

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

27 August, 1943

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report.

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

1. Hot News.  
1 B-17 at 1924, before target, hit by flak. Blew up.  
4 chutes.  
1 B-17 at 1925, over target, 8 to 10 chutes.  
1 B-17 at 1926 going down under control - no chutes seen.
2. Bombing.  
Bombing probably over - possibly few hits in edge of evacuation.
3. Abortive.  
None.
4. Encounters.  
None - no enemy aircraft seen. Fighter support excellent and very close.
5. A.A. Gun Fire.  
From I.P. to Target - moderate but exceptionally accurate in spite of vigorous evasive action. Black bursts. Continuously following. Lots of A.A. gun fire, not quite up to altitude. White bursts.
6. Observations.  
Crews say - bomb run into late afternoon sun all wrong. Breaking formation to bomb by squadrons disastrous. Can't fly formation when you can't see.

# TRACK CHART

DATE 27/8/43

Planned

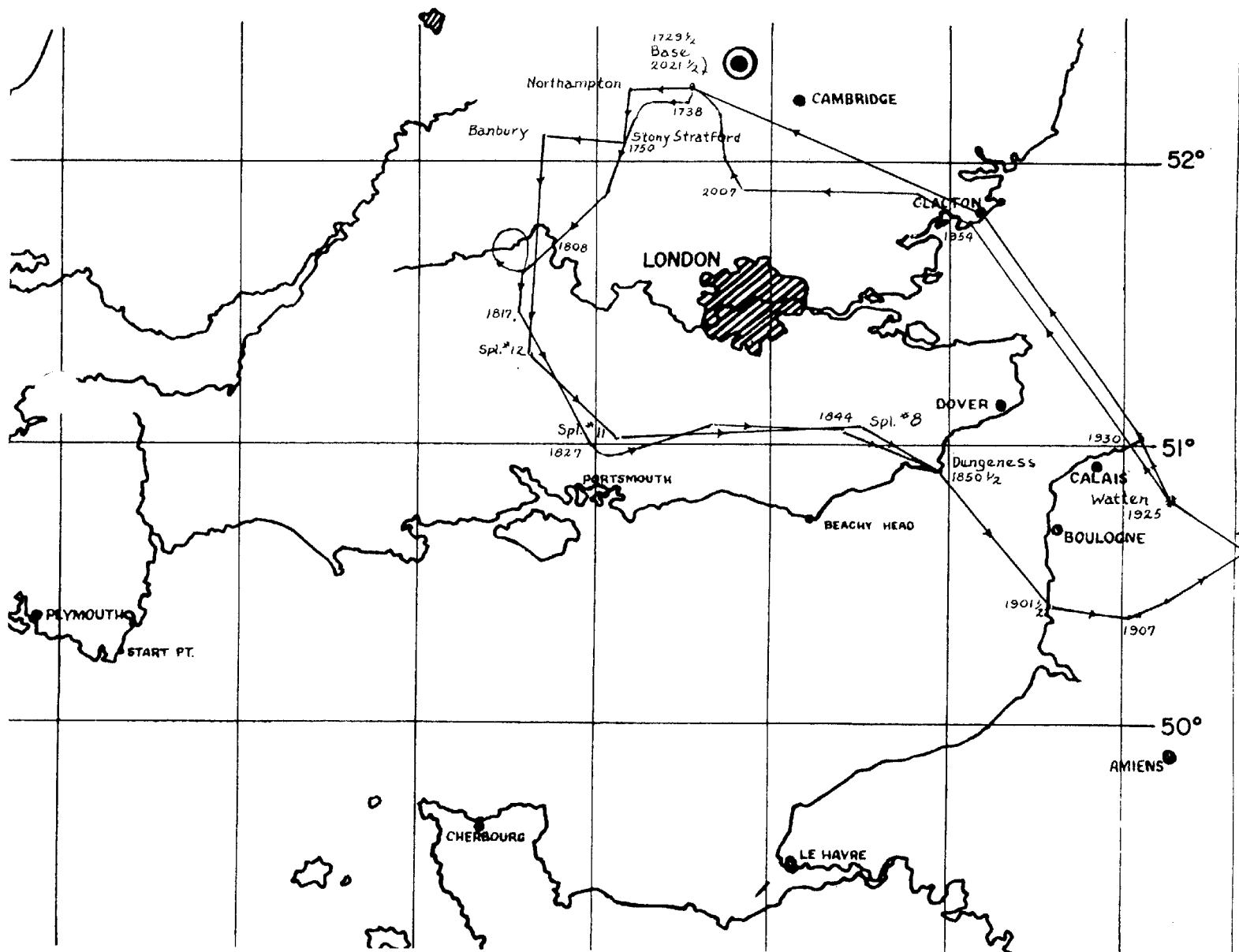
Actual

Route followed by

306th Bombardment Group (H)

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WATTEN, FRANCE



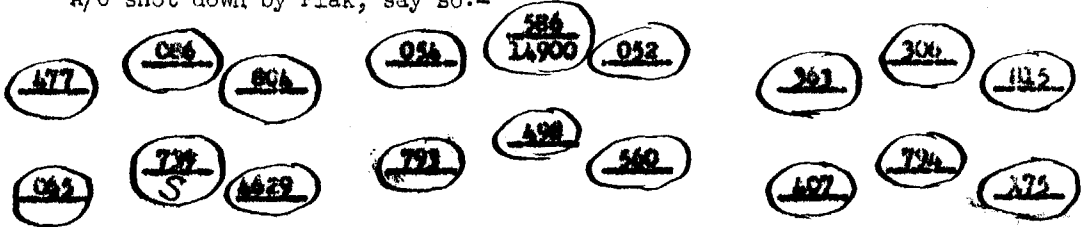
Target WATZEN

1. Route followed. **Dungouess - N. of March-sur-Bar to Aire to target to West of Gravelines to Cluaten.**

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) **Slight haze - Broken clouds at target 3/10ths - 5/10ths**

3. No. of A/C over Target. **18**

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 A/C shot down by Flak, say so:-



5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible) **120 degs Mag.**

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? **60 seconds**

7. Turn after bombing. **25 deg. Right turn, 10 deg. bank.**

8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups. **Second Group over target.**

9. What evasive action was taken? **Constant wide turning.**

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.

**Intense, heavy, accurate, continuous following Gun A.A. fire from IP to target. Barrages noted over fortified areas.**

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc. **Object near Montreal, at altitude, exploded and burst all over sky. Orange burst. None of our aircraft in vicinity at time. -- Three crews report tracer anti-aircraft fire at altitude.**

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~367~~ 368 ~~369000000~~ A/C Number 560 Letter D Date 27/8/43

Bomb Load 2 x 2000 H.E. Incend.

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1710 Time Landed 2045

|   |   |   |     |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|
|   |   | X |     | 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:

No

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

One B17 down in flames  
Time:

- 1st. LT. L. McINTIRE Pilot
- 2nd LT. G. GORIS Co-P
- 2nd LT. J. LEVY Nav.
- 2nd LT. J. RYAN Bomb.
- S/SGT. C. NICHOLS Radio
- T/SGT. D. GRIGGS Top T.
- SGT. WOODALL Ball T.
- S/SGT. J. MYNATT R.Waist
- S/SGT. N. BRENNAN L.Waist
- S/SGT. L. CONNOLLY Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alternate Height: None  
 Last Resort Heading: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (circle)  
 Duration Bomb Run: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Own Bombs: Returned

Other Bombing: No observation

5. Any Photographs taken: Yes? (No) Any Nickels: Yes (No)

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

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

8. WEATHER: (If it affected mission) as briefed - hazy -

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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1425 target area 15000 heavy Black Close accurate

Not sure (from IP% coast observed wing ahead go through it)

Crew observations about Flak: Wing ahead appeared to lose

several ships because a light - none observed - all but observed

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