

HEADQUARTERS
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

AP0 559.
13 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Operations Officer, Frantic mission of 8 August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Group (H), APO 559.

1. GENERAL NARRATIVE: The 13 A combat wing, composed of the 95 A, 95 B and 95 C groups, flying as lead, high and low groups respectively, took off at 0700 - 0730 hours. By 0835 the groups had assembled over the base at 8,000'. Since the three 95th groups flew the entire mission together they will be treated as one unit in this narrative.

At 0835 the 13 A wing left the base on course. At the first control point the 13 A wing was five minutes late. The 13 B wing, which was on time, "S"ed and let the 13 A wing take the lead. The briefed route was followed to the target. Bombs were away at 1115. The rally was effected as planned. The 13 B wing was some distance behind after bombing so the 13 A wing made a 360° turn to enable them to close up the formation.

On the route on to the bases in Italy it became necessary to climb to 24,000' and to alter course to the left to avoid built up alto-stratus cloud. The let down was started at 1323. The enemy coast was crossed at 1343 and the base reached at 1500. The groups landed at 1510 - 1530 hours.

2. AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING: Thirty-seven aircraft, including three PFF left the base in the formation shown in attached diagrams "1A", "2A" and "3A". (A/C # 2560 took - off late and was unable to catch the formation.) All thirty-seven A/C bombed the primary and are credited with sorties. The formation over the target is shown in attached diagrams "1B", "2B" and "3B".

3. LOST AIRCRAFT: None.

JAMES A. HEARN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst. Opn. Officer.

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APO 559

STATISTICAL CONTROL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT NOT ATTACKING

13TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING

DATE RENDERED 16 August 1944

PART I - TABULAR SUMMARY:

DATE OF MISSION 8 August 1944

STRATEGICAL MISSION

COMBAT GROUP	SCHEDULED	AIRBORNE	AIRBORNE LESS RETURNING SPARES	ATTACKING	NOT ATTACKING	SORTIES
A	11	11	11	11	0	11
B	12	12	12	11	1	11
C	12	12	12	12	0	12

PART II - REASONS WHY AIRCRAFT DID NOT ATTACK OR FAILED TO TAKE OFF:

Combat Gp	A.C.S.N.	Category	Reason for Failure & Corrective Action	Sortie (Yes-No)
"B"	42-102500	"B"	Could not find formation - T/O late because of hitting bomb crater.	No

JAMES A. BRANN
Capt., Air Corps,
Actg. Operations Officer

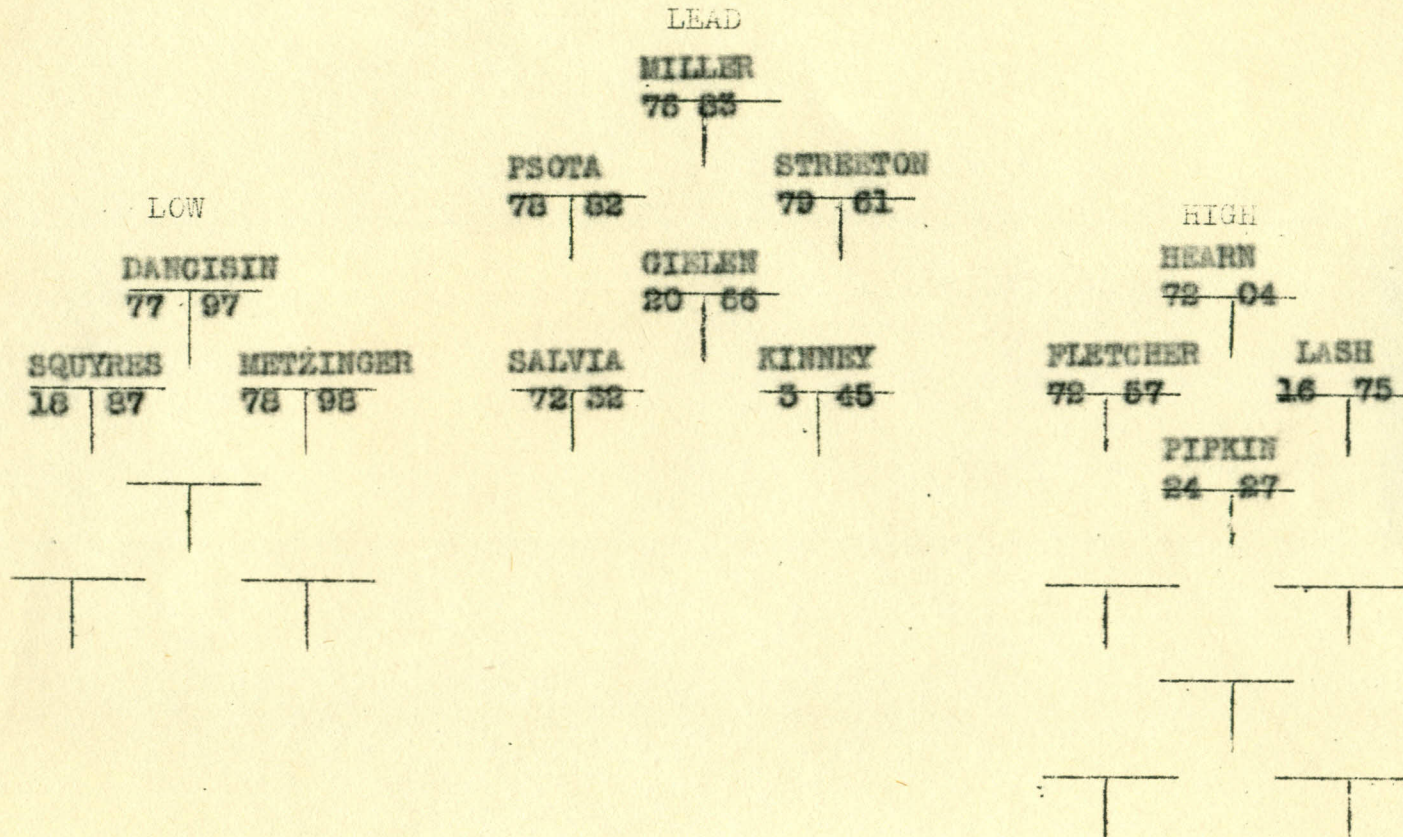
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95th "A" Group
Over Target
Diagram "1B"

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 August 19 44



BRIEFING _____
READINESS _____
STATIONS _____
TAXI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
412 _____

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95th "B" Group
Over Target
Diagram "2B"

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 August 1944

LEAD

HAGENBAUGH

24 | 55

LOW

BOUDON

7 | 60

AUSTIN

14 | 62

HIGH

ROMANCHER

29 | 51

GRINWIE

26 | 78

RACHUZENSKI

60 | 85

PRICE

15 | 89

DAY

72 | 15

MC CULLEY

70 | 47

POWELL

19 | 92

CURLEY

16 | 00

BRIEFING _____
READINESS _____
STATIONS _____
TAXI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
RENDEZVOUS _____

EXTRA SHIPS

334 _____
335 _____
336 _____
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95th "C" Group
Assembly
Diagram "3A"

NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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GROUP FORMATION FORM

DATE 8 August 1944

LEAD

SHERWOOD
75 | 39

LOW

WALKER
34 | 50

BRODERSON
19 | 39

HIGH

HERCHENHAHN
6 | 15

PIESS
14 | 10

GILBERT
73 | 83

LAYL
18 | 76

ELLSWORTH
78 | 44

DECKARD
73 | 34

OLNEY
71 | 94

BRAUND
78 | 58

HANSON
18 | 67

COTNER
19 | 89

BRIEFING _____
READINESS _____
STATIONS _____
TAXI _____
TAKE-OFF _____
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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

E-P-26

13 August 1944

SUBJECT: Lead Navigator's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of
8 August 1944, Buzau Kaux, Roumania.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H), A.A.F.

1. We were leading the Thirteenth "A" Combat Wing. We were airborne at 0715 hours and circled the base for assembly. We departed from Poltava at 0835 hours at 8000'.

2. The briefed course was flown to the I.P. except for occasional changes of course to avoid cloud banks and flak. The I.P. was made good at 1103 hours, 4445N 2730E.

3. Bombs were away at 1115 hours at 21000' on a magnetic heading of 304°. At 1128 hours we made a 360° turn to enable the "B" Wing to catch up. Briefed course was followed from the target and at 1208 hours, 4404N 2502E we altered course to go around a cloud bank and again came back on course.

4. The enemy coast was crossed at 1343 hours 4147N 1942E at 22000' and crossed the Italian coast at 1445 hours, 4150N 1612E at 4000'. We were over the base at Gelone at 1600 hours @ 2000'.

CECIL M. PEACOCK
Captain, Air Corps,
Lead Navigator.

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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Lead Bombardier's Narrative, Ninety Fifth "A" Group, Mission of
8 August 1944, Buzau Kaux, Rumania.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bombardment Group (H), A.A.F.

1. Bombing Approach and Run: A.F.C.E., A.B.C., and E-6-B computer were used. A right turn of approximately 90° was made at I.P. Bomb Bay doors were opened and flares fired at I.P. No enemy action affected the bombing run. Weather did not affect the bombing run. No unusual hostile action encountered on bombing run. Observed results of bombing was excellent.

2. Disposition of Bombs: 11 A/C were dispatched from 95 "A" Group and 11 A/C were over the target in formation, dropping 168 x 250# G.P. bombs. All bombs were salvoed armed. No bombs were returned. Bombs were fuzed - 1/40 nose, 1/40 tail.

3. Types of Releases: All 168 x 250# AN-M57 bombs were salvoed armed.

4. Tabular Summary:

	A/C	Bombs	Fuzing			
Main Bombfall	Over Target	Bombing No.	Size	Type	Nose	Tail
Buzau Kaux, Rumania.	11	11	168	250# AN-M57	1/40	1/40
Bombs on Target.	11	11	168	250# AN-M57	1/40	1/40
Other Expenditures.			None.			
Bombs Returned.			None.			
Total (loaded on A/C taking off).			168	250# AN-M57	1/40	1/40

John S. Bromberg
JOHN S. BROMBERG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Lead Bombardier.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Engineering Officer

V-A-2

APO 559,
13 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Engineering Report on Combat Mission 8th August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 95th Bomb Gp (H). Attn: Lt Col MC KNIGHT .

1. The following information is submitted concerning combat mission
8 August 1944.

- a. Thirty-four (34) B-17 airplanes took off.
- b. Thirty-four (34) B-17 airplanes landed away from home station
after completion of mission.
- c. 42-102560 failed to take off - Stuck in mud.

2. There was no abortive airplanes.

3. There was no battle damage.

CLARENCE D. FIELDS,
Major, Air Corps,
Base Engr. Officer.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: PFF Bombing Report

ZILISTEANCA

(Target) Poland (Date) 1944

TO : Commanding General, 3d Bombardment Division, APO 559.

1. The following report is submitted for a PFF A/C which made a bombing sighting and includes, in the diagram attached, the position and serial number of each PFF A/C in the bombing formation.

Formation led: 3300 Squadron 380 Combat Wing. Date 8/8/44
Group

Mickey Operator Schulte, G. To. of PFF missions 8

Pilot Simons, I.M. Capt. D.R. Navigator Haynes, L. Bomb. Buckles, Capt.

570 Squadron 380 Group 3rd Division

Airplane B-17G 42-37932 Briefed Position Lead
(Type) (Serial No.) (Lead) (D. Lead)

If Deputy Lead assumed the lead, state when and why _____

Where was the decision made to bomb by PFF? Visual

Initial Point used _____ Was this the briefed I.P.? Yes

Distance at which mickey operator first identified the target: 45 Length of the bombing run _____ Visual Yes PFF _____

Was there crowding or interference by other formations on the bombing run? No If so, explain _____

In the opinion of the mickey operator, was drift killed? Yes If not, explain why _____

Were bombs released early, on time, or late according to the mickey equipment On time

Was the mickey equipment operating so that a satisfactory sighting could be made on the target: Yes Yes No _____ Explain _____

What was the bombing formation? Group
(Combat Wing) (Group) (Squadron)

ZILISTEANCA

Target attacked A/N nr. ~~5000~~

Where did the sighting team try to center the bombfall? On target

Where do you think the bombs hit? Little over

Bombs away: Altitude 33000 Track _____ G.S. _____ Time 1120.5 hrs.

Type of sighting made: (check one) PFF _____ Visual Yes PFF (Visual assist)

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ZILISTEANCA

SUBJECT: PFF Bombing Report

(Target) Zilisteanca

(Date) 8/2/44

TO : Commanding General, 3d Bombardment Division, APO 559.

1. The following report is submitted for a PFF A/C which made a bombing sighting and includes, in the diagram attached, the position and serial number of each PFF A/C in the bombing formation.

Formation led: 320 Squadron 128 Combat Wing. Date 8/2/44
Group

Mickey Operator Colton No. of PFF missions Two

Pilot Reber D.R. Navigator Tregan Bomb. Koch

328 Squadron 300 Group 324 Division

Airplane B-17G 44-87000 Briefed Position Lead
(Type) (Serial No.) (Lead) (D. Lead)

If Deputy Lead assumed the lead, state when and why Visual

Where was the decision made to bomb by PFF? Not made

Initial Point used Colton Lake Was this the briefed I.P.? ?

Distance at which mickey operator first identified the target: 50 Length of the bombing run 50 Visual Yes PFF -----

Was there crowding or interference by other formations on the bombing run? No If so, explain -----

In the opinion of the mickey operator, was drift killed? Yes If not, explain why -----

Were bombs released early, on time, or late according to the mickey equipment On Time

Was the mickey equipment operating so that a satisfactory sighting could be made on the target: Yes X No ----- Explain -----

What was the bombing formation? Group
(Combat Wing) (Group) (Squadron)

Target attacked A/B Hanger **ZILISTEANCA**

Where did the sighting team try to center the bombfall? NFI

Where do you think the bombs hit? Target

Bombs away: Altitude 22500 Track 355 G.S. ----- Time 11:50 hrs.

Type of sighting made: (check one) PFF ----- Visual Yes PFF (Visual assist)

Visual (PFF Assist) Dropped on smoke bombs of

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: PFF Bombing Report ZILISTEA 8 AUG 1944
(Target) (Date)
AIRPORT
ROUMANIA

TO : Commanding General, 3d Bombardment Division, APO 559.

1. The following report is submitted for a PFF A/C which made a bombing sighting and includes, in the diagram attached, the position and serial number of each PFF A/C in the bombing formation.

Formation led: 390 Squadron 13B Combat Wing. Date 8 AUG 44
Group

Mickey Operator SHELTON No. of PFF missions 10

Pilot SCHAAF D.R. Navigator TREGNUN Bomb. KOCH

335 Squadron 390 Group 3 Division

Airplane B17G 989 Briefed Position
(Type) (Serial No.) (Lead) (D. Lead)

If Deputy Lead assumed the lead, state when and why
NO

Where was the decision made to bomb by PFF? NOT MADE

Initial Point used COLTEA LAKE Was this the briefed I.P.?

YES Distance at which mickey operator first identified the target: 30 Length of the bombing run 22 Visual PFF

Was there crowding or interference by other formations on the bombing run? NO If so, explain

In the opinion of the mickey operator, was drift killed? YES If not, explain why

Were bombs released early, on time, or late according to the mickey equipment ON TIME

Was the mickey equipment operating so that a satisfactory sighting could be made on the target: Yes No Explain

What was the bombing formation?
(Combat Wing) (Group) (Squadron)

Target attacked AIRPORT HANGAR - ZILISTEA ROUMANIA

Where did the sighting team try to center the bombfall? BRIEFED MPI

Where do you think the bombs hit? TARGET

Bombs away: Altitude 22500 Track 333 G.S. Time 1120

Type of sighting made: (check one) PFF Visual PFF (Visual assist)

Visual (PFF Assist) Dropped on smoke bombs of

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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SUBJECT: PFF Bombing Report AIR FIELD NEAR BAZAU AUG. 8 - '44
(Target) (Date)

TO : Commanding General, 3d Bombardment Division, APO 559.

1. The following report is submitted for a PFF A/C which made a bombing sighting and includes, in the diagram attached, the position and serial number of each PFF A/C in the bombing formation.

Formation led: 390 B Squadron 13 B Combat Wing. Date AUG. 8 - '44
Group

Mickey Operator SCHOLTE, G. No. of PFF missions 1 3 2

Pilot SIMMONS, L.M. CAPT. D.R. Navigator HAYNES L.M. Bomb. BUCKLES CAPT. LEWIS, R.A. 1ST

2 570 Squadron 390 Group 3 Division

Airplane B-17G 992 Briefed Position
(Type) (Serial No.) (Lead) (D. Lead)

If Deputy Lead assumed the lead, state when and why _____

Where was the decision made to bomb by PFF? _____

Initial Point used _____ Was this the briefed I.P.? YES

40 Distance at which mickey operator first identified the target: 45 Length of the bombing run Visual PFF

Was there crowding or interference by other formations on the bombing run? NO If so, explain _____

In the opinion of the mickey operator, was drift killed? YES If not, explain why _____

Were bombs released early, on time, or late according to the mickey equipment ON TIME

Was the mickey equipment operating so that a satisfactory sighting could be made on the target: Yes No Explain _____

What was the bombing formation? _____
(Combat Wing) (Group) (Squadron)

Target attacked AIR FIELD NEAR BAZAU

Where did the sighting team try to center the bombfall? ON TARGET

Where do you think the bombs hit? LITTLE OVER

Bombs away: Altitude 23000 Track TH 325 G.S. Time 1120 1/2

Type of sighting made: (check one) PFF Visual PFF (Visual assist)

Visual (PFF Assist) Dropped on smoke bombs of

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: PFF Bombing Report BUZAU 8-8-44
(Target) (Date)

TO : Commanding General, 3d Bombardment Division, APO 559.

1. The following report is submitted for a PFF A/C which made a bombing sighting and includes, in the diagram attached, the position and serial number of each PFF A/C in the bombing formation.

Formation led: _____ Squadron _____ Combat Wing. Date 8-8-44
Group _____

Mickey Operator McCARRIA No. of PFF missions 8

Pilot STREBTON D.R. Navigator KATELLA Bomb. LEIMMON

_____ Squadron _____ Group 95B Division _____

Airplane B-17 961 Briefed Position _____
(Type) (Serial No.) (Lead) (D. Lead)

If Deputy Lead assumed the lead, state when and why _____

Where was the decision made to bomb by PFF? VISUAL

Initial Point used 27-20E 44-25 N Was this the briefed I.P.?

YES Distance at which mickey operator first identified the target: _____ Length of the bombing run 45 Visual PFF _____

Was there crowding or interference by other formations on the bombing run? NO If so, explain _____

In the opinion of the mickey operator, was drift killed? YES If not, explain why _____

Were bombs released early, on time, or late according to the mickey equipment IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE TARGET

Was the mickey equipment operating so that a satisfactory sighting could be made on the target: Yes _____ No _____ Explain EQUIPMENT WAS WORKING BUT TARGET NOT MICKEY TARGET

What was the bombing formation? _____
(Combat Wing) (Group) (Squadron)

Target attacked AIRFIELD S.W. OF BUZAU

Where did the sighting team try to center the bombfall? MPI

Where do you think the bombs hit? _____

Bombs away: Altitude 22100 Track 330 G.S. _____ Time 1120h

Type of sighting made: (check one) PFF _____ Visual PFF (Visual assist)

Visual (PFF Assist) _____ Dropped on smoke bombs of _____

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By RUS NARA Date 02/22/09

COMBAT REPORT

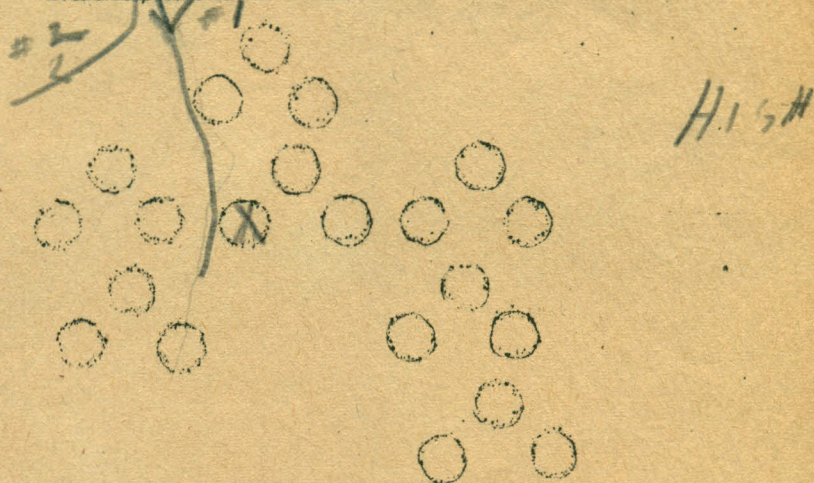
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GROUP 95TH SQN. 336 A/C 7334 DATE 4/5/47

WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE ALLENSTEIN, B.P. HEIGHT 18000' TIME 1325

Our Heading <u>140</u>
Type of E/A <u>FW190</u>
Clock Pos. <u>11</u>
Attack Level <u>HIGH</u>

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK.

B BEGAN FIRING AT 800 AS #1 E/A WAS AT 11 O'C HIGH, FIRED CONTINUALLY TIL OUT OF FIELD OF FIRE AT 10 O'C (#2 STARTED IN BUT PEELLED OFF TO HIS RIGHT) LEVEL (100 YDS OUT) E/A BEGAN SMOKING AT 300 YDS AROUND COWLING; ALSO A BIT OF FLAME AROUND COWLING. E/A WERE BROWN. T.T. SAW E/A COME BY TO HIS RIGHT SMOKING, THEN E/A TURNED TO HIS RIGHT 250 YDS OUT & APPEARED TO ATTACK FRIENDLY FORMATION AT 6 O'C. THEN DOVE STILL SMOKING. #2 E/A WAS TAKEN ON BY PSI'S (E/A BROKE OFF SMOKE A BREAST TIT. & BEGAN SMOKING AGAIN IN DIVE.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: 2ND LT. D.E. TYRRELL Position B

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A NONE

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. 2450

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

<u>SGT. F.S. MARCERA</u>	A/C No. <u>7334</u>	Position in A/C <u>T/T</u>
" "	" "	" "
" "	" "	" "

Comments of interrogator:
 CLAIMS - 1 E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED
 not allowed - no evidence of destruction & E/A
 certainly would not have made head stick if