

TO: COMBAT 10 40 1123598 SEP 40
COMBOP 305
COMBOP 92
COMBOP 305
COMBOP ONE

SECRET IN CLEAR ALTH M&S RETELSEN
NOTE: CEM SUPPLEMENT TO 1 SD TO NO 494

S-16-1

B. TARGETS: PRIMARY SEE 1 SD TO 494

LAST RESORT TO FOLLOW

A. FORCES ASSIGNED: 6 COMBAT BOXES 12 A/C PER BOX

B. ASSEMBLY: 'ABLE' FORCE

305TH GP. FURNISH COMPLETE 'ABLE' FORCE THIRTY - FOUR (34) A/C
PLUS TWO (2) OFF A/C IN LEAD GP.

ASSEMBLE AS DESIRED ON MOUNT FARM BUNCHER SO AS TO DEPART CROMER
AT ZERO PLUS 12 MINUTES AT 5,000 FT. FOLLOWING DESCRIBED COURSE.

'BAKER' FORCE

305TH GP. FURNISH COMPLETE 'BAKER' FORCE THIRTY-FOUR (34) A/C
PLUS TWO (2) OFF A/C IN LEAD GP.

ASSEMBLE AS DESIRED ON PODINGTON BUNCHER SO AS TO DEPART CROMER
AT ZERO PLUS 14 MINUTES AT 5,000 FT. FOLLOWING DESCRIBED COURSE.

C. ROUTE OUT: 'ABLE' FORCE
CONTROL POINT PLACE

TIME ALTITUDE

W WELLES	MOUNT FARM			
I ITEM	5143-0150			
J JIG	5150-0150			
K KING	5213-0150	ZERO MINUS 15	075	5,000
L LOVE	LEICESTER	"	26	0804
M MIKE	KINGS LYNN	"	03	0827
I	CROMER	"	PLUS 12	0842

'BAKER' FORCE

X X-RAY	PODINGTON			
Y YAN	STONY STRATFORD			
K KING	5210-0150	ZERO MINUS 36		5,000
L LOVE	LEICESTER	"	24	
M MIKE	KINGS LYNN	"	01	
I	CROMER	"	PLUS 14	

G. SORTING INSTRUCTIONS: SEE 1 SD TO NO 494

K. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) FUEL LOAD: 2780 GALLONS
- (2) 40TH CEM WILL FURNISH FOXHOLE SCOUT A/C

COMMUNICATIONS:

- (A) AIR COMMANDER AND CALL SIGN: LT. COL. TRAFALGAR PORTER 'ABLE' LEADER
- (B) 40TH BARRON OPERATIONS CODE WORD: 'TURKEY IN OVEN'
- (C) WEATHER SHIP AND CALL SIGN: 92ND 'GOLDFINCH' C. GREENE
- (D) WEATHER CODE SIGNECS: 'V I T E A'
- (E) SPLASHER ASSIGNMENT: 'ABLE' FORCE LET DOWN MOUNT FARM BUNCHER 30 DEGREES TRUE COURSE
'BAKER' FORCE LET DOWN PODINGTON BUNCHER 255 DEGREES TRUE COURSE
- (F) UNIT CALL SIGNS AND FLARES: S O P
- (G) 40TH COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS: S O P

-----TURNER CUMMINGS FORTY-----

BT 1123598 SEP 40
AS PHASE

CC - OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS LINE (CAMEL) 40TH VIS BARON (MUST BE RE-ARRANGED)

UNCLIST P9 - PC - OISIP V OIBP AR & C/P

FROM: OIBP 1203418 SEPT. '44.
 TO : UNCLIST P9
 UNCLIST PC
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 SECRET CT

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO P.O. 404

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

POINT	UNIT	TYPE	CALLSIGN	TYPE SUPPORT	CONTROL PT	THINGS
CROVER					1	ZERO HOUR
5026-1000	4 GP	P51	1-1	CLOSE	2	PLUS 125
5342-1030	399 GP	P51	1-2	CLOSE		PLUS 130
	352 GP	P51	1-3	CLOSE		
5248-1342	355 GP	P51	1-4	CLOSE	3	PLUS 160
	344A HSGP	P51	1-5	CLOSE		
5028-1100	356 GP	P47	1-6	CLOSE	4	PLUS 259

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE DIRECT SUPPORT 2ND DIV WILL HAVE 3 GPs OF FIGHTERS AS SUPPORT AND 3RD DIV WILL HAVE 6 GPs OF FIGHTERS AS SUPPORT.

FIGHTER REFERENCE POINTS:

- F - DANMUND
- D - DORTMUND
- U - BERLIN
- V - BRESDEN
- Z - ZEPHYR
- E - MAGDEBURG
- H - HANNOVER
- I - GIESSEN
- P - WEIMINGER

Handwritten calculations:
 135
 430
 4215
 110

1. B. EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES:

2ND DIV WILL ATTACK THE FOLLOWING TARGETS: G01625, G01644, AND 5410/P/S. (CANCEL TARGETS G0-590A, G0-44A, G0-472A, AND G0-593A WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO 2ND DIV.)

2ND DIV WILL DEPART ENGLISH COAST AT ZERO PLUS 23.

3RD DIV WILL DEPART ENGLISH COAST AT ZERO HOUR

3. ROUTE AND CORRECTED TIME SCHEDULE FOR LEAD A/C
 9AA C9W (G01540):

CROVER	TIME	ALTITUDE	TYPE	HEIGHT	STATUS
5407-0500E	0540	10000	ZERO PLUS 68	5000	ST CLIMB
5424-0643E	1023	10000	ZERO PLUS 114	15000	
5347-1021E	1020	20000	ZERO PLUS 136	20000	ST CLIMB
5335-1057E	1056	20000	ZERO PLUS 144	20000	
5046-1341E	1130	20000	ZERO PLUS 176	20000	
5124-1436E	1155	20000	ZERO PLUS 201	20000	
5115-1418E	1201	20000	ZERO PLUS 207	20000	
T A R G E T	1203	20000	ZERO PLUS 210	20000	ST DESCENT
5115-1521E	1204	20000	ZERO PLUS 220	20000	
5042-1100E	1134	20000	ZERO PLUS 230	20000	
5025-1240E	1224	20000	ZERO PLUS 240	20000	ST DESCENT
5023-0840E	1226	20000	ZERO PLUS 252	20000	
5023-0713E	1227	20000	ZERO PLUS 313	20000	
5024-0630E	1227	20000	ZERO PLUS 338	20000	ST DESCENT
5115-0254E	1228	15000	ZERO PLUS 380	15000	ST DESCENT
CROVERNESS	1219	15000	ZERO PLUS 406	15000	

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DATE 11-15-2001 BY SP-6 JAC/STP

(1) ALL AIRCRAFT WILL COMMENCE RELEASE OF CRAFT AT 4 MINUTES BEFORE I.F. AND CONTINUE FOR 15 MINUTES. EACH AIRCRAFT WILL CARRY 200 BOMBS.

ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF: W. F. CHAMBERLAIN
C.O.P. FIGHTER: THE CENTURY
W.C.F. COMMANDER:

4100 COW - WINDGROVE 1-1	94 433 COW - WINDGROVE 1-5
4100 COW - WINDGROVE 1-2	94 439 COW - WINDGROVE 1-6
4100 COW - WINDGROVE 1-3	40 443 COW - WINDGROVE 1-7
4100 COW - WINDGROVE 1-4	40 449 COW - WINDGROVE 1-8

FIGHTERS - BALLANCE ONE

GROUND FORCE CONTROL COLONEL

W.C.F. CODE WORD FOR AUTHENTICATION - NICK TRACY

FIXER

F. VANCE, RELAY AIRCRAFT - 4014 C.O.P. WILL OPERATE RELAY AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY OF 2300-3000 AT 20,000 FEET FROM ZERO PLUS 20 MINUTES UNTIL ZERO PLUS 200 MINUTES AND THEN RELAY WILL PROCEED TO VICINITY OF 2300-3000 AT 20,000 FEET AND OPERATE THERE UNTIL RESCUE.

- (1) SPLASHER ASSIGNMENT - USE COW BOMBS AS NECESSARY
- (2) WEATHER SCOUTING FORCE - 8 P-51'S, (HUCKEYE RED) WILL ARRIVE AT THE TARGETS 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE LEAD CRAFT AND REPORT CONDITIONS LIKELY TO AFFECT VISUAL DOWNING. THEY WILL INTERFERE ALONG THE BOMBER'S ROUTE AND REPORT CONDITIONS WHICH WILL AFFECT EXECUTION OF THE BATTLE PLAN.
- (3) DIRECTOR AIR CONTROLLER IS LTJG. COL. TRAVIS.
- (4) GROUND DISCIPLINE WILL BE STRESSED.

ADD. TO PARA. 2.
SECONDARY TARGETS

61A, 61B, 61C, 601 10 20 44
61-4872

94A, 94B, 433, AND 439 COWS
61-29418

LAST REPORT: ALL MILITARY OBJECTS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING IN GERMANY WHICH CAN BE ATTACKED WITHOUT RECEIVING FIGHTER SUPPORT.

-----WILLIAMS --- COMEBODY ONE -----

BT AS

CC PARA. 3. C. CHAMBERLAIN/ENGINEER/ANALYST/0577-1007H TO READ
5333-1051E AND 5332-1051E
CC INVERT IN PARA. 5. 3. ONLY ONE FOR WHICH THE FOLLOWING
5124-1842 2220 READ IN 10 20 44 TO FOLLOW-LINE 5345-1842 ETC

SINGER 2012
AS 720 2

11251

TOP R....1103502 00 02 Q
TOP R....1103502 00 02
40 COW R....1103523 00 02

AFTER SEVERAL REMAINS OF HIGH
AND LOW WILLED AROUND TRYING TO COME
BEHIND LT. DODMAN (093). HE WAS FORCED TO
RELINQUISH THE LEAD TO LT. QUINN (099).
GROUP OF ELEVEN SHIPS FINALLY FORMED
INTO THE FOLLOWING FORMATION:

GALLMAN
099

BIBSON
967

ALYER
616

BLEED
063

DODMAN
726

SCHNEIDER
598

MACY
444

CARL JOHN
454

HUTCHINSON
012

ALLEN
512

TRISK
633

THE FORMATION STAYED TOGETHER UNTIL
AFTER WE PASSED FRANTREE, ALYER (616)
TAKEN TOOK OVER THE LEAD AS GALLMAN (099)
WAS FORCED TO REPORT.

(Adams, Navigator) Mission file
12246-

12746

RUHLAND

Braunkohle-Bergbau A.G. (Brabag/Complex)
Synthetic Oil Co.

Brabag Complex {
Ruhland - Fincher-Tropsch Process
Brown Coal
Bodden } Bergius Process
Zeitz
Magdeburg }

(also, Ruhland 1 of German 3 mfg. catalysts
for Fincher Tropsch process -

350,000 tons p.a. (2% of total oil available
to Germany - 5.6% of total Synthetic Oil available
to Germany)

Near Landmarks

Quarries - Schwarz, Söther - Autobahn - R.R. - Ruhland -
Innichen

MPI's Contact Ovens - (lower internal pressure
than Bergius - hence
lighter shelled than
Hydrogenation stills -
but more of them)

Water Gas Plants - would stop all production -

Note Autobahn missing ^{on} 1/2 50,000!

GERMAN OIL

Total Annual available to Germany TONS 17,300,000

of which Synthetic = 6,250,000 $\frac{1}{3}$
Natural = 11,250,000 $\frac{2}{3}$

Summary of Synthetic

Brunx	
Politz	600,000
Ruhrland	350,000
Magdeburg	
Homburg	190,000
Castrop Rauxel	100,000

NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION

Date

3/12

Target

Midland

Squadron

357

	Name	Ship No.	Ops	Wings	Comms	Timing	Radio Course	Instruments
1.	M. SWART	299	5913 0513 G.R.	325/20 2-11-40	G.R.	11:55 28100	MT. PARK	CA
2.	STROMS	325	5913 0513 G.R.	24/40 1910	G.R.	11:55 28100	MT. PARK	F
3.	ANDERSON	263	5913 0513 G.R.	MIA	G.R.	11:55 28100	MT. PARK	P.B. CONTACT INTEGRATIVE
4.	WELLS	293	5913 0513	MIA				
5.	KALFMAN	133	5913 0513	250/40 2110	G.R.	11:55 28100	MT. PARK	CA
6.	CHRISTIAN	073		MIA				
7.	ROSENBERG	007		MIA				
8.	WELLS	293		MIA				
9.	WELLS	293		MIA				

NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Date

Target

Squadron

308

No.	Name	Slip No.	Obs	Winds	Correc	Timing	Radio Contact	Remarks
	BONNER	670		MIA @ 1700				
1	TANDE	943	5418R 0525E	335/21 24000	Good.	1219 28200 010	MT Farm	OK.
2	DORUSKIN	796	OK.	220/30 20000	Good.	1219 010 28000	MT Farm	OK.
3	HOLDEN	575	OK.	140/25 10000 140/16 15000 350/20 20000	OK.	1218 005 27800	MT FARM SPL 5-6-7-10	OK
4	TOMLINSON	512	OK.	265/28 19000	OK	1218 338 26600	MT FARM SPL 16	OK
5	SIFFORD	633	OK	340/20 20000	OK.	1215 335 26000		
6	WAGNER	715	OK.	288/17 27000	Too N of obs	1219 010 28000	MT Farm	OK.
7	CARLINO	368		MIA @ 1700				
8	LEVY	454	NO	Pilotage	OK	1215 327 26700	NONE.	OK.

9

LT. PHILLIPS: A/c 100-1

Lt. Hutchinson says this a/c hit by two fighters. A/c dropped bomb on fire. 10 chutes observed to come from a/c, but two noticed in area. Could not see a/c afterwards. Just NE of Berlin, approx. 1130 hours.

Lt. Alges says this a/c hit by fighters 1126. Broke in half. No chutes observed.

4

LT. BAILEY: A/c 065-1

Lt. Adam says this a/c down to fighters. 1120 hours. 6 - 7 chutes. Light have been seen intend.

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LT. PHILLIPS: A/c 690-1

Lt. Brown says this a/c hit by Lt. H. Berlin. 7 chutes, one of which he heard not to open. *No fire, smoke, or explosion. Lt. Brown and Lingwell agree that a/c hit by flash.*
~~Lt. Brown says this a/c hit by Lt. H. Berlin, approx. 1126. One or two chutes observed.~~

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~~Lt. Lingwell says this a/c hit by Lt. H. Berlin, approx. 1126. One or two chutes observed.~~

Lt. Brown says this a/c down by Lt. H. Berlin. One down in 1130. 4 chutes.

5

LT. PHILLIPS: A/c 060-0

Lt. Adam says possibly this a/c down to fighters at 1130. 6 to 7 chutes.

3

LT DONKIN: A/c 093

Hit his fighters. Maintained lead for a while then told base man to take over. Crash landed 5 miles S.E. of Wunstow. 4 Bailed out over England. Two dead; Four with some injuries. Three not hurt.

5240-1340 at 1126

on mission of 12 Sept 44 to Rhuland.

Four chutes out of plane: pilot, copilot, engineer and navigator.

Thinks no one else made it.

Hit by FW 190s in confused time north of Berlin, left hanging alone.

Engineer all in foot by 20 mm, lost toe.

All controls out. Plane completely sprayed with cannon fire. An instant wreck, with engine out and oxygen fire.

believes Paul Bailey shot by a woman.

Matthew Mayerson went out without a chute on.

367th officer died in prison camp. Believed after mastoid operation.

A/C Number 42-9/133
 Total Flying Time 10:40

A/C Number 42-32099
 Total Flying Time 9:45

(P) MARTIN, P.H. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) BOPER, B.W. 2nd Lieut
 (N) KAUFMAN, W.B. F/O
 (B) STEFANO, A. 2nd Lieut
 (E) MUNNERLYN, B.F. T/Sgt.
 (RO) WHITNEY, F.G. S/Sgt.
 (C) BACHMANN, G.W. Sgt.
 (G) SNOW, R.E. Sgt.
 (G) HALL, J.W. Sgt.

(P) GASSMAN, L.W. 1st Lieut
 (CP) PROKOP, L.P. 2nd Lieut
 (N) MC COURT, R.J. 1st Lieut
 (B) GRUENIG, R.D. 2nd Lieut
 (E) GORMAN, C.J. T/Sgt.
 (RO) STACHOWIAK, J.L. T/Sgt.
 (C) KENNEDY, M.A. S/Sgt.
 (G) MEYER, C.L. Sgt.
 (G) SCHNEIDER, H. S/Sgt.

A/C Number 42-107063
 Total Flying Time 10:00

A/C Number 42-38093
 Total Flying Time 9:45

(P) BREED, R.L. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) SMITH, I.D. 2nd Lieut
 (N) ANDERSON, F.W. 2nd Lieut
 (B) CLARK, E.R. F/O
 (E) LOTHIAN, G.R. Sgt.
 (RO) GRAHLER, R.W. Sgt.
 (C) URSEL, R. Sgt.
 (G) TYNAN, J.C. Sgt.
 (G) PAINE, C.E. Sgt.

(P) DONKIN, G.J. 1st Lieut
 (CP) MAC DONALD, D.C. 2nd Lieut
 (N) WEILER, G.A. 1st Lieut
 (B) HOSTETTLER, A.S. (KIA) Captain
 (E) TIERS, C.R. T/Sgt.
 (RO) COLVIN, W.M. T/Sgt.
 (C) MORROW, N. S/Sgt.
 (G) ~~MR~~ EPPLER, J.B. (KIA) S/Sgt.
 (G) JOSLIN, L.C. S/Sgt.

A/C Number 42-31726
 Total Flying Time 9:50

A/C Number 42-9/218
 Total Flying Time MIA

(P) ADAM, M.M. 1st Lieut
 (CP) PRESCOTT, H.L. 1st Lieut
 (N) STRONG, R.A. 1st Lieut
 (B) BOYER, M.P. 1st Lieut
 (E) DOLNICH, J. Sgt.
 (RO) LINDSEY, W.S. T/Sgt.
 (C) NUNNERY, H.G. Sgt.
 (G) WESTER, R.A. S/Sgt.
 (G) BEACH, J.G. Sgt.

(P) WEGENER, C.C. 1st Lieut
 (CP) GRIFFIN, W.F. 2nd Lieut
 (N) MARSH, D.C. 1st Lieut
 (B) STEWART, W.C. 2nd Lieut
 (E) STROYOFF, J.M. T/Sgt.
 (RO) KRAHN, J.P. T/Sgt.
 (C) GARDNER, W.V. Sgt.
 (G) KOEN, J.V. Sgt.
 (G) RODGERS, H.H. S/Sgt.

SQUADRON

36/tn

MISSION LOADING LIST

MISSION NUMBER 229

DATE

12 September 1944

A/C Number 42-38042

Total Flying Time MIA

(P) WHITE, L.H. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) HENCEROOTH, S.W. 2nd Lieut
 (N) CHRISTENSEN, R. 2nd Lieut
 (B) ZRUST, G.F. 2nd Lieut
 (E) PIVE, W.R. Sgt.
 (RO) HANDEL, A. Sgt.
 (G) MC CLUNG, F.W. Sgt.
 (G) FISHER, J.V. Sgt.
 (G) MARTELLO, P.A. Sgt.

MISSING IN ACTION

A/C Number

Total Flying Time

(P)
 (CP)
 (N)
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 (RO)
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A/C Number 42-31065

Total Flying Time MIA

(P) BAILEY, P.F. 1st Lieut
 (CP) BABEL, R.M. 2nd Lieut
 (N) BODENBERGER, R.M. 1st Lieut
 (B) VICKERS, R.L. 2nd Lieut
 (E) HOLLENBERG, L.W. T/Sgt.
 (RO) CHANDLER, D.P. T/Sgt.
 (G) BURNS, J. S/Sgt.
 (G) BOLAND, H.J. S/Sgt.
 (G) TICH, L.E. Sgt.

MISSING IN ACTION

A/C Number

Total Flying Time

(P)
 (CP)
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A/C Number 42-102969

Total Flying Time MIA

(P) BARR, E. 1st Lieut
 (CP) REID, R. 2nd Lieut
 (N) MYERSON, M.W. 2nd Lieut
 (B) MONTAGUE, G.A. 2nd Lieut
 (E) BAUER, W.J. T/Sgt.
 (RO) CHAVEZ, H.A. T/Sgt.
 (G) CAPEN, A.R. S/Sgt.
 (G) HOLLING, N. S/Sgt.
 (G) WITTKER, W.A. S/Sgt.

MISSING IN ACTION

A/C Number

Total Flying Time

(P)
 (CP)
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SQUADRON 36th

MISSION LOADING LIST

MISSION NUMBER 229

Sept. 12, 1944

A/C Number 42-31690

Total Flying Time

A/C Number 42-97168

Total Flying Time

(P) Maj. Farwell, R.H.
 (CP) 2nd Lt. Markle, W.D.
 (N) 2nd Lt. Bonner, O.A.
 (B) 2nd Lt. Tryloff, W.F.
 (E) T/Sgt. Wilson, W.F.
 (RO) S/Sgt. Hall, F.E.
 (C) Sgt. Lindsey, E.
 (G) Sgt. Winthers, R.K.
 (G) S/Sgt. Williams, C.C.

MISSING IN ACTION

(P) 1st Lt. Sasser, J.W.
 (CP) 1st Lt. McStay, J.T.
 (N) 2nd Lt. Carlino, A.J.
 (B) 2nd Lt. Banta, R.E.
 (E) Sgt. Mitchelson, V.S.
 (RO) T/Sgt. Carroll, E.T.
 (C) S/Sgt. Schultz, A.C.
 (G) S/Sgt. Revolti, D.B.
 (G) S/Sgt. Wilson, E.M.

MISSING IN ACTION

A/C Number 42-38148

Total Flying Time 5:10

A/C Number 43-37633

Total Flying Time 10:00

(P) 2nd Lt. Halliday, G.J.
 (CP) 2nd Lt. Clavys, R.H.
 (N) 2nd Lt. Norris, J.H.
 (B) Sgt. Stalder, A.J.
 (E) S/Sgt. Crane, C.H.
 (RO) S/Sgt. Hawkins, D.B.
 (C) Sgt. MacGillivray, R.H.
 (G) Sgt. Rasmussen, C.O.
 (G) Sgt. Trimmer, H.C.

ABORTION

(P) 2nd Lt. Risk, I.A.
 (CP) 2nd Lt. McCaulie, W.T.
 (N) 2nd Lt. Seiford, F.M.
 (B) F/O Johnson, J.W.
 (E) Sgt. Hoffman, J.H.
 (RO) Sgt. Houston, M.D.
 (C) Sgt. Russo, R.A.
 (G) Sgt. Cooper, R.E.
 (G) Sgt. Carrasco, W.H.

A/C Number 42-31154

Total Flying Time 9:30

A/C Number 43-37575

Total Flying Time 9:45

(P) 2nd Lt. Chrisjohn, R.J.
 (CP) 2nd Lt. Coyne, J.M.
 (N) 2nd Lt. Levy, C.N.
 (B) 2nd Lt. Weber, J.G.
 (E) Sgt. Kabrich, H.L.
 (RO) S/Sgt. Gilbert, L.R.
 (C) Sgt. Gadariano, H.
 (G) Sgt. Fuller, H.R.
 (G) Sgt. Jacobson, A.E.

(P) 2nd Lt. Ruffin, W.A.
 (CP) 2nd Lt. Huelat, F.E.
 (N) 2nd Lt. Holden, I.B.
 (B) Sgt. Atwood, R.G.
 (E) S/Sgt. McCarthy, D.E.
 (RO) S/Sgt. Edlund, L.E.
 (C) Cpl. Brizzi, C.A.
 (G) S/Sgt. Arestie, H.
 (G) Sgt. Laubert, W.F.

MISSION LOADING LIST

SQUADRON 368th

MISSION NUMBER 229

DATE Sept. 12, 1944

A/C Number 43-37715

Total Flying Time 8:55

A/C Number 42-37943

Total Flying Time 9:45

(P) 1st Lt. Baumgardner, D.E.

(CP) 1st Lt. Marlovits, J.C.

(N) 2nd Lt. Wagner, P.C.

(B) 1st Lt. Borgert, R.Q.

(E) Col. Trobaugh, A.G.

(RO) T/Sgt. Gomez, S.J.

(G) Sgt. Daly, R.R.

(G) Cpl. Spraggins, D.W.

(G) S/Sgt. Barber, G.L.

(P) 2nd Lt. Eros, K.N.

(CP) 2nd Lt. Maenner, A.J.

(N) 2nd Lt. Trude, O.J.

(B) 2nd Lt. Townsend, D.S.

(E) S/Sgt. Disko, B.

(RO) S/Sgt. Ozes, R.A.

(G) Sgt. Tennant, R.F.

(G) Sgt. Swindle, R.V.

(G) Sgt. Todd, C.

A/C Number 42-97796

Total Flying Time 9:45

A/C Number 42-102512

Total Flying Time 9:40

(P) 2nd Lt. Underwood, H.E.

(CP) 2nd Lt. Bruton, M.J.

(N) 2nd Lt. Dorushkin, I.

(B) S/Sgt. Arnold, F.L.

(E) Sgt. Davelli, F.T.

(RO) Sgt. Leventhal, H.

(G) Sgt. Messer, H.P.

(G) Sgt. Barkan, I.

(G) Sgt. Tanno, N.L.

(P) 1st Lt. Allen, J.J.

(CP) 1st Lt. Perez, G.A.

(N) 2nd Lt. Tomlinson, R.S.

(B) 2nd Lt. Holt, C.O.

(E) S/Sgt. Sullivan, J.J.

(RO) S/Sgt. Bennett, J.H.

(G) Sgt. Ighthead, J.P.

(G) Sgt. Culp, C.B.

(G) S/Sgt. Vischi, F.J.

A/C Number

Total Flying Time

A/C Number

Total Flying Time

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MISSION LOADING LIST

SQUADRON 369th MISSION NO. 229 DATE 12 September 1944

A/C Number 42-97301
Total Flying Time 9:40

A/C Number 574
Total Flying Time 9:40

- (P) LINGWALL, A.H. 1st Lieut
- (CP) SHOOP, E.F. 1st Lieut
- (N) SCHWET, J.G. 1st Lieut
- (B) SOIFER, S. 1st Lieut
- (E) HAURBERGM, V.H. T/Sgt.
- (RO) BELL, G.A. T/Sgt.
- (G) SCHULLER, L.M. S/Sgt.
- (G) HOLM, H.E. S/Sgt.
- (G) IRWIN, E. S/Sgt.

- (P) FIFE, R.C. 1st Lieut
- (CP) BENNETT, C.T. 1st Lieut
- (N) MAXWELL, R.L. 1st Lieut
- (B) SCHOONOVER, E.L. 1st Lieut
- (E) LUCAS, F.K. 2nd Lieut (368th)
- (RO) COKER, G. S/Sgt.
- (G) GILMONT, R.D. S/Sgt.
- (G) SMITH, C.E. Sgt.
- (G) YAMKA, H. S/Sgt.

A/C Number 42-27185
Total Flying Time 9:35

A/C Number 43-37619
Total Flying Time 9:40

- (P) BROWN, R.H. 2nd Lieut
- (CP) GIGLIO, W.F. 2nd Lieut
- (N) WALDEN, J.B. 2nd Lieut
- (B) PETERSON, L.J. T/Sgt.
- (E) RAASEL, J.W. Sgt.
- (RO) FANN, I.I. Sgt.
- (G) OHM, R.A. Sgt.
- (G) HOVEY, E.P. Sgt.
- (G) FERRARA, M.J. Sgt.

- (P) JONES, R.L. 1st Lieut
- (CP) TRASK, H.E. 2nd Lieut
- (N) KECH, G.T. 2nd Lieut
- (B) LATEANO, G.J. 2nd Lieut
- (E) NUESSEN, C.H. Cpl.
- (RO) HELKER, J.S. Cpl.
- (G) KRONE, C.C. Cpl.
- (G) WILKE, ELMER R. Cpl.
- (G) WILKIE, EMIL R. Cpl.

A/C Number 43-38362
Total Flying Time 9:45

A/C Number 44-8124
Total Flying Time 10:00

- (P) STEWART, R.D. 2nd Lieut
- (CP) RITTER, R.G. 2nd Lieut
- (N) RANDELL, W.M. 2nd Lieut
- (B) KENNEY, J.F. 2nd Lieut
- (E) PONTENOT, M. T/Sgt.
- (RO) LYNCH, R.L. T/Sgt.
- (G) SCHUBERT, R.F. S/Sgt.
- (G) CHANCELLOR, R.L. Sgt.
- (G) VILLAGRAN, A.C. S/Sgt.

- (P) CHALFANT, J.S. Lt. Colonel
- (CP) THOMPSON, W.O. Captain
- (N) MAC PHERSON, J.D. 1st Lieut
- (B) BUSH, C.F. 2nd Lieut
- (E) PALUMBO, V. 1st Lieut
- (RO) PETERS, L.F. 2nd Lieut
- (G) BARRON, C.G. S/Sgt.
- (G) COGHLAN, G.J. T/Sgt.
- (G) PIEPENBRINK, F. Sgt.
- (G) CLARK, C.R. S/Sgt.

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SQUADRON 369th MISSION NUMBER 229 DATE 12 September 1944

A/C Number 43-38296
 Total Flying Time 9:40

A/C Number _____
 Total Flying Time _____

(P)	BIRDWELL, R.S.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	PECKINS, W.H.	2nd Lieut
(N)	GOLDBERG, S.A.	2nd Lieut
(B)	BARULICH, A.F.	2nd Lieut
(W)	BOACH, R.F.	Sgt.
(ED)	BURNS, A.A.	Sgt.
(C)	CALLAHAN, J.J.	Sgt.
(E)	MONTAGUE, R.J.	Sgt.
(S)	PARKER, T.W.	Sgt.
(G)		

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(CP)		
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(ED)		
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(E)		
(S)		
(G)		

A/C Number 43-38287
 Total Flying Time 9:50

A/C Number _____
 Total Flying Time _____

(P)	LEWIS, J.R.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	DENTON, R.S.	2nd Lieut
(N)	SILVASY, A.J.	2nd Lieut
(B)	HARRISON, L.A.	2nd Lieut
(W)	PATTERSON, B.T.	S/Sgt.
(ED)	SCHUSTER, G.A.	Sgt.
(C)	QORTZ, R.L.	Sgt.
(E)	QORTZ, F.H.	Sgt.
(S)	HORN, J.C.	Sgt.
(G)		

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(CP)		
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A/C Number 42-97181
 Total Flying Time 10:40

A/C Number _____
 Total Flying Time _____

(P)	CANRAZZONE, G.M.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	REINHART, L.H.	2nd Lieut
(N)	KESTER, A.A.	2nd Lieut
(B)	BODNARUK, J.	2nd Lieut
(W)	KEITH, G.T.	S/Sgt.
(ED)	CAIN, W.	Cpl.
(C)	EVANS, W.F.	Sgt.
(E)	HOLTHAUS, R.A.	Sgt.
(S)	HOFFER, G.A.	S/Sgt.
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SQUADRON 423rd

MISSION LOADING LIST

MISSION NUMBER 229

DATE

12 September 1944

A/C Number 42-102503
Total Flying Time MIAA/C Number 43-37616
Total Flying Time 10:00

(P)	GATES, D.W.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	JORDAN, E.E.	2nd Lieut
(N)	TAYLOR, J.F.	2nd Lieut
(B)	CAPPELLI, H.	T/Sgt.
(B)	SULZINSKI, C.L.	T/Sgt.
(RO)	PELTZ, J.L.	Sgt.
(G)	FOUNTAIN, R.W.	Sgt.
(G)	JOHNSON, B.L.	Sgt.
(G)	REED, H.E.	Sgt.
(G)	MISSING IN ACTION	

(P)	ALYEA, H.J.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	MURPHY, J.A.	2nd Lieut
(H)	RADNOFSKY, M.I.	2nd Lieut
(P)	MUELLER, C.E.	2nd Lieut
(P)	TERRY, G.H.	T/Sgt.
(P)	COLEMAN, D.W.	S/Sgt.
(G)	CAPPS, R.P.	S/Sgt.
(G)	O'BRIEN, V.E.	S/Sgt.
(G)	KEY, H.S.	S/Sgt.
(G)	MISSING IN ACTION	

A/C Number 42-97180
Total Flying Time MIAA/C Number 43-38153
Total Flying Time 9:50

(P)	FREEMAN, M.W.	2nd Lieut
(CP)	BARBER, C.M.	F/O
(N)	STANSBERRY, C.E.	2nd Lieut
(B)	SMITH, F.B.	F/O
(E)	SIMMERS, M.D.	S/Sgt.
(E)	LEVENS, K.W.	S/Sgt.
(E)	HUGHES, J.E.	S/Sgt.
(G)	HOLMES, J.G.	Sgt.
(G)	APPELL, R.L.	Sgt.
(G)	MISSING IN ACTION	

(P)	SMYTHE, C.P.	2nd Lieut
(P)	MAGUSIAK, S.J.	2nd Lieut
(P)	MURPHY, R.F.	F/O
(P)	FRANK, R.M.	2nd Lieut
(P)	CATHEY, J.J.	S/Sgt.
(P)	NEST, H.C.	S/Sgt.
(G)	FRANKLIN, G.B.	Sgt.
(G)	JOSEPHSON, S.I.	Sgt.
(G)	PRICEMANN, W.W.	Sgt.
(G)	MISSING IN ACTION	

A/C Number 43-37967
Total Flying Time 9:50A/C Number 43-37598
Total Flying Time 10:00

(P)	GIBSON, C.H.	F/O
(CP)	ROTH, H.G.	F/O
(N)	LARSON, W.C.	F/O
(B)	LUNDBERG, M.	2nd Lieut
(E)	SEPE, A.D.	S/Sgt.
(E)	CANNON, L.L.	T/Sgt.
(G)	ODROWAZ, C.M.	Sgt.
(G)	RENO, L.C.	Sgt.
(G)	LONEM, J.C.	Sgt.
(G)	MISSING IN ACTION	

(P)	SCHOENBACHLER, E.	2nd Lieut
(P)	SCHIRACK, D.T.	2nd Lieut
(P)	SILER, G.W.	1st Lieut
(P)	MC KNIGHT, D.K.	2nd Lieut
(P)	MOORE, R.W.	T/Sgt.
(P)	LYNCH, N.A.	T/Sgt.
(G)	FUGLISE, S.C.	S/Sgt.
(G)	MARTIN, W.E.	S/Sgt.
(G)	BUSHELL, G.F.	S/Sgt.
(G)	MISSING IN ACTION	

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MISSION LOADING LIST

MISSION NUMBER

229

DATE

12 September 1944

A/C Number

42-31444

Total Flying Time

9:25

(P) MACY, W.H. 1st Lieut
 (CP) RIEUX, P. 2nd Lieut
 (N) TALLEY, J.C. 2nd Lieut
 (B) OLSHEWITZ, M.J. 2nd Lieut
 (E) PRICE, J.E. Cpl.
 (RO) KAYE, H.H. Cpl.
 (G) PERSAC, L.J. Cpl.
 (G) TRIMBLE, R.C. Cpl.
 (G) SHEORN, C.W. Cpl.
 (G)

A/C Number

Total Flying Time

A/C Number

44-6012

Total Flying Time

9:15

(P) HUTCHINSON, H.E. 2nd Lieut
 (CP) RIEDEL, W.T. 2nd Lieut
 (N) SHAPLAND, E.W. 2nd Lieut
 (B) CRICPIN, B. 2nd Lieut
 (E) MONDOR, D.O. Sgt.
 (RO) JOHNSON, G.W. S/Sgt.
 (G) HAYEN, C.V. Sgt.
 (G) BAKER, I.H. Sgt.
 (G) BESSER, A. Sgt.
 (G)

A/C Number

Total Flying Time

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Serial No. 429 w/c Number 180 Leg or Y. Date 12-9-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Standard

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed _____

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

40th A
High

NOT HELD to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

*Approved
12/30/44*

*W. Hutchinson says A/C 170 hit by two fighters.
A/C also started back on fire. No smoke
observed to come from A/C but two noticed
friendly A/C in any kind of distress.
(Give position, time, altitude, etc.
details)*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

in area. Could not follow afterwards.

2nd Lt. R. W. Freeman File

F/O C. M. Barber Com

2nd Lt. C. E. Stansberry Nav

F/O F. B. Smith Doc

S/Sgt. K. W. Levens Rail

S/Sgt. M. (MHI) Sumner Top

Sgt. J. (MHI) Holmes Ball

S/Sgt. J. B. Hughes R/W

_____ L/W

Sgt. R. L. Appell Tail

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: _____

*L. Dyer says this A/C hit by fighters 1128.
Smoke in half. No smoke observed.*

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other bombing:

Any Missiles: Yes ___ No ___

Number Bombs Dropped _____

Number Bombs Returned _____

5. Any ENCLOSURES taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY CONFUSE AND RESULTS:

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

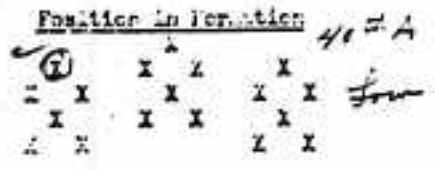
8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light or heavy), intensity or details of sight.	Color of Bombs	Location of Bombs in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Squad: 367 367 A/C Number 724 Lot 0 Date 12/9/44

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Incand. 40 # A
Time Tock Off 0644 Time Landed _____



1. NOT W/S to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:
 278 (Weysser) 1130 went off to left
 4 chutes (possibly more) N. Berlin
 (no delay)
 Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full
 details)
 1 B17 (possible 065-042)
 1130 hr. 6-7 chutes
 1130 hr. 1 B17 slipping down
 above this plane. 2 chutes.

- CRS.: Give Name and Initials
 1130 hr. B17 from lead Both wings on fire
 (Grab. Forwell). Thinks all got out.
- 1st Lt. Adam, M.M. Pilot
 - 1st Lt. Prescott, W.L. Co.
 - 1st Lt. Strong, R.A. Tail
 - 1st Lt. Bover, H.P. Bomb
 - 7/Sgt. Lindsey, W.A. Sgt
 - Sgt. Dolinich, J. (NCT) To.
 - S/Sgt. Weeter, R.E. Tail
 - Sgt. Hunnery, H.G. P/W
 - Sgt. Beach, J.P. T-1

2. TARGET ATTACKED:
 Primary Time: 1216
 Alternate Height: 26100
 Last Resort Heading: 340 M
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: _____

3. Number of BOMBS All dropped on target. Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
 4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (For this plane or other)
 Can Bombs: Hit in built up area
 Other bombing: _____
 Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number bombs dropped: _____
 Number Bombs returned: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken? Yes No
 6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:
 7. ROUTE: (If different than orders, give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)
Thinks too close to Berlin. (Grp lead) waited for other AC. Consequently cut dog legs short. Caused flak
 8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 4/10 spotty. Partially obscured tar.
 9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
Cleared except for haze on way back

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

10. FLY FILTERING OBSERVATIONS:

at least 30

#W 290

(Estimate total number of L.A. seen)

(Type)

1130 hrs. NE Berlin Grp in bad form. 6 rit

(Location and Length of Flight)

(weaker down to 2225 turned towards nose, but retreated as result of firing)

low grp. same in high 3 o'clock. -6 from tail & o'clock level. peeled to left. Consult log of now. for complete story.

(Tactics of fly)

1. Plot from playback in form of way back (1)

(Color, markings, etc. of fly)

SLATS

REMARKS

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REMARKS

(Fill out 1 slot for separate chart. Fill for each flight)

11. PICTURE SUBJECT: Fair Spotty

12. OSPECIAL OBS: Give time, place, height (list any observations of military equipment such as balloons, dyes, flares, search lights, smoke screens, and signals; activity of aircraft, ports, water-w, ponds, railroad yards; construction of vehicles, tanks, vehicles; structures, and other installations; oil fire gas 1025 smoke to 15000 Meningen 1 m So.

3 black puffs over Cologne (poss. Saarbrücken)

13. INCIDENTS TO AIRCRAFT: (If one of our aircraft, state number by name, & if not, accidents or failures not ours)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in aircraft, time of injury, how received, flight and T.O.)

15. REMARKS TO AIRCRAFT: (Briefly)

1 20 mm hole

16. TECHNICAL S.A.P.S:

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

3-2 OFFICER

Esper

THIS OBSERVED

1701

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ ~~#####~~ n/c Number 063 Lat A Date 12/9/44

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Incend.

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed

Position in Formation

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

40th A
Low

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

Saw 2 chutes come down from plane at 4 o'clock - one chute opened. Second line tangled up. 30 sec. before fighters hit. Friendly n/c in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

Give Rank and Initials

O.K.

During attack by fighters

969 - # of engine on fire - Saw 3 chutes. Picked up & ditched exit anymore.

- 2nd Lt. Breed, R.L. Pilot
- 2nd Lt. Smith, L.D. Co-Nav
- 2nd Lt. Anderson, F.W. Nav
- F/O. Clark, L.B. Bomb
- Sgt. Lothian, G.R. Radio
- Sgt. Grauler, R.W. Top
- Sgt. Tynan, J.C. Ball-out
- Sgt. Urael, R. (IMI) R/W
- Sgt. Paide C.E. L/W
- Tail

3 position - before flak area peeled away - last one saw of him.

Saw one @ 17 go down behind flak fighters turning

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1215/2

Alternate Height: 26600'

Last Resort Heading: (?)

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Loaded on target!

Other bombing:

any Nickels: Yes No

Number bombs dropped

Number Bombs 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) As Briefed!

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

Time	Place	Height of n/c	Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in re-	Accuracy
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high
Saw 4 fighters - vapor trails at 4 to 5 o'clock
(Tactics of E/A)
behind 4, high masking out circles.

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

C L A I M S

DESCRIPTION _____

PROBABLE _____ 1 _____

REMARKS _____
(Fill out 1 separately
separate CLAIM FORM for
each claim.)

11. FLIGHT SUPPORT

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

*Mustard - 3 ships in bay anchored - 4 ships
Incident - 5 205 14 - 0134 E - 6 ships - 4 North & South.*

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or unknown conditions)

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) *Minor - hole from condensed oil from ship down upper fusel.*

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *vft went out, ball turret went out.*

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

S-2 OFFICER _____

TIME COMPLETED _____

364 Date 357 ~~357~~ /G Number 27B Bomber K Date 12/9/44

Bomb Load 10/500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation 40th A

Time Back Off 0644 Time Limited

	X	X	X	X
C	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X

1. NOTES to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

*At Adams says this A/C (278) hit by fighters
130 hrs N. Berlin, went off to left. Four
chutes. Possibly more.*

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

NOTE: Give rank and initials

- 1st Lt. Wegener, D.G. Flt.
- 2nd Lt. Griffin, W.P. Com.
- 2nd Lt. Marsh, D.O. Nav.
- 2nd Lt. Stewart, W.C. Bomb
- 7/Sgt. Krahn, J.P. Radi
- 8/Sgt. Strosoff, J.N. Top
- Sgt. Egan, J.V. Tail
- Sgt. Gardner, W.V. H/W
- S/Sgt. Rodgers, H.E. Tail

*112 hrs 4 chutes
Lt. Dossman says #3 engine on fire,
slid off to side, not observed
any longer*

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Priority Time:

Alternate Height:

List Return Heading:

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

*At Risk says this A/C's tail assembly shot
off #3. Dropped out of formation. Observed
not longer*

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

4. Observed RECOIL of Bombs: (For this plane or others)

5. Bomber

Any Hitches: Yes No
Bomber bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

Other markings:

6. any INCENDIARY bombs: Yes? No?

7. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY BOMBS AND RESULTS:

8. WIND: (if different than orders) (if NEGATIVE give time, place, height
of turn; reason for retarding speed, and direction of bombs.)

9. WEATHER: (if it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), incendiary, incertive or	Color	Duration Bursts in row	Accuracy
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INTERCOMBAT FORM

SQUADRON #368 n/c Number 368 LA er 0 Date 12-9-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation 40th A

Time Took Off 0614 Time Landed X X Y X High

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

4. Lindbergh says this a/c down 1135 hrs NE Berlin. #3 engine hit by flak. a/c spiralled down to clouds. No fire. Friendly n/c in any kind of distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

GRS.: Give rank and initials

- 1st Lt. J. W. Sasser / Pilot
- 1st Lt. J. T. McStay / Co-r
- 2nd Lt. A. J. Carlisle / Nav.
- 2nd Lt. H. B. Banta / Bomb
- T/Sgt. E. T. Carrell / Radi
- Sgt. V. J. Mitchellson / Top
- S/Sgt. A. C. Schultz / Ball
- S/Sgt. D. R. Revolti / R/W
- S/Sgt. R. M. Wilson / Tail

Flak - hit directly under right wing. Started down before fighters came thru

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:

(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: Lt. Macy says this a/c hit by flak #2 & #4 engine out. Under control. No chute. 1127 hrs.

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

Other bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of	Type (light heavy), intense,	Color of	Location of Bursts in re-	Accuracy
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16.
10. ENEMY FIGHTER COMPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____
DAMAGED _____
RECOVERED _____
REMARKS _____
(Fill out immediately
separate Blat. Form for
each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

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

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY E/A: (If one of our E/A is shot down whether by E/A, E/A action, accident or interceptors and cause)

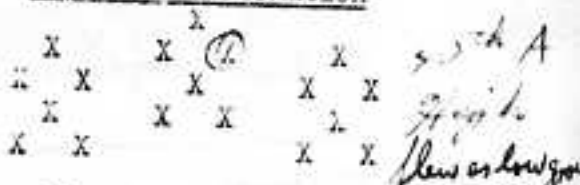
14. INCIDENTS TO OWNERS: (Give name, position in E/A, type of injury, how

SQUADRON ~~367~~ ~~368~~ 423 n/c Number 616 Lt. r X Date 12 Sept. 1944

Bomb Load 10 X 500 H.E. ~~XXXXX~~

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation



1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

Freeman hit by fighters 1128. broke in half.
2 other was hit + left formation.

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

GRS.: Give rank and initials *deputy after other*
led low group from
main group.

- 2nd. Lt. H. J. Alvey Jr. Pilot
- 2nd. Lt. J. A. Murphy Co-r
- 2nd. Lt. M. I. Radnofsky Nav.
- 2nd. Lt. C. E. Mueller Bomb
- T/Sgt. D. W. Coleman Eng
- T/Sgt. G.H. Terry Top
- S/Sgt. R. P. Capps Tail
- S/Sgt. V. E. O'Brien R/W
- _____ L/W
- S/Sgt. H.S. Key Jr. Trail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

LOW

Primary Time: 1216
Alternate Height: 26,300
Last Resort Heading: 300°
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes ___ No ___
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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 ft n/c	Type (light heavy) intense, moderate or slight.	Color of bursts	Location Bursts in re- lation to n/c	accuracy
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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

40 to 60 - 109's and 190's - more 190's than 109's
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (types)

7 or 8 o'clock
First attack was from ~~the~~ high - 6 abreast and 4 deep
(Location and length of flight)

3 attacks altogether - 1st time in War, last attack was 3 a/c

Continues circling around 35-40,000 feet.

(Tactics of E/A)

OD green with black crosses.

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

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Saw 4 P-51's ~~around the target~~ seen until France - a few off target.

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

flak

SQUADRON 060# 800 009# 423 a/c Number 967 Letter B Date 12 Sept. 1944

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

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed _____

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

40th A High

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

GRE: Give name and initials

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

F/O G.H. Gibson Pilot

F/O H.G. Roth Co-pilot

F/O W.C. Larson Nav.

2nd. Lt. N. (NMI) Lundberg Bomb

T/Sgt. L.L. Cannon Radi

S/Sgt. A.D. Seps Top

Sgt. L.C. Reno Bomb

Sgt. C.H. Odrowaz R/A

_____ L/W

Sgt. J.P. Bonen Jr. Tail

B-17 spinning down, fighter attack
Lead steady - Barrett 3 Chutes out - Fighter
Burning under control - " 2 chutes"

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time: 1215
alternate Height: 26,000
Last Resort Heading: 335
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS Of Bombing: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

Other bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs returned _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNNERS AND ROCKETS:

7. ROUTE: (If different than orders!) (If ABORTED, give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 3-4/10 target

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

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

(Tactics of E/A)

IFW - 8 o'clock high. broke off attack just above cockpit.

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

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

good

Fighters chased E/A right through formation

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

Pictures - 7 slides burning (large fire) 5035-0945 E

Pictures Bergen on Rhine

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C list, 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.)

T.G. Anoxia - most first up

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *Flak -*

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

S-2 OFFICER _____

TIME COMPLETED _____

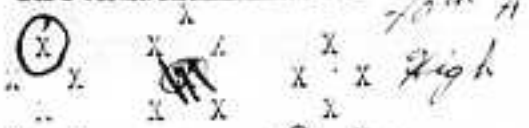
INTER-OCCUPATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~###~~ ~~###~~ ~~###~~ 423 A/C Number 111 Letter Y Date 12 Sept. 1944

Bomb Load 10 X 500 H.E. ~~#####~~

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed 1608



1. NOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

B17 #368 direct hit between #3 & #4 headed out from London under control, no chutes, 1127 hrs NE of Berlin

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

5 to 6 B17's stragglers attacked by 2/4 bullet down 4 in flames, others after down out control 12 to 14 chutes

1st. Lt. W.H. Macy Pl.

2nd. Lt. R.J. Reixou Com

2nd. Lt. J. C. Talley Nav

2nd. Lt. M.J. Olshewitz Bomb

Cpl. H.H. Hays Radio

Cpl. J. E. Price Top

Cpl. L.J. Pierce Jr. Ball

Cpl. C.W. Sheorn R/V

L/V

Cpl. E.C. Trimble Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1215
alternate Height: 26,000
Last Resort Heading: 345 mag
(circle) *Disincl.*
Duration Bomb Run: *Disincl.*

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

4. Observed RESULTS Of Bombing: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

?

any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number bombs returned _____

Other bombing:

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY BOMBING AND RESULTS:

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

Generally Good.

5/10 cloud.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

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

10

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

25 E/A all Fw 190's

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

tail from above

Several ~~refused~~ attacks to within 100 yds

(Tactics of E/A)

Mottled Grey green red primer

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

C L A I M S

DESTROYED

DAMAGED

(Fill out separately separate claim form for each claim.)

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Several maps

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

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.)
None

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 000 #000 2-423 A/C Number 012 Lat. : A Date 12-9-44

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

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed _____

	X	X	X	X	40 th A
X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	High
X	X	X	X	X	changed to another sq

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details: Had 2 fighters dropped back on fire
on fire no accounts noticed but
two appeared in area.

CRE.: Give rank and initials

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

were more from low
low go than elsewhere -

- 2nd. Lt. H.E. Hutchinson Pilot
- 2nd. Lt. W.T. Riedel Co-^t
- 2nd. Lt. E.P. Shapland Jr. Nav.
- 2nd. Lt. R.E. Griffin Bomb
- S/Sgt. G.W. Johnson Rec.
- Sgt. D.O. Mondor Top
- Sgt. C.V. Haden Ball
- Sgt. L.B. Baker P/W
- _____ Lt.
- Sgt. A.S. Resser Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1819
 alternate Height: 26400
 Last Resort Heading: 322 mag
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run:

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

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

Own Bombs: Bombed 9/ lead ship -
 Other bombing: no results observed
 Any Nickels: Yes No
 Number bombs dropped _____
 Number Bombs returned _____

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND ROCKETS:

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

Came back in formation -

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 5 & 6/10ths on way to and at target - Heavy - cleared up on way out -

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light)	Color	Location	accuracy
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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

305th Bg came through after formation was
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (types)

broke up by flak. We could have regained formation
(Location and length of fight)

if they hadn't. Fighters (75-100) S/E mostly FW 190s -
me 410s began attacks.

made attack on lead of group about 7
(Tactics of E/A)

o'clock, high or level to low

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

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u>1</u>
PROBABLY	_____
DAMAGED	_____
<small>(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)</small>	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT "If P-51s joined the me 410s
just before and through" began attack
support in evidence. P-51s on way out.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummbles, camouflage, smoke screens, and signals; activity at airbases, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, etc.)
A/D (Perlborg) 4 S/E A/C 4 T/E A/C
SE of Hamburg. Rolling Stock RR at Fulda

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by E/A action, accident or Unidentified Cause)
see front -

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

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

(Mr. Frank)

SQUADRON 367 368 ~~39000000~~ a/c Number 715 Layer Q Date 12/9/44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. INCEND. Position in formation

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed 1550

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

40th A
Fight

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

~~B-17 down~~ B-17 down at Oriskany
Don't fire, no chutes, down in dive
to clouds then spin 1130 hrs.

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

B-17 out of low squadron group behind. Hit by fighters
S/E Blew up 5115-4418 1158
Time for chutes but none seen
Ship Blew up 1000ft below

2. Give rank and initials

- 1st Lt. P. E. Bumgardner ✓ Pilot
- 1st Lt. J. C. Marlevit ✓ Co.
- 2nd Lt. P. G. Wagner ✓ Nav.
- 2nd Lt. R. O. Borgert ✓ Bom.
- T/Sgt. S. J. Gomez ✓ Radio
- Cpl. A. C. Trobaugh ✓ Top
- Sgt. R. R. Daly ✓ Ball
- Cpl. D. W. Spraggins ✓ R/W
- S/Sgt. G. L. Babber ✓ Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED: formation at 6,000ft.

(See over)

Primary Time: -1219
 Alternate Height: 28,050
 Last Resort Heading: -010°M
 (circle)
 Duration Bomb Run: 330°M

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

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

Own Bombs: not shown
Other bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number bombs returned _____

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? NO

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY CONFIRE AND REPORTS:

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

with group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	accuracy
<u>(Bomb)</u>	<u>Oriskany</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>16 gun</u>	<u>accurate</u>	<u>Tracking</u>

Bursts of 4

10. Fighter down up 18 32 hrs 45 min, enemy

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Friendly fighters
look by attack

Just after Oranburg, flock 5/E fighters
(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (types)

only one can close enough to fire on.
(Location and length of fight)

one made attack on formation tracer
fire was to our left, no damage.

(Tactics of E/A)

made attacks on groups from 6 o'clock.
10-20 at a time

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

B-17 went spinning down. Reason unknown
no chutes. Position about same as #2 ^{1200 hrs}
E/A Present though, no flak.
group behind.

③

Plane on fire went spinning down, no chutes
same time as above, 2 E/A
at same time

④

<u>C L A I M S</u>	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	_____
DROPPED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

5 P-51 and 3-47 all that were
seen. Poor all the way

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

Two surface craft heading of 240° at
10 knots 30 miles from Ek was out

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

U.S. F. and Bombers hit by

INTERCOM-Track Plans

SQUADRON ~~156th~~ 368 ~~1st~~ a/c Number 633 Lat. : 2 Date 12-9-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~1000~~

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed 1556

Position in Formation

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

40 ch A
Low

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

at 1144 - 30 FW 190's +
ME 109's - 5 mi. E. of Berlin

CRS.: Give rank and initials

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

and 15 B-17's down.

- 2nd Lt. L. A. Risk Pilot
- 2nd Lt. W. T. McCaulio Co-
- 2nd Lt. F. M. Seiford Nav
- F/O J. W. Johnson Bom
- Sgt. M. D. Houston R. of
- Sgt. J. H. Hoffman Top
- Sgt. R. A. Russo, Jr. Ball
- Sgt. R. E. Cooper R/W
- _____ L/W
- Sgt. W. R. Carrasco Tail

A/c
969 - Barr, on fire down +
exploded - by fighters. 1 chute.

93 - ~~Dunkin~~ -
Primary
ing. feathered
pealed off
under control.
no ch.

Time: 1215
Height: 26,000
Heading: 333° M
Duration Bomb Run:

Wegener #278-K. tail assembly shot off
Control - out of formation

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

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

Own Bombs: Black smoke.

Chaff
ole

Other bombing:

Any Nickels: Yes
launter bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs 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.)

imp. incident
wing formation.

as br. Near Berlin.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 Hamby - 5710 Berlin

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and en route to target - 4/10th

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

E. at Berlin

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

30 to 50 { *FW - 190's*
(Location and length of fight)

ME - 109's

(Tactics of E/A)

*4 - Jet P - Lubeck - towards
Hamburg - Very fast - Very high
just bef. fighter attack. Heavy Contrails*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

D E A D _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

*1st group in maj. after fighter
attack - 10 of 51's attacking E/A.*

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

Heligoland loaded cum ships

60 - Barges on Rhine - 5050 N 0736 E

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by E/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. REMARKS: *me*

SQUADRON 368 368 a/c Number 575 Lat or X Date 12/9/44
Bomb Load 7- XG 26 3- XG 22 Nickles
Time Took Off 0600 Time Landed 1600

Position in Formation

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

Lead group
10th A
High

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No just ahead

Details:

B-17 1128 went down. 4 chutes
no fire. ~~chute~~ went straight
down in dive. 1 engine smoking

CRE.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. W. A. Ruffin Pilot
- 2nd Lt. E. E. Huelat Co-PI
- 2nd Lt. I. B. Holden Nav.
- Sgt. R. G. Atwood Top
- Sgt. H. (H&I) Arestie Bomb
- Sgt. L. E. Edlund Radi
- Sgt. D. E. Mc Carthy Top
- Sgt. C. A. Britizzi Bomb
- Sgt. R. G. Atwood R/W
- Sgt. W. F. Laubert Tail

Bombard
with
group

1-B-17 go down - flames & light
admiral - fighter

B-17 1132 Tail broke off at
waist window. Tail g. got
out. Chute seen. Only one seen

B-17 turned on back then
down in dive. no chutes seen

TARGET ATTACKED: 1133. night time

Primary Time: 1218

Alternate Height: 27500

Last Resort Heading: 005 M

Duration Bomb Run: 330 M

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

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

Own Bombs: Some seen to Burst

Other bombing: Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped: _____
Number Bombs returned: _____

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? no good Turned on at

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

With group

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

as briefed 5% at target
15,000 ft.

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
<u>5 min.</u>						

10.

10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

2 in E 109 to F/W, 1200. (25-30)

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Time)

P-51s engaged them and saved us.
(Location and length of fight)

attacks were about 4 o'clock and
9 o'clock back

(Tactics of E/A)

2 fighters seen to go down

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

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good on time

first seen at 1107 - P-51a - gas after fight.
P-47 picked up at target (3 to 4)

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

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

Shi Filer

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

SQUADRON # 368 a/c Number 118 Letter K Date 12/9/44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. XXXXXX

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0644 Time Land: 1120

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

40 # A High

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

Super Charger on #4 engine

would pull on 25 inches
fell back also

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

aborted: 5407-0500
16,000
0951

Could not stay in formation

2. TARGET ATTACHED:

Primary Time:
Alternate Height:
Last Resort Heading:
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

aborted

Heard call for spare
did not see position filled

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

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

Own Bombs: Formation looks dan good when we left.
Other bombing:
Any Nickels: Yes No
Number Bombs dropped
Number Bombs returned

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

Weather scattered 5/10 Base 5000 Top 10,000

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Rendezvous on time

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light or heavy)	Intensity	Color	Location	Accuracy
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SQ/Serial: ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ 39 423 A/C Number 598 Date 12 Sept 1944

Bomb Load 10 X 500 H.E. ~~XXXXXX~~

Position in formation

Time Took Off 020644 Time Landed _____

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

1. EGP M.E.C to be phoned in? Yes No

Details:

5:3 1130 hrs. Nosed up. Flames from

EGP: Give name and initials

Radio room back. No chutes observed

eng. on fire. (Flak)

V (from this form) 1138 hrs. 2 chutes # 3

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

2nd. Lt. E.A. Schoenbacher Jr. Pilot

2nd. Lt. D.T. Schrack Co-
Pilot

1st. Lt. G.W. ~~Smith~~ Silver Navigator

2nd. Lt. D.K. McKnight Bomb

T/Sgt. H.A. Lynch Radi

T/Sgt. R.H. Moore Top

S/Sgt. S.C. Pugliese Ball

S/Sgt. H.E. Martin R/W

L/W

S/Sgt. G.F. Bushell Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1211

alternate Height: 26000

Last Resort Heading: 330 M
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS All dropped on targets: Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Can bombs: Unobserved

any nickels: Yes No

Other marking:

Marker bombs dropped _____

Marker Bombs returned _____

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY DROPPING AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE: (if different than ordered) (if NEGATIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and Disposition of bombs.)
Just after fighter attack went to East of course.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 5-6/10 Germany. Coming out clear
Haze

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light heavy), intensity moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location (height in relation to A/C)	Accuracy
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Berlin -9-4 min.

Intense tracking Very acc.

25

Me 109

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(types)

NE Berlin

8 of them.
Come in ~~and~~ Went in front

(Location and length of flight)

of nose 1030 - 0200. Marking black & white stripes. Black with Cross outlined in white. (B claims 1)

4-5 sweeping in from 0500 (claims 1 F.G.) (BT claims)

(Tactics of E/A)

1 min later from 0600 climbing. Paused then dived into lead. ^{spin high ptr.} Went st. down

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

Jet propelled (1115 hrs) 1230 E 5230 JS. Single

jet AX. Contrails in spurts.

1 circled above 35000' P57

went after 3 disappeared

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

2

PROBABLY

DAMAGED

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Not too many.

Few dog fights.

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, and signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installation, Rhine R. estimate near 100 barges. 5015-0651 Much activity. 5040 0600

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

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

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) AFCE out. Flak holes. Mixture

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: control #4. Fighters holes.

INTERROGATION FORM

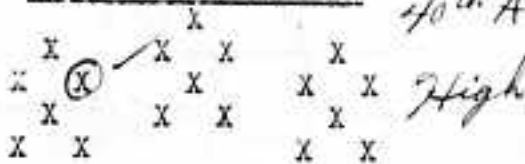
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SQUADRON ~~100th Bombardment~~ # 423 A/C Number 153 Lt. Col. G Date 12-9-44

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ~~1000~~

Position in Formation 40th A

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed 1600



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

L-B-17, 1135 - NNE Berlin
Back - one broke into - 3 on fire -
down in dive.
Friendly A/C in any kind of distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. C. P. Smythe Pilot
- 2nd Lt. S. J. Magasiak Co-P
- F/O R. P. Murphy Nav.
- 2nd Lt. R. M. Frank Bomb
- S/Sgt. H. C. West Rad.
- S/Sgt. J. J. Cathey Top
- Sgt. G. B. Franklin Ball
- Sgt. S. L. Josephson R/W
- Sgt. W. W. Preinan Tail

Farwell - NNE Berlin -
8 chutes -

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1215 1/2
Alternate Height: 25,700
Last Resort Heading: 338° M
(circle)
Duration Bomb Run:

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

*Chaff
ok*

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

Own Bombs: Dropped on lead.

Any Nickels: Yes (No)
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs returned _____

Other Bombing:

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? (No)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As br.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *As br.*

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

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

Practices of E/A Before Fighters attacked:
 NNE Berlin - 4 Jet - 34,000' - Con trails, 1st
 & down down - 51' & chased them - Very
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)
 fast -

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

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good - not enough.

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

20 ships - Down Rhine So of Coblenz.

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.)

Radio Op. - hurt - ball T.

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

None

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

S-2 OFFICER

Bushaw

FORM COMPLETED

1700

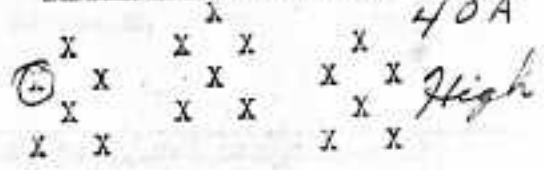
INTERCOMBATION FILE

Squadron 367#368#369 423 a/c Number 503 Letter W Date 12-9-44

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

Time Took Off 0644 Time Landed _____

Position in Formation



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

Details:

+ Schenck added says this a/c hit by fighters 1128hrs. 7 planes from radio room back. no chutes observed. #3 engine on fire.

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

*Hit by fighters
Broke out in flames
from Radio Room Back.*

CREW: Give rank and initials

MIA ✓

- 2nd Lt. D. W. Gates - Pilot ✓
- 2nd Lt. E. E. Jordan - Co-1 ✓
- 2nd Lt. J. F. Taylor - Nav. ✓
- T/Sgt. H. (M.I.) Cappelli - Bomb ✓
- Sgt. J. L. Peltz - Radi ✓
- T/Sgt. C. L. Sulzinski - Top ✓
- Sgt. R. W. Fountain, Jr. - Ball ✓
- Sgt. B. L. Johnson - P/W ✓
- _____ L/W
- Sgt. H. E. Reed - Tail ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run:

~~_____~~

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Nickels: Yes No
Number bombs dropped _____
Number Bombs returned _____

Other Bombing:

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Place	Height of	Type (light heavy), intense,	Color of	Location bursts in re-	accuracy
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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATIONS:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLY _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. FIGHTER SIGHTS:

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

13. INCIDENTS TO AIRCRAFT: (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, HLA and FILE.)

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TARGET: PSEU-ORCL-32

HEADQUARTERS
1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 557

DATE: 12.9.44

GROUP: 304th

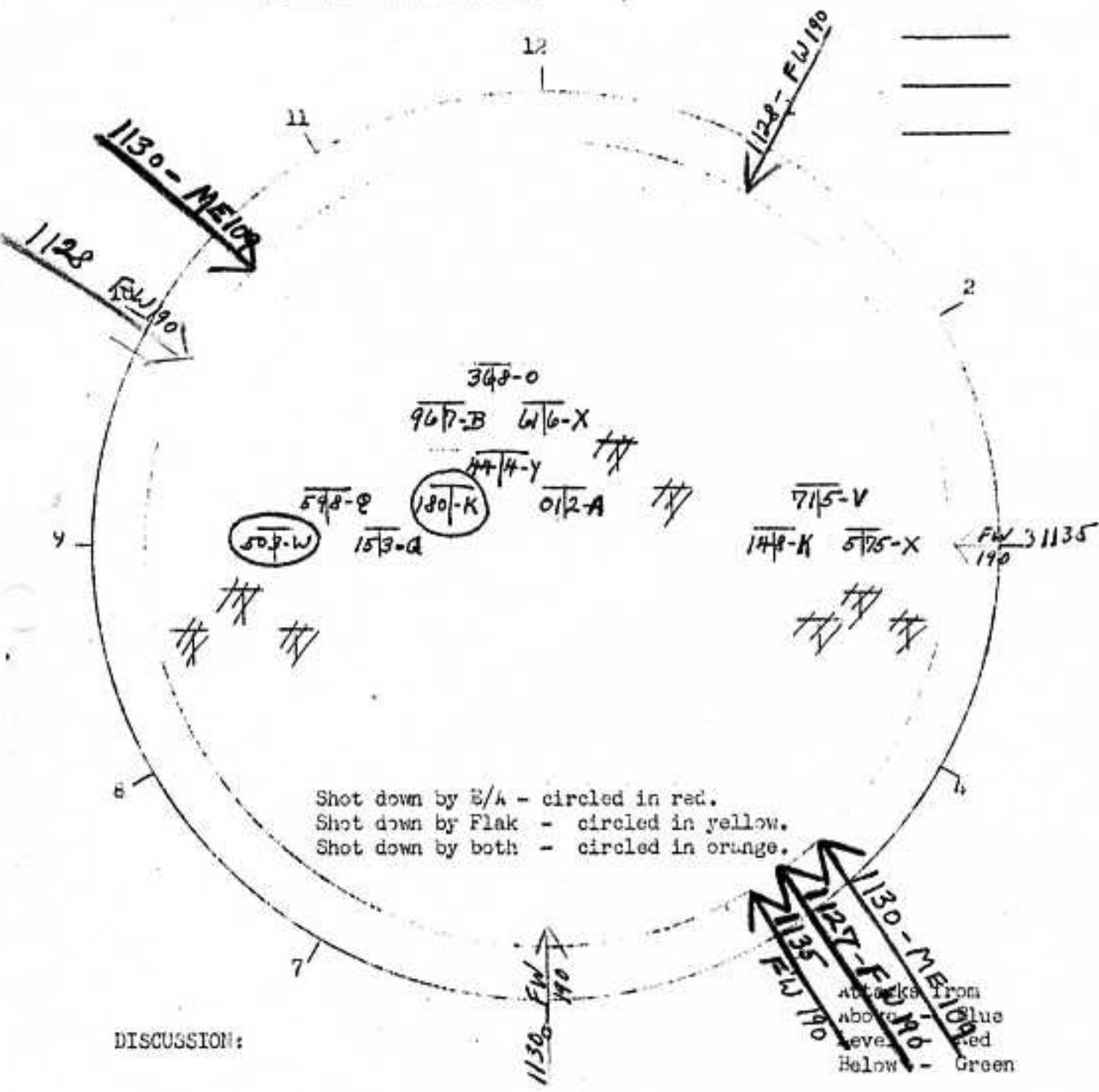
TABULATION OF M/A ENCOUNTERS

ITEM	GROUP SCOUT-DIVISION	A/C NO.	CREWMAN'S NAME AND RANK	GRID POSITION	DESTROYED	REPAIRS REQUIRED	PASSED	NO BLIND ALLOWED
1	306-423	444	Cpl. J. P. RICE	TT/G		X		
2	306-423	428	S/Sgt. H. P. CLARK	BT/G			X	
3	306-423	012	Sgt. D. G. ARMENT	TT/G		X		
4	306-368	512	Sgt. J. P. LIGHTHEART	LT/G				X
5	306-368	512	W/CH	T/G			X	
6	306-368	512	Sgt. J. P. LIGHTHEART	LT/G				X
7	306-367	099	S/Sgt. H. PORTER <i>SCOUTER</i>	T/G			X	
8	306-368	512	Sgt. J. P. LIGHTHEART	LT/G				X
9	306-423	253	Sgt. H. P. ARMENT	T/G				X
10	306-423	598	S/Sgt. G. P. BRADLEY	T/G			X	
11	306-423	998	2nd Lt. D. C. ARMENT	Boat			X	
12	306-367	063	Sgt. J. C. TYSAN	LT/G				X
13	306-423	153	Sgt. S. L. JOHNSON <i>operator</i>	BT/G				X
14	306-423	153	Sgt. G. B. FRANKS <i>operator</i>	BT/G			X	
15	306-368	633	Sgt. J. H. HUFFMAN	TT/G	X			
16	306-368	633	Sgt. H. H. GARDNER <i>operator</i>	T/G				X
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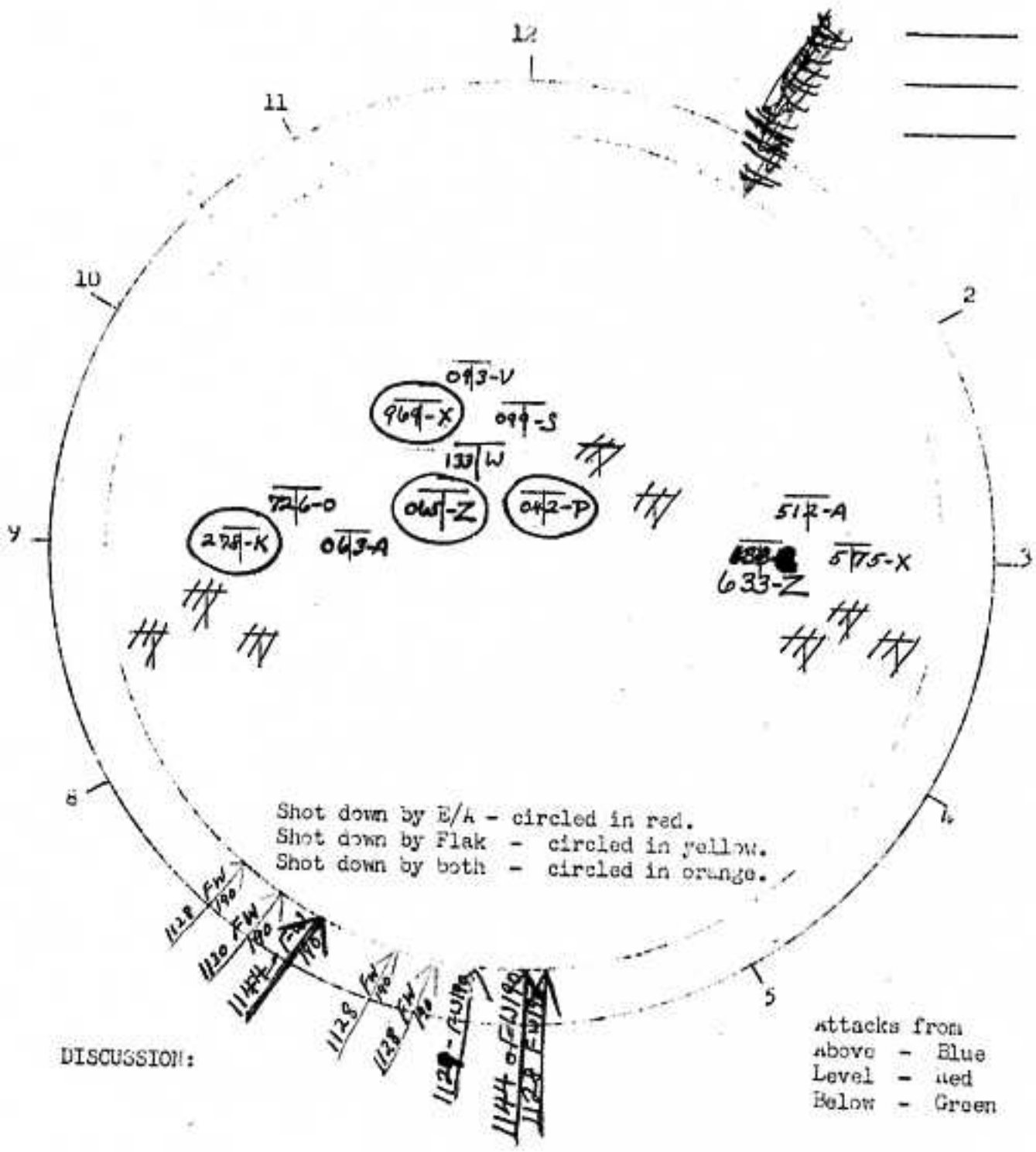
TARGET Ruhland GROUP 306th (40th "A" HIGH) DATE 12 Sept

TIME OF ATTACKS _____

VICINITY OF ATTACK NE of Berlin



TARGET _____ GROUP 306th (40th A) DATE 12 Oct
 TIME OF ATTACKS _____ VICINITY OF ATTACK NE of Berlin



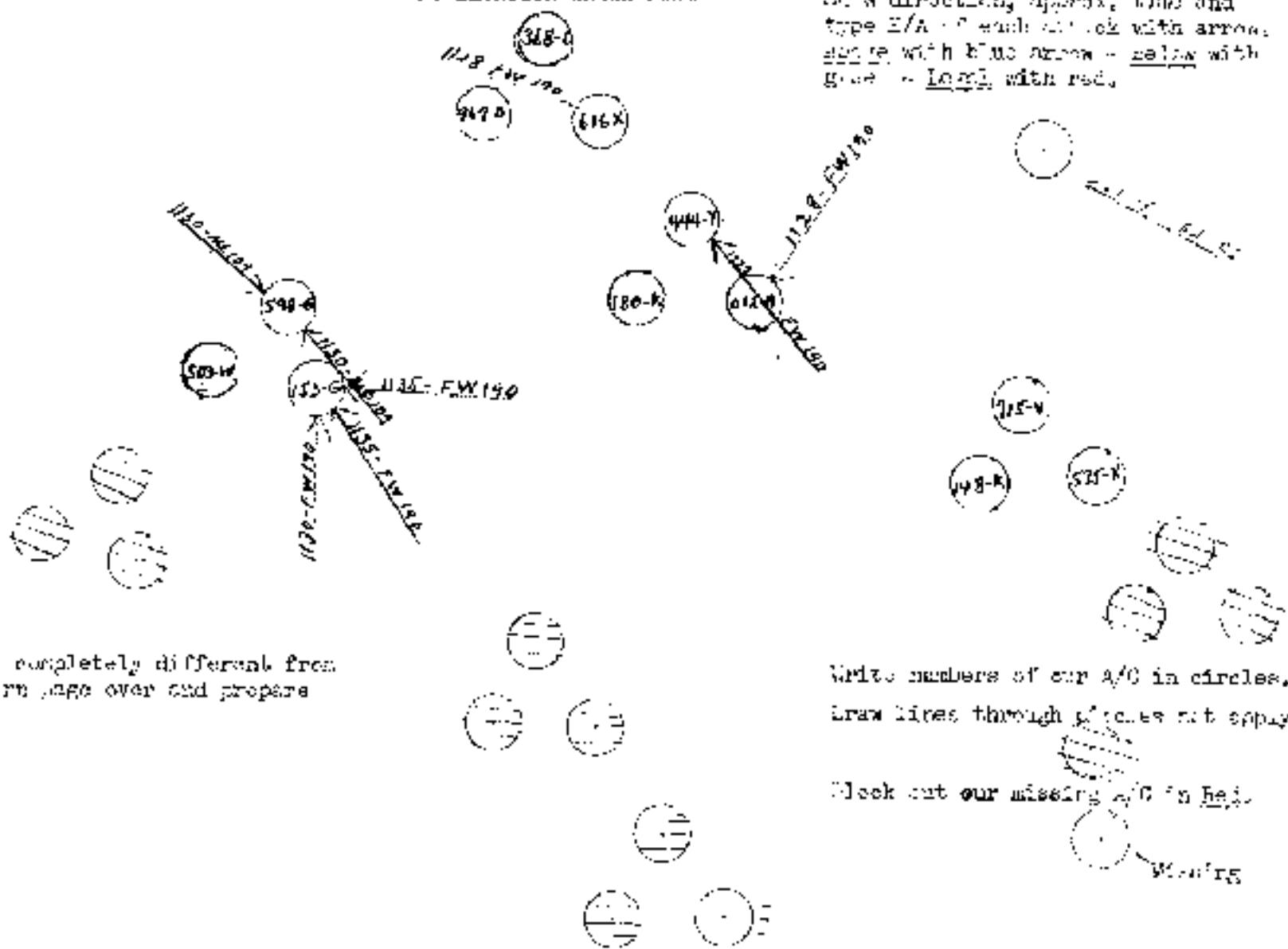
DISCUSSION:

COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM

Show direction, approach, time and type E/A - circle with arrow, above with blue arrow - below with green - large with red.

GROUP 306 *at*

DATE 12/9/44



If actual formation is completely different from position of circles turn page over and prepare diagram on back

Write numbers of our A/C in circles.
 Draw lines through circles not applying.
 Check out our missing A/C in Red.
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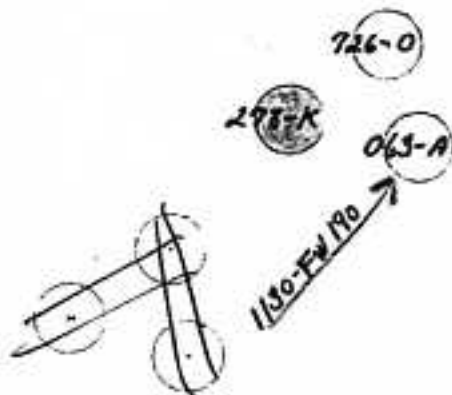
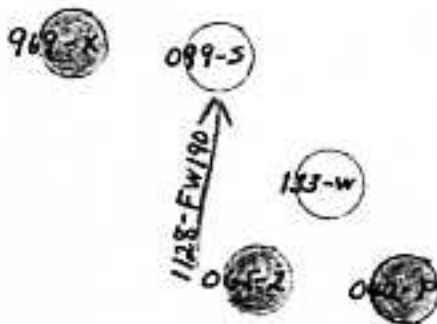
High Group

GROUP 306th

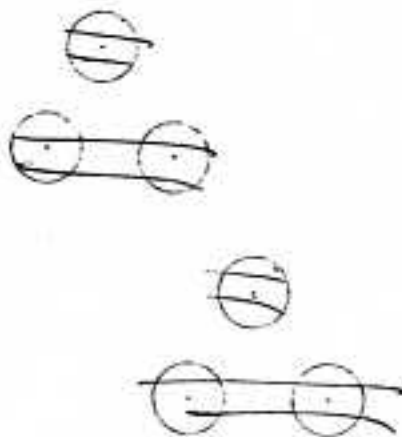
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COMBAT DUPLICATION CHECK FORM

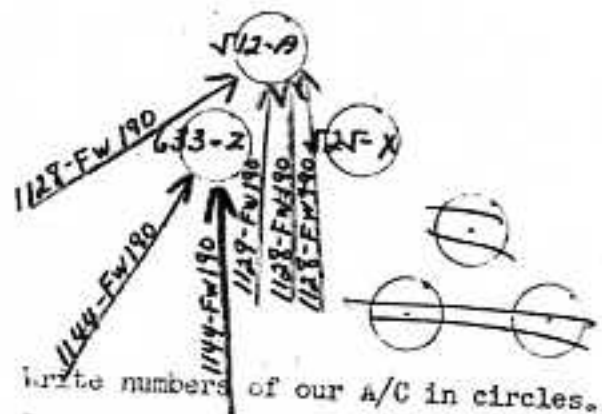
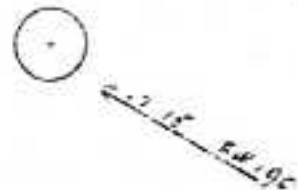
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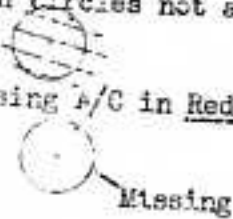


Show direction, approx. time and type E/A of each attack with arrow. Above with blue arrow - Below with green - Level with red.



Write numbers of our A/C in circles. Draw lines through circles not applying.

Block out our missing A/C in Red.



COMBAT FORM

Group 306Date 12-9-44Squadron 368Place where attacked NS BerlinA/C No: 512-ATime 1128 Height 23,000'

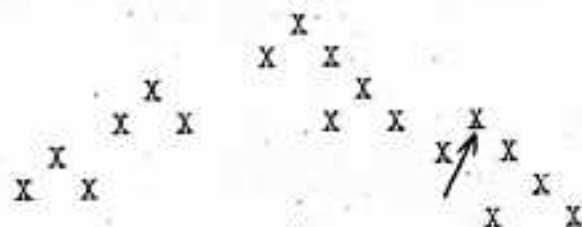
1. Story of the attack: Two FMs came from 6 o'clock low; tail gunner opened fire on first E/A at 300 yards; A/C rolled over smoking; E/A went into a steep dive on fire and smoking.

DAMAGED

A-2 I.D.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show.

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- Direction of E/A attack;
- Sun position.

Data on Combat

- our heading _____
- visibility Good
- type of E/A Fw190
- level of attack;
 - From high above _____ 0'clock
 - level _____ 0'clock
 - below 6:30 0'clock
 - (One) very low _____ 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names VischiPositions Tail Gunner

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

Corroborated by _____

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: Damaged.

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

Time 1725 Interrogator _____

Capt D. H. Pool.

COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 22-9-44

Squadron 244

Place where attacked W. Berlin

A/C No: 512-A

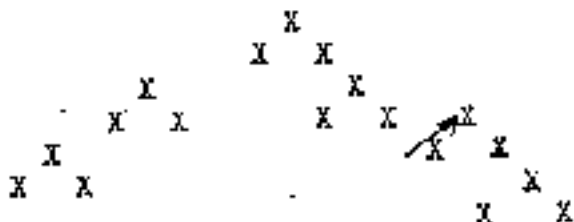
Time 11:00 Height 30,000

1. Story of the attack: - 1st seen in very close at 7 o'clock level, following another FW190. 1st runner tracked him from 7 to 10:30 o'clock; 2nd making when lost to sight.

<p>NO CLAIM</p> <p>NO. _____</p> <p>DATE _____</p>

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram show:

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. Direction of E/A attack;
- c. Sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility Good
- c. type of E/A FW190
- d. level of attack;
- From high above 0'clock
- level 7 to 10'clock
- (Check below 0'clock
- One) very low 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Name Capt. J. C. Lighthouse

Position 1st runner

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

Corroborated by _____

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: No claim.

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

Time 17:25 Interrogator _____

Capt. Beckman Pool

COMBAT FORM

Group 306

Date 12-9-44

Squadron 368

Place where attacked NEAR Berlin

A/C No: 512-A

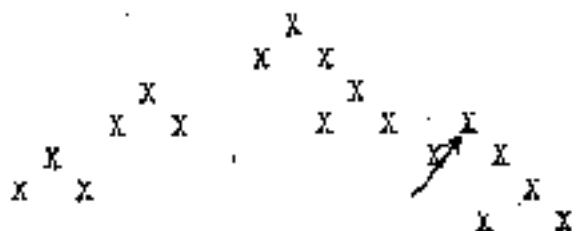
Time 11:30 Height 23,000'

1. Story of the attack:- a third E/A, following two others, came in level and very close; anti waist gunner opened fire from 7 to 10:30 o'clock; E/A smoked and broke fire when seen to pull off and go down out of sight.

NO CLAIM
A-2

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show:

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
- b. Direction of E/A attack;
- c. Sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
- b. visibility _____
- c. type of E/A _____
- d. level of attack;
 - From high above _____ o'clock
 - level 7 o'clock
 - (Check below _____ o'clock
 - One) very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names Sgt. J. P. Lightheart

Positions waist gunner

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

Corroborated by _____

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: Damaged.

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

Time 1725 Interrogator _____

Capt. DONALD FOX

S-11-17-68

Group 306

Date 12-2-68

Squadron 249

Place where attacked SE of Berlin

T/O No: 513-A

Time 11:29 Height 23,000'

1. Story of incident: 3 FW190s came past left side of plane so close that gunner could see that pilot of 2nd plane, which he fired at, was a young kid about 17 years old; opened fire from 7 to 10:30 o'clock and saw flames; 1st pilot, experienced and with many missions saw the FW explode in front of S-17 and the plane scatter.

(Include exact time and location of attack, weather, visibility, height, how much he was surprised and how he reacted.)

NO CLAIM
 was made by pilot
 (acted alone, crew)

2. Diagram of attack:



- a. Direction of attack:
- b. Direction of 1st attack:
- c. Direction of 2nd attack:

- a. Direction of 1st attack:
- b. Direction of 2nd attack:
- c. Type of 1st attack:
- d. Level of attack:
- e. Type of 2nd attack:
- f. Level of 2nd attack:
- g. Type of 3rd attack:
- h. Level of 3rd attack:

3. Name and position of Pilot on 1st plane.

Name Sgt. J. P. Lightfoot

Position 1st gunner (left)

4. If 1st plane was shot down or damaged:

Contributed by 1st. J. J. Allen

Position in 1st Pilot

Other 1st plane in same area?

5. Comments of the investigator: Destroyed.

SECRET FORM

Group 304 Date 12-9-44
 Squadron 368 Place where attacked SE of Berlin
 A/C No: 633-Z Time 1144 Height 23,500'

1. Story of the attack:— FW attacked from 7 o'clock high. Top turret gunner opened up at 500 yards, and at 400 yards. E/A started smoking; E/A rolled over, and was on fire. E/A was then seen to explode.

DESTROYED	
A.Z.	I.D.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:

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

Data on Combat
 a. our heading _____
 b. visibility Good
 c. type of E/A FALCO
 d. level of attack;
 From high above 7 O'clock
 level _____ O'clock
 (Check: below _____ O'clock
 One) very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Name Sgt. J. E. Hoffman

Position Top Turret Gunner

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

Corroborated by Sgt. E. R. Carrasco

Position in A/C Tail gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

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02542 RCR

Date of Interrogation 22/10/44

Group 506

Date of raid 12/9/44

Squadron 423

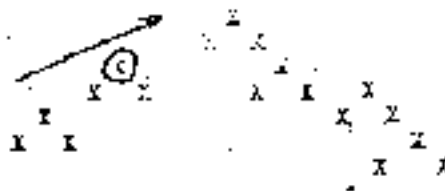
Place where attacked IS mt. N.T. Berlin

A/C No: 578

Time 1130 Height 24,000

1. Story of the attack: I then 5 24000m in close trail and tight formation, came from 1030 high to 0300 low, past nose, going in direction of 0300. I/A were not more than 100 ft. over the first wave. (Barbarian's visibility began at 1030. Attack actually from 0300 to 0310). Barbarian aimed, with chin tucked, at group of 5 and then 6 or 7 stars behind. AS and 4 stars burst, and I/A slackened speed and dropped out of Barbarian's vision. He aims in turn on this A/C at one of approximately fourth wave's position. I/A formation of 5, raised the nose and slackened speed. Spot was pouring from front of fuselage. I/A then was enveloped in flames and peeled to right, doing a sort of loop and down toward ground, passing out of vision, still on fire. I/A, when last seen, was not more than 200 yards away. During entire action, I/A was between this A/C and the lead element. (Include sketch of A/C attacked; see page 10, copy where he was (see online) hit; how much he saw; Cassini; and how I/A looked and acted going, etc.)

2. Diagram of attack:



3. Direction of attack:
 a. Direction of I/A toward 0300
 b. Direction of I/A toward 0300
 c. Direction of I/A toward 0300

4. Type of attack:
 a. Direction of attack: 0300
 b. Direction of attack: 0300
 c. Direction of attack: 0300
 d. Direction of attack: 0300

3. Our Own Position: Flying on 0300.

Major D.E. DeKnight, 2nd Lt., A.C. (now 1st Lt.)

Positions: Barbarian

4. If I/A was seen from or through:

Corroborated by D.W. Siler, 1st Lt., A.C. (was from down since attack)

Position in A/Navigator

Other A/C flying at the same time: Not that he could see

5. Contents of the interrogation: Interrogated corroborating officer on day of raid and he was certain that I/A was a definite "barbarian", agreeing in all respects with story of Lt. DeKnight.

If formation was seen only from ground, then on back of sheet.

Time: 0950 Interrogator: D.E. DeKnight, Jr., 1st Lt. A.C.

Par 1. (cont'd) I-17 formation was fairly broken up at this time.

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COMBAT FORM

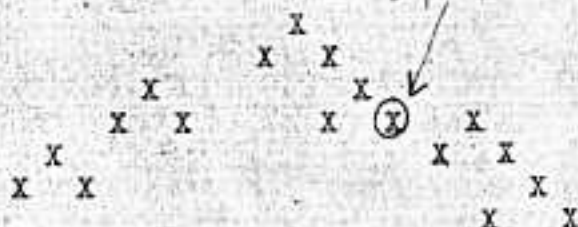
Group 306Date 12-9-44Squadron 423Place where attacked NE of BerlinA/C No: 012-4Time 1128 Height 24,000'1. Story of the attack:- Fw190 made an attack from 1 o'clock level;

Top turret gunner gunner opened up at 400 yards and after several bursts Fw was smoking and on fire; Fw pilot threw canopy open; Fw went down in dive in flames.

PROBABLE
A2 I.S.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show.

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- Direction of E/A attack;
- Sun position.

Data on Combat

- our heading _____
- visibility Good
- type of E/A Fw190
- level of attack;

From high above	_____	O'clock
level	<u>1</u>	O'clock
(Check below	_____	O'clock
One) very low	_____	O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names Sgt. D. O. MondorPositions Top turret gunner

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

Corroborated by Lt. E. P. Shapland, Jr.,Position in A/C Navigator.Other A/C firing at the same time? No5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed.

Group 306Date 12-9-44Squadron 403Place where attacked in BerlinA/C No: 444Time 11:37 Height 20,000'

1. Story of the attack:— ~~It came in 5 o'clock high; tail gunner gave him 30 rounds from 400 to 600 yards; waist gunner fired 15 rounds at 200 yards; top turret gunner at 300 yards opened fire and flames came out of cockpit and E/A went down out of control and was seen to break apart.~~

PROBABLE
A.S. I.S.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:

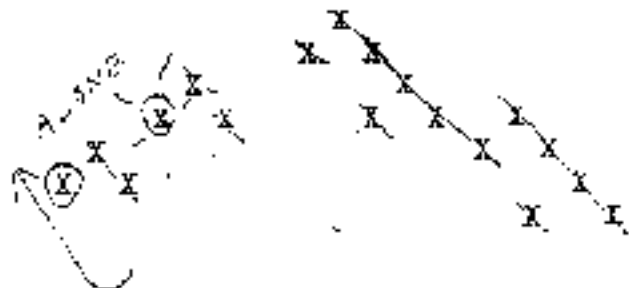
On Diagram, show.

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- Direction of E/A attack;
- Sun position.

Data on Combat:

- our heading 90 degs.
- visibility Good
- type of E/A Fw190
- level of attack;

From high above	<u>5</u> O'clock
level	<u>5</u> O'clock
(Check below	<u>0</u> O'clock
One) very low	<u>0</u> O'clock



3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

(Check below
One) very low 0 O'clock

Name Cpl. J. E. PricePosition Top Turret Gunner

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

Corroborated by 2nd Lt. W. J. GlabovitzPosition in A/C BombardierOther A/C firing at the same time? None5. Comments of the interrogator: Probably destroyed.

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

Time 11:37 Interrogator __________

SECRET FORM

GROUP 306

DATE 12 Sept. 1944

SQUADRON 423

PLACE WHERE ATTACKED Near Berlin

A/C NO. 4299150

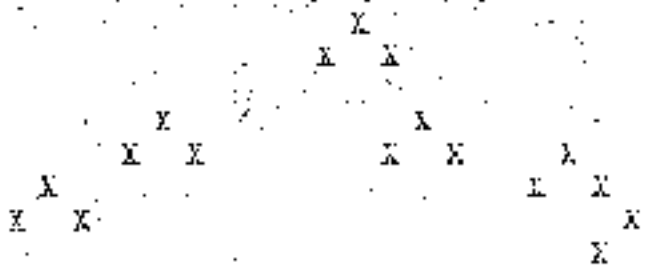
WIND 1115 HEIGHT 27000

1. Story of the attack E/A attacked from 6 O'clock low. I fired long burst and he went down in flames.

DAMAGED
A-2 10W

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

2. Diagram of attack



On diagram, show
a. Which of our A/C was attacked
b. Direction of E/A attack
c. Sun position

Data on Combat
a. Our heading _____
b. Visibility _____
c. Type of E/A _____
d. Level of attack F.W. 190
From high above _____ o'clock
Level _____ o'clock
(Check one) Below 6 o'clock
Very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt Robert L. Appell

Positions Tail section

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by None

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: Damaged

COMBAT FORM

Group 306Date 12-9-44Squadron 433Place where attacked NE BerlinA/C No: 528Time 1130 Height 20,000'

1. Story of the attack:- Five Me109s came in from 6 o'clock high. Tail
 finner aimed at nearest 1/4 and at 400 yards opened fire until 1/4 was
50 yards away; then at 6 o'clock 1/4 appeared to dip; instantly, they
 went straight down, on fire and smoking. 1/4 pilot seen to pull canopy
 open to get out.

DAMAGED

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show.

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
 b. Direction of E/A attack;
 c. Sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. our heading 80 degs.
 b. visibility Good
 c. type of E/A Me109
 d. level of attack;
 From high above 5 O'clock
 level O'clock
 (Check below O'clock
 One) very low O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names 1st Lt. G. F. HushellPositions Tail Gunner

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

Corroborated by 1st Lt. W. E. Martin 1st Sgt. S.C. PuglisePosition in A/C Right waist Ball TurretOther A/C firing at the same time? 5. Comments of the interrogator: Probably destroyed.

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

Time 1743 Interrogator 1st Lt. W. E. Martin

COMBAT FORM

Group _____
 Squadron 306
 A/C No: 423
616-X

Date _____

12-9-44

Place where attacked 10-20 mi. E. of Berlin
 Time 1128 Height 25,000'

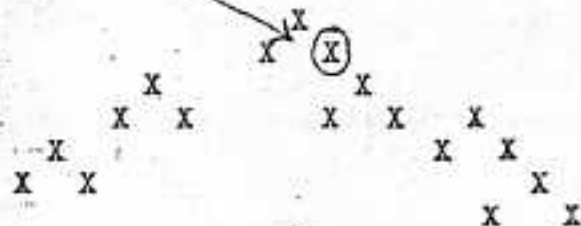
1. Story of the attack:-

about 8 PWs came in from 10 o'clock low. Ball turret picked out the nearest one and started firing from 800 yards to about 100 yards; E/A started smoking when at 300 yards; peeled off to the left and heavy flames burst from the engines; E/A down in a steep dive with flames streaming out from A/C.

DAMAGED
 A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show.

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- Direction of E/A attack;
- Sun position.

Data on Combat

- our heading _____
- visibility turning on 150 deg. leg.
- type of E/A Good
- level of attack 190

From high above _____ 0'clock
 level _____ 0'clock

(Check below _____ 0'clock
 One) very low 10 0'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Names _____

S/Sgt. R. P. Capps

Positions _____

Ball Turret Gunner

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

Corroborated by _____

2nd Lt. M.I. Radnofsky

Position in A/C _____

Navigator

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: _____

Destroyed

If formation was very different from standard, show on

Time _____ Interrogator _____

1710

COMBAT REPORT

Group 306

Date 12-9-44

Squadron 429

Place where attacked NE of Berlin

A/C No. 151-G

Time 1135 Height 23,500'

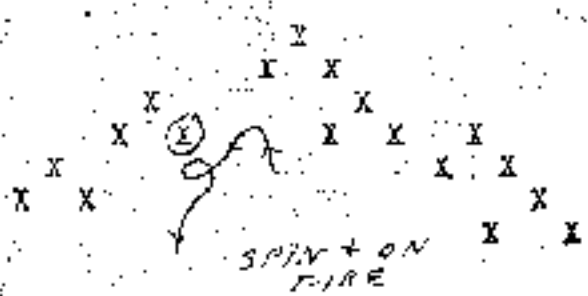
1. Story of the attack: FW attacked 5 o'clock high. Ball turret gunner opened fire at 500 yards and E/A began smoking; E/A turned upside down and gunner continued firing; E/A seen on fire; E/A down in a spin and in flames.

DAMAGED
A-2, 13 W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:

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



Notes on Combat:
a. our heading _____
b. visibility Good
c. type of E/A FW190
d. level of attack:
From high above 5 o'clock
level _____ o'clock
(Check below _____ o'clock
One) very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Name Sgt. G. B. Franklin

Position Ball Turret Gunner

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

Corroborated by Sgt. S. L. Josephson

Position in A/C Ball turret

Other A/C firing at the same time? No

5. Comments of the Interrogator: Destroyed.

COMBAT REPORT

Group 336 Date 22-7-44
 Squadron 1st Place where attacked 2500-23175
 A/C No. 40-1 Time 1110 Height 23,000'

1. Story of the attack: Three Zivko came through screen from 6 o'clock level, attacking this a/c. Tail gunner opened up on leader of element when he was 100 yards away. Large pieces fell off cockpit and wings broke and fell away. X's went into steep dive with both wings flapping.

DAMAGED
A-2 I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show.

- which of our A/C was attacked;
- Direction of E/A attack;
- Sun position.

Data on Combat

- our heading 210 to 60 degs.
- visibility Good
- type of E/A P.109
- level of attack;

From high above O'clock
 level 9 O'clock

(Check below O'clock
 One) very low O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Name Sgt. E. Schneider

Position Tail Gunner

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

Corroborated by Sgt. R. A. Latham

Position in A/C Bull Screen Gunner

Other A/C firing at the same time?

5. Comments of the interrogator: Probably destroyed.

If formation was very different from attached, show on

Time 1750

Interrogator

COMBAT FORM

GROUP 306 DATE 12 Sept 1944
 SQUADRON 433 PLACE WHERE ATTACKED Staaben, Germany
 A/C NO. _____ TIME 1100 HEIGHT 27200

1. Story of the attack: Claim made for bombardier by F/O M Barber, Co-Pilot

E/A came in at 1 O'clock low. Bombardier fired 3 bursts and E/A started smoking, veered left and blew up.

NO CLAIM	
A-2.	I.B.W.

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

2. Diagram of attack

On diagram, show

- Which of our A/C was attacked
- Direction of E/A attack
- Sun position



Data on Combat

- Our heading _____
- Visibility _____
- Type of E/A No 109
- Level of attack

From high above	_____	o'clock
Level	_____	o'clock
(Check Below	<u>1</u>	o'clock
one) Very low	_____	o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names F/O F. B. Smith
 Positions Bombardier

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by F/O Curtis M. Barber Co-Pilot
 Position in A/C 2nd Lt. H. W. Freeman Pilot

Other A/C firing at the same time _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: Destroyed

COMBAT FORM

GROUP 306thDATE 12 sept 1944SQUADRON 307thPLACE WHERE ATTACKED ENE of Berlin

A/C NO. _____

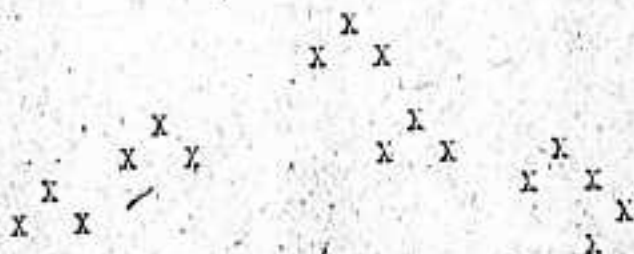
TIME 1120 HEIGHT 24,000

1. Story of the attack: my 190 made a pass from 6 o'clock low. I fired on him and he was smoking when last seen.

NO CLAIM

A-2. I.S.W.

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

2. Diagram of attackOn diagram, show

- a. Which of our A/C was attacked
 b. Direction of E/A attack
 c. Sun position

Data on Combat

- a. Our heading _____
 b. Visibility _____
 c. Type of E/A _____
 d. Level of attack
 X X From high above _____ o'clock
 Level _____ o'clock
 (Check one) Below 6 o'clock
 Very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/ANames s/sgt. Harold J. BolandPositions Ball Turret Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by None

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: No claim

COMBAT FORM

GROUP 300th DATE 12 September 1944
 SQUADRON 367th PLACE WHERE ATTACKED NE of Berlin
 A/C NO. _____ TIME 1130 HEIGHT 22,000

1. Story of the attack: Fired at PW 190 at very close range. He winged over and went straight down.

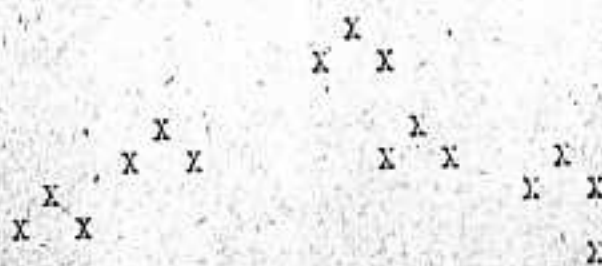
NO CLAIM	
A-2.	I.O.W.
.....
.....

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

2. Diagram of attack

On diagram, show
 a. Which of our A/C was attacked
 b. Direction of E/A attack
 c. Sun position

Data on Combat
 a. Our heading _____
 b. Visibility _____
 c. Type of E/A PW 190
 d. Level of attack
 From high above _____ o'clock
 Level _____ o'clock
 Below _____ o'clock
 (Check one) Very low _____ o'clock



3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A

Names Sgt. Foy W. McClung
 Positions Ball's Turret Gunner

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Corroborated by _____
 Position in A/C _____
 Other A/C firing at the same time _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: No claim.

GROUP _____
 SQUADRON _____
 A/C NO. _____

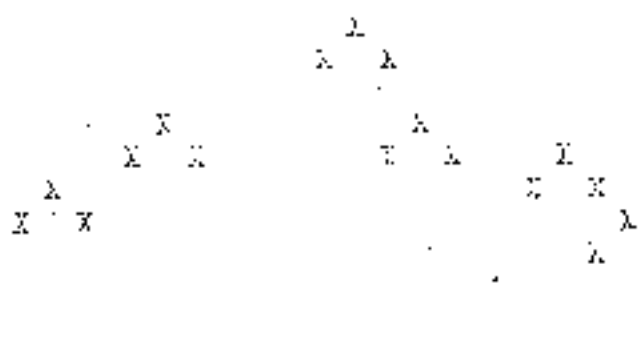
DATE _____
 PLACE WHERE REPORTED _____
 TIME _____ REGION _____

1. Story of the attack:

NO CLAIM

(Include above how E/A attacked; how close he came; where he fell; how high he was damaged; and how he looked and what he was going away)

2. Diagram of attack



On diag. rec. show

- a. How our A/C was attacked
- b. Direction of E/A attack
- c. Our position

Data on Contact

- d. Our heading _____
- e. Visibility _____
- f. Type of E/A _____
- g. Level of attack (1) _____
- From High above _____ o'clock
- Level _____ o'clock
- (Check one) Below _____ o'clock
- Very low _____ o'clock

3. Our Own Position Relative to E/A

Visual _____
 Position _____

4. If E/A was shot down or damaged:

Communicated by _____
 Position in A/C _____
 Other A/C firing at the same time _____

5. Comments of the interrogator:

Group 304

Date 2-1-54

Squadron 308

Place where attacked in the air

A/C No: 03-10

Time 11:00 Height 10,500

1. Story of the attack: 4 attacked with fire from a distance. 308 returned fire at 10,000 ft and saw first bombs bounce off nose of 4; continued firing until 4 went down in spin on fire and smoke; saw 4 drift to the right.

<p>NO CLAIM</p> <p>APR 1954</p>
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(Include above how E/A attacked; how close to own; where he was hit; how much he was damaged; and how he looked and after going away)

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show:
 a. which of our A/C was attacked;
 b. Direction of E/A attack;
 c. Sun position.

Data on Enemy:
 a. our heading _____
 b. visibility 10000
 c. type of E/A: 170
 d. level of attack;
 From high above 6 O'clock
 Level _____ O'clock
 (Check below _____ O'clock
 One) very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Sun Positions Facing on E/A.

Names 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

Positions 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

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

Corroborated by _____

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Contents of the interrogator: subject.

If formation was very different from standard, show on Time 17:10 Interrogator _____

WALL REPORT

Group 500

Date 12/1/41

Squadron 443

Place where attacked mid Pacific

A/C No: 153-G

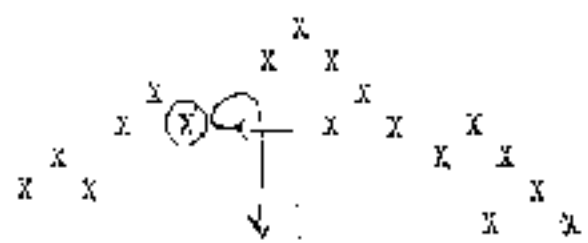
Time 1430 Height 10,500'

1. Story of the attack: W. came in 3 o'clock level; pilot under attack firing at 350 yards for 30 minutes; W. attacking when all other ...

NO CLAIM
A-2. 15W

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On diagram, show:
a. which of our A/C was attacking;
b. direction of E/A attack;
c. Sun position.

Data on Contact
a. our heading 180
b. visibility 1000
c. type of E/A ...
d. level of attack:
From high above 3 o'clock
level 1 o'clock
(Check below 0 o'clock
One) very low 0 o'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Name of our gunner John Simon

Positions ...

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

Corroborated by ...

Position in A/C ...

Other A/C firing at the same time? ...

5. Comments of the interrogator: ...

Group 306

Date 1-17-44

Squadron 367

Place where attacked 20 mi. SW Berlin

A/C No: 063-4

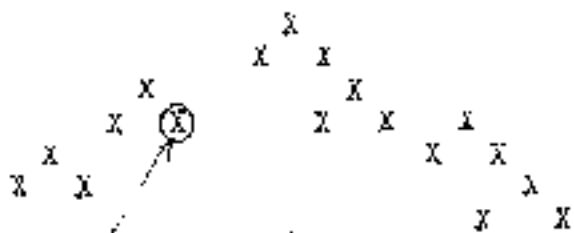
Time 1130 Height 25,000'

1. Story of the attack:— FM came in 7 o'clock level; at about 20,000
feet gunner opened fire and after 20 rounds E/A started emitting black
thick black smoke; dove off on left wing and went down in a spiral.

NO CLAIM
THRU

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show:
a. Which of our A/C was attacked;
b. Direction of E/A attack;
c. Our position.

Data on Contact
a. our heading _____
b. visibility Good
c. type of E/A Fu190
d. level of attack:
From high above _____ O'clock
level 7 O'clock
(Check below _____ O'clock
One) very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions firing on E/A.

Names Sgt. J. G. Tyne

Positions left half group

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

Corroborated by _____

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator: Damaged.

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

Time 1715 Interrogator _____

Lt. Schreiter

COMBAT FORM

Group 306Date 12-9-44Squadron 403Place where attached RAF BerlinA/C No. 133-GTime 1130 Altitude 23,500'

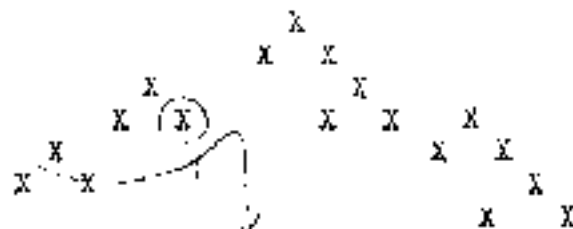
1. Story of the attack:-

we came in from 6 o'clock level; tail gunner
fired at enemy and E/A began working when hit by F-51s.

NO CLAIM
A-2
100

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

2. Diagram of attack:



On Diagram, show:

- a. which of our A/C was attacked;
 b. direction of E/A attack;
 c. Sun position.

Data on Combat

- a. our heading _____
 b. visibility _____
 c. type of E/A _____
 d. level of attack 23,500'

From high above _____ O'clock

Down _____ O'clock

(Check both O'clock

One) very low _____ O'clock

3. Our Gun Positions Firing on E/A.

Name 1st Lt. W. P. ProbstPosition tail gunner

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

Corroborated by _____

Position in A/C _____

Other A/C firing at the same time? _____

5. Comments of the interrogator:

No claim.

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

Time 1130 Interrogator _____1st Lt. J. C. Brashares.

LETTERS FROM ROBERT'S CREW

The letters received from the members of the surviving crew were so wonderful. It really did my heart good to hear in what high esteem Robert was held. This is from S/Sgt David Revolti's letter, "Bob was a son any mother would give her right arm to have. All the fellows who had ever come in contact with him had never seen anyone like him. He was just one who had a way with everyone, always happy and a real soldier. I was fortunate to have a bombardier and pal to fly with like Bob. He was the best there is and I'll pray for him always".

A letter from S/Sgt Arthur Schultz, "Bob really was a swell fellow. In fact, he was the best in the crew. As an officer, he did not care if you saluted him or not, which is why everyone liked him so well. He was always jolly and full of fun. He seemed more like an enlisted man than an officer. While in England, he used to come to our barracks and talk with us. After the crash, Capt Sasser asked about Bob many times a day, but because of his weakened condition, we were afraid to tell him Bob was dead".

Captain Sasser died in a prison hospital at Meinengen, Germany on March 20, 1945. He was getting along quite well when the other boys were moved and he hated to see them go. His mother and sister Nancy had several letters from him and they were hoping he would soon be home to tell them of the mission. But his head injuries became worse and he died on the operating table at the prison hospital at Meinengen. His body was brought back to Raleigh, North Carolina for burial in 1948.

A Memorial Service was held on May 13, 1945 at the Soldiers Grove Lutheran Church for Robert. Fred-eric was home at that time so he pinned the Gold Star on the service flag.

Although we had the services, I still had not given up hope that somehow, somewhere, he was still alive. However, when we received notice that his body had been removed from enemy soil at Massow, Germany and placed in an American Military Cemetery at St. Avold, France, our hopes were shattered. We were able to send money for flowers for his grave on Memorial Day. However, on September 14, 1948, his body was sent to Prairie du Chien, accompanied by a military escort. The Legionnaires from Soldiers Grove also met the train, as well as Aunt Aleda, Dad and I. The next day, September 25, 1948, Robert was finally laid to rest among the Wisconsin hills he loved so well. The services were held at our home at Pine Knob. Rev. Lunde officiated. Mrs. Alvin Sherry and son Palmer sang "Some Golden Daybreak". Palbearers were Marcellus Sherry, Darrel Shaw, Floyd Parker, Rheo Swigum, Robert Benson and Rodney Shaw. Military services at the grave by Legionnaires of William Schoville Post 220.

Robert wrote in one of his letters from England, "Mom, if I ever get home, I will never leave again".

THE LAST MISSION - SEPTEMBER 12, 1944

On September 12, about 5 o'clock in the morning, the boys took off from their base near Bedford, England in their B-17, the "Tailwind". They had been briefed to bomb the synthetic oil plants at Rhuland, Czechoslovakia. Their plane was the lead plane of the upper formation of B-17s. Whoever was leading the entire mission was off about 10 miles in navigation and brought the B-17s within range of flak from Berlin.

Their plane was hit and they had to pull out of the formation because they could not continue to lead their mission when their superchargers and two engines were shot out.

Suddenly, German fighters came out of the sun. Sgt. Revolti said that ships were exploding all over the sky, but none of the fighters got them before they were able to drop their bombs. The ship was badly injured by fighters, but eight or ten fighters were shot down by our boys. Several of the boys were injured, so they decided not to bail out, as they still had two engines operating. They turned back in an effort to make neutral country for crash landing.

Fighters again attacked them and their gas line and the third engine was shot out. They flew west for about twenty or twenty five minutes looking for a safe place to crash land. All this time, their number one engine was pulling only 60" which Sgt Revolti said was hardly enough to keep the plane in the air, but the ship continued on an even keel and they thought they were going to make it. They found an open field for the crash landing and threw away or destroyed everything possible, guns, radio, bombsight, equipment, seats, etc., to lighten the ship. When they found a field to land in they were eight or ten thousand feet in the air, coming in with the ship trimmed up for a good landing at about 120 miles per hour. Sgt Mitchelson was calling

out the air speed and all the boys were at their crash landing stations. They were wounded, but none of them were dead.

Suddenly, when they were about 100 to 150 feet off the ground, the last engine cut out and they dropped into a big oak tree on the edge of the field. It cracked the plane into pieces and threw all the boys out except Sergeant Schultz. Five were killed instantly and did not suffer. Staff Sergeant Revolti said everything was perfectly quiet after the crash. He was in a semiconscious condition, but was able to see that Lieutenant Carlino, Lieutenant McStay, Staff Sergeant Wilson, Staff Sergeant Carrol and Lieutenant Banta were dead. He did not see the others for they were hurled to the other side of the plane. He said Sergeant Carrol and Lieutenant Banta were lying on a wing of the plane and Bob was not scarred in any way. He looked like he was just asleep.

Staff Sergeant Revolti said that in about four hours, German civilians came and put him in a truck which they had lined with parachute silk. Later, they put in Staff Sergeant Schultz, Staff Sergeant Mitchelson and Captain Sasser. They were all wounded, but Captain Sasser worse than any of them. Sergeant Revolti said that the place where they landed had not been bombed by our armies and for that reason, the German civilians who picked them up and turned them over to the soldiers were not cruel. He feels that the boys who were dead were buried properly by the Germans.

The plane fell near Massow, Germany and later reports were that the boys were wrapped in their parachutes and given a military burial.