

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 131
APO 557

D-H-2
17 April 1945

SUBJECT: Group Commanders Report

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

1. E/A attacks on this group - Nil. Four Me-262's were sighted in target area about 1400. The fighters were not attacking this Group but one came through from behind out of contrails and one crew claims 1 destroyed.
2. Observations of Military Importance -
 - a. 1121 - 5120-0240 - 4,600 - Tanker burning in Channel in oil slick with heavy black smoke coming from it. Many small rescue craft surrounding it.
 - b. 1413 - 17,000 - Greis on fire.
 - c. 1416 - 5048-1210 - 17,500 - Two big black smoke fires.
 - d. 1416 - 5040-1210 - 16,000 - Large convoy of trucks between two small towns.
 - e. 1505 - 5042-0915 - 12,000 - Large explosion with dense white smoke rising to sky. Ship off Ostend still burning from yesterday.
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
4. Crew Suggestions and/or Comments - Nil

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