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RR BRIDGE NE of RECCO

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT
Covering:
MISSION OF 1 NOVEMBER 1943

1. 22 B-17's of the 32nd, 352nd, and 419th Sqdns of the 301st Bomb Gp., took off at 0829A to bomb RR BRIDGE of RECCO. 2 a/c returned early due to mechanical difficulties. No a/c dropped bombs on the primary, but 6 a/c dropped 36 x 1000 lb. GP's on a bridge near VEZZANO LIG, Italy (44°08' N 09°54' E). Bombs were fused .1 nose and .025 tail, dropped at 1225A from a mean altitude of 21,000 feet at a heading of 333 degrees. 18 x 1000 lb. GP's were jettisoned and 78 x 1000 lb. GP's were returned to base. 20 a/c returned to base by 1810A. 22 sorties were involved in this mission.
2. None of our aircraft dropped on the primary or secondary targets due to their being obscured by 10/10 cloud cover, but 5 a/c dropped on a bridge near VEZZANO LIG, Italy. All crews report bombing was to the left of the target area.
3. Slight heavy flak was encountered over SPEZIA, inaccurate as to altitude and deflection.
4. No e/a were encountered.
5. 6 of our a/c attempted photos, none were successful.
6. The weather was 3/10 to 10/10 enroute and 10/10 at the primary, with 7/10 coverage at SPEZIA.
7. Observations: Many M/V's and N/V's noted in SPEZIA Harbor.
8. GROUP FORMATION LEADER: Captain WAFFORD makes no comment.

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