

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H),
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 -

One B-17 believed from the 305th observed to be hit right behind ball turret by AA gun fire over target after dropping bombs. This aircraft broke in two and hit ground. Two, possibly three, chutes.

2. Narrative -

20 A/C took off at 1535. Clacton at 1721. Route was as briefed to enemy coast, going in 4 miles S.W. of Blankenberge at 1743. Cloudy over Bruges. Saw weather was 10/10 over primary, so swung around over N.W. corner of Ghent, then almost North to Neuzen, to secondary.

3. Fighter Opposition -

No attacks by E/As. Perhaps half a dozen FW 190s seen but these were well taken care of by fighter support. 2 E/As observed shot down by Spitfires.

4. A.A. Gun Fire -

A.A. gun fire at Flushing was meager, continuously pointed, mostly white bursts inaccurate on this group but accurate on lead group. One B-17 of another group probably 305th shot down by first burst of A.A. gun fire. Three A.A. gun boats seen in Flushing harbor.

5. Bombing -

Bombing fair. Some hits in area around administration building. Scattered hits on both sides of canal.

6. Observation -

Crews say 305th took no evasive action over target where B-17 was hit by flak.

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Group 8-2.

Target Flushing (Alternate)

1. Route followed.

As briefed to enemy coast to 4 miles SW of Blankenberge, over SW corner of Ghent, north to Nieuwen to Flushing.

2. Visibility at Target (Any condensation trails?) No condensation trails.
1/10th low cloud and haze--Primary 10/10ths overcast.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:-

<u>032</u> <u>19600</u>	<u>A88</u> <u>19500</u>	<u>169</u> <u>19500</u>	<u>554</u> <u>19100</u>	<u>89A</u> <u>19800</u>	<u>A77</u> <u>19800</u>	<u>557</u> <u>19800</u>	<u>971</u> <u>19500</u>	<u>161</u> <u>19500</u>
<u>A87</u> <u>19500</u>	<u>161</u> <u>19100</u>	<u>168</u> <u>19200</u>	<u>A07</u> <u>19800</u>	<u>79A</u> <u>19200</u>	<u>815</u> <u>19500</u>	<u>802</u> <u>20000</u>	<u>841</u> <u>19720</u>	<u>221</u> <u>18900</u>
				<u>2627</u> <u>20000</u>			<u>A639</u> <u>20000</u>	

5. General Axis of attack (from lead A/C if possible)
325 degs Magnetic.6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?
30 seconds7. Turn after bombing. Very slight right turn - about 10 degs.8. Position of Group in relation to other Groups.
and Group over target9. What evasive action was taken?
slow 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 - Gun A.A. fire meager, continuously pointed, inaccurate on this Group, but accurate on other Group. Mostly white bursts, although some black. 1 B-17 was shot down by first bursts of Gun A.A. fire over Flushing.

Two bursts of Gun A.A. fire at coast on way in.

11. Any other Comments, Phenomena, etc.
3-flak boats in harbor near target.

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INTERROGATION FORM

SQUADRON ~~368~~ ~~368~~ ~~368~~ ~~368~~ A/C Number 487 Letter Q Date 1978/43

Bomb Load 16 x 300 H.E. Incendi

Position in Formation

Time Took Off 1544 Time Landed 1915

1. HOT NEWS to be phoned in? Yes No
Details:

CREW: Give Rank and Initials

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

Lt. L. McIntire Pilot

Lt. Goris, G CO-P

Lt. J. Levy Nav.

Lt. H. Ezell Bomb.

S/Sgt. C. Nichols Radio

T/Sgt. D. Griggs Top T.

S/Sgt. P. Lester Ball T.

S/Sgt. J. Mywatt R. Taist

Sgt. N. Brennon L. Taist

S/Sgt. L. Connolly Tail G.

2. TARGET ATTACKED:

Primary Time: 1756

Alternate Height: 19500

Last Resort Heading: 320°
(circle)

Duration Bomb Run: 40 sec

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

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

Own Bombs:

Other Bombing: Spread all over

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 abort, reason for returning early, and disposition of bombs.)

OK

8. FLAK (If not effected missed)

9. FLAK Encountered on way out, at target and on way home.
Fair - (Solid overcast - primary)

Time	Place	Height of A/C	Type (light, heavy), intense, moderate or slight.	Color of Bursts	Location Bursts in relation to A/C	Accuracy
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Target slight format black not on very acc.
some this group
white

Crew observations about Flak:

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