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TO:- CG, 1ST BOMB WING ATTENTION : A-2

SUBJECT:- 306 BOMB GROUP (H) REPORT

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SIGNALS OFFICE

14 FEB 1943

**R. A. F.
THURLEIGH**

1. 0820 - 1230
2. 20 - 0
3. 20 - 2 GOT SEPARATED FROM FORMATION IN HEAVY OVERCAST AND RETURNED EARLY.
4. 200 X 500 BROUGHT BACK
5. AS ORDERED - TURNED BACK AT TERSCHELLING ISLAND AT 1042
6. FORMATION FIRED ON BY FLAK FROM ISLANDS. ONE ATTACK FROM ME 109 AT 1105 TWENTY MILES FROM ENEMY COAST ON WAY HOME. OUR A/C 124488 ~~XXXX~~ RECEIVED 20MM HIT DAMAGING OIL LINE NO. 3 MOTOR.
WEATHER HEAVY CLOUDS OVER SEA - COMPLETE OVERCAST OVER ENEMY COAST.
7. NONE.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. B. WRIGHT

MAJOR S-2

HOLD

CC PARA 3 WA HEAVY== OVERCAST ==

CC PARA 6 WA COMPLETE ==~~XXXXXXX~~ OVERCAST==

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

AFPO 634
21 February, 1943

SUBJECT: Encounter Report (14/2/43)
TO : A-2, 1st Bomb. Wing

NARRATIVE OF ENCOUNTER

11. Upon approaching the Frisian Islands, at about 20,000 feet altitude, and coming out of cloud, we joined another Group, later determined as the 305th. A/C #124488 took up #3 position to left of A/C #577 and made 180 degree right turn over island, identified as probably Texel, for home. Shortly after making this turn, at about 1105 hours, two Me. 109's and one T/E E/A (a Me. 210) flying together were seen to the rear and a little to the left of our formation. One of the Me. 109's pulled out of his formation and approached to within about 1,100 yards at 10:00 o'clock position, flying along at even altitude and doing acrobatics. E/A then made a right turn and moderate dive to attack from below. At between 600 and 450 yards distance, navigator Lt. Owen, on left nose gun, fired two bursts, one of six and one of about 35 rounds, and could see tracers entering E/A until it was out of vision (about 250 yards distant and below). Right waist gunner, Sergeant Harris, picked up enemy aircraft after it came up from under our ship and fired a long burst of about 50 rounds at close range (approximately 450 yards). As E/A made stall and turn preparatory to making a second attack, tracers were seen entering cockpit and fuselage behind. E/A then nosed straight down and disappeared thru clouds. Our A/C was piloted by 1st Lt. K. G. Ross of the 369th. Bombardment Squadron.

JOHN B. WRIGHT
Major, A. C.,
Group 8-2 Officer

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