

JUNE 7, 1944

12-5006.P.'s

NO. 14 TOURS - NANTES, FRANCE 21000'

AGAIN, WE BROUGHT BACK OUR BOMBS. CLOUD COVER, AND TARGETS TOO SMALL TO PICK UP ON P.F.F. SUPPOSED TO KNOCK OUT R.R. JUNCTION AND MARSHALLING YARDS. SECONDARY; RAILROAD BRIDGE. (6 TRACK) COULDN'T TAKE CHANCE OF HITTING TOWN & KILLING FRENCH CIVILIANS.

VERY ACCURATE AND TRACKING FLAK AT SECONDARY. FOLLOWED US IN TURNS. GOT 10 HOLES IN SHIP, JUST MISSING WAIST GUNNERS. "BANDITS" FOLLOWED US BACK TO BASE AFTER DARK. WHOLE AIRFORCE FLYING AROUND IN DARK WITHOUT NIGHTS. SAW TWO 24'S COLLIDE & BLOW UP. SAW OTHERS SHOT DOWN BY T. U. 88 INTRUDERS. MISSED COLLISION WITH ANOTHER B-17

OUTFIT BY 50 FEET.

ALSO SAW HUNDREDS OF TRACERS FROM SIX GROUND BATTERIES, SHOOT DOWN A J.U. 88. WITHIN A MILE OF US.

OUR FORMATIONS WERE ALL SPLIT UP, AND SCATTERED ALL OVER ENGLAND. WE WERE FIRST BACK TO FIELD DUE TO EXCELLENT NAVIGATION BY MILLER, WITH HELP OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT IN OUR SHIP.

WHOLE CREW TENSE AND UNEASY. DARN GLAD TO PLANT OUR FEET ON SOLID GROUND. TIRED.

TOTAL TIME, 8:30 HOURS.