

S E C R E THEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) F  
APO 650

30 March 1944

COMPLETE REPORT

MISSION NO: 246

GROUP 321st Bomb

NO A/C 24

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

TARGET: Orvieto R.R. bridge south (bombed bridge NW Orte, A-6234 as alternate)

TIME OFF: 1003

T.O.T. 1200 TIME DOWN: At Foggia, Approx.  
1350.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 250 degrees

HEIGHT: 10500

PLANES LOST: None

BOMBS DROPPED: 48 x 1000.

PLANES HOLED: 2 by E/A

ESCORT: P-40's and P-47's.

ROUTE: Base to N-6052, to N-2452, to L-9585, to F-2162, to A-4818. Couldn't pick up I.P., made a 180 degree turn in target area. Came back over A-6234 to sea and returned to Foggia Main via Naples.

WEATHER: At target area clouds 9/10 cover at 7000'.

FLAK: None

ENEMY AIR: Formation attacked by from 6 to 15 E/A in two main waves from coast. 6/8 ME109's sighted just at coast going in didn't attack. Near Viterbo 8 ME's and 3 FW 190's attacked but were not aggressive and were driven off by fighters. After bombs were dropped 6/9 ME's and 3/6 FW 190's came in from both 6 & 12 o'clock, above and below and weren't aggressive after first pass although seemed experienced. Worked in teams of two or three usually from 6 o'clock with one coming in from above doing split S and diving, other climbing and breaking to right or left. Reports of rockets being used and 4/6 flak like bursts seen only smaller and with white smoke. First element of first flight not attacked and E/A seemed to know bombers fields of fire. Me's reported to be black with blue under neath. FW 190's were grey.

CLAIMS: 1 FW 190 destroyed claimed by both S/Sgt James Dillion and Sgt Howard Luton - tail gunners. 1 ME 109 probably destroyed. Confirmation of fighters destroying one FW 190.

RESULTS: No hits on bridge seen. Bombs over. Clouds obscured observations.

OBSERVATIONS: Nine seaplanes lined up on beach just South of Cape Linaro. 11 T/E and 10/12 S/E planes on Furbara. 80 empty freight cars on siding just South of Cape Linaro.

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FLIGHT LEADERS: Major Register (Capt. Neumann) and Capt. Cooper.

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 24

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TIME DOWN: At Foggia, Approx. 1330

AXIS OF ATTACK:

HEIGHT:

PLANES LOST: None

BOMBS DROPPED: 11 planes dropped carry-  
ing: 4 x 1000

ROUTE: Base to N-6052, to N-2452, to L-9535, to F-2162, to A-4818 - incomplete

WEATHER: Primary and alternate both covered by clouds.

FLAK:

ENEMY AIR: Attacked by 9/10 E/A; Fw-190's or Me-109's

CLAIMS: 2 or 3 probables

RESULTS: Bridge was missed.

OBSERVATIONS:

FLIGHT LEADERS: Capts. Neumann and Cooper

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 24

  
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APO NO. 650  
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DATE March 30, 1944.

## MISSION REPORT

1. Number of Aircraft: 24, B-25's
2. Take Off: Planned Time: 10:03 Actual Time: 10:03
3. Rendezvous: CAPODICHINO
4. On Course: Planned Time: 11:00 Actual Time: 11:00
5. Planned Route: Base 4053N-1443E, Capodichino 4110N-1246E to 4151N-1150E, Lake Vico, Target, 4221N-1260E, Ovndale, Castel de Sangro, Capodichino, Base.
6. Actual Route: Base 4053N-1443E, Capodichino 4110N-1246E, to 4151N-1150E, Lake Vico, 4235N-1215E to bridge at 4229N-1220E, Lake Vico 4151N-1150E, 4110N-1246E, Capodichino, Foggia.
7. I.P.: Name: VITERBO Planned Time: 11:55 Actual Time: 11:55
8. T.O.T.: Target of Opportunity Planned Time: 12:00 Actual Time: 12:02
9. Altitude of Attack: Planned: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Axis of Attack and Break: Planned: 16° RIGHT Actual: 230°
11. Explanation of why bombs hit outside target area: 9/10 cloud coverage obscured target making short run on target of opportunity. Would have held bombs had ~~any~~ enemy fighters not attacked.
12. Flight Leaders: Pilot Capt. Neumann Bombardier Lt. Schutte Flight Commander \_\_\_\_\_  
                            Capt. Cooper Lt. Pestalozzi
13. The drift, dropping angle, I.A.S., G.S. on bomb run:  
Drift: 6° R. Dropping Angle: 42° I.A.S.: 210 mph  
G.S.: 246 mph
14. Length of bomb run in seconds: 35
15. Number of bombs salvoed and reasons: NONE
16. Number of bombs returned to Base and reasons: 52 x 1000 lb. Flights did not drop due to cloud cover.
17. The type of bombing formation: 2 flights of 12 ships in elements of 3 javelin down.
18. Intervalometer setting: 20 feet.
19. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 284)

1. Mission No. 283.
2. Target: ORVIETO R/R Bridge. (Bombed Bridge NW ORTEA A-6234 as alternate).
3. Number and Type A/C Completing Mission: 24, B-25's.
4. Route Out:
 

| Course | Distance | Time |
|--------|----------|------|
| 337    | 32       | 10   |
| 276    | 22       | 7    |
| 287    | 33       | 25   |
| 319    | 66       | 20   |
| 30     | 39       | 10   |
| 19     | 20       | 5    |
- Assembly: 10:33
5. T.O.T. 12:00
6. Route Back:
 

| Course | Distance | Time |
|--------|----------|------|
| 127    | 36       | 9    |
| 119    | 42       | 10   |
| 135    | 32       | 8    |
| 174    | 63       | 16   |
| 96     | 22       | 5    |
| 157    | 32       | 8    |
7. Number and Type Escort: P-47's and P-40's.
8. Bomb Load: 48 x 1000 lb.
9. Signals: Bathclub (321st), Visor (Fighters).
10. SMITH.

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Operations Officer.

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Operations Officer.



## Annex to Operations Order # 284

446th - A/C No. 42-64547

P. 2nd Lt. Walsh, G. F.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Fitzgerald, J.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Reynolds, L. E.  
 E. Sgt. Zonick, J. J.  
 R. T/Sgt. Orecchia, J. R.  
 G. Sgt. Thornton, G. P.

446th - A/C No. 42-32446

P. 2nd Lt. Bsharah, P.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Mickel, A. T.  
 B. 1st Lt. Rice, S. W.  
 E. S/Sgt. Bellamy, H. E.  
 R. S/Sgt. Maddox, E. R.  
 G. Sgt. Nemet, M.

446th - A/C No. 41-30293

P. 1st Lt. LeClair, E. R.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Lewis, V.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Wotkowicz, F. J.  
 E. Sgt. Bober, J. Jr.  
 R. T/Sgt. Leary, E. M.  
 G. Pvt. Bender, T. J.

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

P. 2nd Lt. Hurley, J. R.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Chudars, J. E.  
 B. 1st Lt. Nicklaus, G. E.  
 E. S/Sgt. Smith, C. M.  
 R. S/Sgt. Bove, A. P.  
 G. Sgt. Larson, R. L.

445th - A/C No. 42-64527

P. 1st Lt. Coale, J. R.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Moore, H. D.  
 B. S/Sgt. Miller, R. J.  
 E. Sgt. Kitts, C. L.  
 R. S/Sgt. Smith, E.  
 G. Pvt. Gallo, D. J.

445th - A/C No. 42-32434

P. Capt. Neumann, R. H.  
 CP. Major Register, P. D.  
 B. 1st Lt. Schutte, W. G.  
 N. 2nd Lt. Cesaburi, R. R.  
 R. S/Sgt. Marcoulter, W. A.  
 E. S/Sgt. Donegan, J. B.  
 G. S/Sgt. Forbes, R. W.

445th - A/C No. 41-29985

P. 2nd Lt. Smith, A. B.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Schweda, G. J.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Brule, G. J.  
 E. Sgt. York, R.  
 R. S/Sgt. Kintly, J. E.  
 G. S/Sgt. Eiff, W. C.

446th - A/C No. 42-64511

P. Capt. Cooper, P. T.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Holt, R. L.  
 N. 2nd Lt. Kinney, J. H.  
 B. 1st Lt. Pestalozzi, R.  
 E. Cpl. Shellhamer, L.  
 R. S/Sgt. Miles, W. J.  
 G. Sgt. Foley, J. M.

446th - A/C No. 41-30387

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

446th - A/C No. 42-32403

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

~~445th~~ 445th - A/C No. 41-30550

P. Capt. Wilson, V. H.  
 CP. 1st Lt. Waterman, L. R.  
 N. 1st Lt. Sharp, K. R.  
 B. 1st Lt. Maughan, G. W.  
 E. S/Sgt. Dillon, J. A.  
 R. T/Sgt. DiPietrantonio, J. N.  
 G. S/Sgt. Herrman, B. G.

445th - A/C No. 42-64527

P. 1st Lt. Tarmichael, A. J.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Fischer, F. R.  
 B. 1st Lt. Yopez, O.  
 E. Sgt. DeRose, L. A.  
 R. T/Sgt. O'Leary, J. D.  
 G. Sgt. Harris, C. W.  
 F. Cpl. Cheosky, A. A.

445th - A/C No. 42-64529

P. 2nd Lt. Rigler, E. J.  
 CP. 2nd Lt. Rygh, H. J.  
 B. 2nd Lt. Werrlein, H. E.  
 E. S/Sgt. Malmberg, R. H.  
 R. S/Sgt. Wells, J. E.  
 G. Sgt. Doswell, R.

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447th - A/C No. 41-30126

P. 1st Lt. Tompkins, H. D.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Nettles, F. T.  
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. 42-64512

P. 1st Lt. Beebe, H.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Martin, W. H.  
B. 2nd Lt. Fisher, G. W.  
E. Sgt. Curry, H. L.  
R. S/Sgt. Korzeinowski, E. S.  
G. Sgt. Sinclair, R.

447th - A/C No. 41-13181

P. 1st Lt. Wiginton, J. M.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Mims, N.  
B. 1st Lt. Windler, J. H.  
N. 2nd Lt. Lindell, H. MN.  
E. Cpl. Gillies, R. H.  
R. S/Sgt. Mathews, W. E.  
G. Sgt. Rogowski, E.

447th - A/C No. 42-64559 (Spare)

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. Corkill, J.

448th - A/C No. 42-64514

P. 1st Lt. Coffee, R. D.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Elliott, F. A.  
B. 1st Lt. Petit, R. P.  
N. 2nd Lt. Duncan, G. F.  
E. S/Sgt. Johnson, J. M.  
R. S/Sgt. Robertshaw, D. F.  
G. S/Sgt. Coleman, S. L.

448th - A/C No. 41-13186

P. 2nd Lt. Lyons, J. B.  
CP. 1st Lt. Brown, W. E. III  
B. 2nd Lt. McDounough, T. E.  
E. Sgt. Rippel, N.  
R. S/Sgt. Thompson, A. R.  
G. Sgt. Rosencrans, H. R.

448th - A/C No. 42-32427

P. 1st Lt. Greene, W. A.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Rogers, H.  
B. 2nd Lt. Greene, L. P.  
E. Sgt. Luton, H. W.  
R. S/Sgt. Dean, W. J.  
G. Sgt. Neuman, R. A.

447th - A/C No. 41-30538

P. 1st Lt. Davies, R. G.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Dean, I. E.  
B. 2nd Lt. Martin, W. R.  
E/ S/Sgt. Tudor, M. S.  
R. S/Sgt. Carlsen, C. M.  
G. S/Sgt. Roberts, H.

447th - A/C No. 42-32505

P. 2nd Lt. Dalley, F. M.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Kelley, J. E.  
B. 2nd Lt. Wingrove, A. E.  
E. Cpl. Ellis, F. R.  
R. S/Sgt. Phelps, J. L.  
G. Sgt. O'Neil, G. G.  
F. Sgt. Lameroux, A. E.

447th - A/C No. 42-32449

P. Capt. Cloward, G. A.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Nail, J. G.  
B. 2nd Lt. Anderson, S. E.  
R. S/Sgt. Vinesky, R. R.  
E. Sgt. Scarberry, H. W.  
G. Sgt. Burke, W. H.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655

P. 1st Lt. Van Raam, R.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Verkruysse, E. D.  
B. 1st Lt. McCue, W. M.  
E. S/Sgt. Daniels, J.  
R. S/Sgt. Burr, H. C.  
G. Sgt. Sharpsteen, R. E.  
F. Sgt. France, C. E.

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. S/Sgt. Hajny, Z.  
R. S/Sgt. Jacobson, F.  
G. Cpl. Wilkerson, J. J.

448th - A/C No. 41-13195

P. 1st Lt. Hales, E. L.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Riener, W. F.  
B. T/Sgt. Braun, J. M.  
E. Pfc. Hinson, C. R.  
R. S/Sgt. Dilts, R. E.  
G. S/Sgt. Graham, H. G.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548 (Spare)

P. 1st Lt. Doyle, E. J.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Swanson, E. G.  
B. 2nd Lt. Malec, J. F.  
N. 1st Lt. Feeley, W. C.  
E. S/Sgt. Kepford, F. R.  
R. Sgt. Neview, F. J.  
G. Cpl. Jeffery, L. J.

## MISSION ROSTER

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NEUMANN

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VASHARI

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CLOWARD

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DAVIES

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BEEBE

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DALLEY

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COOPER

A-PASTOR

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HERBERT

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LECLAIR

547

WALSH

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BSHARAH

514

COFFEE

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ARMSTRONG

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LYONS

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VANRAAM

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HALES

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