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SUBJECT: Intelligence Narrative
Mission: Nurnburg

TO : Commanding Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H)

1. Narrative

The 306th Group flew 24 A/C including 2 PFF plus 2 spares as lead and low squadrons 40th "A". The route was practically as briefed. Lowestoft, 0939 hours; Belgian coast, 5111N x 02493E, 1004 hours; 5022N x 0618E, 1040 hours; I.P.4932N x 0950E, 1135 hours; Target 1148 hours; 4913N x 0509E, 1324 hours; French coast 5103N x 0225E, 1428 hours; 4 miles South of Clacton 1500 hours; Base 1615 hours.

PFF: 2 PFF A/C #099-S and 124-W were flown as lead and deputy lead. Both Mickey sets worked satisfactorily at the target but deputy's set went out near Strasbourg. All lights went off, possibly from blown fuse.

2. Fighter Opposition and Fighter Support

There was no E/A opposition.

Support was close all the time, group leader reporting it best he had seen and giving part credit to compact division column. P-51's picked up at 1030 hours at about 5010N x 0600E. P-47's in target area.

3. A.A. Gun Fire

At the target A.A. gun fire was low and inaccurate, practically all pounding into the chaff trail of groups ahead. A.A. fire reported at Rhine both on way in and out. Also at 4842N x 0640E. Lead squadron came out over Dunkirk, low going to right. Damage, lead 5 slight, 1 severe. Low - none.

4. Bombing

Bombing was by PFF through 9/10 cloud. Lead crews are convinced bombing was near center of town. Photos show no hits, but plotting bomb fall from bombs away would seem to indicate strikes on or very near Visual M.P.I.

5. Nickels

A/C 446-G, pilot Eros, dropped 10 x T-167's and A/C 384-L, pilot Bruton dropped 5 x WC2F's and 5 x WC2D's leaflets on the PFF secondary.

6. Weather

Front in channel not as high as briefed, reaching 18,000 feet and causing no trouble. Continent 6 to 8/10s with target 9/10s, tops 12,000 feet. No contrails.

7. A/C In Distress

Two B-17's appeared to collide north of Frankfurt at 5032N x 0830E. P-51 seen in spin at 5021N x 0856E. B-17 seen in trouble at 5010N x 0705E at 1055. No chutes.

8. Observations

Oil storage tanks at 4840N x 09 0E. Factory in woods at 4842N x 0900E.

9. A/C Returning Early

A/C 611-G, pilot Martin, turned back at Lowestoft at 0930 hours because of oil leak in #4 engine. Brought back 5 x 1000.

A/C 296-G pilot Ritter, flying spare, turned back at 1023 hours at 5040N x 0440E. Brought back 5 x 1000.