

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
United States Forces

(2-6)

APC 557
28 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Cologne

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

1. Narrative

The 306th flew 39 a/c including 1 Gee H-PFF a/c, 2 PFF a/c, and three spares as 40th "C". Assembly satisfactory. Left English coast 5141N-0121E at 1038 hours; Dutch coast 5140N-0341E, 1100 hours; I.F. 5108N-0535E, 1134 hours; primary at 1150 hours; turn slightly north of route over Zuider Zee, coast out 5250N-0440E, 1308 hours; English coast at Boston at 1400 hours; base 1455.
Lead and High Squadron lead a/c PFF equipment gave insufficient returns. Deputy lead a/c PFF equipment worked satisfactorily. All PFF used as navigational aid only.

Group leader was advised before leaving England that Buckeye Red and Buckeye Blue would not be operating.

2. Enemy Opposition and Fighter Support

No enemy aircraft seen.

Few F-51's noted at about the I.F. and appeared in strength at the target. Excellent support on the way out.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Moderate barrage observed in chaff trail of preceding groups as 306th approached target. Formation encountered accurate predicted concentration at bombs away lasting 20 seconds. After one minute interval there was another predicted concentration of about 75 bursts at and above our altitude while on turn off target. Incendiary a.a. gun fire was also fired at the target, several casings and one pellet being recovered intact. Damage: 4 severe, 7 slight.

4. Bombing

306th as 40 "C" made Gee H run on primary in group formation, with no visual corrections, lead dropping at 1150 hours. Strike photos show hits, probably from 306th, to NE of target. Two other concentrations of bursts are seen on Ostheim A/F, 2 1/2 miles to NE.

A/c #711-L, pilot Litcomb, bombed with the 457th Group. Results unobserved.

5. Reicks

A/c #804-A dropped 2 T-285, brought back 8 T-285; a/c #611-G dropped 5 T-95 and 5 T-282. All on primary.

6. Weather

Almost solid undercast on route in with clouds breaking at target. Visibility very poor over target due to intense haze. Clear with better visibility on return route.

Amount of moderate turbulence above 20,000 feet. Low valley observed to be open. Heavy frost on ground.

No a/c returned early.

8. a/c in Distress

One - none.

Other a/c in distress: 1 B-17, from Group ahead, down in flames over Cologne. One to three chutes reported from one a/c. 1 B-17 down in spiral in Dortmund area. Three others.

JOHN A. BARKER, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Group 3-2.

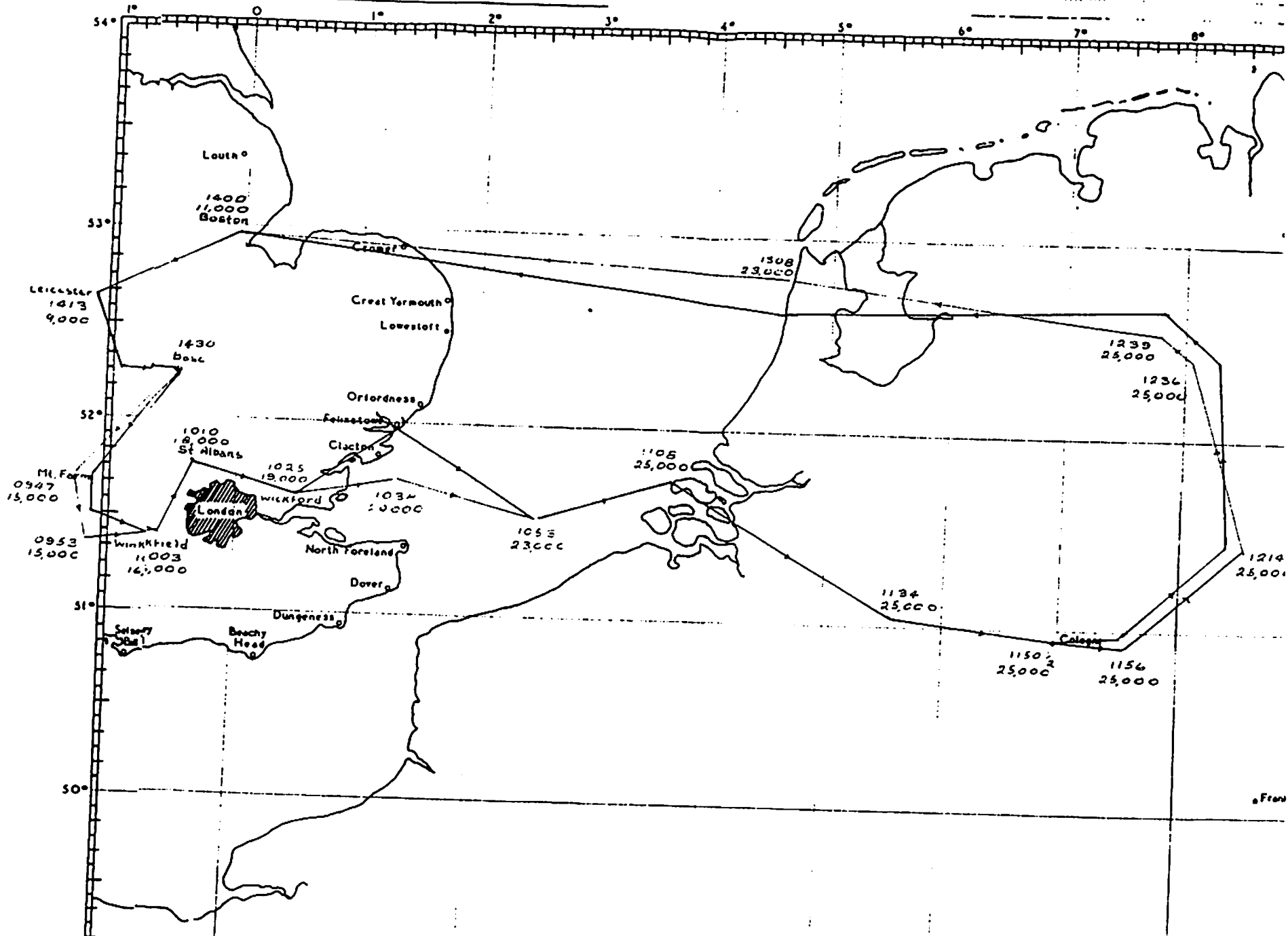
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DATE 28 January 1945.

TARGETS

1 PRIMARY Cologne, Germany.
 2 Primary Cologne, Germany-(Bomber)

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY



From

Break
40th "G"
Head
1000 ft on us after 10 min
No Backup
Chomsky
August

40th "G"
 HEAD
 28 January, 1945
 Hulings
 Morvay
 593-Y Pff
 10
 Lindsay
 887-P
 3
 Mullen
 153-G
 2
 Blackshaw
 359-S Pff
 7
 Cogswell*
 578-D
 12
 Smith*
 598
 11
 Schafer
 616-X
 4
 Kirby*
 585-K
 9
 Winslow
 840-Y
 8
 Patten
 583-Q
 6
 Phillips
 549-D
 5
 Morgen
 444-Y
 Spare - Roth - 674-B 37
 4 ships in trader
 wing fell off

L6W

13
 Haase*
 181-B
 could see some in cliff
 some vicinal by B.A.
 22
 Wood
 975-F
 15
 Hansen
 896-L
 14
 Rogers
 619-S
 11
 Hodges
 407-P
 24
 Karakostas*
 185-J
 27
 Lonar
 713-K
 18
 Ryder
 198-D
 21
 Lissner*
 547-F
 20
 Turner
 804-S
 18
 Kearney
 287-V
 17
 Carle
 301-U
 Spare - Young - 819-Q 38
 air speed slow

HIG.

25
 Risk
 197-K Pff
 34
 Hathaway
 518-A
 27
 Whitcomb
 711-D
 24
 Martin
 429-W
 31
 Hatch*
 302-Z
 36
 Evans
 817-G
 35
 McGahan*
 474-V
 28
 Olsen*
 628-O
 32
 Hartshorn
 325-H
 37
 Frasch
 604-A
 (10 T-285 Nickels)
 32
 Lenn
 611-G
 (5 ZG95 5 T-282 Nickels)
 Spare - Carder - 466-Q 39
 Spare

20

SQUADRON ~~607368~~ ~~66~~ ~~25X~~ A/C Number 028 Letter (2) Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0805 Time Landed 1450

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

Hot "C" High

1-B-17, 1150, 13-17, ahead at 11000' alt, 3 chutes - in fire, exploded fire

NOTE: 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. B.L. Olsen P
- 2nd Lt. P.H. Greer CP ✓
- 2nd Lt. J.M. Jaeger N
- 2nd Lt. L.R. Dorman B
- Sgt. F.W. Ramsey RO
- Sgt. L. Foster E
- Sgt. J.W. Gerlach BT
- Sgt. H. Reppy WG
- S/Sgt. F. Pospiech TG

1-B-17, 1203, left - burst to floor & exploded at Dusseldorf.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 125
 Last Resort: Height: 25,550
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ AN, Nichols: Yes

Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: overcast WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____
Pilots out.

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), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Kahn mod. T & Boyd yes

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.B.:

Retention Formation

Time back on 0805 Time landed

1. HOT WEBS to be phoned in. Yes to IF DIFFER to 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

Up the C
Leak

Code: Give rank and Initials

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

- Capt. P. Horway P
- Major T.M. Hulings CP
- 2nd Lt. H.D. Wolfe N
- 2nd Lt. O.J. Trude N
- Capt. H.H. Baker B
- T/Sgt. J.L. Garrett RO
- T/Sgt. E.C. Hovey E
- 1st Lt. F.K. Lucas RN XXX
- T/Sgt. C.R. Wolfshope WG
- 2nd Lt. H.C. Minnick TGMXX
- 2nd Lt. Hudspeth (Grafton) GH TX

GeeH.

2. TARGET AREA: D: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150 1/2
Secondary: Heading: 116
Last Report: Height: 25000
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 066

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 at target. Bomb glass had layer of ice
* couldn't see. Pretty understood that bombing would be by instruments.
Other bombing: an. Nickels: Yes
Number and type (PFF car)

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to target. 4-5/10
E Rhine. Ruhr clear. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? None

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense from what seen.
25000

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (air, heavy), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Bomb Load 10 x 500

Position in Formation

Time took off 0805

1. ATTENTION to be placed on. Yes to
If ATTENTION in a crew and fill out
special form in detail.

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

Information 1401 hrs. South
Boston. bombed until 1401 hrs. see but.
Radio out at first.

Give Rank and Initials

Generally, A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether of, A/C, B/A action,
accident or determined cause)

- 2nd Lt. C.B. Hathaway P
- 2nd Lt. H.P. Altshuler CP
- F/O A.J. Remal N
- 1st Lt. H.H. Hall B
- T/Sgt. J.R. Winborn RO
- T/Sgt. A.G. Trobaugh E
- Sgt. R.R. Payett BT
- Sgt. C.J. Jackson WG
- Sgt. A.J. Riedel TG

2. TARGET (PFI or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1251

Secondary: Heading: 23 33

Last Resort: Height: 25000

T.O. 73

(Circle One)

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: an, Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: Number and type

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

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

7. CONDENSED DETAILS:

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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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXX~~ *1423* A/C Number *359* Latty *S* Date *28/1/45* **2**

Bomb Load *10 x 500* *2 smoke* H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off *0805* Time Landed *1443*

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. *Yes* No
 If BITCH would 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

40thth E lead

1-B-17, Kohn, 1141 lbs., tight spin, wing off, 3 chutes.

CRW: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. K.D. Blackshaw P

Lt. Col. E.C. LaVier CP

F/O R.P. Murphy N

F/O D.H. Gorrell B

T/Sgt. E.H. Tutun RO

S/Sgt. F.W. Yorgason E

S/Sgt. D.J. Brunner BT

Sgt. J.J. Scannell WG

S/Sgt. J.A. Coomer TGMT

F/O E.C. Kuhn RN XC

1-B-17, Ludenschield, 1203 lbs., flames, mod.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1150 hr*

Secondary: Heading: *124° M.*

Last Resort: Height: *25,000.*

T.O. (Circle one) *054 M.*

Turn off target:

3. Number of B.M.S. dropped on target: *1700* Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *Sp. ahead - hit N + over.* an. Richards: Yes No

Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: *Holes on way in, 1 min. bef. bombs away - 4. clear to Comabuck. Patchy - red.* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *ent - yes. Snow.*

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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Kohn *1443* *Tracking* *yes*

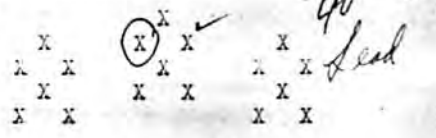
Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~06000600~~ 06000600 No. 23 A/C Number 153 Lett G Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1500

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



1-B-17, Kohn, 1150, open fire, 3 clusters.

- Crew: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. M.L. Mullen P
 - 2nd Lt. W.G.H. Schultz CP
 - F/O G.W. Key N
 - T/Sgt. J.H. Neely B
 - Sgt. C.L. Love RO
 - Sgt. W.I. Lewis E
 - Sgt. E. Upthegrove BT
 - S/Sgt. C.M. Odrowaz RG
 - S/Sgt. L.L. Bagwell FG

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

2. TARGET AREA: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150/2
 Secondary: Heading: R20
 Last Resort: Height: 25,100
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 064° N.

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

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

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

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

6. WEATHER: 1 mi. bef T. Gen Hozef. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

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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Kohn - mid T & B yes

Crew observations about Flak: 4-5 min.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OFFICERS:

(Estimated total number of B/A seen) 220 (Total)

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of B/A)

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

10. FORMER SIGHTS: (Include time, place, and color markings:)

*2-51's - target -
out of*

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PHOTOGRAPHED	_____
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 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.)

Ball T. - maples & sick.

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly.)

Wing; window; elec. system #3 eng. for

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

landing gear.

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.

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ XX425 A/C Number 585 Lat () K Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 n.e. Feet/Sec in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes to
 If DITCHER 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

40th C
 Lead

C.O.F.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- Capt. N.G. Kirby P
- 2nd Lt. D.V. Paisley CP
- 2nd Lt. D.J. Casey N
- 2nd Lt. L.F. Finnell B
- S/Sgt. R.E. Burkhardt BO
- S/Sgt. H.A. Kelso E
- S/Sgt. J.S. Adams ET
- S/Sgt. J.L. Harper, Jr. WG
- S/Sgt. S.R. Counts, Jr. TG

*Saw plane go down to our
 east over Ruler - down in flames
 Too far away to identify.*

2. TARGET INFORMATION: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: W compass
 Last Resort: Height: 24000
 T.O. _____
 (Circle one)
 Turn off target: _____

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: (20) Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes No

Other bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: _____ 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), altitude, moderate or flak	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
						<u>Moderate, tracking, fairly accurate.</u>
						<u>none at front lines - observed going in</u>
						Open observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 423 A/C Number 444 Latt Y Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

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 |
| | X | X | X | X | X |

40th Co Lead

CRM: Give Rank and Initials

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

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----|
| 1st Lt. W.H. Morgan | ✓ | P |
| 2nd Lt. V.A. Schimmel | ✓ | CP |
| 2nd Lt. L.U. Jefferson | ✓ | N. |
| F/A W.G. Murray | ✓ | B |
| T/Sgt. E.W. Courtright | ✓ | RO |
| T/Sgt. N.W. DeSeve | ✓ | E |
| S/Sgt. E.L. Bishop | ✓ | BT |
| S/Sgt. R.K. Bentley | ✓ | WG |
| S/Sgt. J.J. Ferrari, Jr. | ✓ | TG |

One B 17 in preceding group spun in at target 1151
 One B 17 in following group blew up at target 1152

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFI or Visual) GH with usual correct.
- Primary: ✓ Time: 1150 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 100° mag.
 Last Resort: Height: 25,000'
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 49°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
 SALVAGED 10
4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: *Could not see direct results due to cloud formations but by orientation* an. Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombs: *Group ahead missed completely* Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: *Occasional breaks in clouds at target area - generally better than briefed* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *none*

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

meagre to moderate in target area - light at upper part after turn

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 of target
<i>1704 & 1716</i>	<i>Rube</i>		<i>heavy</i>			<i>loaded accurate - barrage</i>

Crew observations about Flak: *Got bursts of fake smoke bombs almost immediately after turning on bomb run - continued intermittently during run*

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (T, pos)

 (Location and length of flight)

 (Tactics of E/A)

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

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

Very light - didn't notice any SIA until after target.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

none -

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

none

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly.)

none

14. TECHNICAL FAILURE:
This turret wouldn't move in azimuth after reaching bomb altitude. Guns froze up - wouldn't fire.

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?)

as briefed.

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SQUADRON XXXXXXXXXX 1423 A/C Number 549 Unit D Date 28/2/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time from 0805 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be shown in. Yes No
 If BITCH 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 "C"
 2nd

1149 Cologne 1 B-17 direct flak
hit & crumpled up, went down in flames.
 No chutes. COR: Give rank and initials

Friend, A/C in distress: 2nd Lt. D.W. Phillip P

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether D, N.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause. 2nd Lt. C.N. Cannon CP

1150 Cologne 1 B17 wide sweeping
Spiral down below formation (2000')
Then flames engulfed ship. 3 chutes. 2nd Lt. L.A. Elrod N

T/Sgt. D.G. Bloedel B

T/Sgt. J.R. Hathaway RO

.. WARRANT AIRCRAFT: (PFF or Visual) T/Sgt. J.R. Japlonski E

Primary: Time: 1151 S/Sgt. N.D. Hall BT

Secondary: Heading: 130 S/Sgt. E. Richardson WG

Last Resort: Height: 24700 WG

T.O. 055° - 080° Sgt. I.I. Frank TG

Turn of the t: _____

2. Number of dropped on target: All Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

.. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: an. Nichols: Yes (3)

Other bombing: Number and type

3. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie in operative

c. WEATHER: A few patches. 9/10 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER? On C channel.
over target. Coming out more visual.
Breaking up to No.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Mod. Non persis. 17000 + up.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (aimed, heavy), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
	<u>Target</u>		<u>Meager</u>	<u>hacc.</u>		

Crew observations about flak: _____

SQUADRON 30 XXXXX XXX A/C Number 578 Letter 2 Date 28 January, 1945

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position or Formation

Time took off 08:05 Time Landed _____

1. HOT WEBS to be noticed 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 C
Lead

B17 down 1 minute before bombs
away. 4 engines on fire. NO
Chutes observed. Explosion.
Not from this sq.

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

Friend's A/C in vicinity:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether D, M.A., R/A action,
 accident or undetermined cause)

- Capt. R. W. Cogswell P
- 2nd Lt. G. V. Luckett CP
- 2nd Lt. F. E. Ballish N
- 2nd Lt. G. W. David B
- T/Sgt. W. J. Porozinski RO
- T/Sgt. G. R. Lothian E
- S/Sgt. W. A. Whitman BT
- S/Sgt. H. G. Nunnery WG
- Sgt. V. Spevac TG

2. TARGET Altitude: (PIF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150
 Secondary: Heading: 105
 Last Report: Height: 25300

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

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

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

Own Bombs: Sound - Results unobserved. any, Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: Hazy - ground barely visible Number and type _____

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on Yes
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: Clear before target - but
target obscured by haze - WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
 BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Light

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (direction, intensity, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate, accurate. AA fire at target

Crew observations about flak: no other flak

Squadron *367 350001 500X* A/C Number *683* Letter *Q* Date *28 January, 1945.*

Bomb Load *10 x 500* H.B. Position in Formation

Time took off *08:05* Time landed _____

1. HIT NEWS to O. (shown in Yes No)	X	X	X	X	X
If DITCH, was crew and fill out special form in detail.	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X

4 of the Lead

Remarks - saw 3 planes go down in flames about 1210 in. Dostomund Even area.

C.E.T.: Give rank and Initials

Friendl. A/C in distress:

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)

If lost, state whether, n.a., E/A action, accident, or other (intermediate cause)

one B-17, our target at 1150, think hit by flak - lost right wing - burning no chutes. Went down in tight spiral

2nd Lt. J. L. Patten P

2nd Lt. R. S. Hoffmann CP

2nd Lt. E. R. Bovich N

S/Sgt. L. R. Richards B

T/Sgt. H. K. Geving RO

Sgt. N. C. Hansen E

Sgt. R. F. Stetler BT

Sgt. R. R. Templeton WG

WG

S/Sgt. J. W. Hall TG

Primary: Time: *1150*
 Secondary: Heading: *101*
 Last Resort: height: *25000*

T.O. (Circle One) Turn off target: *69°*

3. Number of _____ (all) _____ Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed _____ (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: *Saw flashes - right wing prevented accurate location.* No. Bombs: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. LEATHER: *Clear at target with haze.* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Light, non-persistent starting 18000 - 19000.*

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

Intense, barrage composed from box - long high in
 Time Place Height Type (2.75, 3.75, 4.75, 5.75, 6.75, 7.75, 8.75, 9.75, 10.75, 11.75, 12.75, 13.75, 14.75, 15.75, 16.75, 17.75, 18.75, 19.75, 20.75, 21.75, 22.75, 23.75, 24.75, 25.75, 26.75, 27.75, 28.75, 29.75, 30.75, 31.75, 32.75, 33.75, 34.75, 35.75, 36.75, 37.75, 38.75, 39.75, 40.75, 41.75, 42.75, 43.75, 44.75, 45.75, 46.75, 47.75, 48.75, 49.75, 50.75, 51.75, 52.75, 53.75, 54.75, 55.75, 56.75, 57.75, 58.75, 59.75, 60.75, 61.75, 62.75, 63.75, 64.75, 65.75, 66.75, 67.75, 68.75, 69.75, 70.75, 71.75, 72.75, 73.75, 74.75, 75.75, 76.75, 77.75, 78.75, 79.75, 80.75, 81.75, 82.75, 83.75, 84.75, 85.75, 86.75, 87.75, 88.75, 89.75, 90.75, 91.75, 92.75, 93.75, 94.75, 95.75, 96.75, 97.75, 98.75, 99.75, 100.75)
 Color of bursts in relation to A/C
 Location of bursts in relation to A/C
 Accuracy

Tracking, by wing, at altitude, accurate. only few bursts seen.

None at front lines
 Crew's opinion about flak: _____

See at 5142-0820 - obscures to our left - 30 bursts

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SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ 422 A/C Number 840 Letter Y Date 28 January, 1945

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.B. Position in Formation

Time took off 08:05 Time landed _____

	X	X	X	X
1. <u>FLARE S</u> to be shown in. Yes No	X	X	X	(X) X
If <u>FLARE S</u> held crew and fill out special form in detail.	X	X	X	X X

40th C
Lead

(B-17 (Baker 3) spun in a flower
tight spin

- Crew: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. W. B. Winslow P
 - 2nd Lt. S. J. Ross CP
 - O. L. P. Ianzito N
 - S/Sgt. J. L. Dunn B
 - Sgt. R. V. Bradley RC
 - Sgt. E. G. Rowles, Jr. E
 - Sgt. S. B. Rile BT
 - Sgt. E. L. Bressler BG
 - Sgt. A. C. Miller TG

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

1 Wide opened to left
 1 blew up wing off

just after all A/C
target in
front of target
left. High

1 chute don't know from which
TARGET ATTACHED: (WH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 070

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

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

Own bombs: Am. Nichols: Yes in
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Clear haze at target
 said to be within 3-4 mi. of target
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKETS? None
Blue & Red out on way in

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
above 23,000 light non persistent

8. 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
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Target - Moderate + all good, tracking in bursts of 4.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Gun box jammed - 2-3 times in to target -
 jammed all way out.

SQUADRON 3603360336033603 A/C Number 807 Letter P Date 28/1/45 10

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.W. Publication in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1435

1. HCT NE S 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 C
 Lead

1203 hrs. - 2 bombers blew up over Ruhr.

CNL: 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. D.J. Lindsay P
- Major J.H. Buie CP
- 1st Lt. P.E. German N
- 2nd Lt. R.G. Holscher B
- T/Sgt. J.M. Gullen RO
- T/S t. H.G. Boker E
- S/S t. R.H. Schuettpelz BT
- S/S t. E.D. Craig NG
- S/S t. G.W. Walczak TG

See 5056-0700

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 109
 Last Resort: Height: 24700
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 50

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

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

Own Bombs: hit built up area about 1/2 mile to left of target An. Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to just beyond L.P. then clear except for heavy haze over target and around turn off target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? none

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: light non persistent at 21000

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 moderate inaccurate barrage - all after bombs away and on turn off - 10th min.

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON XXX0098009 No. 23 A/C Number 616 Letter X Date 28/1/45 **11**

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time took to _____ Time burned _____

1. HIT NEWS to be shown in. Yes No
 IF DITCH in 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 C
Lead*

Tailgunner saw B-17 below up just after target.

- COPY: Give rank and initials
- 2nd Lt. E. Schafer P
 - 2nd Lt. H.C. Hostetter CP
 - F/O C.R. Meyer N
 - Sgt. J.I. Mulworth B
 - S/Sgt. C.A. Whitener RO
 - Sgt. K.D. Morrison E
 - Sgt. J.C. Ward BT
 - Sgt. W.B. Strawn WG
 - S/Sgt. W.W. Priemann TG

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

*at 1200 - B-17 - 5710 - 0758E
 going down - looked like wing off
 going down in spin.*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150
 Secondary: Heading: 122
 Last Resort: Height: 24580
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 62

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

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

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

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on None
 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 in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate, tracking, about 7 min before D.O. scattered until 1215.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON XXXXXXX X23 A/C Number 598 Letter Q Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 h.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1430

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 C
 Lead

1-B-17 at 1151, on t. on fire & down in spin. 3 chutes.

CRW: 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. L.E. Smith P
- 2nd Lt. F.T. Lord, Jr. CP
- F/O M.W. LeRoy N
- Sgt. A.A. Collart B
- Sgt. N.R. Chestnut RO
- Sgt. H.E. Anderson E
- Sgt. M.L. Brown BT
- Sgt. R.L. Raftery NG
- Sgt. R.C. Seegar TG

1-B-17 at Rotterdam at 1203 hrs. smoking & saw exploded. No ch.

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: (126°M.)
 Last Resort: Height: 24,760
 T.O. (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
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 8/10-10, 500; same; to I.P. then broke until 0800 E. Snow. -47°
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY? no

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense from coast in to 0800 out.
 "B" to "C" said no B. Blue or Red.

8. 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
<u>Kohn</u>	<u>meager</u>				<u>Tracking</u>	<u>yes</u>

Crew observations about Flak:

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SQUADRON 0000000369 A/C Number 181 Letter (C) Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 71 miles H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time Landed 1510

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

40 th' C
 feet

1-B17 - Plane in Baker force received direct hit over Kohn and exploded

CRUI: Give rank and initials

1 chute seen, wing came off A/C went down in flames

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)

- Capt. W.J. Haase P
- 1st Lt. L.E. Hubbell CP
- 1st Lt. J.W. Barkwill N
- 1st Lt. L.A.G. Oldenburg B
- T/Sgt. L.N. Gibson RO
- T/Sgt. W. Miller E
- S/Sgt. M.D. Wood BT
- S/Sgt. F. Piepenbrink WG
- S/Sgt. R.C. Zimmerman TG

2. TARGET ATTITUDE: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 134 M
 Last Resort: Height: 24,400

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 0850 and 0700 M

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

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

Own Bombs: not observed an. Nickels: Yes (i)
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: clouds broke at River (10,000 ft) Shots from cumulus clouds
 Clear up after target Stage continued

WLT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCCINER? NO
 (Baker & Able said)

7. CONDENSATION TRAIL: mod present (1 min) Bombing alt. started about 23,000

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 missed but burst would have hit before because very accurate

Crew observations about Flak:

two types, one tracking, chaff - one night

*Low
strict*

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____ *As briefed*
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____ *1) E. coast out*
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____ *1032 - 5736-0058E*
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____ *2) D. coast*

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____ *IP*
5105 0552 1130 1/2
2. Was Course as Briefed? _____ *transit 1150 1/2 p.m.*
If not, describe course in detail _____ *coast out 5249-0441*
1308 hrs.

3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____ *coast in 5256-0005*
4. Time over Target _____ *1309*

Altitude over Target _____
Position of Group on Bomb Run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____
Duration Bomb Run _____

5. Time of Landing at base _____
If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sq2 OFFICER *Leatherman*

*Came out Not course - I leaving
Dutch coast on course until over
British Is.*

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 30 ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 619 Letter S Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took 0805 Time Burned

	X	X	X	X	X
1. HOT WEBS to be phoned in. Yes no	X	X	X	X	X
If <u>BITCH</u> hold crew and fill out special form in detail.	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X		X	X

40th "C" *Paul*

1 B-17 burning over target down tight spiral over target ahead. no chutes seen

COMP: Give Rank and Initials

1st Lt. Rogers, W.L. Comp. Tour

2nd Lt. W.W. Clark CP

1st Lt. A.A. Kester Comp. Tour

1st Lt. E.A. Sandberg Comp. Tour

T/Sgt. W.E. Cain RO

T/Sgt. G. Coker, Jr. E

S/Sgt. W.A. Liles *W.A. Comp. Paul*

S/Sgt. J.W. Kenaley *BT*

S/Sgt. C.E. Smith TG

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

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1100

Secondary: Heading: ~~128~~ 128 mag

Last Resort: Height: 24500

T.O.

(Circle one) Turn off target: 650

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

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

Own Bombs: stick to left & over all an, Nichols: Yes Number and type

Other bombing:

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

6. WEATHER: as brief except Vis over target - hazy WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER? none

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: few light to med

8. 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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Target - to gun tracking; JP seemed to take most part off -
 Crew observations about Flak:

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT SIGHTED:

None
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)

(Location and length of flight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

not too good - a few seen before target - after target fair.

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

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, gunflares, 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:

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

16. ROUTE: (etc especially any deviations from original route. Did A/C come back with group or alone?)

minor flak
oxygen failure - in icing bottles changing gear stuck & lost all inflators
lost in haze - crewed pilot
lost formation over north sea
came home alone
about as briefed about 9 mi. off course on bomb run.

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SQUADRON XXXIX n/c Number 896 Letter X Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.S. Position in Formation

Time took out 0805 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 |

Hot 'E' Jaw

1 B17 1148 light spin on fire
 No chutes. All way down. GWT: Give rank and Initials
 1 B17 off fire in glide way going down.
 NE Cologne 1151

2. TARGET (PPH or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1148
 Secondary: Heading: 126
 Last Resort: Height: 23400
 T.O. Kept on st.
 (Circle one)
 Turn off target:
- | | |
|-------------------------|----|
| 2nd Lt. D.R. Hansen | P |
| 2nd Lt. H.S. Powers | CP |
| F/O R.W. Kurrasch | N |
| 2nd Lt. W.R. Schumacher | B |
| Sgt. L.D. Connor | RO |
| Sgt. W.L. Lynch | E |
| S/Sgt. J.C. Risk | BT |
| Sgt. J. Stokoe | WG |
| Sgt. B.E. Harkness | TG |

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

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

Own bombs: an. Nichols: Yes
 Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to target. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? an 'c'
Cleared on way out. 15000' tops

7. CONDENSATION DETAILS: Mod. Non persis. 15000 ft up.

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

Time	Place	Height of n/c	Type (light, heavy), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to n/c	Accuracy
	Target		None			

9. Other observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ *XXXX* A/C Number *198* Letter *D* Date *28/1/45*

Bomb Load *10 x 500* H.E.

Reason for Formation

Time took to *OP05* Time Landed

1. HOT NEWS to be shown in. Yes No
 If DITCHED 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 C
Law*

*B17 down in flames just
from target. Checked N.
charts.*

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. H.B. Ryder* P
- 2nd Lt. L. Mikels* CP
- 2nd Lt. O.R. Minihane* N
- 2nd Lt. R.C. Huff* B
- Sgt. J.G. Wurtenberger* RO
- Sgt. A.H. Ness* E
- Sgt. R.P. Iafrate* BT
- Sgt. J.W. Stright* WG
- Sgt. M.J. Loes* 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: (PTI or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1150*
 Secondary: Heading: *1250 mag*
 Last Resort: Height: *24000*

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

Sgt. M.J. Loes TG

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

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

Own Bombs: *not checked* An, Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: *Pilots possible halfway
in - ground visible at target -* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Didn't bother.* *from well open on way out.*

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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*Entered to left - "In us was slight of moderate
fairly accurate" Mostly after bombs
Crew observations about Flak:*

SQUADRON 00000000000000000000 A/C Number 301 Letter U Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 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

17
40th C
Low

C.O.s: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, advise whether U, A.M., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
One preceding B17 spun in at target - One B17 in following group blew up over target.

- 1st Lt. F.C. Carle ✓ F
- 2nd Lt. J.S. Henley ✓ CP
- F/O W.A. Becker ✓ N
- F/O J.R. Sicard ✓ B
- Sgt. D.F. McCarthy ✓ RO
- Sgt. V.J. Coppa ✓ E
- Sgt. R.C. Hanson ✓ BT
- Sgt. A. Harcarik ✓ NO
- Sgt. H.R. Whitaker ✓ TG

Complete form

- TARGET A/C: (PT) or Visual) with visual correction
- Primary: Time: 115
- Secondary: Heading: 138°
- Last Resort: Height: 24,000
- T.O. (Circle one)
- Turn off target: 79°

- 2. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: abortive: Balance 10
- Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Own bombs: not checked because of clouds any, Nichols: Yes ✓
Other bombing: none Number and type none
- 3. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on no.
Hand _____ Movie Ball turret - inoperative
- 4. WEATHER: Breaks in target area - less than 1/10 cloud from target to enemy coast out. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKY? _____
- 5. CONDENS. IN RESULTS: no trouble - non-persistent.

- 6. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
Moderate - accurate at target - none on way in or out
- | Time | Place | Height of A/C | Type (aimed, heavy, anti-air, moderate or slight) | Color of bursts | Location of bursts in relation to A/C | Accuracy |
|------|-------|---------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
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Other observations about Flak: fake smoke bombs noticed at T.P. and one at Zwider Lee on way out.

SQUADRON ~~XXX~~ ~~XXX~~ ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 287 Letter V Date 28/1/45 18

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be shown in. Yes No
 IF BITCH of 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
Low

WG report B17 down formation 1325
575N 0312 (E) - Junk losing alt.

Give Rank and Initials

below this A/C, which was 16000'
 Friendly A/C in distress!

(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether C. N.A., E/A action,
 accident or undetermined cause)

B-17 (5110-0720E) down smoking - no cluster
 out

- 2nd Lt. L.T. Kearney ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. V. Moore ✓ CP
- F/O G.C. Dickerson ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. A.B. Blair ✓ B
- Sgt. E.C. Thixton ✓ RO
- Sgt. W. Ponkal ✓ E
- Sgt. C. Ostertal ODSTRICIL BT
- Sgt. V.C. Fredrick ✓ WG
- Sgt. C.E. Wiley ✓ TG

TARGET ATTRIBUTE: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1157
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 24,300
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

3. Number of H.S. dropped on target: 5x500 Jettisoned: 3x500 Returned: 3x500 Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: 2 Dropped 1202 Am. Missiles: Yes No
 B.T. Answered ~~missile~~ number and type

5. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on No Camera
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: ~~WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES~~

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Non persistent 20,000 up

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (altitude, heavy, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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mod - tracking fairly acc

Crew or variations about 5110-0730

up left ~~missile~~ getting flock

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SQUADRON *161 X69036* XXX A/C Number *407* Letter *P* Date *28 January, 1945.*

Bomb Load *10 x 500* H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off *08:05* Time landed _____

1. HCT REFS 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 |

1145 hrs
1st ahead lost at B/75 -
both were following -
flaw up. no other missed

Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st*
2nd Lt. S. D. Hodges P
- 2nd Lt. R. F. Pawelke CP
- 2nd Lt. N. O. Hemenway N
- 2nd Lt. R. W. Weishar B
- S/Sgt. A. Rohinsky RO
- S/Sgt. V. Pacchioni E
- S/Sgt. O. Gibson BT
- S/Sgt. S. P. DeZolt WG
- S/Sgt. F. D. Menzies TG

2. TARGET AT: D: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1151*
 Secondary: Heading: *123 mag*
 Last Resort: Height: *2400*
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: *Not observed - town open but hazy*
 An. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. LEATHER: *Photostat possible west of route*
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Light, not bad -*

8. 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
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"Slight, inaccurate but not so much as expected"

Crew observations about flak: *"not so much as expected"*

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SQUADRON 367 ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~23~~ A/C Number 804 Letter 0 Date 28 January, 1945.

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:05 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

400 W.C. Low

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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)

*B-17 down group ahead -
 no parachutes - hit by flak - engine
 at 1156.*

- 2nd Lt. ~~W.B.~~ Turner P
- 1st Lt. W. H. Near CP
- 2nd Lt. M. Brecher N
- Sgt. J. N. Thompson B
- Sgt. E. F. Heyer RO
- Sgt. C. S. Sosnowski E
- Sgt. S. D. Robinson BT
- S/Sgt. C. L. Marler WG
- Sgt. E. R. Nunley TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PPF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 110
 Last Resort: Height: 24480

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 70

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Hits: Yes B

Other Bombing:

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: L

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), Intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Moderate, tracking not too accurate at altitude to the left. about 5 min. ahead 4 min before B.C. dense obs. over Ruhr.

With observations about FLAK:

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SQUADRON 20000 a/c Number 547 Letter ? Date 28 January, 1945.

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took to 08:05 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

40 ft low

*Saw B-17 - D 1115 - very low
 #4 feathered.
 at 1509 - 5119 - 0729 - B-17
 1800 yds behind - smoking, going down in spirals*

- CONF: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. R. A. Lissner P
 - 2nd Lt. C. J. Britton CP
 - 2nd Lt. F. G. Robbins N
 - Sgt. H. R. Benetz B
 - Sgt. V. L. Fennerty RO
 - Sgt. L. H. Miller E
 - Sgt. M. H. Ender BT
 - S/Sgt. M. J. Depmsey WG
 - Sgt. G. W. Beck TG

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B-17's four down ahead - in Calagne - one spiraling wide spirals trailing smoke - other down straight on fire - one possible chute.

1. WEATHER: (PIR or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1157
 Secondary: Heading: 114
 Last Report: Height: 24000
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn of target: 066 (?)

2. Number of BOMBS dropped on target. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
3. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
- Own bombs: _____
 Other bombing: _____
 any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on yes
 Hand _____ Movie _____
6. TEACHER: _____
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY? _____
7. COMMUNICATION TRAILS: _____
8. 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

*Intense, barrage (tracking next group)
 None at front times.*

Other observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 36 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 975 Letter: F Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0805 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

Hot "C" Low

1817 gp ahead down in flames over target - in Chitros sun.

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. R.H. Wood P
- 2nd Lt. J.E. Collins CP
- 2nd Lt. W.M. Lanier, Jr. N
- T/Sgt. B. Parker B
- T/Sgt. J.E. Thwait RO
- T/Sgt. E.P. Richards E
- S/Sgt. I.H. Pitterman BT
- Sgt. S. Beigel NG
- Sgt. C.P. Hitchcock TG

2. TARGET TYPE: (PPH or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1152
 Secondary: Heading: 118
 Last Resort: Height: 24,100
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 82°

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

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

Own bombs: An, Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on B.T. not working to day
 Hand 10/10 in Movie 20 R.A. pictures

6. WEATHER: 3 FFB Kohn clear sun WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER?
target to Coast - 8/10 channel

7. 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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no flak seen - some firing into Chaff (behind) alt 10,000

Crew observations about flak: _____

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXX~~ 36 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 713 Letter K Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position - Information

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed 1505

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. (Yes/No)
 IF BITCH and crew and fill out special form in detail.

X	X	X	X
X	<u>(X)</u>	X	X
X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X

Hot "C" Low

1-B-17 at 1151 - flames, spin. no ch.

CITE: Give rank and Initials

- Friendly A/C in distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) IF lost, state whether U, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
- 2nd Lt. A.A. Lomar P
 - F/O I.J. Zukowski CP
 - F/O I.J. Sandler N
 - Sgt. J.G. Vickroy B
 - Sgt. L.A. Ferrell RO
 - Sgt. J.W. Mallek E
 - Sgt. R.G. Crapyou BT
 - Sgt. R.L. Hesser WG
 - Sgt. M.F. Gilmore, Jr. TG
4. TARGET ALTITUDE: (PFF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 120
 Last Resort: Height: 23,300
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

3. Number of 105 S dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed 105 MIS OF BOMBERS: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: _____
 Other bombing: _____
 an, Nichols: Yes
 Number and type: _____

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

6. WEATHER: Target or after bombing
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no red & blue
and

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude or sight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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John Menger *no*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 336336 A/C Number 185 Letter J Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time landed 1503

1. HOT WEBS 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
Low*

*1-B-17, 1147, Kohn, in file
no ch.*

CRW: Give rank and initials

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

- 2nd Lt. K. Carakostas F
- 2nd Lt. J.L. Cation CP
- 2nd Lt. C.L. Seckinger M
- 2nd Lt. M.B. Null B
- S/Sgt. B.M. Brown RO
- S/Sgt. C.E. Muggan E
- Sgt. J.E. Bowman BT
- S/Sgt. H.E. Parks MC
- Sgt. L.L. Smith TG

2. TARGET AREA: (PIR or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
Secondary: Heading: 110°M
Last Resort: Height: 24000

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped or jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own bombs: 1/4 Mi. short An. Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. LEADERS: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?

*over target open
Open to 0600*

7. CONDENSAT. TRAILS:

Dense.

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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Kohn mod Tr. H20

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 347 TAX A/C Number 197 Letter Date 28/1/45 25

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.B.

Position in Formation

Time took off 005 Time landed

1. HOT WEBS 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 "C" High

Don't know of any Hellaway... was with us in no difficulty after target and just before turn toward coast.

Crew: Give rank and Initials

Friend, A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether S, N, E, W action, accident or unexplained cause)

- 1st Lt. L.A. Risk P
- 2nd Lt. R.T. Gregg CP
- 1st Lt. K.L. Warner N
- 1st Lt. R.E. Bordner B
- T/Sgt. M.D. Houston HO
- T/Sgt. J.H. Hoffman E
- 2nd Lt. W. Duan RN XXX
- S/Sgt. W.R. Carrasco W
- S/Sgt. R.A. Russo TG

TARGET alt. : (E or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1150 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 090° Mag.
 Last Resort: Height: 25600

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

2. Number of Bombs dropped on target; Jettisoned; Returned; Abortive:

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

Swapped lead

Own Bombs: at away
 - 558-0702 - hit from
 Other Bombs:
 Didn't make own run

3. Any PHOTOREELS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on
 Hand Movie

4. WEATHER: Not so bad as briefed - Alt 8000
of Ruhr wonderfully visible - Patchy

6-7/10ths (top 20,000) after that. Some pilotage possible
 any when 4000 from coast to target which was 10/10ths
 target open but too late - fair visibility

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or heavy bursts	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Flak not reported but occurred in groups ahead - mostly after bombs away.

Crew conditions about Flak:

Rank 503 8/1 2502

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
 GROUP LEADER _____
 HIGH SQUADRON LEADER ✓
 LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
 PLANE IN OTHER GROUP _____
 (Indicate group and group identification)
 SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

*divided into 2 elements -
 1st element at about (5133)
 2nd element brief course
 at (5148N - 0135E)*

Contract
 1. Time and place of crossing English Coast
Contract (5138-0341) 1111 hrs -

2. Was course as briefed? _____
 If not, describe course in detail
IP 5103-0533E 12-9 hrs (5128-0820E)

Contract
 3. Time and place of crossing English Coast
Contract (5148N - 0135E) 1257 (5252-0554E)

4. Time over Target _____
 Altitude over Target _____
 Position of Group on bomb run _____
 Magnetic Heading of bomb run _____
 Duration bomb run _____

*And then
 proceeded
 homeward alone
 over at (5237-0437E)
 Boston at 1310 hrs -
 Base 1442 hrs*

5. Time of landing at base _____
 If landed away from base before return state where and why

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sgt CRITCHER Narrow

*Released lead to Martin on way home while
 - in mine 20. 3rd window - this
 - talks began up - turn into engine - it on
 - midship maintenance.*

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SQUADRON 3333368 26 21 A/C Number 429 Letter W Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0805 Time Landed _____

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHED 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 C High

1150 B-17 - chute down spinning
1155 B-17 blew up in flames with door & blew up. no chute seen
1200 B-17 blew around Rhodentum and Lt. J.B. Martin

Friend's A/C in distress: _____
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. W.C. Holder
 If lost, state whether C.A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause) 2nd Lt. J.M. Wilf

Hathaway pulled off 10-15 min after Eng Coast
1414 approx. all 4 engines going put down wheels
Pulled off to rt. flying of rt wing this a/c had Hi
 TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual) *at that time*

Primary: 1151 S/Sgt. L.B. Davison
 Secondary: 125 S/Sgt. T.L. Bare
 Last Resort: 26,000 S/Sgt. H.C. Trimmer
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

2. Number of H.E.S. dropped on targets: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: An, Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

3. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on B.T. Not working
 Hand _____ Movie Shutter seemed frozen

4. WEATHER: Clear haze in target
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

5. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

6. 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 - none

Crew observations about Flak:

Obs in Ruhr Valley - average

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SQUADRON XXX368 XXXXXX A/C Number 711 Lat () D Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation _____
 Time Took Off 0805 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

40 ft high

CNTL: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. C.W. Whitcomb P
- 2nd Lt. F.N. Hales CP
- 1st Lt. W.L. Gillaspie N
- 1st Lt. R.G. Wilson B
- Sgt. G.M. Ringwald RO
- Sgt. E.E. Nelson E
- Sgt. R.O. Dinger BT
- Sgt. F.C. Dusenberry WG
- Sgt. L.F. Dorenbusch TG

Bombed with U

2. TARGET AREA: (PPF or Visual) CH with possible via correction
 Primary: Time: 1158
 Secondary: Heading: 115° mag
 Last Resort: Height: 24,400
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: 70

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

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

Own Bombs: thought they hit short An. Nickels: Yes
 Other bombing: NONE Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: about as briefed - breaks at target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Heavy above 22,000 - not visible personally

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

Crew observations about Flak: lot of flak at Ruhr. barrage

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVATIONS

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

10. LIGHTNING STRIKES: (Include time, place, and color markings:)

Lightning strikes

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, 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.)

None

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (brief)

None

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

None

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

late takeoff - changed plane - engine ignition trouble.

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

as briefed

5-2 OFFICER Kelly T-28 COMMANDER _____

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SQUADRON *ZXXX368XXM* XXX A/C Number *802* Letter *F* Date *28/1/45*

Bomb Load *(10 x 500)* H.S. Position in Formation

Time Lock On *0805* Time Lapsed *1X46*

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHED 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 |

Had 'e' High

1- B-17 just as approached target believes from ground ahead, spinning in flames. 1 chute seen a/c seen to break up
1157 - shot down over water

- CPT: Give rank and Initials
 2nd Lt. B. J. Swango P
 2nd Lt. W. C. Davenport CP
 2nd Lt. R. L. LeKashman W

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

1- B-17 - 1153 1 ship seen going down behind in flames, too far away to identify.

- Sgt. F. F. Alston B
 Sgt. W. T. Moss RD
 T/Sgt. W. J. Schultz E
 Sgt. J. F. Martinez BT
 Sgt. W. Spatlach WG
 Sgt. R. Pekofske TG

TARGET APPEARANCE (PFF or Visual)
 Primary: Time: *1157*
 Secondary: Heading: *110°*
 Last resort: Height: *25,250*
 T.O. (Circle One) *270°*
 Turn off target:

3. Number of B-17 dro. ed on target. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: Am. Nichols: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on *None*
 Hand *No* Movie *No*

6. WEATHER: *Clouds broke close to River then had haze solid in to target*
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKING? *Positive operation report*

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Started at 3,000 Dense persistent*

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), estimate moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
<i>Target</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>25,250</i>	<i>moderate</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>center</i>	<i>accurate</i>

Crew observations about flak: _____

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(Estimated total number of n/a seen)	(Type)
(Location and length of flight)	
(Altitude of n/a)	
(Color, markings, etc. of n/a)	

2. APPEARANCE: (Include type, size, and color markings)

Picco July 1, 28 1944
5103 - 5535 E
P-51 2 engines

CLAIMS

Destroyed _____
 Prognosis _____
 Damaged _____
 (Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

3. ORBIT DATA: Give TIME, ALTITUDE, HEIGHT, (list all observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, camouflages, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vehicles; landmarks, new enemy install. etc.)

12. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in n/c , type of injury, how received. PLACE and WEAPON.)

13. DAMAGE TO n/c : (briefly.)

#1 - 2 engines hit by flak
 14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: *flak hit P-51's oxygen and*
knocked out left side

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

7 minutes poor

16. ROUTE: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or n/c come back with group or alone?)

Mount and inspect

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 40th High

SQUADRON ~~XXXX~~ 368 23 A/C Number 323 Letter: _____ Date 28/1/45
 Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.B. Position in Formation _____

Time took off 0805 Time landed 1500

1. HOST NEES to be shown in. Yes No
 If DITCHED, when 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

R-B-17 down over target - just before B.A. prob. Baker group.

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

- OFF: Give Rank and Initials
- 2nd Lt. R.T. Hartshorn P
 - 2nd Lt. E.E. Huelat CP
 - 2nd Lt. R.W. Haining N
 - S/Sgt. P.J. Hannum B
 - Sgt. L.J. McDonald RO
 - Sgt. M.L. Blakey E
 - Sgt. E.P. Conrad BT
 - S/Sgt. W.O. Jacobson WG
 - Sgt. A.E. Leavell TG

2. TARGET AVAILABLE: (PFI or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 129
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: *RU*

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

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

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

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

6. WEATHER: *same* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FR BUCKING? none

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *same*

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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no flak - accurate tracking

Crew observations about flak: _____

no distance flak from smoke

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SQUADRON 367 38838 35 A/C Number 302 Letter Z Date 28 January, 1945
 Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. ✓ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 08:05 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 |
- 1207 hrs. Over Dusseldorf 1 B-17 down in flames + explode. No chutes. ONE: Give Rank and Initials

40th C High

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

- 1st Lt. G. L. Hatch ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. W. E. Meisler ✓ CP
- 1st 2nd Lt. E. A. Skonieczny ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. W. J. Johnson ✓ B
- T/Sgt. R. W. Search ✓ RO
- T/Sgt. J. S. Regulla ✓ F
- S/Sgt. C. H. Allred ✓ BT
- S/Sgt. J. K. Young ✓ WG
- S/Sgt. F. R. Mitchell ✓ TG

Blind run with observed strikes

2. TARGET A: (PI or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1155 1/2
- Secondary: Heading: 25900
- Last Resort: Height: 12000
- T.O. (Circle One) 068°
- Turn off target: _____

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

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

Own bombs: Coordinates at BA 5047 0658 (see)

Any Nichols: Yes
 Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to 1P. Clear in target area + North into Ruhr. Coming out 10000' low clouds - 5/10

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNER? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Mod persis. Non-persis. 20000-26000

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
	Target		Moderate - Intense		barrage	low tracking after BA

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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SQUADRON 367 30000 X A/C Number 611 Letter F Date 28 January, 1945.

Bomb Load 5 2G-95 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 08:05 Time Landed 15:00

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. WITNESSES to be phoned in. Yes No | X | X | X | X | X |
| If <u>WITNESSES</u> hold crew and fill out special form in detail. | X | X | X | X | X |
| | X | X | X | X | X |

48th C High

1156-B-17-Koln - spun down to about 12000 ft then blew up - no chutes.

Call: Give rank and Initials

- Friend's A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether a search, E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
- 1st Lt. D. R. Lenn F
 - 2nd Lt. H. L. Christensen CP
 - 1st Lt. J. D. Snoddy N

1156-B-2-B77 in Ruhr - blew up - probably 2 chutes.

- S/Sgt. N. W. McConaughy B
- T/Sgt. F. G. Whitney, Jr. HO
- T/Sgt. B. P. Munnerlyn E
- S/Sgt. G. W. Petrillo BT
- Sgt. S. T. Kweintniewski MC
- _____ WG
- Sgt. V. Wright TG

2. TARGET ALIAS: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1152
 Secondary: Heading: 130
 Last Resort: Height: 25600
 T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: 60

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

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

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

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

6. WEATHER: _____ WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKETS: _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: same

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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*flak from shortly before bomb away - 2 minutes.
 barrage - (predicted concentrations)*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Bailefeld area - obs.

SQUADRON 301 360300 XX A/C Number 604 Letter () Date 28 January, 1945.

Bomb Load 10 x T-285 H.E. Position in Formation _____

Time took off 08:05 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 |

*Hot C
High*

1 B-17 gp ahead down in flames over target. 1/2 min before B.D. about 1150 - CIP: Give Rank and Initials

1 crew member 1204 down flaming about 1000 ft 2nd Lt. W. W. Brasch P

friendly A/C in distress: one minute then (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. R. W. Grunski CP

If lost, state whether C, A/A, E/A action, accident or no terminal status F/O. H. E. LeCompte N

1 crew member - 1 chute believed out - 1/2 let 9 o'clock on left - about 2-5 mi away Sgt. A. Yehoda B

Sgt. H. R. Hall RC

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual) Sgt. J. Wabeke E

Primary: Time: 1151 1/2 Sgt. R. E. Niznik BT

Secondary: Heading: 129 - Sgt. H. F. Dulli WG

Last Resort: Height: 25700 _____ WG

T.O. (Circle One) Sgt. V. D. Donohoe TG

Turn off target: ~~_____~~

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 2 Jettisoned: 8 Returned: 8 Abortive: _____

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

Own bombs: BROUGHT 8 NICKELS BACK No. Nickels: 8 Yes No _____

Other bombs: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Dropped TWO WHAT MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM Red 3 min over Chomel that Red Blom were not going to be over target said Maypol 1 over target

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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Lost - Heavy, passage of tracking on 2/20

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~XXXXX~~ 66 ~~EX~~ EX A/C Number 474 Letter (1) Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0805 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 |
- 40th "C" High

1203 5112 0740 at 0900
 7 mi. 1B-17 explode & down. CSL: Give rank and Initials
 1150 N. of Cologne 5058 0700
 Going down & burning. No chutes.

- Friendly A/C in distress: _____
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details) _____
 If lost, state whether a, n.a., R/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
- 2nd Lt. H.R. McGahan _____ F
 - 2nd Lt. W.A. Wilson _____ CP
 - 2nd Lt. M.F. Hepple _____ N
 - S/Sgt. A.J. Stalder _____ b
 - Sgt. J.J. Reilly _____ RO
 - Sgt. W.T. Dugard _____ E
 - Sgt. A.P. Dumenigo _____ BT
 - S/Sgt. R.J. Bocian _____ WG
 - Sgt. J.L. Minnucci _____ TG

TARGET APPROXIMATE: (OTH or Visual)
 Primary: _____ Time: 1151 1/2
 Secondary: _____ heading: 128
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 25000
 T.O. _____
 (Circle one) 070
 Turn off target: _____

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

4. Observed _____ OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: _____
 Other bombing: _____
 Am. Nichols: Yes (X)
 Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on On for 5 min.
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 10/10 to 20m w target
Hazy over target. Hard to pick up
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINER? NOT out. Red + blue not to be there

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Mod. + Non persis. 15000 + up.

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
	Target.		Mod.	Acc.		

Crew _____
 Comments about Flak: _____

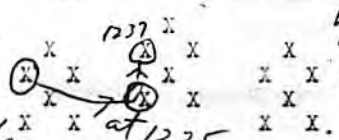
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SQUADRON YXX368 XXI XXX A/C Number 814 Letter (3) Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time landed 1500

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



Hathaway - kept flying behind another but ok at Eng. coast on way back.

NOTE: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. L.A. Evans P
- 1st Lt. G. Perez CP
- 1st Lt. C.R. Rubenstein W
- 2nd Lt. J.E. Shook B
- T/Sgt. R.F. Johnson RO
- S/Sgt. W.M. Williams E
- Sgt. H.H. Williams BT
- Sgt. T.R. Foley WG
- Sgt. R.W. Litka TG

1-B-17, 1203, destroyed, exploded. in ch.

2. TARGET AREA: B (RFI or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 111°M.
 Last Resort: Height: 25,200

T.O. (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: Yes an. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Clear after bombs away. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKETS?

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), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>Kolin</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Crew observations about flak:

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SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ A/C Number 674 Letter C Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10 x 500 H.E. Position Formation

Time took off 0805 Time landed 1430

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 "C"
 Lead
 Spare

1150 - near target A/C on app. 270° heading
 Right wing off burning went into spin. 1 chute observed

(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. H.G. Roth P
- 2nd Lt. C.G. Campbell CP
- 2nd Lt. R.W. Hillbrand N
- S/Sgt. H.R. Langston B
- Sgt. A.F. Masters RO
- Sgt. S.R. Leavitt E
- Sgt. B.F. Scribner, Jr. BT
- Sgt. R.H. Rubano WG
- WG
- S/Sgt. W.H. Lynch, Jr. TG

3 A/C seem to go up in big puff of smoke 1151-1201 and down over Ruhr 3000m away to tell about chutes!

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 097° M
 Last Resort: Height: 25,000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 70° M

3. Number of PORDS dropped on target: 211 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

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

Own Bombs: not observed An. Nickels: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Visual after Target - clear at Cologne. could see city. not too much haze WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKNEY?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: contrails 16,000 - dense presences at altitude

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 and tracking started near T.P. and continued for 15 minutes less before going in.</u>						

Crew observations about FLAK:

9. SINGLE FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

(Estimated total number of S/A seen) _____ (Total) _____

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of S/A) _____

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

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

*Very light P-51
 mostly around target*

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 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.)

Hole in nose - black

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

3 bombs few sec. late going away

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

1 runaway prop over target

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

with group

S-2 OFFICER W.A. [Signature] TELE COMPLETED _____

S. UNCLASIFIED 367 M / n/c Number 819 Letter ✓ Date 28/1/45

Bomb Load 10, x 500 p.s. Position in Formation

Time took off 0805 Time landed 15:20

1. HOT WEBS to be phoned in. Yes to X X X X
 If DITCHED send crew and fill out special form in detail. X X X X X

3-B-17's over Kohn - from group in front - prob. thru bombing bridge - 2 going straight down - 2 chutes str. from air.

CRF: Give rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. W.W. Young P
- 2nd Lt. A.J. Norman CP
- 2nd Lt. D. Burwick N
- 2nd Lt. H. Corigliano B
- Sgt. M.D. Ernest RO
- Sgt. G.A. Stephens E
- Sgt. W.A. Crook BT
- Sgt. W.H. McKillop MO
- Sgt. W.B. Wilson TG

Friendship or distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) If lost, state whether U.S.A.A., U/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

2. Visual Altitude: (RT or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1151
 Secondary: Heading: 136
 Last Report: Height: 24400

T.O. (Circle one)
 Turn off target: 80

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

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

Own bombs: Yes No

Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. LEATHER: 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 n/c	Type (altitude, moderate or high)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to n/c	Accuracy
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first seen immediately after bombs away - some stragglers - target - some flak high

Crew conditions about Flak: _____

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S. J. [REDACTED] 466 Letter 1 Date 28/1/45

Bomb load 10 x 500 H.E. Formation 40th "C" High

Time took to 0805 [REDACTED]

1. H/T W/S to be shown in. Yes No
 If DITCHED, did crew bail out special in detail.

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

Joined formation #3 in high at 1030. (with comb).

Crew: Give rank and initials

- 2nd Lt. W.D. Carder ← P *good in*
- 2nd Lt. A.V. Mura ← CP *CP*
- 2nd Lt. A. Varnado ← N *flak in*
- 2nd Lt. L.F. Campbell ← *flak in*
- Sgt. J.N. Goldman ← *flak*
- Sgt. R.W. Circle ← *flak*
- S/Sgt. L.F. Brown ← *flak*
- Sgt. J.L. Gooden ← *flak*
- Sgt. R.J. Condrey ← TG

Friendliness a/c in district:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If any, describe whether a/c was, a/c action, accident or unavailability of engine.

Saw one B-17 just before B.A. to our left - blew up. In group ahead just after B.A. one B-17 blew up in step down - wing dropped - blew up about 3000 ft.

Primary: Time: 1152
 Secondary: 125
 Last Resort: Weight: 25500

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

3. Number of H/T S dro, ed on target: 3 *Lost prop. over England at 1402 approx at little S.W. of Norwich - landing at 540 about 15 miles from Norwich - 10/10 could not see ground.*

4. Observed 15 H/T S dro: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs: Called to Major Venable + flying control Yes No
 Other Bombs: None Yes No

5. Any PHOTOGRAPH taken: None Yes No
 and None Movie Yes No

6. WEATHER: None Yes No
 WHAT WEAPONS REC'D FR BUCKINGHAM: None

7. COMMENTS ON RESULTS: ✓

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

Time	Place	Height of burst	Type (if any, altitude or height)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
<u>accurate, moderate, tracking.</u>						
<u>None at front lines</u>						

Crew comments about flak: None

9. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(Estimate total number of W/A seen) _____ (Type) _____

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of W/A) _____

(Colors, markings, etc. of W/A) _____

10. WINDMILLING: (Include time, place, and other details.)

Good.

CLAIMS

METHOD _____

PILOTAGE _____

REASON _____

(Fill out in duplicate, separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TYPE, PLAC, HEIGHT, (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, beacons, guides, 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 W/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and DATE.)

13. DAMAGE TO W/C: (Briefly) *#3 engine hit couldn't feather prop*
minimized ^{overground} ~~W/A~~ oxygen system out (pilot & Nav). 1 min tab called shot

14. MECHANICAL FAILURES:

15. CREW OF W/C: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

16. ROUTE: (State especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or W/C come back with speed or alone?)

Towed #3 in high control pt 1. Left formation after B.O. ¹¹⁵³ came back alone. Had fighter support way back.

S-2 OFFICER Selinger TELETYPE _____