

398th Interrogation Report

3 September 1944

Target: Chemical Works, Oil Research Laboratories
Ludwigshafen, Germany

Interrogation Report for Jordan Crew

Group: 398 **Squadron:** 603 **A/C No.:** 091 **Letter:** L
Position in Formation: #3 Lead, High Group **Takeoff Time:** 0730
Position over Target: Same **Return Time:** 15:40
Date: 3 Sept 1944 **Camera:** No

Crew

Pilot: Jordan, E.C.
Co-Pilot: Hobbs, J.O.
Navigator: Taylor, W.P.
Bombardier [TOG]: Cross, A.B.
Radio O: Gresh, S.J.
Top Turret/Engineer: Self, C.L.
Ball Turret G.: Moxey, R.L.
R. Waist G:
L. Waist G: Atchison, B.U.
Tail G: Herman, J.D.

Target

1. Primary: ✓
2. Secondary:
3. Opportunity:
4. Time: 11:35
5. Height: 26,000
6. Heading: 015 M
7. Run: 250 M (hard to read)

Bombs

1. Type:
2. No. Dropped: 8
3. No. Returned:
4. No. Jettisoned:
5. Visual:
6. PFF: ✓

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Reason for Attacking Target of Opportunity:

Results:

If Aborted state Cause:

Route Followed: Yes

Weather as it affected Mission

1. Enroute:
2. Target: 10/10 [some words are too faint to read]

Casualties

1. Killed:
2. Wounded: None

Fighter Support

1. Excellent: ✓
2. Fair:
3. Poor:

Nickel Places Dropped: None

No. Parcels:

Crew Observations of Military Importance

Green B-17 Letter Triangle K [diagram seems to show white inside Triangle and yellow outside as on tail] followed us from Eng? Didn't bomb with us.

Enemy Fighters

1. Number Seen: None
2. Types and Markings:
3. Number of Attacks on this Aircraft:

Flak Report

1. Where encountered: Target
2. Seen or Unseen: Seen
3. Description (Intensity and Accuracy): [the text is very faint, there are three lines. On line one appears to be the word "accurate". On line two the word "5 minutes" are readable. On line 3, the last word appears to be "back".]

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Comment (unusual observation and phenomena):

Other

1. Was Chaff Carried: Yes
2. Used: Yes
3. Were Contrail Left: No
4. Battle Damage Due to Flak: No
5. Battle Damage Due to E/A (enemy aircraft): No

Crew Comments or Complaints:

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The following is not a part of the Interrogation Report. However, this information was extracted from other reports for this mission by W.P. Taylor and presented here.

Some Statistics (from other records)

1. Flight Time: 8 hours 12 minutes
2. Tower Log shows take off: 07:30 hrs, Landing 15:42 hrs
3. Gas Consumed: 1820 gallons
4. Bomb Load: 4 x M65 (1000 lb.) and 4 x M17 (500 lb. incendiary)

Notes

1. Full A/C Serial Number 43-38091 N7-L
2. TOG is an abbreviation for "Toggler". When there was no bombardier the "Toggler" visually observed the lead plane drop, and then "toggled" the release of its load.
3. Sometimes the German's flew a fixed up B-17 that had previously crashed in German territory. They would fly anar the bomber stream to observe where it was going and the radio the altitude to the flak gunners. It is possible that this is what the green B-17 was.
4. 10/10 is shorthand for 100% cloud cover.

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