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MISSION REPORT

1. 61st Troop Carrier Group.
2. 15th Troop Carrier Squadron.
3. Neptune Freeport - 13 C-47A and 1 C-47 - Resupply Equipment. (Serial #38)
4. Take off: 0330 o'clock, 7 June 1944.
Returned: 0825-1040 o'clock, 7 June 1944.
5. Nine aircraft followed prescribed route.
Four aircraft deviated due to weather.
6. 7/10 - 10/10 clouds from 200/? feet.
7. None.
8. Fired at from ground, red tracers observed - weak to moderate - accurate -
fire was moderate North and South of DZ.
9. None.
10. American troops and tanks seen at DZ.
11. None.
12. Time over DZ - 1st plane: 0603 o'clock.
Last plane: 0800 o'clock. F/O Charles O. Irvine.
Altitude : 500 ft.
Air speed: 120 mph.
13. Three aborts due to weather. 1st Lt. Baily (nmi) Smith - a/c #322
1st Lt. Gaylord M. Ten Eyck - a/c #875
1st Lt. Dwight L. Faulkner - a/c #693
14. Communications successful except there were no visual panel T's on DZ.
Aircraft #309, piloted by F/O Charles O. Irvine, reports the following:
Heard May Day on C. Channel stating ship had already struck water.
Got coordinates and reported them. Circled two life rafts between
Paducah and Spokane. Gave fix on them. One raft had two men in it,
and the other had one man in it.
Aids at Gallup and Spokane missing.
15. One Radio Operator injured his back when hw was thrown against the wall
due to evasive action taken by aircraft.
16. Aircraft #897, piloted by 1st Lt. Claude E. Breeden, was reported seen
down on the water between Spokane and Paducah and was successfully
ditching.

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16. a/c #183 - ten bullet holes in fuselage - Flyable.
a/c #208 - several bullet holes in fuselage - Flyable.
a/c #930 - bullet hole in gas tank and both ailerons out - Non-flyable.
a/c #776 - bullet holes in tail, wing, and fuselage - Flyable.
a/c #934 - bullet holes in nacelle of left engine - Flyable.
a/c #637 - bullet holes in fuselage - Flyable.
a/c #933 - bullet holes in fuselage - Flyable.
a/c #332 - bullet holes in nacelles and rudder - twp pararacks damaged by bundles - Flyable.
17. Weather caused four a/c to deviate from prescribed route.
18. Yes - except weather and the DZ was estimated to have been approximately 2 1/2 miles NE of DZ as briefed.
19. One a/c dropped 1/4 mi NE of DZ.
One a/c dropped 1/4 mi S of DZ.
Others dropped on DZ.
20. Balloons observed around Paducah flying at approximately 200 ft.
Smashed gliders observed SE of DZ.
Flame or rocket was observed SE of DZ.
Fighter cover good.

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