

S E C R E T

321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650

29 March 1944

MISSION NO: 245

GROUP: 321st Bomb

NO A/C 24

SQUADRONS: 446-6, 446-5, 445-7, 447-6

TARGET: West Dispersal, Viterbo A/D.

TIME OFF: 1010

T.O.T. 1200

TIME DOWN: 1330

AXIS OF ATTACK: 15°

HEIGHT: 11/11,500 ft.

PLANES HOLID: None

BOMBS DROPPED: 2622 x 20 lb frags
32 x 250 lb red fuse

PLANES LOST: None

ROUTE: Base to N-1814, M-9032, M-2067, F-2062, F-3595, Target to A-5533, F-3595, base.

WEATHER: Enroute and return: Clouds: 2/10 cumulus, base at 5,000 ft., tops 8,000 ft.
Visibility unlimited.

Target: CAVU

FLAK: Position reported observed 3 miles east of Civitavecchia shooting at 340th Group formation.

ENEMY AIR: 3 E/A reported being attacked behind formation by P-47's over target.

CLAIMS: None.

RESULTS: Largest concentration of bombs reported on east side of target area with other strings observed falling short, through area, and over to northeast with some just west of area. Some reports of bombs hitting in south dispersal area. Two explosions and several fires seen, with reports of two direct hits on revetments.

OBSERVATIONS:

Air-Ground: As many as 20 E/A reported on ground at Viterbo - both single and twin engine - dispersed mostly in south and northeast dispersal areas, both in and out of revetments. 1 large plane reported as glider and other planes both black and silver in color. Several reports of planes on Furbara A/D, 15/20, mostly S/E with 5 T/E. One observation that they are wrecked.

Ground: 10/15 cars on sidings just south of S. Marinella on coast. 20 M/T reported on road heading west from L. Vico. Dump area observed between two n. arms of Lake Vico in clearing. 2 trains of 10 cars each and many individual units reported on siding at Capranica.

FLIGHT LEADERS: Capt. Freeland, Capt. Neumann (Maj. Register)

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 24

PHOTOS TAKEN:

MALCOLM D. HAVEN,

Major, Air Corps Intelligence Officer.

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APO NO. 650
Office of the Operations OfficerDATE March 29, 1944.Followed 340th B.Gp. as
Wing Formation.MISSION REPORT

1. Number of Aircraft: 24, B-25's.
2. Take Off: Planned Time: 10:10 Actual Time: 10:10
3. Rendezvous: 11:05 - Followed 340th Bomb Gp.
4. On Course: Planned Time: 11:15 Actual Time: 11:15
5. Planned Route: Base to N-1814 to M-9032 to M-2067 to F-2062 to F-3595 to Target to A-5533 to F-3595 to Base.
6. Actual Route: As planned.
7. I. P.: Name: VETRAOCCA Planned Time: 11:57 Actual Time: 11:59
8. T.O.T.: Planned Time: 12:00 Actual Time: 12:02
9. Altitude of Attack: Planned: 11,000; 11,500 Actual: 11,000; 11,500
10. Axis of Attack and Break: Planned: 20° Actual: 15°
11. Explanation of why bombs hit outside target area: Malfunction of racks and lack of synchronization for course and rate.
12. Flight Leaders: Pilot Capt. FREELAND Bombardier Lieut. McRee Flight Commander
Capt. WILSON " Schutte Major REGISTER
13. The drift, dropping angle, I.A.S., G.S. on bomb run:
 Drift: 2° R. Dropping Angle: 30° I.A.S.: 210 mph
 G.S.: 227 mph
14. Length of bomb run in seconds: 120
15. Number of bombs salvoed and reasons: 44 clusters loaded double.
Rack, release and shackle failure.
16. Number of bombs returned to Base and reasons: 22 clusters.
Bombsight gyro tumbled on bomb run. Bombardier did not drop.
17. The type of bombing formations: 2 flights of 12 ships in elements of 3.
Element #2 echeloned right; #3 and #4 to left.
18. Intervalometer setting: 150 feet for elements #1, #3 and #4. 200 ft. for #2.
19. Comments: _____

WILBURN ASBURY,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.**S E C R E T**

HEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650
Office of the Operations Officer

29 March 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 283)

1. Mission Number 282.
2. Target: West Dispersal, VITERBO A/D.
3. Number and Type A/C Completing Mission: 24, B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	Distance	Time
281	40	13
308	22	8
300	48	14
318	87	26
31	23	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
10	20	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Assembly: 10:33

5. T.O.T. 12:07

6. Route Back:

Course	Distance	Time
75	9	2
206	25	6
211	23	6
138	87m	22
120	48	12
128	22	6
101	40	11

7. Number & Type Escort: 20, P-40's.
8. Bomb Load: 2622 x 20# frags; 32 x 250# rod fuze.
9. Signals: Jackie (320st), Visor, (P-40's).
10. SMITH.

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445th - A/C No. 42-53373

P. 1st Lt. Crider, C. M.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Lyons, L. L.
 B. 1st Lt. O'Toole, F. X.
 R. T/Sgt. Stein, L.
 E. S/Sgt. Belt, H. C.
 G. S/Sgt. Beaudware, L. J.

445th - A/C No. 41-30354

P. 2nd Lt. Rigler, E. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Cormier, E. D.
 B. 2nd Lt. Werrlein, H. F.
 E. S/Sgt. Malmberg, R. H.
 R. S/Sgt. Walld, J. E.
 G. Sgt. Dogwell, R.

445th - A/C No. 42-64575

P. 1st Lt. Hatcher, L. F.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Schiff, W. E.
 B. 1st Lt. Souders, W. E.
 N. 2nd Lt. Smith, R.
 E. Cpl. Callister, J. R.
 R. S/Sgt. Shiloh, A.
 G. S/Sgt. Hunt, J. G.

445th - 41-13179x(Spare)

P. 2nd Lt. Coale, J. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Wagner, G. W.
 B. 2nd Lt. Miller, E. A.
 E. Sgt. DeRose, L. A.
 R. T/Sgt. O'Leary, J. D.
 G. Sgt. Harris, C. W.

446th - A/C No. 42-32446

P. 1st Lt. Kerr, J. C.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Smith, R. L.
 B. 2nd Lt. Mayo, J. D.
 E. Sgt. Smetana, E. A.
 R. T/Sgt. McArdle, H. E.
 G. S/Sgt. Ciach, S.

446th - A/C No. 41-30337

F. 2nd Lt. Jordan, H. L.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Gibbons, H. H.
 B. 2nd Lt. McAfee, J. A.
 E. Sgt. Kane, R. T.
 R. S/Sgt. Bufkin, F. P.
 G. Cpl. Burrow, I. F.

446th - A/C No. 42-645111(Spare)

P. 2nd Lt. Herbert, J. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hollingworth, G. K.
 B. 2nd Lt. Johnson, H. W.
 N. 2nd Lt. Chapman, J. E.
 E. Sgt. Clay, D. W.
 R. S/Sgt. Green, S. M.
 G. S/Sgt. Casper, H. G.

445th- A/C No. 42-32434

P. Capt. Neumann, R. H.
 CP. Major Register, P. D.
 B. 1st Lt. Schutte, W. G.
 N. 1st Lt. Casaburi, R. R.
 E. Sgt. Dillon, J. A.
 R. T/Sgt. DiPietrantonio, J. N.
 G. S/Sgt. Herrman, B. G.

445th - A/C No. 41-30550

P. 2nd Lt. Russell, L. L.
 CP. 1st Lt. Dickerson, S. M.
 B. 2nd Lt. Simpkins, E. J.
 E. Sgt. Thibodeau, L. J.
 R. S/Sgt. Plott, J. M.
 G. Sgt. McGinley, J. B.

445th - A/C No. 41-29985

P. 1st Lt. Hinsley, M. D.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hardman, A. F.
 B. 1st Lt. Yopez, O. W.
 E. Sgt. Ceccucci, H. A.
 R. S/Sgt. Hall, W. F.
 G. Sgt. Semsler, F. S.
 F. Sgt. Cotter, J. M.

446th - A/C No. 42-30293

P. Major Hunter, W. C.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Wallace, R. D.
 N. 2nd Lt. Kinney, J. H.
 B. 2nd Lt. Mottley, J. F.
 E. Sgt. Schreiner, L. B.
 R. T/Sgt. Todd, A. J.
 G. S/Sgt. Napoliello, F.

446th - A/C No. 42-64547

P. 2nd Lt. Vivas, F. P.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Mayfield, E. A.
 B. 2nd Lt. Wilcox, H. B.
 E. Pfc. Jacob, E. A.
 R. S/Sgt. Roulier, E. T.
 G. Sgt. Brown, R. M.

446th - A/C No. 41-13200

P. 2nd Lt. Matzinger, K. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Ritger, F. C.
 B. 1st Lt. Rice, S. W.
 E. Sgt. Britton, W. W.
 R. S/Sgt. Mitchell, J. J.
 G. Sgt. Nemet, M.

446th - A/C No. 41-12963 (Early
Return)

P. 2nd Lt. Hawkes, L. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Burandt, C. L.
 B. 2nd Lt. Mexal, G. J.
 E. Sgt. Leonard, M. B.
 R. S/Sgt. Harrison, H. V.
 G. Sgt. Lanza, W. A.

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447th - A/C No. 42-64694

P. 2nd Lt. Haynes, E.R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Schnoebelen, O. L.
B. 2nd Lt. James, R. M.
E. Sgt. Engels, R. W.
R. T/Sgt. Boyd, R. J.
G. Sgt. Tarra, F. J.
F. Sgt. Lameroux, A. E.

447th - A/C No. 41-30557

P. 1st Lt. Stocking, E. E.
CP. 2nd Lt. Metzger, J. E.
B. 1st Lt. McCormick, D. J.
N. 2nd Lt. Rye, W. J.
E. Cpl. Tollefson, F. W.
R. S/Sgt. Biliski, W.J.
G. Sgt. Sabo, J.

447th - A/C No. 41-12930

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. Harman, R. W.
G. S/Sgt. Grant, H.H.

447th - A/C No. 41-30538

P. 2nd Lt. Murray, R. E.
CP. 2nd Lt. Christian, C.B.
B. 2nd Lt. McCaleb, H. G.
E. Sgt. Cangelliceri, L.
R. Sgt. Wilson, M. A.
G. Sgt. Fowler, H. E.

448th - A/C No. 42-32427

P. 2nd Lt. Lyons, J. B.
CP. 2nd Lt. McCabe, N. M.
B. T/Sgt. Braun, J. M.
E. Sgt. Ribbel, N.
R. S/Sgt. Thompson, A. R.
G. Sgt. Rosencrans, H. R.

448th - A/C No. 41-13050

P. 1st Lt. Hicks, J. T.
CP. 2nd Lt. Howard, C. E.
B. 2nd Lt. Burday, H.
E. S/Sgt. Johnson, R. C.
R. S/Sgt. Robertson, D. F.
G. S/Sgt. Van Cura, E. W.

448th - A/C No. 42-64514

P. 1st Lt. Coffee, R. D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Myers, H. C.
B. 1st Lt. Petit, R. P.
E. S/Sgt. Hajny, Z.
R. S/Sgt. Acey, I. J.
G. Cpl. Jeffery, L. J.

447th - A/C No. 42-32449

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

447th - A/C No. 42-64553

P. 1st Lt. Tompkins, H. D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Nettles, F. I.
B. 2nd Lt. Lundmark, N. J.
E. Sgt. Collins, C. R.
R. S/Sgt. Shields, J. B.
G. Sgt. Blalock, J. T.

447th - A/C No. 41-30126

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.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 2nd Lt. Kuykendal, J. W.
CP. 2nd Lt. Lansdorf, F. L.
B. Cpl. Carr, R. C.
R. S/Sgt. Schaffner, C. D.
E. Sgt. Ernst, D. L.
G. Sgt. Slafkes, M. M.
F. S/Sgt. Buckles, K. L.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548

P. Capt. Freeland, L. B.
CP. 1st Lt. Moss, R. W.
N. 1st Lt. Hough, W. S.
B. 1st Lt. McRae, M. B.
E. S/Sgt. Mauder, C. J.
R. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, J. H.
G. S/Sgt. Graham, H. J.

448th - A/C No. 41-13195

P. 1st Lt. Annear, W.R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Dossey, V. C.
B. 2nd Lt. Bond, E. N.
E. Pfc. Jackson, J. D.
R. S/Sgt. Clark, G. E.
G. Sgt. Groome, D. M.
F. Sgt. France, C. E.

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 Maj. Hunter
 547 Vivas
W 387
Jordan

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29 MARCH 1944. VITERBO A/D.

OPNS ORDER # 283.



29 March 1944.

- 1815 Slaughter ca lled. "Operational Status of Squadrons: 445th, 5 A/C and 1 New H; 447th, 7 A/C; 447th, 7 A/C; 448th, 9 A/C".
- 1820 Someone called and said it was the Fighters who had radio on today. A/C #963 set up for Colonel Smith for 0800 take off with CP and E ".
- 1930 Maj. Gale called. "Asked for results on today's mission".
- 1955 Lt. Morse called. "Wanted information on deal for tomorrow".

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Target info: Length: 1600 feet. Width 1600 feet. Elevation 1000 feet.
Axis 5°.

Bounds to Larson. "Inform all concerned that when running up engines to face toward the sea, because the 447th gets all the dirt and ash wash".

0940 Wing to Larson. "Escort call sign changed to ELBOW. P-47's high cover, P-40's for close support".

0817 Tipton to Asbury. "Knapp leaving there at 1000".

1410 Larson to Wing. "Flash mission report".

445th A/C Status.

333 Oil cooler.

458 Left engine change.

659 X-C.

202 X-C.

448th A/C Status.

926 Sheet metal.

519 S.G. Fuel cell change.

125 Sheet metal.