5th November, 1943 APO 634.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Report

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

1. Hot News
1355 hours, one H-17 going down under attack by single
fighter, 5 chutes appeared, then fighter attacked again. A/C broke in
half, 3 more chutes, perhaps 4 seen. 1356 hours, one H-17 going down,
9 chutes seen. A/C reported as continuing to fly below formation losing altitude, last seen at 1432. 1410 hours, one H-17 over Holland
going down near coast, 7 chutes. 1422 hours, two H-17s seen at 5155H0330E at 14,000 feet, going down fast, disappeared in cloud. 1422
hours, one H-17 at 5153E-0154E about 5,000 feet, not seen to ditch.

2. Harrative

24 A/O took off at 1030 hours, including 3 spares which
returned before leaving English coast. Over Cromer at 1227 hours.
Course as briefed. Target at 1345 hours. He were the 2nd high group
to bomb, on a heading of 195 degrees mag. Landed at 1530 hours.

3. Hombing Results

Bombing should be good. Pictures show bombs away at proper point to hit target area. Identification positive. Heaks screen and hase obscured view of results. One A/C bombed convoy just southeast of Tossel with unobserved results.

The 306th was high group of the 40th Combat Wing. There were no attacks on this group. At 1350 hours one ME190 with undersurface of wings painted yellow started tail attack; but broke off at 1,000 yards. At 1355 hours, 20 miles west of target, 8 to 10 single engine E/A observed making tail attacks on group shead, mostly on stragglers.

5. Fighter Support
Fighter support was superlative, the P-47s giving closer
cover than ever before, but not as close as P-38s at Wilhelmshaven.
P-47s seen to go right through A.A. gun fire with group shead. P-38s
also observed for 8 minutes at 1320 hours, and for 3 minutes at 1440
hours.

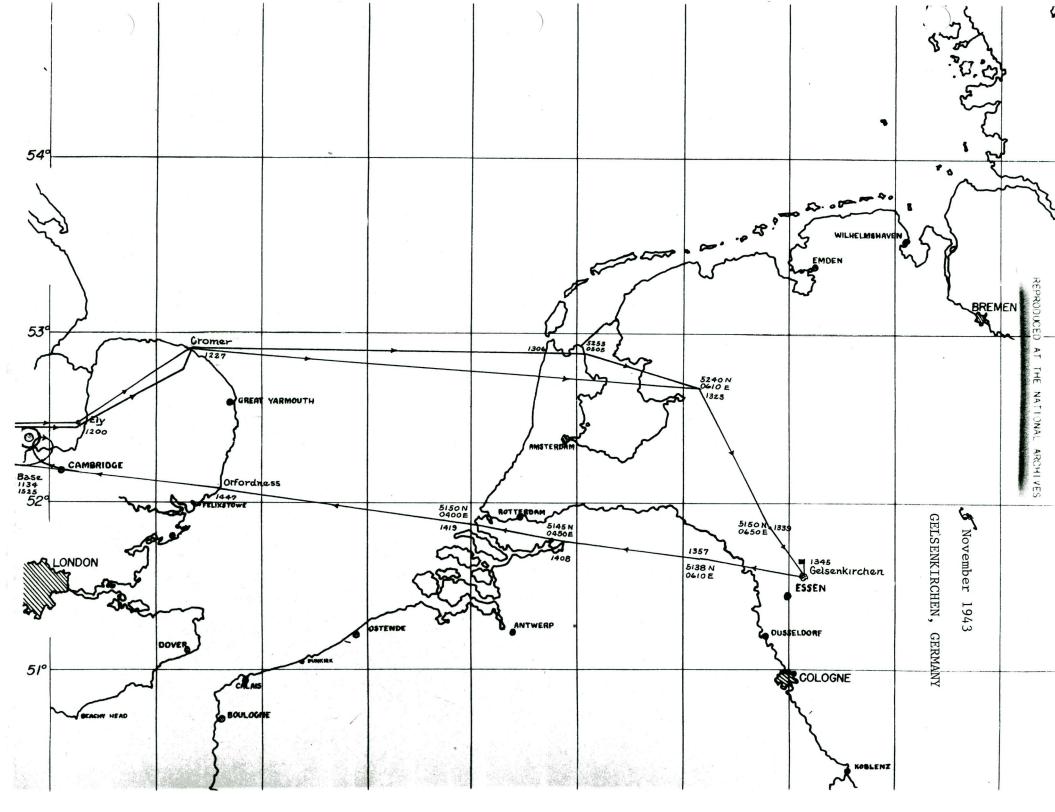
6. A.A. Gun Fire

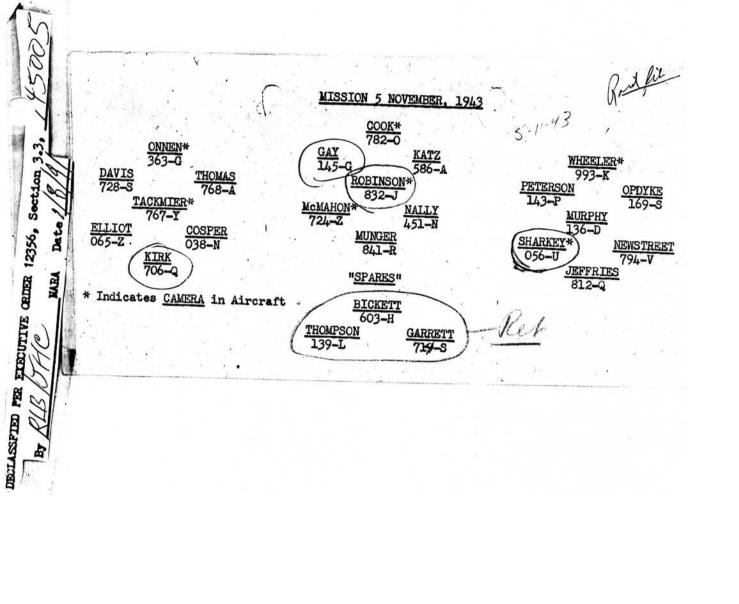
Intense A.A. gun fire from the start of the bomb run
throughout the Ruhr area took the form of a solid barrage on the
lower groups, and of fairly accurate continuous tracking on this
group's level up to the target. After the target, the barrage was
lifted to our level, but group leader made a radical swing to the
right off the target, while our low squadron leader climbed sharply,
the entire group pulling quickly out of range. Big brown bursts reported.

7. Comment
Old crews say A.A. gun fire not as bad as Bremen. Several who have been in Ruhr before volunteered comment seemed like
some guns moved out of area.

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THE ELECUTIVE SURE 12356, Section 3.3, 74's





8	/	IN TERROGATION FORM
2	40.1	SQUADRON 364 XXX XXX A/C Number 724 Letter Z Date 5-11-43
		Bomb Lead42 x M 47Al H.E. Incend. Position in Formation
12		Time Took Off 1030 Time Landed X X X X
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Section	Lust	rafter T. 13-17 from lead x
356, S.	gron	(apparently) CREW: Give Rank and Initials
54	,	Friendly A/C in any kind of distress? (Give position, time, altitude, full tt. J. McMahon Pilot details)
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	7 000	GONG TYCA
	2.	TARGET ATTACKED: Tyset. H. Corcayca Radio
E 83		Primary Time: 13 45 Sgt. D. Rockwell Top T.
		Alternate Height: 29 or S/Sgt. M. Saj Ball T.
BULKSETED BY		Last Resort Heading 15 3 Near State E. Schmeckpepper R. Waist (circle)
		Duration Bomb Run: approt. Gring S/Sgt. P. Mantor I. Waist
~ H	3.	S/Sgt. G. Barnt Tail G.
7	,	Number of BOMBS dropped on target: Jettisoned: Returned: Abortive:
	4.	Observed RESULTS OF BUMBING: (For this plane or others)
		Own Bombs: 1/2 on live - Salvord 1/2 a few seconds late dropped on lead -
		aropped on Cad -
		Other Bombing: Town well her
	5.	Any Photographs taken: Yes No? Any Nickels: Yes Number boxes dropped
	6.	GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND RESULTS: Number boxes dropped Number boxes dropped Number boxes returned
20	7.	ROUTE: (If different than ordered) (If ABORTIVE give time, place,
		height of turn; reason for returning early; and disposition of bombs)
	8.	WEATHER: (If it affected mission)
		FLAK: Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
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	-	Time Place Height Type (light, Color Location Accuracy of heavy), intense, of Bursts in re- A/C moderate or bursts lation to A/C slight,
	Ur.P	From T. P. to Target - # Severe but chiefly on
O	- Con	Samps At. Target - Barrage was coming up from
	8.1	side of Target - after Target barrage appeared
	0	Crew observations about Flak: to be lifted to level of low