

754TH BOMB SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Engineering Officer

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SUBJECT: Abortion of B-24H 42-95120.

TO : Group Engineering Officer, 458th Bomb Group (H)
AAF 123, APO 558.

1. B-24H, 42-95120 aborted on the mission of 16 January 1945 because of #4 engine failing. Ground check of this engine found a piece of a piston in the oil sump.


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PILOT'S STATEMENT

Abortion of A/C 120-M on mission of 16 January 1945

1. We were on course with the formation over the Zuyder Zee when our Navigator first noticed oil escaping under the cowl flap of #4 engine. I instructed the waist gunner to watch the engine while I kept close watch on the oil pressure. It began dropping and I notified the leader that I might have to feather if the oil pressure dropped excessively. I was instructed to feather if it began dropping too much. It began dropping rapidly. When it got slightly below 20 lbs I feathered the engine and left the formation. Our point of turnback was 5242N 0718E, over the Ems river in Germany. We were losing altitude and realized that we would have to dispose of our bombs. By the time we realized this we were close to the Dutch border and decided to return a short distance into Germany to drop the bombs. We released our bombs at 5230N 0653E, making a visual run without bombsight on a small town with several road junctions and a railroad. We did not see the result of our bombs but feel that they hit fairly close. We immediately returned to base. All during this time we were unable to contact fighters. We made contact with air-sea rescue but were never in immediate danger over the North Sea.

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