

S E C R E T

321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 520

Mission Report # 185

11 January 1944

1. 321st Bombardment Group (M).
2. At 1205 - 23 B-25's took off to bomb M/Yds at Falconara. One returned early. 22 dropped 71 x 500 lb bombs with .1 and .025 fusing at 1330 hours from 10,500/11,500 feet. 22 returned at 1425. Axis of attack 160°.
3. RESULTS: Strings of bombs observed falling across RR tracks - at NW end of M/Yds - near junction - in front of RR station and SE choke point. Some bombs over near barracks, some just off shore - Coordinates of bomb fall I to M 23-25, J-28 to K-28 and G-22. One fire in yards reported.
4. OBSERVATIONS:
 Air-----One report of one E/A near San Benedetto.
 Marine--Two medium M/V, estimated (300' - 400') in Portocivitanova harbor. Submarine observed while formation was heading north - sub was heading south ten miles S of Portocivitanova - crash dived turning 180°. Large vessel reported as cruiser headed N., 10 miles off coast at 43° N. One large M/V (500') heading S. 5 miles N of Senigallia.
 Ground--None.
 Flak-----Target - slight, light, inaccurate - two guns reported at 33-F. 10/12 bursts from Ancona.
5. WEATHER: Clouds: 4/10 stratocumulus at 6,000'. Visibility 15 miles Slight haze.
 At Target: Clouds: 4/10 stratocumulus at 6,000 ': Clear over target. Visibility: 15 miles, slight haze.
 Return: Clouds: 5/10 stratocumulus at 6,000'. Visibility: 15 miles, slight haze.
6. None.
 Flight leaders - Lts. Sowder and Fetterley.
 Number of sorties - 22
 Photos taken.
 Planes by squadrons 445th - 7
 446th - 4
 447th - 6
 448th - 5


 MALCOLM D. HAVEN,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Intelligence Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 184)

1. Mission # 183.
2. Target: M/Yds at Falconara.
3. Number and Type A/C sent: 22 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

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

Assembly: 1226

5. T.O.T.: 1330
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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Group Operations Officer.

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445th - A/C No. 41-13207

P. F/O Vallery, D.B.
CP. 2d Lt. Charville, L.D.
B. 2d Lt. Seuders, W.E.
E. S/Sgt. Belt, H.C.
R. T/Sgt. Weegard, W.G.
G. Sgt. Irvin, R.D.

445th - A/C No. 41-64667

P. 2d Lt. Hamp, A.A.
CP. 2d Lt. Neel, W.H.
B. Sgt. Fitzgerald, D.J.
E. Sgt. Schaviak, W.M.
R. T/Sgt. Townsend, C.A.
G. S/Sgt. Reddy, J.E.

445th - A/C No. 41-13202

P. 2d Lt. Neumann, R.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Tarmichael, A.J.
N. 2d Lt. Miller, E.A.
B. 2d Lt. Underwood, J.H.
E. Cpl. Hetland, A.M.
R. Sgt. Marceulier, W.A.
G. Cpl. Carson, S.F.

445th - A/C No. 41-29985

P. 1st Lt. Strenger, M.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Waterman, L.R.
B. S/Sgt. Miller, R.J.
E. S/Sgt. Denegan, J.B.
R. S/Sgt. Stone, D.R.
G. Sgt. Forbes, R.W.

446th - A/C No. 41-13208

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

446th - A/C No. 41-12963

P. 2d Lt. Fetterly, O.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Bsharah, P.
B. 2d Lt. Brown, N.E.
N. 2d Lt. Phillips, L.G.
E. S/Sgt. Carstens, C.H.
R. T/Sgt. Fentemst, V.L.
G. Sgt. Schulttheis, T.R.

447th - A/C No. 42-64695

P. 2d Lt. Knedle, R.A.
CP. 1st Lt. Ryherd, F.E.
B. S/Sgt. Davis, D.A.
E. S/Sgt. Barringer, P.S.
R. S/Sgt. Meenaw, O.W.
G. S/Sgt. Manning, H.J.

445th - A/C No. 42-32333

P. 2d Lt. House, R.M.
CP. 2d Lt. Walker, R.S.
B. S/Sgt. Smith, P.F.
E. Sgt. Dillen, J.A.
R. T/Sgt. Dipietrantonio, J.N.
G. Sgt. Hermann, R.C.
F. S/Sgt. Asmus, G.D.

445th - A/C No. 41-13179

P. 2d Lt. Carney, J.B.
CP. 2d Lt. Knapp, C.R.
B. 2d Lt. Monk, W.
E. Cpl. Chambers, J.
R. T/Sgt. Stein, L.
G. Sgt. Beauwre, L.J.

445th - A/C No. 41-12924

P. 2d Lt. Lathrop, G.T.
CP. 2d Lt. Farrell, J.R. (446th)
B. Cpl. Castle, R.V.
E. Cpl. Garner, D.E.
R. S/Sgt. Ehler, L.J.
G. Sgt. Tarr, C.F.

446th - A/C No. 41-30551

P. 2d Lt. Helt, R.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Abraham, F.W.
B. Pfc. Bahm, L.
E. Cpl. Braun, J.H.
R. T/Sgt. Smith, R.W.
G. Sgt. Fieblekern, E.C.

446th - A/C No. 42-64557

P. 2d Lt. Topham, A.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Ryder, D.
B. 2d Lt. Nicklaus, G.E.
E. S/Sgt. Raffleer, L.A.
R. T/Sgt. Higgins, T.T.
G. Pfc. Hetzclaw, J.R.

447th - A/C No. 42-64512

P. 2d Lt. Anderson, L.G.
CP. 2d Lt. Seavey, O.D.
B. 1st Lt. McCormick, D.
E. Sgt. Schwartz, A.
R. T/Sgt. Harmon, R.W.
G. Sgt. Grant, J.H.

447th - A/C No. 42-64695

P. 1st Lt. Davies, R.G.
CP. 2d Lt. Beebe, H.
B. 2d Lt. McDermott, J.W.
E. S/Sgt. Czabaj, M.W.
R. S/Sgt. Ennis, E.C.
G. S/Sgt. Crowell, J.M.
F. Sgt. Laneureax, A.E.

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447th - A/C No. 41-30557

P. 1st Lt. DeMay, K.C.
 CP. 2d Lt. Langsten, E.D.
 B. 1st Lt. Deane, G.J.
 E. S/Sgt. Monroe, D.F.
 R. S/Sgt. Boyd, I.J.
 G. S/Sgt. Armstrong, R.E.

447th - A/C No. 42-53371

P. 1st Lt. Vincent, F.W.
 CP. 1st Lt. Haehler, J.H.
 B. S/Sgt. Franklin, W.P.
 E. Sgt. O'Laughlin, W.M.
 R. T/Sgt. Myers, W.W.
 G. S/Sgt. Schrader

448th - A/C No. 42-64514

P. F/O Bates, W.L.
 CP. 2d Lt. Jones, T.R.
 B. 2d Lt. Bell, R.C.
 E. Sgt. Currie, J.L.
 R. S/Sgt. Pitts, D.W.
 G. Sgt. Gately, J.A.

448th - A/C No. 42-64552

P. 2d Lt. Gauge, D.J.
 CP. 2d Lt. Ceepor, J.W.
 B. Pvt. Patterson, L.J.
 E. S/Sgt. Kerr, D.
 R. Sgt. Tudor, D.M.
 G. Sgt. Coleman, S.L.
 F. Sgt. France, C.E.

448th - A/C No. 42-30352

(Returned early - oil leak)
 P. 2d Lt. Eady, W.B.
 CP. 2d Lt. Van Raan, R.
 B. 2d Lt. Feeley, W.C.
 E. S/Sgt. Johnson, J.M.
 R. S/Sgt. Burr, H.C.
 G. Sgt. Sharpsten, R.E.

447th - A/C No. 41-12997

P. 1st Lt. Olsen, R.C.
 CP. 2d Lt. Tempkins, A.D.
 B. 2d Lt. Nowakowski,
 E. S/Sgt. Tudor, M.S.
 R. S/Sgt. Kaufeld, A.
 G. S/Sgt. Harner, H.P.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655

P. F/O Sowder, T.R.
 CP. Captain Bell, A.R.
 N. 2d Lt. Thomas, L.A.
 B. 1st Lt. Evans, I.P.
 E. S/Sgt. Carnathan, J.D.
 R. Pvt. Alexander, P.D.
 G. Pvt. Penhale, W.B.

448th - A/C No. 41-30005

P. 2d Lt. Freeland, L.B.
 CP. 2d Lt. Crewell, W.
 B. 2d Lt. Kreutz, W.W.
 E. S/Sgt. Johnson, R.C.
 R. S/Sgt. Riss, R.C.
 G. S/Sgt. Bennett, R.F.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 2d Lt. Hoffman, A.J.
 CP. 2d Lt. Mess, R.W.
 B. T/Sgt. Braun, J.M.
 E. Sgt. Daniels, J.
 R. Cpl. Jeffery, L.J.
 G. S/Sgt. Irby, M.J.

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448th655⁺
Sowder514⁺
Bates005⁺
Freeland552⁺
Gouge445th202⁺
Neuman985⁺
Stringer179⁺
Carney333⁺
Housco207⁺
Vallero667⁺
Pampo

486

DID TAKE OFF

Did not Take off

446th963⁺
Fetterley924⁺
Lathrop200⁺
Strom557⁺
Topham208⁺
Walker0551⁺
Holt447th557⁺
DeMay694⁺
Knodle512⁺
Anderson997⁺
Olsen371⁺
Vincent695⁺
DaviesSpare 445th924⁺
LathropCo-pilot from 446th

Farrell

11 January 1944.

From Capt Henry. "Both areas are hopeless. Immediate stand-by at 1000 Squadrons notified."

Alternate: Area # 4. Railway bridge at B977 592, on photo NA 7654044.

0950 12th on different target with same alternate.

Primary: TOT, 1330. They are to arrange Deleusers. Will call later on alternate, do not strike at road Bridge, it is Blocked.

1200 Elliott To 323. "2 Squadrons to T.O. from Amendala at 1205, Termeli at 1240, Termeli at 1420, Amendala at 1435." ~~1015//57th~~

1015 57th Fighter going to Yugoslavia. Want Pin-Point where Bomber went down coordinates: 42° 05'N, 16° 35'E. T.O. 1045 and return at 1200. Asked if Bombers would like to search area at same time--none available".

1215 Tower to Blake. "22 B-25's took off from 1205 to 1214. A/C nos. 200 and 179 did not take off".

1230 A/C 179 took off at 1229.

1310 A/C 527 ~~1015~~ returned at 1300.

1312 A/C 926 took off at 1300.

1335 A/C 760 (Bettinger) local test hop, takeoff at 1400.

1345 Asbury to 323 Wing. A/C (Sampson) cleared for Gunnery".

1415 A/C 659, 445th, cleared for local flight (Young).

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FALCONARA

First Flight came up the coast of Italy opposite to the Port of Ancona. Weather was hazy with 5/10 overcast of strato-cumulus clouds above Ancona and appeared so over Falconara. This caused Group Flight Leader to fly closer to the coast line, and for some reason turned shorter than briefed and approached target at approximately 270° (as observed by 2nd Flight).