

S E C R E T321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 520

22 January 1944

MISSION - 197 GROUP - 321st Bombardment. NO A/C - 18

SQUADRONS - 445 - 3, 446 - 6, 448 - 9.

TARGET - Valmontone Road junction (S).

TIME UP - 1400 T.O.T. 1515 TIME DOWN 1612.

AXIS OF ATTACK - 38 degrees. HEIGHT - 11/12,000.

PLANES LOST - None.

PLANES HOLED - One. BOMBS DROPPED - 54x1000.

ROUTE - From base to Castel Volturno. Hit coast at 41 degrees 35'N - 12 degrees 48'E; N to just E of Cisterna; thence to target; to Filettino; to Villa Castel di Sangro; thence to Base.

WEATHER - Entire route - Cavi with slight haze.

FLAK - Heavy, moderate, fairly accurate. Flak also from vicinity of Ardena - Heavy, moderate, accurate; possibly flak tower.

ENEMY AIR - 2 S/E A/C believed to be enemy just before target. High above. No attack.

RESULTS - Strings of bombs, starting just SW of target, walked through R.R. close to target road. Area just E of target also covered. Believed target road cut near R.R. Some hits over and into town. Others to the right of target, about 900 feet.

OBSERVATION - 20 M/T moving on road from Avezzano to Cassino, observed at S. Vincenzo. 20 M/T at Opi probably moving N.

FLIGHT LEADERS - Lts Brosnan and Ryder.

PHOTOS TAKEN

NOTE: Photographs disclosed that town Palestrina was mistaken for Valmontone. Out of 18 crews interrogated only 1 person indicated he had some doubt that wrong road junction was bombed.

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OPERATIONS ORDER)
:
NUMBER 196)

1. Mission No. 195.
2. Target: Valmontone Road Junction (South).
3. Number and Type A/G Sent: 18 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	Distance	Time
252	84	25
283	55	15
355	35	09
34	14	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
- Assembly: 1425.
5. T.O.T.: 1515.
6. Route Back:

Course	Distance	Time
83	36	9
112	100	25
7. Number and Type Escort: None.
8. Bomb Load: 1000-lb. demolition.
9. Signals: Bobcat (B), Channel "B".
10. OLMSTED.

OFFICIAL:

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Annex to Operations Order No. 196.

445th - A/C 42-64575

P. 2nd Lt. House, R. M.
CP. 2nd Lt. Thomas, J. J.
B. 2nd Lt. Monk, W.
N. 2nd Lt. Yopez, O. W.
EG. Sgt. Schaviak, W. M.
RG. T/Sgt. Maddox, R. G.
G. Sgt. Ellison, C.

445th- A/C 41-30550

P. 2nd Lt. Noel, W. H.
CP. 2nd Lt. Waterman, L. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Maughan, G. W.
EG. Sgt. Chambers, J.
RG. S/Sgt. Lysowski, R. A.
G. S/Sgt. Forbes, R. W.

446th - A/C 41-12963

P. 2nd Lt. LeClair, E. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Othick, R. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Mottley, J. F.
EG. Sgt. Clay, D. W.
G. Sgt. Lorentson, E. H.
RG. Cpl. Orschia, J. R.

446th - A/C 42-64520

P. 2nd Lt. Dickson, G. M.
CP. 2nd Lt. Hurley, J. R.
B. Sgt. Milner, W. C.
EG. S/Sgt. Raffloer, L. A.
RG. S/Sgt. Cohen, G.
G. Sgt. Samsel, A. C.
PH. Sgt. Guzauskas, F.

446th - A/C 42-32446

P. 2nd Lt. Brelleathia, H. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Strom, E. M.
B. Cpl. Parrish, W. W.
EG. S/Sgt. Hanley, J.
RG. T/Sgt. Fontenot, V. L.
G. Sgt. Schulthies, T. R.

448th - A/C 41-30327

P. F/O Bates, W. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Van Raam, R.
B. Cpl. Carr, R. C.
R. S/Sgt. Marlow, S. H.
E. S/Sgt. Strong, D. W.
G. S/Sgt. Bennet, R. F.
PH. S/Sgt. Buckles, K. L.

448th - A/C 41-12926

P. 2nd Lt. Gouge, D. J.
CP. 2nd Lt. Tiefel, M. J.
B. 2nd Lt. Petit, R. P.
E. P.F.C. Hinton, Z. R.
R. T/Sgt. Marshburn, J. T.
G. S/Sgt. Lord, W. E.

445th - A/C 42-64529

P. 2nd Lt. Gifford, F.
CP. 2nd Lt. Smith, A. B.
B. S/Sgt. Miller, R. J.
G. Sgt. Hickey, W. R.
G. S/Sgt. Marcoulier, W. A.
G. S/Sgt. Imbastaro, A. J.
PH. Sgt. Cotter, J. M.

446th - A/C 41-30551

P. 2nd Lt. Holt, R. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Herbert, J. J.
B. 2nd Lt. Pestalozzi, R. H.
E. S/Sgt. Motika, J. F.
R. T/Sgt. Kendall, C. C.
G. Sgt. Bedwell, J. L.

446th - A/C 42-32317

P. 2nd Lt. Ryder, D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Clark, R. A.
B. 2nd Lt. Mastroianni, H. L.
N. 2nd Lt. Schad, H. C.
E. S/Sgt. Knapp, W. E.
RG. S/Sgt. Howe, F.
G. S/Sgt. South, W. R.

446th - A/C 41-30000

P. 2nd Lt. Abraham, F. W.
CP. 2nd Lt. Walsh, G. F.
B. S/Sgt. Turner, A. B.
E. Sgt. Brawa, J. H.
R. Sgt. Spoerl, H. C.
G. Sgt. Thomas, P.

448th - A/C 42-64655

P. 2nd Lt. Brosnan, C. G.
CP. Capt. Bell, A. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Evans, I. P.
N. 2nd Lt. Scopp, R. W.
E. S/Sgt. Kerr, J.
R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw, D. F.
G. Cpl. Jeffry, L. J.

448th - A/C 41-30355

P. 2nd Lt. Eddy, W. B.
CP. 2nd Lt. Hoffman, A. J.
B. S/Sgt. Tomerlin, L. H.
E. Sgt. Luton, H. W.
R. S/Sgt. Doss, C. W.
G. S/Sgt. Deal, H. L.
PH. S/Sgt. Franc, C. E.

448th - A/C 41-30548

P. F/O Sowder, T. R.
CP. F/O Sandlin, R. H.
B. 2nd Lt. McRee, M. B.
E. S/Sgt. Coleman, S. B.
R. S/Sgt. McEatee, P. M.
G. S/Sgt. Hopkins, E. G.

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448th - A/C 42264552

P. 2nd Lt. Jones, T. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hicks, J. T.
 B. 2nd Lt. Feeley, Jr., W.
 E. S/Sgt. Currie, J. L.
 R. S/Sgt. Pitts, D. W.
 G. S/Sgt. Gately, J. A.

448th - A/C 41-12995

P. 2nd Lt. McEvoy, J. C.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Lewis, Q. M.
 B. Sgt. Robert, M. L.
 E. S/Sgt. Daniels, J.
 R. T/Sgt. Morris, R. J.
 G. S/Sgt. Van Cura, E. W.

447th - A/C 41-12930 (SPARE)

P. 2nd Lt. Davidson, J. C.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Seavey, G. D.
 N. 1st Lt. Patton, H. K.
 E. P.F.C. Isaacs, P. D.
 G. Sgt. Ludtke, F.
 R. T/Sgt. Harman, R. W.

448th - A/C 41-13172

P. 1st Lt. Stokes, L. S.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Stewart, H. W.
 B. 2nd Lt. Waller, C. K.
 RG. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, J. H.
 E. P.F.C. Jackson, J. D.
 TG. Sgt. Everhart, C. R.

448th - A/C 42-64514

P. 2nd Lt. Coffee, R. D.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Greene, W. A.
 B. T/Sgt. Braun, J. M.
 E. T/Sgt. Gebhardt, R. J.
 R. Sgt. Neview, F. J.
 G. S/Sgt. Tudor, O. M.

447th - A/C 41-30538 (SPARE)

P. 1st Lt. Demay, K. C.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Tompkins, H. D.
 B. 1st Lt. Boyle, J. G.
 E. S/Sgt. Cook, G. C.
 R. T/Sgt. O'Marra, R. M.
 G. S/Sgt. Dunlap, W. W.

MISSION ROSTER

1/22/44

PM

655
BROSNAN

172
STOKES

995
McEVROY

552
JONES

514
COFFEE

327
BATES

548
SOWDER

355
EDDY

926
GOUGE

(448)

Ship No's and Pilots
Confirmed 1200-JtO.

317
RYDER

520
DICKSON

446
BRELLENTIN

551
HOLT

963
LE CLAIR

30000
ABRAHAM

575
HOUSE

550
NOEL

529
GIFFORD

(446)

(445)

(447)

Return when

SPARES

538
DEWAY

930
STOCKING

DAVIDSON

1st in 161²
1431

(181)

afternoon

MISSION ROSTER.

AM

1/22/44

695
 694 MCFADDEN 930
 HANLON DUSEK
 538
 BOUNDS 997
 371 KNODLE DAVIES
 181
 OLSON
 600 557
 STOCKING JOINER

(447)

321
 STRENGER 659
 508 PAMP KNAPP
 354
 WETHERBEE 333
 550 HOUSE WALKER
 509
 WALKER 429
 551
 293
 KERR DICKSON

(445)

SPARES
 963
 LECLAIR

30000
 ABRAHAM
 early return
 1039

(446)

SHIPS OFF1st 091120th 0921LANDED1st 111017th 1122

1 missing 181 - Olson

448th - 9 crews ~~possibly 12~~ afternoon
 447th - 7 crews (first mission) 10 crews maximum
 446th - 7 crews
 445th - 7 crews (preferably) - 8 crews maximum

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 7890

Morning +

447th 9 + 8 crews.
 445th 8 crews
 446

P-MCFADDEN
 9 B-NOWAKOWSKI
 P-WETHERBEE
 6 B-ANDERSON
 3 + 2 spurs

afternoon

448th → 9 crews
 446th 7 crews.
 445
 447th

P-BROSNAN
 9 B-EVANS
 P-RYDER
 6 B-PESTALOZZI
 3 + 2 spurs
 2 spurs

445-9
 446-11
 447-11
 448-9

446 (early)

509

Walker

293

Ken

429

Dickson

Spaes
 (963 SeClair 30000 Abraham)
 (aft)

317

Ryder

520

Dickson

446

Brullenthin

963

Se Clair

551

Holt

30000

Abraham

448 (aft)

655

Brunson

995

McEvey

172

Stokes

552

Jones

327

Bates

514

Coffee

548

Souden

926

Gouge

355

Eddy