

S E C R E THEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AF
A.P.O. # 520

7 January 1943.

Mission Report No. 181

1. 321st Bombardment Group (M).
2. At 1142 - 24 B-25's took off to bomb Perugia A/D, Italy. None returned early. At 1312 hours 24 dropped 1566x20 lb. frags from 10,500/11,000 feet. 23 returned at 1420 hours. Axis of attack 225 degrees. One aircraft lost over target.
3. Results: Strings of bombs covered field just east of hangars and went into hangars. South dispersal area also well covered. Explosion in hangar on S/W corner of field. Two hangars observed burning. One fire in hangar was observed before bombing. 10 A/C seen in area east of hangars, with 1 direct hit observed and 3 planes burning. Also 1 plane observed on fire in south dispersal area. Scattered fires east of hangars and in south dispersal area, some appearing to be oil fires.
One B-25 observed, just after target, with right engine smoking, going down under control. 5 persons seen bailing out. One report that plane made a controlled landing 10 miles south of target on level ground. Another report that plane nosed in and crashed.
4. Observations:
Air: 1 T/E plane took off from field but spun in and crashed at 200 feet.
10 A/C seen dispersed in area east of hangars and 5 to 7 in SW dispersal area. 5 JU 52's believed to have been in front of hangars.
Ground: None.
Marine: None.
Flak: Heavy, intense, accurate from vicinity of target. 3 heavy batteries about 1 mile south of field. 2 heavy batteries at 30-K. 3 heavy batteries scattered in area north of field between N-25 and L-25. 3 batteries in SE dispersal area. 4 west of field behind hangars.
5. Weather: Enroute: Clouds 4/10 cumulus base at 3,000 feet tops 5,000 ft.
Visibility - unlimited.
At target: CAVU.
Return: Same as en route.
6. Flight Leaders: Lts. Anderson and Tapper.
Number of Sorties: 23.
Planes by Squadrons: 445th-6, 446th-6, 447th-6, and 448th-6.

MALCOLM D. HAVEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO # 520
Office of the Operations Officer

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 180)

1. Mission # 179.
2. Target: Perugia A/D, Italy.
3. Number and Type A/C sent: 24 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	distance	time
324	80	23
324a	80	20
266	55	14
225	19	5

Assembly: 1208

5. T.O.T.: 1310
6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
130	30	7
78	65	16
143	133	32
7. Number and Type escort: None
8. Bomb Lead: Maximum frags.
9. Signals: Bobcat (B), channel "B".
10. OLMSTED.

WILBURN ASBURY,
Capt., Air Corps,
Group Operations Officer.

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Capt., Air Corps,
Group Operations Officer.

445th A/C - 42 - 64567

P. - 2nd Lt. Pamp. A. A.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Walker, R. S.
 B. - S/Sgt. Smith, D. T.
 R. - S/Sgt. Maddox, R. A.
 G. - Sgt. Irwin, R. D.
 E. - Cpl. Chambers, J.

445th A/C - 42 - 64508

P. - 2nd Lt. Jackson, J. I.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Charville, L. D.
 B. - 2nd Lt. Seuders, W. E.
 E. - Cpl. Jones, R. C.
 R. - T/Sgt. Clark, P. J.
 G. - Cpl. Carson, G. F.

445th A/C - 42 - 32454

P. - 2nd Lt. Latremere, F. S.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Tarmichael, A. J.
 B. - 2nd Lt. Anderson, M. A.
 E. - Sgt. Schaviak, W. M.
 R. - T/Sgt. Weegard, W. G.
 G. - Cpl. Ellisen, C.

445th A/C - 41 - 13207

P. - 2nd Lt. Meuse, R. M.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Waterman, L. R.
 B. - S/Sgt. Miller, R. J.
 E. - Sgt. Dillen, J. A.
 R. - T/Sgt. Dhietranonie, J. N.
 G. - Sgt. Rerres, R. W.

445th A/C - 42 - 64527

P. - 1st Lt. Strenger, M. C.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Knapp, C. R.
 B. - Sgt. Fitzgerald, D. J.
 E. - S/Sgt. Demogan, J. B.
 R. - T/Sgt. Wixey, J. H.
 G. - S/Sgt. Hannen, R. P.
 PH. - Sgt. J. M. Cetter

445th A/C - 42 - 32321

P. - F/O Vallery, D. B.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Weel, W. H.
 B. - 2nd Lt. Menk, W.
 E. - S/Sgt. Vance, C. L.
 R. - S/Sgt. Johnson, J. E.
 G. - S/Sgt. Andrews, L. C.

446th A/C - 41 - 13200

P. - 2nd Lt. Davison, W. R.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Breilenthin, E. R.
 B. - S/Sgt. R. J. Plaine
 E. - S/Sgt. Whetills, B. R.
 R. - S/Sgt. A. P. Valenti
 G. - S/Sgt. Brooks, G. B.
 SPARE NOT COMPLETED

446th A/C - 42 - 32429

P. - 2nd Lt. Rierdan, R. C.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Strom, E. M.
 B. - Spl. Parrish, W. W.
 RG. - T/Sgt. Howe, F. M.
 EG. - S/Sgt. Franco, J. A.
 G. - Sgt. Skill, D. M.

446th A/C - 42 - 32429

P. - 1st Lt. Bettinger, M. P.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Abraham, E. W.
 B. - S/Sgt. Turner, A. E.
 E. - S/Sgt. Knapp, W. E.
 R. - T/Sgt. Beach, L. H.
 G. - S/Sgt. South, W. R.

446th A/C - 42 - 64511

P. - 1st Lt. Tapper, G. G.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Melt, R. L.
 B. - 2nd Lt. Cooper, L. L.
 W. - 2nd Lt. Dickerson, C. M.
 E. - S/Sgt. Manely, Jr. Jr.
 R. - T/Sgt. Higgins, T. T.
 G. - Sgt. Schultheis, T. R.

446th A/C - 41 - 13208

P. - 1st Lt. Elliott, R. L.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Farrell, J. R.
 B. - 2nd Lt. Pappas, W. J.
 E. - S/Sgt. Warner, H. W.
 R. - T/Sgt. V. L. Fentonet
 G. - Sgt. Mitchell, J. C.

446th A/C - 41 - 30293

P. - F/O Cernell, E. K.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Walker, D. F.
 B. - Sgt. Milner, W. C.
 E. - S/Sgt. Kasey, O. J.
 R. - T/Sgt. Smith, R. W.
 G. - Sgt. DeBari, D. R.

446th A/C - 42 - 32317

P. - 2nd Lt. Topham, A. H.
 CP. - 2nd Lt. Ryder, D.
 B. - 2nd Lt. Wicklaus, G. E.
 E. - Cpl. Braun, H. J.
 R. - Cpl. Oreckia, J. R.
 G. - Eft. Heltzelaw, J. R.
 PH. - Cpl. Tissier, R. G.

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447th A/C # 41-12930

P. 1st Lt. K. C. DEMAY
 CP. 2nd Lt. L. G. ANDERSON
 B. S/Sgt. D. A. DAVIS
 E. Sgt. W. M. O'LOUGHLIN
 R. S/Sgt. R. J. BOYD
 G. S/Sgt. R. E. ARMSTRONG

447th A/C # 42-64546

P. 1st Lt. F. W. VINCENT
 CP. 1st Lt. J. F. BRISKEY
 B. 1st Lt. A. L. KINGLSEY
 E. S/Sgt. G. C. COOK
 R. S/Sgt. J. C. MAYS
 G. S/Sgt. J. M. REILLY
 F. Sgt. A. E. LAMOUREUX

447th A/C # 41-13175

P. 2nd Lt. R. A. KNODLE
 CP. 1st Lt. F. E. RYHERD
 B. 1st Lt. J. J. NOWAKOSKI
 E. S/Sgt. D. E. MONROE
 R. S/Sgt. V. L. WADLOW
 G. Sgt. H. ROBERTS

447th A/C # 41-30557

P. 1st Lt. H. W. JOINER
 CP. 1st Lt. TREVOR
 B. 1st Lt. B. P. MC CORMICK
 E. S/Sgt. P. S. VARINGER
 R. S/Sgt. O. W. MOOMAW
 G. S/Sgt. H. J. MANNING

447th A/C # 41-13210

P. 1st Lt. D. W. THOMAS
 CP. 2nd Lt. E. D. LANGSTON
 N. 1st Lt. R. F. HALLORAN
 B. 1st Lt. P. I. BLUMENFELD
 E. Pfc. J. H. JEFFERY
 R. S/Sgt. A. KAUFOLD
 G. S/Sgt. H. B. HARMER

447th A/C # 41-13181

P. 1st Lt. R. C. OLSON
 CP. 1st Lt. R. G. DAVIES
 B. 1st Lt. G. J. DEANE
 E. S/Sgt. G. W. ROEVER
 R. T/Sgt. F. M. KASTELIC
 G. Cpl. A. H. SMITH

447th A/C # 41-12997

P. 1st Lt. H. B. JAHRAUS
 CP. 1st Lt. J. H. HAEERLE
 N. 1st Lt. A. M. HOLLOWAY
 B. 1st Lt. J. G. BOYLES
 E. S/Sgt. R. M. SHEETS
 R. T/Sgt. B. F. TRACY
 G. S/Sgt. M. J. FUNK

448th A/C # 42-64519

P. 2nd Lt. W. G. KILLE
 CP. 2nd Lt. R. W. MOSS
 B. Cpl. R. C. CARR
 E. T/Sgt. M. J. POLINSKY
 R. S/Sgt. C. W. DOSS
 G. Sgt. C. R. EVERHART

448th A/C # 41-30005

P. F/O T. R. SOWDER
 CP. 2nd Lt. A. J. HOFFMAN
 B. 1st Lt. I. P. EVANS
 E. S/Sgt. R. E. RITTER
 R. Pvt. F. D. ALEXANDER
 G. Pvt. W. B. PENHALE

448th A/C # 41-30355

P. 2nd Lt. J. W. COOPER
 CP. 2nd Lt. T. R. JONES
 B. T/Sgt. J. M. BRAUN
 E. Sgt. J. L. CURRIE
 R. S/Sgt. P. E. LYONS
 G. Cpl. L. J. JAFFREY

448th A/C # 42-64521

P. 2nd Lt. W. CROWELL, JR.
 CP. 2nd Lt. E. J. DOYLE
 B. Cpl. R. G. BIRD
 E. Sgt. J. M. JOHNSON
 R. S/Sgt. R. C. RISS
 G. Cpl. J. J. WILKERSON
 F. Sgt. K. L. BUCKLES

448th A/C # 42-64552

P. 1st Lt. L. B. FREEHAND
 CP. 2nd Lt. W. B. EDDY
 B. Pvt. L. J. PATTERSON
 E. Sgt. J. DANIELS
 R. S/Sgt. D. F. ROBERTSHAW
 G. Pvt. L. J. PATTERSON

448th A/C # 41-30352

P. 2nd Lt. ANDERSON
 CP. Capt. M. H. CULP
 N. 2nd Lt. L. A. PERRY
 B. 2nd Lt. M. F. MATKINS
 E. T/St. J. S. SPENCER
 R. S/Sgt. C. N. ALLEN, JR.
 G. S/Sgt. R. HOLGUIN

(LOST--went down after crossing
 over target--6 chutes seen).

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Flight # 1:

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Flight #2:

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1107 Tower--995 off at 1055. Mission off at 1144.

1250 548 (Cassels), 926 (Wilt) take off 1330 for Dry Runs. JET.

1325 445th A/C # 508 (Maegels) test hop. 924 (Farrell) P.D.I. runs.

1403 From Tower. 924 off at 1401.
926 off at 1400.

1535 Asbury to TBF. "Early mission results".

1640 Bailey to Griffing. "Crews available: 445th, 7; 446th, 7; 447th, 8; 448th, 9.

1730 TBF to Asbury. "Lead 24 A/C with 500's .1 and .025 fuzing. Have one A/C and crew available for 0800 take off as weather craft". Squadrons have been notified.

1835 TBF to ODO. "Target on other page".

1900 Wing Com. Rose to Asbury. "Beginning Monday the 321st will drop nickels 12 A/C per week. Contact 12th Bomb Grp".

2045 TBF to ODO. "Check all A/C for star painted on under surface of One Wing only. If there are any ~~4~~ with star on both wings--report them to TBF.

2240 446th (Lt. Diskson) OD to ODO. "Guards O.K."

A/C lost after crossing over target: #41-30352.

D. 2nd Lt. ANDERSON.
CP. Capt. M. H. CULP.
W. 2nd Lt. PERRY.
B. 2nd Lt. MATKINS.
E. T/Sgt. J. S. SPENCER.
R. S/Sgt. C. N. ALLEN.
G. S/Sgt. R. HOLGUIN.

Crew Chief: J. POLCAWICK.

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0815 Knapp to Asbury. "Unable to make trip, want CP for 0915 take off".

0850 448th A/C (Shutt) to Naples at 1100. will return today.

~~0820~~

0920 TBF to Blake. "Weather no bueno. South target - fighter area".

0955 TBF to Elliott. "Target # 4, Primary H plus 0410. Attack SW dispersal and W side of A/D. We will not attack the Hangar. 12th BG will attack SE dispersal and E side of A/D at H plus 0400. Fighter sweep of Rome A/D. B-26's will attack #22 at H plus 0400.

Cumulus clouds to B/L--clear beyond.

1030 Asbury to TBF. "12th B. G. attack plan. 12 A/C on Dispersal area 240°
12 A/C on E 200°
10,000 feet left turn off.

No alternate target.