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<p>AP-386-SM-12-S (cont.) 14 Sept 1944</p>	<p>RETURN TO RESEARCH STUDIES INSTITUTE U.S.A.F. HISTORICAL DIVISION ARCHIVES BRANCH</p>
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553rd Bombardment Squadron (M) AAF  
Office of the Operations Officer  
APO #140 U. S. Army

14, September 1944.

No. of Sorties---12  
*GP-386-S4-OP-5(Bomb)* Mission No. 1.

*14 Sept 1944*

<b>PILOT</b>	<b>SHIP NO.</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>BOB. NAME</b>	<b>ENGINE</b>
Kelly, John R.	202	4:50	Waller, J.T.	Mo, D.
Burhanna	199	4:30	Hodges, B. Carrelli, B.	Brown, R. A.
Chalmers	197	4:45		Portner
Middlebrooks	196	4:30	Reeves, C.O.	Williams, Myron
Pitch	191	4:15		Williams, H. P.
Turner	286	4:10		Byes, D. Smiley, H. M.
Richardson, E. R.	183	4:15	Magliano	Hurley, J.E.
Rechell, W.	189	4:05		George
Brown, C. J.	187	4:30		Sunderland
Sutton	206	4:40	Callaway	Gilliam, D.
Brewster	200	4:10	Dennis, L. Anton, W.P.	Clark, W.
Mills	194	4:30		Neppes, C.
* END *				* * *
* No. of Men-----				33

BARTON D. STEBBINS,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
A - 26 Operations Officer.

ABORTIONS: None

OPFLASH REPORT

COBOMCOM IX -- ATTN: A-2  
To: COCBTWIG 99 \*\* ATTN: A-2.

From: COBOMGR 386

REF: 386BG S-612-D OPERATIONAL PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL

Opflash No. 270 Per 14 Sep 1944

A. (i) Target Ordered Brest Strong Point. 130055 on Illus 4805W/66

(ii) Target Attacked PRIMARY

B. (i). Group 386

(ii) No. a/c off by type 12 A-26s

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

0 Recall due to weather

0 Personnel

0 Mechanical

0 Other Reasons

(iv) No. a/c bombing:

11 Primary. One a/c dropped on 2nd 18 of B-26 formation.  
0 Secondary. 019006 on Illus. 4805"/63.  
0 Ot. r.

C. (i) Time Up 1314

(ii) E.S.T. 1535

(iii) Time Down 1747

(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 Good to Excellent

F. (i) Enemy a/c Opposition:  
(a) Over Target Nil

(b) Elsewhere Nil

(ii) Flak:  
(a) Over Target Nil

(b) Elsewhere Nil

G. Urgent Information, Observations, Summary of Hot News: No observations.

H. (i) Weather as it affected bombing of target (Primary, Secondary, Other)  
5-6/10ths cumulus, tops 5500 ft. 6/10ths alto cumulus, base 14,000 ft.

Visibility 5 to 10 miles.

(ii) Weather on route Multi-layer clouds over channel, base 1000 ft, breaks at 6000 ft, then layer above extending up to 14,000 ft. Visibility over England, 1-3 miles.

	No.	and	Type
I. Bombs on Primary	<u>44</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>1000 GP</u>
Bombs on Secondary		<u>x</u>	
Bombs on Other	<u>4</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>1000 GP</u>
Bombs Jettisoned		<u>x</u>	
Bombs Returned		<u>x</u>	

J. Altitude of Attack 3700 ft

A-762

DATE SEPT 14 1944 TARGET BREST STRONG POINTS NO. 1 OF 2 FLIGHTS

BOX I

FIRST FLIGHT

(MRS. BURHANA)

BOMBARDIER'S NAME HODGES  
RESULTS GOOD  
PRECISE A.F. AS BRIEFED  
BOMBING ALT. 3700'  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES  
BAU  
LENGTH OF RUN 45 sec.  
ORDER OF BOMBING 1st  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.F.B.

BOX II

FIRST FLIGHT

(BREWSTER)

BOMBARDIER'S NAME DENNIS  
RESULTS GOOD  
PRECISE A.F. 700 YDS OVER BRIEFED A.F.  
BOMBING ALT. 6500'  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES  
BROKEN CUM. 5/7/40  
LENGTH OF RUN 1 MIN.  
ORDER OF BOMBING 2nd  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.F.B.

SECOND FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME  
RESULTS  
PRECISE A.F.  
BOMBING ALT.  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES  
LENGTH OF RUN  
ORDER OF BOMBING  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.F.B.

SECOND FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME  
RESULTS  
PRECISE A.F.  
BOMBING ALT.  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES  
LENGTH OF RUN  
ORDER OF BOMBING  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.F.B.

THIRD FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME  
RESULTS  
PRECISE A.F.  
BOMBING ALT.  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES  
LENGTH OF RUN  
ORDER OF BOMBING  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.F.B.

THIRD FLIGHT

BOMBARDIER'S NAME  
RESULTS  
PRECISE A.F.  
BOMBING ALT.  
WEATHER OR MALFUNCTION DIFFICULTIES  
LENGTH OF RUN  
ORDER OF BOMBING  
EXPLANATION CROSS OR P.F.B.

BOMBING INFORMATION

WING F.O. NO. 270

BOX 1 GROUP 386 DATE 14 Sept. 1944 TARGET ATTACKED BREST STRONG POINTS

1. Method of sighting: Low alt. procedure 1 2 Normal
2. Bombing approach: 110°
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, B.A., 1st Lt.  
DEONIS, L.F., 1st Lt.
6. Name of lead pilots: BURHANNA, Maj.  
BREWSTER, P.S., 1st Lt.

7. Intervalometer setting: 70 feet
8. Indicated air speed 200 Ground speed 220 altitude 3,700  
6,500

9. Length of bomb run: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Bomb load and fuzing per a/c:

<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>	Fused	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/40</u>	T
<u>4</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1000</u>		<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/40</u>	T
	<u>X</u>					T

11. Total bombs dropped: 48 x 1000

12. Full statement of all factors affecting bombing - including:
- (a) Did weather conditions or visibility adversely affect identification of target attacked or bombing. YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If "YES" state conditions and effect.  
Forced to go below overcast.
- (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.

Bombing Information Report Cont'd.

(d) To what extent did attacks by enemy aircraft affect bombing:

**None**

(e) State any difficulties on bombing run:

**None**

(f) Malfunctions, personnel errors or other factors affecting bombing:

**None**

(g) Bomb results as reported by crews:

Aimed at right target: YES   X   NO         
               
             

Results claimed: GOOD   X   FAIR        POOR        BAD MISS         
  X

OISLG OISMC OIENW OIMAG OICOG V OIGAC OIGAC 2/13 OP

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FROM: 99TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 13/0305B 99CBW S-094-E  
TO : COBOMGPS 322, 344, 386, 391,  
COMBOMCOM 9

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SECRET QOX BT

99TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
A P O 1 4 0  
13 SEPTEMBER 1944

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO FIELD ORDER NUMBER 269.  
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1. THE TARGETS FOR TODAY ARE ALL IN THE DREST AREA IN THE NECK OF LAND DIRECTLY SOUTH OF DREST. THE RESISTANCE WHICH IS STILL HERE IS CONTROLLING THE HARBOUR ENTRANCE AND SO STILL DENYING US THE USE OF THE PORT.
2. THE TARGETS:
  - W/65/C (4) 88MM GUNS.
  - W/66/1 FORT QUELERN, AN OLD FRENCH FORT.
  - W/63 AN OLD FRENCH FORT.
  - W/66 HEAVY COASTAL BATTERY. (IN THIS ONE OUR MPI IS THE COMMAND POST FOR THE BATTERIES HERE. A RECCE OF THE 27TH OF AUGUST SHOWS THAT IN ONE OF THE PREVIOUS RAIDS THE GUN VICINITY WAS HIT AND ONE OF THE GUN BARBETTES HAS A HOLE IN THE TOP OF IT. HOWEVER, THE GUNS MUST BE STILL OPERATIONAL AS THE ARMY THERE HAS REQUESTED THIS TO BE KNOCKED OUT AGAIN).
3. THE TROOP SITUATION IS ABOUT THE SAME AS IT HAS BEEN. OUR TROOPS HAVE INFILTRATED INTO THE AREA BUT THEY WILL DRAW BACK OF THE BOMB LINE WHEN THE TARGETS ARE GOING TO BE HIT.
4. THE BOMBLINE:
  - V-963886, 930808, 890754 TO THE TIP OF THE PENINSULA.
  - THE TROOP LINE:
    - V-000862, 980813.
5. THE FLAK EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA HAS BEEN NIL AND NO CHANGE IS EXPECTED.
6. THE A-26'S WILL BE IN AT ZERO; A-20'S FROM THE 97TH WING AT ZERO PLUS 10 AND ZERO PLUS 20. 99TH WING FOLLOWS.

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BT 13/0305B

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OISLG / OIGAC R.....13/00340B VDG AR  
OISMC / OIGAC R.....13/00340BN CWH AR  
OINW / OIGAC R.....13/0340B HEL AR  
OIMAG : OIGAC R.....13/0240B RLS QR  
OICOG : OIGAC R.....

DATE: 13-9-44

LEAD BOX  
1ST FLIGHT

LEAD BOX  
1ST FLIGHT

(CARROLL)

PILOT	A/C	C/L
BURMANA	199	D
MILLS	194	P
CHALMERS	197	M
MIDDLEBROOKS	198	F
SUTTON	206	R
BROWN	187	O

PILOT	A/C	C/L

2ND FLIGHT

2ND FLIGHT

BREWSTER	200	L
FITCH	191	G
TURNER	286	Z
RICHARDSON	183	A
KELLY	202	K
ROOHAL	189	N


3RD FLIGHT

3RD FLIGHT



EXTRA

EXTRA

SPARE	196	J


START BUILDING: 1130  
 END BUILDING: 1230  
 AS AIRCRAFT: 1255  
 START ENGINES: 1305  
 TAXI OUT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOVE OFF: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRST LIFT OFF: 1310  
 LAST LIFT OFF: \_\_\_\_\_  
 REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_ (GROUP \_\_\_\_\_)  
 REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_ (GROUP \_\_\_\_\_)  
 REMARKS: 1500 TO (PILOTS)

X  
 X X  
 X  
 X X

GAC V DNM 2/14

FROM COBOMGR 386 141010B  
TO COMCBTWIC 99  
BT

386BG 863/ 862AE

A-26  
BRIEFING AT 1130  
1ST MAN OFF 1310  
RUNWAY 33 LEFT HAND PATTERN

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B-26  
BRIEFING AT 1200  
1ST MAN OFF 1320  
RUNWAY 33 LEFT HAND PATTERN

COBOMGR 386

BT 141010B

AS

JP AR

GAC R.....24/1015B

GG AR

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LEAD BOX  
1ST FLIGHT

LEAD BOX  
1ST FLIGHT

PILOT	A/C	C/L
Carroll Butanna	199	D
Mills	194	C
Chalmers	197	M
Middlebrooks	198	F
Sutton	206	R
Brown	187	O

PILOT	A/C	G/L

2ND FLIGHT

2ND FLIGHT

Anton Brewster	200	L
Fitch	191	G
Turner	286	Z
Richardson	183	A
Kelly	202	K
Reholl	189	N


3RD FLIGHT

3RD FLIGHT

Stebbins		
Strand		


EXTRA

EXTRA

Spae	196	J
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START BRIEFING: 1130

END BRIEFING: 1220

AT AIRCRAFT: 1225

START ENGINES: 1255

TAXI OUT: 1305

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

FIRST MAN OFF: 1310

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

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

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

RENDEZVOUS: \_\_\_\_\_ (FRONTERS)

X

X

X

X

X

X

Zero Hour 1500 TOT

OISLC OISMC OIOW OIMAG OICOG V OIGAC 2/14 OP

FROM: 99TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 141015B 99CBW S-100-E  
TO : COBOMGP 322, 344, 386, 391  
COMBOMCOM 9

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

ANNEX NUMBER 1 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 270.

CHANGE IN PARA. 3. X.

- (5) TURN LEFT TO BILL OF PORTLAND TO BASE.
- (6) NORMAL OR BELOW CLOUD, MINIMUM 2,000 FEET.
- (7) 4824N-0467W
- (8) APPROX. 110 DEG.

COMCBTWIG 99

BT 14/1015B

GC AR

ALL STATIONS HOLD FOR R

OISLC R.....	141027B	WRK	AR
OISMC R.....	141027B	MS	AR
OIOW R.....	141028B	JR	AR
OIMAG R.....	14/1027B	ALE	AR
OICOG R.....	141027B	JLT	AR
AR			

OIGAC OICOC V OIENW OIENW 7 14 OP

FROM: COBOMGR 386 14 1130B  
TO : COMBOMCOM IX ATTN: F/C  
COMCBTWIG 99 ATTN: A-3  
SECRET QRY BT

386BC 8-629-E J FORM REF NO C-52 14 9 44 PREPARED BY GT RITTER

- A.
- B. 1613 1 2
- C. BILL OF PORTLAND
- D. 1ST BOY R/T VISION WT --  
553 D C M F R O L C Z A K N  
GROUP LEAD 553 D  
DEPUTY GROUP LEAD 553 L
- E. 11,500
- F. LE CONQUETXXXXXXXXX LE CONQUET
- G. 1457
- H. 0 MIN
- J. BATZ
- K. BILL OF PORTLAND
- L. 154
- M. 1. 1310 . 1610  
2. 4X1000  
3. 6 HRS  
4. 4805W/66  
5. N

COBOMGR 386

BT 14 1130B

NEL AC

CC READ PARA B. 1413 1 2

AR

OICOG R.....14 17B NEW AR K

OIGAC R.....14 21B CG AR

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S-3

552	RETURN	553	RETURN	554	RETURN	556	RETURN	TYPE	LOAD	EA
304	4	107	4	877	4	606	4	M-15	48	
341	4	111	4	623	4	119	4	M-57	41	
304	4	117	4	752	4	091	4	M-103	48	
202	4	128	4	216	4	320	4	M-102	42	
937	4	206	4	117	4	215	4	DET.	42	
608	4	121	4	048	4	358	4			
311	4	200	4	623	4	113	4			
171	4	111	4	212	4	131	4			
106	4	281	4	420	4	793	4			
292	4	123	4	255	4	197	4			
321	4	202	4	149	4	711	4			
0		189	4	210	4	289	4			
TOTAL		19				76	4			
ENGINE NOSE										
TOTAL TAIL	41	46	46	41	41	52	52			
ENGINE NOSE	NOTE	46	46	41	41	52	52			
TAIL	NOTE	46	46	41	41	52	52			

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GP-386-SU-OP-5  
14-SEP-44

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OTHER UNITS:	TARGET :	IX BC	ING <u>88</u>
:	:	DATE	<u>14 Sept 1944</u>
:	:	ATTACKING UNIT	<u>2 Flights</u>
:	:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRELATION	<u>Brest Strong Points</u>
:	:		<u>GROUP</u>
:	:		<u>386</u>
:	:		<u>TARGET</u>

GP-386-51-02S(130711b)  
 14 Sept 1944

A. TARGET BRIEFED Brest Strong Points PRIMARY

None SECONDARY

None CASUAL

H. P. I. Road Junction (Ill. 480EW/66 Ref 140055)

A. P. Same as H.P.I.

B. TARGET ATTACHED Primary MILES FROM BILLY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 12 A-26 NO. OF A/C ATTACHING 12

E. BOMBING BY 5's, 6's, 12's, 18's 8s IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1,2

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 44x1000 GP FUSING 1/10-1/40

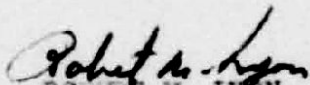
FUSING \_\_\_\_\_

G. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED Unknown

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1535

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING: **No Photo coverage, four cameras were installed for this mission. One camera shows no bursts on negatives, another camera was turned on when a/c was on hard-stand and clouds obscured bomb bursts on negatives of the other two cameras.**

  
 ROBERT H. LYON,  
 2nd Lt., AD.  
 P.I. Officer

386TH GROUP BOMBARDIER'S  
GROSS ERROR REPORT

MISSION TO ~~BEST STRONG POINTS~~

DATE ~~14 SEPTEMBER 1944~~

BOMBING BY ~~6's~~

FIRST BOX A - 26

1ST 6 ~~0000~~

2ND 6

3RD 6

SECOND BOX

1ST 6 ~~0000~~

2ND 6

3RD 6

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

PILOT: Major H. Buhanna  
NAVIGATOR: B.S. Carroll  
BOMBARDIER: B.A. Hodges

BOX I -- 2nd 6

PILOT: F.S. Brewster  
NAVIGATOR: W.P. Anton  
BOMBARDIER: L.W. Dennis

BOX I -- 3rd 6

PILOT: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAVIGATOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBARDIER: \_\_\_\_\_

BOX II -- 1st 6

PILOT: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAVIGATOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBARDIER: \_\_\_\_\_

BOX II --- 2nd 6

PILOT: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAVIGATOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBARDIER: \_\_\_\_\_

BOX II -- 3rd 6

PILOT: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAVIGATOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
BOMBARDIER: \_\_\_\_\_



OPFLASH REPORT

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Opflash No. 270 For 14 Sep 1944

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- Other Reasons

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 Secondary. 019006 on Illus. 4805W/63.  
 Other.

C. (i) Time Up 1314

(ii) T.O.T. 1535

(iii) Time Down 1747

(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 Probably Destroyed

0 Damaged (Include type a/c.)

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

E. Results of bombing Good to Excellent

F. (i) Enemy a/c Opposition:  
(a) Over Target Nil

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Bombs Jettisoned		<u>x</u>	
Bombs Returned		<u>x</u>	

J. Altitude of Attack 3700 ft

S E C R E T  
HEADQUARTERS  
IX BOMBER COMMAND

APO # 140  
15 September 1944

MISSION SUMMARY

14 September 1944

Field Order No. 550,551

SECTION I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
386 BG	Camaret ( Strong Point )  Crozon ( French Fort )	Box I, 1st 6 - P.N.B. 2nd 6 - P.N.B. 3rd 6 - No attack Box II, 1st 6 - Poor 2nd 6 - Fair 3rd 6 - No cover
386 BG (A-26's)	Pte. des Espagnols (Heavy AA Battery)	Box I, 1st 6 - No cover 2nd 6 - No cover
410 BG	Pte. des Espagnols (Heavy AA Bty.)	Box I, 1st 6 - No attack 2nd 6 - No attack 3rd 6 - No attack Box II, 1st 6 - No attack 2nd 6 - No attack 3rd 6 - Excellent
391 BG	Camaret (Strong Point)  Crozon (French Fort )	Box I, 1st 6 - Excellent 2nd 6 - Excellent 3rd 6 - Poor Box II, 1st 6 - No cover 2nd 6 - No cover 3rd 6 - No cover
322 BG	Brest/Ile Longue (Heavy AA Bty.)  Kerveneuse (French Fort )	Box I, 1st 6 - Good 2nd 6 - Poor 3rd 6 - Fair Box II, 1st 6 - No cover 2nd 6 - Excellent 3rd 6 - No cover
344 BG	Brest/Ile Longue (Heavy AA Bty.)  Kerveneuse (French Fort )	Box I, 1st 6 - Good 2nd 6 - Fair 3rd 6 - No cover Box II, 1st 6 - A.P.N.B. 2nd 6 - No cover 3rd 6 - Inad. cover
416 BG	Pte. de Lanveoc (French Fort )	No attack

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
1 PFF	Crozon, Brest, Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk, Terneuzen, Selzaete, Breskins, West Soubourg, Arnemuiden, and Goes.	Satisfactory

GROUP NARRATIVE

Excellent to Poor results were recorded against enemy strong points and gun positions by aircraft of six groups.

Camaret (Strong Point, Crozon (French Fort))

386 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 21 dropping 84 x 1000 SAP on or near primaries.

An A-26 aircraft of another formation through misidentification, dropped 4 x 1000 GP at this target.

15 a/c failed to bomb: weather.

No losses, casualties, battle damage. Bombing by 6's from 4,000, 11,800 feet.

Box I - 2nd 6. P.E.B. Bombardier reported aiming at No. 3 position in the same area as that attacked by 1st 6. Bombs fell between this and NO.4 position, with possible hits or near misses to both.

1st 6. P.N.B. Bombardier aimed at No. 4 position, a target previously attacked by him, at V-851875. Bursts visible through cloud cover occurred 400 feet E of selected A.P.

3rd 6. NO ATTACK. Weather.

Box II - 1st 6. POOR. Pattern 1200 feet NW of DMPI. Strikes in open fields and across secondary N-S highway.

2nd 6. FAIR. No direct coverage due to early return of camera a/c. Obliques showed bursts 1000 feet NW of DMPI, in field and across an E-W road. No apparent damage to target.

3rd 6. NO PHOTO COVERAGE. Camera ship aborted due to weather. (Group Bombardier reported EXCELLENT results.)

Ste. des Espagnola ( Heavy AA Battery)

386 BG: 12 a/c (A-26's) dispatched, 11 dropping 44 x 1000 GP on primary.

1 a/c dropped on 386 BG B-26 target (mentioned above.)

No losses, casualties, battle damage. Bombing by 6's from 3700 feet.

S E C R E T

No photo coverage of results due to cloud cover; of 4 cameras installed, 2 recorded cloud-obscured bursts, 1 photographed no bursts, and the other was turned on prematurely (before take-off). The Group Bombardier reported GOOD results for both flights.

410 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, 6 dropping 24 x 500 GP on primary. 2 spares.

30 a/c failed to bomb: weather.

No losses, casualties, battle damage. Bombing by 6's from 4000 feet.

Box I - NO ATTACK. weather.

Box II - 1st and 2nd 6's. NO ATTACK. Weather.

3rd 6. EXCELLENT. Because of clouds at target camera picked up only first bursts, which centered 190 feet SSE of DMPI. Near misses scored to two buildings. (Bombardier reported his wingman made hits on the DMPI.)

Canaret (Strong Point) Crozon (French Fort)

391 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 140 x 1000 SAP on primaries.

Bomb disposition of 1 a/c is unknown ( landed away from base.)

No losses, casualties, battle damage. Bombing by 6's from 3500 to 3000 feet.

(Box I attacked Canaret, Box II bombed Crozon.)

Box I - 1st 6. EXCELLENT. Tight pattern 125 feet SE of DMPI. Strikes bracketed DMPI, with several hits on fort and on unidentified buildings there in. Other strikes on 3 deep trenches at SE edge of fort.

2nd 6. EXCELLENT. Tight pattern 125 feet SE of DMPI, with same results as 1st 6, except that only 2 deep trenches were hit.

3rd 6. POOR. Pattern 1200 feet SSE of DMPI. Strikes bracketed 4 deep trenches; others in open areas.

Box II - NO PHOTO COVERAGE. Clouds obscured target. (Group Bombardier reported EXCELLENT to GOOD results for the 1st 6, those of the other two were unobserved.)

Brest/Île Longue (Heavy AA Bty.) Kervenec (Fr. Fort)

344 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 24 dropping 94 x 1000 GP on primaries.

1 a/c failed to bomb: other reasons. Did not drop because preceding ship turned off target. Bomb disposition of 11 a/c is unknown: 10 landed away from base; 1 - missing.

1 a/c (mentioned above) and 6 crewmen are missing. Last seen to peel off at target. A/C was on single engine. Believed to have landed in France.

No further losses, casualties, 2 a/c battle damaged. Bombing by 6's from 2500 feet to 3000 feet.

Box I - 1st 6. GOOD. Tight concentration 450 feet NE of DMPI. Strikes on edge of target and in open.

2nd 6. FAIR. Good pattern 900 feet NW of DMPI. Strikes in open.

3rd 6. NO COVERAGE. Flight landed in France. (Crews of other 2 flights indicated bombs of the 3rd 6 landed 1000 feet from the DMPI. 2 runs made.)

Box II - 1st 6. A.P.N.B. Clouds obscured target on run, bombardier released on pre-set data. A good pattern fell 1200 feet N of DMPI with strikes in water just off peninsula.

2nd 6. NO PHOTO COVERAGE. Low altitude of attack prevented recording of bursts. (Group Bombardier reported A.P.N.B. for the same reason as that of 1st 6. ) Crews stated bombs fell left of the target with FAIR results.

3rd 6. INADEQUATE PHOTO COVERAGE. All bursts not recorded due to low altitude of attack. Visible bombs were 1100 feet NW of DMPI, with strikes on the edge of the peninsula. (Flight bombed on 4th run.) Crews believed 1 a/c scored a direct hit on the primary.)

Brest/Ile Longue (Heavy A. Bty.) Kerveneuse(French Fort)

322 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, 31 dropping 122 x 1000 GP on primaries.

2 a/c failed to bomb. 1 personnel, 1 other (Bombardier did not see leader drop because of clouds). Bomb disposition of 3 a/c unaccounted for (landed away from base). Bombing by 6's from 2/10,800 feet.

No losses, casualties, 1 a/c battle damaged.

Box I - 1st 6. GOOD. Excellent concentration 460 feet N of DMPI. Strikes covered defense position already badly damaged.

2nd 6. POOR. Pattern in smoke. 1075 feet N of DMPI. Strikes across N end of strong point.

3rd 6. FAIR. Good concentration 770 feet N of DMPI. Strikes covered strong point in N end of peninsula which had been previously damaged.

Box II - 1st 6. NO PHOTO COVERAGE. Camera ship landed away from base. (Gro up Bombardier reported FAIR results.)

2nd 6. EXCELLENT. Pattern 220 feet from DMPI, in NE corner of fort. Strikes covered moat, fort wall, light gun position and communication trench.

3rd 6. NO PHOTO COVERAGE. Clouds obscured target. (Group Bombardier reported FAIR results.)

S E C R E T

Pte. de Lanveoc ( French Fort )

416 BG: 38 a/c dispatched, none attacked.

All a/c failed to bomb: weather. Formation returned from target area.

No losses, casualties, 3/ac battle damaged.

Crozon, Brest, Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk,  
Terneuzen, Selzaete, Breskins, West Souburg,  
Arnemuiden, and Goes (Leaflet Missions).

1-FFF SQ: 8 a/c dispatched, all dropping 55 leaflet bombs on primaries.

No losses, casualties, 1 a/c battle damaged.

Crews reported good results on all targets.

Three groups of the 98th CBW were scheduled to attack enemy positions in the Scheid-Ormont area, however, the operation was cancelled because of bad weather conditions.

SECTION II

A/C OFF		240
A/C Bombing	137	
A/C Failing to Bomb	3	
A/C Recalled ( WEATHER )	83	
Other (Spares, 2; Unaccounted for, 15)	17	
<b>TOTAL</b>		240

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Bombs on Enemy Territory

250.00 To

Total Bombs to Date

80,568.91 To

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A/C Missing ( 344 BG)	1	
A/C Crashed	0	
A/C Battle Damaged	7	( 2.94% )
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	6	
Claims	0	

S E C R E T

FAILURES TO BOMB

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NO. OF A/C</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
322	1	Personnel	Pilot was not in formation on bomb run.
	1	Other	Did not see leader drop because of cloud.
344	1	Other	Preceding ship turned off target.

OBSERVATIONS

WEATHER:

Brest (386 BG) 5-8/10ths cumulus tops 5500/6500 feet; 5-8/10ths altocumulus at 14,000 feet; visibility 5-10 miles.  
 (410BG) 8-10/10ths stratocumulus tops 4/6000 feet; visibility 6-8 miles.  
 (391 BG) Nil low cloud but patches of medium at 8000 feet; visibility 15-20 miles.  
 (322 BG) 6-8/10ths base 1500 feet tops 5000 feet; 8-10/10ths medium cloud at 12/13,000 feet; visibility 10-15 miles.  
 (344 BG) 4-6/10ths altostratus base 7000 feet; 10/10ths cumulus base 2500 tops 5000 feet; visibility 5-10 miles.  
 (416 BG) 8/10ths stratocumulus tops 6/8000 feet; 10/10ths altostratus at 14,000 feet; visibility 8-10 miles.  
 (PFF) CAVU at Dunkirk, hazy at Calais, 3/10ths at Breskens and Flushing, also Terneuzen; 5/10ths at Arnuuiden and Goes, and 9/10ths at Brest, 10/10ths at Boulogne.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>CAMERA FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
		<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
386 BG	(B-26) 100%	0	0	0	0
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410 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
391 BG	100%	0	0	0	0
322 BG	86%	0	0	1	16%
344 BG	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	-	238
A/C LOST TO FLAK	-	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	-	7
% OF A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	-	2.94%

Brest Strong Points - 386,410,391,322,344,416 Gps.

A/C Missing	-	1
A/C Battle Damaged	-	6
% of A/C Battle Damaged	-	2.67%

Battle damage sustained by three aircraft was caused by light flak over target. Formations bombed as low as 2500 feet because of poor weather conditions, and consequently were well within the effective range of 40mm and 50 cal. guns.

The missing a/c may have been hit by light flak over target. It was seen to leave formation under control and on one engine after bombs away and is believed to have landed in France.

One group encountered heavy flak enroute at Guernsey Island. Three a/c were battle damaged by these defenses.

Crozens, Brest, Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk,  
Terneuzen, Solzacte, Breskens, West Sonburg,  
Arnhem and Goes. (Leaflet Mission).

## 1ST PFF:

Flak experience is again similar to previous Leaflet Missions to these areas. Weak inaccurate heavy flak was experienced at Dunkirk, Breskens, Flushing, and from barges in West Schield. Weak inaccurate light flak was experienced from Terneuzen.

The battle damage was sustained at Calais.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.s: 1510 - 1642  
 1729 - 1745 (Leaflet Mission)

No hostile air activity appears to have taken place during either of these operations. Bomber crews have not reported any sightings of German fighters.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PRESS RELEASE

With American and German troops now battling in the streets and along the western rim of the hold-out city of Brest, Ninth Bomber Command Marauders and Havocs swept out over the Crozon peninsula Thursday afternoon to batter five old French forts and coastal guns across the harbor.

The aerial bombardment, carried out in anticipation of an inevitable surrender by the besieged German troops in the city, was designed to neutralize the forts' heavy guns which now control the port and the approaches to it. Crews had been told at briefing that these emplacements had to be wiped out before the Allies could use the port facilities.

Targets in the daylight assault were: Pte. des Espagnols, at the extreme northern tip of the Crozon peninsula; Fort Quelern, near Camaret; a fort located near Crozon; a heavy anti-aircraft battery at Brest/ Ile Longue; Pte. de Lanveoc, and another old French fort at Kerveneuze.

The Ninth's medium and light bombers came in over their targets as low as 2500 feet —one-fourth their usual bombing altitude— to cheat the heavy clouds above them and drop their one-thousand pounders with damaging effect.

Artillery duels raged during the bombers' attack, and a Marauder deputy commander, Lt. Col. Bob Witty, 12719 Erwin Street, Cleveland, Ohio, reported: "We were low enough to see our troops below us poised for a follow-up attack after our bombing. P-47's were also dive-bombing the enemy's ground guns ahead of us."

According to other reports from both Marauder and Havoc crews, fires and explosions ringed the peninsula following the air assault.

A Marauder bombardier, 2nd Lt. William A. Brundage, 1431 Alger Street, Cody, Wyoming, said: "There were so many bomb craters along the rim of the peninsula it was hard to pick out our own results at first. But as we turned to leave the target I saw one huge explosion and plenty of black smoke from direct bomb hits."

More than 125 of the medium and light bombers carried out the attack, latest in a series of successful sorties against Brest, and a greater-than-250 ton bomb load was dropped on the objectives. The bombers, unescorted on Thursday's operation, encountered no flak and enemy fighters failed to make a single challenge. None of our bombers is missing.

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Marauders of a Pathfinder squadron were out over Calais, Boulogne and Dunkirk in late afternoon Thursday, scattering nearly 2 million safe conduct messages and other leaflets on German troops still holding out in the three pockets of resistance.

Some of the leaflets told the enemy of the critical situation on both the Eastern and Western fronts, others promised safe conduct in the event of their surrender to the Allies.

Over Dunkirk, weak flak met one of the Marauders. All got back.

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TO COMBOMCOM IX  
COMCBTWIG 99

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OPFLASH NO 270 FOR 14 SEPTEMBER 1944:

- A (1) BREST STRONG POINTS 130055 ON ILL 4805W/66  
(2) BREST STRONG POINTS 130055 ON ILL 4805W/66
- B (1) 386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
(2) 12 A-26'S  
(4) 11 A/C ON PRIMARY. 1 A/C DROPPED ON 2ND 18 OF B-26  
FORMATION. 019006 ON ILL 4805W/63.
- C (1) 1314  
(2) 1535  
(3) 1747
- D (1) 0-0-0-0  
(2) 0-0-0-0  
(3) 0-0-0
- E GOOD TO EXCELLENT
- F (1) A NIL  
B NIL  
(2) A NIL  
B NIL
- G NO OBSERVATIONS
- H (1) 5 TO 6/10'S CUMULUS - TOPS 5500 FEET. 6/10'S ALTO CUMULUS.  
BASE 14,000 FT. VIS 5 TO 10 MILES.  
(2) MULTI LAYER OVER CHANNEL. BASE 1000 FT BREAKS AT 6000 FT  
THEN LAYER ABOVE EXTENDING UP TO 12,000 TO 14,000 FT. VIS  
OVER ENGLAND 1-3 MILES.
- I 44 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY. 4 X 1000 GP ON 019006 ON ILL 4805W/63.
- J 3700FT

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CG, ADV. HQS, NINTH AIR FORCE -- ATTN: A-2.

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FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION S/A PHOTOS, 14 SEP 44.

A. BREST STRONG POINT (4805W/66 REF 130055).

B. PRIMARY.

H. 1534-1555.

K. NO PHOTO COVERAGE.

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T (OICOG PASS TO OIUBA)

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TO COMBOMCOM IX  
CG ADV HCS NINTH AIR FORCE

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A BREST STRON POINT (4805W/66 REF 130055)  
B PRIMARY  
H 1534 - 1555  
K NO PHOTO COVERAGE

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IMI WA OIWN IN FIRST LINE

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COG R.....150025 B

AMB AR

A-26 1011

1 of 1 in flight

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 386 S.O.D. 557 A/C NO. 199 W/O LTR. D BOM LOAD DATE 14-9-77

1. Position in Formation

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

Mg H Buchanan RA Brown RG  
 Lt Connolly PG  
 B.A. Daily JB TG

CAS ABLES: PRESENT ON ABOVE LIST BY FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:  
 Killed (K); Seriously wounded (SW); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

Alt 3700

2. Time: Enemy Launch Over Target 1535 Leaving Enemy Coast

3. Target Bombed (Name) Brest Disposition of Bombs On Target 4 x 1000 Observed Results of Bombs Bombed on 3 rd  
 Jetisoned Others: rain  
 Returned Good - from edge of water to edge of field in target no cross

If target not bombed, why?

4. Deviation from route:

If returned early, point on time of turning:

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Paragraph for each contact)

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

Unusual enemy tactics:

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

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Altitude \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Light or Heat, Fleck, Accuracy, Color (Blue, Red, White))

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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:

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

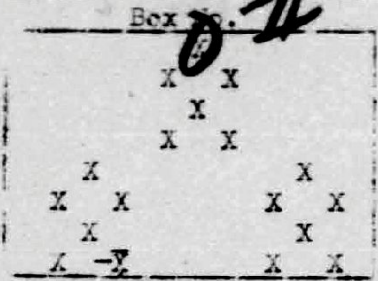
13. Weather as it affected the mission:

  
Interrogator's Signature

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 276 S.D. 53 2/C NO. 2114/4 LTR. 6 BOMB LOAD FX 1000 DATE 14/9/44

1. Position in Formation



F. S. Brewster / W. O. Clark RG  
W. P. Anderson CG EG  
L. H. Dennis IB TG

CASTALTIES: DESIGNATE ON ABOVE LINE BY FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:  
 Killed (X); Seriously wounded (SW); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

2. Time: Enemy Lowfall 1935 Over Target 1935 Leaving Enemy Coast

3. Target Bombed (Name) Brest Disposition of Bombs  
 On target FX 1000 Yards: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Others: Good Fuel flight, could be seen  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_  
 If target not bombed, why? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Deviation from route: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If returned early, point and time of turning: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Encounters Form for each combat)  
 No. E/A seen: \_\_\_\_\_ Types \_\_\_\_\_ 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, Flock, Accuracy, Color)	Intensity

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

In what condition when last seen:

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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:

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11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

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12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. Weather as it affected the mission:

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Interrogator's Signature

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INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 386 S.D. 553A/C NO. 191 W. DIR. 9 P/B LOAD 4X1000 DATE 14/9/44

1. Position in Formation

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

Co. Fitch: H P Williams RG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ IG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TG

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

2. Time: Enemy Launch ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Over target ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Leaving ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

3. Target Bombed (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Bombs \_\_\_\_\_ Observed Results of Bombing \_\_\_\_\_  
 On target 4X1000 Yours: Dropped on 2/8  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Others: Primary results unobserved.  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_  
 If target not bombed, was: Dropped formation on way to tgt. Dropped on B-26 No. 197

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

If return ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, point and time of turning: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place	Your Altitude	Description (Light or Heavy Flak, Accuracy, Color)	Intensity (Sl. Load, Int.)

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: *Worst weather screw up*

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

~~13. INTERROGATOR'S COMMENTS:~~

*J. L. M.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Interrogator's Signature

BURHANNA  
199 OK

CHALMERS  
197 OK

HILLS  
194 OK

MIDDLEBROOKS  
198 OK

BROWN  
187 OK

SUTTON  
206 OK

BRENSTER  
200 OK

TURNER  
286 OK

FITCH  
191 OK

RICHARDSON  
183 OK

ROCHOLL  
189 OK

HEALEY  
202 OK



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. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

~~Signature of Pilot~~

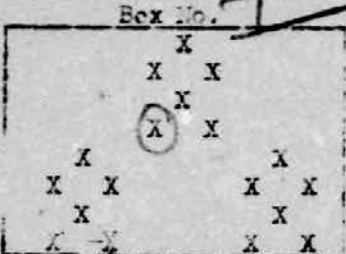
  
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Interrogator's Signature

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INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 376 S.D. 4031/C NO. 212 W/LTR. 4 BY B LOAD 4X1000 DATE 14/9/44

1. Position in Formation



Col J Kelly D J Ross RG  
Wing Walker FG  
 TG

CASTILITIES: DESIGNATE IN ABOVE LIST BY FOLLOWING SYMBOLS: Killed (X); Seriously wounded (SX); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

2. ~~Target~~ Over target

3. Target Bombed (Name) Broad Disposition of Bombs On target 4x1000 Observed Results of Bombing  
 Yours: Start  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Others: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. ~~Target~~ 3 Run 11000  
7000  
7000

If not ~~target~~ at and time of turning: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Enemy Fighter Opposition: (Separate Encounters Form for each contact)  
 No. E/A seen: \_\_\_\_\_ Types \_\_\_\_\_ 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, Color)	Intensity (Slight, Med, Int)

out 4000

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:

*See text.*

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

*Control tower should let them come in order.*

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. Weather as it affected the mission:

*[Signature]*  
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INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 18 SQD. 117 /C NO. 204 /C LTR. R TIME LOAD 7/10 DATE 11-9-44

1. Position in Formation

Box No.	
	X
	X X
	X
	X (X)
X	X
X X	X X
X	X
X - X	X X

27 Sutton DC Subsonic RG  
28 Belong \_\_\_\_\_ FG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ JB \_\_\_\_\_ TG

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) \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Damage \_\_\_\_\_ Observed Results of Bombing  
 On Target 4/10 Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Others: Good  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_

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 (Height or Heavy Flek, Accuracy, Color)	Intensity (SI, Low, etc.)
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All: Good

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:

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11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

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12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. Weather as it affected the mission:

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INTERPOLATION FORM

GROUP 37 S.D. 53 A/C NO. 441 W/LR. C BOMB LOAD 4x1000 D.S. 749-40

1. Position in Formation

Box No. 1

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

W h Mills Ct Rogers IB  
IB IB IB  
IB IB IB

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or Target 4x1000 Yours: Seen to good  
 Jettisoned: \_\_\_\_\_ Others: walked across  
 Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ back.

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

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

If returned early, point out time of turn: \_\_\_\_\_

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

No. E/A seen: 2 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 Fire, Accuracy)	Direction (S, E, W, N, etc.)

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: P-47'S -

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Awful weather

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

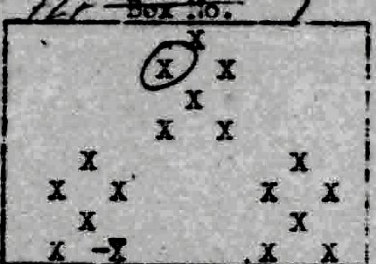
13. Weather as it affected the mission:

J. L. M.  
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**INTERROGATION FORM**

GROUP 711 SQD. 112 A/C NO. 177 A/C LTR. M BOMB LOAD \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 14-8-40

**1. Position in Formation**



JJ Chalover K F Fortner RG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ CG \_\_\_\_\_ RG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ LB \_\_\_\_\_ TG

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

2. Time: Enemy Landfall \_\_\_\_\_ Over Target \_\_\_\_\_ Leaving Area, "out" \_\_\_\_\_

3. Target Bombed (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Description of damage \_\_\_\_\_ Observed Results of bombing \_\_\_\_\_  
 On target HOOD Results: Good start  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Results: of 7/A Bombs  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_ started hitting

If target not bombed, why? \_\_\_\_\_ at Ho edge and water tower to road.

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 Flak, Accuracy, Color)	Intensity (SL; Mod; H; t)

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:

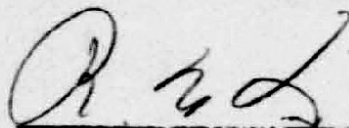
Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS: *What to land sooner.*

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. Weather as it affected the mission



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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:

Boat seen in port East of target

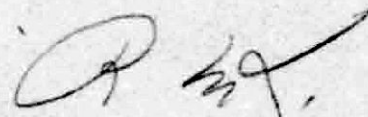
Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

NONE SEEN

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:  
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INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 386 S.D. 5531/C NO. 1821/C DIR. A PMS NO. 4X1000 DATE 14/9/44

**1. Position in Formation**

1st Box No. 32

		X			
	X	(X)			
	X				
	X	X			
X			X		X
X	X		X	X	
X			X		
X	<u>3</u>		X	X	

E R Robinson \_\_\_\_\_ RG  
R J Magliano \_\_\_\_\_ PG  
 \_\_\_\_\_ NB \_\_\_\_\_ TG

CASUALTIES: DISPOSITION OF ABOVE LIST BY FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:  
 Killed (X); Seriously wounded (W); Wounded (?); Missing (M)

2. Time: ~~\_\_\_\_\_ over target~~

3. Target Bombed      Disposition of bombs      Observed Results of Bombing  
 (Name)      On target 4X1000      Yours: Bomb  
 Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_      Others: Good in T/H  
 Returned \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

If returned, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

**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, Fleck, Accuracy, Color)	Effect (SI, LD, Int.)

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:

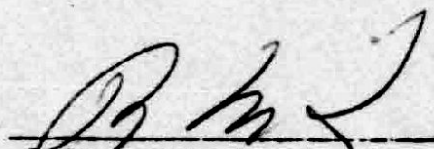
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Don't fly in weather

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

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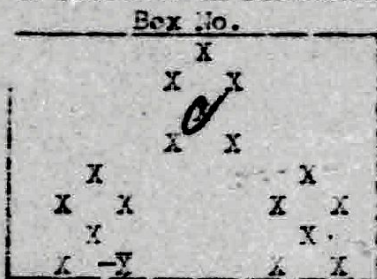
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INTERROGATION FORM

ROUTE 746 S.D. 533 A/C NO. 198 A/C LTR. F BOMB LOAD FX100 DATE 14-9-44

1. Position in Formation



M T Middlebrook PH Williams RB  
C W Pearce CF  
 \_\_\_\_\_ IB  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TG

CASUALTIES: FRESHWATER W/ABC LIST BY TYPE AND SYMBOL:  
 Killed (X); Seriously wounded (O); Wounded (W); Missing (M)

2. Time: Enemy Low fall Over Target Leaving Enemy Coast

3. Target Named Disposition of bombs Observed Effects of landing  
 (Name) On target FX100 Yards:  
Jettisoned Others:  
Returned

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

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

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

5. Enemy Fighter 0 positions: (Separate Sheet at Form for each report)

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

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

No. E/A probably destroyed: \_\_\_\_\_ No. E/A damaged: \_\_\_\_\_

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place	Altitude	Description (Light or Heavy Flak, accuracy)	Intensity

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

In what condition when last seen:

8. Damage to Aircraft: (Extent and Cause)

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

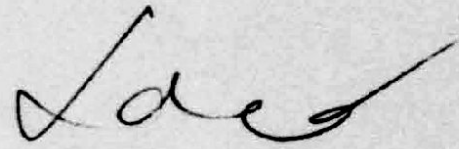
Other Observations:

10. Duration and effectiveness of Fighter Support:

11. CREW'S SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

12. INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

13. Whether or it affected the mission:



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OTHER UNITS: TARGET :	LEAD :	W/ 99 :
:	DATE <u>14 SEPT 49</u> :	:
:	ATTACKING UNIT <u>41st Flight</u> :	386 GROUP :
:	FIRST WASH. INTERPRETATION :	Brest <sup>strong point</sup> <del>STP</del> point :
:	:	TARGET HIT :

A. TARGET BRIEFED Brest ~~STP~~ (strong point) 130055  
None None  
None None

H. F. I. Road junction (TH. 4805W/66 REF. 130055)

A. P. Same as M.P.T.

B. TARGET ATTACHED PRIMARY MILES FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_  
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

C. COORDINATES (if non-4-script PLUMB) \_\_\_\_\_ 1:50,000 GRID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

D. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 12 A-26 NO. OF A/C BOMBING 12

E. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6's IN FOLLOWING ORDER 1, 2

F. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED 44 M40 GP FUSING 1/10 x 1/10  
 FUSING \_\_\_\_\_

G. LEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED 44 M40 GP

H. TIME BOMBS DROPPED 1535

I. ACTIVITY AT TARGET:

J. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

No photo coverage. Four cameras were installed for this mission. One camera shows no burst on negative, another camera was turned on when it was on backstand, and third obscured bomb burst on negative of the other two cameras.

ROBERT M. HYUN  
 2ND LT U.S.  
 PI officer

26 MISSION TO BRIST SEPT 14

BURNHAM

199

CHALMERS

197

ILLS

194

MIDDLEBROOKS

198

BROWN

187

SUTTON

206

BREWSTER

200

TURNER

286

PITCH

191

RICHARDSON

183

ROCHOLL

189

KELLEY

202

A-26 MISSION TO BREST ? SEPT 44

BURMANA

199

CHALMERS

197

MILLS

194

MIDDLEBROOKS

198

BROWN

187

SUTTON

206

BREWSTER

200

TURNER

286

FITCH

191

RICHARDSON

183

ROGHOLL

189

KELLEY

202

A-26- 0

0

I-Flight

Buckman

Andrews 199-D Mills  
197-N 194-C  
Mullatoka

Brown 198-F Sutton  
187-O 206-R

II Flight

Brown

Y 200-L F. F. F.  
236 Z Richardson 191 C

Rockall 189-N Kelley  
202 R