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HEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650

2 April 1944

MISSION NO. 248

GROUP: 321ST Bomb

No. A/C- 24

SQUADRONS--- 447th-S, 445th-S, 448th-S, 446th-S.

TARGET--- RR Bridge near Piculle at A-397704

TIME OFF--- 0840

T.O.T.--- 1055

TIME DOWN---1210

AXIS OF ATTACK---290°

HEIGHT---11/11,900 ft.

PLANES LOST---None

BOMBS DROPPED--- 96x1000 .1 & .025

PLANES HOLED--- Five

ESCORT--- P-47's.

ROUTE: W-1814, W-9533, W-9768, W-1229, W-0853, G-6090, B-2510, B-1539, A-7065,
A-3970 (target) A-2980, A-4586, B-1539 and home.

WEATHER--- Enroute, Target, Return---CAVU with slight haze.

FLAK: Target Area: Heavy, Moderate, Accurate.

Elsewhere: Heavy, moderate, inaccurate on right turn off target.

ENEMY AIR: 3 E/A unidentified in dog-fight at 1110 NE of Avezzano.

CLAIMS: None.

RESULTS: Three runs were made before bombs were dropped. Target is reported to be well camouflaged and exceedingly difficult to pick up. Also due to terrain and tunnels RR line is of little use as landmark. Most hits reported on W. approach and over to SW with others on east approach and possible hit on bridge itself. Some bombs dropped short to east. Tracks believed cut to W. of bridge.

OBSERVATIONS: Two trains of 30 cars at Orvieto. Tracks between Orte and Orvieto filled with rolling stock. Five tracks with 40 cars each reported both at A-9953 (near Spoleto) and also just E. of Rieti--believed to be same observation. 40 car train near Marsciano--stationary.

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major Sampson.

FLIGHT LEADER: Capt. Olsen and Lt. Stewart.

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 24.

PHOTOS TAKEN.

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APO NO. 650
Office of the Operations OfficerDATE April 2, 1944.MISSION REPORT

1. Number of Aircraft: 24
2. Take Off: Planned Time: 08:41 Actual Time: 08:41
3. Rendezvous: 09:35 09:36
4. On Course: Planned Time: 09:45 Actual Time: 09:45
5. Planned Route: N-1814 to M-9533 to M-9768 to H-1229 to H-0853 to G-6090 to B-2510 to B-1539 to A-7065 to Target to A-2950 to A-4586 to H-1539 to base.
6. Actual Route: As Planned
7. I. P.: Name: Todi Planned Time: 10:42 Actual Time: 10:42
8. T.O.T.: Planned Time: 10:47 Actual Time: 10:47
9. Altitude of Attack: Planned: 11,000 & 11,500 Actual: As Planned.
10. Axis of Attack and Break: Planned: 280° Actual: As Planned.
11. Explanation of why bombs hit outside target area: Bombardier unable to pick up bridge.
12. Flight Leaders: Pilot Capt. Olsen Bombardier Capt. Becker Flight Commander Major Sampson
Lt. Stewart Lt. Jeyce
13. The drift, dropping angle, I.A.S., G.S. on bomb run:
Drift: 7° LEFT Dropping Angle: 38.6 I.A.S.: 210
G.S.: 232
14. Length of bomb run in seconds: Three passes at / target, 2 minutes each.
15. Number of bombs salvoed and reasons: 1 bomb, bad shackle.
16. Number of bombs returned to Base and reasons: None.
17. The type of bombing formation: 2 flights of 12 ships each, elements javelin down in trail. Each element leader sighting for rate and course.
18. Intervalometer setting: 20 feet.
19. Comments: Good communication with Fighters reported. Flights were unable to pick up target even making three turns. Pictures show that bridge would be hard to seen on any axis of attack.

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HEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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2 April 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 286)

1. Mission: Number 285.
2. Target: Railroad Bridge near FICHILLE at A-387704.
3. Number & Type A/C Completing Mission: 24, B-25's.
4. Route Out:

Course	distance	time
280	40	12
305	21	6
12	22	6
22	39	11
352	15	4
313	37	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
299	26	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
347	18	5
302	32	9
284	20	5

Assembly: 09:11

5. T.O.T: 10:37.
6. Route Back:

Course	distance	time
316	8	2
72	12	3
127	52	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
167	18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
119	26	6
133	37	9
172	15	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
202	39	10
192	22	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
125	21	5
100	40	10

7. Number & Type Escort: 24, P-47's.
8. Bomb Load: 96 x 1000# with .1 & .025 fuzing.
9. Signals: Courthouse (321st), Visor (Fighters).
10. SMITH.

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Annex to Operations Order 286

445th - A/C No. 42-32373

P. 1st Lt. Hinsley, M.D.
CP. 2d Lt. Swanson, H.A.
B. 2d Lt. Werner, S.
R. S/Sgt. Stephens, R.T.
E. Sgt. Smith, W.A.
G. Sgt. Whelan, E.J.

44th - A/C No. 42-64529

P. 1st Lt. McLain, D.I.
CP. 2d Lt. Fischer, F.R.
B. S/Sgt. Miller, R.J.
R. S/Sgt. Shiloh, A.
G. Sgt. Harris, C.W.
E. Sgt. DeRose, L.A.

445th - A/C No. 42-53373

P. 1st Lt. Thomas, J.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Hammar, R.L.
B. 2d Lt. Brule, G.J.
E. Sgt. CeCucci, H.A.
R. T/Sgt. Leary, E.M.
G. S/Sgt. Napoliello, F.

446th - A/C No. 41-30293

1st Lt. LeGlair, E.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Lewis, V.
B. 2d Lt. Wotkowiez, F.J.
E. Sgt. Bober, J.
R. S/Sgt. Green, S.M.
G. S/Sgt. Casper, H.G.

446th - A/C No. 42-64547

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

447th - A/C No. 42-53371

P. Capt. Olson, P.C.
CP. Major Sampson, R.D.
B. Capt. Becker, E.F.
N. 1st Lt. Olsen, S.P.
E. S/Sgt. Beckhart, M.H.
R. S/Sgt. Chatters, A.W.
G. Pvt. Richards, C.M.

446th - A/C No. 41-13123

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

445th - A/C No. 41-30550

P. 2d Lt. Russell, L.L.
CP. 2d Lt. Schiff, F.
N. 2d Lt. Smith, P.
B. 1st Lt. Anderson, M.A.
E. Cpl. Collister, J.P.
R. S/Sgt. Marcoulier, W.A.
G. S/Sgt. Hunt, J.E.

445th - A/C No. 42-64667

P. 1st Lt. Termichael, A.J.
CP. 2d Lt. Redsell, D.M.
B. 1st Lt. O'Toole, F.X.
R. S/Sgt. Kintly, J.F.
E. Sgt. York, R.
G. S/Sgt. Riff, W.C.

445th - A/C No. 42-64527

P. 1st Lt. Cosle, J.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Dickerson, S.M.
B. 1st Lt. Yopez, O.W.
E. S/Sgt. Belt, H.C.
R. S/Sgt. Plunk, C.B.
G. Sgt. Zimmer, H.C.
F. Cpl. Cheosky, A.A.

446th - A/C No. 42-32446

P. 1st Lt. Kerr, J.C.
CP. 2d Lt. Church, E.A.
B. 2d Lt. Mayo, J.D.
N. 2d Lt. Chapman, J.E.
E. Sgt. Schreiner, L.B.
R. T/Sgt. Cohen, G.
G. Sgt. Larson, R.L.

446th - A/C No. 41-13200

P. 2d Lt. Bsharah, P.
CP. 2d Lt. Mickel, A.T.
B. 2d Lt. Reynolds, L.E.
E. S/Sgt. Jupin, J.
R. S/Sgt. Maddox, E.R.
G. Sgt. Nemet, M.

446th - A/C No. 42-32403

P. 2d Lt. Hawkes, L.R.
CP. 2d Lt. Barendt, C.L.
B. 2d Lt. Mexel, G.J.
E. Sgt. Leonard, M.B.
R. S/Sgt. Harrison, H.V.
G. Sgt. Lenze, W.A.

447th - A/C No. 42-64553

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

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447th - A/C No. 42-64559

P. Capt. Cloward, G.A.
 CP. 2d Lt. Menz,
 B. 2d Lt. Webb, J.A.
 E. Sgt. Scarberry, H.W.
 R. Sgt. Vineski, R.R.
 G. Sgt. Burke, W.H.

447th * A/C No. 42-64695

P. 2d Lt. Dalley, F.M.
 CP. 2d Lt. Kelley, J.E.
 B. 2d Lt. Wingrove, A.E.
 E. Cpl. Ellis, F.R.
 R. S/Sgt. Phelps, F.R.
 G. Sgt. Smith, B.R.

447th - A/C No. 42-32505 (Spare)

P. 1st Lt. Beebe, N.
 CP. 2d Lt. Martin, W.H.
 B. 2d Lt. Fisher, G.E.
 E. Sgt. Curry, H.L.
 R. S/Sgt. Korenionski, T.S.
 G. Sgt. Sinclair, R.

448th - A/C No. 41-13186

P. 2d Lt. Lyons, J.B.
 CP. 2d Lt. Matthews, T.W.
 B. S/Sgt. Robert, M.L.
 E. Sgt. Rippel, N.
 R. S/Sgt. Thompson, A.R.
 G. Sgt. Everjart, C.R.
 F. Sgt. France, C.E.

448th - A/C No. 41-30125

P. 1st Lt. Hales, E.L.
 CP. 2d Lt. Rogers, H.
 B. Cpl. Carr, R.C.
 E. Pfc. Hinton, Z.R.
 R. Pvt. Dunbar, L.C.
 G. Pvt. Crow, R.J.
 F. S/Sgt. Dean, W.J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548

P. 1st Lt. Stewart, H.W.
 CP. 1st Lt. Lewis, Q.M.
 N. 2d Lt. Duncan, G.F.
 B. 1st Lt. Joyce, R.W.
 E. S/Sgt. Daniels, J.
 R. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, J.H.
 G. S/Sgt. Graham, H.J.

447th - A/C No. 41- 12930

P. 1st Lt. Alger, L.
 CP. 2d Lt. Heilman, W.F.
 B. 2d Lt. James, J.M.
 E. Sgt. Ford, V.W.
 R. T/Sgt. Williamson, M.O.
 G. Sgt. Rose, C.H.

447th - A/C No. 41-30557

P. 1st Lt. Stocking, E.E.
 CP. 2d Lt. Metzger, J.E.
 B. 1st Lt. McCormick, D.P.
 E. Cpl. Tollefson, W.R.
 R. S/Sgt. Bilski, N.J.
 G. S/Sgt. Mitchell, R.
 F. Cpl. Steham, A.F.

448th - A/C No. 42-87455

P. 1st Lt. Van Raam, P.
 CP. 2d Lt. Elliott, F.A.
 B. 1st Lt. McCue, W.M.
 N. 2d Lt. Olszewski, N.
 E. Sgt. Chosta, L.
 R. S/Sgt. Burr, H.C.
 G. Sgt. Sharpsteen, R.E.

448th - A/C No. 41-30005

P. 1st Lt. Doyle, E.J.
 CP. 2d Lt. Reiner, W.F.
 B. 2d Lt. Malec, J.F.
 E. S/Sgt. Kepford, F.R.
 R/ Sgt. Neview, F.J.
 G. S/Sgt. Wolfe, E.A.

448th - A/C No. 42-32427

P. 2d Lt. Myers, H.C.
 CP. 2d Lt. Lonsdorf, T.L.
 B. 2d Lt. Quartuccio, A.P.
 E. S/Sgt. Johnson, J.M.
 R. S/Sgt. Doss, C.W.
 G. S/Sgt. Coleman, S.L.

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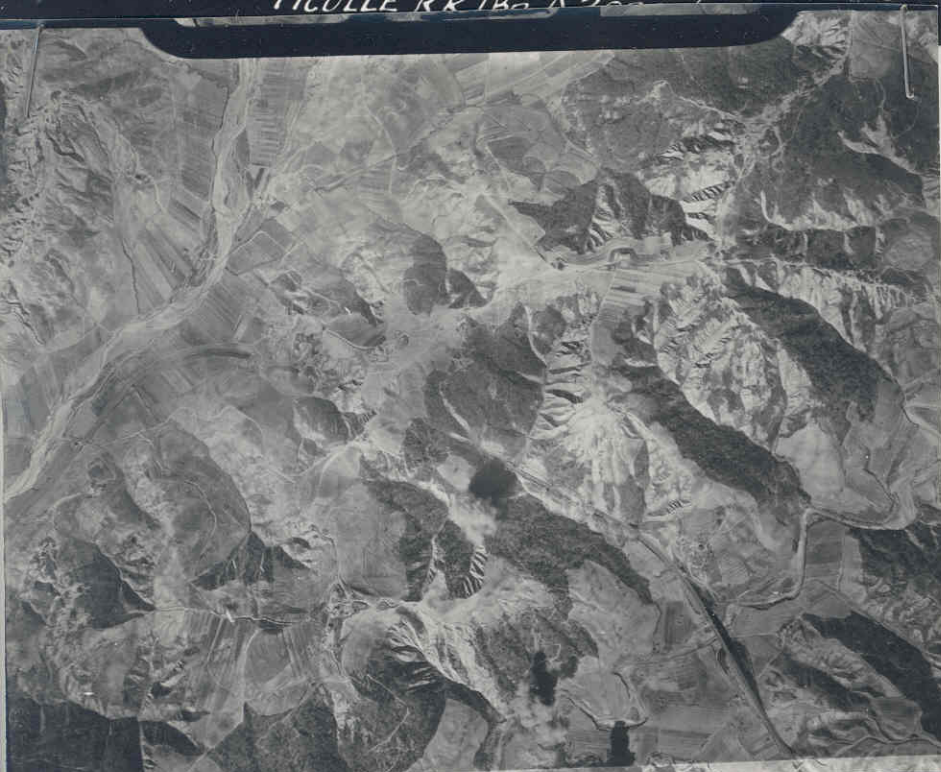
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FIGULLE RR/BR A 387704

2 April 1944.

0815 Capt. Fenner to Hoffman. "Target weather CAVU".

1230 Cameron to 57th wing. "All aircraft have returned".

1300 Asbury to Fenner. "Flash mission report".

1345 Asbury to Fenner. "Wanted info as regards Stand-down and Training".

From Phantom. "TOO 021610B. Time referred to in yesterdays signal GCH 10
for practice firing is "B" time".

A/C loaned to 340th for Combat:

448th, 186 and 995.

447th, 559 and 512.

446th, 549, 446, 547 and 403.

445th, 333 and 169