

No flak at Brussels and Liege - should have been.

Darnstadt - 1405 - 22,300' pointed not accurate-low and

3 bursts.

Target-1455-21,500' Accurate barrage-lots of it. Big burst then small

Bursts (Black) Karlsruhe-1530-20,500'-Barrage to left-4 Burst of real red smoke.

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles-troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

Looked like explosion at Hanau. W passed them at 1412. We were 20 miles south of there.

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

NO

10. DAMAGE TO A/C: SLIGHT

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

WANT TRACERS

INTERROGATOR

BINGHAM

TIME COMPLETED 1906

Route-Entered enemy coast 8 miles south and continued south until Eupen then to Luxemburg on course continued on course until I.P. when we were 3 mile south of course. Continued on to town of Kitzingen then back onto original course over target. On way back on course to Reims then we were about 3 miles east of Amiens and came out slightly north of course.

1. 95th 334th 0135 H 5 X 1000 1017
Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Takeoff Date

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:

Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
(Over Target)

						0-791315 25R	S/S	32461289 2R	TT
		X				1st Lt. McPherson W.R.		1st Lt. Ciaccia, L. L.	
	X	X	X			0-360045 16R	S/S	32459430 1R	BT
		X				1st Lt. Byrnes G.G.	CP	1st Lt. Castellucci, F.	
X	X	X	X	X	X	0-731327 18R	N	15062131 2R	RW
	X					1st Lt. Prichard A.		1st Lt. Eckard, M. V.	
X	X	X	X	X	X	0-731417 23R	B	11041742 2R	LW
	X	X				1st Lt. Prochaska,		Sgt. Rhodes, H. P.	
X						10601109 3R	RD	16148183 7R	TG
		X				S/S Kosmala, A.		S/S Nunnold, F.G.	
							CB		OB

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Target _____ Time Over Target _____

Number of Bombs Dropped. _____ Altitude _____

Observed Results of Bombing. _____ Heading _____

_____ Bombs Brought Back _____

_____ Bombs Jettisoned _____

(Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated Number of E/A Seen) _____ (Types) _____

(Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)

(New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)

(Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew:

Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

1. 95th 336th 0167 H 5 X 1000 10 Authority NND 745005
Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Take By AG NARA Date 2-18-09

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:
OVERFIELD- 10000 11:00 o'clock Landed 1136 #2 Engine Feathered
Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Init)
(Over Target)

							<u>2nd Lt. Smith</u>	<u>A. M</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>TT</u>
			X							
		X	X							
	X		X		X				<u>CP</u>	<u>Sgt USM105-JERRY</u> <u>BT</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X			<u>N</u>	<u>RW</u>
	X									
X	X		X	X	X	X			<u>B</u>	<u>LW</u>
		X	X							
				X	X				<u>RD</u>	<u>TG</u>
									<u>OB</u>	<u>OB</u>

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:
Target _____ Time Over Target _____
Number of Bombs Dropped. _____ Altitude _____
Observed Results of Bombing. _____ Heading _____
Bombs Brought Back 5 X 1,000 GP
Bombs Jettisoned _____
(Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

(Estimated Number of E/A Seen) _____ (Types)

(Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)

(New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)

(Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew: _____
Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

1. 95th 412th 3465 N 5 X 1000 1015 14-10-40
 Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Takeoff Date

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission: See Below
 Place of Turn-back _____ Time _____ Reason _____

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
 (Over Target)

						<u>Kring, L. E.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>P T/S</u>	<u>Johnson V. E.</u>	<u>TT</u>
		X				<u>2nd Lt. Zajicek C. J.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>S/S</u>	<u>Hockett, B. C.</u>	<u>BT</u>
	X	X	X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Hook R. H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>S/S</u>	<u>Johnson H. D.</u>	<u>RW</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Malkin M. H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>S/S</u>	<u>Fetter L. K.</u>	<u>LW</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>T/S Macki, E. W.</u>	<u>T/S</u>	<u>R/S</u>	<u>Cowan L. W.</u>	<u>TG</u>
									<u>OB T/S Dougherty E. F.</u>	<u>OB</u>

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:
 Target _____ Time Over Target _____

Number of Bombs Dropped _____ Altitude _____

Observed Results of Bombing _____ Heading _____

Bombs Brought Back 5/1000

Bombs Jettisoned None
 (Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None
 (Estimated Number of E/A Seen) (Types)

(Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)

Turned back because of lack of oxygen. Was
oxygen in front of ship but none in the back
Must have been one oxygen leak. Tail gunner
left waist and radio gunner were down to 1500 ft
 (New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)

oxygen when turned back. Turned back 50°38'N 05°55'E
Time - 1330 - altitude - 18,900'. Well into enemy territory
 (Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew: 0 0 0
 Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Authority NND 745005

By 167 NARA Date 2-18-09

Place and Time	Height	Description in Relation to A/	
<u>Target 14⁰⁰</u>	<u>73000</u>	<u>acc. cont. following</u>	<u>proceed</u>
<u>Rig. 6 13³⁵</u>	<u>73000</u>	<u>red bursts</u>	<u>meagre</u>
<u>Wurzburg 15⁴⁶</u>	<u>73000</u>	<u>inacc. fired late</u>	<u>meagre</u>
<u>Jernersheim</u>		<u>red bursts mixed with black</u>	
<u>Karlsruhe</u>		<u>at alt. but out of range</u>	<u>inadequate</u>

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles--troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

- ① B-17 - 494/0820E member in 14³⁰ hrs left formation after dropping bombs in pasture.
- ② B-17 1525 hrs - 10 chutes seen leaving plane - 2 fighters made pass at it after all bailed out.
- ③ B-17 1534 hrs - no chutes seen - headed 45° to our course
- ④ B-17 1633 hrs - 8 chutes - plane one course was 765° still under control of pilot
- ⑤ B-17 Right after burst - in 90 behind us - burned rapidly & broke in half - parts floated down - no chute seen.

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

none

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

flak holes under left waist window right & table leg (self inflicted) one by tail & one by door from 3rd or 50 cal.

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

That we don't shoot ourselves or be shot by other B-17's
Cans instead of relief tube - they freeze at altitude
Diopre oxygen regulator (Bend type)

INTERROGATOR

OTW

TIME COMPLETED

1945

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

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Place and Time

Height

Description in Relation to

Authority NND 745005By 16 NARA Date 2-18-09

Place and Time	Height	Description in Relation to	Authority
1455 <u>at target</u>	22000	Barrage type compass with periscope covered an area of 1000 ft in depth ahead and we turned off to left. Was a barrage light	3000 40 Gung.
1425 <u>49°47'N-9°11'E</u>	22000	continuous fall down but to our left.	MODERATE
1530 <u>at KARLSRUHE</u> <u>(49°N-8°30'E)</u>	22000		

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles, troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

49°39'N-7°35'E Saw a large new building at Lauterbach, Germany. Looked like a factory (large). Heavy smoke barrage at Mannheim, Germany, and north of the town also.

Crew states there was an E/A that was observing from high above. E/A was at least 35000' and followed from just before the target and on half hour afterwards.

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

NONE

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

A. A. damage - shot out hydraulics.

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Could use more gasoline. Hardly made home base.
The guns on this ship were in excellent shape - the best this crew has had.
The Division formation was good defensively.

INTERROGATOR

Holt

TIME COMPLETED

2000

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation to

Authority NND 745005

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Every place as briefed - ^{with flame}
+ had to swing off.
Schweinfurt - Pretty orange red burst of
smoke - large there. incendiary?

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles, Troops, Vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

Good smoke screen at Mannheim - could
see thru it with approach with the
wind. Mostly along the river.
Don't see McPherson base. There at descent.
L.W. landing strip 1 long one - about
5 miles E of Schweinfurt
B-17 ^{mostly} behind (at our altitude (lead?)) wheels down
& landed between two very small village in clear field

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

OK. None

in vicinity of Mannheim. after landing - a column
of smoke 1000' high - heavy black.

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

1 Flak Hole - Ball Turret.

L.W. gunner had blisters on feet - heated boots

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Whole radio was out
More Oxygen on long trips - ran
out over W Germany
Tracers

INTERROGATOR

W. K. ...

TIME COMPLETED

1930

out of waist door

1. 95th 336th 0353 C 5 X 1000 10
Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Tak

Authority NND 745005
By AG NARA Date 2-18-09

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:

Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
(Over Target)

							<u>1st Lt. O'neal H. L.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Sgt. "oth" W. H.</u>	<u>TT</u>
		X					<u>2nd Lt. Sances, F.V.</u>	<u>CP</u>	<u>S/S Zakszeski, C.</u>	<u>BT</u>
		X	X				<u>1st Lt. Hand, D. H.</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>S/S Nabholz, A.</u>	<u>RW</u>
	X	X	X	X	X		<u>2nd Lt. Hawk</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S/S Stafford C.</u>	<u>LW</u>
	X		X	X	X		<u>T/S Irving, W.</u>	<u>RD</u>	<u>S/S Michaels, S.</u>	<u>TG</u>
									<u>OB</u>	<u>OB</u>

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Target Lehrinfurt Time Over Target 14:50
 Number of Bombs Dropped 5 x 1000 Altitude 72000
 Observed Results of Bombing short but on course by Heading 47°
1000 yds Bombs Brought Back none
 Bombs Jettisoned none
 (Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

40 (Estimated Number of E/A Seen) 15-FW 190's ME 210
188, Do 217, ME 110 (Types)
 (Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)
3 ME 110's with pocket guns came within 2000
yds fired then streaked away
188's came straight down from up above formation
and straight thru
 (New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)
3 colors brown & yellow painted longitudinally &
vertically.
 (Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew: Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation to A/

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target acc. predicted barrage

seemed like a ball of fire after explosion which
kept burning on its descent

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles-troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

1/2 way betn target & coast on way back 2 F-17's
seen going down 7-8 miles from one, no clues
from other

This could have been
McPherson but not sure - 4 miles then 2 then 1
seen, perhaps 45 min from coast - Ship kept flying

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

Navigator passed out from lack of oxygen -

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

fish hole in left wing

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Fighter support
coming out of target desired

INTERROGATOR

DFW

TIME COMPLETED

19:00

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation to A

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① *Worms*
 ② *ger.*
 at 1427 (4946-0911 E) big explosion of something over
 arched up and sort of flowed off dripping like a
 4th of July candle. About 20 ft in diam.

③ Flak over 4947-0921 E

③ Pink bursts

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles--troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

① 15 or more Ju 88s were dropping bombs from 3-4000 ft above. Came very close to Miller's plane

② at 1526 pink flak, large bursts over Gersmer-sheim-ger (4914-0822 E). Directional arrows.

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

None

10. DAMAGE TO A/C: ①

Shell casing in window.

② Aerial bomb fragment in Nav. window.

③ Flak hole in wing, tail.

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

① Pilot relief tube in pilot's compartment.

INTERROGATOR

K9.22

TIME COMPLETED 1930

(Pilot)

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Authority NND 745005

1. 95th 336th 0226 L 5 X 1000 10%
Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Take

By AG NARA Date 2-18-09

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:

Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
(Over Target)

						<u>1st Lt. Merten, D.</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>T/S Bryan, D.W.</u>	<u>TT</u>
	X					<u>2nd Lt. Perceful, P.C.E.</u>	<u>Sgt. Rouse S.A.</u>	<u>BT</u>	
X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Gill, J. F.</u>	<u>N S/S Nelson G.R.</u>	<u>RW</u>	
X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Praisner, E.</u>	<u>S/S Glick L. H.</u>	<u>LW</u>	
	X	X	X	X	X	<u>Sgt. Sweeney, J.C.</u>	<u>RD S/S Hillabrant, J.</u>	<u>JTG</u>	
							<u>CB</u>		<u>OB</u>

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Target SCHWEINFURT. Time Over Target 1455

Number of Bombs Dropped 5/1000 Altitude 22000

Observed Results of Bombing FAIR Heading 70°

IN TOWN OF SCHWEINFURT Bombs Brought Back

LARGE BLACK SMOKE FROM TARGET
AREA AND FIRES Bombs Jettisoned
(Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

25 ME 110 FW.190
(Estimated Number of E/A Seen) (Types)
ME 109s

FIRST CIA ENCOUNTERED 20 MIN BEFORE TARGET BUT
(Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)
WERE NOT AGGRESSIVE.

AFTER BOMBS MADE CONTINUOUS ATTACKS FOR
ABOUT 1 1/2 HRS. ATTACKED SINGLY AT NOSE & TAIL
ATTACKS - MOSTLY OUT OF SUN.

(New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)
3RD STG CIA ATTACKED 20 MIN FROM FRENCH COAST
ON WAY BACK - WATCHING FOR STRAGGLERS - NOT
(Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)
AGGRESSIVE

T/C CIA FIRING ROCKETS FROM 3000 YDS - FULL 100 YDS
SMOKE.

Combat Claims of Crew: 1
Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation

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TARGET - 1535 22000 ACCURATE BARRAGE -
(MORE THAN 40 GUNS.)

SPORADIC INACCURATE FLAK ALONG ROUTE
IN + OUT. NONE IN RANGE OF FORMATION.

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles-troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

B-17 ~~DOWN~~ @ 1417 AT OBERSTEIN POCCO OFF
TO RIGHT UNDER CONTROL

B-17 - @ 1522 - 2 INBOARD ENGINES HAD ~~ISSUES~~
APPARENTLY WAS - WENT DOWN UNDER CONTROL - 3 MINUTES
(THINK WAS McPHERSON)

B-17 - @ 1535 - SMOKING UNDER CONTROL - NO CHANGES
SEEN.

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

0

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

SLIGHT FLAK + BULLET HOLES.

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

LEAD SHIP SHOULD RADIO FIGHTER SQUAD
IF EARLY OR LATE.

INTERROGATOR

JLH

TIME COMPLETED

(Pilot)

Authority NND 745005By 16 NARA Date 2-18-09

1. 95th 336th
~~3462~~ ~~3462~~ 3462 B 5 X 1000 1024 14-10-43
 Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Takeoff Date

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:

Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
 (Over Target)

							<u>2nd Lt. Kerr, L. L. P</u>	<u>T/S Brace M.D.</u>	<u>TT</u>
		X					<u>2nd Lt. Murphy J.F. CP</u>	<u>S/S Seymour C.E.</u>	<u>BT</u>
	X	X	X				<u>2nd Lt. Feinglod L. N</u>	<u>Sgt. Roy R.C.</u>	<u>RW</u> ✓
X	X	X	X	X	X		<u>2nd Lt. Hearty E. Y.B</u>	<u>S/S Smierski S.</u>	<u>LW</u> ✓
X	X	X	X	X	X		<u>S/S Lynch A.W.</u>	<u>RD S/S Crawford R.E.</u>	<u>TG</u> ✓
							<u>CB</u>	<u>OB</u>	

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Target Primary Time Over Target 14:54

Number of Bombs Dropped 5 X 1000 Altitude 21300

Observed Results of Bombing. Heading 30° Mag - 152 m.Phr Indicated

Thinks we hit the target Bombs Brought Back _____

Bombs Jettisoned _____
 (Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

Probably 50 Ju 88 Me 110
(Estimated Number of E/A Seen) (Types) Me 109 FW 190

mostly single attacks - Twin engines mostly
(Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)

tail attacks - Attacks were eager and
very persistent. Attacks began about 50°20'N
06°05' E and continued over target area and back
to French Coast. - Rockets fire while out
(New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)

of range of B-17. Lob one over - one short then have range

Usual
(Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew:

0 0 0
Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation to

<u>Blankenberghe 30z</u>	<u>19000</u>	<u>Probably 6 Guns Accurate</u>
<u>(Leige) 13:35</u>	<u>22700</u>	<u>Probably 10 Guns - Not too Accurate</u>
<u>Germerheim 15:27</u>	<u>22000</u>	<u>RED Flak - Probably 12 Guns</u>
<u>Target Area 14:54</u>	<u>21300</u>	<u>Probably 40 Guns - Very Accurate Intense Bursts 3 in cluster - Pointed fire -</u>

50°45'N
15°45'E

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles-troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

49°06' N 03°50' E (Eppernay?) 16:23 - 22000 Not to accurate Possibly 10 guns

50°10' N 01°30' E (On Coast) 20 17,000 - Probably 6 guns - Not accurate.

* B-17 wheels down at 50°00' N 10°17' E - Counted 8 chutes
- 2 men who may have delayed - Believe McPherson

* 49°15' N 08°38' E Another B-17 with 2 FW on tail. Saw
2 ^{men} chutes whose chutes were not open. Saw 8 chutes of
others -

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

S/sgt S.X. Smierski, S/sgt R.E. Crawford & Sgt R.C. Roy
bailed out after rocket exploded in A.P. -
Sgt Roy was wounded in leg; S/sgt Smierski also wounded very likely
more seriously than Roy but he did not report it before ditching

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

Considerable - Needs #3 Engine - Stabilizer and elevator
damaged. Windshield - R. Waist peppered with rocket burst.

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Fighter escort could be extended.

<u>S/sgt Smierski</u>	<u>bailed out at</u>	<u>49°09' N - 07°32' E</u>	<u>1536</u>
<u>S/sgt Crawford</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>
<u>Sgt Roy</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>

Surrendered in Germany

INTERROGATOR _____

TIME COMPLETED _____

* After gunners bailed out ship moved over under
leader of 2nd element, Lead Gp - One B-17 - from 100%

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation t

Targets - 1454 - 21300 - moderate & inagurate.
Aircraft - 1640 - 17300 - major & moderate AA
continuous following - two groups separated
& it burst between them for about 3 min.

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles-troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

Scattered map for AA

Saw Red Flak over Karlsruhe 1527 hrs -
at least 20 bursts - little black flak
at this point - smoke from red flak
seemed to hang together.
A FW was just a report in the sky high above
50 mi before target and then 100 mi beyond.
Kept up with us & finally came down.

Slight to casualties
light to damage - AA

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

White smoke from a fire billowing up in Homan
area - big fire.
Black smoke to mi N of Engen - looked like oil.

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

20/30 5 1/2 ft (light colored) & 12 smaller a/c
on A/D per Kitzinger - took photos.

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Believe too many a/c
over target at one time - we could have unswerved
more to the R. Had to make a new run to
get out from under the 'Is.

INTERROGATOR

Arnold Krause
1st Lt

TIME COMPLETED 2011

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Authority NND 745005

1. 95th 412th 0634 0 5 X 1000 1017
Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Takeoff

By 16 NARA Date 2-18-09
Date

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:

Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
(Over Target)

						<u>2nd Lt. Caspers J. P.</u> ^P	<u>T/S Burns W. D.</u>	<u>TT</u>
		X						
		X	X			<u>2nd Lt. Callaway S. L.</u> ^{CP}	<u>S/S Saunders J. J.</u>	<u>BT</u>
X		X		X				
X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Clowes R.</u>	<u>N Sgt. Forst H. A.</u>	<u>RW</u>
	X			X				
X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Bowen, H. D.</u>	<u>B S/~ Griffin R. E.</u>	<u>LW</u>
		X	X	X				
				X	X	<u>T/S Trotta P. D.</u>	<u>RD S/S Abbe D. E.</u>	<u>TG</u>
							<u>CB</u>	<u>OB</u>

OK

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Target PRIMARY Time Over Target 1455

Number of Bombs Dropped. Altitude 21400

Observed Results of Bombing. Heading 30°

Believe that bombs hit the target, at least it looked like it. Smoke was pouring up from target area after our turn.
Bombs Brought Back
Bombs Jettisoned (Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

100 or more. FW190 Ju 88
ME109 Me. 110
(Estimated Number of E/A Seen) (Types)

one E/a attacked our a/c at 49°31'N - 10°20'E
(Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)

at about 1515 at about 21000'. E/a came in at about 5130 high and seemed to be after a/c behind but hit our a/c (left wing). Saw at least six E/a ("Abbeyville kids") who tried to fly "escort tactics". They were painted solid silver color.
(New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)

Zebra markings on some ME109's.
(Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew: One
Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation to

Authority NND 745005By 1G NARA Date 2-18-09

@ 1530 @ 49°N - 8°25'E 20000 SAW eight bursts of red A.A. and some black. All went off to our left.

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles, troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

Saw a new type of fire at WÜRZBURG, Germany. It came up from the ground as if a rocket and when it had reached its peak with the A.A. smoke hung up and, all the way down. It had a ball of flame at its peak height and on the way down. Had never seen this before. The ball of fire was falling very slowly.

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

None

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

No A.A. damage. Some empty shell case damage.

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Would like tracers. Crew would like hunting knives in case have to bail out.

INTERROGATOR

Holt.

TIME COMPLETED

1915

1. 95th 335th 6098 R 5 X 1000 102 By 16 NARA Date 2-18-09
 Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Takeoff Date

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:

Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
 (Over Target)

								<u>2nd Lt. Carson R. L. P S/P Cowan R.</u>	<u>TT</u>
		X						<u>2nd Lt. Veck M. M CP Sgt. Sliwka J.</u>	<u>BT</u>
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>1st Lt. Rapner, F.S.N S/P Baker, H.W.</u>	<u>RW</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>1st Lt. Herman L.W. B S/S Pratt W.S.</u>	<u>LW</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>T/S Neal J. A. RD Sgt. Banghart, W.F.</u>	<u>TG</u>
								<u>OB</u>	<u>OB</u>

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Target Schwerpunkt Time Over Target 1455

Salvo

Number of Bombs Dropped 5x1000 Altitude 22800'

Observed Results of Bombing good. Between RR+ Heading 34°

No target Bombs Brought Back ---

--- Bombs Jettisoned ---
 (Time, Place, Reason)

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

400
 (Estimated Number of E/A Seen)

most 1/E
Me 109 Me 110
Ju 88 FW 190 Me 210
 (Types)

Glenn into target & back to coast on way out
 (Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)

Some attacks on us were way in. Attack formation
behind head. T/E & S/E attacking out of
sun to front. T/E ships shooting rockets
behind us.

(New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)

(Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew:

--- Destroyed --- Probably Destroyed --- Damaged

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation to

Authority NND 745005By AG NARA Date 2-18-09

Place and Time	Height	Description in Relation to
<u>Hasselst</u>	<u>19000</u>	<u>off to left - 15 miles</u>
<u>Vise</u>	<u>19000</u>	<u>not accurate</u>
<u>Target</u>	<u>22800</u>	<u>Blasound - may under + below Barrage - 4400</u>
<u>Epponay</u>	<u>21000</u>	<u>off to left</u>
<u>Abbeville</u>	<u>17000</u>	<u>off to left - 5 miles</u>

meager

meager

meager

meager

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles-troops--vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.) 2 batteries both 8-10

guns south of river east of town
airfield at Volkach - runway
Town burning below Volkach.

Lots of smoke pots at Worms, Bad Mergentheim

No smoke pots at targets

5 ships in Gp behind us - 10 chutes out
of all them just after target

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause) Vise - big column of
black smoke way up + down to
ground again.

10. DAMAGE TO A/C: Navigator's window out Missal
flak damage + shell case holes

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Have fought ~~ship~~
support pick us up on way out.

INTERROGATOR

S Wheaton

TIME COMPLETED

1910

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation to A

predicted concentrated
Schweinfurt 1455^{22,300} Heavy + intense Account
Germersheim - Black burst 3 Puffs of red bursts
Other - coast in + out but bigger + following
Near 49°25'N - 08°30'E Black burst - trail of smoke
(also over Target) fire up + down @ 1000' higher

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles - troops - vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

than a B-17 exploding
Picture of camp near Odenstein (49°42' - 07°17')

Mannheim sent up good coverage of
smoke screen - Completely covered City. Pictures

Saw many men jump out - B-17 OK (Kerr - 3) where?

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

None

low group on left - 10 shots - No fire B-17 OK
after target

10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

2 Holes - 30 Cal + Flak?
Elevator + Nose

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Visibility good today

Tracers wanted - Also P-38

INTERROGATOR

W. Meant.

TIME COMPLETED

3 above - vapor trails - couldn't tell what

1. 95th 334th 0182 E 5 X 1000 101
 Group Squadron A/C Number Letter Bomb Load Takeoff Date
 By AG NARA Date 2-18-09

2. A/C Returning Not Accomplishing Mission:

Place of Turn-back Time Reason

3. Position in Formation (Rank) (Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Name) (Initial)
 (Over Target)

						<u>2nd Lt. Witt A.R.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>T/S</u>	<u>Spitzer K. F.</u>	<u>TT</u>	
		X									
		X	X			<u>2nd Lt. Overstreet</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>S/S</u>	<u>Verbulecz, W.</u>	<u>BT</u>	
	X	X		X							
X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Goff</u>	<u>W/P</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>S/S</u>	<u>Schrack C.</u>	<u>RW</u>
	X										
X	X		X	X	X	<u>2nd Lt. Holmes R. H.</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Sanchez S.</u>	<u>LW</u>	
		X	X		X						
				X	X	<u>T/S Baughman R.D.</u>	<u>RD</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Lewis W.</u>	<u>TG</u>	
										<u>OB</u>	

4. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

Target Sch Time Over Target 14.59
 Number of Bombs Dropped 5x1000 Altitude 22,000
Salvo
 Observed Results of Bombing Good - had been hit before Heading 250
we got there - smoke Bombs Brought Back 0
 Bombs Jettisoned 0
 (Time, Place, Reason)
+ flames - off ahead short.

5. ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

100 F4U - Prof more T/E - 1088 - ME 109
 (Estimated Number of E/A Seen) (Types)
FW 190 (near coast) S/E average - aggressive
 (Story Of Attacks--Where, When, Altitude, Duration, Intensity)
T/E stayed out + fired - looked like
more fire power -
Mostly tail attacks - mostly singly
Seemed to lie away + attract attention
 (New Or Unusual Enemy Tactics)

(Color, Markings, etc Of E/A)

Combat Claims of Crew: 2 1 0 0
 Destroyed Probably Destroyed Damaged

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

7. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE:

Place and Time Height Description in Relation

Authority NND 745005By 167 NARA Date 2-18-09Karlshrine - batteryBattery close to mine =Target - heavy accurate intense - barrageRed Flak at 3:30 P.M. - in distance signal

8. CREW OBSERVATION: (INCLUDING Balloons, Decoys, Dummies, Smoke Screens, Concentration of Vehicles, troops, vessels, Convoys, Friendly A/C in Distress, etc.)

About five minutes before target - South of river - east of target. Looked like new runway & field.Wreck - at Lerschwer - one engine feathered. 10 Chutes seen.(Stray plane pushed off by fighters at end)Large Ship just off coast going in. - Pub. Merchant -

9. CASUALTIES: (Name, Type of Injury, Cause)

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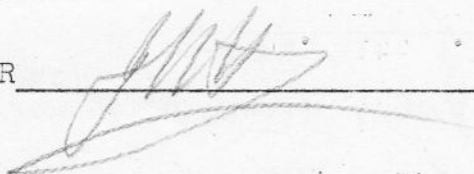
10. DAMAGE TO A/C:

0 - (Bomb bay doors wouldn't close)

11. CREW SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Soup good. Dropped down to low because Bomb Bay (another 100th ship seen). Saw B-17 (ours) with rear gun not working - flew behind to give protection

INTERROGATOR



TIME COMPLETED