

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 131
APO 557

D-H-2
10 April 1945

SUBJECT: Group Commanders Report

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

1. E/A attacks on this group - Four.
Over target at approximately 1447 3-4 Me-262's flying in trail came in out of sin High at 6 o'clock. Two E/A went over formation, came down made a pursuit curve and turned into tail of Low element, Lead squadron and attacked from 6 o'clock. Other 1 or 2 came in level at 6 o'clock and opened fire at 700 yards, broke away and went down underneath formation - then on down out of sight. Four Me-262's went over to right of formation at right angles - turned tails in direction of formation. Smoke seen to come out - thought to be rockets shot at formation.
2. Observations of Military Importance -
 - a. 1453 - Target area - B-17 went down in flames - Group behind - no chutes.
 - b. 1455 - Target area - 24,000 - B-24 blew up from flak.
 - c. 1455 - Target area - 26,000 - One bomber and one fighter went down in Group ahead.
 - d. 1545 - 20,000 - 5 mi. NE Stoinhudder Lake - Saw a plane from Group on South go down in flames - no chutes.
 - e. 1547 - 5242N-0938E - 25,000 - Bridge burning over small river.
 - f. A/F - Oranienburg - One S/E fighter on A/P.
3. Statistics: -
 - a. A/C lost to AA Gunfire - Nil
 - b. A/C lost to E/A - Nil
 - c. A/C lost or missing, cause unknown - One
 - d. A/C crashed in British Isles - Nil
 - e. A/C lost to accident - Nil
 - f. Claims - 1 Destroyed; 1 Probable; 2 Damaged.

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4. Crew Suggestions and/or Comments - Nil.
5. 1 A/C - 8853-L - Pilot McAfee - NYR - believed hit
by fighters over target.
2 A/C - 8157-J - and 8699-Q - landed at Manston due
to damage inflicted by fighters.

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