

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office Of The Intelligence Officer (D-A2)
United States Forces

AFPO 634
8 October, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative

TO : Commanding Officer, 306 Bombardment Group (H)

1. Hot News

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2. Narrative

Twenty Aircraft took off at 11:58:30 and were over Splasher 5 at 13:53. The briefed course was followed to the Frisian Islands. A 7 mile swing north across Tessel Island was made to escape flak. Returned to the briefed course near I.P., thence a slight swing south, up through the I.P., another swing-north of course to approach target about 3 miles north of course, thus coming in on a heading of 80 degrees through an "opening in the flak". The formation swung off the target to the east of course, then returned to course below Bremen, and remained on course back to Base.

3. Fighter Opposition

The 306th Bombardment Group (H) was low Group of 40th Combat Wing. Some 150 E/A mainly JU 88's and ME 110's attacked heavily and resourcefully and from all directions for about 40 minutes, from 14:50 to about 15:31. Twin engines outnumbered single engines by a wide margin. Only a few ME 109's and FW 190's being reported. Right after crossing the enemy coast, two ME 109's opened the attack with two headlong dives throughout the entire wing formation, but were driven off by P-47 escort. As soon as escort left, JU 88's attacked heavily from the tail.

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On the bombing run, some 20 T/E cut back and forth across the nose of the formation obviously endeavouring to throw our bombardiers off. They followed with a series of attacks from 12 o'clock, flying through their own flak in the effort. Rocket guns in quantity were reported, largely by JU 88's which stayed out of range, lobbing their projectiles at the formation. Once rockets were expended, they attacked using their 20 mm. Fighter support enroute in was felt to be less effective than usual, due apparently to the failure to make accurate rendezvous. On the way in, fighters were also considered to be too high. Coming out, support was excellent, bringing the enemy attacks to a sudden stop. Numerous stragglers were undoubtedly saved by the support on the way out. One navigator states escort was picked up at 1437, left 1450; picked up again at 1531, left 1556. A few 210's, and possibly also HE 111's, DO 217's, BV 141's and FW 189's were said to be seen. T/E were observed with black wings and white trimming. Two F.W. 190's were reported with rapid-fire "Rocket" guns, whose shells exploded with a pink burst the size of flak. This rapid fire lasted several seconds. Immediately after the target, several crews reported seeing discus-shaped objects fall through the formation, some bursting accurately at our altitude and close enough to shake our planes with bursts of flak size. One cluster of 12 such objects was seen, A/C dropping them were not observed.

4. A.A. Gun Fire

A. A. Gun Fire at Target was intense and accurate, both continuous following and barrage. A.A. Gun Fire from Vechta was moderate, continuously following and very accurate. Some A. A. Gun Fire at Texel, meager and inaccurate.

5. Bombing

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6. Comments
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For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOHN A. BAIRNSFATHER,
Major, Air Corps,
Group 8-2.

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Three planes lost. 17 ships returned to base. 8 seriously damaged. Nine slightly damaged.

S-5 Not available.

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One officer reported that when rocket was released by T/E there was a flash from in front of wing and another flash from behind wing to beyond tail. First time it happened he thought ship had direct hit by flak.

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S-8. ~~Crew's comments and suggestions of value~~

"ROUGH"

S-9. ~~A brief descriptive summary of the mission~~

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- (2) 13:53 at Splasher 5
- (3) The briefed course was followed to the ~~the~~ Frisian Islands, a 7 mile swing North across Tessel Island was made to escape Flak, return to the Briefed course to near I. P., thence a slight swing South, up through the I.P., another swing - North of course - to approach Target about 3 miles North of Course, ~~thus coming in on a heading of 80 degrees~~ thus coming in on a heading of 80 degrees through an "opening in the Flak". The Formation swung off the Target to the East of Course, then returned to Course below Bremen, and remained on Course back to Base.

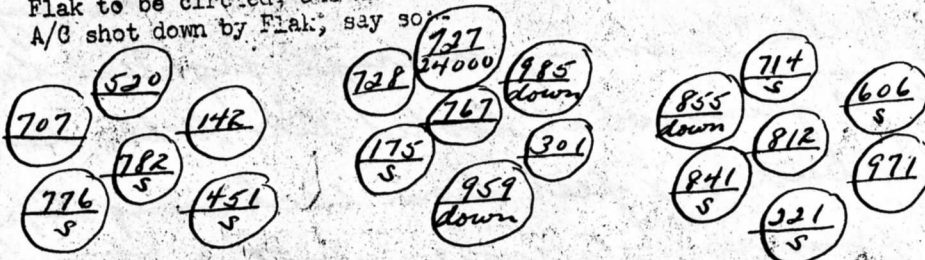
Target Bremen

1. Route followed, Tessel Island, Sneek S. of Veendam, Cloppenburg, Strohren Holdorf, Dalvers, Haselunne, Stephorst, Vollenhove, S. of Schagen

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) no condensation trails at our altitude but some from fighters at about 27000 feet. Excellent visibility with approximately 3/10 cloud cover

3. No. of A/C over Target. 20 A/C

4. Formation over target, with height of each A/C. Those A/C damaged by Flak to be circled, and if seriously damaged, insert small "S". If any A/C shot down by Flak, say so.



5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible) 80° magnetic

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? 30 - 40 seconds

7. Turn after bombing. right turn

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. Last group of third C. W. over target.

9. What evasive action was taken? violent turns

10. A short description of Flak en route (if any) and at the Target, including if possible a suggestion as to type of fire control employed - i.e., Continuous following predicted concentrations, predicted barrages, or fixed barrages.

Tepel - meager, inaccurate, tracking, behind.
1455 hrs. - S.W. of target, moderate black, accurate.
Target - Intense and accurate, both barrage and continuous following. Single red burst.
Vechta - moderate, tracking, very accurate

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

- ① Good smoke screen at target
- ② Discus shaped bombs fell and burst at our altitude
- ③ Saw white bursts above, no E/A in vicinity, may

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By RLB/DAC Date 10/19/43 WARA

① Many F/A using rocket guns. Two FW 190's fired what appeared to be rapid fire rocket guns. The flash was pink and ^{burst} about the size of flak. Me 110's firing rockets flew in formations of three in trail of low squadron of low group. Projectile comes from receptacle under fuselage and appears to be about two feet long and eight inches in diameter. J. U. 88's firing rockets from receptacles between the engine nacelles. Other T/E enemy aircraft fighters fired large bursts from what looked like belly tanks situated about six feet from each wing tip. Flashes from rockets were reported stringing out behind F/A and almost completely obscuring the fuselage from view.

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PHONED AS HOT NEWS:

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B17 GOING DOWN SIX MILES NE OF 5247 N 0356 E AT 1620 HOURS. POSITION GIVEN WAS GEE FIX. REPORTED BY A/C 175, LETTER B, PILOT BISSON.

A THIRD PILOT BICKETT, IN A/C 606 LETTER U STATES THAT THESE ARE TWO DIFFERENT SHIPS AND THAT HE SAW BOTH OF THEM.

THIS GROUP LOST THREE (3) PLANES:

BIX 1 B17 NUMBER 855, NO. 1 AND 2 ENGINES ON FIRE AT 1515 HOURS FROM FLAK. EIGHT (8) CHUTES OBSERVED. PILOT: LT. L.D. RODMAN.

1 B17, NO. 959, AT 1516 HOURS. SHIP UNDER CONTROL WHEN LAST SEEN. SEVEN (7) CHUTES. PILOT: LT. L.W. KOOIMA.

1 B17 NO. 985, LOST ENGINE BHM DUE TO FLAK. FELL BACK, IT IS THOUGHT, NEAR ZUIDER ZEE AFTER HAVING BEEN OVER TARGET. PILOT: LT. T.D. LEDGERWOOD.

OTHER GROUPS:

B17 STRAGGLER SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTERS AFTER TARGET. TIME 1520 HRS. NINE (9) CHUTES OBSERVED.

B17 GOING DOWN ON FIRE ABOUT 1426 HOURS NEAR ZUIDER ZEE. NO CHUTES OBSERVED.

B17 ON FIRE AT 1532. WENT DOWN. NO CHUTES OBSERVED.

B17 IN WING AHEAD DOWN IN FLAMES. SEEMED TO SURVIVE TWO VICIOUS ME109 ATTACKS AND SUCCEEDED TO FLAK. SIX (6) CHUTES OBSERVED.

P47 OBSERVED GOING DOWN UNDER CONTROL AS LONG AS COULD BE SEEN AT 1627 HOURS.

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THREE PLANES LOST. 17 SHIPS RETURNED TO BASE. 8 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. NINE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

S-5 NOT AVAILABLE.

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S-6 ONE OFFICER REPORTED THAT WHEN ROCKET WAS RELEASED BY T/E
THERE WAS A FLASH FROM IN FRONT OF WING ADXX AND ANOTHER FLASH
FROM BEHIND WING TO BEYOND TAIL. FIRST TIME IT HAPPENED HE THOUGHT
SHIP HAD A DIRECT HIT BY FLAK.

S-7 THROUGH ACCIDENT OR AN ENEMY ACTION BOMBS WERE RELEASED BY
LEADER'S WING SHIP FROM TWO TO FOUR MINUTES AFTER I.P. OTHERS BEXX
SEEING BOMBS AWAY TOGGLED OFF, SPRINKLING BOMBS TOWARD TARGET
MAINLY IN OPEN COUNTRY. THE LEADER HELD HIS BOMBS, FOUND PRIMARY
AND SECONDARY OBSCURED BY A HEAVY SMOKE SCREEN AND SMOKE FROM
PREVIOUS BOMBING. HE THEREFORE WENT FOR HIS BRIEFED
LAST RESORT AND ACCURATELY BOMBED THE CENTER OF TOWN OF BREMEN.
ALL SHIPSTHAT DROPPED WITH HIM HIT THE TARGET SQUARE.

S-8 "ROUGH"

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(1) 20 A/C AT 11:58:30

(2) 13:53 AT BERKNER SPLASHER 5

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A 7 MILE SWING NORTH ACROSS TESSEL ISLAND WAS MADE TO EMAX ESCAPE
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KERRANT FORMATION SWUNG OFF THE TARGET TO THE EAST OF COURSE, THEN
RETURNED TO COURSE BELOW BREMEN, AND REMAINED ON COURSE BACK OXX TO
BASE.

(4) 1429 AT TESSEL.

(5) 1512 LOW GROUP OF 40TH COMBAT WING 80 DEGREES MAG.

(6) 17:39

(7) NONE (1 A/C BROUGHT BACK 1 BY 500 LBS. -HUNG UP)

(8) NONE

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By RLB/BAC Date 1/8/94

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MISSION - 8 OCTOBER, 1943.

KATZ
520-C

DAVIS
728

HITT
727-C

LEDGERWOOD
985

LEWIS
714-C

HANCK
707

GRAY
142

ROBINSON
767-C

BICKETT
606

LINH
782

BISSON
THOMAS
175

KIRK
301

REDMAN
855

JACKSON
812-C

NALLY
776-C

PAULSEN
451

MUNGER
841

McCALLUM
971

KOJIMA
959C

REESE
1221

C - CAMERA:

REMARKS: -

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TARGET

Primary Bremen

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

Date 8 October 1943

Planned _____

Actual _____

Route followed by

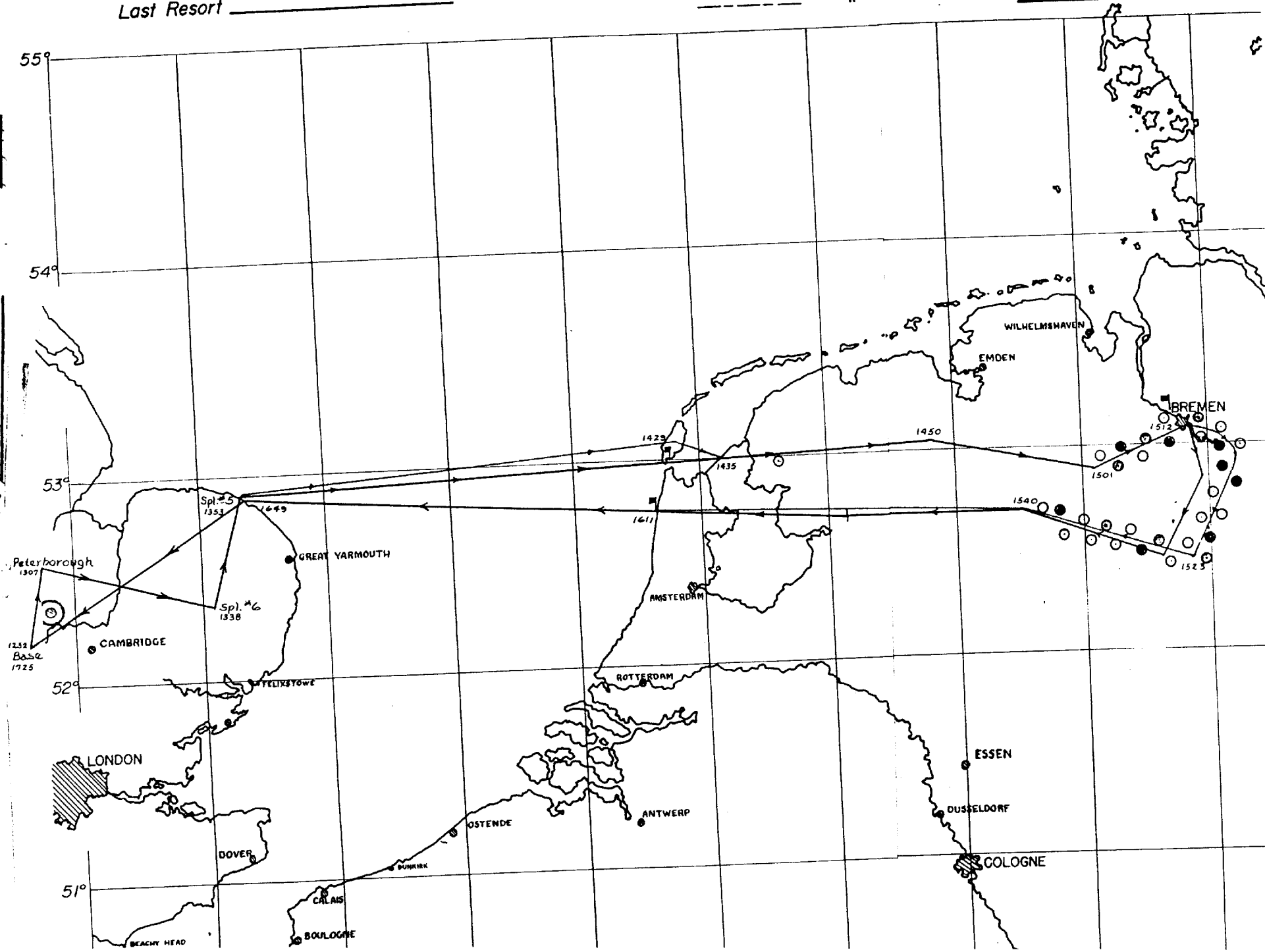
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300th Bombardment Group



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

8 October, 1943.

SUBJECT: S-4 Combat Damage Report on Mission of 8 October, 1943.

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

1. The following listed damages were received by aircraft of this Group on the Mission of this date:

368th Squadron:

slight
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B 17G No. 42-3520, No. 2 nacelle stiffener hit by flak, left outer wing hit by flak, right inner wing skinned by flak, No. 2 prop hit by flak, slight damage.

serious
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B 17F No. 42-3142, flak damage to leading edge of right flap, right inner wing at inspection plate, right side of vertical fin and bulkhead No. 13, slight damage.

B 17F No. 42-30707, flak damage to No. 1 cylinder of No. 4 engine, No. 2 exhaust stack. 303 damage to No. 1 supercharger, ram air intake of No. 2 engine, No. 2 main tank plate, slight damage.

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B 17F No. 42-30782, right and left landing light hit by flak, No. 2 main tank hit by flak, 2 push rods in No. 1 engine hit by empty 50 Cal. shells, right stabilizer hit by flak, ring cowling on No. 1 engine hit by flak, nose above plexiglass hit by flak, serious damage.

B 17F No. 42-30451, No. 1 engine ignition harness hit by empty 50 Cal. shell, 2 push rods in No. 1 engine hit by 50 Cal. empty shell, left inner wing behind No. 1 nacelle hit by flak, right horizontal stabilizer and elevator hit by flak, serious damage.

B 17F No. 42-30776, right and left outer wings damaged, right by 20MM and left by flak. No. 7 Tokio tank in left wing hit by flak, rudder and vertical fin hit by 303, left aileron hit by flak, left horizontal stabilizer hit by flak and 303. No. 7 cylinder push rod of No. 4 engine hit by empty 50 Cal. shell, No. 4 oil tank hit by flak, serious damage.

423rd Squadron:

B 17F No. 42-30714, bulkhead 7A hit by flak, pilot's and co-pilot's windshields hit by flak, station 6B hit by flak, No. 3 feeder tank hit by flak, left outer wing hit by flak, serious damage.

423rd Squadron Continued:

B 17F No. 42-30221, 20MM damage to No. 2 nacelle mounts, right wing-butt fairing hit by 20MM, No. 1, 3 and 4 props hit by flak, instrument wiring in nose section hit by flak, right horizontal stabilizer and right aileron hit by 20MM, No. 5 Tokio tank in left wing hit by flak, left outer wing hit by flak, serious damage.

B 17F No. 42-30606, tail gunner's compartment hit by flak, plexiglass nose section hit by flak, No. 3 prop hit by 50 Cal. fire, No. 4 prop hit by 20MM fragments, No. 4 engine ignition harness and engine hit by 20MM, radio compass hit by 20MM, main hydraulic system hit by 20MM, pilot's aileron control hit by 20MM, left horizontal stabilizer hit by flak, vertical fin hit by flak, serious damage.

B 17F No. 42-30812, fuselage between stations 7 and 8 hit by flak, fuselage over ball turret, right side, hit by flak, No. 2 engine push rod housing hit by flak, left outer wing skin damaged by 20MM fragments, vertical fin damaged by flak, bomb bay compartment hit by flak, left horizontal stabilizer hit by flak, left trim tab hit by flak, left outer wing hit by flak, No. 1 engine cowl flaps hit by flak, slight damage.

B 17F No. 42-30841, 20MM shell hit No. 1 main tank, fluxgate compass, left wing hit by 20MM, left outer wing hit by 20MM fragments, skin buckled from wind flow, left horizontal stabilizer hit by flak in two places, No. 1 prop hit by 20MM, No. 2 cylinder push rod housing, rocker box cover and ignition harness of No. 1 engine all damaged by 20MM, left waist window and fuselage to rear of left waist window hit by flak, fuselage at station 6 hit by flak damaging wiring and fuse box, serious damage.

B 17F No. 42-29971, fuselage underneath and slightly to front of ball turret hit by flak, fuselage at station 2 and 3E hit by flak, left outer wing to rear of No. 1 engine hit by flak, right wing tip hit by flak, tail gunner's oxygen system hit by flak, slight damage.

B 17F No. 42-5855 missing in action.

367th Squadron:

B 17F No. 42-30767, flak hole right side of upper turret, two flak holes in right horizontal stabilizer, slight damage.

B 17F No. 42-30175, three flak holes in No. 1 engine ring cowling, four flak holes in left outer wing panel, two flak holes in left wing flap, two flak holes in left bomb bay door, two flak holes in right outer wing panel, one flak hole in right side of bomb bay, one flak hole near right waist gun window, two flak holes in dorsal fin, one flak hole in vertical fin, two flak holes in rudder, two flak holes in right horizontal stabilizer, one flak hole near right waist door, three holes in plexiglass nose section, serious damage.

B 17F No. 42-3301, 20MM burst in right waist gun position, flak hole in outer wing panel, Tokio tank hit, one flak hole in fairing of right wing, flak hole bottom side of navigator's compartment, flak hole in left wing, flak hole in top of left outer wing panel, flak hole in left side of tailgunner's compartment.

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B 17F No. 42-30727, crease on top of right outer wing panel, 303 hole on top of right waist, flak hole in dorsal fin, flak hole in rudder trim tab, flak hole in left elevator, flak hole in bottom of left inner wing panel, two flak holes in top of left inner wing panel, slight damage.

B 17F No. 42-30728, flak hole in top of left inner wing panel, two flak holes in left outer wing panel, two flak holes in right side of radio compartment, two 303 holes in dorsal fin, two flak holes in rudder, two flak holes in left horizontal stabilizer, two flak holes in right elevator, damage slight.

B 17F No. 42-29985, missing in action.

B 17F No. 42-29959, Missing in action.



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

hadn't been for my flak suit. A piece of flak big enough to put me under the deisies got me in the vest, but the suit stopped it. A few moments later a 30 caliber bullet zapped between my arm and my side."

S/Sgt. William D. Barton, Oak Park, Iowa., a tail gunner, said: "I got two ME-110s and an FW-190. The ME was using rocket guns. They came in slowly and really gave us the business."

Capt. William J. Baltrusaitis, 3804 Ohio Ave., St. Louis, Mo., pilot of "The Joker" said, "We fought our way through and bombed Bremen. The flak was very heavy and the worst I've ever seen. The lead ship in our group was knocked out of formation and I was told to take over. All told our ship had 80 to 90 attacks and shot down 4 of them."

(All claims of enemy aircraft shot down will have to be assessed before they become official. This one group claims 20 aircraft destroyed.)

The Fortress, "Forget Me Not," piloted by Capt. Charles S. McDowell, Glendale, Calif., turned in claims of 8 enemy aircraft destroyed, four by one gunner.

2nd. Lt. Edward A. Klein, Thompson, Calif., bombardier on an unnamed fort, said that they had a successful bombing run, going "over the target in good formation."

Capt. William R. Smith, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a veteran of 25 missions, said he never saw so many Germans before. "Luckily for us, however, they made most of their passes at another group."

"Don't let anybody tell you that the Germans are running out of fighter planes and flak guns," said 1st. Lt. Howard G. Maser, Astoria, L.I., N.Y., pilot of the "Spit Ball," "They still have too many to suit me."

Col. Maurice A. Preston, Culare, Calif., known to his men as a "rough and ready" group commander, led a formation in the "Stump Jumper." "Lots of flak, lots of fighters, excellent bombing and lots of fun," was the manner in which Col. Preston summed up Friday's attack.

"I think we did a damned good job," said Major Joseph A. Brown, of Gillespie, Ill., bombardier on "Stump Jumper." "Some of the bombs hit right on the target and some maybe just a touch over, but we will wait for the photos before making any claims."

"I'm absolutely positive that the results were good," said Capt. Andrew J. Dutch, Clinton, N.J., lead navigator.

1st. Lt. Lester A. Gibson, Detroit, Mich., who flew in the lead ship as a tail gunner on "Stump Jumper," said: "It was by no means smooth. There was a hell of a lot of fighters out today and they were really good."

Capt. John J. Costello, Cincinnati, Ohio, pilot of "Satan's Workshop" and lead of a formation, said: "I think we bombed the target successfully today. My crew reported seeing bombs land on the target. There was a lot of flak, but the P-47s kept the enemy fighters away most of the time. We had a few tail attacks, but they didn't damage the ship any."

"They definitely haven't taken any flak away from Bremen," declared Maj. Walter K. Shaylor, Riverside, Calif., Capt. Costello's co-pilot.

S/Sgt. Vergil E. Brown of N. Long Beach, Calif., tail gunner on the Fort "Sky Wolf," described seeing three FW 190s attack one Fortress from the rear during the time they were without their escort. "That tail gunner was really on the ball," said Sgt. Brown. "He shot down two of the FWs in about 30 seconds and the other one turned and got out of there fast."

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COMBAT REPORT FORM - (GROUP)

TARGET Bremen

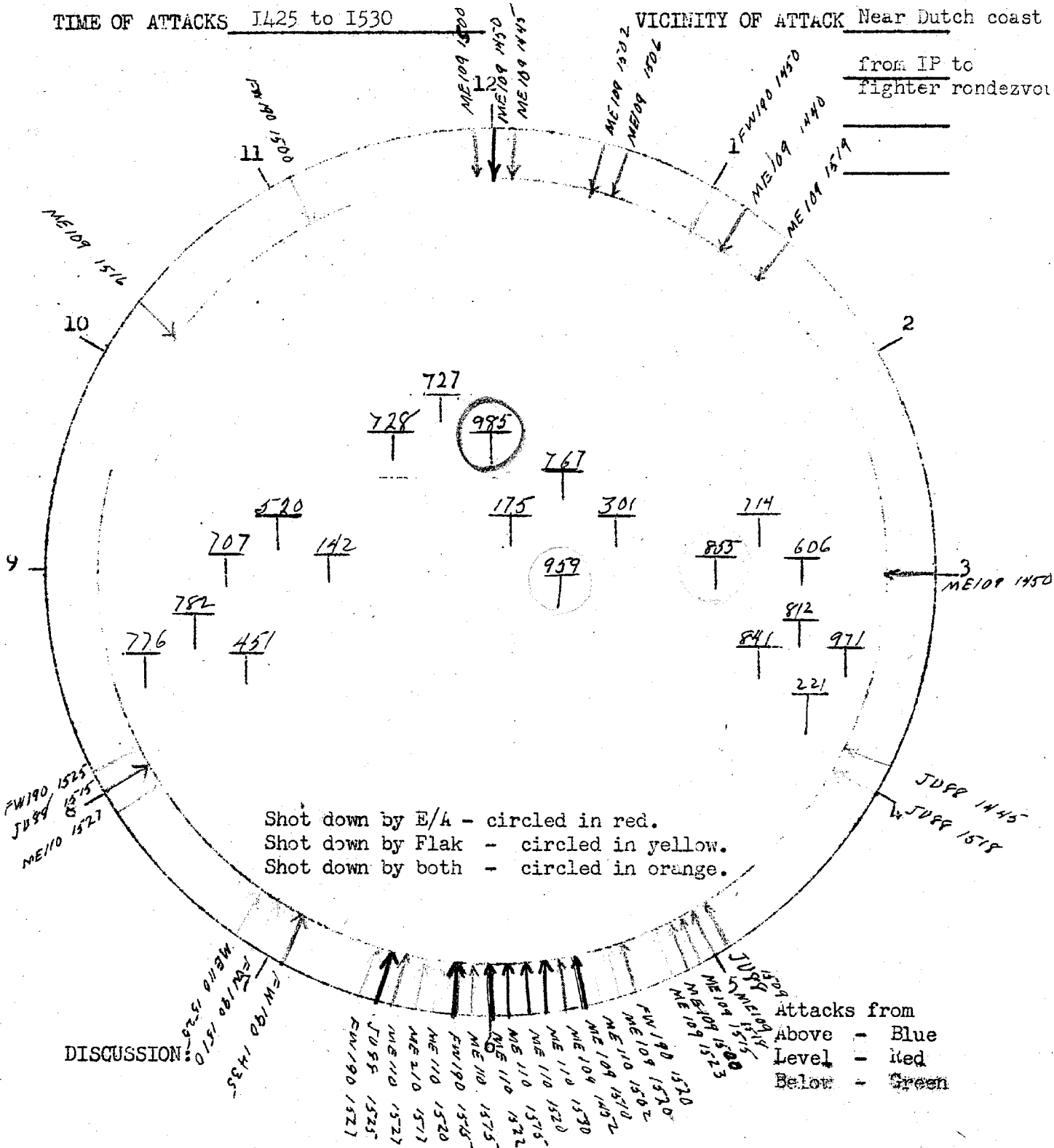
GROUP 306

DATE 8/10/43

TIME OF ATTACKS 1425 to 1530

VICINITY OF ATTACK Near Dutch coast

from IP to
fighter rendezvous



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INDENTIFICATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~353~~ 368 ~~30300893~~ A/C Number 782 Letter 0 Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12 X 500..E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:59 Time Landed 17:37

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

B-17 going down burning at target - 2 delayed jumps.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st. Lt. G. Linn Pilot ✓

B-17 going down on fire about 5 minutes after Jettison fuel

2nd. Lt. S. Mowers Co-P ✓

2nd. Lt. J. Vombringer Nav. ✓

1st. Lt. L. Ryan Bomb ✓

T/Sgt. S. Beardon Radio ✓

T/Sgt. H. Whitten Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. G. Fisher Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. E. Heintz R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. L. Northcott L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. Nicholson Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1508

Alternate Height: 24000

Last Resort Heading 46° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

30 seconds.

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

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

Own Bombs: no M. P. I. bombs dropped all over Bremen

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

Approx. as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 3/10

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 intense accurate tracking -
flak on island going in - All good but behind
single burst of red flak at target.

Crew observations about flak: _____

27000' up cond. from 147 above.
 no turn off target - was straight thru.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

J 1188
FW 190
FW 190
FW 190

150

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

Contact first before P47's left - they went straight thru target flak.

(Location and length of fight)

Twin engine attacks from tail attack from 12 o'clock - as many as 20 abreast

(Tactics of E/A)

Twin engine jets had crosses trimmed with white FW 190 - light brown camouflaged bottoms.

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

(Our defensive action)

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

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violent changes of direction

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

swell -

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,

34 ship convoy off Zander Jee - headed in to Zander Jee

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

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

1st Lt. J. Voehringer - nav. - shot thru head by 30 cal.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) just before target - instantly killed flak and bullet holes.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none

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

considering flak - leaders did a marvelous job.

S-2 OFFICER

Murtha

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~353~~ 363 ~~363~~ A/C Number 782 Letter O Date 8/10/43

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Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:59 Time Landed 17:37

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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:

B-17 going down burning at target - delayed jumps.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

1st. Lt. C. Linn Pilot ✓

B-17 going down on fire about 5 minutes after Zulu Zee

2nd. Lt. S. Mowers Co-P ✓

2nd. Lt. J. Vomringer Nav. ✓

B-17 exploded into bits over target

1st. Lt. J. Ryan Bomb ✓

B-17 straggled shot down by fighters 15 minutes after target 9 minutes

T/Sgt. S. Beardon Radio ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1508

T/Sgt. H. Whitten Top T. ✓

Alternate

Height: 27000

S/Sgt. G. Fisher Ball T. ✓

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 46° Mag.

S/Sgt. E. Heintz R. Waist ✓

Duration Bomb Run:

30 seconds.

S/Sgt. L. Northcott L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. C. Nicholson Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: no M. P. I. bombs dropped all over Bremen

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

Approx. as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 3/10

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 intense accurate tracking -
Flak on island going in - All good but behind.
Single burst of red flak at target.

Crew observations about Flak:

8700' up and from 147' above. no turn of target - was straight thru.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

5/18/44
mu 210
mu 110
FW 190

150

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

Contact just before 0475 left. - they went over
thru target flak.
(Location and length of fight)

twin engine attacks from tail
attack from 12 o'clock - as many as 20 abreast
(Tactics of E/A)

Twin engine jobs had crosses trimmed with white
FW 190 - light brown camouflaged bottom.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

violent changes of direction

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

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

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1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

swell -

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,

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1st Lt. J. Voehringer - nav. - shot thru head by 30 cal.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) just before target - instantly killed flak and bullet holes.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none

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

considering flak - leaders did a marvelous job.

S-2 OFFICER Murtha TIME COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~368~~ A/C Number ~~776~~ Letter F Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 lbs. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:59 Time Landed _____

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

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

Robman in High Element.
past target

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

#3 gas tank hit - flak
fire - 4 chutes - crew down -

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. W. Nally Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. D. Wadley Co-P ✓

1st Lt. P. Marino Nav. ✓

1st Lt. C. Ashman Bomb ✓

S/Sgt. R. Little Radio ✓

T/Sgt. M. Enos Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. L. Stahlman Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. K. Turner R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. K. Dixon L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. M. Ravasio Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1505 =

Alternate Height: 73400

Last Resort Heading 044
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: thought he dropped
on leader - but early

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

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

Own Bombs: Two minutes after I.P. near
Oldenburg -

Other Bombing: _____

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

Number boxes dropped _____

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) yes

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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Hell of a lot -

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st picked up fighters at 1450
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

until 1531
(Location and length of fight)

Picked up event at 1437 - left at 1450
" " " again at 1531 1556

(Tactics of E/A)

30-40 109 8/E 210 4110

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

from six o'clock
& four & five
(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good gain in too HIGH - going in
consequent - not as good as usual

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

no
#1 oil tank flashed - northern
slump

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Antenna shot off - suspect

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

fighter support - rightly fighter
flight no
good

S-2 OFFICER

Brininger

TIME COMPLETED

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Tail Gunner Claims 150-200 fighters
(Estimated total number of E/A seen.)

27/190.4
The 109.
me 110's
me 210's
ga 88

(Location and length of fight)

This A/C attacked from tail by ^(Rocket fire) me 110, FW 190.
me 110's attacking from all sides. Came in level.

Tail Gunner estimates at least 50 attacks
(Tactics of E/A)
2 110's, 1 FW 190; the me 110's (2) -

Red spinners. Gray bodies.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

~~Our defensive action~~
(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	4
PROBABLY	4
DAMAGED	

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT P47 support grt. One attack by 47's showed up. After that attacks fell off.

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

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.)
None

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

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: None -

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
Many rocket fuses - at least 30 ships with them after this ship.

S-2 OFFICER St. Karamanly TIME COMPLETED _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER (POSITION): 2.50 2/7
All by rail could be true. 2 ME/10s
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)
1435 - 1st attack on E/10. + 8th at 1P.
 (Location and length of fight) 2 AEs from

Attacked from head on before P4's left. One target was mounted with system
Barron and 8-4
Robets (Barron from) from the other target. He was also shooting down
at us from the other E/10. He was also shooting down
50 planes shooting rocket. + 1000 with Robets with ME/10 in wing

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

 (Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>2</u>
PROBABLY	<u>1</u>
DAMAGED	<u>0</u>

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good. A night. The rest as far as support to.
from 3 P4's about 1430 53° 05:25 E
Redevelop on button on my back.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military
importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, et
signals; activity at airbases, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; con-
centrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installation;
As many as with down from 300. High cost of ground work
and 30 ships at least.

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)
1817 down from Norma. # engine in fire at 1430. 1 man from fire about
1500 down from Norma. # engine in fire at 1430. 1 man from fire about

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how
received, PLACE and TIME.)
 15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) by fleck + 50 cal hole. Red hole.

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

S-2 OFFICER C. J. Baldwin FILE COMPLETED _____

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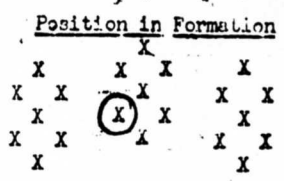
INFORMATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~XXXXXX~~ /C Number 175 Letter B Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off: 1201 Time Landed 1743

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)

*Am B-17 under control going down station
west at 5247 N 0356 E. He was 6 miles
NE of that. He was near dusk. 1620.*

- 1st. LT. BISSON, W.C. Pilot ✓
- 2nd. LT. KAPPEMEYER, J.W. Co-P ✓
- 1st. LT. MCCAULEY, H.K. Nav. ✓
- S/SGT. ST LOUIS, M.J. Bomb. ✓
- Sgt. HULL, T.R. Radio ✓
- T/SGT. HEYBURN, A. Top T. ✓
- S/SGT. DE BUYSER, E. Ball T. ✓
- SGT. THOMAS O.F. R.Waist ✓
- S/SGT. HENDERSON E.H. L.Waist ✓
- S/SGT. HARRIS, J.E. Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: ?
 Alternate Height: 24300
 Last Resort Heading 60°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

- 3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 12x500 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
- 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
- Own Bombs: In Cont with

Other Bombing:

- 5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
- 6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned _____
- 7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs) as planned
- 8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) visibility poor there.
- 9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

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

on way in to target. - intense. some white. some big bursts black. some white. 1 Red burst.

Observations about Flak: Hit by flak.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OFFENSE:

190
110s
1038

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

Came in when 47's minutes.

(Location and length of fight)

110. only came in close.

↳ More concentrated attacks from east.

(Tactics of E/A)

Grey & white ME 110s.

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY 1

DAMAGED 1

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

1 ME Claim

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47s showed up at ~~1543~~ 1543.

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

2 Camps - Cuthbertson at 1610 hrs. 2 large ships in harbor
30 ships loaded in the pier into ammunition. 20 ships heading S. on Pacific 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

Tail gunner hit in head. in left leg. not. Wounds. at hospital

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER _____

TIME COMPLETED _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ ~~268~~ ~~269~~ (423) A/C Number 971 Letter F Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1204 Time Landed 1745

			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

B-17 - (Koonaby-M) #2 engine on fire went down over target - 7 chutes - ship was under control

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

2nd. LT. ROBERT (NMI) McCALLUM Pilot

B-17 with #1 I + no. 2 engine on fire - blew up - no chutes - (might have been Rodman)?

2nd. LT. RICHARD B. THOMPSON Co-P

2nd. LT. ALBERT J. PRENTICE Nav.

2nd. LT. PAUL V. MANNING Bomb

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1504

T/SGT. MARVIN L. BARTLETT Top T.

Alternate Height: 24250

S/SGT. JAMES E. DUNFORD Ball T.

Last Resort Heading 46° Mag.

S/SGT. AUSTIN H. SADLER R. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: 40 seconds.

S/SGT. MED L. BOSTIC L. Waist

S/SGT. WILLARD H. McQUARRIE Tail G.

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

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

smoke screen at target
Own Bombs: *bombed of deputy - dropped early - landed in field. large fire seemed to be on the corner of an airfield*

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

Number boxes dropped

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

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

approx as briefed.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 3/10

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

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target - intense tracking, accurate (but good), single red burst at target.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

2 ME109s about 2000 ft. in. Target had attacked from head on at 1000 ft. formation got me. Then fighter attacks from 1 P on. After target all came in. (Location and length of fight) SE + 2 min.
2 ME109s about 2000 ft. in. Target had attacked from head on at 1000 ft. formation got me. Then fighter attacks from 1 P on. After target all came in. (Location and length of fight) SE + 2 min.
Tail attacks above & below. Head on.

Throwing rockets at us. Looked like orange balls coming at us. Burst underneath us. When they hit rockets they look like explosion on E/A of 1000 ft. whole min.
Black Fw with Red nose. (Color, markings, etc. of E/A) Red nose in addition to rockets.

(Our defensive action)
Cloned to avoid rockets.

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Excellent when there. We were hit before 47s came to see us.

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, etc.)

Coming off Dardanelles. 2 ME109s after target attacked formation. Smoke in air.

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

Saw Korina near 2000 ft. 2-3 min. after Korina fighter after line was shot. Released fuel.

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 - fighters.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER *Capt Bellina.* TITLE COMPLETED

10. ENEMY FIGHTER POSITION:

40-50 mostly twin engine. *me 109*
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

near
First attack *Nasretunne* - stayed 5-7 minutes
(Location and length of fight)

First attack right three group from 12 o'clock
Attack 2 abreast from 8 o'clock

Most attacks between 5 or 7 o'clock
(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

2 fighters E/A left as soon as P47's arrived.

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

twin engine fighter fired large burst from under wing came from what looked like belly tanks one on

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or *both* ~~other~~ *tip about 6' from edge.*)

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)

much flak damage.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

#2 supercharger ~~leg~~ didn't work at all.

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

*Fighter support left too soon - left some ships straggling over *Wenther* *Guiden Jee.**

S-2 OFFICER

FILE COMPLETED

10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMPOSITION:

Dumped 70 of 3 - 1440 -
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

hit this ship Injured navigator
(Location and length of fight)

Mc109 - 14 o'clock - High -

got #4 engine - feathered it later -
150 yards out of formation

(Tactics of E/A)

More wins

Kept coming on them direct attacks

Mostly 5 J488's at 3 o'clock -

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

Paraded up in two's & three's
tail attack - low -

15 DIRECT ATTACKS

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

2 claims

shock is down

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47's good -

Good coming out -

2. 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,

810
Convoy on way in
over Zuni's sea.

Red flash - Rockets J488's - Mc109's

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

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

Navigator hurt - in leg - chest - arm
right

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

one engine knocked out

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Flash paint hard to use in wind get mangled up -

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

Bickett - hell of a good job

ROUGH

NO flash suit enough for six crews sent 7 423

+ 8 cards

S-2 OFFICER

Brampton

TIME COMPLETED

NAVIGATOR - even though injured did a beautiful job

(9)

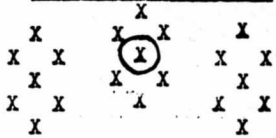
INTER-OFFICER FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 767 Letter Y Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 2x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1200 Time Landed 1743



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. ROBINSON, L.L. Pilot ✓

2nd. LT. JACOBS, D.L. Co-P ✓

2nd. LT. EDELSTEIN, H.C. Nav. ✓

1st. LT. PHELAN, H.E. Bomb. ✓

T/SGT. MERSON, J.R. ✓ Radio

T/SGT. WALKENHORST, J.W. ✓ Top T.

S/SGT. CLARK, W.R. ✓ Ball T.

S/SGT. HEFFNER, H.W. ✓ R.Waist

S/SGT. HIPLER, W.J. ✓ L.Waist

S/SGT. BRITTAIN, W.D. ✓ Tail G.

P 1450 Plane # 2 Eng

Sinking

1516 Koonan - on fire

Over target 5 parachutes
Wing off 1000 ft

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Smoke - Position 15.10

Alternate Center of town Height: 24000

Last Resort Heading 55°

Duration Bomb Run:

60"

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit in town - main target covered

Other Bombing:

Course turned on enemy coming out.

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNPIPE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned 0

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

As briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) as briefed

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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10 minutes before	Target		Barrage	Black	all around	accurate
15 min after		24000	Projected	red		
			mostly barrages			

Crew observations about Flak: Rockets - J 88 - ME 110

Fire between engine & fuselage on each side

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATION:

Jumped 20 of 3 - 1440 -
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

hit this ship Injured navigator
(Location and length of fight)

ME109 - 14 o'clock - High -

got #4 engine - feathered it later -

150 yards out of formation

(Tactics of E/A)

More wins

Kept coming on them direct attacks

mostly 5 JU88'S at 3 o'clock -

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

Painted up in two's & three's

(15 DIRECT ATTACKS)

tail attacks - low -

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

2 claims

shook is down

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47's good -

Good coming out -

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,

810
Convoy on way in over 3 miles

Red flash - Rockets JU88'S - Me109'S

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.)

Navigator hurt - in leg - chest - arm

15. DEATH TO A/C: (Briefly)

one engine knocked out

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Flash point had to use in wind get tangled up -

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

Bickett - hell of a good job

ROUGH

8 cords

S-2 OFFICER

TIME CO. PLATED

NAVIGATOR - even though injured did a beautiful job

NO flash back enough for six crews sent 7

4x3

(9)

INTERNATIONAL FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 767 Letter Y Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1200 Time Landed 1743



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. ROBINSON, L.L. Pilot ✓

2nd. LT. JACOBS, D.L. Co-P. ✓

2nd. LT. EDELSTEIN, H.C. Nav. ✓

1st. LT. PHELAN, H.E. Bomb. ✓

T/SGT. MERSON, J.R. ✓ Radio

T/SGT. WALKENHORST, J.W. ✓ Top T.

S/SGT. CLARK, W.R. ✓ Ball T.

S/SGT. HEFFNER, H.W. ✓ R.Waist

S/SGT. HIPLER, W.J. ✓ L.Waist

S/SGT. BRITAIN, W.D. ✓ Tail G.

P 1450 Plane # 2 Eng

1516 Kormor - on fire

over target 5 parachutes
with 100 lbs. of bombs

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Smoke Time: 15.10

Alternate Center of town Height: 24000

Last Resort Heading 55°

Duration Bomb Run: 60"

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
HIT in town - main target covered
Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Camera turned on enemy coming out.

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNPIPE AND RESULTS: Number boxes returned 0

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

As briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) as briefed

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
10 minutes before	Target		Barrage	Black	all around	accurate
15 min after		24000	Predicated	red		
			mostly barrages			

Crew observations about Flak: Rockets - JU 88 - ME 110

Seen between engine & fuselage on each side

10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMPOSITION:

Jumped 70 of 3 - 1440 -
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

hit this ship Injured navigator
(Location and length of fight)

MC109 - 14 o'clock - High -
got #4 engine - feathered it later -
150 yards out of formation

More twins
(Tactics of E/A)

Kept coming on them direct attacks
Mostly 5 J48's at 3 o'clock -
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A) Parad up in two's & three's
15 DIRECT ATTACKS tail attack - low -

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	
PROBABLY	<u>2 claims</u>
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

shock is down

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT P47's good -
Good coming out -

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,

810
Convoy on way in
own zone

Red flash - Rockets J48's - MC109's

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.)

Navigator hurt - in leg - chest - arm
right

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

one engine knocked out

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Flash paint hard to use in wind get mixed up -

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

Bickett - hell of a good job

ROUGH

8 cards

S-2 OFFICER

Brampton

TIME COMPLETED

NAVIGATOR - even though injured did a beautiful job

NO flash suit enough for six crews sent 7 4x3

(10)

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~182X~~ ~~182X~~ A/C Number 451 Letter N Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12 X 500 H.E. incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:59 Time Landed 1739

	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:

*1426 hrs B17 engine aborted covered by 3/4
1516 " " #1 engine fire blew up 2 minutes*

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

1601 - " B17 #1 engine hit below on way home covered by P47's

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 1st Lt. P. Paulson Pilot ✓
- 1st Lt. J. Zardin Co-P ✓
- 1st Lt. H. Zaborsky Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. L. Blatnica Bomb. ✓
- T/Sgt. J. Zarriello Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. T. Powell Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. R. Litherland Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. F. Weitzel R. Waist ✓
- Sgt. J. Arden L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. O. Woodall Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

After I.P.

Primary Time: 1504 1/2
Alternate Height: 23800
Last Resort Heading 111° W
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

*#3 Ship Lead Squad our Group dropped, this 4/5
and about 2/3 our Group dropped at same time.*

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

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

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

*As ordered. except hit Eng Coast on way home.
at 10 miles N Great Yarmouth*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1511 Primary 23,800 Heavy Intense Accurate Solid bursts over target

20 minutes after Primary

crew observations about Flak: M8 110's had rocket guns

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Attacked 1422 - 25-30 twin engine
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

30 minutes
 (Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)
Flying 11 about 200 yds away - 116 waist
coming in from tail - JUBB me 110

Robot 10 and 2 - 9 3 & 4
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

Twin - Black wings white fuselage

single - Dark green

ME 109 - FW 190
 (Our defensive action)

came in on terrain

and P 117 left &

left when they returned

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>3</u>
PROBABLY	<u>2</u>
DAMAGED	<u>X</u>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Good

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

Smoke screen - Shopping in 34th St
flak hit 2 along coast - Convoy 40 ships.

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)

Flak hit No 2 Engine - Four 4 chokes

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

None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak holes

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

S-2 OFFICER

W. J. Coleman TIME COMPLETED 1850

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~260~~ (423) A/C Number 221 Letter G Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1206 Time Landed 1748

	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: B-17 (Rodman #955) #2 on fire, under control
about 2 min. after target 8 men bailed out
saw fish of the chutes open.
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st. LT. GEORGE (NMI) REESE Pilot ✓
 2nd. LT. ROBERT E. PARTRIDGE Co-P ✓

2nd. LT. CHARLES R. KUETN Nav. ✓

2nd. LT. JOSEPH M. COLUMBUS Bomb ✓

T/SGT. ROBAH C. SHIELDS, JR. Radio ✓

T/SGT. ROBERT D. FOLK Top T. ✓

S/SGT. DONALD (NMI) RICHARDSON Ball T. ✓

S/SGT. ADRIAN H. WRIGHT R. Waist ✓

S/SGT. FREDERICK W. ZUMPF L. Waist ✓

S/SGT. DONALD C. WERNER Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1515

Alternate Height: 25000

Last Resort Heading: 46° Wag.

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec.

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

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

Own Bombs: Dropped on leader.
fuel - smoke came up to 10000

Other Bombing: good smoke screen -

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

Number boxes dropped _____

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

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

8. WEATHER: (if it affected mission) 3/11

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.	Co. or of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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target - intense accurate tracking
small amount of flak from islands at coast
inaccurate.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. ENEMY FIGHTER IDENTIFICATION:

one work.

75-100
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

✓
(Location and length of fight)

✓
(Tactics of E/A)

✓
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

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

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11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

✓

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

9 Me 110 firing rockets. fly 3 in formation in trail of low squad of low group. Projectile comes from receptive under fuselage.

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)

projectile is about 2' long and 8" in diameter.

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)

all shot up. (serious)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

#4 supercharger lagged.

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

S-2 OFFICER *Murtha*

TIME COMPLETED _____

INTERROGATION FORM

(124)

SQUADRON 368 (369) A/C Number 841 Lette. R Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1245 Time Landed 1734



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: \$ B17 on fire right by the targets. 2 chutes opened - 1527

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st. LT. CHARLES E. MUNGER Pilot

1st. LT. HENRY J. ENGLE Co-P

1st. LT. ROGER D. BARTON Nav. ✓

2nd. LT. LEON (NMI) FELDMAN Bomb. ✓

T/SGT. EDWIN J. BORLIK Radio ✓

T/SGT. WAYNE J. GRAY Top T. ✓

S/SGT. JOHN T. BRINKMAN Ball T. ✓

S/SGT. JAY L. BRAMAN R. Waist ✓

S/SGT. JOHN H. JESSUP L. Waist ✓

S/SGT. LESTER B. PARKS Tail G. ✓

B17 1532, no chutes opened. Was on fire, went down

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary: Middle Town Time: 1514

Alternate Height: 24000

Last Resort Heading 100 Mag

(circle) Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Salvaged after other because of ship underneath -

Other Bombing: not observed - smoke screen

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

Any Nickels: Yes No (No)

Number boxes dropped

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

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

as 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Heavy, accurate flak in target area - some big red bursts - at 1533 at Vechta flak down accurate -

Crew observations about Flak:

should have gone over Vechta

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

100 - 125 E/A Mc 210's, 109's, 110's
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

9188's Very few
70190

More than any other
(Location and length of fight)

every aircraft before - all seemed to
be using rocket guns.

This A/C claims 30-40 attacks - mostly
(Tactics of E/A) from tail, level and low (also direct
attacks from underneath on Ball Tower)

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A) Explosive with rockets between
12-14000 yds.

Seemed to circle in old "Covered Wagon style"

and bunched up on each
group

(Our defensive action)

glad seemed to stop as
E/A got in area
major ground contact

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	5
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	

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

Mostly back up

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT P47 support as long as it lasted.
This group attack us soon as P47's
had to turn back

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; con-
centrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations,
thick smoke screen - very effective - at times

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.)
1st Edwin G. Borlik - feet wound leg + back not serious

5. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) maintained just throughout
mission -
glad damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: none

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)
Why not go to Bremen over the North Sea?

S-2 OFFICER _____ TIME CO. FILED _____
21. Kavanagh

(13)

IN ERROGATION FC 2

SQUADRON ~~263~~ ~~266~~ ~~269~~ 423 A/C Number 714 Letter S Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12 X 500 T.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:59 Time Landed _____

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      X
      X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X   X   X
X   X   X   X   X   X
      X
  
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CRWF: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes N. Details:

① Just past T. 1 B-17 on fire on left wing + left engines - went into spin - 3 chutes

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

② Just after T. - a little after D above another B-17 on fire off at 7 o'clock (500-600 yds behind) and blew up - no chutes -

1st. Lt. John H. Lewis Pilot ✓

2nd. Lt. Daniel H. Carey Co-P ✓

2nd. Lt. William H. Dickerson ✓

2nd. Lt. W.S. ~~Ellettson~~ Bomb. ✓

T/Sgt. Warren Day Radio ✓

T/Sgt. Leo Capper Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. Lester Lord Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. Almond Weed R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. D. Axelson L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. Leon Goetz Tail G. ✓

Rodman was missing at target -

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:10 to 15:15

Alternate Height: 24,000

Last Resort Heading approx.

Duration Bomb Run: 120' Wounded

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

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

Own Bombs: Dropped right on Leader - Smoke Sec. covered

Other Bombing: Couldn't see results -

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

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

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

N. of Course from Texel on - N. of L.P. about 15 mi. then Bremen and around -

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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Texel - slight (Turned away from it - left turn)

Td - Tremendous Continuous Following Adequate within 5 ft. 1 bright pink burst -

Grew observations about Flak:

Leader (Witt) picked hole thru Bremen Flak.

100-150? More Turms than Singles

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

all directions

14:30 - Fighters came in - Singles + Turms

(Location and length of fight)

Steady then until + 20 min. after Target
nose + tail chiefly

(Tactics of E/A)

Turms followed Singles in - tho not quite as close

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

During Bombing Run - Fighters

Put across "to distract Bombardiers!" - they flew in our flank

He III 8(?) or (217?) flying sat out on side flying parallel (6 of them) didn't fire

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Didn't see them much - we were late on rendezvous - 47's showed up

after attacks had petered out on 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, troop vessels; landmarks, and enemy installations)

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

Weed - flank - left leg arm + ear - 20 min.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Cables - 3 were cut to stabilizers

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Right Wind shield broken

52 50-0440 E. Convoy at least 20 Ships heading S. (on alt 24,000)

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

A lot of boats in Zuider Zee

S-2 OFFICER

Weld

TIME COMPLETED

Diagonal notes: as many as 2 dozen falling in cluster
flank
ship
right
or level
flank
close
didn't fire
after target
as many as 2 dozen
falling in cluster
flank
ship
right
or level
flank
close
didn't fire
after target
as many as 2 dozen
falling in cluster

(14)

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 (23) A/C Number 812 Letter Q Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st. LT. JOHN D. JACKSON Pilot

2nd. LT. JOHN W. FRAZER, JR. Nav.

2nd. LT. WILLARD E. CLARIDA Nav.

2nd. LT. MICHAEL (KORYSOFF) BOMBER

T/SGT. EUGNE A. PFISTER Radio

T/SGT. SOL D. LEVINE Top T.

S/SGT. JERRY D. HOOKS Ball T.

S/SGT. ARCHIE H. GARRETT R. Waist

S/SGT. JERRY GREENBERG L. Waist

S/SGT. RAYMOND (NMI) RISTAU Tail G.

① B-17 got burst of flak - at Radio tower fire there - 8 chutes - still under control going down - just after about 5 min. at T.

(Roadway)

② Wing ahead B-17 just before 1. P. on way in - hit by flak - no 1 & 2 Engines on fire - could see no more - dropped all bombs at this time.

B-17 on fire - 8 chutes - down in flames - Wing ahead got by 2 hrs 10 min in pursuit

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 15:04

(Premature)

Alternate

Height: 24 000

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 55° Mag.

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Bombardier dropped on lead ship of low squadron - about 2 minutes after I.P.

Other Bombing:

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

Number boxes dropped _____

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

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

N. of Course

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Gained by going thru target

Same as Lewis Interrog. - With Nav. steered around flak at Coast

Crew observations about Flak:

T. - Flak all out - acc continuous following

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

All kinds 150+

Mostly J U88's → More Twins than singles
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

14:42 - 15:44 (Escort then apparently drove them away)
(Location and length of flight)

Queued up - Many in Pairs

Twins 15 or 20 came in at 2 o'clock
(Tactics of E/A)

Some Suicide attacks by ME 109's right thru Wing
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

Flak (red) apparently used as signal to E/A - in flak area

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) No 2. hit. (flak?)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Wald

TIME COMPLETED

(15)

INCIDENT REPORT FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~BOMBERS~~ A/C Number 301 Letter P Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1700 Time Landed 1742

		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: One B-17 blow up over target. One chute open

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st. LT. KIRK W.S. Pilot ✓

F/O COSPER, C.W. Co-P ✓

2nd. LT. DOUGHERTY, J.L. Nav. ✓

S/SGT. NABORS, O.K. Bomb. ✓

S/SGT. ROBERTS, G.G. Radio ✓

S/SGT. BOYD, T.E. Top T. ✓

SGT. KRISTOF, E.W. Ball T. ✓

S/SGT. WEBER R.E. R.Waist ✓

S/SGT. KELLY, T.R. L.Waist ✓

S/SGT. POFF, C.A. Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1508

Alternate

Height: 24,000

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 46°

Duration Bomb Run: Bombs dropped early, no bomb run.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target; Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: 12x500

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

Own Bombs:

Dropped all bombs three minutes ahead of target. Toppled of Lt. Ledgerwood's plane. Could not see lead bombardier.

Other Bombing:

Could not see group bombing because of smoke screen.

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

Any Nickels: Yes No (No)

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

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

To target a little North of briefed route

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Hazy 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
1508	Target	24,000	Intense-Heavy	White	Surrounded Aircraft	Accurate
1455	South West of Target	24,000	Moderate-Heavy	Black	Level	Accurate

Crew observations about Flak: Flak Intense and accurate

some red bursts were seen.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER (POSITION):

60-75 F.W. ME109 ME 210 & JU89
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

Mostly over target Attacks for hour and half.
 (Location and length of flight)

Most attacks level on tail and headon. Some
came in low at 6 and 12 o'clock.

Saw low velocity, black, ~~miss~~ missiles fired
 (Tactics of E/A) by S.U. 89's. Saw two bombs dropped
from E/A.

Black, Brown and Grey fighters
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

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

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT While they were with us they
were good. E/A ran away from them.

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,

Barges on Zuider Zee.

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

See hot news.

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

15. R/W gunner bruised by flak. Sgt. Weber, on left
thigh. 1505 over target.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) Large flak hole in right waist. Peppered by flak.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Interphone, right waist out. One oxygen system
out.

None

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

S/Sgt

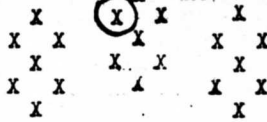
S-2 OFFICER W. C. Southman FILE COMPLETED 1930
Capt. A.C.

SQUADRON (367) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 728 Letter **S** Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1200 Tim. Landed 1735



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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st. LT. DAVIS, Z.D. Pilot ✓

1st. LT. ELLIOT, I.R. Co-P ✓

1st. LT. HOUCK, R. V. Nav. ✓

S/SGT. ANDERSON, G.R. Bomb. ✓

T/SGT. McCULLAR, L.C. Radio ✓

T/SGT. WEBB, G.T. Top T. ✓

S/SGT. FOSTER, D.J. Ball T. ✓

SGT. BALL, B.E. R.Waist ✓

S/SGT. SHADE, F.M. L.Waist ✓

S/SGT. ANTONELLI, D.J. Tail G. ✓

*B17
Kooima - after bomb 5 chutes
Wing shuddered B17 went down
Jedgerwood lost an engine fell
2. TARGET ATTACKED: way back.*

*4 min. after
1.P.*
Primary Time: 1505
Alternate Height: 23700
Last Resort Heading 45°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: toggled

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

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

Own Bombs: *Toggled on Jedgerwood*

Other Bombing: *Smoke screens - at target*

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
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	Target		int.	Black	all over	good
				large bursts	close	(1500?)

Crew observations about Flak: *just 8 - shooting flak - possibly 40mm not rockets also 110*

Saw small white bursts above A/C with no E/A around flak??

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Mk. 4 against
ME109-75
FW190

150

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

about 1445 until about 1530

one off set Blom box

(Location and length of fight)

E/A pressed attacks nose & tail, attacked
thru flak ^{at target} almost all - 1088.

(Tactics of E/A)

Yellow nose, red nose, white nose, white
tail silver

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

extreme evasive
action

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED 3

PROBABLY 0

DAMAGED 0

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

1. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good as far as it went

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)

B17 Flak 2 B17 fighters

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) - about 12 flak holes.

At waist interphone out

TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

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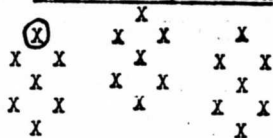
INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267~~ 368 ~~269~~ A/C Number 520 Letter Y Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. In rind.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1206 Time Landed 1730



CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

*1450 HOURS details:
2 B17 - group ahead - 2 me 109
one fell out of formation, one fell back*

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

Kovina - on fire - 3 chutes - rt. after target.

Since time B17 blew up - 3 chutes also from this group

2. TARGET ATTACHED

Primary Time: 1513
 Alternate Height: 24200
 Last Resort (circle) Heading 088°
 Duration Bomb Run: logged

- 1st Lt. W. Katz Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. McNabon Co-Pv ✓
- 1st Lt. C. Holmes Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. B. Lamb Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. D. Philpot Radio ✓
- T/Sgt. J. Herman Top T. ✓
- S/Sgt. W. Tremper Ball T. ✓
- S/Sgt. R. Kenney R. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. E. Gramm L. Waist ✓
- S/Sgt. A. Jennings Tail G. ✓

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: *Some bombs early
Hit in smoke - looked like center of town.*

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

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

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

*Fair - short on turn off target
resulted in slight flak*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)
9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, intense, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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<i>Target</i>	<i>int</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>close - good tracking and barrage</i>	<i>some very large bursts</i>	<i>rt. in middle of formation</i>	<i>good</i>
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Crew observations about Flak: 2 Me 210 - shot rockets

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOS. W/N:

ME 10 FW 190
ME 210
JU 88

75
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

From 9° E on route until target, over target
(Location and length of flight)

shw flak, until about 15 min. after, it

5/6 pressed attacks 7/8 put off.

5/6 & 7/8 flying together in pairs.
(Tactics of E/A)

ME 210 shot rockets.

all mixed types
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED 1
PROBABLY 0
DAMAGED 0
(Fill out immediately
separate CLAIM FORM for
each claim.)

1445
53°N
5°15'E
105°
23900

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47's until about 7°15' E then got attacks
while P47's were around, good on way out

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,

Target smoke screen - scattered

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 B17's this group flak

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

minor flak damage, #3 eng. oil line hit.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Chin turret - can't track with sight
glass shade no good, can't fire straight ahead
S-2 OFFICER Robert G. [unclear] TIME COMPLETED
like flex guns much better

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~368 369 423~~ A/C Number 985 Letter X Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st/ LT. LEDGERWOOD, T.D. Pilot ✓

2nd. LT. ACKER, J.G. Co-P ✓

2nd. LT. SORDEN, M.L. Nav. ✓

SGT. LEVY, E.H. Bomb. ✓

S/SGT. VAN DRAGT, R.G. Radio ✓

T/SGT. COOKE, H.D. Top T. ✓

S/SGT. SPELL, J.K. Ball T. ✓

S/SGT. FILA, A.E. R.Waist ✓

S/SGT. WALSH, P.A. L.Waist ✓

S/SGT. ROBINSON, A.E. Tail G. ✓

CAPT. GEORGE, P.K. ✓

DOWN

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? No?

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped _____

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

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

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	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
					Bursts in relation to A/C	

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~XXX148~~ ~~XXX149~~ 423 A/C Number 855 Letter T Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12 X 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 11:59 Time Landed _____

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st. Lt. D. Rodman Pilot ✓

F/O. M. Cook Co-P ✓

2nd. Lt. J. Garland Nav. ✓

2nd. Lt. N. Sanson Bomb. ✓

S/Sgt. W. Hupfer Radio ✓

T/Sgt. C. Barber Top T. ✓

S/Sgt. W. May Ball T. ✓

S/Sgt. M. Mitosinka R. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. B. Downing L. Waist ✓

S/Sgt. J. Kofter Tail G. ✓

DOWN almost certain

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

Number boxes dropped _____

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

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

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	Color of bursts	Location	Accuracy
					Bursts in relation to A/C	

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 959 Letter M Date 8/10/43

Bomb Load 12x500 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

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)

DOWN

- 1st. LT. KOOMA, L.W. Pilot ✓
- 1st. LT. CRAWFORD, F.H. Co-P ✓
- 1st. LT. BERKEY, D.W. Nav. ✓
- 1st. LT. CRESSY, C.A. Bomb. ✓
- T/SGT. BROOKS, C.L. Radio ✓
- T/SGT. STRUCKHOFF, V.A. Top T. ✓
- S/SGT. COUVILLION, S.J. Ball T. ✓
- S/SGT. TINSLEY, A.W. R.Waist ✓
- S/SGT. HUTCHISON, F.E. L.Waist ✓
- S/SGT. WESTON, R.S. Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

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

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

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

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

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

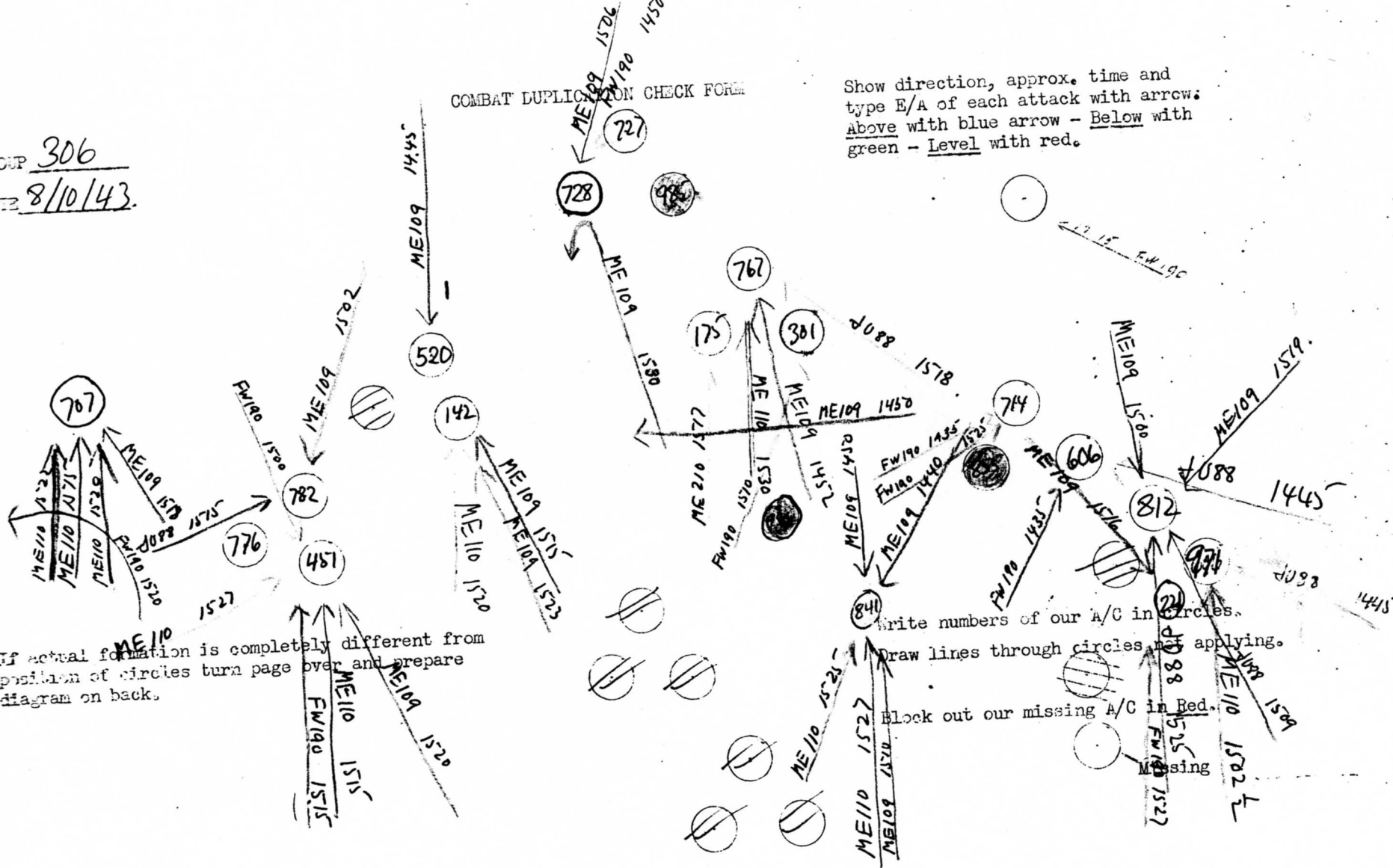
9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

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

GROUP 306
 DATE 8/10/43.

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM

Show direction, approx. time and type E/A of each attack with arrow:
Above with blue arrow - Below with green - Level with 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 when applying.
 Block out our missing A/C in Red.

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 By R/B/THC Date 1/8/91
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COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 8th October, 1943

Squadron 433

Place where attacked Before I.P.

A/C No. 606

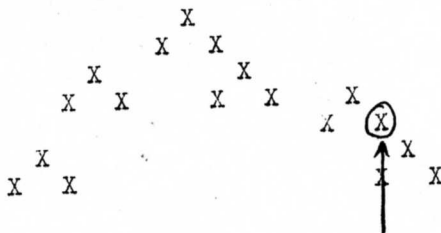
Time 1435 Height 24,000'

Story of the attack-- B/A FW190 came in at 6:30, high. Tail gunner was on E/A all the way in. E/A showed bully at 100 yds. Tail Gunner kept pouring into E/A - E/A burst into flames trying to peel off. E/A on fire all over - went into a straight dive - until lost to view due to activity going on.

(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.)

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

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 60 degs.
- c. type of E/A Good
- d. level of attack FW 190
From high above _____ O'clock
(Check level 6:30 O'clock
one) below _____ O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Henry A. Steelsmith - Greenville, Penn. ASN 33274084

Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by T/Sgt. John Buzard T/Sgt. T. F. Mikulick
Position in A/C Radio Operator Top Turret Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Probably Destroyed.

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Capt. R. Skalak

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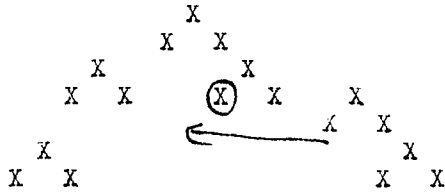
Group 304 Date 8/10/43
Squadron 367 Place where attacked Before target.
A/C No. 175 Time 1450 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- ME 109 came in at 5 o'clock and across tail of our
ship while attacking another ship. S/Sgt. Harris, tail gunner, let him have
it. He saw a piece fall off. E/A started to spin but was lost track of due
to enemy action.

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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 90°
- c. type of E/A Good
- d. level of attack; ME 109
From high above _____ O'clock
(Check level _____ O'clock
one) below _____ O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. J. E. Harris 32490121

Positions Tail gunner. 90 Diamond St., Little Falls, N. Y.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Damaged.

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Capt. Baldwin

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 367

Place where attacked Between I.P. and target

A/C No. 728

Time 15:00

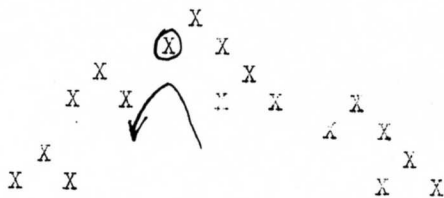
Height 23,700

Story of the attack-- E/A ME 109 came in from high at 5:30 o'clock. Tail gunner opened fire at about 600 yds held fire on E/A as same turned with a straight shot at 6:00 o'clock at departing E/A. E/A went into a wing over wing spin, completely enveloped in flames.

PROBABLE
A-2 I.D.W.

(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 45°
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above 5:30 o'clock
 - (Check level _____ o'clock
 - one) below _____ o'clock
 - very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt Daniel Antonelli 31135825

Positions Tail Gunner Norwood, Mass.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt E. Foster S/Sgt Brittan
 Position in A/C Tail Turret Tail Gunner of an another
A/C (Robinson's 767)

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Capt R. Skalak

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Group 306

Date 8th October, 1943

Squadron 423

Place where attacked _____

A/C No. 812

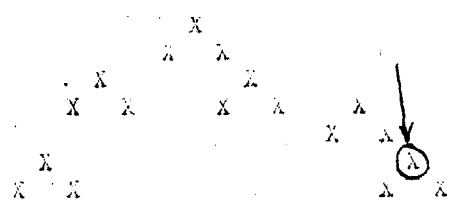
Time 1500 Height 24,000'

1. Story of the attack-- Mel09 - one of the 2 that came right through whole wing
At 11:30 - right in to 50 yards. Smoke from engine started - went out under
tail of our A/C - big cloud of smoke (brown grey) came out of cowling - Tail
gunner couldn't watch after that.

NO CLAIM

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility _____
- c. type of E/A _____
- d. level of attack;

From high above 11:30 O'clock
level _____ O'clock
below _____ O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names T/Sgt. Sol D. Levine 12066313 3145 Coney Island Ave., BKMR Brooklyn, N. Y.

Positions: Top Turret Gunner

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

Corroborated by Tail Gunner and Waist Gunner
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: (No claim)

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt. Alfred W. Wald.

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Group 306

Date 8th October, 1943

Squadron 368

Place where attacked Just before target

A/C No. 782

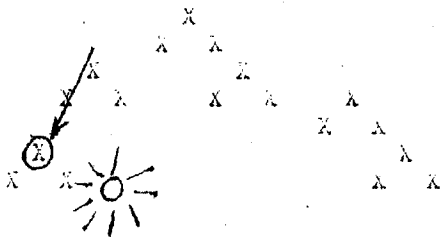
Time 1502 Height 24,000'

1. Story of the attack-- Attack from one o'clock and high. Fired 75 rounds into E/A at 150 yds. Ship began to smoke, then burst into flames and E/A went down in tight spin. E/A was completely enveloped in flames. Pilot could not have escaped.

DAMAGED
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- a. our heading 46 degs. Mag.
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A Me109
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above 1 O'clock
 - level O'clock
 - below O'clock
 - very low O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One) very low O'clock

Names 1st Lt. Joseph P. Ryan Jr. O#732664 1374 Taylor St. NW, Washington, DC

Positions: bombardier

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

Corroborated by Lt. S. W. Mowers

Position in A/C Co-Pilot

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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

Time Interrogator

Lt. Murtha.

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306
Squadron 423
A/C No. 812

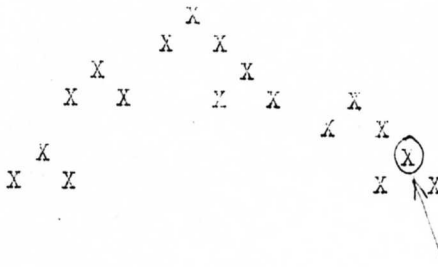
Date 8/10/43
Place where attacked Target Area
Time 1509 Height 24000

Story of the attack-- Twin (Ju 88 (1)) Port Engine in flames. Went down in heavy smoke out of control from 5130 height.

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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.

At back

Data on combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility 170
- c. type of E/A Good
- d. level of attack 5130
 - from high above _____ 0'clock
 - (Check level 5:30 0'clock
 - one) below _____ 0'clock
 - very low _____ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

T/Sgt. Eugene A. Pfister
Name

Position Radio

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____

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

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Captain Alfred W. Weld.

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306 Date 8th October 1943

Squadron 387 Place where attacked Over target

A/C No. 301 Time 1510 Height 24,000'

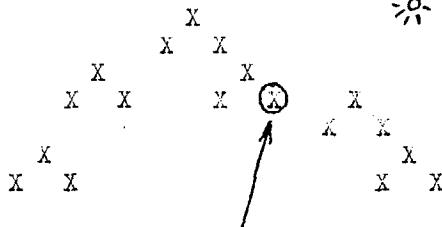
Story of the attack-- FW 190 at 0630, low, opened fire at 800 yards

at E/A. Fired 100 rounds. E/A pulled up and out to left.

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

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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 46 degs.
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A FW190
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above 0'clock
 - (Check level 0'clock
 - one) below 6:30 0'clock
 - very low 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Poff

Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. Roberts
Position in A/C Radio Operator

Other A/C firing at the same time? One other ship.

Comments of the interrogator: Saw Sgt. Poff's tracks enter ship.

ship exploded and disappeared.

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

Time _____ Interrogator

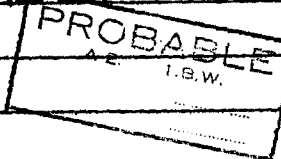
Capt. VanNorman.

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Group 306 Date 10/8/43
Squadron 368 Place where attacked Just after target area
A/C No. 707 Time 15:15 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- Came in level on tail. At about 100 yards burst into flames, turned upside down, bailed out. (ME-110)

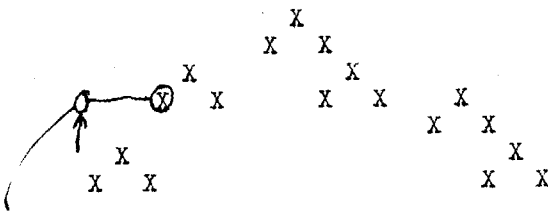


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2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show

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



OUT OF FORMATION

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading _____
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A _____
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____ o'clock
 - (Check level 6 o'clock
 - One) below _____ o'clock
 - very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names William D. Barton 36331854 Oak Park, Ill 724 S. Taylor St.

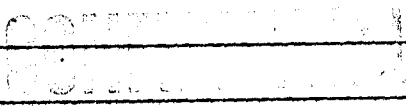
Positions Tail Gunner

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

Corroborated by Sgt. Kosler (Ball T.)
Position in A/C Sgt. Skahan (Radio)

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

Comments of the interrogator: Definite



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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

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Date 8/10/49

Squadron 368

Place where attacked Above primary

A/C No. 451

Time 15:15

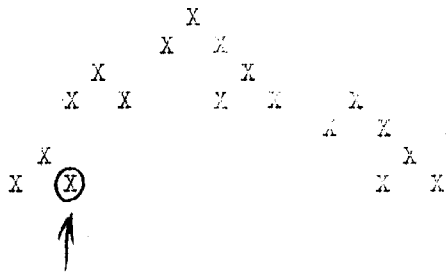
Height 23,800

Story of the attack-- Gave him burst at about 800 yds continued to come in as continued to give him more bursts and at last kept triggers down at about 100 yds E/A caught on fire pieces came off, went down on fire could see him for several thousand feet seemed to fall apart.

PROBABLE
A-Z I-B-W

(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 61° MAG
- b. visibility
- c. type of E/A PW 190
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above _____ O'clock
 - (Check level 6 O'clock
 - one) below _____ O'clock
 - very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt O. (nm) Woodall 17013234

Positions Tail Gunner Route #3 Hope, Ark.

4. Is E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt K. E. Litherland

Position in A/C Ball Turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? No one in close

Comments of the interrogator:

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If function was very different from standard, show on lack of sheet.

Time _____ Interrogator

Capt. W. J. Glass

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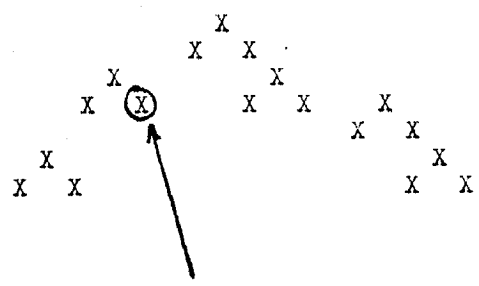
Group 306 Date 8/10/43
Squadron 340 Place where attacked After bombs away.
A/C No. 142 Time 1515 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- ME 109 came in at 5 o'clock and level. Top turret opened up. He was too close for sights. ME burst into flame, took a rise and fell. Flames spread over both sides of ME. Burning intensely when last seen going down out of control.

PROBABLE
A-2 I.E.W.

(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 Good
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. Level of attack;
From high above 5 O'clock
(Check level _____ O'clock
One) below _____ O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names T/Sgt. P. Hughes 32283162

Positions Top turret. 2528 Elmwood Ave. Rosmore, N. Y.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. Krisko
Position in A/C Right Waist.

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator Capt. Baldwin (Over)

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Group 306

Date 8th October, 1943

Squadron 368

Place where attacked Just after target

A/C No. 782

Time 1515 Height 24,000'

1. Story of the attack--- Five twin engine E/A, Ju88s, were setting high above in formation. They peeled off and attacked at 8 o'clock high. Fired 35 rounds into first E/A. Went down in a stream of smoke. Second E/A went down in same way.

NO CLAIM
A-2 I.B.W.
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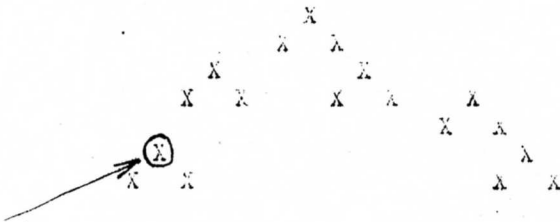
NO CLAIM
A-2 I.B.W.
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(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show

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



Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A Ju88
- d. level of attack;
 - 8 o'clock high above
 - _____ o'clock level
 - _____ o'clock below
 - _____ o'clock very low

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check one) level _____ o'clock
below _____ o'clock
very low _____ o'clock

Names S/Sgt. Edward J. Heintz 36350924 417 Pulaski Rd., Calumet City, Ill.

Positions- Left Waist Gunner.

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

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? Yes.

5. Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator Lt. Murtha.

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Group 306

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Squadron 368

Place where attacked _____

A/C No. 707

Time 1518 Height 24,000'

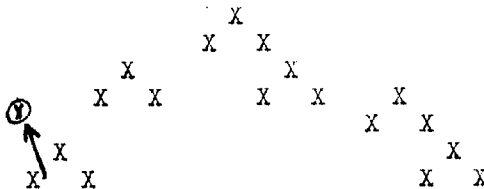
Story of the attack-- From right. - S/E came in high. (250 yds.)

Smoking like hell - Passed out of sight.

NO CLAIM
A.C. I.B.W.

(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 _____
- c. type of E/A No 109
- d. level of attack; From high above 5 O'clock
(Check level _____ O'clock
One) below _____ O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. H. Hall 39839526 2434 E. 16th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Positions Top Turret Gunner

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

Corroborated by Sgt. Barton - saw smoke
Position in A/C Tail Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

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Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 423

Place where attacked After target

A/C No. 812

Time 15.19 Height 24,000

1. Story of the attack - ~~WZ 109 came in from out of sun - prop windmilled as if hit at 150 yds, went into spin. S/Sgt A.H. Garrett watched it almost to the ground. Ball Turret gunner is certain engine was damaged, resulting in prop almost stopping, then windmilling.~~

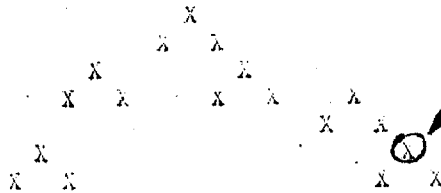
NO CLAIM

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

2. Diagram of Attack:

On Diagram, show

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



Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility _____
- c. type of E/A WZ 109
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____ O'clock
 - level 2 _____ O'clock
 - below _____ O'clock
 - very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names S/Sgt Jerry G. Hooks 1,011,111

Positions: Ball Turret Glermont, Fla.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt A. H. Garrett

Position in A/C Waist Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: A good damaged claim.

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt A. W. Held

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COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 348

Place where attacked _____

A/C No. 142

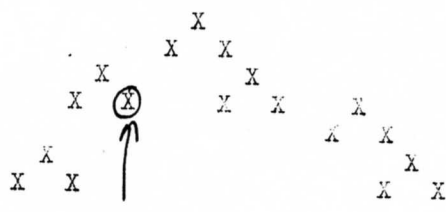
Time 1520 Height _____

Story of the attack-- ME 110 came in low at 6 o'clock. Ball turret gunner fired at him. E/A burst into flames in left engine. Pealed off to left. Radio gunner saw him as he passed above and saw him dive out of control, still intensely burning.

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on combat
a. our heading _____
b. visibility _____
c. type of E/A ME 110
d. level of attack;
from high above _____ O'clock
(Check level _____ O'clock
one) below 6 O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. L. Brofford 15329722 Route #1 Payne, Ohio

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? _____

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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Time _____ Interrogator

Capt. Baldwin

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Squadron 368

Place where attacked 'Just after target

A/C No. 707

Time 1520 Height 24,000'

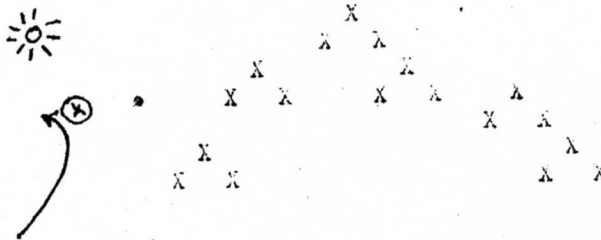
1. Story of the attack-- FW 190 from right, across to left (high) about 200 yards.

SKX Gunner fired bursts. -- Wing tip over wing tip for at least ten times while going down. Smoking. Not able to follow.

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

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A FW190
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above 7 O'clock
 - level _____ O'clock
 - below _____ O'clock
 - very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names Sgt. William D. Barton 36331845 724 So. Taylor Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

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? None

5. Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

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Group 306

Date 8th October, 1943

Squadron 368

Place where attacked _____

A/C No. 707

Time 1522 Height 24,000'

Story of the attack-- 3 HellOs came in dead level from tail, broke to left, took about 100 rds. Right engine smoking, peeled off to left, dropped down. Flame also visible.

(2X (200-250 yds.))

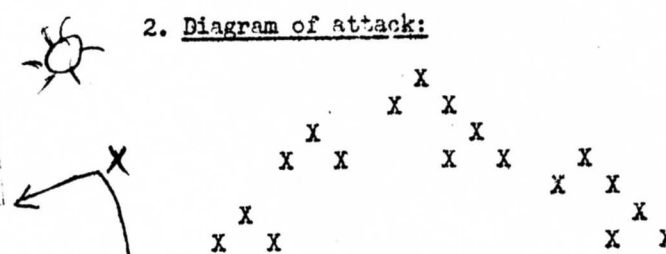
DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:

On Diagram, show

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



Data on Combat

- a. Our heading _____
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A _____
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____ O'clock
 - (Check level 6 O'clock
 - One) below _____ O'clock
 - very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. M. E. McDaniel 38130505 Rt. 2 - Wann, Oklahoma.

Positions Right Waist Gunner

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

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

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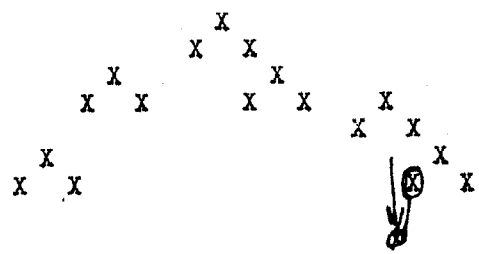
Group 306 Date 8/10/43
Squadron 121 Place where attacked Germany
A/C No. ME 109 Time 1523 Height 24,000

Story of the attack--
ME 109 came in at 5 o'clock and level with top turret
guns. Top turret gunner opened fire. E/A came in close and then flipped over
and cut down. Tail turret gunner also fired. E/A was smoking heavily and rolling
over and over when last seen.

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

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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 ME 109
c. type of E/A _____
d. level of attack;
From high above _____ O'clock
(Check level _____ O'clock
One) below _____ O'clock
_____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A
S/Sgt. S. Arins 3310002 117 Jackson St. Connaught, Pa.

Names Top turret.
Positions _____

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

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____
Other A/C firing at the same time? _____
Comments of the interrogator: _____

If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet. Time _____ Interrogator _____
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Group 306 Date 8/10/43

Squadron 423 Place where attacked night after I.P.

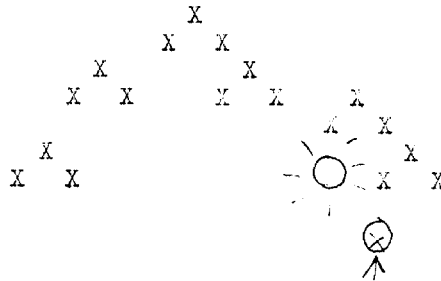
A/C No. 841 Time 15:10 Height 24,000

Story of the attack—1/2 Fighter MK 109 came in from 6 o'clock level at about 150 yds fired at him. Black smoke out of cockpit, fell like a leaf went down.

NO CLAIM
A-2 I.P.W.

(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 _____
- c. type of E/A MK 109
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above _____ o'clock
 - (Check level 6 o'clock
 - one) below _____ o'clock
 - very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt Lester B. Parks 35369301

Positions Tail Gunner Mill Creek, Ind.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by Tail Turret Gunner and Radio Operator
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? No— Gun's out as one it passed (Jackson's)
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Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator

2nd Lt. John K. Kavanaugh

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Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 423

Place where attacked About 10 min. after target.

A/C No. 841

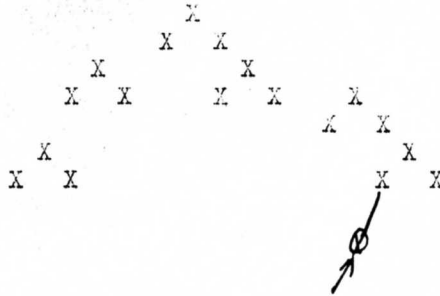
Time 1525 Height 24,000

Story of the attack-- ME 110 came in low from 6:30 o'clock and made a direct attack on ball turret at about 800 yds. One engine caught fire as ball turret kept firing on approaching plane. E/A turned over and went down, one engine still burning.

DAMAGED
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show

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

Data on combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility _____
- c. type of E/A _____
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above _____ O'clock
 - (Check level _____ O'clock
 - one) below 6:30 O'clock
 - very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. John T. Brinkman 13073081

Positions 1005 Virginia Ave., Cumberland, Md.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. L. B. Parks
Position in A/C Tail Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? None. (This A/C straggling)

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Lt. J. M. Kavanaugh

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Group 306

Date 8th October, 1943
About 15 minutes after

Squadron 433

Place where attacked target.

A/C No. 841

Time 1527 Height 24,000'

Story of the attack-- No 110 came in from 6 o'clock high. Opened fire
approximately 400 yards. Left engine caught fire. Kept approaching level,
Tail gunner continued firing, No 110 turned off about 300 yards - smoking,
one engine afire. Radio man says it exploded.

DESTROYED

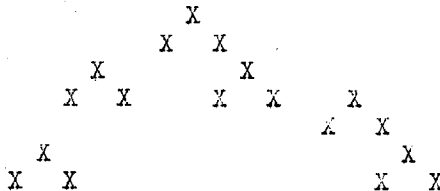
A-Z. I.B.W.

(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 Good
- c. type of E/A No 110
- d. level of attack;

From high above 6 O'clock
 (Check level O'clock
 one) below O'clock
 very low O'clock



3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Lester B. Parks 35149310 RVD #1, Mill Creek, Indiana

Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by Radio Operator and Ball Turret Gunner
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? None (this A/C straggling)

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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Time _____ Interrogator

Lt. Kavanaugh.

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Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 423

Place where attacked Near 52°N - 07°30'E

A/C No. 8A1

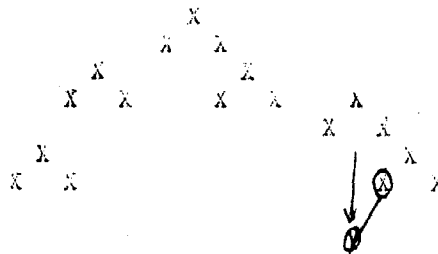
Time 1450 height 24,000

1. Story of the attack-- ME 109 came in at 12 o'clock level (100 yds.), picked him up, could see tracers going in. Fire and smoke out of cowling, nosed down. Tail gunner, ball turret, left waist definitely verify. Flames were intense.

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on Combat
a. our heading _____
b. visibility _____
c. type of E/A ME 109
d. level of attack;
From high above _____ O'clock
level 12 O'clock
below _____ O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names Lt. Leon Feldman

Positions: Bombardier 5534 Willow St. New Orleans, La.

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

Corroborated by Tail Gunner, Ball turret, left waist.
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? None. (This A/C straggling.)

5. Comments of the interrogator:

If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet. Time _____ Interrogator Lt. Kavanaugh

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Group 304

Date 8th October, 1943

Squadron 367

Place where attacked After bombs away.

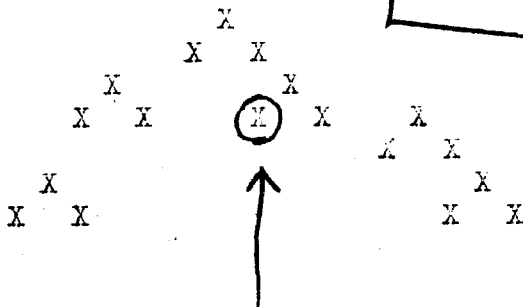
A/C No. 175

Time 1517 Height 24,000'

Story of the attack— 2 Me210s came from underneath and climbed up from 6 o'clock. S/Sgt. DeBuyser, Ball Turret gunner opened up. E/A came on up. One burst into flames. He came up level with us, turned over on back. Radio gunner said whole fuselage was ablaze. He fell off and when last seen was burning from head to tail so intensely fire could not be put out.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



DESTROYED
A-2. 1. show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on combat

a. our heading 180 degs.

b. visibility Good

c. type of E/A Me210

d. level of attack;

from high above _____ 0'clock

(Check level _____ 0'clock

one) below 5 0'clock

very low _____ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. E. DeBuyser 12238930 Parker M., Rochester, N. Y.

Positions Ball Turret Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by Sgt. Hill
Position in A/C Radio Operator

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Certain Destroyed.

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

Time _____ Interrogator Capt. Fred Baldwin.

COMBAT FORM

Group 305

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 367

Place where attacked 55°04'N 6°50'E

A/C No. 723

Time 14:50

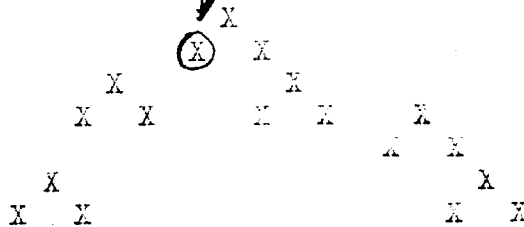
Height 23,700

Story of the attack-- E/A FW 190 came in low from one o'clock. At 700 yds ball turret started firing and continued until about 300 yds. E/A went into spin started spinning was seen to crash.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack



On diagram, show

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

Data on combat

- a. our heading 92°
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A FW 190 white nose
- d. level of attack;

from high above _____ o'clock
 (Check level _____ o'clock
 one) below 1 o'clock
 very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt Duane J. Foster 39842303

Positions Ball Turret Hayward, Calif.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt D. Antonelli
 Position in A/C Tail Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? none

Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed - 1

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Capt R. Shook

Group 307

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 307

Place where attacked Over target

A/C No. 728

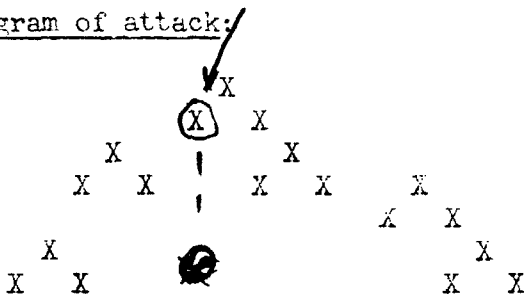
Time 15:05 Height 23,700

Story of the attack--E/A was smoking as radio operator opened fire at about 100 yds E/A was coming in from 1230 sight. E/A caught on fire as E/A passed over radio compartment, at about 50 ft E/A was seen to explode at six o'clock behind A/C.

DESTROYED	
A-2.	I.B.W.
.....

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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 45°
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A VE 109
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above 12:30 o'clock
 - (Check level _____ o'clock
 - one) below _____ o'clock
 - very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt Loren Mc Callar 34344740

Positions Radio Interville, Miss.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by Sgt D. J. Antonelli
 Position in A/C Full Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time Capt H. Skelch Interrogator

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Group 306

Date 5/10/43

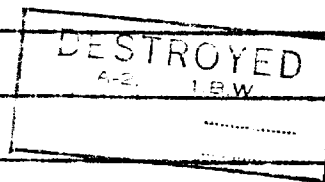
Squadron 367

Place where attacked Braman

A/C No. 767

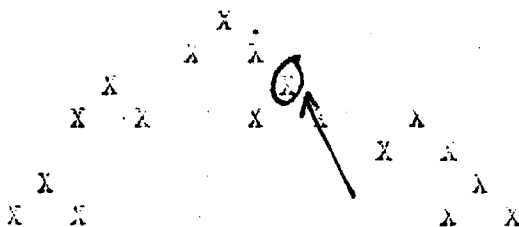
Time 1518 Height 24,000

1. Story of the attack-- E/A went down, turned, and came in at 4:30, low, at 250 yds. Left engine was hit and E/A went into a dive. A wing fell off and the plane was last seen in a spin.



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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- a. our heading 55°
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A JU 88
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____ 0'clock
 - level _____ 0'clock
 - below 430 0'clock
 - very low _____ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names S/Sgt. W. R. Clark 19066185

Positions Ball turret, 342 E. 111th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. H. W. Haffner 34189456
Position in A/C Right waist.

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

5. Comments of the interrogator: O.K. Other A/C in element out of formation.

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

Time 1910

Interrogator

Col. B.R. Coleman

COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 368

Place where attacked 53° N 5° 15' E

A/C No. 520

Time 14:45

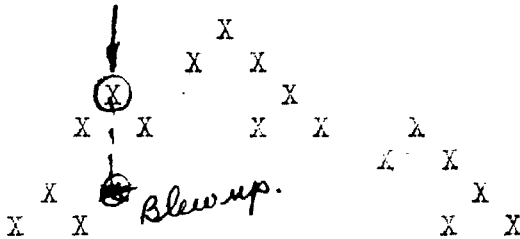
Height 23,900

Story of the attack— E/A ME 109 came in from 12 o'clock slightly above passing over this A/C. Top Turret opened fire at 700 yds and continued firing until E/A went over at about 100 ft. E/A was seen to exploded behind this A/C.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.B.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & 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 105°
- B. visibility good
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;

From high above 12:00 o'clock
 (Check level _____ o'clock
 one) below _____ o'clock
 very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names T/Sgt James E. Herman 17045543

Positions Top Turret Wound City, Kan.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt A. Jemalges T/Sgt D. Philpot S/Sgt W. Tromper
 Position in A/C Tail Gunner Radio Gunner Ball Turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt R. Skalak

Group 306

Date 8th October, 1943

Squadron 368

Place where attacked Just before target.

A/C No. 451

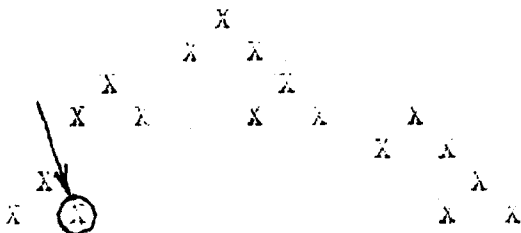
Time 1500 Height 23,600'

1. Story of the attack-- Came in low between our A/C and lead ship in our element
At about 600 yards - 1130 o'clock gave him long burst 40 to 50 rounds. Flame
and smoke coming out under cowling. Continued shooting until E/A within
about 50 yards, pieces came off. Went down in spiral, flaming. Saw him hit
ground.

DESTROYED
A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of Attack:



On Diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on Combat
a. our heading 111 degs Mag.
b. visibility Good
c. type of E/A FW190
d. level of attack;

From high above _____ O'clock
level _____ O'clock
below 1130 O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check _____
One) very low _____ O'clock

Names 1st Lt L. P. Klatnick O-676539 332 So. Highland Street, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Positions- bombardier

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. H. Kobersky
Position in A/C Navigator

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the interrogator: _____

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If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet. Time _____ Interrogator _____
Capt W. W. Glass.

Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 368

Place where attacked Just after P-47's left

A/C No. 451

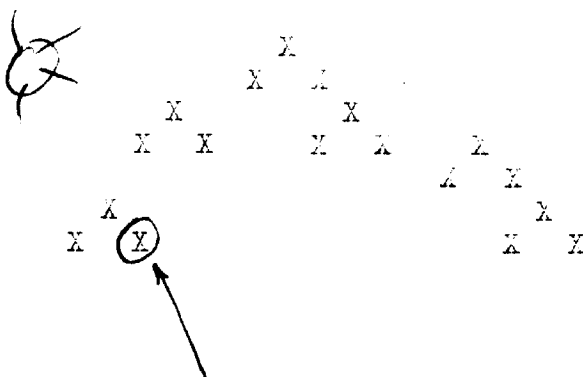
Time 15:20 Height 23,800

Story of the attack: Started shooting at 800 yds gave him several long bursts at about 500 yds his right wing came off went down, no chute.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.B.W.

(Include above any other aircraft which were in action; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show

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

Data on combat

- a. our heading 61° - 224
- b. visibility _____
- c. type of E/A ME 109
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above _____ o'clock
 - (Check level _____ o'clock
 - one) below 5,30 o'clock
 - very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt R.E. Litherland 36379875

Positions Ball Turret St Francisville, Ill.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt O. (rmi) Woodall
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Capt W.H. Glass

COMBAT FORM

Group 334

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 365

Place where attacked 8 min. after Primary.

A/C No. 451

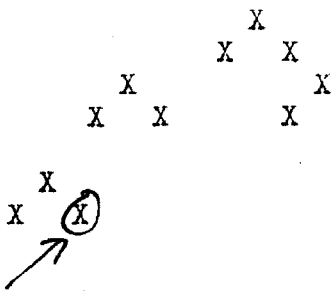
Time 1527 Height 23,000 ft.

Story of the attack-- E/A dove and came up underneath our A/C at 600 yds. at about 8 o'clock. Ball turret gunner gave him long burst and several short ones until E/A was within 100 yds. His left engine began smoking, a piece of the stabilizer came off, spun and went down in vertical dive. One chute came out, and plane was seen to hit the ground.

(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:

DESTROYED



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

Data on Combat
a. Our heading 160° E.
b. visibility _____
c. type of E/A M. 110.
d. level of attack:
From high above _____ o'clock
(Check level _____ o'clock
One) below 8 o'clock
very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names 2/Sgt. R. Litherland 36979875

Positions Ball turret. Richard G. Litherland St. Francisville, Ill.

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

Corroborated by 2/Sgt. O. Woodall
Position in A/C Tail Gunner.

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

Comments of the interrogator: _____

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

Time _____ Interrogator Capt. W.W. Glass

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Group 306
Squadron 423
A/C No. 606

Date Before 1. P.

Place where attacked 1445 24,000

Time 1445 Height 24,000

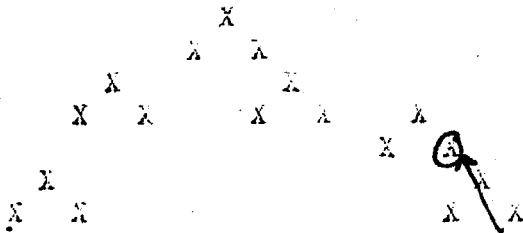
JU 88 came in from 4 o'clock low, coming up, at

1. Story of the attack--
600 yds. peeled off. Right waist gunner opened fire at between 900 and 1000 yds. After peeling off E/A dove straight down in flames and was seen to explode by ball turret gunner at 3,000 ft. below this A/C.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of Attack:



On Diagram, show
a. which of our A/C was attacked;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. sun position.

Data on Comb t 60°
a. our heading Good
b. visibility JU 88
c. type of E/A _____
d. level of attack;

From high above _____ 0'clock
level 4 _____ 0'clock
below _____ 0'clock
very low _____ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names S/Sgt. Harry B. Shatts 19113611

Positions Right waist. 1018 Madison St., Seattle, Wash.

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. K. B. Reed
Position in A/C Ball turret.

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator:

Destroyed.

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

Time Capt. R. Skalok Interrogator _____

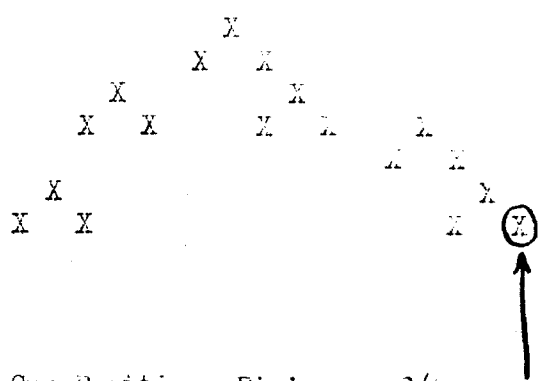
Group 346 Date 24 October, 1943
 Squadron 43 Place where attacked Claytonbury.
 A/C No. 872 Time 1502 1/2 height 23,700'

Story of the attack--1/4 attacked from 6 o'clock below. Came in to 500 yards. Fired down burst into him and his left engine caught fire and he went down in tight spiral, hitting the ground and exploding.

DESTROYED
A.S. I.E.W.

(Include above A/C description, and please include he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he behaved 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 60 degs Mag.
 b. visibility Good
 c. type of E/A Me 110
 d. level of attack;
 from high above _____ 0'clock
 (Check level _____ 0'clock
 one) below 5 0'clock
 very low _____ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Willard H. McMarrie 1061995 9 Forest Street, Ayer, Mass.
 Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. H. L. Bostis
 Position in A/C Left Waist Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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

Time _____ Interrogator
W. Murtha.

Group 46

Date 24 October, 1943

Squadron 43

Place where attacked Taipei

A/C No. 111

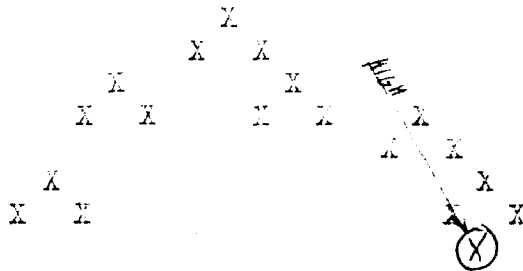
Time 1516 Height 4,000'

Story of the attack-- We 109 attacked from 11 o'clock high. Went under this A/C and Ball Turret Gunner fired approximately 75 rounds into him. A/C came up and stalled off our right wing. Pilot bailed out and then A/C blew up.

DESTROYED
A-2. I.B.W.

(Include above any information you have as to how close he came; where he was hit; how long he was in sight; what 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 16 degs Mag.
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A We 109
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above 11 O'clock
 - (Check level _____ O'clock
 - one) below _____ O'clock
 - very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Donald Richardson 3722046 S.H. State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas
(Parents Address)

Positions Ball Turret Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by 2nd Lt. R. E. Partridge S/Sgt. B. Werner
Position in A/C SP4 CO- Pilot Tail Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

Comments of the interrogator: Definitely destroyed.

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Lt. Murtha.

Group 306

Date 6th October, 1948

Squadron 423

Place where attacked About 15 minutes after target.

A/C No. 841

Time 1527 Height 21,000'

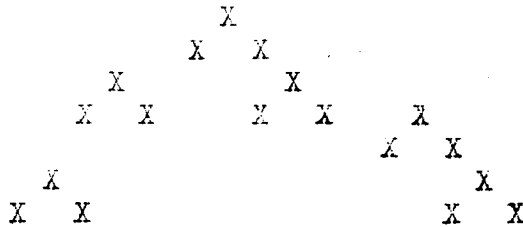
Story of the attack-- No 110 came in from 6 o'clock high. Opened fire approximately 600 yards. Left engine caught fire. Kept approaching level, Tail gunner continued firing, No 110 turned off about 300 yards - smoking, one engine afire. Radio man says it exploded.

DESTROYED

A.P. I.B.W.

(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:

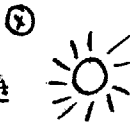


On diagram, show

- 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 Good
- c. type of E/A No 110
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above 6 O'clock
 - (Check level _____ O'clock
 - one) below _____ O'clock
 - very low _____ O'clock



3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Lester B. Parks 35367110 SPO #1, Mill Creek, Indiana

Positions Tail Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by Radio Operator and Ball Turret Gunner
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? None (this A/C straggling)

Comments of the interrogator:

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

Time _____ Interrogator

Lt. Kavanaugh.

Group 306

Date 6th October, 1943

Squadron 423

Place where attacked _____

A/C No. 812

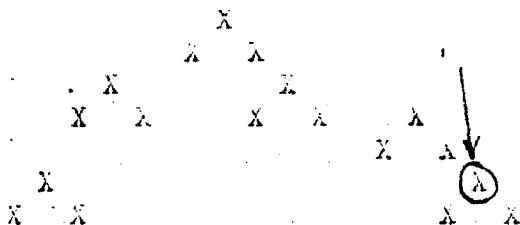
Time 1:00 Height 7,000'

1. Story of the attack-- Mel09 - one of the 2 that came right through whole wing
At 11:30 - right in to 50 yards. Smoke from engine started - went out under
tail of our A/C - big cloud of smoke (brown gray) came out of cowling - Tail
gunner couldn't watch after that.

NO CLAIM
423 18W
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(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility _____
- c. type of E/A _____
- d. level of attack;

From high above 11:30 O'clock
level _____ O'clock
below _____ O'clock
very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check
One)

Names T/Sgt. Sol D. Levine 12066313 3145 Coney Island Ave., BMT Brooklyn, N. Y.

Positions: Top Turret Gunner

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

Corroborated by Tail Gunner and Waist Gunner
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? ?

5. Comments of the interrogator: (No claim)

If formation was very different from standard, show on back of sheet. Time _____ Interrogator _____
Capt. Alfred W. Wald.

Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 423

Place where attacked 40 miles after target.

A/C No. 812

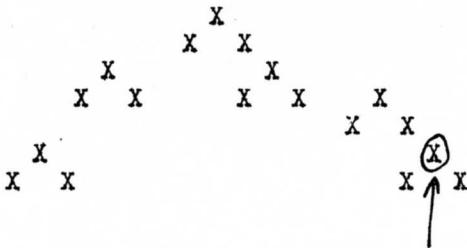
Time 1525 Height 24,000 ft.

Story of the attack JU 88 came in at 6 o'clock level, second in formation of three (side by side). Tracers were fired into fuselage as it came in to 600 yds. When hit, E/A peeled to left and went into dead glide. 1 chute was seen.

PROBABLE
A-Z P-W

(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 _____
- c. type of E/A _____
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____ o'clock
 - (Check level 6 o'clock
 - One) below _____ o'clock
 - very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. Raymond J. Ristau 16126289

Positions Tail Gunner. George C. Ristau (Father) Utica, Ill.

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

Corroborated by _____
Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

Comments of the interrogator: Good Claim.

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

Time _____ Interrogator Capt. A. W. Weld

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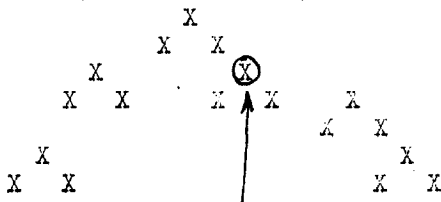
Group 306 Date 6th October, 1943
Squadron 367 Place where attacked France
A/C No. 767 Time 1530 Height 24,000'

Story of the attack-- 4 E/A attacked at 4 o'clock, low. Turned 5:30 to 6:30. Hit right engine and right wing. On fire - blew up.
(200 yards - No 110)

NO CLAIM

(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 293
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A U110
- d. level of attack;
 - from high above 0'clock
 - (Check level 6 0'clock
 - one) below 0'clock
 - very low 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. William D. Brittain 30161575 1218 Johnston Street, Houston, Texas.

Positions Tail Gunner.

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by S/Sgt. H. E. Clark S/Sgt. H. W. Haffner
Position in A/C Ball Turret Gunner Right Waist Gunner.

Other A/C firing at the same time? None

Comments of the interrogator: OK - Other A/C in element out of formation.

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

Time 1900 Interrogator

Lt. Col. Douglas H. Coleman.

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Group 306

Date 8/10/43

Squadron 423

Place where attacked Approx, 20 miles south of target.

A/C No. 714

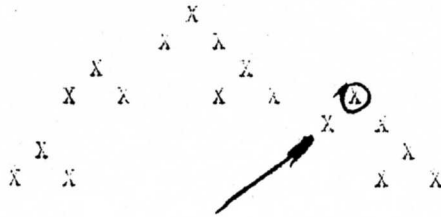
Time 15:25 Height 24,000

1. Story of the attack--FW 190 slipped from behind screen of two or three JU 88's which were drawing formation fire and attacked from about 8 o'clock low. Left waist Gunner fired on him at 500 yds.--he immediately went into tight spin, trailing black smoke until almost to the ground.

NO CLAIM
A.P. I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of Attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat:

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility good
- c. type of E/A FW 190
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____ O'clock
 - level _____ O'clock
 - below _____ O'clock
 - very low 8 O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(check One)

Names T/Sgt Warren F. Day 18149049

Positions: Radio Operator 74 Bedford St. Waltham, Mass.

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

Corroborated by none
Position in A/C _____

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

5. Comments of the interrogator:

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt W.A. Wald

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