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FROM OIKHI 28/1955B
TO USLIST QB AND QC
ATTENTION: A-2 AND S-2
SECRET IN CLEAR 2BD P528D

PURSUANT TO DIRECTIVE FROM LT. GENERAL SPAATZ, ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ALL INCIDENTS AFTER CROSSING ENGLISH COAST ON RETURN FROM MISSION, 22 APRIL, INVOLVING INTRUDER ACTION, REPEAT INTRUDER ACTION, ONLY. TELETYPE MUST REACH A-2, THIS HEADQUARTERS, BEFORE 0800, 29 APRIL, FROM EACH GROUP, EVEN IF NEGATIVE. SOME OF THIS INFORMATION IN ALL PROBABILITY CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM RECORDS OF GROUP ENGINEERING OFFICER.

1. GROUP AND STATION NUMBER. *6000'*
2. NUMBER OF E/A (A) SEEN, (B) ENCOUNTERED. *15 miles*
3. TIME, LOCATION, DURATION AND ALTITUDE OF INCIDENTS IN ITEM TWO.
4. NUMBER A/C ATTACKED AND BY HOW MANY E/A IN EACH CASE.
5. BRIEF OBSERVATIONS ON ENEMY TACTICS. *in P.O. NW 20 min*
6. HOW LONG FORMATION FORCED TO STAY ALOFT BY E/A ACTION. *40 min*
7. ANY INFO OR WARNING GIVEN OR RECEIVED WHILE OUR A/C WERE IN AIR. *was 200' from Div. - 'Darned A' Station - Bank - Bandits*
8. NUMBER A/C DAMAGED BY E/A FIRE BEFORE LANDING, CATEGORY OF DAMAGE OF EACH, AND OBSERVATIONS ON CALIBRE OF GUNFIRE IF BATTLE DAMAGE IS INDICATIVE.
9. NUMBER A/C DAMAGED ON GROUND BY E/A, CATEGORY OF DAMAGE OF EACH, AND OBSERVATIONS ON CALIBRE OF GUNFIRE OR TYPE OF BOMB IF BATTLE DAMAGE IS INDICATIVE.
10. NUMBER A/C CRASHING OR CRASH LANDING, CATEGORY OF DAMAGE, AND INDICATIONS AS TO WHETHER ATTRIBUTABLE TO E/A INTRUDER FIRE.
11. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (A) IN AIR, (B) ON GROUND (CAUSE), (C) CRASHING OR CRASH LANDING.
12. IN ADDITION, GIVE A SHORT NARRATIVE OF PARTICULAR INCIDENTS SUCH AS ENCOUNTERS, CRASHES, ETC.
13. BRIEF NARRATIVE ACCOUNT OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YOUR G-2, G-3 REPORT ON ENEMY ACTION IF YOUR STATION WAS ATTACKED.

IF NECESSARY FOR CLARITY IN ANSWERING ANY QUESTION ABOVE, SUBDIVIDE WITH RESPECT TO EACH INCIDENT.

THE IMPORTANCE AND NEED FOR ACCURACY, CLARITY AND COMPLETENESS OF THIS INFORMATION CAN NOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED. REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION AND USE OF PERSONNEL BEST QUALIFIED. MUST BE IN FORM FOR CONSOLIDATION AND FORWARDING TO LT. GENERALS SPAATZ AND DOOLITTLE.

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DATE 28 April 1944

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CO AAF STA HORSHAM ST FAITH
(Arm or Service)

S-2 (Section) D (Symbol)

Time Cleared: _____ Time: 2310

SIGNATURE L. H. W. Jones, Jr. APPROVED: _____

TO: _____ CG 2BD Att: A-2	P R E C E D E N C E	
	URGENT: _____ PRIORITY <u>X</u> ROUTINE _____ DEFERRED _____	SECRET _____ CONFIDENTIAL <u>X</u> RESTRICTED _____

458th BOMB GROUP SPECIAL INTRUDER ACTION REPORT MISSION 22 APRIL 44

1. 458th Bombardment group (H) AAF 123
2.
 - A. One JU-88 and one ME-110
 - B. Each of above E/a made one pass.
3. At 2210 hours 22 April 1944 while formation was approximately ~~at 8000 feet~~ ten (10) miles southeast of this station having let down to 6000 feet two e/a made single passes.
4. same flight of three a/c was attacked by each ~~one~~ e/a.
5. E/A swooped out of darkness across flight and away.
6. Commanding Officer of Station from Flight Control Tower ordered formation to fly northwest for 20 minutes. during ensuing 40 minute flight no further E/A were encountered.
7. When Flight Control received plot from Division warning "bandits" was sent out on Channel A, station ~~XXX~~ and darky frequencies. This was received by our A/C.
8. Two A/C were hit by E/A gunfire. one crashed in flames, other forced to make crash landing. Category of damage in each case is salvage. At least seventeen (17) holes from 20mm shells and numerous 30 cal holes are discernable in wrec kage of crash landed A/C.
9. No A/C were damaged on ground.
10. see # 8 above. surviving personnel attribute loss of A/C directly to E/A intruder fire.
11.
 - A. Personnel casualties among crews of two A/C hit by E/A: nine killed, five wounded.
 - B. None
 - C. Impossible to determine in case of crashed A/C so included in "A".
12. Crash landed A/C was brought down safely although #'s 3 and 4 engines were shot out and one of remaining props ran away.
13. No attack was made on installations of this Station.