

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (D-A-2)  
Office Of The Intelligence Officer  
United States Forces

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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.

3. Bombing

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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Captain, AC.,  
Group S-2.



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. Cirrus clouds and deep haze.

3. No. of A/C over Target.

20 A/C.

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:-

$\frac{458}{24200}$	$\frac{054}{24300}$	$\frac{809}{24000}$	$\frac{603}{24000}$	$\frac{794}{24000}$	$\frac{894}{24500}$
$\frac{793}{24000}$	$\frac{498}{24000}$	$\frac{221}{24100}$	$\frac{930}{24300}$	$\frac{815}{24300}$	$\frac{175}{25100}$
$\frac{741}{24000}$	$\frac{052}{24200}$	$\frac{487}{24500}$	$\frac{714}{23600}$	$\frac{554}{24500}$	$\frac{407}{24000}$

5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible)

105° 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.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.

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

No AA damage.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ ~~262X123X~~ A/C Number 741 Letter V Date 15/8/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendiary Position in Formation

Time Took Off: 1729 Time Landed: 2055

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes  No

Details:

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

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

No

L.S. McIntire Pilot

G.E. Goris CO-P

2nd Lt. J.M. Levy Nav.

2nd Lt. S. Silverstein Bomb.

T/Sgt. D. A. Griggs Radio Top T.

S/Sgt. C. A. Nichols ~~Top~~ Radio

S/Sgt. J. F. Elek Ball T. (25)

Sgt. N.H. Brennan R. Waist

Sgt. J. Q. Mynatt L. Waist

S/Sgt. L. J. Connolly Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Time: 1927:20

Alternate Height: 24000

Last Resort Heading: 116° M.

Duration Bomb Run:

3. Number of BOMBS dropped on target: 16 Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:

4. Observed RESULTS OF BOMBING: (For this plane or others)  
Own Bombs: Big fire in town to N.E. of field, also smaller fire, observed near field.

Other Bombing:

ANY NICKELS: YES  NO   
NUMBER BOXES DROPPED \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER BOXES RETURNED \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any PHOTOGRAPHS taken: Yes  No

6. GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS:

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

As briefed.

8. FLAK: (If affected by flak)

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
<u>1927</u>	<u>over target</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>slight</u>	<u>black</u>	<u>low &amp; high</u>	<u>Bad deflection</u>

Crew observations about Flak:

estimate 2 49 mm batteries, at secondary target