

S E C R E T

321 BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAP
APO 650

24 February 1944

MISSION NO. 222 GROUP: 321st Bomb NO A/C 24 (3 returned early)

SQUADRONS: 445-G, 447-G, 446-G, 448-G

TARGET: Fabrica di Roma L/G.

TAKE OFF: 1000

T.O.T. 1205

TIME DOWN: 1315

AXIS OF ATTACK: 340°

HEIGHT: 9000/9500 ft.

PLANES LOST: None

PLANES HOLED: None

BOMBS DROPPED: 1352 x 20 lb frags.

ROUTE: Base to N-1814, to M-9614, to M-9568, to H-2137 where made 360° turn to climb over clouds, to G-5591 to B-0817, to F-8585 to target (6012) break right to A-7025, to G-5591 and retrace route to base.

WEATHER: Enroute and return: Clouds: 7/10 cumulus in mountains, tops at 12,000'
Visibility: Hazy, 15 miles.Target : Clouds: 7/10 altocumulus, base at 11,000 ft.
Visibility: Hazy, 15 miles.

FLAK: None.

ENEMY AIR: None.

Claims: None.

RESULTS: Bombs generally fell short, to the south of the target. Several strings fell near west end of east landing strip near south dispersal area. One fire seen 200 yards south of east landing strip.

OBSERVATIONS:

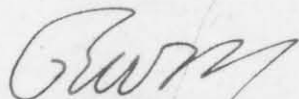
Air-----One report of 20 A/C on ground at target.

Ground--5 trucks parked at B-1620 at 1210 hours. 30 car train headed toward Fabrica di Roma at 1205. 8 trucks and several tanks, which were headed west were stopped at a road block about 2 1/2 miles west of Civita Castellana at 1205. A number of vehicles were burning along a mountain road 10 miles west of Rieti. Considerable truck activity on roads, both north and south of Orte. 20/25 railroad cars stationary on tracks at Civita Castellana

FLIGHT LEADERS: Cpts., House and Cooper.

Number of sorties: 21

Photos taken.


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HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO # 650
Office of the Operations Officer

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 260)

1. Mission # 259.
2. Target: Fabrica di Roma L/G.
3. Number and type A/C sent: 21 B-25's.
4. Route Out:

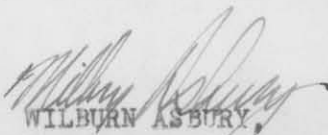
Course	distance	time
280	40	12
319	18	5
356	21	6
27	47	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
313	52	15
298	52	15
233	15	4

Assembly: 1033

5. T.O.T: 1202
6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
142	15	4
108	47	11
118	50	12
208	47	11
176	21	5
139	18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
100	40	10
7. Number and Type escort: 12 Spits.
8. Bomb Load: Frags.
9. Signals: Beecat (B), Helpful (F), Hebnail (340), channel C.
10. OLMSTED.

OFFICIAL:

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Annex to Operations Order 260

445th - A/C No. 41-13179

P. 1st Lt. Crider, C.M.
CP. 2d Lt. Rigler, E.J.
B. S/Sgt. Miller, J.
E. Cpl. Callister, J.
R. Sgt. Wells, R.J.
G. Cpl. Weaver, D.W.

445th * A/C No. 41-30550

P. Capt. Wilson, V.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Smith, A.B.
B. 1st Lt. Schutte, W.G.
N. 2d Lt. Casaburi, R.R.
E. Pvt. Merisi, D.D.
R. S/Sgt. Shileh, A.
G. Sgt. Ellison, C.

445th - A/C No. 42-32321

P. Capt. Heuse, R.M.
CP. Major Register, P.D.
N. Capt. Paduana, J.R.
B. 1st Lt. O'Teele, F.X.
E. S/Sgt. Belt, H.C.
R. T/Sgt. Dipietrantonio, J.N.
G. S/Sgt. Herrman, B.G.

446th - A/C No. 42-32403

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

446th - A/C No. 32394

P. 2d Lt. Matzinger, K.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Lewis, V.
B. 2d Lt. Mexal, G.
E. S/Sgt. Franco, J.A.
R. S/Sgt. Beve, A.P.
G. Sgt. Beatwright, B.

446th - A/C No. 42-64509

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

447th - A/C No. 41-30538

P. 2d Lt. Edwards, L.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Abbott, F.E.
B. 2d Lt. Snyder, J.D.
E. Pfc. Biscailuz, R.P.
R. S/Sgt. Chatters, A.W.
G. Sgt. Cabe, J.

445th - A/C No. 42-64659

P. Lt. Shyshka, L.P.
CP. Lt. Cermier, E.O.
B. Sgt. Fitzgerald, D.J.
E. S/Sgt. Filipiak, T.
R. S/Sgt. Plink, C.B.
G. S/Sgt. Hunt, J.F.

445th - A/C No. 42-64667

P. 2d Lt. Russell, L.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Schiff, F.
B. 2d Lt. Paul, V.L.
E. S/Sgt. Kalb, W.W.
R. S/Sgt. Platt, V.M.
G. Sgt. McGinley, J.B.
F. Cpl. Cheesky, A.A.

445th - A/C No. 42-64527

P. 2d Lt. Hatcher, L.F.
CP. 2d Lt. Gunder, W.H.
B. 2d Lt. Wren, F.J.
E. Pvt. Weaver, G.R.
R. S/Sgt. Wells, J.E.
G. Sgt. Carmon, C.F.

446th - A/C No. 42-64511

P. Capt. Ceepor, P.T.
CP. 2d Lt. Ritger, F.C.
N. 2d Lt. Kinney, J.H.
B. 2d Lt. Nicklaus, G.E.
E. Cpl. Shellhamer, L.
R. T/Sgt. Oreckia, J.R.
G. Sgt. Foley, J.M.

446th - A/C No. 41-29995

P. 2d Lt. Morris, M.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Church, E.A.
B. 2d Lt. Wetkewicz, P.J.
E. Sgt. Schreiner, L.B.
R. T/Sgt. Todd, A.J.
G. S/Sgt. Schultheis, T.R.

446th - A/C No. 42-32446

P. 2d Lt. Bsharah, P.
CP. 2d Lt. Burandt, C.L.
B. 2d Lt. Reynolds, L.E.
R. S/Sgt. Mitchell, J.J.
E. Pfc. McArdle, J.R.
G. Sgt. Fiebelkorn, E.C.

447th - A/C No. 41-13181

P. Capt. Olsen, R.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Christian, C.B.
B. 2d Lt. Jones, C.F.
N. 2d Lt. Olson, S.P.
E. Sgt. Keecher, R.W.
R. T/Sgt. Hubert, L.C.
G. S/Sgt. Orzynski, H.E.

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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. 41-12930

P. 2d Lt. Seavey, G.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Swanson, R.H.
B. 2d Lt. McDermott, J.W.
E. S/Sgt. Schwartz, A.
R. T/Sgt. Harman, R.W.
G. Sgt. Bushnell, T.L.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 1st Lt. Stokes, L.S.
CP. 2d Lt. Lewis, Q.M.
B. 2d Lt. Petit, R.P.
N. 1st Lt. Feeley, W.C.
E. Sgt. Rippel, N.
R. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, J.H.
G. Cpl. Wilkerson, J.J.

448th - A/C No. 42-64519

P. 1st Lt. Doyle, E.J.
CP. 2d Lt. McCabe, N.M.
B. 2d Lt. Bend, E.N.
E. S/Sgt. Davis, J.L.
R. T/Sgt. Parham, J.E.
G. S/Sgt. Everhart,

448th - A/C No. 41-30343

(Returned early-lead bombardier ill)

P. 2d Lt. Hales, E.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Riener, W.F.
B. Cpl. Carr, R.C.
E. Pvt. Sullivan, J.G.
R. Pvt. Lellia, M.C.
G. Sgt. Slafkes, M.M.

446th - A/C No. 41-13200

(Spare)

P. 2d Lt. LeClair, E.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Hedges, R.E.
B. 2d Lt. Mettley, J.E.
E. Pfc. Jacob, E.A.
R. S/Sgt. Sweedler, M.
G. S/Sgt. DeBari, D.R.

447th - A/C No. 41-30557

P. 2d Lt. Wiginton, J.M.
CP. Capt. Cleward, G.A.
B. 2d Lt. James, R.M.
E. Pfc. Gillies, R.H.
R. S/Sgt. Mathews, E.W.
G. Sgt. Smith, L.H.

447th - A/C No. 42-64694

P. 2d Lt. Alger, L.
CP. 2d Lt. Heitman, W.F.
B. 2d Lt. Martin, W.R.
E. Sgt. Wise, A.
R. T/Sgt. Williamson, M.D.
G. Sgt. Bean, R.W.
F. Sgt. Lameureux, A.E.

448th - A/C No. 41-29967

P. 1st Lt. Hicks, J.T.
CP. 2d Lt. Howard, C.E.
B. 2d Lt. Quartuccio, A.P.
E. S/Sgt. Kershaw, R.T.
R. S/Sgt. Shaffner, C.D.
G. S/Sgt. Bennett, R.F.

448th - A/C No. 42-64552

(Returned early-bombardier ill)

P. 1st Lt. Jones, T.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Brown, W.E.
B. 1st Lt. Bell, R.C.
E. S/Sgt. Johnson, R.C.
R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw, D.F.
G. S/Sgt. Van Cura, E.W.

448th - A/C No. 41-12926

(Returned early-lead bombardier ill)

P. F/O Sandlin, R.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Dassey, V.C.
B. 2d Lt. Greens, L.P.
E. Sgt. Ernest, D.L.
R. S/Sgt. Ryan, J.C.
G. S/Sgt. Coleman, S.L.
F. Sgt. France, C.E.

447th - A/C No. 42-64695

(Spare)

P. 2d Lt. Haynes, E.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Melzger, J.E.
B. 2d Lt. McCaleb, H.G.
E. Pfc. Merrisey, R.E.
R. S/Sgt. Bilski, W.J.
G. Pvt. Richards, C.M.

24 February 1944.

0820 Tipton to Asbury. "Weather is O.K."

1120 We are to call Lt. Kniesle if we have an aircraft going to Foggia. He has a passenger.

TBF to Larsen. "Spot 1000's with .1 and .025 at the A/C. Do not lead them. Squadrons notified".

Maj. Moon requested an A/C to Foggia tomorrow in the A.M.

0815 Asbury to TBF. "Call sign is "Bobcat".

0910 From TBF. "Postpone Mission 2 hours".

559, Capt. Fraser, on local transition 0930 take off.

0920 Capt. Millard called. Stated that the AA boys at Monte Corvino were firing. And he has not jurisdiction over that station. Suggested that we call Operations over there.

0945 Hoffman to Capt. Bester (Deputy Controller Monte Corvino). "He has Homing facilities on VHF "C" Channel, can give Fixes and Home A/C to our field. Call sign is "HEADPHONE", on "C" Channel. Also has flashing beacon on request. He is to be contacted in regards to AA practice. Requests that we telephone our movements to him and he will cooperate with us.

1015 Call from Controller at Monte Corvino. "90 M/M AA practice firing between 1500 and 1700 around Gaeta--N of Naples".

447th to Larsen. "Unable to furnish lead spare".

1630 Tipton to Hoffman. "Frag for the 25th of February".

1631 Hoffman to Ordnance. "Informed them of bomb lead".

1640 Hoffman to Squadrons. "Gave them info as re bomb lead".

Capt. Millard is to be notified of take-off time (ask for Gun Control Officer).