

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
United States Forces

APO 634  
3 September, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News

B-17 ditched at 1022 hours in Channel between Le Havre and Selsey Bill. (4950N-0030W). Phoned to Wing.

B-17 at approximately 0838 East of Paris (10 miles); 4-7 chutes seen. Plane appeared to be under control and had wheels down. Believed to belong to 92nd Group.

B-17 at 1000 hours exploded (flak hit), North of Evreux. No chutes seen.

2. Narrative

18 A/C took off at 0610, arriving over Dungeness at 0801. Course as briefed to target. On way back, came by way of Meulan, n/e of Paris, to Ganarden, to Nonancourt, to St. Andre, to Evreux, to Trouville, to Selsey Bill over London to base.

3. Fighter Opposition

Enemy fighter opposition was weak. Some 40 to 50 enemy aircraft, practically all FW190's, observed at 0815, but only direct attacks came between Meaux, East of Paris, at 0834 and IP, when about a dozen FW's made head on attacks on low elements of this group. Attacks lasted only a short time and were almost invariably from 12 o'clock, level. Fighter escort excellent and close, breaking up more than one nose attack, and taking complete care of all fighter opposition until leaving formation around I.P. No fighters encountered over target or on way out. We claim 2-0-0.

4. A.A. Gun Fire

There was no A.A. Gun Fire at this group over target, but intense firing off to left. This may have been directed at 92nd, which turned off to left between I.P. and target, while 306th went on to bomb primary. Most A.A. Gun Fire encountered by this group was at Evreux on way out at 0951. Odd bursts at other points on route including Cayeux, Grandvilliers, Rouen, Etampes, Conches and Le Havre.

5. Bombing

306th bombed primary. Position fixed by GEE. Photos confirm location, but cloud on photographs obscure point of impact. Lead bombardier and navigator had location of field fixed from I.P. Picked up field through hole in clouds, ran on briefed MPI, when cloud obscured it, picked up main dispersals and aiming point north side of field, made 25 second run and dropped. Weather clear to I.P. 8/10 to 10/10 from there to Target.

6. Abortive  
None

7. Observations

Several crew members reported that FW190's "ran away" from P47's, and seemed to avoid combat with them at all costs. Crews report Mel09's shooting rockets at P47's.

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# TRACK CHART

Number 43

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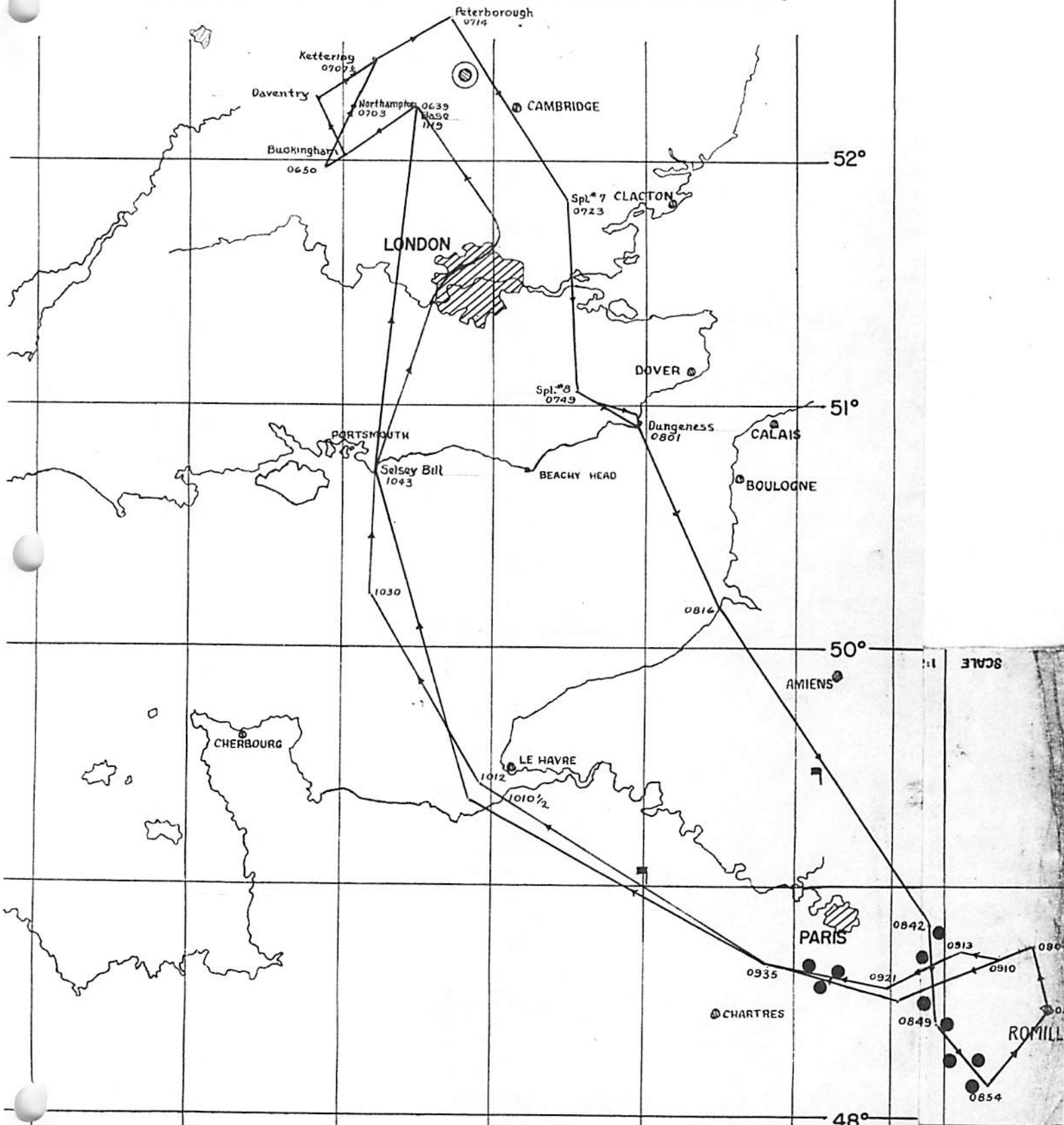
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Route followed by

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3 September 1943

Romilly sur Seine, France



SCALE

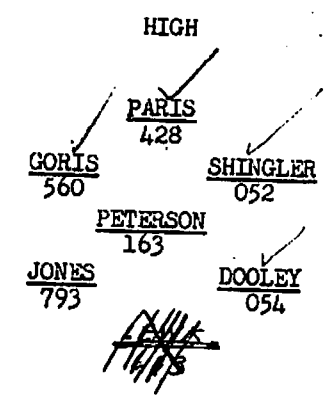
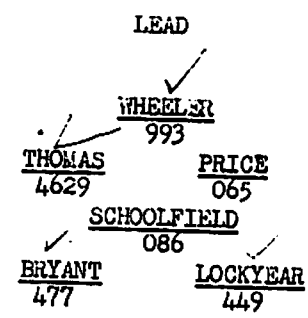
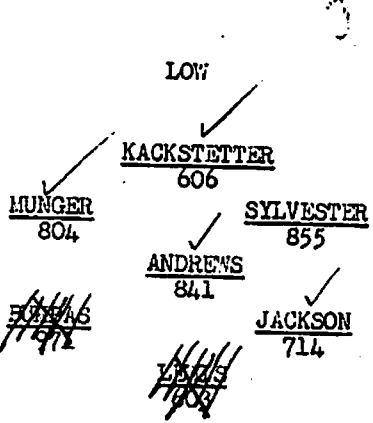


## COMBATS

- FW 190 ● RED
- ME 109 ○ ORANGE
- JU 88 ○ BLUE
- ME 110 ○

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~267X~~ 368 ~~XXXXXX~~ A/C Number 560 Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/9/43

Bomb Load 12 x 500 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 0110 Time Landed 1140

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

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes  No

Details:

1-B7 near Overcamp hit by flak going down in slow spiral - the pilot

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full details)

2nd Lt. G. Goris Pilot

2nd Lt. Partridge Co-P

2nd Lt. J. Levy Nav.

2nd Lt. J. Ryan Bomb.

Sgt. E. Ewing Radio

S/Sgt. L. Connolly Top T.

Sgt. Saj Ball T.

Sgt. Jackson H. Waist

S/Sgt. N. Brennan L. Waist

Sgt. Gramm Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary

Time: 0903

Alternate

Height: 27,500

Last Resort (circle)

Heading 10° W

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: all Jettisoned: Returned: abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)

Own Bombs:

Low none

Other Bombing:

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes?  No?

Any Micks: Yes  No

Number boxes dropped \_\_\_\_\_

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

Number boxes returned \_\_\_\_\_

7. ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place, height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)

Route as ordered

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission)

Sp 10 middle cloud

9. FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight	Color of bursts	Location of bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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	Blair's	27,500	Heavy	Moderate	Accurate	Tracking
	Primary	"	"	Intense	"	Altitude Parage
	Overcamp	"	"	Moderate	"	Tracking Predicted

Crew observations about flak:

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10. ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS:

10 to 20 E/A mostly F/W 190's

- (Estimated total number of E/A seen) (Type)  
1- 835 hrs, 1100 hrs, one pass by about 1000 hrs.
- (Location and length of fight)  
2- 15 to 20 minutes in from French Coast.
- 3- About 1000 hrs a few 1/2 hr distance, did not attack.

E/A putting wheels down

(Tactics of E/A) <sup>white</sup> White nose, stripes on tails.

(Color, markings, etc. of E/A)

(Our defensive action)

C L A I M S	
DESTROYED	_____
PROBABLY	<u>None</u>
DAMAGED	_____
(Fill out <u>immediately</u> separate CLAIM FORM for each claim.)	

11. FIGHTER SUPPORT Very good as ordered

12. OBSERVATIONS: Give TIME, PLACE, HEIGHT (List any observations of military importance such as balloons, decoys, dummies, camouflage, smoke screens, enemy signals; activity at airdromes, ports, water-ways, roads, railroad yards; concentrations of vehicles, troops, vessels; landmarks, new enemy installations, Large fire in part of Paris heavy clouds of both black and white smoke rising to a few thousand feet.

13. INCIDENTS TO FRIENDLY A/C: (If one of our A/C lost, state whether by A.A., E/A Action, accident or Undetermined Cause)

14. INJURIES TO CREW: (Give name, position in A/C, type of injury, how received, PLACE and DATE.)  
None

15. DAMAGE TO A/C: (Briefly) a few small flak holes in tail.

16. TECHNICAL FAILURES: One tail gun out permanently throughout trip.

17. CREW COMMENTS: (any unusual incidents? any suggestions?)

S-2 OFFICER Capt. [Signature] TITLE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

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