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NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT

Covering:

MISSION OF 10 MAY 1943

1. 27 B-17's of the 32nd, 352nd, 353rd, 419th Squadrons, 301st Bomb Group took off at 1025 "A" to bomb BO-RIZZO A/D, Sicily. 2 a/c returned early due to mechanical trouble. 25 a/c were over the target at 1251 "A" dropping 3600 x 20 frag. bombs from a mean altitude of 22,500 ft. at a heading of 360°M. 288 x 20 frag. bombs were returned to base, none were jettisoned. 1 of our a/c was seen to explode over the target, cause unknown, and only one parachute was reported opening by a/c 42-5456. 5 of our a/c received minor damage, and no other personnel were injured. ~~10,000 pamphlets~~ <sup>24,000 leaflets</sup> (Italian) were dropped over the target area. 24 of our a/c landed safely at 1535 "A".
2. Interrogations indicate that the A/D was apparently well covered. Many huge fires were reported, especially, on the E and W sides of the A/D. The field to the N of the target had 5 or 6 fires, and several fires along the SW corner. Crews reported that there were approximately 20 a/c on each side of the aerodrome.
3. Moderate, heavy flak, accurate as to altitude but ~~in~~ inaccurate as to deflection was encountered at the target.
4. 3 of our a/c attempted photos and usual report will follow.
5. Our crews encountered between 15 and 20 e/a, mostly Me109's and some FW190's, in target area. Interrogations indicate 2 Me109's destroyed, 1 Me109 probably destroyed, 1 FW190 probably destroyed, and 1 Me109 damaged. After review of combat claims by the CO, per Ops. Memo No. 25, XII, dated 20 Dec., 1942, combat claims report will follow.
6. Weather enroute and at target was CAVU.
7. 15 to 25 sea-planes seen along shore N of MARSALA at STAGNONE SPB. 2 Siebel Ferries were observed just N of STAGNONE. 88 planes were seen on CASTELVETRANO A/D. 2 cruisers reported headed E seen at 1335 "A" 10 miles N of ZEMBRA IS from 11,000 ft. 1 hospital ship was seen headed NE at 37°10'N, 10°40'E.

FLIGHT LEADER'S COMMENT.

NO COMMENT

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