

S E C R E T

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27 ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650

14 March 1944

MISSION NO.: 231

GROUP: 321st Bomb

NO A/C - 24

SQUADRONS: 445-6, 448-7, 447-4, 446-7

TARGET: Orte Marshalling Yards.

TIME UP: 1155

T.O.T. 1415

TIME DOWN: 1520

AXIS OF ATTACK: 295°

HEIGHT: 12,000/12,700

PLANES LOST: None

BOMBS DROPPED:

83 x 1000 lb with .1 & .025

PLANES HOLED: None

10 x 1000 lb with delay

ROUTE: N-1814, M-9733, M-9370, H-0753, G-5594, Target, A-7040, A-9021, G-5594 to base.

WEATHER: Enroute: Clouds: 6/10 cumulus, base at 4,000, tops at 13,000 ft. to Avezzano, from there on to target, Clouds: Nil.
Visibility: Unrestricted.

Target: CAVU

Return: Light scattered showers, Clouds: From Avezzano to base 6/10 cumulus, base at 4,000, tops at 13,000 ft.
Visibility: Unrestricted.

FLAK: None

ESCORT: 12 Spits.

ENEMY AIR: None.

CLAIMS: None

RESULTS: A good concentration of bombs reported on south choke point, with other hits in center and north third of yards. Some bombs short and in river with a few over. One report of some small fires in yard.

OBSERVATIONS: 2 trains of 30 cars each between M/Yds and Orte. One with steam up. 15/20 M/T going north of Stimigliano. 20/30 cars at Narni. 20 M/T south of Aquila. Large convoy of 30/50 M/T between Avezzano and Tagliacozzo heading north. Another large M/T of about 50 trucks heading south from Pescara and 8/10 going north from Pescara.

FLIGHT LEADERS: Lt. Wetherbee and Capt. Olsen

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 24

PHOTOS TAKEN:


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

HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 269)

1. Mission # 268.
2. Target: Orte Marshalling Yds.
3. Number and type A/C completing mission: 24 B-25's.

4. Route Out:	Course	distance	time
	282	40	12
	314	18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	359	22	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	14	53	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
	312	41	12
	295	59	17

Assembly: 0927

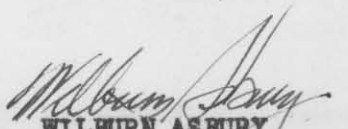
5. T.O.T: 1043

6. Route Back:	Course	distance	time
	138	24	6
	116	44	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	132	41	10
	194	53	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
	179	22	6
	134	17	4
	102	40	10

7. Number and type escort: 12 Spits.
8. Bomb Load: 1000 lb instantaneous & delay.
9. Signals: Drybeef (321), Hebmail (Spits), Piecrust (340).
10. OLMSTED.

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Annex to Operations Order 269

445th - A/C No. 41-3169

P. 1st Lt. Thomas, J.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Rigler, E.J.
B. 2d Lt. Werner, S.
E. Sgt. Malloy, E.J.
R. S/Sgt. Wells, R.J.
G. Sgt. Kramer, H.P.

445th - A/C No. 42-32321

P. 1st Lt. Wetherbee, D.A.
CP. Lt Colonel, Remington, P.H.
N. Capt. Paduana, J.A.
B. 1st Lt. Souders, W.E.
E. S/Sgt. Cross, V.W.
R. T/Sgt. Stein, L.
G. S/Sgt. Beaudware, L.J.

445th - A/C No. 42-32434

P. 2d Lt. Hatcher, L.F.
CP. Major Register, P.D.
N. 2d Lt. Yopez, O.W.
B. 1st Lt. O'Teale, F.X.
E. Pvt. Merisi, D.D.
R. S/Sgt. Johnson, J.E.
G. S/Sgt. Andrews, L.C.

446th - A/C No. 42-64509

P. 1st Lt. Walker, D.F.
CP. 2d Lt. Hipson, R.G.
B. 2d Lt. Pestalozzi, R.N.
E. S/Sgt. Jupin, J.
R. S/Sgt. Youngblood, W.W.
G. S/Sgt. Velarde, S.

446th - A/C No. 41-30387

P. 2d Lt. Bsharah, P.
CP. 2d Lt. Burandt, C.L.
B. 2d Lt. Jaksic, F.R.
E. S/Sgt. Mowry, M.L.S.
R. S/Sgt. Maddex, E.R.
G. S/Sgt. Fiebelkorn, E.C.

446th - A/C No. 42-32394

P. 2d Lt. Walsh, G.F.
CP. 2d Lt. Fitzgerald, J.
B. 2d Lt. Reynolds, L.E.
E. Sgt. Zainick, J.J.
R. T/Sgt. Orechia, R.J.
G. Sgt. Thornton, E.P.

446th - A/C No. 42-64549

P. 2d Lt. Othick, R.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Jordan, H.L.
B. S/Sgt. Turner, M.E.
E. Pfc. McArdle, J.R.
R. S/Sgt. Mygrant, R.F.
G. Sgt. Parker, J.

445th - A/C No. 42-53373

P. 1st Lt. Tarmichael, A.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Cormier, E.O.
B. 2d Lt. Werrlein, H.F.
E. Sgt. Thibodeau, L.J.
R. S/Sgt. Plett, J.M.
G. Sgt. McGinley, J.E.

445th - A/C No. 42-12929

P. 1st Lt. Knapp, C.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Rygh, M.S.
B. 2d Lt. Simpkins, E.L.
E. S/Sgt. Donegan, J.B.
R. Sgt. Knight, A.K.
G. S/Sgt. Forbes, R.W.

445th - A/C No. 42-32458

P. Lt/Shyshka, L.C.
CP. Lt. Coale, J.R.
B. Lt. Maughan, C.W.
E. S/Sgt. Filipiak, T.
R. S/Sgt. Kintly, J.E.
G. Pvt. Garza, M.
F. Pvt. Abrams, S.

446th - A/C No. 41-29995

P. 1st Lt. Morris, M.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Church, E.A.
B. 2d Lt. Nicklaus, G.E.
N. 2d Lt. Kinney, J.H.
E. Sgt. Schreiner, L.B.
R. T/Sgt. Fentenot, V.L.
G. Sgt. Wittman, M.M.

446th - A/C No. 41-30223

P. 1st Lt. LeClair, E.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Hedges, R.E.
B. 2d Lt. Wetkowitz, F.J.
E. S/Sgt. Bober, J.
R. T/Sgt. Leary, E.M.
G. Sgt. Foley, J.M.

446th - A/C No. 41-13200

P. 1st Lt. Kerr, J.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Smith, R.L.
B. 2d Lt. Mayo, J.D.
E. S/Sgt. Franc, J.A.
R. S/Sgt. Sweedler,
G. Sgt. Zeeman,

447th - A/C No. 41-30126

P. 1st Lt. Beebe, H.
CP. 2d Lt. Martin, W. M.
B. 2d Lt. Fisher, G. E.
E. S/Sgt. Curry, H. L.
R. S/Sgt. Champlain, R. S.
G. Sgt. Sinker, R.

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447th - A/C No. 41-13181

P. Capt. Olson, E. C.
CP. 2nd Lt. Button, E. J.
N. 2nd Lt. Thomas, R. E.
B. Capt. Becker, E. F.
E. S/Sgt. Beckhart, M. H.
R. S/Sgt. Chatter, A. W.
G. S/Sgt. Orzynski, H. E.

447th - A/C No. 41-30012

P. 1st Lt. Alger, L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Heilman, W. F.
B. 2nd Lt. Martin, W. R.
E. Sgt. Pod, L. W.
R. T/Sgt. Williamson, M. D.
G. Sgt. Bean, R. W.

448th - A/C No. 41-13172

P. 1st Lt. Moss, R. W.
CP. 2nd Lt. Rogers, F.
B. T/Sgt. Brawn, J. M.
E. S/Sgt. Johnson, J. M.
R. S/Sgt. Griffith, W. G.
G. S/Sgt. Cohen, S. L.

448th * A/C No. 42-64521

P. 1st Lt. Doyle, E. J.
CP. 2nd Lt. Reiner, W. F.
B. 2nd Lt. Malec, J. A.
E. S/Sgt. Hajney, Z.
R. Sgt. Nevlew, F. J.
G. Sgt. Groome, D. M.

448th p A/C No. 41-30125

P. 1st Lt. Hales, E. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Lonsdorf, F. L.
B. 2nd Lt. Zinkhand, W. T.
E. Pfc. Hinton, Z. R.
R. S/Sgt. Riss, R. C.
G. Pvt. Crow, R. J.

447th - A/C No. 41-30123 (Returned
Early)

P. 1st Lt. Ryherd, F. E.
CP. 2nd Lt. Bastin, M. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Huffman, W. C.
E. Cpl. Morrissey, R. E.
R. Pfc. Pierce, W. H.
G. Sgt. Burke, W. H.

447th - A/C No. 42-32417

P. 1st Lt. Davidson, J. C.
CP. 2nd Lt. Mims, N.
B. 2nd Lt. James, R. M.
E. S/Sgt. Fisher, T. M.
R. S/Sgt. Reynolds, F. J.
G. Pvt. Richards, C. M.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 1st Lt. Hoffman, A. J. (Hqs)
CP. 2nd Lt. McCabe, N. M.
B. 2nd Lt. Kucowski, A. A.
E. Sgt. Gager, J. R.
R. Pvt. Lellis, L. C.
G. Sgt. Kozik, F. D.

448th - A/C No. 41-30005

P. 2nd Lt. Armstrong, D. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Barbour, M. H.
B. 2nd Lt. Bond, E. N.
E. Pvt. Sullivan, J. G.
R. S/Sgt. Jacobsen, F.
G. Cpl. Wilkerson, J. J.

448th - A/C No. 42-64574

P. 1st Lt. Beffee, R. D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Dossey, V. C.
B. 2nd Lt. McCue, W. M.
N. 2nd Lt. Duncan, G. F.
E. T/Sgt. Gebhardt, R. J.
R. S/Sgt. Acey, M. E.
G. S/Sgt. Silva, J. P.

448th - A/C No. 41-30125 29967

P. 1st Lt. Annear, W. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Gilbert, S. B.
B. Cpl. Carr, R. C.
E. Pfc. Jackson, J. D.
R. S/Sgt. Clark, G. E.
G. Sgt. Helt, C. M.
F. Pfc. Feagens, K. J.

447th - A/C No. 41-12930 (Returned
Early)

P. 1st Lt. Seavey, G. D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Swanson, R. H.
B. 2nd Lt. McDermott, J. W.
E. S/Sgt. Schwartz, A.
R. T/Sgt. Harmon, R. W.
G. S/Sgt. ~~Butt~~ Grant, J. H.

0920 Fenner to Hoffman. "Rendezvous at 1310, rest of the deal is the same".

1000 57th BW to Larson. "We are to submit the name of 1 Bombardier to them immediately, to leave for Cairo about 24 March. We are to keep them posted on the Weather."

1135 Capt. WALLER. "Wants to have 6 Correspondents on Mission--coming off in near future. Arrangements have been made with Col. Olmsted and CG of 57th Wing by him. They will arrive the nite before and attend briefing--we are to arrange for their stay overnite".

1200 Asbury to TBF. "Mission is off the ground".

1430 Asbury to All Sqdns. "Meeting tonite in the Chapel of all Pilots".

1420 Asbury to Ginger. "Cleared A/C to Bari".

1455 Asbury to Larson. "Have Maj. Moon get lights in Chapel".

1600 Larson to 57th BW. "Flash report on Mission results. Bomb load for tomorrow: 1000's with .1 and .025 with 10% long delays, 24 A/C. Squadrons notified of Bomb load. Participation as follows: 445th 7, 446th 7, 447th 6, 448th 7."

1700 Fenner to Asbury. "PERUGIA M.Y. Rendezvous time 1000. 24 A/C. Axis of 55°. Call sign "PORTRAIT". Alternate: TERNI. Pont of rendezvous will be given later". CANCELLED.

1825 36 A /C. TOT: column 6, H minus 20 minutes. Target: "B". Bomb load: 1000's with .1 and .025 with Whistles. Area cover over target. 24 A/C to be loaded with Frags. If we bomb: on Channel "A" "Hello! ACORN, number 2 calling TOT Bombs away". If we do not bomb: "Hello! ACORN, number 2 calling TOT abortive". To Gripping.

2135 Volcanoe Blue to ODO. "Red Alert".

2140 " " " ". "All Clear".