

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
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APO 557  
22 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative,  
Mission: KIEL, South Germany, 22 May, 1944.

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

1. Narrative

306th flew 12 A/C as Low group and 6 as Lead and High elements of High Composite Group of 40th CBW. Rendezvous was satisfactory. Briefed route approximately followed throughout. Formation reached German Coast 7 minutes early, where CBW Leader aborted, radioing "So long, good luck". Deputy called for PFF bombing, approximately 11 minutes from Target. 4 minutes later undercast broke leaving open "Channel" clear to Target. PFF run continued however, with several turns shortly before bombing and a final right turn down toward aiming point. Both of our groups bombed at 1254, Low at 130 deg., High at 136 deg. Take off was at 0848, English Coast 1102 hours; German Coast 5433N x 0849E. 1241 hours; The German Coast out was crossed at 5411N x 0849E. at 1327 hours. English coast was crossed at 1532 hours; Base at 1618 hours. Low Group's AFCE was not working satisfactorily. High Group's worked well.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

Excellent fighter support was met early and continued in force over Germany. No attacks were made on this group. At 1305, 5 or 6 Me 109's were seen climbing below. Part of P-38 escort dropped belly tanks and dove on them joined by P-51's.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Moderate accurate A.A. Gun Fire at Target met High Group and was observed to make direct hit on Lead Group, bringing down 2 A/C in resulting collision. Practically no A.A. Gun Fire on Low Group. Barrage to one side at Heligoland.

4. Bombing

Our photos show heavy concentration (possibly 2 groups) in area south east of Naval Arsenal, running from Schonberger Street to Wire Cable Factory. Another concentration fell across the Harbor, running up into the Deutsche Werke and possibly causing considerable damage to shipping. Both of our group leaders felt that visual bombing was possible.

5. Leaflets

8 G-4L's were dropped on target at 1254 by A/C #301.

6. Weather

As briefed except no high cloud. Clouds broke away at shore line leaving hole over target.

7. Other A/C In Distress

Over target at 1254, 1 B-17 of Lead Group (G in Triangle), received direct flak hit, blew up. Right wing came off between #3 and #4 engines. This plane then hit another in same formation and both went down. One chute seen from second A/C, which was falling in spin with #2 engine on fire.

8. A/C Returning Early

A/C #153-V, pilot McKinney, #297-N, pilot Thompson, #042-P, pilot McGuire and #278-K pilot Pedersen, flying spares, turned back at 1134 hours at 5340N x 0300E. at 16,000 feet. Each returned 10 x 500.

A/C Not Bombing

A/C #578-D, pilot Hawley, failed to see Leader drop on Primary and brought back 10 x 500.

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## VIII BOMBER COMMAND - PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

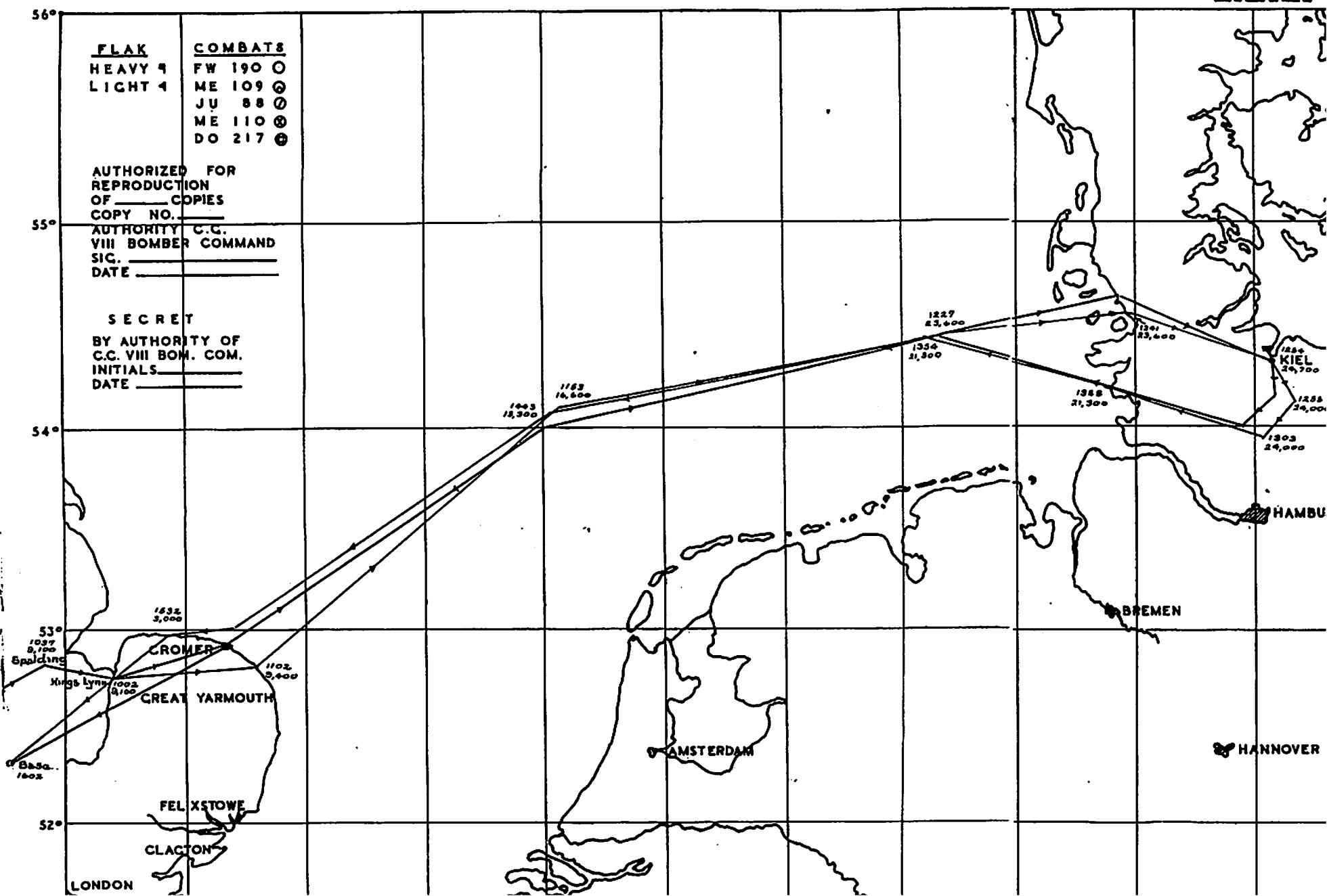
## TARGET

Primary Kiel, Germany  
Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

## **TRACK CHART**

DATE 22 May, 1944.

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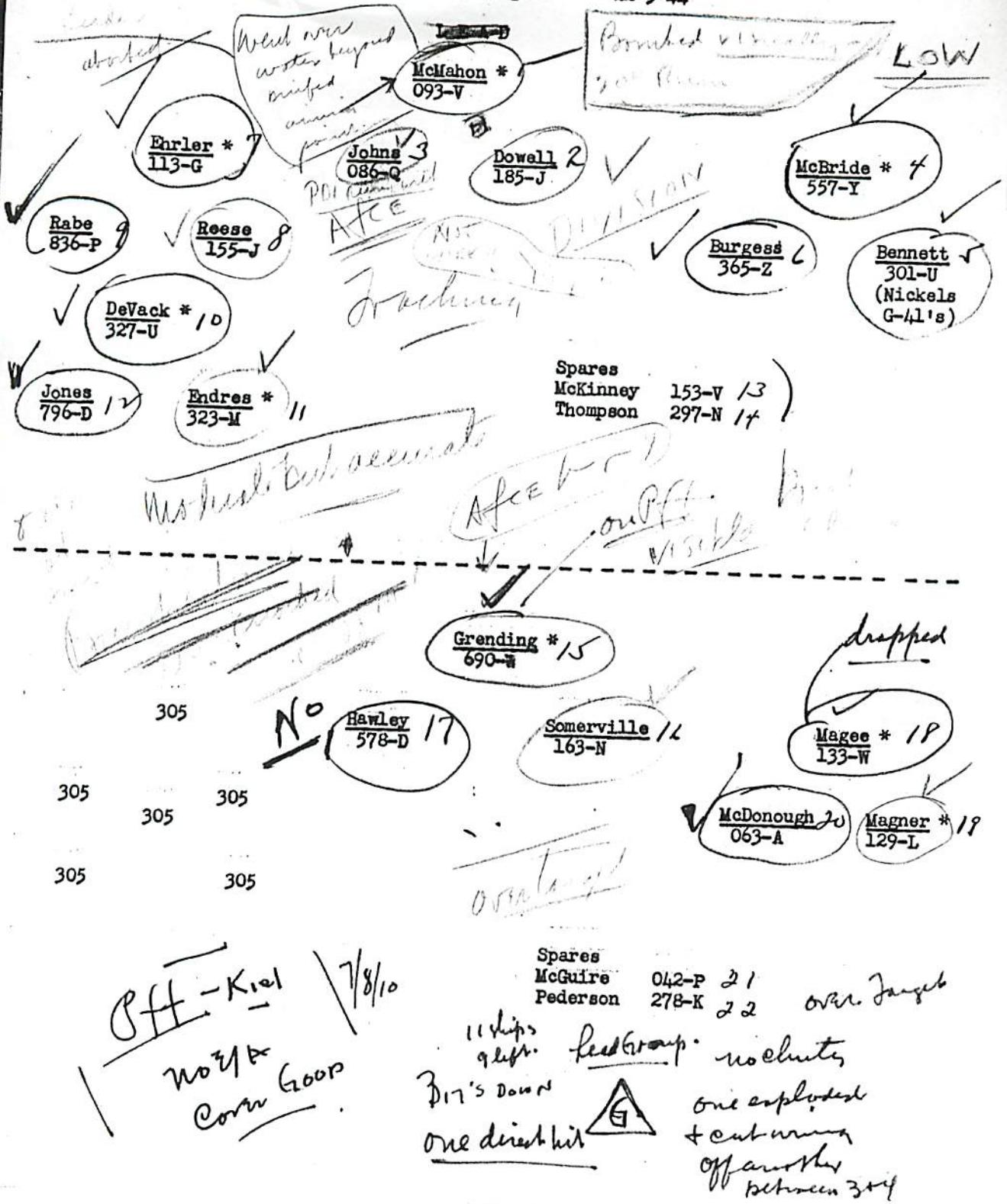
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### Formation Diagram

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## BOMB DISPOSAL

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NO.	A/C NO.	PILOT	Target	JETTI-SOLED	BROUGHT BACK	REMARKS
1	093V	McMahon	10X500			
2	185J	Dowell	10X500 1 Sm.B.			
3	086Q	Johns	10X500			
4	557Y	The Bride	10X500			
5	301U	Bennett	86.44 <sup>1/2</sup>	NICKELS	-1254 hours on P. target.	
DR. 10X	365Z	Burgess	10X500			
500 5/17	113G	Chalker	10X500			
N.	155J	Reese	10X500			
	836P	Rabe	10X500			
	327U	De Vack	10X500			
	323M	Endres	10X500			
	796D	Jones	10X500			
	153V	Mc Kinney	Spare			
	297N	Thompson	Spare			
	690W	Grending	10X500 1 Sm.B.			
Ph. 50 X 500 15	163N	Somerville	10X500			
Ret 50 X 500	578D	Hawley				
	133W	Magee	10X500			10X500
	129L	Magner	10X500			
	063A	Mc Donough	10X500			
	042P	Mc Guire	Spare			
	278K	Pederson	Spare			10X500
	23					10X500
	24		160X500			
	25		(4) 2 Sm.B.			50X500
	26					
	27		Nickels			
	28					
	29					
	30					
	TOTAL					

No. 27  
Kiel (Germany)  
May 22

Co-Pilot finished his tour of mission  
He was first pilot when other  
pilot finished.

## Fighters Blitz Europe Again; Forts Hit Kiel

### Invasion-Defense Fleet's Hideout Is Pasted; Libs Blast Atlantic Wall

American bombers and fighters ranged the breadth of northern Europe in daylight yesterday, smashing the enemy's communications and transport systems behind his invasion-defense lines for the second day in a row.

Nearly 1,000 fighters spread out over Germany and the occupied countries, strafing and dive-bombing locomotives, trains, barges, radio stations, airfields and other targets.

While the fighters were clipping tree tops all across the northern stretches of the Continent, Flying Fortresses hammered Kiel, hideout port for units of Germany's invasion defense fleet, and Liberators and U.S. and Allied lighter craft kept up the blitz on installations of Hitler's Atlantic Wall.

A force of some 250 B17s, covered by as many P47s, 51s and 38s, lanced through weak Luftwaffe defenses to give Kiel its first daylight attack since last Jan. 5, complementing the RAF's major assault of the preceding night on Duisberg, Germany's biggest inland port.

While the Forts were hitting Kiel, a similar force of Liberators provided the major punch of the day's battering of the military defense zone in the Pas de Calais and northern France. There was no fighter opposition, B24 crews reported, and flak varied from weak to no more than moderate in most cases.

Marauders Hit Airfield  
A small force of Marauder medium bombers, covered by Ninth Air Force P38s and 47s, opened the third day of the newest assault on northern France by hitting military objectives and the airfield at Beaumont le Roger, 70 miles west of Paris.

While there was no immediate official announcement of heavy-bomber or fighter losses, unofficial indications were that they would be comparatively light.

One B17 division came home to report not a single fighter attack, although some enemy aircraft were seen in the distance, but another division's crews described one frontal rush by 70 to 80 German fighters which were beaten off by U.S. fighter escorts before they could do major damage.

Some fighter pilots told of meeting more rocket-firing Nazi interceptors, which were dispersed with only long-range shots at the bombers.

German radio's version of the attack described "great battles" over the northern Reich, but added that weather conditions hampered the defenses. The

Nazis said "localities on Kiel Bay" had been hit.

While some of the fighter forces were herding the bombers to their targets, other formations fanned out over France, Holland, Belgium and northwestern Germany, and first returns from their bases added at least nine locomotives and ten freight trains to the big score rolled up by the strafing fleets Sunday.

Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, Thunderbolt pilot from Oil City, Pa., was credited with three victories in aerial combats to bring his total to 22, but dogfighting generally was on a comparatively minor scale.

Most of the fighters were searching for targets of opportunity and strafed as they found them, but some groups were despatched on dive-bombing missions where weather was clear.

German radio claimed that forces of American fighters swept on far to the east of Kiel, and a Swedish report that at least one Mustang had made a forced landing in southeastern Sweden seemed to confirm that.

The RAF's heavy night attack on Duisberg coincided with other blows at Hanover, Nazi chemical center, and an airfield in Belgium, as well as minelaying. Thirty RAF craft were reported missing.

In contrast to the comparatively inadequate daylight defense put up by the Luftwaffe yesterday, the night bombers met fierce resistance over Duisberg, crews reported.

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By RIBS JHC  
Date 1/9/94

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 667 368 A/C Number 093 Letter V Date 22-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0848 Time Landed 1511

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	X	X	X	X

HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Date 1/22/44

AC in lead Sp. 1st Lt. G. Odle flying High  
in long queue & cut off min. both over town.  
Mr. Chats No fire with 2nd Lt.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. J. B. McMahon Pilot

Maj. E. G. Odle Co-P

1st Lt. A. W. Stilwell Nav.

1st Lt. T. Boswell Bomb

T/Sgt. J. Alvaris Radio

T/Sgt. J. P. Dunten Tep P

S/Sgt. M. J. Saj Ball T

S/Sgt. W. W. Schmeckpepper R. Waist

2nd Lt. J. W. Shepherd L. Waist

Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1254

Alternate Height: 24,700

Last Resort Heading: 130° Myg

Duration Bomb Run: 1 min

Bomb Run: AFCE

Own Bombs: 12 bombs hit in water, one AP. Good gp. but no east land

Other Bombs: opposite Cen. Hit gp. worked well but gp. of bomb

Other Bombing: PD1 run on AFCE. Controlled by pilot from the tail.

Knockers: 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 Misposition 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, moderate or slight) Color Location

A/C of intense, of Bursts

slight.

Bursts in relation to A/C

More in center of town.

Marked mostly to our front.

Truck, truck, airplane, small tanks.

Not hit.

Crew observations about Flak:

## INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 362 XX-368 369 423rd A/C Number 6185 Letter J Date May 22, 1944

Bomber Load 10 x 500 H.E. X

## Position in Formation

Time Took off 08:48 Time Landed 1618

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 Lt. K. F. Dowell Pilot ✓

1st Lt. C. W. Young Co-P

F/O M. J. Meyer Nav.

1st Lt. J. D. Blum Bomb

T/Sgt. J. C. Hubbard Radio

T/Sgt. J. E. Mellyn Tap P

S/Sgt. C. W. Thomas Ball T

S/Sgt. H. Yamka R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. Waist

S/Sgt. E. B. Steinmann Tail G.

## C. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1234 —

Alternate Height: 24,600

Last Report Heading: 124 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Initial

5. Number of bombs dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Dropped on leader  
Circle set target -

any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

Number boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes? No

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.)  
Arrived at destination just now due to the target hit (circle)  
(circle bombing and return to base)8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 8/10Run visibility to 0000 ft. (circle) Wind direction SW Wind speed moderate (circle)

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

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

Light, moderate, low to left of target

Crew observations about Flak:

## INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367/1968, 369, Yer, N/C Number 086 letter, Date May 22, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Xxxxxx Position in Formation X

Time Took off 08.18 Time Landed 1617 X X X X X X X X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No  
Details: 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) 2nd Lt. L. E. Johns ✓ PilotIn Int. gp. - 2 Bf 11 at target - no chutes -  
On his first RT wing exploded think  
bottom turned reddish & fell on other

2nd Lt. Y. B. C. Newsom ✓ Co-P

2nd Lt. M. G. Ewell ✓ Nav.

2nd Lt. S. Ratner ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. E. E. Minor ✓ Radio

S/Sgt. R. I. Griggs ✓ Tep P

Sgt. D. B. Elpis ✓ Ball T

Sgt. W. F. Manning ✓ R. Waist

Sgt. W. J. Courture ✓ Tail G.

## 2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary 1 &amp; Time: 1254 ✓

Alternate Height: 24,300

Last Resort Heading: 145 mag (circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 10 min

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

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

Own Bombs: Hit while low

Any Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: 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.)

(brief)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 7/8/10 over target cu. short range high ground target

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

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

Target not accurate less than expected mod. alt about right

Crew observations about Flak:

Target area showers from Rockets(2) no explosions seen

INTERROGATION FORMSQUADRON 247XXBEX 369 A/C Number 6557 Letter Y Date May 22, 1944Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. XXXXXXPosition in FormationTime Took off 08:48 Time Landed 1621 1/2

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

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

1st Lt. C. W. McBride ✓ PilotCapt. Haas, N. M. ✓ Co-P1st Lt. A. H. Jacobs ✓ Nav.2nd Lt. F. E. Sweeney ✓ BcmT/Sgt. G. R. Bates ✓ RadioT/Sgt. H. B. Osterhoudt ✓ Tap YS/Sgt. R. G. Maloney ✓ Ball TS/Sgt. R. Brand ✓ R. WaistS/Sgt. R. A. Noble ✓ L. WaistS/Sgt. R. A. Noble ✓ Tail G.2. TARGET ATTACKED:PrimaryTime: 1254

Alternate

Height: 24500

Last Report

Heading: 130

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

40 sec5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 8 Jettisoned: 2 Returned: 2 Abortive:4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)Own Bombs: not observedwere over target.

Other Bombing:

not observed5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?Any Nukes: Yes NO

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

over land45-60 secafterplease6. 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.)good8. 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	Frequency
In - none	A/C				Bursts in re-	
					lation to A/C	

In - nonetargetmoderace, levelone holeBoats off to left 6 mi off coast (54°10'N 084°49')

Crew observations about Flak:

out inac, level but off to left

## INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X67X368 369 423 A/C Number 301 Letter U Date May 22, 1944  
 G-41's  
 Bomb Load NICKELS H.E. Phoenix.

Position in Formation

Time Take off 08148 Time Landed 1623

2. 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	X	X

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:  
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)  
 2nd Lt. F. H. Bennett ✓ Pilot

2-B-17 down over target. 2nd Lt. E. V. Mullerneaux Co-P  
 Believed to have been from 2nd Lt. D. W. Mier ✓ Nav.  
 305 group. Looked like one 2nd Lt. D. F. Berchardt ✓ Emb.  
 ship had dived hit and shot into another carrying him S/Sgt. J. H. Westhausen ✓ Radio  
 down.

3. TARGET ATTACKED:  
 Bolt Plane Primary Time: 1254 S/Sgt. A. H. Kasberg ✓ Tap R  
 were on Alternate Height: 25,000 Sgt. J. Iacaruso ✓ Ball T  
 fire. Last Resort Heading: 130 M. Sgt. N. Chadakoff ✓ R. Waist  
 No ✓ Sgt. E. Locher ✓ Tail G.  
 Chutes seen.

4. Number of Bombs dropped on target Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:  
 Own Bombs: Could not observe bombs to break Any Nickels: Yes No  
 and fell into clouds Number boxes dropped 8  
 Other Bombing: Cloud Cover Prevents Number Boxes returned 8

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? Shaff 3 min after d.p. for  
 GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: 12 mm used cliff,

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and Disposition of bombs.)  
 Selected Route was slightly north of d.p. over Bay.

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	Color	Location	Accuracy
of A/C				of	Bursts in relation to A/C	
			slight.			

Flak over Bay N.W. of Kiel Blk 5 off accurate light flak from Heligoland island Target mod to intense Barrage accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

Flak over target seem to increase in intensity on group after this one

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON B17X268 369 X28 A/C Number 365 Letter Z Date May 22, 1944Bomber Load 10 x 500 H.E. BombsPosition in FormationTime Took off 08:48 Time Landed 1624

X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

X X X X X X X X

(X) X

Q-17 (205 Rd-40 - Collected)  
any target - explosive (1) - fire (1) 200  
Chutes seen at time bombs away

X X X X X X X X

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

2nd Lt. L. W. Burgess Pilot

2nd Lt. C. J. Banas Co-P

2nd Lt. J. L. Tunstall Nav.

2nd Lt. O. Z. Stooker Bomb

S/Sgt. L. S. Davis Radio

S/Sgt. D. A. Goff Tep. W

Sgt. G. Lowe Ball T

Sgt. G. C. Stahl R. Maist

Sgt. W. H. Morris Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:Primary Time: 1254 1/2Alternate Height: 24500Last Report Heading: 122° 30' (circle)Duration-Bomb Run: 1 min

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

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

Own Bombs: 6/10 - 7/10on S.W. Acre - and Cornfield in waterOther Bombing: None Any Nickels: Yes NoNumber boxes dropped None Number boxes returned None

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

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 briefed8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Scattered small breaks

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

None - silent -Target - N.W. Mod - Red Rock - Bk. - 1st round - didn'tloading - poor

Crew observations about Flak:

no contrails at our altitude -  
chaff as briefed -

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 A/C Number 113 Letter G Date 22-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. XXXXXXPosition in Formation

Time Took off 0848 Time Landed 1015

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

R B-17s down over target (possibly collision) - no chutes - going down in tight spin falling to pieces.

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

2nd Lt. D. W. Murphy Co-P

1st Lt. J. W. James Nav.

1st Lt. B. C. Gustafson Bomb

T/Sgt. B. B. Ferns Radio

T/Sgt. P. J. Pratt Tap Y

S/Sgt. G. C. Abbatiello Ball T

S/Sgt. C. J. Przedko R. Waist

S/Sgt. J. C. Hay L. Waist

S/Sgt. J. C. Hay Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 1044

Alternate

Height: 23400

Last Report Heading: 135  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 30 sec

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: 10 x 500

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

Own Bombs: A F.C.E on for 5 hrs - not engaged

A F.C.E didn't see

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) 8/10 break away town

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, moderate or heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color	Location	Accuracy

target - moderate, accurate tracking

Crew observations about Flak:

## INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON #368 A/C Number 155 Letter J Date 22-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. #

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0848 Time Landed 1101

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

Target 1 B17 exploded

CREW Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. W. E. Reege, Jr. Pilot

2nd Lt. F. T. McDevett, Jr. Comp

2nd Lt. H. Wilson Nav.

2nd Lt. J. G. Marshall Bomb

S/Sgt. J. A. Purello Radio

S/Sgt. C. J. Hardesty Tep I

Sgt. E. J. Drost Ball T

Sgt. D. O. Stewart R. Waist

Sgt. H. P. Champlin L. Waist

Sgt. H. P. Champlin Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1253

Alternate Height: 24,500

Last Report Heading: 128 deg

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

Visual on target

About 1 minute

Sgt. H. P. Champlin

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

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

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:

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

Abriefed

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
					Bursts in re-	
					Bursts	lation to A/C

10 Primary Heavy (one big burst) Block Moderate Accurate Tracking

Some flak in distance to left from Hellogland

Crew observations about Flak: Fair Ground rockets at target

## INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON # 368 A/C Number 836 Letter P Date 22-5-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. # # # # #

Position in Formation X

Time Took off 0848 Time Landed X X X X X X X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: 1 AR exploded. Cat m.

X X X X X X X

Ort target 1254 return # 30-4 Empires. Both X X X X X

off 2nd PAF return No units. D.G. lead gp. X X X

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. E. C. Rabe Pilot

2nd Lt. D. H. Shawe Co-P

2nd Lt. J. M. Bischof Nav.

2nd Lt. J. J. Polich Bomb

S/Sgt. J. M. Mitterman Radio

S/Sgt. W. M. Gentile Tep P

Sgt. D. J. Calvin Ball T

Sgt. E. M. Ottoson R. Waist

Sgt. W. A. Davis L. Waist

Sgt. W. A. Davis Tail G.

## 2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1254

Alternate Height: 24500

Last Report Heading: 132

(circles)

Duration Bomb Run:

Mop up right turn

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

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

Own Bombs: War fires in West bank of Dardanelles

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.)

As briefed

7/60 Start from 12,000 ft tops

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

Flak. mostly off to our left &amp; about 1m. Moderate. Change type

Crew observations about Flak:

last last

SQUADRON #368 H/C Number 327 Letter U Date 22-5-44

Bomb Load 10x 500 H.E. #44444.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0848 Time Landed 1621

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

2. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details

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

1-P17 - Over target hit by flak breakup of formation  
1-B17 " " no flak seen CREW: Give Rank and InitialsFriendly A/C in any kind of distress:  
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. G. T. Devack ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. H. C. Hutsell ✓ Co-P.

2nd Lt. G. R. Brown ✓ Nav.

2nd Lt. D. Toth ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. E. G. Scottoline ✓ Radio

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1255 S/Sgt. R. L. Perkins ✓ Top E

Alternate Height: 24,100 Sgt. W. R. Johnston ✓ Ball T

Last Resort Heading: 105° True S/Sgt. F. J. Benore ✓ R. Waist

(circle) Duration: Bomb Run 10 minutes L. Waist

Dropped on target dropped on leader S/Sgt. W. S. Bailey ✓ 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: Opposite side of town and somewhat N.E. of Kriep, etc

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number boxes dropped

Number boxes returned

Other Bombing:

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.)

Abriefed

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 1100 Observed about 600' overcast Could see target poorly through broken cloud

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

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

1255 Primary 24,100 Heavy Black Moderate Tracking Accurate

" " " White (about 2000 above formation)

No flak laid in distance

Crew observations about Flak:





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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON X367XX368, 369 422X A/C Number 6-153, Letter V, Date May 22, 1944  
 Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E., Internal

Position in Formation

Time Took off 08:48 Time Landed 1235

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
<u>Spare</u>			

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. C. C. McKinney Pilot

2nd Lt. W. H. Schaefer Co-P

2nd Lt. C. W. Burns Nav.

2nd Lt. J. W. Reeves Com

S/Sgt. C. D. Whelan Radio

T/Sgt. E. C. Bed Tap. Y

Sgt. V. J. Cuozzo Ball T

Sgt. M. M. Gutugno R. Waist

Sgt. W. E. Waggoner L. Waist

Sgt. W. E. Waggoner Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary: Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Other Bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No  
 Number 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) 5,6000 feet - 8/10

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	moderate or slight.	of	Bursts	Bursts in relation to A/C	

Crew observations about Flak:





INTERROGATION FORM

16

SQUADRON X 367 367th A/C Number 163 Letter N Date May 22, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~Intense~~

Position in Formation

Time Took off 08.18 Time Landed 1610

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 X X X X X

Comp

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

Capt. R. J. Somerville Pilot

2nd Lt. G. J. Mapes Co-P

1st Lt. P. V. Osburn Nav.

2nd Lt. H. R. Maroney Bmch

T/Sgt. O. W. Cooper Radio

T/Sgt. A. E. Jones Tep I

S/Sgt. D. F. Urban Ball T

S/Sgt. J. D. Puskar R. Gaist

S/Sgt. P. Szymanski L. Waist

S/Sgt. P. Szymanski Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary

Time: 1254

Alternate

Height: 25200

Last Report Heading:  
(circle)

140 MAG,

Duration Bomb Run:

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All Pettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

not observed

Other Bombing: not 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.)

Off except 5 mi N. in, & 12 mi N. out

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

on course - Germany

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
					Bursts in relation to A/C

In - none

most com/155 pac - level

Ebenfurd -

Crew observations about Flak: lockets at Kiel - in air

some damage

out at 2-3 o'clock

set off

Out - none

smoke

## 10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

*2 being chased after target**(Location and length of fight)**2 fighters went down type?**whose?*

(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*

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)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

TIME COMPLETED

## INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 - 368 x 369 x 423 A/C Number 578 Letter D Date May 22, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took off 0848 Time Landed 1607

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

X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Comp
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. A. D. Hawley Pilot

Pathfinder in hot slow just  
before target. 1245 - mos. flowers

2nd Lt. M. J. Rahn Co-P

B-17 went down prob from expl of headship  
No chutes seen from either

2nd Lt. H. Jang Nav.

1st Lt. E. L. Bratton Bomb

T/Sgt. K. Schofield Radic

T/Sgt. W. S. Cruff Tep F

S/Sgt. C. G. Smith Ball T

S/Sgt. G. W. Holland R. Waist

S/Sgt. D. F. Offord L. Waist

S/Sgt. D. F. Offord Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary: 1245 Time:

Alternate: Height:

Last Report Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

All

Own Bombs: Did not see ground drop

Other Bombing:

Any Nukels: 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 ABATIVE give time, place, height  
of turn; reason for returning early; and Disposition of bombs.)

as briefed

8. WEATHER (If it affected mission) - 6-7/10 over pass by 9000'

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	moderate or slight.	Bursts	Bursts in relation to A/C	

Target - moderate, big stuff 155 - tracking

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368XX349XXA/C Number 133 Letter W Date May 22, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. INLAND.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 08:48 Time Landed 1606

X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X
X		X	Comp

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. E. W. C. Magee Pilot

1st Lt. W. B. Butterfield Co-P

2nd Lt. G. W. Clements Nav.

2nd Lt. W. F. Mutz Bomb

T/Sgt. M. J. Kilcoyne Radio

T/Sgt. R. G. Rockwell Top P

S/Sgt. R. K. Tully Ball T

S/Sgt. J. M. Moloney R. Waist

S/Sgt. H. E. Masle L. Waist

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

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1254

Alternate Height: 25,200

Last Report Heading: 143 deg. (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: On Target bombs.

AFCCE? No

Other Bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No

Number Boxes dropped

Number Boxes returned

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

Chaff - from

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

till after bombs

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

O.K. comes N towards way off in sea water.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) D/c at target; top 10,000

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color	Allocation	Accuracy

moderate - accurate at target.

some strafing south of bay N.W. of target.

Coming out, flak over islands.

Crew observations about Flak:

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 36800369X420 A/C Number 129 Letter L Date May 22, 1944

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 08:48 Time Landed 1600

X X X X X

✓

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: ...

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON: 367 X368XX369XX423 A/C Number 6063 Letter A Date May 22, 1944  
 Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. XIncend.

Position in Formation

Time Took off 08:49 Time Landed 1610

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	X	X
X	X	X	X	X

Comp

1253, B-17 - Flak hit. between #2 & #3  
 Eng on fire on back & down. in chute

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. T. D. McDonough ✓ Pilot

2nd Lt. R. C. Sage ✓ Co-P

2nd Lt. G. E. Procter ✓ Nav.

2nd Lt. C. J. Crunican ✓ Bomb

S/Sgt. D. M. Carter ✓ Radio

S/Sgt. E. A. Malan ✓ Top W

Sgt. R. W. Shaw ✓ Ball T

Sgt. A. G. Damon ✓ R. Waist

✓ L. Waist

Sgt. F. B. Lauer ✓ Tail G.

## 2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1253

Alternate Height: 24,000

Last Resort Heading: 120° N.  
 (circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

40 sec.

Chaff  
at after

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

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

Own Bombs: Fires on both sides of front.

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.)  
as briefed.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Target: Bremen 6/10 - Cont. 7/10

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Lower - 15,000.

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color	Location	Accuracy
A/C	of			of	Bursts in relation to A/C	
				Bursts		
1253	Target	med.		Black	Level	Yes

(hit tracking)

Crew observations about Flak:

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NARA Date 1/8/94

By RBB/TAC

## INTERROGATION FORM

21

SQUADRON 367 368 X 369 XX 428 A/C Number 042 Letter P Date May 22, 1944Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Enclosed

## Position in Formation

Time Took off 08:48 Time Landed 12:45

X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	Spare
X	X	X	X	X	X

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

## CREW: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. B. J. McGuire Pilot

2nd Lt. D. I. Specman Co-P

1st Lt. J. M. Carella Nav.

2nd Lt. C. H. Phillips Bom.

T/Sgt. E. C. Manning Radio

T/Sgt. M. W. Karol Tep P

S/Sgt. R. E. Weed Ball T

S/Sgt. H. H. Rodgers R. Waist

S/Sgt. L. P. Thomas L. Waist

S/Sgt. L. P. Thomas Tail G.

## 2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

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)

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	Bursts	Bursts in relation to A/C	

Crew observations about Flak:

Left Coast on time  
Formation good  
305 wing was a little out  
no trouble forming

INTERROGATION FORM

22

SQUADRON 367 3680X359XX423 A/C Number 6278 Letter K Date May 22, 1944Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Incendiary

Position in Formation

X

Time Took off 02:18 Time Landed 12:45

X X X X

X

11. ROT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

X X X X

X

Details:

X X X X

X

X

Spare

none

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. W. Pedersen Pilot

none

2nd Lt. L. J. Blood Co-P

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

2nd Lt. N. W. Eilar Nav.

Primary. Time:

1st Lt. W. A. Smith Bomb.

Alternate. Height:

S/Sgt. J. E. Wonning Radio

Last Resort Heading:  
(circle)

S/Sgt. B. F. Arnold Top T

Duration Bomb Run:

Sgt. J. E. Blackwell Ball T

5. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: All Abortive:

S/Sgt. J. H. Fries R. Waist

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

Sgt. H. P. Ehrhard Tail G.

Own Bombs:

ReturnedAny Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

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.)

Turned back 5331 N - 0303 E at 16,000 - 1135 hours

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) no abortion  
thin States clouds 8,000 ft 9/10 coverage9. 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	

Crew observations about Flak: