

SECRETHEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 520

21 February 1944

MISSION NO. 220

GROUP: 321ST BOMB

NO A/C-----24

SQUADRONS--447th-9, 445th-3, 448th-5, 445th-1, 446th-6.

TARGET---Spolite M/Yds. (bombed alternate--Orte M/Yds.).

TAKE OFF--0835

T.O.T.--1035/40

TIME DOWN: 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.
1143-1210 hrs.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 1st Flight--275°, 2nd Flight--45°

PLANES LOST--One to E/A at approx. E-9595

HEIGHT--10,500/11,500

Ship #129 Lt. Newkirk--445th Sqd.

No Chutes seen. Plane seen to hit ground
and explode.

PLANES HOLED: One

BOMBS DROPPED: 73x1000 .1 & .025
10x1000 delayedROUTE: Base to N-1814 to M-8833, to M-9568 to A-2038, B-3908 to A-5543 (41 to A-4728
turn 180° to E. of Orte attack on 275°) (#2 to A-4550 S. to A-5519 attack on
45° right turn) to base. Split due to weather.WEATHER: Enroute & Return--8/10 cumulus at 10,000 ft. Visibility: Hazy, 15 miles
Note: Cloud coverage over primary target prevented bombing
Target--4/10 cumulus tops at 8,000 ft. Visibility: Hazy, 10 miles.FLAK: Slight, heavy, inaccurate from Viterbo A/D and N. of Lake A-5017. Also reported
from A-5050.ENEMY AIR: 3 FW-190's followed 1st flight (which bombed target last) after leaving
target. One aggressive came up from rear to attack from six o'clock. One
flew under element from head on coming up from rear and flew parallel with
formation for 2 miles.
8 E/A seen in dog-fight near Orte.
About 30 E/A A/C on Viterbo main. 10 on Viterbo #2. T/E, JU-52s and some
S/E unidentified.

CLAIMS: Sgt. Cecil E. Caren, turret gunner 445th Squadron. One FW-190---probable.

RESULTS: Due to cloud cover over primary alternate was bombed. 1st Flight bombed
last on a 275°. 2nd Flight bombed on 45° heading, and reported good cover
on middle and S. end of M/Yds on RR S. of M/Yds. 1st Flight's bombs over
for the most part. A few hits reported near N. choke point--across road N.
of Orte and over town.OBSERVATIONS: Ground: 40/50 M/T on main highway between Terni and Spolite going both
N. & S. Much activity on roads in area between Todi and S. Orte.FLIGHT LEADERS: Lts. Olsen and Stokes.
PHOTOS TAKEN.

No. of BORTIES: 23.

WILLIAM M. HAVEN,
Capt. Air Corps,
Op. Intelligence Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 258)

1. Mission # 257.
2. Target: Orte M/Yds.
3. Number and type A/C sent: 24 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	distance	time
280	40	12
308	21	6
10	23	7
28	47	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
314	65	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
325	43	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Assembly: 0905

5. T.O.T: 1011
6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
44	9	2
156	45	11
134	65	17
202	67	17
128	21	5
7. Number and Type friendly escort: 12 P-47's.
8. Bomb Load: 1000 lb instantaneous and delay.
9. Signals: Bobcat (B), Oilking (F), channel C.
10. OLMSTED.

WILBURN ASBURY,
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Annex to Operations Order 258

445th - A/C No. 41-13129

(Down at Target)
P. 2d Lt. Newkirk, R.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Cook, W.K.
B. 2d Lt. Fernsey, W.A.
E. Sgt. Carner, D.E.
R. T/Sgt. Carson, D.
G. Sgt. Lewis, H.E.

445th - A/C No. 42-64508

P. 2d Lt. Thomas, J.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Schiff, F.
B. 2d Lt. Paul, V.L.
E. S/Sgt. Malmberg, R.H.
R. T/Sgt. Woogerd, W.G.
G. Sgt. Carson, C.F.

446th - A/C No. 42-64526

P. 2d Lt. LeClair, E.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Hodges, R.E.
B. 2d Lt. Mettlay, J.F.
E. Sgt. Barber, J.
R. S/Sgt. Leary, D.M.
G. S/Sgt. DeBari, D.P.

446th - A/C No. 42-32446

P. 1st Lt. Kerr, J.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Lewis, V.
B. S/Sgt. Turner, A.B.
E. S/Sgt. Franco, J.A.
R. T/Sgt. Fontenot, V.L.
G. Sgt. Boatwright, B.

446th - 42-32394

P. 2d Lt. Walsh, G.F.
CP. 2d Lt. Secker, J.R.
B. 2d Lt. Rice, S.W.
E. Sgt. Schreiner, L.B.
R. T/Sgt. Orechia, J.R.
G. Sgt. Fiebelkorn, E.C.

447th - A/C No. 41-13181

P. Capt. Olson, R.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Button, E.J.
N. 2d Lt. Olsen, S.P.
B. 2d Lt. Jones, C.F.
E. Pfc. Gillies, R.H.
R. S/Sgt. Catters, A.W.
G. Sgt. Fowler, H.E.

447th - A/C No. 42-53371

P. 2d Lt. Seavy, G.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Swanson, R.H.
B. 2d Lt. McDermott, J.W.
E. Sgt. Collins, C.R.
R. T/Sgt. Harman, R.W.
G. S/Sgt. Grant, J.H.

445th * A/C No. 42-64529

P. 1st Lt. Wetherbee, D.A.
CP. 2d Lt. Shyshka, L.
B. 2d Lt. Wren, F.
N. 2d Lt. Yopez, O.W.
E. S/Sgt. Plott, J.M.
R. Sgt. Schaviak, W.M.
G. Sgt. Zimmer, H.C.

445th - A/C No. 41-13179

P. 2d Lt. Russell, L.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Coale, J.R.
B. 2d Lt. Maughan, G.W.
E. Sgt. Hickey, W.R.
R. Pvt. Ravesi, T.G.
G. S/Sgt. Imbustaro, A.J.

446th - A/C No. 42-32429

P. Capt. Ceoper, P.T.
CP. 2d Lt. Church, E.A.
B. 2d Lt. Gawrada, G.P.
E. S/Sgt. Brawn, J.H.
R. T/Sgt. Tedd, A.J.
G. S/Sgt. Thomas, P.

446th - A/C No. 43-3483

P. 2d Lt. Bsharah, P.
CP. 2d Lt. Burandt, C.L.
B. 2d Lt. Wetkewz, F.J.
E. S/Sgt. Mowry, M.L.S.
R. S/Sgt. Mitchell, J.J.
G. S/Sgt. Schultheis, T.R.
F. Cpl. Tissier, R.J.

446th - A/C No. 42-32403

P. 1st Lt. Dickson, C.M.
CP. 2d Lt. Hawkes, L.R.
B. 2d Lt. Mexal, G.J.
E. S/Sgt. Clickner, A.H.
R. T/Sgt. Cohen, G.
G. S/Sgt. Samsel, J.C.

447th - A/C No. 42-64694

P. 2d Lt. Wiginton, J.M.
CP. 2d Lt. Haynes, E.R.
B. 2d Lt. McCaleb, H.G.
E. S/Sgt. Fisher, T.M.
R. S/Sgt. Wilson, M.A.
G. Pvt. Richards, C.M.

447th - A/C No. 41-30557

P. 1st Lt. Ryherd, F.E.
CP. 2d Lt. Bastian, M.R.
B. S/Sgt. Stewart, W.W.
E. Pfc. Morrissey, R.E.
R. Pfc. Pierce, W.H.
G. S/Sgt. Corkill, J.
F. S/Sgt. Lamoureux, A.H.

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447th - A/C No. 42-32498

P. 2d Lt. Edwards, L.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Metzger, J.E.
B. 2d Lt. Snyder, J.D.
E. Sgt. Gangillieri, L.
R. T/Sgt. Kaufeld, A.
G. Sgt. Smith, L.H.

447th - A/C No. 41-13175

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.

447th - A/C No. 41-30538

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

448th - A/C No. 42-64552

P. 2d Lt. Greene, W.A.
CP. 2d Lt. Myers, H.C.
B. S/Sgt. Robert, M.L.
E. T/Sgt. Gebhardt, R.J.
R. S/Sgt. Avey, M.E.
G. Cpl. Wilkerson, J.J.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655

P. 1st Lt. Coffee, R.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Armstrong, D.R.
B. 2d Lt. McCue, W.M.
E. S/Sgt. Currie, J.L.
R. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, J.H.
G. S/Sgt. Gately, J.A.
F. Pfc. Feagans, K.J.

447th - A/C No. 41-12930

P. 2d Lt. Alger, L.
CP. 2d Lt. Heitman, W.F.
B. 2d Lt. Martin, W.R.
E. Sgt. Regowski, E.
R. T/Sgt. Williamsen, M.O.
G. Pfc. Biscaillez, R.P.

447th - A/C No. 42-64695

P. 1st Lt. Davies, R.G.
CP. 2d Lt. Schneebelen, O.L.
B. 2d Lt. Adcock, L.E.
E. Sgt. Ford, L.W.
R. S/Sgt. Orloff, S.
G. S/Sgt. Roberts, H.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

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

448th - A/C No. 41-13172

P. 2d Lt. Van Raan, R.
CP. 2d Lt. Howard, C.E.
B. Cpl. Carr, R.C.
E. Sgt. Thersett, C.R.
R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw, D.F.
G. S/Sgt. Van Cura, E.W.

448th - A/C No. 41-13186

P. 2d Lt. Hales, E.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Lyons, J.B.
B. T/Sgt. Braun, J.M.
E. S/Sgt. Daniels, J.
R. S/Sgt. Clark, G.F.
G. S/Sgt. Bennett, R.F.

446th - A/C No. 41-12963

(Spars)

P. 1st Lt. Walker, D.E.
CP. 2d Lt. Othick, R.R.
B. 2d Lt. Nicklaus, G.E.
E. S/Sgt. Hanley, J.
R. S/Sgt. Youngblood, W.W.
G. S/Sgt. Velardo, S.

MISSION ROSTER

21-2-44

off 0835

181 ✓

OLSON

B-JONES

N-OLSEN

175 ✓

TOMPINS

371 ✓

SEAVEY

✓557

RYHERD

✓695

DAVIES

✓694

WIGINTON

538 ✓

BANKS

321 ✓

VALLERY

may drop.

✓508

THOMAS

✓129

NEWKIRK

weather sea

445

II

32.7 ✓

STOKES

B-PETIT

N-HOUGH

✓655

COFFEE

521 ✓

GREENE

186 ✓

HALES

(448)

172 ✓

KANRAM

179 ✓

WETHERBEE

529 ✓

RUSSELL

(445)

403 ✓

DICKSON

✓429

COOPER

448

446 ✓

KERR

(446)

526 ✓

LECLAIR

483 ✓

BSHARAH

394 ✓

WALSH

523.

30 yd. 5/5 ft. R.O.

SPARES

return

1053

963 ✓

WALKER

(446)

529 ✓

179

COOK

(445)

WASHBURN RUSSELL

21 February 1944.

- 0900 Capt Larsen to TBF. "Informed them of Mission take-off and gave data concerning escort".
- 1100 Tower to Larsen. "A/C 765 replaced with A/C 456--same flight plan".
- 1140 TBF to Larsen. "Have mission A/C landed yet? Stand Down for this aft".
- 1230 Asbury to TBF. "Gave flash report on mission results".
- 1250 Heffman to Cann. "Stand-Down for the day. In re Demo Range Maj. Fitzpatrick will contact us".
- 1409 Sgt. Schaviah (445th) to Larsen. "Report merining's malfunction was in chute near feed, there is nothing wrong with the gun itself".

Maj. Asbury to meet Maj. Duncan at Flight Section at Cercela 0900 tomorrow morning, thence to 12th ASC to iron out details with Fighters. Informed Cann that Spits split up today and some stayed with the second flight of Bombers, but were not seen until after the Enemy Fighters had pressed home their attacks; Lt. Newkirk was in good formation when hit. One engine feathered and was last seen going down".

- 1445 Capt. Marrard to Asbury. "Heavy British Batteries will fire tomorrow: B troops at from 1000 to 1200. A troops at from 1400 to 1600.

On Tuesday 22 February, there will be 90 M.M guns firing from 1000 to 1130 hours, four miles N and S of Gaude landing ground. Firing will be seaward three miles out, bursts from 4,000 to 8,000 feet.

On Wednesday and Thursday, 23 and 24 of February, between the hours of 1000 and 1130, there will be 90 M/M fire seaward from MonteCervine. Bearing of 270° and covering a ~~radius of~~ 10 mile Arc 6 miles out to sea with burst from 4,000 to 8,000 feet.

- 1720 TBF to Larsen. "Lead 1000's with .1 and .025, 10% long delays".
- 1725 Larsen to Squadrons. "Informed them of Bomb Lead. They are to call back and give us their line-up".