

# 56th FG

1. 56<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER GROUP, COL. SCHILLING LEADING.
2. 50 P-47'S (15-63<sup>rd</sup>; 16-61<sup>st</sup>; 19-62<sup>nd</sup>). TIME UP : 133; TIME DOWN: 1534. ONE DOWN ON CONTINENT.
3. 4 EARLY RETURNS.
4. F.O. NO. 1446-A, MEW CONTROL.
5. -8. NIL.
9. SHORTLY AFTER L/F KNOCKE, 1240 HRS., 23,000, NUTHOUSE VECTORED S.W. KOBLENZ BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY BANDITS. THEN VECTORED N. KOBLENZ SAME RESULTS. PATROLLED KOBLENZ-FRANKFURT-HANAU AREA UNEVENTFULLY. LEFT FRANKFURT AREA 1420 HRS.
10. NIL.
11. (A) BOTH RAIL AND ROAD TRAFFIC RHINE VALLEY ESPECIALLY KOBLENZ AND FRANKFURT PARTICULARLY HEAVY.  
(B) SMKE SCREEN S. KOBLENZ W. OF RHINE.  
(C) B-17 DOWN 1315 HRS., S.E. KOBLENZ, NO CHUTES.  
(D) 2 U/I A/C CRASHED INTO GROUND AND EXPLODED SIEGEN, 1345 HRS.  
(E) BONN A/D ACCURATELY HIT BY BOMBERS, SEVERAL CRATERS.  
(F) SEVERAL LARGE FIRES S.E. AACHEN.  
(G) B-17 ESCORTED BACK MID-CHANNEL FROM AACHEN AREA, AND CRIPPLED B-17 TAKEN INTO MANSTON.  
(H) MANY BARGES RHINE RIVER.
12. WHILE ON VECTOR BY NUTHOUSE FOR SUPPOSEDLY LARGE CONCENTRATION E/A, GROUP PASSED UP 1 ME 109 S.W. KOBLENZ AND 1 ME. 109 N.W. KOBLENZ 15,000 FT. 4 POSSIBLE JET CONTRAILS 1315 HRS., W. KOBLENZ 25,000 FT.
13. AACHEN - HEAVY, MODERATE, ACCURATE.  
KOBLENZ - HEAVY MODERATE, ACCURATE AIMED ONLY AT BOMBERS.
14. NIL.
15. NUTHOUSE TRANSMISSIONS FADED FROM R5 TO R1 DURING MESSAGES.