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Flight Report No. 305

UNIT 376 & 139

1640 HOURS

DATE 6 Aug 1944

1. 42 off at 0800. 3 returned early. 39 over target at 1511. 31 returned at 1553.

2. C-13 lost. 1 missing. 1 at friendly A/S.

3. Flick at Target 1000 ft Weather 4000 ft Visibility 1 mi
Accelerating Wing Wing

4. E/A encountered None

5. RESULTS: Good - 1 ship sunk hit

A/c #55 (Serial No. 44-28965) hit by flak over target. 3-4 chutes seen to bail out before Pk exploded.

OBSERVATIONS

(Special emphasis will be placed on the prompt dissemination of flak information of the enemy which might involve a target of opportunity or immediate threat to other units, ground, air or naval).

1- PRE-FLASH - "NIECE CIRCLING"

2- PRE-FLASH - "1ST SHIP DOWN" - 1355 called at 1607

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110-11-1 No. 305

1. UNIT 376th Bomb Group. TIME 1750 DATE 6 August 1944
 2. 42 OFF TO Toulon (France) Harbour
 3. 3 B.M.G. 39 ANTIHL.
 4. 39 OVER TARGET AT 1310 HOURS, AT 20.500' - 23.000 FEET
 5. 39 DROPPED ON THE 96.5 TONS 500 LB. RDX BOMBS. 1 NOSE FUSE
 6. 3 OTHERS early - just 5.5 tons. 2 tons A.B base.

7. Name B/. 5551

None E/A ENCOUNTERED, TACTICS, PLANS, LOCATIONS, ETC.

9. None CLAIMS

10. Heavy FLAK OF PLAGUE Moderate to Intense. Very accurate
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11. one ^{AP 55-} LOST, REASONS - flew away target - it went out of sight
two MISSING ⁴²⁻³⁸¹⁵¹ ₄₁₋₂₉₂₂₉ b chutes seen before
may have been under control

Two AT FRIENDLY FIELDS

12. *None* C. S. U. N. T. I. E. S.

13. 12 FLAMES ATTEMPTING PHOTOS

18. ROUTE FROM RED WEATHER. GIVE TIME AND PLACE OF RENDEZVOUS & DEPARTURE OF ESCORT. As briefed. ~~and~~ Weather - CAV 0 at Dargit.
7-8/10²⁰ at 11000' over water - 3-4/10²⁰ at 4000 over land.
6-7/10²⁰ at 18/20000' over land on return. No escort.
May have seen one chaff etc.

15. RESULTS: Ref. 6-101A-NA

Smoke from previous bombing partially ob.
- vided observations. Hits on B-52, at ~~ST~~^{and island} 9/12.
- also hot, ineffective on account of surface wind.
Large explosion at R-10.

Moderations

~~Large ship at 57° 10' lat & burning.~~

C O N F I D E N T I A L

6-8 subs, 1 cruiser & tankers to freighters

* several small boats in Harbour.

INTERROGATION FORM - 375 RP

TARGET Toulon Harbor, FranceDATE 6 August 1944SQUADRON 513th A/C NO 55 BOMB LOAD 10X500 RDX Nose .1 Tail .01POSITION IN FORMATION: Take off Over Target

PILOT	2nd Lt. Amann, A.A.	T.P.G.	T/Sgt Clark, L...
CO-PILOT	2nd Lt. Manning H.R.	MALESE (R)	S/Sgt Aycock, J.R.
NAV.		MALEST (L)	
BOMB.	2nd Lt. Weyland R.S.	B.P.G.	S/Sgt Holt, R.H.
NOSE G.	S/Sgt Scott, F.L.	A.M.G.	S/Sgt Whitesides M.T.
Engineer	1/Sgt Battistone, T.A.	Time Down:	
Fire Ctrl;			

Rendezvous: Bombers - Group Altitude Time
 Escort - Type Place Met Time Met, Altitude
Place Left, Time Left, Altitude

ROUTE OUT:

ROUTE BACK:

BOMBS ON TARGET Time Alt. Heading I.I.SType of release Train Interval SalvoBombs Jettisoned Time and Place Brought Back

RESULTS:

This A/C hit by flak over the target and seen to go down with part of the right wing blown away. Five chutes came out, four of which were seen to open immediately. Approximately 1,000' above the ground the ship exploded and dived into the ground.

FLAK:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Alt. of A/C</u>	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Accuracy</u>	<u>Type</u>
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OBSERVATIONS: (Enemy installations, ships, troops, movements (direction, coordinates and time):

TIME PLACE ALT. OF A/C

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c. The third Unit's bombs fell to the right of the BAP, hitting at Q-R/11.

IV. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: None was seen, or encountered, at any time.

B. Flak: At the target, the flak was described as moderate to intense, very accurate and of heavy calibre. Flak was not experienced anywhere enroute.

One flak position at the target was pin-pointed at 4303N 0552E.

V. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

There were 30-35 ships seen in Toulon Harbor, including 6 submarines, 1 cruiser, 2 tankers, 6 freighters and many small craft, 4 destroyers and 2 R/V were seen heading out of the harbor.

There were no significant observations enroute.

VI. CONCLUSION

Total Losses: One - A/C 55 (Serial No. 41-23965) - to flak at the target.

Damage: 30 A/C were hit by flak, 4 seriously.

Casualties: None - except the crew of A/C 55.

Victories: None.

Corrections to the Telephone Mission Report Not Included Above:- None.

For the Commanding Officer:

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