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MISSION REPORT

Covering:

MISSION OF 27 NOVEMBER 1943

1. 301st Bombardment Group (H), AAF.
2. RIMINI, M/Y, Italy.
3. 23 B-17's dropped 69 tons of 500 lb. GP., .1 nose and .025 tail fusing, at 1303A hrs. from a mean altitude of 16,500 ft.
4. No a/c returned early.
5. No e/a encountered.
6. No claims.
7. No a/c losses.
8. Slight heavy flak encountered over target, inaccurate as to altitude and deflection.
9. Photos reveal extremely heavy concentration of bombs throughout the southern half of the R.R. Yds. M.N.O/6,7,8 on T.C. 4-113-NA. Also many hits scored on tracks in north half of R.R. Yds. Many direct hits scored on south approach to bridge at J/9 and some near misses on the bridge.
10. 3 a/c attempted photos; 2 were successful.
11. Observations:
 - Castiglione A/D - 24 S/E aircraft observed from 20,000 ft. at 1325A.
 - Arrezzo A/D - 25 S/E and 15 M/E ac observed from 20,000 ft. at 1330A.
 - Viterbo A/D - 23 a/c observed from 20,000 ft. at 1249A. Rimini/Miramare A/D, 6 S/E and 14 M/E a/c observed from 14,420 ft. at 1305A. 12 M/V's at 42 deg. 15 min. N 11 deg. 35 min. E heading 180 degrees, observed from 13,000 ft. at 1350 A. 2 E/A seen to be shot down by P-38's or another group.

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