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RG 18 RECORDS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES

World War II Combat Operations Report

1941-1946

319th Bomb Group

to

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Box 1262 ARC ID 596339 NM-6 Entry 7

710th Bomb. Sq.
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Ships Frag. Bombs. July 19, 1943
034 Bomb racks and guns worked O.K.

715 Salvaged 3 bomb racks checked O.K. on ground. Right tail gun found bad O.K.

598 Guns test O.K. Bombs brought back short on gas.

764 Bombs brought back. Right side mount gun found O.K. trouble.

874 Guns test fired O.K. 1 bomb salvaged Racks checked O.K.

766 Bombs dropped Guns checked O.K.

775 Bombs dropped Guns O.K.

881 Right tail turret gun and nose gun found. Bombs dropped O.K.

892. Bomb racks O.K. Guns O.K.

895 Didn't go.

Bombs dropped 160.

439th B.S. DAILY MISSION REPORT

7/19/43

SHIPS SCHEDULED

322, 217, 316, 763, 903, 303, 851, 930, 850, 271

GUNNERY - OK

BOMBARDMENT - OK

REMARKS -

TOTAL BOMBS DROPPED - 180

TOTAL BOMBS RETURNED - 20 - (303 - SPARE)

TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED - 1000 RDS.

Sgt. Geo. H. Heibel
Inmate Suspect

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HEADQUARTERS 319TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 520

19 July 1943

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, NAAF (adv) Attn: 23rd SCORU,
APO 650, U.S. Army.

FROM: 319th Bomb Gp. (M) AAF

OPREP No. 19-7 for 24 hrs ending 2359 hrs LT on 19 July 1943.

A. 18 B-26-B's and 22 B-26-C's, of which four were spares took off to bomb Ciampino A/D (south) in Italy. Six A/C returned early, three for mechanical failure and three were spares. Thirty four A/C dropped their bombs on target at 1320 from altitude of 10900' to 9900'. Thirty four A/C returned to base at 1527.
Results: All bombs burst in target area with excellent coverage of A/D. Hits were seen among hanger buildings on SE side and among A/C on ground. Bombs started in SE dispersal area and strung across A/D into housing area and RR sidings beyond. About 7 A/C were reported on fire at target.
Observations: Several large fires were seen in SE section of Rome and along RR tracks SE of city. About 60 to 75 A/C seen on the two Ciampino A/D's. Moderate heavy flak, fairly accurate, but trailing was encountered over target. Slight inaccurate heavy flak started at coast and followed formation to target. Slight to moderate heavy flak from Methino at coast on way out.
Weather over target: CAVU

B. B-26-B
18

5 returned before crossing E/lines, 3 spares, 2 eng. failures

B-26-C
22

1 returned before crossing E/lines, eng. failure.

C. Nil

D. 74 hrs 30 min

106 hr.

E. 1. 54520 x .50
2. Nil
3. Nil

1. 63840 x .50
2. Nil
3. Nil

F. 1. 360 x 120 # frag cl
2. 258 x 120 # " "
3. Nil
4. Nil

1. 440 x 120 # frag cl
2. 394 x 120 # " "
3. 20 x 120 # " "
4. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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OPREP No. 19-7 cont'd.

J. Nil

V. Nil

W. 1. 7 B-26-B
2. Nil

1. 5 B-26-C
2. Nil

X. 15 hrs.

7 hrs and 30 min

Y. Nil

Z. 1300 x .50

1450 x .50



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