

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 131
APO 557

D-H-3
15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Group Commanders Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 398th Bomb Group (H), APO 557

1. E/A attacks on this group - Nil.
2. Observations of Military Importance -
 - a. Lt. Col. Rooney Lead of Low reported seeing B-17 from unit behind burst into flames and Dive down to ground and crash. No chutes Were seen. Observing A/C was at 4619N-0019E At time of observation.
 - b. 1100 - 4600N-0010W - Mass of smoke (possibly a Plane) seen falling. Fire seen on ground when Object hit.
 - c. 1122 - 15,500 - 1 B-17 flying low - 5000 feet Gironde River - headed South.
 - d. 1122 - Verdon - Battleship - 8-10 smaller craft - Firing at shore installations.
 - e. 1156 - 4532-0100W - Submarine on surface 1500 Yards from where Lead Squadron hit.
 - f. One cruiser capsized in estuary of river.
3. Statistics: -
 - a. A/C lost to AA Gunfire - Nil
 - b. A/C lost to E/A - Nil
 - c. A/C lost or missing, cause unknown - Nil
 - d. A/C crashed in British Isles - Nil
 - e. A/C lost to accident - Nil
 - f. Claims - 1 Destroyed; 1 Probable; 2 Damaged.
4. Crew Suggestions and/or Comments - Nil.

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