

AFO 557
22 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Dorsten, Germany

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

1. Narrative

The 306th Group flew 39 A/C including two Gee-H - PFF A/C, 1 Gee-H A/C, 2 PFF A/C and 3 spare A/C as 40th "B" Group. Assembly satisfactory. Route as briefed; English coast 5258N x 0125E, 1114 hours, 15,000 ft; enemy coast 5132N x 0326E, 1154 hours, 22,500 ft; I.P. 5134N x 0600E, 1226 hours, 25,000 ft. Gee-H and PFF equipment worked satisfactorily; however, lead navigator picked up woods identifying target location shortly after crossing Rhine for visual run. Bombing was by squadrons. Target #1, Dorsten, 1237 hours; rally satisfactory; returned in group formation; Dutch coast 5242N x 0428E, 1330 hours, 19,000 ft; English coast 5252N x 0131E, 1412 hours, 8,000 ft; Boston, 1435 hours, 5,800 ft; Base, 1532 hours.

Buckeye Red, when formation was at about 5120N x 0520E, advised Gee-H run because of ground haze. About 2 minutes later, Buckeye called again and said visual run would be possible.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No attacks on this Group. A single FW 190 first sighted in target area at 2,000 - 2,500 yards, started a pass at high from 10 o'clock, but broke off at about 1,500 yards. No claims.

Not more than 4 P-51's were observed at any one time, but there were evidences of briefed area support at all times.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Meager, inaccurate, tracking 3 minutes before bombs away until 2 minutes after on lead and low. Meager, accurate tracking on high for 4 minutes in target area. Moderate barrage observed to right on turn off target. Damage: Lead, 0; Low, 0; High, 1 severe, 3 slight.

4. Bombing

The 306th attacked target #1 visually. Shortly after crossing the Rhine, Lead Bombardier picked up identification woods west of target, and made visual run. Photos indicate lead strikes on briefed aiming point. Low squadron on visual run carrying 100 lb. GP bombs, dropped into smoke of lead. High made a Gee-H run with 15 second visual correction. Photos show hits on west end of Gelsenkirchen - Buer oil plant. We encountered a good deal of prop wash throughout bomb run.

5. Nickels

A/C 563-N, dropped 2 WC-43, 3 T-336 and 5 T-339 at target #1 near Dorsten.

6. Weather

Takeoff, 8/10 strato-cumulus, base 3,000 feet, tops 6,000, becoming clear over Channel and Continent. No cloud over target, but ground haze made identification of pinpoint target difficult. No contrails. Same conditions on route back except 4-6/10 cumulus over England, base 3,000, tops 4,000, visibility 3-5 miles.

7. A/C In Dist

at 1350 hours. Debris seen at least 1 and possibly 2 directions at this position. Report to air base received by A/C 711-D, 1350 hours, was receipted for. At 1235 hours, B-17 from formation ahead received direct flak hit, went down in spiral. One chute seen.

JOHN A. BARNESPATRICK,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

40th "B" LEAD

Major Buie Stewart
125-Y PFF/GH

P51's area support

Lines had smoke spots Perfect

Leigh 516-M

Engstrom 910-B

Trease 724-U PFF/GH

Verdick 811-G

Dorsten

Rich * 153-G

Clark 397-O

Hiney * 616-X

MacDonald 129-L

Pinchback * 412-T

flat ahead and behind, but not on this group - on chaffin gas mask

Baker 598-Q

Kimball 116-T

Spare - Pailley 012-A

Buckner 119 115H

no s/a
3 bursts near
mass damage

Geoffrey back when he found it
Saw smoke crossing
Chie saw tank hit

Bomb bay door opened across this, Visual.

40th "B" LSW

how leader's bombs 10 sec. for smoke bombs.
Smoke bomb was on line. had 5 ping-pong

F. White Baker and Able reported bombs over VHF

Smith, E.R. 143-P

Woods 165-M

Lomar 181-B

Mitchell 174-V

Saw T/E turn tail off in target area

Shieb 898-X

Sandini * 600-G

Hansen * 832-Y

Hahn * 913-P

Wells 908-J

burst before BA.
few bursts after BA.
no s/a
Clear ground haze

Fisher 819-Q

Shook 287-V

Spare - Collins 713-K

Hit prop Wash on run

porch hole 5' - high way rd
- 2000 yds

40th "B" HIGH

See H with 15 vs cur

Dorich 016-R PFF/GH

Jamming track

Completely

Mitcomb 711-D

Evans 570-P PFF

McKinney 512-A

Hoffman 951-F

Saw streaks among buildings

John * 474-V

Olsen * 928-L

Smith L.J. 840-Y

Wear (NICKELS) 563-N

FW 190 started in 400 yds. mod. acc.

Law 814-G

Altsmuler * 914-B

BUTLER 429

Saw - FW 190
didn't attack anyone

dropped 2 bombs on "B"

at offset - accurate at target
FW 190's after streaks
wear (NICKELS)
prints "2" on R4)

formation OK

meager accounts
no s/a

AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPO.

22 MARCH 1945
(DATE)

SQDN.	TYPE A/C	SERIAL NO.	FLAK	20mm	.303	50CAL FIRE	50CAL SHELL CASES	DAYS EST IN-OP
367th	G	43-37611	O					
	O	44-6515	O					
	L	42-38129	O					
	V	43-39174	O					
	J	44-6908	O					
	P	43-38923	O					
	H	44-6563	O					
	I	42-37840	O					
	F	44-6951	O					
PFF 368th	P	44-8570	SLI					
	A	42-102512	O					
	L	44-6928	O					
	B	43-38914	SLI					
	G	44-6814	O					
	D	43-38711	SeV					
	V	42-31474	O					
	X	43-37575	SLI					
Spare	W	43-38429	O					
369th	B	42-97181	O					
	M	43-38765	O					
	Y	43-38832	O					
	V	43-38287	O					
	Q	44-6819	O					
	P	42-31143	O					
	G	43-37600	O					
	X	42-97896	O					
Spare	K	43-38713	O					

TOTAL DAMAGED	SEVERE	SLIGHT	FLAK	20mm	.303	50cal Fire	50cal Shell Cases
4	1	3	4	0	0	0	0
MISSING	ABORTIONS						
0	0						

SQUADRON 367TH BOMBING SQ 423 A/C Number 125 Letter Y Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 3 x M17 H.E.

40-50
Lead

Time Took Off: 0851 Time Landed 1600

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

over
Base
1532

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

C.R.T.: Give Rank and Initials

- Capt. F. J. Stewart ✓ P
- Capt. W. G. Matzke ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. C. H. Meyer ✓ N
- 1st Lt. H. D. Wolffe ✓ N
- 1st Lt. C. R. Dimter ✓ B
- T/Sgt. J. R. Hathaway ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. H. E. Anderson ✓ B
- 1st Lt. R. H. Vessler ✓ RN
- S/Sgt. M. B. Westmoreland ✓ WG
- 2nd Lt. R. (JMT) Chambers ✓ WG
- F/O D. K. Roberts ✓ TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: #1 Time: 1237
 Secondary: Heading: 110° M
 Last Resort: Height: 24,800
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 350° M

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 7 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Hit in Bldgs of MPB An. Nichols: Yes (1)

Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Yes camera turned on _____
Hand ✓ Movie _____

5. WEATHER: Clear but Hazy

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKEYE? Called before
first turn toward
target said would be
seen - became
seen - 2 min later
said would be vis.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

no contrails
And the 1st hit for about 3 min 2750 - 2800

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>Target height inaccurate</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M17 H.E.

Position - n Formation 40° B Lead

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed _____

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

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

*Just after target 1/4 gp behind
T.O. saw big puff smoke behind a B17
missing direct hit to big gas flick*

CRW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. H. W. Trease ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. J. K. Snobble ✓ GP
- F/O G. W. Key ✓ N
- F/O W. G. Murray B
- S/Sgt. H. (MCI) Belliet ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. W. I. Lewis ✓
- 2nd Lt. R. J. Pope ✓ RN PF
- S/Sgt. B. F. Scribner, Jr. ✓ RG
- D'DONNELL ✓ GH
- S/Sgt. I. I. Frank ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
Secondary: Heading: 095 mag
Last Resort: Height: 25,200 F/0

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 60°

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes I

Other bombing: *in target area across boundary* Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
Hand W.S. K-20

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target - major burst acc - continuous fire into smoke bomb gp ahead. 1. For 3 gun bursts

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Times)

None

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

Area about 10000' after turn off target

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

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

*Big puff smoke in channel 1350 hrs 5245-0252E
 Waves coming out - sure it was an explosion
 Looked like someone dropping bombs. Small boat 1/2 mi away -
 12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in a/c, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)*

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

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

*Gre H equip not working too well -
rate ok. but could not get course*

S-2-OFFICER

Morse

TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 23 A/C Number 910 Letter _____ Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M7 W.E.

POSITION INFORMATION 40 @ Lead

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1550

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail. 3 LARGE SPLASHES IN CHANNEL. 3 DARK OBJECTS ON WATER JUST NORTH OF SPLASHES. AT 5231-0255K

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

- 2nd Lt. F. (NML) Engstrom ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. R. W. Moore ✓ SP
- 2nd Lt. E. R. Dragoo ✓ N
- S/S t. R. L. Rattery ✓ E
- Sgt. W. E. Skinner, Jr. ✓ NO
- Sgt. A. M. Smart ✓ E
- S/Sgt. M. L. Brown ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. M. W. Fisher ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: ✓ Time: 1240
Secondary: Heading: 099
Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 3540

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 3 M7 5x50 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: 3 M7 1x50 abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: SMOKE BUT NOT SURE OF THE AREA. NOT SURE ON TARGET IDENTIFICATION
Other bombing: NONE
an. Nichols: Yes 1
Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 3/4 OVER CHANNEL TARGET
LIGHT HAZE OVER TARGET
3 OVER CHANNEL - SCATTERED.
10

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? NONE

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: NONE

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1238- 2 MIN BEFORE TARGET 26000 LIGHT 1 MILE AHEAD INACCURATE MESSAGE

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed _____

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. W. H. Hiney ✓
- P/O R. M. Bard ✓/CP
- 2nd Lt. L. B. McGough N
- 2nd Lt. F. L. Fiora B
- Sgt. J. V. Dowd ← RO
- S/Sgt. E. D. Morrison E
- S/Sgt. E. C. Herold BI
- WG
- WG
- Sgt. W. H. Olson TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
 Secondary: Heading: 100°
 Last Resort: Height: 24,900

T.O. (Circle One) 030
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: all Yes No

Other bombing: on level Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: as briefed WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
Smoke at target from own troops

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

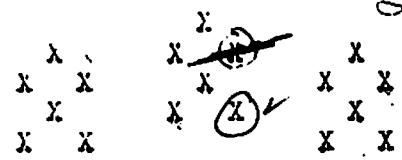
Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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slight low, meager ~~continuous~~ continuously painted
 4 bursts at on turn off target (pilot's position 5142N 0704)
 Crew observations about flak:

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M7 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 B
Lead

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1548



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

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

- 2nd Lt. R. S. Kimball ✓ ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. F. T. Lord, Jr. ✓ ✓ CP
- F/O J. C. Neighmond ✓ ✓ N
- S/Sgt. H. R. Langston ✓ ✓ B
- S/Sgt. H. J. Thomas ✓ ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. S. L. Goodwin ✓ ✓ E
- S/Sgt. L. (NMI) Foster ✓ ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. ZACK (R.JAM) ✓ ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. E. H. Merrill ✓ ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: ✓ Time: 1238

Secondary: Heading: 104°

Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O. 358
(Circle one)
Turn off target: 358°

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

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

Own Bombs: HITS ON TARGET AREA Any Nichols: Yes 4K

Other bombing: SMOKE Number and type:

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

6. WEATHER: OVER 5/10 OVER CHANNEL WHAT MESSAGES REC'D ERG
1/10 OVER TARGET. CLEAR COMING BACK BUCKNEY?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
NONE

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
1226 1238	TARGET	 	MEAGER	3 GUN BAT	TRACK	ACCURATE
1226	1238	25000	MEAGER	3 GUN BAT		ACCURATE

SQUADRON ~~4023~~ 23 A/C Number 598 Letter Q Date 22-3-45

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Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M17 H.E.

Position: In Formation 4023
Lead

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1547

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. W. H. Baker ✓ P

2nd Lt. R. O. Kutchins ✓ CP

F/O A. P. Campagna, Jr. ✓ # B

2nd Lt. S. J. Cangelose ✓ # N

Sgt. M. J. Burnett _____ RO

S/Sgt. W. R. Clark _____ E

Sgt. R. M. Frey _____ BT

_____ WG

_____ WG

Sgt. A. D. Beckerdite _____ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238

Secondary: Heading: 91

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 350

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

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

Own Bombs: *tgt area covered w/ smoke* Any Nickels: ... Yes ___

Other bombing: *fires etc* Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: *alt haze - scattered low clouds all the way.*

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or light	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Meagre inaccuracy (scattered) barrage

about two minutes

Crew observations about ...

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M17 H.E.

Position on Formation

40th B
Lead.

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed

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

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. H. ^{A.} Verdick ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. P. H. Arnot ✓ CP
- F/O G. Gutman ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. R. W. Welshar ✓ B
- Sgt. C. F. Larsen ✓ RO
- Sgt. ^{M.} H. E. Mook ✓ E
- Sgt. J. Everson ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. P. E. Steele ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
Secondary: Heading: 110
Last Resort: Height: 25000
T.O. 010
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ any Nickels: Yes (A)
Number and type _____
Other bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: CAVV targett. haze 51. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
sn. vis. 2/10 cir. - str. about alt. Target clear.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	Target			Meager	Acc.	
					other grp.	
					Mod	1100.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~B~~ B A/C Number 412 Letter _____ Date 22-3-45 8

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M17 H.E.

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 15:30

Position in Formation

40th B Lead

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

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

COR: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. J. A. Pinchback ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. E. E. Hartman ✓ CP
- ~~2nd Lt.~~ W. T. Burke ✓ N
- Sgt. J. Hammer _____ B
- J
- Sgt. M. M. Stehle _____ RO
- Sgt. H. L. Stout _____ E
- Sgt. W. A. Dooley _____ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. B. J. Rohde _____ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
 Secondary: Heading: 81
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 353

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Nickels: Yes No

Other bombing: Lot of smoke in target area Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (No. 1?) was camera turned on _____
Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER:

As briefed

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

above our channel persistent

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Just before last burst after 10 accurate barrage
3 minutes before to 20 minutes after

Crew observations about Flak.

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M47 H.E.

Personnel - n Formation

Time Took Off 0631 Time Landed _____

40 dB
Lead.

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. D. S. MacDonald ✓ P
2nd Lt. L. G. Casey ✓ CP
F/O L. Levingstone ✓ N
Sgt. D. Wilkins _____ B
Sgt. E. H. Ball, Jr. _____ RO
Sgt. H. M. Mullis _____ # BALL
Sgt. W. J. Stokolsa _____ # E

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
Secondary: Heading: 125
Last Report: Height: 25000
T.O. 360
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

S/Sgt. E.R. Nunley _____ TG

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

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

Own Bombs: an, Nickels: Yes (No)
Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 Chan: Scat. stratus
7-8000 over cont. Scat. coming out

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Red. Target visual - OK before
IP.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	<u>Target</u>					
					<u>1 Acc. track. bursts, on this gr</u>	
					<u>turn off Mod. ACC. tracking.</u>	
					<u>heavy barr. on gr in front.</u>	

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~23~~ 23 n/c Number 516 Letter _____ Date 22-3-45 10

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40-23
Lead

Time took off: 0851 Time Landed 1550

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

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

Crew: Give rank and initials

- 2nd Lt. F. B. Leigh ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. J. C. Ribble ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. E. C. Heitman ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. R. G. Holscher ✓ B
- Sgt. G. (NMI) Conetzkey ✓ RG
- Sgt. D. F. Burden ✓ E
- Sgt. A. L. Sware ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. R. W. Mephis ✓ SJ WG
- _____ ✓ WG
- Sgt. H. S. Moreland ✓ TG

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

5245N-0300E smoke and debris observed in water. Time 1351, A/C altitude 22,000.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
Secondary: Heading: 115°
Last Resort: Height: 24,900

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 10°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped (on target) 6 x 500 / 6 x M17 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: 0

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

Own Bombs: No results observed
Other bombing: M17's observed striking into barracks area.

an. Nickels: Yes No
Number and type: _____

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

6. WEATHER: As briefed

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D ERC BUCKNEY?
None
Visual at target

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Very slight.

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

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

This A/C saw none

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

One F.W. 190
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

Right at bomb run. One minute.
(Location and length of fight)

E/A observed at 9 o'clock in distance.

He immediately ducked into clouds.

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

A P-51's observed on entire trip. Too far to observe markings.

<u>C L A I M S</u>	
<u>DESTROYED</u>	_____
<u>PROBABLE</u>	_____
<u>DAMAGED</u>	_____

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

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

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

None

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

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14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Spot jammer caught on fire at take-off.

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

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

As briefed.

SQUADRON ~~207~~ 23 A/C Number 397 Letter 2 Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 0 x 500, 6 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation 40th Lead

Time took Off 0851 Time Landed 1546

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

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. J. R. Clark ✓ P

2nd Lt. W. M. Carnicom ✓ CP

F/O W. F. Ross ✓ N

Sgt. R. B. Fawcett ✓ B

Sgt. A. C. McGuire, Jr. ✓ RO

Sgt. A. E. Hatton ✓ E

Sgt. C. A. Diffendaffer ✓ BT

_____ KG

_____ WG

Sgt. A. D. Eugene ✓ TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1 23 8

Secondary: Heading: 100°

Last Resort: Height: 24,000

T.O. 3 50

(Circle One)
Turn off target: Call

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

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

Own Bombs: Threat hit fuel tank - An. Nickels: ... Yes 47

Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

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

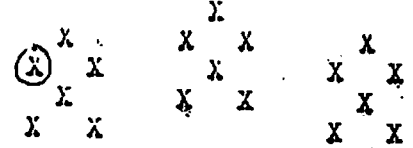
Light Threat hit fuel tank at 24,000 ft at 100° heading at 1546 at 22-3-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 6 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation 4023
Lead

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed

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



Crew: Give rank and initials

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

*Saw B-17 at 1705 - going down
slide headed west. Saw him
get back over Rhine.*

- 2nd Lt. W. M. Rich ✓ CP
- F/O A. H. Lemmon, Jr. ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. E. E. Hodges ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. F. B. Wildbrand, Jr. ✓ B
- S/Sgt. W. M. Teets RG
- S/Sgt. T. M. Ryan E
- S/Sgt. E. L. Riba BT
- WG
- WG
- S/Sgt. L. L. Freeman TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238 1/2
Secondary: Heading: 98
Last Resort: Height: 24750

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 95V

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No
Other bombing: Number and type

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Target: none on us - groups ahead behind.
Few bursts behind after leaving target.*

SQUADRON ~~30~~ 30 a/c Number 359 Letter S Date 22 March, 1945.

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.S. Position in Formation 40-B

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed 1539 1/2

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

1138 5214 -02 42 smoke bomb but no op.

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. H. B. Ryder
- 2nd Lt. L. Mikles
- 1st Lt. O. P. Minihane
- 2nd Lt. R. C. Huf
- T/Sgt. J. G. Wartenburger
- T/Sgt. A. H. Ness
- 2nd Lt. A. B. Blair
- S/Sgt. M. J. Loes

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: #1 Time: 1239

Secondary: Heading: 095-0 087M 910M

Last Resort: Height: 23,700

T.O. (Circle One) Turn off target: 351°

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) Smoke out of other trained out 3 see lat.

Own Bombs: Saw smoke all over target area. Sh. Nickels: Yes 1.

Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: C.A.V.U. slight ground haze. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D BY BUCKEYE? Release is loaded Target was 1st before

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: No condensation

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Front lines maybe more Target

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 B
Low

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed 1542

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

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

B-17 at group ahead 1235 seen to explode on ground. No chutes.

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

- COR: Give Rank and Initials
- 1st Lt. A. W. Lomar ✓ P
 - Capt. W. P. Kuenstler ✓ EP
 - F/O. I. J. Sandler N
 - 2nd Lt. A. T. Birkenmier ✓ B
 - S/Sgt. L. ^RA. Ferrell ✓ RO
 - S/Sgt. J. W. Mallek ✓ E
 - S/Sgt. R. G. Crapyou ✓ BT
 - S/Sgt. W. B. Bedsole ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 091

Last Resort: Height: 237

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 355

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

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

Own Bombs: In target area An. Nickels: Yes
counted Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: T: High
Take off 5710 - 4, 5710
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1235</u>	<u>Meager</u>	<u>Banage</u>				<u>no</u>

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.S. _____

Position Information _____

40 B
Low

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed 1545

	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
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

CREW: Give rank and Initials

2nd Lt. R. E. Nobbs P

1st Lt. J. G. McDonald EP

F/O. H. J. Sopinski N

S/Sgt. W. A. Leopold B

T/Sgt. W. E. Cain (Completing RO Tour)

T/Sgt. C. J. Kruger E

S/Sgt. C. W. Hunter BT

S/Sgt. R. L. Hesser TG

Friendly A/C in distress:

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Secondary: _____

Time: 1247

Heading: 360/120

Last Resort: _____

Height: 24000

T.O. 5153N 0625 D.R.
(Circle One)

Turn off target: 360 (dropped bombs on this heading 5 1/2 minutes)

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

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

Own Bombs: Bomb bay doors wouldn't open all the way - had to be cranked down An. Nichols: Yes No

marked by when doors were all the way open, the bombs went away

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? none has camera turned on _____

but farmhouse Hand _____ Movie _____

4. WEATHER: _____

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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6 guns, good alt - bursts at 1200 clock - midger fair accuracy - no flak after bombs away - only one burst of flak in formation

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. POSITION in Formation 40 B
Loew

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed 15:40

		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. You No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out Leitch
special form in detail. (5254N)

Smoke rising from water (0255E)
1351 hours. Possibly two dinghies
almost assembled one

CIA: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. D. L. Snook ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. J. J. Zingerli ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. E. M. Woodruff ✓ N
- Sgt. W. Rollo ✓ B
- Sgt. R. D. Bateman ✓ RO
- Sgt. E. V. Husby ✓ E
- Sgt. A. VanSickle ✓ BT
- Sgt. L. S. Cox ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)
- Primary: #/ Time: 1238 1/2
Secondary: Heading: 089°M
Last Resort: Height: 23,300
T.O. (Circle One) Turn off target: 353°M

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Much smoke and small Blazes. Could not identify target An. Nichols: Yes
Other Bombing: Number and type: _____

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

6. WEATHER: Clear WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
Said target was visible 10 min before target

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: High and few meager

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target 10-15 bursts some off to right white
Reaction time off target some accurate
in this group

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 365 A/C Number 819 Letter Q Date 22 March, 1945.

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.S. Position Information 4000 Low

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed 1540

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. C. E. Fisher ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Pengra ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. D. S. Clemetson ✓ N
- S/Sgt. F. J. Slattery ✓ B
- Sgt. W. Gordish ✓ RO
- Sgt. C. L. Mullins ✓ E
- Sgt. J. Z. Jones ✓ BT
- Sgt. P. W. James ✓ TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1830
Secondary: Heading: 080°
Last Resort: Height: 23,500

T.O. (Circle One) 3-3
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Nickels: Yes

Other bombing: Lowish dense smoke Number and type 2000

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

6. WEATHER: Good - 0 wind
Good - slight drizzle
For 1 page
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: none

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

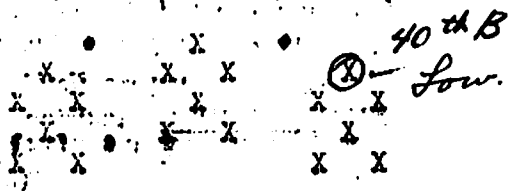
Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Indirectly from aircraft - Orange

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ ~~367~~ A/C Number 174 Letter _____ Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1543



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

12. FRIENDLY: Give Name and Initials
2nd Lt. F. W. Mitchell ✓ P

13. Friendly A/C in distress; (Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether D, A, H, E/A action, accident or undetermined cause.
2nd Lt. W. Piekoff ✓ OP
2nd Lt. W. R. Nielson ✓ N

14. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual)
2nd Lt. T. L. Streater ✓ B
Sgt. G. P. Howard ✓ RO

Primary: Time: 1239 Sgt. S. F. Pierce ✓ BT
Secondary: Heading: 100 Sgt. E. C. Schricker ✓ SJ WG

2-5 OBJECTS
Last Resort: Height: 23,800
T.O. (Circle One) Sgt. J. W. Keiser ✓ TG

Turn-off target: 343
3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: *OK*

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Own Bombs: *Smoke* Yes:

Other Bombing: _____

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

SEARCHED: Target - Clear with log
5/10 - 4,000' - clear channel
WHAT MESSAGES RECEIVED BY BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *no*

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

2-5 OBJECTS
Time of Flare: Height Type (light, color) Location Accuracy
Saw flak ahead coming in but stopped

SQUADRON 367 ~~844/361~~ 23 A/C Number 908 Letter _____ Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed _____

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

40th B
Low.

very white smoke coming from water
other signals from the water as though
something had hit water at 15245 0380
at 1549.

Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. J. O. Wells ✓ P
- Capt. H. J. Kornegay ✓ EP
- 2nd Lt. H. Brecher ✓ N
- Sgt. W. J. Gregg ✓ B
- Sgt. P. H. Hueschhoff ✓ RO
- Sgt. V. E. Bolton ✓ E
- Sgt. E. J. Mannenga ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. R. L. Stafford ✓ TG

Saw B-17 go down in group
ahead on another target. Disper
broke in two. No chutes. No fire
no smoke.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238

Secondary: Heading: 88

Last Resort: Height: 24900

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 350

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 000 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes 1

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: 30-35 000 from fighters.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target in danger to need tracking accurate
I need more on course in front

SQUADRON 367 ~~344100~~ ~~718~~ A/C Number 913 Letter 2 Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1542

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

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

40th B
Low

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

Just prior to bombs away 2 comophlayes
B-17 peeled off in control and went
down in steep spiral dive.

2nd Lt. J. Nahn ✓ P
 1/O M. G. Nelson ✓ SP
 2nd Lt. H. W. Parker ✓ N
 Sgt. L. L. Tittsworth ✓ B
 Sgt. D. E. Uve, Jr. ✓ RO
 Sgt. P. E. Swartz ✓ E
 Sgt. J. A. Blanchard ✓ BT
 _____ WG
 _____ WG
 Sgt. E. Brown ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
Secondary: Heading: 80°
Last Resort: Height: 23,700

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 353°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target ^{38x100} Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: _____ an. Missiles: Yes (No)

Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: As briefed Strong haze prevented observation
but bombs observed following smoke bombs in
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Visual over target

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None.

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

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

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369

A/C Number 10 Letter _____

Date 22 March, 1945.

22

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 B
Low

Time took off 08:51 Time landed 1533

				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
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

Crew: Give rank and initials

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

- 2nd Lt. E. R. Smith ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. W. T. Peckham ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. W. M. Exley ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. D. L. Cook ✓ B
- S/Sgt. R. L. Brown ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. S. D. Lynn ✓ E
- Sgt. J. E. Michel ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. H. Moxen ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
Secondary: Heading: 077
Last Resort: Height: 23000
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 350-1539 hrs

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

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

Own Bombs: hit in build up area. An. Nichols: Yes No

Lead ship smoke bursts too soon. Some. Number and type: _____
Other bombing: bombs toggled to soon.
Smoke turned from white to grey black

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

6. WEATHER:
As briefed

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
26000 observed

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

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

no flak
no flak
no flak

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 369 X A/C Number 600 Letter Date 22 March, 1945.

53

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position in Formation 40 B
Low

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed 15:36

		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
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

- CREW: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. E. J. Sandini ✓ P
 - F/O. G. W. Knowlton ✓ CP
 - F/O. L. M. McDaniell ✓ N
 - Sgt. H. D. Vandiver ✓ B
 - Sgt. J. W. Tuttle ✓ RO
 - Sgt. P. J. Solano ✓ E
 - Sgt. G. L. Sarver ✓ BT
 - _____ WG
 - _____ WG
 - Sgt. S. H. Scherer ✓ TG

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

E.P. saw 5-11 80 spinning down in target area

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 14:39
 Secondary: Heading: 101°
 Last Resort: Height: 23,500
 T.O. (Circle One) 31-3°
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: *lots of black smoke* An. Nichols: Yes
came up through clouds after turn off target. Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: *Good - but some light clouds* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? *By check w/ ops*

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *no*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy); Intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None observed at target area
1st. got heads up 200 yds. before
to start. 17:38 about 17:41

SQUADRON ~~367X866X3~~ 428 A/C Number 896 Letter X Date 22 March, 1945. 24

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

POSITION in Formation 40th Low

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed 1540

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

	X			
X	X	X	X	
<u>X</u>	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X		X	X

COE: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. R. K. Schieb ✓ P
 F/O. J. D. Lyles ✓ OP
 F/O. Gallagher, A.F. ✓ N
 S/Sgt. G. E. Johnson ✓ B
 S/Sgt. J. O. Thach ✓ RO
 S/Sgt. R. A. Trostle ✓ E
 Sgt. P; A. Wright ✓ BT
 _____ WG
 _____ WG
 Sgt. C. L. Sammons ✓ TG

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

Smoke marker observed at 5228N - 0421E at 1330 hrs, this A/C altitude 18,500.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238¹/₂

Secondary: Heading: 094°

Last Resort: Height: 24,000

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target: 350° 34

3. Number of BOMBS dropped 34 x 100 on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Many strikes and flames observed in target area.

Any Nichols: Yes No
Number and type: _____

Other bombing: _____

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

Hand _____ Movie X

6. WEATHER: As briefed

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
NONE.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: NONE.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Barrage observed ahead of formation at target. It stopped after one burst. Barrage type, black bursts.

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 I ~~4444~~ a/c Number 016 Lett. R Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. POSITION on Formation 40.53
High

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1615

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

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

*Just before BA hit sq. go ahead
direct hit - pieces seen falling -*

COZ.: Give rank and Initials

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

- Capt. L. B. Dorish ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. G. L. Dobbs ✓ CP
- 1st Lt. C. R. Rubenstein ✓ W
- 1st Lt. J. G. Weber ✓ B
- Cpl. J. J. Reilly ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. W. T. Dugard ✓ E
- Sgt. A. P. Duménilo ✓ BT
- Sgt. H. E. Schuberg ✓ WG
- 1st Lt. J. R. Prince ✓ CH WG
- Sgt. J. L. Minnaucci ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Title: 1239
Secondary: Heading: 97 mag
Last Resort: Height: 25,500

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 33 351

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes

Other bombing: Green run 15 sec vis caution Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Clear target - haze

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER?
Baker lead said being on primary before I.P.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Target meager, none on this sq.

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~PHAROS~~ A/C Number 512 Lett A Date 22-3-45 26

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position in Formation 40. B High

Time took Off 0851 Time Landed 1600

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
Up ahead 1-17 down no
dots - flak

2nd Lt. N. W. McKinney	✓	P
2nd Lt. A. J. McCallie	✓	CP
2nd Lt. G. R. Faulkner	✓	N
Sgt. T. R. Foley	✓	B
S/Sgt. L. J. Oppen	✓	RO
S/Sgt. L. F. Warren	✓	E
Sgt. S. H. Eaton	✓	BT
_____		WG
_____		WG
Sgt. F. E. Newell	✓	TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1239
Secondary: Heading: 095
Last Resort: Height: 2900
T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 360

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 and type _____

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

6. WEATHER:
as briefed. Few more clouds
one Eng for Rendevoo
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FRC BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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meagre cloud scattered - 3 or 4 mins.

SQUADRON ~~487~~ 368 ~~487~~ A/C Number 570 Letter P Date 22-3-45 ²⁷

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation <sup>4000
high</sup>

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1600

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:

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

1st Lt. L. A. Evans P

2nd Lt. D. L. McGinnis OP

2nd Lt. M. F. Hepple N

2nd Lt. J. E. Shook B

S/Sgt. W. M. Williams RO

T/Sgt. R. F. John E

Sgt. A. J. Conroy BT

2nd Lt. C. C. McDaniel RN WG

Sgt. H. H. Williams TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Title: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

Secondary:

Heading: 222 701

Last Resort:

Height: 86 300

T.O.

(Circle One) 310

Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: hit built - 200

any Nichols: Yes

Other Bombing: Area -

Number and type 1

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on NO

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: Bad - as on paper

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D ERC
BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

SQUADRON 368 B A/C Number 928 Letter 2 Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation 40. B High

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1600

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

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. B. L. Olsen P
- 2nd Lt. P. H. Greer OP
- 2nd Lt. R. I. McCutchan N
- 1st Lt. Q. T. Conway B
- T/Sgt. F. W. Ramsey RO
- T/Sgt. L. Foster E
- Sgt. J. W. Gerlach BT
- Sgt. H. Ropy TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
 Secondary: Heading: 096
 Last Resort: Height: 25,600
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 4 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Some an Nickels: Yes
 Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

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

6. WEATHER: High at target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
8/10 - 7,000'

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1238:40</u>	<u>Target</u>				<u>Tracking</u>	<u>Yes</u>

SQUADRON #47 368 BA 123

A/C Number 914

Letter B

Date 22-3-45

29

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation

4000 High

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1600

			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
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

CRM: Give Rank and Initials

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

One ship went down over target from 3000 ft - direct hit flash. one chute observed.

- 2nd Lt. H. P. Altshuler ✓ B
- 2nd Lt. R. J. Forsyth ✓ CP
- F/O A. J. Remal ✓ B
- S/Sgt. F. F. Alston ✓ B
- S/Sgt. L. R. Curry ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. B. H. Frazier ✓ E
- Sgt. R. R. Pavette ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. R. W. Litka ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1239
Secondary: Heading: 25600
Last Resort: Height: 400

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 030

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ an. Wickets: Yes ___ No

Other bombing: *target area obscured by smoke* Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: *as briefed* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D REC BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Nil*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Measure, accurate tracking 3 mins before BA hit

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~3A~~ 3A ~~403~~ 403 A/C Number 814 Letter G Date 22-3-45

30

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation

40 3
High

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed

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

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

CODR: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. J. S. Law ✓ B

2nd Lt. G. B. Howe ✓ OP

2nd Lt. S. L. Schoenberger ✓ N

T/Sgt. L. D. Davisson ✓ B

T/Sgt. F. E. Sweet ✓ RO

T/Sgt. D. C. Lockhart ✓ E

Sgt. W. O. Timmons ✓ BT

Sgt. J. H. Shacklett SJ ✓ WG

WG

Sgt. E. H. Trammel ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1239

Secondary: Heading: 25700 084

Last Resort: Height:

T.O. 340
(Circle One)

Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Hickeys: Yes (1)

Other bombing: Number and type

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: light non-persis. 25000, far.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	Target			Med.	Very Acc.	Track & 100%

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367 ~~B-17/DG~~ A/C Number 951 Letter ~~●~~ Date 22-3-45

31

Bomb Load 34 x 100 1130 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took Off 0851 Time Landed 1700

40th B High

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

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

Target 1239 B-17 ahead (couple groups down to flak) Right wing came off no fire followed down to approx 12000 feet. So far away to obscure chutes.

CIDR: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. R. S. Hoffman	✓	✓	P
2nd Lt. K. Koser	✓	✓	CP
2nd Lt. I. B. Baron	✓	✓	N
2nd Lt. J. B. Karfonta	✓	✓	B
Sgt. V. D. McCarthy	✓	✓	RO
Sgt. T. C. Schuster	✓	✓	E
Sgt. M. H. Elder	✓	✓	BT
Sgt. V. Wright, Jr.	✓	✓	TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: #1 Time: 1239
Secondary: Heading: 130° M
Last Resort: Height: 26,000

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

350° M

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

32

2 hung up were jettisoned: "B" area

Returned: Abortive:

Permission from Cycle Relay 1330-40
5320-0216 Det. 40

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

Own Bombs: Hit on target

an. Nickels: Yes (1)
Number and type

Other Bombing:

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

Hand: X Movie: X

6. WEATHER:

good view - little haze. ground

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

5/8 low cloud at take off

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

no - contrails - no middle cloud. V. light wispy high cloud

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target antenna accurate also some meagre 2-3000 feet above. 2 Big Bursts at 12000

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

No attack

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Times)

In target area just after B.A. Possibly FW190
(Location and length of flight)

at 20000 feet. Came toward formation. Broke off at min. of 1000 yds.

(Tactics of E/A)

2-FW190 came in level just after B.A. at 8 o'clock - turned off at about 1000 went back toward target area.
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

This B-17 did not

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

fire at either of E/A.

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

not seen too much fire seen on Rhine on way in not seen again till over Trier. See on way out. Down low then.

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (list all 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.)

Much smoke rising from channel all that could be seen was oil slick. Small Black "dot" standing by, what? 5235-0300 E see fix (5245-0620 - A/F badly bombed and 1250 hrs. Remains repaired DRFD)

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

One out. 2 Bombs hung up.

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

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

Left group over channel to jett Bombs

Took off on schedule - gas tank filler valve sub returned - had fixed. took off caught group at 5250-0120 - 1100 hrs. app.

SQUADRON 367 ~~BR/AB~~ ~~BR/AB~~ A/C Number 563 Letter ~~N~~ Date 22-3-45 32

Bomb Load 2 x WG-43
3 x T 336 H.E.
5 x T 339

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 1600

			X		
X		X	X	X	
X	X		X	X	(X) High
X		X	X	X	
X	X			X	X

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. W. H. Wear	✓	✓	P
2nd Lt. F. R. Specht	✓	✓	GP
2nd Lt. M. S. Oscherwitz	✓		N
Sgt. H. W. Wertz	✓	✓	B
Sgt. H. R. Hall	✓		RO
Sgt. C. D. Petitjean	✓	✓	E
Sgt. C. H. Alred	✓	✓	BT
			WG
			WG
Sgt. R. R. Arledge	✓	✓	TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: ✓ Time: 1239
Secondary: Heading: 085
Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 60°

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

ALL

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

Own Bombs: IN AREA

any Nickels: ✓ Yes ___ No

Other bombing: NO

Number and type

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

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER:

1/10 OVER TARGET 4/10 CHANNEL

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? TARGET VISUAL BEFORE NO-DRAW

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

~~NO~~ LIGHT AND NON-PERSISTENT 26,000

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1238 TARGET 26,000 MODERATE AROUND A/C ACCURATE

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ ~~400~~ n/c Number 840 Letter Y Date 22-3-45

33

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position and Formation

Time took Off 0851 Time Landed _____

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

40 * B
High

at 1318 heard cycle relay tell
Nuclear D Dog to call air sea rescue about
what they thought was a chute in water +
five

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

- 2nd Lt. L. J. Smith ✓ P-
 P/O W. Walsh ✓ CP
 2nd Lt. F. E. Ballish ✓ N
 Sgt. A. F. Dull ✓ B
 S/ Sgt. R. C. Grimm ✓ RO
 Sgt. P. Helenbart ✓ E
 Sgt. S. Alowitz ✓ BT
 Sgt. D. R. Jensen ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238
 Secondary: Heading: 65
 Last Resort: Height: 26200

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 357

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

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

Own Bombs: an. HICKELS: Yes ___ No ___

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: moderate, tracking + barrage inaccurate
 North on group ahead.

SQUADRON #368 #368 #368 A/C Number 711 Letter D Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position in Formation 400 High

Time took off 0851 Time Landed 1555

1350 hrs.

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

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

5240 N 0302 E - Smoke + ripples in H2O - looked like a chute. ~~last reported~~ Air sea rescue info.

CITE: Give rank and initials

2nd Lt. C. W. Witcomb P & said they would go there.

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

2nd Lt. F. N. Hales CP

1st Lt. W. L. Gillaspie N

2nd Lt. S. O. Briggs B

S/Sgt. G. H. Ringwald RO

S/Sgt. E. E. Nelson E

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238 1/2

Sgt. R. O. Dinger BT

Secondary: Heading: 080

Sgt. R. N. Gustafson WG

Last Resort: Height: 25,200

WG

T.O. (Circle One)

Sgt. L. F. Dorenbush TG

Turn off target: 356

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

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

Own Bombs: Smoke in air. An. Nichols: Yes N

Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Hazy - Smoke at target.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

Eng. 7/10 - 6,000'

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no

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

Time	Place	Height of n/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1237 - Mayer Tracking Yes

SQUADRON #368 A/C Number L74 Letter V Date 22-3-45

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Bomb Load 34 x 100 Position in Formation 10 B

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed _____

High

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

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

at 1349 at 5 mi 4-0305 - big puff of smoke (white) then ripple in water - air bubbles (disturbance in water). sight circling and one small vessel at the scene.

NOTE: Give Name and Initials

2nd Lt. H. B. Cohn ✓ P

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

2nd Lt. H. M. Campbell ✓ CP

2nd Lt. W. E. Blouch ✓ N

Sgt. F. G. Dusenberry ✓ B

S/Sgt. G. W. Olliges ✓ RO

Sgt. K. J. Gibson ✓ E

Sgt. J. E. Bradley ✓ BT

_____ KG

_____ WG

Sgt. G. G. Olson ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1239

Secondary: Heading: 090

Last Resort: Height: 25500

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 349

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ An. Nicks: Yes X

Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on Yes

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER:

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: mod accurate tracking, 2-3 min. behind with A/C

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~##22~~ #22 A/C Number 575 Letter X Date 22-3-45

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position in Formation 4003 High

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed 15 30

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

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

COR: Give Rank and Initials

nil

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

- 2nd Lt. D. B. Clockson ✓ B
- F/O P. W. Smith ✓ CP
- F/O J. W. Casino ✓ N
- Sgt. R. F. Dickson ✓ B
- Sgt. A. R. Berglund ✓ RO
- Sgt. H. Kelling ✓ E
- S/Sgt. L. F. Brown ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. G. P. Hicks ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1239
Secondary: Heading: 106
Last Resort: Height: 25400

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 020

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes
Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D - REC BUCKETS?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), Intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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15 or 20 bursts on high - 4 minutes - tracking accurate both before & after B.A.

SQUADRON ~~66X86XX~~ 423 a/c Number 012 Letter A Date 22 March, 1945. 37

Bomb Load 6 x 500 & 6 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:54 Time Landed 1555

40 B lead - Spare

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

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

CITE: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. D. C. Paisley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. H. Q. Hostetter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
2nd Lt. D. J. Casey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
2nd Lt. K. (NMI) Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
S/Sgt. R. H. Hitchcock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
Sgt. R. E. Cory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. R. W. Lindsay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
		WG
		WG
S/Sgt. J. L. Harper, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TC

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1238

Secondary: Heading: 114

Last Resort: Height: 25,000

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

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

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

Own Bombs: Smoke an. Nichols: Yes

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Hazy - smoke screen between I.P. + target. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Turn away - meager Tracking yes

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~3~~ ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 713 Letter K Date 22 March, 1945.

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E.

Position in Formation 40 B

Time Took Off 08:51 Time Landed _____

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

			X				
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>spark</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>low &</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. R. S. Collins ✓ P

2nd Lt. J. R. Mann ✓ CP

F/O. R. H. Knight ✓ N

Sgt. R. E. Knox ✓ B ✓

Sgt. A. A. Rieder ✓ RG

Sgt. E. J. Dobner ✓ E

Sgt. L. E. Paglow ✓ BT

_____ WG

_____ WG

Sgt. R. J. Clegg ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: 1239

Secondary: _____ Heading: 095

Last Resort: _____ Height: 23500

T.O. _____
(Circle One) _____
Turn off target: 350°

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ An. Nichols: Yes K

Other Bombing: on low hd Number and type: _____

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

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 7/10 overcast - target clear WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	<u>target</u>					
	<u>in case</u>					

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~###~~ a/c Number 429 Lett ~~W~~ W Date 22-3-45 39

Bomb Load 34 x 100 H.E. Position in Formation 40 @ High

Time Took Off 0851 Time Landed _____

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. J. H. Butler ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. G. Woolbright ✓
- F/O C. R. Lemon ✓ N
- Sgt. G. E. Bosworth ✓ B
- Sgt. J. A. Feigum ✓ RO
- Sgt. G. R. White ✓ E
- Sgt. B. J. Hensley ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. C. J. C. Jackson ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1239

Secondary: Heading: 92

Last Resort: Height: 26400

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 350

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

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

Own Bombs: in the rd Am. Nickels: Yes 1

Other bombing: See fix ~~4855~~ 48BA 5135N-0651E Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Coast 4/10 England WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: none alone persist none at all

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target mod to heavy - acc - lot of flak to side
Several bursts very close