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BONN

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FROM: COMBOMGR 92

NARRATIVE REPORT:

1. A/C 42-31250-B with 50 bundles of USG 28 leaflets failed to take-off due to mechanical malfunchion.

2. The attack was accomplished by PFF technique. Strike photos disclose 10/10 cloud undercast. There was no visual observation of the results of bombing.

3. Enemy opposition as concerns this group was nil, and no attacks were reported. Only two crews reported seeing enemy fighter A/C and even these were too distant to be identified. At 1220 in the vicinity of Aachen 10-15 A/C thought to be E/A were seen. This group makes no claims.

4. Between Calais and Dunkerque this group encountered meager black inaccurate gunfire which was continuously pointed. At Liege, and Andernack meager black inaccurate continuously pointed bursts likewise were observed. At Bonn fairly accurate moderate black bursts were encountered. At this position white bursts were seen high above formation. The black bursts were both of the barrage type and continuously pointed. Near the enemy coast on way out at Furnes meager black gunfire was observed 3 or 4 miles in the distance.

5. 10/10 cloud cover with minor breaks was encountered up to 21-22,000 feet. Heavy persistant contrails were above undercast along entire route with temperature as low as minus 48 degrees F. Target of opportunity was attacked using special equipment A/C to full advantage.

6. Nothing to report due to undercast.

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7. The 92nd Group flying lead and low composite groups of the 40th "B" CBW did not reach their primary target due to advers weather. However, this group did bomb a target of opportunity identified as Bonn, Using PFF technique. Friendly fighter support was good resulting in no E/A being encountered, although this was probably due to adverse weather. None of our A/C are missing.

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