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461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ARMY AIR FORCES
Office of the Combat Intelligence Officer

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION NO. 138

TARGET: Blechhammer South Oil Refinery, Germany

DATE: 20 November 1944

I ENEMY RESISTANCE

(A) ENEMY FIGHTERS: None

(B) FLAK: Intense, accurate, heavy

II SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

(A) COMMUNICATIONS: M/Y full of traffic at 1300 hours at Rubnik (coord 50 06 N, 18 30 E) from 23,000 feet.

(B) FLAK POSITIONS: Slight, inaccurate, heavy flak, red streaks observed before bursts as from rockets, at 1415 hours at 46 25 N - 16 45 E at 15,000'. Moderate, accurate, heavy flak at 1250 hours at Vitkovice, Czechoslovakia at 22,900 feet. Slight, accurate, heavy flak at 1125 hours at 48 10 N - 17 20 E at 20,000 feet. Slight, accurate, light flak at 1345 hours at 47 42 N - 17 38 E at 14,000 feet.

(C) NAVAL: None

(D) GROUND: Estimated thirty (3) E/A/C parked in revetments on A/D, 17 miles NW of target, at 1235 hours from 23,800 feet.
Ineffective smoke screen at target. Ineffective smoke screen at 46 45 N - 16 55 E from 19,000 feet.

III CONCLUSIONS

(A) TOTAL LOSSES: FROM FIGHTERS 0
FROM FLAK 3
OTHER REASONS 0

(B) TOTAL DAMAGED: FROM FIGHTERS 0
FROM FLAK 1 severe; 19 slight
OTHER REASONS 0

(C) CASUALTIES 26 MIA
6 Rescued after ditching

(D) CORRECTIONS ON TELEPHONE MISSION REPORT: None

Sighted a B-24 on the ground at 1428 hours at 45 59 N - 16 32 E from 10,000 feet. Apparently it crash landed today or sometime in the last few days.

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