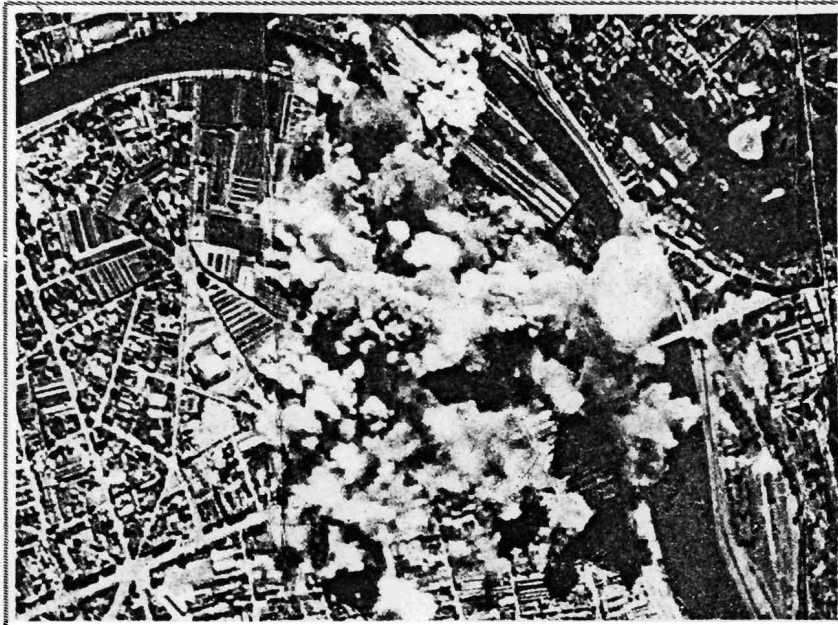
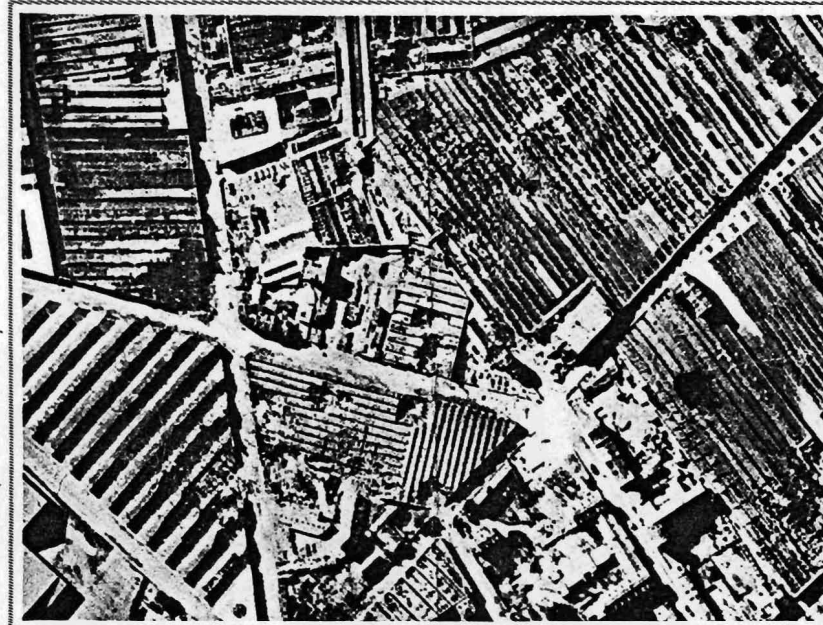


*4 APRIL 1943*

## SOME SPLENDID RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE ALLIED BOMBING RAIDS



FLYING FORTRESSES OF THE U.S. ARMY EIGHTH AIR FORCE ATTACK THE RENAULT WORKS AT BILLANCOURT, PARIS, IN DAYLIGHT.



AFTER THE ATTACK ON THE RENAULT WORKS, RECONNAISSANCE REVEALS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO MANY PARTS OF THE PLANT.

4 APRIL 1943

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## Paris Among Eight Enemy Targets Hit

### Forts, Marauders Pound Air Bases; Nazis Lose 29 Fighters in Day

Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses and Marauders, smashing Luftwaffe airfields and repair bases for the second successive day, blasted eight targets in France yesterday, including the former Caudron-Renault aircraft factory at Paris, now used for Me109 repairs.

The day's raids, which cost the enemy 29 fighters knocked down by the Forts and the supporting fighters, came only a few hours after the same combination of heavy and medium USAAF bombers, striking out over the coast shortly before dusk Thursday under cover of the year's biggest fighter blanket, pounded two airdromes and a power station in western France.

#### 10 Planes Missing

Eight heavy bombers and two fighters failed to return from yesterday's raids, and one medium bomber, one light bomber and two fighters were missing after the Thursday evening operation.

The success of the heavily-armed Fortress against the toughest sort of fighter opposition—23 of yesterday's bag of 29 enemy planes were credited to the B17s—led Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert to assert in a war commentary broadcast by radio that "It almost looks as though the Fortress type of bomber has defeated the contemporary fighter."

The Forts hit five targets in their early morning strike into France: 1—The Caudron-Renault aircraft factory in Paris, separated by a bend in the Seine from the large Renault motor works heavily damaged by Forts last April 5; 2—A large Luftwaffe repair base for single-engine fighters at Romilly-sur-Seine, 65 miles southeast of Paris; 3—A base for fighter reserves at Beaumont le Roger, on the Risle river, about 30 miles southwest of Rouen; 4—An operational fighter base near St. Andre, almost due west of Paris; 5—Repair and service installations for Me109 single-engine fighters at Meulan les Mureaux, on the Seine, about 25 miles northwest of Paris.

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Date 1/18/91  
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PASS TO ADDRESSEE

TO :- C.G. FIRST BOMB WING ATTENTION A-2

FROM :- 306 BG

P-83-E 4/4/43.

TELETYPE REPORT.

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(A) 1. 30 AIRCRAFT OF THE 367, 368, 369, AND 423RD SQUADRONS TOOK OFF AT 1055 TO BOMB THE RENAULT WORKS AT PARIS, FRANCE. THREE RETURNED EARLY, ONE JETTISONING 6 X 1000 BOMBS, TWO RETURNING WITH 12 X 1000 BOMBS. 27 OF OUR AIRCRAFT WERE OVER THE TARGET AT 1414, DROPPING 162 X 1000 BOMBS. ALL OUR A/C RETURNED SAFELY, LANDING AT 1600.

THE ROUTE WAS SUBSTANTIALLY AS ORDERED, THE FORMATION LEAVING LEAVING THE ENGLISH COAST AT BOXHILL AT 1333 1/2 INSTEAD OF BEACHY HEAD. BEAUMONT, 10 MILES N.E. OF PONTOISE, WAS USED AS THE I.P. WITH THE RESULT THAT THE FORMATION FLEW ACROSS THE EXX CENTER OF PARIS, CORRECTING COURSE TO BOMB ON AN AXIS OF 175 DEGREES.

FROM A HEIGHT OF 24,000 FEET. THE BOMB RUN OF OUR LEAD BOMBARDIER WAS OF TEN SECOND DURATION, USING AFCE.

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2. THE BOMBING WAS GOOD, A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF BOMBS BEING  
ON THE RENAULT WORKS AREA. SOME HITS ON THE ISLAND IN THE RIVER  
SOUTH OF THE WORKS AND ACROSS RIVER. RELATIVELY FEW OFF THE  
TARGET. NO BURSTS REPORTED IN RESIDENTIAL AREA, ALTHOUGH ONE  
SALVO LANDED IN A PARK.

3. THREE ABORTIVES:  
ONE TURNED BACK AT 1330 AT BEACHY HEAD BEAXXX BECAUSE CONTROL  
CABLES WERE INJURED OVER CHANNEL AT 1255.  
ONE TURNED BACK AT 1215 AT IPSWICH BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE.  
ONE TURNED BACK NEAR ROTTERDAM ON DIVERSION, BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE

4. NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS SIGHTED UNTIL AFTER TURNING AWAY FROM  
TARGET, WHEN 25 TO 30 E/A MAINLY FW 190 ATTACKED FORMATION,  
MAINTAINING A RUNNING FIGHT UNTIL SPIT COVER WAS REACHED IN THE  
VICINITY OF ROUEN. MOSTLY TAIL ATTACKS, A NUMBER FROM BELOW.  
E/A SEEMED TO ATTACK IN PAIRS OR IN THREES SIMILTANEOUSLY RATHER  
THAN SINGLY AS HERETOFORE.  
WE CLAIM 7 - 1 - 1.

5. FLACK OVER TARGET WAS MODERATE AND INACCURATE, BOTH FOR ALTITB  
XXX ALTITUDE AND DIRECTION. BLACK AND YELLOW OR WHITE BURSTS.  
THREE ACCURATE BURSTS 5 MINUTES AFTER LEAVING PARIS. ONE CREW REPORTB  
XX REPORTED GERMANS USING A NEW KIND OF AMMUNITION THAT BURST IN A  
RED FLASH AND THEN FORMED NUMEROUS SMALLER EXPLOSIONS IN AREA  
SURROUNDING ORIGINAL BURST.

6. FOUR B17'S REPORTED IN DISTRESS:  
1ST AT 1434 NEAR ROUEN. TAIL BROKE OFF. ONE CHUTE.

7. NONE.

8. ALL CREWS REPORT TWO TREMENDOUS BURSTS IN AIR. THESE SEEM DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED AS BOMBS DROPPED BY FW 190'S ON FORMATION. FIRST ATTEMPT WAS MADE 15 MILES FROM TARGET. THE SECOND, SHORTLY BEFORE ROUEN. THE SECOND TIME SEVERAL CREW MEMBERS ACTUALLY SAW THE BOMB DROP FROM THE FW AND ALL NOTED THE TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION, SEVERAL DESCRIBING SMOCKXXX SMOKE AS '' BIG AS A TRUCK''. ONE BOMB WAS DROPPED FROM IN FRONT ABOVE. OTHER BOMB WAS DROPPED WITH DIVE BOMBING TECHNIQUE, BEING DROPPED AS FW PULLED OUT OF DIVE.

SPIT COVER WAS GOOD, ESPECIALLY AGAINST ATTACKS FROM ABOVE , BUT NOT SO EFFECTIVE AGAINST ATTACKS FROM BELOW. AT LEAST 6 CREWS REPORT SEEING SPITS FIRED UPON BY FORMATION.

B -

1 - 30

2 - 3

3 - RENAULT WORKS - 27

4 - CITREON WORKS - 0

5 - ROUEN -0

6 - NONE

7 - 0

8 - 0

9 - 0

10 - 0

11 - 0

12 - 6 X 1000

13 - 162 X 1000

14 - 6 X 1000

15 - 12 X 1000

16 - 0

17 - 0

18 - 1

19 - 0

20 - 1414 RENAULT WORKS, 24,000 FEET.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER,

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By RLB/BAC  
Date 1/8/91  
NARA

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Opn. 4<sup>th</sup>

'Come in 2's + 3's + cross at tail  
Lt. Warren George 171

Coming in in 3's + 4's in frontal attacks  
on Sq. Below"  
Lt. E. J. Magoffin 7629

"FW's 5 to 7 at a time"  
Lt. C. D. Briscoe 477

"3 to 4 at time (FW's)"  
Lt. F. K. Watson 7658

"6's + 7's (FW's)"  
Capt. Regan 498

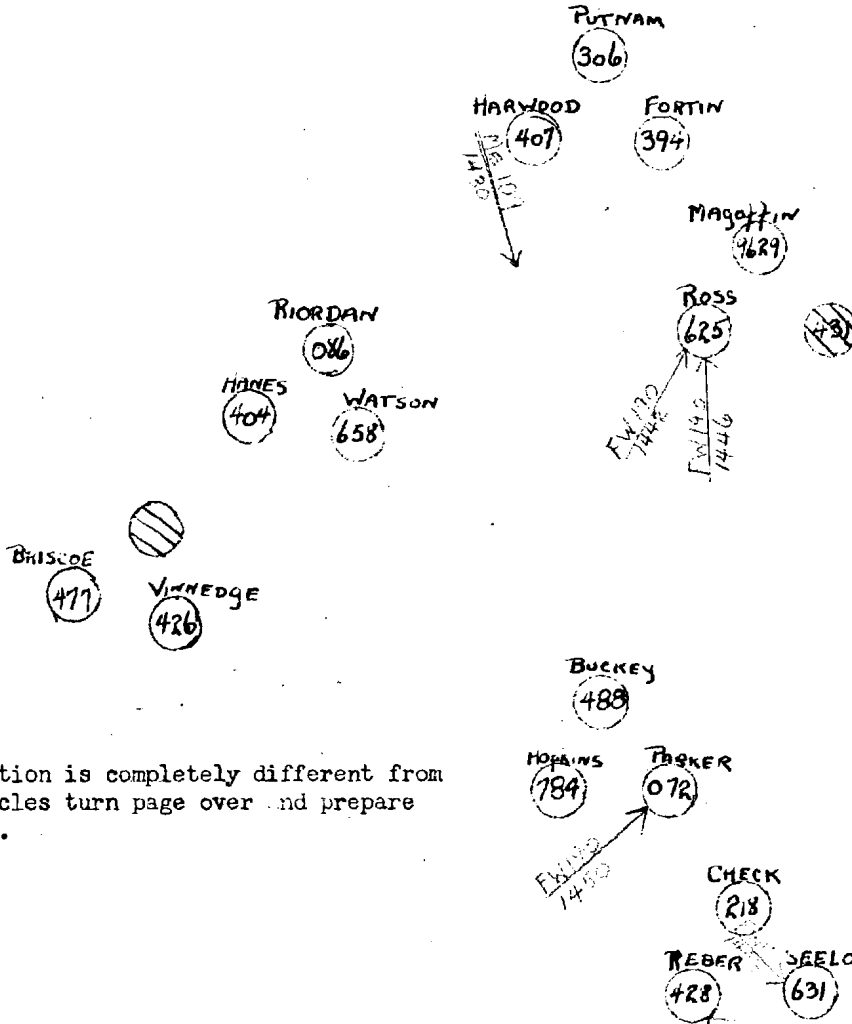
"1/2 pairs + more"  
Lt. W. H. Parker 072

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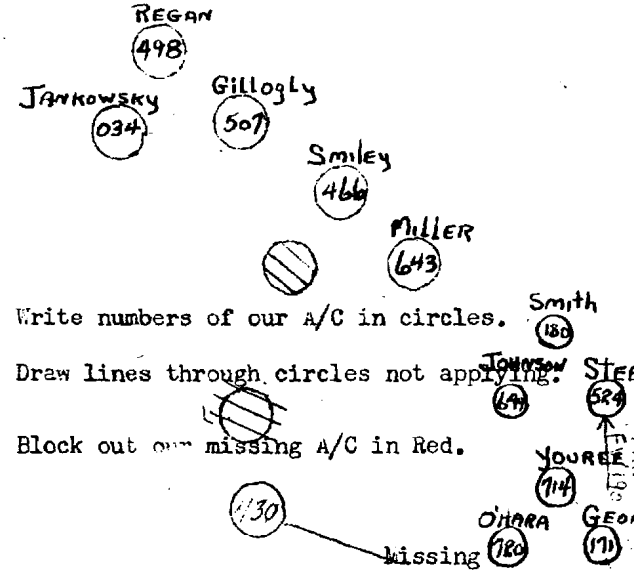
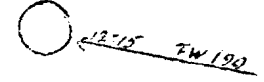
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GROUP 306  
 DATE 4/4/43

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM



Show direction, approx. time and type E/A of each attack with arrow. Above with ~~xxx~~ <sup>blue</sup> arrow - Below with green - Level with ~~xxxx~~ red.



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

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

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TELEPHONE REPORT

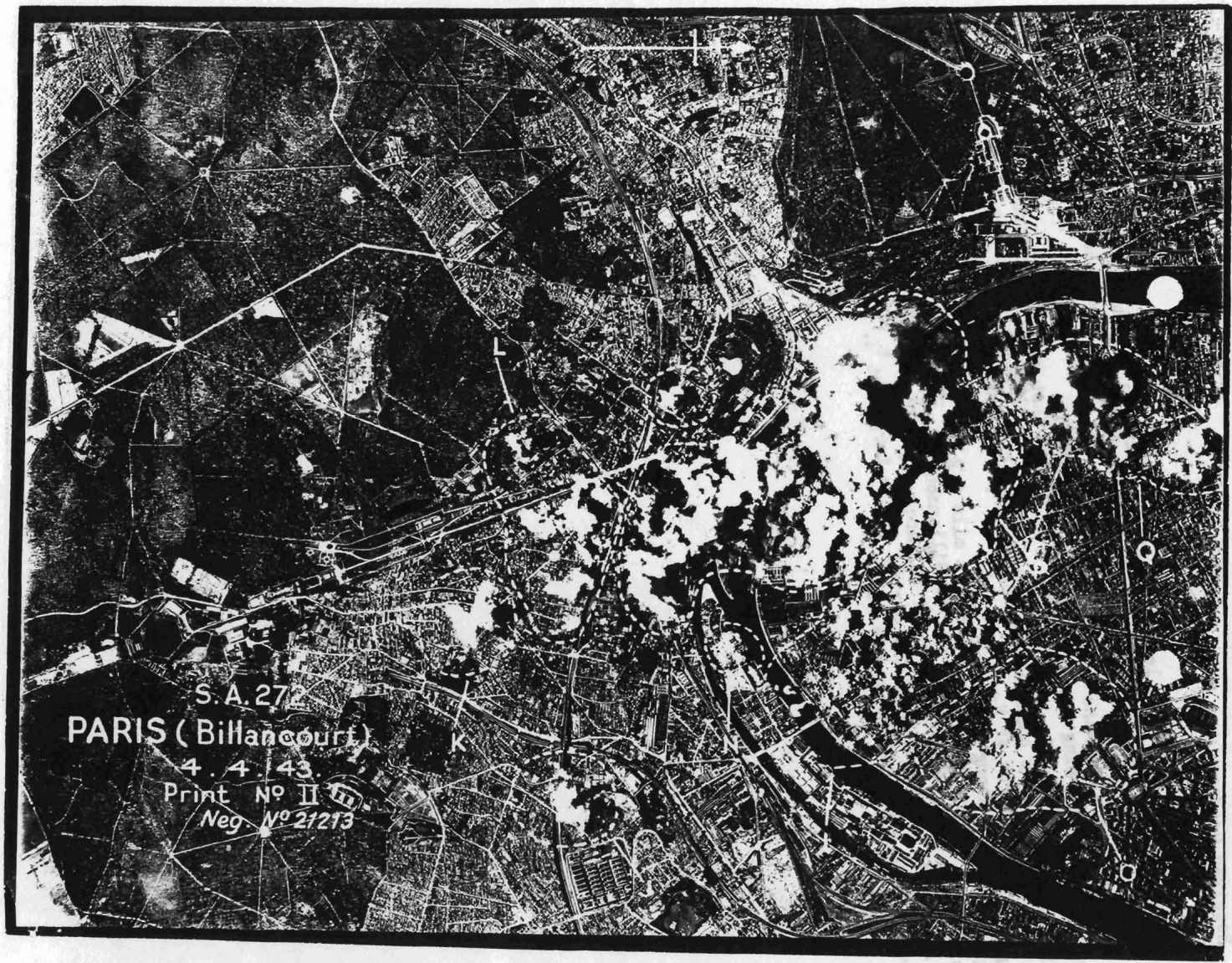
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- 1. Name of primary target Renault Works - Paris Number of A/C attacking 27
- 2. Name of secondary target — Number of A/C attacking —
- 3. Name of L.R. target — Number of A/C attacking —
- 4. Target of opportunity — Number of A/C attacking —
- 5. Units participating 367-8-9-423
- 6. Number of A/C taking off 30
- 7. Number of A/C returning early 3
- 8. Number of A/C lost or missing so far as known 0
- 9. Results of bombing: good  fair  poor  nil
- 10. Number of casualties: killed 0; wounded 17; missing 0
- 11. Enemy air opposition: considerable  moderate  slight  nil
- 12. Flak: intense  moderate  slight  nil
- 13. Observed fighter support: Good - Crews quite complimentary
- 14. Weather as it affected the mission: Clear over target

15. Flash observations of outstanding importance Definite proof of bombs dropped by FW's  
ME 109 copied Spit tactics trying to confuse formation  
1 B17 tail shot off at 1434 - 1 chute  
1 B17 went down spinning at 1436  
1 B17 burning at 1442  
 Telephoned to Barry by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Timed 1814; Date \_\_\_\_\_

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By RLB/JHC NARA Date 1/8/91



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PARIS (Billancourt)

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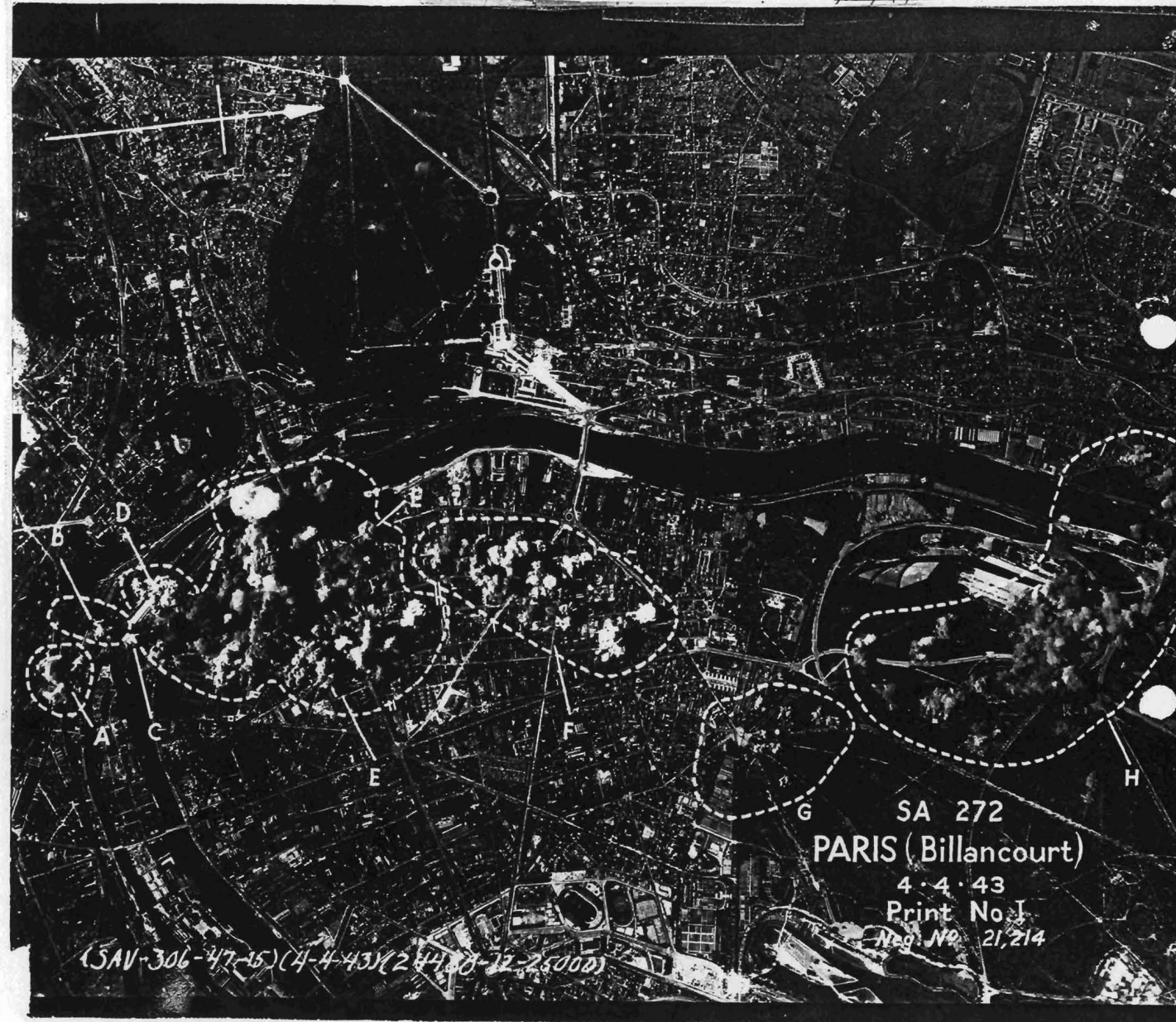
- I. A large group of at least 50 bursts, including probable hits on the Engine Testing and Finishing Shops, and several hits on the SALLISON Works.
- J. Two bursts near the viaduct at les Moulines.
- K. Smoke dispersing from a burst among houses East of Les Capucins Meudon area.
- L. Several bursts among houses in Les Capucins Meudon area about 800 yds. North of K.
- M. One burst among houses about 3/4 mile S.E. of SEVRESI.
- N. One burst on the island SE. of Billancourt.
- O. Bursts among buildings, E. of Billancourt.
- P. A later development of the bursts on the target at <sup>2</sup>.
- Q. A later stage of the bursts at F.

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Date 1/8/91

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SA 272  
 PARIS (Billancourt)  
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Date 1/18/41

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- A. Bursts on buildings and the railway on the S. Bank on the seine.
  - B. Bursts probably on the tyre Manufacturing plant, on river-side buildings and several in the water.
  - C. A direct hit on the Diesel Engine Shop.
  - D. Concentrated bursts on the Press Shop.  
Assembly Shop, former Painting and Upholstery Shop and former  
Assembly Shop for cars or rolling stock.
  - E. The main concentration of bursts which probably includes hits on the Repair Shop, administrative offices, Metal Stores, Non-Ferrous Metal Foundry, Cylinder Block Machining Shop, Forges, Power Plant, Foundry Sheet Metal and Radiator Shop, Core Shop, Chemical Products Section and Casting Foundry.
  - F. A Group of bursts N. of the target ~~which~~ have fallen among houses in the Boulogne area.
  - G. Ten bursts mainly in the densely wooded area of the Bois de Boulogne.
  - H. Numerous bursts across the course and buildings on the LONCHAMP race course and in the woods adjoining; several are seen in the river and directly on or near the Pont de Suresnes; the remainder among buildings on the West bank of the SEINE near the bridge.

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By RLB/BAC NARA

Date 1/18/91

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 784 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4 April.

Bomb Load 6x1000 P.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off \_\_\_\_\_ Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_
HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: (X) X X X X X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 B 17 near Rozen 1440 hours. 7 chutes out.

J. E. Hopkins Pilot

E. G. D. CO-F

L. J. Flower Nav.

1 B 17 going down near coast. on way out.

R. Farmer Bomb.

B. C. Williams Radio

E. Rogers Top T.

E. Zaban Ball T.

J. T. Rusie R. Waist

O. Van Cleve L. Waist

J. T. Babbs Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1416.

Alternate Height: 24700'

Last Resort Heading: 180 degrees (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 40"

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

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

Own Bombs: Couldn't see own.

Other Bombing: all bombs looked good.

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Table with 7 columns: Time, Place, Height, Type (light, moderate or slight), Color, Location, Accuracy. Sub-headers for Type and Location.

Moderate over target. and inaccurate. little elsewhere.

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

25 35 mostly FW's

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

No attacks on this ship.

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

All our claims immediately  
separate CLAIM FORM for  
each claim.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good - may have been a little late

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

nil

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:  
Elect. system faulty.

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)  
Should be more tracer bullets.

S-2 OFFICER Wright

CLAIMS FORM COMPLETED

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By ALB/DAC Date 1/8/91 NARA

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SQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 A/C Numl 428 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4 Apr.

Bomb Load 6 X 100 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off \_\_\_\_\_ Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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)

L. Reber Pilot

1 B 17 flaming & going down near Rouen.

H.A. Barnes CO-P

L. Bergen Nav.

F.J. Daniel Bomb.

Sgt. W.C. Ormond Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1417

C.A. Christian Top T.

alternate Height: 25000'

C.C. Kemmerling Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 180°  
(circle)

R.C. Lemmerhirt R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run:

R.L. Bodeland L. Waist

40 "

E.H. Brotzman Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target 6 X 100 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Couldn't see.

Other Bombing:

hooked excellent. - Bursts all thru target area.

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)  
Clear.

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

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

Moderate over target and inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak:

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20-25 FW's & 'E's.

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (7,000)

2 attacks on tail.  
 (Location and length of fight)

Showing wings just like a spit.  
 (Tactics of E/A)

mostly tail attacks

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	1
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	

Fill out immediately.  
 Separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Very good. With us all the way.

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

1 FW shot down by formation ahead

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

(- see 1 B17 down)

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

1 slight injury to 1 man - (about 3 min after target at)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

# 4 prop shot } holes in motor.  
 1 tire shot } 1 Big hole in left wing (20mm)  
 2 elevators shot. (30 cal)

16. TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES:  
 17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents or suggestions?)

New - 20 mm's were exploding with white flashes.

S-2 OFFICER Wright

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION PAGE

SQUADRON (367) 368 369 423 A/C Number 407 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4 Apr

Bomb Load 6x1000 (U.E.) Incendiary \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Time Took Off \_\_\_\_\_ Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No  
Details: \_\_\_\_\_

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. Harwood C.J. Pilot

G. F. Clymer CO-P

H.W. Whiteman Nav.

Sgt. E. J. Zabawa Bomb.

R. J. Robel Radio

L. Enloe Top T.

R. H. Erickson Ball T.

Sgt. W. J. Hifler R. Waist

W. S. Buchanan L. Waist

J. E. Collette Tail G.

1. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary  Time: 1416

Alternate Height: 24000'

Last Resort Heading: 170°  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 30-40  
sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: whole target area covered with smoke

Other Bombing: look good

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered (-without 2nd overrun).

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) nil.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate over target area - was inaccurate

Burst near Bowen (not effective)

Crew observations about Flak: \_\_\_\_\_

Black & yellow burst around target

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

5 @ 1000 yds after beam in target -  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Lots - (35 + 40)  
(Location and length of fight)

No attacks -

(Tactics of E/A)

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

As they saw B-17's knock down  
V Spits - one kind came in close  
rolling his wings to show whether we  
(Our defensive action)

B-17's shooting at Spits

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

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Howell at Raven -

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

Bomb from Pursuits - Saw Dive Bombing attack on formation to within 2,000 feet.

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) Pilot saw bomb.

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

on coast of France on way out  
flashes on ground - very  
numerous - no flock observed

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER Barnes TLE CO. 510

Hosey thinks he saw new air base

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5. SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 631 Letter 4 Date 1/15/45

Bomb Load 6-X 1000 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 1115  
X X X X  
X X X X  
X X X X  
X X X X  
X X X X  
X X X X

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

New 5 Chulic come from B-17 near  
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?  
(Give position, time, altitude, full  
details)

B-17 in spin near  
Rouen  
fighter hit Channel  
2 FWS knocked down 9 mi SW  
in French territory

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary  Time: 1416  
Alternate Height: 24,000  
Last Resort Heading: 210  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:  
40 seconds

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Lt Seaton Pilot  
Lt Kremer CO-P  
Lt C.F. Jones Nav.  
Lt Rauchen Bomb.  
Sgt W. H. Kent Radio  
Sgt. Stemkowski Top T.  
Sgt R. Magee Ball T.  
Sgt F.A. Hampton R. Waist  
Sgt E. Walls L. Waist  
Sgt W.F. Baker Tail G.

3. Number of BS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: not seen

Other Bombing: whole target area at large

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good

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	Effect on re- turning A/C	Accuracy
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None on way out

large beam tracked with search light  
way home - at Los Andelys

new observations about Flak: tracked at Los Andelys  
Smoke at Los Andelys

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

50  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

Feb 2 1099.5  
(Types)

larger to west coast  
(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

one ME109 had British markings (?) SPT Markings  
grey - colored like Spit. Aced 9 maneuvers?  
like Spit. Came from tail. Attack from all  
directions, mostly from left

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

fairly good

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

? R D F Station at Pontoise (St. Jones)

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

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

tail needs replacing due to 50 cal

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

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Jeremiah P. O'Sullivan

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SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 034 Letter R Date 11 Apr 45

Bomb Load OX 1800 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1955 Time Landed 1600

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

9 B 17's Goddard (Dallas)  
(2) Corral

- Sgt. Vandewerke Pilot
- Sgt. W. H. Sahell CO-P
- Sgt. R. E. Wyman Nav.
- Sgt. J. A. Pearson Bomb.
- Sgt. P. J. Benigno Radio
- Sgt. B. Stelzo Top T.
- Sgt. E. Bell Ball T.
- Sgt. G. Bennett R. Waist
- Sgt. P. M. McDonnell L. Waist
- Sgt. J. C. Cunniff Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1415'  
Alternate Height: 24,000  
Last Resort Heading: 179 mag  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 39 sec

3 Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 0 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: right in middle of bend.

Other Bombing: target area well hit

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as ordered

8 WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

good

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

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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Way - some at J P.  
larger heavy moderate light inaccurate  
Way home - at Kowen

Crew observations about Flak: Very inaccurate

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(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

target to coast

(Location and length of fight)

head on. saw one drop bomb on ground

man in Regan's A/C saw it explode on ground

did a lot of faking & skidding with

(Tactics of E/A)

2 or three at a time

grey & silver

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*for Regan*

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, ... camouflage, smoke screens, ... signals; activity at airdromes, ports, ... roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, ... 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)

*saw men chute from B17 near coast*

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: *bomb racks, interphone, radio*

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

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*Jeremiah F. Sullivan*

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 07 Letter P Date 4 April 1945

Bomb Load 6 X 1000 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 1600

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1) 17 5 miles S of Rouen (way home)  
2) 17 near target

Lt Gullough Pilot  
1st Lt. Francis CC-P  
Sgt B. Vance Nav.  
Sgt D. Dolinka Bomb.  
Sgt C. F. Fehr Radio  
Sgt L. V. Edwards Top T.  
Sgt H. E. Warren Ball T.  
Sgt R. Dyke R. Waist  
Sgt W. A. Allen L. Waist  
Sgt A. L. Baker Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1415  
Alternate Height: 24,000  
Last Resort Heading: 180  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:  
40 seconds

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 1000 1000 1000

Other Bombing: 1000 1000 1000 <sup>group</sup> target area. one dropped his bombs 12 miles from target area

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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fairly accurate but not intense at target  
some at J. some at <sup>near</sup> coast Rouen

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON (367) 368 369 423 A/C Number 625 Letter NAV Date 2/4/43

Bomb Load 6/1000 (H.E.) Incendi.

Disposition in Formation

Time Took Off 1059 Time Landed 1555

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. K. G. Ross Pilot

1433 near Rouen B17 tail  
blow off 4000 feet - no chutes seen  
1436 - B17 # engine smoking  
3 seen to bail out (near Rouen)

" R. E. GATES CO-P

" S. S. MILLER Nav.

" J. L. LEWIS Bomb.

F. D. HOWEKAMP Radio

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1460

T/S W. A. HOWEKAMP Top T.

Alternate Height: 24000

S/S E. BENSON Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 160° APPROX  
(circle)

S/S A. BIRD R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: \_\_\_\_\_

S/S C. SMITH L. Waist

S/S N. K. PHOENIX Tail G.

2. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: On target - near short end.

Other Bombing: Target - some on, some in city

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.)

2 min late on rendez.  
11 min " over target

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target slight & poor black - started low  
came level - off to right & left  
One or two bursts near Rouen

Crew observations about Flak: 2000 - no St Naz. Craps & here

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40 FW190

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

*On way out*  
Konen - 1425 until Spits at St Valorie 1445  
(Location and length of fight)

Started 11 to 1 then switched to rail attacks

(Tactics of E/A)

Black and Orange, some all black

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<u>2</u>
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill in details separately for each claim)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Going in - not too good  
Coming out - 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 airbases, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations)

Spits shot down E/A just after Fr. 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)

1 small hole (30 cal)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Balt turret leaks oil badly  
left main oxygen loaded

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? NO suggest)

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SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 729 Letter G Date 4/5/43

Bomb Load 6x1000 H.E. Incendi Formation

Time Took Off 14:50 Time Landed 15:10

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*got them dispersion 1, 2, 4 engines  
vibrating. Oil pressure down.  
Right near EA - saw Rotterdam.  
Dropped bombs in North Sea.*

Capt Howard Pilot  
H. Holmstrom CO-P  
A. Brown, J.C. Nav.  
A. Zinkovich Bomb.  
T/S. Lytle Radio  
T/S B. Jordan Top T.  
S/S P. Pappas Ball T.  
S/S Higham R. Waist  
S/S G.B. Smith L. Waist  
T/S H.L. Cox. Tail G.

A bar time

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 086 Letter J Date 3/5/43

Bomb Load 6X1500 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 155 Time Landed 1617

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Saw 4 B17, go down SW of Koven.  
14.26 24000. from one row 3 chutes.  
saw at least 6 out of all, 1 B17 down in  
air. no trail came off.

Capt. Riordan Pilot  
R.V. Williams CO-P  
Lt. Spellman Nav.  
I.T. Rotler Bomb.  
S/sgt. Schultz, OB Radio  
Santoro A.L. Top T.  
Davis C.M. Ball T.  
Dwiggins R.D. R. Waist  
Maye R.D. L. Waist  
McMahon A.D. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1416  
Alternate Height: 23900  
Last Resort Heading: 165 - 170  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run: 40-45 seconds.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: elements. Hit 38, 26, 40, 39, 26. in picture

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes) No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: none.

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

as ordered for practical purposes. - late to beach head

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Much clearer than expected in France.

Worse over England. Could see Amiens & Koven at same time.

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

1416 Target Heavy Moderate black, smoke & grey below.

1st flak 8000 feet below. Looked like shorts at other groups.  
Crew observations about Flak: looked like they got range.

Crew observations about Flak: not hit.

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Bomb Load 6x1000 H.E. Incendi Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1052 Time Landed 1620

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

	X	X	X	Ⓟ
	X X	X	X	X X
	X	X X	X	X
	X X	X	X X	X X
	X			X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Name as Rendon 14:34

- Capt. Smith Pilot
- P. Kelly CO-P
- Paslin Nav.
- Capt. Christman Bomb.
- Sgt J.K. Kinn Radio
- A. Beza Top T.
- Sgt J.P. Mahoney Ball T.
- SM Wentworth R. Waist
- A. Romero L. Waist
- Sgt R.W. Jordan Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1418  
 Alternate Height: 25800  
 Last Resort Heading: 175  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 20 seconds

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Saw 305 at 303. Hit close to river just below our pin point. 2 tall clouds of smoke.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Same as Rendon

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 Burst in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1418	Target	25000	Lots of it. but inaccurate.	White	all behind.	
			2 or 3 bursts of huge of look			
			2 or 3 heavy bursts at Romen			
Crew observations about Flak: <u>Not hit.</u>						

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 714 Letter 2 Date 3/5/43

Bomb Load 6x1000 (H.E. Incend.) Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1050 Time Landed 1520

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

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

CREW: Give ... and Initials

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

Capt. Yourep Pilot  
Sgt. Sugg GO-P  
Sgt. Nordberg Nav.  
Homey Bomb.  
Sgt. Penick Radio  
Sgt. Williams W. Top T.  
McInure K.V. Ball T.  
S. Kard. FL R. Waist  
D. ... L. Waist  
Baker W. K. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 14:15  
 Alternate Height:  
 Last Resort Heading: 25500  
 (circle) 159 Cybulski  
 Duration Bomb Run: 40 Sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 44 + 32 on plot.

Other Bombing:

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: none.

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear in France then thick  
Suits in England.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1415</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>25500</u>	<u>Moderate very accurate for altitude.</u>			
			<u>Received few bursts one prof than another. He was down good but didn't hit. Much better with the ordnance. He was</u>			

Crew observations about Flak.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

50-60 or more E/A F.W.

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

Hit groups down low & in front of us like on my back

(Location and length of fight)

no attack before. Korea.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill in separately for each claim)	_____

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Two B17 shot down just which needed down another. Could see some flying at night. Support 9000.

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

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) 1431

2 B17s go down at Korea. 6 charts out of me. one B17 had only 1 chart.

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?)  
needed an own leader to lead, on formation. Even his fellow  
didn't stay. Need more identification

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SQUADRON (367) 368 369 423 A/C Numl 18294 Letter 2000 Date 4/14/43

Bomb Load 6x1000 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1049 Line Landed 1550

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*at about 16:00 alt about 16,000 feet  
 saw B-17 at 1430 - 4 engine  
 smoking 3 engine running  
 burning and falling from  
 over plane of the beach target.*

- 1st Lt R.W. Martin Pilot
- K.A. Keecher CO-P
- W.A. Owen Nav.
- Sgt. Pederson Bomb. *GU.*
- 1st Sgt. Quinn Radio *J.A.*
- T. Wendolowski Top T. *C.T.*
- Sgt. James Ball T. *GU.*
- Sgt. R.E. Graft R. Waist
- Sgt. W.C. Rhodes L. Waist
- Sgt. Britton Tail *G.W.D.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1417  
 alternate Height: 23000  
 Last Resort Heading: 220°  
 (circle)  
 Duration Run: 50 seconds.

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)  
 Own Bombs: Very accurate most bombs on target.

Other Bombing: Very accurate

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*As prescribed*

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

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	<u>Over target</u>		<u>Medium</u>			<u>Not very accurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak: Some white and black.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

45 FW 190  
(Estimated total number of seen) (Types)

Barely within range as passed by about 5 minutes after target  
(Location and length of fight)

Group 10 o'clock low ahead got very heavy continuous  
Attack.

(Tactics of E/A)

Between 1415 and 1430 three 5/2-2/F about 1000ft above and at  
10 o'clock made shallow dive and as pulled up rectangular  
object ~~came~~ was released and exploded at about 10000 altitude  
(Color markings etc. of E/A)  
Bright red flash with black smoke, one each plane to left right  
and third just ahead of lead A/C.

(Our defensive action)

nothing new.

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(If not immediately  
separate CLAIM FORM for  
each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT good as ordered.

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

Large air port north of Paris

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

B 17 mentioned by roman

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

none

15.

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURE:

Bomb doors would not close entirely  
B all turret and tail gunner oxygen not  
coming through sufficiently

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

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14.

SQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 A/C Number 498 Letter L Date 4-4-48

Bomb Load 6x1000 - H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 10<sup>55</sup> Time Landed 16<sup>00</sup>

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: Fighters. Straggling might have been slowed down by flak

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Same formation

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

Capt J M Regan Pilot

1433 B17 Down - 10 miles SE of Rouen - 3 chutes - Tail broke

2nd Lt W D Peterson CO-P

1435 B17 - Down over Rouen - 3 chutes - 3 miss out

Capt W D Boring Nav.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: Fighters

Lt J E Kosakowski

Primary Time: 1415 vs

1st Lt W Hoffman Radio

alternate Height: 24040

1st Lt J K Crowther Top T.

Last Resort Heading: 184

1st Lt C L Pugh - Ball T.

Duration Bomb Run: 40

1st Lt R LeBlanche R. Maist

1st Lt A. ~~Rosoff~~ L. Maist

1st Lt A J. Orzechowski Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Middle of target area - lots of smoke - explosion

Concentrated

Fine smoke - easy to identify

Other Bombing: No much smoke for particular aiming point

only in water

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.)

Did not make track first

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: (Regan)

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0. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Didn't see a fighter until after turning  
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

off target \* Attached: Saw about 30 to  
 (Location and length of fight)

40 F.W. (1) attack from 12 o'clock  
 before Rovers

1/4 high after turn off target - Staged till Rovers -  
 then spits took over  
 (Tactics of E/A)

Attached in groups of 6's and 7's. Two attacking  
 simultaneously (1) from 12 o'clock low

Saw definitely belly attack Ball turret lip him  
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Shooting at spits out of  
 625- Ross  
 (Our defensive action)

Saw one of E/A down  
 & on fire at some time

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	✓ X
PROBABLY	✓ X
DAMAGED	✓ X

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT - No Spit

support going into target. Did on 1st Discussion  
 and on way out from Rovers. They were there.

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

Saw (1) #1 Black explosion (1) big as truck. St Peterson actually saw bomb drop from F.W. (BIG ONE) Hit in front of group. Just right for altitude. Butcher

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

Before (1) Rovers #1 15 miles off target (#1) not as big an explosion.

14. INJURIES TO CREW: Give location on A/C, type of injury, how received, and TIME.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:  
 #1 engine Rough

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)  
 New formation fire for Combat (Regan)

S-2 OFFICER Bainbridge TIME COMPLETED 4:45

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15' SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 48 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/1/43

Bomb Load 6x100 F.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation (H)

Time Took Off 045 Time Landed 1335

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

**ABORTIVE**

H.G.J. hally Pilot  
H. M.V. Gulind CO-P  
H. F.E. Ross Nav.  
1st Sgt M.B. Porrietta Bomb.  
1st P.J. Zimmerman Radio  
1st Lt. I. K. Weber Top T.  
1st Lt. C. Wendel Ball T.  
1st Lt. M.K. Williams R. Waist  
1st Sgt. H.C. (Baker) L. Waist  
1st Lt. L.H. Sullivan Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: 6 Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other bombing:

*55 minutes out from base  
with bombs burst to pieces  
and engine  
Turned back at 1315*

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:

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SQUADRON (367) 368 369 423 A/C Number 431 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/4/43-

Bomb Load 6X1000 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 1445

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

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

CREW: Give name and Initials

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

1st Lt. C. E. FISCHER Pilot

1st Lt. J. W. Crouch CO-P

1st Lt. J. E. Consolmagno Nav.

1st Lt. W. H. Coons Bomb.

1st Lt. F. L. Eustham Radio

1st Lt. Cain Top T.

1st Lt. Lee Sanders Ball T.

1st Lt. C. C. Cobbleton R. Waist

1st Lt. A. E. Tompston L. Waist

1st Lt. A. E. Hyman Tail G.

ABORTIVE

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: 6X1000 Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

This was not by F.I.A. as shown

Other Bombing: for know

Reason for abatement } Control cables shot away over the perimeter at 1330  
Returned back at 1330 by H. at 1330

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:

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INTERROGATION

SQUADRON 368 (423) A/C Number 524 Letter D Date 4/4/43

Bomb Load 6 X 1000 H.E. Incendi. Position in Formation  
Time Took off 1655 Time Landed 1605

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*Ahead + below*

*B-17 went down 1430 in flames shortly after target. About 5 minutes later another B-17 went down in flames. Just before reaching Koenen B-17 went down in flames two minutes later.*

- Pt Lt A. Steele Pilot
- 1st Lt W. Jones CO-P
- 1st Lt S. Cheney Nav.
- 1st Lt W. E. Hull Bomb.
- 1st Lt T. Stymacher Radio
- 1st Lt L. L. Bamforth Top T.
- 1st Lt W. Piotrowski Ball T.
- 1st Lt E. J. Stokowski R. Waist
- 1st Lt F. N. Porcelli L. Waist
- 1st Lt E. E. Smeat Tail G.

TARGET ATTACKED:  
Primary Time: 1405  
Alternate Height: 24000  
Last Resort Heading: 190  
Duration Bomb Run: 30 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs: All in target area

Other Bombing: All in target area.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear to hang over target

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1415	target		Light	Large Black		accurate both altitude and direction
	Rouen.		Heavy.	Black		single puffs. inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: Largest single burst of flak ever seen about over Rouen (Black Smoke)

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Abou 30 (Estimated total number of E/A seen)

F-190 + Me 109's (Types)

After dropping bombs attack lasted about 12 minutes.  
(Location and length of fight)

Mostly high at tail.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

Our defensive action  
Could observe kamikaze  
in all directions with white flash

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	1
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately, separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT good as ordered

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, etc. 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, whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

B-17's reported went down from E/A and Flak.

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

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: none Balthusnet interference out.

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

Used almost all of oxygen, Parachute from B-17 reported at 14000 alt, opening for several thousand feet less.  
S-2 OFFICER [Signature] TIME COMPLETED



10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

yellow

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) 3 (Types)

14:00 Sledge W. of Paris 3 mi. from Target - about 12 FW.

(Location and length of flight)

Group from 10 min. after Target to 14:24

But no attacks directed on our group until 14:24 (had been hitting 303)

(Tactics of E/A)

After Spits appeared at 14:24 Spits appeared at 14:24

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

FW's can be identified & numbered

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

No -  
too far  
away -

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Spits as ordered - + hot struggle with FW's chiefly at above up to 35,000

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

1. Ga. tank(?) apparently dropped from unidentified E/A above Lower G. group

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

See 1 on 1st. Page

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position, type of injury, how sustained)

No (Gauss's feelings hurt - his release trigger didn't work. Salvoed)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

No

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

No

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

Fighters back to Head on attacks and some climbing steep from nose -

19.

SQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 A/C Number 643 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Bomb Load 6x1000 P.E. Incendi \_\_\_\_\_ Position in Formation  
Time Took Off 11:02 Time Landed 16:00

HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes  No   
Details: \_\_\_\_\_

③ Spit going down in Spin 1 mi. off Coast CREW: Give Rank and Initials  
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. R.C. Miller Pilot

① about 14:30 (at 24000 - Andover) 2nd. J.D. T. CO-P  
B-17 in Spin - then Tail came in control M.M. Strauss Nav.

② Over Pouch, B-17 went off \_\_\_\_\_ J.D. Shaber Bomb.  
in control \_\_\_\_\_ T/S J.M. Spiro Radio

2- TARGET ATTACKED:  
Primary Time: 14:16 T/S E.H. Small Top T.  
Alternate Height: 24,300 S/S W.J. Phillips Ball T.  
Last Resort Heading: 150° Mag. S/S J.E. Wade R. Waist  
(circle) \_\_\_\_\_ T/S D.H. Grigg L. Waist  
Duration Bomb Run: 35" approx. S/S E.A. Truscott Tail G.

3- Number of BOMBS dropped on target: \_\_\_\_\_ Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

4- Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) 6x1000 in train

Own Bombs: About on #2 Bldg. in Photo  
T. well covered

Other Bombing: T. well covered with Smoke - well hit

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: ~~Yes~~ No 16 mm.

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 and disposition of bombs.)

Roughly as planned - except no 2nd. Diversion  
Faint // N.E. of I.P.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location	Accuracy
14:11		24,000	A Couple of Bursts -	white	all high	
14:15 - 14:20		24,300	Heavy, moderate		in acc. as to height mostly - direction good	
Crew observations about Flak: <u>mostly Black - some white</u> <u>"Jesus in Bois de Boulogne"</u>						

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200 yds  
Lead out as to altitude  
Cpt. Biggs  
Loney - 14:25 24,000

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Total 30 F.W.'s seen to 14:25  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

① Right after T. until Coast — 14:25-14:35  
(Location and length of fight)

> No direct attacks on this group <

(Tactics of E/A)  
(Attacking from rear on 305th. 1st formation)

Not clear? ?  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

(Fill in numbers, preferably separate sheets for each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Showed up on time — Not successful in holding off 7 W 190's off on attacks from below —

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, etc.; 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 on A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)

No

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

No

16. TECHNICAL PROBLEMS:  
No (except 200 suits)

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents or suggestions?)  
91st overran us and dropped bombs thru our formation — otherwise

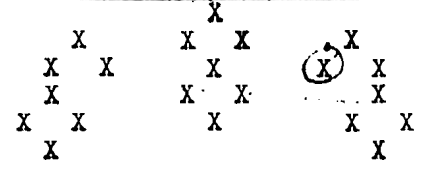
S-2 OFFICER A.W. Weld TIME COMPLETED

no with 91st

Bomb Load 6x1000 (H.E.) Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1052 Time Landed 16 20



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)  
*Saw 3 B7s by Rennes - just E.*

- St. Johnson P. Pilot
- Wigginton CO-P
- Pollock Nav.
- St. I.D. Drew Bomb.
- Sgt HR. Bean Radio
- W.W. Fahrenbach Tail G.
- Yobos J.M. Ball T.
- with R.J. R. Waist
- Bukacph. J. L. Waist
- Gibson, Kon. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 14 15  
Alternate Height: 25,200  
Last Resor Heading: 190  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: all on target area. Hell of good job.  
Dropped 2 bombs about halfway the inland.

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: none.

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

As briefed. Pretty damn good.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Best visibility seen in France. Some scattered clouds over the sea.

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
14.26.	Ed Rennes		great big flak. 3 bursts.		alt. perfect. No flak thru the cloud deck.	
14.15	Target.		Moderate		some low some high. Amalgamated	

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 720 Letter 1 Date 3/5/43

Bomb Load 2x1000 H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation

Time Took Off 10.50 Time Landed 14.20

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

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

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

Saw 4 B.17. all at Rom. 2 before + 2 after. 6 chutes before to get out. Others had time to get out.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

St. O'Hara R.K. Pilot  
St. Smith R.H. CO-P  
St. Reese C.A. Nav.  
St. Phelan H.F. Bomb.  
Sgt. Wallace R.W. Radio  
Sheffield C.A. Top I.  
Kelley P. Ball T.  
Nelson M.F. R. Waist  
Janis H. L. Waist  
Strom H.F. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 14.26  
Alternate Height: 25,300  
Best Resort Heading: 170°  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Squadron hit target beautifully. Looked like squadron ahead let them go on recorder.

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: none.

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

As weather.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good over France.

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

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

Right off coast on way back saw white bursts - some say 20 more - others say it would take 30 planes to put up that amount. This was very accurate. Also it burst like flak.

Crew observations about Flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

50 F/Ws 109s

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

One attack on squadron between Rome + Cort. Did not press home.

(Location and length of fight)

2 ME109s came close to formation (Red wings) flipped wings like spits + then jings.

(Tactics of E/A)

Bright Red two-tone wings.

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

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Not enough of it. Good on my back.

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

Rome target map between 8-10 miles from center of 150-170° long 50° N  
flashes (not fast) like some at turn lights on + off.

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)

As in last news.

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

None.

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None.

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

Planes for next summer.

Sgt Baldwin, Sgt 0  
8-2 OFFICER Sgt Baldwin, Sgt 0 TIME COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 400 Lett. N Date 4 April 43

Bomb Load 6X1000 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1045 Time Landed 1000

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt Smully Pilot  
Lt A. L. Ewan CO-P  
Lt F. R. Armon Nav.  
Lt W. W. Bruening Bomb.  
Sgt D. B. Hepler Radio  
Sgt R. C. Giffon Top T.  
Sgt L. J. Sliff Ball T.  
Sgt M. J. Schreiber R. Waist  
Sgt R. K. Slaff L. Waist  
Sgt W. R. Payne Tail G.

3 B 17's (1) at target area <sup>cont</sup>  
 (2) shortly after (3) same place

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1513  
1315  
1307 1407  
 Alternate Height: 24000  
 Last Resort Heading: 170  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run:  
20"

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: right on nose

Other Bombing: good

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good

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 Burst in re-lation to A/C	Accuracy
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moderate & inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: not as good as St. Neand

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ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION

55-40

140's  
lost 190's

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

(Location and length of fight)

gulf a few tail attacks from below. made in from about 7 o'clock. One hit, burst in air, not from flank. Probably bomb from 140

(Tactics of E/A)

iron: some silver  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT: late but good after arrival

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, etc. 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)  
3 go down from E/A attacks

14. INJURY TO CREW: (Give name, position on A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE, etc.)

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

one flank hole in no 3 cowling  
16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: ship should be used strictly for operational purposes

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

4/1st dropped bombs on formation: overman 306

S-2 OFFICER Jeremiah F. Sullivan TITLE COMPLETED

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SQUADRON (367 368 369 423) A/C Number 072 Letter GVW Date 4/4/43

Bomb Load 6/1000 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1100 Time Landed 1610

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

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

\* CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

LT. W. H. PARKER Pilot

Down 1434 B17 - no chutes  
on fire

" C. I. THELEN CO-P

1439 B17 - 2 chutes

" P. H. SPADUZZI Nav.

1444 B17 - no chutes

" A. L. WILBOURN Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

7/5 J. E. GROSS Radio

(Primary) Time: 1410 approx.

7/5 J. M. CREATORE Top T.

Alternate Height: 24900

5/5 J. S. CLARK Bal. T.

Last Resort Heading: 200° Compass  
(circle)

5/5 W. I. HESS R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec

5/5 S. E. DAVIS L. Waist

5/5 L. H. L. DRIEN Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: in target area

Other Bombing: appeared in center of area

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes? No?) 16 mm.

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target mod. to intense - not too accurate - scattered - black.

Flak - many flashes from forest - not many bursts  
(Point d'A)  
Crew observations about Flak: some bursts of very low - and to left.

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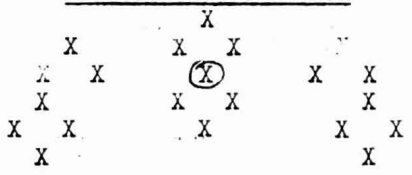
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SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 9629 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/4/43

Bomb Load 6,000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 1415



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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Lt. G. Macolin Pilot
- Lt. R. C. Conley CO-P
- Lt. B. E. Howenstein Nav.
- 1st Lt. C. J. Francis Bomb.
- 1st Sgt. D. W. Sparks Radio
- 1st Sgt. D. L. Hirsten Top T.
- 1st Sgt. P. P. Molasco Ball T.
- 1st Sgt. F. M. Sliva R. Waist
- Sgt. R. G. Watkins L. Waist
- 1st Sgt. T. A. Pasito Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

(Primary) Time: 1414  
 Alternate Height: 2400'  
 Last Resort Heading: 178 mag.  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 4 sec.

3. Number of BS dropped on target: 6,000 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Right in there!

Other Bombing: Very good.

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) ✓

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Accuracy
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1414	Target	2400'	H-S	Plains	Height - poor Dispersion - poor
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Observations about Flak: a few that we ignored it

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

50.60 F-4190's

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

no attacks on us

(Location and length of fight)

They were coming in in 3's + 4's in frontal attacks on the formation below us.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

DESTROY

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.

no claims

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - was a little late

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

3 B-17's went down between Engel + Poney - Cause -> Fighters  
1 Spit went down near Poney with tail shot by a F-4190

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Small 20 m.m. holes from bursts along side.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

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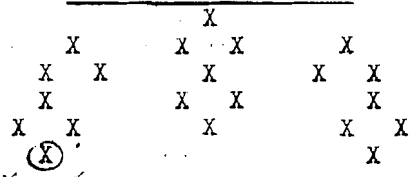
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Bomb Load 6x1000 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 1615



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)

- X Capt. Buden, Gt Pilot
- WJ CO-P
- WJ Nav.
- L-T Land H/W Bomb.
- WJ Radio
- WJ Top T.
- WJ Ball T.
- WJ R. Waist
- WJ L. Waist
- WJ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1426  
 Alternate Height: 25000'  
 Last Resort Heading: 153° True  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec

- WJ Radio
- WJ Top T.
- WJ Ball T.
- WJ R. Waist
- WJ L. Waist
- WJ Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Right on the nose!

Other Bombing: Excellent - perfect

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good.

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
1416	Target	25000'	H-M	Black/white	Height OK. but in front + to our right	
1410	IT	25000'	H-S	white		

Crew observations about Flak: At 1427 at Vernon - two very large bursts - much larger than anything else crew has ever seen. It was over our heads.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

15-RO ME 109F + FW190

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

First contact / fight up after the target. Stayed with us till 11450  
 (Location and length of fight)  
 When we crossed the Fr. coast

Tail attack

(Tactics of E/A)

Silver nose + mottled, in ME 109 with  
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)  
 fibra stripes.

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

None

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

(Fill in details of damage, if any, separately for each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good

Gunners went into two spots collected ~~at~~ at  
 rendezvous point - near tower.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airfields, 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)

3 B-17's seen to go down - on way back - { one was in flames + went down spinning }

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: 3 signal changes out

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

S-2 OFFICER

*[Signature]*

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SQUADRON 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 477 Letter Date 4/4/43

Bomb Load 6x1000 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1555 Time Landed 1550

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

1. RT 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)

H. C.D. Briscoe Pilot

H. F.P. Sherman CO-P

H. H.F. MacGhee Nav.

H. J.K. Atkey Bomb.

Sgt. C.A. Fattigati Radio

Prof. E. J. Wentworth Top T.

Sgt. V.H. Rose Ball T.

Wg. C. Schmitt R. Waist

Sgt. J.T. Deets L. Waist

Sgt. J.R. Roller Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

(Primary) Time: 1417:21

Alternate Height: 23300'

Last Resort Heading: 196 mag.  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 12 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Salvaged Returned: Salvaged Abortive:

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

1 Bomb: over the river on the R.R. tracks.

Other Bombing: Very good

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Effect in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1417 Target 23300' H-S. B. H-poor  
Effect - poor

Crew observations about Flak: One large burst over the target  
Black - larger than anything we have ever seen.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

50 FW 190's /son ME 109F  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

No attacks on us.  
(Location and length of fight)

The FW 190's are making their attacks in force from 5-7 at a time.

Some painted like Spits. 1500 yd. 2000 ft.  
(Tactics of E/A)  
Just after we left target, an FW 190 which was ahead, and above us  
dropped a pillow shaped object which floated down slowly in  
front of us - grey color. (Might be a gas tank - but seemed  
to go down very slowly)  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

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✓  
(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	No
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Excellent when at 10000 ft.

The formation to our right was shooting back out of the Spits.  
2 Spits shot down an FW 190 five miles N.W. of Rouen. - he caught  
on fire, then came to pieces in the air.

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

1-B-17 with 2 Engines burning - flipped over its back - went into slow spin  
the tail came off - 1 chute out - tail section - near Rouen - due to fuel tank

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

1-B-17 with #2 Eng smoking - went down - due to fuel lines - 2 chutes out.  
1-B-17, 15. with #2 Eng on fire - went down - due to fuel lines - no chutes.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Ball burst gunner passed out over the  
450 cal. hole in #2 prop. largest - reason undetermined.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: nil.

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

S-2 OFFICER J. J. Owen TITLE COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369 423) A/C Number 404 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/4/45

Bomb Load 6X1000 H.E. Inc. d.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 1620

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

H. E. G. Hanes Pilot

H. W. R. Winters CO-P

H. G. F. Meltzer Nav.

H. L. B. Swain Bomb.

Sgt. B. H. Newman Radio

Sgt. R. E. Moore Top T.

Sgt. J. E. Owens Bal. T.

Sgt. F. C. Kallio R. Waist

Sgt. Alf Komo L. Waist

Sgt. R. Peterson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1416

Alternate Height: 24000'

Last Resort Heading: 170 mag.  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 61000 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Excellent

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.)

As ordered.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1416 Target 24000' H-S Black H-poor def. poor.

Crew observations about Flak: 1 large black burst over Rome.

- the largest burst we have ever seen - ahead of

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 By RUB/JFC MARA Date 1/8/91

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INTER-OPERATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 965E Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/4/43

Bomb Load 6-1000 H.E. Incenda.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 1400

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. H.F.K. Watson Pilot
- 2nd Lt. N.M. Haas CO-P
- 2nd Lt. L.O. Bjornsgaard Nav.
- 1st Sgt. R.F. Hanson Bomb.
- 1st Sgt. W.R. Seirand Radio
- 1st Sgt. R.F. Livingstone Top G.
- 1st Sgt. R.M. Bottomley Ball T.
- 1st Sgt. H.K. Fowler R. Waist
- 1st Sgt. J.F. Williams L. Waist
- 3rd Sgt. L.E. Davis Tail G.

3-B-17A  
 1st on 21,000 ft. below 9 o'clock. 1433  
 #2 engine on fire. Did slow roll: finished it.  
 7 min. off target. Flak got engine, E/A  
 2nd on same place. #3 and 4 engines

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1411  
 Alternate Height: 23,600  
 Best Resort Heading: 165°  
 (circle) (approx)  
 Duration Bomb Run: 4 minutes.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Own Bombs: On target. Saw whole point at target in smoke. Could see smoke later from coast.  
 Other Bombing: \_\_\_\_\_

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? no camera.

GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

no orders.

WEATHER: (If it affected mission) swell.

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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Saw flak from Roue de Bologne. - hit to our left and low. before target, very light. Nothing bothered us over target. Later moderate weather after leaving target. Near Roue

Crew observations about Flak: saw plenty of it far below and to left (Reddish flak followed by white smoke).

on fire. (9 o'clock below) attacked by fighters. Tail came off - went down, saw tail gunner chute out. 3rd on. same location 5 minutes later. Think #3 engine on fire - going down in steep dive. saw 3 chutes.

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

At least 50. All 190's. We had no encounters  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)  
but they were attacking from to our left - half way to  
Rohensie. They attacked in groups of 3 or 4. 5 came  
(Location and length of) (in from about 10 o'clock and turned south under. They  
seemed to go thru and cut across. Some wobbled  
wings, apparently to give impression of friendly A/C.  
(Tactics of E/A)

Two had yellow tails  
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT on way out met us return Rome - ord coast  
kept in front and high.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, ene signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations)  
no.

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

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)  
no.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) no.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: no.

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)  
Mission went well for us but the crew who got  
most of enemy attack had poor formation - stragglers  
(S-2 OFFICER 1st Lt. R. Richardson) TIME COMPLETED

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INTERROGATION

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) #/C Number 218 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/4/43

Bomb Load 6-1000 H.E. Incendiary \_\_\_\_\_ Position in Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Time Took Off 1100. Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*Raw B-17 just before 2nd w.P. Cassidy CO-P*  
*Rough on return. Both 2nd M.D. Blanchette Nav.*  
*on fire and breaking up, spinning down. 6 or 7 chutes from 1st ab 1st Lt E.W. FORD. Bomb.*  
 2. TARGET ATTACKED: 1 chute from 1st ab  
*possibly more.*  
 Primary Time: seconds *1416*  
 Alternate Height: *25,000*  
 Last Resort Heading: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Duration Bomb Run: *189 (CH)*

S/Sgt	C.M. Court	Radio
Sgt	C.K. Harvison	Top T.
S/Sgt	A.L. Cogen	Ball T.
S/Sgt	M.B. Edwards	R. Waist
S/Sgt	W.W. Harz	L. Waist
S/Sgt	M. Byrus	Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: *6* Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)  
 Own Bombs: *Plenty of direct hits on target from ours & others. Good visibility.*  
 Other bombing: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? *no.*

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)  
*As ordered & no second diversion.*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *OK*

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.	Below of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*No flak until over target, then heavy but too rear, just off target extremely where we had been. Accuracy a little low and behind. Some at Mantas and Vernon.*

Crew observation about Flak: *Over Raven saw blanket of light flak but 10,000 feet below us. None over Diecke*

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

60 or 70. One formation of 4 came in at 10 o'clock, a little low. Drove under to rear. Most of

(Location and length of fight)

remaining attacks came in from tail end level. One F-105 came up to 100 yards, fired and peeled off to rear. Total number of attacks on our flight 8 to 10.

(Tactics of E/A)

No new tactics observed. Thought saw ~~one~~ 190 with ketchup markings. One split, attacked it and its tail came off. Happened between target and Rouen at 4 o'clock below.

No claims

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED \_\_\_\_\_  
PROBABLY \_\_\_\_\_  
DAMAGED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in by 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, beacons, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, etc. signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations)

nc.

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)

2 - B-17's shot down in flames by E/A near Rouen

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

nc.

15.

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Tail gunner forced out from lack of oxygen apparently unacquainted with proper operation (his first mission) foot quit burned him later

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

Felt mission was nicely executed.

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SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 171 Letter U Date 4-4-43

Bomb Load 6x1000 H.E. Incend. Posi. Formation

Time Took Off 1055 Time Landed 416

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No  
Detail

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Pt. Warren George Pilot

(3) - { 1 - 0 Tail off-outing  
2 - 0 - - under control  
3 - none on fire

2nd Lt B. O. [unclear] CO-P

2nd Lt A. B. Simmons Nav.

2nd Lt J. S. Lucas Bomb.

T/S J. H. Horton Radio

T/S W. A. McGregg Top T.

S/S J. G. McClellan Ball T.

S/S D. J. Bevan R. Waist

S/S W. J. Dykovich L. Waist

S/S B. J. Lamb - Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1415

Alternate Height: 25800

Last Resort Heading: 1 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 180

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x100 Jettisoned: : Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 6000 - Just this side of river - only 3 or 4 on other side.

Other Bombing:

Very good - Lots of smoke -

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.)

Went over more of town than supposed to

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good -

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Paris - Good - not to record.

Not too much - one burst at lower.

Crew observations about Flak:

2 big "cannon shell" (probably bombs).

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No fight in until target  
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

4550 =

(Location and length of fight)

About 5 minutes from Rocco, engine was hit - (might have been 5000 or 6000 rpm. #3, banded out oil line & feathered. Slowed down & fell back. Engine smoked.

Tail attacks. Came in 2's & 3's & cross at tail

for ten attacks 4 from 2-3 o'clock -

Evasive action:

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

Not hit --

(Our defensive action)

Think O'Hara was shooting at Spits

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	①
PROBABLY	①
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - Spits should not come straight in --

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, 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.)

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Hole in #3 Engine

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

#7 Supercharger out

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

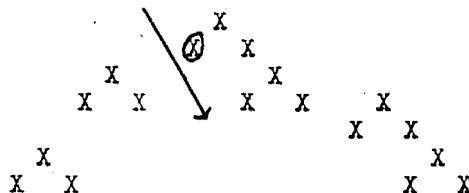
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Group 306Date 4/4/49Squadron 367Place where attacked 5 minutes before Hoven.A/C No. 407Time 1430 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- ME 109 was diving on group behind. Came down at about 6-7 o'clock when tail gunner Collette opened fire. He fired about 100 rounds when tail was seen to come off and pilot immediately bailed out.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:On Diagram, show

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- direction of E/A attack; 6-7 o'clock.
- sun position.

Data on Combat

- Our heading \_\_\_\_\_
- visibility clear
- type of E/A ME 109
- level of attack;
  - From high above X
  - (Check level \_\_\_\_\_
  - One) below \_\_\_\_\_
  - very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/ANames S/sgt. J.E. CollettePositions Tail gunner4. If E/A was Shot Down or Damaged:

Corroborated by S/sgt. R. H. Eriksen.  
 Position in A/C Tail turret gunner.

Other A/C firing at the same time? None seen

5. Comments of the interrogator: This is obviously a destroyed A/C.

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

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

Major. J.E. Wright.

## COMBAT FORM

Group 306Date 1/1/43Squadron 123Place where attacked Before reaching Rouen.A/C No. 4229524Time 1420 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- Started shooting about 1,000 yds. when within about 600 yds. right wing and fuselage were on fire, E/A blew up; pieces going all over the sky.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:

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                X
              X X
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        X X
      X X
    X X
  X X

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On Diagram, show

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- direction of E/A attack; 6 o'clock high.
- sun position.

Data on Combat

- Our heading about 2850
- visibility good
- type of E/A FW 190
- level of attack;
  - From high above 6 o'clock
  - (Check level \_\_\_\_\_
  - One) below \_\_\_\_\_
  - very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/ANames T/Sgt. L.L. BamforthPositions Top Turret.

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

Corroborated by tail gunner S/Sgt. J.E. Snoot and T/Sgt. R.T. Stymacks.  
 Position in A/C Tail gunner Radio gunner

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

5. Comments of the interrogator: A certain destroyed.

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

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

Capt. W. W. Glass.

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Group 306

Date 1/4/43

Squadron 423

Place where attacked Near Tansen

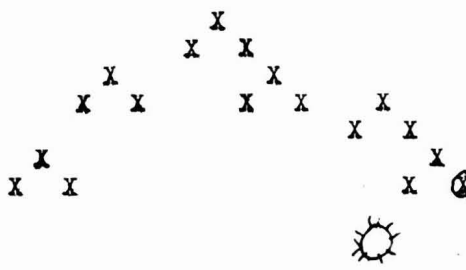
A/C No. 173

Time 1428 Height 25,500

~~Story of the attack— no. 3 engine out our A/C struggling and we were under sustained attack. E/A came underneath from 3 o'clock low. Ball turret fired 150 rounds. E/A broke into flames and fell straight down. The flames went back to the wings enveloping the cockpit. Gunner is sure pilot had no chance to extinguish flames or regain control of A/C.~~

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. direction of E/A attack;
- c. sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading 335
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A FW 190
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above \_\_\_\_\_
  - (Check level X
  - One) below \_\_\_\_\_
  - very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. George J. McClellan

Positions Ball turret.

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_  
Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. Comments of the interrogator: Ball turret equipped with English Sight.

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

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

Capt. Bairnsfather.

Group 306 Date 4/4/43  
 Squadron 423 Place where attacked Near Hoven.  
 A/C No. 171 Time 1425 Height 25,500

Story of the attack-- No. 3 engine of our A/C straggling and we were under sustained attack. E/A attacked from 5:30 level. Tail gunner fired 75 rounds. wing of E/A collapsed and folded straight up. E/A fell flaming hopelessly out of control.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and how he was going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:

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On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;  
 b. direction of E/A attack; 5:30  
 c. sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading 336  
 b. visibility good  
 c. type of E/A Fw 190  
 d. level of attack;  
 From high above \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Check level X  
 One) below \_\_\_\_\_  
 very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names B. F. Lamb.

Positions Tail gunner.

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

Corroborated by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position in A/C \_\_\_\_\_

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: Good claim for destroyed.

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

Time 5:40 Interrogator Capt. Bairnsfather.

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Group 306

Date 4/4/43

Squadron 368

Place where attacked 5 minutes from target.

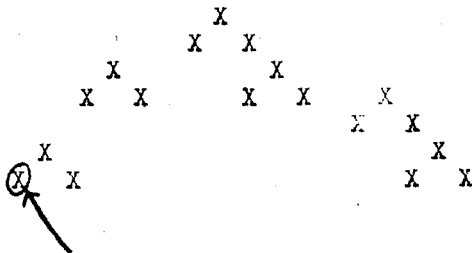
A/C No. 428

Time 1425 Height 20,500

Story of the attack-- FN 190 came in to attack from 4:30 o'clock and level  
2 waist gunner opened fire at 650 yds. He kept coming in until at 500 yards  
huge pieces fell off and plane practically disintegrated in air. Almost  
immediately intense fire broke out and A/C went down and over end.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit, how much he was damaged; & how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. direction of E/A attack;
- c. sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading \_\_\_\_\_
- b. visibility Clear
- c. type of E/A FN 190
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above \_\_\_\_\_
  - (Check level X)
  - One) below \_\_\_\_\_
  - very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt L. C. Lammershirt

Positions R Waist gunner.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. C.A. Christian.

Position in A/C Top turret.

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

5. Comments of the interrogator: This looks good as top turret gunner

watched him nearly to ground and he was still out of control and burning  
badly.

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

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

Major. J.B. Wright.

Group 306

Date 4/4/43

Squadron 367

Place where attacked just after leaving French coast

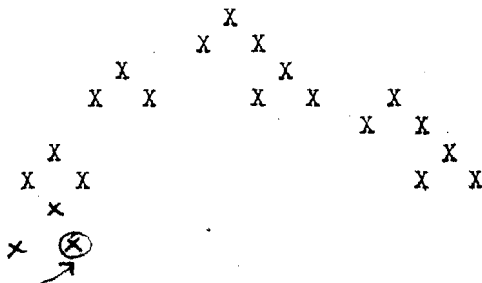
A/C No. 072

Time 1450 Height 24,000

Story of the attack--S/O. O'Brien saw E/A FW 190 from 5000 o'clock high at 300 yards, tracer went into E/A. E/A peeled off smoking. E/C gunner saw E/A going down with flames coming out. E/A hit water and a big white circle was seen by E/W gunner.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. direction of E/A attack;
- c. sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading 280°
- b. visibility excellent
- c. type of E/A FW 190
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above X
  - (Check level \_\_\_\_\_
  - One) below \_\_\_\_\_
  - very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. L. H. O'Brien

Positions Tail gunner

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. W.J. Hess.  
Position in A/C R. Waist gunner.

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: A destroyed.

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

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

L. H. Skalak.

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Date 4/4/43

Squadron 367

Place where attacked right after Rouen.

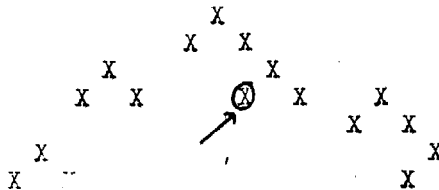
A/C No. 625

Time 1442 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- E/A FW 190 with 2 others came down from above  
attack formation below. Tail gunner opened fire at 400 yards. E/A was  
hit at 300 yards, made slow circle, a sheet of flame came out, pilot bail  
out, ship spun down, a wing fell off.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. direction of E/A attack;
- c. sun position.

Data on Cc

- a. Our heading 329°
- b. visibility excellent
- c. type of E/A FW 190
- d. level of attack;
  - From high above X
  - (Check level \_\_\_\_\_)
  - One) below \_\_\_\_\_
  - very low \_\_\_\_\_

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. M.E. Phifer.

Positions Tail gunner.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. C. Smith.  
 Position in A/C Left waist gunner.

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

5. Comments of the interrogator: Good Claim.

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

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

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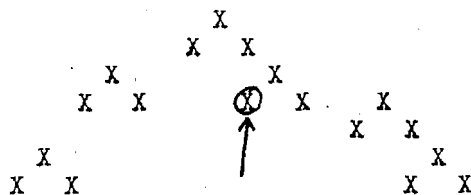
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Group 306Squadron 367A/C No. 625Place where attacked Shortly after leaving Housa.Time 1440 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- A P. 190 fired on at 800 yards. at 350 yards it  
seemed to wiggle, started upwards, fell off, flames covered rear, went into  
spin; tail fell off.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:On Diagram, show

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- direction of E/A attack;
- sun position.

Data on Combat

- Our heading 3120
- visibility excellent
- type of E/A P. 190
- level OK;  
From above  
(Check level X  
One) below  
very low

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/ANames S/Sgt. W. B. Knifer.Positions Tail gunner.

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

Corroborated by T/Sgt. W. A. Laveland S/Sgt. E. Benson  
 Position in A/C Top turret gunner. Ball turret gunner.

Other A/C firing at the same time? No.5. Comments of the interrogator: Good claim.

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

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

Lt. B. Szalak.

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Bomber Command Narrative of Operations  
Day Operation - 4 April 1943  
Mission No. 49  
TARGET - Renault Works at Billancourt

Excellent results were obtained by 85 B-17s which dropped 502 x 1000 GP bombs on the important Renault motor vehicle and armament factories 2 miles SE of Paris. Bombing runs were made without interference under excellent weather conditions, and strike and PRU photographs show severe damage. E/A opposition was strong after bombing, and 4 bombers were shot down. Effective withdrawal fighter support was picked up at Rouen. Flak was slight. 25 B-24s successfully carried out 3 diversionary sweeps over the North Sea.

PART I - 1st Wing

Group	Number of Aircraft				Personnel Casualties			
	(Took Off	Attacking	Abortive	Lost)	Claims	(Missing	Wounded	Killed)
91	26	20	6	0	11-4-0	0	0	0
303	23	20	3	1	4-2-1	9	0	0
305	18	18	0	3	25-6-5	30	5	0
306	30	27	3	0	7-1-0	0	1	0
	97	85	12	4	47-13-6	39	6	0

BOMBING RESULTS: Reconnaissance photographs show that severe damage was caused to a large number of the buildings of the Renault Factories, and Salmson Works. Bombs totalling 502 x 1000 GP were dropped from 22,000 to 26,300 ft. at 1414-1417 hrs. The bursts were well concentrated.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 12 aircraft failed to bomb, 11 because of mechanical failures and 1 because of sickness of the pilot.

ENCOUNTERS: E/A opposition was first encountered after bombing and continued from a point just W of the target to the French Coast. Up to 75 e/a were reported seen, all FW-190s and Me-109s, except 1 Me-110 and 1 Ju-88. Aggressive and vigorous attacks were made, mostly in groups of 4 - 6 and coming largely from the tail, from above and below. Two Groups reported FW-190s using dive-bombing technique to drop bombs on the formation. Many e/a had red, white and yellow noses, with some having red fins and several black and white diagonal stripes on the belly. Me-109s with yellow bellies and FW-190s with grey and black bodies were also reported. 1 Me-109 was seen with a broad red band around the fuselage behind the cockpit.

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES: Two crew members were seriously wounded, 4 slightly wounded, and 39 are missing. At least 16 chutes were seen from the four planes lost over France.

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EQUIPMENT CASUALTIES:

Lost: Of 2 B-17s reported down 10 miles SE of Rouen, 1 was seen in flames with the tail shot off, and the other was observed to hit the ground and explode. Two other B-17s were lost N of Rouen, 1 exploding in the air and the other crashing with 3 engines on fire.

Estimated Battle Damage: Category A - 15 B-17s; Category AC - 1 B-17.

FLAK: Over the target slight to moderate inaccurate flak was encountered, with black and yellow or white bursts. Slight inaccurate flak was also reported over St.Cyr, Rouen, and 10-12 miles S. of St.Valery. Several unusually large black bursts were reported W. of Paris on the way to Rouen. One crew reported encountering a different kind of flak, consisting of red bursts which formed numerous smaller explosions in the area surrounding the original burst.

FIGHTER SUPPORT: 20 Squadrons of Spitfires provided escort and cover across the Channel and excellent withdrawal support from Rouen to Beachy Head.

ROUTE: Out - Base to Harwich to 51°20'N-02°00'E, to 51°20'N-02°20'E, to 51°30'N-02°30'E, to Beachy Head via Ashford, to 8 miles E. of Dieppe, to I.P. at Pontoise, to target.

Back - Target to Rouen, to St.Valery, to Selscy Bill, to bases.

WEATHER: At take-off there was 6/10 - 8/10 low cloud with 1 - 2 miles visibility. Over the North Sea 6/10 to 8/10 strato-cumulus was encountered with 2/10 over N. side of Channel. There was no cloud over the target which was visible from the French coast. On the return route 4/10 to 6/10 cumulus was reported over England, with 5-10 miles visibility at bases.

OBSERVATIONS: Marshalling yards at Gournay showed much activity. Five large ships were observed in the harbor at Dieppe. 15 e/a were observed taking off from A/D SW of Pontoise and 33 from another at Villacoublay. An A/D was reported under construction about 5 miles S of Hagny. A suspected oil refinery with 6 large tanks was seen near St.Germain.

PART II - 2nd Wing

25 B-24s carried out 3 uneventful diversionary sweeps over the North Sea from Harwich toward the French and Belgian coasts. Fighter escort was provided on all but the last of the sweeps. One aircraft returned early due to mechanical failure. Considerable enemy reaction to these sweeps was reported by RDF.