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By authority of	
Commanding Officer	
386th Bomb Group	
11/9/44.....	
Date	Initials

HEADQUARTERS  
386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

		E-3
APC	#	140
11 September 1944.		

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APC #140, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are the "Bombing Information Reports" of B-26 and A-26 Missions for 10 September 1944.

For the Commanding Officers:

H. REFPE,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

- 3 Incls:
- Incl 1 - Box 1 (dup)
- Incl 2 - Box 2 (dup)
- Incl 3 - Box 1 of A-26 (dup)

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*386.51-APC (Bomb)  
10 Sept 1944*

*7403-149*

553rd Bombardment Squadron  
Office of the Operations Officer.  
APO 140

No of Sorties. 14

Mission #1 (A-26)

September 10, 194

PILOT	SHIP	TIME	NAV.	COPIES	OTHER.
H. Mills, 1st Lt.	185	3:20		D. Gilliam C. Neppes	
C. A. Fitch	190	3:15		H. P. Williams	WR Heinke (O)
H. Burhanna	200	3:20	E. Reper	Ba Hodges	
J. H. Strand	286	3:30		H.M. Bailey	L. J. Button (O)
C. S. Jordan	202	3:30		KF Jensen	D. O. Turner (O)
J. R. Kelly, Col.	189	3:35	M.L. Robb	W.O. Clark	
F. W. Harris, Lt Col.	206	3:30		C.H. Corbitt	P.S. Drewster O
E.P. Richardson	196	3:30		J.M. Hurley	
B.D. Stebbins	198	3:15		W.J. Brown	
C.H. Ferris, Maj.	199	3:30	P.F. Egan	R.C. Hanna	D. J. Rio
MF Quinn Lt. Col.	191	3:40	WH Rochall	W.H. George	
LT Middlebrooks	183	3:00	CO Reeves	M.H. Williams	
J. J. Chalmers	197	3:40		K. Fortner G. Van Wert	
C. J. Brown	187	3:45		H.E. Sunderly and M. R. Peyes	

No. Abortions

No. of Men. 43

Certified Correct

B.D. STEBBINS 1st Lt. A-1

S-3

OPFLASH REPORT

To:

From:

REF:

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL

Opflash No. 264 For 10 SEPT 44

A. (i) Target Ordered CUSTINE RR BRIDGE

(ii) Target Attacked " " "

B. (i) Group 386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

(ii) No. a/c off by type 14 A-26'S

(iii) No. a/c failing to bomb -- Explain each failure:

Recall due to weather

Personnel

1 Mechanical DUE TO BOMBRAK MALFUNCTION CAUSING A/C TO SALVOR  
SOME 30 SECONDS AFTER TURN OFF I.P.

Other Reasons

(iv) No. a/c bombing:

Primary.

Secondary.

6 Other.

C. (i) Time Up 0745

(ii) T.O.T. 0936

(iii) Time Down 1109

(Where - Cause)

D. (i) No. a/c 0 Missing:

0 Destroyed

0 Damaged (Cat. B-A/C)

0 Damaged (Cat. A)

(ii) Enemy a/c 0 Destroyed 0 0 Probably Destroyed

0 Damaged (include type a/c.) 0

0

(iii) No. Crew 0 Killed 0 Wounded 0 Missing.

E. Results of bombing EXCELLENT PATTERN BY LEAD FLIGHT ON BRIDGE NORTH OF  
PRIMARY TARGET BELIEVED TO BE AT 812245. FAIR RESULTS 2ND FLIGHT AT P.T.

F. (i) Enemy a/c Opposition:

(a) Over Target NIL

(b) Elsewhere NIL.

(ii) Flak:

(a) Over Target NIL

(b) Elsewhere MEAGRE SCATTERED HFF, AT LANDFALL NEAR GRAVELINES.

G. Urgent Information, Observations, Summary of Hot News:

H. (i) Weather as it affected bombing of target (Primary, Secondary, Other)  
CLEAR OVER TARGET. VIS: 15 MILES.

(ii) Weather on route CLEAR AT BASE VISIBILITY 2 MILES - 4/10 CUMULUS  
BASE 2-3000 TOPS 6000 OVER CHANNEL & 10 MILES INLAND. 5-7/10 CUMULUS OVER CHANNEL  
ON ROUTE BACK CLEAR AT BASE.

	No.	and	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	28	x	1000 GP
Bombs on Secondary		x	
Bombs on Other	24	x	1000 GP
Bombs Jettisoned		x	
Bombs Returned		x	
			1000 SALVED NEAR I.P.

J. Altitude of Attack 11,500 10,500

4 x 2000

Call Maj. Butthanna 131  
" Col. Hunkley. DATE: 10-9-44

1/10 + 1/10

LEAD BOX  
1ST FLIGHT

LEAD BOX  
1ST FLIGHT

PILOT	A/C	G/L
Butthanna	<del>200</del> 199	D <sup>L</sup>
Mills	185	H
Chalmers	197	M
Middlebrooks	183	B
Richardson	196	J
Brown	187	O

PILOT	A/C	G/L

2ND FLIGHT

2ND FLIGHT

PILOT	A/C	G/L
Ferris	<del>200</del> 206	K
Fitch	190	A
Jordan	202	K
Stebbins	198	F
Quinn	191	G
Stand	194	C

PILOT	A/C	G/L

3RD FLIGHT

3RD FLIGHT

PILOT	A/C	G/L
Kelly	189	N
Harris	132	P
Quinn	<del>200</del>	
	286	

PILOT	A/C	G/L

EXTRA

EXTRA

PILOT	A/C	G/L

PILOT	A/C	G/L

START BRIEFING: 0615

END BRIEFING: 0645

AT AIRCRAFT: 0700

START ENGINES: 0730

TAXI OUT: 0740

MOVE OFF: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST MAN OFF: 0750

LAST MAN OFF: \_\_\_\_\_

RENDEZVOUS: \_\_\_\_\_ (GROUP \_\_\_\_\_)

RENDEZVOUS: \_\_\_\_\_ (GROUP \_\_\_\_\_)

RENDEZVOUS: 0930 10 (FIGHTERS)

X

X

X

X

X

X

Spans

BOMBING INFORMATION

WING F.O. 10.2

BOX I GROUP 386 DATE 10/9/44 TARGET ATTACKED GUSTINE R/R BRIDGE

1. Method of sighting: **Normal**
2. Bombing approach: **Normal**
3. Was mercury erection system used? YES NO  X
4. Did entire box drop on lead bombardier? YES NO  X

In either case explain fully method of sighting and dropping of bombs, and specify exact aiming point actually used:

5. Name of lead bombardiers: HODGES, Lt.  
HANNA, Lt.

6. Name of lead pilots: BATHMAN, Major  
FERRIS, Major

7. Intervalometer setting: 50

8. Indicated air speed 200 Ground speed 260 altitude 11,500  
10,200

9. Length of bomb run: 30 sec. 10 to 15 sec.

10. Bomb load and fuzing per a/c: X 1,000 Fused 1/10 1/100 T  
X 1,000 1/10 1/100 T  
X 1,000 1/10 1/100 T

11. Total bombs dropped: 56 X 1,000

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including:
- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES NO  X. If "YES" state conditions and effect.
  - (b) Apart from weather or visibility, was any difficulty encountered in identifying target attacked, IP or AP? YES NO  X. If answer is "YES", state circumstances and effect on bombing.
  - (c) Did flak affect bombing? YES NO  X. If answer is "YES", state to what extent flak affected bombing or bomb run.



*Continue*

DATE Sept 10, 1944 TARGET Continue R/R Bridge 65.

BOX I  
FIRST FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME HODGES  
RESULTS EXCELLENT  
PRECISE A.P. As Br.  
BOMBING ALT. 14,500  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES

None

LENGTH OF RUN 30 sec.  
ORDER OF BOMBING 1st  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.M.B.

BOX II  
FIRST FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RESULTS \_\_\_\_\_  
PRECISE A.P. \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBING ALT. \_\_\_\_\_  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES

LENGTH OF RUN \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDER OF BOMBING \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.M.B.

SECOND FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME HANNA  
FAIR TO POOR (200 YRS 5'00)  
PRECISE A.P. As Br.  
BOMBING ALT. 10,200  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES

Too short Run.

LENGTH OF RUN 10-15 sec.  
ORDER OF BOMBING 2nd (2nd Run)  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.M.B.

SECOND FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RESULTS \_\_\_\_\_  
PRECISE A.P. \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBING ALT. \_\_\_\_\_  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES

LENGTH OF RUN \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDER OF BOMBING \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.M.B.

THIRD FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RESULTS \_\_\_\_\_  
PRECISE A.P. \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBING ALT. \_\_\_\_\_  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES

LENGTH OF RUN \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDER OF BOMBING \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.M.B.

THIRD FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RESULTS \_\_\_\_\_  
PRECISE A.P. \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBING ALT. \_\_\_\_\_  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES

LENGTH OF RUN \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDER OF BOMBING \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.M.B.

*one flight bombed wrong target.*

OIGAC V OIWN OIWN 1/10 OP

FROM COBOMGR 386 10/0540B  
TO CG 99TH COMBTWIG  
SECRET OQY BT

S-223-E

B-26'S

BRIEFING 0645

A1ST MAN OFF 0805

RUNWAY 33

PATTERN LEFT

A-26'S

BRIEFING 0615

1ST MAN OFF 0745

RUNWAY 33

PATTERN LEFT

BT 101540B  
JJM AR

OIGAC R.....100450B IB AR

OIGAC OIGOG V OIENW OIENW 2/10 OP

FROM COBOMGR 386 10/0626B

TO COMBOMCOM IX  
CG 99TH COMBTWIG  
SECRET QOX BT

S-224-E

"J" FORM CLEARANCE C-51 DATE 10-9-44 PREPARED BY S/SGT CASEBEER

A OMIT

B 08-25

C NORTH FORELAND

D 1ST BOX R/T BESTMAN W/T NONE

553 A-26'S 13 A/C L H M B J O A K F G C N P

GROUP LEAD 553 L  
DEPUTY GROUP LEAD 553 B

E 11,500

F GRAVELINES

G 08-33 1/2

H 1-54

J GRAVELINES

K NORTH FORELAND

L 10-37

M 1 ETD 0750 ETA 10-52 1/2

2 4 X 1000

3 4 HOURS

4 1ST BOX TARGET 4806E/B/9

2ND BOX TARGET 4806E/B/9

5 NONE

COBOMGR 386

BT 0626B

JJM AR

OIGAC R.....100645B IB AR

OICOG R...../100647.7 - L A AL AR

OIGAC V OIENW OIENW 1/10 OP

FROM COBOMGR 386 10/0540B  
TO CG 99TH COMBTWIC  
SECRET QGX BT

S-223-E

B-26'S

BRIEFING 0645

A1ST MAN OFF 0805

RUNWAY 33

PATTERN LEFT

A-26'S

BRIEFING 0615

1ST MAN OFF 0745

RUNWAY 33

PATTERN LEFT

BT 101540B  
JJM AR

OIGAC R.....100450B IB AR

OIGAC V OIWN OIWN 1/09 OP

FROM COBOMGR 386 09/0630B

TO CG 99 CBW  
SECRET QOX BT

386BG S-196-E

B-26 MISSION  
BRIEFING TIME 0723  
RUNWAY 33  
LEFT HAND PATTERN  
1ST MAN OFF 0845

A-26 MISSION  
BRIEFING TIME 0830  
RUNWAY 33  
LEFT HAND PATTERN  
1ST MAN OFF 1010

COBOMGR 386

BT 09/0630 B  
CHB AR  
OIGAC R.....09/0625B CG AR

*Capl*

OIGAC V OIENW OIENW 1/09 OP

FROM COBOMGR 386 09/0630B  
TO CG 99 CFW  
SECRET QGX BT

386BG S-196-E

B-26 MISSION  
BRIEFING TIME 0723  
RUNWAY 33  
LEFT HAND PATTERN  
1ST MAN OFF 0845

A-26 MISSION  
BRIEFING TIME 0830  
RUNWAY 33  
LEFT HAND PATTERN  
1ST MAN OFF 1010

COBOMGR 386

BT 09/0630 B  
CHB AR  
OIGAC R.....09/0625B CC AR

*Cope*

*Briefing*  
0615

A-26

4 x 1000  
1/10 x 1/100

"READ IT BACK, PLEASE"

	* 52nd Person	Time	* 53rd Person	Time	* 54th Person	Time	* 55th Person	Time
POSITION	X		X		X		X	
BOMB LOAD	X		X		X		X	
FUELING	X		X		X		X	
BRIEFING			C.G.					
Intelligence	<i>Lt. Turner</i>	03:28			* 90th Combat Wing	<i>Capt. V. K. ...</i>		04:12
Flying Control	<i>Cpl. Wright</i>	03:35			Dispensary	<i>Sgt. Buckley</i>		04:42
Weather	<i>Cpl. Gurtz</i>	03:37			Photo Lab.	<i>Sgt. ...</i>		03:55
Guardhouse	<i>Cpl. Eckle</i>	03:39			Bombight Vault	<i>Sgt. ...</i>		
Officers Mess					Col. <del>...</del>	<i>...</i>		
Combat Mess	<i>...</i>				<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>		
Bomb dump	<i>...</i>	03:57			Capt. J.A. ...	(Ext. 31)		

Call extension 64 on any information received for a mission.

Briefing-0830  
 552nd A-26  
 9-9-45  
 (INDEFINITE DELAY)  
 07:15

"READ IT BACK, PLEASE"

POSITION	* 552rd Person	Time	* 553rd Person	Time	* 554th Person	Time	* 555th Person	Time
BOLE LOAD								
FUZING								
BRIEFING								
Intelligence	St. Cantand				* 99th Combat Wing	St. Cook		23:25
Flying Control	Sgt. Logsd			23:24	Dispensary	Cop. Freshboard		23:30
Weather	Capt. Bushel			23:35	Photo Lab.	Sgt. Crow		23:31
Guardhouse	Sgt of Guard			23:36	Bentight Vault	St. Peter		23:32
Officers Mess	mess hall 740				Cpl. J. R. KELLY			
Combat Mess					* Lt. Col. S.K. [unclear]			
Bomb dump	Sgt. Chant			23:30	Capt. J. W. [unclear] (Ext. 3)			

Call extension 64 on any information received for a mission.

Indefinite delay	553rd A-26 [unclear]	740	Control Sgt. Caparich	745	Bombight - At Amerson	751
Officers Mess	740	Weather - St. Montgomery	746		Cop. Kelly	- Major McGlynn
Combat Mess	7:45	Ground - Pl. Wolf	748		Major Handley	- Hanky Pl.
		Proficiency - Pl. Ball	749			
		Photo - Sgt. Chapman	7:50			

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1ST PHASE TELETYPE REPORT

TO: NINTH BOMBER COMDIAND, ATT: A-2  
ADVANCE HQS, NINTH AIR FORCE, ATT: A-2

FROM: COBOMGR 386

CONFIDENTIAL

- A. Custine RR Bridge
- B. Custine RR Bridge
- H. 0936
- K. Coverage 42 minutes after attack shows bridge unserviceable with East one third bridge destroyed.

R.W. BUSHNELL,  
Capt., A.C.

*GP-386-SI-OPS (BOMGR)  
10 Dept 1944*

DW(S) SLG(S) SMC(S) MAG(S) HAK(S) GOF(S) YAA(S) GAC(S) PPF(S)  
V COG COG 6/18 PRIORITY

FROM: COMBOMCOM NINE 181005A  
TO : 386, 322, 344, 391, 409, 410, 416 DC'S  
99 WING  
1ST PTF  
PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL BT

98C 08-967-D

EFFECTIVE WITH MISSIONS OF 18 SEPTEMBER, GROUPS DURING THE PERIOD THEY OPERATE FROM THE U.K. WILL FOLLOW NORMAL MISSION REPORTING PROCEDURES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- A. 15 MINUTE REPORT WILL BE TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUED AND FLIGHT LEADER REPORT WILL BE RENDERED TO 99 WING WITHIN ONE HOUR OF LANDING OF 1ST A/C.
- B. OPSFLASH WILL BE ADDRESSED TO 99TH WING. 99TH WING AFTER CHECKING FOR ACCURACY WILL RELAY TO IX B.C. AND NINTH AF ADV. OPERATIONAL PRIORITY.
- C. STRIKE ATTACK PRINTS, NEGATIVE, P/I LAYDOWNS AND FLAK REPORTS WILL BE DELIVERED TO 99TH WING. 99TH WING WILL REDISTRIBUTE TO VARIOUS HEADQUARTERS.
- D. A STRIKE ATTACK PHOTO TELETYPE REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO IX B.C. AND NINTH AF ADV. CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
  1. DETAILS CONTAINED UNDER ITEMS A, B, H, & K OF THE P/I REPORT.
  2. STATEMENTS EXPLAINING GROSS ERRORS CONTAINED IN BOUARDIERS REPORT. THIS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS PARAGRAPH "L".
  3. AS PARAGRAPH "M" THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE PHOTO REPORT:
    - (A) PER CENT CAMERAS FUNCTIONING
    - (B) PER CENT CAMERAS MECHANICAL MALFUNCTIONS
    - (C) PER CENT CAMERAS PERSONNEL FAILURES.

WHEN GROUPS COMMENCE OPERATIONS ON CONTINENT, STANDARD REPORTING PROCEDURE WILL BE RESUMED.

GROUPS WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO WING NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION TO ENABLE WING TO DISTRIBUTE STRIKE ATTACK PHOTOS TO HIGHER HEAD-QUARTERS IN U.K.

BT 181005A  
AL BBBB

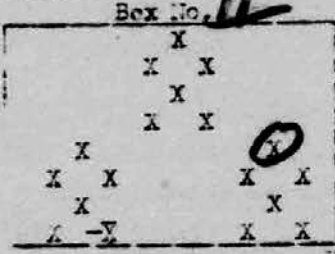
09890

G. + back target material

INTERROGATION FORM

ROUTE        S.D.        A/C NO.        A/C IIR. 0 BOMB LOAD 4000 DATE 10-9-44

1. Position in Formation



Wg. C. Brown \_\_\_\_\_ EG  
1st Naval \_\_\_\_\_ EG  
4th Bom \_\_\_\_\_ B 3rd Div. Rio \_\_\_\_\_ EG

CASUALTIES: DESIGNATE ON ABOVE LIST BY FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:  
 Killed (K); Seriously wounded (SW); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

2. Time: Enemy Landfall \_\_\_\_\_ Over Target \_\_\_\_\_ Leaving Enemy Coast \_\_\_\_\_

3. Target Bombed (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition of Bombs \_\_\_\_\_ Observed Results of Bombing \_\_\_\_\_  
 On target 4000 \_\_\_\_\_ Yours: 1st Lt. J. W. Ward  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Others: 1st Lt. J. W. Ward  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Lt. J. W. Ward

If target not bombed, why? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Deviation from route: \_\_\_\_\_

If returned early, point and time of turning: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Encounter Form for each combat)

No. E/A seen: \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. of encounters \_\_\_\_\_

Unusual enemy tactics: \_\_\_\_\_

No. E/A Probably Destroyed: \_\_\_\_\_ No. E/A Damaged: \_\_\_\_\_

6. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place	Your Altitude	Description (Light or Heavy Flac, Accuracy, Color)	Intensity (Light, Med, Heavy)

*Handwritten notes at bottom of page, including "1st Lt. J. W. Ward" and "1st Lt. J. W. Ward"*

7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)  
Enemy Ships:

Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

*Conduct mission on a Liberator*

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

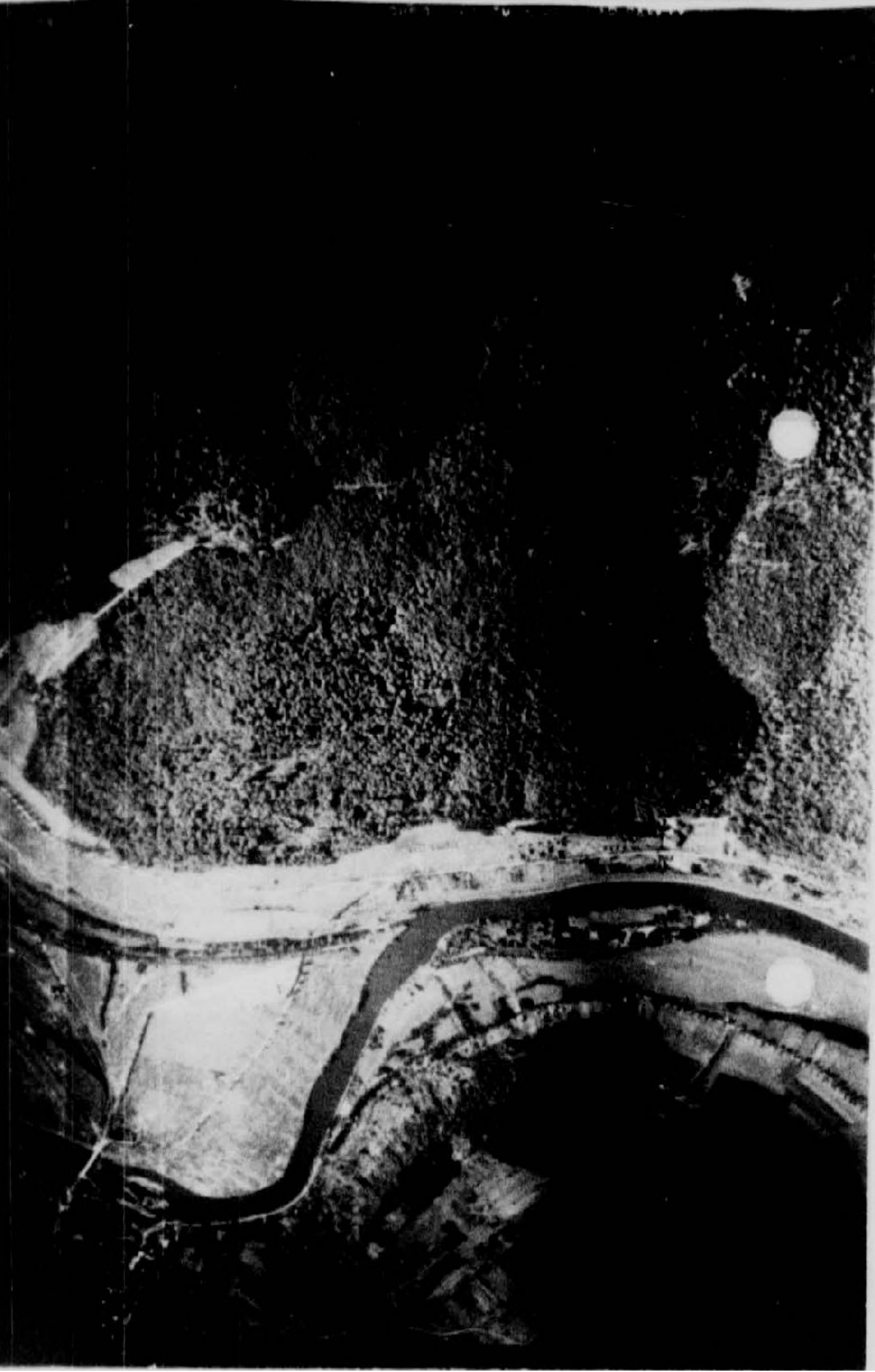
13. Weather as it affected the mission:

*[Signature]*  
Interrogator's Signature

144 U 386/1030 10SEPT77 F7/SAV.11500 FOREN DE HAYE + A/C 441



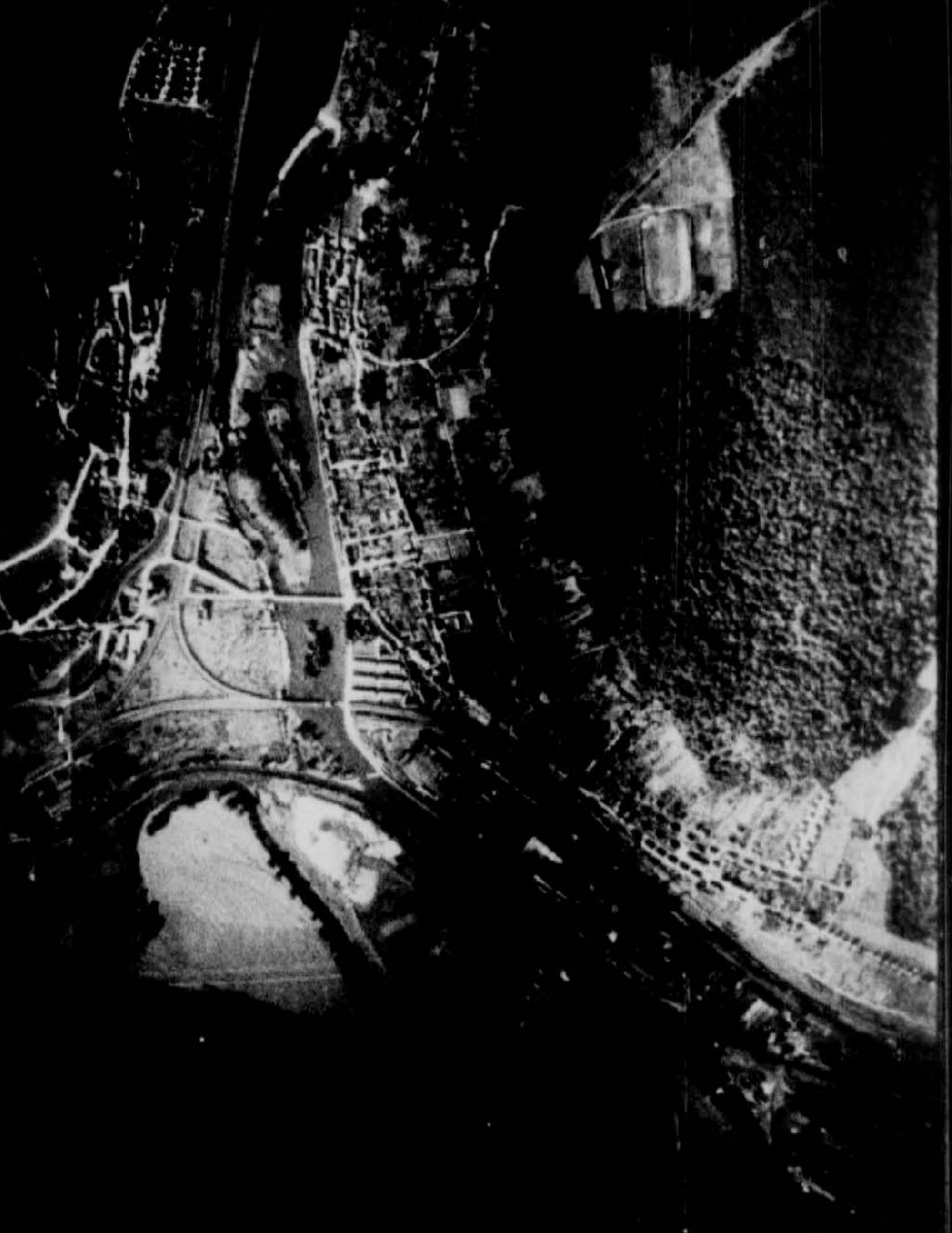
16 US 386/1030 10 SEPT 44 49 SAN J/1500 FORET DE HAYE + A/C 441



24 US 386/1029 10 SEPT 44 5000 FT SAY 11500 FORET DE HAYE + 9/8 8/2



1.7 US 386/1030 IOSEP F7/SAV.1100 FORET DE HAYE + A/C HI



US 386/1030 1000 744 F7/SAN 11500 FORET DE HAYE 941

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OICOG V OIENW DNW 2 10 OP  
T ITT

FROM: COBOMGR 386 10/2130B  
TO : NINTH BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2  
HQ NINTH AIR FORCE ATTN: A-2  
SECRET QOY BT  
386BG S-253-D PD

1ST PHASE TELETYPE REPORT

- A. CUSTINE RR BRIDGE
- B. CUSTINE RR BRIDGE
- H. 0936
- K. COVERAGE 40 MINUTES AFTER ATTACK SHOWS BRIDGE UNSERVICEABLE  
WITH EAST ONE THIRD BRIDGE DESTROYED.  
COBOMGR 386

BT: 10/2130B

WFM BB

OICOG R .....10/2203B

BLS

KKKKK

S-2

OICOG V OIENW DNW 26/10 OP  
T ITT

FROM: COBOMGR 386 10/2130B  
TO : NINTH BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2  
HQ NINTH AIR FORCE ATTN: A-2

SECRET QOK BT  
386BG S-293-D PD

1ST PHASE TELETYPE REPORT

A. CUSTINE RR BRIDGE

B. CUSTINE RR BRIDGE

H. 0936

K. COVERAGE 42 MINUTES AFTER ATTACK SHOWS BRIDGE UNSERVICEABLE  
WITH EAST ONE THIRD BRIDGE DESTROYED.

COBOMGR 386

BT: 10/2130B

WFM BB

OICOG R .....10/2203B

BLS

KKKKK

OTHER UNITS:	TARGET :	IX RC	WING <u>99</u>
:	:	DATE <u>10 Sept 44</u>	
:	:	ATTACKING UNIT <u>R. Light</u>	<u>386th Bomb</u>
:	:		GROUP
:	:		<u>No photographic</u>
:	:		<u>Coverage</u>
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Custine R.R. Bridge PRIMARY

None SECONDARY

None T. S. UNIT

H. P. I. Pointe R. Bridge

A. P. Same

B. TARGET ATTACHED Custine R.R. Bridge MILES FROM PRIMARY

DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY

C. COORDINATES (if non-script POINT) ON 1:50,000 MAP NO.

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 14-AR66 NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 13

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER:

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED PRIMARY 28 x 1000 GP FUSION 1/2 and 1/100

2 812R45 24 x 1000 GP FUSION 1/2 and 1/100

G. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 35°

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 0936

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Box I 1st 6 : No photo coverage due to cameras being run off or quashed by activation of automatic switches by change of bomb load.

Box 6 : Same as 1st 6.

Photographs by cameras on B76 missions over target at 1018 show the East one-third of the primary target 4806 E/B 19 to be destroyed. No bomb craters are visible on the available coverage suggesting demolition. An indication of muddiness in the river below the bridge is the only indication of bombing and this may be difference in light reflection due to other causes.

No coverage was obtained of the bridge which  
crews of one flight thought they had bombed at  
U 812 245. Other coverage shows the railroad  
bridge at U 776 180 to be unserviceable with  
several spans on the north end destroyed apparently  
by demolition. The road bridge at U 774 178  
has collapsed into the river apparently from demolition.  
The railroad bridge at U 822 200 has three  
spans from the north bank collapsed into the  
river apparently from demolition. The road  
bridge at U 820 198 is intact and serviceable.  
A small road bridge at U 824 202 is half gone  
from the south bank.

Grid References Nord de Guerre zone

R. W. Bushall Capt A.C.

P. S. Officer.

NUMBER UNITS:	TARGET :	IX BC	WING 99	:
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	DATE	10th Sept., 1944	:
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	ATTACKING UNIT	2 Flights	:
:	:	:	386th Bomb G.	:
:	:	:	GROUP	:
:	:	:	No photographic coverage.	:
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT	:

A. TARGET BRIEFED Custine RR Bridge PRIMARY

None SECONDARY

None CASUAL

M. P. I. Center of Bridge

A. P. Same

B. TARGET ATTACKED Custine RR Bridge MILES FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

C. COORDINATES (If non-descript PINPOINT) \_\_\_\_\_ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 14 - A-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 13

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 28 x 1000 GP PRIMARY FUSING 1/10 and 1/100

U 812245 24 x 1000 GP FUSING 1/10 and 1/100

G. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED 35°

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 0936

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I : 1st 6 : : No photo coverage due to cameras being run off on ground by activation of **automatic** switches by change of bomb load.

2nd 6 : 1. Same as 1st 6.

Photographs by cameras on B-26 missions over target at 1018 show the East one-third of the primary target 4806E/B/9 to be destroyed. No bomb craters are visible on the available coverage suggesting demolition. An indication of muddiness in the river below the bridge is the only indication of bombing and this may be difference in light reflection due to other causes.

No coverage was obtained of the bridge which crews of one flight thought they had bombed at U 812245. Other coverage shows the railroad bridge at U 776180 to be unserviceable with several spans on the northend destroyed apparently by demolition. The road bridge at U 774178 has collapsed into the river apparently from demolition. The railroad bridge at U 822200 has three spans from the north bank collapsed into the river apparently from demolition. The road bridge at U 820198 is intact and **serviceable**. A small road bridge at U 824202 is half gone from the south bank.

Grid References Nord de Guerre Zone.

*R. W. Bushnell*  
R.W. BUSHNELL,  
Capt., A.C.,  
P.I. Officer.

386TH GROUP BOMBARDIER'S  
GROSS ERROR REPORT

MISSION TO CUSINE R/R BRIDGE

DATE 10 SEPTEMBER 1944.

BOMBING BY 7'S

**A-26 Mission**

FIRST BOX

1ST 6 **7** EXCEL

2ND 6 **7** FAIR

3RD 6

Both flights reported bombing the correct target.  
One flight bombed the wrong target. Unable to confirm  
which bombed the wrong target because of no photo  
coverage.

SECOND BOX

1ST 6

2ND 6

3RD 6

ALBERT E. HILL,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group Bombardier.

OISLG OISMC OIDNW OIMAG OICOG V OIGAC 2/10 "OP" 10/10

FROM: 99TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 100700B 99CBW S-076-E  
TO : COBOMGP 322, 344, 386, 391  
COMBOMCOM 9

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
SECRET GOM BT

99TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 140  
10 SEPTEMBER 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 264

ADD TO 1. B. (2):

98TH WING ATTACKING FORET DU HAYE WITH 3 GROUPS FROM  
1040 TO 1110. 97TH WING ATTACKING FORET DU HAYE AT ZERO  
PLUS 10 AND ZERO PLUS 20.

ADD:

3. X. (15) EMERGENCY AIRFIELDS AND STRIPS.

ENGLAND - MANSTON

FRANCE - A-26, A-42, A-47, A-48, B-48, B-40 ALSO STRIPS  
LOCATED AT COORD: M-9130, M-8651, M-7834.

COMCBTWIG 99

BT 100700B  
JLL AR

ALL STATIONS STAND BY FOR K WITH R

OISLG R.....10/0650B CP AR

OIMVXR

OISMC R.....10/0650B SK AR

OIDNW R.....10/0750B WFM AR

OIMAG R.....10/0750B RLS AR

OICOG R.....07/51B RT AR  
ARTVT

00438

386TH GROUP BOMBARDIER'S  
GROSS ERROR REPORT

MISSION TO CUSINE R/R BRIDGE

DATE 10 SEPTEMBER 1944.

BOMBING BY 7'S

**A-26 Mission**

FIRST BOX \_\_\_\_\_

1ST 67 EXCEL

2ND 67 FAIR

3RD 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Both flights reported bombing the correct target.  
One flight bombed the wrong target. Unable to confirm  
which bombed the wrong target because of no photo  
coverage.

SECOND BOX \_\_\_\_\_

1ST 6 \_\_\_\_\_

2ND 6 \_\_\_\_\_

3RD 6 \_\_\_\_\_

ALBERT E. HILL,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group Bombardier.

Box I FIT I

MAPS: 1:100,000 14E (NANCY)

TOT MATERIAL

TOUL + NANCY

W. E. Smith  
Capt. A.C.  
Remember Name

Box I FIT II

MAPS: 1:100,000 14C (NANCY)

TOT MATERIAL

TOUL + NANCY

J. Kell

Remember Name

Box I FIT III

MAPS: 1:100,000 14E (NANCY)

TOT MATERIAL

TOUL + NANCY

J

Remember Name  
John Peterson

Box II FIT I

MAPS: 1:100,000 14G (NANCY)

TOT MATERIAL

TOUL + NANCY

Joe A. Conn 2nd FLT.  
15th Box

Remember Name

Box II FIT II

MAPS: 1:100,000 14B (NANCY)

TOT MATERIAL

TOUL + NANCY

M. B. Brown

Remember Name

Box II FIT III

MAPS: 1:100,000 14B (NANCY)

TOT MATERIAL

TOUL + NANCY

CRABTREE

Remember Name

FROM: 99TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 100251B 99CBW S-075-E  
TO : COBOMCP 322, 344, 386, 391  
COMBOMCOM 9

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY  
SECRET GQX BT

99TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 140  
10 SEPTEMBER 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 264.

1. B. (2) P-47'S OF 9TH TAC WILL FURNISH AREA COVER.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.

ZERO HOUR: 100930B

3. A. 386TH GROUP:

- (1) 4806E/B/9
- (2) 13 A/C (A-26'S)
- (4) BASE TO CLACTON TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TURN LEFT TO GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (6) 11,500 FEET.
- (7) 4832N 0552E
- (8) 35 DEGREES.
- (9) 065085 ON ILL. 4806E/9/1
- (10) 4 X 1000 C.P. 1/10 X 1/100
- (12) 30 FEET.
- (13) ZERO HOUR.

B. 322ND GROUP:

- (13) ZERO PLUS 30.

C. 386TH GROUP:

- (13) ZERO PLUS 40.

D. 391ST GROUP:

- (13) ZERO PLUS 50.

E. 344TH GROUP:

- (13) ZERO PLUS 60.

X. PARA'S B, AND C:

- (1) FORET DU HAYE
- (2) 36 A/C
- (4) BASE TO CLACTON TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TURN LEFT TO GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (6) 11,500 FEET.
- (7) 4832N 0543E
- (8) APPROX. 60 DEGREES.
- (9) U-800167, U-789125; MAP 14G - 1/100,000. COVER AREA 200 YDS RADIUS.
- (10) 28 X 100 C.P. INST NOSE ONLY.
- (12) 50 FEET.
- (14) BOMB BY FLIGHTS.

Y. PARA'S D, AND E:

- (1) 4806E/B/9, REF. 065085  
4806E/9/1, REF. 041024
- (2) 36 A/C
- (4) BASE TO CLACTON TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TURN LEFT TO GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.
- (6) 11,500 FEET.

(13) ZERO PLUS 30.

C. 386TH GROUP:  
(13) ZERO PLUS 40.

D. 391ST GROUP:  
(13) ZERO PLUS 50.

E. 344TH GROUP:  
(13) ZERO PLUS 60.

X. PARA'S B, AND C:  
(1) FORET DU HAYE  
(2) 36 A/C  
(4) BASE TO CLACTON TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO I.P. TO TARGET.  
(5) TURN LEFT TO GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.  
(6) 11,500 FEET.  
(7) 4832N 0543E  
(8) APPROX. 60 DEGREES.  
(9) U-800167, U-789125; MAP 14G - 1/100,000. COVER AREA 200 YDS RADIUS.  
(10) 28 X 100 G.P. INST NOSE ONLY.  
(12) 50 FEET.  
(14) BOMB BY FLIGHTS.

X. PARA'S D, AND E:  
(1) 4806E/B/9, REF. 065085  
4806E/9/1, REF. 041024  
(2) 36 A/C  
(4) BASE TO CLACTON TO NORTH FORELAND TO GRAVELINES TO I.P. TO TARGET.  
(5) TURN LEFT TO GRAVELINES TO NORTH FORELAND TO BASE.  
(6) 11,500 FEET.  
(7) 4832N 0552E.  
(8) APPROX. 35 DEGREES.  
(9) 1 BOX 065085; 1 BOX 041024; ON ILL. 4806E/9/1  
(10) 4 X 1000 G.P. 1/10 X 1/100  
(12) 30 FEET.  
(14) BOMB BY FLIGHTS.

5. A. 386TH GROUP: (A-26'S)  
(2) BESTMAN

B. 322ND GROUP:  
(2) MARGIN

C. 386TH GROUP:  
(2) QUICKSTART

D. 391ST GROUP:  
(2) CONSUME

E. 344TH GROUP:  
(2) LANDGIRL

X. (2) EMERGENCY HOMING: C/S SWEEPSTAKE - CHANNEL B  
(10) BTAV

COMCBTWIG 99

BT 100251B  
IB AR

OISLG R.....10/0214B FCL AR

OISMC R.....10/0212B CWH AR

OIDNW R.....10/0212B JJM AR

OIMAG R.....10/0212B GLH AR

00494

OPFLASH REPORT

To:

From:

REF: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL

Opflash No. 264 For 15 Sept. 44

A. (i) Target Ordered ~~F. 4740 Hays~~ EUSTINE R.R. Bldg

(ii) Target Attacked 11 11

B. (i) Group 386

(ii) No. a/c off by type 14 A-26's

(iii) No. a/c failing to bomb -- Explain each failure:

0 Recall due to weather

0 Personnel

1 Mechanical Bomb rack malfunc. caused 1 a/c

0 Other Reasons To release bombs 30 seconds after turn

(iv) No. a/c bombings:

7 Primary.

0 Secondary.

6 Other. missed by 1 a/c

C. (i) Time Up 0745

(ii) T.O.T. 0936

(iii) Time Down 1109

(There - Cause)

D. (i) No. a/c 0 Missing

0 Destroyed

0 Damaged (Cat. B-A/C)

0 Damaged (Cat. A)

(ii) Enemy a/c 0 Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed

0 Damaged (Include type a/c.)

(iii) No. Crew 0 Killed 0 Wounded 0 Missing.

E. Results of bombing

Level flight excellent pattern by level flight on bridge north of P.T. Island! The heat 8/22/45  
Four results 2nd flight of P.T.

F. (1) Enemy a/c Opposition:

(a) Over Target

Nil

(b) Elsewhere

Nil

(ii) Flak:

(a) Over Target

Nil

(b) Elsewhere

Nil

Mig scattered ~~at~~ at Sandfall near ~~base~~

G. Urgent Information, Observations, Summary of Hot News:

H. (i) Weather as it affected bombing of target (Primary, Secondary, Other)

Clear over target - vis. 15 miles

(ii) Weather en route

Clear at base - vis. 2 miles - 4/10 cum.

base 2/3000 top 6000 over channel of 10 miles in bank 5 to 7/10 cum.  
over channel on north bank Clear at Base.

I. Bombs on Primary

No. 28

and

Type

Bombs on Secondary

Bombs on Other

Bombs Jettisoned

Bombs Returned

28	x	1000
	x	
24	x	1000
	x	
	x	

J. Altitude of Attack

11,500

4 x 1000 released near I.P.

TIME PHONED 1300

TIME SENT TO THE TYPE 1300

1300

BY SIGNAL Capt Hogg

OTHER UNITS: TARGET :	IX BC	MISSION :
:	:	:
:	DATE <u>10th Sept., 1944</u>	:
:	:	380th Bomb B.
:	ATTACKING UNITS <u>Flights</u>	GROUP
:	:	No photographic coverage.
:	:	:
:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET HIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED Gustine RR Bridge PRIMARY

None SECONDARY

None CASUAL

M. P. I. Center of Bridge

A. P. None

B. TARGET ATTACHED Gustine RR Bridge MILES FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

C. COORDINATES (If non-script POINT) \_\_\_\_\_ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 14 - B-26's NO. OF A/C ATTACKING 13

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 28 x 1000 GP FUSION 1/10 and 1/100

U 812245 24 x 1000 GP FUSION 1/10 and 1/100

G. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 35°

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 0956

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

K. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I : 1st S : : No photo coverage due to cameras being run off on ground by activation of automatic switches by change of bomb load.

2nd S : : Same as 1st S.

Photographs by cameras on B-26 missions over target at 1018 show the East one-third of the primary target 4806E/W/S to be destroyed. No bomb craters are visible on the available coverage suggesting demolition. An indication of muddiness in the river below the bridge is the only indication of bombing and this may be difference in light reflection due to other causes.

No coverage was obtained of the bridge which crews of one flight thought they had bombed at U 812245. Other coverage shows the railroad bridge at U 776180 to be unserviceable with several spans on the northend destroyed apparently by demolition. The road bridge at U 774178 has collapsed into the river apparently from demolition. The railroad bridge at U 822200 has three spans from the north bank collapsed into the river apparently from demolition. The road bridge at U 820188 is intact and serviceable. A small road bridge at U 824202 is half gone from the south bank.

Grid References Nord de Guerre Zone.

*R. W. Bushnell*

R. W. BUSHNELL,

Capt., A. C.,

A. I. Officer.

← B-26		A-26		B-26		RETURN		RETURN		RETURN	
552	100%	553	100%	554	100%	555	100%	556	100%	557	100%
202	28	200	4	210	28	198	28	198	28	M-30	1014
656	28	185	4	216	28	650	28	650	28	M-65	56
941	28	197	4	812	28	041	28	041	28	M-103	1070
104	28	183	4	048	28	613	28	613	28	M-102	56
346	28	176	4	621	28	793	28	793	28	DET	.01 56
374	28	187	4	631	28	612	28	612	28		
311	28	199	4	658	28	197	28	197	28		
106	28	190	4	622	28	161	28	161	28		
171	28	202	4	877	28	296	28	296	28		
617	28	198	4	755	28	220	28	220	28		
321	28	191	4	669	28	615	28	615	28		
084	28	194	4	420	28	789	28	789	28		
TOTAL		189	+								
FURING NOTE		132	4								
TOTAL FINE	28%		56		33%		33%		33%		
FURING NOSE	100%		10		100%		100%		100%		
TAIL	100%		10		100%		100%		100%		

1ST. MISSION  
10 SEPT. 1944

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FROM COBOMGR 386 10/1320B

TO COBOMCOM IX

CG 99 CBW

ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

386BG 5-234-D

OPFLASH NO 264 FOR 10 SEPT 44

A (1) CUSTINE RR BRIDGE

(2) CUSTINE RR BRIDGE

B (1) 386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

(2) 14 A-26'S

(3) 1 A/C DUE TO BOMB-RACK MALFUNCTION CAUSING A C TO SALVOE BOMBS 30 SECONDS AFTER TURN OFF I.P.

(4) 7 A/C ON PRIMARY. 6 A C ON HIGHWAY BRIDGE NORTH OF PRIMARY BELIEVED TO BE AT U-812245.

C (1) 0745

(2) 0936

(3) 1109

D (1) 0-0-0-0

(2) 0-0-0-0

(3) 0-0-0

E EXCELLENT PATTERN BY LEAD FLIGHT ON BRIDGE NORTH OF PRIMARY TARGET BELIEVED TO BE AT U-812245. FAIR RESULTS FOR SECOND FLIGHT ON PRIMARY.

F (1) A NIL

(2)

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

F (1) A NIL

B NIL

(2) A NIL

B WEAGRE SCATTERED HFF AT LANDFALL NEAR GRAVELINES

G 10 OR 12 SILVER FIGHTERS FOLLOWED IN SUN BUT DID NOT COME IN- UNIDENTIFIED (80 MILES FROM TARGET AT 315 HEADING ON WAY IN).

ROUND ELLIPTICAL TAIL FIGHTER (TWIN ENGINE) LOOKED BLACK, POSSIBLY ME 410 (80 MILES FROM TARGET AT 315 HEADING 20 MINUTES FROM TARGET

H (1) CLEAR OVER TARGET. VISIBILITY 15 MILES

(2) CLEAR AT BASE. VISIBILITY 2 MILES - 4 10 CUMULUS BASE 2-3000FT TOPS 6000 FT OVER CHANNEL AND 10 MILES INLAND. 5-7 10 CUMULUS OVER CHANNEL IN ROUTE BACK AND CLEAR AT BASE.

I 28 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY. 24 X 1000 GP ON BRIDGE NORTH OF PRIMARY TARGET AT 812245. 4 X 1000 GP SALVOED NEAR I.P.

J 11500 - 10500

COBOMGR 386

BT 10/1320B

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CHB BB

OIGAC R.....10/1435B GG AR

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OICOG R.....'10 1435B HAS AR KKKKKK

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FROM COBOMGR 386 10/1320B

TO COBOMCOM 17

CG 99 CBW

ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL BT

386BC 5-234-D

OPFLASH NO 264 FOR 10 SEPT 44

A (1) CUSTINE RR BRIDGE

(2) CUSTINE RR BRIDGE

B (1) 366TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

(2) 14 A-26'S

(3) 1 A/C DUE TO BOMB-RACK MALFUNCTION CAUSING A C TO SALVOE BOMBS 30 SECONDS AFTER TURN OFF I.P.

(4) 7 A/C ON PRIMARY. 6 A C ON HIGHWAY BRIDGE NORTH OF PRIMARY BELIEVED TO BE AT U-812245.

C (1) 0745

(2) 0936

(3) 1109

D (1) 0-0-0-0

(2) 0-0-0-0

(3) 0-0-0

E EXCELLENT PATTERN BY LEAD FLIGHT ON BRIDGE NORTH OF PRIMARY TARGET BELIEVED TO BE AT U-812245. FAIR RESULTS FOR SECOND FLIGHT ON PRIMARY.

F (1) A NIL

(2)

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

F (1) A NIL

B NIL

(2) A NIL

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J 11500 - 10500

COBOMGR 386

BT 10/1320B

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OIGAC R.....10 1435B GG AR

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TO: COBOMCOM 1 X, ATTN. A-2  
COCBTWIG 99, ATTN: A-2

FROM: COBOMGR 386

OPFLASH NO. 264 for 10 SEPT 44.

- A. (i) CUSTINE RR BRIDGE.  
(ii) CUSTINE RR BRIDGE.
- B. (i) 386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
(ii) 14 A-26'S  
(iii) 1 A/C DUE TO BOMB-RACK MALFUNCTION CAUSING A/C TO SALVOE BOMBS  
30 SECONDS AFTER TURN OFF I.P.  
  
(iv) 7 A/C ON PRIMARY. 6 A/C ON HIGHWAY BRIDGE NORTH OF PRIMARY, ~~BELIEVED~~  
BELIEVED TO BE AT 812245.
- C. (i) 0745  
(ii) 0936  
(iii) 1109
- D. (i) 0-0-0-0  
(ii) 0-0-0-0  
(iii) 0-0-0
- E. EXCELLENT PATTERN BY LEAD FLIGHT ON BRIDGE NORTH OF PRIMARY TARGET BELIEVED  
TO BE AT 812245. FAIR RESULTS FOR SECOND FLIGHT ON PRIMARY.
- F. (i) a. Nil  
b. Nil  
(ii) a. Nil  
b. MEAGRE SCATTERED HFF, AT LANDFALL NEAR GRAVELINES.
- G. 10 OR 12 SILVER FIGHTERS FOLLOWED IN SUN BUT DID NOT COME IN - UNIDENTIFIED  
( 80 MILES FROM TARGET AT 315 HEADING ON WAY IN). ROUND ELLIPTICAL TAIL  
FIGHTER (TWIN ENGINE) LOCKED BLACK, POSSIBLY ME 410 ( 80 MILES FROM TARGET  
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6000 FT OVER CHANNEL AND 10 MILES INLAND. 5-8/10 CUMULUS OVER CHANNEL  
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- J. 11,500 - 10,500.

15-MINUTE REPORT

Based on interrogation of 1st crew to land (presumably a box leader) at a/o hardstand. Telephone Command and Wing within 15 minutes of the landing of this 1st a/o.

## 1. Bombing Results (inc. no. of runs on target).

Primary target bombed? \_\_\_\_\_ Results: *For land of*If not -- why? *border to bridge of*Other target bombed? \_\_\_\_\_ Results: *PT*

## 2. Weather as it affected mission

Target: *see*Enroute: *see*

## 3. Flak (intensity, accuracy, type)

Target: *Flak in area of Calais*Enroute: *Handful*4. E/A Encounters (strong, mediocre, none, nil -- available details) *Nil*5. Deviations from Route: *Nil*6. Special Comments: *100% colored around*INSTRUCTIONS

If the leader of the first box to land cannot report for the second box, the leader of the second box also will be met at the a/o hardstand and interrogated similarly.

In interrogating these first crews, the S-2 interrogating officer should have a map with overlay on which the route as flown can be drawn. (Plotted route should not be used.)

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## 1. Bombing Results (inc. no. of runs on target).

Primary target bombed? \_\_\_\_\_ Results: LEAD FLIGHT BOMBED RR BRIDGE  
NORTH OF P.T.  
SECOND FLIGHT MISSED P.T.

If not -- why?

Other target bombed? \_\_\_\_\_ Results:

## 2. Weather as it affected mission

Target: CLEAR VISIBILITY 15 MILES.

Enroute: CLEAR AT BASE VISIBILITY 2 MILES 4/10 CUMULUS BASE 2-3000 TOPS  
5000 OVER CHANNEL & 10 MI INLAND - 5-7/10 OVER CHANNEL ON ROUTE BACK

## 3. Flak (intensity, accuracy, type) CLEAR OVER BASE.

Target: NIL

Enroute:

## 4. E/A Encounters (strong, mediocre, meager, nil -- available details)

## 5. Deviations from Route:

## 6. Special Comments:

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OPFLASH REPORT

To:

From:

REF:

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL

Opflash No. 264 For 10 SEPT 44

A. (i) Target Ordered CUSTOMER RR BRIDGE

(ii) Target Attacked " " "

B. (i) Group 386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

(ii) No. a/c off by type 14 A-26'S

(iii) No. a/c failing to bomb -- Explain each failure:

Recall due to weather

Personnel

1 Mechanical DUE TO BOMBAGE MALFUNCTION CAUSING A/C TO SALVOE BOMBS SO SEVERALS AFTER TURN OFF I.P.

Other Reasons

(iv) No. a/c bombings:

Primary.

Secondary.

6 Other.

C. (i) Time Up 0745

(ii) T.O.T. 0936

(iii) Time Down 1109

(There - Cause)

D. (i) No. a/c 0 Missing

0 Destroyed

0 Damaged (Cat. B-A/C)

0 Damaged (Cat. A)

(ii) Enemy a/c 0 Destroyed 0 0 Probably Destroyed

0 Damaged (Include type a/c.)

(iii) No. Crew 0 Killed 0 Wounded 0 Missing.

E. Results of bombing EXCELLENT PATTERN BY LEAD FLIGHT ON BRIDGE NORTH OF  
PRIMARY TARGET BELIEVED TO BE AT 812245. FAIR RESULTS 2ND FLIGHT AT P.T.

F. (i) Enemy a/c Opposition:

(a) Over Target NIL

(b) Elsewhere NIL

(ii) Flak:

(a) Over Target NIL

(b) Elsewhere MEAGRE SCATTERED HFP, AT LANDFALL NEAR GRAVELINES.

G. Urgent Information, Observations, Summary of Hot News:

H. (1) Weather as it affected bombing of target (Primary, Secondary, Other)  
CLEAR OVER TARGET. VIS: 15 MILES.

(ii) Weather en route CLEAR AT BASE VISIBILITY 2 MILES - 4/10 CUMULUS  
BASE 2-3000 TOPS 6000 OVER CHANNEL & 10 MILES INLAND. 5-7/10 CUMULUS OVER CHANNEL  
ON ROUTE BACK WITHIN AT BASE.

	No.	and	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	<u>26</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>1000 GP</u>
Bombs on Secondary	<u>          </u>	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
Bombs on Other	<u>24</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>1000 GP</u>
Bombs Jettisoned	<u>          </u>	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
Bombs Returned	<u>          </u>	<u>x</u>	<u>          </u>
			<u>1000 SALVAGED NEAR I.P.</u>
J. Altitude of Attack	<u>11,500</u>	<u>10,500</u>	

BOX LEADER'S REPORT

(To be telephoned to ling via Ops line not later than one hour after first  
a/c lands.)

a. TARGET(S) BOMBED: LAST FLIGHT BOMBED BRIDGE W OF P.C. & SECOND FLIGHT  
BOMBED P.C. WITH FAIR RESULTS SHORT & TO LEFT.

b. RESULTS:

c. DAMAGE, INJURIES, LOSSES -- PERSONNEL AND A/C:  
NIL.

d. BROAD ROUTE AND FLAK PICTURE: NIL

AS BOMBED BOMBERS SCATTERED WIND, AT LANDFALL NEAR GRAVELINES

e. WEATHER AS IF A FLOTTOB ESCORT. CLEAR AT BASE VISIBILITY 2 MILES - 4/10  
OVER CHANNEL & 10 MILES INLAND REMAINING CLEAR OVER TARGET. VIS: 15 miles  
5-7/10 OVER CHANNEL ON ROUTE BACK. CLEAR AT BASE.

(STICK TO GENERALIZED FACTS -- NO STATISTICS)

Phoned at 1230 9/28/44

BOX LEADER'S REPORT

(To be telephoned to Wing via Ops line not later than one hour after first n/o lands.)

a. TARGET(S) SIGHTED:

Land fill  
7 afc base flight bombed  
Highway bridge N of PT  
2 no-ill

b. RESULTS:

7 afc bombed PT for results  
Shattered to left

c. DAMAGE, INJURIES, LOSSES -- PERSONNEL AND A/C:

Nil

d. BROAD ROUTE AND FLARE PICTURE:

As briefed - scattered flares at landfall  
near Gardiner

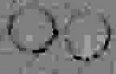
e. WEATHER AS IF APPLICABLE TO MISSION:

Clear at Base visibility 2 mi.

4/10 cu base 2-3000 tops 6000  
over Channel 4 and 10 miles inland. Becoming  
clear over target. Visibility 15 miles.

5-7/10 cu over Channel on route back. Clear at  
base.

(STICK TO GENERALIZED FACTS -- NO STATISTICS)



Phoned 1230 9/14 in room

BOX LEADER'S REPORT

(To be telephoned to Wing via Ops line not later than one hour after first a/c lands.)

a. TARGET(S) BOMBED: Lead flight  
7 a/c lead flight bombed  
Hanging bridge N of PT  
2 a/c to

b. RESULTS: 7 a/c bombed PT fine results  
Shorts to left.

c. DAMAGE, INJURIES, LOSSES -- AIRCRAFT AND A/C:  
Nil

d. BROAD ROUTE AND FLAK PICTURE:  
No flak, scattered flak, low level  
near the bridge.

e. WEATHER AS IF APPLIED TO MISSION: Clear at bases w/sky 2 mi.  
4/10 cu base 2-3000 top 6000  
over Channel & and 10 miles inland. Becoming  
clear over target. w/sky 15 miles.

5-7/10 cu over Channel on route back. Clear at  
bases.

(STICK TO GENERALIZED FACTS -- NO STATISTICS)

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7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition then last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)  
Enemy Ships:

Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. Remarks on interview of the mission:

Interviewer's Signature



7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition was last seen: ✓

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause) ✓

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible, enemy Ships)

Other Observations: ✓

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support: ✓

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND OPINIONS: ✓

Better & more efficient  
CQ so all crews can be  
up & it will be depended upon.

12. INVESTIGATION'S OBSERVATIONS: ✓

13. REMARKS AS TO AIRCRAFT AND CREW: \_\_\_\_\_

*Hoy*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Investigator's Signature



7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)

~~great~~ bumps: 10 air silver fighters followed in sun did not come in - unidentified (80 mi from Tgt at 315 heading - on way in)

Other Observations:

Round elliptical tail fighter - "twin engined" "looked black" Me 410 possibly (80 mi from Tgt at 315 heading [20 minutes from Tgt])

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Sight:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. ~~REMARKS~~

*D. Schuman*

Interrogator's Signature

INTERCOMBAT OR FOF

RCR 3865.D. 353/10 NO. 196/10 LTR. J BOMB LOAD 11/1500 DATE 11/7/44

1. Position in Formation

Box No.				
	X		Capt Richardson	51 of Hurley
	X X			
	X		1st Lt Magliano	OF
	X X			
	X	X		
X	X	X		
X	X	X		
X	X	X		
X	X	X		

CASUALTIES: FRESHWATER ABOVE LIST BY NAME AND RANKS:  
 Killed (K); Seriously wounded (S); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

2. Target Enemy Aircraft: Over Target: Leaving Enemy Coast:

3. Target Bombed (Name): Disposition of Wreck: Observed Evidence of Landing:  
 On target: 4/1500 Yards:  
 Jettisoned: Others:  
 Recovered:

If target not bombed, why?

4. Deviation from route:

If returned early, point out time of turning:

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate sheet for each combat)

No. E/A seen: Time: No. of enemy:  
 Unusual enemy tactics:  
 No. E/A Probably Destroyed: No. E/A Damaged:

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place	Your Altitude	Description (Light or Heat, Fleck, Accuracy)	Height

7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

N

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

N

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)  
Enemy Ships:

Other Observations:

N

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

N

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS:

✓

12. INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

✓

13. ~~Investigator's observations:~~

Hogey  
Investigator's Signature



7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

*No*

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

*No*

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)  
Enemy Ships:

Other Observations:

*Smoke in tower of Navy*

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

*Didn't see any*

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

*Make it slower a bit slower*

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Interrogator's Signature



7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)  
Enemy Ships:

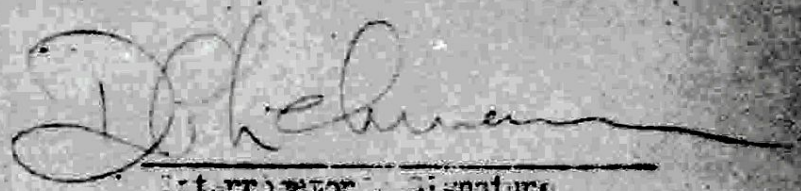
Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. INTERVIEWER'S SIGNATURE:

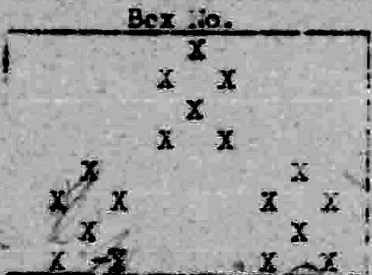


Interviewer's Signature

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 36 S.D. 13 NO. 129 NO. STR. N B. 3 L.C.D. 4X1000 TE 10-9-44

**1. Position in Formation**



Ch. J. Kelley RG  
3/ W. Clark FG  
2/ M. Robb TB

ON ABOVE: DESIGNATE ON ABOVE LIST BY FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:  
 (X) Killed (S) Seriously wounded (W) Wounded (M) Missing

2. ~~Class of Bomber~~ Target Leaving Enemy Coast

3. Target Bombed Position of Bomber Number of Bombs  
 (Name) 4X1000 Yours: 6  
Jettisoned Others:  
Returned

If target not bombed, why? Mark 2 Miss

4. Deviation from route:

If returned, ~~reason~~ of turning:

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Encounter Form for each combat)

No. E/A seen: 1 type No. of encounters  
 Unusual enemy tactics:  
 No. E/A Probably Destroyed: 0 No. E/A Damaged:

6. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place	Your Altitude	Description (Light or Heavy, Flak, AA, Search, Solar, etc.)	Intensity
		<u>Nil</u>	

7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible, along ships)

Other Observations:

Nil

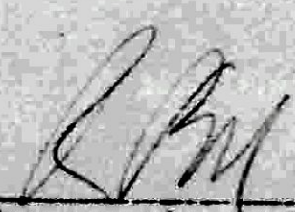
10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

None due to typhoon

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. IMMIGRATOR'S CASE FILE NO:

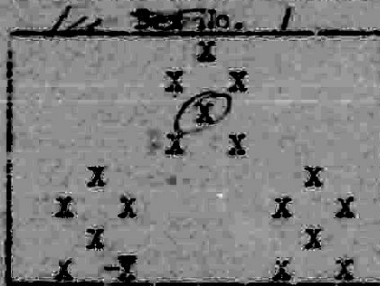
~~13. REMARKS BY THE COMMANDER:~~

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Interceptor's Signature

INTER-OFFICER REPORT

FORM 35-5-D-553/C NO. 1234 DIR. B BOM. 600 4X1000 DATE 10/2/44

1. Position in Formation



1st Middlebrook 11 P. 4 Miles RO

2nd 2 Miles 5 FB

IB IB IB

CIR. MARKS: Filled (F); Seriously Wounded (S); Killed (K); Missing (M)

2. Time: Enemy Launch: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Target Bomb (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Missed \_\_\_\_\_

On Target 4x1000 Years: 44065

Settled \_\_\_\_\_ Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Returned \_\_\_\_\_

If target not bombed, why? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Deviation from route: \_\_\_\_\_

If returned early, print end time of turning: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition (Separate Report for each type)

No. E/A seen: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of enemy aircraft: \_\_\_\_\_

Unusual enemy tactics: \_\_\_\_\_

No. E/A Probably Destroyed: \_\_\_\_\_

6. INTER-OFFICER MARKS:

Place	Your Altitude	Description	Accuracy	Color

7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible,  
Enemy Ships:

Other Observations:


10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

None Seen

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

9. Weather as it affected the mission:

  
Interrogator's Signature



7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress. Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Date and Cause)

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible, enemy Ships:

Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of fighter support:

None seen

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Bomb door would not close auto.

12. INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. LETTER TO THE COMMANDER:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Interviewer's Signature



7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition then last seen: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)  
enemy Ships: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Observations: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support: \_\_\_\_\_

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

12. INTERROGATION'S OBSERVATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Weather as it affects the mission: \_\_\_\_\_

  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the \_\_\_\_\_

GROUPT 336 S.D. 553 A/C NO. 226 A/C LTR. A BOMB LOAD DATE 10/9/41

1. Position in Formation



Col F W Harris 11 to 0 Clark RG  
1st Lt J P Dunster EG  
 IB TG

CONTINUED; DESIGNATE ON ABOVE LIST BY INCLUDING FIGURES:  
 Killed (K); Seriously wounded (SW); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

2. ~~Time Enemy Remained in~~ Over Target ~~Leaving~~

3. Target Bombed Designation of Bombs Observed Results of Bombing  
 (Name) CUSTINES On Target 4x1000'S Yours: CULDN'T SEE  
(BRIDGE) Jettisoned Others: BOMBS HIT  
Returned SEEM LIKE SOME  
HIT BRIDGE, AND  
OVER, MIGHT HAVE  
HIT BRIDGE TARGET  
SOME HITS AND  
THE OTHERS OVER

If target not bombed, why?

4. Deviation from route:

If returned early, point out time of departure

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Encounter Form for each combat)

No. E/A seen: None No. of encounter: None

Unusual enemy tactics:

No. E/A probably Destroyed: None No. E/A Damaged: None

6. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place	Year Altitude	Description (light or heavy; type; appearance; color)	Intensity (as Est. Int)
<u>LAND FALL</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>OFF TO 10 OR 15</u> <u>TAG</u> <u>PLAZA</u> <u>BURSTS</u>



7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

9. Crew Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible,  
Enemy Ships:

SAW CANN. SMOKE MARCH  
OF TANKS

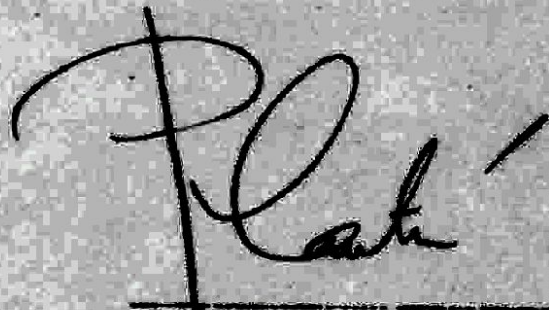
Other Observations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. ~~INTERROGATOR'S COMMENTS:~~

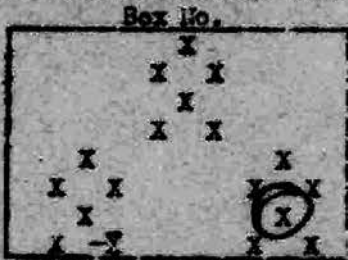


Interrogator's Signature

**INTERPOLATION FORM**

GROUP 36 SQD. 103 NC NO. 198 NC LTR. F BOMB LOAD \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 10-9-44

**1. Position in Formation**



1/B. Station \_\_\_\_\_ RG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ EG 51 W. Burn EG  
1/A. Column \_\_\_\_\_ TG

CIRCLES: DESIGNATE ON ABOVE LIST BY FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:  
 Filled (X); Seriously wounded (SW); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

~~2. Time: Army (approx) \_\_\_\_\_ Leaving Enemy Coast \_\_\_\_\_~~

3. Target Bombed Discussion of Bomb Observed Results of Bombing  
 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 On target 4X1000'S Your: OVER AND TO RIGHT  
CUSTOMERS Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Others: OTHER: 900P  
(BRIDGE) Returned \_\_\_\_\_ 100

If target not bombed, why? BRIDGE NOT HIT

4. Deviation from route: MADE TWO RUNS

~~If returned enemy, point out type of targets~~

**5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Encounter Form for each combat)**

No. E/A seen: \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. of encounters \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unusual enemy tactics: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. E/A Probably Destroyed: \_\_\_\_\_ No. E/A Damaged: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:**

Place	Your Altitude	Description (Light or Heavy Flak, Accuracy)	Intensity (Color, Size, Dist.)
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7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

9. Crews Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible, enemy Ships:

Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of fighter support:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

PUT HENTERS IN PLANES →

12. INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. Remarks:

P. Lantieri

In reporter's signature

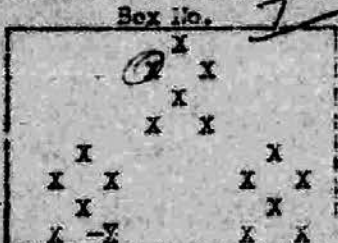
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DELEGATION FORM

GROUP 301 SDF 534 NO 172 W. LTR. M BOB LOD DATE 10/9/44

L. Position in Formation



1st Chalmer F - capt K Fahnus PG  
2nd " A. Vennet GP \_\_\_\_\_ PG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ JB \_\_\_\_\_ TG

CONTINUES: DESIGNATE ON ABOVE LIST BY INCLUDING CLASSIC:  
 Filled (F); Seriously wounded (SW); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

2. Time: Leave \_\_\_\_\_ Over Target? \_\_\_\_\_ Leaving Envy. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Target Bombed (N, no) \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. copies of bombs \_\_\_\_\_ Observed \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 On target 4/4 \_\_\_\_\_ Years: Between I.P. + Target  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Other: (malfunction)  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_ Opened doors + bombs salvaged.  
 If target not bombed, why? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Deviation from route: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If returned early, point on time \_\_\_\_\_

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Encounter \_\_\_\_\_ for each combat)  
 No. E/A seen: \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. of enemy seen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unusual enemy tactics: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. E/A probably Destroyed: \_\_\_\_\_ E/A Damaged: \_\_\_\_\_

6. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place	Your altitude	Description (light or heavy, type, altitude)	In enemy (I.P. or T.G.)

Boomb went armed 30 Secs after doors opened at I P

7. Friendly Aircraft Lost or in Distress: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

In what condition was last seen:  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Crew's Observations: (Give time and location as near as possible)

near Ships:

Other Observations:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

\_\_\_\_\_

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERCOMBATANT'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. REMARKS BY THE COMMANDER OF THE AIRCRAFT:



Interceptor's Signature

HOT NEWS REPORT

**IMMEDIATE PRIORITY**

The following information is to be telephoned at once to Duty Intelligence Officer at Command. No delays in procuring or transmitting can be permitted.

- 1. FRIENDLY A/C DOWN OR IN DISTRESS AT SEA \_\_\_\_\_ )
- FRIENDLY A/C DOWN OR IN DISTRESS OVER ENEMY TERRITORY \_\_\_\_\_ ) Check
- DINGHIES, LIFE RAFTS OR PERSONS IN DISTRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ) which

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Time seen) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) \_\_\_\_\_ (Altitude of reporting

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type of observed a/c) \_\_\_\_\_ (Any identifying data)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Other information)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. ENEMY SHIPPING, NAVAL UNITS OR CONVOYS AT SEA:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and type of ships) \_\_\_\_\_ (Course of ships)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Time seen) \_\_\_\_\_ (place) \_\_\_\_\_ (Altitude of reporting a/c)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Other information)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. OTHER HOT NEWS (Include new enemy tactics or equipment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\* \* \*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Interrogating Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Phoned to Command by \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Frank OK

Fitch OK

Stebbins OK

Mills OK

Yelle OK

Winn OK

W. W. ... OK

Ferris OK

Nason OK

Richardson OK

Salmon - Salmon - ~~OK~~

B. ... OK

B. ... OK

J. ... OK

Stair 11-0-0

HOT NEWS REPORT

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- FRIENDLY A/C DOWN OR IN DISTRESS OVER LAND TERRITORY \_\_\_\_\_ ) Check
- DINGHIES, LIFE RAFTS OR PERSONS IN DISTRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ) which

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Time seen) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) \_\_\_\_\_ (Altitude of reporting a/c)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type of observed a/c) \_\_\_\_\_ (Any identifying data)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Other information)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. ENEMY SHIPPING, NAVAL UNITS OR CONVOYS AT SEA:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and type of ships) \_\_\_\_\_ (Course of ships)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Time seen) \_\_\_\_\_ (place) \_\_\_\_\_ (altitude of reporting a/c)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Other information)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. OTHER HOT NEWS (Include new enemy tactics or equipment) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_ Initials of Interrogating Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Phoned to Command by \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

HOT NEWS REPORT

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- FRIENDLY A/C DOWN OR IN DISTRESS OVER LAND TERRITORY \_\_\_\_\_ ) Check
- DINGHIES, LIFE RAFTS OR PERSONS IN DISTRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ) which

\_\_\_\_\_  
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ENG. SV.

CHIEF

LEAD

LT. SV.

PLTR WINGS

DEPT. HEAD

MISSION

NAVIGATOR

M/C TYPE & NO.

TILE

TRUE COURSE

DRIFT CORRECT

VAR. MAG HEAD

DEV. W/D

IAS ACC

TAS S.S.

TO RPT DIST TMR

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TRUE COURSE HEAD

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REMARKS

PILOT

POSITION

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