

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 131
APO 557

D-H-3

9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Group Commander's Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 398th Bomb Group (H), APO 557

1. E/A attacks on this group - Nil.
2. Observations of Military Importance -
 - a. 0716-5146N-0018E - 10,000 feet - V-2 trails.
 - b. 0949 - Osnabruck - 25,000 feet - Smoke screen.
 - c. 0915 - Amsterdam - 20,000 feet - 2 V-2 trails.
 - d. 0955 - Lenbruch - 25,000 feet - Large factory covered by smoke either from smoke screen or fire caused by bombs.
 - e. 1000 - 5207N-0841E - 25,000 feet - Very effective smoke screen.
 - f. 1014 - Target area - 26,000 - B-17 down in flames - no chutes observed - from group behind.
 - g. 1018 - Target - 25,000 - B-17 from Ridgewell in Group ahead exploded - no chutes.
 - h. 1020 - 5103N-0918E - 26,300 - Saw B-17 flying No. 4 in lead of Group ahead blow up - no chutes.
 - i. 1025 - 5104N-0934E - 26,600 feet - B-17 blew up - no chutes.
 - j. 1055 - Osnabruck - 20,000 feet - B-17 hit directly By flak - exploded - no chutes.
3. Statistics -
 - a. A/C lost to AA Gunfire - One
 - b. A/C lost to E/A - Nil
 - c. A/C lost or missing, cause unknown - Nil
 - d. A/C crashed in British Isles - Nil
 - e. A/C lost to accident - Nil
 - f. Casualties - 9 missing
 - g. Claims - Nil

4. Crew Suggestions and/or Comments - Nil.
5. A/C No. 7810-S - Pilot Jacobs - Squadron 602nd -
Seen hit by flak over target - fire reported in No. 3
Engine - bluish white smoke coming from A/C - was
Followed down as far as possible - lost altitude but
Appeared under control. No parachutes were observed.
A/C No. 7874-W - Pilot Starkey - Reported to have landed
At A-92. Crew O.K. - A/C suffered major battle damage.

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