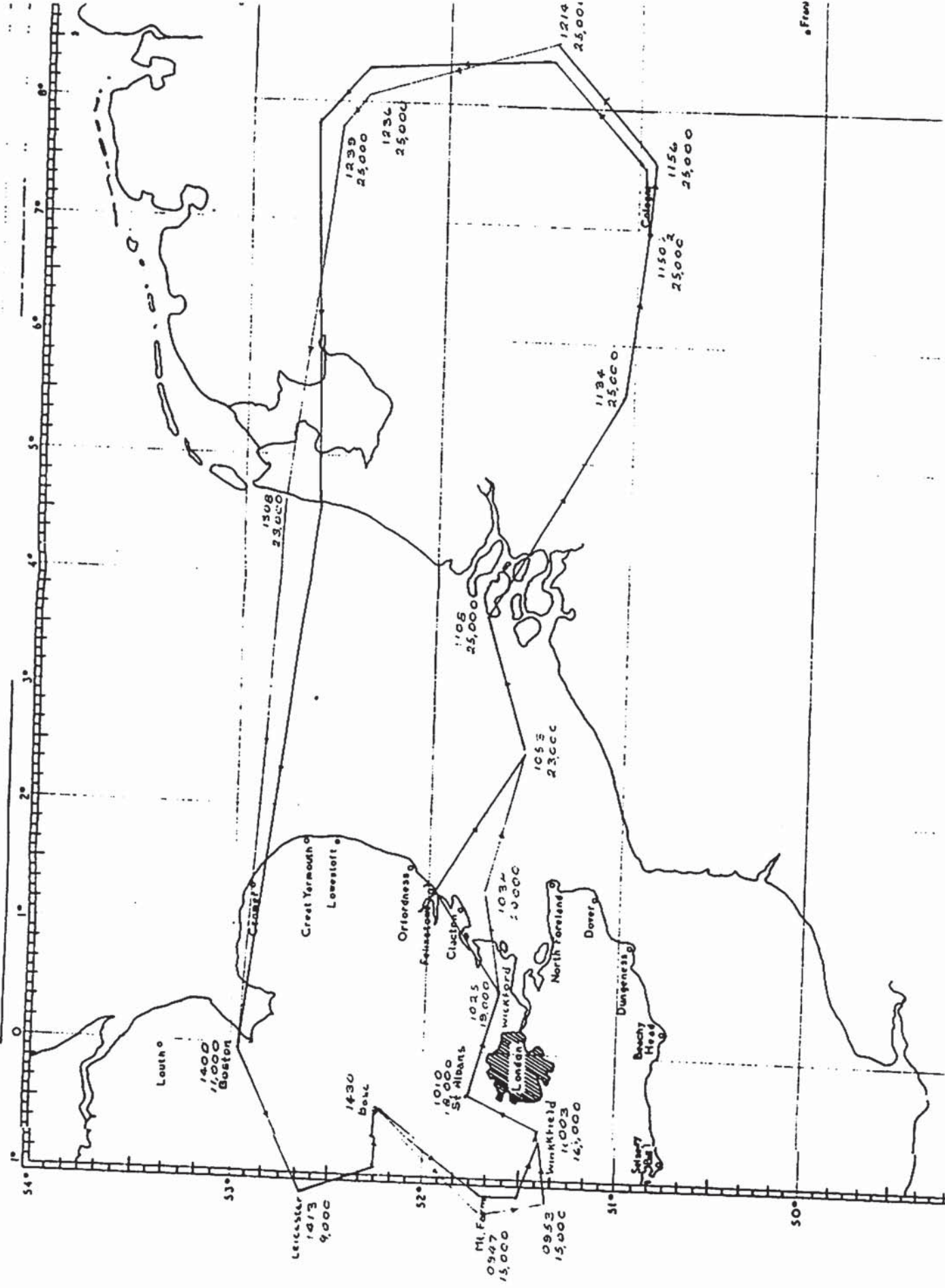
TRACK CHART

DATE 23 JANUARY 1945.

TARGETS
 PRIMARY
 PRIMARY

Colonne, Germany.
 Colonne, Germany (Bombard)

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY



SQUADRON *330038003* W.23 A/C Number *616* Letter *X* Date *28/1/45*

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

Time Took Off *0805* Time Landed

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

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

*40 th C
Lead*

Wielgamer saw B-17 below up just after target.

CNT: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. E. N. Schafer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. H.C. Hostetter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
F/O C.R. Meyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
Sgt. J.I. Dulworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
S/Sgt. C.A. Whitener	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
Sgt. K.D. Morrison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. J.C. Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
Sgt. W.B. Strawn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
S/Sgt. W.W. Priemann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

At 1200 - B-17 - 5710 - 0758E going down - looked like wing off going down in spin.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1150*
 Secondary: Heading: *122*
 Last Resort: Height: *24580*
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: *62*

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

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

Own Bombs: an, Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type _____
 Other Bombing:

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Moderate, tracking, about 7 min before D.C. scattered results until 1215.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON XXXXXXX X23 A/C Number 598 Letter Q Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1430

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

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

12
 40th C
 Lead

1-B-17 at 1151, on t. on fire & down in spin. 3 chutes.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. L.E. Smith P
- 2nd Lt. F.T. Lord, Jr. CP
- F/O M.W. LeRoy N
- Sgt. A.A. Collart B
- Sgt. N.R. Chestnut RO
- Sgt. H.E. Anderson E
- Sgt. M.L. Brown BT
- Sgt. R.L. Raftery WG
- Sgt. R.C. Seegar TG

1-B-17 at Dortmund at 1203 hrs. smoking & saw exploded. No ch.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: (126°M.)
 Last Resort: Height: 24,760
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: Any Missiles: Yes (1)

Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 8/10-10, 500; same; to I.P. then broke until 0800 E. Sun. -47°
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? no

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense from coast in to 0800 out. "B" to "C" said no B. Blue or Red.

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 0200080369 A/C Number 181 Letter () Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 71/4 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0806 Time Landed 1516

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

40 th C
 four

1-B17 - Plane in Baker force received direct hit over Köln and exploded
 1 chute seen, wing came off A/C went down in flames
 CITE: Give rank and initials

- Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether O, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
- Capt. W.J. Haase ✓ P
 - 1st Lt. L.E. Hubbell ✓ CP
 - 1st Lt. J.W. Barkwill ✓ N
 - 1st Lt. L.A.G. Oldenburg ✓ B
 - T/Sgt. L.N. Gibson ✓ RO
 - T/Sgt. W. Miller ✓ E
 - S/Sgt. M.D. Wood ✓ BT
 - S/Sgt. F. Piepenbrink ✓ NG
 - S/Sgt. R.C. Zimmerman ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 134 M
 Last Resort: Height: 24400

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 0850 and 0700 M

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed Am. Nickels: Yes ()
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Clouds broke at River 10,000 ft
 Strong haze from cumulus clouds (Baker & Able said)
 cleared up after target instructed River

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: mod present (1 min) Bombing alt. Started about 23,000

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target misses first burst would then fall before we became very accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

two types. One tracking chaff - one right on

*Low
Flight*

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____ *As briefed*
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____ *① Eng coast out*
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____ *1032 - 5136-0058E*
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____ *② D coast*
1110 - 5140-0344E

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____ *IP*
5105 0552 1130 1/2
2. Was Course as Briefed? _____ *target 1150 1/2 min*
If not, describe course in detail _____ *coast out 5249-0441*
1308 hrs.

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____ *coast in 5256-0005*
1309

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

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

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sq2 OFFICER *Leatherman*

*Came out N of course & leaving
Dutch coast on course until over
Leatherman*

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION:

None
 (Estimated total number of A/A seen) (Type)

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of A/A)

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

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

not too good - a few seen before target - after target fair.

CLAIMS

DAMAGED _____
 PROBABLE _____
 DANGEROUS _____
 (Fill out immediately. Separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

minor flak

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

oxygen failure - gear stuck - lost all instruments - changed pilot
lost in haze - with
lost formation over

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

about as briefed about 9 mi. off course on bomb run.

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SQUADRON XXX A/C Number 896 Letter X Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

10th 'E' Jaw

1 B17 1148 light spin on fire
 No chutes. All way down. GIVE: Give rank and Initials
 1 B17 of fire in gliding going down.
 NE Cologne 1151

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

- 2nd Lt. D.R. Hansen P
- 2nd Lt. H.P. Powers CP
- F/O R.W. Kurrasch N
- 2nd Lt. W.R. Schumacher B
- Sgt. L.D. Connor RO
- Sgt. W.L. Lynch E
- S/Sgt. J.C. Risk BT
- Sgt. J. Stokoe WG
- Sgt. B.E. Harkness TG

2. TARGET Visual: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1148
 Secondary: Heading: 126
 Last Resort: Height: 23400
 T.O. Kept on st.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own bombs: Am. Nickels: Yes
 Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to target.
Cleared on way out. 15000' tops
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES an 'c'

7. CONDENSATION DETAILS: Mod. Non persis. 15000. A up.

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON XXXXXX 3 XXXX A/C Number 198 Letter D Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E.

Formation in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed

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

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

40th "C" Low

B17 down in flames just before target. By check. N. Chutes.

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. H.B. Ryder P
- 2nd Lt. L. Mikela CP
- 2nd Lt. O.R. Minihane N
- 2nd Lt. R.C. Huff B
- Sgt. J.G. Wurtzenberger RO
- Sgt. A.H. Ness E
- Sgt. R.P. Jafrate BT
- Sgt. J.W. Stright WG
- Sgt. M.J. Loes TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PTF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150
 Secondary: Heading: 125° mag
 Last Resort: Height: 24000
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: not checked An, Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Pilotage possible halfway WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?
in - ground visible at target -

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Didn't bother. from well over on way out.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), distance, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Inter 6 left - "In us was slight to moderate fairly accurate" Mostly after bombs
 Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ ~~XXX~~ ~~XXX~~ A/C NUMBER 287 Letter V Date 28/1/45 18

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

Time took off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

WG replied B17 down formation 1325
5258N 0312 (E) - junk losing alt.

below this A/C, which was 16000'
 Friend, A/C in distress!

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

B-17 (5110-0720E) down smoking - no chute
out

- Capt: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. L.T. Kearney ✓ P
 - 2nd Lt. V. Moore ✓ CP
 - F/O G.C. Dickerson ✓ N
 - 2nd Lt. A.B. Blair ✓ B
 - Sgt. E.C. Thixton ✓ RO
 - Sgt. W. Pomrak ✓ E
 - Sgt. C. Ostertal ODSTACIL ✓ BT
 - Sgt. V.C. Fredrick ✓ WG
 - Sgt. C.E. Wiley ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1157
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 24,300
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: _____

3. Number of WEBS dropped on target: 5x500 Detonated: 3x500 Returned: 3x500 Abortive: _____

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For mine, flame or others)
 Own Bombs: 2 Dropped 1202 lbs Am. Micks: Yes No
 Other bombing: B.T. saw me & ...

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on No Camera
 Hand _____ Movie _____

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Very persistent 20,000 up

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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mod - tracking fairly acc

Crew observations about flak: up left ... getting flak

SQUADRON *367* *XXXX* A/C Number *407* Letter: *P* Date *28 January, 1945.*

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

Time Took Off *08:05* Time Landed

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

1145 hrs
if check lost 2 B75 -
both were following -
flaw up. no com. turned

- Give Rank and Initials
- 1st*
2nd Lt. S. D. Hodges P
 - 2nd Lt. R. F. Pawelke CP
 - 2nd Lt. N. O. Hemenway N
 - 2nd Lt. R. W. Weishar B
 - S/Sgt. A. Rohinsky RO
 - S/Sgt. V. Pacchioni E
 - S/Sgt. O. Gibson BT
 - S/Sgt. S. P. DeZolt WG
 - S/Sgt. F. D. Menzies TG

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

2. TARGET ATTITUDE: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1151*
 Secondary: Heading: *123 mag*
 Last Resort: Height: *24000*
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: *10* Utilized: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)
 Own Bombs: *Not observed - town open but hazy*
 An. Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: *Pilots possible west of route*
 WHAT MESSAGE REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Light, not bad*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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"Slight, incommensurate to us" - Moderate
observed in other groups

Crew observations about Flak: *"not so much as expected"*

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SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ 23 A/C Number 804 Letter Date 28 January, 1945.

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

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed

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

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

W.C. Low

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. WB W. B. Turner P
- 2nd Lt. W. H. Near CP
- 2nd Lt. M. Brecher N
- Sgt. J. N. Thompson B
- Sgt. E. F. Heyer RO
- Sgt. C. S. Sosnowski E
- Sgt. S. D. Robinson BT
- S/Sgt. C. L. Marler WG
- Sgt. E. R. Nunley TG

*B-17 down group ahead -
 no parachutes - hit by flak - engine
 at 1156.*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

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

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 24480

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 70

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), Intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate, tracking not too accurate at altitude to the left, about 3 min - ahead of main before B-17 intense obs. over Ruhr.

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SQUADRY XXXXXX # 25 A/C Number 547 Letter ? Date 28 January, 1945.

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position Formation

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed

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

40 ft low

*Saw B-17 - #1115 - very low
 #4 feathered.
 at 1309 - 5119 - 0729 - B-17
 1800 ft behind - smoking, going down in spirals*

CRW: Give Rank and Initials

21147

2-B-17's saw down ahead - in Calagne - one spiraling wide spirals trailing smoke - other down straight engine - one possible chute.

2. TARGET CHARACTERISTICS: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1157
 Secondary: Heading: 114
 Last Resort: Height: 24000
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: 066 (?)

- 2nd Lt. R. A. Lissner P
- 2nd Lt. C. J. Britton CP
- 2nd Lt. F. G. Robbins N
- Sgt. H. R. Bemetz B
- Sgt. V. L. Fennerty RO
- Sgt. L. H. Miller E
- Sgt. M. H. Ender BT
- S/Sgt. M. J. Depmsey WG
- Sgt. G. W. Beck TG

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 and type

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
			<i>Intense, barrage (tracking west group)</i>			
			<i>None at front times.</i>			

Crew observations about flak:

22

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 36 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 975 Letter F Date 28/1/45

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

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th C
Low

1817 gp ahead down in flames over target - in Chetros run.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R.H. Wood P
- 2nd Lt. J.E. Collins CP
- 2nd Lt. W.M. Lanier, Jr. N
- T/Sgt. B. Parker B
- T/Sgt. J.E. Thwaite RO
- T/Sgt. E.P. Richards E
- S/Sgt. I.H. Pitterman BT
- Sgt. S. Beigel ND
- Sgt. C.F. Hitchcock TG

2. TARGET AREA: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1152
 Secondary: Heading: 118
 Last Resort: Height: 24,100
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 82°

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

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

Own bombs: an. Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on B.T. not working to day
10/10 in Hand Movie 20 R.A. pictures

6. WEATHER: 3 FFF to Kohn clear and WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER?

target to Coast - 8/10 chance

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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no flak encountered - some firing into Chaff (behind)
alt O.K.

Crew observations about flak: _____

23

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 36 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 713 Letter K Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1505

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. (Yes/No)
 If DITCHED send crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

*Hot News
Low*

*1-B-17 at 1151 - flames,
spin. no ch.*

CITE: Give rank and initials

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

- 2nd Lt. A.A. Lomar P
- F/O I.J. Zukowski CP
- F/O I.J. Sandler N
- Sgt. J.G. Vickroy B
- Sgt. L.A. Ferrell RO
- Sgt. J.W. Wallek E
- Sgt. R.G. Crapyou BT
- Sgt. R.L. Hesser WG
- Sgt. M.F. Gilmore, Jr. TG

2. TARGET ATTAINABLE: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: Height: 23,300
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: 1944 an, Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Target on after bombing
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINER? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no red & blue
md

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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flak no

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON *363336* 1233A A/C Number *185* Letter *J* Date *28/7/45*

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

Time Took Off *0805* Time Landed *1503*

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

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

40th e Low

1-B-17, 1147, Kohn, in file. no ch.

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. K. Carakostas F
- 2nd Lt. J.L. Cation CP
- 2nd Lt. C.L. Seckinger R
- 2nd Lt. M.B. Null B
- S/Sgt. B.M. Brown RO
- S/Sgt. C.E. Yuggan E
- Sgt. J.E. Bowman BT
- S/Sgt. H.E. Parks MG
- Sgt. L.L. Smith TG

2. TARGET ALTITUDE: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1151*
 Secondary: Heading: *110° M.*
 Last Resort: Height: *24000*

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target:

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

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

Own bombs: An. Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: *1/4 mi. shot.* Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: *over target open*
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? *Open to 0600*

7. CONDENSATE TRAILS: *Dense.*

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Kohn Mod T2 120

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON RAZA368 367 FAX A/C Number 197 Letter _____ Date 28/1/45

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40th "C" High

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

Time took off 0.05 Time landed _____

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

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

Don't know about Holteraway... was with us in no capacity after about a just before turn "around coast".

CR: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. L.A. Risk P
- 2nd Lt. R.T. Gregg CP
- 1st Lt. K.L. Warner N
- 1st Lt. R.B. Bordner B
- T/Sgt. M.D. Houston HO
- T/Sgt. J.H. Hoffman E
- 2nd Lt. W. Quan RN RTX
- S/Sgt. W.R. Carrasco LU
- S/Sgt. R.A. Russo TG

TARGET ATTITUDE: (PFI or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: 1150 1/2
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 094° mag.
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 25600

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

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

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

Own Bombs: See log at loss away _____
 Other Bombs: none _____
 2. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? _____ Was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

9. WEATHER: Not so bad as briefed - Alt 8000 of Ruhr wonderfully visible - Patchy
 6-7/10ths (top 20,000) after that. Some pilotage possible

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

any when 4000 from coast to target which was 10/10ths target was open but too late - fair visibility
 8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or light	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Rank 503 257024

Slight to moderate light flak but accurate or groups ahead - mostly after bombs away.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 368 24 2X A/C Number 429 Letter W Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

40th C
High

1150 } B-17 - chute down spinning
 1155 } blow up
 1200 } B-17 is flamed out down & blew up. no chute
around Rhodanus and Lt. J.B. Martin

Friendly A/C in distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. W.C. Holder
 If lost, state whether C, A.N., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause) 2nd Lt. J.M. Wilf

Hathaway pulled off 10-15 min after Eng Coast
 1414 spin. all 4 engines going put down wheels
Pulled off to rt. flying off rt wing this a/c had Hi
 2. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual) at that time

Primary: Time: 1151 S/S t. L.B. Davison
 Secondary: Heading: 125 S/Sgt. T.L. Bare
 Last Resort: Height: 26,000
 T.O. (Circle One) S/Sgt. H.C. Trimmer
 Turn off target:

3. Number of Bombs dropped on targets: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
 4. Observed REMAINS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on B.T. Not working
 Hand _____ Movie Shutter seemed frozen

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
Clear haze in target

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:
obs in Ruhr Valley - barrage

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SQUADRON XXX368 XXXXXX A/C Number 711 Lt D Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

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

40 ft high

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. C.W. Whitcomb P

2nd Lt. F.N. Hales CP

1st Lt. W.L. Gillaspie N

1st Lt. R.G. Wilson B

Sgt. G.M. Ringwald RO

Sgt. E.E. Nelson E

Sgt. R.O. Dinger BT

WG

Sgt. F.C. Dusenberry WG

Sgt. L.F. Dorenbusch TG

Bombed with U

3. TARGET ATTITUDE: (PFF or Visual) PH with possible via correction

Primary: Time: 1153

Secondary: Heading: 115° mag

Last Resort: Height: 22,400

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 70

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

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

Own Bombs: thought they hit short

Am. Nickels: Yes: 40

Other bombing: NONE

Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: about as briefed - breaks at target
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Heavy above 22,000 - not visible personally

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: lot of flak at Ruhr. damage

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

10. LIGHTNING STRIKES: (Include time, place, and color markings)

Lightning strikes

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

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

None

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

None

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

Late takeoff - changed planes twice - ignition trouble.

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

as briefed

OFFICER Kelly T-38 COMMANDER _____

*Break filed on group and
 held on us after
 No Backlog to
 Chomling
 Target*

40th "G"

28 January, 1945

- Hulings
Horvay
592-Y Pff
- Lindsay
807-P
- Mullen
153-G
- Blackshaw
359-S Pff
- Cogswell*
578-D
- Smith*
598
- Schafer
616-X
- Kirby*
585-A
- Winslow
840-Y
- Patten
683-Q
- Phillips
549-D
- Morgan
444-Y
- Spare - Roth - 674-B

*ship down from group
 ahead. Suter 3 A/C down*

*4 ships in tandem
 wing fell off*

LSW

- Haase*
181-B
- Wood
975-F
- Hansen
896-X
- Rogers
619-S
- Hodges
407-P
- Carakostas*
185-J
- Lonar
713-K
- Ryder
198-D
- Lisner*
547-F
- Turner
804-S
- Kearney
287-V
- Carle
301-U
- Spare - Young - 819-Q

*could see
 some in cliff
 some visual
 my B.A.
 air yard slow*

HIG.

- Risk
197-K Pff
- Hathaway
512-A
- Whitcomb
711-D
- Martin
429-W
- Hatch*
302-Z
- Evans
817-G
- McGahan*
474-V
- Olsen*
628-O
- Frasch
604-A
- Lenn
611-G
- Hartshorn
325-M
- Swango
802-F
- (10 T-285
Nickels)
- (5 T-282
Nickels)
- Spare - Carder - 466-Q

*vis occ
 Jimmy*

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SQUADRON XXXX368XZM XXX A/C Number 802 Letter Z Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1846

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

Handwritten: High

1- B-17 *Just as approached target believes from ground ahead, spinning in flames. 1 chute seen a/c seen to break up*
 1157 - *Shot down over Tolon*

- Friend, A/C in distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether O, N.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
- 2nd Lt. B. J. Swango P
 - 2nd Lt. W.C. Davenport CP
 - 2nd Lt. R. L. LeKashman W

1- B-17 - 1153 *1 ship seen going down behind in flames, too far away to identify.*

- TARGET ATTACHER: (PFF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1157
 - Secondary: Heading: 110°
 - Last Resort: Height: 25,250
 - T.O. (Circle One)
 - Turn off target: 070°
- Sgt. F.F. Alston B
 - Sgt. W.T. Moss RO
 - T/Sgt. W.J. Schultz E
 - Sgt. J.F. Martinez BT
 - Sgt. W. Spatlach WG
 - Sgt. R. Pekofske TG

3. Number of H.E.S dropped on target: All Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: None Yes No
 Other Bombing: None Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Clouds broke close to River then had haze solid in to target
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINGE? Positive identification of weather

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Started 23,000 Dense persistent

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
<u>Target</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>moderate</u>	<u>white</u>	<u>in relation to a/c</u>	<u>accurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. FLIGHT DATA

(Estimate total number of *n/a* seen) _____ (Type) _____

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Altitude of *n/a*) _____

(Color, markings, etc. of *n/a*) _____

10. APPEARANCE: (Include type, size, and color markings)

Pic of Jap 1128
5103-0535E
P-51, 2 engines

C L A I M S

ENGINE _____

PROPELLER _____

WING _____

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

11. GROUND OBSERVATIONS: Give time, place, altitude, (list all observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, camouflages, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vehicles; landmarks, new enemy installations.)

12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in *n/c*, type of injury, how received. PLACE and WEAPON.)

13. DAMAGE TO *n/c*: (Briefly.)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *#1 & 2 engines (hit by flak)*
flak hit P-51's oxygen and
knocked out left side

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

7 o'clock poor

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

Route as briefed

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 40th C High

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 ~~XX~~ A/C Number 323 Letter () Date 28/1/45
 Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time landed 1500

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

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

R-B-17 down over target - just before B.A. prob. Baker group. 1 chute

CNR: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. R.T. Hartshorn P
- 2nd Lt. E.D. Huelat CP
- 2nd Lt. R.W. Haining N
- S/Sgt. P.J. Hannum B
- Sgt. L.J. McDonald RO
- Sgt. M.L. Blakey E
- Sgt. E.P. Conrad BT
- S/Sgt. W.O. Jacobson TG
- Sgt. A.B. Leavell TG

2. TARGET ATTITUDE: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 129
 Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: RU

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

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

Own Bombs: none Am. Nickels: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type: _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: same

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1. sparse - accurate - tracking -

Crew observations about flak: _____

1st instance flak from rocks

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SQUADRON 367 368086 35 A/C Number 302 Letter Z Date 28 January, 1945
 Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ✓ Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 IF DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
 1207 hrs. Over Dusseldorf 1 B-17 down in flames + explode. No chutes. 40th C High

1207 hrs. Over Dusseldorf 1 B-17 down in flames + explode. No chutes. Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. G. L. Hatch ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. W. E. Meisler ✓ CP
- 1st 2nd Lt. E. A. Skonieczny ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Johnson ✓ B
- T/Sgt. R. W. Search ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. J. S. Regulla ✓ P
- S/Sgt. C. H. Allred ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. J. K. Young ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. F. R. Mitchell ✓ TG

Blind run with observed strikes

4. TARGET AREA: (RFI or Visual)
 Primary: Time: 1155 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 25900
 Last Resort: Height: 12600
 T.O. (Circle one) 068°
 Turn off target:

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

6. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)
 Own Bombs: Coordinates at BA
5047 0658 (see) Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type

7. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes Had on
 Hand 10-15000 Movie _____

8. WEATHER: 10/10 to 1P. Clear in target area + North into Ruhr. Coming out 10000' low clouds - 5/10
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

9. CONDENSATE TRAILS: Mod persis. Non-persis. 20000-26000

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	Target		Moderate - Intense		barrage tracking after BA	low.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON *367 360300* *XS* A/C Number *611* Letter *()* Date *28 January, 1945.*

Bomb Load *5 2G-95* H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off *08:05* Time landed *15:00*

1. NOT NESS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

40th C High

1158-B-17-Kohn - spun down to about 12000 ft then blew up. no chutes.

CPT: Give rank and Initials

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

1st 2nd Lt. D. R. Lenn *()* P

2nd Lt. H. L. Christensen *()* CP

1st Lt. J. D. Snoddy *()* N

1156-B-17 in Ruhr - blew up - probably 2 chutes.

S/Sgt. N. W. McConnaughey *()* B

T/Sgt. F. G. Whitney, Jr. *()* NO

T/Sgt. B. F. Munnerylyn *()* E

2. TARGET APPEARANCE: (RTI or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1152*

S/Sgt. G. W. Petrillo *()* BT

Secondary: Heading: *130*

Sgt. S. T. Kweintniewski *()* WG

Last Resort: Height: *25600*

() WG

T.O.
 (Circle one)
 Turn off target: *60*

Sgt. V. Wright *()* TG

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

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

Own Bombs: *nickels* Any Nickels: *Yes*
 Number and type: *()*

Other bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on *none*
 Hand *()* Movie *()*

6. WEATHER: *sun* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? *none*

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *same*

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

Title	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*flak from shortly before bomb away - 2 minutes.
 barrage - predicted concentration*

Crew observations about Flak:

Boothfield area - obs.

SQUADRON 301 3600350 XX A/C Number 604 Letter 0 Date 28 January, 1945

Bomb Load 10 x T-285 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed _____

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

Hot News High

1 B-17 gp ahead down in flames over target. 1/2 min before B.D. about 1150 - CRP: (Give Rank and Initials)

1 crew member 1204 down flaming about 1000 2nd Lt. W. W. Brasch P

Friendly A/C in distress: *one minute then* (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. R. W. Grunski CP

If lost, state whether of, a.a., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause. Pilot *up - 1 chute believed out* F/O. H. E. LeCompte N

1/2 let 9 o'clock on left - about 2-5 mi away Sgt. A. Yehoda B

Sgt. H. R. Hall RD

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual) Sgt. J. Wabeke E

Primary: Time: *1151 1/2* Sgt. R. E. Niznik BT

Secondary: Heading: *129 -* Sgt. H. F. Dulli NG

Last Resort: Height: *25700* _____ NG

T.O. (Circle One) Sgt. V. D. Donohoe TG

Turn off target: _____

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others) *2* *8*

Own Bombs: *BROUGHT 8 NICKELS BACK* Any Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombs: _____ Number and type _____

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

Hand _____ Movie _____

5. WEATHER: *Dropped TWO*

*WHAT MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM
 1150-1155 Red 3 min
 over Channel that
 Red Blue were
 not going to be over target
 said Maypole 1 over target*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Light - Heavy, Bursts of tracking on 2 A/C

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 68 ~~EX~~ 26X A/C Number 474 Letter 7 Date 28/1/45

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

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "C" High

1203 5112 0740 at 0900

2 mi. 1 B-17 explode & down. CRW: Give rank and Initials

1150 N. of Cologne 5058 0700
 Going down & burning. No chutes.

- 2nd Lt. H.R. McGahan F
- 2nd Lt. W.A. Wilson CP
- 2nd Lt. M.F. Hepple N
- S/Sgt. A.J. Stalder B
- Sgt. J.J. Reilly RO
- Sgt. W.T. Dugard E
- Sgt. A.P. Dumenigo BT
- S/Sgt. R.J. Bocian WG
- Sgt. J.L. Minnucci TG

2. TARGET ATTAINMENT: (PFI or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 128

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. (Circle one) 070
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ Am. Nichols: Yes (X)
 Number and type _____

Other bombing:

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to 20m w target
Hazy over target. Hard to pick up
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? NOT out. Red + blue not to be there

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Mod. + Non persis. 15000 + up.

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a/c Number 674 Letter C Date 28/1/45

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

Time took Off 0805 Time landed 1430

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

1150 - near target A/C on app. 270° heading
 Right wing off burning went into spin. 1 chute observed
 (Give Rank and Initials)

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

3 A/C seem to go up in big puff of smoke 1151-1201 and down over Ruhr 3000m away to tell about chutes!

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 097° M
 Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: 70° M

- 1st Lt. H.G. Roth _____ P
- 2nd Lt. C.G. Campbell _____ CP
- 2nd Lt. R.W. Hillbrand _____ N
- S/Sgt. H.R. Langston _____ B
- Sgt. A.F. Masters _____ RO
- Sgt. S.R. Leavitt _____ E
- Sgt. B.F. Scribner, Jr. _____ BT
- Sgt. R.R. Rubano _____ WG
- _____ WG
- S/Sgt. W.H. Lynch, Jr. _____ TG

3. Number of FORDS dropped on target: 211 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: not observed An. Nickels: Yes No
 Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Visual after Target - clear at Cologne. could see city. not too much haze
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: contrails 16,000 - dense presumer at altitude

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
<u>Target</u>						
<u>contrails</u>						
<u>continued for 15 min</u>						
<u>before going in</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

*Very light P-51s
 mostly enemy target*

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

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

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

Hole in nose - flat

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

3 bombs few sec. late going away.

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

1 Runaway Prop over target

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

with lead

S-2 OFFICER W.A. [Signature] FILE COMPLETED _____

S. UNIFORM (XXXXXX) 36) M / O Number 819 Letter G Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10, x 500 (H.B.) Position in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time landed 15:20

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

*Yolkie
Low
Space*

3-B-17's over Kohn - from group in front - prob. three bombing bridge - 2 going straight down - 2 Chutes str. from above

ONE: Give rank and Initials

2nd Lt. W.W. Young P

2nd Lt. A.J. Norman CP

2nd Lt. D. Burwick N

2nd Lt. H. Corigliano B

Sgt. M.D. Ernest RO

Sgt. G.A. Stephens E

Sgt. C.R. Crook BT

Sgt. W.H. McKillop MO

NG

Sgt. W.D. Wilson TG

2. TARGET ALTITUDE: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151

Secondary: Heading: 136

Last Resort: Height: 24400

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 80

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

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

Own bombs: Any Nickels: Yes No

Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FR BUCKNES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, intense, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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first seen immediately after bombs away - some star - barrage - some flak light

Crew comments about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~368 ~~XXXX~~ A/C number 466 letter 1 date 28/1/45

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

Time took off 0805 Day Day

1. HIT NEWS to be shown in. Yes No
 IF DITCHING would crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

40th "C" High Spare

Joined formation #3 in High at 1030. (with comb)

C.O.: Give rank and Initials

2nd Lt. W.D. Carder P

2nd Lt. A.V. Mura CP

2nd Lt. A. Varnado N

2nd Lt. L.F. Campbell *flak in front*

Sgt. J.N. Goldman NO

Sgt. R.W. Circle *flak in shoulder?*

S/Sgt. L.F. Brown BT

Sgt. J.L. Gooden NG

Sgt. R.J. Condrey TG

Friendly A/C in district:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If host, state whether it was a R/A action, accident or undetermined cause.

Saw one B-17 just before B.A. to our left - flew up. In group ahead just after B.A. one B-17 flew down in front of me - flew up about 3000 ft. (P1 or P2)

Primary: Time: 1152
 Secondary: Altitude: 125
 Last Resort: Height: 25500

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

3. Number of B.A.S. dropped on target: 100 *Lost prop. over England at 1402 approx at little S.W. of Norwich - landing at 540 about 15 miles from Norwich - 10/10 could not see ground.*

4. Observed 10 IS OF INTEREST: (For this land or others)

Own Bombs: *Called to Major Variable + flying control* Yes No

Other Bombs: *Major Variable + flying control* Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHY taken: Vertical Horizontal *None*

6. WEATHER: *None* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINGHAM? _____

7. COMMUNICATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (Light, heavy, intense, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<i>accurate, moderate, tracking.</i>						
<i>None at front lines</i>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. MISSION: _____

(Estimate total number of W/A seen) _____ (Type) _____

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of W/A) _____

(Colors, markings, etc. of W/A) _____

10. WRECKAGE: (Include type, type, and number of st)

good

CLAIMS

METHOD _____

PILOTAGE _____

REMARKS _____

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

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO W/C: (briefly) #3 engine hit couldnt feather prop
 minimized fuel system out (pilot & crew). main tab cables shot
 14. MECHANICAL FAILURES:

15. CREW OF W/C: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

16. ROUTE: (note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or W/C come back with speed or altitude?)

*Towed #3 in high control pt 1. Left formation
 after B.O. #1 came back alone. Had fighter
 support way back.*

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