

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 abortive due to materiel failure. Another plane which is M.I.A. peeled 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. B17G-42-31737 Feathered No. 1 engine at IP. Salvaged bombs in Water. No. 2 engine smoking and caught fire. A/C pulled out of formation to right and headed towards Sweden.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	<u>40th "A" High</u>	<u>40th "B" High</u>	<u>Total</u>
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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8. Special Instructions: Base Ref Alt - 18,000 Div Assembly line Spalding to South
 Spare A/C return at 0230E Weather ship - MONSOON X Seq - R-V-I-T-A
 M/F D/F Sec "G" any A/C with camera that passes over Auklan will try to photograph
 the A/C plant. MAYPOLE 2 will arrive in target area at 0847 & broadcast weather

9. Zero Hour 0630 "A" Bombs 10 x 500 Int Salvo "B" Bombs Int
10. "A" GAS 2800W Chaff Group code word for chaff - BROOKLYN
 "B" GAS Chaff Commence release 1 min before IP & continue 15 min
 Each A/C to carry 312 units
 Extra chaff - BLACK BOOK, ORANGE BOOK
11. Air Comm. Major Smith Air Comm. Major Word
 Gp. C. O. Lt DeVack Gp. C. O. Lt Saunders
 Gp. Deputy Nash Gp. Deputy Burgess
12. Bombers VINEGROVE 2 - 4 Bombers VINEGROVE 2 - 8
 G.S.C. COLGATE G.S.C. COLGATE
13. "A" Group "B" Group
 To monitor Chan. 619 "C" US 086
 "C" RAF
 "B" US
14. VHF-Code Words. Recall U - G - V - M Visual Bombing LONG BEACH
 IP-RTF Bombing SWEET SUE Authentication THREE MONKS

15. Call Sign Flares Letter

40A IGP	FOXHOLE ABLE LEAD	YY-YY	Able - Podington 265 M
"HIP	" " High	RY	Baker - Mt. Farm 040 M
"LSP	" " Low	RG	Lot Down Splasher Deg.
40B IGP	BAKER Lead	YY-YY	
"HIP	" " High	RY	
"LSP	" " Low	RG	Pundit Flashing Letter
40-A CBY	ABLE Lead	YY-YY	
40-B CBY	BAKER Lead	YY-YY	
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3. Colors of the Day: Spare Aircraft

Time	0200-0800	0800-1400	Number:	042	836	396	188
Color	R-RR	RG	Letter:	P	P	M	D
Challenge	Q	S	Dispals:	10	50	37	31
Answer	G	C	Sqdn:	367	368	369	423(369)

7. Formations:
- DeVack
 Dryar 0 | 7368 Nash
 F | 6087 W | 1690
- Hutsell
 L | 7943
 Allen D.C. Allen J.J.
 T | 7946 M | 7323
- Oberhelman
 G | 2619
 Deck Patton
 D | 7796 X | 7575
- Tell
 X | 2969
 Donkin Moniel
 D | 2578 G | 7611
- Wagner
 K | 7278
 Heraty Bailey
 Y | 7840 Q | 7600
- Barret
 O | 1725 Sage
 Pederson
 U | 0053 V | 7715
- Flying Spare
 Denny
 Z - 7633

BMP - 40TH C B W V THU NR 21

FROM: COBONGR THREE HUNDRED SIX: 1181745-B-1
 TO : COMBNDIV ONE:
 COMBATWIC FORTY:
 ATT : A - 2:

306BG Y-316-D:

---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 N.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.
3. NO E/A SEEN. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS GENERALLY PRESENT THOUGH NOT OBSERVED BY CREWS AT CONTINUOUSLY OR AS CLOSE AT HAND AS IN RECENT MISSION P'38'S AND 51'S COVERED FROM DENMARK IN, AND 51'S WERE IN FORCE AROUND TARGET.
4. WEACER TO MODERATE INACCURATE FLAK SCATTERED OVER TARGET AREA. ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE ON ONE A/C FROM EACH GROUP.
5. 10/10THS LEAVING ENGLAND DECREASED TO GENERALLY 7/10THS 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 LAUNCHING PLATFORM.
 GOOD PICTURES OF ANKLAN 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:
 306TH FLEW 18 A/C AS HIGH GROUP IN 40 "A" CBW. RENDEZVOUS AND ASSEMBLY WERE 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

(E-6)

APO 557,
19 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Not Attacking - Mission of 18 July 1944 - Peenemunde,
Germany.

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), A.P.O. 557.

AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

40th "A" High

Mission of 18 July 1944

- a. Number of A/C Taking Off.19
- b. A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.. . . .18
- c. Number of A/C Attacking.17
- d. Number of A/C Not Attacking.1
- e. Detailed description of reasons why A/C did not attack, as follows:

Bl7G 42-40053 Not a sortie. Returned early because of:

- (a) No. 1 cylinder, section assembly exhaust manifold of No. 3 engine cracked and broken.
- (b) Pilot had to feather engine.
- (c) Materiel failure.

40th "B" High

Mission of 18 July 1944

- a. Number of A/C Taking Off.19
- b. A/C Taking Off Less Unused Spares.18
- c. Number of A/C Attacking.16
- d. Number of A/C Not Attacking2
- e. Detailed description of reasons why A/C did not attack, as follows:

Bl7G 42-97505 Not a sortie. Returned early because of:

- (a) Oil pressure dropped to 50 lbs. in No. 4 engine and pilot feathered.
- (b) Steel and bronze filings as well as pieces of rings were found in the cuno and on magnitic sump plug.
- (c) Materiel failure.

Bl7G 42-31737 Sortie. Did not attack target because of:

- (a) M.I.A. before target.

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