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MISSION # 141

HERBOUVILLE

28 FEBRUARY 1944

CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY

TO: COMBQDIV ONE AND COMBQDIV FORTY: ATTN: A-2

FROM: COMBQGR 92

NARRATIVE REPORT:

1. No nickels were carried.
2. Crews reported a close concentration of bombs in the small orchard containing the target. Detail of bomb strikes not reported. Smoke was observed after impact covering target area. No strike photos available as yet.
3. Enemy air opposition was nil.
4. At 1420X-1430 a barrage of black flak was observed at Rouen, this being several miles distant to the right of formation. At 1423 meager inaccurate gunfire was encountered at Yvetot. Meager inaccurate gunfire was encountered during entire stay in target area. Before making the fifth and final run on the target meager flak was encountered at Dieppe at 1503 hours and moderate flak at 1541 hours. This was continuously pointed and accurate with the exception of Rouen. All fire was continuously pointed but only that at Dieppe was accurate and black and white in color.
5. There were 5/10th's cumulous clouds over enemy territory with tops at 10,000 feet. There was also a layer of haze over the clouds. The lead and high squadrons made several runs over the target before finding a break in the clouds through which visual bombing was accomplished. The low squadron over the target last, found 7 to 9/10th's clouds. This squadron made 5 runs on the target but was unable to bomb because of the cloud undercast.
6. Cloud and haze prevented observations. Nothing to report.
7. The lead and high squadrons bombed their primary target ~~visually~~. The low squadron found the target obscured by 6/10th's to 9/10th's cloud and in spite of

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five runs were unable to bomb. Friendly fighter support was excellent resulting in no enemy aircraft encountered. All of our aircraft are accounted for.

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