

SECRETHEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 520

10 January 1944

Mission Report No. 184

1. 321st Bombardment Group (M).
2. At 1300 23 B-25's took off to bomb M/Y at Falconara. None returned early. 23 planes dropped 129 x 500 lb bombs with .1 and .025 fusing at 1440 hours from 10,500/11,500 feet on alternate target of S. Benedetta. 23 planes back at 1530 hours. Axis of attack 180°.
3. RESULTS: Falconara found to be 19/10 covered by clouds. Bombs observed concentrated starting at bases of both the North and South moles, thence across tracks and into town. Both choke points of M/Y reported hit. Large, red-topped building between shore and M/Y reported as having suffered direct hit. 6 ships dropped bombs just off shore.
4. OBSERVATIONS:
 - Air-----No E/A reported.
 - Ground--One report M/Yds. are filled with rolling stock.
 - Marine--One M/V observed enveloped in heavy black smoke, burning, approximately 300 to 400 yds. off shore and about one mile S of Pertecivitanova. Size of ship indistinguishable due to smoke. No other ships sighted.
 - Flak----Both heavy and light flak reported in moderate intensity, generally trailing. Flak batteries pinpointed at highway and RR junction, 4 to 5 miles SW of San Benedetto. (In area 9079).
5. WEATHER: Enroute. Clouds: 4/10 at 20,000. Visibility: Slight haze -- 15 miles. Weather at primary target: Clouds: 8/10 stratocumulus, base at 5,000 tops 7,000. Visibility: Slight haze - 15 miles. Weather at secondary target. Clouds: 4/10 at 20,000 feet. Visibility: Slight haze - 15 miles. Return: Same as enroute.
6. None.
 - Flight leaders: Lts. Fraser and Lathrop.
 - Number of sorties - 23
 - Aircraft by Squadrons:
 - 445th - 5
 - 446th - 6
 - 447th - 6
 - 448th - 6

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 STANLEY J. MALEK,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Ass't Intelligence Officer.

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 183)

1. Mission # 182.
2. Target: S. Benedetta.
3. Number and Type A/C sent: 23 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	distance	time
330	80	23
330	125	32
240	16	4
160	20	5

Assembly: 1326

5. T.O.T.: 1430
6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
170	16	4
95	24	6
147	155	37
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. 42-32446

P. 1st Lt. Wright, T.O.
CP. 2d Lt. Farrell, J.R.
N. 2d Lt. Phillips, L.G.
B. 2d Lt. Cooper, L.L.
E. Sgt. Metika, J.F.
R. T/Sgt. Smith, R.W.
G. Sgt. Samuel, J.C.

446th - A/C No. 41-13005

P. 2d Lt. Brellenthin, H.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Strem, E.M.
B. 2d Lt. Rice, S.W.
E. S/Sgt. Franc, J.A.
R. T/Sgt. Howe, F.M.
G. Sgt. DeBari, E.R.

446th - A/C No. 41-30551

P. 2d Lt. Melt, R.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Abraham, F.W.
B. Pfc. Bahr, L.A.
E. Cpl. Braun, J.H.
R. S/Sgt. Cohen, G.
G. Sgt. Fieblekorn, E.C.

447th - A/C No. 41-30538

P. 1st Lt. McFadden, K.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Tompkins, H.D.
B. 1st Lt. McCernick, D.P.
E. Sgt. Schwartz, A.
R. T/Sgt. Harmon, R.W.
G. Sgt. Grant, J.H.

447th - A/C No. 42-64600

P. 1st Lt. Fraser, H.A.
CP. Major Sampson, R.D.
N. 1st Lt. Halloway, A.M.
B. 1st Lt. Blumenfeld, P.I.
E. S/Sgt. Tudor,
R. S/Sgt. Kaufeld,
G. S/Sgt. Harmer,

447th - A/C No. 41-12930

P. 1st Lt. Davies, R.G.
CP. 1st Lt. Hacherle, J.H.
B. 1st Lt. Nowakowski, J.J.
E. S/Sgt. Czabaj, M.
R. S/Sgt. Ennis, E.C.
G. S/Sgt. Crowell, J.M.

446th - A/C No. 42-32317

P. 2d Lt. Topham, A.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Ryder, D.
B. 2d Lt. Pappas, W.T.
E. S/Sgt. Langan, C.M.
R. T/Sgt. Kendall, C.C.
G. Pfc. Netselaw, J.R.

446th - A/C No. 42-64520

P. 2d Lt. Walker, D.F.
CP. 2d Lt. Dickson, C.M.
B. S/Sgt. Turner, A.B.
E. S/Sgt. Wustilla, B.R.
R. S/Sgt. Valenti, A.P.
G. S/Sgt. Breeks, G.B.
F. Cpl. Guzauskas, F.

446th - A/C No. 41-12963

P. 2d Lt. Fetterly, O.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Bsharah, P.
B. 2d Lt. Pestalozzi, R.H.
E. S/Sgt. Carstens, C.H.
R. T/Sgt. Fentonet, V.L.
G. Sgt. Schultheis, T.R.

447th - A/C No. 42-64546

P. 2d Lt. Andersen, L.G.
CP. 2d Lt. Seavey, G.D.
B. S/Sgt. Davis, D.A.
E. S/Sgt. Baringer, P.S.
R. S/Sgt. Meenaw, O.W.
G. S/Sgt. Manning, M.J.
F. Cpl. Stahan, A.M.

447th - A/C No. 41-13210

P. 2d Lt. Knedle, R.A.
CP. 1st Lt. Ryherá, P.E.
B. 1st Lt. Deane, G.J.
E. S/Sgt. Monroe, D.E.
R. S/Sgt. Boyd, R.J.
G. Sgt. Roberts, H.

447th - A/C No. 42-32498

P. 1st Lt. Vincent, F.W.
CP. 2d Lt. Beebe, H.
B. S/Sgt. Franklin, W.B.
E. S/Sgt. Sheets, R.M.
R. S/Sgt. Wadlow, V.L.
G. S/Sgt. Schrader, H.F.

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448th - A/C No. 41-30355

P. 2d Lt. Crewell, W.
CP. 2d Lt. Brown, W.E.
B. Pvt. Patterson, L.J.
E. S/Sgt. Coleman, S.B.
R. S/Sgt. Lord, W.E.
G. S/Sgt. Hopkins, E.G.
F. S/Sgt. Kefferd, F.R.
O. Capt. Silver, G.A.

448th - A/C No. 42-64552

P. 2d Lt. Geuge, D.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Van Raan, R.
B. Cpl. Roberts, M.L.
E. S/Sgt. Johnson, R.
R. S/Sgt. Riss, R.C.
G. Sgt. VanCura, C.W.

448th - 41-30337

P. F/O Driver, W.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Doyle, E.J.
B. Cpl. Bird, R.G.
E. Sgt. Everhart, C.R.
R. S/Sgt. Dess, C.W.
G. S/Sgt. Tudor, O.N.

445th - A/C No.

P. 1st Lt. Strenger, M.C.
CP. 2nd Lt. Knapp, C. R.
B. Cpl. Castle, R. V.
E. T/Sgt. Clark, E. J.
R. Cpl. Carson, C.F.
G. Cpl. Chambers, J.
F. Cpl. Cheasky, A.A.

445th - A. C. No. 41-30354

P. 2nd Lt. Neumann, R. H.
CP. 2nd Lt. Tarnichael, A.J.
B. 2nd Lt. Underwood, J. H.
E. Sgt. Mickey, W. R.
R. T/Sgt. Wilson, J. P.
G. S/Sgt. Imbustare, A.J.

445th - A/C No. 41-12924

P. 2nd Lt. Lathrop, G. T.
CP. 2nd Lt. Carney, J. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Anderson, M. A.
N. 2nd Lt. Miller, E. A.
R. T/Sgt. Birby, J. H.
E. Cpl. Metland, A. M.
G. S/Sgt. Mannin, R. P.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655

P. 1st Lt. Freelane, L.B.
CP. 2d Lt. Hoffman, A.J.
B. 2d Lt. Bell, R.C.
E. Sgt. Chesta, L.
R. Pvt. Alexander, P.D.
G. Pvt. Penhale, W.B.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548

P. 2d Lt. Wilt, R.M.
CP. 2d Lt. Coffee, P.D.
B. 2d Lt. McRae, M.B.
E. S/Sgt. Caranthan, J.D.
R. S/Sgt. Heuse, M.M.
G. S/Sgt. Irby, M.J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30343

P. F/O Bates, W.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Eddy, W.B.
B. Cpl. Carr, R.C.
E. S/Sgt. Kerr, D.
R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw, D.F.
G. S/Sgt. Coleman, S.B.

445th - A/C No. 42-64508

P. 2nd Lt. Neel, W.H.
CP. 2nd Lt. Waterman, L. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Monk, W.
E. S/Sgt. Vance, C.L.
R. S/Sgt. Johnson, J. E.
G. S/Sgt. Andrews, L. C.

445th - A/C No. 42-64529

P. 2nd Lt. Heuse, R. H.
CP. 2nd Lt. Walker, R. S.
B. S Sgt Fitzgerald, D. I.
E. T/Sgt. Weegerd, W.G.
R. Cpl. Carner, D. E.
G. Sgt. Tarr, C. F.

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(447)th

11800

930
Davies

600
Fraser
(Maj. Sampson.)

538
Thomas

546
Anderson

498
Vincent

Mc Fadden
210

Knoble

443th

343
Bates

548
Walker

655
Freeland

327
Driver

552
Gouge

355
Crowell

11500

445th

529
House

924
Lathrop

207
Painp

354
Neumann

575
Stranger

508
Noel

446
Wright

008
Berellenthen

963
Fetterly

526
Walker

434 Did not take off

486 07 " " " "

Spare 445th

317
Topham

526
Walker

Co-pilot - Lt. Langston, 448th

434

Vallery

Rt. oil Press. Dropped
to 40th

323

10 January 1944.

0320 From 12th B. G. "Area # 2, 12th will contact us and arrange TOT. Area # 1. Deleuser will be laid for us. On Area #2 12th will arrange escort.

Recce should be in by 0900."

A/C to Naples from 448th. Cleared for morning take off. #765 (Shutt).

12th to Larsen. "Yugoslavia target cancelled. Italy doubtful--another Recce going out. 1000 Stand-By".

1005 Williams to Asbury. "24 A/C, #23 is the Primary; alternate #83. TOT H minus 0135. Deleusers. No aiming points. 12th B. G. Primary is inland.

1025 Squadrons notified of Briefing at 1200.

1110 Elliott to 323 Wing. A/C 765 cleared to Naples, 1200 take off.

1145 Allen to Larsen. "Coming over to pick up Tow Target equipment after lunch".

1230 445th has A/C available for trip to Foggia Main.

1430 Same Bomb load for tomorrow, 24 A/C. Squadrons have been notified.

1500 Olmsted to FAS. "800lbs lime available. Contact 306th S. G. with conveyance and they will see that you get it. To be used for Bombing Range. Jaenicke notified".

1550 Williams to Asbury. "Lead w4 A/C with 500's .1 and .025. Area # 1 # 67 column 11, Alternat #77. Area # 2 #8, Alternate #64. If area 1 TOT will be H plus 0110, 12th BG H plus 0125. If Area # 2 we will set our own time H plus 0140. 12th B. G. if area # 2 will arrange deleusers; ever there at 1000, Flight Section on North side of field will meet any B-25's.

1650 Bailey to Larsen. "Crew status: 445th, 6; 446th, 5; 447th, 6; 448th, 6."

1830 Asbury to TBF. "Unable to carry out Nickeling program".

1700 Williams to Asbury. "12th Bomb Group will furnish Courier on Odd days, we will furnish Courier on Even days. Courier must arrive at "Cecela" A/C at 1000--every morning."