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LEAD BOMBARDIER'S REPORT

DATE OF MISSION DEC 24 1944   OBJECTIVE BITBURG GERMANY
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LD "D" SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER GH DF 389ᵀᴴ DL LT. M.LAKAR   27-10
LD "D" SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR LT O'CONNOR   9-2
LD "D" SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. HERBERT   22-2

LL   SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER LT. THOMPSON   11-3
LL   SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR LT. PIERCE   3-0
LL   SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. MCANAW   16-0
HR   SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER LT. SPRAGUE   13-5
HR   SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR LT. MEYERS   19-3
HR   SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. BEST   1   7-0
LD "E" SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER GH OF 389 – DL LT. AARUIG 17-2
LD "E" SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR LT. MORRIS   6-2
LD "E" SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. COLEMAN   16-2
HR "E" SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER LT. HOLLAND   10-5
HR "E" SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR LT. KUENLE   3-0
HR "E" SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR LT. BLAIR   1   2-1

A.
          (1) THIRD
          (2) YES. DUE TO "S" ING AND LOW AIRSPEEDS POSITIONS WERE DIFFICULT TO HOLD.

B.
          (1) SQUADRONS
          (2) LD FIRST LL THIRD HR FIFTH LD "E" SECOND HR "E" FOURTH
          (3) XXX

C.   UNREADABLE

D.   (1) LD "D" 10 LL 9 HR 11 LD "E" 9 HR "E" 3
          (2) LEAD SQUADRON 24 X 250 GP NN 1/40
                    LL SQUADRON 24 X 250 GP NN 1/40
                    HR SQUADRON 24 X 250 GP NN 1/40
                    LD "E" SQUADRON 24 X 250 GP NN 1/40
          (3) MINIMUM
          (4) LEAD SQUADRON : 0
                    LL SQUADRON : 2
                    HR SQUADRON : 0
                    LD "E" SQUADRON : 1
          (5) MECHANICAL ABORTS
          (6) NONE

E.
          (1) XX
          (2) XX

F.   OMIT FOR "GH" LEAD

G.

(1) H.R. TELESCOPE DROVE CABLE BROKE, DROPPED ON GROUP AHEAD
          (2) NIL : 5 MILES
          (3) NONE
          (4) NONE
          (5) LIGHT AND ACCURATE FLAK
          (6) NONE
          (7) NONE
          REMARKS : THE LL WAS OVERRUNNING LEAD AND HAD TO "S" ON RUN
          PICKED UP PRIMARY TARGET TO LATE TO SWING SQUADRON ON, SO
HE BOMBED AT LAST RESORT TARGET. THE HR SQUADRON BROKE
          IT'S SIGHT CABLE AND COULD NOT GET DEPUTY TO TAKE OVER AFTER IP
          DROVE ON TO MAYEN AND DROPPED ON SMOKE MARKERS OF GROUP AHEAD
          THE HR ON "E" HAD AN ACCIDENTAL RELEASE AND ENTIRE SQUADRON DROPPED
          ON HIM.

H.
          (1) GH LEAD VISUAL BOMBING
          (2) XX
          (3) XX
          (4) XX
J.

K.   (1) CONTINIUS DOGLEGGING EN ROUTE TO IP. MADE LANDFALL ON CONTINENTAL
          COAST 12 RIGHT OF COURSE. FLEW NORTH OF COURSE FROM IP THEN TURNED SE
          TP TARGET.

ENGLISH COAST OUT: TIME 1215   POSITION 5239 0145
                                  ALT 14600
CONTINENTAL COAST IN: TIME 1307   POSITION 5107 0237
                                  ALT 19600
(2) BITBURG POSITION 49 58 ½ – 06 31
              TIME 1436 ALT 22800 TH 105 IAS 160
(3) SLIGHTLY OVERSHOT RALLY – OTHERWISE NONE
              CONTINENTAL COAST OUT: TIME 1538 ½ POSITION 5113
                                                 ALT 10800
              ENGLISH COAST IN: TIME 1608   POSITION 5213 0138
                                                 ALT 8000
(4) CONTINIUS "S" ING MADE NAVIGATION EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT

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