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MISSION # 130

AALBJERG A/D

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CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY

TO: COMBOMDIV ONE AND COMBOMWIG FORTY. ATTN: A-2

FROM: COMBOMGR 92

NARRATIVE REPORT:

1. No leaflets were carried.
2. No bombs were dropped over enemy territory. Due to 9/10 cloud over the entire primary target area and secondary area, A/C of this group were unable to locate or identify any military objective. Some bombs were jettisoned in the sea en route to base and some brought back to base.
3. Enemy aircraft opposition was very slight only 3 ME-109's, 5 FW-190's, and 2 Ju-88's being seen. They were first seen at 1350 hours, position 5635N-0820E and were last seen at 1455 hours, position 5700N-0910E. No attacks were reported except over land in the vicinity of the I.L. and the target. The one real attack was by an FW-190 at 1421 hours at position 5712N-0850E. This E/A came in from ten o'clock high, executed a short series of snap rolls closed to 600 yards, fired, rolled away, and broke down fast and in a controlled spin. Once again, the phenomena was observed that when our A/C began heading out to sea and for home, no E/A were reported seen. One B-17 not positively identified was observed at 1350 hours at position 5635N-0820E. Although there were fighters in the vicinity and he was flying alone, he was uninterested which led several crews to suspect that he was observing our tactics. The Ju-88's seemed also to be playing the role as observers, since they made no effort to harass us.
4. Meager inaccurate black continuously pointed fire was encountered at Hansted.
5. Over the North Sea 7-8/10 low cumulostratus clouds lay at 2,000 feet. Middle cumulus at 6-8/10 lay above the low cloud, with tops at 10,000 feet. Above 10,000

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11 feet the haze was dense and contrails heavy. Cirrus stratus above 10,000 was thick. Over enemy territory 8-9/10 cumulus covered the entire area.

6. One A/C reported a convoy of approximately 20 small boats sailing a course of 300 degrees at 1215 hours at 5500N-0700E.

Several A/C reported two freighters at 1140 hours at 5435N-0520E.

From 6-10 small boats seen in vicinity of 5435N-0640E at 1207 hours. These boats dispersed when this B-17 formation approached.

One A/C reported two small vessels believed to be submarines on the surface were followed by nine small vessels at 1200 hours at 5500N-0610E.

At 5437N-0511E at 1139 hours one A/C reported a dinghy with a sail hoisted. The navigator of the reporting A/C claimed to have seen men in the dinghy. This observation was made from 10,000 feet.

One A/C reported that many small boats were observed from 5430N-0522E into Danish coast. They were short and broad of beam with solid tower-like superstructures rising amidships. These are all thought to be fishing boats.

7. The 92nd group flying lead and high positions in the 40th "A" CBW were unable to bomb their primary or alternate targets due to 9/10 cloud. The mission was uneventful, very few E/A were encountered in spite of the fact this formation was without fighter escort. A/C 494M from this group was seen to be on fire about fuselage and #2 engine after which a chute opened out from the waist or forward section. With shroud lines still fastened to A/C. This occurred at 5537N-0643E at 1242 hours. This A/C was observed to effect some violent maneuvers and when last seen it appeared to be under control and headed toward Denmark or Sweden. A/C #2770 from this group was seen at 1140 hours over 5740N-0620E with #4 engine feathered. At 1145 hours this A/C flying at 14,000 feet peeled away from formation and headed back towards coast of Denmark. Both of the Above A/C are missing.

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