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321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650

6 April 1944

MISSION NO. Abortive

GROUP: 321st Bomb

NO A/C 35

SQUADRONS: 445-9, 446-10, 447-7, 448-9

TARGET: Perugia

TIME OFF: 1404

T.O.T.

TIME DOWN: 1640

AXIS OF ATTACK:

HEIGHT:

PLANES LOST:

BOMBS DROPPED:

PLANES HOLED:

ESCORT:

ROUTE: Found route from Naples up past bomblines to vicinity of H-0560 - 6 to 8/10 towering cumulus at 13,000 ft. peaks to 17,000 and building up on route, made a 360° with Roccaraso as turning point - then returned to base.

FLIGHT LEADERS: Capts. Neumann, Cooper and Lt. Wiginton

NUMBER OF SORTIES: None

PHOTOS TAKEN: None

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

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1st A/C off at 1404.

Last A/C off at 1425.

527 returned at 1459 (R. sick). Returned at 1459.

553 returned at 1456. Guns out.

509 returned at 1455. Magneto out.

126 did not take off. (Pilot sick)

434 returned at 1556. (Bombardier trouble) Sharpe.

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- 1055 Col. Duncan to Hoffman. "O.K. to bomb wrecked ships South of Sele River. It is not O.K. to bomb abandoned A/D--supplies are kept there."
- 1150 Capt. Lacey to Hoffman. "Askd about local weather. Stated that weather in target area was not good enough yet".
- 1200 Fennerto Cameron. "Orte for the 1st Alternate on First Target. Aiming point R. R. Junction".
- 1300 Duncan to Cameron. "4/10 to 6/10 at from 4 to 6,000 feet. Primary questionable, Alternate open. We are to call Fighters 10 minutes prior to rendezvous time, rendezvous at 8,000 feet."
- 1700 Cameron to Fenner. "Mission A/C are back".

Duncan to Larson. "36 A/C. 340th will not be on same target. We may send 2 flights of 18 or 1 flight of 24 and 1 of 12--as we choose. Rendezvous is H minus 02:00 (1300). Fighters cannot stop on other side because they leave A/C over there without Ground Personnel. P-47's probable escort for tomorrow".

16 P-47's, rendezvous at Capedichine".

Change in A/C line up for 445th.
1st Element 434 (Neumann)
2nd plane in 1st Element 659 (.
2nd Element 575 (Wilson).
Lead A/C in 4th Element 179 (Shyshka).

Mickeling Mission: Wing plane, 550 (Walker).

- 2250 57th Wing to Asbury. "RR Bridge at A619333. Probably the same load and time. Tail fuze is .025. 24 A/C. Same Alternate. 225° Axis with left break. Rendezvous is H minus 0200 (11:00). Escort (16, P-47's ?)

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445

434

NEUMANN

CASA BORI - N
KAURIC - B

333

HINSLEY

659

177

COALE

Returned 1556

458
RIGLER

529

WATERMAN

434
WILSON

373

RUSSELL

667

CAARVILLE

179

SHYSKA

553

Tompkins

527
SMITHReturned
1459
Man sick
Guns out

354

Mc LAIN

446

511

COOPER

394

HURLEY

509

JORDAN

446
KERR123
HERBERT387
MATZINGER995
MORRIS547
VIVAS549
HAWKES293
LECLAIR

447

371 Widdle
Shomson

448

050
Nicks403
HODGES

695

Dalley

Wigington

126

930

Stocking

699
Haynes

512

Murray

548

Caffer

926

Lrene

125

Idalis

655

VAN RAAM

1455

Kingsdell

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SPARES

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Davies

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Cloward

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Armstrong

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LYONS

995
Myers434 1556
527 1459Valley Road
out of gear
My Charlie stand