

TELETYPE REPORT:

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 FROM CO AAF STA HSF 24/2145 DEC 44
 TO 8^o AIR FORCE ATT: A-3
 2^o BD A-3 ATT: DIVISION BOMBARDIER
 INFO 96^o CBW
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LEAD BOMBARDIER'S AND NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

96^o COMBAT WING, 458^o BOMB GP (H)
 MISSION OF 24 DEC 1944
 OBJECTIVE SCHONECKEN

"A" GROUP
 LD SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1^o LT. H.W. MCMORRIS 19 5
 LD SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1^o LT R.C. O'BRIEN 16 9
 LD SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 1^o LT. W.J. EDKINS 20 8
 LL SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1^o LT. J.A. BERNING 27 4
 LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR NIL
 HR SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1^o LT. J.O. THOMAS 11 2
 HR SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 2^o LT J.E. GAMBERNRDINI 18 0
 HR SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 1^o LT J. COHEN 10 1

"B" GROUP

LD SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1^o LT E.F. GNIEWKOWSKI 24 10
 LD SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 1^o LT A.R. KEMP 7 2
 LD SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 1^o LT J.W. GRANHOLM 25 7
 LL SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1^o LT G.W. DICKS 21 1
 LL SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR NIL
 LL SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR 2^o LT G.L. COUEY 21 0
 HR SQ LEAD BOMBARDIER 1^o LT H.H. BARNARD 14 3
 HR SQ LEAD MICKEY OPERATOR 2^o LT J.E. SNOWDEN 2 2
 HR SQ LEAD DR NAVIGATOR ATKINS, F.R. 1^o LT 14 1

- A. POSITION ON BOMBING RUN:
 1. LD AND HL IN "B" WING
 2. YES
- B. HOW FORMATION BOMBED
 1. BY SQUADRONS
 2. A GROUP LD - LL - HR "B" GROUP LL - LL - HR
 3. NIL
- C. TARGET BOMBED
 1. BY LL SQDN OF "B" GROUP AND LEAD SHIP OF LEAD SQDN
 "B" GROUP ONLY - OTHER SQDNS BOMBED SCDY'S
 2. PRUM 50 DEG-12'N - 06DEG 26'E BY LD - LL - HR OF "A" GROUP
 AND HR SQDN "B" GROUP
 3. 11 A/C ATTACKED PRIMARY - 37 A/C ATTACKED SCDY TGT
 8 A/C DROPPED ON DEP LD WHEN IT WAT HIT BY FLAK ABOUT 15 MI SHORT OF PRI TGT.
- D. AIRCRAFT OVER THE TARGET
 1. "A"GROUP LD 9 A/C LL NOT READABLE
 10 A/C HR 9 A/C
 2. ALL SQDNS 24 X 250 GP M57 NN - 1/40 TAIL FUZING
 3. ALL SQDNS - MIN
 4. NIL
 5. NIL
 6. NIL
- E. AIRCRAFT BOMBING WITH OTHER GROUPS
 1. NIL
 2. NIL
- F. SIGHTING OPERATION
 1. ALL SQDNS VISUAL
 2. "A" GRP LD 21200 - 19900 LL 21500 - 20200 HR 22300 - 20600
 "B" GRP LD 22700 - 21000 LL 22300 - 20600 HR 23000 - 21300
 3. "A" GRP LD M.H 104 T.C. 85 DEG - LL M.H. 90 DEG 71DEG T.C. - HR
 M.H 66DEG 50DEG T.C.
 "B" GRP LD 120 M.H. 101 T.C. - LL 134 DEG M.H. 140 T.C. - HR
 91DEG M.H 72 DEG T.C
 4. "A" GRP LD -2 MIN - LL 4 MIN - HR 20 SECONDS.
 "B" GRP LD -2 MIN - LL 3 MIN - HR 4 MIN
 5. ALL SQDNS - NORDEN M9
 6. LD ONLY IN EACH SQDN FOR COURSE AND RANGE
 7. ALL SQDNS - YES - C-1 AUTOPILOT
 8. "A" GRP LD 14:26 - LL 14:26 ± HR 14:28
 "B" GRP LD 14:36 - LL 14:36 - HR 14:37
 9. "A"GRP LD LL HR AND "B" GROUP HR CENTER OF TOWN
 "B"GRP LD LL INTERSECTION OF ROADS
 10. "A"GRP LD LL HR AND "B" GROUP DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY
 COULDN'T ORIENT THEMSELVES
 11. 140 KNOTS
 12. 65 KNOTS
 13. 95 DEGREES
- G. DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED ON THE BOMB RUN:
 1. LL SQDN "A" GROUP OPTIC DRIVE FROZE MOMENTARILY
 LD SQDN "B" GROUP DEP WAS HIT BY FLAK AND HAD TO SALVO HIS BOMB
 REST OF SQDN RELEASED ERALY ON HIM

- 2. NIL CLOUD COVER 15 MILE VISIBILITY
- 3. NIL
- 4. LD SQDN "B" GROUP MOMENTARILY CROWED BY HR SQDN "A" GROUP
- 5. NIL
- 6. NIL
- 7. SNOW COVERAGE IN TGT AREA MADE IDENTIFICATION UNEASY
- H. H2X NOTES
NIL
- I. GH NOTES
NIL
- J. REMARKS
SNOW COVERAGE BETWEEN IP AND TGT MADE PILOTAGE NAVIGATION
VERY DIFFICULT ESPECIALLY SINCE SINGLE TRACK RR AND SMALL RDS WERE
ONLY CHK PTS PRIOR TO TGT.
- K. NAVIGATION NOTES:
 - 1. 1222, 5242N 0142E, 10100 ; 1307 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5112N 0251E, 17500.
 - 2. 1410, 5005N 0525E, 21500 ; 1432 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5033N 0613E, 21200
 - 3. 1545, 5110N 0245E, 11500 ; 1610, 5215N 0137E
 - 4. TGT BOMBED WAS PRUM - LEAD SECTION - MICKEY FIXES AS SHOWN HERE
MAY BE IN ERROR

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