

*Operations*

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HEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
APO 650

15 February 1944

MISSION No. 212

Group - 321st Bomb

NO A/C 35 off  
(23 back early)

SQUADRONS \* 447-6, 445-3, 44622.

TARGET: Cassino Abbey.

TIME UP: 1010

T.O.T. 1120

TIME DOWN: 11 at 1154,  
1 at friendly field.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 265 degrees.

HEIGHT: 11/12500ft.

PLANES LOST: None

PLANES HOLED: 8

BOMBS DROPPED:

39x1000 with .1 & .025 fusing  
5x1000 two hour delay.

ROUTE: NW from base to H-1833 - SW to target - SW to M-8996 - NE to base.

WEATHER: Enroute and return - icing condition. Clouds, two layers of strato  
cumulus 8/10th with base of first at 3000', tops at 5000'. Second  
base at 6000' tops at 9000'.

Target: Clouds 4/10 with tops at 9000'. Vis unlimited.

FLAK: Heavy intense and accurate at targetrate at target. Batteries observed  
1 mile west of target along river and road, barrage type from highway running  
SW from Cassino and Heavy intense and accurate from Pontecorvo and between  
Cassino and Aquino.

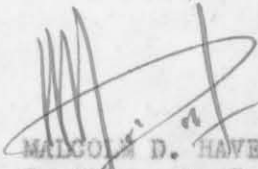
ENEMY AIR: 3 ME's seen near target - no attack.

RESULTS: Due to cloud layers over base, formation was split up with result  
only eleven planes dropped. One element claims direct hits on target. Other  
reports that it was well covered. Much smoke seen from Abbey. Two bursts  
seen on NE slope of hill and some W of target. One plane, confused on coming  
out of clouds, tacked onto a formation which bombed either Piedmonte or Aquino,  
not sure which.

OBSERVATIONS: None

FLIGHT LEADERS: Cpts DeMay and Strenger - Lt Freeland.

PHOTOS: None

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

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Note: 12 planes bombed instead of 11 - as follows. 447 - 7, 445 - 3,  
446 - 2.      Dropped 43 x 1000 .1 and .025 fusing  
                 5 x 1000 2 hr delay.

Lt Edwards, 447th, had oil line shot out over target and landed at  
Naples. Returned to base at 1630, just after dropping 4 x 1000 lbs.  
Crew reported top of hill and Abbey covered with smoke. Appeared well  
hit.

Observed 3 E/A, silver colored, over target. Unidentified as to make  
or type. Did not attack.

Ground Observation, thru A.L.O.: Excellent results by medium bombers,  
1100 and 1115 hrs.

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 250)

1. Mission # 249.
2. Target: Cassino Abbey.
3. Number and Type A/C sent: 24 B-25's.
4. Route Out:
 

| Course | distance | time            |
|--------|----------|-----------------|
| 285    | 65       | 19              |
| 254    | 22       | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Assembly: 1050

5. T.O.T: 1115
6. Route Back:
 

| Course | distance | time |
|--------|----------|------|
| 192    | 24       | 6    |
| 86     | 90       | 22   |
7. Number and Type escort: None
8. Bomb Load: 1000 lb demolition.
9. Signals: Bobcat (B), channel "B".
10. OLMSTED.

WILBURN ASBURY,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Operations Officer.

OFFICIAL:

*Wilburn Asbury*  
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 Major, Air Corps,  
 Operations Officer.

## Annex to Operations Order 250

445th - A/C No. 42-64659

P. 1st Lt. Gifford, F.  
CP. 2d Lt. Smith, A.B.  
B. 2d Lt. Paul, V.L.  
E. S/Sgt. Malmberg, R.H.  
R. S/Sgt. Marceulier, W.A.  
G. Sgt. Ellisen, C.

445th - A/C No. 42-64575

P. Capt. Stronger, M.C.  
CP. Major Register, P.D.  
N. Capt. Paduana, W.J.  
R. 1st Lt. Kauric, W.J.  
E. S/Sgt. Denegan, J.B.  
R. T/Sgt. Carson, D.  
G. S/Sgt. Forbes, R.W.

445th - A/C No. 42-32321

P. 1st Lt. Wetherbee, D.A.  
CP. 2d Lt. Shyshka, L.P.  
N. 2d Lt. Yepez, O.W.  
B. 1st Lt. Seuders, W.E.  
E. S/Sgt. Cress, V.W.  
R. T/Sgt. Stein, L.  
G. S/Sgt. Beaufware, L.J.

446th - A/C No. 42-32429

P. 2d Lt. Hurley, J.R.  
CP. 2d Lt. Burandt, C.L.  
B. S/Sgt. Turner, A.B.  
E. S/Sgt. Smith, C.M.  
R. S/Sgt. Beve, A.P.  
G. S/Sgt. Martin, E.F.  
O. Capt. Warren, J.E.

447th - A/C No. 42-64695

P. Capt. DeMay, K.C.  
CP. 2d Lt. Button, E.J.  
N. 2d Lt. Olsen, S.P.  
B. 1st Lt. McCormick, D.P.  
E. Sgt. Ford, L.W.  
R. T/Sgt. Boyd, R.J.  
G. Sgt. Fowler, H.E.

447th - A/C No. 41-13175

P. 2d Lt. Langston, E.D.  
CP. 2d Lt. Dean, H.A.  
B. Sgt. Evans, A.  
E. S/Sgt. Baronger, P.S.  
R. S/Sgt. Meemaw, O.W.  
G. S/Sgt. Crewell, J.M.

447th - A/C No. 41-12930

P. 2d Lt. Seavy, G.D?  
CP. 2d Lt. Swansen, R.H.  
B. 2d Lt. McDermott, J.W.  
E. S/Sgt. Schwartz A.  
R. T/Sgt. Harman, R.W.  
G. Sgt. Smith, L.H.

445th - A/C No. 41-29935

P. 2d Lt. Hatcher, L.F.  
CP. 2d Lt. Russell, L.L.  
B. 2d Lt. Wren, F.J.  
E. Sgt. Hawkins, V.L.  
R. Pvt. Ravesi, T.G.  
G. S/Sgt. Hutn, J.G.

445th - A/C No. 42-64667

P. 2d Lt. Thomas, J.J.  
CP. 2d Lt. Coale, J.R.  
B. 2d Lt. Ferney, W.A.  
E. S/Sgt. Kalb, W.W.  
R. S/Sgt. Shileh, A.  
G. Sgt. Lewis, H.E.

445th - A/C No. 41-13202

P. Capt. Wilson, V.H.  
CP. 2d Lt. Charville, L.D.  
N. 1st Lt. Sharp, K.R.  
B. 1st Lt. Schutte, W.G.  
E. Sgt. Schaviak, W.M.  
R. T/Sgt. Weogerd, W.G.  
G. Sgt. Deswell, R.

446th - A/C No. 41-30000

P. 2d Lt. LeClair, E.R.  
CP. 2d Lt. Hedges, R.E.  
B. 2d Lt. Mettley, J.F.  
E. Sgt. Beber, J.  
R. S/Sgt/ Leary, E.M.  
G. S/Sgt. DeBari, D.R.

447th - A/C No. 41-30538

P. 2d Lt. Edwards, L.L.  
CP. 2d Lt. Abbett, F.E.  
B. 2d Lt. Snider, J.V.  
E. S/Sgt. Cangillieri, L.  
R. T/Sgt. Kaufeld, A.  
G. S/Sgt. Glass, H.M.

447th - A/C No. 42-64546

P. 1st Lt. Teltzman, W.J.  
CP. 2d Lt. Mims, N.  
B. S/Sgt. Konchinsky, H.  
E. Pfc. Giles, R.H.  
R. S/Sgt. Wadlow, V.L.  
G. S/Sgt. Payne, L.T.

447th - A/C No. 42-32498

P. 2d Lt. Davidson, J.C.  
CP. 2d Lt. Murray, R.E.  
B. S/Sgt. Stewart, W.W.  
E. S/Sgt. Czabaj, M.W.  
R. S/Sgt. Czaja,  
G. S/Sgt. Harmer, H.B.

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447th - A/C No. 41-30557

P. 1st Lt. Banks, H.J.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Wiginton, J.M.  
 B. 2d Lt. Nelson, G.B.  
 E. Sgt. Keecherm, R.W.  
 R. T/SGT Hubert, L.G.  
 G. Sgt. Bushnell, J.L.

448th - A/C No. 41-12995

(Returned early-engine trouble)

P. 2d Lt. Annear, W.R.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Lyons, J.B.  
 B. S/Sgt. Bennett, R.F.  
 E. Sgt. Nesbit, A.L.  
 R. S/Sgt. Pitts, D.W.  
 G. S/Sgt. Gately, J.X.

448th - A/C No. 41-12926

P. 2d Lt. Van Raam, R.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Verkruysse, E.D.  
 B. 2d Lt. Quartuccio, A.P.  
 E. Sgt. Chesta, L.  
 R. S/Sgt. Marlew, S.H.  
 G. Sgt. Sharpsteen, R.E.

448th - A/C No. 41-29967

P. 2d Lt. Greene, W.A.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Kuykendall, J.W.  
 B. S/Sgt. Robert, M.L.  
 E. S/Sgt. Johnson, R.C.  
 R. S/Sgt. Jacobsen, F.  
 G. S/Sgt. Tudor, O.M.

448th - A/C No. 41-13172

P. 2d Lt. Moss, R.W.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Rogers, H.  
 B. T/Sgt. Braun, J.M.  
 E. S/Sgt. Johnson, J.M.  
 R. Pvt. Dunbar, J.C.  
 G. Sgt. Jeffrey, L.J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548

P. Capt. Freeland, L.B.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Armstrong, D.R.  
 B. 2d Lt. McCree, M.B.  
 N. 2d Lt. Feely, W.C.  
 E. S/Sgt. Mauder, C.J.  
 R. S/Sgt. Riss, R.C.  
 G. S/Sgt. Penhale, W.B.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 1st Lt. Stewart, H.W.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Myers, H.C.  
 B. 2d Lt. Joyce, R.W.  
 E. S/Sgt/ Davis, R.L.  
 R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw, D.S.  
 G. Sgt. Holt, C.M.  
 F. S/Sgt. Buckles, K.L.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655

P. 1st Lt. Stokes, L.S.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Lewis, Q.M.  
 B. 2d Lt. Petit, R.P.  
 E. Sgt. Ernest, O.L.  
 R. T/Sgt. Morris, R.J.  
 G. S/Sgt. Graham, A.J.

448th - A/C No. 42-64519

P. F/O Sandlin, R.H.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Rienow, W.F.  
 B. Cpl. Carr, R.C.  
 E. S/Sgt. Daniels, J.  
 R. S/Sgt. Dess, C.W.  
 G. S/Sgt. Newman, R.A.

448th - A/C No. 42-64552

P. 2d Lt. Coffee, R.D.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Brown, W.E.  
 B. 2d Lt. McCue, W.M.  
 E. T/Sgt. Gebhardt, R.J.  
 R. S/Sgt. Acey, M.E.  
 G. Cpl. Wiljerson, J.J.

448th - A/C No. 42-64521

P. 2d Lt. Ceoper, J.W.  
 CP. 2d Lt. Hales, E.L.  
 B. 2d Lt. Burday, H.  
 E. Sgt. Luten, H.W.  
 R. S/Sgt. Thompson, A.R.  
 G. S/Sgt. Van Cura, E.W.

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## 445th-A/C No. 42-64529(Incomplete)

P. 2nd Lt. Newkirk, R. A.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Schiff, F.  
 B. Sgt. Fitzgerald, D. J.  
 R. Sgt. Connolly, E. H.  
 G. Sgt. Hienbaugh, J. C.  
 E. S/Sgt. McGinley, J. B.  
 F. Cpl. Cheesky, A. A.

## 446th-A/C No. 41-29760(Incomplete)

P. 2nd Lt. Herbert, J. J.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Lewis, V.  
 B. 2nd Lt. McRae, J. A.  
 E. Sgt. Clay, D. W.  
 R. S/Sgt. Green, S. N.  
 G. Sgt. Lorentsen, E. H.

## 446th-A/C No. 42-32317(Incomplete)

P. 2nd Lt. Morris, M. L.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Church, E. A.  
 B. 2nd Lt. McCabe, D. T.  
 R. T/Sgt. Fontenot, V. L.  
 E. Sgt. Schreiner, L. B.  
 G. S/Sgt. Schulties, T. R.

## 446th-A/C No. 42-64526(Incomplete)

P. 2nd Lt. Dickson, G. M.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hawkes, L. R.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Mexel, G. J.  
 E. S/Sgt. Clickner, A. H.  
 R. T/Sgt. Cohen, H.  
 G. S/Sgt. Samsel, J. C.  
 F. Cpl. Tissier, R. E.

## 446th-A/C No. 41-30551(Incomplete)

P. Major Hunter, W. C.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Sacker, J. F.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Mayo, J. D.  
 E. S/Sgt. Metika, J. F.  
 R. T/Sgt. Kendal, C. C.  
 G. Sgt. Bedwell, B. L.

## 447th-A/C No. 41-30123(Incomplete)

P. 2nd Lt. Alger, L.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Heilman, W. F.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Martin, W. F.  
 G. S/Sgt. Orzynski, H. E.  
 E. Pvt. Edwards, E. W.  
 R. S/Sgt. Reynolds, F. J.

## 445th - A/C No. 42-64527(Incomplete)

P. 1st Lt. Crider, C. M.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Cook, W. K.  
 B. Cpl. Castle, R. V.  
 E. Sgt. Knight, A. K.  
 R. S/Sgt. Ehler, L. J.  
 G. Sgt. McClary, L. E.  
 F. Sgt. Cotter, J. M.

## 446th-A/C No. 42-64520(Incomplete)

P. 2nd Lt. Brellenthin, H. R.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Fitzgerald, J.  
 B. S/Sgt. Green, H. M.  
 E. S/Sgt. Raffler, L. A.  
 R. T/Sgt. Orschia, J. R.  
 G. S/Sgt. Skill, D. H.

## 446th-A/C No. 64509 (Incomplete)

P. 2nd Lt. Walker, G. E.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Othick, R. R.  
 B. S/Sgt. Parrish, W. W.  
 E. S/Sgt. Hsley, J. Jr.  
 R. S/Sgt. Youngblood, W. W.  
 G. S/Sgt. Velarde, S. Jr.  
 F. S/Sgt. Blake, C. H.

## 446th-A/C No. 42-64511(Incomplete)

P. Capt. Cooper, P. T.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Ritger, F. C.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Nicklaus, G. E.  
 W. 2nd Lt. Franklin, A. E.  
 E. S/Sgt. Brawn, J. H.  
 R. T/Sgt. Todd, A. J.  
 G. S/Sgt. Thomas, P.

## 447th - A/C No. 41-30126(Incomplete)

P. 1st Lt. Ryherd, F. E.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Haynes, E. R.  
 B. S/Sgt. Zacharya, A.  
 E. Pfc. Morrissey, R. A.  
 R. Pfc. Pierce, W. H.  
 G. S/Sgt. Iversen, B.  
 F. Sgt. Lamooureux, A. E.



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 By 1 NARA Date 3/20/7

2-15-44

|                       |      |                                 |
|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| PRE-BRIEF             |      | 20                              |
| BRIEFING              |      | 30                              |
| LV. OPERATIONS        |      | 15                              |
| AT SHIPS              | 0945 | 10                              |
| START ENGINES         | 1000 | 05                              |
| TAXI-OUT              | 1005 | 05                              |
| TAKE OFF              | 1010 | 05                              |
| ASSEMBLY              | 1050 | 33                              |
| <del>RENDEZVOUS</del> | 1050 | 40 EN ROUTE                     |
| TIME OF TARGET        | 1115 | 0245 - FROM PRE-BRIEF TO T.O.T. |

Check 57 F.G.

Ordnance

11 P38's

11 340 A.A.

575

529

207

321

429

51151

0500

174

54

1234

55

575

Main A. Control

From Pre-briefing  
to target 02450300 186  
run 2

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By D NARA Date 3/20/7

15 February 1944.

1037 Larson to Blake. "A/C # 520 took off instead of 521, A/C numbers 293 and 434 failed to take off. 36 A/C off at from 10:10 to 10:35 (Mission).

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By D NARA Date 3/20/7

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321ST BOMB GROUP

INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG. CEN. LOG NR E-95

321 BOMB GROUP

FROM: NATBF AO 377 15th FEB.

LT. EDWARDS AIRCRAFT NUMBER 538 LANDED AT ~~EMEXI~~ POMPEI WITH  
ONE ENGINE OUT. NO INJURED PERSONNEL. LOAD 1000 POUND FOR  
MISSION 16th FEB. FUSE .1 AND .085. *Long delays. 16th Delay*

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By D NARA Date 3/20/7

A0369 14/2

CANCEL OUR A0367 . NE TARGET . 321 GROUP AND  
340 GROUP ATTACK ABBEY DI MONTE CASSINO M/R G844210 .  
BOMB LOAD 1000 POUNDERS WITH 10 PERCENT MIXED LONG  
DELAY FUSES . AREA COVER WILL BE FURNISHED OVER THE  
TARGET . SPECIAL BOMB LINE AND AXIS OF ATTACK AND T O T  
WILL BE PASSED LATER . 36 A/C  
EFFORT FROM BOTH GROUPS .  
BT 142230A  
SENT W WHITE AR

RD 8 GRT 2242 VA