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FAITES UN DON – UTILISEZ LE BOUTON PAYPAL - MERCI



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48TH SQUADRON
313th Troop Carrier Group
APO 133 - U S Army

6 June 1944

Consolidated Mission Report.

1. 48th Troop Carrier Squadron.
2. 313th Troop Carrier Group.
3. NEPTUNE - 17 C-47's, 1 C-53. 302 paratroopers carried.
78 bundles totalling 19,838 lbs.
4. 5 June 1944 - 2315 hours to 6 June 1944 0505 hours.
5. Prescribed, until run in for DZ. Nearly all planes went S from landfall of the prescribed route in their approach to the DZ area due to wind and lack of visual aids in approach.
6. On approach to DZ showers in Bristol area. Visibility in general was good except over DZ. Over DZ there was low scud approximately at same altitude as the planes, and it was necessary to let down through the clouds from IP to DZ. 7/10 cloud cover over DZ area. On return visibility 3 to 5 miles; intermittent clouds.
7. None.
8. In general, AA met was as briefed. Machine gun fire observed from Alderney Island but ineffective. From IP to 5 miles inland, very light fire. From that point to DZ, machine gun and rifle fire, interspersed with heavier calibre fire, was met. Most of the fire was accurate as to height, but fell behind the planes. Around DZ area and particularly S of DZ greater concentration of fire. 3 minutes before DZ, green burst was noted. After DZ ran into intermittent machine gun and rifle fire to the coast. Star shells noted on N coast of peninsula. Heavy concentration of AA fire around Cherbourg.
9. None.
10. No friendly a/c seen other than 1 SD plane noted strafing. Many naval vessels seen along B coast. Could not be identified other than as being friendly.
11. None.
12. First plane over DZ at 0228. Last at 0235 hrs. Average speed 110 mph and average altitude 750'.
13. None.
14. Good. Channel 5005 at approximately 0100 hours & again at 0400 hrs was interrupted by feminine voices. One RO reported a station identifying itself as WWB on that channel.
15. 2 casualties:
 - 1 radio operator - Ship #42-32916. Sgt John NMI Neely, splinters in leg.
 - 1 crew chief - Ship #43-15156. T/Sgt Benjamin H. Williams, bullet wounds in leg and arm.
16. Damaged - 10 planes.
Non-flyable - 4 planes:

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Consolidated Mission Report - NEPTUNE (Cont'd)

16. (Cont'd)

Ship #43-15156 - Completely shot up. Flak bursts thru floor - 2-foot hole in belly - cables cut - hole in left wing - tail wheel tire flat - 3rd echelon repair.

Ship #41-18487 - Hydraulic system shot out - holes in fuselage.

Ship #43-15260 - Flak in horizontal stabilizer.

Ship #42-32916 - 2 hits in right engine - flak bursts on upper side of ship - shell burst in radio compartment.

Flyable - 6 planes:

Ship #42-23474 - 1 hit in fuselage.

Ship #42-24211 - 1 hit in wing - 1 in fuselage - 1 in tail.

Ship #43-15198 - bullet holes in wings.

Ship #43-15632 - 1 hit in wing - 1 in fuselage - 1 in tail.

Ship #42-32911 - flak holes in pilot's compartment.

Ship #43-15079 - 1 bullet hole - bullet scrapes.

17. Due to wind and poor visibility, deviation from prescribed course was made from IP to DZ. 1 paratrooper returned on ship #43-15156, piloted by Captain FRANKLIN K. BOWSER. Paratrooper wounded before jumping. 3 bundles returned:

Ship #43-15079 - Pilot, CARL W. CAMPBELL, Captain.
1 bundle, position #6.

Ship #42-32911 - Pilot, RICHARD H. HANGE, 1st Lt.
1 bundle, 24-g, position 5.

Ship #42-23474 - Pilot, LESTER N. BERGUM, 1st Lt.
1 bundle.

Reasons unknown for failure of bundles to drop.

18. Yes.

19. 9 ships dropped within a mile to a mile and one-half of the DZ, running N and S of the DZ. The remaining planes dropped within a radius of 1 to 1½ miles E and S of St. Yere Eglise, toward the swamps.

20. Some paratroopers jumped, although wounded by AA fire. Great concentration of searchlights and AA within the lights noted around Cherbourg.

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