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Subject: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Group (C),
 APO 520, U. S. Army

1. On 11 August 1944, target aircraft (2) scheduled 4-31
 a/c and three (3) spare a/c were task off at 1255 hours from
 both gun positions in the St. Tropez area of Southern France.
 One (1) scheduled a/c No 42-51032 crashed on take off and was
 replaced by one (1) of the three (3) spare a/c.

The target aircraft (2) a/c were divided into two (2) attack
 units, the first unit being led by Major Clarence C. Poff,
 Commanding Officer of the 776th Bombardment Squadron (B), and
 the second by 1st Lt. Sharon H. Spencer, Assistant Operations
 Officer of the 776th Bombardment Squadron (B).

One spare a/c turned back on instructions from the Group
 Leader at 1500 hours at Lido, Italy (41°15'N-13°15'E), re-
 turning two and one half (2 1/2) tons of bombs to base.

One spare a/c unable to receive instructions from the
 Group Leader, continued with the formation to the target.

A/C No 42-51032 which crashed on take off was totally
 destroyed by fire and exploding bombs. Six (6) crew members
 received minor injuries, with no fatalities.

Take off of part of this Group and the 465th Group was
 delayed approximately six (6) minutes due to the crash, if
 being necessary to take off to the east, as the crashed a/c
 was approximately seven hundred (700) feet off the east end of
 the runway, burning fiercely and bombs exploding.

2. Group assembly, line rendezvous with the 465th Group,
 and wing rendezvous were made as planned in spite of the de-
 lay in take off.

3. One (1) a/c returned early. A/C No 42-95332 turned

our four five mission report, which

and T. (122151-039011) on to executive via radio. This mission was a success. This mission was a success and our half (2) tons of bombs (122151-039011).

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Recapitulation of bombs

Dropped on targets-----	61 tons
Jettisoned-----	2 1/2 tons
Returned to base-----	11 1/2 tons
Destroyed in crash on take off-----	2 1/2 tons
Total bombs accounted for-----	77 1/2 tons

Bombing results as shown by Bomb Strike Photographs are as follows:

Our four five - Gun Position 2-122838, thirteen hits in water, 200' to 1000' from target.

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