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SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative  
Mission: Bremen, Kiel, and Hamburg.

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

1: Narrative

The 306th flew 4 a/c behind 3 PFF a/c in one formation to control point south of Heligoland, there dividing to bomb 3 targets as noted below. Route was as briefed, and about on time. Bremen element flew back from target ahead, while Hamburg and Kiel elements met again at control point south of Heligoland and came back in formation.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

No enemy aircraft seen. Escort covered entire route closely for all three elements.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Bremen - slight tracking and meager barrage, low at first, then raising to altitude just as element left target area.

Kiel - element did not go over Kiel. Accurate tracking from 12 guns at Neumunster damaged our a/c severely.

Hamburg - slight, inaccurate tracking.

4. Bombing

No bombs carried.

5. Leaflets

A/c 578-D dropped 10 XG-15 northeast edge of Bremen. 1829 hours - altitude 28,700 feet - 20 second intervals.

A/c 693-L dropped 10 XG-15 at 5427N-1019E point east of Kiel. 1837½ to 1842½ hours - 30,600 feet - 2 of bombs opened 1000 feet down.

A/c 503-W and 633-Z dropped 10 XG-15 each on northwest side of Hamburg. 1830 hours - 31,000 feet - 503-W at 20 second intervals - 633-Z salvoed at 1831 hours.

Except as above noted, all bombs released properly and none were seen to open prematurely. Photos show bombs away over cloud and haze which prevents identification of targets.

6. Weather

Kiel was free of cloud, but hazy. Bremen and Hamburg both 10/10ths covered. 8 to 10/10ths over North Sea. Clear east of Bremen. Some cirrus over continent at 30,000 feet.

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"B" *Reman*

"K" *iel*

"H" *Amburg*

Tell  
Pff 691

Ketelsen  
Pff 748

Reece  
Pff 592

Gassman  
578-D

Allen, E.A.  
693-L

Miller  
503-W

Mitchell  
633-Z

FLAK  
HEAVY  
LIGHT

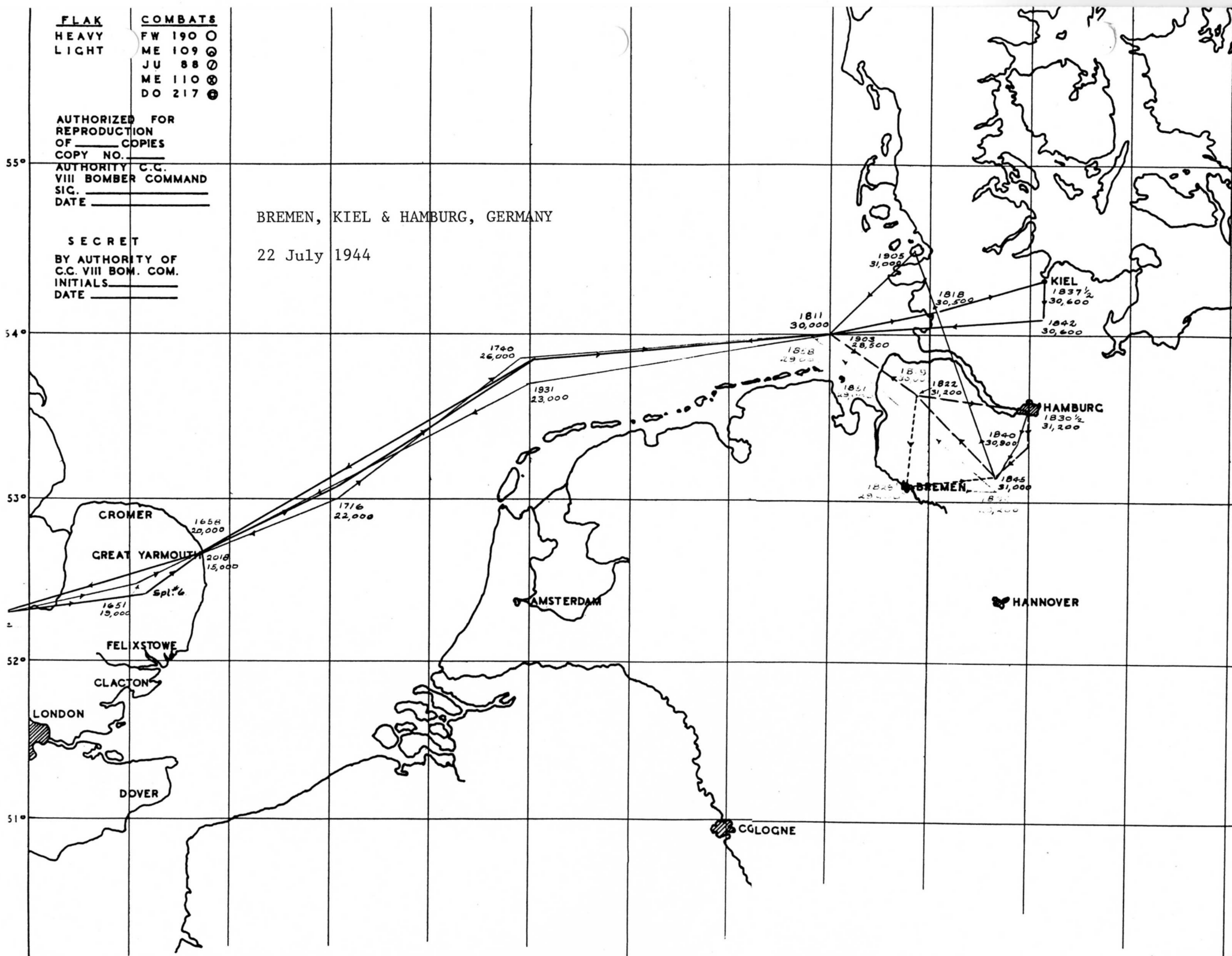
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BREMEN, KIEL & HAMBURG, GERMANY

22 July 1944



INTERROGATION FORM

P.F.F. SQUADRON ~~867XXX888~~ A/C Number 691 Lett PFF Date 22/7/44

NICKLES Bomb Load 10/XG15 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1513 Time Landed

	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	"B"
X	X	X	X	X	
X	X			X	

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

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

- 1st Lt. Tell, C.M. Pilot
- Co-...
- Nav.
- Bomb
- Rad.
- Top
- Ball
- R/W
- L/W
- Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 18:29 1/2  
Alternate Height: 30 000  
Last Resort Heading: 193 mag -  
(circle)  
Duration Bomb Run:

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others) no position

Own Bombs: 30 sec intervals skipted left side of Bremen while dropping  
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.)

1816 German Coast in on course

1851 1/2 out came out also ahead of Kallebronn

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target and on way home. 10/10 over Germany to target then

INTERCOMBAT FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 XXX 933X A/C Number 578 Let. or D Date 22/7/44

Nickles  
Bomb Load 10/XGL5 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

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

"B"

Time Took Off 1511 Time Landed 2046

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Gassman, L.W. Pilot
- 2nd Lt. Barchard, C.M. Co-P
- 1st Lt. Rodenberger, R.M. Nav.
- 2nd Lt. Gruenig, R.D. Bomb
- T/Sgt. Ashwood, R.P. Radi
- S/Sgt. Gorman, G.J. Top
- S/Sgt. Cresswell, C.M. Bal
- S/Sgt. Russell, R.W. R/W
- L/W
- S/Sgt. Winans, W.W. Tail

TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1829-1831  
 Alternate Height: 28700  
 Last Resort Heading: 195  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: off 90°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: ~~10~~ Jettisoned: Sgt. Asch, N. (Stars & Stripes)  
Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: all on target  
 Any Nickels: Yes No  
 Number bombs dropped \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Bombs returned \_\_\_\_\_

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes?) No? Took picture on turning

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: off target - over clear spot.

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

Exactly as briefed - 2 minutes early at target

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

clear over N sea - 7/10  
 at enemy coast increasing to  
 9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. 10/10 at target.  
 (big break just after target -

May 2 now program on news at  
 32-33000 - dense non-persistent over  
 target at some alt.

Location Accuracy

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON P.F.F. 857 A/C Number 748 Letter PF Date 22/7/44

Bomb Load 10/XG15 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1513 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

		(X)			
X	X	X	X	X	"K"
X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	

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

CRE.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Major Ketelsen (40th CBW) Pilot
- \_\_\_\_\_ Co-P
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nav.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb
- \_\_\_\_\_ Radi
- \_\_\_\_\_ Top
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ball
- \_\_\_\_\_ R/W
- \_\_\_\_\_ L/W
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:  
 Alternate Height: 31 000  
 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:

*in train*

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.)

*Picked up  
 Handling  
 element  
 at route  
 control  
 at which  
 I had left  
 this*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) *Scattered cloud en route below 5/10 to Denmark - Target open but hazy*

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

INTERCOMBATION FORM

SQUADRON 367A/368 59 423 A/C Number 093 Letter L Date 22/7/44

Bomb Load 10/AG15 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

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

"K"

Time Took Off 1513 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CRE.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Allen, W.A. Pilot
- 1st Lt. Armstrong, R.B. Co-P
- 1st Lt. Begett, W.C. Nav.
- 1st Lt. Carey, D/N Bomb
- T/Sgt. Behnke, R.F. Radf
- T/Sgt. Hill, R.T. Top
- S/Sgt. Palikowski, S.A. Bail
- S/Sgt. Smith, G.A. R/W
- S/Sgt. Pick, L/O. Tail

*Kiel ident. positively*

*10 mi SW of Kiel about to die south Dropped From 5427N. 10 19*

*2 dropped 1000 ft. then opened other's went on down*

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1837 1/2 - 1842 1/2

Alternate Height: 30,600

Last Resort Heading: at start 200 then 260 then 250

(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: \_\_\_\_\_ *in train*

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.)

*as briefed otherwise Enemy Collision 17:18 out 1903*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

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

Time	Type	Height	Color	Location	Accuracy
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INTERROGATION FORM

P.F.F.

SQUADRON 037 ADDRESS NICKLES A/C Number 592 Lett. PPF Date 22/7/44

Bomb Load 10/XG15 H.E. Incand.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1513 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

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

"H"

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. Reece, W.E., Jr. Pilot
- \_\_\_\_\_ Co-p
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nav.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb
- \_\_\_\_\_ Radi
- \_\_\_\_\_ Top
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ball
- \_\_\_\_\_ R/W
- \_\_\_\_\_ L/W
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 A/C	Type (light heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy



INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 368 369 370 371 372 373 A/C Number 633 Letter 3 Date 22/7/44

NICKLES  
Bomb Load 10/3 G15 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1514 Time Landed 2115

				X	
	X		X	X	X
X	X		X	X	X (X) "H"
	X		X	X	X
X	X				X X

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

REF.: Give Rank and Initials

*none*

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

*none*

- 2nd Lt. Mitchell, W.G., JR. Pilot
- 2nd Lt. Machosky, J.F. Co-P
- 2nd Lt. Swartz, R.R. Nav.
- 2nd Lt. Roberts, W.N. Bomb
- T/Sgt. Carter, L.F. Radi
- S/Sgt. O'Brien, F.J. Top
- S/Sgt. Kerley, G.R. Ball
- B/Sgt. Foster, G.B. R/W
- T/Sgt. Gentile, W.M. L/W
- Sgt. Cookman, D.V. Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Hamburg  
Primary Time: 1831  
Alternate Height: 31,000  
Last Resort Heading: 90° M  
(circle) Duration Bomb Run: 175

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: All salvaged on about 3 or 4 Bombs of PFF

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

Own Bombs: Not observed - Salvaged toggle ineffective

Any Nickels: Yes No  
Number bombs dropped 10  
Number Bombs returned 0

Other bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? at Bombs away

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

*As briefed Came N of Heligoland on way out*

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) Clouds broke at target but haze prevented observation  
9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height	Type (light)	Color	Location	Accuracy
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Light non-punctured contacts - (Sperry)  
Broken on way out  
Fairly solid on way in 27,000 - 31,000 and up.

EMERGENCY REPORT FORM

Serial No. XXXX XXXX XXXX A/C Number 503 Letter 9 Date 22 July 1954

Bomb Load 10/X9/15 XXXX XXXXXX

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1513 Time Landed \_\_\_\_\_

	X	X	X	X	"H"
X	X	X	(X)	X	
X	X	X	X	X	
X	X		X	X	

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st. Lt. H. L. Miller Pilot
- 1st. Lt. R. M. Pomby Co-P
- 1st. Lt. E. J. Carey Nav.
- 1st. Lt. P. ~~C~~ Coad Bomb
- Pvt. A. M. Brown Radio
- T/Sgt. R. J. Custer Jr. Top
- S/Sgt. J. R. Slye Ball
- S/Sgt. R. W. Green R/W
- S/Sgt. D. L. Maughan Tail

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 0830 1/4  
 Alternate Height: 31,200  
 Last Resort Heading: 91 deg.  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: \_\_\_\_\_

*1 every 20 sec. for 2 minutes then finished*

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: \_\_\_\_\_

Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Abortive: 8 min before target

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

5342N-0848E DR  
 Heading 90°

Own Bombs: \_\_\_\_\_

Dropped early 10W town

Any Nickels: Yes  No

Number bombs dropped \_\_\_\_\_

Number Bombs returned \_\_\_\_\_

Other bombing: 12 mi off

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No? Yes

*Couldn't see it*

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.)

Enemy coast 5405-0750E 1813 hrs. 1905 hrs.  
" " 5430-0850E  
any coast out 1657 5235N-0143E; B. yarmouth.

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) 10/10 except channel few banks

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light)	Color	Location	Accuracy
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