

TELETYPE REPORT

A. Narrative.

1. 24 A/C took off at 0950 hrs to bomb the shipbuilding yards at Kiel. 3 A/C returned early due to mechanical failures and 21 A/C bombed the target. The route flown was approximately as ordered in good weather and clear visibility at the target.

2. Confused and uncertain because of inexperience with incendiary bombs. Crews reported that bombs were dropped in target area but could not follow them.

3. 1 - 1245 hours turned back 25 miles from German coast with #4 engine out.

1 - 1300 hours turned back 20 miles from German coast with engine failure.

1 - 1315 hours turned back at German coast with #4 prop wild and superchargers lagging.

4. Some 40 - 50 E/A, chiefly Fw 190's, Ju 88's, and Me 110's were reported seen but there were very few direct attacks on this group. They were first encountered about coast on way to target and pilots appeared inexperienced. Most attacks were from rear. No unusual markings were reported although one pure white Me 110 was seen. Aerial bombing was again resorted to and 1 B-17 may have been lost as a result. We claim 3 destroyed and 1 probable.

5. Flak was moderate and inaccurate for deflection on this group, but seemed intense and accurate on groups following. AA fire was reported from several ships in Kiel harbor.

6. 1 B-17 down just before target — 3 chutes out picked up by boat.

1 B-17 down at target — 4 chutes (this may have been hit by bomb).

1 B-17 hit just after target — went down in water — 5 chutes out close to boat.

1 B-17 straight down in dive at target — no chutes.

7. Mil.

8. Many naval and merchant ships in Kiel harbor taking evasive action.

Smoke screens seemed effective at Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, and Eckendorf.

3 submarines off German coast headed north.

B. Statistical.

1. 24.

2. 3.

3. 21.

4. Kiel — 0.

5. Flensburg — 0.

6. 0.

7. 0.

8. 0.

9. 0.

10. 0.

11. 0.

12. 10 x 500 G.P.; 16 x 100 Inc.; 4 x 500 Inc.

13. 304 x 100 Inc.; 76 x 500 Inc.; 20 x 500 G.P.

14. 48 x 100 Inc.; 12 x 500 Inc.

15. 0.

16. 0.

17. 0.

18. 0.

19. 0.

20. Primary. 1332 hours, 25,000 feet.

RACK CHART

TARGET

Date 19 - 5 - 43

Planned
Actual

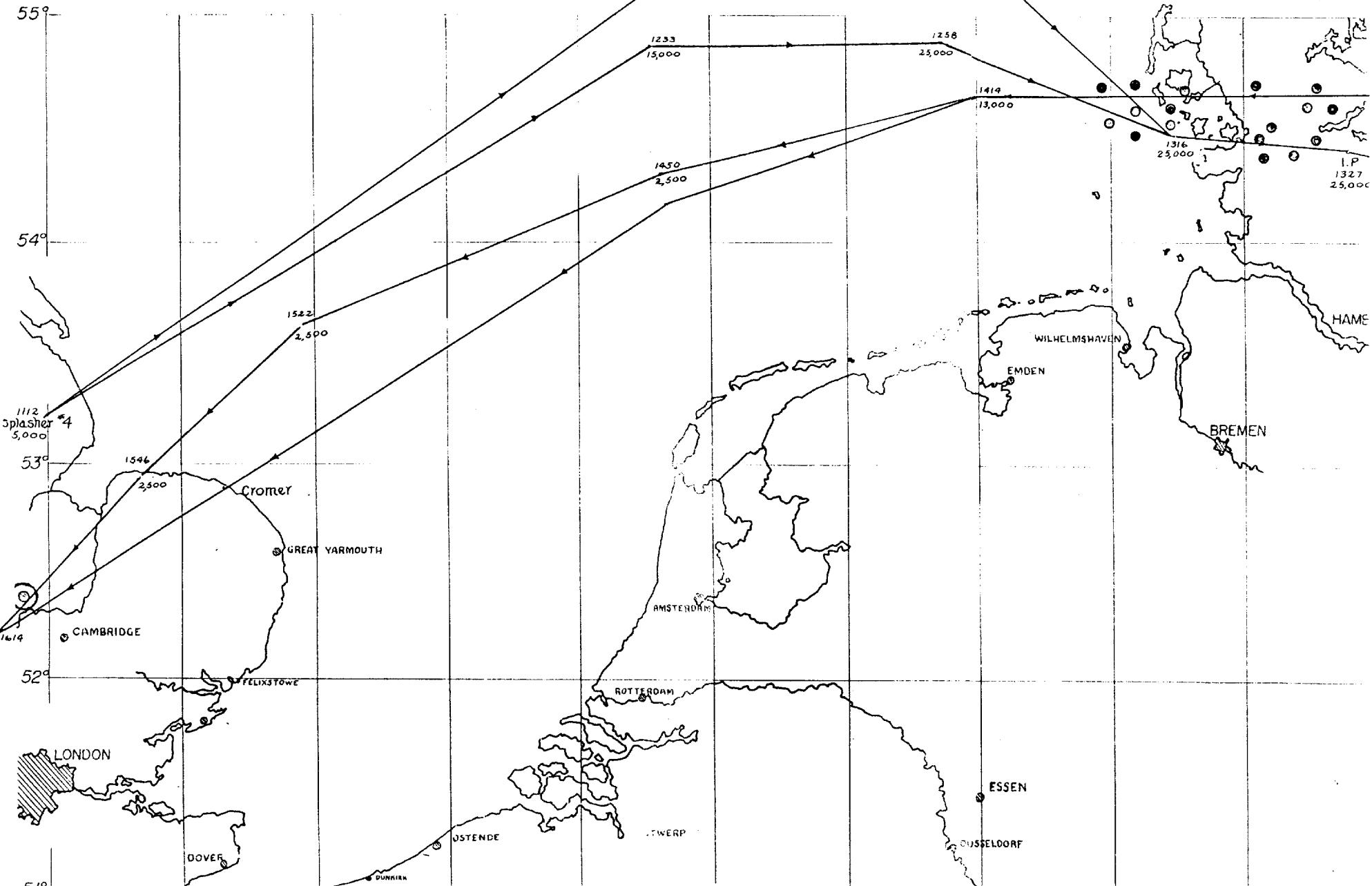
Route followed by

306 Bomb Gp.

Primary Kiel

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____



HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 634,
19 May 1943.

SUBJECT: Tactical Comments and Recommendations on Mission of 19 May 1943.

TO : Commanding General, First Bombardment Wing, APO 634.

1. It is recommended that the cancellation or postponement of take-off for combat missions be decided on and so coordinated between control officers with the information available to them, that the message may reach the operational stations at least a few minutes before the scheduled take-off time. On this mission twelve ships of the 94th Bombardment Group (H) had already taken off before the word was passed down to this station that the take-off had been delayed a half hour. Owing to the peculiar weather conditions, it was impossible to bring them back into this field, and they had to be sent to Bassingbourne for refueling before another take-off. This caused no little confusion both here and at Bassingbourne.

2. It is recommended that more consideration be given to the difficulties and hardships encountered when several different loadings are sent down, previous to a mission. In this case our ships were about 80% loaded when the final change came in at a late hour. Armorers and Ordnance personnel worked far into the night, undoing the work they had so assiduously performed previously, resulting in dangerous loss of sleep to these men, and, what is more important, a definite drop in morale. This is only a natural psychological reaction to these conditions, and the men themselves are not to be blamed for it.

3. On this mission the poorest piece of headwork was done by the leader of one of the other Groups. He attempted to get into our Combat Wing formation, and though he was not entirely successful, he needlessly exposed one Group to attacks from fighters, as well as raising havoc with the bombing run of the Composite Group of the 101st Combat Wing.

The leader of this offending Group brought his formation up alongside the Composite Group which was flying high off the lead Group. He fired a flare and attempted to move in to the position occupied by the Composite Group, but was not allowed to do so until after several attempts, he accomplished his purpose.

The two Groups then played a game of aerial tag, while lustily shooting flares to indicate that each knew the other was wrong. We are convinced that we were not wrong, since the leader of the Composite Group was one of our Squadron Commanders, flying near enough to the Lead Group to identify the planes in the high Squadron as belonging to his own Squadron. During this jockeying the Composite Group was thrown far enough out on the turn at the I.P. to cause considerable difficulty on the bombing run.

The problems presented by this incident are many. In the first place the present use of flares, with the coordination and knowledge displayed, does not seem to have solved the problem of Group identification. Secondly a better quality of "battle thinking" must be developed in order that such a thing is not allowed to happen again. Thirdly, a closer coordination must be developed between the Combat Wings, and among the individual Groups, so that a rendezvous may be affected without any possible chance of a recurrence of this incident. In connection with this last, it is felt that the choice of Leicester as one end of the rendezvous line was not too well made, since it involved a concentration of unassembled Groups and Combat Wings in such a position that such a thing as did happen could happen, which is really at the root of the whole trouble.

4. Again members of the 92nd Bombardment Group abandoned their assigned positions in the Combat Wing formation at a crucial time. It is again recommended that this Group not be required to participate in Combat missions until such time as they demonstrate proficiency in maintaining the Combat Wing formation.

5. It is recommended that the present available incendiary clusters not be carried into enemy territory until ballistic data is definitely established which will allow precision incendiary bombing with confidence commensurate with demolition bombing. This Group feels that the risk involved in carrying such a load into Germany are all out of proportion with the results attained.

Claude E. Putnam
CLAUDE E. PUTNAM,
Colonel, AC,
Commanding.

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VIII BOMBER COMMAND
A.P.O. 634

Bomber Command Narrative of Operations
Day Operation - 19 May, 1943
Mission No. 59
Targets: I. Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards at Kiel.
II. Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards at Flensburg.

A total of 187 B-17s from the 1st and 4th Wings were dispatched to carry out attacks against the Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards at Kiel and the Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards at Flensburg. The 379th Group carried out a diversionary sweep. Photographic evidence on the Kiel effort recorded during and after the raid does not reveal any new damage in the target area, however, crews report fair results. Bombing results on the Flensburg effort were good. No fighter support was furnished on the mission. Opposition was considerable at Kiel and moderate at Flensburg. Flak was moderate. 6 B-17s were lost, all from the 1st Wing.

Group	Number of a/c			Personnel casualties					
	Dispatched	Attacking	Abortive*	Lost	Claims	Killed	Wounded	Missing	
	A	B							
1st Wing									
91	19	16	2	1	1	4-0-0	0	0	10***
92	10	9	1	0	0	9-0-0	0	0	0
303	27	22	5	0	0	14-1-10	0	2	0
305	22	19	1	2	4	11-5-7	0	2	40
306	24	21	3	0	0	9-0-1	0	1	0
351	21	16**	5	0	1	7-1-3	1	2	10
	123	103**	17	3	6	48-7-21	1	7	60***
4th Wing									
94	26	25	1	0	0	6-0-4	2	0	0
95	15	11	4	0	0	3-2-6	0	4	0
96	23	19	4	0	0	3-2-4	0	0	0
	64	55	9	0	0	12-4-14	2	4	0
Diversion									
379	24	10	1	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	0

* Abortive 'A' - mechanical or personnel failures.

'B' - weather, recall, enemy action.

** 1 a/c attacked secondary target and 1 attacked last resort target.

*** In addition one civilian, a British News Correspondent, was killed.

PART I

Target: Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards at Kiel

Bombing Results: 101 B-17s dropped 679 x 500 G.P., 156 x 500 I.B., and 464

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Date *1/8/44*
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Date 1/6/62
By RUB OFFICE MIA

x 100 I.B. from 24500 - 26200 ft. at 1329 - 1333 hrs. at the Deutsche Werft U-Boat Yards with fair results. 1 B-17 dropped 10 x 500 G.P. on the Kriegsmarinewerft Dock Yards with results unknown. 1 B-17 dropped 10 x 500 G.P. on Flensburg with results unknown.

Reasons for failure to bomb: 17 a/c returned early because of mechanical failures, 1 was lost before reaching the target and 2 were lost at the target without definite knowledge of their having bombed.

Encounters: Considerable opposition was encountered from 35-75 e/a which were mostly FW 190s and Me 110s with some Ju 88s, Me 210s and Me 109s. Attacks began at the coast on the way in and continued for an hour and 10 minutes until

angles and positions with single engine a/c attacking mainly from the nose. 3-5 e/a attacked simultaneously at times. Over the target e/a came in bunches, attacking from the tail and below and breaking off at 800 yards, while a few came in from under the nose to about 300 yds. One group reported very few direct attacks and these mostly from the tail. Air-to-air bombing was again reported. Some FW 190s and Me 110s were solid white, some grey with yellow noses, and some with black fuselage and brown wings. Ju 88s were silver.

Casualties - Personnel: 1 crew member killed, 7 wounded, and 60 missing.

Equipment: Of the 6 B-17s lost, 1 was due to flak, 2 to e/a and three to unknown cause. 1 a/c went down at Kiel Fiord with three chutes opening, 1 down between Nordstrand Island and the mainland with 4 chutes, 1 crashed into Vollerwick Bay with 2 chutes (3 small boats near), 1 went into a straight dive over target with 6 chutes, one in a long dive in Kiel Fiord about five miles east of Kiel with 3 to 5 chutes seen and small boats picking up crews, and one unknown.

Estimated Battle Damage: 21 category "A", 7 category "AC".

Flak: Over target flak was barrage type, moderate to intense, and accurate for height but with inaccurate deflection, 1 red burst near the target. Flak ships in Kiel Harbor and Kiel Fohrde were very accurate. Slight, inaccurate flak at Soderroog, Husun, Rendsburg, Kappeln and Echernforde. Some red bursts seen in vicinity of Flensburg.

Fighter Support: No fighter support was furnished.

Route: Bases to Splasher 4, to $55^{\circ}10'N$ - $04^{\circ}40'E$, to $55^{\circ}17'N$ - $07^{\circ}00'E$, to $54^{\circ}30'N$ - $08^{\circ}32'E$ to I.P. at lake two miles N.W. of Schestedt at $54^{\circ}23'N$ - $09^{\circ}48'E$ to target. Route back: target to $54^{\circ}24'N$ - $10^{\circ}22'E$, to $54^{\circ}42'N$ - $10^{\circ}00'E$, to $54^{\circ}40'N$ - $07^{\circ}00'E$, to $54^{\circ}08'N$ - $04^{\circ}20'E$. to Cromar, to bases.

Weather: At take-off there were traces of medium and high cloud with trace - 4/10 thin low cloud at 1000-1500 ft. Visibility generally 4 - 6 miles, occasionally 1-2 miles. On the route out there was 3/10 - 5/10 variable strato-cumulus and cumulus with base at 2000-2500 ft. becoming clear at English Coast and to the target. Visibility 5-10 mi. with occasional haze. No medium or high cloud. At target there was clear - 2/10 low cloud at 2500-3000 ft. with trace of high cloud at estimated 30000 ft. Visibility 10-20 miles. On return route clear to 3/10 low clouds with base at 2000 ft. and tops at 3500

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By RIB DHC
Date 1/1/71
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ft, with traces of high cloud and clearing as English Coast approached. Occasional patch of 3/10 - 5/10 medium cloud at 8000 ft. Visibility at 10-20 miles. At bases on return clear with 10-20 mi. visibility. No contrails were reported. Winds and temperature was reported as good and as forecast.

Observations: One Ju 88 is reported to have directed flak from I.P. to beyond target. 14 vessels were seen in the Kiel Fiord some of which resemble naval craft and 2 as large as cruisers. Smoke from Flensburg after bombing was seen rising to a height of 8000 ft. from our a/c which were flying at an altitude of 25,000 ft. and 70 mi. away. 50 balloons were seen at Kiel; 50 were seen at Echernford at 1500 ft. A large, well camouflaged vessel was lying on the ice side of a small island S. of Sylt. 8-10 subs were observed E. of Sylt. There was 1 naval vessel thought to be an aircraft carrier or target tow in Kiel Harbor. A camouflaged cruiser was seen at Heligoland. 2 crews reported FW 190 with gun in tail firing to rear. 1 group reported that incendiaries dropped by group above flew apart and dropped in their path.

PART II

Target - Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards

Bombing Results: 55 B-17s of the 4th Wing dropped 536 x 500 GPs on the Flensburger Schiffsbau Yards from 22000 - 25000 ft. at 1325-1328 hrs. Strike photographs show a heavy concentration of bombs on and around the new shipyard. Reconnaissance photos show several hits on the U-Boat building shops. The main frame and angle bending shop and the quarantine station were also damaged. The old shipyards were damaged and were still smoking at the time of photographic reconnaissance.

Reasons for Failure to Bomb: 9 B-17s returned early due to mechanical failures

Encounters: Moderate opposition was encountered from I.P. into and out from the target over a period of approximately 30 minutes. Most of the a/a were FW 190s plus a few twin engine fighters. Attacks were persistent and mostly from 5-7 o'clock although some came from 11-2 o'clock. FW markings were silver, light blue, light grey, and yellow and red noses.

Casualties - Personnel: 2 crew members were killed and 4 wounded.

Equipment: No losses.

Estimated Battle Damage: 8 category "A" and 1 category "AC".

Flak: Flak was slight to moderate and inaccurate as to deflection. Black bursts were seen before reaching the target and red bursts after passing over it.

Fighter Support: None furnished.

Route: Bases to Splasher 4, to $55^{\circ}10'N$ - $04^{\circ}40'E$, to $55^{\circ}17'N$ - $07^{\circ}00'E$, to

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BY

RUB WTC

HEADQUARTERS
306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

APO 634,
19 May, 1943

SUBJECT: Enemy Opposition Tactics Report for Mission of 19th May, 1943.

To : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634.

1. General.

On 19th May, 1943, twenty four (24) A/C of the 306th Bomb Group (H) were airborne to bomb, with incendiaries, the shipbuilding yards at Kiel, Germany. Of the twenty four (24) A/C, three (3) flew with the Composite Group, the 92nd & 303 Bomb Groups (H). On the whole, because of the nature of the bombing load, the bombing results were visibly indeterminate.

2. Flak.

Flak over the target was accurate as to height, but off on deflection. Several crew members reported having seen red bursts of flak.

3. Fighter Opposition.

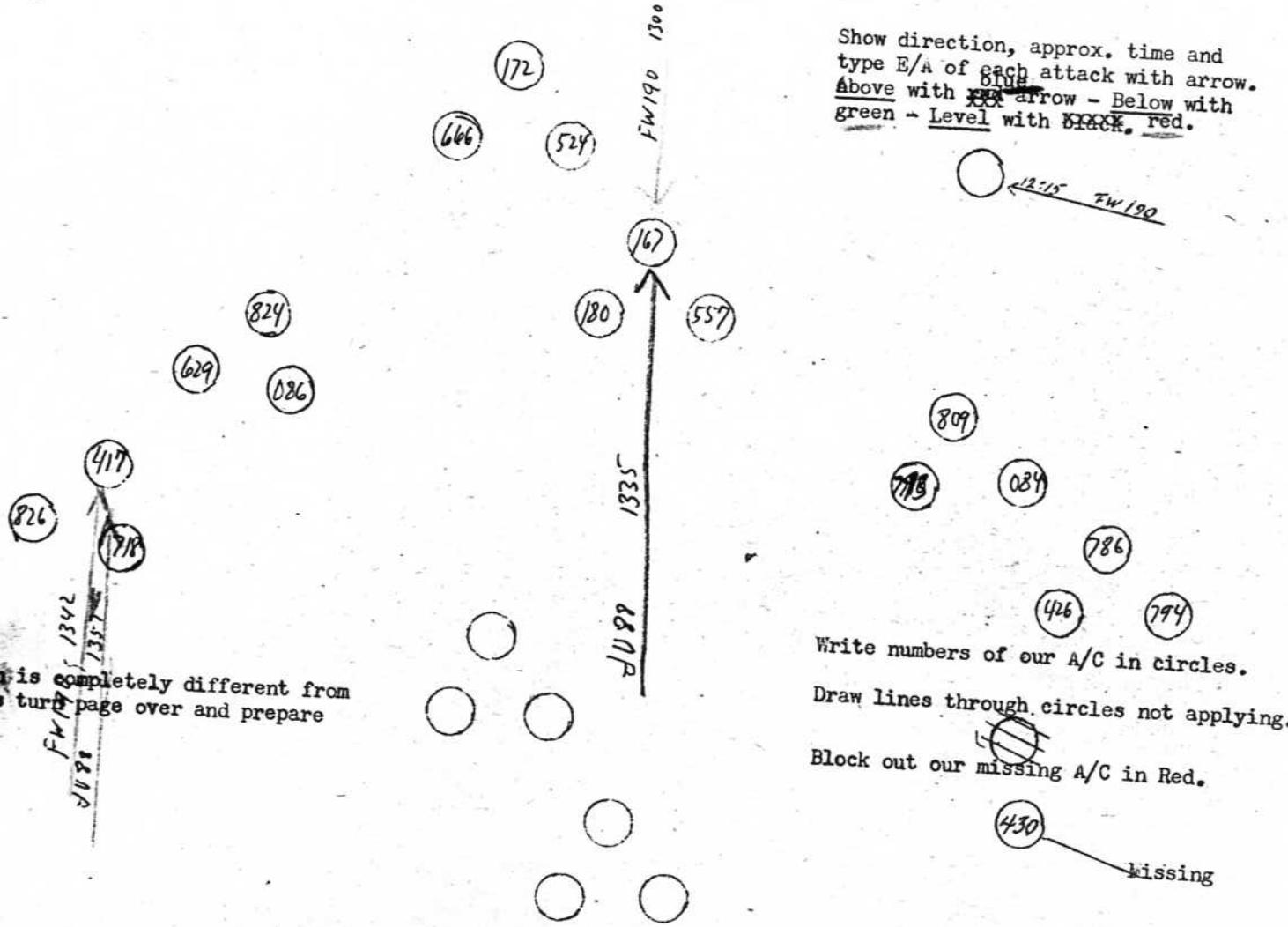
Fighter opposition as it affected this group was moderate. Between 30 & 50 E/A, mostly Fw 190's, with some Ju 88's and Me 109's, were encountered. Most attacks were made from between 2 and 5 o'clock. An Fw 190, painted silver, was reported as directing the enemy attack. Our A/C claim three (3) certainly destroyed and one (1) as probably destroyed. Several crew members reported aerial bombing.

JOHN B. WRIGHT,
Major, AC,
S-2

GROUP 306

DATE 3/19/43

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM



(3) 92nd didn't rendezvous until Denmark
assembled at 7000' -
8000' went to cloud (5)
Delayed 30 minutes
enroute & eliminated to 17000'
no contrails at (4) altitude

2 Gps at Poldington
30s - 30s
92 at Denmark
Flight support going in a few gaps
coming out one

Boundary

Plane to
Butterfield Ridge
A.Gp dropped
35 miles out after flight

4x500-16100 -

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (42) A/C Number 180 Letter B Date 19-5-43

Bomb Load H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed 1625

X X X X X

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1-B17 - 1345 before near P
Spun - hot water -
overheated -

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st C.F. Logan - Pilot

2nd M.W. Davis CO-P

2nd A.S. Morris Nav.

1st S.E. Drew Bomb.

S/S S.W. Smart SWARTZ Radio

S/S M. Wentworth Top T.

S/S G. Rorlund Ball T.

S-HC. Cordery R. Haist

S/S A. Romero L. Haist

S/S FN Porcelli Tail G.

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1330

Alternate 2 Height: 75000

Last Resort Heading: 67°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 200

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

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

Own Bombs:

Scattered like stars in wind

Other Bombing:

Don't know

Visiting to enclose radio gun jail

Yards away from main building, medium size, located in rear of building

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes 2nd No 2nd

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNNERS AND RESULTS:

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

(same as heading)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Wind speed 30 ft per sec

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

Time	Place	Height	Type	Flight, or A/C	Color	Location	Accuracy
				heavy), intense, moderate or slight	of flak	Bursts in re- lation to A/C	

Flak from Eden bridge - at Rabat near Jagd

At Jagd

Low, Behind at Jagd, Black

Crew observations about flak:

Good bit but inaccurate - 3 or 4000 feet below

By RLB DHC Date 1/8/93

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

20 all day ~~at 3~~

170-3c
F.W.

14 fishers at 13°

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

Several Davis

(Types)

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

1/2 singles - R.W.

(Location and length of fight)

1/2. Ju 88-

(Tactics of E/A)

Silver fusilage - Red Rudder - F.T.O

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

(Our defensive action)

Perd at B17 was out of
range.

~~CLAIMS~~

~~DESTROYED~~

~~PROBABLY~~

~~DAMAGED~~

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

~~53°47' N.
-001°08' East~~

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

1127 Saw 7 ships one apparently
sinking - another standing by - One still - Other ^{4/10} _{and}
circling.

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

Good Smoke Screen - Boys making smoke -
As he Pots along, Bank - Smoke pots to N.W. on Bay.

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

E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause) (Eckendorf
Buildings like hangars (10-15) on Langsdorff - along
INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how Coast

15 received, PLACE and TIME.
RECORDED

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

17. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)
Foggy says that one ship went down with her boat. It got this from someone in coffee room

③ II
13rd Down
3 Shells in water

4x500 - 16x100

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 794 Letter K Date 19-5-43

Bomb Load

H.E. Incend

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 10:00

Time Landed 16:30

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

① Before Target - Spun - Spun again
3 minutes overcast & Blew Up.

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) ~~Never seen~~

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st F.H. Owen - Pilot

Redywood - CO-P

Nav.

2nd Q.D. Moore - Bomb.

2nd F.X. Pierce - Top T.

→ Walkerbird - Top T. Radio

Ball T.

3rd R.B. Shultz - R. Raist

4th M. Causay - L. Raist

5th R.J. Durfee - Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: B17 - 8000 feet

Primary Time: Spinning before target

Alternate Height: Falling off 1330

Last Resort Heading: 24500 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 450

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

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

Own Bombs:

BIG FIRE

Other Bombing:

at Target

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. CRASHED TARGETS ATTACHED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Good

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

Type	Place	Height	Type (light, medium, heavy)	Color	Incendiary	Accuracy
A/C	out	10000	medium	orange	Bursts in re.	
			moderate or slight		Bursts	relation to A/C

Accurate for height inaccurate for range

Moderate - heavy - seemed more than last time

Crew observations about FLAK:

3 bursts going in.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Twins

(6)

(2) singles

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

F.W.

(Location and length of fight)

No attacks -

Hogging well away - JG 188 lobbing in
shells then thought heavier than

(Tactics of E/A)

70 mm.

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

3 submarines - 5 minutes off coast - German - headed North - parallel to coast -
24500 -

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

Any English Batteries shoot & bursts at incoming A/C.

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

(Person
way out)

- 15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Greenlanis falling from plane ahead - }
10 hr. }

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

(ship 150 yards away) -

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

Something must be done on formation
on Greenlanis

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 084 Letter N Date 3/19/43

Bomb Load 16 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 950 Time Landed 1610

Position in Formation

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and InitialsFriendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

J. T. B. Amland Pilot

{ 1B17 went to explode but the bomb
was in. 5 chute seen.

A. R. V. Shaeffer CO-P

{ 1B17 out over target. (Denmark) Good bomb.

H. A. B. Bryant Nav.

{ 1B17 on turn after target followed 8 Fbs. 3 chutes

H. E. M. Montoya Bomb.

{ 1B17 exploded

T/S W. J. Skahan Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

S/S D. E. Neff Top T.

Primary Time: 1335

S/S P. Marois Ball T.

Alternate Height: 24.6 m

S/S W. Barton R. Waist

Last Resort Heading: 125° mag. (circle)

T/S F. J. Kilbridge L. Waist

Duration Bomb Run: 20-25 sec.

S/S B. T. McCann Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Big smoke seen. But always seen
Clusters of black smoke definite for target area.

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

as briefed except stayed west until we got a fix. then straight in.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

good.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color	Location	Accuracy
of A/C				of Bursts	Bursts in relation to A/C	
1331	target	24.6 m	Intense.			

1331-35 Return. 24.6 m. Light hit fair accurate.

Over target. 10 to target some fair thick.

Crew observations about Flak: not accurate.

III

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 557 Letter T Date 19 Aug 43

Bomb Load Incondensable H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 9:58 Time Landed 1645

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
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- Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)Sgt E Hopkins Pilot2 B17 on water right after target
3 hours from 1. 2 from other.Lt F/O V.H. Jeffries CO-PSgt L.S. Pierce Nav.Sgt S.R. Stedt Bomb.S/Sgt H.W. Jones RadioS/Sgt T.F. Mahelick Top T.S/Sgt C. Shelly Ball T.S/Sgt O. Van Cleave R. MaistSgt R.L. Taylor L. MaistSgt E. B. Welsh Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1405

Alternate Height: 15000

Last Resort Heading: 10
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

30"

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

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

Own Bombs: difficult to see due to smoke & smoke screen

Other Bombing: whole area all smoke.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No? If Yes, give date, time, place, subject.

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As ordered - hit German coast

About 40 miles north of where should

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good visibility

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, or heavy), Intense, moderate or slight	Color	Location	Accuracy
					Bursts in rear	
					Bursts, Int. to A/C	

heavy but inaccurate.

(Indicates via telephone from [unclear])

Crew observations about Flak:

[unclear]

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

15 to 20

FW's 109's also 110's +
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

Ju88's

(Location and length of fight)

No direct attacks on this
Squadron - just circling at
distance

(Tactics of E/A)

Just silver & Black -
(Color, markings, etc., of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

None

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

None

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

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

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

Harrison cut on Finger - shell casing

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

none

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

none

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

Suggest abortion signal - Squadron
followed Hemmings at first when aborted -

S-2 OFFICER

Weld

TLE COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (169) 423 N/U Number 417 Letter Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load 16x1000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1004 Time Landed 1626

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

At 1318 a B-17 went down at coast or way in. in wide spiral - Pro signs - lots of fighters - crashed on land - 3 chutes Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Capt. J.G. Magoffin Pilot

Lt. A. Block CO-P

Lt. B.E. Howenstein Nav.

Lt. C.J.T. Davis Bomb.

T/S D.W. Sparks Radio

T/S D.L. Hinesbaugh Top T.

T/S P.P. Nolasco Ball T.

T/S J.T. Ross R. Maist

T/S R.G. Wattens L. Maist

T/S T.A. Rosato Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED

1-B17 #5 was jettisoned at 1350 went down in bay - #3 long on fire - under fighter attack - 5 chutes.

Primary Time: 1332

Alternate Height: 24800'

Last Resort Heading: 30° mag. (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: Toggled on Leader

were so spread that we could tell.

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

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

Own Bombs: Couldn't tell

Other Bombing: Previous two groups seemed to have concentrated their bombs right on the target.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. CROWD TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: ✓

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

Exactly as ordered. Slight pullout off target. then as above left.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Excellent

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (Light, or heavy), Intense,	Color	Location	Accuracy
			A/C	of	Bursts in re-	
			moderate or	Bursts	lition to A/C	
			slight			

1332 Target 24800' H-M. Black. Not accurate - covered a great area covered with sporadic bursts - not grouped. not evolced like they were firing but one gun at a time

Crew observations about Flak: 2 bombs dropped as we crossed the sun. At home in alt around. hit the alt. Don us

Bottom - Bomb exploded level - about 400 yd. behind us. Bomb was silver in color.

By R.B. HHC

MABA

Date 1/8/44

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

8 of three.

#5 Fw 190s, Me 109s, Ju 88s -

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

Attacked the group below us.

(Location and length of fight)

Stood off & lobed 20mm at us from tail or just out of range
of our guns.

Fighters were very poor today.

(Tactics of E/A)

MC 109 - painted white - did not attack, but was visible
for minutes.

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

R

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

✓

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

Good smoke screen over target.

Sent the group behind us blow an 88 all to pieces.

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

✓

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

✓

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

✓

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

✓

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

Group doesn't stand a chance while releasing incendiaries.
Would have been slaughtered if there had been good fighter opposition.

S-2 OFFICER

S. (Signature)

FILE COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 718 Letter D Date 19/5/43
 Bomb Load 10x500 GP Incendiary

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed 1630

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

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

B-17 - went down in a spin (from group ahead) crashed into water out of control - 2 chutes out on route just as we were about to cross coast on way in.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1332
 Alternate Height: 25000'
 Last Resort Heading: 100 mag.
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 30 sec.

Position in Formation

X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	(X)	X	X	X
Z				

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

A. H. Marsh Pilot

H. G. C. Beltinger CO-P

H. J. C. Brown Nav.

H. M. C. Zukovich Bomb.

T/S H. H. Lightbourn Radio

T/S B. Gordon Top T.

T/S P. W. Pappas Ball T.

T/S H. H. Krueger R. Waist

T/S C. B. Smith L. Waist

T/S H. L. Cox Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: about 5 miles - to right of target on some R.R. tracks.
 We were on a wing and made our own bombing run, staying in formation.

Other Bombing: - large billows of black smoke from the target of the 94th

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
 As ordered - except at I.P. - moved up at I.P.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Excellent.

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

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

1332 Target. 2500' H-

Black inaccurate

Single bursts or in twos - did not follow.

Flak seemed to be between the two groups.

Crew observations about Flak: Two aerial bombs - good for

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

25

Fw190

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

Me 110

(Type) ~~about 6 - did not attack us.~~

(Location and length of fight)

Groups of 6 or 8 - hung out away from us then went below - Saw 3 planes expend ammunition when they were not in range - then they went home.

(Tactics of E/A)

Two MG110's were painted white.

F.W.190's were black - one was silver.

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

Smoke screen - over target - very effusive.

75-100 boats in Kill Harbor. - (most of them small)

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C (Briefly) Empty cart - & ejected full cart.

- went thru nose + wing - melted prop.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

S. J. O'Brien

TIME COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 668 369 A/C Number 793 Letter P Date 5/19/43

Bomb Load H.E. Incendi 4x500 16x100 Position in Formation

Time Took Off 10:00 Time Landed 16:45 X X X X At

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. G.E. PARIS Pilot

B-17 Hit water from 2nd O.S. line CO-P

group ahead - 4 chutes " R.L. SLATER Nav.

" S. SILVERSTEIN Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 13:32

Sgt. AR. SORENSEN Top T.

Alternate Height: 25,000

Sgt. G.G. HOOT Ball. T.

Last Resort Heading: 113° (circle)

T/Sgt. R.L. HOWE R. Taist.

Duration Bomb Run: 30"

Sgt. J.J. MIGLIARO L. Taist.

Sgt. J. COULSEN Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: Sticks hit in area across Baunhoffen E. of Aiming Point - Smoke there

Other Bombing:

Smoke over aiming point (from previous bombs?)

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No? If yes, describe in detail.

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

On the nose

8. LEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

① Slight over Coast going in

T. Severe and acc. just before Aiming Point and again just after Aiming Point

Crew observations about Flak: Concentration of batteries at Canal Area N.W.T.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 / 368 / 369 (423) A/C Number 666 Letter Date 19 May
 Bomb Load 16x100 H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation

Time Took Off

Time Landed

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

P. H. Smith Pilot

R. Mc Callum CO-P.

J. S. Chaney Nav.

W. J. Gray Bomb.

H. Kate Radio

B. F. Buchanan Top T.

A. R. Adrian Ball T.

C. W. Durham R. Waist

J. C. Warminski L. Waist

B. J. Lamb Tail G.

2- TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1331
 2-14
 Alternate Height: 25000'
 Last Resort Heading: 40°
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 10 minutes

3- Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Return if Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Stil

Other Bombing: (If any) Several fires & heavy smoke in target area.
 Weather: (If it affected mission) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

6- GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

On briefed.

8- WEATHER: (If it affected mission) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

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

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

Moderate to heavy over target accurate as to altitude but off on deflection. Too close tho' for comfort. Looked like predicted fire. Few bursts near target area going in and forming out. Crew observed tons about flak:

Orange bursts again.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

35 to 50 F.W.s. Some T.E.s Jun. 88

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

8 ME 110 followed groups out

(Location and length of fight)

X X X X X
 X X X X X
 X X X X X
 A

Aerial bombs, big bursts of black smoke again.
 Tactics of E/A Dropped from above. Burst were way ahead.

Attacks today were more from the tail than
 (Color, markings, etc., of E/A) head-on today.

Solid white I.D. came in
 (Our defensive action) fairly close.

CLAIMS

DESTROYED PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Nil.

from RIB
Boats heading out for sea

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, mines, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks; new enemy installations, etc.).
 T.E. single file. Fighters on both front of English Coast - looked like heavy attack. Boat was getting away. Two attacks and Wilhelmshaven.

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

Over.

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

15.

16. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Brief description of damage to aircraft, if any, and cause.)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Nil.

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

Still hearing someone on radio - Command.

Could someone be transmitting by VHF

S-2 OFFICER Wright

Form COMPLETED

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 1367 368 369 423 A/C Number 618 Letter Date 5/19/43

Bomb Load 16-100 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation (Composite)

Time Took Off 1000 Time Landed 1620

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

NO.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. H.T.F. White Pilot

(1) 2-17 was on way down together with 2nd Lt. D.H. White CO-P

return Sidi Fallah Nordstrand Island 2nd Lt. N.H. Simpson Nav.

on way in. saw just one chute.

(2) One minute before target ran 17 probably W. Z. Morey Bomb.

from first group (1000ft) go down at 5/pt G. V. C. V. G. Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED: spin at 1.315 o'clock S/pt C.E. Vandrachek Top T.

Primary Time: 1330 (continued) S/pt FW. Pulliam Ball T.

Alternate Height: 25,600 (below) S/pt G. Toney R. Raist

Last Resort Heading: 90° (circle) S/pt W.R. Ernest L. Raist

Duration Bomb Run: 60". S/pt W.D. Sherrill Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Whole place covered plastered with fires
on both sides of harbour.

Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? no

GROUND TARGETS, ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: no

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

As ordered.

WEATHER: (If it affected mission) swell.

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

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

Encountered flak at 10000 ft, heavy but inaccurate for us.
Next at target also heavy but inaccurate. Black oil
white. Altitude fair.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

About 20 to 30 FWs off 100/12 JU 88's.
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

No attacks. One plane just sat off to right
 (Location and length of fight)

about 1200 yds high. Our 1/12 shot at him - he left.
10 minutes after target down 190's came back 12 o'clock
Pulled off - went down under us in dive probably to attack
(Tactics of E/A)
gray bird. 4 JU 88's. after our water at 11 o'clock following
us fifty miles over water. Finally chased them off with
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

11. DEFENSIVE ACTION:

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

NO

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

see front smoke screen at target infiltration

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

see front

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

NO

15. DAMAGE TO A/C (Briefly)

AC

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: #3 & #4 engines rough at altitude
- spark plugs dirty.

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

Our comfortable trip. Good formation. Maneuvers unpredictable when relieved.

S-2 OFFICER 1st Lt G Richardson TLE CO: PLEIED

INTELLIGENCE FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 172 Letter Date 19 May.

Bomb Load 16 x 1000 H M Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed _____

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

- 1- HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 B17 down off Island

3000 ft. No destination

1 B17 down right over target

Fighter and flak

4 chuted in water

May. Lambert Pilot
R. O'Hara Co-P

Gasslin Nav.

Horner Bomb.

Sgt. J. K. Keen Kinn Radio

J. A. Blum Top T.

K. N. McCleve Ball T.

R. G. Jones R. Waist

J. O. Hooks L. Waist

W. V. Baker Tail G.

Art. Navigator Suggs L.C., Lt.

2 TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1332

Alternate Height: 24800

Last Resort Heading: 65° mag. (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

30"

3 Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: *all of them*

Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Nil.

Other Bombing:

Heavy fire and smoke near target near the previous kill target.

5 Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6 GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

About as planned.

8 WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Excellent.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type	Color	Location	Accuracy
		of	heavy, intense,	of	Bursts in re-	
		A/C	moderate or	Bursts	lation to A/C	
			slight.			

Moderate over target accurate for alt. not so good for deflection.

Flak boats at point going about 5000 feet below.

Crew observations about Flak:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

95-50 Matty FW's Perhaps 12 T.E.
 (Estimated total number of E/A) (Type) looking for stragglers

Most of fighters either went down for
 (Location and length of fight)
gas or after another group.

Dropped aerial bombs again pretty close
 E/A ^(Tactics of E/A) appeared to be going higher than previously.
 By black bursts as before

No dive attacks on this group.

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

Head on attacks on group behind.

white T.E.'s.

^(Our defensive action)
 white fuselage + blue

DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
AGED	
(Kill cut immediately) separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

P47's at 8 o'clock leaving English coast.

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

^{hot spots} Smoke screens at Emden, Wilhelmshaven, ~~and~~ ^{near} ~~near~~ ^{near} ~~Kiel~~ ^{near} Eckendorf. Kiel was fairly good.

Over 15. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, Accident or Undetermined Cause)

Over.

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

Jury, how

nil.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

nil.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

nil.

Wright

S-2 CAPTIAN

TIME COMPLETED

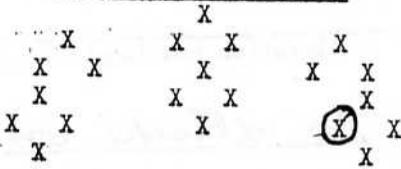
INTERROGATION FORM

12
 SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 426. Letter 19 May.

Bomb Load 16 X 100 H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1002 Time Landed _____



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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 B17 just before Target - 4 chute in water.
 1 B17 Before Target first new water 5 chute.

1 B17 down in dive no chute.

1 B17 B17's down near Target area I looked like it was

area 1 big by bomb (3 chute).

1 B17 big by bomb (3 chute).
 1 B17 hit water & exploded some bombs out

2- TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1330

Alternate Height: 2500'

Last Resort Heading: 100°
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

B.C. Bryant CO-P
Ram Cavedo Nav.

R.S. Lindsay Bomb.

B.S. Brown Radio

P.R. Roubet Top T.

C.E. Frymoyer Ball T.

S.A. Holloman R. Waist

B.L. Fassig L. Waist

H.W. Hoser Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs:

nil.

Other Bombing:

smoke screen at Target might have been
confused for bomb bursts. Large fire/mile
last of secondary.

5- Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6- GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed

8- WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Good.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Accuracy
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Fleek from ships in harbor may have accounted
Moderate on this group but looked intense
and accurate on group behind.

Crew observations about Flak:

Black & white bursts

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION:

75 or 30.
(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

No attacks on this A.C.

Group ahead was catching hell, however.
(Tactics of E/A)

Not close enough to see.

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	
Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Nil

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLANE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, etc signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations
15017: turned and went home near coast of Germany.
Bombed after ship off English Coast.
Some screens good at Wittenburg & Kiel.

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

(Over)

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Small hole in supercharger - flak?

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Running course good on Flensburg.

S-2 OFFICER

Wright

TIME COMPLETED

AIRCRAFT INDEX 12356, Section 3.3.
Date 1/8/43
By RIB JHC

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 A/C Number 071 Letter B Date 19/5/43

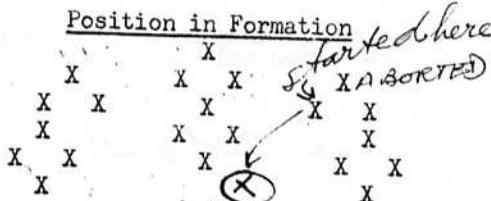
Bomb Load 10/500 (H.E.) Incendi

Time Took Off 1002 Time Landed 1640

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

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

2 B17, before, done
after (3 cluses 1340)



CREW: Give Rank and Initials

L.L.S. MINTIRE Pilot

L.R. EFIELD CO-P

" R.L. CLAUSEN Nav.

H.L. YOUNG Bomb.
ZIMMERMAN
ETTER Radio

T/S W.L. UTLEY Top T.

S/S A.D. CROMER Ball T.

S/S H.H. HEBERT R. Haist

S/S R.T. GOODWIN L. Haist

S/S M.G. MOODY Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1329

Alternate Height: 24800'

Last Resort Heading: 91°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

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

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

Own Bombs:

In target area

Other Bombing:

Fires all over

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

slightly rt - gained alt too late

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color	Location of Bursts	Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target & vicinity - mod- black lots very low - low much as 5000'

Crew observations about Flak: _____

MC 210

MC 109

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

10 7/E

20 7/E FW 190 ME 110

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

~~1310 until 1412~~

(Location and length of fight)

only one came close

(Tactics of E/A)

red with blue nose - mostly too far off

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

(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Fill out immediately separate claim FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

smoke generators all over E territory
not effective,

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

E/A after 2 B17's going down.

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

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

3 incend hit slight damage

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Poor formation for incend.

S-2 OFFICER

SKALAK STAC TIME COMPLETED 1717

By RUSOTH WBA Date 1/6/41

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 (423) A/C Number 524 Letter D Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load 3600lb N/A: Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 955 Time Landed 425 P.M.

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Lt. R.W. JONES Pilot

" D.A. STEELE CO-P

" J.M. CARVAJAL LHO Nav.

" M.F. PITTS Bomb.

T/S ME HOUCHENS Radio

S/S W.G. BERTHOLD Top T.

S/S D. DE FLORIO Ball T.

S/S L.J. HUSCHLER R. Waist

S/S J.H. JESSUP L. Waist

S/S F.S. MASON Tail G.

2 B17 - one in spin
one glidin' just
before target. 1 chunk, 1st
16 chunks 2nd

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1331

Alternate Height: 25000

Last Resort Heading: 109°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

10 - 15 sec.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: —

Target in smoke
Today - full of smoke

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

OK

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Before target - coast - not very acc. - mode to int
target - mod. to int. mostly in front & to right
very few (4) bursts close
after target - flak boats - mostly low
Crew observations about flak: some acc

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 086 Letter I Date 19/5/43Bomb Load 16/100 NNA Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1003Time Landed 1638

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)Lt. D.W. WHEELER Pilot

2 B17's down. 1 just before target - 2 Charles 2nd just after coast (target) 4 Charles

" GF THOMAS CO-P" D BOLLEVACK Nav." K. EVANS Bomb.S/S MA. NARUM RadioS/S AR SANTORO Top T.S/S E. MILLS Ball T.S/S RD DWIGGS NSR. WaistS/S NOT HERE HODGES L. WaistS/S RL MORRIS Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1332Alternate Height: 25100Last Resort Heading: 70° TRUE
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

40sec.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 3600 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Smoke over target from fires and smoke screens.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

OK except at target

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

OK

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

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

Target & 2500' mod. black several close low all over its vicinity white

Crew observations about Flak:

flak boats at coast

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

111 110

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

... APR 1960

(Types)

Yon coast going in in Feb 1965

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

silver (110)

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

violent evasive action
(Our defensive action)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

E/A got 2 B17's

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

Radio Ball/T - head injury

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flak one - thin camera well

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

REF ID: A6742051
WHEELER PILOT
Information necessary for Submission of Battle Casualty Reports:
Section 3.3, 24 APR 1944
REF ID: A6742051
By RIB THIC
NRA Date 1/8/44

WHEELER PILOT

19/5/43 (Date)

- (a) Name ELMER W. WILLS
(First) (Middle) (Last)
- (b) Army Serial Number _____
- (c) Organization: 367th Bomb Sq (H); 368th Bomb Sq (H); 369th Bomb Sq (H);
423rd Bomb Sq (H) (NOTE: Underline words applicable).
- (d) Position in Plane: Pilot; Co-Pilot; Navigator; Bombardier; Aerial Engineer;
Radio Operator; Waist Gunner; Lower Turret Gunner;
Tail Gunner. (NOTE: Underline words applicable).
- (e) Time of Casualty: 14 after Eng. coast about 1200
- (f) Locality of Casualty: " "
- (g) Nature of Injury: head cut in front
- (h) Cause of Injury: wire door opened accidentally

Officer Submitting Information:

MEDICAL

INTELLIGENCE

OPERATIONS

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 4629 Letter WWD Date 5/19/43.

Bomb Load 16x100 4x500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

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

Time Took Off _____ Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

1B17 from 1st group on target. P2.
 but by flak the fighters or not. Report
 of formation A/C in any kind of distress?
 (Give position, time, altitude, full
 details) E.G. Hayes

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Pilot

CO-P

Nav.

Bomb.

Radio

Top T.

Ball T.

R. Waist

L. Waist

Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1330

Alternate

Height: 25000 plus.

Last Resort

Heading: about 60°.

(circle)

Duration

Bomb Run: very short.

Inertial bomb timer.

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

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

Own Bombs:

fire & smoke observed very results.
 over whole end of bomb.

94th looks good.

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: none.

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

as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) perfect.

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

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

1330 Target. 25000 Moderate to light flak. About alt alarm

On coming in 2 bursts my bombs bombs. some accurate

Half way to target. few bursts at time.

flak hits on East Coast of Denmark. but accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 "A/C Number 306 Letter P" Date 19 Aug 43Bomb Load Incendiaries H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0930 Time Landed 1630

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1 B17 up down in spin at German coast - 2 chutes

Capt. Regan PilotCapt. O'Hara Co-PCapt. Kozakowski Nav.Capt. Dexter Bomb.Sgt. W. H. Mountain RadioSgt. C. T. Wendolock Top T.Sgt. P. Feltkau Ball T.Sgt. M. E. Nelson R. WaistSgt. J. Evans L. WaistSgt. H. R. Shom Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1330Alternate Height: 26000Last Resort Heading: 110
(circle) ...

Duration Bomb Run:

30'3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: noOther Bombing: not good - difficult to control bombs - also smoke screens,

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. COUNTRY TARGETS ATTACKED BY COUNTRY AND RESULTS:

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

as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

good

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (High, Moderate, or Low)	Color	Identified	Accuracy
of	or	above)	incendiary, flak, etc.	of	Bursts in re-	
A/C	moderate or	elliptical		Bursts	lation to A/C	

heavy, accurate

Crew observations about Field:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367, 368 (369) 423 A/C Number 826 Letter L Date Nov 19-43

Bomb Load Incendiary H.E. Incendi.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1004 Time Landed 1623

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

C. G. T. Schoolfield Pilot

2 B17's go down on way to target:
1 before German coast - 2 chute out.

C. W. A. Price CO-P

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1331

Alternate Height: 25000

Last Resort Heading: 30°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

15"

C. J. B. Mazzoni Nav.

C. L. B. Jones Bomb.

S/Sgt V. B. Stevens Radio

S/Sgt J. C. Stover Top T.

Sgt B. A. Hardy Ball. T.

Sgt H. H. Furr R. Waist

S/Sgt R. J. Conley L. Waist

S/Sgt A. N. McMahon Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: not see due to smoke screen

Other Bombing: visibility bad, due to smoke ^{on target}

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. COUNTRY TARGETS ATTACKED BY CONFIRM AND RESULTS:

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

as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good

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

Time	Place	Height	Type	Color	Location	Accuracy
of	or	of	or	of	Bombs in re-	
A/F	enemy	altitude	distance	Booms	turn	mission to A/C

heavy but inaccurate. Stepped up barrage.

Crew observations about Flak:

INT. VOGATION FORM

19/5/43

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 824 Letter Date

Bomb Load H.E. Incendiary

Time Took Off 1002 Time Landed 1625

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

Position in Formation

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

B-17 formation immediately ahead going down in smoke out of control. Saw it crash on land near P.P.

E. P. Molisewski Pilot

CO-P

J. J. Klette

Nav.

" *A. E. Schulstad*

Bomb.

Sgt. W. F. McDonald

Ra. o

Sgt. H. C. Greene

Top T.

Sgt. R. W. Falloway

Ball T.

Sgt. T. H. Tay

Ball T.

Sgt. J. F. Williams

R. Waist

Sgt. A. K. Fecoler

L. Waist

Sgt. R. D. Daly

Tail G.

2- TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1332 hrs

Alternate Height: 24500'

Last Resort Heading: 20°

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 30 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs: Many incendiary burst in mid air.

Other Bombing: Smoke in concentrated target area.

5- Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6- GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

✓ About as ordered.

8- WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clear over target

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or	Color	Location	Accuracy
of A/C				of Bursts	Bursts in relation to A/C	
1332 hrs	Target	24500'	Moderate Heavy Black			

Moderate Heavy Black inaccurate on direction

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 (368) 969-423 A/C Number 809 Letter T Date Aug 19-43

Bomb Load Incendiary, High Incendiary Position in Formation

Time Took Off 9:55 Time Landed 1645

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Lt. Judd Pilot

Lt. J. O. Cummings CO-P

Lt. Arnold Nav.

Lt G. J. Scipio Bomb.

Sgt. P. R. Grizzano Radio

S/Sgt. L. J. Kehler Top T.

S/Sgt. Remond Ball T.

S/Sgt. Hevac R. Waist

S/Sgt. G. Shouse L. Waist

S/Sgt. E. H. Polynon Tail G.

2 B-17 go down just before target
1 at target - 3 chutes picked up by boat.

2 Smoking tracks.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ✓ Time: 1332

Alternate Height: 25,500

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

30'

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

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

Own Bombs: good

Other Bombing: good

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. CRASH TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) good

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

Time	Place	Height	Type	Color	Location	Accuracy
of	way, in air, over	of	Bursts in re-			
A/T	target		turns		turn to A/C	

moderate flak over target

Crew observations about flak:

INTERROGATION FORMSQUADRON 367 (368) 369 423 A/C Number 502 Letter _____ Date 5/19/43

Bomb Load 5X 500 H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation
 Time Took Off 9:50 Time Landed 13:00

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Mined attack in right island (Diving Cart.) 20 mi off. at 1300 hr. Henneberry. Pilot

No fighters or planes. CO-P

Induction diving attack #4 Nav.

Approaching out on #7 Bomb.

Start in mid course #1 Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: Top T.

Alternate Height: Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: R. Maist

(circle) L. Maist

Duration Bomb Run: Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs: *Abortive*

Other Bombing: *Abortive*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 A/C Number 423 Letter 161 Date 19/5/43

Bomb Load

H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0855

Time Landed 1630

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

o Details:

*332N 45° E at 1120 hrs 5000 ft friendly battleship & small boat circling
now friendly screen and covering plane down with friendly A/C in any kind of distress?*

(Give position, time, altitude, full details) *Capt M.V. Salada Pilot*

B17 from 91 Group flying straight down to grid at 1316 hrs. Lt. R.R. Kelly CO-P

*B17 from 91 Group headed ahead Lt E.F. Dumbrook Nav.
going down in smoke with 5 fighters following him. Lt S. Lucas Bomb.
on his tail at about 10000 altitude Lt R.L. Neilly radio*

2- TARGET ATTACKED: probably hit big flak

Sgt. W.W. Fahrenholz Top T.

Sgt. B.E. Robinson Ball T.

Sgt. P. Jascoulias R. Waist

Capt C.R. Patten L. Waist

Sgt. D.O. Davis Tail G.

Col. W.J. Humphrey, Returned: Abortive:

3- Number of BOMBS dropped on target All Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: *fire and dense smoke on target. White smoke coming out of water area.*

5- Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6- GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7- ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE gives change, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

8- WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Clear over target*

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

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

Target. 1315 28000 Moderate heavy inaccurate at altitude

Flak positions marked on map being turned in.

Crew observations about Flak: *Flak boats at Labae*

By RUB/JAC

NARA Date 1/6/69

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITIVE

Between 25 and 30. probable 4 or 5. ^TE 1188. also ME 109 and FW 190s
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Types)

At 1348 hrs picked up followed about 20 minutes (^TE)
 (Location and height of flight)

At 1311 hrs picked up ^TE at England followed through target

Did not press attacks

(Tactics of E/A)

Observations Convoy about six ships trailing balloons

1545^{hrs} headed north, first short distance behind a freight, ^(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)
 T/E plane dropping bombs probably at a submarine.

(Our defensive action)

DESTROY

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

will cut immediately
separate from FORM for
each claim.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Saw fighters taking off from Oerrip. at
 1314 hrs.

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

Flensburg decoy smoke from Boisburg Eckernfoerde smoke screen on edge of bay and in town, Wilhelmshaven smoke screen

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

About 35 boats anchored in harbour about 9 in motion

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.) None

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) ?

One nose gun mount, Solenoids in ball turret not working
 not working, Oxygen ball turret not working

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)

B-17 following our formation at a distance made an approach landing at nearby field with wheels up and continued in flight without making landing

S-2 OFFICER

THE COMPLETED

Capt. W.D. [Signature]

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423 A/C Number 554 Letter Date May 19

Bomb Load 2 X 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 10:00 Time Landed 15:45

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

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st D R. Furmeister Pilot
1st W.W. Thomas CO-P
2nd A.F. Titus Nav.
2nd W.H. Rice Bomb.
T/S A.R. May Radio
T/S O.F. Harvey Top T.
Sgt. P.G. Pedersen Ball T.
S/S E. Neuhause R. Waist
S/S O.K. Nabors L. Waist
T/S H.B. Goldberg Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: No. 3 like 4 more or less

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Turned at 13:15

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

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

Own Bombs:

Just over Coast

Other Bombing:

Ran into Fighters Come in from 11:30 low (prob. 109's)
- Bombardier's Waist

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNNERS AND RESULTS: Gunner fired back over coast -

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Good

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

Time	Place	Height	Type of flight, or A/C	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts	Disposition of Bursts	Accuracy

At Coast, Battery burst behind
on a/c's level

Crew observations about flight:

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OR POSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<i>✓</i>
PROBABLY	<i>✓</i>
DAMAGED	<i>✓</i>
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

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

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

15. RADIO OP. had Oxygen trouble - affected his eyes temporarily -
 15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

See 1st. Page -

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

S-2 OFFICER

Weld

TIME COMPLETED

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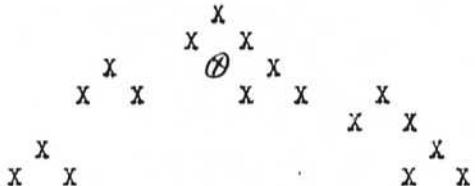
Group 306Date 19/5/43Squadron 423Place where attacked after sighting land going in.A/C No. 167Time about 1300 Height 24,500

Story of the attack-- E/A turned in to attack about 1200 yards. Gave him short burst at about 800 yds (about 15 to 20 rounds) kept coming straight in to about 400 yds, then fell out of control and spiralled down giving off greyish yellow smoke. Saw him hit the water about 3000 yards off shore. Could not see pilot bail out.

DESTROYED
A-2. 1.S.W.

(Include above how E/A attacked; how many hits made; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; & how he landed and acted going away.)

2. Diagram of attack:



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

Data on Combat
a. Our heading about 70°
b. visibility good
c. type of E/A Fw 190
d. level of attack;

From high above
(Check) level level
One) below very low

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Lt. J. S. LucasPositions Bombardier

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

Corroborated by Col. W. J. Humphrey
Position in A/C observer

Other A/C firing at the same time? noneComments of the interrogator: Sure destroyed.

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

Time _____
Capt. W. W. Glass

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 By RIB DHC
 NARA Date 1/19/94

Group 306
 Squadron 369
 A/C No. 417

Date 19/5/43

Place where attacked

Time 1357 Height 23,000

Just off coast on way back

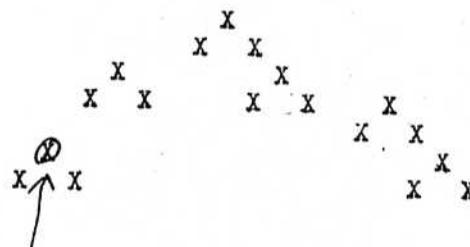
Story of the attack--

A Ju 88 was attacking a group below us. He broke off his attack up toward us. At about 800 yards the ball turret gunner gave him about 200 rounds. He broke off in a steep dive to the left and hit the water with a large splash.

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

~~DESTROYED~~

2. Diagram of attack:



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

Data on Combat
 a. Our heading _____
 b. visibility _____
 c. type of E/A _____
 d. level of attack Ju 88
 From high above _____
 (Check level _____
 One) below _____
 very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. P. P. Molasco.

Positions Ball turret.

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

Corroborated by

Position in A/C S/Sgt. R. G. Watkins.

Left waist.

Other A/C firing at the same time?

Yes -- the group below.

Comments of the interrogator:

This hit the water -- there is no fire.

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

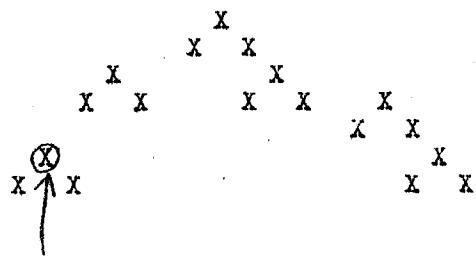
Capt. Owens.

Group 306Date 19/5/43Squadron 369Place where attacked after we left targetA/C No. 417Time 1342 Height 25,000 in turnDESTROYED
^{A-2}
_{I.B.W.}

Story of the attack— E/A came in, I started firing at 900 yards — he kept coming to 400 yds — broke off in a dive — fell about 500 ft when he broke into flames — began to spin & spun on into the ground. No chute.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show

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

Data on Combat

- Our heading _____
- visibility _____
- type of E/A Fw 190
- level of attack
From high above _____
(Check level level)
One) below _____
very low _____

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. T. S. RosatoPositions Tail gunner

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

Corroborated by S/Sgt. P. P. MolascoPosition in A/C Bali turretOther A/C firing at the same time? NoComments of the interrogator: this A/C is destroyed.

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

Time _____ Interrogator _____

Capt. R. J. Owen

COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 29/5/43

Squadron 449

Place where attacked after turn out of target

A/C No. 167

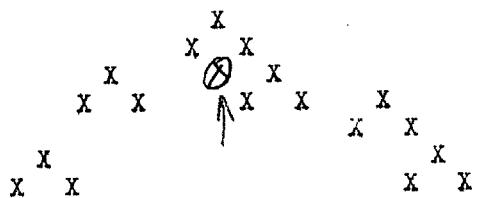
Time 1935 Height 24,500

Story of the attack-- first saw E/A above group behind. He dove over front and to side of this formation and into our A/C. Opened up with one burst of about 20 rounds at about 800 yards. E/A's left engine began smoking immediately after this burst and wings wavered and then E/A fell out of control passing under our A/C. Followed him down about 5000 feet.

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

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

2. Diagram of attack:



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

Data on Combat
a. Our heading /
b. visibility good
c. type of E/A Ju 88
d. level of attack
From high above X
(Check level
One) below very low

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names S/Sgt. D. G. Davis

Positions Tail gunner

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

Corroborated by
Position in A/C

Other A/C firing at the same time?

Element to gunner's right gave burst

Comments After E/A was hit and started smoking and falling out of control.

Probably destroyed.

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

Time Interrogator