

S E C R E T

321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO - 650

19 February 1944

MISSION NO. 216

GROUP: 321st Bomb

NO A/C: 24 (1 returned
early)

SQUADRONS: 447-6, 446-6, 448-6, 445-6.

TARGET: Troop concentration, 200 yds N & S of F-9037.

TAKE OFF: 0820

T.O.T. 0945

TIME DOWN: 19 A/C at 1055
1 A/C at friendly field.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 350°

HEIGHT: 10,500/11,500

PLANES LOST: 2 (1 by flak & 1 by flak & E/A) and 1 missing (1 plane down in
water approx. 41°40'N, 12°15'E, 3 or 4 people seen in water.
Dinghy dropped by another plane. 1 plane down at about F-7550.
3 chutes reported).

PLANES HOLED: 14

BOMBS DROPPED: 1162 x 20 lb frag.

ROUTE: Base to N-1914, to L-9494 to target - break left cross coast F-6840 to
F-6700 - retrace course to base.WEATHER: Enroute and return. 8/10 altostratus at 15,000. Visibility: Hazy, 15 mi.
Target: CAVU.FLAK: Heavy and light, intense and accurate from bomb line to target and out to
coast. Especially intense on leaving coast - barrage type.ENEMY AIR: Groups of from 6/8 and from 15/20 E/A's reported over and after
leaving target, attacking in pairs. Me-109's, FW-190's and one Me-210
and Macchi-202 reported - Me's in majority. Most attacked from rear
and one tactic was for one plane to come from 6 o'clock, level,
hanging back while another dove from 7 o'clock from above. Some
Me's attacked near target after dive bombing.

CLAIMS: S/Sgt. M.L.S. Mowry, Eng. 446th Sqdn. 1 FW-190,

S/Sgt. Leary, Radioman, 446th Sqdn. 1 Me-109

S/Sgt. Mouden, Eng. 448th Sqdn. 2 Me-109's

S/Sgt. Coleman, Turret, 448th Sqdn. 1 Me-109

S/Sgt. Van Cura, Turret, 448th Sqdn. 1 Me-109

T/Sgt. V.L. Fontenot, Radioman, 446th Sqdn. 1 Me-109

S/Sgt. Patrick Thomas, Turret, 446th Sqdn. 1 Me-109

Sgt. L. Ghosta, Eng. 448th Sqdn., 1 FW-190

S/Sgt. Jean H. Brown, Eng. 446th Sqdn. 1 Me-109 probable

Corp. Daniel Brandott, Turret, 446th Sqdn. 1 Me-109 probable

TOTALS:

DESTROYED: 7 Me-109's

2 FW-190's

PROBABLE:

2 Me-109's

RESULTS: Target area reported well covered with one string observed crossing bend
in river just N. of F-9037 and S. of RR. Saw other bombs along
R.R. tracks just W. of target area.

OBSERVATIONS: Artillery reported along road Cisterna to Rome - N. of target.

FLIGHT LEADERS: ^{CAPT.} Lt. Frazer and Stokes.

Number of sorties - 24

Photos taken.

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

HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

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Office of the Operations Officer

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 254)

1. Mission # 253.
2. Target: Troop concentration, 200 yds N & S of F-9037.
3. Number and Type A/C sent: 23 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	distance	time
280	40	12
306	92	26
357	29	8

Assembly: 0859

5. T.O.T: 0945

6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
277	13	4
182	25	6
124	107	27
100	40	10

7. Number and Type escort: None
8. Bomb Load: Frags.
9. Signals: Bobcat (B), channel C.
10. OLMSTED.

OFFICIAL:

Wilburn Asbury
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Operations Officer.

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Annex to Operations Order 254

447th - A/C No. 42-64583

P. 2d Lt. Edwards, L.L.
 CP. 2d Lt. Abbott, F.E.
 B. 2d Lt. Snyder, J.
 E. Sgt. Cangillieri, L.
 R. T/Sgt. Kaufeld, A.
 G. S/Sgt. Glass, H.M.
 F. Pfc. Austin, J.W.

448th - A/C No. 41-30343

P. 2d Lt. Hales, E.L.
 CP. 2d Lt. Armstrong, D.R.
 B. 2d Lt. Green, L.P.
 E. Pfc. Jackson, J.D.
 R. S/Sgt. Thompson, A.R.
 G. S/Sgt. Neuman, R.A.
 F. Pfc. Feagans, K.J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548

P. 1st Lt. Stokes, L.S.
 CP. 2d Lt. Lewis, Q.M.
 B. 2d Lt. Petit, R.P.
 N. 2d Lt. Hough, W.S.
 E. S/Sgt. Mauders, C.J.
 R. S/Sgt. McEntee, P.M.
 G. S/Sgt. Coleman, S.L.

447th - A/C No. 42-32493 (Lost)

P. 1st Lt. Baker, G.G.
 CP. 2d Lt. Dean, H.A.
 B. S/Sgt. Evans, A.
 E. S/Sgt. Baringer, P.S.
 R. T/Sgt. Meemaw, O.W.
 G. S/Sgt. Crowell, J.M.

445th - A/C No. 42-64659
(Early return- Engine trouble)

P. 1st Lt. Tarmichael, A.J.
 CP. 2d Lt. Charville, L.D.
 B. 2d Lt. Maughan, G.W.
 E. Cpl. Weaver, D.W.
 R. T/Sgt. Wilson, J.P.
 G. S/Sgt. Reddy, J.E.

447th - A/C No. 41-30557
(Spare)

P. 2d Lt. Tompkins, H.D.
 CP. 2d Lt. Speer, M.L.
 B. 2d Lt. Lundmark, N.J.
 E. S/Sgt. Escher, C.S.
 R. S/Sgt. Carlson, C.M.
 G. S/Sgt. Mayben, W.B.

448th - A/C No. 42-64550 (Lost)

P. 2d Lt. Annear, W.R.
 CP. 2d Lt. Kuykendall, J.W. } Ret'd to GP
 B. 2d Lt. Zinkand, W.T.
 E. Sgt. Nesbit, A.I.
 R. T/Sgt. Morris, R.J. } KIA.
 G. S/Sgt. Tudor, O.M.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 1st Lt. Stewart, H.W.
 CP. 2d Lt. Brown, W.E.
 B. 2d Lt. Joyce, R.W.
 E. S/Sgt. Daniels, J.
 R. S/Sgt. Riss, R.C.
 G. S/Sgt. Jeffery, L.J.

448th - A/C No. 41-13172

P. 2d Lt. Moss, R.W.
 CP. 2d Lt. McCabe, N.M.
 B. S/Sgt. Carr, R.C.
 E. S/Sgt. Johnson, J.M.
 R. S/Sgt. Doss, C.W.
 G. S/Sgt. Van Cura, E.W.

448th - A/C No. 42-64521

P. 2d Lt. Van Raam, R.
 CP. 2d Lt. Myers, H.C.
 B. 2d Lt. Bond,
 E. Sgt. Chesta, L.
 R. S/Sgt. Burr, H.C.
 G. S/Sgt. Penhale, W.B.

447th - A/C No. 42-64512

P. 2d Lt. Stocking, D.E.
 CP. 2d Lt. Schnedelen, O.L.
 B. 2d Lt. McCaleb, H.G.
 E/ S/Sgt. Tellefsen, F.W.
 R. S/Sgt. Bartram, R.B.
 G. S/Sgt. Davis, D.D.

446th - A/C No. 42-64509
(Spare)

P. 1st Lt. Walker, D.F.
 CP. 2d Lt. Othick, R.R.
 B. 2d Lt. Rice, C.W.
 E. S/Sgt. anley, J.
 R. S/Sgt. Youngblood, W.W.
 G. S/Sgt. Jalardie, S.

448th - A/C No. 41-12995
(Spare)

P. F/O Sewder, T
 CP. 2d Lt. Barbour, M.H.
 B. 1st Lt. Evans, I.P.
 E. T/Sgt. Gebhardt, R.J.
 R. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, J.H.
 G. S/Sgt. Lord, W.E.

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445th - A/C No. 42-32321

P. Capt. Strenger, M. C.
CP. Major Register, P. D.
B. 1st Lt. Kauric, W. J.
E. S/Sgt. Donagan, J. B.
R. S/Sgt. Ehler, E. J.
G. S/Sgt. Forbes, R. W.

445th - A/C No. 42-64667

P. 2nd Lt. Thomas, J. J.
CP. 2nd Lt. Schiff, F.
B. 2nd Lt. Paul, V. L.
E. Sgt. Thibadeau, L. J.
R. T/Sgt. Weegerd, W. G.
G. Sgt. McClary, L. E.
F. Sgt. Cotter, J. F.

445th - A/C No. 42-64527

P. 1st Lt. Gifford, F.
CP. 2nd Lt. Russell, L. L.
B. 1st Lt. Sharp, K. R.
E. Sgt. Chambers, H. J.
R. S/Sgt. Lysewski, R. A.
G. S/Sgt. Tarr, C. F.

446th - A/C No. 42-32429

P. 2nd Lt. Matzinger, K. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Bitger, F. C.
B. 2nd Lt. Mettley, L.
E. S/Sgt. Clickner, A. H.
R. Cpl. Brandoff, D.
G. S/Sgt. Orechia, J. R.

446th - A/C No. 41-30293

P. Major Hunter, W. C.
CP. 2nd Lt. Wallace, R. D.
B. 2nd Lt. Nicklaus, G. E.
E. S/Sgt. Bober, J.
R. S/Sgt. Leary, E. M.
G. S/Sgt. DePari, D. R.

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

P. 2nd Lt. Brellinthin, H. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Burgess, R. P.
B. S/Sgt. Parrish, W. W.
E. S/Sgt. Metika, J. F.
R. T/Sgt. Kendall, C. C.
G. S/Sgt. Bedwell, J. L.
F. S/Sgt. Blake, C. F.

447th - A/C No. 41-12930

P. Capt. Fraser, J. A. Jr.
CP. 2nd Lt. Mims, N.
N. 2nd Lt. Thomas, R. E.
B. Capt. Becker, E. F.
E. Sgt. Collins, C. R.
R. S/Sgt. Matthews, W. C. E.
G. S/Sgt. Orzynski, H. E.

445th - A/C No. 41-13179

P. 2nd Lt. Newkirk, R. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Coale, J.
B. 2nd Lt. Ferney, M.
E. Cpl. Isbell, E. N.
R. Sgt. Henrich, J. C.
G. T/Sgt. Maddox, R. L.

445th - A/C No. 42-64529

P. 1st Lt. Wetherbee, D. A.
CP. 2nd Lt. Shshka, L. P.
N. 2nd Lt. Fisher, S. M.
B. 1st Lt. Seuders, W. E.
E. S/Sgt. Cross, P. W.
R. T/Sgt. Stein, L.
G. S/Sgt. Beadeau, L. J.

446th - A/C No. 41-12963

P. Capt. Cooper, P. T.
CP. 2nd Lt. Fitzgerald, J.
B. 2nd Lt. McCabe, T. T.
R. T/Sgt. Fentenot, V. L.
E. S/Sgt. Braun, J. H.
G. S/Sgt. Thomas, P.

446th - A/C No. 42-32394

P. 2nd Lt. Herbert, J. J.
CP. 2nd Lt. Lewis, V.
B. 2nd Lt. Mayo, J. D.
E. Sgt. Clay, D. W.
R. S/Sgt. Green, S. M.
G. Sgt. Lorentson, E. H.

446th - A/C No. 42-32317

P. 2nd Lt. Hurley, J. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Chuders, J. E.
B. 2nd Lt. McHae, J. A.
E. Sgt. Mowry, M. L. S.
R. S/Sgt. Mitchell, J. J.
G. S/Sgt. Martin, E. F.

447th - A/C No. 41-30126

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

447th - A/C No. 42-64694

P. 2nd Lt. Davidson, J. C.
CP. 2nd Lt. Murray, R. E.
B. S/Sgt. Stewart, W. W.
E. S/Sgt. Czabaj, M. W.
R. S/Sgt. Reynolds, F. J.
G. S/Sgt. Harmer, N. B.

MISSION ROSTER

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A.M.

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FRASER X

493 BARBER
BAKER THOMAS126 BUCK
RYHERD

STOCKING

447

493

648

DAVIDSON

583
EDWARDS

550

551

667 SUDERS

THOMAS

321

STRECKER

659

ARMICHAEL

GILFLOID

STOICES

B-PETIT

521

MOSS

VAN RAM

STUART

ANNEAR

HALES

COOPER

MATZINGER

BAERBERT

HUNTER

BRELLENTHIN

HURLEY

SPARES

995

SOWDER

448

I lead

448

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WALKER357
TOMPKINS

1000

447

I lead

19 February 1944.

0950 Larsen to TBF. "Informed them of Mission take-off".

1040 Tipten to Larsen. "William W. Parrish body picked up off Anzio".

1050 Tipten to Larsen. "Harris & Chets in A/C 546 are safe".

1140 TBF to Larsen. "Flash report on mission. TOT for P.M. will be H plus 3:30 under column 15.

Duncan to Asbury. "Troop Concentration Area: F900385, F902379, F907384, F905389". "Rendezvous at 8,000 at Capri--18 bits H plus 5:00".

1500 Olsen to Hoffman. "Exchange of B-25D-1 459 for 12th BG A/C #417".

1420 Larsen to TBF. "Inform them of Mission take-off".

1 Savaia Maichetti 79.

Gaude along coast to Stromboli direct to Palermo. ETD 1015, ETA 1130. 500 meters.

1 Savaia Maichetti 79.

Gaude direct to Bari at 1500 meters. ETD 1015, ETA 1045.

"2 SM 79's cleared thru MonteCervino Deputy Controller at 0945". AJH.

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Wm. Howard