

S E C R E T

321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 520

Mission Report # 182

8 January 1944.

1. 321st Bombardment Group (M) AAF.
2. At 1059 - 24 B-25's took off to bomb Metkovic M/Yds. and docks. None returned early. 24 dropped 135 x 500 lb bombs with .01 and .025 fusing at 1210 hours on target from 9500/11,500 feet. 23 returned at 1250 hours. Axis of attack 100°. 1 A/C lost.
3. RESULTS: Good pattern on M/Y. At least 3/4 of M/Y hit, although smoke obscured vision of target before and after bombing. At least 3 fires, 1 of which was a large fire and several explosions, including one reported direct hit on fuel storage tank at SW tip of M/Y. R.R. tracks cut at E end of M/Y. Building area near station well covered along N side of M/Y.
1 B-25 shot down at 41°50', and from 16°40' to 17°10'.
4. OBSERVATIONS:
Air-----Attacked by four enemy A/C believed to be FW-190's. Attacked at the target. E/A followed formation back to Italian Coast, attacking all the way from 7 and 11 o'clock from high and low, also diving through the formation in head-on attacks. Enemy pilots seemed very experienced, apparently knowing the fields of fire of a B-25 and avoiding it. Formation also attacked by 6/9 ME-109's, thirteen minutes after target staying with formation until the Italian Coast was reached. Very aggressive tactics consisting of head-on passes in groups of threes and from the rear in groups of twos passing underneath.
Ground--Warehouses across river observed burning before our formation reached target. Signals or smoke pots in marshes or meadows at 43°00', 17°32'.
Marine--None.
Flak----Heavy, slight intensity, inaccurate. Mostly from the vicinity of Gabela, 2 miles NE of target.
5. WEATHER: CAVU ENTIRE ROUTE.
6. 3 E/A claimed destroyed, 1 ME-109 and 2 FW-190's, 2 probable ME-109's
Flight leaders: Lt. Latremore, Capt. Beeson.
Number of sorties - 23
Photos taken.
Planes by squadrons 445th - 6
446th - 6
447th - 5
447th - 6

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Intelligence Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 181)

1. Mission # 180.
2. Target: Metkevic M/Yds % decks.
3. Number and Type E/C sent: 24 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	distance	time
80	34	10
29	80	23
29	22	6

Assembly: 1125

5. T.O.T.: 1210
6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
105	24	6
221	110	26
240	34	10
7. Number and Type escort: None.
8. Bomb Load: 500 lb demolition.
9. Signals: Bobcat (B), channel "B".
10. OLMSTED.

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446th - A/C No. 41-12963

P. 2nd Lt. Fetterly, O. D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Abraham, F. W.
B. Sgt. Parrish, W. W.
E. S/Sgt. Carstens, C. H.
R. T/Sgt. Fontenot, V. L.
G. Pvt. Schulties, T. R.

446th - A/C No. 41-30293

P. E/O Cernell, E.K.
C. 2nd Lt. Farrell, J. R.
B. S/Sgt. Turner, A. B.
E. Cpl. Brawn J. H.
R. T/Sgt. Smith, R. W.
G. Sgt. DeBari, D. R.

446th - A/C No. 42-64509

P. 1st Lt. McGlelland, A. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Helt, R. L.
B. 2nd Lt. Brown, H. E.
N. 2nd Lt. Schad, H. C.
E. S/Sgt. Raffler, L. A.
R. T/Sgt. Haasch, G. J.
G. Sgt. Samsel, J. C.

446th - A/C No. 41-13000 (Spare)

P. 2nd Lt. Tephm, A.H.
CP. 2nd Lt. Ryder, D.
B. 2nd Lt. Nicklaus, G. L.
R. Cpl. Neiman, J. W.
E. S/Sgt. Heltzelaw, J. R.
E. S/Sgt. Langan, C. H.

445th - A/C No. 42-64529

P. 2d Lt. House, R.M.
CP. 2d Lt. Walker, R.S.
B. Cpl. Castle, R.V.
E. Sgt. Schvink, W.M.
R. Sgt. Marcoulier, W.R.
G. Sgt. Henrich, J.C.

445th - A/C No. 42-64575

P. 1st Lt. Strenger, M.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Knapp, C.R.
B. 2d Lt. Miller, E.A.
E. S/Sgt. Denegan, J.B.
R. Sgt. Forbes, R.W.
G. S/Sgt. Stone, D.R.
F. Cpl. Chesky, A.A.

445th - A/C No. 41-12924

P. 2d Lt. Pamp, A.A.
CP. 2d Lt. Carney, J.
B. S/Sgt. Smith, R.F.
E. Cpl. Carner, D.E.
R. T/Sgt. Bixby, J.H.
G. S/Sgt. Branch, R.J.

446th - A/C No. 42-32429

P. 2nd Lt. Rierdan, R. C.
CP. 2nd Lt. Strem, E. M.
B. 2nd Lt. Garawa, G. P.
E. S/Sgt. Franc, J. A.
R. T/Sgt. Barber, O. C.
G. Sgt. Mitchell, J. C.

446th - A/C No. 41-13008

P. 2nd Lt. Brellinthin, H. R.
UP. 2nd Lt. Waker, D. F.
E. Sgt. Milner, W. C.
R. T/Sgt. Leahy, R. P.
E. S/Sgt. Rockafellow, A. A.
G. Sgt. Fiebelkorn, E. C.
F. Cpl. Guzauskas, F.

446th - A/C No. 42-64520

P. 2nd Lt. Davison, W. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Bsharah, P.
B. S/Sgt. Plaine, R. J.
E. S/Sgt. Wuotila, B. R.
R. S/Sgt. Valenti, A. P.
G. S/Sgt. Brooks, G.G.

445th - A/C No. 42-64508

P. 2d Lt. Jackson, J.I.
CP. 2d Lt. Charville, L.D.
B. 2d Lt. Seuders, W.E.
E. Sgt. Hickey, W.R.
R. T/Sgt. Wilson, J.P.
G. S/Sgt. Imeastare, A.J.

445th - A/C No. 42-32321

P. F/O Vallery, D.B.
CP. 2d Lt. Neel, W.H.
B. 2d Lt. Monk, W.
E. Sgt. Beaudeau, L.J.
R. T/Sgt. Stein, L.
G. Cpl. Chambers, J.

445th - A/C No. 42-64659

P. 2d Lt. Latremere, F.S.
CP. 2d Lt. Tarmichael, A.J.
N: 2d Lt. Dickerson, C.M.
B. 2d Lt. Andersen, M.A.
E. S/Sgt. Reddy, J.E.
R. T/Sgt. Weegard, W.G.
G. Sgt. Tarr, C.F.

445th - A/C No. 41-30354
(Spare)

P. 2d Lt. Lathrop, G.T.
CP. 2d Lt. Waterman, L.R.
B. Sgt. Fitzgerald, D.J.
E. Sgt. Dillon, J.A.
R. S/Sgt. Ehler, L.J.
G. Sgt. Herrman, B.G.

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447th - A/C No 41-13210

P. Capt. Beeson, E.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Beebe, H.
N. 1st Lt. Sakers, H.
B. 1st Lt. Mayben, E.P.
E. S/Sgt. Tudor, M.S.
R. S/Sgt. Kauffeld, A.
G. S/Sgt. Harmer, H.B.

447th - A/C No. 42-64600

P. 1st Lt. Joiner, H.W.
CP. 1st Lt. Haeberle, J.H.
B. 1st Lt. McCormick, D.P.
E. S/Sgt. Barienger, P.S.
R. S/Sgt. Meemaw, O.W.
G. S/Sgt. Manning, H.J.
F. Sgt. Hassett, L.P.

447th - A/C No. 41-13175

P. 2d Lt. Knedle, R.A.
CP. 1st Lt. Ryherd, F.E.
B. 1st Lt. Nowakowski, J.J.
E. S/Sgt. Menree, D.E.
R. S/Sgt. Wadlow, V.L.
G. Sgt. Roberts, H.

448th - A/C No. 42-64521

P. 2d Lt. Jones, T.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Cooper, J.W.
B. Cpl. Roberts, M.L.
E. T/Sgt. Polinsky, M.J.
R. Sgt. Coleman, S.L.
G. Sgt. Vaneura, E.W.

448th - A/C No. 42-64514

P. 1st Lt. Frefland, L.B.
CP. 2d Lt. Van Raam, R.
B. Pvt. Patterson, L.J.
E. S/Sgt. Schmidt, W.I.
R. Pvt. Alexander, P.D.
G. Pvt. Denhale, W.B.
F. S/Sgt. Kopfard, F.R.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655

P. 2d Lt. Doyle, E.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Crowell, W.
B. Cpl. Bird, R.G.
E. Sgt. Sharpsteen, R.E.
R. S/Sgt. Riss, R.C.
G. Sgt. Tudor, O.M.

447th - A/C No. 42-32498

P. 1st Lt. Stephenson, H.W.
CP. 2d Lt. Langston, E.D.
B. 1st Lt. Deane, G.T.
E. S/Sgt. Czabai, M.W.
R. S/Sgt. Ennis, E.C.
G. S/Sgt. Crowell, J.M.

447th - A/C No. 41-12930

P. 2d Lt. Andersen, L.G.
CP. 1st Lt. Vincent, F.W.
B. S/Sgt. Davis, D.A.
E. S/Sgt. O'Laughlin,
R. S/Sgt. Boyd, I.J.
G. S/Sgt. Armstrong, R.F.

447th - A/C No. 42-32450
(Shot down by enemy fighters)

P. 1st Lt. Trever, G.J.
CP. 1st Lt. Briskey, J.F.
B. 1st Lt. Kingsley, A.L.
E. Pfc. Weffery, J.H.
R. S/Sgt. Mays, J.C.
G. Sgt. Reilly, J.M.

448th - A/C No. 41-29967

P. 1st Lt. Beatwright, J.S.
CP. 2d Lt. Brown, W.E.
B. 2d Lt. Kreutz, A.H.
E. S/Sgt. Barr, M.C.
R. S/Sgt. Pitts, D.W.
G. Cpl. Wilkerson, J.J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 2d Lt. Coffee, R.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Hoffman, A.J.
B. T/Sgt. Braun, J.M.
E. Sgt. Daniels, J.
R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw,
G. S/Sgt. Bennett, R.E.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548

P. 2d Lt. Shutt, E.F.
CP. 2d Lt. Moss, R.W.
N. 2d Lt. McCue, W.M.
B. 2d Lt. Bell, R.C.
E. Sgt. Chesta, L.
R. S/Sgt/Lyons, P.E.
G. S/Sgt. Deal, H.L.

8 January 1944.

MISSION number 766.

No. A/C: 24.

Bomb load: 500's with .1 and .025.

Area # 1.

Primary: METKOVIC A/D.

Aiming point: M/Ys and Decks along N side of River.

Photographic series 4077, print B120.

Alternate: DUBROVNIK, # 17-B

Aiming point: #1A, 5 & 6 on target chart. 8/12/NA.

J-5 on other chart--to include Berths and Pier on South.

Area # 2.

Primary: ANCONA, #76.

Aiming point: East and North Decks.

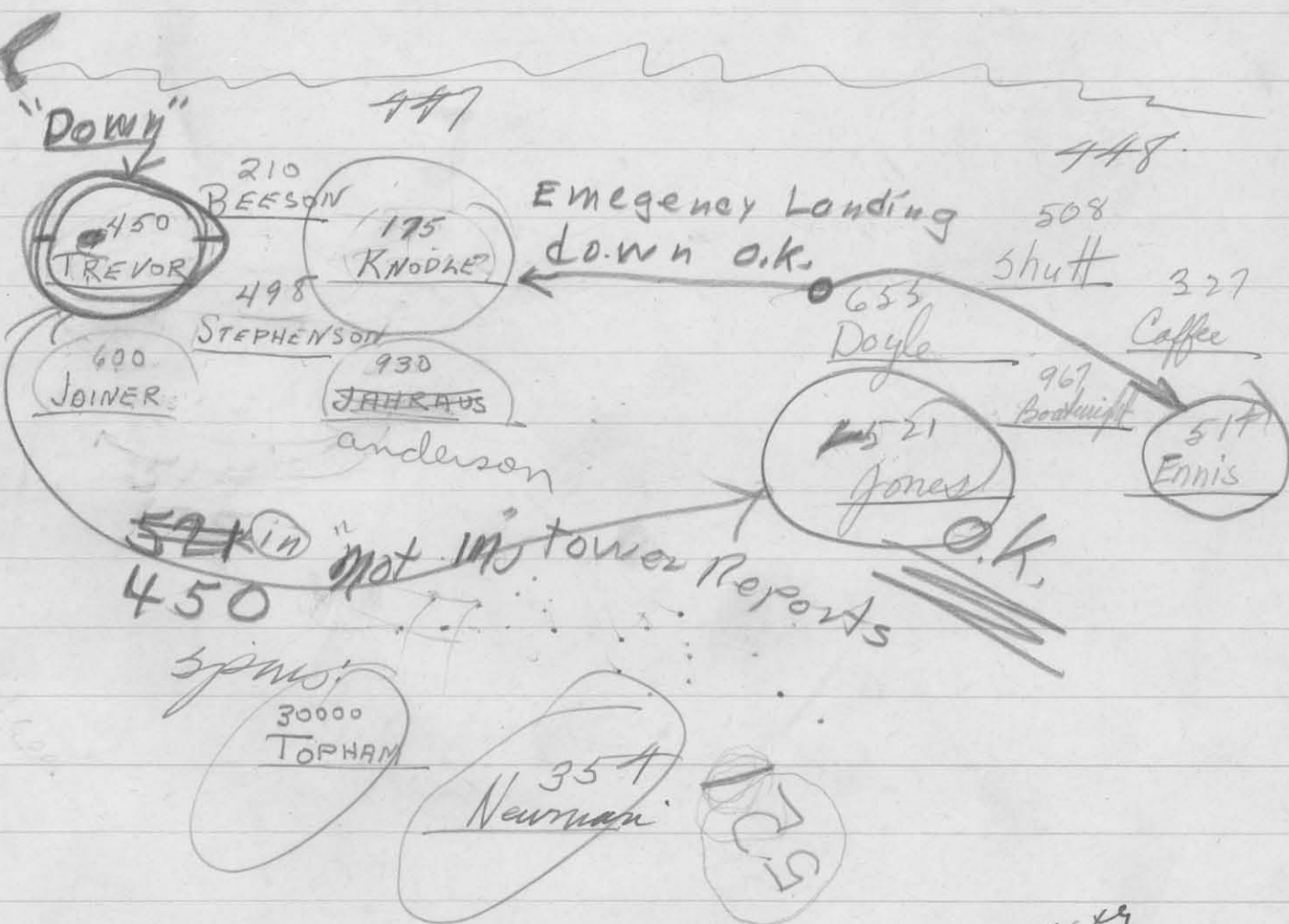
Alternate: SAN BENEDETTO, # 99.

Aiming Point: Railroad Station and Town -- B905836.

Time: Available at 0900.

659
House 321
508
575 Jackson 924
Stinger Pump

446
09
McClelland
520 293
DAVISON CORNELL
429
963 RIORAN 008
FETTERLY BRELLENTHIN



Weather Ship Available 0800 ~~XXXXXX~~
SHIP No. 208 LT. KINARD

8 January 1944.

0930 A/C 526 (Hinderer), slow time.

1135 446th. A/C Nos. 526 (Boulton) and 203 (Knapp) for Dry Run, take off 1330. Also Gunnery. TAS.

1200 Bradley to TBF. "Gunnery Range from 1400 to 1500 today. Coordinates: 41° 38'N, 16° E. 41° 30'N, 16° E; 41° 25'N, 16° 10'E; 41° 30'N, 16° 30'E.

1230 301 up for instrument check.

1500 In case of trouble call 323 Wing and ask for Ground Controller.

1700 From TBF. "Lead 24 A/C with 500's same fuzing as today".

Squadrons notified.

1730 445th needs CP to complete their 7 crews for tomorrow's line-up-- called 446th and they will furnish CP for them.

1635 Bailey to Asbury. "Crews available: 445th 7, 446th 6, 447th 6, 448th 6.

TREVORA/C 450 shot down presumably by Enemy Fighters. Last seen at 1233 to 1235 at 42° 05'N, 16° 35'E. Approximately 65 miles off the coast from Manfredonia, heading 55°. Fighters evidently picked the formation up near the target and followed it nearly all the way back to the home base--resulting in the loss of said A/C.

Capt. Beeson in A/C 600 went out over the spot where the A/C was last seen (with 2 Spits as escort) after the formation had landed. None of the crew were spotted.