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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND---FLYING ON ONLY TWO ENGINES AND WITH 9,000 FEET OF BROKEN CLOUDS BETWEEN IT AND THE REST OF THE SQUADRON, A LIBERATOR PILOTED BY 1ST LIEUT. RONALD A. GULICK OF 7925 GLENWOOD STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS, THIS AFTERNOON MANAGED TO DROP ITS BOMBS IN PERFECT TIMING WITH THE REST OF THE FORMATION ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION IN THE PAS DE CALAIS.

DURING THE APPROACH TO THE TARGET GULICK'S BOMBER WAS HIT BY FLAK AND TWO ENGINES KNOCKED OUT OF COMMISSION WITH THE RESULT HE WAS FORCED TO DESCEND 9,000 FEET IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SPEED. THROUGH BROKEN CLOUD THE CREW OF THE LONE LIBERATOR WATCHED THE PROGRESS OF THEIR FORMATION FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE ABOVE 20,000 FEET, SYNCHRONIZING THEIR OWN PROGRESS ON THE BOMBING RUN. FLAK AND ROCKETS WERE BEING FIRED AT THEM FROM THE GROUND ALL THE WHILE. FINALLY THROUGH THE MIST AND CLOUD THEY SIGHTED THE FLARES RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE FORMATION'S BOMBS.

TIMING THEIR OWN RELEASE ACCORDINGLY, THEY OBSERVED THEIR PLANE'S BOMBS FALLING WITH THOSE DROPPED BY THE FORMATION ABOVE TO HIT THE TARGET. THEY RETURNED ALONE TO THEIR BASE HERE, DROPPING DOWN TO 6,000 FEET BEFORE CROSSING THE CHANNEL.

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