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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT

Covering:

MISSION OF 24 MAY 1943

1. 26 B-17's of the 32nd, 352nd, 353rd, 419th Squadrons, 301st Bomb Group took off at 1200 "B" to bomb TERRANOVA PAUSANIA (OLBIA), Sardinia. 2 of our a/c returned early because of mechanical trouble. 24 a/c were over the target at 1453 "B" and dropped 288 x 500 GP (.1 nose, .025 tail fusing) from a mean altitude of 24,750 ft. at a heading of 92°M. 24 x 500 GP bombs were returned to base and none were jettisoned. None of our personnel were injured and no planes were damaged. All planes were safely down at 1753 "B".
2. 1 M/V at R/28 (Target Chart O/4(2)) received direct hits and was reported on fire. 1 M/V at P/34 hit and exploded. Near misses and possible hits on M/V at N/36. Several hits and many near misses on M/V at H-I/36. Many direct hits along the outer end of quay with a large explosion reported at P/18.
3. Slight heavy inaccurate flak encountered in target area. Flak positions were reported at P/5, P-O/9, 8 guns at Q/10-11-12-13 (Target Chart 1-105A-NA).
4. No e/a were encountered.
5. 3 of our a/c attempted photos and usual report will follow.
6. Weather was slight hazy enroute; CAVU over target.
7. 1 medium M/V reported moving SW, speed unknown, at 41°45'Nx08°42'E, just off CASTEL SARDO, while flying at 25,000 ft.

FLIGHT LEADER'S COMMENT:

*Lower turret on ship 403 reported
flood battery north of quay hit by
bombs. No other comment.*

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