

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
Office of the Intelligence Officer
United States Forces

AFO 557
28 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Berlin, Germany

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

1. Narrative

Assembly was forced to 9,000 feet above briefed 14,000 foot altitude by multilayered cloud, almost solid, and dense persistent contrails up to about 23,000 feet. The 306th followed the advice of "Hunter" weather scout and attempted assembly at 23,000 feet. Leader took off at 0622, left English coast 5048N x 0026E, 0705, 10,000 feet; French coast 5037N x 0136E, 0721, 14,000 feet. Lead A/C circled Buncher C-15 from 0757 until 0847 at 23,000 feet, but because of contrails, saw no other A/C. Left Buncher 7 minutes late on course and picked up 27 other A/C of this group within 20 miles. Able was reported 6 minutes early at control point 1, and Baker left Buncher C-15, thirteen minutes late. Vicinity of front lines 5038N x 0758E, 0925, 24,000 feet. At approximately 1005 hours, near 5157N x 1040E, received message in Bomber Code from Division ground station; "Withdrawal after target same as route in." Briefed I.P., 5254N x 1223E, 1032, 26,500 feet; target, Berlin, 1042N, 26,500 feet; rally point 5216N x 1236E, 1054, 27,000 feet. Turned back on to penetration route at 5227N x 1133E, 1103, 26,500; 5038N x 0757E, 1157, 25,500. At 5036N x 0242E, 1314, group leader instructed group to disperse as desired because of weather and shortage of gas. Leader crossed French coast 5052N x 0135E, 1334, 3,000 feet; English coast 5102N x 0100E, 1347, 500 feet; Base 1438.

All H2X equipment worked satisfactorily.

Buckeye Red reported tops of clouds 24,000 feet and dense contrails west of 0700E. Buckeye Blue reported that bombing would be by instrument on target #2, but that there was a possibility of visual correction on suggested targets of opportunity.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

There was no E/A opposition on this Group.

P-51's first picked up 0909 hours, 5022N x 0600E, gave close support throughout mission, most effective at target and on route out. Markings of 20th Fighter Group and of 328th Squadron, 352nd Fighter Group identified.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

Target: meager to moderate, low, inaccurate tracking for 5 minutes. Barrage observed to right from center of town.

According to telephone information received for briefing, no flak was to be expected at Stendal. However, crews report accurate tracking A.A. fire at Stendal from a 5 gun battery, bursts coming up in groups of 5 with up to 15 bursts observed at one time. Location verified independently by visual check points, Gee fix and PFF equipment. Other A.A. fire observed at Hannover, Brandenburg and Hassel. No damage.

4. Bombing

The 306th Group bombed target #2 by PFF with unobserved results. Each squadron made separate H2X runs. Photos show no ground detail.

5. Nickels
A/C 287-V, flying with 95th Group of 3rd Division, dropped 5 MG-45 and 5 T-341 on Hanover.

6. Feather
10/10 multilayer cloud, 1,000 feet to 21,000 feet from takeoff to assembly point. Occasional open breaks between assembly and I.P. 10/10 low clouds, tops 12,000 feet, after I.P. and over target. Dense contrails above 22,000, alternately persistent and non-persistent. 4 to 6/10 cirrus, 28,000 to 30,000 feet. Route out same; base on return 10/10, 800 foot ceiling.

7. A/C Bombing with other Groups
Our A/C 287-V dropped with 95th Group, 3rd Division, noting that each squadron flew four flights in trail stacked down. About 3 minutes before bombs away, the 4th flight of the low squadron lost from 3,000 to 4,000 feet and flew ahead of group, spread out and weaving; thought to be dropping chaff.

The following A/C, unable to find our formation due to weather, joined other groups and dropped 8 x 500 and 4 x M17 each as follows:

429-W, pilot Butler, bombed 1037 hours with the 381st Group.

323-M, pilot Hartshorn, bombed 1033 hours, with 305th Group.

913-P, pilot Scott, bombed 1052 hours with the 92nd Group.

600-G, pilot Snook, bombed 1053 hours with the 92nd Group.

814-G, pilot Jones, bombed Detsold, target of opportunity, alone, using bombsight, 1022 hours, reports good pattern on M/Y, no photos.

8. A/C Returning Early
598-Q, pilot Schultz, radio compass and Gee box out, was unable to make rendezvous; turned back 0930 hours; brought back 8 x 500 and 4 x M17. A/C 765-M pilot Young, radio compass out, was unable to locate Buncher C-15, turned back 5023N x 0403E, 0924 hours; brought back 8 x 500 and 4 x M17.

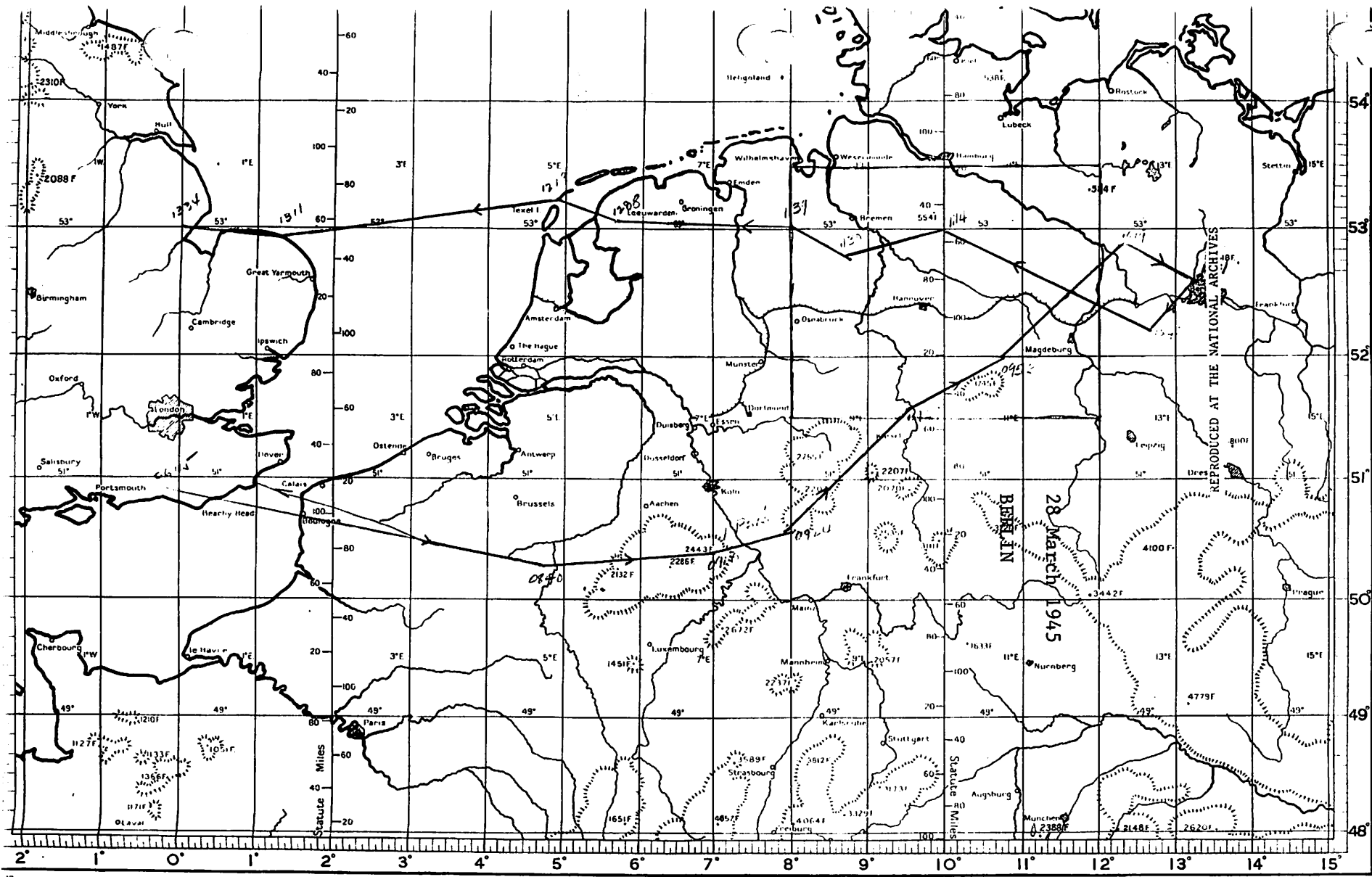
9. A/C Landing Away
A/C 466-Q, pilot Forayth, crash landed 2 miles west of Dungeness Point, out of gas. Crew safe; A/C probably salvage.

A/C 376-F, pilot Wilson, left formation over France, landed A-72, crew and A/C safe.

10. A/C In Distress
None.

11. Observations
Thick black smoke seen rising through clouds from area north of Kassel on route out, 1133 hours.

JOHN A. BAINSPATHER,
Major, AC,
Group 5-2.



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BERLIN
28 MARCH 1945

HEIGHTS IN FEET

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HQ/6/6/1945

FROM: COMSOMGR 306
TO : COMAIDIV ONE
COMBATWIG FORTY
ATTN: DIR. OF INTELLIGENCE

306th Group Narrative - Mission to Berlin - 28 March 1945

- 1. A/C 287-V, flying with 95th Group of 3rd Division, dropped 5 WJ-45 and 5 T-34.1 on Hanover.
- 2. 306th bombed target #2 by PFF ~~by~~ with unobserved results. Each squadron made separate H2X-runs, and photos show no ground detail.

3. None

4. Target: meager to moderate, low, inaccurate, tracking for 5 minutes.

3 Barrage observed to right from center of town. ~~Flak at 12 to 15 bursts from 4 or 5 gun battery at Stendal, inaccurate tracking behind our formation. Other flak observed at Hanover, Brandenburg and Kassel. No damage.~~ According to telephone information received for briefing this morning, no flak was to be expected at Stendal. However, crews report accurate tracking flak at Stendal from a 5 gun battery, bursts coming up in groups of 5 with up to 15 bursts observed at one time. Location verified independently by visual check points, Gee fix and PFF equipment. Other flak observed at Hanover, Brandenburg and Kassel. No ~~mea~~ damage. ^{takeoff}

5. 10/10 multilayered cloud, 1,000 feet to 21,000 feet from ~~base~~ to assembly point. Occasional open breaks between assembly and IP. 10/10 low clouds, tops 12,000 feet, after IP and over target. Dense contrails above 22,000, alternately persistent and non-persistent. 4 to 6/10 cirrus, 28,000 to 30,000 feet. Route out same; base on return 10/10, 800 foot ceiling, ~~at 1133 hours~~

6. Thick black smoke seen ^{rising} ~~coming~~ through clouds from area north of Kassel on route out, 1133 hours.

7. Buckeye Red reported tops of clouds 24,000 feet and dense contrails west of 0700 E. Buckeye Blue reported that bombing would be by instrument on target #2, but that there was a possibility of visual correction on suggested targets of opportunity. P-51's first picked up 0909 hours, 5022H-0600E, gave close support throughout mission, most effective at target and on route out. Markings of ~~20th~~ ^{20th} Fighter Group, and of 328th Squadron, 352nd Fighter Group identified. Our a/c 287-V dropped with 95th Group, 3rd Division, noting that each squadron flew four flights ~~in~~ in trail stacked down. About 3 minutes before bombs away, the 4th flight of the low squadron ~~lost~~ ^{from 3000 to 4000} about 5,000 feet and flew ahead of group, spread out and weaving; thought to

3.

14c foot

8. Assembly was forced to 9,000 feet above briefed altitude by multi-layered cloud, almost solid, and dense, persistent contrails up to about 23,000 feet, ^{306th} followed advice of "Bloaters" weather scout and ^{attempted assembly,} assembled at 23,000 feet. Leader took off at 0622, left English coast 5048N-0026E, 0705, 10,000 feet; French coast 5037^{A/c}N-0136E, 0721, 14,000 feet. Leader circled Buncher C-15 from 0757 until 0847 at 23,000 feet, but because of contrails, saw no other a/c. 7 minutes late Left Buncher on course and picked up 27 other a/c of this group within 20 miles. Vicinity of front lines 5038N-0758E, 0925, 24,000 feet. At approximately 1005 hours, near 5157N-1040E, in Bomber Code received message from Division ground station: "Withdrawal after target same as route in." Briefed IP, 5254N-1223E, 1032, 26,500 feet; target, Berlin, 1042N, 26,500 feet; rally point 5214N-1236E, 1054, 27,000 feet. Turned back on to penetration route at 5227N-1133E, 1105, 24,500; 5038N-0757, 1157, 25,500. At 5036N-0242E, 1314, group leader instructed group to disperse as desired because of weather and shortage of gas. Leader crossed French coast ~~5052N-0135E~~ 5052N-0135E, 1334, 3,000 feet; English coast 5102 N-0101E, 1347, 500 feet; Base 1438. All WZY equipment worked satisfactorily.

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#A/S returned early: 598-Q, pilot Schultz, radio compass and Gee box out, was unable to make rendezvous; turned back 0930 hours; brought back 8x500 and 4xM17. A/c 765-M pilot Young, radio compass out, was unable to locate Buncher C-15, turned back 5023H-0403E, 0924 hours; brought back 8x500 and 4xM17. ^{Crash landing:} #A/C 466-Q, pilot Forsyth, crash landed 2 miles west of Dungeness Point, out of gas. ^{A/c on southeast:} #A/C 376-F, pilot Wilson, left formation over France, landed A-72, crew and a/c safe. No A/c observed in distress: NONE.

Crew safe; a/c probably salvage.

40th "A"
LEAD

Formation 17 March, 1945.

Lt. Col. Conklin
Horvay

362-L PFF

OK
Pretty good
Good run

Hallum *
153-G

Blackshaw
376-F

Hedley
359-S PFF

Mitchell *
913-P

Schimmel
116-T

Hills *
516-M

Gibson
397-O

Higgenbotham
578-D

Wells *
613-G

Cheney
598-O

SLI

Daniel
910-B

SLI

B53

1545
shot 8:20

D10 Boom B

Very good on
when in
coming out fair
to nose
lots

think first to
bomb

Buckley 27 L
act

some groups
made 360's to climb

40th "A"
LOW

first hit
Bombed with

Ryder
772-O PFF

Out

Made run
OK

S111
1705
D.R.
half hour
before

Lamar
143-P

Sandini
287-V

Chancey
197-K PFF

Kingsley *
908-J

Made a
360

Fisher *
819-Q

Snook
765-M

Jansen *
301-U

Gooch *
563-N

McDonald *
840-Y

From before
10/10
over hills
now on way out
successive flight
clouds at
alt 26000
26700

Picked
you up

Dense + persistent
CONTRAILS

70,500
circled back
to 27000
over frame
to phone

after 1 P.
feathered +
dropping behind
D10 drop his bombs

Turned back to home
after dropping

40th "A"
HIGH

Winged take

Swango
916-N

Jones
889-P PFF

Effland
814-G

Patten *
683-Q

Law *
028-O

Forsyth
466-Q

Olsen
928-L

Wear *
129-L

Pinchback
412-T (Nicks)
2 W342
8 T-330

left over
on way back

Cohn *
147-V

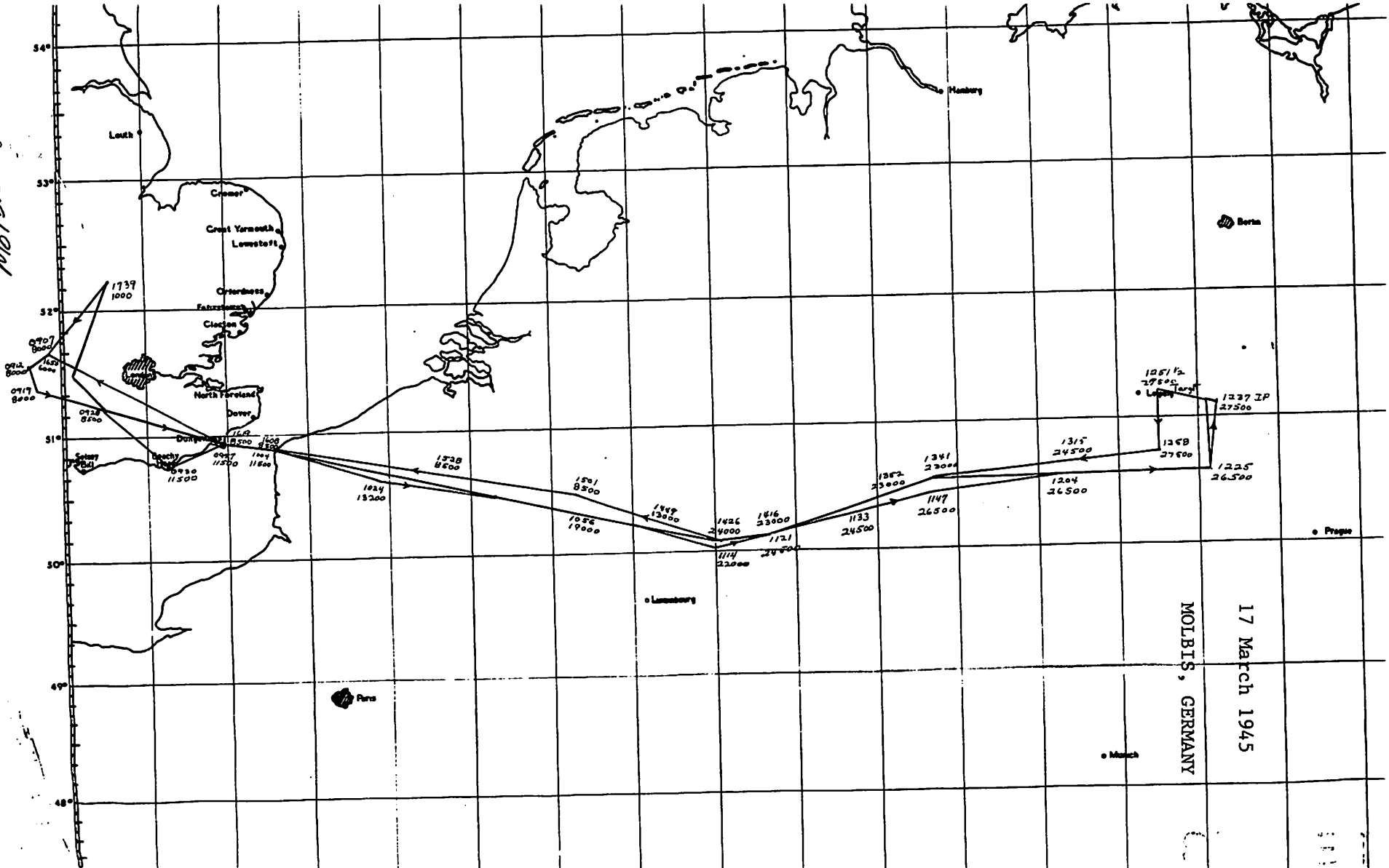
Blacklin
575-X

on way back

37 on
#2

3. bombed with A
1 early - did not bomb

3,17-45
No/bis



MOIBIS, GERMANY
17 March 1945

28 March 45

W. J. Forsyth's plane ditched two miles west of Dungeness Point in an artillery range. Forsyth had left the group over France with sufficient fuel to reach England, but clouds were on the deck and flying was difficult. The crew waded ashore after stepping off the wing. The tide carried the plane out to sea and it broke up there.

J. D. Wilson landed at A72 in France at 1324. Ball turret was damaged on landing. Received 437 gallons of fuel, and flew the plane back to Thurleigh 30 Mar 45.

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ ~~443~~ a/c Number 443 Letter M Date 28-3-45

Bomb Load 8x 500, 4 x 11.7 No. 3: Position or Formation 4000'

Time took off 0012 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

Lead

Crew: Give rank and initials

Capt. W. B. Butterfield P

Friendly a/c in distress: (Give position, time, altitude, full details) End Lt. W. E. Winslow CP
If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause) 2nd Lt. I. Baron N
1st Lt. S. G. Hull B

1st Lt. B. F. Smythe B

Sgt. R. V. Bradley RO

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

T/Sgt. W. Berman E

Primary: Time: 1042/✓

2nd Lt. H. E. Brandt RN BT

Secondary: Heading: 157°

Sgt. C. D. Calengor WG

Last Resort: Height: 26,000'

WG

T.O. (Circle One)

2nd Lt. F. R. Specht TG

Turn off target: to 230°

1st 5148-1020

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

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

Own Bombs: Straight #2X An. Nichols: Yes No

Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: had to assemble 9000 above brief assembly altitude
A mes at 22,000 - 6 at 23,000 - blower advised this altitude
Nothing but middle cloud E of 0900E.
THAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? Blue said bombing would be by instruments (Suggested T/O's had possibility of visual contact)

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense, persistent below 24,000 ft. 24,000 not dense contrails.
Buckeyes had reported type of clouds

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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STENDAL - accurate, tracking about 3 minutes - 14 bursts at or near (Clouds patchy - cloud right over city)
Bell - very inaccurate, low - moderate - large
Anderson - do.

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 SUBJECT: (include time, place, and color markings:)

Picked up at about 0900E. Scattered but trap. Plenty at target.

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	<i>✓</i> _____
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.)

*Oil fire. 508-0935-10 miles from this position at 240.
Strudel observed to be well bombed on route out.*

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

*Left C-15 alone, but within 15-20 miles had 28 etc
1005 call from 7 MT: (Dir) "Withdrawal after target same as route in. Sortie breakdown"*

SQUADRON 367 ~~BANKS~~ ~~WES~~ A/C Number 197 Lette. K Date 28-3-45 2

Bomb Loads 8 x 500, 4 x 117 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off	Ubi2	Time Landed				
				X	X	X
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No	X	X	X	X	X	X
IF DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.	X	X	X	X	X	X

40°C Lead

C.O.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. W. W. Brasch P
- C/O H. W. Grunsky CP
- F/O L. F. Tancito N
- 1st Lt. M. N. Demoray B
- S/Sgt. J. A. Rutledge RO
- S/Sgt. J. Wabake E
- 2nd Lt. J. J. Gearity BT
- S/Sgt. D. R. Brashear WG
- Sgt. R. E. Mizner TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1042 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 154
 Last Resort: Height: 26600
 T.O. 259
 (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: an. Nichols: Yes
 Number and type _____
 Other bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 Eng. 23,000 Clear WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? No.
 but. PPC. layers up to alt. - Rain

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense persis. 20000 - up.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
Target			Observed	lt	300 below	inacc
Wassel			"			

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of 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)

Intermit. Good at
target. 0924 5039 0743
(see Mickey)

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 an 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.)

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

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?)

Good route. Assembly poor.

Weather: 21,000

S-2 OFFICER

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TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON 367 ~~1308~~ ~~1309~~ ~~1310~~ A/C Number 913 Letter P Date 28-3-45 3

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x 217 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took Off 0612 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	X	X	X	X

40th C Lead.

*B-17 in tow recovered
hit in #3 engine - fire - left
formation went out - repaired formation*

CMB: Give rank and initials

2nd Lt. S. W. Scott _____ P

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)

O N. G. Nelson _____ CP

2nd Lt. H. W. Parker _____ N

Sgt. B. D. Wilkins _____ B

Sgt. D. E. Nye _____ RO

S/Sgt. P. E. Swartz _____ E

Sgt. J. A. Blanchard _____ BT

_____ WG

_____ WG

Sgt. E. Brown _____ TG

*Bombed with 92nd
(Low Squadron)*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1052

Secondary: Heading: 150

Last Resort: Height: 24400

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 700

(1000) with 92nd B.C

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 _____

Other bombing:

Number and type _____

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 en 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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*Target: None on our squadron - flew
- bursts landing on turn off. Squadron
went over target - received mail very accurate
tracking*

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:)

5 1/2 - good - close
all the way from
0700 E.

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 airdromes, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations.)

Big, black smoke - 10000' - 30 mi
NW Basel.

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

joined 92nd about 0700 E - couldn't
catch own squadron - make 360° & joined
own sq - 92nd

S-2 OFFICER

Schmitt

TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ a/c Number 178 ~~408~~ Letter P Date 25-3-45 4

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th C Lead

Time took off 0612 Time Landed _____
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

CGE: 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. J. E. Gooch P
- 2nd Lt. V. A. Vick CP
- 2nd Lt. G. H. Urban N
- 2nd Lt. V. P. Bowen B
- Sgt. M. P. Howard RO
- Sgt. V. E. Bolton E
- Sgt. J. R. Powell BT
- Sgt. M. Kirkpatrick SG
- Sgt. J. A. Traeger TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1042 1/2
Secondary: Heading: 153 way
Last Resort: Height: 26,400

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 240 way

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
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 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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heavier, inaccurate, low at target. Quite a bit behind as it turned off target.

Crew observations about Flak: Relieve 4 gun battery at Merdhal.

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:)

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE ✓ _____

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

*Blue nose, with blue
band stretching back
toward tail.*

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13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

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?)

S-2 OFFICER

Pool

TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~74777~~ A/C Number 951 Letter F Date 28-3-45 5

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1445

40th C Lead

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

C.M.E.: 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. V. Higgenbotham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
2nd Lt. D. W. Burton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CP
F/O L. Levinstone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N
Sgt. J. Hammer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B
Sgt. F. J. Hueschhoff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RO
S/Sgt. E. G. Romeiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
Sgt. H. F. Roberts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
		KG
		WG
Sgt. R. T. Hauck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: #2 Time: 1042
Secondary: Heading: 1450
Last Resort: Height: 26,500

T.O. 235
(Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: all An. HICKELS: Yes
Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 BS over target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Many streaks at 27,000
could result at 27,000 ft. (27,000)

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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Moderate Intensity - Saw
Flare - hot tracking

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of 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:)

0910 - 0700E -
regat on line -
close support all
The way + back -
Plenty over target.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE W _____

DAMAGED _____

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

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (list an observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dynamics, camoufla_e, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, 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: no such.

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?)

(Clear up over France
✓ 0700E - 0320E -
1304 hrs. Charlie
Leader)

S-2 OFFICER Selmer TIME COMPLETED _____

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x 117 H.E.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1445

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

40th C
Lead.

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

C.O.B.: 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. J. A. Wells ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. W. Piekhaar ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. M. Eracker ✓ N
- Sgt. J. N. Thompson ✓ B
- Sgt. V. D. McCarthy ✓ RO
- Sgt. W. J. Stokloga ✓ E
- Sgt. E. J. Marmeng ✓ BT
- Sgt. J. F. Lowery ✓ SJ WG
- Sgt. R. L. Stafford ✓ TG

result of I.P. but 10/10 over target

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1042

Secondary: Heading: 160

Last Resort: Height: 26600

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 240

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

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

Own Bombs: *misses* An. Nichols: Yes *Yes*

Other bombing:

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

dense persistent contrails at 3000 from rendezvous pt to front lines - at 25-26000 more but some

3. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. *above some low.*

Title	Place	Height	Type (light, of heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Stendal - moderate barrage - low range
target - barrage & some tracking mass - meager to moderate
never any in this pattern - in area 3 min
 Gray observations about Flak:

Hannover - obs. - meager -

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

5

(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:)

poor until targeted - then good & excellent on way out - fighters called several times asking for groups position - probably because group was late crossing lines.

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

OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (list any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dumps, 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.)

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

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?)

withdrawal some as penetration - split up over France enroute home

S-2 OFFICER Murtra TIME COMPLETED _____

Bomb Load 6 x 500 & 4 x M17 H.E.

Position and Formation

Time Took Off 06:12 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

40th C
Lead

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

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

2nd Lt. W. W. Young CP
2nd Lt. A. J. Norman CP
2nd Lt. H. Corigliana M
S/Sgt. W. F. McKillop B
S/Sgt. M. D. Ernest RO
S/Sgt. G. A. Stephens E
S/Sgt. C. P. Crook BT
S/Sgt. W. B. Wilson TG

*Turned back at 0924 hours
(unable to locate bunch C 15
due to failure of radio compass)
at 5023-0403*

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual) On

Primary: Time: return
Secondary: Heading: didn't break
out until
Last Resort: Height: 600 (six
hundred) feet.
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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 _____
Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: mist + rain at T/O. Clouds at
5000 ft. We climbed through instruments
to 23000 before heading out. Charles leader
at 0926 announced rendezvous would
be at reference minus one (which would make it 23000).
Hi. Clouds above us, seemed to be at 30,000 ft over Continent.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: no at reference minus one
(which would make it 23000).
Hi. Clouds above us, seemed to be at 30,000 ft over Continent.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, Migrate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of 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 - close.

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, dynamics, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airbases, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations.)

Fires in Big B.

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

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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?)

left. 92 in France.

S-2 OFFICER

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TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON 367 ~~367/10/11/11/11~~ A/C Number 515 Letter O Date 28-3-45 10

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed _____

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

40th C
Lead.

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

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. F. W. Mitchell ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. S. D. Burns ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. W. R. Neilson ✓ N
- 2nd Lt. J. B. Karkanta ✓ B
- S/Sgt. R. C. Grimm ✓ RO
- Sgt. R. E. Schneider ✓ E
- Sgt. S. F. Pierce ✓ BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. J. W. Keizer ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1043
Secondary: Heading: 156
Last Resort: Height: 26400
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 230

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 No
Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Target: head, inaccurate, high & low, to the left, change
Crew observations about flak: Parcel - on some Parcel - off to right going
Stumbled - 2 bursts on way back - off to right.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of 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. Picked up 0912
at 50 22-2600 E.

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE W _____

DAMAGED _____

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

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?)

S-2 OFFICER

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TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ A/C Number 410 Letter X Date 24-3-45

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x 117 H.E. Position and Permission

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1500

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

C.O.s: 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. J. Hahn JH P
- 2nd Lt. R. L. Bozack RB CP
- 2nd Lt. R. F. Ridgeway RF B
- Sgt. W. J. Gregg WJ B
- Sgt. E. H. Ball EH RO
- Sgt. H. Riva HR B
- Sgt. H. W. Brown HW BT
- _____ _____ RG
- _____ _____ WG
- Sgt. J. Young JY TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: FR Time: 1043E
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 155
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 74,000
 T.O. 230 - 27,000
 (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: _____ An. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: _____ Number and type: _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 over target - WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? No

Brick St. R - 8/12
~~had a very low ceiling~~

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Yes - 100% persistent up to target - 0.5 sec, persistent afterwards

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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light - PARADE - Low - Inaccurate
FLAK AT 12000 ft - Low - Inaccurate
Behind us

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

2/04/E

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

Good - picked up - 5
0945 -
5730N-0920E

close

CLAIMS

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE _____

DAMAGED _____

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

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

None

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:

INVERTER went out

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?)

broke up over coast -
Load gave orders

S-2 OFFICER

Selinger

TIME COMPLETED

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x 1000 H.E. Position - n Formation

Time Took Off 0412 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

40th C
Lead

C.O.s: 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. Marks P
- 2nd Lt. E. R. Gary CP
- 2nd Lt. F. E. Ballish N
- Sgt. J. A. Baker B
- Sgt. C. F. Larsen RO
- T/Sgt. J. Dolonich E
- Sgt. R. C. Frederick BT
- Sgt. B. H. Nunley TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1043
Secondary: Heading: 160
Last Resort: Height: 26400
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 220

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 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, moderate or all ht)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Target: None, Damage: 1/2 to left some
flak, in rearward
Standard on way in - behind

Crew observations about Flak:

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of 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:)

*Cirled up at 0700 - 5725
0720 E. all 51's. all
way in + out. done.*

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 an 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:

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?)

S-2 OFFICER Schuster TIME COMPLETED _____

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x ML7 H.E. Position - n Formation

Time took off 0012 Time Landed 1416

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

40th C
Low

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

C.O.I.: 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. R. H. Clave
- 2nd Lt. G. L. Dobbs CP
- 1st Lt. A. Varnado N
- 2nd Lt. L. E. Campbell B
- T/Sgt. L. N. Goldman RO
- T/Sgt. P. T. Davalli E
- 2nd Lt. L. E. Thompson RN BT
- Sgt. P. W. Litka RG
- S/Sgt. L. E. Kelly TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: # 2 Title: 1043 35 sec.
 Secondary: Heading: 149° M
 Last Resort: Height: 25,800
 T.O. Straight
 (Circle One) PFF 231° M
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: no vis. correction An. Nickels: Yes 1
 Other bombing: Number and type

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on X
 Hand X Movie X

5. WEATHER: Weather over France not as bright. Dashed Rendezvous 7,000 due to haze and dense persistent contrails
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D WRC BUCKEYE? Did not hear Buckeye. Passed back by Group from 1st Group said PFF was with possible vis correction.

6. 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 low enough to see... our target was off to left of BR on another group

Brandenburg in and out off to right maybe Crew observations about Flak: inaccurate

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one) Eng coast ⁰⁷⁰² ~~5046-007E~~ 5046-007E ~~5046-007E~~ 5032-0135E 0719 h
 GROUP LEADER 72 coast
 HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
 LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
 PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
 (Indicate Group and Group Identification) C-15 Bomber 0803
 SINGLE AIRCRAFT 16,000

C-15
5014 N
0439 E

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 22,000 to get above
6 2000 feet then on up to
22,000 to get above
cloud. Broke out
and weather better
2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
 If not, describe course in detail Left C-15 at 0843 squader
22,000 had 9 A/C on course as B.
3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast I.P. 5254-1227E, 1032
26,000 feet
4. Time over Target Target 1043 1/2
 Altitude over Target _____
 Position of Group on Bomb Run out over same
route as in.
 Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____
 Duration Bomb Run Coast out
1325-5057-0153/2000
5. Time of Landing at Base 1337 - Dover - (1st)
Base 1416
 If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sq2 OFFICER W.G. Leatherman

*Received
 message to return
 by "A" Point in
 1016 hours*

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position - n Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed _____

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

40th C
Low.

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

C.O.R.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. L. A. Evans P
- 2nd Lt. D. L. McGinnis CP
- F/O C. R. Lemon N
- 1st Lt. J. G. Weber B
- S/Sgt. W. K. Williams RG
- S/Sgt. R. E. John E
- 2nd Lt. C. G. McDaniels BN BT
- Sgt. A. J. Conroy RG
- Sgt. H. H. Williams TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1043
 Secondary: Heading: 160
 Last Resort: Height: 25500

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 230

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING (For this lane or others)

Own Bombs: Set of swarms on target area after left target, up to cloud an. Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: no Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: WHAT MESSAGES REC'D WRC 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), intensity moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: mist, inaccurate, tracking
Shenanigans - on way in - 12 bursts.
 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)

*Good. Picked up about
ground lines. All way in
out.*

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 an observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dynamics, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks; new enemy installations.)

*5139-0932 - saw big heavy black
rolling 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:

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?)

S-2-OFFICER

Schreiter

TIME COMPLETED

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th C
 Time Took Off 0012 Time Landed _____ Low

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 |

C.O.s: 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)

2nd Lt. H. P. Alfshuler CP
 2nd Lt. R. J. Forsyth CP
 F/O A. J. Remai N

Sgt. F. F. Alston B
 S/Sgt. L. R. Curry RD
 S/Sgt. C. D. Stewart B

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1043 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 145
 Last Resort: Height: 25700

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 226

Sgt. R. R. Payett BT
 Sgt. C. J. Rogers, SJ RG
 Sgt. R. E. Schuberg TG

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
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? None 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), intensity, moderate or light	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
<u>Target</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>left</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>not tracking</u>	

Crew observations about flak: bursts behind

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of fight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

about 10 min. after target from about 11 o'clock. a P-51 made a run in from left. T. T. unit fired 10 bursts over being ^{in proposed} came within 50 yards + broke under.

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

Good. 0912 at 3080 - 0700 E. all way in + out.

DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT. (List an observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dumfries, 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: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

S-2 OFFICER

Schuster

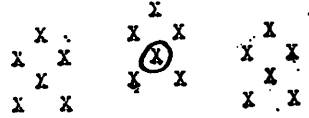
TIME COMPLETED _____

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position on Formation _____

Time took off 0612 Time Landed 1457

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



466 Q - message at 1438 hrs. on landing on beach at Folkestone wheels up -

C.O.R.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 1st Lt. B. ~~A.~~ Olsen P
- 2nd Lt. F. H. Greer CP
- 2nd Lt. J. E. Shook N
- Sgt. F. C. Dusenberry B
- T/Sgt. F. W. Ramsey RG
- T/Sgt. L. Foster E
- Sgt. J. W. Gerlach BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. H. Rapp TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED (PFF or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: 1043 1/2
Secondary: _____ Heading: 150
Last Resort: _____ Height: 25600
T.O. _____
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 205

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ and Nichols: Yes *Yes*
Number and type _____

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: _____

3. 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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heavy burst in area barrage - 5 minutes - never very close to group. - low + left from center of city

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Standal - message tracking close but to our rear -

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

0
 (Estimated total number of E/A seen) _____ (T,cs)

 (Location and length of fight)

 (Tactics of E/A)

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

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

0910-0710 E - P51 - good very close
 red nose
 bl. & wh. striped 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 an 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.)

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

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?)

S-2 OFFICER Murtha TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~368~~ ~~424~~ ~~424~~ A/C Number 424 Letter _____ Date 24-3-45 **17**

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x 107 H.E. _____ Position on Formation _____

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1440

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

40th C
 Low.

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

C.O.s: Give Rank and Initials

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)

- 2nd Lt. J. H. Butler P
- 2nd Lt. J. G. Woolbright CP
- 2nd Lt. S. L. Schonberger N
- Sgt. G. E. Bowworth R
- Sgt. J. A. Faigm RO
- Sgt. C. R. White E
- Sgt. C. J. Jackson BT
- Sgt. B. J. Hensley TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF) or Visual)

Primary: _____ Title: 1037
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 152°
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 26,300
 T.O. _____
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target 238

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

Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: Unobserved 10/10 An. Nichols: Yes (No)
 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: At rendezvous and target dense - persistent.

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>0958</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>26,300</u>	<u>Heavy - intense</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>level</u>	<u>Accurate</u>
<u>955</u>						
<u>1010</u>						
<u>1014</u>						
<u>1038</u>						
<u>few observations about flak: tracking, accurate.</u>						

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of 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:)

0914 P-51
5°E Good.

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

Blue nose, red tail
Black square on tail, Shark's teeth on nose
Black square, white circle

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, and observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummys, 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) None

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: " "

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

Rendezvous very bad in controls. Weather terrific.

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

Tacked on to 381st at rendezvous, went in and out with them. Had VHF contact with our group.

S-2 OFFICER W.D. C. VanHorn TIME COMPLETED _____
Capt. A.C.

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~368~~ a/c Number 400 Letter Q Date 2-3-45 18

Bomb Load 4 X 500, 4 X M17 H.E. ditched at Position on Formation 40th C

Time Took Off 0012 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

Probably crash landed on Coast

C.O.S.: 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. W. J. Forsyth P

2nd Lt. R. H. R. Curtis CP

F/O. I. Zaucky N

Sgt. R. F. Dickson B

S/Sgt. S. Leon RD

Sgt. A. R. Tomang E

Sgt. H. J. Mullen BT

_____ WG

_____ WG

Sgt. R. A. Frigg TG

Belly landed two miles west of Ouzungenes Point in Artillery Range

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: 1043 1/2 Title: Premium

Secondary: with group Heading: Visual

Last Resort: 5500 Height: _____

T.O. (Circle One) 240 slight cut out on head
Turn off target: _____

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 40 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____ Abortive: _____

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

Own Bombs: Ship probably salvaged and Nickels: Yes No

Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Staying overnight 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), altitude, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy

No flak during
Crew observations about Flak: _____

Left group 1/2 hour before break up joint. ^{Was in presence of target} Couldn't get to sex until reaching France. Had enough gas to reach England O.K. and the ceiling according to radio report was 4,000 ft. On reaching England the clouds on the deck and after looking for a place to land

(Location and length of flight)
 for 30 minutes was forced to ditch just off shore about 2 miles west of Dinginess on the firing range. All crew O.K. except for bruises on Sgt Muller & Lt Forryth and minor heat cut and shrapnel by 1 Sicken. Was able to stop off wing into shallow water and under shore. When tide came in A/C was broken up and carried out 250 yds further breaking up and submerging completely - probably no salvage at all. Crew stayed at Lyde Ranges Camp which is on the tank (British) for one night. Went from there to Manston by truck and was flown to Bine from Manston. Received wonderful treatment from British. Camp attendant was especially helpful - can't remember name.

(Tactics of E/A)
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)
 10. FIGHTER SUPPORT: (include time, place, and color markings.)
 British. Camp attendant was especially helped - can't remember name.
 (i/c went to 3 A/C looking for a place to land - found A/C's with ditches and fences across them) - (Got First fix near Lyde Ranges Camp)

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately - separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT. (List an observations of military in exchange 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 across characterizations. Was over Hawkins 2/10 - could see checked truck but not the ground #1 cooked out of this?

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

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

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?)
 was right on course coming home -

S-2 OFFICER Overman TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 387 ~~383~~ 369 ~~3~~ A/C Number 713 Letter 7 Date 28 March, 1945. 19

Bomb Load 6 x 500 & 4 x M-17 H.E.

Position - n Formation

Time took Off 06:12 Time Landed 1434

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

COR: 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. A. A. Lohar ✓ P
2nd Lt. D. C. Gray ✓ CP
F/O. I. J. Sandler ✓ N
S/Sgt. J. Stokoe ✓ B
S/Sgt. L. R. Ferrell ✓ RO
S/Sgt. J. W. Mallek ✓ E
S/Sgt. R. G. Cranvau ✓ BT
S/Sgt. W. E. Pedsco ✓ PG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: ② Time: 1043 1/2
Secondary: Heading: 1470
Last Resort: Height: 26,200

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 0250

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

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

Own Bombs: UNOBS. Any Missiles: Yes ✓
Number and type _____

Other bombing: UNOBS.

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? YES Was camera turned on ON
Hand _____ Movie _____

5. WEATHER: 10% RENDZ, CONTRAILS WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCCINET? BEFORE
HEAVY PRESISTANT, 10 TARGET IP - PPE

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
HEAVY PRES.

3. 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
1022	STENDAL	4 GUN BATS	TRACK	ACCURATE		
		INTO TARGET	3 - 5 GUN BATS	BARRAGE		

Crew observations about Flak: 4 + 8 GUN BATS AT TARGET.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of 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.
CLOSE.
Over target & withdrawal.

~~Blue~~
BLACK NOSE P-51's
RED TAIL P-51's

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROBABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAMAGED	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List an observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummys, 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: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

CAME BACK SAME ROUTE AS WENT IN

S-2 OFFICER Walter H. Perkins TIME COMPLETED 1525

SQUADRON ~~XXXXX~~ 369 ~~XXX~~ A/C Number 819 Letter Q Date 28 March, 1945.

Bomb Load 8 x 500 & 4 x 107 H.E.

Position - n Formation

Time Took Off 06:12 Time Landed 1440

40th C Low

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

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

nil.

C.O.s: 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. C. E. Fisher P
- 2nd Lt. W. Pengra CP
- 2nd Lt. R. Graham N
- S/Sgt. G. E. Johnson B
- Sgt. W. Gordish RO
- Sgt. C. L. Mullins E
- Sgt. J. E. Jones BT
- WG
- WG
- Sgt. P. W. James TG

- 2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1043
 Secondary: Heading: 150
 Last Resort: Height: 25800
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 235

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

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

Own Bombs: no an. Michels: Yes
 Other bombing: no Number and type

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

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

- 7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

- 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
<i>meager + low at this stage.</i>						
<i>most damage obs over Berlin proper - none on us</i>						
<i>Standal - tracking moderate, close - 3-4 minutes</i>						

Crew observations about Flak:

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

0911 hrs - 5024N 0648E - P51 - excellent at target & egress out. red rudder - no other marking - also saw red noses.

CLAIMS

DESTROYED

PROBABLE

DAMAGED

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

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

1133 hrs. - lot of black smoke coming thru clouds 148N

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

S-2-OFFICER Mutter

TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON 362 ~~369~~ A/C Number 832 Letter Y Date 28 March, 1945 ²¹

Bomb Load 8 x 500 & 4 x M17 H.E.

Position - n Formation

Time Took Off 06:12 Time Landed 1245

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

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. R. S. Collins P
2nd Lt. J. P. Mann CP
F/O. R. H. Knight N
Sgt. R. E. Knox B
Sgt. A. A. Rieder RO
S/Sgt. E. J. Dobner E
Sgt. J. E. Farlow BT
Sgt. S. H. Scherer TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Title: 1044
Secondary: Heading: 150
Last Resort: Height: 76,000

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

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

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

Own Bombs: any HICKELS: Yes
Other bombing: Number and type

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on x6
Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 10/1000s
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? #1 down
#2 in formation
1st down

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Slight to heavy - none parallel

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, salute, salute or salute)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
			moderate	dark	near	inaccurate

Crew observations about Flak: Half dozen bursts near
stendal.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Types)

(Location and length of fight)

N/A

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

*Picked up at 0600 E -
0912 AM.
Not close*

C L A I M S

DESTROYED _____

PROBABLE *W* _____

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.)

*THICK black smoke thru clouds
could not see ground*

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

with Group till French coast

S-2 OFFICER

Sherman

TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~368~~ A/C Number 114 Letter Date 2-3-45 22

Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E. Position Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1400 alone 40th C
1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form to detail.

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 D, A.M., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
2nd Lt. R. H. Jones P
2nd Lt. W. E. Corral CP
F/O J. J. Dembowar N

Bombed alone

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)
Detmold Time: 1022
Secondary: Heading: 015
Last Resort: Height: 2500

1st Lt. Q. T. Conway B
S/Sgt. G. W. Ojiges RD
S/Sgt. B. H. Prosser E
S/Sgt. L. E. Brown BT
Sgt. J. E. Schacklett SJ NG
 NG
Sgt. H. O. Jacobson TG

T.O. Detmold (Circle One)
Turn off target: 210 (See Fix before B.A.) 5150N0855E

2. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all on T.O. Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this lane or others)
Own Bombs: hit chokijt in M14 and autobahn - had bomb sight an. Nichols: Yes
Other bombing: (controlled run) Number and type
3. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on none
Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: at Rendsy wons - WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
lost formation in weather - bombed alone

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: dense present at rendsy wons 23000 feet started until just past lines
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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Detmold - none

crossed lines enroute home at 15000ft - no flak
Crew observations about Flak:

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

0

(Estimated total number of 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 P 513 - first seen over
Remagen bridgehead - back
alone.*

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 an 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.)

nil

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:

right hand bomb racks hung up - SCSS1 slip out.

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

Bombardier did excellent job on 2 min run.

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

5038N 0758E
5110N 0907E
5125N 0925E
5128N 0933E

To 5038N 0758E
To count at 5052N 0135E
~~Base~~ Dungeness
Base

Target made 360 before bombing & 360 after bombing.

TIME COMPLETED

Murtha

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~FA~~ FB A/C Number 323 Letter M Date 28-3-45

Bomb Load 8 X 500, 4 X 1000 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed

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

40th C Low.
X X X X X
X X X X X
X X X X X
X X X X X

no -

C.O.F.: 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. E. T. Hartshorn ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. E. E. Hunt ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. E. I. McCutchan ✓ N
- Sgt. J. H. O'Brien ✓ B
- S/Sgt. L. J. McDonald ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. M. L. Blakey ✓ E
- Sgt. E. P. Conrad ✓ BT
- Sgt. A. B. Leavell ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1033
Secondary: Heading: 150 mag
Last Resort: Height: 26,300

T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 242 mag

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

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

Own Bombs: Dropped with all Chelveston 305 an. Nichols: Yes N
Other bombing: [scribble] Number and type: _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, rate or sight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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moderate to intense on low speed, somewhat heavy with some tracking.

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Losses)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

Blue noses with red tail.

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.)

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

S-2 OFFICER

Pool

TIME COMPLETED _____

Bomb Load 6 x 500, 4 x MA7 H.E.

Position - n Formation

Time took Off 0612 Time Landed _____

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

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

40 x c Low

C.O.F.: 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. N. W. McKinney P
- 2nd Lt. A. J. McCallery CP
- 2nd Lt. G. R. Panikner N
- Sgt. E. T. Foley B
- S/Sgt. L. F. Warren BW E
- S/Sgt. L. J. Oppen F RO
- Sgt. S. H. Eaton ET
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. F. E. Newell TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1043
 Secondary: Heading: 150
 Last Resort: Height: 25500

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 230

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
 Number and type _____
 Other bombing: _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: about 22-23000 ft heavy. not that ytr that.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude or height	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target: Mod, barrage tracking nearly N to left. Dashed, way in, accurate & tracking right of course. Stenatal - 10-15 bursts, barrage tracking, fairly accurate
 Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(Location and length of flight) _____

(Tactics of E/A) _____

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

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

Good. Sighted about 8630F. at 0910. Group of about 1 hour before target - picked up again vicinity 2-P. after that very good close support.

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (list an observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummys, 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: (Note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

SQUADRON ~~BAH#000#000~~ 23 A/C Number 362 Letter Date 28/3/45 25

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/1017 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "C" HIGH

Time took Off 0612 Time Landed 1448

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

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

C.O.B.: 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)

Captain Horvey, P. (NMI) ✓ P
 2nd Lt. Engstrom, F. (NMI) ✓ CP
 2nd Lt. Atherton, R.A. ✓ N
 2nd Lt. Jefferson, L.U. ✓ B
 T/Sgt. Schumann, H.W. ✓ RO
 S/Sgt. Lewis, W.I. ✓ E
 2nd Lt. Pope, R.J. ✓ SR R.Nav.
 _____ ✓ AG
 _____ ✓ WC
 S/Sgt. Collart, A.A. ✓ TC

neibant Q - Q means called near London about 1400 said out of gas asked advice about landing on shore in water. Charlie leader was talking to...

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)
Primary: # 2 Time: 1044-45
Secondary: Heading: 147° M
Last Resort: Height: 27, 500
T.O. (Circle One) 252° M
Turn off target: _____

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

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

Own Bombs: unobserved an. Eickels: Yes
Straight P.F.F. Run no on Number and type _____
Other bombing: correction

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

6. WEATHER: Target 10/10 spotted clouds 8-10000 feet
Poor clouds all the way up
WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Dense Present all the way

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
<u>mod. inaccurate Damage type 6-7 Bursts at a time</u>						
<u>Magdeburg - meagre low in and out</u>						

Crew observations about Flak:
Standal. meagre inaccurate
Seen targets Standal 3/0 ~~the~~ target

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:)

*First 0630E 0912 hours
intermittent on way in
and out. Good support
in target area*

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	<u>✓</u>
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out immediately separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (list an 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.)

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

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?)

S-2 OFFICER W.F. Leathem TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~587~~ 23 A/C Number 012 Letter Date 28/3/45 26

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/117 H.E.

Position in Formation 40th "C" HIGH

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1742

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If BITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in ds. 11.

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

C.J.R.: Give rank and initials

mil

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. Baker, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Hitchens, R.O. CP
 F/O. Campagna, A.F., Jr. N
 S/Sgt. Freeman, L.L. E
 Sgt. Burnett, F.J. RO
 S/Sgt. Clark, W.R. E
 Sgt. Gray, R.H. BT
 Sgt. Beckerdite, A.D. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED (IFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1045
 Secondary: Heading: 150
 Last Resort: Height: 27500
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 253

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

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

Own Bombs: any Missiles: Yes

Other bombing: *missiles* Number and type *10*

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

6. WEATHER: OTHER MESSAGES REC'D FROM AIRCRAFT

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (altitude, altitude, altitude or altitude)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Wassel - barrage obs to right
Stental - 3 gun battery - fairly acc predicted barrage

Crew observations about Flak:

Berlin - all either too low or too high - barrage
5 minutes - miss

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

0	(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:)

Excellent P51 escort.
black & white vertical stripes
Black nose.
3 mosquitos - near Rhine bridge

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.)

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

✓ runaway turbo - faulty amp.

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?)

S-2 OFFICER Murtha FILE COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~047#040#04~~ 23 A/C Number 838 Letter _____ Date 28/3/45 27

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/17 H.E.

Position in Formation 40th "C" HIGH

Time took off 0612 Time landed _____

1. NOT NEES to be phoned in. Yes No
 If FITCHING hold crew and fill out special form to mail.

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

COE: 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. Cheney, D.C. P

F/O. Russell, J.O. CP

2nd Lt. Hanthey, E. (M/I) N

F/O. Murray, W.S. B

Sgt. Furlong, T.V. RO ✓

Sgt. Corn, A.E. E

Sgt. Lindsay, R.H. BT

2nd Lt. Barnett, J.T. W.I. Rev.

_____ WG

Sgt. Blucher, E.L. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual) _____

Primary: Time: 1045

Secondary: Heading: 163

Last Resort: Height: 27,700

T.O. (Circle One) 250 - 280 -
 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: _____ any Nichols: Yes

Other bombing: on lead Hi Number and type _____

4. any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on None

Hand _____ Movie _____

5. WEATHER: layers all way up - 22,000' assembly alt. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM _____

assembly to target & breaks over target

Bank 10-12000' - came with 250' over cloud & broke
 CONDENSATION TRAILS: same persist in target at alt. 10000' - 3000'

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, flash, noise, altitude or sight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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target - mostly low & some to side

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Mrs. Stendal

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:)

Very good to none —
 Quite a few after target —
 few if any assembly to I.P. —
 0927 — over lines 7° E approx.

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
DAMAGED	_____

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

1/2p Black + White cowling "A" on tail
 1/2p Black cowling Red neck
 OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (list any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, trench activity at airfields, ports, waterways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks; new enemy installations.)

Fighters best to about lines —

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?)

SQUADRON ~~167~~ 23 a/c Number 616 Letter K Date 28-3-45

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Bomb Load 8 x 500, 4 x M17 H.E.

Position - Formation

Time took off 0612 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th C
High

no

C.O.B.: 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. W. H. Hiney P

2nd Lt. C. G. Campbell CP

2nd Lt. L. B. McGough N

2nd Lt. K. (HMI) Cooper B

Sgt. J. V. Dowd RO

Sgt. C. A. Roth E

S/Sgt. B. L. Bishop BT

_____ NG

_____ NG

Sgt. V. H. Olson TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1045

Secondary: Heading: 150 km.

Last Resort: Height: 27,300

T.O.
(Circle One)

Turn off target: 250

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ any Rickets: Yes _____

Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 27 target 10/10, 10574, 000ft. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

was persistent.

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 our return, but heard just after we away.

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:)

*9d. P-51s.
First before Rhine
(Bombers)*

Vertical striped Black nosed P51s w. different colored spinners.

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLE	_____
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 airdromes, ports, water-ways, 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)

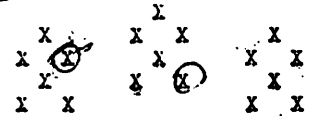
14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Bomb Load 8/500 - 6/117 - 1 0.5 H.E. Position - Formation 40th "C" HIGH

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1455

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



CODE: Give Name 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. Rich, W.M. ✓ P
 F/O. Lennon, A.H. ✓ CP
 F/O. Eggleston, G.R. ✓ B
 Sgt. Scott, M.C. ✓ B
 S/Sgt. Teets, W.P. ✓ BO
 S/Sgt. Ryan, T.N. ✓ B
 S/Sgt. Riba, E.E. ✓ BT
 S/Sgt. Naphis, R.W. (Jammer) ✓ AG
 S/Sgt. Cooner, J.A. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: ✓ Time: 10:45
 Secondary: ✓ Heading: 17
 Last Resort: ✓ Height: 27,000
 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: all an. Nichols: Yes
 Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: 9/10 5 Low WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
caused trouble at rendezvous
23,000'

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: heavy non-persistent

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, rate or sight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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divg - piece at target - LIGHT weight
ACCURATE

Crew observations about Flak: heavy at target
looked like trying to get a glide
ACCURATE - LASTED VERY LONG AFTER TARGET

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen)

(Type)

(Location and length of fight)

(Tactics of E/A)

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

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

excellent support
0915- 0700E
close all the way

Black stripe on tail

3020C stripes right behind

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, dummys, 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: (note especially any deviations from briefed route. Did Squadron or A/C come back with Group or alone?)

BRUCE UP OVER FRANCE
came back alone - Skerby and COST.

S-2 OFFICER

B. G. Smith

TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON ~~647/248/04~~ 23 A/C Number 598 Letter: Date 28/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/17 H.E.

Position - Formation 40th "C" NIS

Time took off 0612 Time Landed

1. HOT WEBS to be ploned in. Yes No
If ETCHING 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

CPL: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. Schultz, W.G.H.	P
2nd Lt. Brandstrom, R.P.	CP
F/O. Ross, E.F.	N
S/Sgt. Carter, H.V.	B
T/Sgt. Kneeborn, V.A.	RC
Sgt. Leavitt, S.R.	E
Sgt. Hathgrove, E.	BT
S/Sgt. Valczak, G.L.	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

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

*Saw only one group - 3rd
Did not communicate before own lead*

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

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

Own Bombs:

*Off course
Brought back*

an. Nichols: Yes No
Number and type

Other bombing:

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

6. WEATHER:

*Radio compass & free port out
Returned to base
weather hind formation*

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUREAU?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Turned back at about 0930, but no idea where. 21000 feet

*Only v breaks
on way
10/10
5 Louis water*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, flash, etc), altitude or sight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON ~~847~~ 36-23 A/C Number 143 Letter 7 Date 28/3/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/127 H.E.

Position on Formation 402 C High

Time took Off 0612 Time Landed 1445

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

C.O.F.: Give rank and initials

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)

- 1st Lt. Kearney, L.T., Jr. P
- 2nd Lt. McGuff, G.J. CP
- F/O. Dickerson, G.C. N
- S/Sgt. Frederick, V.C. b
- B/Sgt. Thixton, E.C. RG
- S/Sgt. POMYKAL E
- S/Sgt. ODSTRICIL BT
- C/Sgt. Wilov, C.E. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: ② Time: 1045
Secondary: ② Heading: 160°
Last Resort: Height: 27,300
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target: 255°

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

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

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

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

6. WEATHER: CLOUDS + CO-TRAILS TO 25,000. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BOMBERS? BEFORE
PRESISTANT. 10/10 J.P.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: HEAVY + PRESISTANT.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, white, or height)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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TARGET: MEAGRE - BARPAGE - ACCURATE

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:)

GOOD. BLUE NOSE P-51'S
CLOSE. WHITE TAIL
OVER T. & EN ROUTE BACK

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

ROUTE BACK SAME ROUTE AS OUT.
LEFT FORMATION 6'E CAME BACK
STRAIGHT BECAUSE OF GAS SHORTAGE

S-2 OFFICER

Walt H. Robin

TIME COMPLETED

1520

SQUADRON ~~347~~ 30 ~~473~~ A/C Number 287n Letter 1 Date 28/3/45

Bomb Load 5/WG-45-5/T-341 H.E.

Position in Formation

N-I-C-K-E-L-S

Time took Off 0612

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 C High

One A/C left formation 20 mins before target, under control.

CODE: 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. Woods, R.E. ✓ P

1st Lt. McDonald, J.G. ✓ CP

F/O. Sopinski, H.J. ✓ N

S/Sgt. Leopold, W.A. ✓ B

T/Sgt. Brown, B.H. ✓ RC

T/Sgt. Moody, B.S. ✓ E

S/Sgt. Iafrate, R.P. ✓ BT

WG

WG

S/Sgt. Hunter, G.W. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1109

Secondary: Heading: 60 mag

Last Resort: Height: 25,500

T.O.

(Circle One)

Turn off target: 20 275

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Received message at 1230 hours from 1st Div, saying: ~~target~~ withdrawn. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: other target measurements

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

Own Bombs: 1 BOMBED HANOVER with B in High zone (then lead A/C was)

Any Nickels: Yes I

Number and type: All dropped

Other bombing: # 48230

037, # 2 with high bomb damage near 5205 - 0910 E; 1125 hours

4. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on

Hand Movie

WEATHER: Hammer 10

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUREAU?

Cloud from 40000 to 21000 after takeoff

all around it Half way back from target, had large amount of clouds around us.

CONDENSATION TRAILS: sporadic contrails

95th Group

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), altitude, rate or sl. ht.	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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at Hammer, 5 on right hand near us.

Crew observations about Flak:

Each of the 7 flew like this, started down with the 3 engines flying ahead High speed on the right.

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)
 (Location and length of fight) Also saw a B-17, apparently a scout, with vertical stabilizer checked red & yellow, also a yellow K on the left wing. This guy (written after) was flying about the lead element of the High speed.
 (Tactics of E/A)
 (Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

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

P 571 - 4's & 8's, first reported 1045, good, but not many in target area

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.)

the 4th element of the low squadron peeled down & flew ahead of the group, approximately 4-5000 feet below, wearing, thought to be dropping chaff. speed out

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

we flew off early, his #137, his bombs hung up.

S-2 OFFICER Pool TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON 34734436 A/C Number 619 Letter Date 28/3/45

Bomb Load 6/500 - 4/17 H.E. Position on Formation

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed 1455

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If ITCHING 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	X

4000' High

CO2: Give rank and initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
(Give position, time, altitude, full details)
If lost, state whether O, A, E, or action,
accident or undetermined cause)
0910 B-17 ABORTED
5030N-0700E

2nd Lt. Schieb, R.K. ✓ P
 P/O. Liles, J.D. ✓ CP
 E/O. Gallacher, A.F. ✓ N
 S/Sgt. Beigel, S. ✓ B
 S/Sgt. Thach, J.C. ✓ RO
 S/Sgt. Trostle, A.A. ✓ E
 Sgt. Wright, C.J. ✓ BT
 _____ WC
 _____ WG
 Sgt. Sammons, C.L. ✓ TG

B-17 IN FRANCE ON COURSE
AT ABOUT 15,000 A C-15

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (IFF or Visual)

Primary: 3 Time: 1045
Secondary: Heading: 1410
Last Resort: Height: 27,100

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: 255°

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

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

Own Bombs: UNOBS. any Hitts: Yes 1.

Other bombing: UNOBS. Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: * 7/10 OVER TARGET HEAVY WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FR
PERSISTANT CON TRAILS. BOMBERS AS

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:
HEAVY PRES.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (Light, flare, parachute or light)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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STANDAL 1025 6 BURSIS BARRAGE OFF AT 5 O'CLOCK

5125-0415 MEAGRE - INACCURATE

Crew observations about Flak: AT 1P SAW BARRAGE
GOING UP AT TARGET 5 GUNS TO
BATT 4 BATS PUTTING UP

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(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 P-51'S IN
GOOD NUMBER
& ON TIME

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.)

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly) FEW FLACK HOLES.

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES: NO #3 ENGINE. MAG OUT. MIS-FIRES OVER 20". LEFT GUN CHIN TURRET MALFUNCTION. NOT CLEARED

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 SAME ROUTE AS IN.
LEFT FORMATION AT 5019. 0421 LEFT FORMATION & CAME BACK SHORTEST ROUTE FROM THERE.

S-2 OFFICER Walter R. Perkins TIME COMPLETED 1540.

376 F

SQUADRON # ~~16~~ 423 A/C Number 516 Letter H Date 28/3/45

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Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/117 H.E.

Position in Formation 40th "C" HIGH

Time 'took Off' 0612 Time Landed 1447

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail. B-17 376 F

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

was flying right wing to this ship remained in element until group broke up over France at 1212 hrs at 0651E - 5023N. After breakup

CREW: Give rank and initials

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

2nd Lt. Leigh, F.B. P
 2nd Lt. Ribble, J.C. CP
 2nd Lt. Heitman, E.C. N
 2nd Lt. Holscher, H.G. B
 Sgt. Conatzky, C. MO
 Sgt. Burden, D.F. E
 Sgt. Swire, A.L. ET
 Sgt. Loreland, H.S. WG
 /Sgt. Zach, R.K. TG

unheard from and unseen. When last seen ship in full control, all engines going.

TARGET ATTACKED: (IFF or Visual)

2. Primary: Time: 1045
 Secondary: Heading: 150°
 Last Resort: Height: 27,000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 260°

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

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

Own Bombs: Unobserved 10/10
 any Missiles: Yes (No)
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____
 5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on None
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: As briefed. Rendezvous at 23,000
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUREAU? No

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Moderate, persistent.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy, dense, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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None for this A/C.

Crew observations about Flak: Flak observed at Kassel and 15 minutes after target at 1100 hrs.

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:)

0955 P-51's
 Kassel area. Good
 Red, vertical fin.
 Blue 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 all 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. Just before crossing Rhine on way home at 1142 at 25,000 ft, object, unidentified, observed falling from B-17 flying in lead squadron.

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

None

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

" "

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

" "

15. CREW OCCURRENCES: (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 same way as in.

S-2 OFFICER L. C. Van Horn TIME COMPLETED _____
 Capt. A.C.

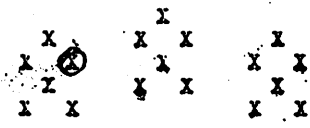
SQUADRON ~~2377~~ 23. a/c Number 376 Letter D Date 28/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/117 H.3.

Position on Formation 40th "C" HIGH

Time Took Off 0612 Time Landed _____

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



*Left formation over Drome
at A-72*

CO2: Give Rank and Initials

2nd Lt. Wilson, J.D. ✓ P

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

2nd Lt. Jones, F.E. ✓ CP

2nd Lt. Hildebrand, F.E., Jr. ✓ N

*crew + a/c O.K.
Sgt will*

Sgt. Rubano, R.R. ✓ B

S/Sgt. Becraft, C.E. ✓ RO

2. TARGET ATTACHED (IFF or Visual) :

Sgt. Hatton, A.E. ✓ P

Primary: Time: 1045

Sgt. Diffendaffer, C.A. ✓ BT

Secondary: Heading: 145

Last Resort: Height: 27000

S/Sgt. McDonough, J.E. ✓ TG

T.O.
(Circle One)
Turn off target: ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: ✓ an. Michaels: ✓ Yes ✓

Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

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

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS: ✓

3. 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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*no flak
no damage*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

left Formation at break up pt in France - short on gas - probably could have made England but pilot felt danger of low ceiling to great - landed at A 72 at 1324 hrs. - Ball turret ^(Turret) was damaged on landing - stayed with ~~comb~~ combat crews of this field - ~~597th~~ 397th Bomb Group (B-26V). Flynn control officer - very accommodating - picked up 437 Gal of gas and took off at 1158 hrs on 30th - ^(Tactics of E/A) landed at Base at 1339 hrs.

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

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

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	<u> </u>
PROBABLE	<u> </u>
DAMAGED	<u> </u>
(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)

minor damage on landing

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?)

S-2 OFFICER W. M. ... TIME COMPLETED

SQUADRON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 23 A/C Number 153 Letter _____ Date 28/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "C" HIGH

Time took off 0612 Time Landed 1459

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

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

mil.

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

- 2nd Lt. Cannon, C.N. ✓ P
- 2nd Lt. Moore, R.F. ✓ CP
- 2nd Lt. Dragoon, R.R. ✓ N
- Sgt. Vosburg, C.J., Jr. ✓ B
- /Sgt. Forey, J.F. ✓ RO
- S/Sgt. Buts, J. (MCI) ✓ E
- Sgt. Hay, H.F. ✓ ET
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- S/Sgt. Bentley, R.K. ✓ TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED (IFF or Visual)

Primary: _____ Time: 1045
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 145
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 27200
 T.O. _____
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 260

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

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

Own Bombs: units. Any Nickels: no. Yes no.
 Number and type _____
 Other bombing: _____

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: ✓

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (altitude, pressure, altitude or sight)	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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2 minutes before B.A. - several bursts very close to tow element of high - also tracking of right wing -

Crew observations about Flak: _____

Kassel - also -

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

0
 (Estimated total number of 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)

0910 hrs. - immediately after
 Crossing lines -
 red rudder - H & white stripes

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.)

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

S-2 OFFICER Murtha TIME COMPLETED _____