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PHOTOGRAPHS Taken during daylight bombing attacks.

93 B.O. USAAF. 27 Dec. 42. 17.00 hrs. 17,500-18,500'. F/6" and F/12"
93 B.O. USAAF. 29 Dec. 42. 17.30 hrs. 18,000'. F/8".

LOCALITY : SOUSSE.

Last cover, MA.489, 26 Dec. 42.

1. Shipping.

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(a) General. On 27 Dec. 42, three M/Ys 250 ft are seen in the HARBOUR. That at the North Quay was seen to be sunk on 26 Dec. 42. The others are thought to be the two M/Ys 250 ft seen at the North Quay on 26 Dec. 42, which have moved out into the harbour, where both were damaged on 26 Dec. 42, one being overturned. One M/Y 150/200 ft at the South-East Quay on 27 Dec. 42 may be that which left the North Quay since 26 Dec. 42. Photographs of 29 Dec. 42 are of too small scale for any detailed statement on shipping to be made, but no major change has occurred.

(b) Shipping Totals, 27 Dec. 42.

5 M/Ys 250 ft approx. (one sunk).
1 M/Y 150/200 ft.
3 "P" boats.
6 Small vessels.
3 Sailing Vessels.
Small craft.

V.11.

2. Results of Bombing.

(a) 27 Dec. 42.

(i) Five to eight bursts are seen in the harbour, one being very near to or on the M/Y seen on fire during the attack of 26 Dec. 42.

(ii) There is a group of bursts at the North end of the Western quay; three groups in the old walled town, another in the barracks West of the town, and four isolated bursts in fields S.W. of the town.

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(iii) A distant oblique taken very late in the attack shows columns of dust and smoke from bomb bursts rising from the town area.

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(b) 29 Dec. 42.

(i) Two bursts are seen in the harbour, and a group of about five South of the town.

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(ii) Two distant obliques show smoke drifting across the target but its sources cannot be ascertained.

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