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Field Order: 263 : Filed with 322 Group, Mission Folder CHARLEROI MY 11/4/44

Ramrod _____ :

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Intelligence Annex :

Teletype Synopsis :

Plan of Attack :

Other Groups and Targets this Field Order:

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APR 11 1944 19 17

FROM 416 BG 11/1710B

TO HQ IX BOMBER COMMAND ATT A-2

HQ 97TH CBW ATT A-2

CONFIDENTILA BT

REF P-231-D

OPFLASH NO 4 11 APRIL 1944

A (I) 1 BOX XI/A/85 1 BOX XI/A/79

(II) FIRST BOX XI/A/79

SECOND BOX XI/A/85

B (I) 416BG

(II) FIRST BOX 19 A-20'S

SECOND BOX 18 A-20'S

WINDOW FLIGHT 3 A-20'S

(III) FIRST BOX 3A/C FAILE D TO BOMB

2 A/C RETURNED EARLY DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE

~~1 A/C ORDERED TO RETURN EARLY FROM FRENCH COAST~~ 1 A/C ~~on~~ due to misunderstanding. A/C returned early from coast accompanying a/c returning due to engine trouble

SECOND BOX : 1 A/C FAILED TO BOMB DUE TO BOMB ~~[illegible]~~ RELEASE MALFUNCTION

WINDOW FLIGHT CARRIED NO BOMBS

(IV) FIRST BOX : 16 A/C ON PRIMARY. ~~IN FORMATION LACKING FROM ONE A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE~~

SECOND BOX: 17 A/C ON PRIMARY. ~~IN FORMATION LACKING FROM ONE A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE.~~

C. (I) 0913

(II) 1049 (BOTH TARGETS)

(III) 1248

D. (I) FIRST BOX : 14 CATEGORY A DAMAGE

SECOND BOX: 4 CATEGORY A DAMAGE

WINDOW FLIGHT: 1 CATEGORY A DAMAGE

~~INFORMATION LACKING FROM 2 A/ C~~

~~LANDED AWAY FROM BASE~~

(II) 0-0-0

(III) 0-2-0 (Box 1)

~~INFORMATION LACKING FROM 2 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE~~

[illegible]

E. BOTH BOXES: GOOD CONCENTRATIONS ON TARGETS. WINDOW FLIGHT DROPPED WINDOW FROM 13,000 FEET BETWEEN TWO TARGETS. IAS ON WINDOW RUN 280 MPH

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F. (I) (A) NIL

(B) NIL

(II) (A) MODERATE ACCURATE HFF CONTINUING FROM BEGINNING OF BOMB RUN TO TURNS OFF TARGETS

(B) WEAK INACCURATE HFF: FROM 10 MILES NORTHWEAST OF AMIENS; FROM DOULLENS; FROM NAMPONT; FROM HESDIN; FROM 10 MILES WEST OF ~~ARRAS~~ ARRAS; FROM MONTREUIL.

WEAK INACCURATE HFF FIRED AT OTHER FORMATIONS FROM OISE-MØNZZ/ MONT; CRECY FOREST; AND FROM 10 MILES EAST OF DIEPPE.

G. B-26 DOWN IN FLAMES AT 1050 HOURS SOUTH OF ~~FREVENT~~ FREVENT. NO CHUTES. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS HOT NEWS.

✓ FIELDS FLOODED 10 MILES EAST OF BERCK SUR - MER.

✓ DUMMY AIRDROME DUE SOUTH OF FREVENT.

✓ SMOKE FROM FACTORIES NORTHEAST OF ST. POL.

✓ CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF VENICLE TRACKS ON COAST NEAR BERCK-SUR- MER.

H. (I) 2 TO 4 TENTHS LOW CLOUD OVER TARGETS. SIX TO 8 MILES VISIBILITY.

(II) 8 TO 10 TENTHS FROM ENEMY COAST, VISIBILITY 4 TO 5 MILES, TO TARGET AREA

I. FIRST BOX: ~~59~~ 63 X 500 GP'S ON XI/A/79

SECOND BOX: ~~60~~ 64 X 500 GP'S ON XI/A/85

JETTISONED: 1ST BOX - NIL

2 ND BOX - 3 X 500 GP'S in Channel

RETURNED: 1 ST BOX - 13X 500 GP'S

2ND BOX - Ø/X 5 X 50 GP'S

~~XIXDØW/FLIØHT~~

WINDOW FLIGHT : 30 CRATES DROPPED

~~INFORMATION LACKING FROM 2 A/C LANDED AWAY FROM BASE~~

COBOMGR 416

BT 11/1710B

AS

~~CC IN F. (II) (B) SHOULD READ~~

~~(B) WEAK INACCURATE HFF: FROM 10 MILES NORTHWEST OF AMIENS;~~

~~97TH/CBW/R//~~

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DETACHMENT "B"
21ST WEATHER SQUADRON
AAF STATION 160

APO # 140
11 April, 1944

FLASH REPORT -- 416 Target: X1/A/85 11 April, 1944 Time: 1305 hours

Base Conditions: Nil low cloud.
.6 to .7 medium cloud.
Visibility 3000 yards.
Base medium cloud, 6000 feet, tops 10,000 feet.

Route Out: Climb thru medium cloud, 6000 to 10,000 feet.
.2 to .4 medium cloud, 5 to 10 miles inland on continent.

Target: .2 to .4 low cloud.
Visibility 6 to 8 miles.
Some reported 10 miles.

Time over Target: 1049 hours.

Route Back and Bases: Same as route out except at base:
Base cloud 3000 feet, tops 10,000 feet. 1.0 cloud.
Visibility 2500 yards. Light rain.
Moderate rime ice in tops of cloud.

Winds: As forecast.

Did Weather Affect Bombing: No.

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from 416th BG.
2nd box
on target
79-a

S-2 Form 101

HOT NEWS REPORT

IMMEDIATE PRIORITY.

The following information is to be telephoned at once to Duty Intelligence Officer at B.C.. No delays in procuring or transmitting can be permitted.

1. FRIENDLY A/C DOWN OR IN DISTRESS AT SEA ✓) Check
FRIENDLY A/C DOWN OR IN DISTRESS OVER ENEMY TERRITORY) which
DINGHIES, LIFE RAFTS OF PERSONS IN DISTRESS)

? (Time seen) Near target 79-a (Place) 12,000 (Altitude of reporting A/C)

B-26 or A-20 (Type of observed A/C) (Any identifying data)

Going down in flames over enemy territory near (Other information)
79-a - Wing shot off - no chute - plane hit ground & exploded

2. ENEMY SHIPPING, NAVAL UNITS OR CONVOYS AT SEA:

(Number and type of ships) (Course of ships)

(Time seen) (Place) (Altitude of reporting A/C)

(Other information)

3. OTHER HOT NEWS

(Date) (Time) Initials of Interrogating Officer

Phoned to B.C. by Time

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