

To: COMMANDER ONE
COMBATWING 40
Attention Director of Intelligence

From: 306 Bomb Group

Mission to Leipzig - 6th April, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

1. ~~1. Weather~~ 1. a/c 505-V, Pilot Schultz, dropped 3 T353 and 7 T351; a/c 397 Pilot Merrill, dropped 10 T354; both on Leipzig.
2. ~~2. Weather~~ 206th as 40 "B" bombers #2 TARGET Leipzig, each squadron making separate PFF runs, with no visual correction. Pictures show no ground detail.
3. ~~3. Weather~~ 3. None.
4. Meager to moderate, inaccurate trucking flak (was reported) off to left in target area for 3 minutes before bombs away; none on turn off target. Few bursts observed from Dunkirk on withdrawal (when other groups came close to city). No damage.
5. Takeoff to assembly: 3/10 cumulus, base 2,000, tops 5,000; 3-5/10 middle cloud, 12-14,000 feet. From 0600E: 8/10, base 2,000, tops 10,000. From 1200E to target: 10/10, tops 10,000; 4-6/10 cirrus, 24-27,000 feet; contrails moderate and persistent at 17,000, becoming dense and persistent at bombing altitude. Similar conditions on withdrawal. Base on return: 3-5/10, base 2,000, tops 5,000; same restricted visibility to 1 or 2 miles, especially, from London to here.
6. ~~6. Weather~~ 6. None
7. ~~7. Weather~~ Buckeyes was not received by Group leader, but information was relayed by 40 "A" leader that target #2 would ^{w/PL} ~~will~~ be attacked ~~so that there was a chance for a~~ visual correction.
8. ~~8. Weather~~ P-51's, picked up at 5005N-0757E, 0840 hours, gave good/close support throughout mission. A/C of 364th, 4th and 355th Fighter Groups were identified. Three P-47's observed in target area and 2 Mosquitos of screening force ~~were~~ ahead of formation, 0935 hours.
9. — A/C in distress: Two P-17's in high squadron of a group ahead, high and to left, collided at 1019 hours, 5100N-1252E. Fire was knocked off element leader, shortly after whole tail section came off, a/c then went down in flat spin. Wing a/c down with wing off, and was seen to break up before disappearing into clouds. No fire or smoke seen from either a/c. Up to 7 or 8 chutes reported from first a/c, and 2 from second.
10. — Our a/c in distress ^{or} returning early: None
- A/C 578-D, pilot Wiggenthaler, landed in France on withdrawal.

R. 306th flew 38 a/c, including 4 PFF and 2 spares, as 40 "B". Group assembly as briefed. Assembly biluncher came in strong, so 40 "B" and "C" made Wing assembly, ~~good~~, but 40 "A" was not in sight. 40 "A" called and said they would be 3 minutes late at Control Point R, Reims, so 306th ~~assumed~~ to get behind them. When 306th got to Reims 3 minutes late as requested, 40 "A" was still not in sight, but called shortly to say they were at the next Control Point, C-4, near Verdun, 5 minutes early, which put 306th 3 minutes behind. 306th then cut off control point I, Coblenz, in an attempt to ~~get~~ get in proper position, and got back on briefed course at 0900 hours at 5024N-0912E. On course to IP, 5110N-~~0912E~~ 1301E, 0954, 25,000 feet; Target #2, Leipzig, 1004 hours, 25,000 feet; back on course to Coblenz. Bomber stream then went to right of course, heading for Dunkirk. Near coast, Group leader let down and turned under formation to left to avoid Dunkirk; crossed coast at Boulogne, 1319, 3,000 feet; Dungeness, 1328, 2,000 feet; by SOP to Group break-up area at Reading.

LEAD

✓ Law 028-0 ✓ Hales 429-W ✓ Swango 362-L Pff Pictures Good
✓ Witcomb 714-D ✓ Cohn * 474-V ✓ Greer * 928-L Kimball 116-T
✓ McKinney 512-A ✓ McGinnis 575-X Wille * 585-Q Powers here
Altshuler spare 914-B

Injury to man
man to gun

LOW

✓ Mitchell 215-0 ✓ Hahn 840-Y ✓ Parrish 951-X ✓ Baker * 376-X
✓ Higgenbotham * 578-D Marks 412-T ✓ Pinchback 133-W ✓ Clark 012-A ✓ Hostetter 428-X
FRANCE

✓ Scott * 913-P ✓ Smith, L.J. 683-Q

41st

Powell

Essential Breather
Strong
geometry

Non-lethal
Nov 1945
non-penetrating
ammunition

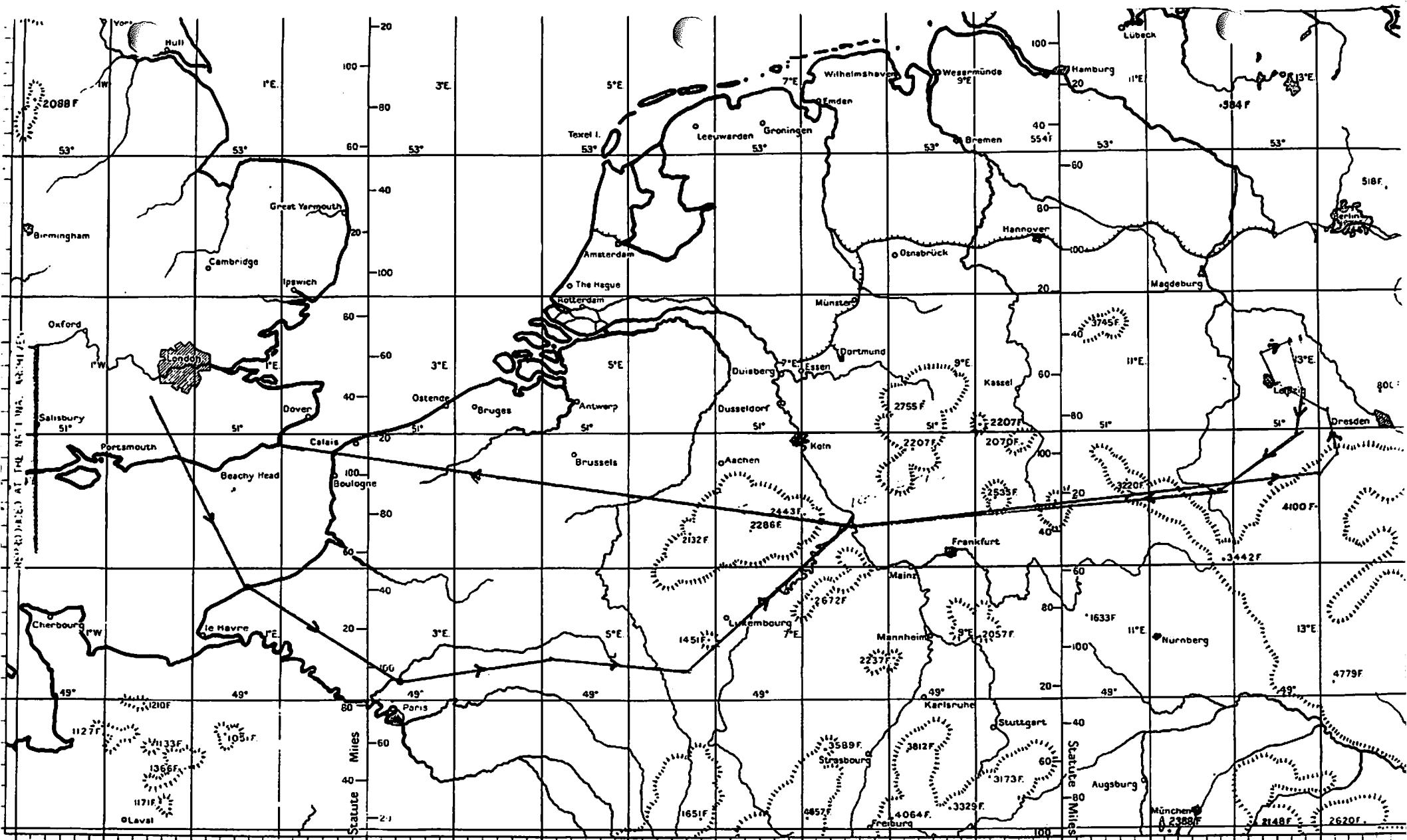
HIGH

10% all was in contact
with few others were in
each group
✓ Hansen * 832-Y ✓ Karakostas 765-M ✓ Powers 287-V ✓ Hiney 616-X
✓ Erne 896-X ✓ Collins, P.S. 600-G ✓ Young * 301-J ✓ Merrill * 397-0
(nickels)

10%
no 4A
Red tail
Red nose
all angles
Kite flight
360°

✓ 92 Direct hits
+ direct
✓ Babin 619-S ✓ Collins, J.E. 713-K ✓ Schultz 505-M
(nickels)
✓ Christensen 896-X
Sparks
10% High

10%
Direct hits
+ direct
✓ Babin 619-S ✓ Collins, J.E. 713-K ✓ Schultz 505-M
(nickels)
✓ Christensen 896-X
Sparks
10% High



LEIPZIG, GERMANY
6 April 1945

SECRET

AIR STAFF S.H.A.E.F. REAR

DAILY OPS/INT. SUMMARY NO. 47.

Sunset 5th April to sunset 6th April, 1945.

Eighth Air Force fortresses and Liberators attacked HALLE M/Y., LEIPZIG Main Station and M/Y and the City of GERMANY. Results were unobserved due cloud. A large force of Mustangs escorted the Bombers.

R.A.F. Bomber Command did not operate during the night 5/6 April due unfavourable weather conditions in proposed target areas. A small force of Lancasters detailed during the day 6 April to attack a target in HOLLAND had to abandon their mission due weather.

Second British T.A.F. Mosquitoes during the night 5/6 April attacked enemy Movements and Rail Routes in HOLLAND and N.W. GERMANY. In daylight 6 April a Mitchell bombed DUNKIRK with poor results. A medium force of Fighter/Fighter Bombers carried out Armed Recces over the Northern Battle Sector and gave Air Support to Ground forces. Weather to a certain extent curtailed operations.

Ninth Air Force despatched a few A/C during the night 5/6 April to carry out Interception patrols over the 3rd U.S. Army Front. During the day 6 April Mediums bombed GOTTINGEN and NORTHEIM M/Y's. Results were unobserved due cloud. Leaflets were also dropped over MENDEN - ARNSBERG - ISERLOHN - LUDENSHEID. A/C of the Tactical Air Commands carried out Armed Recces over the Central Battle Sector, Airfield Cover Patrols and escorted the Bombers.

First U.S.T.A.F. (PROV). during the night 5/6 April despatched 1 A/C on a night Fighter Intruder Mission which was uneventful. Marauders bombed an Ammo Dump at KAILENKIRCHEN during the day 6 April with unobserved results. A fairly large force of fighter/ Fighter Bombers on Armed Recces and Air Co-operation Missions over the Southern Battle Sector attacked M/Y's, Rail Targets and enemy Movements. A small force of Fighter Bombers attacked a Strong Point at POINTE DES GRAVE with good results.

R.A.F. Fighter Command did not carry out any operations during the night 5/6 April due unsuitable weather conditions. During the day 6 April escort was provided for A/C of R.A.F. Bomber Command and a few Interception patrols and Recces carried out.

R.A.F. Coastal Command A/C carried out Anti-U.Boat and Anti-shipping patrols. Convoys were also escorted and Air Sea Rescue Searches made.

Gator report that a fairly large force of Pakotas carried gasoline and Supplies to the far shore and evacuated wounded personnel and ex P.O.W's.

38 Group Stirlings carried out Special Missions to HOLLAND.

M.A.S.A.F. report that a large force of Liberators, fortresses and Lightnings attacked M/Y's and Rail and Industrial Targets in N.ITALY. Bombing was mainly visual and results reported as good.

/I. Eighth Air Force.

I. EIGHTH AIR FORCE.

Cloud 10/10 over all areas. P.F.F. technique used... Flak generally nil to meagre inaccurate. No E/A reaction.

(a) Sorties: 1287, (452 Fort, 207 Lib, 628 Fighter Escort).

(b) Targets:

Primaries

HALLE (M/Y)

47/183 Lib

-/11 Fort

347 tons G.P.

91.5 " I.B.

N.R.O.

Secondaries

LEIPZIG

-/321 Fort

696.3 tons G.P.

(Main Stn & M/Y)

132 " I.B.

GERA (City)

-/109 Fort

275.4 " G.P.

36 " I.B.

Other Targets,

EISLEBEN (City)

-/22 Lib

50.5 " G.P.

6 targets scheduled
but not attacked

160/- Lib

452/- Fort

(c) Claims: NIL

(d) Losses:

4 Bombers (+ 3 N.Y.R.)

NIL Fighters (+ 5 N.Y.R.)

II. R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND.

E/A reaction nil, to day operations 6 April. No flak reported.

NIGHT 5/6 April.

N I L.

DAY 6 April.

(a) Sorties: 55

(b) Targets:

Target in HOLLAND.

55/- Lano. Abortive due weather.

(c) Claims: NIL

(d) Losses: NIL

NIGHT 6/7 April.

N I L.

III. SECOND BRITISH T.A.F.

Slight E/A reaction. All E/A encountered in same area. Nothing further of interest reported.

NIGHT 5/6 April.

(a) Sorties: 131 (97 Armed Recceos, 34 Interception patrols),

(b) Targets:

97/94 A/O. Armed Recceos against Movement in Areas DEVENTER - BREMEN - NIENBURG and Rail Routes from LEER as far E. as HILDESHEIM - MAGDEBURG and STENDAL. 35 tons were dropped.

24 A/O. Interception Patrols SOHOLDT - BOEKHOLT - MUNSTER - RUHR - BORKEN. Uneventful.

(c) Claims:

Squadron 368th A/C Number 44-3-X Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M174 R.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed

1. HOT N/C to be jettisoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

of which went down after target may have been from "C", as they may have passed on turn off 1 chart of 2nd Me, now out of it

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

1019- Friendly N/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether by A.A. E/A action, accident or undetermined cause.
5100N. 1252E.

Capt. L. B. Dorich ✓ P

1st Lt. R. H. Claeys ✓ CP

1st Lt. J. T. Dobkowski ✓

1st Lt. C. R. Rubenstein ✓

1st Lt. W. H. Thayer ✓ B

T/Sgt. L. J. McDonald ✓ PC

Sgt. B. H. Frazier ✓ F

2nd Lt. H. R. Brandt ✓ RN

✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or V. sub 1)

Pri ar.: Time: 1004

Secondary: Remaining: 312

Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: t 329

Sgt. P. L. Bohannan ✓ TG

3. Number of bombs dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: Aborted:

4. Observer COMMENTS ON WEAPONS (For this plane or others)

Own Forces: Straight PFF

Any Missiles: Yes No

Number and type: _____

Other Bombs: _____

5. ACQ PHOTOGRAHYS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on: _____

Hand _____ Movie _____

Blown from "B" lead

6. WEAPONS 9/10 to about 8° - 10/10 to target. very good
+ few weaker bursts 8° - High at base on return.
that I think it was 9/10
but I think it was 10/10
because Bursts 2 - first aid possibility
of incineration, I think.

7. COMPENSATION TRAILS: Dense, persistent controls at target

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target and on the return.

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, moderate or strong), intence	Color	Location	Accuracy

Target - very - difficult, lots left in front.
Debunk - 2 bursts direct

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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S U A P R Y 367th. A/C Number 840-Y Date 6 April, 1945. 15

Bomb Load 12 X 500 & 2 X M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1525

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

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

40th B
part

-2 B-17's collided -

CMD: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. (NMI) Hahn JR ✓ P

2nd Lt. R. L. Boenich BOENICH ✓

2nd Lt. J. S. Purdy ✓ N

Sgt. J. W. Chambliss Sgt JK CHAMBLISS ✓

Sgt. J. K. Hammer BALL, Ed CHAMBLISS ✓

Sgt. J. H. Chambliss ✓ E

Sgt. H. E. Hey ✓ BT

Secondar.: Heading: 303 ✓ G

Last Resort: Height: 24000 ✓ G

T.O. (Circle One) Sgt. J. (NMI) Young ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Prior.: Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 303

Last Resort: Height: 24000

T.O. (Circle One) Turn off target: 260

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

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

Own Bombs: misses.

Any Misses: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombs: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on none.

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER ✓

What INFORMATION REC'D FROM
BUCKEEWEE ✓

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: ✓

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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Squadron 368th A/C Number 362-L Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1500

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

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

H B
Lead

2 collided.

1 chick

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. B. L. Swango ✓ P

2nd Lt. M. E. Hunt ✓ CP

2nd Lt. R. L. LeKashman N

1st Lt. R. G. Wilson ✓ B

T/Sgt. W. T. Moss ✓ RO

T/Sgt. W. J. Schultz ✓ E

2nd Lt. T. N. Kichencoe ✓ RN

----- ✓ TG

----- ✓ TG

Sgt. R. Polofsky TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

#R Primary: Time: 1004 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 304

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 0/0

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Nicks: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on none.

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKMASTER

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

✓

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

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

meager off to left just tracking

Crew observations about Flak:

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Squadron 368th A/C Number 429-H Date 6 April, 1945. 3

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 15:01

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

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

40th "B"
Lead

Name -

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

✓

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. F. H. Hales	✓ P
2nd Lt. A. D. Sykes	✓ CP
2nd Lt. T. C. Grimes	✓ N
T/Sgt. L.B. Davisson	✓ B
Sgt. R. M. Zachau	✓ RO
Sgt. D. P. Mickey	✓ E
Sgt. W. S. Stoughton	✓ PT
Sgt. C. W. Lowell	✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

HR

Primary: Time: 10:04
Secondary: Heading: 315
Last Resort: Height: 2500
T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 350

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

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

Own Bombs:

misses.

Any Misses: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombs:

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER

✓

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKEYEW? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

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

tracking off to left meager success.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Squadron 368th A/C Number 928-L Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1450

1. HCT NE'S to be phonon in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

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

Yoth B
Lead

1018 - lead and left wing man of
the low flight of the high speed
of Chelveston collided - one going
friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
spin back/a action, accident or undetermined
cause. rudder and stabilizer shudd off. Saw
7 men get out of lead ship but
only 3 chute obs. - none seen to
elevator wing ship which fell apart

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

#2 Primary: Time: 1004
Secondary: Heading: 30°
Last Resort: Height: 24750
T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 355

2nd Lt. P. H. Greer	✓	P
2nd Lt. R. T. Hartshorn	✓	OP
2nd Lt. R. I. McCutchan	✓	N
T/Sgt. L. A. Itle	✓	B
T/Sgt. F. W. Ramsey	✓	RO
S/Sgt. L. Blakey	✓	E
Sgt. E. P. Conrad	✓	BT
		VG
		VG
Sgt. A. B. Leavell	✓	TG

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

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

Own Bombs:

unobs.

Any Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on yes.

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKHORN

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense	Color	Location	Accuracy
			A/C		Bursts in re-	
					Bursts	
					location to A/C	

Intense barrage off to left as we came on to target
for three minutes before B.A. - none on this group -
Chelveston was off to our left at the time and
Crew observations about Flak:
the flak seemed to be tracking between the groups.
none on turn off target.

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SQUADRON 368th A/C Number 575-X Date 6 April, 1945. 5

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 15:04

1. HGT NW'S to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

X X X X X X X X
X X X X X X X X
X X X X X X X X
Yoth B Lead

2 A/c collided in group in
front - 2 chutes -

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. D. L. McGinnis ✓ P

F/O. H. D. Hinckley ✓ CP

F/O. R. O. Shephard ✓ N

Sgt. G. R. Bosworth ✓ B

Sgt. J. A. Feigum ✓ RO

Sgt. G. R. White ✓ E

Sgt. C. J. Jackson ✓ BT

_____ WG

_____ WG

Sgt. B. J. Hensley ✓ TG

Sgt. R. L. McQuain ✓ (Jammer)

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

A/C Primary: Time: 1004
Secondary: Heading: 330° hrs
Last Resort: Height: 21000'
T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs:

No hits.

Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombs:

Number and type _____

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

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER *clear*

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKINGHAM _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *✓*

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

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

20 to 25 bursts high and off to left at target.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SECTION 3.3, WND 745005
7130/20

Squadron 368th A/C Number 512-A Date 6 April, 1945

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed _____

1. HCT MSG to be phoned in. Yes No X X X X X
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out X X X X X
special form in detail X X X X X
1020 - 5115-1250 O.R. fully road -
big jettison no place to jettison - 87 reported chute
from second plane - 15 straight down break up
Friendly A/C in Ditching smoke turn to left
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether E/A action, accident or determined cause.
Give enough for everybody
out 2nd plane - possible delay!
- CRM: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. N. W. McKinney ✓ P
2nd Lt. A. J. McCalley ✓ CP
2nd Lt. G. R. Faulkner ✓ P
Sgt. J. E. O'Brien ✓ B
S/Sgt. L. F. Opper ✓ RO ✓
S/Sgt. L. F. Warren ✓ E
Sgt. R. M. Fairchild ✓ ET
Last Resort: Height: 24,800 TG
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 105

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1005

Secondary: Heading: 307 mag

Last Resort: Height: 24,800

S/Sgt. F. E. Newell ✓ TG

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

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

Own Bombs:

Air Mincks: Yes No

Other Bombs:

Number and type

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER as briefed - 70° all day from 50°E -

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINGHAM

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Mod, persist at 25000'

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense	Color	Location	Accuracy

7 sun cutting from left at target

about 4 gallons 7 twists ea. attack

Crew observations about Flak: to left side

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S HARRY 423rd A/C Number 585-H Date 6-4-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1458

1. HCT HFC to be phoned in. Yes No
If DIVING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

X X X X X
X X X X X
X X X X X
Yoth Lead

On B&T collision, two chutes
for sure, four probables.
Friendly A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
E/A action, accident or undetermined
cause.

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. H. L. Wills ✓

2nd Lt. M. R. Brandstrom ✓ CP

2nd Lt. S. (NMI) Manthey ✓ N

T/Sgt. H. R. Langston ✓ B

S/Sgt. J. O. Grimes ✓ B

S/Sgt. H. L. Williamson ✓ B

S/Sgt. V. (NMI) Allen ✓ BT

Sgt. C. E. Ridge ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PIPER VISUAL)

Primary: Time: 1002 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 305

Last Resort: Height: 25,100

T.O.
(Circle One)

Turn off target: 025°

ALL

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

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

Own Bombs:

Unobserved

Any Mine(s): Yes (No)

Number and type _____

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER 10/10 at target.

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCHENAU? None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Dense, persistent.

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

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

NONE

Crew observations about Flak:

Bursts observed left low. Black

Behind group was barrage.

CAMERA ON THIS SHIP HAS PIX OF COLLISION.

Squadron 423rd

A/C Number 116-T

Date 6-4-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x 107 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1458

1. HCT NW'S to be planned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

On B-17 collision no chutes
observed out of first ship -

Friendly A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
E/A action, accident or undetermined
cause. two chutes definitely
opened out of second ship.

C/N: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. R. S. Kimball

2nd Lt. J. C. Ribbell

F/O J. C. Neighmond

T/Sgt. A. A. Collart

S/Sgt. H. J. Thomas

S/Sgt. S. L. Goodwin

S/Sgt. L. (NMI) Foster

S/Sgt. E. H. Merrill

2. TARGET ATTACKED (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Time: 1004

Secondary:

Heading: 335

Last Resort:

Height: 25,300

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 071

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Misses: _____ Yes No

Unobserved

Other Bombing:

Number and type _____

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

Hand Movie _____

6. WEATHER 10/10 Target.

What INFORMATION REC'D FROM
BUCHAREST _____

Clear over England.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Target -- Dense persistent.

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

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

NONE

Crew observations about Flak:

Few bursts, low, inaccurate
at target.

9. 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)

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

0850

P-51's.

CLAIMS

8° E.

Very good.

DIST. OWNED

Red, white & blue tail.

PROBABLE

DAMAGED

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

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

V

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

None

- 13.
- DAMAGE TO A/C:
- (Briefly)

"

"

- 14.
- TECHNICAL FAILURES:
- Radio compass out.

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

Screwup over field coming home.

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

As briefed.

S-2 OFFICER

W.C. Van Winkle

Capt., A.C.

✓

SECTION 3.3. 2nd 745005

Squadron 368th A/C Number 028-0 Date 6 April, 1945. 10

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1450

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

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

Yell "B" Lead

2. B-17's at DR 1018 Ls. 515N 125E

Up ahead - 1 - night my off - 2 Vads. Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

stat. off 1 cste. left exploded,

3. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or V. surv.)

Primary: Time: 1004 ✓ Capt. J. S. Law ✓ P

Secondary: Heading: 314 N. 2nd Lt. A. V. Mura ✓ P

Last Resort: Height: 24,600 ✓ 1st Lt. Q. T. Conway ✓ B

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 015° M. T/Sgt. F. E. Sweet ✓ RQ

Sgt. W. O. Timmons ✓ BT

Sgt. E. H. Trammel ✓ TG

S/Sgt. G. J. Rogers ✓ (Jammer)

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

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

Own Bombs: 10 Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombs: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

Hand No Movie _____

6. WEATHER: Cloudy, to tops What MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. COMBINATION TRAILS: By target med - pers - 25,000'; avoid at target.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intense A/C	Color	Location	Accuracy
out	1002	10000	moderate or slight	of Bursts in re-	Bursts in re-	
				lationship to A/C	lationship to A/C	

tracking by letter

Crew observations about Flak:

SUMMARY 368th A/C Number 474-V Date 6 April, 1945

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1451

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

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

60 ft B
Load

CMD: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
E/a action, accident or undetermined
case. 2 B-17's down.

Both broke up.

1st - nose Charles

2nd - nose Charles

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Prior: $\frac{1}{2}$ X. Time: 1304

Secondary: Heading: 300

Last Resort: Height: 14,600

T.O.
(Circle One)

Turn off target: 360

2nd Lt. H. B. Cohn ✓ P

2nd Lt. H. M. Campbell ✓ P

2nd Lt. W. E. Blouch ✓ N

Sgt. A. P. Dumonigo ✓ B

S/Sgt. G. W. Olliges ✓ BO

Sgt. K. J. Gibson ✓ E

Sgt. H. G. Leaptrot ✓ PT

----- TG

----- TG

Sgt. G. G. Olson ✓ TG

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

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

Own Bombs: UNDS.

Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombing: UNDS.

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on YES.

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER $\frac{1}{2}$ overcast

$\frac{1}{2}$ overcast at least 10 miles west.

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKSHOT

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Cumulus. Intense non continuous

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: Major anti tank in 9th block

----- 4 to 5 miles

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Squadron 368th A/C Number 711-D Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1510

1018 hrs
chemistry HCT NYL to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHED hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

X X X X X X Lead
X X X X X X
X X X X X X

2 9/c B17's collide - Sp.
ahead - tail cut off of

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

CH: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. C. W. Witcomb ✓ P

2nd Lt. W. A. Wilson ✓ PG

1st Lt. W. L. Gillaspie ✓ N

S/Sgt. W. Smatlach ✓ B

S/Sgt. G. M. Ringwald ✓ NO

T/Sgt. L. Foster ✓ E

2. PART ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Pri ar.: Time: 1004 Sgt. R. O. Dinger HT

Secondar.: Heading: Some 20 sec. late - salvo. TG

Last Resort: Height: 302 TG

T.O. (Circle One) Sgt. L. F. Dorenbusch TG

Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: 190 Any Missals: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombin.:

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

Hand Movie MC

6. MESSAGE

1010 - 1/A -

What messages rec'd from
BUCKEYEW

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Dense pers. at 26,000' semi at 25,000'

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense	Color	Location	Accuracy

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

Target heavier Left No

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SUMMARY 367th A/C Number 662-S Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

d B

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed

under clouds to cloud 40° Sow.

1. HAD TO BE PLUNCHED IN. YES NO
IF DITCHING HOLD CREW AND FILL OUT
SPECIAL FORM IN DETAIL

One B-17 - Four staged - no chutes.

2nd B-17 - 3 sec. later - down in stage

spiral - no chutes about 14,000 ft.

Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in Distress:

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

PS 15 in area, 7th Bomber B
second one after mines were seen.
No fire or smoke seen from either
ship. CT 5106-1255 at 1020.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

on bombing after target
Primary: Time: 1006
Secondary: Heading: 307
Last Resort: Height: 24200

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

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: 1000 over target - built up from turbulent
at base - tops - 2200. occasional rain.
7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: started at 16000 ft. dense & separated above.
8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

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

Target: heavy, inaccurate, long tracking (?). mostly up to left - after target low to drift

Crew observations about Flak:

On. couple bursts over Dunkirk ~ 14000 ft.
was ~ 3000 ft. below.

SQUADRON 367th A/C Number 951-F Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1515

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

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

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YD 745005
10th B
Loc

CHIEF: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. A. J. Parrish ✓ P
2nd Lt. C. E. Liersch ✓ CP

2 B-17's down 5 min after
target (1017)

2nd Lt. R. W. Olson N

2nd Lt. R. W. Weishar ✓ P

T/Sgt. R. K. Roosa ✓ TG

T/Sgt. A. P. Desrochers ✓ P

S/Sgt. B. J. McCormack ✓ PT

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: PFF Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 310

Last Resort: Height: 24100

S/Sgt. J. (MHI) Revis ✓ TG

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

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

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

Own Bombs: ~0

Any Misses: Yes ✓ No

Number and type _____

Other Bombs: ~0

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

✓ V Hand Movie _____

6. WEATHER 10/10 from 6°

What messages rec'd from
BUCKLEY: _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: rear all clouds.
present at target

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

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

Crew observations about Flak: rear was 20.0 ft

14 min to the left just before the
tgt. It was intense but inaccurate.

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100%
SIXTH B
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SUMMARY 367th A/C Number 133-W Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed

1. NOT NEEDED to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

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

2 B17 down just ~~for~~
after we were back at base station
2 chutes

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. A. Pinchback ✓ P
2nd Lt. E. L. Hartman ✓ CP
F/O. W. T. Burke ✓ N
F/O. D. Wilson ✓ B
Sgt. J. M. Stehle ✓ PG
Sgt. R. L. Stout ✓ C
Sgt. W. A. Dooley ✓ TG
Sgt. B. J. Rohde ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1006 hrs

Secondary: Heading: 31° WAG

Last Resort: Height: 24000

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

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

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

Own Bombs: 11/10ths Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombs: Number and type _____

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

Hand NO Movie NO

6. WEATHER: whole route mostly clear What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKMASTER
14/10ths (orange tops: alt 5000-10000)
7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: until from a way back - few
clouds, some pilotage smoke.
8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on the home.

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

"NME to us"

Crew observations about Flak: Surprise bursts (1)

to west - probably from Ziegen

Kemnig's targets

Squadron 367th A/C Number 683-Q Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1515

1. HOT HEAT to be placed in (Circle One)
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

1615 hrs. 2. 13-M17 down.

① Peel off straight down; ② in

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

form - turn + slow spiral
& then spin, tail low, no chutes,

2. TO WHOM ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1006

2nd Lt. L. J. Smith ✓

Secondary: Heading: 315

F/O. W. (MIA) Walsh CP ✓

Last Resort: Height: 24000

2nd Lt. R. F. Ridgeway ✓ N

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

Sgt. W. J. Gregg ✓ S

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

Own Bombs:

Any Missiles: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____Hand Yes Movie No6. WEATHER

, 900 - tops 15000.

What messages rec'd from
BUCKWHEAT _____7. CLOUDS/CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Pars. at 24,000!

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

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

flak 10 o'clock - 5 - beg to be away now

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Squadron 367th A/C Number 913-P Date 6 April, 1945. 18

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 11:25

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

S B-17's went down.

1st Straight down -

2nd Special - On chute.
Friendly A/C in Distress;
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
E/a action, accident or undetermined
cause.

In cargo area.

Buo tunnel gas pipelines

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: H2X. Time: 1006Secondary: Heading: 2310

Last Resort: Height: 14000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 170

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

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

Own Bombs: UMB.Any Nickels: Yes No Other Bombs: UMB.Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on
- YES
- .

Hand S Movie

6. Weather
- 10
- over target.

2-3 runway and coast.What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKMIRE YES BEFORE
HS I.P.

7. CONFIRMATION TRAILS:

No Con trails at targets

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intense	Color	Location	Accuracy
			A/C		Bursts in re-	
					Bursts	

Crew observations about Flak: 1/2 of the way to bombmoderate barrage. Low

S ULCR W 423rd A/C Number 376-F Date 6-4-45 19Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x 107 H.E. Position in FormationTime Took Off 0507 Time Landed _____

1. NOT NECESSARY to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

2 P175 down just after target apparently a collision

Friendly A/C in Distress:

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

*we lost straight down fast down
the one signal, peeled off
1 chutes, the stay alive, up high
at cloud level.*

2. TARG TAKEN DOWN: (PFF or V) *target down 5 mi. later, spin*
Primary: Time: 1006± S/Sgt. W. R. Clark ✓
Secondary: Heading: 315° mag WG
Last Resort: Height: 2400 ft WG
T.O. A/D. 2, Sgt. A. D. Beckerdite ✓ TG
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 330°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 10/10/22 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 10/10/22 Any Misses: Yes No
Number and type _____
Other Bombs: _____

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

Hand 1 Movie 1

6. WEATHER whole route 14/10/22 What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKNER _____

7. CLOUDS/CONDENSATION TRAILS: *yes, low at 1P except + end went on return*

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

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

Name on us -

Crew observations about Flak: *some off & left in target area - hit 3 gun battery
one up high (overcast)*

S' UADR N 423rd A/C Number 418-J Date 6-4-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed

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

15th
Spoken
 2 B17 down - 1020 — 10 minutes seen

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

20

40 ft "B"
 Low

I broke up — both spinning down
 When last seen

Friend A/C in distress

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

CBR: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. H. C. Hostetter

P

2nd Lt. C. E. Oakes

CP

2nd Lt. J. E. Steinhaus

N

Sgt. A. D. Figone

S

S/Sgt. R. H. Hitchcock

PO

Sgt. R. T. Wade

E

Sgt. D. E. Rombo

PT

TG

WG

S/Sgt. J. J. Lewis

TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1005 $\frac{1}{2}$

Secondary: Heading: 330

Last Resort: Height: 24000

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target: 360°

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombs:

Number and type

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

at daylight 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hand Movie6. What ~~was~~ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8,000 ft. What MESSAGE REC'D FROM

back its frame before any banks

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Hi sg — none in low

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), inten-	Color	Location	Accurac-
A/C			of heavy), inten-		Bursts in re-	
			moderate or		Bursts	
			slight		location to a/c	

Target bounce to left — road — nature.

Crew observations about Flak:

Squadron 423rd A/C Number 012-A Date 6-4-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed

1. HGT NM^E to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

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

at about 5115N-1250 at 1015.
Saw one B-17 going down straight - in line - few seconds later
saw other go down in a spin. First one came apart or exploded. 2nd plane
was friendly A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
E/A action, accident or undetermined
cause.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 316

Last Resort: Height: 24100

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 44

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

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

Own Bombs: ✓

Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type _____

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: ✓

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKWHEAT?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: ✓

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

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

target: *target contacts, George 37's left*

Crew observations about Flak:

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings)
 400 ft. b/w. 2nd over land.
 315 - 0837 at 1000-0735.
 close air. the way. yellow &
 red.

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

(One hour - 2 seen - jet area)

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

had to turn up radio in take off.

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

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

one rock one hour just before
wait : Fireman - saw no gas.

S-2 OFFICER

C-4 center

TIME CONTINUED

Squadron 367th A/C Number 515-0 Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.B.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed 1530

1. HOT METEORS to be phonon in. (eg No If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail)

At 1817hr 5710-1250E 2-B17's

Call - form ahead - C in spin CRN: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in Distress:

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

*tail came off - 3 chutes;
C peeled off - no chutes!*

- 2.
- TARGET ATTACKED:
- (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 315

Last Resort: Height: 23700

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

2nd Lt. F. W. Mitchell	✓ P
2nd Lt. J. E. Gooch	✓ CP
2nd Lt. W. N. Neilson	✓ N
F/O. T. E. Streeter	✓ B
Sgt. V. D. McCarthy	✓ BO
Sgt. R. G. Schneider	✓ E
Sgt. S. F. Pierce	✓ BT
Sgt. J. W. Keizer	✓ TG

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

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

Own Bombs:

19/10 Any Missiles: Yes 16

Other Bombing:

Number and type _____

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER

10° at 10,000'

What messages rec'd from BUCHAREST

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

24-25,000 - mod. - per. Worse at target.

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

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

Target to left kept bombs away -

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367th A/C Number 412-T Date 6 April, 1945.Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "B" Low

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

*2 B-17s from W.
head. to chutty
positively identified.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)Primary: Time: 1006 Sgt. R. C. Frederick BTSecondary: Heading: 230 mag. Sgt. R. C. Frederick WGLast Resort: Height: 24000 Sgt. R. C. Frederick WGT.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: all S/Sgt. V. D. Donhoe TG

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

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

Own Bombs: Any Misses: ___ Yes ___ No

Other Bombs: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN. Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER

What messages rec'd from BUCKSHOT? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

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

only on left =

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Squadron 367th A/C Number 578-D Date 6 April, 1945.

Bomb Load 12 x 500 & 2 x M17 R.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landed

40 "B"

1. HOT LINE to be closed in, less No
If DITCHED hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	X	X	X	X	X	LOW
X		X	X	X	X	—
X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. V. Higgenbotham ✓

2nd Lt. D. W. Burton ✓ PT

F/O. L. Levinstone ✓ N

Sgt. S. R. Anguilano ✓ P

T/Sgt. J. T. Medrano ✓ P.O

T/Sgt. A. Davis ✓ P

S/Sgt. E. F. Roberts ✓ PT

TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Pri Ar.: Time:

Secondary: Heading:

Last Resort: Height:

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

S/Sgt. D. T. Hauck ✓ TG

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombs:

Number and type

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHERWhat (FRIENDLY REC'D FROM
BUCHAREST)7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

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

Crew observations about Flak:

21"

THU V PNT JPA NR OG OP OP

FROM F/C Y-28 061700B
TO F/C THURLEYGH
BT

AF 72

B-17 578 PILOT HIGGINSBOTTOM RON Y-28 AND PILOT AND CREW OK

BT 061700B

JVB AR

THU R.....062303B JDR AR

Belgium

Over 600

*25 b
22, 14
2*

*Planned
JDR*

Squadron 369th A/C Number 838-F Date 6 April, 1945Bomb Load 12x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed _____

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

1020 hours 3700N - 125E
2B17A - All force
went down - saw 2 chutes.

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

*Couldn't see anything wrong
with the A/C - one went
straight down immediately; the
other had time to bail the plane
out, but none were seen to bail out.*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: #2 Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 309 deg.

Last Resort: Height: 26, 100

T.O.
(Circle One)

*Turn off target: big round turn 5 1/2
minutes ending 150 deg.*

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Missiles: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. MISSES 10,000 ft 10% except for
first 50 miles of combat
wh was 35 4/10.

What messages rec'd from
BUCKWHEAT _____

7. CLOUDS/CONDENSATION TRAILS:
dense persistent 1/2 hour before target.

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

*40th B
High*

25

25.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)

GROUP LEADER _____

HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____

LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____

PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____

(Indicate Group and Group Identification)

SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

9P. Assembly -
 OK arrived number
 A 60 ⁰⁷¹⁸ hrs left in
 formation 0717 hours.
 briefed altitude.

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____

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

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____

4. Time over Target _____

Altitude over Target _____

Position of Group on Bomb Run _____

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____

Duration Bomb Run _____

With JP.
 the with Pugwash
 the on my left wing
 set down to 2000
 turn ~~to~~ channel,
 IOP to He low
 for stand off.

5. Time of Landing at Base _____

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ S-2 OFFICER _____ *Pool*

Squadron 369th A/C Number 765-H Date 6-4-45 27

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1430

40 ft P
High

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

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
E/A action, accident or undetermined
cause. 2 B-17 probably

"A", 5115-1250E. 2 parachute
one of 2nd ship. Thick
Cottonwood Both blew up.
No Charter form /^{see}

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: 1 H2X, Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 305

Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 205.

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

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

Own Bombs: UNOBS

Any Misses: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombing: UNOBS.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

Hand Yes Movie _____

6. WEATHER 10/10 after RENDEZ. 9/10 over
-
- continent. 10 at target.

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKMASTER YES Before
IP Said didn't
H-21.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
-
- Moderate moderate press.

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

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

meagre inaccurate - 5 Bursts low & left Block.

Crew observations about Flak:

9. 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)

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

Grand
Clare.
counted 9
groups in
line.
0843 hrs
5010 - 0759E.

P-51
~~RED NOSE~~
YELLOW NOSE
YELLOW TAIL
RED NOSE
RED TAIL

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____
(Fill out immediately
separate CLAIM FORM for
each claim.)11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations.12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: BOMB DAY DUE TO CPER
~~AT~~ COMPLETELY — FORCED TO CRANK OUT.15. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?)16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

Out and back

S-2 OFFICER

Maj. L. Clegg, TBE COMPLETED 1570

Squadron 369th A/C Number 287-V

Day 6-4-45

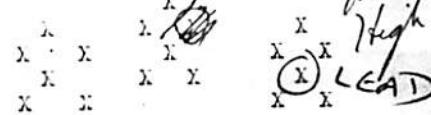
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Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed _____

1. HAD ME'S to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail



2. (1) down after target -

Collision in contrails - says Powers, who CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in Distress: is not sure - may have exploded.
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether by A.M.
E/A action, accident or undetermined cause.

Down without warning
Smoke or fire in tail
Believe 6 nautical miles
out of first

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1005

Secondary: Heading: 330^o mag

Last Resort: Height: 24900

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

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10ths Any Missiles: Yes No

Other Bombing: No rounds armed Number and type _____

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

Hand No Movie No

6. WEATHER

10/10ths

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKLEY?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Dense *limit* *contrails* - worse near IP

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

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

Crew observations about Flak:

Saw about 15 bursts
to left of Target - about 2 miles away
Barrelle I think of before this.

Squadron 369thA/C Number 301-UDate 6-9-45Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17? H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0705 0507 Time Landed 1430

1. HCT ME'S to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

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

40th "D"
High

1020 hours about 10 miles Leipzig
1 B-17 seen going straight down
no fire just as hit clouds tail section
friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full
details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
E/A action, accident or undetermined
cause.

CMB: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. W. W. Young2nd Lt. A. J. Normangroup
as was
gray
shed.

1020 1 B-17 - seen going down in spin
off no fire near first B-17 down S/Sgt. W. P. McKillop
1 B-17. A/C Broke up about 10,000ft, S/Sgt. M. D. Ernest
believes from same group as other B-17

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

S/Sgt. G. A. StephensPrimary: #2 Time: 1006S/Sgt. C. P. CrookSecondary: Heading: 305° M

WG

Last Resort: Height: 26100

WG

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 100° MS/Sgt. W. D. Wilson

TG

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

R11

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

Own Bombs:

10/10Any Missiles: Yes No

Other Bombin.:

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on yes

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER

Target: 10-12,000 feet
Clouds 10/10 - Some High CirrusWhat MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKLINE? _____7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: moderate with contrails

Precipitated contrails at Bombing alt.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense	Color	Location	Accuracy
		of	of		Bursts in re-	
		heavy)	intense		lution to A/C	
		A/C	moderate or			
			slight			
<u>None at target</u>						
<u>Baffles observed at bottom?</u>						

Crew observations about Flak:

almost went over Dunkirk obs 1 Band

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

V. good all over sky
 P-51 50300950 - 0911 hours
 Close support.
 Red nose Red tails
 Blue & white stripes noses.

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

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airfields, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations.12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.)13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Bombs would not close.

15. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? Any suggestions?).16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with group or alone?)

With group
 Left over England - low on gas.

S-2 OFFICER W.A. Leedham THE COMPLETED

SQUADRON 369th A/C Number 713-KDate 6-4-45

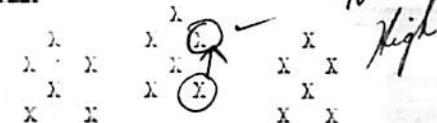
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Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1500

1. HCT NE's to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail



2. B-17 first coll. N. of Clemency at 1022 hrs. 5110N 1250E: Give Rank and Initials
Friendly A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause.

1st Lt. J. K. Collins completing2nd Lt. D. C. Gray2nd Lt. E. M. WoodruffPvt. J. W. BaaselSgt. R. D. BatemanS/Sgt. J. W. MallekS/Sgt. R. G. CrayouS/Sgt. W. G. Bidwell SJS/Sgt. W. B. Bedsole*I broke up & 2d tail came off.**4 chutes.*2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)Primary: Time: 1008Secondary: Heading: 302Last Resort: Height: 25900T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target:VGTG3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target? Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: All4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

19/0Any Nickels: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombs:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____Hand Mc Neck _____6. WEATHER: T/0 clear 7/0 - 0400 - 10/0 What MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCHAREST Be 15710 th.
to 0700 out 10,000'.7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:20 - 25,000' - target area - 1100 E8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

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

2 min bef target overin frontno

Crew observations about Flak: _____

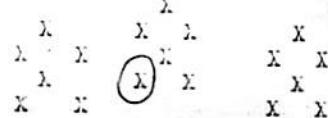
Squadron 369th A/C Number 619-S Date 6-4-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x 1000 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1445

1. HCT H.E.'S to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail



B-17 story identical

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

to other interrogations

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

1st 2nd Lt. A. L. Babin ✓
2nd Lt. G. J. McGuff ✓
2nd Lt. D. S. Clemetson ✓ N
Sgt. L. F. Phillippi ✓ B
S/Sgt. H. P. Deutsch ✓ RO
S/Sgt. W. L. Ferguson ✓ E
Sgt. A. J. Zamiskia ✓ ST
S/Sgt. W. M. Quinn SJ ✓ FG
Sgt. T. J. Rickerl ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary:

Time: 1006

Secondary:

Heading: 305

Last Resort:

Height: 25,300

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 360

ALL

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

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

Own Bombs:

Unobserved.

Any Nicks: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER 10/10 at target.

England clear.

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKINGHAM

None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Moderate - now per.

Dense - per.

Dense - per.

Target 10/10, slight chance
visual correction.

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

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

NONE

Crew observations about Flak:

Barrage observed on group
behind at target.

SQUADRON 423rd A/C Number 616-X Date 6-4-45 31

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed

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

Trees 8-17 S - one in spin and one
 down almost straight - broke up. No
 fire or smoke - one chute seen.

CRM: Give Rank and Initials

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

at 1020 - after 3rd turn off
 target.

- 2nd Lt. W. H. Hiney ✓ P
 2nd Lt. C. G. Campbell ✓ CP
 2nd Lt. E. C. Heitman ✓ N
 2nd Lt. R. G. Holscher ✓ B
 S/Sgt. J. V. Dowd ✓ RO
 Sgt. D. L. O'Neill ✓ E
 Sgt. R. L. Robertson ✓ ET
 Sgt. W. H. Olson ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 305

Last Resort: Height: 25900

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 90

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

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

Own Bombs: Any Missels: Yes No
 Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on Yes
 Hand _____ Movie _____6. WEATHER 10/10 What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKNER? _____7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Target area - heavy continuous, some
 sparsely.

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

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

Target: not over 1000' coverage mostly
 to left - some straight ahead.

Crew observations about Flak:

Squadron 423rd A/C Number 505-V Da 6-4-45 32
 3 x T 353 Bomb Load 7 x T 351 Nickels H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1450

1. HOT HE'S to be planned in. Yes No X X X X X
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out X X X X X
 special form in detail X X X X X
 1018 hrs at 27,000 ft at rally point X X X X X
 following bombs away, one B-17 in
 group ahead fell apart for unknown
 cause. One minute later another B-17
 Friendly A/C in Distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full
 details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
 E/A action, accident or undetermined
 cause. flying in same group peeled
 off sharply and went into tight
 spin with one wing falling off. Only
 one black chute was thought to be
 seen from first plane. No chutes
 from second plane. No flak or fighters
 2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual) in area.

CMD: Give Rank and Initials
 2nd Lt. W. G. H. Schultz ✓ P
 F/O J. E. Dickens ✓ P
 2nd Lt. W. A. Martin ✓ N
 S/Sgt. H. R. Rubano ✓ B
 T/Sgt. W. A. Freeborn ✓ P
 S/Sgt. S. R. Leavitt ✓ E

Primary: H2 X Time: 1005 Sgt. E. (NMI) Upthegrove ✓ BT
 Secondary: Heading: 353 VFG
 Last Resort: Height: 27,000 WG
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 100°

S/Sgt. G. W. Walczak ✓ TG

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

Own Bombs: UN0185 Any Nickels: X Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombing: UN085.

✓ NO

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER 1/10 over target, 8-9/10 over What MESSAGE REC'D FROM
 Continued. 2-5° on way back at Coast. BUCKLEY? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Dense - Poor.

8. 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 of Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Accuracy
nil						

Crew observations about Flak: Ahead and to left.

4-5 guns barrage.

Squadron 423rd A/C Number 397-0 Date 6-4-45

Bomb Load 10 x T-354 Nickels H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1445

1. HCT ME'S to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
special form in detail

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

40th B
High

CRM: Give Rank and Initials

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

2 B-17's down.
Probably collision.
First B-17 G. chutes.
Second B-17 I chutes.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: H2X Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 335

Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 180

2nd Lt. B. B. Merrill ✓ P

2nd Lt. R. G. Haring ✓ CP

2nd Lt. G. W. Hayes ✓ N

S/Sgt. J. R. Bement ✓ S

S/Sgt. C. E. Becroft ✓ RO

S/Sgt. D. F. Burden ✓ E

S/Sgt. A. L. Swire ✓ PT

S/Sgt. W. C. Clark ✓ TG

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (For this plane or others)
- Dropped a bit late*

Own Bombs: UNOBS.

Any Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: UNOBS.

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on YES

Hand Movie _____

6. WEATHER 10% over target above
-
- 8-9% Ratches over continent.

What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKINGHAM YES REWORK
IP.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Moderate - poor.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intense	Color	Location	Accuracy
			A/C		Bursts in re-	
			moderate or		Bursts lation to A/C	
			slight			
			<i>none</i>			

Crew observations about Flak: *All to left of target*
(900) moderate damage.

Squadron 369th A/C Number 832-YDate 6-8-45Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 050507 Time Landed 1455

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

*2-175 from group ahead - down
in target area - 1 chute - 2nd
fighter or flak seen near*

*YB th B
High*

(1)	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. V. R. HansenF/O I. J. Zukowski2nd Lt. B. BurwickS/Sgt. S. BeigelS/Sgt. L. D. ConnorS/Sgt. W. L. LynchS/Sgt. R. D. Weir

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WG

TG

TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

FR Primary: Time: 1006

Secondary: Heading: 300

Last Resort: Height: 25600

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 330

S/Sgt. B. E. Harkness

V

TG

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Misses: Yes No

Other Bombing:

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____

Hand _____ Movie ✓

6. WEATHER

*10/10 at target.*What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKSKY? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

moderate persistent from 18000' up - heavy at 25000'

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

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

*moderate damage from S. part of Jerry pig - unseen
none on this group*

Crew observations about Flak:

Squadron 369th A/C Number 600-GDate 6-4-45

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Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time Landed

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

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

2. B172 — Errors
~~missed~~ near target

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

*probable collision?
missed 1 chute*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 10 06 hrs

Secondary: Heading: 310° mag

Last Resort: Height: 25,800

T.O. No. 2

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 15° rwy

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

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

Own Bombs:

10/10ths

Any Nickels: Yes No

Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on No

Hand No Movie No

6. WEATHER More or less solid - What MESSAGES REC'D FROM
BUCKINGHAM

Clouds, average temp 71,000

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Not persistent until target area - at about 20,000

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

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

NONE for us

Crew observations about Flak:

Saw about 20 bursts
to left of us just before
threw away

Squadron 369th A/C Number 896-X Date 6-4-45Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M4 H.E. Position in FormationTime Took Off 0507 Time Landed 1455

1. HCT MSG to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out
 special form in detail At 1019 at
 26,000 ft at 5120 - 1250 two B-17
 in group ahead apparently collided. Crew: Give Rank and Initials
 Both ships fell apart and went
 Friendly A/C in Distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full
 details) If lost, state whether by A.A.
 E/A action, accident or undetermined
 cause. straight. The tail section
 from the second ship broke
 completely off.

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

40th "B" High

1st Lt. N. A. Erne2nd Lt. A. H. Miller Completing tour2nd Lt. R. GrahamS/Sgt. F. J. SlatteryS/Sgt. W. O. EldridgePvt. G. L. NelsonSgt. L. V. EilerPvt. D. J. Bannell

2. TARGET ATTACKED (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Type: 1008
 Secondary: Heading: 360°
 Last Resort: Height: 26,000
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 050°

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

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

Own Bombs: Bombs bay doors would not open bombs & Emergency release pulled two minutes Number and type
 Other Bombing: Late, bombs knocked doors open.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on NONE

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER 10/10 at target and from Paris in and out. What MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINGHAM?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense, persistent.

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

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

NONE

Crew observations about Flak:

Few bursts observed at target, inaccurate

Unit No. 308th AC Number 914-B Date 6 April 1945 37

Bomb Load [12 x 500 & 2 x M17] P.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 05:07 Time Landing 14:30

1. NOT able to be shown in less than 10 minutes. Hold crew and fill out special info in detail.

Just after Target 102-50-71-1222 P.M. in flight

Wanted to make a fast attack. Light Calm with slight wind

Friend. A/C in distress. Friend. A/C in distress.

(Give position time, date, tail off) Lt. H. P. Altshuler

lost, state whether b. or not

if action, accident or undetermined cause.

2. 1st attack (SAC or V. sub) 2nd Lt. S. O. Briggs

Left all to pieces S/Sgt. F. F. Alston

wing broke off and went down in spin broke all to pieces. Possibly S/Sgt. L. E. Curry

2nd attack (SAC or V. sub) S/Sgt. C. D. Stewart

3. Primary: #2 Time: 1004Z S/Sgt. R. R. Payette ✓ BT

Secondary: Remaining: 3310M _____

Last Resort: Remaining: 20,200 _____

T.O. Sgt. W. C. Pearson ✓ J TG

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 200M

3. Number of B-17s dropped on target: 101111 Mortise: returned: None

4. Observed results of bombing (for this plane or others)

Own Bonus: 107 Any nickname: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombs: _____

5. Any photographs taken: Verticals was camera turned on None

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. 10110 - tops 10,000 What remained from previous

- no middle class of

7. SYNTHETIC JP-115: Heavy before target

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intense	Color	Location	Accuracy

Heavy off to left & behind lot of 105

more by 105

Crew observations about Flak:

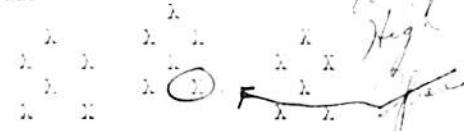
SUMMARY 369th A/C Number 896-X Date 6-4-45 38

Bomb Load 12 x 500, 2 x M17 lbs.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0507 Time landed 1145

1. HOT P/W to be jettisoned in, i.e., do if possible, hold crew in till out special form in detail



CHIEF: Give Rank and Initials

Friend: A/C in Distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether by A.A., P/M action, accident or undetermined cause.

P/O R. H. Christensen ✓ P

P/O A. P. Walton ✓ CP

2nd Lt. F. B. Johnson ✓ N

S/Sgt. J. E. Eudy ✓ B

S/Sgt. F. S. McElmon ✓ PO

S/Sgt. V. T. Fecht ✓ P

Sgt. H. E. Dedmon ✓ PT

Sgt. R. J. Galuszka ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or V-usb)

Primary: Time: 1012

Secondary: Heading: 305³⁰deg

Last Resort: Height: 26157

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 3000m

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

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

Own Fires:

10/10ths unarmored

Any Misses: Yes No

Number and type _____

Other Bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Vertical? Was camera turned on No

Hand No Movie No

6. WIND

Total Cloud from 50

miles off British C. coast -

What REMAINING WIND FROM
BUCKETS

Light w. CLOUDS IN SPOTS Average top about 1,000 ft. few wisps
Dense F.P. and clouds overcast
WINDS? Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. overcast
overcast overcast

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

Crew observations about fire: not a direct hit

left side front (100 mm)