

HEADQUARTERS
VIII BOMBER COMMAND
A.P.O. 634

BOMBER COMMAND NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS
Mission No. 43 - 13 March, 1943.

Unfavorable weather conditions which restricted visibility at times to 1-2 miles reduced the effort of the 1st Wing resulting in only 44 B-17's bombing the primary, The Amiens Longeau Marshalling Yards. Thirty-one B-17's bombed four other targets. Results in all cases were poor. Strong fighter cover was detailed and although some fighters did not locate the bombers, 1st Wing reports few encounters and good fighter support. All a/c returned safely.

The 2nd Wing diversion with enemy shipping as a potential target was carried out uneventfully by 16 B-24's although intended course was altered considerably by weather conditions.

PART I - 1ST WING

GROUP	DISPATCHED	A/C ON <u>PRIMARY TARGET</u>	A/C ON <u>OTHER TARGETS</u>	LOSSES	CLAIMS
91.	21	7	12	0	0-0-0
303	20	19	-	0	0-0-0
305	19	17	-	0	2-0-2
306	20	1	19	0	0-0-0
TOTALS:	80	44	31	0	2-0-2

ROUTE: The 1st Wing Groups made the diversionary sweep as ordered, i.e., Dungeness to 50°10'N 01°10'E to 50°00'N 00°30'E and back to Dungeness where rendezvous with fighters was made. Course was then set for the French coast but it was more westerly than that ordered and landfall was made at Dieppe rather than at Cayeux. On crossing the coast the formation altered course slightly to the east until in the vicinity of Bucy. From thence course was set for Amiens. It had become generally impossible for Groups as a whole to maintain visual contact and it is variously reported that Abancourt, Poix and Crevecoeur-le-Grand were passed over on the way to Amiens. From the primary target area the 305th, 303rd and 306th Groups set course for French Coast and then Beachy Head where landfall was made. The 91st Group proceeded from Amiens to Abbeville and reached English coast at Bexhill.

WEATHER: Varying amounts of thin and diffuse Cirrostratus or Altostratus at about 20,000 feet were reported. Because the ships were frequently flying in this cloud and in heavy persistent vapor trails (contrails) made by the aircraft preceding them the amounts reported are to be taken as estimates made under difficult observational conditions. The heavy and persistent vapor trails were formed between 18,000 and 25,000 feet. The maximum cloud report was 8 tenths and the minimum was 2 tenths. No low cloud was observed. Flying in and above the vapor trails and the cloud, together with a ground haze, reduced visibility at times to 1 to 2 miles horizontally and 6 to 7 miles vertically.

Winds actually encountered by two of the Groups were somewhat different from those forecast according to their reports,

BOMBING RESULTS: Clouds, ground haze and low visibility not only made it difficult to see the targets but caused confusion among the Groups. As a consequence several targets were bombed with generally poor results.

At Amiens, 258 x 1000 and 10 x 500 G.P. were dropped from 21000 - 24000 ft.

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at 1515-1517 hours. Most of the bombs fell into the area south and west of the marshalling yards although there were hits on the locomotive shed, the main sidings, and on the tracks immediately south of the main yards.

The Abbeville/Drucat A/D was bombed by 8 B-17's which dropped 48 x 1000 G.P. from 24000 ft. at 1525 hours on the northern edge of the landing field and straddling one section of the northern dispersal area. Some bombs burst close to a gun position. No fighter planes were shown on the A/D in the photographs taken at the time of bombing.

At Romescamps, immediately northeast of Abancourt, railway sidings were bombed with 124 x 1000 G.P. dropped from 23000 ft. at 1509 hours. There appears to have been two direct hits on the tracks.

One a/c claims to have dropped 6 x 1000 G.P. on Crevcoeur-le-Grand, and another dropped 6 x 1000 G.P. on a point believed to have been Cresny, near Poix, with undetermined results.

FLAK: Fire was reported to be accurate at Dioppe with black bursts in clusters of 4 and 6. Slight and inaccurate fire was received from a 6-gun battery at Le Troport; from Amiens where the bursts were white; and from north of Abbeville where "roman candle" bursts were reported.

ENCOUNTERS: Fighter support provided by 11 squadrons of Spitfires was good. Only the 305th Group had encounters, although the various Groups reported 2-12 c/a mostly FW-190's, and one or two Me-109's. Attacks on the 305th were on the nose from level or slightly above. Noses of the c/a seen were yellow or blue.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: Of the 5 a/c that failed to bomb, 3 had mechanical failures, one was forced to turn back because of damage from flak, and one was due to failure of an oxygen mask.

CASUALTIES:EQUIPMENT: No a/c were lost although 9 a/c sustained category "A" battle damage.

CASUALTIES:PERSONNEL: Two crew members were seriously wounded and 4 slightly wounded.

OBSERVATION: Crews report that c/a have been following tactics of getting set for the attack about 2000 yards in front of the formation and suggest that, in order to prevent this, the Spits use their customary cross-weaving tactics further ahead of the formation.

The A/D at Abbeville was reported to be very well camouflaged.

PART II - 2ND WING

Sixteen B-24's carried out an uneventful diversion with shipping in the North Sea a potential target. The briefed route was: bases to Harwich to $51^{\circ}25'N$, $02^{\circ}20'E$ to $52^{\circ}00'N$, $03^{\circ}20'E$ to $52^{\circ}55'N$, $04^{\circ}07'E$, turn left and return to base. Heavy cloud encountered about 15 mi. southeast of Harwich on the first leg caused the formation to turn approximately 190° and proceed parallel with the coast to a point east of Orfordness, to $53^{\circ}55'N$, $4^{\circ}07'E$, turning left and crossing English coast at Lowestoft. Bombs were carried for any enemy shipping observed but none was seen.

DECLASSIFIED PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12356, Section 3.3.
By RIB/JHC
Date 1/8/44

DECLASSIFIED PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12356, Section 3.3,
By RUB/JTC Date 1/8/91
NARA

1. 20 AC TOOK OFF AT 12:05 HOURS TO BOMB THE MARSHALLING YARDS AT AMIENS FRANCE. THERE WERE NO ABORTIVES AND ALL RETURNED SAFELY. FOLLOWING THE LEAD GROUP, OUR FORMATION WAS OFF COURSE AND CROSSED THE FRENCH COAST NEAR LE TREPORT, EVENTUALLY MAKING A LEFT TURN TOWARD THE TARGET WEST OF THE TOWN OF FOIX.
2. THE WEATHER WAS POOR CROSSING THE CHANNEL AND DID NOT IMPROVE OVER THE FRENCH COAST. THERE WAS A BAD HAZE AND THAT COUPLED WITH UNUSUALY XXXXX UNUSUALLY LARGE VAPOUR TRAILS MADE OBSERVATION EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. CONSEQUENTLY NINETEEN AC UNLOADED BOMBS ON FOIX AT 15:05, ONE AC BOMBED THE PRIMARY AT AMIENS AT 15:16.
3. NONE.
4. ONLY TWO OR 3 E/A OBSERVED ON ENTIRE ROUTE. NO ATTACKS. NO CLAIMS.
5. ONE SIX GUN BATTERY AT LA TREPORT FIRING ON GROUP AHEAD.
6. TWO B-17'S OBSERVED TURNING BACK BEFORE TARGET WAS REACHED - ONE OVER CHANNEL - ONE XXXXXX SHORTLY AFTER CROSSING COAST.
7. NONE.
8. NONE.

DECLASSIFIED PER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12356, Section 3.3,

By RLB/STC Date 1/18/91

- 3 - AMIENS - 1
4 - ABBEVILLE - C
5 - NONE.
6 - FOIX - 119
7 - C
8 - C
9 - C
10 - C
11 - C
12 - 6 X 1000
13 - 6 X 1000 AT AMIENS, 112 X 1000 AT FOIX
14 - NONE
15 - 2 X 1000
16 - NONE
17 - NONE
18 - NONE
19 - NONE

20 - AMIENS - 15:16, 23,000 FEET

XKXXXXXKXXXXXXKXXXXX

FOIX - 15:05, 23,000 FEET.

J.B.WRIGHT

MAJOR, A.C. S-2

CC PARA 1 LINE 4 WA NEAR ==LE TREPORT==

CC PARA (b) NO.6 READS == 6 - FOIX - 19 NOT 119 AS SENT *

AM B1

THU R 1907/13 JH VA

No claims

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. Name of primary target Anvers Number of A/C attacking 1
2. Name of secondary target Abbeville Number of A/C attacking 0
3. Name of L.R. target None Number of A/C attacking 0
4. Target of opportunity Poix Number of A/C attacking 19
5. Units participating 367-368-369H-423-
6. Number of A/C taking off 20-
7. Number of A/C returning early 0-
8. Number of A/C lost or missing so far as known 0-
9. Results of bombing: good fair poor nil
10. Number of casualties: killed 0; wounded 0; missing 0.
11. Enemy air opposition: considerable moderate slight nil 0
12. Flak: intense moderate slight 0 nil
13. Observed fighter support: Excellent

14. Weather as it affected the mission: Very thick haze
and vapor trails made observation
extremely difficult
15. Flash observations of outstanding importance None -

Telephoned to Barre by Boris Fricker
Timed 6:0; Date 13-3-43-

TELETYPE REPORT

(A) Narrative

1. Brief descriptive summary of mission

2. General results of bombing attack

3. Abortives: points of turn-back and reasons for each

None

4. Enemy air opposition (in brief, no individual encounters):
General description of fighter opposition encountered; types
of E/A encountered; tactics employed by enemy and ourselves;
as to enemy destroyed state whether many, few or nil;
distinguishing markings, color, characteristics or behavior
of E/A.

Nil - Only 2 or 3

E/A observed on entire route

5. Flak: where encountered, appearance of bursts, intensity,
accuracy as to deflection and height, any being new or unusual.

One six gun battery at La Report
firing on group ahead.

6. Friendly A/C lost on in distress (elaboration of hot news report)
Where last seen, time, altitude, estimated cause, personnel
seen bailing out, appearance of A/C

Two B17's observed turning back before

target was reached - one over channel, one shortly

7. A/C crashed in England or seriously damaged. after crossing
coast.

None

8. Observations: Detail any items of interest seen by crews concerning
the enemy or our own forces (Balloons, decoys, dummies,
camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airfield
dromes, ports, waterways, roads, railway yards; concentrations
of vehicles, troops vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations).

None

(B) Statistical

1. Number of A/C taking off 10
2. Number of A/C which failed to bomb a target 0
3. Name of primary target and number of A/C attacking it Amiens
4. Name of secondary target and number of A/C attacking it Abbeville
5. Name of last resort target and number of A/C attacking it None
6. Description of target of opportunity and number of A/C attacking it Poix 19
7. Total number of A/C lost or missing 0
8. Number of A/C lost to flak 0
9. Number of A/C lost to E/A action 0
10. Number of A/C lost by accident 0
11. Number of A/C lost, cause unknown 0
12. Bomb loadings, number, size and type 6 X 1000
13. Bombs dropped at each target, number, size and type 6 X 1000 - at Amiens - 1/2 at Poix
14. Bombs jettisoned, number, size and type None
15. Bombs brought back, number, size and type 2 X 6000
16. Bombs unaccounted for, number, size and type None
17. Casualties, number killed None
18. Casualties, number wounded None
19. Casualties, number missing None
20. Time and altitude over each target Amiens - 15:16 - 23,000
Poix - 15:09 - 23,000

50° Magnetic

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 366 A/C Number 25086 Date 13/3/43Position in formation Lead 2nd Element Bomb. 6 X 1000
on Left Squad.

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

CREWR.P. Riordan Pilot1st A.M. Haas Co-P2nd J.J. Spellman Nav.3rd G.D. Reutter Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 14:16Alternate Height: 90°Last Resort Heading:
(check)T/S O.B. Schulz RadioT/S A. Santolo Top T.S/S C.M. Davis Ball T.S/S Dwiggins R. WaisS/S May L. WaisS/S McMahon Tail G.

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

6 X 1000

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

Mostly short & walking across5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No 2(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.) a planned

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) Way Western route down

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

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

Flak from Dieppe breakingBetween 306 + 303 - SevereLook trace - the height was also2 Batteries

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 431 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation _____

431 Date 13/3/43

Bomb lead 6 X 100

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

W.S. Payne, Pilot

1941 F.H. O'Neill Co-P

Rev. G. H. D. St. L. Nav.

HC Tel w/ ^{Bomb.}

T/S F. L. Eastman Radio

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 15:09 T/S C.T. Wendolinski Top T.

Alternate Height: 23,000 S/S Lee Sanders Ball T.

Last Resort Heading: 80° S/S Phifer R. Wain
(check) P. J. Wain

Pox R.R. Function
Following Group ahead
3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

Jettisoned: Returned:

Kunst und Kulturteil G.

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

Cordell Vee

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken : Yes ? No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) *Wt 1P. to Romblon*

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home. E. V. A.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light; heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Other Data
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On left crossing bridge

2 Batteries & make light

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 720 Date 3/13/42Position in formation Hold of Lead Squadron Bomb load 0 X 1000.

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress?
1B17 went to jettison bomb in channel and turn back over French coast. Had 4 engines running. Returned OK

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
Alternate Height: 23000
Last Resort Heading: 50°
(check)

<u>CREW</u>	
<u>O'Hara</u>	Pilot
<u>R H Smith</u>	Co-P
<u>Silley</u>	Nav.
<u>Phelan</u>	Bomb.
<u>Morlant</u>	Radio
<u>Sheffield</u>	Top T.
<u>Feltkin</u>	Ball T.
<u>Nelson</u>	R. Wais.
<u>Garris</u>	L. Wais.
<u>Thom</u>	Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Cold front - too much clouds & rain but.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes ? No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: None

7. RC (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) As ordered.

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

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

Cayux. 23000 ft. Intense. Moderate range (6 bursts at a time about left.)

No other flak seen.

No damage.

INTELLIGENCE FORM
SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 498 Date 13/12/44/43Position in formation right See. Element Bomb load 6x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details: -

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Saw Forces, about over France & I.P.
 having been through flak

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Pri. try? Time: 1510

Alternate Height: 72,500

Last Resort Heading: 45 mag.
 (check)

~~HD~~ 20-30 seconds
 bomb run

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:

CREW
Lt Seeler Pilot

L Kramaniko Co-P

C Bergen Nav.

L Saunders Bomb.

Sgt Koetz Radio

Sgt Stem Kook Top T.

Sgt Haage Ball T.

Sgt Small R. Waist

Sgt Crowther L. Waist

Sgt W F Baker Tail G.

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

not observable due to weakness & vapor
 smoke

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken : Yes ? No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing, by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) ~~as ordered 9 miles off course~~

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light: of heavy), int. sec., A/C moderate or	Color	Location of Bursts in re- l. to A/C	Other Data

Flak at Tiepolo (9 miles off course) Heavy, low but
 stepped up fairly accurate

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
a. Total E/A seen: Number 4-5 Place target area
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number Time Place Height

did not fire guns

Notes:

c. E/A is: DESTROYED HIT & GONE DAMAGED

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, etc.; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummy, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

None

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: supercharger regulator of NO. 1 engine fell off at take off. No 2 supercharger ran away at altitude.

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

15. Fighter support excellent

S - 2 OFFICER JAMES F. O'Halloran TIME COMPLETED _____

INTL AVIATION FORM
SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 407 Date 13/3/43Position in formation Left wing Right Bomb load 6x1000
front element

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Frighthily A/C in any kind of distress?

One spitfire shot down
just before target
Flack.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:Primary Time: 1509Alternate Height: 23000Last Resort Heading: mag 40°
(check)HARWOOD PilotClymer Co-PWhiteman Nav.Zabawa Bomb.Robel RadioEnloe Top T.Eriksen Ball T.Pickett R. WaistBuchanan L. WaistCollette Tail G.3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
couldn't see -5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken : Yes ? No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: nil7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If return, day, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered except return over England East of London8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

Time	Place	Height	Type (light: of heavy), int. use, A/C moderate or slight	Color	Location of Bursts in re- l. tion to A/C	Other Data

5 Min. after entering coast slight heavy flak -
About 10 - 6 gun emplacements - Black burst
None over target left and below

Albion Park

2450059. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____ Time _____ Height _____
3 over coast going out
3 just before target
2300s

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
none			

Notes:

One FW 190 & One Me 109 shot down by Spitfires just before reaching target.

c. Claims: DESTROYED none PROBABLY none DAMAGED noned. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PL. & HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummys, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.) none12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) none13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: left waist heating unit (overflug out)
~~Tail gunner's heating unit out~~
Tail gunner's heating unit out

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

Spit. cover damn good -

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP A/C Number 487 Date 13 Mar

Position in formation #2 in lead: 99 Bomb load

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

N.

2. WAS ATTACKED:

Primary -- Time:

Dropped at Poix

Alternate - Height: 23000'

Last Resort-Heading: 88° mag.
(check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 X 1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

nil

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken : Yes ? (No)

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULT:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light: of heavy), intense, A/C moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in re- lation to A/C	Other Data
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total
On way in a few burst at least
very ineffective

SQUADRON 423 GROUP A/C Number 218 Date 13 March

Position in formation #3 in 2nd El.

Bom^b: _____

1. Hat news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Saw 1 B17 Peel off after
 less entering friend coast.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary W Time: 1510 Dropped out in field.
 Alternate W Height: 23000'
 Last Resort Heading: 45° mag.
 (check)

<u>CREW</u>	
<u>Check</u>	Pilot
<u>Wigginton</u>	Co-P
<u>Blanchett</u>	Nav.
<u>Ford</u>	Bomb.
<u>Thornton</u>	Radio
<u>Sawick</u>	Top T.
<u>Biologa</u>	Ball T.
<u>Trenary</u>	R. Wai.
<u>Bobbitt</u>	L. Wai.
<u>Hamb</u>	Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6X1000 Jettisoned: - Returned: -

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

nil. Other groups had fair hits not on AP but in yards.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: -

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) South of course over coast otherwise as ordered.

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

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

Coast going in at 1450 23000 probably at the report. Good for alt but not for direction.

? Bursts over target believed to have hit ship

Few bursts on way out over coast - not good.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUAD N 369 GROUP A/C Number 488 Date Position in formation as given Bomb load 6 X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? No Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

I turned away ^{R/T} K. G. Ross Co-P
from group in ^{2nd} W. H. Stevens Nav.
front ^{1st} A. L. Milburn Bomb.

2. To GET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: ?

Alternate Height: 24,000Last Resort Heading:
(check)

Compass Borzynski L. Wais
was not P. D. Small Tail G.

s/s C. C. Collins R. WaisJettisoner RadioPilot Top T.Raidline Ball T.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:
- 4 X 1000
- Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Hit farm land - 2 X 1000 ft. by 100 ft.
back

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes
- no

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

Yes Mores
of actual target

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordred.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)
- West

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 re- lation to A/C	Other Data
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Acc. acc. alt. over Dieppe

fr. K. deflection on pos.

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

a. Total E/A seen: Number _____ Place _____
Time _____ Height _____

b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number Time Place Height

' Head on attack from 12 o'clock
low with Spit on Tail
M.S. 100 ft. went under Spit alongside

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED ----- PROBABLY ----- DAMAGED -----

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how received.)

No

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

No

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

2 Bombs didn't release

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

Weather

INTRODUCTION FORM

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 466 Date 13/3/43Position in formation lead #2 elem. Bomb load 6 x 1000
center

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
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- Details:

CREW

Frighlily A/C in any kind of distress?

L.W.N. SMILEY Pilot" R.C. MILLER Co-P" M.M. STRAUSS Nav." W.W. BRUNIG Bomb.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509 1/2.7/s D.B. HEPLER RadioAltimate Height: 23000'7/s R.C. CLIFTON Top T.Last Resort Heading: 45°5/s R.C. CLARK Ball T.(check) P01X5/s W.R. PAYNE R. Waist5/s J.M. SPIKOW L. Waist5/s I.J. SLIFF Tail G.3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

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

Haze & cloud - couldn't see target5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No X 20

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) See Nav. Log.

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

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

Clouds low inaccurate (24000') 5 bursts at a time black.

7450051

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT FW190
a. Total E/A seen: Number 2-3 Place: Over France
Time _____ Height _____
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Per	Time	Place	Height

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)

(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly ... etc.)

Spit cover good

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, how recd ved.)

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly)

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES:

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

*Fins froze, 1000' per min let down
too slow fast.*

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 729 Date _____Position in formation Leader of left Squad Bomb load 6 X 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No Group ahead.

Details:

*10 miles S.E. of Dieppe flew B17, left formation hit by
flak under control. Frichly A/C in any kind of distress?*

CHEW Howard Pilot
Holmstrom Co-P
Preson Nav.
Zinkovich Bomb.
Hightower Radio
Gordon Top T.
Palpas Ball T.
Higham R. Waist
Smith C/B L. Waist
Cox Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary ? Time: 1508 hrsAlternate Height: 23000Last Resort Heading:
(check)*Reached Primary at 1515*3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

few bombs hitting river do not know exact location

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes ?) No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) *Went too far south of I.P.*

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

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

*1451 Dieppe? accurate but intense**Six bursts every ten seconds*

9. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
a. Total E/A seen: Number None Place 5 miles of Abbeville
Time _____ Height 73,000
b. E/A which fired at, or were fired upon by this plane:

Number	Time	Place	Height
<u>No encounters</u>			

Notes:

c. Claims: DESTROYED _____ PROBABLY _____ DAMAGED _____

d. ENEMY TACTICS OBSERVED:

10. Observations (Always give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT)
(Check list of items: Enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, waterways, R.R. yards, and roads; concentrations of troops, equipment, etc.; decoys, dummies, camouflage and smoke screens; landmarks en route or at target; incidents to friendly A/C; etc.)

11. INJURIES to crew: (name, injury, if received.) None

12. DAMAGE to A/C: (Briefly) None

13. TECHNICAL FAILURES: Refrigerators inboards
flaps leaking
oil pressure down

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

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 422 Date 3/3/43Position in formation _____ Bomb load 6 X 1000.

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Frichily A/C in any kind of distress?
1 B-17 hit by flak at east + two
buk. Still under control, engine
working. Flak crating him.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1509
Alternate Height: 22,800
Last Resort Heading: 4450
(check)

CREW
Hopkins Pilot
Pipp Co-P
Flower Nav.
Mello Bomb.
Williams B.C. Radio
Rogers Top T.
Zabon Ball T.
USIC R. Waits
Roskorith L. Waits
Babs. Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target:
- 0.
- Jettisoned: _____ Returned: _____

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)
Hit somewhere between T.P. + target. Could see marshalling yards
ahead but clouds covered target at time of bombing.
Horrible. Bombed well by group in left.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: (Yes)
- No?
- 120

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it; on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULT:
- None

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered.) (if returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light; of heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of Bursts	Location of Bursts in relation to A/C	Other Data
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1415Z. Bombed in from east. Alt. goes but left. Find air
23,000

1500 Near Party Slight and minimum 1500 feet low

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 507 Date 13 Jan 43

Position in formation NO³ few 11 element Bomb load 6-1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehly A/C in any kind of distress?

Ran Spitfire hit by Flak, damaged

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary? Time: 2455'

Alternate Height: 22,700

Last Resort Heading: 56
(check)

2 minutes bomb run

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

difficult to estimate because of smoke and vapor trails.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes ? No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned, why, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light: of heavy), int use, A/C	Color	Location of Bursts in re- lation to a/c	Other Data
			moderate or slight	of Bursts		

little at coast of France - Caenay; heavy
 low & inaccurate

INTERROGATION FORM

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SQUADRON 1.73 GROUP 306 A/C Number 7295 Date 13-3-43

Position in formation Bomb load 6x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?
~~Two~~ One B-17 turned back just before coast - ~~satellite~~ Spis around one ~~plane~~ between lead + target - away in turned back - escorted by

14 minutes Primary Time: 15°9
~~left~~ Alternate Height: 22,900
 Last Resort Heading: 30°
 (check)
 circling around flock at other 1 minute

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Hits on tracks to left ~~fire~~

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken.: Yes ? No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) as ordered - 15 minutes from our target

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light: of A/C heavy), intense, moderate or moderate or slight	Color	Location of Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Other Data
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Polyx - on Group ahead - 306 detained -

nil

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 306 GROUP 368 A/C Number 67 Date 13-3Position in formation Lead - Bomb load 6x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friehilly A/C in any kind of distress?

Anxious
15¹⁶

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alt. rnate. Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

Didnt shoot flak

only one ship dropped bombs at anxious

51 Bombed (2) targets
R R tracks & Bldg
Pov X
23000
50°

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

*Hazr.**None*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes ? No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) *5 miles S of Camas -*

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

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

*On Coast Ra Report 6 gun battery**6-6-6-**To left-*

By R.R.B./H.C. MABA

Date 1/8/44

SQUADRON 368 GROUP 306 A/C Number 477 Date 13/1/44Position in formation #2 in a - 6thBomb load 6x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

Magnin PilotVinnel Vinnel Co-PHawensten Nav.Trevis Bomb.Spokes RadioHinebaugh Top T.Fatigay Ball T.Wells R. Wain.Meaux L. Wain.Rosati Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1514Alternate Height: 72900Last Resort Heading: 140°
(check)

Went the primary - about 12 miles.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

The bombs hit in field
 They bombs hit just W. of target in a built up area and one line
 of trees were hit.
 of the group ahead

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: ✓

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If return, time, place, height of turn.) They think they were on course.

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

Time	Place	Height	Type (light: of heavy), int. (sev., moderate or slight	Color	Location	Other Bursts in re- lation to A/C	Data
A/C							

15 miles off from coast - H.S.

low + 2000 ft.

SQUADRON 423 GROUP 306 A/C Number 180 Date 13/3/43Position in formation #4 in 2nd row Bomb load 6x1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

CREWP.W. Smith PilotD.J. Kenaley Co-P
Gorman Nav.Mary Bomb.
Horn RadioBegale Top T.H.W. Wilson Ball T.Wentworth R. Wain.Hart L. Wain.Counts Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

✓ Primary Time: 1509½Alternate Height: 23500Last Resort Heading: 080°
(check)3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6x1000 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Not observed because of clouds.

The bombs of the 91st hit in the village and not on the target.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULT

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.)

We were very south of course on the way in - came in near

8. FLAK: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home. Let report on day 7/10

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

On the evasion way in - H.M. - inaccurate - low & from left.

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number R5994 Date 13/3/43

Position in formation #front

Bomb load 6 tons

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW

Frightfully A/C in any kind of distress?

R.W. Fortin Pilot

D. Funnel) Co-P

T.H. Walden Nav.

Sgt. W.R. Clark Bomb.

J.A. Gunn Radio

G Klusick Top T.

W.G. Hicks Ball T.

W.J. Stanhope R. Wais

E.J. Miller L. Wais

E. Kennedy Tail 4.

ettisoned: R. turned:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

Not Obscured because of clouds & fog.

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken : Yes ? No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULT:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place,
height of turn.)

8. F1: Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

8. Fl: 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 re- lation to A/C	Other Data

Slight, ~~and~~ dec. as to alt. but off to our left

SQUADRON 367 GROUP 306 A/C Number 5072 Date 13 March 43

Position in formation lead ea ~~402-2014~~ ~~1000 ft~~ Bomb load

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes Details:

Friehily A/C in any kind of distress?

saw two abort over French coast

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time:

Alternate Height:

Last Resort Heading:
(check)

Lt Fischer Pilot

Cpl McLean Co-P

Cpl Bennett Nav.

Sgt Bowles Bomb.

Sgt Gross Radio

Sgt Breton Top T.

Sgt S. Clark Ball T.

Sgt Please R. Waist

Sgt Haefl L. Waist

Sgt C. Smith Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6 Jettisoned: Returned:

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

not observable; saw other bombs lit on
R R tracks. saw big fire

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes No

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned fly, time, place, height of turn.) off course by 10 miles - Le Havre port

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

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

Flak low, left at coast

By RIB/JAC

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 3AF A/C Number 560 Date 13/11/44Position in formation No 3 second from back Bomb load 6 - 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

Frighthily A/C in any kind of distress?

~~Saw one B7F about over coast
of France after meeting flak
W.E.S.T.~~

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

? Primary Time: 1509
Alternate Height: 23,200
Last Resort Heading: 45 mag.
(check)

Lt Kennerly CREW
Pilot
Lt Littlejohn Co-P
1. Jones (C.P.) Nav.
Lt Colantonio Bomb.
Sgt Arroyo Radio
Sgt Higley Top T.
Sgt Rose Ball T.
Sgt Hill R. Waist.
Sgt Adam L. Waist.
Sgt J. Schmidt Tail G.

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 6

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

*hit in a field - about 1/2 miles short
of target.*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken : Yes ? No ?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ord. recd.) (If return, day, time, place, height of turn.) *9 miles south of Paris*

8. FI : Encountered on way out; at target; and on way home.

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

Flak over coast. It prepared heavy fire - came in bursts of few accurate

By RLB/JAC

NARA Date 1/18/91

X

INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON 369 GROUP 306 A/C Number 404 Date _____
 Position in formation # 7-1st Element High Squadron Bomb load 6 x 1000

1. Hot news to be phoned in? Yes No
 Details:

Saw one spit fire shot down before target

" " third F.W. 190's " " "

Frighily A/C in any kind of distress?

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Point? Primary, Time: 1510
 Alternate Height: 24,000
 Last Resort Heading: 45°
 (check)

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: All

Jettisoned: Returned:

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

*Could not see because of haze and
cirrus clouds.*

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes? No?

(Sketch formation, and this plane's position in it, on a separate sheet of paper, giving date, target, number of plane; send to Wing by D. R. L. S.)

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

7. ROUTE (If different than ordered.) (If returned early, time, place, height of turn.) *Went too far south of I.P.*

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

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

Did not encounter any. Could see breaking about level with Group ahead. accurate