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

APO 557
22 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative,
Mission: Hamm, 22 April, 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 557.

1. Narrative

30 A/C of the 306th Group took off at 1605 hours, flying lead group and lead and low squadrons of Composite high group in 40th CBW. They left English coast at 1802 hours, 5 miles north of Lowestoft; crossed enemy coast at 5237N x 0437E, at 1833 hours; arrived at 5232N x 0555E, at 1847 hours (six minutes late); the remainder of the course was followed as briefed except that Coesfeld was used as the IP, making the leg to IP shorter than planned. Target coast, leaving 5107N x 0240E at 2049 hours; English coast at 5155N x 0115E, at 2118 hours; landed at base at 2147 hours. No abortions, spares returned as briefed.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No enemy fighters were seen. Right after target, however, Group leader heard Vinegrove 33 calling for fighter support with the report that he was being attacked by 100 E/A. Some crews failed to see fighter escort between approximately 1841 and 2015 hours, while others reported escort available throughout. Crews generally agreed, however, that escort was sparse for 15 to 20 minutes right after target.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

A.A. Gun Fire at the target was moderate, tracking and accurate, particularly on the lead group, in which 15 out of 18 aircraft were damaged, 8 seriously. A.A. Gun Fire was less accurate on the high group, in which only two out of twelve A/C were damaged. Accurate navigation avoided other flak concentrations, which were observed in the distance, particularly in the Ruhr.

4. Bombing

Photos show target was already well hit at several points in central and northern sections of yard when 40th CBW bombed. Fires are also burning on both sides of yards, notably in warehouse or factory areas on both sides of tracks toward northern end. 306th Lead group's bombs are estimated to have fallen at Kasten edge of tracks, and High (Composite) Group's incendiaries into smoke just south of yard's center. A solid concentration, possibly Low Group's, fell on south end of yard. A big explosion was seen from yard area by high group four minutes after bombing.

5. Leaflets

No leaflets were carried.

6. Weather

There were no clouds over the continent, and visibility was good except for haze which interfered with horizontal visibility. Vertical visibility was good for the most part and did not interfere with identification of the target.

7. Observations

Just inside the coast en route in and out, extensive areas were seen to be flooded. A large smoke screen in the Ruhr outlined the industrial area.

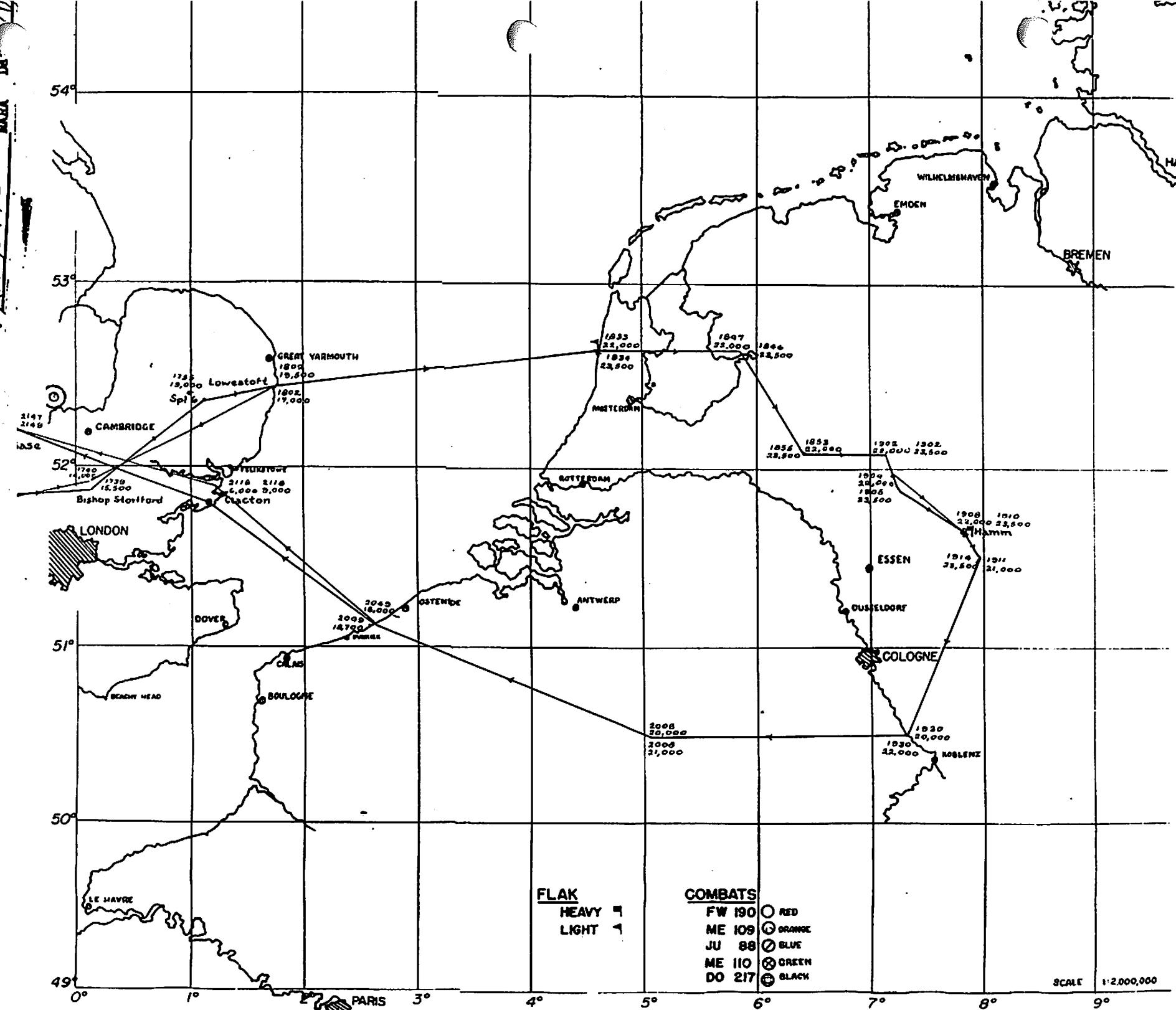
8. A/C landing Away

Our A/C #454, Pilot Curtis, landed at Manston and has been included in our statistics.

9. A/C in Distress

Four chutes seen in front of formation right after target at approximately 1910 hours. No A/C seen in vicinity.

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THE EXECUTIVE

HIGH GROUP

**CHALFANT
FRAZIER ***
418-J

BALDWIN
250-G

ADAMS
'73 Y-U

Encydiaries 92

PETERS 726-0 SWITZER 768-V SHUTZ * 444-Y 92 92
MALSOM * 099-S EBERT 850-B WETLAND 055-N 92

PAULSON CLARK ✓
148-K 894-S

EBERT
850-B

WETLAND
055-Y

92

1

PAULSON CLARK ✓
148-K 894-S

~~up~~
smoke bomb dropped first

92 92
FLOODED
→ REAS

* - Indicates CAMERA in ship.

~~Melville
00 P lot Hester
600 ft from~~

~~T 20
of flooded areas 1/3
Boulders turned
other flooded areas~~

AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

22 April 1944.

(DATE)

SQDN.	TYPE A/C	SERIAL NO.	FLAK	20MM	.303	50CAL FIRE	50CAL SHELL CASES	DAYS EST IN-OP
367th	B-17G	42-31726	Sev					
"	"	42-32099	No damaged					
"	"	42-37840	Sli					
"	"	42-38008	No damages					
"	"	42-97133	Sli					
"	"	42-97259	No damages					
"	"	42-38042	Severe					
"	"	42-31445	No damages					
SPARE	"	42-31469	Not used					
368th	"	42-97327	No damaged					
"	"	42-38148	Sli					
"	"	42-38155	Sev					
"	"	42-31556	Sev					
"	"	42-37943	Sev					
"	"	42-32113	Sev					
"	"	42-97323	Sev					
"	"	42-31454	<i>Pilot</i> Missing in action			<i>Landed at Incaston</i>		
SPARE	"	42-39776	Not used					
369th	"	42-31768	No damages					
"	"	42-31143	Sli					
"	"	42-38198	Sli					
"	"	42-31901	Sli					
"	"	42-97185	Sli					
"	"	42-31969	Sar					
"	B17F	42-30939	Sli					
SPARE	"	42-31558	Not used					
423rd	"	42-31418	No damages					
"	"	42-31737	No damages					
"	"	42-97250	No damages					

TOTAL DAMAGED	SEVERE	SLIGHT	FLAK	20MM	.303	50Cal Fire	50Cal Shell Cases
17	8	9	16	0	0	0	0

* MISSING ABORTIONS

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AIRCRAFT COMBAT MISSION REPORT

22 April 1944.

(DATE)

TOTAL
DAMAGED

SEVERE

SLIGHT

FLAK

MM .30

50ca1

OCAL

1

1

2

16

482-1000

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3

No. 19

Hamm (Germany)

April 22

Pre-Invasion Blitz Is Renewed

USAAF Out After Giant RAF Blow

Nearly 30,000 Tons Smear
Nazis From the Atlantic
Wall to Balkans

American bombers and fighters renewed their pre-invasion blitz on Nazi targets across Europe yesterday a few hours after a night armada of more than 1,000 RAF planes had closed out the war's heaviest week of air-offensive with attacks on three German cities.

With nearly 30,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries heaped on Nazi targets from the Atlantic Wall to the Balkans in the six days and nights up to yesterday's dawn, Marauders and Havocs, with Allied light craft, were opening the second week of the non-stop blitz as they headed over the Channel to the Continent, while in the south of Europe, a force of U.S. heavies struck again at aircraft factories near Vienna. Twice during the day the medium and light bombers went out, and while they were pounding the nearer targets, a force of nearly 500 U.S. fighters and fighter-bombers went on a deck-level strafing and dive-bombing expedition which took them over German airdromes in France. For the Marauders and Havocs, yesterday afternoon marked their tenth mission in six days and fourth in two days.

Heavy Flak Barrages

It was possibly significant that as the bombing prelude to amphibious assault on the Continent was stepped up to the war's highest pitch, the Nazis apparently had chosen the trans-Channel French coast to reinforce against air attack. Crews returning from weekend attacks along the flank of France facing the English coast reported unusually heavy barrages of flak, and vast areas of French sky were filled with bursting anti-aircraft fire . . . been none.

Bringing the big week's aerial push to a climax of destruction were:

An attack late Saturday by 750 to 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators, with an escort of equal numbers, on the German railway center of Hamm.

Two assaults in daylight Saturday on targets in northern France by Marauders and Havocs of the Ninth Air Force.

RAF and Allied medium-bomber attacks on more military objectives from Dieppe to Dunkirk and inland.

Dive-bomber attacks by U.S. fighter-bombers on Belgian and French rail centers and airfields.

The 1,000-plane blow by the RAF late Saturday night to Dusseldorf, Brunswick and Laon.

Linked with those blows and swelling almost to 30,000 tons the near-25,000-ton total dropped by Britain-based planes was a week of heavy, although intermittent, attack on Balkan rail junctions by the Mediterranean air forces.

The Mediterranean bombers had closed out their share of the big week with Friday raids on Bucharest and Turnu Severin, Rumanian rail junctions, and Italian ports, destroying some 35 enemy planes in air combat. Yesterday, they too launched a new week with a heavy attack on the Messerschmitt aircraft works at Wiener Neustadt, near Vienna, which has been hit repeatedly since autumn—just as often as Nazi repair gangs could restore facilities smashed by the Forts and Libs from the Mediterranean.

Russian bombers, which in the last month have co-ordinated their missions in southeast Europe with Allied blows at the Balkans, switched their main attack to the northeast and hit shale-oil distilleries in Estonia Friday night.

The Forts and Libs, with escorts of P38s, 47s and 51s from the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces, were striking in very great strength for the fourth time in five days when they went to Hamm Saturday.

With good visibility, the heavies heaped explosives on the railway yards there which are rated at a capacity of 10,000 cars daily.

Heavy damage was done to the Hamm yards, photographs showed, with bombs striking all along a three-mile stretch of tracks and switching trains. Fires, possibly from tank cars, spread after the attack, and the main station and repair shops also seemed to have been hit solidly, according to the photos. Steel works near the yards were hit, and fires were still burning there as the bombers turned away.

The day's box score showed 18 bombers and 13 fighters missing for the destruction of 20 German planes by bomber gunners and another 34 in aerial combats with the fighters.

The Luftwaffe came up to protect one of the key points in the Nazi system of mobile reserves to meet invasion, and bitter dogfights twisted across the western German skies. High spot of the fighting came when Col. Don Blakeslee's Mustang fighter group jumped on more than 25 Me109s, forced them into a defensive circle and then picked off 17 of the trapped Germans. Blakeslee got a

double, and F/Lts. John Godfrey, of Woonsocket, R.I., and Willard W. Milliken, of Malvern, Iowa, three each.

Other German planes were destroyed in aerial combat, and scores shot up on the ground, while some Thunderbolt units also included rail yards and trains, barges and oil tankers in the day's targets.

Largely, the escort kept the fighters from the bombers, but some enemy formations of 30 or 40 planes broke through the cover to barrel-roll through the B17s and 24s which, making one of their latest missions, landed back in England at dusk or even in the darkness.

The RAF's contribution to the weekend of bombing was aimed principally at Dusseldorf and Brunswick, with more than 1,000 planes taking part. An hour after the attack, huge fires were reported still flaming in Brunswick. The Laon railway yards also were hit Saturday night, and Mosquitoes went to Mannheim. Forty-two RAF aircraft were reported missing.

On Friday night the RAF had hit Cologne with Mosquitoes carrying 4,000-pound block-busters, carrying on the joint Allied campaign to smash the Nazi railway system reinforcing the coastal defenses of continental Europe.

While the heavy forces were spacing the main blows at strategic points across the Continent, the Marauder mediums and Havoc light bombers, along with Allied light forces and U.S. lighters and dive-bombers, were keeping up the trip-hammer pounding which has hit the Atlantic Wall every time the weather permitted for nearly a month.

Yesterday morning 300 B26s and A20s went back to the assault, and by noon had brought their bomb tonnage of the last six days to more than 3,600, with 2,700 sorties flown in that time. One Marauder and one Havoc were lost from the morning mission, bringing the six-day losses to 12 B26s and one A20.

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Group Navigator

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APO 557,
22 April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Navigation Narrative.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 557.

40th "A" Lead

1. Lead ship of the 306th Group leading the 40th Combat Wing and 1st Bombardment Division took off at 1617 and assembled on Podington buncher.
2. Combat Wing assembled on Podington buncher and departed there at 1714 at 11,000 feet.
3. Route to target was flown as briefed. Bombing was made on magnetic heading of 120° at 1908 from an altitude of 22000 feet. Wind for bombing was 355°/55 Knots.
4. Return route was flown as briefed and base was reached at 2147.
5. Lead navigator was Maj. J. S. Cheney.

40th "A" High (lead & Low Sq.)

1. Lead plane of 306th Group flying high with 40th Combat Wing (six planes furnished by 92nd Group) took off at 1605 and assembled on Podington buncher.
2. Combat Wing assembled on Podington buncher and departed there at 1714 at 12,000 feet.
3. Route to target was flown as briefed. Bombing was made on magnetic heading of 134° at 1910 at 23500 feet. Wind for bombing was 355°/55 Knots.
4. Return route was flown as briefed and base was reached at 2149.
5. Lead navigator was 1st Lt. R. P. Williams.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 869# 368 869# A/C Number 113-C Letter G Date 22/1/44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 #44 Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1617 Time Landed

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

Lead

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

AK 454 flat hit - front
out winds late - engines
going but straggled -

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. R.H. Ehrler ✓ Pilot

1st Lt. D.G. Jones ✓ Cc-P

1st Lt. J.W. James ✓ Nav.

1st Lt. B.C. Gustafson ✓ Bomb

T/Sgt. B.B. Ferns ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. P.J. Pratt ✓ Tep P

S/Sgt. J.C. Abbatiello ✓ Ball T

S/Sgt. E.J. Heintz ✓ R. Waist

S/Sgt. C.J. Predko ✓ L. Waist

S/Sgt. E.J. Heintz Hay Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1905 *With*

Alternate Height: *Others*

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Not observed

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With formations

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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	of Bursts in re- lation to A/C

Very scarce - moderate

Crew observations about Flak: *Right and no*

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Flex damage at 1911 (flat holes) - broked out
(Estimated total number of 3/4 seen) (Types)
No. 1 engine - Could feather - wind nulling - finally froze
(Location and length of fight)
went out - Wing vibrating - Right rudder
full forward to maintain control - Full trim
left way
(Tactics of E/A)

Tried to get in other groups but could't manage
it. Came down to 10,500 - only could
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)
maintain airspeed of 110-115 mph
air pressure down to 3.5" on No. 4.

(Our defensive action)
No. 1 engine really fired up
just at leaving Coast - but
stalled ship, then shived - put
it out.

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	0
PROBABLY	0
DAMAGED	0

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Beautiful support always around.

"4847s" failed all from 10 miles inside Coast to outside
Coast!"

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,

Domestic flooded.

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.)

None

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Flack -

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 A/C Number 055 Letter M Date 22-4-44

M-17

Bomb Load 2 x 500 #/# Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1605 Time Landed _____

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

High

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)

2nd Lt. W. C. Weiland ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. J. G. Seymour ✓ Cc-P

2nd Lt. F. A. Brockway ✓ Nav.

2nd Lt. J. C. Chambers ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. M. L. Hodges, Jr. ✓ Rail.

S/Sgt. S. J. LaGory ✓ Top "

P.T. J. D. Suba! ✓ Ball T

Sgt. C. P. Pindar ✓

Sgt. V. A. McQuinn ✓ R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. A. McShaffery ✓ L. Waist

Sgt. A. Berman ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

on target

Any Kickers: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

6. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

first bursts after J.P. just above

Crew observations about Flak:

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NRAA Date 1/3/4

NW!

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 A/C Number 850 Letter B Date 22-4-44

M-17

Bomb Load 12 x 500 #5# Incend.

Time Took off 1605

Time Landed 2241

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

High

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. D. Ebert ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. G. C. Berner ✓ Co-P

1st Lt. A. P. Baltunas ✓ Nav.

1st Lt. J. Tobias ✓ Bomb

Sgt. C. W. Hamby ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. K. N. Feltner ✓ Top P

S/Sgt. J. C. Early ✓ Ball T

S/Sgt. I. E. Walker, Jr. ✓ R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. D. Stotts ✓ L. Waist

S/Sgt. M. J. Knapp ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: *With others*

Alternate Height: *With others*

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Bomb in front was to North -

Other Bombing:

T68 was clear -

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? *No*

6. GROUNDED TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With Spikes

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
					Bursts in relation to A/C	

Crew observations about Flak:

Light and inaccurate.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(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) Not so hot -	

CLAIMS

DESTROYED	
PROBABLY	
DAMAGED	
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM form for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT~~P47s. P38s at Coast~~

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.
- Front South Green over whole Ruhr*

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, PLCE and TDE.)

15.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *none*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

*Tail Gunner in 055 shooting at P420 over
Ruhr Valley*

S-2 OFFICER

TLE COMPLETED

K. Smith

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON # 368 A/C Number 327 Letter U Date 22/1/44

Bomb Load M-17-12x500# Incend.

Position in Formation

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

High

Time Took off 1605 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, full details)

1st Lt. R.D. Tripp ✓ Pilot

1st Lt. R.C. McDaniel ✓ Co-P

1st Lt. F.E. Tingler ✓ Nav.

1st Lt. D.W. Baltzer ✓ Bomb

T/Sgt. E.C. Smartt ✓ Radio

T/Sgt. R.E. Phillips ✓ Tep P

S/Sgt. E. Goldbarst ✓ Ball T

Sgt. W.A. Davis ✓ R. Waist

S/Sgt. O. Woodall ✓ L. Waist

S/Sgt. C.L. Hum ✓ Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1810 1910

Alternate

Height: 23000

Last Resort Heading: 135 Mag
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

60 seconds

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

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

Own Bombs:

out target - 5 of tracks

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped _____

Number Boxes returned _____

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

No brief

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, moderate or slight.	Color	Location	Accuracy
A/C					Bursts in relation to A/C	

Crew observations about Flak:

2150025

96 No contacts over
enemy territory except few over Belg.

INTERROGATION FORM
SQUADRON 369 A/C Number 768 Letter V Date 22/4/44
M-17
Bomb Load 12 x 500 Incend.

10 Time Took off 1605 Time Landed 2222

Position in Formation

X	X	X	X	X
X	O	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X

High

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details: B-17 headed back into France on way home at coast

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. A.J. Switzer Pilot

2nd Lt. C.C. McKinney Co-P

2nd Lt. W.J. Trotter Nav.

2nd Lt. G.M. Krenn Bomb

T/Sgt. R.H. Reens Radio

T/Sgt. D.A. Hewerth Top R

S/Sgt. P.E. Morgan Ball T

Sgt. J.T. Justice R. Waist

Sgt. C.R. Clark L. Waist

S/Sgt. J.J. Richmond Tail G.

3. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1910

Alternate Height: 23200

Last Resort Heading: 130
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

not too good

Other Bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

clear

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

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

way out - meager or starting in air

cross armberg - meager

Crew observations about Flak:

crosses armberg

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 #868##869## A/C Number 726 Letter O Date 22/4/44

Bomb Load M-17-10x500# Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1606 Time Landed

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

High

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details

1923 hrs. - flying low just
after target - turn back
deeper into Germany

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. B.H. Peters	Pilot
2nd Lt. W.J. Pitblado	Co-P
2nd Lt. R. Gustafson	Nav.
2nd Lt. H.R. Legowski	Bomb
T/Sgt. W.A. Lindsey	Radio
T/Sgt. K.E. Hoffman	Tep P
S/Sgt. C. Dikmack	Ball T
S/Sgt. C.W. Raymond	R. Waist
S/Sgt. E.F. McClinchy	L. Waist
S/Sgt. J.D. Tricoglov	Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

on leader

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

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

Own Bombs:

some in yds

Other Bombing: others in town

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in re- lation to A/C
This stage	Out				
Along					
✓ look from left					
Crew observations about Flak:					

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(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)	

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good fighters escort from Kohn to French border as long as their gas lasted - picked up again at French coast

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.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

flak - #3 engine out - flak couldn't feather

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

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Spare

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 A/C Number 469 Letter K Date 22/4/44

Bomb Load M17 12x500# Incend, Position in Formation

Time Took off 1605 Time Landed x x x x

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No X X X X
Details: 17 hrs - 5223 X 0305 X X X X

Imm. /B17 hrs - 5223 X 0305
Details:

Our boys good. But high Sp of high

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

(give position, time, altitude,
directions) ~~gpa~~. Not so good.
Today day.

Did not see A/C in tenth

2. TARGET ATTACKED *New 245*
 Primary Time: *New 800 ft from
end of lead at lowest pt.*
 Alternate Height:
 Last Resort Heading:
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:
T/Sgt. D.A. Sheridan Radio
T/Sgt. W.P. Powers Tap Y
S/Sgt. W.W. Hurroughs Ball T
S/Sgt. R.A. Simonson R. Waist
S/Sgt. R.L. Duquette L. Waist
S/Sgt. R.J. Starzynski Tail G.

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

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

Own Bombs

Other Bombings

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

- #### 6. GROUND TARGETS "ATTACKED" BY GUN/FIRE AND RESULTS:

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

- 5. WEATHER:** (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 A/C Number 558 Letter M Date 22/4/44

Bomb Load 12 x 500 Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 1617 Time Landed 1911

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:

Named 1015 hrs. At. 5235X 0303

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CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Did not see A/C in distress.

1st Lt. P.C. Jorgenson Pilot

2nd Lt. L.E. Johns Co-P

1st Lt. F.M. Sovis Nav.

2nd Lt. R.E. Fraley Bomb

T/Sgt. G.J. King Radio

T/Sgt. V.V. Michaletz Top R

S/Sgt. B.W. Bennett Ball T

S/Sgt. R.N. Irwin R. Waist

S/Sgt. W.M. Yeager L. Waist

S/Sgt. R.A. Yerak Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) 12x500

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped _____

Number Boxes returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

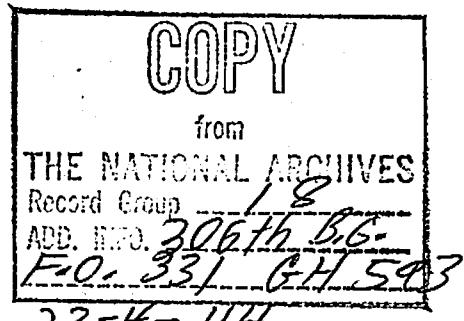
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8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:



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Box 625