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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT

Covering:

MISSION OF 24 NOVEMBER 1943
SUBMARINE & DOCKING REPAIR FACILITIES, TOULON, FRANCE.

1. 28 B-17's of the 32nd, 352nd, 353rd, and 419th sqdns of the 301st Bomb Group took off at 0841 A to bomb SUBMARINE & DOCKING REPAIR FACILITIES, TOULON, France. 1 a/c returned early due to mechanical difficulties. 27 a/c were over the target at 1314 A of which 24 dropped 288 x 500 GP bombs with .1 nose and .025 tail fusing at a heading of 16 degrees from a mean altitude of 20,000 ft. 36 x 500 lb. GP's were returned to base and 12 x 500 lb. GP's were jettisoned. Two a/c received minor flak damage and no personnel were injured. 27 a/c returned to base at 1610 A, 24 November 1943. 27 sorties were involved in this mission.
2. Crews report good bombing. Entire area well covered with numerous fires along row of buildings at Q-15 to 17 on Target Chart No. 6-101A-NA.
3. Slight heavy flak was encountered over the target, inaccurate as to altitude and deflection. Batteries noted: T.C. No. 6-101A-NA, UV/19 - 4 guns, G/11 - 4 guns. Also batteries noted at Q/18, D/17, U/9,10, and B/18.
4. No e/a were encountered.
5. 4 of our a/c attempted photos and the usual report will follow.
6. The weather was 3 to 7/10ths enroute and clear with high cirrus clouds at the target.
7. OBSERVATIONS: Eight (8) large merchant vessels and four (4) submarines reported in TOULON Harbor. One B-17 was seen exploding shortly after leaving target. One parachute was seen opening from another B-17 fifteen minutes after target. At 1036 A hrs a submarine periscope was observed at approximately 38°28'N, 9°02' E.
8. Group Formation Leader: Capt. Collins makes no comment.

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