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SUBJECT: Tactical Report of Mission, 21 May 1944

10 : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF 101, APO 634

1. Data.

- a. Date of Mission 21 May 1944
- b, Primary Target Siracourt Noball
- c. Secondary Target None
- d, Last Rescrt Target None
- e. Units Participating 14th CBW (44th, 392nd, 492nd BG) 95th CDW (453th, 467th, 465th BG)

2. Narrative,

- a. Nine twelve-ship Squadrons from the 14th and 96th Wings, each led by a GH ship, were dispatched to attack the Noball installation at Siracourt. One Group of F-47's provided fighter support.
- b. Assemblies were accomplished without incident and the route was flown as briefed,
- c. All Squadrons borbed by GH through 8 to 10/10 cloud with unobserved results. GH equipment performed efficiently.
- d. No anti-aircraft fire was reported in the target area but a few rockets were seen. Meager inaccurate gunfire was encountered enroute at Itile and Hesdin. No enemy aircraft were seen and fighter support was excellent. Losses and claims were nil.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES B. MELTOVER, Colonel, GSO, Chief er Staff.

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- 1, The assigned primary target for this special mission was Siracourt, France.
- 2. The target was attacked by nine Squadrons, each Squadron led by a GH A, C bombing through 8/10 to 10/10 undercast.
- 3. Two A/C failed to bomb due to bomb bay door malfunctions, another A/C did not bomb due to rack malfunction and one A/C did not bomb due to electrical failure and selector rod malfunction.
- 4. The results of bombing of three Squadrons was fair but due to 10/10 undercast, the results of the remaining six

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5. Communications.

a. W/T and R/T channels were very satisfactory. Three aircraft reported radio compass trouble on the frequency of buncher beacon 15. All aircraft discharged "window" in the target area. The initial operational use of "Carpet-blinker" RCM equipment was made. Two aircraft were dispatched from the 44th Bomb Group. Operators reported apparently successful jamming on several enemy radar stations. GH equipment was used for bembing through overcast. All sets performed efficiently.

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