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321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650

7 April 1944

MISSION NO: 253

GROUP: 321st Bomb

NO A/C 3

SQUADRONS: 448-2, 445-1

TARGET: Nickeling over Chieti and Manopello - dropping in area C-1245

TIME OFF: 1330

T.O.T. 1455

TIME DOWN: 1555

AXIS OF ATTACK:

HEIGHT: 14,000

PLANES LOST:

BOMBS DROPPED: 24 bombs
24 packages
(propaganda leaflets)

ESCORT: 6 P-40's

ROUTE: Base to Capadichino to Penna Point, to C-4040 to C-1245 (drop)
back via Penna Point.

WEATHER: CAVU AT TARGET:

Enroute and return: Visibility 10 miles, 4/10 cumulus at 6500 ft.

FLAK: 3 bursts of heavy from Guillianova - 4 miles to rear of formation

OBSERVATIONS: From 13,000 ft. - 5 E boats, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles offshore, moving north
very slowly at 1455

FLIGHT LEADER: Lt. Sowder

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 3


S. P. NEPRASH,
Capt., Air Corps,
Ass't Intelligence Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 321st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 291)

1. Mission # 290.
2. Target: Nickeling over Cephane and Frosinane at G-3570.
3. Number and type A/C completing mission: 2 B-25's.

4. Route Out:	Course	distance	time
	340	22	6
	285	28	3
	354	64	10
	315	39	8½
	273	15	4
	190	11	2½

Assembly: 1347

5. T.O.T.: C

6. Route Back:	Course	distance	time
	110	47	11
	174	64	15
	95	28	7
	160	22	6

7. Number and type escort: 6 P-40's.
8. Bomb Load: Nickels.
9. Signals: Francis (B), Endure (F), channel A.
10. SMITH.

WILBURN ASBURY,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

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Annex to Operations Order 291

448th - A/C No. 41-30367

P. 2d Lt. Sowder, T.H.
CP. 2d Lt. Lonsdorf, F.L.
B. 1st Lt. Evans, I.P.
N. 2d Lt. Duncan, G.F.
E. Pfc. Jackson, J.D.
K. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, J.H.
G. S/Sgt. Graham, H.J.

448th - A/C No. 41-29765

P. 1st Lt. Cooper, J.W.
CP. 2d Lt. Conner, J.C.
B. 1st Lt. Joyce, R.W.
E. S/Sgt. Davis, J.H.
K. T/Sgt. Parham, J.E.
G. Sgt. Everhart, C.R.