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379TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
COMBAT CREW REPORT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>1ST BW EXAM</u>
Robert W. Haston	2nd Lt.	Pilot	89%
Foy R. Clingman	2nd Lt.	Co-Pilot	79%
Harold N. Sheaffer	2nd Lt.	Navigator	
Royce D. Taylor	2nd Lt.	Bombardier	
Gordon D. Fisher	Sgt.	Radio Operator-Gunner	
Kenneth E. Raack	Sgt.	Engineer-Gunner	
Robert (NMI) Spisak	Sgt.	Ball Turret Gunner	
James W. Bittenback	Sgt.	Ass't Engineer-Gunner	
Thomas (NMI) Grange	Sgt.	Left Waist Gunner	
Lester B. Adrianson	Sgt.	Tail Gunner	

1. Date of arrival in United Kingdom. November 6, 1943.
2. Squadron assigned. 527th Bomb Sq (H).
3. Training phases.
  - 1st phase - Ephrata, Washington.
  - 2nd phase - Geiger Field, Washington.
  - 3rd phase - Geiger Field, Washington.
4. Adjutant's Report. All records O. K.
5. Supply Shortages. No parachutes. 6 electric suits on crew for EM. None of the crew members have summer flying equipment. All other equipment O. K.
6. Medical Summary. Entire crew in good mental and physical condition except that approximately 50% have colds.
7. Training - A. GUNNERY

During 1st phase EM and P fired 200 rounds, ground to ground. Other Officers did not join crew until end of 1st phase. 2nd phase, fired 200 rounds, ground to ground. 3rd phase, EM fired 3000 rounds, ground to ground; N and B fired 1000 rounds, ground to ground. P and CP did not fire during 3rd phase. Had no air to ground, or air to air firing. No scheduled aerial tracking

  - B. COMMUNICATIONS N - 4 WPM Blinker. R) - 20 WPM Morse, 8 WPM Blinker and good on procedure. ARO is an armorer-gunner.
  - C. ENGINEERING Engineer and Ass't Engineer both satisfactory on procedure.
  - D. NAVIGATION Had one 10 hr. high altitude navigational mission. Had five 6 - 8 hr. medium altitude missions. Flew across without any trouble.
  - E. BOMBING Dropped 40 bombs from high altitude, single releases. Dropped 20 bombs from high altitude, double releases. Dropped 50 bombs from 12,000 feet, single releases.
8. Percentage complete training accomplished 75 % (Pilot's estimate).
9. Remarks and Recommendations: Need better gunnery training.