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TO: COMBOMDIV ONE AND 40TH COMBAT WING; ATTENTION: A-2.

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 MALFUNCTION.

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 ~~XXX~~ THIS GROUP WAS NIL, AND NO ATTACKS WERE REPORTED. ONLY TWO CREWS REPORTED SEEING ENEMY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT 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. ~~XXX~~ AT LIEGE, TONDORF AND ANDERNACH M MEAGER BLACK INACCURATE CONTINUOUSLY POINTED BURSTS LIKEWISE WERE ENCOUNTERED. FROM THE DIRECTION OF KOBLENZ A FLACK BARRAGE WAS 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 DUTCH COAST ON WAY OUT AT FORMES 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. ALONG ENTIRE ROUTE HEAVY PERSISTANT CONTRAILS WERE ABOVE UNDERCAST/WITH TEMPERATURE AS LOW AS MINUS 48° F. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY WAS ATTACKED USING SPECIAL EQUIPMENT A/C TO FULL ADVANTAGE.

6. NOTHING TO REPORT DUE TO UNDERCAST.

7. THE 92ND GROUP FLYING LEAD AND LOW COMPOSITE GROUPS OF THE 40TH "B" CBW DID NOT REACH THEIR PRIMARY TARGET DUE TO ADVERSE 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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STATISTICAL REPORT

a. Statistical:- The information contained in this section will be telephoned to Division Headquarters, A-2 Duty Officer, within five and one half (5½) hours after the airplanes have landed. It will be submitted, for each primary target, in the following form:

(1) Designation of Group 92nd.
(2) Total number of airplanes airborne per Group, including spares. 30 plus 1 PFF
(3) Total number of airplanes dispatched per Group 27 plus 1.
(4) Total number of airplanes attacking per Group. 24 plus 1 (if targets other than the primary are attacked, this information will be given on each. Attacked target of opportunity identified by PFF ship as Bonn, Germany.

(5) Number of airplanes dispatched which failed to attack per Group.
  (a) Due to mechanical failure. 2.
  (b) Due to weather.
  (c) Due to enemy action (lost before target reached, etc.)
  (d) other 1 took off too late to catch formation.
(6) Number of airplanes lost.
  (a) To anti-aircraft fire 0
  (b) To enemy fighters 0.
  (c) To anti-aircraft fire & enemy fighters 0.
  (d) To accident 0.
  (e) By reasons unknown 0.
(7) Time of attack 1202.
(8) Altitudes of attack 24,800 - 24,500.
(9) Bombs on each target.
  (a) Number 988.
  (b) Size 100.
  (c) Type I.B.
(10) Personnel casualties.
  (a) Number killed 0.
  (b) Number wounded 0.
  (c) Number missing 0. (If any personnel are known to have been rescued from the water, the number will be stated here. If rescues are made subsequent to the time the report is rendered, the information will be forwarded by teletype as soon as possible).
(11) Airplanes suffering battle damage. (This is to be an estimate only. Detailed report covered under Group Statistics).
  (a) Minor (Category "A" and "AC". 9.
  (b) Major (Category "B"). 0.
  (c) Salvage (Category "E". 0.
(12) Preliminary claims.
  Destroyed 0 Probably Destroyed 0 Damaged 0.
(13) Leaflets Dropped: None carried. Nickels ship failedto T.O. (mechanical)

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