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No enemy A/C seen. At 1237 hours, 5354N x 0630E, intermittent contrail travelling parallel to ground very fast, in distance, several thousand feet higher than formation.

Fighter support was uneven; gaps before and just after target; P-51's bunched at enemy coast on way out.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

At target, moderate to intense barrage firing low into chaff which was being blown to left by cross wind. Meager to moderate accurate tracking on turn off target. Damage: lead 0; low 0; high 4 slight.

4. Bombing

Harburg was bombed PFF through 10/10 clouds, low dropping on lead, 1335 hours. High made separate PFF run. Crews report dense black smoke from previous bombing boiling up through undercast, visible from I.P. Photos show no ground detail, but confirm report showing smoke above clouds over large area.

5. Nickels

A/C 896-P, pilot Trask, dropped ten T-188's on Harburg.

6. Weather

10/10 over entire continent and at target, tops 12,000 feet. Excellent visibility.

7. PFF Equipment

Mickey equipment on 3 PFF A/C functioned satisfactorily.

8. Scouting Force

Buckeye Blue stated that bombing would be PFF. Sun Hat reported dropping screening chaff.

9. A/C In Distress

None.

10. Observations

None.

11. A/C Returning Early

A/C 297-V, pilot Carrozzone, turned back at Buckingham due to internal engine failure, 0940; brought back 6 x 500 and 6 x M17.

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