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NARRATIVE HISTORY

Through-out the month of September the Group accomplished sixteen accredited missions, dropping a total of 1176.44 tons of bombs on targets in Yugoslavia, Rumania, Austria, Hungary, and Germany proper, to tally 534 operational sorties and 3279 operational hours for the month as a whole.

Prize question of the month was "Where's the Luftwaffe?" for not one enemy aircraft was encountered during the thirty day period. Losses from flak, while light, were uncomfortable. Thirty crew members are missing from three ships counted lost; two men were killed and twelve men were injured. As one of our gunners remarked, "Jerry may be out, but those flak guns sure as H ___ aren't!"

Seven complete crews joined the Group this month along with nine aircraft delivered fresh from the factories, affording us an operational capacity of fifty three crews and fifty eight ships! The line men have been kept quite busy since no additional ground personnel have been assigned to take care of the increase in either ships or crews. Their comments and feelings are varied, ranging from "Now, if we'd only had them all last year..." to "Baby, am I glad to see you!"

The weather has been of considerable detriment to flying as well as to morale. The Group has moved about so much in the past, that during the summer no one gave serious consideration to the possibilities of staying in place for the winter. The majority of the men, with two winters "overseas" behind them, are not at all enthusiastic about a third. Most popular topic of the month was Rotation; however such talk and wishful thinking hasn't stopped them from working diligently.

Winterization of the Field and Base began in earnest. The strengthening and raising of the runways is well underway and the new Group S-2 and S-3 offices and Briefing Room, down along the line, should be completed within the next two weeks. Plans for huts and stone houses are off the drafting board and each squadron area currently looks like the Federal Housing Program back home.

During the last week of the month, two changes occurred within the Group Headquarters Command and Staff Section. Lieutenant Colonel John D. Moorman assumed command of the Group relieving Colonel John F. Batjer for a new assignment in Bucharest. Major Harold C. Mears was appointed Group Executive Officer, relieving Lieutenant Colonel William F. Kyle, who returned to the United States for new duties involving the re-negotiation of War Contracts.

A native of Oklahoma, Lieutenant Colonel Moorman attended schools there prior to entering West Point in 1934. After receiving his

wings in 1939 at Kelly Field, he embarked upon a tour of duty in Panama. Following his return in 1942, he served with the Second Air Force as a group commander through-out the period of that Air Forces' expanded training program. In March of 1944 he was sent to Italy. He comes to his new command from the Fifth Wing of the Fifteenth Air Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Moorman is married and the father of two children, a boy and a girl, who remain at home with their mother in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Major Harold C. Mears began his extended tour of active duty in February of 1941. While in the United States, he served as assistant G-3 of the Second Air Force, and as Administrative Inspector for the Eighteenth Replacement Wing, XX Bomber Command, and the Army Air Base at Clovis, New Mexico. From the time of his arrival in Italy last June, until he assumed his new duties at Group Headquarters, he had served as Executive Officer of this Group's 419th Bombardment Squadron.

Major Mears is married and maintains his home in San Bernardino, California.

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

MEDALS FOR THE MEN

September saw much assembling and ceremony with the award of many decorations to the officers and men for extraordinary heroism, superior leadership, and disregard for personal safety.

Lieutenant Colonel LESLIE W. HOLMAN, the Group Operations Officer, was awarded the Cluster to the DFC, for the heroic efforts he performed on the raid into Germany, August 7, 1944.

Intense and accurate barrage-type flak was engaged, along with extremely heavy enemy fighter opposition, which resulted in heavy damage to the aircraft. In the ensuing aerial battle, the navigator, bombardier, engineer, and tail gunner, bailed out. Despite the loss of four key men, Lieutenant Colonel Holman and his co-pilot, First Lieutenant JOHN W KELLY, with superb pilotage and courageous determination, fought their way across enemy territory in a ship scarcely flyable, to bring the Group safely back to base.

This deed not only reflects credit upon the pilot and co-pilot, but also to their Group and their Air Force, in their superior leadership and disregard for personal safety.

Three additional officers also received Clusters to their DFC:

Lieutenant JOHN A DELUCA, 352nd Bomb Sqdn.
 Lieutenant STANLEY M. SABIHON, Group Hqrs
 Lieutenant MILTON L. GRABAN, Group Hqrs

The Roll Call for the Silver Star is extended to include

Colonel JOHN F. BATJER, Group Hqrs
 Lieutenant Colonel STEVEN W. HENRY, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant PAUL E. GEARHART, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant JAMES P. HERBERT, 352nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant LESTER F. PATTERSON, (MIA) 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Technical Sergeant JAMES A. GALLOWAY, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. MILLER, 352nd Bomb Sqdn

Twenty-nine officers and ten enlisted men were decorated with the DFC

Captain RALPH B. GUNSCHER, Group Hqrs
 Lieutenant BENJAMIN E. CANTWELL, 352nd Sqdn
 Lieutenant JOHN MC LENDON, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant JESS W. COPPEDGE, 419th Bomb Sqdn

Lieutenant GAINES N. LEWIS, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant TED R. KEISER, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant ROSCOE R. ROSE, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant DAVID L. MORROW, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant WALTER E. RUESCH, 352nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant JOHN W. KELLY, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant CHARLES F. DODRILL, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant KERMIT D. HAMMAR, 352nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant OTHAR A.J. KEMPER, 352nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant GAIL F. MOFFETT, JR., 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant WILLIAM R. SANDERS, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant RAY J. WILLETS, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant STANLEY V. MATEJEK, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant DONALD O. SOLOMAN, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant HENRY W. BRIDE, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant ROBERT L. GRIFFITH, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant SIMON D. GELLAR, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant HOMER H. COLE, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant CHARLES W. FISHER, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant RALPH W. TRANTOW, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant JOHN S. WALLACE, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant HOWARD DALLAS, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant OTTO J. SORBEL, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant GILBERT E. EDGINGTON, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
 Lieutenant STANLEY A. PETERSON, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Technical Sergeant PAUL L. AMERINE, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Technical Sergeant JACK L. HOWELL, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Technical Sergeant HAROLD N. PORTER, 419th Bomb Sqdn
 Technical Sergeant FRANK M. NAGY, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
 Sergeant THOMAS P. FORD, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Sergeant CARL W. HULL, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Sergeant JACK C. LONG, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
 Sergeant JOHN BAWOL, 353rd Bomb Sqdn

Six enlisted men earned the Bronze Star:

Master Sergeant WILLIAM H. HAGENE, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
Master Sergeant RUSSELL B. EDLING, 352nd Bomb Sqdn
Master Sergeant HARLOW R. MORGAN, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
Technical Sergeant WILLIAM D. BAILEY, 353rd Bomb Sqdn
Technical Sergeant WILLIAM G. BRISTOW, 32nd Bomb Sqdn
Technical Sergeant JULIAN H. ROWE, 352nd Bomb Sqdn

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

Quite a number of our personnel have unquestionably become members of the Lonely Heart's Club, now that the WAC's have moved from this vicinity.

During their stay here, our clubs were opened and dances were held once or twice a week and too, there were quite a few picnics and beach parties that took place these summer months.

But with their parting, it neatly puts us back in the hole with a board plastered over it.

REPORT FROM THE FLIGHT SURGEON

Major S.E. Wanderman, Group Flight Surgeon, presented some interesting figures in his "Care of Fliers" Report for the month of September. There were twenty two cases resulting from disorders due to flying, including functional and nervous diseases as well as casualties in action. These cases represent 494 total days lost on the sick report, indicating an average recovery period for the month of slightly more than three weeks per man.

An additional forty nine cases of disorders not due to flying, account for a total of 372 days lost on the sick report. In these cases the recovery period averaged one week per man.

Eighty six members of the flying personnel were accorded a total of 533 days rest during the month, averaging a little better than six days rest per man, while forty six crew-men were recommended for return to the Zone of Interior for rest and rehabilitation.

Close and frequent inspections maintained the environmental sanitation at a satisfactory level, and the close of the month found the Command, as a whole, in excellent physical condition. Three cases of malaria cropped up during the period and the Flight Surgeon again cautioned the men against removing their bunk nettings before the middle of November. The VD cases have been amazingly low; six in the entire Group, and a total of two days lost from duty.

KILLED IN ACTION

Staff Sergeant JACK D. FARMER, Flak, 10 September
Sergeant PAUL E. TILITZ, Flak, 10 September

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Lieutenant WILLIAM C. BABINGTON, Flak, 10 September
Lieutenant TED R. KEISER, Flak, 10 September
Lieutenant CLIFFORD J. MC MILLAN, Flak, 10 September
Lieutenant DAVID W. NELSON, Flak, 10 September
Lieutenant EDWARD J. LOPACKI, Flak, 10 September
Sergeant CARL W. HULL, Flak, 10 September

Sergeant WILLIAM S. RANTON, Flak, 17 September
Sergeant FRED L. KALISEWICZ, Flak, 18 September
Technical Sergeant CLIFTON E. GRABAST, Flak, 20 September
Lieutenant VICTOR W. DREXELIUS, Flak, 21 September
Lieutenant RICHARD L. HODDER, Flak, 21 September
Sergeant BENEDICT P. CUMMINGS, Flak, 21 September

MISSING IN ACTION

The following named officers and enlisted men are reported as Missing
in Action from an operational mission over enemy territory 10 September, 1944.

STUBBS, Gail E., 2nd Lt.,
HALFORD, Gregory, 2nd Lt.,
SEIGEL, Samuel E., 2nd Lt.,
GILL, Thomas J. T/Sgt.,
MC CLOSKEY, William R. S/Sgt.,
GELBER, John, T/Sgt.,
BUMBARGER, Robert H. S/Sgt.,
HITT, William T. S/Sgt.,
HOLLOWAY, Stewart M. S/Sgt.,
SCHNEIDER, Clayton H. S/Sgt.,

WISNER, Kenneth A. 2nd Lt.,
HANWAY, Dale, 2nd Lt.,
HINES, Andrew R. 2nd Lt.,
ARMSTRONG, Bruce, 2nd Lt.,
HARRIS, Thomas W. S/Sgt.,
HEALY, Norman L. S/Sgt.,
KERSTING, Edward C. Sgt.,
KESSELL, Leo V. Sgt.,
FISHER, James E. Sgt.,
MC CLURE, Charles K. Sgt.,

The following named officers and enlisted men are reported as Missing in Action from an operational mission over enemy territory on 12 September, 1944:

ALLEN, Spotswood, 2nd Lt.,
RANDELL, George F. 2nd Lt.,
WHITE JR., Howard, 2nd Lt.,
BOLCH, Don H. Sgt.,
MOORE, Clyde J. S/Sgt.,
HEAD, Donald C. S/Sgt.,
LAZENBY, John O. S/Sgt.,
EGYEDI, Joe, Sgt.,
ADLER, Norman R. Sgt.,
CABRERA, Benjamin O. S/Sgt.,

PHOTOGRAPHS



Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence, Fifth Wing Commanding General and Lt. Col. John D. Moorman, Group Commander after a presentation ceremony at the 301st Bombardment Group (H) AAF.

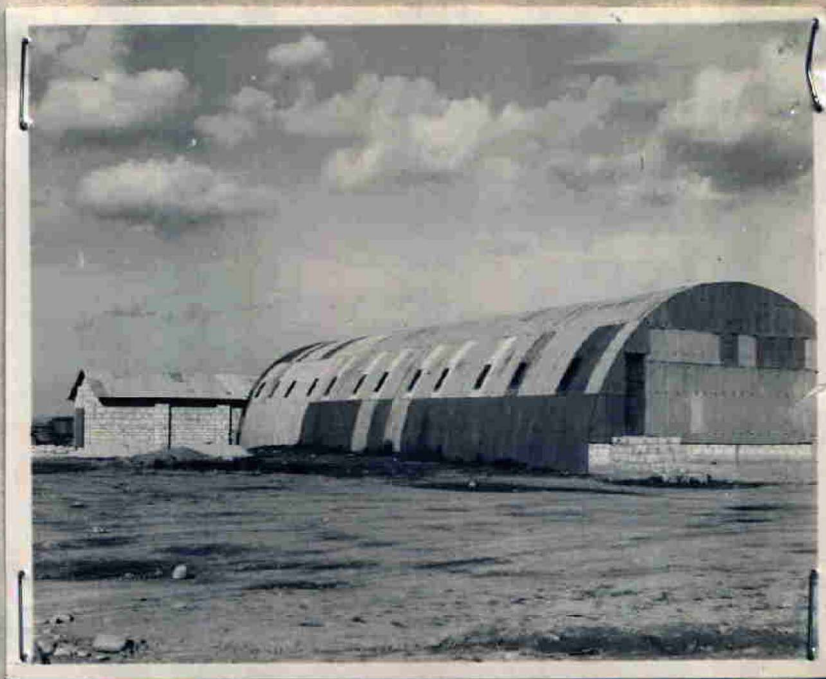


Lt. Col. Leslie W. Holman, Group Operations Officer, receiving the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC from Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence, Fifth Wing Commanding General



Top views shows a close up shot of the left front wheel after the pilot had run into a soft spot on the new taxing strip that had just been finished. Bottom view shows the reward of quick thinking on the part of the pilot in cutting the switches on engines #1 and #2, no damage to the propellers.





The new enlarged briefing room as it nears completion, but there still remains quite a few hours of hard work before it will be complete. Besides acting as a briefing room it will also be the new theater for the 301st





Major Harold C. Mears was appointed Group Executive Officer relieving Lt. Col. William F. Kyle who had returned to the U.S.A. Prior to taking over this position Major Mears was doing the same work in one of the squadrons.

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301ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
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1 September 1944.

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 1 September 1944, Mis A/D, Yugoslavia

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Slight inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdromes: Negative.

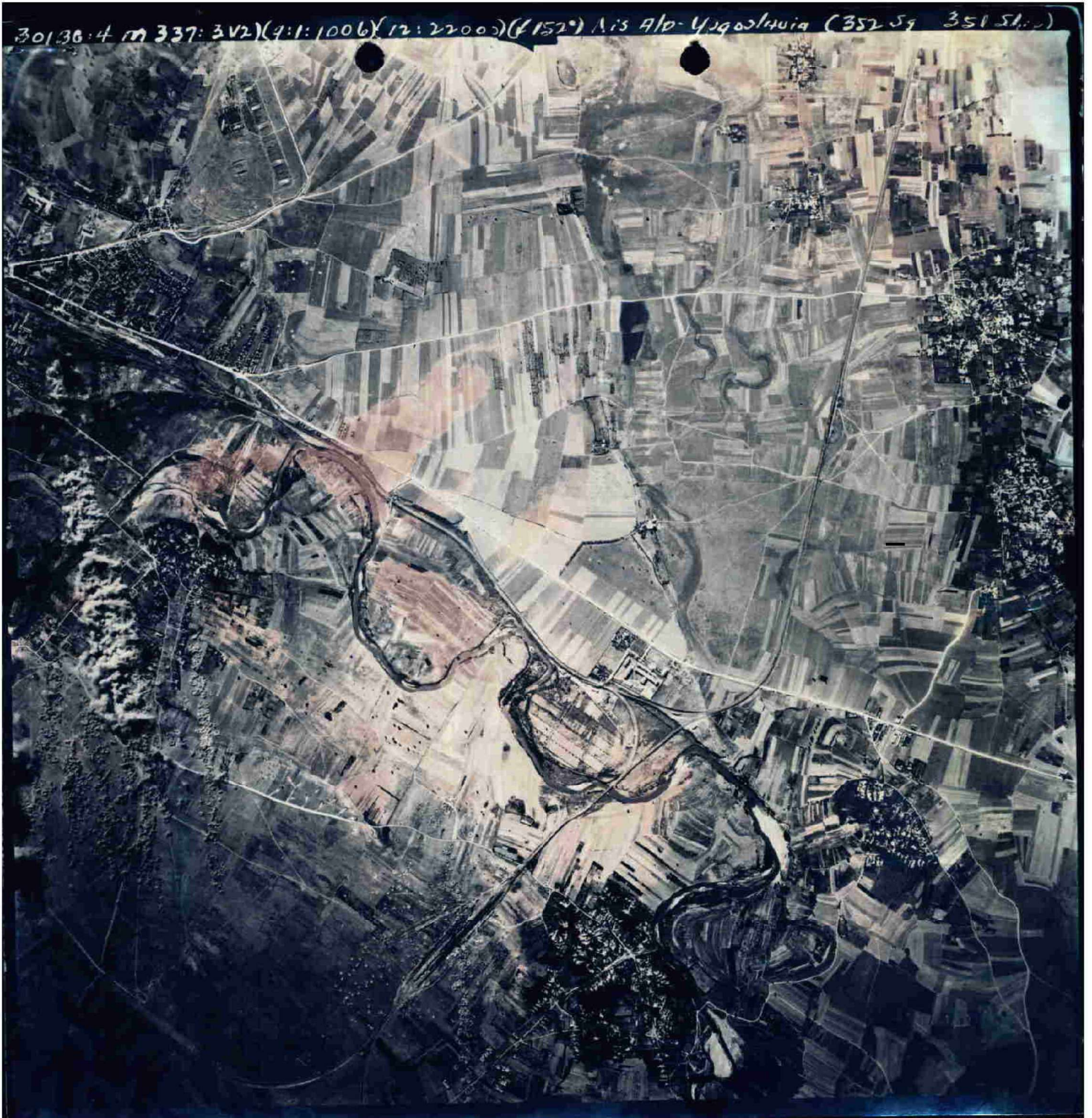
III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
- B. Damage: Negative.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

For the Commanding Officer:

GEORGE M. SANDER,
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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 3 September 1944 BELGRADE PANCEVO RR BRIDGE, Yugoslavia.

I. HEAVY RESISTANCE

Fighters: Negative.

Flak: Slight inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Heavy barge traffic was observed all along the DANUBE RIVER.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdrops: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
- B. Damage:
From Flak: 3 minor.
From Fighters: Negative.
Other Reasons: Negative.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

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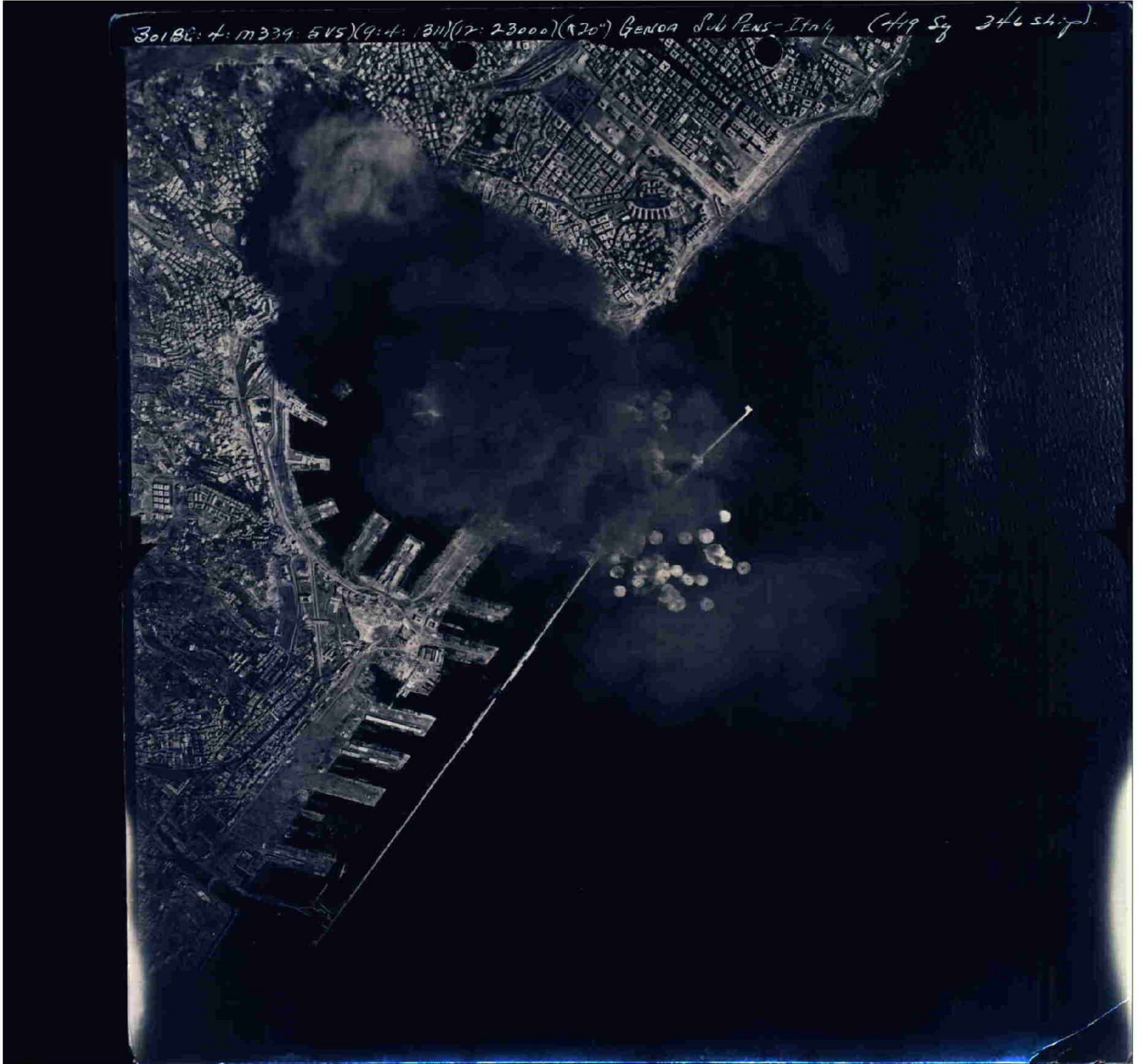


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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 5 September 1944

BUDAPEST NORTH RR BRIDGE, Hungary

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Slight accurate heavy flak was encountered over the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: 100 cars in marshalling yards of POLJANA. Good highway and large RR bridge at BANSKI MOSTANA, 44 deg 40'N, 16 deg 40'E.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdromes: Landing strip observed at 45 deg 30'N, 19 deg 15'E.

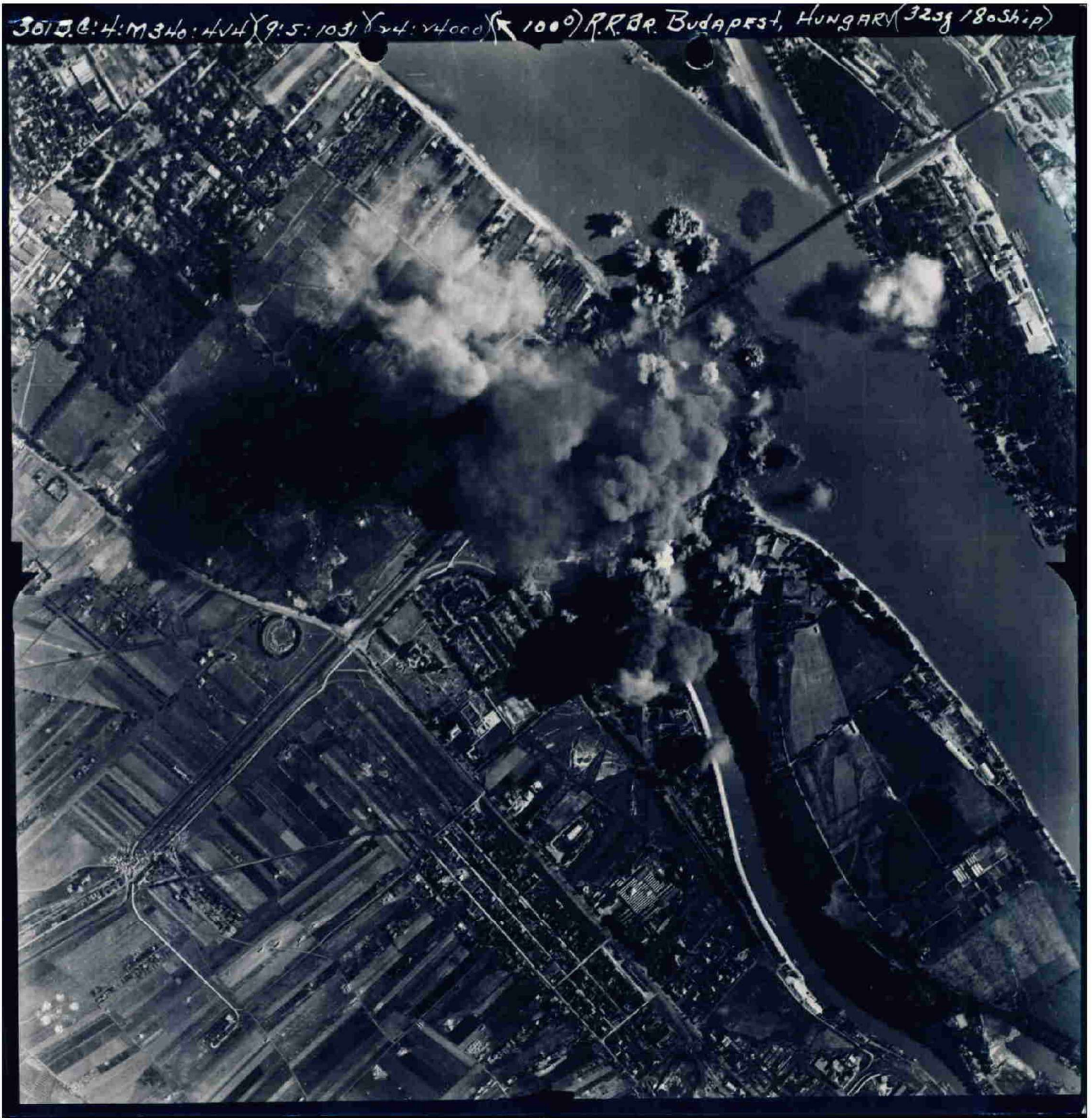
III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - None
From Fighters - None
Other Reasons - None
- B. Damage:
From Flak - 7 a/c received minor damage
From Fighters - None
Other Reasons - None
- C. Victories: None
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: One ship over target, had #2 engine to catch fire. Dived out of formation to extinguish fire, trailed formation and dropped 1 1/2 miles north of target on barges in the Danube. Missed them however, its bombs landing in UPEST (Budapest). Another ship bomb bay doors wouldn't open over target, finally dropped at 46 deg 16'N, 19 deg 25'E at 1103 hrs.

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6 September 1944.

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 6 September 1944. ORADEA M/Y, Roumania

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
B. Flak: Slight inaccurate flak was encountered at the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: 300 cars in M/Y at Bekescaba, Hungary, (46°43'N 21°05'E). M/Y at 45°12'N 18°51'E with 100 cars in it. 75 to 100 barges reported at 44°50'N 22°10'E; 17 barges at 45°56'N 20°06'E; 15 barges at 45°21'N 19°01'E. Appeared to be quite a bit of traffic all along the Danube River.
B. Flak Positions: 4 gun battery at Imotekl (43°27'N 17°12'E).
C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
D. Naval: Negative.
E. Airdromes: Negative.

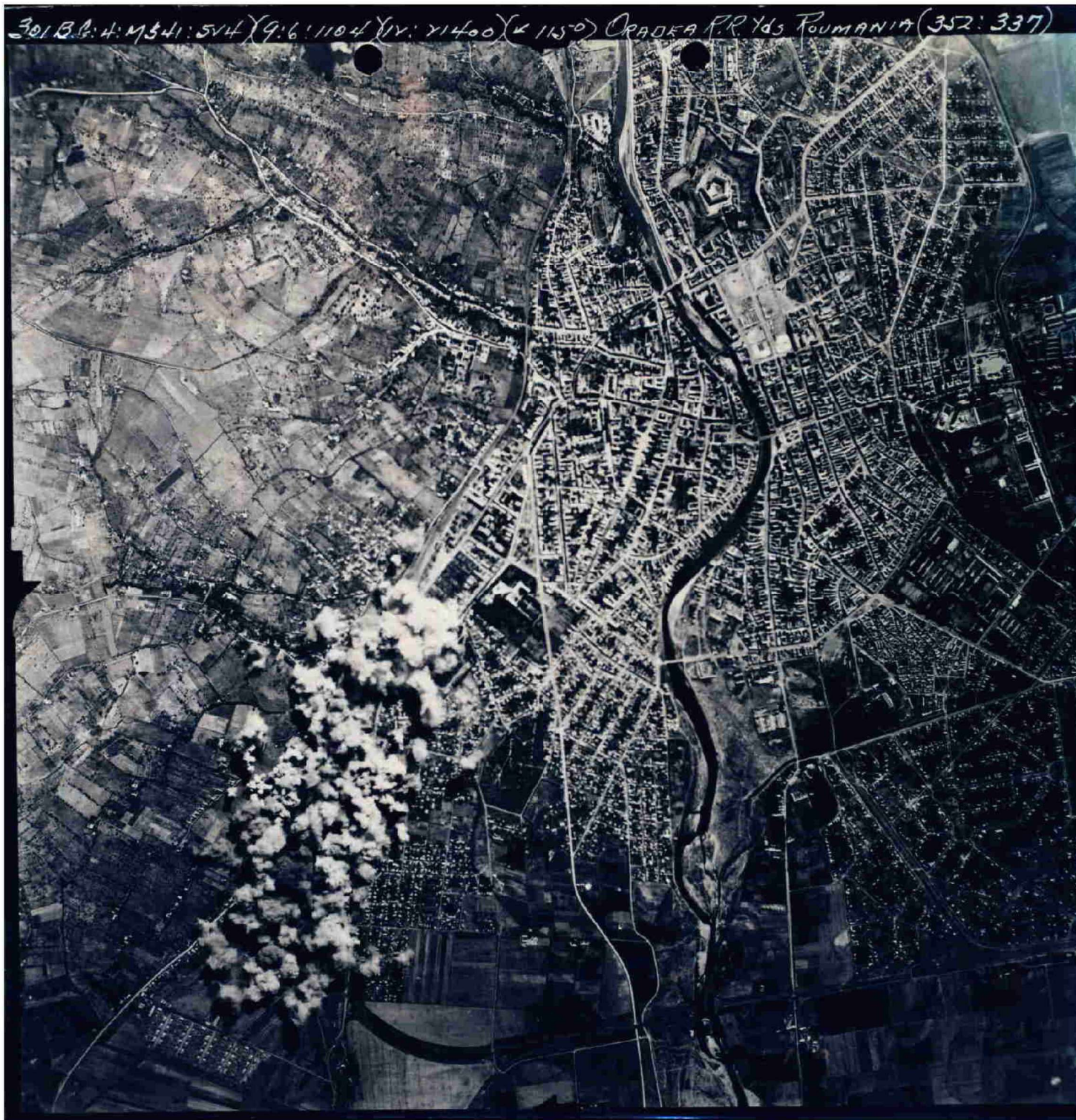
III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses: None.
B. Damage: None.
C. Victories: Negative.
D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 8 September 1944

SARAJEVO W M/YDS, Yugoslavia.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Moderate, inaccurate heavy flak of a barrage type was encountered over the target area.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: About 50 trucks in a convoy were observed at 1009 hrs at 43°05' N, 18° E. They were traveling along a mountain road.
- B. Flak Positions: Eight heavy gun batteries were observed in the area D-2, 1-5 on T.O. No. G-18-NA.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdrops: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - 0
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- B. Damage:
From Flak - 1 minor
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 10 September 1944

VIENNA LOBAU OIL/Refinery, Austria.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: No fighters were seen in this area and none were observed to, and from the target.
- B. Flak: The largest concentration of flak came from the southern sector of Vienna, and caused this group considerable damage. The bursts were extremely large indicating that they might be of the 150mm variety, the flak was Intense, Accurate Heavy Flak. The Flak was concentrated all through the area.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
B. Flak Positions: Negative
C. Smoke Screens: Negative
D. Naval: Negative
E. Airdromes: Negative

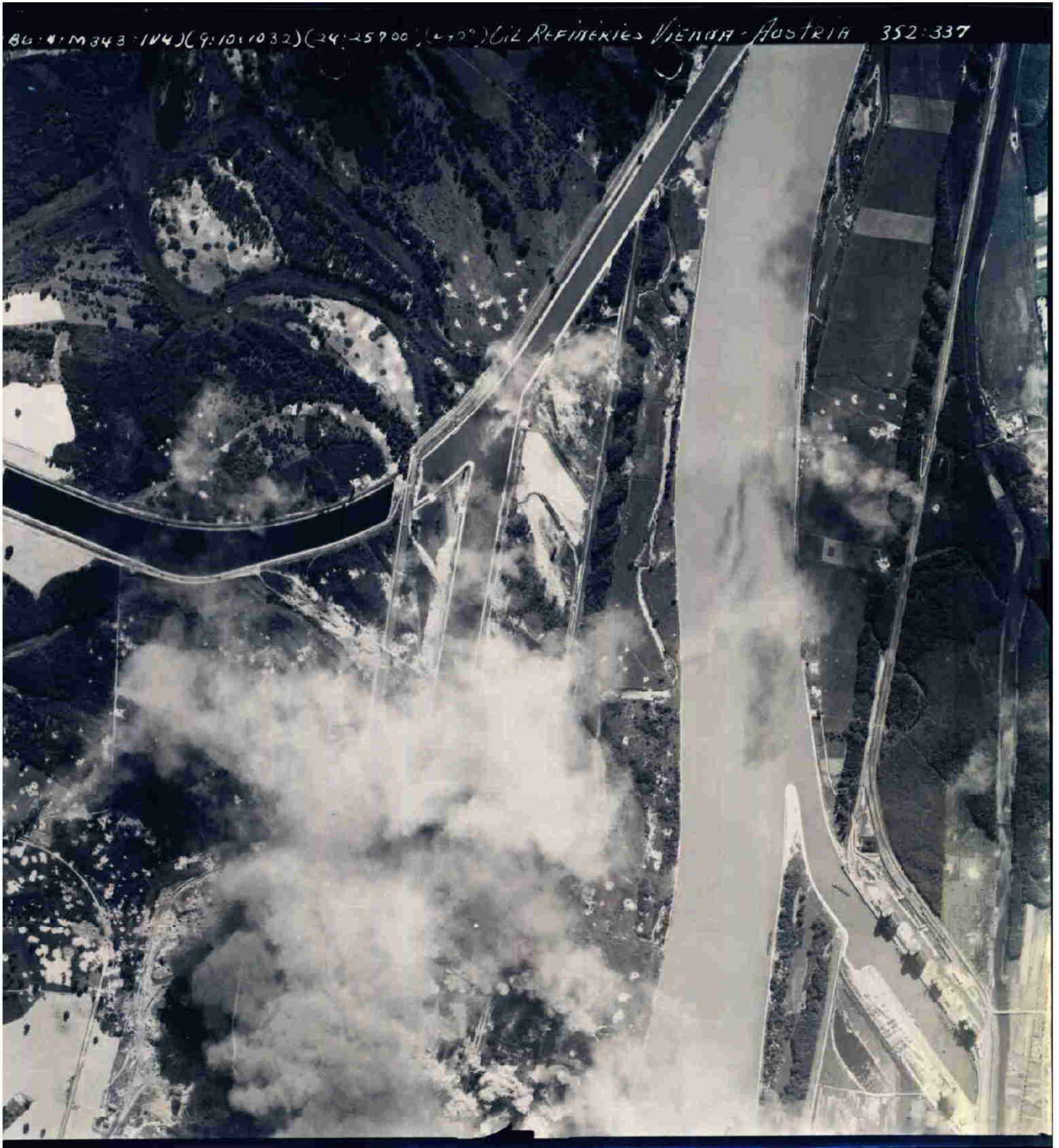
III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak Two (2) aircraft
From Fighters Negative
Other Reasons Negative
- B. Damage:
From Flak 7 a/c received major, and 18 a/c received minor damage
1 crew member was killed in addition to 3 seriously wounded.
From Fighters Negative
Other Reasons Negative
- C. Victories: Negative
- D. Correction on telephone mission report:
Negative:

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 12 September 1944

LECHFIELD A/D, Germany.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Two Me 109's were observed at 47°20' N, 11°40' E, but did not attack our formation.
- B. Flak: Moderate, accurate heavy flak was encountered over the target area.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: A RR Bridge at 44°57' N, 12°55' E, that we had bombed out on a previous mission had been repaired and was in operation. 200 cars were observed in the M/Yds at 48°46' N, 11°25' E and 75 were observed at 46°50' N, 12°35' E.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: A smoke screen was observed coming from the city of Munich. Smoke pots were also observed at 47°50' N, 12°40' E.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airbases: 30 to 50 a/c were observed on an A/D at 48°43' N, 11°13' E.

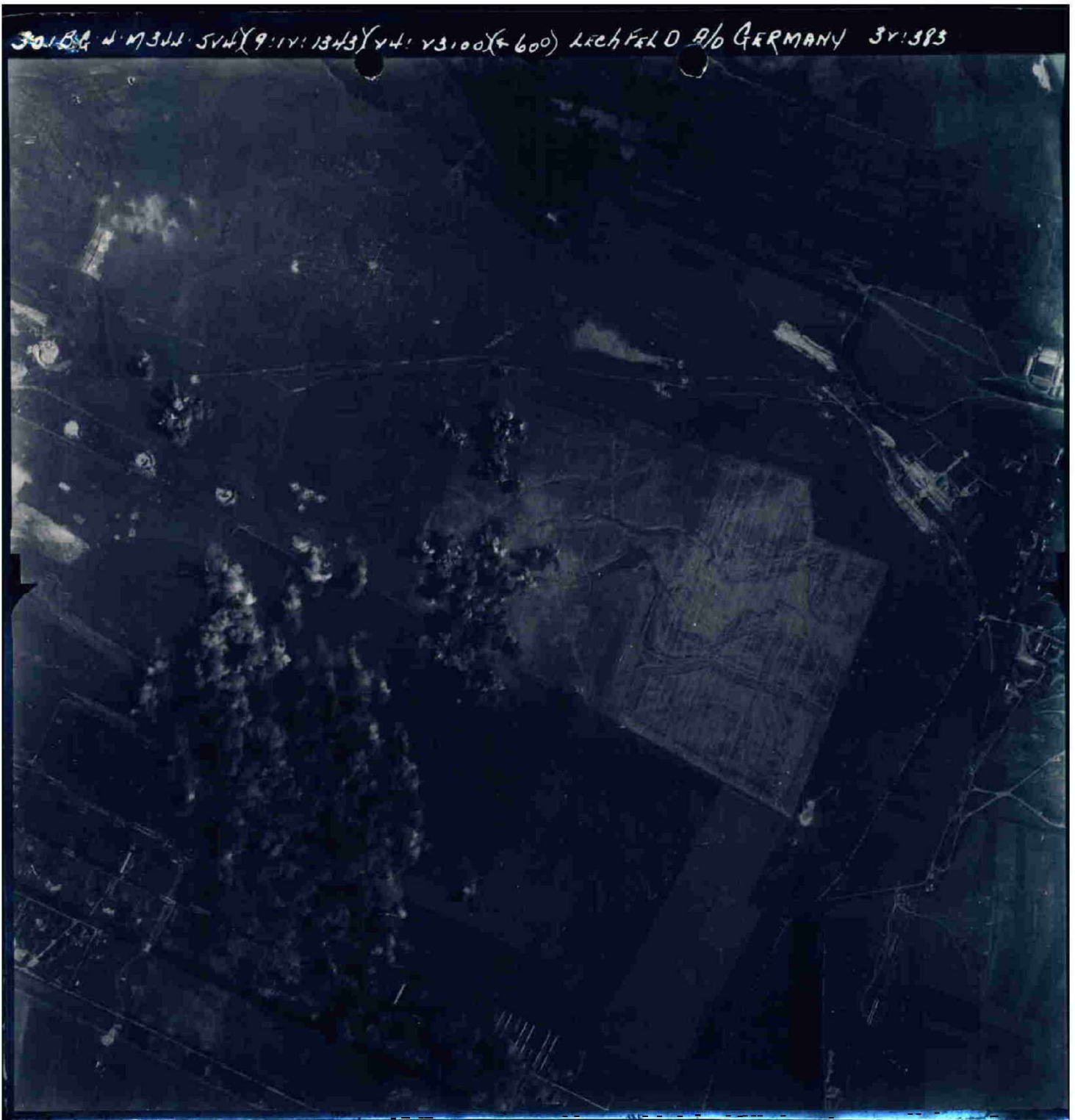
III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - 1. (One other A/C hit by flak and was last reported trying to reach Ancona, but verification has not as yet been received.)
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- B. Damage:
From Flak - 4 minor
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- C. Victories: - Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: - Negative.

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 13 September 1944 Blechhammer North Oil Refy, Germany

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Flak at the target was moderate to intense heavy and inaccurate.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Two round houses and W/T's containing 100 or more cars at 46 deg 47'N, 17 deg 00'E. Two five span bridges at 47/45N, 18/07E.
- B. Flak Positions: Uncharted flak position at 47 deg 40'N, 18 deg 10'E.
- C. Smoke Screens: Very effective smoke screen at target.
- D. Naval: Negative.
- E. Airdrops: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - None
From Fighters - None
Other Reasons - None
- B. Damage:
From Flak - 10 minor damage
From Fighters - None
Other Reasons - None
- C. Victories:
None
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: None.

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SPECIAL WAR ACTIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 15 September 1944

KALAMIS SUB/PMS, Greece.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak: Slight, inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target, quite a concentration of flak was seen over Athens.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
- B. Flak Positions: Negative
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative
- D. Naval: quite a few ships were observed in the harbor at Athens.
- E. Airframes: Planes were observed on the field at Kalamaki.

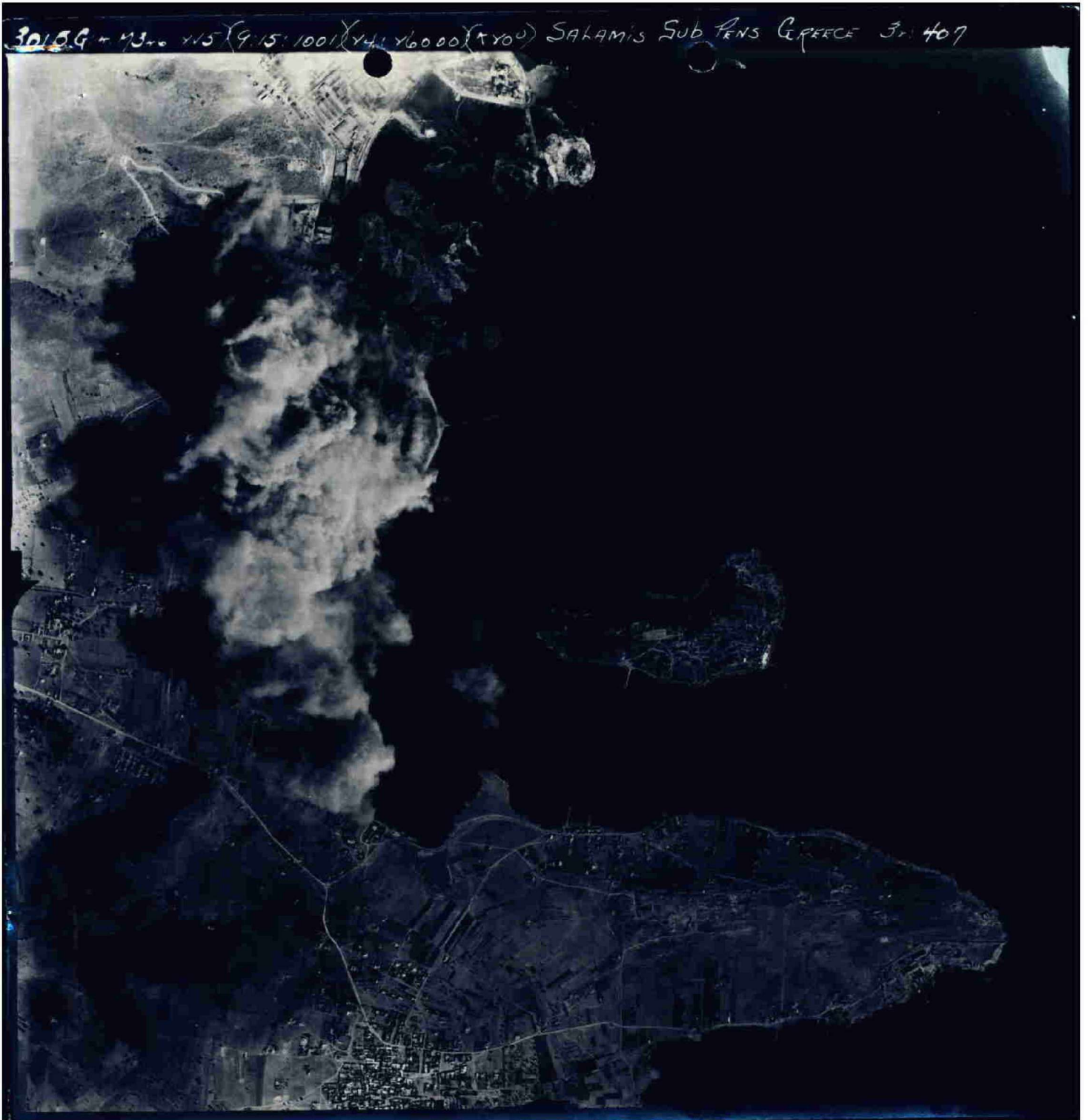
III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses: Negative
 - From Flak "
 - From Fighters "
 - Other Reasons "
- B. Damage:
 - From Flak Negative
 - From Fighters "
 - Other Reasons "
- C. Victories:
Negative
- D. Correction on telephone report:
Negative

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HEADQUARTERS 301ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 500 U.S. Army

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 17 September 1944 Budapest Hukos M/V's, Hungary

I. SMOKE RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: A RH bridge reported at 45 deg 16'N, 16 deg 53'E. A M/V's with 100-150 cars, looked active, at 45 deg 20'N, 17 deg 00'E.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
- D. Naval: Two M/V's in harbor of Split. 20 N bound barges in Sava river near Bos Gradiska, 45 deg 09'N, 17 deg 15'E.
- E. Airdrops: Approximately 10 Me 109's and 14 Ju 88's in dispersal area at 47 deg 22'N, 18 deg 32'E.

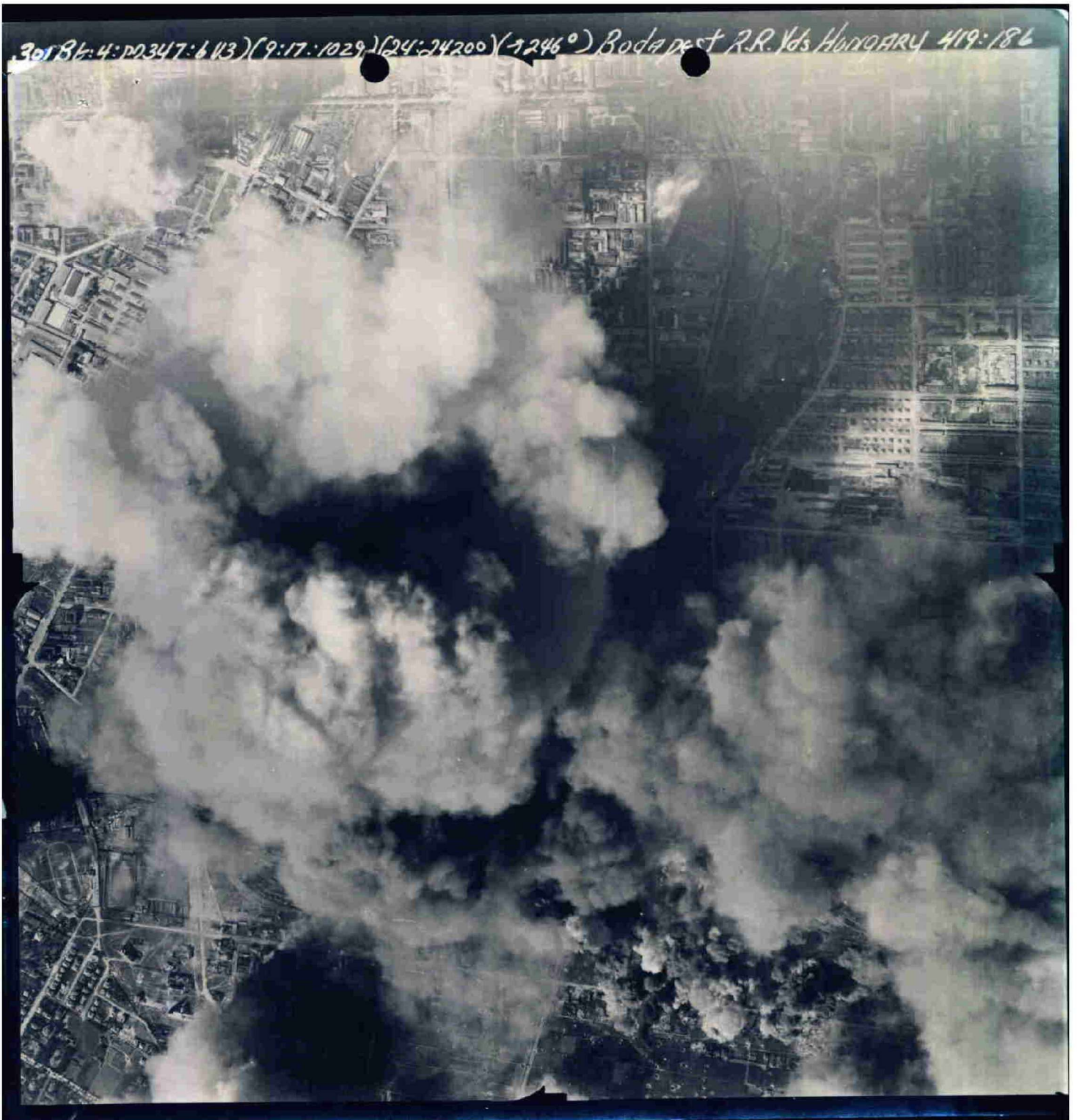
III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
- B. Damages:
From Flak - 2 minor
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- C. Victories:
None
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS 301ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 18 September 1944

BELGRADE SAVA RA BRIDGE, Yugoslavia.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Moderate, accurate heavy flak was encountered over the target area.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: 200 cars were observed in the W/Y at Belgrade, located just north of the target. 75 cars were observed at Uisce, Yugoslavia, 43°52' N, 19°51' E.
- B. Flak Positions: Heavy flak batteries were observed at 43°45' N, 18°01' E; 44°02' N, 18°09' E; and at 43°52' N, 19°51' E (Uisce, Yugoslavia.)
- C. Smoke Screens: Smoke pots were observed at 44°07' N, 20°16' E.
- D. Naval: 30 to 45 barges were observed in the Danube River in the target area.
- E. Airbases: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - 0
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- B. Damages:
From Flak - 19 minor and 4 major. 2 minor injuries to personnel.
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission report: Negative.

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APO 520 20 September 1944.SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:
MISSION: 20 September 1944

BUDAPEST NR/BRIG.(H), Hungary.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak: Moderate, accurate heavy flak was encountered over the target, and slight inaccurate flak was encountered at Deronta, 14500, 17500. Slight inaccurate heavy flak was observed at Kozafon, Marina, Dyncalman, and Elivno.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Negative
- B. Flak Positions: Note para. I, B. above.
- C. Smoke Screens: Győr and Bratislava were well covered with smoke.
- D. Naval: Negative
- E. Airframes: 12 a/c observed at Budapest A/D.

III. CONCLUSION

- 1. Total Losses:
 - From Flak Negative
 - From Fighters Negative
 - Other Reasons Negative
- B. Damage:
 - From Flak 1 a/c rec'd minor damage and 1 man rec'd minor injuries.
 - From Fighters Negative
 - Other Reasons Negative
- C. Victories:
 - Negative
- D. Correction on telephone mission report:
 - Negative

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 21 Sept. 1944

DEBRECZEN M/T, Hungary

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
B. Flak: Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered in the target area.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: Motor convoy of 15 trucks were observed heading west on road at $47^{\circ}05'N/21^{\circ}18'E$; suggest road is used as a regular supply route.
B. Flak Positions: Slight inaccurate heavy flak was encountered at HODMEZOUARKELY ($46^{\circ}27'N/20^{\circ}15'E$).
C. Smoke Screens: Negative.
D. Naval: Barges observed on DANUBE.
E. Airdromes: Negative.
X. Camouflaged Oil Refinery & Storage observed at $45^{\circ}32'N/19^{\circ}22'E$.
Pontoon bridge observed over SAVA RIVER at $45^{\circ}N/18^{\circ}55'E$.
Bridge over SAVA RIVER at $45^{\circ}/18^{\circ}55'E$ repaired.

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
B. Damage:
From Flak 2 major; 8 minor.
C. Victories: Negative.
D. Correction on telephone mission report. Negative.

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HEADQUARTERS 301ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 22 September 1944 MUNICH ALLACH BMW, Germany.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative
- B. Flak: Intense, accurate heavy flak was encountered over the target area. Also red and white tracing flak was used over the target. Moderate fairly inaccurate flak was observed, but not encountered over Salzburg.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: 150 cars were observed in W/Yds at 45°58' N, 13°00' E.
- B. Flak Positions: 3 batteries of 15 guns were observed at 47°40' N, 13°05' E. Other flak positions were noted at 47°29' N, 12°51' E and at 43°43' N, 12°55' E.
- C. Smoke Screens: A very effective smoke screen was used over the target area. Smoke pots were observed at 47°46' N, 13°03' E. (Salzburg, Austria.
- D. Naval: Negative. However something resembling green dye was observed in the water at 44°00' N, 14°00' E.
- E. Airdrome: Negative.

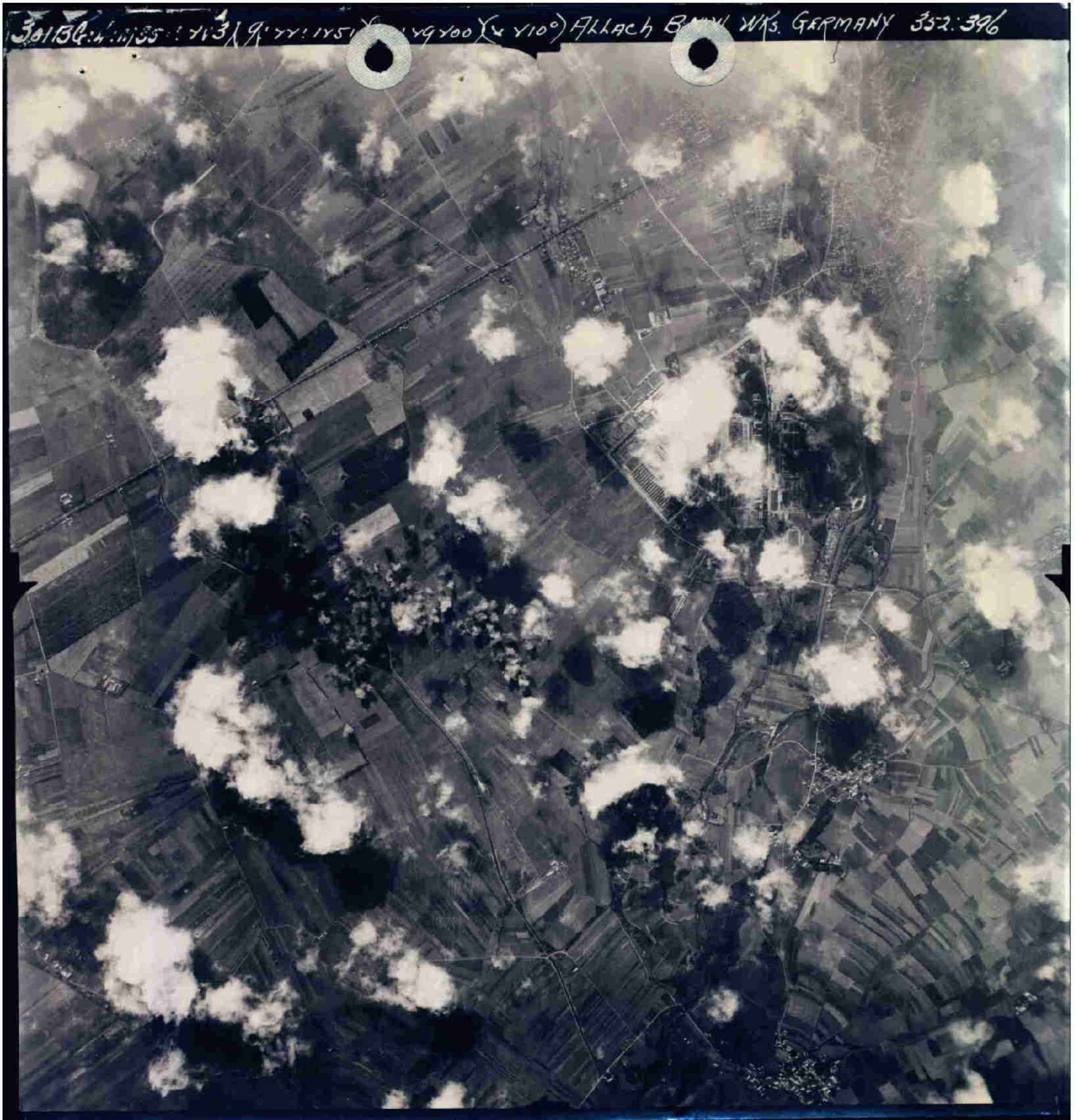
III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Total Losses:
From Flak - Negative.
From Fighters - Negative.
Other Reasons - Negative.
- B. Damage:
From Flak - 14 minor, 2 major
From Fighters - 0
Other Reasons - 0
- C. Victories: - Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone report: On line No. 12 of mission report, it should read - 1 death due to anoxia. Respiratory efforts proved futile after a/c had reached the base.

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23 September 1944

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SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT:

MISSION: 23 September 1944, Brux Synthetic Oil Refy., Czech.

I. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Negative.
- B. Flak: Moderate and inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over the target.

II. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications: M/I at Lins observed to have 150 to 200 cars in it.
- B. Flak Positions: Negative.
- C. Smoke Screens: A smoke screen could be seen to come up through the clouds over the target. A smoke screen was also observed over Lins.
- D. Naval: 5 ships in harbor at Venice.
- E. Airdromes: Negative.

III. CONCLUSION

- A. Total Losses: Negative.
- B. Damage:
 - From Flak: 7 minor.
 - From Fighters: None.
 - Other Reasons: None.
- C. Victories: Negative.
- D. Correction on telephone mission reports: None.

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