

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Ulm, Germany

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

1. Narrative

The 306th Group flew 36 A/C, including 2 PFF-Gee H, A/C, 1 Gee H A/C, 2 PFF A/C, as 40th "A". Assembled over A-59 at 20,000 feet instead of 18,000 feet, as briefed because of dense persistent contrails left by previous formations. Left assembly point at 0832, then south of course over Paris with bomber stream to Buncher C-1; 4808N x 0730E at 0948 hours, 23,000 feet. At 1000 hours, B-24 formation appeared on collision course out of contrails and went through low squadron, causing it to lose visual contact with lead and high and bombed separately. I.P. 4756N x 0937E, 1015 hours, 25,500 feet. Due to contrails at briefed altitude, bombed Ulm, 1027 hours, at 25,600 feet instead of 22,000 feet; 4817N x 0722E, 1109 hours, 22,600 feet; French coast 5015N x 0131E, 1250 hours, 8,000 feet; Beachy Head, 1315, 3,500 feet; Base 1410.

Buckeye White advised that formation would probably not be able to get to target, but leader could see that conditions ahead were improving and decided to go on.

Gee H equipment in lead worked satisfactorily; equipment in deputy was out. All PFF equipment worked satisfactorily.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

There was no E/A opposition on this Group.

P-51's first picked up vicinity 0628E at 0930, gave close escort in and out with exceptional support in target area despite dense contrails. Reports identify black and white nosed P-51's from 336th Fighter Squadron.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

After crossing front lines at 23,000 feet on way in, 4 to 8 bursts of tracking A.A. fire from vicinity of Freiburg at 1005 hours for 1 minute. On way out crossing enemy lines at about 1107 hours a few bursts about 2,000 feet below formation were followed by approximately 20 bursts of accurate tracking fire for 2 minutes on low squadron, damaging 5 A/C in low. Damage: Lead, 0; High, 1 slight; Low, 5 slight. Due to 10/10 cloud crossing enemy lines, no counter battery fire was observed.

4. Bombing

Lead bombed Primary by Gee H through 10/10 cloud, 1027 hours. High dropped on smoke bombs of lead. Low separated from lead by B-24 formation appearing out of contrails on collision course before I.P., made individual PFF run; dropped on PFF secondary through 10/10 cloud. Photos show no ground detail.

Our A/C 474-V, pilot Altshuler, flew and bombed with the 305th Bomb Group.

5. Nickels

A/C 604-A, dropped 2 B 151, 1 B 1, 5 G 37, and 2 F 321 on Ulm.

6. Weather

Takeoff, 4/10, 2,000 feet, increasing to 7/10 low cloud over Channel. Dense, persistent contrails from 16,000 feet at assembly point, continuing to target. 6/10 cumulus, 3,000 to 8,000 feet, 0200E to 0630E. 8/10 to 10/10 altostratus in target area with occasional breaks over France on way back. 2/10 over Channel, 9/10 over England, tops 9,000 feet on return.

7. A/C In Distress

Our A/C 804-S, pilot Bergener, had fire in #3 engine on way to assembly. Pilot dived A/C in attempt to put fire out, but was unsuccessful. On pilot's order, all crew members bailed out over France. Pilot and copilot continued efforts to put out fire, but were finally forced to bail out. Two crew members still unreported, others safe.

8. A/C Returning Early

None.

JOHN A. BAENSFACHTEL,
Major, AC,
Group 8-2.

40th 14th
LEAD

1 all VHF + Command 40 to 100
Had to bomb at 20 000
Wilke Chalfant 368-X Pff-4H

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F. Lehmann
Higgenbotham 378-D
didn't
10 000
altitude

Different
ready to
clouds.
at 20 000
altitude

Haney 616-X

Murphy 738-X Pff-4H
Ruegger 116-F

Bergener 80-S
Frank
had 1000 ft
at 20 000
altitude

Marks 129-L
3000
altitude

Schimmel* 116-X
Schafer 598-X

Daniel* 391-D
has only 2
at 20 000
altitude

Stieger 585-X
Camp
them at 20
altitude

Any
else that
w. us
version

Bunkley-

After support -
Camp - no -

Flak base all the way -

No ground battery fire
base

Akin trouble

SBO LSW
Going in over
to left
8-10 hours
out

Dowley 772-D Pff

Agosta
PF
has 1000 ft
at 20 000
altitude

Weather

to 20 000
altitude

4 - flak
3 - flak
2 - flak
2 - flak

Collins 291-X

Quincy 141-X

Dutton 624-X
575-X
Fitchback* 413-F
Hoffman 300-X

Sonab 619-X

Babin 619-X

Lonar* 713-X

on way
back over
port lines

Smith, E.R. 765-X

Fischer 287-X
2000 ft
at 20 000
altitude
back then they
bounced
away & got
very accurate

this element
is open in
but failed
in low
2000 ft
altitude

LEAD
HIGH

Willy 1545

Matsko 608-X

Bounced in
low
altitude

our
altitude

No flak
at support
horizontal

Sandercock* 816-X

Carder 962-X Pff

Dobbs 116-X

Christensen 913-X

Altmiller 471-X
bounced
with 305
altitude

McArney 928-X

Swanick 4800-E
916-X

Goock 174-V

Smith, L.J.* 604-A
(nickels)

Shirts
only

Evans 602-F

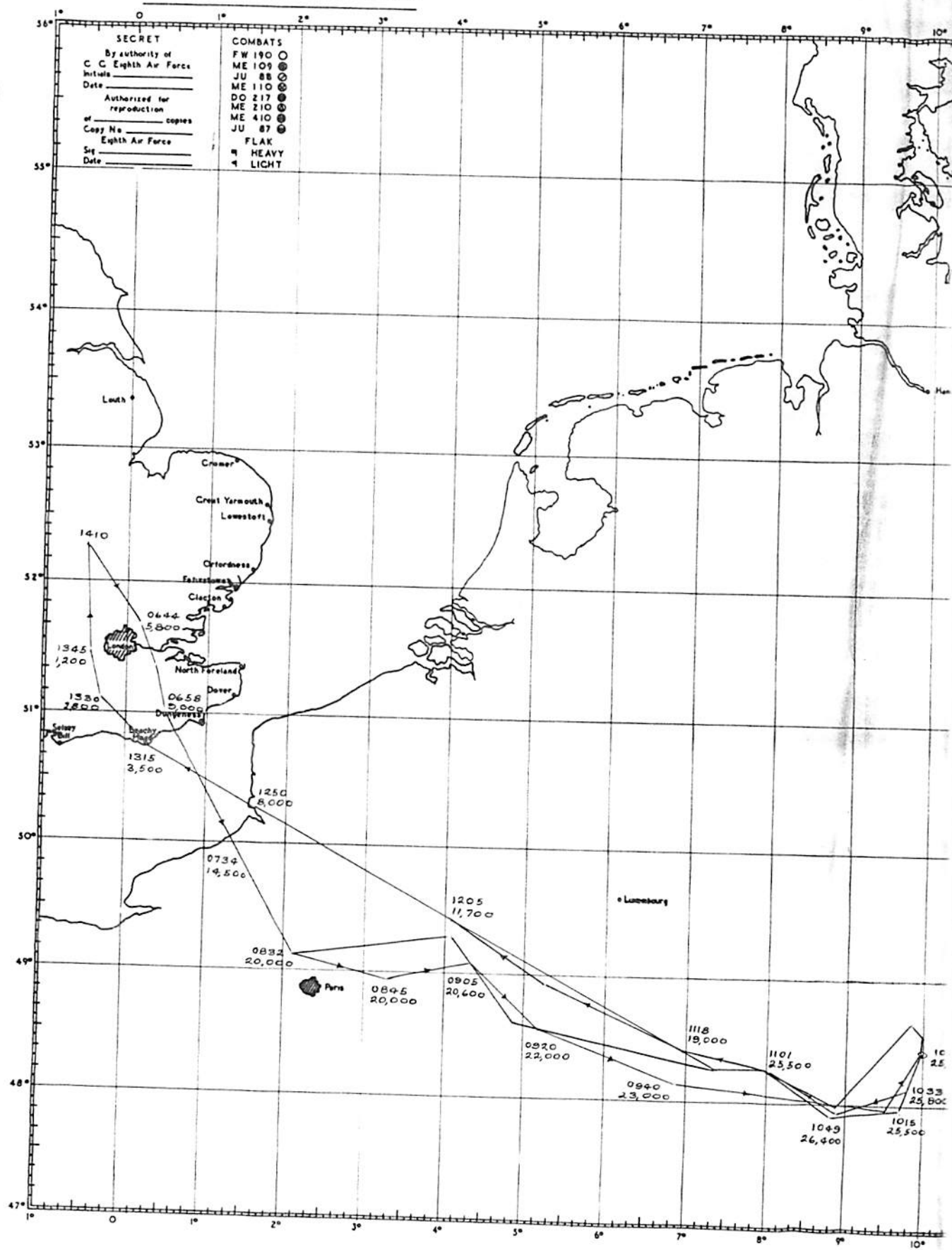
Bertshorn 628-X

checked
this is
blue tail

600-X

TRACK CHA
 DATE 4 March

TARGETS
 PRIMARY Ulm, Germany.
 G/H Primary Target - Ulm, Germany - Attacked by Lead & High Sq.
 P/F Secondary Target - Ulm, Germany - Attacked by low Sq.



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COMBATS
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 ME 110 ●
 DO 217 ●
 ME 210 ●
 ME 410 ●
 JU 87 ●
 FLAK
 ■ HEAVY
 ▲ LIGHT

SQUADRON ~~367 368 369 4~~ n/c Number 568 Letter X Date 4/3/45
 Bomb Load B/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"
 Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed _____ 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

Had no transmitters of any kind. Could receive but not send.

CRDL: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether b. A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)
B-24's came through formation-control. This group was 6 mis. S. of target - 4 mis. early.

- Captain Wilke, L.A. P
- Lt. Col. Chalfant, J.A. CP
- 2nd Lt. Wolffe, H.D. N
- 2nd Lt. Gorrell, D.H. B
- T/Sgt. Tutman, E.H. RO
- S/Sgt. Watson, J.E. E
- 2nd Lt. Kuhn, E.C. R. Nav.
- S/Sgt. Brooks, E.E. W
- 2ND LT. G. CAMPBELL T.G.
- 2nd Lt. Larson, V.C. NAV

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)
 GEE H Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 030
 Last Resort: Height: 25,600
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: to 015

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:
 Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: *Gee H operator thinks it was good run - Mackay concurs.* An. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type _____
 Other Bombing:
 5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: *Solid low cloud in target area + overcast of France - haze.*
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D ETC BUCKEYER? *White - a diamond could get into target to bomb, but could not see it as low as it had been.*

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Dense persistent 78,000 - 25,000*
Indyous 20,000

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and Group Identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

Splinter 6 - 0658 - 9500
A-57 - 0802 - 20,000
Paris
Rhine 0948 - 23,000
4808 - 0730
I.P. 4758 - 0937 - 1015 km - 25,500
T.

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast Rhine 1109 - 4817 - 0722 km - 22,600
Coast 1250 km. SWIT, 0131E - 8,000
2. Was Course as Briefed? _____
If not, describe course in detail Bomb - 1410
3. Time and Place of crossing Enemy Coast _____
4. Time over Target _____
Altitude over Target _____
Position of Group on bomb run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb run _____
Duration Bomb run _____
5. Time of Landing at Base _____
If landed away from base before return state where and _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sq2 OFFICER _____

SQUADRON 44th A/C Number 116 Letter T Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/117 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 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

Yell "A" lead

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 2

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)

<u>1st Lt. Ruegger, J.G.</u>	P
<u>2nd Lt. Minnick, H.C.</u>	CP
<u>F/O. Thomas, G.L.</u>	N
<u>S/Sgt. Tangston, H.R.</u>	B
<u>Sgt. McGuire, A.C., Jr.</u>	RO
<u>Sgt. Leavitt, S.R.</u>	E
<u>Sgt. Upthegrove, E. (EMI)</u>	BT
<u>Sgt. Rubano, R.R.</u>	WG
<u>S/Sgt. Walczak, G.W.</u>	TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1030

Secondary: Heading: 10°

Last Resort: Height: 25400

T.O. (Circle One) 2°

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: _____ Am. Nickels: Yes N

Other Bombing: See Run on lead Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: P.P. contrails from 18000' wisper all way in to target at 26000 still in contrails

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

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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T.O. Reported 2 bursts low - just start of target

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 447th A/C Number 238 Letter X Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/M7 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A" LEAD

Time took Off 0629 Time Landed 1430

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

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

CIDG: Give Rank and Initials

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

Captain, Murphy, J.A.	P
2nd Lt. Lord, F.T., Jr.	CP
F/O. Meyer, C.R.	N
2nd Lt. Jeffersoh, L.U.	B
S/Sgt. Chestnut, N.R.	RO
S/Sgt. Anderson, H.E.	E
2nd Lt. Kichincoe, T.N.	#WAR.Nav.
S/Sgt. Kimsey, T.E.	WG
S/Sgt. Seegar, R.C.	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 10:29
 Secondary: Heading: 087-00-0
 Last Resort: Height: 20,000
 T.O. P.A.: 20,000
 (Circle One) Turn off target: 245

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 12

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10ths - cumulus - cirrus
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKINYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Heavy - seen - persistent

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 447 A/C Number 397 Letter O Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1458

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

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

40th "A" Lead

CIGL: Give Rank and Initials 4

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

- 2nd Lt. Daniel, R.W. P
- 2nd Lt. Paisley, D.C. CP
- F/O. Key, G.W. N
- 2nd Lt. Flora, F.L. B
- Sgt. Hitchcock, R.H. RO
- Sgt. Williamson, H.L. E
- S/Sgt. Adams, J.S. BT
- S/Sgt. Frank, I.I. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Title: 10282
 Secondary: Heading: 030°
 Last Resort: Height: 26,000

T.O. (Circle One) 2-450
 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 No
 Other Bombing: Number and type 8/500
4/107

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10282 also
Strato-Cumulus - Tumbling - NOT FRONT
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Blue persistent heavy at 20000 - down at 10000 also

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>None</u>						

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON ~~0401000000~~ A/C Number 418 Letter J Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 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 "A" Lead

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 5

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

- 1st Lt. MacDonald, W.A. P
- 2nd Lt. Cheney, D.G. CP
- 2nd Lt. Hildebrand, F.B., Jr. M
- 2nd Lt. Prescott, J.B. B
- Sgt. Furlong, T.V. RO
- Sgt. Cory, R.E. E
- Sgt. Lindsay, R.W. ET
- Sgt. Blucher, E.L. TO

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 102.9
Secondary: Heading: 027 mag
Last Resort: Height: 25000 ft.
T.O. (Circle One)
Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: Not observed Any Nichols: Yes Ik
Other bombing: 10/10/45 at 24,000! Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on Hand Movie
assembly not good

6. WEATHER: 10/10/45 at 24,000' in target WHAT MESSAGES REC'D WRC BUCKEYE?

Clouds lots. Not enough flares?
CONDENSATION TRAILS: Very persistent and led from rendezvous to target and back to France

7. 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 on us at all.

Crew observations about Flak: Saw a few odd bursts (4 & 5) ahead just before target, that about on home.

Flares formed above contrails

SQUADRON ~~44TH~~ A/C Number 585 Letter K Date 4/3/45
 Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/ML7 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 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	

Lead

CRM: Give Rank and Initials C

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

2nd Lt. Steiger, C.L.	P	✓
2nd Lt. Moore, R.W.	CP	✓
2nd Lt. Drago, E.R.	N	✓
2nd Lt. Jones, D.E.	E	✓
Sgt. Forgy, J.F.	RO	✓
Sgt. Roth, C.A.	E	
Sgt. Hays, H.F.	BT	
Sgt. Hays, R.W. (Jan)	BT	
Sgt. Rial, H.W.	TG	

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1030
 Secondary: Heading: 035
 Last Resort: Height: 25000
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 235

(did not go on mission in this ship)
~~Sgt. Hays, R.W. (Jan)~~

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

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

Own Bombs: any Nickels: Yes N
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: Dense, heavy persistent
contrails - crossed lines at 20000. at
25000 just before 2-P.
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

*Found flak on way in - 3 bursts. 277
 to left at 0952*

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~REDACTED~~ A/C Number 578 Letter F Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time took Off 0629 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th A
Lead

CRW.: Give Rank and Initials

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

- 2nd Lt. Higginbotham, V.E. P ✓
- 2nd Lt. Verdick, H.A. CP ✓
- F/O. Levinstone, L. N ✓
- F/O. Streeter, T.E. B ✓
- Rueschhoff
- Sgt. ~~REDACTED~~, P.H. RO ✓
- T/Sgt. Davis, W.A. E ✓
- Sgt. Roberts, E.F. BT ✓
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. Bauck, R.T. TG ✓

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual) GH

Primary: _____ Time: 1028'
 Secondary: _____ Heading: 022
 Last Resort: _____ Height: 25200
 T.O. _____
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 240°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 7/11 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? _____ Has camera turned on _____
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 10/10 ground up. Red in clouds
24000
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: dense persis

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>0952</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

1000-0630-083 — Range incorrect
 flak 4801 0800 See fix 1 min after — Freiburg
 225 knots 20 bursts

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ # A/C Number 129 Letter I Date 4/3/45

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

Time took Off 0629 Time Landed _____

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

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

*40th "A"
Lead*

Crew: Give Rank and Initials

- 2nd Lt. Marks, R. P *OK*
- 2nd Lt. Gary, E.R. CP
- 2nd Lt. Pappas, J.S. N
- Sgt. Hammer, J. B
- Sgt. Searles, W.D. RO
- Sgt. Baughman, M.S. E
- Sgt. Baker, J.A. BT
- _____ WG
- _____ WG
- Sgt. Harrison, R.L. TG

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)

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1029
 Secondary: Heading: 30
 Last Resort: Height: 25300

T.O.
 (Circle One) 245
 Turn off target: all

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ an. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type _____
 Other Bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: cloudy 6/10, 8000 ft to assembly Reverous.
 From assembly at 10/10 target 10/10.
 on way back nearly 1910 in Eng. very hazy.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: see Dense contrails at 18000 from
 England to assembly. all the way in + out. Contrails
 caused difficulty in making rendezvous.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>Target</u>	<u>None</u>					

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 *4474000* # *4* A/C Number *804* Letter *S* Date *4/3/45*
 Bomb Load *8/500 - 4/107* H.E. Position in Formation *40th "A"*

Time Took Off *0629* 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

#3 engine caught fire on way to assembly, couldn't put fire out. engine ~~halted~~ and pilot bailed out. Have all reported in except 2.

CIER: Give Rank and Initials *9*

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

- 2nd Lt. Bergener, W.N.* P
- P/O. Murr, G.E.* CP
- 2nd Lt. Connelly, R.E.* N
- Sgt. Vale, J.A.* B
- Sgt. Edwards, J.C.* RO
- Sgt. Boylan, P.J.* E
- Sgt. Hey, H.E.* BT
- Sgt. Crane, J.P.* TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Title: _____
 Secondary: Heading: _____
 Last Resort: Height: _____
 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: *Still in plane when* An. Nichols: Yes No
 Other bombing: *Pilot left.* Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? 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.

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

OVER for details

OVER

SQUADRON 367 368 369 423, A/C Number 804 Letter S Date 4 Mar 45

Bomb Load _____ H.E. _____ Position and Formation _____

Time Take-Off _____ Time Landed _____

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

Handwritten: Round file 4/4/45

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

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)

Bergener P
F/O MARR, G.E. CP
2nd LT. CONNALLY, RE N
Sgt. VALE, J.A. B
Sgt. EDWARDS, J.C. RO
Sgt. BOYLAN, P.J. E
Sgt HEY, H.E. BT
Sgt CRANE, J.P. TG

TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

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

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

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

Own Bombs: _____
 Other Bombing: _____
 an, Nickels: Yes No
 Number and type _____

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

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

6. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

7. 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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated total number of E/A seen) N. Raven (T.O.S) Bailed out 745;
When Engine was burning [approx 800 hrs]
(Location and altitude of fight)
Co-pilot gave 1 hell three 3 shots (Bail out)
(Pup to bail out) (Bail out)
Crew tested landing gear - T.O., B.T., R.C., Toggle,
Eng, Nav, Etc., Co. Pilot - Pilot later
(Tactics of E/A)

Crew, T.O., taken to camp for sprained ankle.
First night enemy shot at B + Pilot got together
(Color, markings, etc. of E/A) Yvetate
at an army camp near Raven (Yvetate)

10. FIGHTER SIGHTS: (Include time, place, and color markings)
Got T.O. next day (B.T.) and com
back to Yvetate + were killed
There. Both got transportation by
A/C to Brington from LeHanne
arrived Brington 1600

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

11. OBSERVATIONS: (Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT, (List all 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.)

Called up ops. 7. saw over 7th + picked up in B.T?
Bail to base approx 1100 hrs.

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

Crew member were interrogated by 5-2 comms-intel.

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)
at Yvetate on arrival.

14. TECHNICAL FEEDBACK:

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?)

3-2 OFFICER More TIME COMPLETED 1530 7/3/45

SQUADRON 5678901234 A/C Number 616 Letter Y Date 4/3/45
 Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed _____
 1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No X
X X X X
X X X X
X X X X
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail. 40th "A" Lead

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 10

Friendly A/C in Distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details) F/O. Bard, R.M. CP
 If lost, state whether by A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause) 2nd Lt. McGough, L.B. N

2nd Lt. Holscher, R.G. B
Sgt. Dowd, J.V. RO

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)
 Primary: Time: 1029 S/Sgt. Lewis, W.I. E

Secondary: Heading: 030 S/Sgt. Persac, L.J., Jr. BT

Last Resort: Height: 24900 WG

T.O. (Circle One) WG
 Turn off target: 245 Sgt. Olson, W.H. TG

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 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
			<u>Cloud lines way</u>		<u>one burst</u>	

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON *2601/344/260* 33 A/C Number *598* Letter *C* Date *4/3/45*

Bomb Load *8/500 - 4/M7* H.E. Position in Formation *40th "A"*

Time Took Off *0629* Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "A" Lead

CREW: Give Rank and Initials *11*

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

- 2nd Lt. Schafer, E.W. P
- 2nd Lt. Hostetter, H.C. CP
- 2nd Lt. Heitman, E.C. N
- 2nd Lt. Hillabrand, R.G. B
- Sgt. Whitener, C.A. RO
- S/Sgt. Morrison, K.D. E
- S/Sgt. Hurd, J.C. BT
- S/Sgt. Strawn, W.E. WG
- S/Sgt. Lewis, U.J. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1028 hrs*
 Secondary: Heading: *029 mag*
 Last Resort: Height: *24900*
 T.O. (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: *Not observed - 10/10 hits* any, Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: *Mostly 10/10ths all way to closed on way back from target to British England. Saw holes at times*
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? *No*

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Heavy persistent from about 17,000 to 20,000 - made rendezvous higher than briefed by 1000*

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Saw 3 or 4 bursts just aft the front lines about 4815 - 0738
 Crew observations about Flak: *prestage fire*

SQUADRON ~~207~~ 23 A/C Number 516 Letter MIKE Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - #107 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1430

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

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

40th "A"
Lead

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 12

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

- 2nd Lt. Schimmel, V.R. P ✓
- 2nd Lt. Snobble, J.K. CP ✓
- 2nd Lt. Casey, D.J. N ✓
- 2nd Lt. Cooper, K. (NMI) B ✓
- T/Sgt. Courtright, E.W. RO ✓
- T/Sgt. de Seve, N.W. E ✓
- S/Sgt. Bishop, E.L. BT ✓
- S/Sgt. Bentley, R.K. WG ✓
- S/Sgt. Demetra, R.L. (Jammar) JG ✓
- S/Sgt. McDonough, J.E. TG ✓

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1028
Secondary: Heading: 030
Last Resort: Height: 24,900
 T.O. 245
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

- T/Sgt. de Seve, N.W. E ✓
- S/Sgt. Bishop, E.L. BT ✓
- S/Sgt. Bentley, R.K. WG ✓
- S/Sgt. Demetra, R.L. (Jammar) JG ✓
- S/Sgt. McDonough, J.E. TG ✓

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

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

Own Bombs: Art. Nickels: Yes (X)
 Other Bombing: Number and type 87500
4/11/45

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10ths - smoke WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM
Clouds - building up BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: sluggish - dense profuse

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON # 369 n/c Number 772 Letter Date 4/3/45

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

Time took Off 0629 Time Landed

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

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

40th "A"
Low

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 13

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

1st Lt. Bowley, A.J.	P
2nd Lt. Moore, V.	CP
F/O. Kurrasch, R.W.	N
2nd Lt. Good, G.D.	B
T/Sgt. Carey, G.D.	RO
T/Sgt. Wood, M.D.	E
2nd Lt. Brandt, E.R.	R, Nav
Sgt. Slepicka, C.E.	WG
	WG
Sgt. Weber, G.A.	TG

*B-24's were coming out when this formation was going in
 0800' E-4810' or collision course. Done contacts
 (near contact) Point 2*

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1031
 PFF Secondary: Heading: 10°
 Last Resort: Height: 24300

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

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 4 + 2 I.B. Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive: 4 + 2 near last resort - 1045 - visual

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

Own Bombs: Smoke bombs went out 1st time, so rest of An. Nichols: Yes No
Sgt. should have bombed on ULM.

Other Bombing: Straight PFF run. Made separate run because last lead in Number and type
contacts.

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

6. WEATHER: D 10/10 at target, practically 0/10 at lines WHAT MESSAGES REC'D WRC
 BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: None persistent from branches to target and back across A-57
lines. - Couldn't see any at brief altitude

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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0805E, 4812N - (Midway fix) - 4 or 6 gun battery - very accurate tracking.
 0700E, 4800N - going in - tracking (uncertain)

Crew observations about Flak:

Sowley

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION FORM FOR GROUP AND SINGLE AIRCRAFT

(check one)

GROUP LEADER _____ *Engstrom 2716*

HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____ *Schuster 8-0714*

LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____ *A-59 - 0836*

PLANE WITH OTHER GROUP _____

(Indicate Group and Group Identification)

SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____ *I.P. 1017*

_____ *T. 1031*

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast _____ *5013-0138-1208*

_____ *Sowley/Kel - 1338*

_____ *Bone 1444*

2. Was Course as Briefed? _____

If not, describe course in detail _____

3. Time and place of crossing Enemy Coast _____

4. Time over Target _____

Altitude over Target _____

Position of Group on Bomb Run _____

Magnetic Heading of Bomb Run _____

Duration Bomb Run _____

5. Time of Landing at Base _____

If landed away from base before return state where and why _____

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sg2 _____

SQUADRON ~~888 888~~ 369.1 A/C Number 181 Letter B Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E.

Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1503

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes (10)
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special forms in detail.

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

40th "A" low

Crew: Give Rank and Initials 17

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

- 1st Lt. Chancey, J.L. P
- 2nd Lt. Cation, J.L. CP
- F/O. Dickerson, C.G. N
- 2nd Lt. Hull, M.B. B
- T/Sgt. Brown, B.M. RO
- T/Sgt. Duggan, C.E. E
- S/Sgt. Bowman, J.E. BT
- Sgt. Smith, L.L. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1032
 Secondary: Heading: 010°M.
 Last Resort: Height: 24,400
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 an. Nickels: Yes
 Number and type _____

Other bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: Ready, hit dense con to WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
for 17 to 18,500'. ready at 19,000'
to 19,500 clear to him then con to the 10/10 -

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: 15- after first hit below con to 20,000' - indistinct to 0200 E - 3/4/10 channel -

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>Front line</u>				<u>Tracking</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 000 000 31 A/C Number 297 Letter N Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load B/500 - 4/ML7 H.E. Position on Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1451

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

*Gold "A"
Low*

CIGL: Give Rank and Initials 15

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

- 2nd Lt. Collins, J.E. P
- F/O. Christensen, R.H. CP
- F/O. Geyser, R.P. N
- Sgt. Eudy, J.E. B
- Sgt. McElmon, F.M. RO
- S/Sgt. Moody, B.S. E
- Sgt. Dedmon, H.E. BT
- Sgt. Galuska, H.J. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1032

Secondary: Heading: 008

Last Resort: Height: 24500

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 335

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nichols: Yes No
 Number and type

Other Bombing:

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: dense persistent 20000 to 23000

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

Crew observations about Flak: CP #1 in and CP #2 out.
meagre tracking accurate coming out.
meagre

SQUADRON ~~24TH~~ 369 A/C Number 713 Letter Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/M/7 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1449

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

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

40th "A"
four

CIR: Give Rank and Initials 16

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

2nd Lt. Lomar, A.A.	P
F/O. Walton, A.P.	CP
F/O. Sandler, I.J.	N
T/Sgt. Galyath, J.	B
Sgt. Ferrell, L.R.	RO
Sgt. Mallek, J.W.	E
Sgt. Crapvou, R.G.	BT
S/Sgt. Bidwell, W.G. (Jammer)	WX
_____	WG
Sgt. Bedsole, W.B.	TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Title: 1032
 Secondary: Heading: 007
 Last Resort: Height: 24,250
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 335

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

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

Own Bombs: 10/10 any Nickels: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 - cloudy. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D WRC BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: some persistent at channel all way to 0600 E out + let down.

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
0952	at base of chimney				3 gun battery - 4 out - 2 burst 2 gun battery + 1-4 gun battery	

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~369~~ 369 A/C Number 287 Letter Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load B/500 - 4/M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed

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

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

40th "A" Lead

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 17

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

- 2nd Lt. Fisher, C.E. P
- 2nd Lt. Pengra, W.J. CP
- 2nd Lt. Graham, R. N
- 2nd Lt. Sebastian, D. B
- Sgt. Gordish, W. RO
- Sgt. Mullins, W.L. E
- Sgt. Jones, J.Z. BT
- WG
- WG
- Sgt. James, C. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1031 hr
- Secondary: Heading: 010 mag
- Last Resort: Height: 23 000 ft
- 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: not observed an. Nichols: Yes No
- Other Bombing: Number and type

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

Hand Movie

6. WEATHER: Contrails and clouds over WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

Contrail force 1000 ft high

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: the mixed altitude - Route mostly covered by haze - also contrails - all way lead out to enemy line

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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no flak at target. But did get slight to moderate very occasional tracking

Crew observations about Flak: (4804-0830 E) O/R fix - Saw 200 bursts about -

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) _____

15x

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

P51s at 0921 hr (4815N-0725E)
 Very good top and bottom coverage. D/R

CLAIMS	
DESTROYED	1
PROBABLE	0
DAMAGED	0

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

Easy to follow as we because of contrail they made

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
 few holes

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 formation...
 right after we crossed line and made right turn.
 they were on way home, we were on way to target.
 S-2 OFFICER Capt. [Signature] REFORMED before bombing -

SQUADRON ~~267~~ ~~268~~ 369 a/c Number 765 Letter Date 4/3/45
 Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/M17 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time took Off 0629 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

Yell "A" low

CIGAR: Give Rank and Initials 18

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. Smith, E.R. P
- 2nd Lt. Peckham, W.T. CP
- F/O. Sopinski, H.J. N
- 2nd Lt. Cooper, M.D. B
- Sgt. Brown, R.L. RO
- Sgt. Lynn, S.D. E
- Sgt. Michel, J.E. BT
- Sgt. McGov. J.W. WG
- Sgt. Moxen, H. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1031.5
 Secondary: Heading: D10
 Last Resort: Height: 2400

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

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

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

Own Bombs: Not observed an. Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: 18/10 Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Contrails and clouds over WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
Trace made re beginning low

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Contrails intermingled all way in
and out - "nearly mixed up with B-24"

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 in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Slight to moderate accurate
around Fiesing area on way home - mostly targeting

Crew observations about Flak: No other

SQUADRON 367TH A/C Number 515 Letter Date 4/3/45
 Bomb Load 8/500 L/M17 H.B. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed
 1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes No
 If DITCHING hold crew and fill out special form in detail.

CHK: Give Rank and Initials 19

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. Patten, J.L. P
- 2nd Lt. Mitchell, F.W. GP
- 2nd Lt. Lomas, R.A. N
- 2nd Lt. David, G.W. B
- T/Sgt. Proozinski, W.J. RO
- Sgt. Hansen, M.C. E
- Sgt. Stetler, R.F. BT
- S/Sgt. Beach, J.G. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Title: 1032
 Secondary: Heading: 10
 Last Resort: Height: 24470

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 290

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

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

Own Bombs: any Nickels: Yes No
 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: Permitted, dense, contrails.

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

Time	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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From Freiburg - merges, accurate, tracking
duration 2-4 min. at 1120.

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)

Excellent - all the way. P-51's. Dived up at 4830-0530 at 0927.

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

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly)

24 holes

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?)

High element left Sqdn. at 4800-0812 at 0950 to J.P. where caught up with them. Sqdn. had gone to clouds & turned therefor we lost & caught them again on intercept at 2.P. joined Sqdn. again at 1023.

S-2 OFFICER Schuster TIME COMPLETED _____

SQUADRON 367 ~~367~~ *367* A/C Number 302 Letter Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed

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

CIA: Give Rank and Initials 20

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

- 2nd Lt. Hoffman, R.S. P
- 2nd Lt. Koser, K. CP
- 2nd Lt. Baron, I. N
- Sgt. Hernandez, H. B
- Sgt. McCarthy, V.D. RO
- Sgt. Schuster, T.C. E
- Sgt. Elder, N.R. BT
- Sgt. Bressler, R.L. WGV
- Sgt. Wright, V. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1032

Secondary: Heading: 120

Last Resort: Height: 24,000

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 350

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

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

Own Bombs: all on low ld. An. Nichols: Yes

Other Bombing: one Mc bombed RR 1048 - 2400 - 24,500 - went in 5 formations Number and type

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: RR Rendes to 11P. had to paint

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home. Could only see wing wing on target - bombing run. Could see lead ship at P.A.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, moderate or slight)	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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over lines - back over lines - 8-10 bursts in
more on way out

Crew observations about Flak: Close

SQUADRON 367 ~~0000000000~~ A/C Number 412 Letter Date 4/8/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position - n Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 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 "A" Lead

Crew: Give Name and Initials 2)

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

- 2nd Lt. Pinchback, J.A. P
- 2nd Lt. Hartman, E.L. CP
- F/O. Burke, W.T. N
- Sgt. Yehoda, A. B
- Sgt. Stehle, J.M. RO
- Sgt. Stout, R.L. E
- Sgt. Dooley, W.A. BT
- WG
- WG
- Sgt. Dunn, J.L. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PF) or Visual

Primary: Time: 1032

Secondary: Heading: 30°

Last Resort: Height: 24000

T.O.
 (Circle One)

Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: An. Nickels: Yes No

Other Bombing: Number and type

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

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: dense 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 Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1005</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: at lines. 20 bursts.
In & out
meagre tracking, recurrent out

SQUADRON # 367 A/C Number 143 Letter ? Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/M18 H.E. Position - n Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1453

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

CMBL: Give Rank and Initials 22

Friendly A/C in distress: 2nd Lt. Tinkham, C.P. P
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details) 2nd Lt. Grumbles, E.W. CP
 If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undetermined cause)

- 2nd Lt. Burwick, B. N
- Sgt. Vickroy, J.G. B
- Sgt. Guttentburg, D.E. RO
- Sgt. White, L.P. E
- Sgt. Motisi, F.L. BT
- Sgt. Hesser, R.L. KG
- Sgt. Gilmore, M.F., Jr. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1032
 Secondary: Heading: 007
 Last Resort: Height: 24600

T.O. (Circle One) 3000 - 220 after 100 N. target
 Turn off target:

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

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

Own Bombs: an. Nickels: Yes (X)
 Other Bombing: Number and type 12

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? has camera turned on. x10
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 10/10ths - cumulus - after freedom of avant 9/10ths
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D OR BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: heavy dense - 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
<u>None</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: NEAR FACTORY CR - 1005 bursts - high & close - 400 ft - 0730 E

SQUADRON ~~297~~ ~~297~~ 369 A/C Number 619 Letter S Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1448

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	

40th "A"
Low

CHIEF: Give Rank and Initials 23

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

- 2nd Lt. Eabin, A.L. P
- 2nd Lt. McGuff, G.J. CP
- 2nd Lt. Glemetson, D.S. N
- 2nd Lt. Johnson, F.B. B
- Sgt. Deutsch, H.P. RO
- Sgt. Ferguson, W.L. E
- Sgt. Phillippi, L.F. BT
- Sgt. Zamiska, R.J. WJ
- S/ Sgt. Tulcus, W. (Janmer) WJ
- Sgt. Bickerl, T.J. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1032
 Secondary: Heading: 003°
 Last Resort: Height: 23600

T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 825°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 21 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: an. Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and time

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Was camera turned on
 Hand Movie didn't work!!! Right

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Contrails caused difficulty. 15000 on up to alt.

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>1000 in</u>						
<u>1113 out</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: Over lines in + out.
Going over very meagre + accurate tracking.
21200 going over 20500 coming back
Coming back meagre, accurate, tracking

9. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

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

(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 - all over.

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.)

Controls + miss formations confirmed everything

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

13. DAMAGE TO A/C: (briefly)

Top of right inboard -- #3 + #4 nacelle

14. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

Could have come in some single ships pulling off & coming in successfully

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

Had no idea... but France for our diversion good idea.

SQUADRON *447* A/C Number *819* Letter *Q* Date *4/3/45*

Bomb Load *8/500 - 4/127* H.E. Position in Formation *40th "A"*

Time Took Off *0629* 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

40th "A" Low

CREW: Give Rank and Initials *24*

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. Schieb, R.K. P
F/O. Lyles, J.D. CP
F/O. Gallagher, A.F. N
2nd Lt. Birkenmeier, A.T. B
Sgt. Thach, J.O. RO
Sgt. Trostie, R.A. E
Sgt. Wright, C.L. BT
Sgt. Frost, J.C. WG
Sgt. Sammons, C.L. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *10'32"*
 Secondary: Heading: *003*
 Last Resort: Height: *24,300'*
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: *17* Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

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

Own Bombs: *17* an. Nichols: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: *Ready. 1500 feet higher from 17500 upto 18,500.* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *Pair 1900 Thi at 230 E, Pair - all way. Done.*

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
<i>0950</i>	<i>at 4835N 0705E</i>	<i>meager</i>	<i>Tracking</i>	<i>Yes</i>		
<i>4822N</i>	<i>0703E</i>	<i>meager</i>	<i>out</i>			

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~368~~ ~~XXXXX~~ A/C Number 008 Lett Y Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8 x 500 1 smoke H.E.

Position in Formation

Time took Off 0629 Time Landed 1420

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

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

40th "A" flight

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 25

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

- Capt. R.G. Matzke P
- Capt. L.B. Dorich CP
- 1st Lt. C.R. Rubenstein N
- 1st Lt. R.H. Thayer B
- S/Sgt. J.J. Reilly RO
- T/Sgt. D.G. Smith *Eng*
- Sgt. M.W. Zahn WG
- S/Sgt. E.L. Crawford TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1028

Secondary: Heading: 030

Last Resort: Height: 25,500

T.O. (Circle One)

Turn off target: 000°

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

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

Own Bombs: 1910 an. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 2,000' higher on assembly. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES
nothing from Buckeyes

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

Dense pers. from 20,000' up to 25,000'
from Paris on
 8. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>0949 - cont.</u>	<u>Pt. #1-6 - 3.9</u>	<u>(4810 N 0727)</u>	<u>Meager</u>	<u>In the clouds -</u>		<u>Yes</u>

Crew observations about Flak: _____

ADDITIONAL ENTRY FORM FOR 12. GROUP AND SQUADRON LEAD AIRCRAFT

(check one)
GROUP LEADER _____
HIGH SQUADRON LEADER _____
LOW SQUADRON LEADER _____
FLARE WITH OTHER GROUP _____
(Indicate Group and group identification)
SINGLE AIRCRAFT _____

1. Time and Place of crossing English Coast Hastings at 0745
1319 at Iscahy Head
2. Was Course as Briefed? F.P. 1016 - So. y Course
if not, describe course in detail from 0300 E to 0800 E, then west
to F.P. on course out.
3. Time and Place of crossing English Coast 0800 - on course
1251 - 5013 N 0133.
4. Time over Target 1028
Altitude over Target 25500
Position of Group on bomb run _____
Magnetic Heading of Bomb run 030
Duration Bomb run _____
5. Time of Landing at Base 142
If landed away from base before return state where and why
Grappin Woodhouse - PFF

DATE _____ TIME _____ Sqr OFFICER _____
 3:50 AM 3:50 x 117
 280 x 500
 280 x 500
 280 x 500
 140 x 117 I.S.15

SQUADRON 368 ~~368~~ ~~368~~ ~~368~~ A/C Number 148 Letter _____ Date 4/3/45
 Bomb Load 4 x M17 H.E. _____ Position in Formation _____

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed _____

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

40th "A" High

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

CMB: Give Rank and Initials 26

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

- 2nd Lt. G.L. Dobbs P
- P/O E. Efland CP
- 1st Lt. J.T. Dobkowski N
- S/Pgt. R.H. Norheim B
- Sgt. R. Awe RO
- Sgt. R.J. Barnes E
- Sgt. R.M. Fairchild BT
- Sgt. O.K. Hess TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: T.O. 10:15
 Secondary: Heading: 25
 Last Resort: Height: 20,000
 T.O. (Circle One) 2000 above
 Turn off target: _____

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

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

Own Bombs: _____ any Hiccups: Yes
 Other Bombing: _____ Number and type 1/2

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on X/2
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 10/1000 clouds 10/1000
cumulus cirrus 10/1000
clear
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: lots of vapor trails

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak: correctly observed
near burning aircraft

SQUADRON 267368 10 23X A/C Number 362 Letter L Date 1/3/45
 Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.S. 4 x 107 Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed _____

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

40th A
 High

CIDR: Give Rank and Initials 27

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

- 2nd Lt. W.D. Gardner P
 2nd Lt. A.V. Mura CP
 2nd Lt. M.F. Hepple N
 2nd Lt. L.F. Campbell B
 S/Sgt. L.N. Goldman RO
 T/Sgt. R.W. Circle E
 P/O L.W. Burley RN
 Sgt. R.F. Dickson RO
 Sgt. R.A. Prigg TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1035 1/2
 Secondary: Heading: 030
 Last Resort: Height: 25900
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 243

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 No
 Other bombing: Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: 10/10 all the way with occasional breaks. 11000 at 18000 at Randy nose, about 25000 in target area. Some cumulus clouds forming back about 2330 E became about 3/10. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: tops 10000, to inside of channel - 6-7/10 from there back to base

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

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON *267X368 267X421X* A/C NUMBER *916* Letter *N* Date *4/3/45*

Bomb Load *8 x 500* H.E. Position in Formation

Time Took Off *0629* Time Landed *1430*

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

40th High

	X	X	X	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 *28*

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. B.L. Swango P
- 2nd Lt. W.C. Davenport CP
- 2nd Lt. R.L. LeKashman N
- 2nd Lt. H.D. McTague B
- S/Sgt. W.T. Moss RO
- T/Sgt. W.J. Schultz E
- Sgt. J.F. Martinez BT
- Sgt. R.A. Schuberg WG
- Sgt. R. Pekofake TG V

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: *1025*
 Secondary: Heading: *031*
 Last Resort: Height: *25, 280*

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: *010*

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

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

Own Bombs: *all* Am. Nickels: Yes
 Other Bombing: Number and type: *1*

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

6. WEATHER: *10/10ths - all over* WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?
may - occasional waves.

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: *heavy, dense - persistent*
"short line run"

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<i>US 15th - 0800 - 0915 hrs. short</i>						
<i>few bursts - due NE of STRAS BOURG</i>						

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 441368 2 421 A/C Number 028 Letter O Date 4/3/45
 Bomb Load 8 x 500 H.E. Position in Formation
4 x M17
 Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1445

*40th A
7/6/45*

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 |

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 27

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.T. Hartshorn P
- 2nd Lt. E.E. Hunt CP
- 2nd Lt. R.W. Haining N
- S/Sgt. P.J. Hannum E
- S/Sgt. L.J. McDonald RO
- S/Sgt. M.L. Blakey E
- Sgt. E. Conrad BT
- Sgt. W.O. Jacobson WG
- Sgt. A.B. Leavell TG
- Sgt. J.H. Shacklett SJ

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)
- Primary: Time: 1028
 Secondary: Heading: 030
 Last Resort: Height: 26,600
 T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 249 *all*

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

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

Own Bombs: Any Nickels: Yes (in)
 Other Bombing: Number and type 8/170
4/1717

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? Has camera turned on NO/E
 Hand _____ Movie _____

6. WEATHER: 10/11ths - Cumulus -
20% of clouds at 15000
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Very heavy contrails - dense - persistent.

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

Title	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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NO/E AT TARGET

Crew observations about Flak: _____

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See ABOUT 2000ft - Account

SQUADRON ~~BOX 368 BOX 230~~ A/C Number 802 Letter _____ Date 4/3/45

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

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed _____

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

*th A
40 High*

CITE: Give Rank and Initials 30

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

- 1st Lt. L.A. Evans P
- 2nd Lt. D.L. McGinnis CP
- 2nd Lt. J.E. Shook N
- S/Sgt. L. A. Ittle B
- S/Pgt. W.M. Williams RO
- S/Pgt. R.F. John E
- Sgt. A.J. Conroy BT
- Sgt. R. N. Litka NG
- Sgt. H. Williams TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (FFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1027
 Secondary: Heading: 027
 Last Resort: Height: 25,500

T.O. (Circle One) 022
 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. Nickels: Yes
 Other Bombing: _____ Number and type _____

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

6. WEATHER: - assembled at - 19,000 - 20,000 Still in contrails
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYES? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Break up about 20 mi to coast out
flak was abysmal.

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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2 burst flak at front lines into target

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON 367 B-24 22 a/c Number 913 Letter Date 4/3/45

Bomb Load 8/500 - 4/107 H.E. Position on Formation 40th MAN

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed 1446

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in. Yes
 If DITCHING held crew and fill out special form in detail.

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

40th MAN
High

C.O.S.: Give Rank and Initials 3/

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. Christensen, H. P
- 2nd Lt. Vieille, R.A. CP
- 2nd Lt. Oscherwitz, M.S. N
- 2nd Lt. Gannett, R.F. B
- Sgt. Smalczewski, E.F. RO
- Sgt. Gallion, E.P. E
- Sgt. Caserta, C. BT
- Sgt. Gilbert, A. WG
- Sgt. Cargile, V.G. TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1029
 Secondary: Heading: 034
 Last Resort: Height: 25,700
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 010° M.

3. Number of EGGS dropped on target: 12 Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
 Own Bombs: 15/10 an. Nichols: Yes
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Clear, 0200 E, assembly
1,000' higher at 0200 E. Break up the target
Cont - clear haze, 1/10 sq.
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Some contrails - 0200 E, front - 18 to 25,000'

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

Title	Place	Height of a/c	Type (light, moderate or slight)	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to a/c	Accuracy
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Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON 367 ~~Bombardier~~ A/C Number 604 Letter Date 4/3/45
 2 BGL51 1 BRL

Bomb Load 5 WNG37 2 T-321 H.E. Position in Formation 40th "A"
 nickels

Time Took Off 0629 Time Landed

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

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

40th "A" High

CIGL: Give Rank and Initials 32

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

- 2nd Lt. Smith, L.J. P
- F/O 2nd Lt. Walsh, W. CP
- 2nd Lt. Ballish, F.E. N
- Sgt. Dulli, A.F. B
- S/Sgt. Grimm, S.C. RO
- Sgt. Helenbart, P. E
- Sgt. Alowitz, S. BT
- Sgt. Cronin, J.V. WG
- Sgt. Jensen, D.R. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 10 2:7
 Secondary: Heading: 035° mag
 Last Resort: Height: 25 900
 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: 10/10 THS Yes No
 Other bombing: Number and type

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

6. WEATHER: Route obscured by clouds; few holes at IP. WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: Many contrails dense - persisted from 16000 to 20000 ft - could be some pilotage on return.

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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Some about 5 bursts vicinity of line - Not for us - No flak.

Crew observations about Flak: "None at target"

SQUADRON 367 ~~THUNDER~~ A/C Number 174 Let V Date 4/3/45

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

Time Took Off 0629 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

40th "A" High

CRW.: Give Rank and Initials 3 B

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

- 2nd Lt. Gooch, J.E. P
- 2nd Lt. Vick, J.A. CP
- 2nd Lt. Urban, G.H. N
- Sgt. Tideworth, L.L. B
- Sgt. Howard, G.P. RO
- Sgt. Bolton, V.E. E
- Sgt. Powell, J.R. BT
- Sgt. Melling, R.C. WG
- Sgt. Traeger, J.A. TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1028 1/2

Secondary: Heading: 025

Last Resort: Height: 26800

T.O. (Circle One) 243
 Turn off target:

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

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

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

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

6. WEATHER: 17/10 all
- 40 mi into 7A to 10 mi into Chouin
Big - WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE? _____

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: _____

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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if bursts over line in wide

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~368~~ 368 ~~360~~ 360 A/C Number 814 Letter Date 1/3/45

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

Time Took Off 0629 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

40th "A" High

CREW: Give rank and initials 37

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

- 2nd Lt. P.A. Sandercock P
- 2nd Lt. W.E. Correll CP
- F/O I. Zalusky N
- 2nd Lt. R.I. McCutchan B
- T/Cgt. S. Krauss RO
- T/Cgt. S.J. McMillberry E
- S/Cgt. L.F. Brown BT
- Sgt. J.L. Gooden WG
- Sgt. B.J. Hensley TG
- Sgt. G.J. Rogers SJ

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFF or Visual) GH

Primary: Time: 1028
 Secondary: Heading: 015
 Last Resort: Height: 25200
 T.O. (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 00 then to 055

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 4/11 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
 Hand Movie

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

7. CONDENSATION TRAILS:

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy

Crew observations about Flak:

SQUADRON ~~868~~ 368 B ~~XXXX~~ A/C Number 928 Letter L Date 1/3/45
 Bomb Load 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took off 0629 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th "A" High

CIG: Give rank and initials 35

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

- 2nd Lt. N.W. McKinney P
- 2nd Lt. A.J. McCalley CP
- 2nd Lt. G.W. Faulkner N
- Sgt. T.H. Foley B
- Sgt. L.J. Opper RO
- S/Cpt. L.F. Warren E
- Sgt. F.A. Newell BT
- Sgt. S.H. Eaton WG
- S/Cpt. E.J. Feeney TG

2. TARGET ATTACKED: (PFV or Visual)

Primary: Time: 1029
 Secondary: Heading: 028
 Last Resort: Height: 24900

T.O.
 (Circle One)
 Turn off target: 245

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
 Number and type _____

Other Bombing: _____

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

6. WEATHER: 7.0
 WHAT MESSAGES REC'D VRC 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 slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
At 7:00 miles on way in - about 3 bursts						
None at target						

Crew observations about Flak: _____

SQUADRON ~~333~~ 368 ~~369~~ ³ *blw.* A/C Number 474 Letter 474 Date 1/3/45
 Bomb Load 8 x 500 4 x M17 H.E. Position in Formation

Time took Off 0629 Time Landed _____

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

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

40th A High

BOMBED WITH 305th
Started out 575 the blew out on runway - changed A/C took
 Friendly A/C in distress:
 (Give position, time, altitude, full details)
 If lost, state whether D, A.A., E/A action, accident or undet. (state cause)
off 730 - mind formation -
flew with 305 to target & back over France.

CREW: Give Rank and Initials 36

- 2nd Lt. H.P. Altshuler P
- 2nd Lt. R.J. Forsyth OP
- F/O A.J. Renal N
- S/Pgt. F.F. Alston BF
- S/Pgt. L.R. Curry RO
- S/Pgt. A.R. Tonsing E
- Sgt. R. Pavett BT
- Sgt. J.L. Minnucci TG

2. TARGET ATTACHED: (PFF or Visual)
 Primary: Time: 1041
 Secondary: Heading: 006 mag
 Last Resort: Height: 23,200
 T.O. (Circle One) 300
 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: With 305th an. Nichols: Yes No
 Other Bombing: Number and type _____

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Vertical? was camera turned on none
 Hand _____ Movie _____
 6. WEATHER: 8/10 Cont. 10/10 - 21,000 enroute WHAT MESSAGES REC'D FROM BUCKEYE?

Just after target could see ground through very thin 50% cloud
 7. CONDENSATION TRAILS: very heavy over target - Persistent - non-f.
23000

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

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intensity, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
<u>None</u>						

Crew observations about Flak: _____