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MISSION REPORT

1. 314th Troop Carrier Group.
2. 62nd Troop Carrier Squadron.
3. "Bigot-Neptune" - Para drop 18 A/C (11 C-47A - 7 C-53D).
4. 2321 hours 5 June 1944 to 0450 hours 6 June 1944.
5. Saltby - Atlanta - Burbank - Cleveland - Dallas - Elko - Flatbush - Gallup - Hoboken - Peoria - DZ - Paducah - Spokane - Gallup - and reciprocal to Saltby. Exactly as briefed.
6. 10 - 20 miles visibility at take-off; winds as briefed; scattered clouds on route thickening Elko - Hoboken; Peoria overcast top 1500 feet extending 2 minutes on course; on descent for DZ broke out at 900 - 600 feet.
7. None.
8. Light inaccurate (i.d., ineffective) moderate flak encountered on course 2 minutes after Peoria until coast after DZ. No intense concentrations observed except a five-gun position two miles before DZ about one mile north; other fire scattered in same area. Heavy intense flak observed north of course close to Cherbourg and south of course, distance unknown but out of range.
9. None.
10. Large numbers of ships encountered between Flatbush and Gallup on outward course; large numbers in Paducah-Spokane-Gallup area on return. 2 A/C which unavoidably flew directly over ships fired colors of the day.
11. None.
12. Time 0203 - 0206; altitude 700 - 800 feet indicated; airspeed 105 - 110 mph.
13. None.
14. Navigator in Group lead ship, reported that Eureka at Hoboken was slightly out of position. Eureka at DZ "N" jammed; none of the radar ships were able to pick it up. Group lead ship dropped on "Gee". "Tee" was not lighted when lead ship arrived; last 3 ships in formation observed both brown and green Tees and dropped on latter. All other radar and visual checks operated perfectly. No transmissions were heard. Constant interference on 5005 KC.



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Mission Report, 6 June 1944, (Cont'd).

15. Killed - none. Wounded - none. Missing - Five.
16. Missing - one. Damaged - five superficially. Flyable.
17. One parapack returned; mechanical failure (A/C #42-68706, pilot 1st Lt Steven C. Grigsby, Jr.). Overcast on letdown at run in to DZ caused some scattering and displacement of the formation.
18. Yes.
19. Drop was made by lead ship of first nine - plane formation and of second nine-plane formation on Gee at DZ. Most other planes dropped on these two lead ships (See attached overlay). Majority of sticks apparently landed slightly south of the DZ.
20. This unit transported Hq and Co "D", 2nd Bn, 508th Parachute Inf Regt. 4 airplanes were observed in the near vicinity of the DZ, 2 to the north, 1 to the south and 1 to the east, in flames on the ground. Missing aircraft #42-93002, pilot Capt Charles S. Cartwright, was last observed with it's tail light lighted at the DZ, at which time flak, which had been trained on other ships, was observed to transfer it's attention to this plane; this aircraft was further observed to attempt another pass at the DZ after overshooting the first time. One aircraft #42-68707, pilot 1st Lt Edward E. Bohnsack, reported in with one engine out, but all personnel safe at an emergency field; this mission report includes no information from this aircraft. This unit carried and dropped 307 men; carried 77 bundles, dropped 76 bundles.

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