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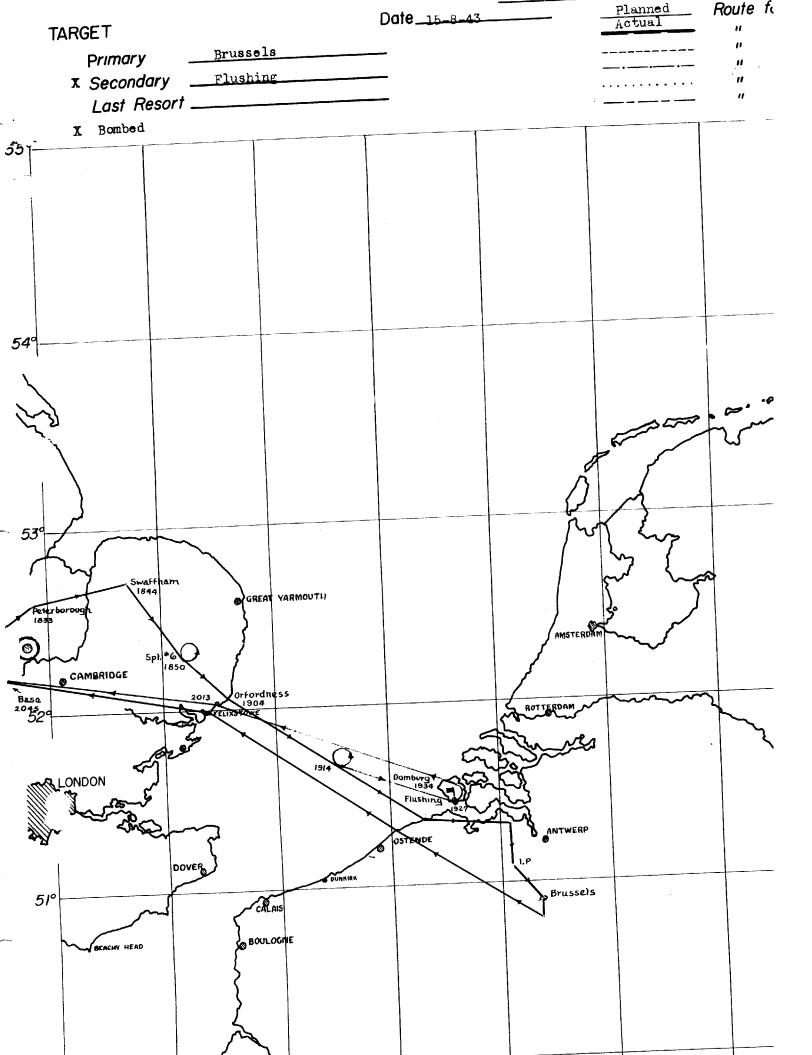
SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

TO: Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H)

- 1. Hot News None.
- 2. Narrative
  20 A/C took off to bomb Aircraft Factory at Brussels but
  due to poor visability, our Group attacked the Secondary Target
  which was the Airport at Flushing. All A/C returned safely to base.
- Due to Cirrhus Cloud, deep haze, and heavy condensation trails, bombing and observation of bombing results was most difficult. Some hits were seen on Southern Dispersal Area, also on Canal and Dock Area. (Confirmed by Photographs). Small fire is reported at OOST-SOUBURG. Large fire reported at MIDDLEBURG.
  - 4. Abortives None.
  - 5. Encounters None.
- 6. Gun A.A. Fire
  A.A. gun fire was meager and inaccurate at Flushing, Knocke
  and Breakens. Continuous following. Fire did not open up until bombs
  were away and continued after formation was out of range.
- 7. Observations.

  There were no Encounters but crews feel that if E/A had been encountered, weather conditions offered such perfect concealment that formation would have been shot up in spite of fighter support.

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## Target FLUSHING (ALTERNATE)

1. Route followed.

Crossed the island of Flushing, bombed, turned for home. Did not cross coast of Dutch Mainland.

- 2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) Condensation trails were so heavy they formed clouds and obscured view. Cirrhus clouds and deep haze.
- 3. No. of A/C over Target.
  20 A/C.

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4. Formation over target, with height of each A/C. Those A/C damaged by Flak to be circled, and if seriously damaged, insert small "S". If any A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-

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- 5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible)
  1050 Mag.
- 6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? 40 seconds.
- 7. Turn after bombing. 20° bank to left 180° turn.
- 8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. High Group of Wing.
- 9. What evasive action was taken? Very slight few lazy S turns.
- 10. A short description of Flak en route (if any) and at the Target, including if possible a suggestion as to type of fire control employed i.e. Continuous following predicted concentrations, predicted barrages, or fixed barrages.

Flushing - 1927 hours, 24,000 ft. alt. - meager AA fire, heavy, black, continuous following.

Knocke - moderate AA fire observed in distance, probably firing on another group. Breskens - meater tracking fire.

AA fire did not open up until after bombs away. The firing continued after the formation was out of range.

<sup>11.</sup> Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

AA installation of approximately six single guns on SW shore of Flushing.

Crew observations about Plak:

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