

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
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23rd March, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Coesfeld, 23rd March, 1945.

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

1. Narrative

306th flew 36 a/c including 2 GH-PFF, and 2 PFF as 40th "A". Assembly satisfactory. Route as briefed: over England on course 1 minute late; English coast 5100N-0100E, 1054 hours, 16,000 feet; French coast 5053N-0135E, 1203 hours, at 17,000 feet; group ahead took interval just before I.P. and high squadron forced 40th "A" to 'S' left and north of I.P. to get back on course. I.P. 5158N-0605E, 1315 hours, 25,000 feet; GeeH set up course. 5 minutes before bombs away, lead took over visually. Low and high made separate visual runs. Target #1, Coesfeld, 1326 hours, 25,000 feet; Dutch coast 5243N-0439E, 1410 hours, 20,000 feet; Boston 1512 hours, 8,000 feet; base 1547 hours.

Leader was unable to receive Buckeye White, but 15 minutes before I.P., information was relayed by Swordfish Charlie leader that target area was clear and bombing would be visual.

PFF equipment used as navigational aid only. Worked satisfactorily.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

There was no fighter opposition.

P-51s first picked up at 1252 at 5100N-0500E; good area support throughout mission, especially in target area; markings of 4th and 356th Fighter Groups identified.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Scattered, meager, inaccurate A.A. fire on turn off target. One minute later, a few bursts were observed to right of formation. No damage on this group.

4. Bombing

306th attacked target #1 visually. Lead pattern fell slightly short of aiming point, with hits on rail line running south out of Coesfeld. Low bombs fell to east of aiming point with possible hits on southern edge of marshalling yard. High bombardier, because of smoke over briefed aiming point, shifted his MPI to north. Bomb strikes cannot be seen on photos, but smoke bombs indicate hits on or near briefed GeeH aiming point.

5. Leaflets

A/c 397-0 dropped 5 WG-42 and 5 T-336 on Coesfeld.

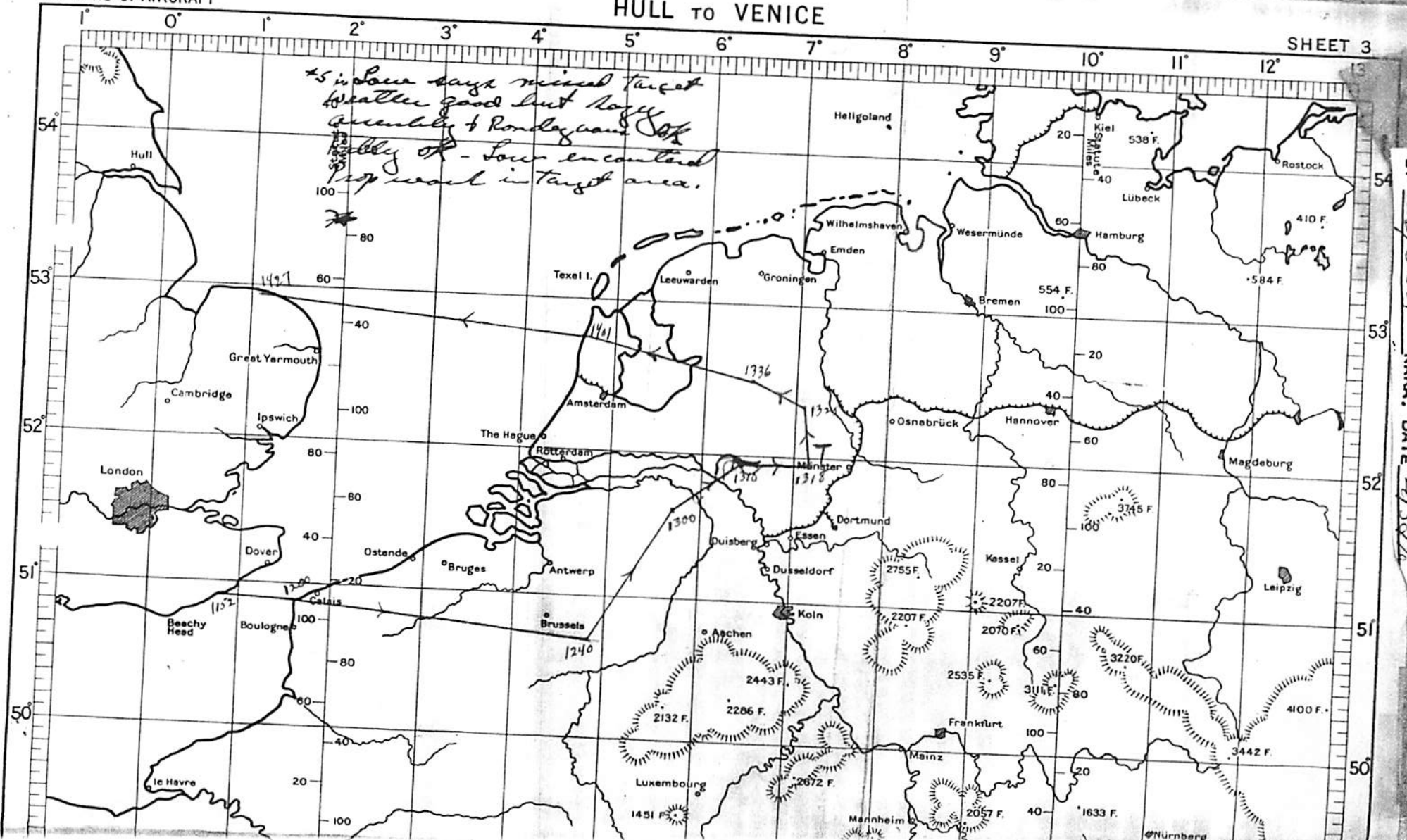
6. Weather

Weather was clear throughout mission. 3/10ths high cloud, base 28,000. Light haze layer, tops 10,000, downward visibility 20 miles, horizontal visibility unrestricted. No contrails.

7. Aircraft in Distress

None.

**5 in low says missed target
 weather good but haze
 assembly + Ronda van
 belly of - low encountered
 prop wash in target area.*



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 BY *22810 C-1* NARA, DATE *4/30/85*

40th "A"
LEAD

Formation *March, 1945*

McKinney
Hobbell
369-J GH-PFF

Jones
81A-G

Parnell
711-D

Glady
724-U GH-PFF

Wilson
376-F

Cohn
474-V

Burgess
323-M

Glen
928-L

Schafer
598-Q

Clark
601-A

Butler
429-W

Forsyth
466-Q

40th "A"
LSW

✓ Vialls
197-X PFF

*Vis. all the way
made own miss
Lead "deep" zone*

✓ Mitchell
515-O

✓ Marks
129-L

✓ Hoffmann
951-F

✓ Chisney
516-M

✓ *Capt.* Kornegay
683-Q

✓ Wear
563-N

✓ Forchler
611-G

✓ Schwits
585-K

✓ Kinross
116-T *rays mixed*

✓ Haggabotham * Sutton, Jr.
412-T 174-V *rays mixed*

EX-D 40th "A"
HIGH

✓ Bowley
652-A PFF

✓ Tinkham
181-B

✓ Kearney
143-P

✓ Scheib
896-X

✓ Engstrom
153-G

✓ Sandini
600-G

✓ Woods
713-K

✓ Babir
619-S

✓ Baker
616-X

✓ Paisley
397-O
Nickels

✓ Christensen
297-N

✓ Powers
287-V

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 5-7 A/C Number 369 Letter J Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 x 2 Smoke II, E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0940 Time Landed 1618

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No Kimballton X X X X X
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out over Base X X X X X
 special form in detail. 1547 X X X X X

40th "A" Lead

CIG: Give Rank and Initials

- Major. J. A. McKinney ✓ P
 Capt. L. E. Hubbell ✓ CP
 1st Lt. V. Lisec N
 1st Lt. L. E. Carroll ✓ B
 T/Sgt. C. E. West ✓ RO
 T/Sgt. B. S. Moody ✓ E
 1st Lt. M. (NMI) Auster GH 378TBG
 T/Sgt. L. E. Morganroth ✓ TO

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: #1 Time: 1326
 Secondary: Heading: 117° M
 Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 360 003°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 111 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: See X in log 5 min before B.P. An. Nickels: Yes
Swit gave fix till 5 min before B.P. Number and type

Other bombing: Target was then identified visually
 5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Hand was camera turned on Hand Movie Hand

6. WEATHER: Slight haze. M/Y identified 5 miles away. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? S.F. Charlie

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Clear in Boring all 4 P. 15 min before I.P.

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>6 Bursts High ahead after B.P.</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Bombardier said first shot

368th SQUADRON 067036306 133 A/C Number 724 Letter U Date 23 March, 1945

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.B.

Position in Formation

Time took Off 09:40 Time Landed _____

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

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

*40th A
Lead*

COE: Give rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. R. H. Clacys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. E. E. Hunt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
2nd Lt. M. F. Hepple	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
2nd Lt. L. R. Dorman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
S/Sgt. L. J. McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
S/Sgt. L. F. Warren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
2nd Lt. C. C. McDaniel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	XT RN
Sgt. R. E. Shuberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
Sgt. A. E. Leavell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326
 Secondary: Heading: 174
 Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 5 mi - 022

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Nichols: Yes 1
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? None was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

8. 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>target: about 16 bursts, tracking, low just after B.A. on down off target.</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON *368 361 21* a/c Number *711* Letter *D* Date *23 March, 1945* *3*

Bomb Load *12 x 500* H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off *09:40* Time Landed _____

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

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

*40th A
Lead*

C.O.B.: Give Rank and Initials

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

<u>2nd Lt. G. W. Purnell</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
<u>2nd Lt. R. J. Forsyth</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
<u>F/O. A. J. Renal</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
<u>Sgt. J. E. O'Brien</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
<u>Sgt. R. J. Barnes</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
<u>Sgt. R. W. Ave</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
<u>Sgt. R. M. Fairchild</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	WG
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	WG
<u>Sgt. O. K. Hess</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG
<u>Sgt. R. N. Gustafson</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jammer

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Title: *1376*
 Secondary: Heading: *115*
 Last Resort: Height: *24600*

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: *105*

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

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

Own Bombs:

Number and type _____

Other bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER:

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

8. 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 of bursts relation to a/c	Accuracy
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*Flight: on turn off target - few bursts, accurate,
 heavy.*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 147 368 34 23 a/c Number 928 Letter L Date 23 March, 1945 4

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.B. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 09:40 Time Landed _____

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

40th A
Lead

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. B. L. Olsen ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. P. H. Greer ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. H. D. McTague ✓ M
- 2nd Lt. J. E. Shook ✓ B
- T/Sgt. F. W. Ramsey ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. L. Foster ✓ E
- Sgt. J. W. Gerlach ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. H. Reppy ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326
Secondary: Heading: 125
Last Resort: Height: 24800
T.O. 1328 005
(Circle One) 23000
Turn off target:

3. Number of BOBS (dropped on target) Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: an. Nichols: Yes (1)
Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on OK
Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: Clear. Haze. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Clear at target. Before

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
	<u>Target.</u>		<u>Meager</u>		<u>5 bursts</u>	<u>Acc.</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 28X 368 28X 2 A/C Number 914 Letter Date 23/ March, 1934

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 09:40 Time Landed 1600

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

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

*40th A
Lead*

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. W. J. Forsyth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. R. H. Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
F/O. I. Zalusky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
Sgt. R. F. Dickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
Sgt. S. Leon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
Sgt. A. R. Tonsing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. H. J. Mullen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
Sgt. R. A. Prigg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326:10

Secondary: Heading: 115

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 000

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

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

Own Bombs: Short of target Any Nickels: Yes
 Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical was camera turned on
 Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: As briefed, light ground haze all the way WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Wing 12 - in case 6 10.55

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 368 365 21 A/C Number 429 Letter M Date 23 March, 1945

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 09:40 Time Landed _____

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

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

6
40th A
Lead

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. J. H. Butler	✓	P
2nd Lt. J. G. Woolbright	✓	CP
F/O. C. R. Lemon	✓	N
Sgt. G. E. Bosworth	✓	B
Sgt. J. A. Feigum	✓	RO
Sgt. C. R. White	✓	E
Sgt. C. J. C. Jackson	✓	BT
Sgt. _____		WG
Sgt. _____		WG
Sgt. B. J. Hensley	✓	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326
Secondary: Heading: 2915
Last Resort: Height: 2540

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 358

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ An. Nickels: Yes _____
Number and type _____
Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
Hand _____ Movie yes

6. WEATHER: _____ WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: none

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~771/771/771~~ 23 A/C Number 376 Letter F Date 23-3-45 7

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. ✓ Position in Formation _____

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

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

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

*40th A
Lead*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. J. D. Wilson ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. J. C. Ribble ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. E. C. Heitman ✓ X
- 2nd Lt. D. E. Jones ✓ B
- Sgt. C. (IMI) Conetzkey ✓ RD
- Sgt. D. F. Burden ✓ E
- S/Sgt. E. L. Bishop ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. H. S. Moreland ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: Height: 24800
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 15°

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ An. Nichols: Yes N
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: *B.T. said just off target*

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: vertically no camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

5. WEATHER: _____ WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKLE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, Moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*Turn off target 4 bursts center lead by
 near Phoenix*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ .23 A/C Number 012 Letter A Date 23-3-45 8

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING held crew and fill out special form in detail.
- | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X |

40th A
Lead

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. J. R. Clark ✓ P

2nd Lt. W. M. Carnicom ✓ CP

F/O W. F. Ross ✓ N

Sgt. A. B. Fawcett ✓ B

Sgt. A. C. McGuire, Jr. ✓ RO

Sgt. A. E. Hatton ✓ E

Sgt. C. A. Diffendaffer ✓ BT

_____ WG

_____ WG

Sgt. R. W. Dryden, Jr. ✓ TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326

Secondary: Heading: 135

Last Resort: Height: 25,100

T.O. (Circle One) 010°

Turn off target: all

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

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

Own Bombs: blast x to right of the target AN Nichols: Yes No

Other bombing: single head hit in right on button Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on No camera
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: cloudy - CAUD WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: No

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>ONLY AFTER TURN OFF TARGET</u>						
<u>ABOUT 4 BURSTS - ACCURATE</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ .23 A/C Number 598 Letter Q Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

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

40th "A" Lead

Crew: Give rank and initials

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

- 1st Lt. E. W. Schafer P
- 2nd Lt. H. C. Hostetter OP
- 2nd Lt. R. G. Hillabrand N
- S/Sgt. R. L. Raftery B
- S/Sgt. C. A. Whitener RO
- S/Sgt. F. D. Morrison E
- T/Sgt. J. C. Hurd BT
- S/Sgt. U. J. Lewis TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 T.O. (Circle One) 360
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: All Nichols: Yes (1)
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on BT

6. WEATHER: 5228 0700 A/F with 24 A/C. * being repaired. Nordhorn
Clear. Haze on ground
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1328</u>	<u>target</u>	<u>after</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>Meager</u>	<u>acc.</u>	

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~607~~ 368 ~~507~~ 5 A/C Number 814 Letter C Date 23 March, 1945

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 09:40 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "A"
Lead

C.O.F.: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. R. W. Jones	✓	P
P/O. H. D. Hinckley	✓	CP
2nd Lt. R. I. McCutchan	✓	N
2nd Lt. S. O. Briggs	✓	B
S/Sgt. W. M. Williams	✓	RO
T/Sgt. R. F. John	✓	E
Sgt. A. J. Conroy	✓	BT
_____	_____	WG
_____	_____	WG
Sgt. H. H. Williams	✓	TG
Sgt. C. J. Rogers	✓	(Jammer)

Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether B, N.A., E/n action,
 accident or undetermined cause)
OIL SLICK IN RIDER SEE. 2 OR
3 SMALL BLACK SPOTS. DID NOT
GET A FIX.

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: ✓ Time: 1326
 Secondary: Heading: 110°
 Last Resort: Height: 24,750
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 350°

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

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

Own Bombs: HIT RIGHT OF TARGET AREA. SHORT. an. Nichols: ✓ Yes 1
1321 V VICTOR DROPPED BOMBS 2 TO 3 MILES ACROSS R/WAY. ON
 Other bombing: GP AHEAD OVER TARGET. Number and type WAY IN.
SG BEHIND (HIGH) OVER

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? _____ was camera turned on NO
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: CAVU GOING AND
RETURN

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKEYE? TARGET
VISUAL REPORT
JUST PRIOR TO IP

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

NONE

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1328</u>		<u>23,000</u>	<u>MEAGRE</u>	<u>BARRAGE</u>	<u>AHEAD</u>	<u>INACCURATE</u>

Crew observations about Flak: NONE

SQUADRON 357 368 369 23 A/C Number 323 Letter (M) Date 23 March, 1945

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 09:40 Time Landed 1600

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

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

Ytd A Lead

Crew: Give rank and initials

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

No

2nd Lt. J. A. Burgess ✓ P
2nd Lt. R. A. Bodenhamer ✓ CP
F/O. J. J. Dembowski N
Sgt. J. Pinola B
Sgt. H. D. Sullivan L RO
Sgt. R. K. Miller ✓ E
Sgt. L. F. Harter L BT
 _____ WG
 _____ WG
Sgt. P. L. Swift L TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326
Secondary: Heading: 122°
Last Resort: Height: 25,000

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 005°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped (on target) 12x500: Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Strikes observed short of target. Groups hit well in. An. Nichols: Yes (10)
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____ None.
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: As briefed WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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One 4 gun burst high 12 o'clock at target. Inaccurate.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

12

SQUADRON *287 368 364 21* A/C Number *474* Letter *V* Date *23 March, 1945.*

Bomb Load *12 x 500* H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took Off *09:40* Time Landed _____

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

40th A Lead

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. H. B. Cohn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. H. M. Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
2nd Lt. W. E. Blouch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
Sgt. W. O. Jacobson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
S/Sgt. G. W. Olliges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
Sgt. K. J. Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. J. M. Bradley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WG
Sgt. G. G. Olsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: _____
 Secondary: _____ Heading: _____
 Last Resort: _____ Height: _____

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
51590625 accidental release just before I.P. First trip a toggle. All dropped
 Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: *Hit in open field.* An. Nichols: Yes
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Verticals was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: *as briefed - CAUV at GT* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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6 bursts after turn off. inacc.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~#####~~ A/C Number 197 Letter K F Date 23-2-45 13

Bomb Load 12 x 500 1X smoke H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed 1554

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

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

40th "A" Low

COR.: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. R. A. Vieille ✓ P
2nd Lt. C. N. Liersch ✓ EP
2nd Lt. R. A. Lomas ✓ N
1st Lt. R. H. Duran ✓ B
Sgt. C. F. Smalczewski ✓ RO
S/Sgt. E. E. Gallion ✓ B
2nd Lt. J. T. Gearity ✓ BT
Sgt. V. G. Cargile ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: #1 Time: 1326 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 115° M
 Last Resort: Height: 24340°
 T.O. 30° M
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: Smoke bombs away at Release in Radio compartment
hombes away by emergency Number and type
 Other bombing: Rest released instantly (Trigger not up.)
 5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on

Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER:

no clouds - ground haze
+ smoke from Rhein and front lines
 7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no contrails

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKEYE? Alta Lead Report
Buckeye reported
clear target
Bombing Visual
near 1300 hrs

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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1335 Rhein area image tracking inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak:

14

SQUADRON 367 ~~1003/1004~~ # A/C Number 951 Letter Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0940 Time Landed

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

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

40 th "A" Low

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. R. S. Hoffman P
- 2nd Lt. A. J. Parrish OP
- 2nd Lt. I. R. Baron N
- 2nd Lt. M. H. Demoray B
- Sgt. V. D. McCarthy RO
- Sgt. T. C. Schuster S
- Sgt. M. H. Elder BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. V. Wright TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326 1/2
Secondary: Heading: 110
Last Resort: Height: 24400

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 0300 020

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (all) Jet/Disposed: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: an. Nichols: Yes N
Number and type
Other bombing:

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? None Was camera turned on None
Hand Movie

5. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: none at target. a few bursts off target few bursts obs off to right.

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367 ~~B#B#B#B#~~ B# n/c Number 129 Letter _____ Date 23-3-45 15

Bomb Load 12 x 500 ✓ H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time landed _____

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

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

40th A
Low

CREW: Give rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. R. Marks	✓	P
2nd Lt. E. R. Gary	✓	CP
F/O W. T. Burke	✓	N
Pvt. J. A. Baker	✓	B
Sgt. J. N. Tehle	✓	AO
T/Sgt. J. Dolinich	✓	E
Sgt. R. C. Frederick	✓	EP
T/Sgt. J. L. Dunn	✓	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1325
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: Height: 25500
 T.O. 360
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs:

Any Missiles: Yes (1)

Other bombing:

Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: Clear. Scattered low.
Haze. Dense before IP.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKEYES?
Chan.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Title	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
					3 bursts after target	

Crew observations about flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~BOMBERS~~ ~~1488~~ A/C Number 611 Letter G Date 23-3-45 16

Bomb-Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed 1552

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

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

Hot "A" Low

CREW: Give rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. <u>H. A. Verdick</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. <u>P. H. Arnot</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
F/O <u>G. Gutman</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
F/O <u>D. L. Wilson</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
Sgt. <u>C. F. Larsen</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
Sgt. <u>M. E. Mook</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. <u>L. Everson</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
Sgt. <u>P. E. Steele</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

No

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1326
 Secondary: Heading: 120° (compass heading)
 Last Resort: Height: 24,000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 025°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped 12 x 500 on target: / Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Strikes observed over target. Am. Nickels: Yes No
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: As briefed. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING?
None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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NONE

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) _____ (2, max)

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

1317 P-51's
 1.4. Good.
 Blue rudder vertical fin.

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	W _____
UNDECEASED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

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

Fires at 5152 N 0606 E
 at 1315 hrs. West of Rhine.
 Smoke from field at Rhine.

Smoke screens seen
 at Rhine. Black +
 white smoke. ✓

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

Alone
 " "

At hammer at 1358 hrs.
 526N-0543E observed 16 ships
 in inlet. Type unknown.

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (brief)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

Compass malfunction.

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

Propwash bad over target.

16. ROUTES: (Note especially any deviations from ordered routes. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

is briefed.

SQUADRON 367 ~~44336~~ 23 A/C Number 412 ✓ Letter _____ Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 ✓ H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed 1550

HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If BITCHING held crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

18
40th "A"
Low

NONE

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. V. Higgenbotham ✓ P
 2nd Lt. W. Piiskaar ✓ CP
 F/O L. Levingstone ✓ N
 Sgt. J. K. Hammer ✓ B
 Sgt. P. H. Rueschhoff ✓ RO
 T/Sgt. S. J. Davis ✓ E
 S/Sgt. S. J. Mannenga ✓ BT
 Sgt. E. Kirkpatrick ✓ SJ WG
 _____ WG
 Sgt. R. T. Hauck ✓ TG

NONE

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: ✓ Time: 1327
Secondary: Heading: 125°
Last Resort: Height: 24,300
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 020°

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

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

Own Bombs: IN TARGET AREA ACCORDING TO _____ and Nickels: Yes
BT. OTHERS OF CREW DID NOT SEE

Other bombing: LEAD DROPPED SHORT. UPPER EDGE GOT TRACK. (BURGSTEINFURT BOMBING RR YARDS) Good FIRE IN SE PART OF TOWN

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on YES
Hand VERTICLE Movie _____

6. WEATHER: CAUV OVER + RETURN. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCCINIER? _____

GROUND HAZE MORE DENSE ENG. THAN OVER CONTINENT

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

NONE

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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NONE

Crew observations about Flak: Saw no flak on group but saw some flak on another group.

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SQUADRON 423 A/C Number 516 Letter M Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed 1555

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

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

40th A Low

CREW: Give rank and initials

- 2nd Lt. D. C. Cheney P
- 1st Lt. J. C. Russell CP
- 2nd Lt. F. B. Hildebrand, Jr. M
- 2nd Lt. J. D. Prescott B
- Sgt. T. V. Furlong RO
- Sgt. R. E. Cory E
- Sgt. R. W. Lindsay BT
- Sgt. E. L. Blucher TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1524
 Secondary: Heading: 100
 Last Resort: Height: 24,000
 T.O. (Circle one) 030°
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: all An. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: CAVU WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target - meager Some flak just after turn - 00

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OFFICER:

(Estimate a total number of E/A seen) _____ (Types) _____

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

10. FIGHTER SUB (A/T): (include time, place, and color markings:)

*Fair to good - close
 over target -
 red nose & red tail
 Richd. repair - 15/4/40*

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

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *16 bombs hung up. other air released about 30 sec. later.*

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

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

both crews

SQUADRON ~~744~~ 423 a/c Number 116 Letter T Date 23-3-45 20

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed 1534

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

40th A
Low
 X X X X X
 X X X X X
 X X X X X

C.M.T.: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly a/c in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether of a.n., E/a action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. R. S. Kimball ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. J. K. Snobble ✓ SP
- F/O J. C. Neighmond N
- S/Sgt. J. R. Bement ✓ E
- S/Sgt. H. J. Thomas ✓ RD
- S/Sgt. S. L. Goodwin ✓ E
- S/Sgt. L. (NMI) Foster ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- S/Sgt. E. H. Merrill ✓ TG

No

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: 1326 1/2
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 118°
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 24,600
 T.O. _____
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 014°

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

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

Own Bombs: Lead and low fell short. Two groups ahead hit target squarely.
 Other bombing: Heavy smoke

Any Missiles: Yes No
 Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____ None
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: O.K. except for wind over target. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None

8. 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 of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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At turn of target one four gun burst at 10 o'clock inaccurate.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OFFSHOOT:

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

10. FIGHTER SPECIFIC: (Include time, place, and color markings:)

1305 P-51's
 0540E-5136N Good.
 Yellow nose

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

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

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

None

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (brief)

" "

14. TECHNICAL PROBLEMS: Flaps malfunctioned.

15. CREW COMMENTS: (Any unusual incidents? any suggestions?) Propwash bad just before bombs away.

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

As briefed.

SQUADRON 423 A/C Number 585 Letter K Date 23-3-45 21

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

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

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

*40th A
low*

CREW: Give rank and Initials

None
Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details. If lost, state whether o. a.a., E/a action, accident, or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. W. G. H. Schultz P
- 2nd Lt. G. D. CAMPBELL* *OP*
- 2nd Lt. F. H. Jones *OP*
- 2nd Lt. E. R. Dragoo N
- S/Sgt. H. V. Carter B
- Sgt. J. V. Dowd RO
- Sgt. S. R. Leavitt E
- Sgt. E. (NMI) Upthegrove ST
- RG
- WG
- S/Sgt. W. W. Walczak TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1327
Secondary: Heading: 099° mag
Last Resort: Height: 24100
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: Area covered, but any Nichols: Yes No

Other bombing: much short - some on built up area Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? No was camera turned on No
Hand NO Movie NO

6. WEATHER: Rather hazy near target, and on cycle on return but otherwise has coverage. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? /

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

8. 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 Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Saw some (7 to 8 bursts) way off to right - 5 miles

Crew observations about Flak: Saw 5 bursts up to left behind formation after turn off 300-500 yds

SQUADRON 367 ~~136~~ ~~136~~ ~~136~~ #36 #36 #36 a/c Number 515 Letter O Date 23-3-45 22

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

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

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

Wtd 'A' Law

Crew: Give rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. F. W. Mitchell ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. L. G. Casey ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. W. R. Neilson ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. H. Burr ✓ B
- Sgt. E.H. Ball ✓ RO
- Sgt. R. G. Schneider ✓ E
- Sgt. S. F. Pierce ✓ ST
- Sgt. D. R. Brashear Camera ✓ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. J. W. Keizer ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1327
 Secondary: Heading: 115
 Last Resort: Height: 24100

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

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ any Nichols: Yes 1
 Other bombing: Shelter making for bombing Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie yes

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D WRC BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Target: coming off target - 3 bursts at 12 o'clock
time at front lines

Crew observations about Flak: _____

23
 x
 40th A
 Low

SQUADRON 367 ~~3977A~~ ~~477~~ A/C Number 563 Letter N Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.B. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed 1550

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

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

Crew: Give rank and initials

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

1st Lt. W. H. Wear	✓	P
2nd Lt. F. R. Specht	✓	CP
2nd Lt. R. F. Ridgeway	✓	N
Sgt. H. W. Wertz	✓	B
Sgt. H. R. Hall	✓	RO
Sgt. C. D. Petitjean	✓	E
Sgt. C. M. Alfred	✓	BT
Sgt. R. R. Arlidge	✓	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1328
 Secondary: Heading: 100
 Last Resort: Height: 24000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 315

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11/1 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Tgt to over An. Nichols: Yes E

Other bombing: Tgt hit Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: CAVU 4000 ft over England

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

8. FLAK: Encountered en 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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about 6 bursts after on turn off tgt. at former alt. to left + high

Crew observations about Flak:

Flak at Rheine (?) on our group to right.
had barr - in case - town w/ factories smoking.

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ ### A/C Number 683 Letter Q Date 23-3-45 24

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

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

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

*40th A
low*

C.O.S.: Give rank and Initials

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

Capt. H. J. Kornegay P
 2nd Lt. K. Koser CP
 2nd Lt. H. W. Parker N
 Sgt. T. T. Tittsworth B
 Sgt. D. E. Nye RO ✓
 T/Sgt. C. S. Sosnowski E
 Sgt. J. A. Blanchard ET
 S/Sgt. E. R. Nunley TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1327
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 24,400

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 20° - 358°

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

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

Own Bombs: any Michels: Yes No

Other bombing: hit over - on low Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on yes
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: Clear WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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none on this gp - some on gp ahead to rt.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON *#####* A/C Number *652* Letter *A* Date *23-3-45* *25*

Bomb Load *12 x 500 + 1* H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off *0940* Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
- | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X | X |
- 45th 'A' High*

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- Capt. A. J. Bowley P
- 2nd Lt. E. R. Smith CP
- F/O R. W. Kurrasch N
- Capt. D. E. Currier B
- T/Sgt. G. D. Carey RO
- T/Sgt. C. J. Kruger F
- 2nd Lt. A. B. Blair RN BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- S/Sgt. G. A. Weber TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

#1 Primary: Time: *1327*
 Secondary: Heading: *109°*
 Last Resort: Height: *26,800*
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: *002°*

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

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: *followed leader, who was making Sulfur run & also headed for smoke bomb formation ahead.* an. Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: *Synchronized for 3 minutes.* Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
 assigned aiming point well hit by lead, Hand _____ Movie _____
in moral R.P. north to center of M/Y

6. WEATHER: *overcast in morning haze in target area up to about 8,000 ft.*
No clouds anywhere

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKLEYS? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *No*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: after bombs away, megal, tracking low, in error

Crew observations about Flak: *Went through Rhein flak area, but didn't get any.*

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SQUADRON ~~36~~ 36 A/C Number 896 Letter X Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0940 Time Landed 1617

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

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

4th A
High

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. R. K. Schieb P

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

F/O J. D. Lyles CP

F/O A. F. Gallagher N

S/Sgt. G. E. Johnson B

S/Sgt. J. O. Thach RO

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

S/Sgt. R. A. Trostle E

Primary: Title: 1327

Sgt. P. A. Wright BT

Secondary: Heading: 115

WG

Last Resort: Height: 25500

WG

T.O.
 (Circle One)

Sgt. C. L. Sammons TG

Turn off target: 015

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 11 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Went into smoke over target an. Nickels: Yes 1

Other bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: As briefed WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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meagre flak close on turn off target at 1330 hrs.

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON ~~30~~ 30 A/C Number 143 Letter PP Date 23-3-45 **27**

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

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

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

40 ft "A" High

COR: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. L. T. Kearney, Jr. ✓ P
- Capt. W. P. Keunstler ✓ CP
- F/O G. C. Dickerson ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. D. Sebastian B
- S/Sgt. E. C. Thixton ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. W. Pomykal ✓ E
- S/Sgt. C. ~~Gistard~~ ^{ODSTRIL} ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- S/Sgt. C. E. Wiley ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: ✓ Time: 1327

Secondary: Heading: 114

Last Resort: Height: 25,400

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 015

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

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

Own Bombs: SMOKE. COULD NOT OBSERVE An. Nichols: Yes T

Other bombing: SMOKE Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on NO
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: CAVU. OUT AND BACK WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? TARGET VISUAL. BEFORE IP

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
NONE

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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13 28 NEAR REIME MEAGRE OFF RIGHT WING. INACCURATE 5 BURSTS.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

NONE

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

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

RED NOSE AND BLUE FIN. 51'S
GOOD SUPPORT.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED

PROBABLE

DAMAGED

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

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

SMOKE OVER RHINE. APPEARED TO BE BOTH ALLIED AND GERMAN SMOKE

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: FLUX GATE OUT. BEEN OUT 3 WEEKS.

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

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

OUT AND BACK WITH SQ.

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ ~~####~~ A/C Number 619 Letter S Date 23-3-45 28

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed 1530

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

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

40th "A" High

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

1st Lt. A. L. Babin ✓ P
2nd Lt. G. J. McGuff ✓ OP
2nd Lt. D. S. Clemetson N
S/Sgt. W. P. McKillop B
S/Sgt. H. P. Deutsch RO
S/Sgt. W. L. Ferguson E
Sgt. R. J. Zamiska BT
Sgt. E. M. Migliarrio SJ WG
Sgt. T. J. Wickerl TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: 1327
 Secondary: 115
 Last Resort: 25,200
 T.O. (Circle One) 030
 Turn off target:

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs: any Nichols: Yes (1)
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? yes was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

5. WEATHER: Hazy - but visual WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? Clear at target - Visual

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no

3. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Light & highly inaccurate flak just after turn off

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

Quite a bit - close at target - central pt # 7-1545 hrs.

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

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

12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and TIME.) *Had cartilage pulled from man's back (cutting together) - hand.*

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly) *Some from lead ship (overhead) - metal filings found - lost bit of oil.*

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

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

Def! formation that before hit. Guide 300.

SQUADRON *36* a/c Number *287* Letter *V* Date *23-3-45* *29*

Bomb Load *12 x 500* H.E.

Position in Formation *ATWY - better feathered*
40th "A" High

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

Time took Off *0940* Time Landed *1612*

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. R. E. Powers P
 F/O I. J. Zukowski CP
 F/O I. J. Sandler N
 S/Sgt. J. Stokoe B
 S/Sgt. R. L. Brown RG
 S/Sgt. S. W. Lynn E
 Sgt. J. E. Michel BT
 Sgt. H. Moxen TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: *W. I.* Time: *13:27 hrs*
 Secondary: Heading: *112 mag*
 Last Resort: Height: *25300*
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: *355*

Note

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: *11* Jettisoned: *1* Returned: *1* Abortive: *1*

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

Own Bombs: *much smoke - not concentrated pattern* an. Nichols: Yes No

Other bombing: *Each Sq in different place - mostly off target* Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on?
 Hand *No* Movie *No*

6. WEATHER: *open all day* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *few small haze and vertical S/S*

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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means in accuracy (8-10 bursts) after burst away.

Crew observations about Flak: *no other*

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ ~~###~~ A/C Number 297 Letter N Date 23-3-45 30

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0940 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "A" High

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

None

F/O R. H. Christensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
F/O A. P. Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
2nd Lt. W. Exley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
S/Sgt. J. E. Eudy	<input type="checkbox"/>	B
S/Sgt. F. S. McElmon	<input type="checkbox"/>	RO
S/Sgt. V. T. Fecht	<input type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. H. E. Dedmon	<input type="checkbox"/>	BT
Sgt. R. J. Galuska	<input type="checkbox"/>	TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)
 Primary: Time: 13:27 hrs
 Secondary: Heading: 121 mag
 Last Resort: Height: 25850

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Detonated: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Looked good, says B. an. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on No
 Hand No Movie No

6. WEATHER: Part was good WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____
Pilots possible all day

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None no cloud coverage
some smoke at target

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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slight in accurate (all from 6-8 bursts)
after turn off target (turn: burst in target)
 Crew observations about Flak: Burst in target

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 423 A/C Number 153 Letter G Date 23-3-45 **31**

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed 1625

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

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

40th A High

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

- 2nd Lt. F. (NMI) Engstrom P
- 2nd Lt. W. Moore CP
- 2nd Lt. L. B. McCough N
- 2nd Lt. F. L. Fiora B
- Sgt. W. E. Skinner, Jr. RO
- Sgt. A. H. Smart E
- S/Sgt. M. L. Brown BT
- KG
- WG
- Sgt. M. W. Fisher TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1327
Secondary: Heading: 112
Last Resort: Height: 25,500
T.O. (Circle One) 015
Turn off target: cell

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target, Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: cell burst says so good strike an. Nichols: Yes (1)
 Other bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? yes was camera turned on yes
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: CAVV - hazy WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>cell burst - 5715N 071E</u>						
<u>ACCURATE - JUST AFTER TURN OFF TARGET</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~423~~ 423 A/C Number 397 Letter Date 23-3-45 32

Bomb Load 51X WG 42, 5 x T 336 H.E. Position on Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed 1620

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

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

40th A High

C.O.F.: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. D. C. Paisley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. F. T. Lord, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
2nd Lt. D. J. Casey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
S/Sgt. H. R. Langston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
S/Sgt. R. H. Hitchcock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
S/Sgt. H. A. Kelso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. R. L. Robertson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
_____		WG
_____		WG
S/Sgt. J. L. Harper, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

No

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: 1327
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 120°
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 25,600
 T.O. _____
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 020°

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

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

Own Bombs: Strikes short and over. Some strikes observed on target. An. Nichols: (Yes)

Other bombing: _____ Number and type 51XWG 42 5XBT 336

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on Yes
 Hand _____ Movie X

6. WEATHER: As briefed WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None.

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

NONE

Crew observations about Flak:

34

SQUADRON ~~14TH~~ ³⁶ ~~14TH~~ A/C Number 181 Letter B Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If FITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.
- | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|--|---|---|---|---|
| | (X) | | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| | X | | X | X | X | X |
| X | X | | | | X | X |

Yoth "A" High

COR: Give rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. G. P. Tinkham ✓ P
 2nd Lt. B. H. Grumbles ✓ OP
 2nd Lt. B. Burwick ✓ N
 S/Sgt. J. G. Vickroy L E
 S/Sgt. D. E. Guttentburg L RO
 S/Sgt. L. P. White L E
 S/Sgt. F. L. Motisi L BT
 _____ WG
 _____ WG
 S/Sgt. M. F. Gilmore, Jr. L TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)
 Primary: ✓ Time: 1327
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 25,400
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 020°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: ALL Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
 Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: UNOBS. Any Nichols: Yes ✓

- Other bombing: LEAD SHORT. LOW OVER Number and type _____
 5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on NO
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: CAVV out + back. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? did not hear

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: NO

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1330	REINE	25000	MEAGRE	13 F 2	declock.	ACCURATE

Crew observations about Flak: M

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of N6 E/A seen)

(Times)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

*Good fighter support
1259.*

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLE

DAMAGED

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

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *HAD TO WIND FLAPS DOWN.*

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

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

WITH SQ OUT AND BACK

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SQUADRON ~~101st~~ 30 # 427 A/C Number 713 Letter K Date 23-3-45

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took off 0940 Time Landed 16¹¹

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

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

40th "A" High

nil.

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. R. E. Woods ✓ P
- 1st Lt. J. G. McDonald ✓ CP
- F/O H. J. Sopinski N
- S/Sgt. W. A. Leopold B
- S/Sgt. L. A. Ferrell RO
- S/Sgt. J. W. Mallek E
- S/Sgt. R. P. Iafrate BT
- S/Sgt. W. M. Quinn SJ WG
- S/Sgt. C. W. Hunter TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1327
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 355

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 x 500 Jettisoned: 6 x 500 Returned: minutes later Abortive:

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

Own Bombs:

Any Nichols: Yes
 Number and type _____

Other bombing:

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on none
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER:

no cloud - some haze at target
CAVV - all the way.

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

none at our alt. - Mosquitos 500' above

8. 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 of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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target none

one gun flt to right 1 min after target

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~#####~~ 36 #~~###~~ A/C Number 600 Letter G Date 23-3-45 36

Bomb Load 12 x 500 ✓ H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0940 Time Landed ✓

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

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

40th "A" High

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. E. J. Sandini ✓ F
 F/O G. W. Knowlton ✓ CP
 F/O L. M. McDaniel ✓ N
 Sgt. H. D. VanDiver B
 Sgt. J. W. Tuttle RO
 Sgt. P. J. Solano E
 Sgt. G. L. Sarver BT
 Sgt. S. H. Scherer TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1228
 Secondary: Heading: 115
 Last Resort: Height: 25300
 T.O. 050 end
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes (1)
 Other bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Ver.

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: Haze CAVV
Smoke
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

8. 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 of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
1330 hr	After T.O. target			3-4 (5 bursts)	in acc.	In front, 0100

Crew observations about Flak: