

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

APU 557,
28 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative.
Mission: Leipzig, Germany, 27 February, 1945.

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

1. Narrative

306th flew 36 A/C including 4 PFF A/C as 40 "A". Route and times followed were substantially as briefed: English coast 5200-0130E, 1129 hours; Ostend 1157, 13,000 feet; from 20 to 40 minutes before IP, heard Buckeye Blue repeating to different Groups target conditions as 10/10; bombing would be by instrument; no clouds at bombing altitude; IP 5140-1133, 1353 hours; Target Leipzig 1403, 24,900 feet; swung beyond briefed course to east and south of Chemnitz; then 5038-1254E, 1418 hours; 5036-1150E, 1440 hours; Ostend 1702 hours, 7,000 feet; Clacton 1736; base 1830.

All Mickey equipment functioned satisfactorily except for indistinct returns from High lead.

SCS 51 worked well on way in and out, with change from yellow to blue at 1238½ hours, 5004-0602E. On way out, change at 1610½ hours, 5009-0537E.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

There were no attacks on this Group.

8 P-51's picked up 1210 hours after Belgian coast. P-51's from 356th F/G gave close support on way to target. Thinner support on way out, probably due to fighters dropping out to strafe ground installations.

3. A/A Gun Fire

None on this Group, no damage. Moderate inaccurate barrage low and to right during bomb run, believed to be from Merseburg area. On turn off target, several red bursts were reported behind Group.

4. Bombing

Lead bombed Leipzig PFF, 1403 hours. High squadron, with Mickey equipment receiving indistinct target returns, dropped on smoke bombs of lead. Low made separate H2X run. Photos show no ground detail.

5. Nickels

A/C 908-J dropped two WG-37, three WG-34 and five T-313 on Leipzig.

6. Weather

England 10/10, tops 6,000 feet; 8/10 over Channel; 10/10 over Continent and target tops 10,000 feet, with few small holes west of target. Breaks starting about 0400E on way out. No contrails.

7. A/C Returning Early
A/C 578-C, pilot Mitchell turned back 2115 hours, at 5145-0007E, due to oxygen failure. Brought back 6 x 500 and 4 x 417.

8. A/C in Distress
No A/C in distress.

9. Observations
This is the third successive mission to tough targets—Hamburg, Berlin, and Leipzig—on which this Group had practically no damage. All were 10/10. Chaff has proved its effectiveness, but these results are superior to previous experience with chaff alone. This Group has been using spot jamming equipment for the past 30 days.

Due to 10/10 clouds over front lines, no observation was made regarding counter battery fire.

JOHN A. BALRNSFATHER,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

40th LEAD PFF Equip worked pretty well.

Formatic 27 February, 1945

- ✓ Keeling Stewart 443-M PFF *OK - No visual cor*
- ✓ Trease 910-B
- ✓ Schimmel 616-Y
- ✓ Konsmo Hedley 359-S PFF *shot 1403*
- ✓ Higgenbotham * 801-S
- ✓ Blackshaw * 585-K
- ✓ Rich 376-F
- ✓ Daniel * 397-O
- ✓ Marks 129-L *30" lats*
- ✓ Verlick 611-G
- ✓ Kimball 516-M
- ✓ Riedel 807-P

Ask in Command.

Counter battery fire at 10/10
 first lies! *no flak*

Coast in + out 10/10

SCS 57 *1237*
 162 *worked OK* ✓ *chaff*

Dark comp. sharp indication

Hitting chaff "half hearted" attempt low & dense

Buckeye Blue *entered 9:10.0*

Instrumented by alt + no clouds at present

40th "A" LGW

- ✓ Ryder 652-A PFF *ded off 150*
- ✓ Tinkham 198-D
- ✓ Collins 297-N
- ✓ Garakostas 181-B
- ✓ Christenson, H * 412-T

- 2 ✓ PFF Christenson, RH 896-X
- ✓ RH Smith 765-M
- ✓ ER * 713-K
- ✓ Lomar * 713-K
- ✓ Viellie 913-P
- ✓ Mitchell 578-B

Few spots of I.P. heavy low chaffed in E/A 9d P 57 count

- ✓ Marere 619-S
- ✓ Hansen 832-Y

fluctuating 5 minutes

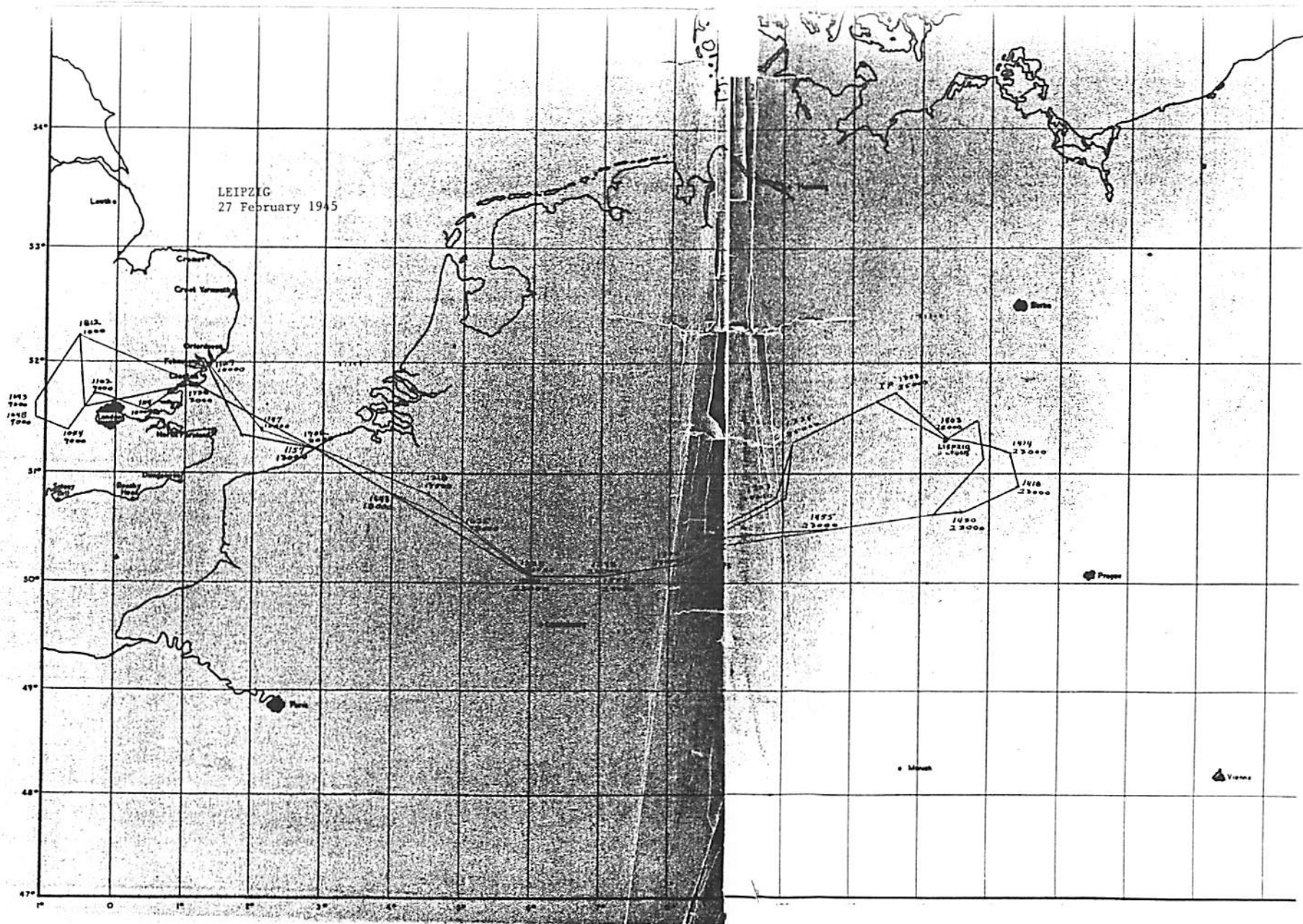
all down

Dropped on lead in smoke bomb S

Returns no clouds were defined 9:50/10

40th "A" HIGH

- ✓ Witcomb * 711-D
- ✓ Carder 429-W
- ✓ Matzke 570-P PFF *Separate team*
- ✓ Evans 802-F
- ✓ Patten 683-Q *Don't know 20 minutes before W. Dropped on 10/1*
- ✓ Morris 028-O
- ✓ Sandercock 814-G
- ✓ Swango 916-N *1404*
- ✓ Smith, L J * 604-A
- ✓ Kingsley 908-J Nickels
- ✓ Cohn 474-V
- ✓ McKinney 512-A



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GROUP LEADER'S MISSION REPORT CHECK SHEET

(To be filled out and phoned in personally by the leader of each combat Squadron on a mission. Upon phoning to 40th CB W, turn in report to Group Bombardier's Office. Do not use "Canned" statements such as OK, SOP, as briefed, etc. The following points are to be covered.)

GROUP: 306th (40-A)
Capt. Stewart, F.J.
REPORT OF: Major Kesling, E.W.

1. Group take-off and assembly:
(Altitude, time, variation from that briefed etc)
As briefed.
2. Combat Wing assembly and route to coast:
(Join-up of Groups, times course, control points etc)
As briefed.
3. Air Division assembly and formation:
Very good - as briefed.
4. Flak (Accuracy, intensity, location along route)
meager, inaccurate at target only.
5. Enemy Air Opposition: (Type of fighters, position on course where Attacked)
none.
6. Bombing results, and weather at the target:
Description of observed results, weather, cloud coverage
*10/10 Bkg away at 1403, alt. 25,000ft Ldy 146
Clear above 7000'*
7. Route back and landing:
as briefed to collect then straight to base.
8. Fighter rendezvous and support:
(Where were gaps if any)
very good - no gaps.
9. Losses:
(Where, to What)
none.

10. Communications:

could not contact my high school on

11. Remarks: *the way back - no trouble*
(Anything observed or of interest; comment here on the planning of the mission)

now

RECEIVED BY: _____

SQUADRON 23 A/C Number 443 Letter M Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/M17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40th "A"
 LEAD

Time Took Off 0938 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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Captain Stewart, F.J. P

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)

Major Kesling, E.W. CP

1st Lt. Gunkel, W.W. N

1st Lt. Dinter, C.R. E

T/Sgt. Hathaway, J.R. RO

T/Sgt. Erwin, D.D. E

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF) or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1403

2nd Lt. Kuhn, E.E. ETR.Nav.

Secondary: Heading: 146 mag

S/Sgt. Westmoreland, M.B. NG

Last Resort: Height: 24,900

2nd Lt. Larson, V.C. WR Nav.

T.O.
 (Circle One)

F/O. Russell, E.C. TG

Turn off target: 050 mag

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

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

Own Bombs:

any Nichols: Yes No

Number and type _____

SES 57
OK both
ways
Z started
turned over to
dep
at
12300
12390
alt
16000
way
back

Other bombing:

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

6. WEATHER: 2 layers - one low over the
top of coast over England. Ditto
over continent 10/10 all the way

WHAT MESSAGES (REC'D FR
 BUCKEYE? Blue - target 10/10
2nd Lt. Larson
dep at base at alt

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: hard

No observation of
counter battery fire
due to 10/10 on way in.

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>Low inaccurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE AND OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 1129-5200-0130E-
1736. Clacton - 3500 ft.

2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and Place of crossing ~~English~~ Coast Oxford 1157, 13000 ft.
Oxford 1702, 7000 ft.
IP-5737
1138E

4. Time over Target _____
Altitude over Target _____ *many wild after*
Position of Group on Bomb Run _____ *target to get*
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____ *around Clacton*
Duration Bomb Run _____ *Back on course at*
17 5228-1254, 1418 hours -
to 5036-1650 1444 hours

5. Time of Landing at base 1830.
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sy2 OFFICER Murtha

SQUADRON 44 A/C Number 516 Letter C Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1623

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

40th "A" Lead

CITE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. Kimball, R.S. ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. Fischer, W.H. ✓ CP
- F/O. Neighmond, J.C. ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. Fiora, F.L. ✓ B
- Sgt. Thomas, H.J. ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. Goodwin, S.L. ✓ E
- Sgt. Foster, L. (NMI) ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. Craig, E.D. ✓ G
- S/Sgt. Demetre, R.L. (Jammer) ✓ XY
- Sgt. Merrill, E.H. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1403
 Secondary: Heading: 155
 Last Resort: Height: 25,000
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 090

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

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

Own Bombs: AN Nickels: Yes 12

Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: As briefed WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM 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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meager 2 mins before

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367 ~~3474747474~~ A/C Number 804 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x ML7 H.E. Position - Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1840

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
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| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X |
- 40th A Lead.*

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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. V. Higginbotham ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. W. N. Bergener ✓ CP
- F/O L. Levinstone ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. T. E. Streeter ✓ B
- Sgt. P. H. Rueschoff ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. W. A. Davis ✓ E
- Sgt. E. F. Roberts ✓ BT
- Sgt. J. F. Lowery ✓ SJ WG
- Sgt. R. T. Hauck ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 140242
- Secondary: Heading: 23152
- Last Resort: Height: 251000
- T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 050

SCS-1 - worked well.

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

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

Own Bombs: unobs. any Nichols: Yes *to*
 Number and type *No*

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on yes.
 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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none on this group - obs. off to right.

all obs from Walker + Murselung same at Leipzig.

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ A/C Number 611 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x ML7 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed

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

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 X X X X X
 X X X X X

402A
Lead

CIGL: Give Rank and Initials

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 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. H. A. Verdick B
2nd Lt. P. H. Arnot CP
2nd Lt. G. Gutman N
Sgt. L. L. ~~Fitsworth~~ FITTSWORTH B
Sgt. C. P. Larsen RO
Sgt. M. E. Mook E
Sgt. L. Everson BT
Sgt. M. ~~C~~ Childers WG
Sgt. P. E. Steele TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1402
 Secondary: Heading: 150
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 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. Nichols: 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:

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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flak at 10000 low, burst.
Talman reported flak behind us, from altitude 6000 700 yards behind including some red bursts, before bank away.

SQUADRON 367 ~~34412474~~ A/C Number 129 Letter I Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1840

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 9

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. R. Marks P
- 2nd Lt. E. R. Gary OP
- 2nd Lt. J. S. Pappas N
- S/Sgt. A. Yehoda B
- Sgt. W. D. Searles RO
- Sgt. M. D. Baughman E
- Sgt. J. A. Baker BT
- Sgt. R. L. Harrison TC

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1405
- Secondary: Heading: 152
- Last Resort: Height: 25000
- T.O. (Circle One)
- Turn off target: 60

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
- Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) about 30 sec. late. slow.

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes N

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: a few cum building up over overcast on way home.
- WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? _____

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

Flaming in air before BT

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 23 A/C Number 910 Letter Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1825

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

40th "A" Lead

None

CIG: Give rank and initials 10

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

None

- 2nd Lt. Trease, H.W. ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. Snobble, J.K. ✓ CP
- F/O. Key, G.W. ✓ N
- F/O. Thomas, G.L. ✓ E
- S/Sgt. Bellet, H. (NMI) ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. Lewis, W.I. ✓ E
- S/Sgt. Scribner, B.F., Jr. ✓ ET
- S/Sgt. Scannell, J.W. ✓ NG
- S/Sgt. Frank, I.I. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)
 Primary: ✓ Time: 1403

Secondary: Heading: 150 M

Last Resort: Height: 24,900

T.O. 090°
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

3. Number of BOMBS (dropped on target): ALL Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
TRAIN

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

Own Bombs: Nothing - cloud -

an. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type _____

Other Bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: Hand Movie
YES - hand operated from waist, ball & nose
Solid overcast to about 17000'
all the way in - broken slightly
in spots.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
light - now persistent 75000'

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
1400-1405	TARGET	74900		some red - mostly black	low	inaccurate
	(HALL - MERSEBORS)					low inaccurate
1739	06° 00' E 50° 00' N	70000		few bursts	off to left	

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ A/C Number 376 Letter F Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1825

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	X

40th "A" Lead

CIGL: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. Rich, M.W. P
- F/O. Lemmon, A.E. Jr. GP
- F/O. Eggleston, G.H.P. N
- 2nd Lt. Hodges, E.E. B
- Sgt. Teets, W.M. RO
- Sgt. Townley, J.H. E
- Sgt. Riha, E.L. BT
- Sgt. Ryan, T.M. TG

No

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1402 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 140°
 Last Resort: Height: 24,000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 90°

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

Own Bombs: No 10/10 an. Nichols: Yes ✓
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: As briefed. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? No.

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
<u>1402</u>	<u>target</u>	<u>24,500</u>	<u>heavy - slight</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak: Flak several thousand feet low. Barrage type.

SQUADRON 447 36th F4U A/C Number 652 Letter A Date 27-2-45
 Bomb Load 1 smoke - 6x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"
 Time Took Off 0928 Time Landed 1816 1/2 LEW

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
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| | 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, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

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|---|---|---|-------|
| 1st Lt. H. B. Ryder | ✓ | ✓ | P |
| 2nd Lt. L. Mikles | ✓ | ✓ | CP |
| 2nd Lt. O. R. Minihane | ✓ | ✓ | N |
| 2nd Lt. R. C. Huff | ✓ | ✓ | B |
| S/Sgt. ^{W.U.} C. G. Wartenberger | ✓ | ✓ | FO |
| S/Sgt. A. H. Ness | ✓ | ✓ | E |
| 2nd Lt. H. R. Brandt | ✓ | ✓ | R-Har |
| Sgt. J. W. Stright | ✓ | ✓ | NG |
| Sgt. M. J. Loos | ✓ | ✓ | TC |

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

PFF
 Primary: Time: 1406 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 150°M
 Last Resort: Height: 24,000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 3500M

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 any Nickels: Yes (X)
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

no contact 10/10 uncontact 7,000
top - light high cirrus above 25,000 feet
 7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: No. Contact
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Rekey from lead
the 4th would be at instrument
Run 5 min life
TP

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1335 5123-1006 Smoke Bombs at 11 o'clock
Probably Northwestern
1347hr 5141hr obs flak meager in contact
1354 hrs from near nose
 Target: low obs to come up from where Bombs went
 Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimate total number of E/A seen) _____ (Types) _____

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

good - P-51
1212 hours 5100-0405E
Very early, on way out 1/2 dropped
off not as numerous on way out

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

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

S.C.S. 51 worked over front lines yellow until passed over lines then blue. Went right over no creeping. 1234-5016-0837E - yellow
1247-5007-0645E - Blue

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?)

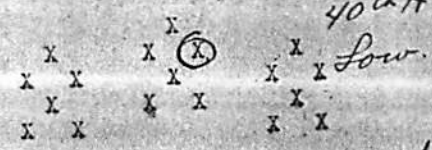
marker beacon 5027-0910E flashing on
and off - C.P. said may be enemy marker B.
1617 - yellow indicator 5018N-530E

S-2 OFFICER _____ TIME COMPLETED _____

Sealman

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 A/C Number 181 Letter B Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position - Formation
 Time took Off 0938 Time Landed 1821
 1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.



- CHEL: Give rank and Initials 14
- 1st Lt. K. Carakostas ✓
 - 2nd Lt. A. H. Miller ✓ CP
 - 2nd Lt. F. M. Hudson ✓ N
 - F/O H. F. Sopinski ✓ E
 - S/Sgt. R. R. Gattis ✓ RO
 - S/Sgt. L. A. Marchese ✓ E
 - Sgt. R. P. Iafrate ✓ BT
 - _____ NG
 - _____ WC
 - S/Sgt. R. L. Tiff ✓ TC

mil.
 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: 1407
 Secondary: Heading: 150
 Last Resort: Height: 23600
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 160

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
 Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: under. No. Missiles: Y650 N
 Other Bombing: _____
 Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: few breaks over channel - 1/10 all the way - low cloud tops 8000 - no middle cloud - major thin cirrus intermittent at 26000'
 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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mod. miss. - drainage - all low and to right - none on this squadron - behind all flak from Messerschmitt + Heinkel -

Crew observations about Flak: _____

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

*Eng coast out - 1118 Felixton
E.C. 1203 1/2 5108-3030E
F.P. at 5142-1155E*

*Target 1406 1/2
as briefed on alt*

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____
*1 mile N. of target - 1702
5114-0255E
1735 - 5148N 0113E*

2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
If not, describe course in detail _____
did not fly out ~~sq~~

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____
*thought lead shot
drove on in to target.*

4. Time over Target _____
*turned off to intercept
groups.*

Altitude over Target _____
Position of Group on Bomb Run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____
Duration Bomb Run _____

5. Time of Landing at Base _____
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sq2 OFFICER _____

Seathman

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 369 A/C Number 297 Letter N Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th A

Time took Off 0938 Time Landed 1818

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

1250 saw B17 going west

Scanned OR 5010-0918E

1500 B-17 seen feathered dropping
 Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether b, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 15

2nd Lt. J. E. Collins ✓✓ P

2nd Lt. R. K. Scheib ✓✓ OP

F/O A. P. Gallagher ✓✓ N

2nd Lt. A. T. Birkenmier ✓✓ B

Sgt. J. O. Thach ✓✓ RO

Sgt. R. A. Trostle ✓✓ E

Sgt. C. L. Wright ✓✓ BT

Sgt. C. James ✓✓ WG

Sgt. C. L. Sammons ✓✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1407

Secondary: Heading: 110°

Last Resort: Height: 23,000

T.O. (Circle One) 068°N

Turn off target: ✓

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 An. Nichols: Yes lk

Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 over cloud 7000ft WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____
4-8 tiny holes.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Broke 20 miles SE outside on way out

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Very meager very inaccurate losses and way off target
over nothing

Crew observations about Flak:

B-17 flak Red ones. Prob searching couple B-24s at target

SQUADRON 447th 369 MPB A/C Number 713 Letter K Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6500 - 4/ML7 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1817

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 |

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 16

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. Lomar, A.A. ✓ F
- 2nd Lt. Fisher, C.E. ✓ CP
- F/O. Sandler, I.J. ✓ H
- 2nd Lt. Sebastian, D.W. ✓ H
- Sgt. Ferrell, L.R. ✓ BO
- Sgt. Mallek, J.H. ✓ E
- Sgt. Crapyou, R.G. ✓ BT
- Sgt. Bedsole, W.B. ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. Bidwell, W.G. ✓ MX Janner
- Sgt. Gilmore, M.F., Jr. ✓ TO

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1407
 Secondary: Heading: 148
 Last Resort: Height: 23400
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 063

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

Own Bombs: 10710 an. Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Widercast breaks 6,000' - overcast, 8,000' channel, breaks 10,000' in & out, 10,000' breaks at 0,400 E. breaks over channel. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no 28,000' cirrus. clear England.

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>Magenta Red + Black</u>			<u>160</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 877/00036 A/C Number 832 Letter --- Date 2/2/45
 Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/M.7 H.E. Position in Formation 40thA

Time Took Off 0938 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

40thA
Low.

Crew: Give rank and initials 17

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. Hansen, D.R. F
- 2nd Lt. McGuff, G.J. CB
- 2nd Lt. Graham, R. N
- Sgt. Stokoe, J. E
- Sgt. Connor, L.D. RO
- Sgt. Lynch, W.L. E
- Sgt. Jones, J.Z. BT
- S/Sgt. Angelilli, M.C. WG
- Sgt. Harkness, D.E. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1408
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 2200
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 40°

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

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

Own Bombs: all any Nichols: Yes N

Other bombing: --- Number and type ---

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 all way - Broke cloud 1 Broke just before target
 WHAT MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM BUREAU: ---

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: 10/10 all way - Broke cloud 10/10 all way
S.E.S. 51 - trail 10/10 blue to amber

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
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Meager - breeze to RT, low

Crew observations about Flak: ---

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 A/C Number 619 Letter Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 1/007 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0938 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 *40th A*
 X X X X *Low*
 X X *(X)* X X
 X X X X

CREW: Give rank and Initials 18

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. Morere, H.J. ✓
- 2nd Lt. Babin, A.J. ✓ *CP*
- 2nd Lt. Clemetson, D.S. ✓ *N*
- 2nd Lt. Johnson, F.B. ✓ *F*
- Sgt. Deutsch, H.P. ✓ *RO*
- Sgt. Ferguson, W.L. ✓ *E*
- Sgt. Phillippi, L.F. ✓ *BT*
- Sgt. Zamiski, H.J. ✓ *WG*
- S/Sgt. Tulcus, W. (Jarmer) ✓ *WX*
- Sgt. Rickarl, T.J. ✓ *TG*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1406 *with leader*
 Secondary: Heading: 150
 Last Resort: Height: 2400
 T.O. (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: 10/10 Any Nichols: Yes *N*
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Undercast all way -
Few holds near target - really
two layers converging.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Yes - from lead plane - 4-14-45
PF

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

Crew observations about Flak: None at all
Damage done to engine.

SQUADRON 367 ~~000000~~ ~~0000~~ A/C Number 578 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1143

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING held crew and fill out special form in detail.
- | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
- 40th A*
Low

*Turned back 1115 hrs. at 5145N
 6007W as oxygen leak on
 pilots side.*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 20

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. F. W. Mitchell P
- 2nd Lt. S. D. Burns CP
- 2nd Lt. W. R. Nielson N
- Sgt. W. J. Gregg B
- Sgt. B. G. McIntyre RO
- Sgt. R. E. Schnieder E
- Sgt. S. F. Pierce BT
- Sgt. J. S. Stafford TG

Good formation.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

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

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

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

Own Bombs: Acc
 Other Bombing: Acc
 An. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on
 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), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367 BABA WAB A/C Number 412 Letter T Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.S. Position in Formation

Time took off 0938 Time Landed _____

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

40th A
Low

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

- CITE: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. H. Christensen ^{SON} ✓ P
 - 2nd Lt. J. A. Pinchback ✓ CP
 - 2nd Lt. M. Brecher ✓ N
 - 2nd Lt. R. W. Gannett ✓ B
 - Sgt. J. C. Edwards ✓ RO
 - Sgt. P. J. Boylan ✓ E
 - Sgt. H. E. Hay ✓ BT
 - _____ ✓ WG
 - _____ ✓ WG
 - Sgt. J. F. Crane ✓ 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)

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: 1407
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 155 mag
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 24600
 T.O. _____
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: _____

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: not observed an. Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombing: fuel tank well hit Number and type _____
"Ball turret saw warbon one through break"

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

6. WEATHER: instead of big break, amount of middle clouds - slight
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: "meteo great today"

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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"None on us at all"

Crew observations about Flak: Saw bursting and hole flak - 1 tremendous damage

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 913 Letter _____ Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1821

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 |
- 40th A
Low.

CIDR: Give rank and initials 21

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

2nd Lt. R. A. Vieille	P
2nd Lt. C. E. Liersch	CP
2nd Lt. M. S. Oscherwitz	N

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF) or Visual
- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----|
| Primary: Time: <u>1407</u> | Sgt. E. E. Gallion | E |
| Secondary: Heading: <u>150</u> | Sgt. C. Caserta | BT |
| Last Resort: Height: <u>23540</u> | Sgt. A. J. Gilbert | WG |
| T.O. (Circle One) | | WG |
| Turn off target: <u>0360</u> | Sgt. V. G. Cargile | TC |

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 N
- Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: As briefed WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM 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), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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mod. low tracking & barrage 2 mins before B.A.

Crew observations about Flak: Red bursts

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 198 A/C Number 198 Letter D Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/107 H.E. ✓ Position Formation

Time Took Off 0838 Time Landed 1820

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 | X |
- 40th A Low*

CIG: Give rank and initials 72

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

- 2nd Lt. Tinkham, C.P. P
- 2nd Lt. Grumbles, B.H. CP
- 2nd Lt. Burwick, B. N
- Sgt. Vickroy, J.G. B
- Sgt. Guttenberg, D.E. RB
- Sgt. White, L.P. B
- Sgt. Motisi, F.L. BT
- Sgt. Hesser, R.L. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 14 06 3/4
- Secondary: Heading: 150
- Last Resort: Height: 23,900
- T.O. (Circle One)
- Turn off target: 050M.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 19 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs: 19/10 An. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 1910 Eng. - 6,000' - 1910 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____
- 9/10 target - 1910 breaks channel - 3/10 G.

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
<u>no</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 A/C Number 765 Letter 1 Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0938 Time Landed 1816 40 # A
low.

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 |

Crew: Give Rank and Initials 23

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. Smith, E.A. ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. Peckham, W.T. ✓ CP
- F/O. Butucel, P.J. ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. Cooper, M.D. ✓ B
- Sgt. Brown, R.L. ✓ RO
- Sgt. Lynn, S.D. ✓ E
- Sgt. Michel, J.E. ✓ ET
- Sgt. McCoy, J.W. ✓ WG
- Sgt. Moxen, H. ✓ TG

No

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF) or Visual

Primary: Time: 1406 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 156°
 Last Resort: Height: 23,700

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 032°
6 x 500
4 - M17

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

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

Own Bombs: No - 16/10 Any Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: As briefed WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? No

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1406</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>Heavy - Moderate</u>	<u>Black Red</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>Inaccurate</u>

Crew observations about Flak: Barrage type.

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 369 A/C Number 896 Letter U Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 18 15

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

40th A Low

CIGL: 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)

F/O. Christensen, R.H. P
 F/O. Walton, A.P. CP
 F/O. Geyser, R.P. N
 Sgt. Eudy, J.E. E
 Sgt. McElmon, F.S. RO
 Sgt. Nelson, G.L. E
 Sgt. Dedmon, H.E. BT
 Sgt. Facht, V.T. NG
 Sgt. Galuszka, R.J. TC

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1406 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 151

Last Resort: Height: 23500

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 045

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

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

Own Bombs: Own Bombs: unobs. an. Nichols: Yes Yes

Other bombing: Number and type

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: solid under cast - top 6-8000 ft.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D ERC BUCKNEY?

all the way in and out - 10/10
over target - few small breaks but not
enough for visual conditions - no high cloud.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

no con trails - few may be from fighters

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

Title	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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none to sentence - all below us in steep track - saw some
high flak before we got there - all to our right - saw some
three red bursts behind us in target area. This group never
flak.

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 A/C Number 570 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x 107 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed

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

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 25

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)

Capt. R. G. Mataka P

Capt. J. S. Law CP

1st Lt. C. R. Rubenstein N

1st Lt. R. H. Thayer B

T/Sgt. R. J. Yoder RO

T/Sgt. D. G. Smith E

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1404

2nd Lt. L. F. Thompson RN WW

Secondary: Heading: 149

S/Sgt. W. M. Bowers WG

Last Resort: Height: 25500

 WG

T.O. (Circle One) 042
 Turn off target:

S/Sgt. N. J. Tanno TG

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

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

Own Bombs: No returns. Wait until

any. Nichols: Yes (M)

BR circle. Solved next to lead.

Other Bombing: Slightly over lead.

Number and type

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: 10/10 Channel to target
* back. Very few holes.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Relay 'A'

Before Bombing by instr.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Title	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
Observed at Merseberg

Crew observations about Flak: Red bursts.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

1128 Felixstowe 2m So 17000'
1735 Clacton 5000

1. Time and Place of crossing British Coast _____

2. Was Course as Briefed? IP 'S'
If not, describe course in detail _____

1158 Ostend 2m So 12000'
1705 Ostend 12000

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____

4. Time over Target 1404 IP 1356 hr.
Altitude over Target 75500 5183 1141
Position of Group on Bomb Run high sqdn 26000
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run 149°
Duration Bomb Run 35 m.

5. Time of Landing at base 1840
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sy2 OFFICER Esper.

SQUADRON 000 368 0000 00 A/C Number 802 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1840

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

4000 A High

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

nil.

CIGL: Give Rank and Initials 26

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 ✓ E
- 2nd Lt. D. L. McGinnis ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. J. E. Shook ✓ N
- Sgt. F. C. Dusenberry ✓ B
- S/Sgt. W. M. Williams ✓ RD
- T/Sgt. R. F. John ✓ E
- Sgt. A. J. Conroy ✓ BT
- Sgt. R. W. Litka ✓ WG
- Sgt. H. H. Williams ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1404
 Secondary: Heading: 141
 Last Resort: Height: 26020
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 054

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

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

Own Bombs: ombs. any Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? nil Was camera turned on
 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak:

12 bursts red flak over target while on turn off target after bombs away.

SQUADRON 368 a/c Number 429 Letter _____ Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position - Formation

Time Took Off: 0938 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

4000 A
High

GUM: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. W. D. Carder ✓ EP
- 2nd Lt. A. V. Mura, Jr. ✓ EP
- 2nd Lt. H. M. Campbell ✓ N
- 1st Lt. R. G. Mason ✓ B
- S/Sgt. L. N. Goldman ✓ BO
- S/Sgt. R. W. Circle ✓ E
- S/Sgt. R. G. Atwood ✓ BT
- _____ ✓ WG
- _____ ✓ WG
- Sgt. A. P. Dumenigo ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1404
 Secondary: Heading: 145
 Last Resort: Height: 25500

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 090

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 (all) Any Nichols: Yes

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____ SCS 51 - worked good in 7 out.

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>Miles</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>orange</u>	<u>bursts</u>	<u>low to steep</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~###~~ 368 ~~###~~ ~~###~~ A/C Number 916 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position on Formation 40th A High

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1836

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 |

CREW: Give Rank and Initials JL

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. B. L. Swango ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. W. C. Davenport ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. R. L. LeKashman ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. R. I. McCutchan ✓ E
- T/Sgt. W. T. Moss ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. W. J. Schultz ✓ E
- Sgt. J. F. Martinez ✓ BT
- Sgt. W. E. Smatlach ✓ WG
- Sgt. R. Pekofske ✓ TC

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1404
 Secondary: Heading: 148
 Last Resort: Height: 26,300

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

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 an. Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 1700 - 1910 - 1910
10,000' - Breaks - 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>Meager</u>					<u>No</u>

Crew observations about Flak:

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

no

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

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

*P-51's - 0359 E at
 1211 hrs. - identified as being
 356th Fr. Fg. Red + blue chiled
 nose - Very good.*

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 airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations.)

*SC551- 1225 at 5035 N 0501 E yellow
 and; crossed 1238314 hrs at 5004 N 0607 E
 out: 1527 hrs. 5013 N 0815 E (not blue) crossed 160012 hrs*

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?)

with y.

*5007 N
 0537 E
 gone excellent
 positive & a good
 thing to have
 two bunches
 & didn't come in
 no call letters
 of any kind.*

SQUADRON 44368 A/C Number 512 Letter 7 Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position and Formation

Time Took Off 0938 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 High
 X X X X X X
 X X X X

CRIT.: Give Rank and Initials 29

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. N. W. McKinney ✓
- 2nd Lt. A. J. McCalley ✓ EP
- 2nd Lt. G. R. Faulkner ✓ N
- Sgt. T. R. Foley ✓ B
- S/Sgt. L. J. Opper ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. L. F. Warren ✓ F
- Sgt. S. H. Eaton ✓ BT
- _____ ✓ WJ
- _____ ✓ WE
- Sgt. F. E. Newell ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1407

Secondary: Heading: 147 mag

Last Resort: Height: 25,000

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

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ an. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: 10/10ths Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Constantly overcast WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? (signature)

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Good weather

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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(circle) 5 bursts red flak, under main formation

Crew observations about Flak: Saw no "flak"

SQUADRON ~~###~~ 368 ~~###~~ A/C Number 474 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th A

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1835

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 30

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)

No

- 2nd Lt. H. B. Cahn B
- 2nd Lt. H. D. Hinckley CP
- 2nd Lt. W. E. Blouch N
- S/Sgt. R. H. Norheim B
- S/Sgt. R. H. Reck RO
- Sgt. K. J. Gibson E
- Sgt. W. O. Timmons BT
- Sgt. G. G. Olsen TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1404
Secondary: Heading: 150°
Last Resort: Height: 26,400'
T.O.
 (Circle One)
Turn off target: 063°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 x 500, 4 x M17 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: No 10/10 Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

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), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1404	Target	26,400	Heavy Slight	Black Red	Low	Inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: Barrage type

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ ~~44~~ # A/C Number 683 Letter J Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1821

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

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

40 & A
 High

CRW: 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. L. Patten ✓ F
 2nd Lt. J. E. Gooch ✓ CP
 2nd Lt. F. E. Hallish ✓ N
 2nd Lt. G. W. David ✓ B
 T/Sgt. W. J. Porozinski ✓ RO
 S/Sgt. N. C. Hansen ✓ B
 Sgt. R. F. Stetler ✓ BT
 Sgt. I. W. Scott ✓ WG
 S/Sgt. J. W. Hall ✓ TG

No

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1405
 Secondary: Heading: 150°
 Last Resort: Height: 23,800

T.O. (Circle One) 060°
 Turn off target: 090°

6 x 500
 4 - M17

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

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

Own Bombs: 30 min. previous to I.P. lost #3 turbo supercharger. Had to drop back to low. An. Nichols: Yes ✓
low did not drop so dropped back to high and dropped with them. 2 bombs hung up, dropped 10 seconds late.
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

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), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1405	Target	23,800	Heavy - Slight	Black Red	Low	Inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: Barrage type, Very inaccurate.

SQUADRON 367 ~~444444~~ ~~277~~ A/C Number 908 Letter J Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 2 x WG 37
3 x WG 34 H.E.
5 x T 313

Position in Formation 40th A High

Time Took Off 0938 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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 32

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. D. G. Kingsley ✓
- 2nd Lt. S. G. Crete ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. R. W. Olson ✓ N
- Sgt. J. K. Harmer ✓ B
- Sgt. K. E. Weisner ✓ RO
- Sgt. W. H. Kennedy ✓ E
- Sgt. N. R. Hartley ✓ BT
- Sgt. S. R. Anguilano ✓ KG
- Sgt. N. R. Norquist ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1404
 Secondary: Heading: 130
 Last Resort: Height: 2600

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 40

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

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

Own Bombs: on high rd. any Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombing: Number and type 10

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: 5051 - "Z"
Did not notice when change

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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Major Low, burst of 105 (large bursts) to Rt.

T.G. said tracking after turn off target
 Crew observations about Flak: after turn off target

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ 13# A/C Number 604 Letter Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.S. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1830

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form to detail.
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | X | | | | |
| X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
- 40th A High*

None

Crew: Give Rank and Initials 33

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. L. J. Smith ✓ P
- O W. Walsh ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. G. H. Urban ✓ N
- Sgt. H. Hernandez ✓ B
- S/Sgt. R. C. Grimm ✓ RO
- Sgt. P. Helenbart ✓ E
- Sgt. S. Alowitz ✓ ST
- Sgt. J. V. Cronin ✓ NG
- Sgt. D. R. Jensen ✓ TG

None

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1401
 Secondary: Heading: 145°M
 Last Resort: Height: 26,500

T.O. 085°
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: NOTHING An. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type

Other Bombing:

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

6. WEATHER: Ball camera ineffective
10/10 except in very few spots
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1400</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>26000</u>	<u>light to mod.</u>	<u>black & gray</u>	<u>right</u>	<u>inaccurate</u>
				<u>few red</u>	<u>slightly low</u>	

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 368 368 368 A/C Number 711 Letter D Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1835

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 | X | X | X | X |
- 40th A High

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials 34

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. C. W. Whitcomb ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. F. W. Hales ✓ CP
- 1st Lt. W. L. Gillaspie ✓ M
- 2nd Lt. S. O. Briggs ✓ B
- S/Sgt. G. M. Ringwald ✓ EO
- S/Sgt. E. E. Nelson ✓ E
- Sgt. R. O. Dinger ✓ ST
- S/Sgt. R. J. Bocian ✓ TG
- Sgt. R. N. Gustafson ✓ SJ
- Sgt. L. F. Dorenbusch ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1400 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 146
 Last Resort: Height: 25 300
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 40°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 27 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 has camera turned on Yes
 Hand Movie Yes

6. WEATHER: low overcast all ch way
10/10 at tgt. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D WRC 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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none low small 2 mins before B.P.

Crew observations about Flak:

20 ft bursts

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 A/C Number 814 Letter G Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.S. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0838 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

40 ft High

CIDR: Give Rank and Initials 35

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

- 2nd Lt. D. M. Sandercock P
- 2nd Lt. D. B. Clocksin OP
- F/O J. W. Casino N
- S/Sgt. P. J. Hannum B
- Sgt. A. R. Berglund RO
- Sgt. H. Keiling E
- Sgt. W. R. Humphreys ET
- Sgt. M. W. Zahn WJ
- Sgt. R. L. McQuain SJ WG
- Sgt. G. P. Hicks TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1464
 Secondary: Heading: 129° mag
 Last Resort: Height: 25000 ft
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: Not observed An. Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombing: 10/10ths Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Consistently overcast from combat cloud WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? from
eg. Ender

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

Crew observations about Flak: "None in us"

SQUADRON 368 A/C Number 028 Letter O Date 27-2-45

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1835

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	X	X

Hot A High

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 36

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

- 2nd Lt. H. N. Morris ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. G. L. Dobbs ✓ CP
- 1st Lt. J. T. Dobkowski ✓ M
- 2nd Lt. H. D. McTague ✓ B
- Sgt. R. W. Awe ✓ RO
- Sgt. R. J. Barnes ✓ E
- Sgt. R. M. Fairchild ✓ FT
- Sgt. R. E. Schuberg ✓ WG
- Sgt. J. E. O'Brien ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1404
 Secondary: Heading: 145
 Last Resort: Height: 26,500
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

- Sgt. R. E. Schuberg ✓ WG
- Sgt. J. E. O'Brien ✓ TG

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

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

Own Bombs: 1710 An. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 1710 - 6,000' 1710 - WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINGE? _____

W. target breaks; 1710 -

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: 0500E breaks - broke to dark

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

Title	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>Magell</u>				<u>Ravage</u>	<u>No</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ##### 3 A/C Number 359 Letter Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position on Formation 40th "A" Lead

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1831

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

CHIEF: 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. Hedley, T.D. P
- Major Konno, U.S. (40th) CP
- 2nd Lt. Atheraton, R.A. N
- 2nd Lt. Jefferson, L.U. F
- T/Sgt. Tutun, E.E. RO
- S/Sgt. Yorgason, F.W. E
- F/O. Meyer, C.R. WT Nav.
- S/Sgt. Brunner, D.J. NG
- 2nd Lt. Kichinceo, T.N. WR R.Na
- S/Sgt. Harper, J.L., Jr. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1403
 Secondary: Heading: 152
 Last Resort: Height: 25100
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 249

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 an. Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 15/10 all way in/out. Tops about 6000 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D ERC BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None SCS 51 - worked on way. Detail try anyway in.

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: <u>None, inaccurate, low, trailing minute or less.</u>						

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON ##### A/C Number 616 Letter Date 21/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1835

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

40th AS Lead

CH 2: 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. Schimmel, V.R. B
- 2nd Lt. Cheney, D.C. CP
- 2nd Lt. Heitman, E.C. N
- F/O. Garberich, R.C. B
- T/Sgt. Courtright, E.W. RO
- T/Sgt. DeSeve, N.H. E
- Sgt. Robertson, R.L. ET
- _____ WC
- _____ WC
- S/Sgt. McDonough, J.E. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1800 1442
 Secondary: Heading: 148
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 An. Nickels: Yes
 Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Break out 7,000' - 10,000' WHAT MESSAGES REC'D REC BUCKEYE?
9/10 target 10/10; Breaker to 3/10.

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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Target Black + Red Low + to right

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~447th~~ A/C Number 397 Letter C Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 5/500 - 4/1017 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A" Lead

Time Took Off 0938 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

CIGR.: Give Rank and Initials 4

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

- 2nd Lt. Daniel, R.W. ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. Paisley, D.C. ✓ CP
- 1st Lt. Finnell, L.E. ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. Prescott, J.B. ✓ B
- S/Sgt. Burkhardt, R.E. ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. Kelso, H.A. ✓ E
- S/Sgt. Adams, J.S. ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. Counts. ✓ TC

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 7:40 2 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 147
 Last Resort: Height: 2490
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: all

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed Am. Nickels: Yes N
 Other Bombing: solid 10/10 Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: as briefed - more undercast 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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"none at all"

Crew observations about Flak: Saw some way in distance - dark over Leipzig after turn off.

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 807 Letter P Date 27/2/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0938 Time Landed 1840

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 |

thick Lead

Crew: (Give Rank and Initials)

- 1st Lt. Hiedel, W.T. P
- 2nd Lt. Steiger, C.L. CP
- 2nd Lt. Hildebrand, F.B., Jr. N
- 2nd Lt. Holscher, R.G. B
- Sgt. Forgy, J.F. RO
- Sgt. Leavitt, S.R. E
- Sgt. Lindsay, R.W. BT
- Sgt. Rial, H.W. WG
- S/Sgt. Zach, R.K. (Jammer) XG

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)

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 17:03

Secondary: Heading: 147

Last Resort: Height: 24900

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 30°

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes h
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on _____
 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), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Scattered 5120-1030