

...and the Forts find a defence. Heavy flak, re

FIGHTERS LE A WIDE-OPE

BERLIN
GERMANY

9 March 1944

*Many raiding pilots say:
'We didn't see one'*

ONLY 7 FORTS ARE MISSING

Express Air Reporter

BOMB after bomb rained down through a layer of clouds on the heart of Berlin yesterday. The people heard the drone of planes and the roar of explosions, and they saw heavy flak going up. But the sound of the aircraft came from American bombers and fighters. Scarcely a German

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THIS is the graph of the decline in United States losses in the three attacks on Berlin in the last 72 hours:—

MONDAY: 68 bombers, 11 fighters.

WEDNESDAY: 38 bombers, 16 fighters.

YESTERDAY: 7 bombers, 1 fighter.

German fighter losses in the attacks declined thus: 176; 125; nil.

'IT'S TOO TERRIBLE'

Said the woman from Berlin

From GORDON YOUNG

STOCKHOLM, Thursday.—A Swedish woman passenger from Berlin, landing at Malmö airport, was asked to describe today's American raid.

She pressed her hands to her head and cried hysterically: "It's no use asking me. I can't say a word. It was too terrible." The plane arrived three and a half hours late as the raid delayed departure.

'DOOMED'

A Swedish man said that the Germans told him: "What the British and Americans have not bombed we are destroying ourselves with dynamite to clear away the ruins. Berlin is doomed. It has ceased to be the capital or even a city."

He said the bombs whistled eerily down through a cloud layer covering the city while the engines of bombers droned above.

Today's alert lasted from 12.30 to 3 p.m. The Copenhagen plane was cancelled.

No telephone calls can get through to the Berlin Ministry.

fighter went up.

Goering's air force was almost grounded. Not one enemy fighter challenged the Allied fighters. The bombers had only a few scattered combats.

The result, as announced in an American communiqué late last night, was that only seven bombers and one fighter were lost.

German propagandists claimed that there was "dense fog" and "heavy mist." The Americans reported masses of low cloud. It is believed that such conditions would not have prevented modern fighters from taking off in force.

Although it is possible that in coming raids the opposition will increase seriously, it appears that the enormous loss of 301 fighters inflicted on the Luftwaffe in the Monday and Wednesday raids grounded the enemy temporarily.

The American communiqué recorded that not one claim to have destroyed an enemy aircraft was made by either the Fortress and Liberator bombers or the escorting fighters—American and R.A.F. Mustangs, and American Thunderbolts and Lightnings.

...endaries through dense
id attack in two days on
in the six days since one
lazi capital last Saturday

By instruments

It pointed out that the Berlin industrial targets were bombed through the clouds by means of scientific instruments.

One formation also attacked an industrial target in central Germany.—Berlin said it was Hanover.

The massed American formations in their third big daylight assault in four days, were able to approach Berlin from many angles.

Besides the ordinary flak, they met rocket fire, but they were so untroubled by dog fights that many of the huge bombers roamed round the capital before their bomb-aimers gave the word that the bombs had gone.

Again the city was set alight. Even before the U.S. fliers had turned away their crews saw many columns of thick brown smoke pushing through the 20,000-foot-high cloudbanks.

The U.S. Intelligence and

move people

Express Staff Reporter

GENEVA, Thursday. — Heavy black headlines in today's Swiss newspapers say: —

"FLATTENING OF BERLIN."
"ANNIHILATION OF BERLIN."
"BERLIN'S AGONY."

Every available fireman within a 175-mile radius has been called in, but according to one report the firemen's efforts are ineffective, as most of the city's water system is destroyed.

On Tuesday orders were given to evacuate everybody, except the vital A.R.P. services, but because of railway destruction and other lack of transport the evacuation has not been made.

bombers.

Not a fight

Express Staff Reporter Montague Lacey wrote from U.S. Bomber U.Q. at midnight: —

American fighters and bombers came back to their British airfields tonight to tell how some of them had stayed for 10 minutes over Berlin without seeing one German fighter.

It is a striking contrast to Wednesday's raid.

Tonight the same pilots came back making no claims of fighter destruction. They flew more than 1,200 miles to Berlin and back, cruised over the capital, and none of them engaged in combat at all. The Americans may have suc-

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NAZIS BLAME CLOUD 'ALL THE WAY'

GERMAN News Agency in its version last night of the Berlin raid, did not mention attacks.

It said: The bombers met a drumfire barrage of flak as they approached and left, but more particularly over Greater Berlin.

The continuous fire of the super-heavy A.A. guns met the formations flying in dense fog. Bombers were seen to fall like blazing torches out of the milky haze.

American planes came in under cover of dense layers of cloud stretching over the whole of northern Germany.

Another report said: —

The Americans took advantage of a layer of mist to make a new terror attack on Berlin.

The entire district of Greater Berlin was indiscriminately raided. Thick cloud prevented the enemy airmen from making out ground targets. This system of attack is obviously a new method for American daylight raids.

Damage was caused in residential districts, and three hospitals were hit. Casualties were heavy.

Early today the German's reported: —

A large number of high explosive bombs were dropped on Hanover by bombers on the way to Berlin.

Our defence reaction was speedy. Hanover is one of the ten largest cities in Germany and the most important railway junction on the line between Berlin and Holland. It has been bombed more than 50 times.

BACK PAGE ONE

ceeded in knocking out the Luftwaffe for a time. The next few raids will show

The massive flak of the last two months clearly indicate that the U.S. Eighth and Ninth Air Forces, together with the 15th working from Italy and the R.A.F. are now all out for a knock-out.

Today's raid, on reports so far in, indicate that it was as heavy as on Wednesday.

Although there was little fighter opposition, many of the bomber groups told of the sky being black with bursting flak. Despite this, bomber and fighter crews came back exultant, and wondering whether the Luftwaffe is getting punch-drunk.

"It was an endless stream of bombers over Berlin again today," said the bombardier of the Fort "Avengress."

'I WAS AMAZED'

Colonel Chester Gilger, a Fortress group commander, said, "I didn't see any enemy fighters, and I was amazed at the number of our fighters over the target."

A waist gunner, telling how he had seen a German fighter, added, "Our escorts had us boxed in. We were completely surrounded by friendly fighters."

One pilot described the raid as "Just a long ride." Many of the crews reported cloud over the target which reached down to the ground.

Lieut.-Colonel Don Blakeslee, leading a group of Mustang fighters, who reported that they stayed over Berlin at least 10 minutes without seeing a German fighter, came back to find that while he was in action he had been promoted a full colonel, and awarded a cluster to his silver star for leading his group of fighters on 38 raids.

Blakeslee, with eight German planes to his credit, has flown against the Germans in Spitfires, then Thunderbolts, and now Mustangs, and he was one of the first group leaders to take fighter planes over Berlin.

OTHER REPORTS

Here are other pilots' reports: — Lieutenant Duane Sorensen: "On Wednesday the sky was crammed with Germans near Berlin. Today, almost in the identical spot, we saw one enemy fighter high-tailing it before two Mustangs. That was all."

Lieutenant D. S. Pearson: "I don't know where the German fighters were. They didn't bother us."

Sergeant Henry S. Arnold: "We bombed through flat white clouds. Over the target flak was heavy, but there was none going out. The fighter escort kept the Luftwaffe grounded."

Lieutenant R. B. Smith: "The Nazis were shooting a lot of rockets up at us. They came in bunches of four, but they ain't was poor."

Lieutenant Samuel Shirley: "There was cloud cover right down to the ground. I could tell by an

DATE 9 March, 1944

BREAKFAST 0400 BR LUNCHING 0500
CAMERAS 54, 836, 556, 758, 912, 505, 950, 539
LUNCH SANDWICHES
CONVOYS None expected

STATIONS 0737 TAXI 0752
TAKE-OFF OF ASSEMBLY AT
RADIO CHECK 9, 06, 305 AT 0847 HRS
RE Podington AT 0847 AT 4000 FT
REND AT AT FT

SPARES : 586 : 765 : 431 :
OXYGEN : : : :
DISP'L : 41 : 16 : :
AIR COMMANDER Col. Brousseau
GROUP C.O. Capt. Kirk
GROUP DEPUTY Lt. Smith
GROUP DEPUTY
CLIMB AT 150 MPH 300 FT
CRUISE AT 155 MPH 24,000 FT
BOMB AT 150 MPH 24,000 FT
DESCEND AT 170 MPH 500 FT
SPLASHER NO 6 LET DOWN 280 DEGREES
ALTIMETERS 29.92 TOP TANKS 2800
ZERO HOUR 1050 BOMB INT Salvo
PUNDIT FLASHING LETTERS (200 Ft. on sec.)
92 GP LEADS 305 & 306
40 CW LEADS 41, 1st 94
92 GP-YI PERIOD 0700-1300 1300-1900
306 GP HY FLARE HY : GG
305 GP RG ANSWER I : Y
GP CHALLENGE N : P

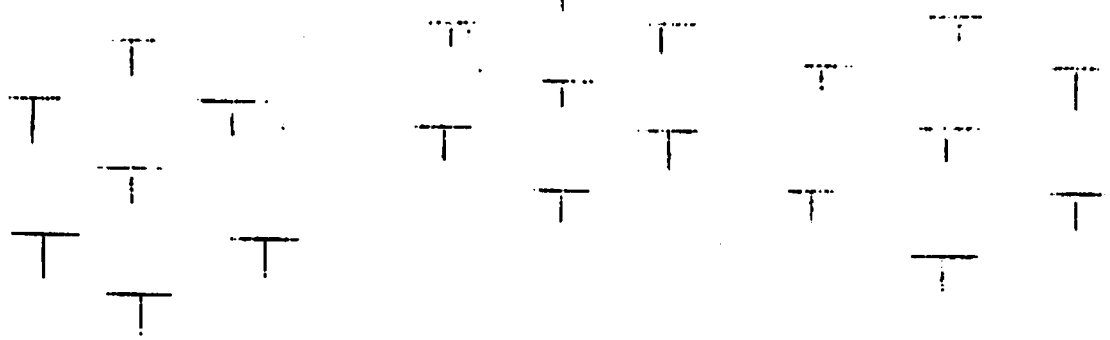
1 Podington 0847 : 4,000
A Blenheim 0855 : 5,000
B Banbury 0902 : 5,000
C Rugby 0912 : 7,000
1 Kings Lynn 0944 : 13,000
2 Cromer 1001 : 15,000
3 5237-0436 1050 : 22,000
4 5237-1000 1203 : 22,000
5 5318-1328 1253 : 24,000
6 5250-1350 1302 : 24,000
7 Target 1308 : 24,000
8 5354-1300 1312 : 24,000
9 Start Let-Down :
XB 9 5237-1136 1327 : 14,000
10 5237-1000 1346 : 14,000
11 5237-0436 1452 : 14,000
12 Lowestoft 1526 : 4,000
Base 1559 : 1,500

FIGHTER SUPPORT 1 GP 47's 5237-0500, 1 Gp
47's 5237-0700, 1 GP 47's 5237-0840, 1 Gp
51's 5237-1000, 1 Gp 47's 5300-1150, 1
Gp 38's Target, 1 Gp 47's 5237-0830, 1 Gp
47's 5237-0720 plus general support plus 7
Gp 47's, 2 Gp 51's 2 Gp RAF 51's 2 Gp 38's
covering 2nd and 3rd DIV.
3 CBW's of 3rd Div. 8 min behind 1st DIV.
at 23000 at enemy coast
3 CBW's of 2nd Div 20 min behind 1st Div
at 21000 enemy coast

FIGHTERS DENVER RAF GARLIC
BOMBERS GOLDSMITH I-1
G.S.C. TACKLINE RAF - SPICECAKE
VIP-PPF CODE FOR Y.P. LOOP HOLE
VIP-CODE-AUTOMATIC DENW DROP
VIP-ALR CONTAINER CALL SIGN FOX HOLE LEADER
VIP-GROUP CALL SIGN FOX HOLE WHITE
VISUAL BOMBING CODE RED BOSTON
START ENGINES BUCKEY
STAND-BY MESSAGE REBAN
DELAY TAKE-OFF RIORDAN
SCRUB LAMBERT
ARANDON

Weather T-I-S-A-V
Call sign ROBERS

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306th B.G.

F.O. 300 68-4799

9-3-44

Box 626

FORMATION - MISSION - MARCH 9, 1944

KIRK *
758-F

HEAP
444-Y

MALSON
~~MALSON~~
726-O

SMITH
163-N

GASSLER *
454-B

SUTTON *
539-O

KOCH
737-U

JACOBS *
129-L

EHRLER
155-J

KIELT
690-W

LOVE *
505-V

SOMERVILLE
042-P

HANSEN
065-Z

REEDER *
836-P

HARDIN *
950-K

CLARK
897-S
(Nichols)

MACK *
942-A

ROEDER
093-V

BRUNN *
556-D
Mabel

CARLSON
524-G

TRIPP
700-U

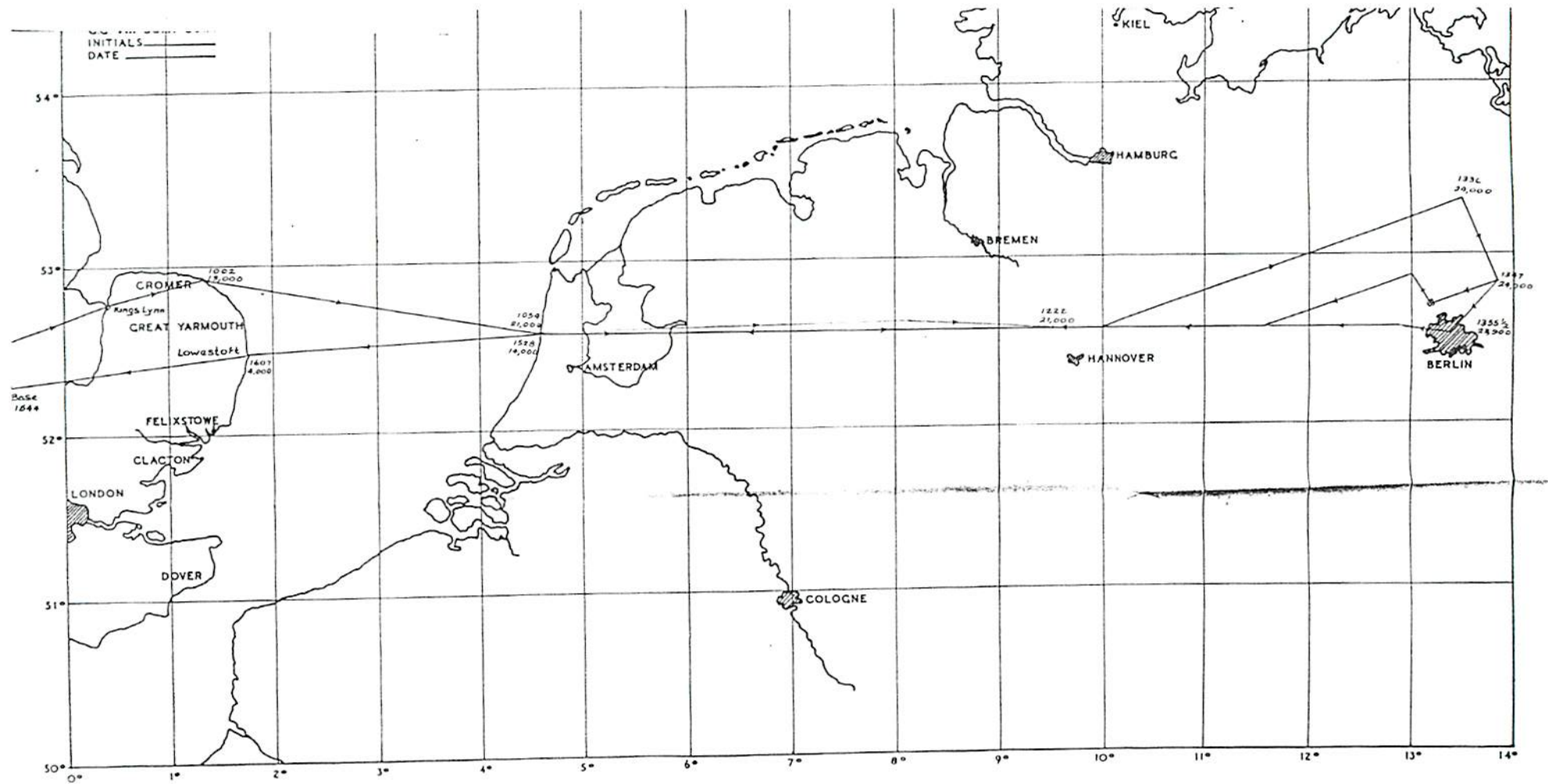
* INDICATES CAMERA IN AIRCRAFT

REMARKS: _____

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Berlin, Germany



The information contained in this section will be telephoned within (5 1/2) hours after planes have landed to Div. H.Q., A-2 Duty Officer. It will be submitted for each primary target.

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1. Designation of Group. 1. 306
2. Total number of airplanes airborne per Group, including spares. 2. 21
3. Total number of aircraft dispatched per Group 3. 20
4. Total number of airplanes attacking per Group. (If targets other than the primary are attacked, this information will be given on each.) 4. 19 on secondary
5. Number of airplanes dispatched which failed to attack per Group. 5.
 - (a) Due to mechanical failure (a) 1
 - (b) Due to weather. (b) _____
 - (c) Due to enemy action (lost before target reached, etc.) (c) _____
 - (d) Other. (d) _____
6. Number of airplanes lost. 6.
 - (a) To anti-aircraft fire. (a) 0
 - (b) To enemy fighters. (b) _____
 - (c) To anti-aircraft fire & enemy fighters (c) _____
 - (d) To accident (d) _____
 - (e) By reasons unknown. (e) _____
7. Times of attack. 7. 1355/2
8. Altitudes of attack 8. 23,900
9. Bombs on each target 9.
 - (a) Number (a) 19 dlc dropped 185x500 on secondary
 - (b) Size (b) _____
 - (c) Type (c) _____
10. Personnel casualties 10.
 - (a) Number killed (a) 0
 - (b) Number wounded. (b) 0
 - (c) Number missing. (If any personnel are known to have been rescued from the water, the number will be stated here. If rescues are made subsequent to the time the report is rendered, the information will be forwarded by teletype as soon as possible.) (c) 0
11. Airplanes suffering battle damage. (This will be an estimate only. Detailed report covered under Group Statistics). 11.
 - (a) Minor (Category A and AC) (a) 1
 - (b) Major (Category B) (b) 1
 - (c) Salvage (Category E) (c) 0
12. Claims 0 For the COMMANDING OFFICER:
13. Leaflets 25 parcels U.S.G. 29

235 mg
Planned to Lt. Luedke
1815-9/3/44

JOHN A. B. HANSPATHER,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

BOB DISPOSAL

13552

NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	✓ ✓		NETTI- SONED	BROUGHT BACK	REMARKS
1	758-F	Kirke	✓	✓			
2	163-N	Smith	✓	✓			
3	726-O	Malrom	✓	✓			
4	129-L	Jacobs	✓	✓			
5	065-Z	Hunsey	✓		✓		about disposal
6	042-P	Somerville	✓	✓			
7	942-A	Mack	✓	✓			
8	454-B	Gassler	✓	✓			
9	690-W	Kielt	✓	✓			
10	155-J	Ehrler	✓	✓			
11	836-P	Reeder	✓	✓			
12	556-O	Brunn	✓	5 + minutes			
13	093-V	Roeder	✓	✓			
14	700-L	Tripp	✓	✓			
15	444-Y	Heap	✓	✓			
16	737-L	Koch	✓	✓			
17	539-O	Sutton	✓	✓			
18	505-V	Love	✓	✓			
19	897-S	Clarke	✓			✓	about not being
20	950-K	Hardin	✓	✓			
21	524-G	Carlson	✓	✓			
22							
23							
24							
25							
26							
27							
28							
29							
30							
TOTAL			165		10	10	

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your name

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON (367) ~~268XX369XX188~~ A/C Number 758 Letter F Date 9/3/44

Bomb Load 10x500 H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation (X)

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed _____

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

Memo CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

*None in B-17 fuel off at Hammer Point
 not in no trouble*

CAPT. W.S. KIRK Pilot ✓
 1st. LT. J.J. STOLZ Co-P ✓
 1st. LT. A.T. BALLARD Nav. ✓
 2nd. LT. W.E. PLEASANT Nav. ✓
 1st. LT. E. JENSEN Bomb ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13:55 1/2
 alternate Height: 28,900
 Last Resort Heading: 235° 00' Mgr
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 3 1/2

T/SGT. G.G. ROBERTS Radio ✓
 T/SGT. E.H. KELLY Top T. ✓
 S/SGT. E.W. KRISTOF Ball T. ✓
 S/SGT. H. SHORE R. Waist ✓
 S/SGT. R.E. WEBER L. Waist ✓
 2nd. LT. V.W. DINGMAN Tail G.

3. Number of Bombs dropped on target: 10x500 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: *Group stopped well before P.T. but no bomb. Couldn't see any results.*
 Other Bombing: _____
 Any Nicks: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as track

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *From England to target & back 1000 ft. low fog. 3 times. then clear*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate when enroute. Saw redoubt on Western. Got hit as usual. Miss. 1000 ft. at 1000 ft. time 10:00 & 10:10. Boarding at 9:00 at 1000 ft on altitude. No get on depth in hit. 1000 ft 20 gms.

Crew observations about Flak: *Flak late 1000 ft.*

Shut out chuff. at 1543 then notes after we all quit it. Stopped then from 10:10 to after 10:15

INTERROGATION FORM

2

SQUADRON (367) ~~368~~ A/C Number 163 Letter N Date 9/3/44

Bomb Load 10x500 H.E. ~~1000000~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1649

	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:

None

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st. LT. C.O. SMITH Pilot ✓
 2nd. LT. P.E. RASTER Co-P ✓
 1st. LT. G.L. FELTZ Nav. ✓
 1st. LT. D.L. CLAYTON Bomb ✓
 T/SGT. W.A. LINDSEY Radi. ✓
 T/SGT. C.E. WELLER Top T ✓
 S/SGT. S.G. DOWNS Ball T ✓
 S/SGT. W.C. MADDOX R. Waist ✓
 S/SGT. J.W. BYRD L. Waist ✓
 S/SGT. C.E. PULCIER Tail G. ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 13.55 1/2
 Alternate Height: 23700
 Last Resort Heading: 235
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 7 min

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) 10/10

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: X Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Y No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

On briefed - little North of course coming out

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 undercast - middle clouds at 15000

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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1156 BE 52.35 N. 21800 behind - Not accurate
8.35 E Garage at different levels
 Target Area - low all behind
 Crew observations about Flak: Wing behind - levels

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INTERROGATION FORM

3

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 726 Letter 0 Date 9-3-44

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

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1649

			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:

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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. R. B. Malsom Pilot ✓

2nd Lt. R. V. Stoll Co-P ✓

2nd Lt. G. L. Barmack Nav. ✓

2nd Lt. P. H. Stiles Bomb

S/Sgt. T. R. Hill ✓ Radio

Sgt. G. W. Raymond ✓ Top T

Sgt. E. L. Sexton ✓ Ball T

S/Sgt. J. T. Shea ✓ A Waist

Sgt. J. J. Robbins ✓ R Waist

S/Sgt. Z. C. Riley ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1355 1/2

Alternate Height: 28,600

Last Resort Heading: 253 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:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height 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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CHIP
1347/5 1355 Flak about 300 yards behind us on both sides
3 to 9 o'clock. Did not believe any
other 9 o'clock they were
white flak more than 120 total - shooting at.
high - box - stage
Chaff thrown out from 1347 till 5 minutes after

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INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 129 Letter L Date 9-3-44

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

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed _____

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

B-17 down over target - flak - in control - no shots

- 1st Lt. D. L. Jacobs Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. P. G. Griswold Co-P ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. C. Fowler Nav. ✓
- 1st Lt. S. F. Tanella Bomb ✓
- T/Sgt. T. P. Piechowski ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. R. G. Rockwall ✓ Top T
- S/Sgt. R. K. Tully ✓ Ball T
- Sgt. A. G. Damon, Jr. ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. B. Margineau ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. R. E. Masle ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1356

Alternate Height: 23,400

Last Resort Heading: 150?
(circle) 240

Duration Bomb Run:

5 mins.

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

all

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

Own Bombs: *could see*

Other Bombing: *right turn after bombing* Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

CHAFF 1347 till just after bombs away.

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With group (group formation excellent)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *10/10 over target - good visibility at altitude*

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 - many - inaccurate striking then barrage - very intense after pass away.
N. of summer lake - many - low*

Grew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 065 Letter Z Date 9-3-44

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

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed _____

	X	X	X	X	X
1. <u>HOT NEWS</u> to be phoned in? Yes No	X	X	X	X	X
Details:	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X

Sounded at Bourn at 12:21

No 4 ran away could not feather

Abortive
(Dispatched)

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd. Lt. H. E. Hanson Pilot

2nd. Lt. R. F. Cox Co-P

2nd. Lt. V. J. Kiely Nav.

F/O A. J. Clarke Bomb

Sgt. C. D. O'Malley Radio

Sgt. R. L. Maxwell Top T

Sgt. D. F. Urban Ball T

Sgt. J. F. Eskew R. Waist

Sgt. A. J. Gentile L. Waist

Sgt. D. M. Bloise Tail G.

*Turned 10:52
 52330420 in channel
 10:57 at 1700*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Report Heading:
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number Boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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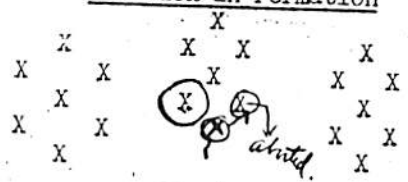
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SQUADRON 367 ##### A/C Number 042 Letter P Date 9-3-

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

Position in Formation

Time Tock off 0807 Time Landed 1700



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. R. J. Somerville Pilot
- 2nd Lt. E. W. C. Magee Co-P
- 1st Lt. J. M. Carella Nav. ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. D. Welch Bomb
- T/Sgt. J. R. Snyder ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. H. W. Karol ✓ Top T
- S/Sgt. C. N. Gillespie ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. J. D. Puskar ✓ R. Waist
- Sgt. O. D. Starnes ✓ L. Waist
- Sgt. J. W. Corcoran ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1356
Alternate Height: 23,500
Last Resort Heading: 240° M.
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: 4 min.

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: ACU
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Chaff
1344
Before
F.P.
No carpet.

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: no

Any Nickels: Yes (No)
Number Boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *as briefed 10/100 over cloud*

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
<u>1358</u>	<u>Target</u>		<u>orange</u>	<u>Black + white</u>	<u>Behind + Right</u>	<u>no</u>
<u>1445</u>	<u>Summer Lake</u>		<u>Flak 2 mi. after</u>		<u>bombs away.</u>	<u>no</u>
Crew observations about Flak: _____						

3 distinct patches or sections of flak. Seen after passed target.

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SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 942 Letter A Date 9-3-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ##### Position in Formation
Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1058 1/2

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. A. W. Mack ✓ Pilot
2nd Lt. B. J. McGuire ✓ Co-P
2nd Lt. C. G. Eyer ✓ Nav.
2nd Lt. M. J. Northway ✓ Bomb
T/Sgt. L. C. Manning ✓ Radio
S/Sgt. R. R. Hollister ✓ Top T
Sgt. J. R. Hadix ✓ Ball T
S/Sgt. R. O. Elkins ✓ R. Waist
Sgt. R. W. Russell ✓ L. Waist
Sgt. W. E. Tucker, Jr. ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1355 3/4
Alternate Height: 23,200
Last Resort Heading: 242 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:

70/10 lbs - Target
Saw 2 PFF parachute flares - 2 smoke bombs.
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

Other Bombing:

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

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	Accuracy
	Target		mod to int.		low, behind, & to left.	
	Downstream		flak		off to left.	

Grew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON ~~###~~ 368 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 454 Letter B Date March 9, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 HOKX Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed

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

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

No.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. J. Gassler Pilot

1st Lt. G. R. Thompson Co-P

1st Lt. W. T. Hughes Nav.

1st Lt. D. W. Baltzer Bomb

T/Sgt. D. L. Mills Radio

T/Sgt. A. S. Cieri Top T

S/Sgt. D. E. Gollaher Ball T

S/Sgt. B. S. Mings R. Waist

S/Sgt. T. V. Lenoski L. Waist

S/Sgt. R. W. Grothe Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1350

Alternate Height: 23,600

Last Resort Heading: 240° mag.
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

M/MT. C.J. HAYS 4492 sub spot.
Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all

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

Own Bombs: Dropped on T.F. = flames.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 all the way in & over the target.

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

About 2 mins before we dropped bombs, lots of flak behind us, some 15. us, at bombs away. Good deal of

Crew observations about Flak:

Threw chaff out starting at 1345, 3 minutes before
1000 1000 1000 till all gone

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SQUADRON #####-368-##### A/C Number 690 Letter W Date March 9, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 XXX Incend. Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1645

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. W. H. Kiehl Pilot
- 1st Lt. R. C. Fix Co-P
- 1st Lt. S. L. Tanner Nav.
- S/Sgt. R. D. Kemp Bomb
- T/Sgt. J. J. Allen Radio
- T/Sgt. H. J. Larwig Top T
- S/Sgt. O. V. Bittikoff Ball T
- Sgt. J. P. Smith R. Waist
- Sgt. R. A. Garner L. Waist
- Sgt. M. B. Immerman Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1357
Alternate Height: 24000
Last Resort Heading: 280
{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: 10/10 all Dropped on lead

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With leader

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

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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Just after leaving target - release bombs far behind at the altitudes though

Crew observations about Flak:

"Always behind
"Chop must have done a lot of good"

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SQUADRON ### 368 ### A/C Number 155 Letter J Date March 9, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 XXXX Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed _____

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

1. NOT MEMS to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

1st Lt. R. H. Ehrler ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. A. J. Johnson ✓ Co-P

1st Lt. J. W. James ✓ Nav.

S/Sgt. W. E. Collier ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. B. B. Ferns ✓ Radi

S/Sgt. F. J. Pratt ✓ Top T

S/Sgt. B. C. Abbatiello ✓ Ball T

S/Sgt. E. J. Heintz ✓ R. Waist

S/Sgt. L. E. Wagner ✓ L. Waist

S/Sgt. J. C. Hay ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: *with group*

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: *10/10*

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number boxes returned _____

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *10/10 - good visibility at altitude very slight contrails*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts	Accuracy
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Target - large low - terrific burst + to the left maybe 500 burst above base

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~368~~ A/C Number 556 Letter D Date March 9, 1944

Bomb Load ~~1000~~ 5x500 Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1650

		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:

No

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. F. H. Brunn ✓ Pilot
- 1st Lt. C. D. Swan ✓ Cc-P
- 1st Lt. M. J. McCarthy ✓ Nav.
- F/O G. W. Tapper ✓ Bomb
- T/Sgt. J. H. Taylor ✓ Radio
- S/Sgt. W. D. Whitt ✓ Top T
- S/Sgt. C. E. Bradley ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. F. R. Shafel ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. R. E. Phillips ✓ L. Waist
- S/Sgt. R. L. Wiklund ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1355 1/2

Alternate Height: 23250

Last Resort Heading: 235 mag

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

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

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Flw scattered bursts ahead of us before bombs away. After bombs away, lot more behind.

Crew observations about Flak:

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Club Mitchell bomb load.

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SQUADRON ~~HW~~ 368 ~~HW~~ A/C Number 093 Letter V Date March 9, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 BXK. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807¹² Time Landed 1850

		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)

- G.M.
1st Lt. ~~W. D.~~ Roeder ✓ Pilot
- 1st Lt. F. I. Endres ✓ Co-P
- 2nd Lt. F. J. Hall ✓ Nav.
- 1st Lt. M. K. Antoon ✓ Bomb
- T/Sgt. J. Alvarez ✓ Radio
- T/Sgt. E. G. Miller ✓ Top T
- S/Sgt. H. M. Haven ✓ Ball T
- S/Sgt. R. A. Sanchez ✓ R. Waist
- S/Sgt. E. J. Robinson L. Waist
- S/Sgt. J. T. Laningham ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1355^{1/2}
Alternate Height: 23,700
Last Resort Heading: 244M
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run: 2 min.

Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as briefed.

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

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	Remarks
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after left target - Directly behind about 1 min. Group behind prot. lit.

Crew observations about Flak:

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Chaff Before I. S. cont. on.

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SQUADRON ~~777~~ 368 ~~77777777~~ A/C Number 700 Letter U Date March 9, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 ~~XXXX~~ Invert.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0804 Time Landed 1641

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

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1-B-17 down (going behind) in a spin - no chutes - 1356 over Target.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R. D. Tripp Pilot
- 1st Lt. R. C. McDaniel Co-P
- 1st Lt. F. E. Tingler Nav.
- S/Sgt. W. D. Jackson Bomb
- S/Sgt. C. R. Libby Radio
- S/Sgt. M. O. Beasley Top T
- S/Sgt. E. Goldbarst Ball T
- S/Sgt. M. T. Tucker R. Waist
- S/Sgt. T. A. Donlon L. Waist
- S/Sgt. C. L. Hum Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1356 hours

Alternate Height: 23800'

Last Resort Heading: 240° M (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 1 min.

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

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

Own Bombs: undercast Picked up river over Berlin,

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes (No) Number boxes dropped Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as briefed N before F.P.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 1910 in + out.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1356	Target	23,800'	medium	black	in rear	no
	Summer Lake		meager	"	"	no

Crew observations about Flak:

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Chaff NE Berlin on turn on I.P. Post Target - No Carpet. Effective

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 431 Letter Y Date 9-3-44

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

Time Took off 0807	Time Landed 1055	(X)	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No		X	X	X	X
Details:		X	X	X	X
		X			X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. E. L. Heap Pilot
1st Lt. J. P. Shutz, Jr. Co-P

1st Lt. P. D. Lanyon Nav.

1st Lt. M. Borysoff Bomb...

T/Sgt. A. R. Erickson Radio

T/Sgt. A. J. LaBarge Top T

S/Sgt. K. G. Norris Ball T

Sgt. V. L. King R. Waist

S/Sgt. H. E. McIntyre L. Waist

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

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1355 1/2

Alternate Height: 23200

Last Report Heading: 255 MAG. (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: on lead

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

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

Own Bombs: Saw PFF flares, drop on lead who dropped on PFF

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped
Number boxes returned

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Target - 10/10

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
on way home	Target		sub.	black, white	(behind to left)	some sort.

Crew observations about Flak: large explosion then very large no. of "silver things" looked like radars - floated down (looked like 539 flew)

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number: 737 Letter U Date 9-3-44

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

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1654

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. W. C. B. Koch Pilot

2nd Lt. D. L. Latham Co-P

2nd Lt. A. Nuttall Nav.

2nd Lt. R. W. Rlythe Bomb

Sgt. W. J. Breckels Radio

S/Sgt. H. W. Lingle Top T

Sgt. H. L. Reed Ball T

S/Sgt. E. P. Campos R. Waist

Sgt. E. W. Smith L. Waist

Sgt. M. M. Farkash Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1354

Alternate Height: 23100

Last Resort Heading: 240
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:
3 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: PFF

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: No Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height 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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14. Sq. Bombs - tracking - to left of formation wave

Crew observations about Flak:

Yonder - major wave to right

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 539 Letter 0 Date 3-4-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1800

		X			
	X	X	X		X
(A)	X		X	X	X
	X	X	X		X
	X				X
	X				X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1 B17 going down over target, 1550 hrs
out of control, straight down -
no chute - flak.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. C. J. Sutton ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. F. L. McIntyre ✓ Co-P

2nd Lt. H. Green ✓ Nav.

2nd Lt. J. H. Weeman, Jr. ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. E. A. Kiley ✓ Radio

S/Sgt. W. Harper ✓ Top T

Sgt. E. D. Creamer, Jr. ✓ Ball T

Sgt. R. E. Burroughs R. Waist

S/Sgt. D. D. Leo L. Waist

S/Sgt. J. C. Steinwachs, Jr. Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1356

Alternate Height: 22900

Last Resort Heading: 340°
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 1 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: 10/100 lbs

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With leader all way then about

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 15/1000

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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Bombing plane going in way of the left at night. 1200 hrs.

Grew observations about Flak: much flak on target
but behind us. wind flak - pl. 1st track
things behind probably caught it
... 1000 ...

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INTERCOMMUNICATION FORM

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SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number: 505 Letter v Date 9-3-44

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

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1655

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:
1358-B-17 going down over target
in spin (flak)

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. L. M. Love Pilot

1st Lt. J. W. Frazer, Jr. Co-P

2nd Lt. O. O. Young, Jr. Nav.

2nd Lt. R. A. Bundt Bomb

T/Sgt. J. E. Hunt Radio

T/Sgt. F. J. Giancaspro Top T

S/Sgt. M. W. Fieser Ball T

S/Sgt. F. M. Vrabel R. Waist

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

S/Sgt. E. W. Askelson Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1355 1/2

Alternate Height: 22800

Last Resort Heading: 243
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:
2 minutes

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10500 Detonated: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: P.F.F.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: No Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number Boxes returned _____

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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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No significant enemy tracking - in area - low

Berlin - mostly low - barrage behind

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON ~~34711#00000000~~ 423 A/C Number: 897 Letters Date 9-3-44

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

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0807 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:

ABORT Give Rank and Initials
NOT DISP.

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

- 1st Lt. R. F. Clark Pilot
- 2nd Lt. N. D. Munn Co-P
- 2nd Lt. J. J. Valenti Nav.
- 2nd Lt. J. F. Huistra Bomb.
- S/Sgt. S. M. Kupferman Radio
- T/Sgt. S. H. Zych Top T
- S/Sgt. E. N. Dillinger Ball T
- S/Sgt. W. Schmidt R. Waist
- S/Sgt. H. M. Jack L. Waist
- S/Sgt. M. C. Crow Tail G.

Oxygen failure was reported last night but was not repaired. Within an hour all plane emergency load 325 pounds in pilot's cockpit system - 5200N, 0038 W - 4000 0953

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) Returned

Own Bombs: Group formation was good.

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number boxes dropped _____
Number boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) persistent clouds about 15,000

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

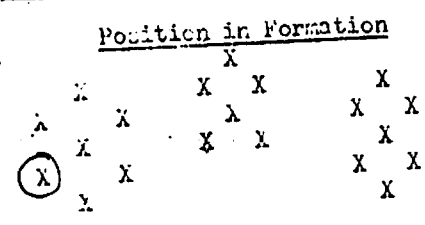
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*few non-persistent clouds
some heavy at 7000'*

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INTERCOMMUNICATION FORM
 SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 950 Letter K Date 9-3-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incend.
 Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1645



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. N. W. Hardin Pilot
- 2nd Lt. J. D. Baldwin Co-P
- 2nd Lt. R. A. Vogelsang Nav.
- 1st Lt. L. E. Barrows, Jr. Bomb
- T/Sgt. W. W. May Radio
- T/Sgt. E. B. Jackson Top T
- S/Sgt. R. E. Moulis Ball T
- Sgt. L. T. Jenks R. Waist
- Sgt. J. L. Dilley L. Waist
- T/Sgt. H. C. Cordery Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1355 1/2
 Alternate Height: 22900
 Last Resort Heading: 247
 (circle) Duration Bomb Run: 3 minutes

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

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

Own Bombs: P.F.F.

Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number boxes dropped _____
 Number boxes returned _____

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Chaff from before I. P.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) solid 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
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Berlin - interval - barbed wire - then began to break low while we were over town, but finally came up to our alt. after we had
 Crew observations about flak: intense - cold chaff
Munster - off to left - moderate flak -
Frankfurt - off to left - " " " "

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ##### 423 A/C Number 524 Letter G Date 9-3-44

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

Time Took off 0807 Time Landed 1655

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: 1 B17 jump over target from flank. No chutes observed. 1356-

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R. D. Carlson Pilot
- 2nd Lt. K. Yass Co-P
- 2nd Lt. S. Soscia Nav.
- 2nd Lt. R. D. Beres Bomb
- S/Sgt. P. Bourman Radio
- S/Sgt. W. H. Morgan Top T
- Sgt. N. A. Orlando Ball T
- Sgt. F. C. Blum, Jr. R. Waist
- Sgt. A. J. Mariani L. Waist
- S/Sgt. C. W. Kester Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1356
Alternate Height: 22500
Last Resort Heading: 240
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

- S/Sgt. W. H. Morgan Top T
- Sgt. N. A. Orlando Ball T
- Sgt. F. C. Blum, Jr. R. Waist
- Sgt. A. J. Mariani L. Waist
- S/Sgt. C. W. Kester Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: 10

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Boxes dropped
Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

with lead

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 1/4/100%

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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On way out on way in - not over recorded -

Defense flak over target - behind us -

Crew observations about Flak: Black and white -

low rockets

crew out chaff

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