

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

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APO 557, 18 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer - Mission of 18 July 1944 - Peenemunde, Germany.

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

#### 40th "A" High

#### 1. General Narrative:

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- a. The high Group of the 40th "A" Combat Wing took off at 0500 hours. Rendizvous and assembly of the Group and Combat Wing was accomplished satisfactorily despite considerable haze. The English Coast was crossed about 30 miles north of control Point No. 1.
- b. Route to the target was approximatly as briefed and uneventful. The Combat Wing leader gave the signal for PFF bombing just before the IP but on the run the target was identified in the clear so bombing was done visually. Results were observed to be very good.
- c. Return to base was according to the flight plan and without incident. Planes began to land at 1334 hours. The 40th "A" Combat Wing was No. 4 in th First Air Division.

#### 2. Aircraft Not Attacking:

a. The high Group of "A" Combat Wing was made up of 18 A/C plus one flying spare which returned to base as briefed. One A/C was abortive due to material failure. The remaining 17 A/C attacked the primary target. For details reference is made to report of A/C Not Attacking.

#### 3. Lost Aircraft:

a. No planes were lost from the 40th "A" High Group.

### 40th "B" High

#### 1. General Narrative:

- a. Reference is made to report of the "A" Group.
- (1) The "B" Group flew the mission approximately as briefed and was No. 8 Combat Wing in the First Air Division.





#### 2. Aircraft Not Attacking:

A. The "B" high Group was made up of 18 A/C plus one flying spare which returned as briefed. One A/C was aboutive due to materiel failure. Another plane which is M.I.A. peel ed out of formation with one engine feathered and jettisoned bombs in the water before the target. Thus 19 A/C were dispatched and 16 attacked the target. For details reference is made to report of A/C Not Attacking.

#### 3. Lost Aircraft:

a. Bl7G-42-31737

Fea thered No. 1 engine at IP. Salveed bombs in Water. No. 2 engine smoking and caught fire. A/C pulled out of formation to right and headed towards Sweden.

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	40th "A" High	40th "B" High	Total
No. of A/C dispatched	19	19	38
Unused Spares	1	1	2
A/C Dispatched Less Unused Spares	18	18	36
No. of Sorties	17	17	34
No. of A/C Attacking	17	16	33
No. of A/C Not Attacking	1	2	3
No. of A/C Lost (Unknown)	0	1	1

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EDGAR N. WASILIEFF 1st Lt., Air Corps,

Historical Officer.

/s/ Billy W. Casseday /t/ BILLY W. CASSEDAY, Captain, Operations Officer.



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9. Zero Hour 0630 . "A" Bombs 10 x 500 Int Salvo . "Bu Bombs Int
10. "A" Gas Chuff Group code word for chaff - BROOKLYN
"B" Gas - Chaff Each A/C to carry 312 units
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#### ---NARRATIVE SECTION "B"---

- 1. A/C 715, 40TH "A" CBW, DROPPED 5 XG-13\*S AND 5 G-4\*S ON PRIMARY.
- 2. PICTURES FROM OUR A/C WITH 40 "A" SHOW COMPACT PATTERN DIRECTLY ON M.P.I.
  PICTURES FROM OUR A/C WITH 40 "B" SHOW BIG COLUMN OF SMOKE FROM PREVIOUS BOMBING, WITH FRESH BURSTS THROUGHOUT TARGET AREA. TARGETS OF 94 A AND B, 41 A, 1 A, AND 1 B APPEAR TO BE WELL HIT.
- 8. NO EXA SEEN. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS GENERALLY PRESENT THOUGH NOT OBSER-VED BY CREWS AT CONTINUOUSLY OR AS CLOSE AT HAND AS IN RECENT MICSIGNA P'38'S AND 51'S COVERED FROM DENMARK IN, AND 51'S WERE IN FORCE AROUND TARGET.
- 4. MEAGER TO MODERATE INACCURATE FLAK SCATTERED OVER TARGET AREA.ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE ON ONE AZC FROM EACH CROUP.
- 5. 10/16THS LEAVING ENGLAND DECREASED TO GENERALLY 7/16THS EN ROUTE. A BIG OPENING OVER TARGET WITH GOOD VISIBILITY.
- 6. OUR PICTURES OF PEENEMUDE A/D SHOW A LONG WHITE STRIP RUNNING FROM EAST TO WEST. STEREO SEEMS TO INDICATE THIS IS A GIGANTIC LAUNCE-INC PLATFORM.

  GOOD PICTURES OF ANKLAM A/D. SHOW NEW DESPERSALS, 10 TO 15 A/C ON FIELD.

  12 A/C ON A/D AT DARTH

  5 A/C ON A/D AT GRIEFSWALD.
  - BALLOON BARRAGE AT KAPPELN JUST ABOVE OVERCAST.
- 7. ROUTE:
  305TH FLEW 18 A/C AS HIGH GROUP IN 48 "A" CBW. RENDEZVOUS AND ASSEMBLY UERE SLOWED DOWN BY HAZE, BUT WING LEFT ENGLISH COAST IN FORMATION APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES NORTH OF BRIEFED POINT (LOUTH). THEREAFTER APPROXIMATE BRIEFED COURSE WAS FOLLOWED FOR BALANCE OF MISSION. SIGNAL FOR PFF BOMBING WAS RECEIVED 4 MINUTES BEFORE I.P. HALF WAY DOWN BOMBING RUN TARGET BROKE INTO CLEAR AND OUR LEAD BOMBARDIER KILLED THE RATE. WING TURN OFF TARGET WAS 170 DEGS. MAG. LEFT ENGLISH COAST 0650, CROSSED ENEMY COAST 0842, TARGET 1004 ENGLISH COAST BACK AT 1259, BASE 1343.





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

APO 557, 19 July, 1944.

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