

S E C R E T

293
321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650

10 April 1944

MISSION NO: 255 GROUP: 321st Bomb NO A/C: 27

SQUADRONS: 446-6, 448-7, 447-7, 445-7

TARGET: Orvieto R.R. Bridge.

TIME OFF: 0955 T.O.T. 1155 TIME DOWN: 1305

AXIS OF ATTACK: 254° HEIGHT: 10/11500 ft.

PLANES LOST: None BOMBS DROPPED: 105 x 1000

PLANES HOLED: None

ESCORT: 12 Spits.

ROUTE: N-6840, N-2570, H-0853, G-6292, B-2414, B-0540, A-7368 (I.P.), Target, A-4345, A-5230, B-2414 - to base.

WEATHER: Enroute and return: Clouds: 8/10 stratocumulus, tops at 8,000 ft. breaking at Avezzano to 4/10. Visibility: Unlimited.
At Target: CAVU

FLAK: At target: None. Light, meager, inaccurate reported from Avezzano, south bridge at Orte, and southwest of Rieti.

ENEMY AIR: None CLAIMS: None

RESULTS: Bombs appear to have fallen slightly over to N.W. and between road and railroad to S.E. Strings reported on S. choke point of M/Yds and some hits on bridge itself. Small fire observed near bridge between it and M/Y.

OBSERVATIONS: 30/40 car train stationary at Stimigliano. 20/30 cars stationary 10 miles S. of Orte and two trains 20 cars each further S on same line. 25/30 cars stationary at Civita Castellana and 20 cars at Torrita Tiberina (A-8605). One report of Approx. 26 E/A on Viterbo main (10 T/E - 16 S/E) dispersed around field. Another report of only 5 A/C on this field.

FLIGHT LEADERS: Capts. Cooper and Banks

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 27

PHOTOS TAKEN:

OBSERVERS: Major Cooper VI Corps, Capt. Leigh-Morgan 1st British Div. Major Jelf, 5th Army.

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1. Number of Aircraft: 27
2. Take Off: Planned Time: 0954 Actual Time: 1012
3. Rendezvous: 1030 1054
4. On Course: Planned Time: 1030 Actual Time: 1054
5. Planned Route: Base-Marcianese-Castel D Sangro-Ovindola-4220N1205E-4235N1150E
2mi N Todi-Target-4228N1212E-Ovindoli-Castel D Sangro-Marcianese-Base
6. Actual Route: As Planned
7. I. P.: Name: 2mi N of TODI Planned Time: 1114 $\frac{1}{2}$ Actual Time: 1149 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. T.O.T.: Planned Time: 1119 Actual Time: 1154
9. Altitude of Attack: Planned: 10,000-10,500 Actual: as planned.
10. Axis of Attack and Break: Planned: 255° Left Actual: as planned.
11. Explanation of why bombs hit outside target area: Bombardiers off on Rate Synchronization.
12. Flight Leaders: Pilot Capt. COOPER Bombardier Lt. HUTTLEY Flight Commander Capt. COOPER
Lt. BANKS Lt. JONES
13. The drift, dropping angle, I.A.S., G.S. on bomb run:
Drift: 6° Left Dropping Angle: 40.5 I.A.S.: 210
G.S.: 240
14. Length of bomb run in seconds: 60
15. Number of bombs salvoed and reasons: Two bombs salvoed due to blown fuse in intervalometer.
16. Number of bombs returned to Base and reasons: None
17. The type of bombing formation: One flight of 15 and one flight of 12. Elements in flights javelined down in trail.
18. Intervalometer setting: Ten feet.
19. Comments: Late for take off and rendezvous due to limited amount of time given to Both Groups.

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OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 293)

1. Mission No. 292.
2. Target: Orvieto Railroad Bridge.
3. Number and Type A/C completing mission: 27 B-25's.

4. Route Out:	Course	Distance	Time
	315	37	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	310	32	9
	352	52	14
	315	37	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	303	27	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	330	21	6
	315	27	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	255	18	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Assembly: 1015.

5. T.O.T.: 1155.

6. Route Back:	Course	Distance	Time
	197	8	2
	149	10	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	111	72	17
	135	37	9
	172	52	13
	130	32	8
	160	22	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

7. Number and Type Escort: 12 Spitfires.
8. Bomb Load: 1000-lb. demolition.
9. Signals: Francis (B), Dumpling (F), Channel A.
10. SMITH.

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Annex to Operations Order No. 293.

445th - A/C No. 42-64575

P. 2nd Lt. Charville, L. D.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hammar, R. L.
 B. 2nd Lt. Werrlein, H. F.
 E. Pvt. Weaver, G. R.
 R. S/Sgt. Stone, D. R.
 G. S/Sgt. Reddy, J. E.

445th - A/C No. 42-32434

P. Capt. Wilson, V. H.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Vallery, D. B.
 B. 1st Lt. Schutte, W. G.
 N. 1st Lt. Sharp, K. R.
 G. S/Sgt. Herrmann, B. G.
 R. T/Sgt. DiPietrantonio, J. N.
 E. S/Sgt. Dillon, J. A.

445th - A/C No. 41-30550

P. 2nd Lt. Shyshka, L. P.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Gunder, W. H.
 B. 1st Lt. Kauric, W. J.
 N. 2nd Lt. Smith, R. (NMI)
 R. S/Sgt. Kintly, J. E.
 E. Sgt. Ceccucci, H. A.
 G. Sgt. Zimmer, H. C.

445th - A/C No. 41-29985

P. 2nd Lt. Smith, A. B.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hardman, A. F.
 B. S/Sgt. Miller, R. J.
 E. Sgt. Malloy, E. J.
 R. Sgt. Wells, R. J.
 G. Sgt. Kramer, H. P.

446th - A/C No. 41-13200

P. 1st Lt. Bsharah, P.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Goff, L. R.
 B. 2nd Lt. Williams, W. K.
 E. S/Sgt. Jupin, J.
 R. S/Sgt. Maddox, E. R.
 G. Sgt. Nemet, M.

446th - A/C No. 42-32394

P. 1st Lt. Matzinger, K. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Ritger, C. F.
 B. 1st Lt. Pestalozzi, R. H.
 E. Sgt. Britton, W. W.
 R. S/Sgt. Mygrant, R. F.
 G. Sgt. Tanza, W. A.

446th - A/C No. 42-64509

P. 2nd Lt. Jordan, H. L.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Hawkins, R. B.
 B. 1st Lt. Rice, S. W.
 R. S/Sgt. Bufkin, F. P.
 E. Sgt. Nigrell, E. J.
 G. Cpl. Burrows, I. F.

445th - A/C No. 42-32333

P. 1st Lt. Hinsley, M.
 CP. 1st Lt. Dickerson, S. M.
 B. 1st Lt. Yopez, O. W.
 G. S/Sgt. Irvin, R. D.
 R. S/Sgt. Smith, E.
 E. S/Sgt. Belt, H. C.

445th - A/C No. 42-64659

P. 2nd Lt. Rigler, E. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Wolfe, R. A.
 B. 1st Lt. Miller, E. A.
 E. Sgt. Chambers, T.
 R. S/Sgt. Heinbaugh, J. C.
 G. Pvt. Garza, M.
 F. Sgt. Cotter, J. M.

445th - A/C No. 42-64529

P. 1st Lt. Waterman, L. R.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Groose, W. R.
 B. 1st Lt. O'Toole, F. X.
 R. T/Sgt. Johnson, J. E.
 G. S/Sgt. Andrews, L. C.
 E. S/Sgt. Donegan, J. B.
 F. Cpl. Cheosky, A. A.
 O. Capt. Swanberg, C. (HQ, 3rd Inf Div).

446th - A/C No. 41-30293

P. 1st Lt. Kerr, J. C.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Smith, R. L.
 B. 2nd Lt. Mayo, J. D.
 E. Sgt. Smetana, F. C.
 R. S/Sgt. Sweedler, M.
 G. Sgt. Zeman, H. W.
 O. Major Cooper, J. L. (VI Corps)

446th - A/C No. 42-32403

P. 1st Lt. Dickson, G. M.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Briles, C. O.
 BN. 2nd Lt. Forsberg, R. A.
 E. S/Sgt. Bellamy, H. E.
 R. T/Sgt. Cohen, G.
 G. Cpl. Mittman, M. N.

446th - A/C No. 42-64511

P. Capt. Cooper, P. T.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Holt, R. L.
 N. 2nd Lt. Kinney, J. H.
 B. 2nd Lt. Mottley, J. F.
 E. Cpl. Shellhamer, L.
 R. S/Sgt. Roulier, E. T.
 G. Sgt. Foley, J. M.

448th - A/C No. 42-64655

P. 1st Lt. Moss, R. W.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Lonsdorf, F. L.
 B. 1st Lt. Joyce, R. W.
 N. 1st Lt. Feeley, Jr., W. C.
 R. S/Sgt. Doss, C. W.
 G. S/Sgt. Coleman, S. L.
 E. S/Sgt. Johnson, J. M.

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448th - A/C No. 42-87455

P. 2nd Lt. Lyons, J. B.
CP. 2nd Lt. Swanson, E. G.
B. 2nd Lt. Apple, J. A.
E. Sgt. Rippel, N.
R. S/Sgt. Thompson, A. R.
G. S/Sgt. Van Cura, E. W.

448th - A/C No. 42-64521

P. 1st Lt. Doyle, E. J.
CP. 2nd Lt. Rogers, H.
B. 2nd Lt. Malec, J. F.
N. 2nd Lt. Hickey, W. O.
R. Sgt. Kershaw, R. T.
E. S/Sgt. Bilts, R. E.
G. Cpl. Jeffrey, L. J.

448th - A/C No. 41-12926

P. 1st Lt. Cooper, J. W.
CP. 2nd Lt. Furey, F. M.
B. Cpl. Carr, R. C.
E. S/Sgt. Davis, J. L.
R. T/Sgt. Parham, J. E.
G. Sgt. Everhart, C. R.

447th - A/C No. 42-64553

P. 1st Lt. Alger, L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Heitman, W. F.
B. 2nd Lt. Nelson, G. B.
O. Major Jelf, W. F. (Ground Forces)
E. Sgt. Ford, L. W.
R. T/Sgt. Williamson, M. O.
G. Sgt. Bean, R. W.

447th - A/C No. 41-30126

P. 2nd Lt. Dean, I. E.
CP. 2nd Lt. Krafka, E.
B. 2nd Lt. Spruill, M. L.
E. Sgt. Partee, W. L.
R. S/Sgt. Alpino, J. D.
G. Sgt. Mango, J. A.

447th - A/C No. 42-64512

P. 2nd Lt. Speer, M. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Nall, F. M.
B. 1st Lt. Deane, G. J.
E. S/Sgt. Escher, C. S.
R. S/Sgt. Carlson, C. M.
G. Sgt. Corkill, J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 2nd Lt. Myers, H. C.
CP. 2nd Lt. Blackwell, R. G.
B. 2nd Lt. Zinkand, W. T.
E. S/Sgt. Hajny, Z.
R. S/Sgt. Acey, M. E.
G. Sgt. Neuman, R. A.
F. Sgt. France, C. E.

448th - A/C No. 41-30125

P. 1st Lt. Hales, E. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Moyer, E. C.
B. T/Sgt. Braun, J. M.
E. P.F.C. Hinton, Z. R.
R. S/Sgt. Campbell, J. R.
G. Pvt. Crow, R. J.
F. S/Sgt. Dean, W. J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30548

P. 1st Lt. Armstrong, D. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Barbour, M. H.
B. 2nd Lt. Bond, E. N.
N. 2nd Lt. Olszewski, H.
E. Pvt. Sullivan, J. G.
R. S/Sgt. Jacobson, F.
G. Cpl. Wilkerson, J. D.

447th - A/C No.

P. 1st Lt. Stocking, E. E.
CP. 2nd Lt. Metzger, J. E.
B. 2nd Lt. Anderson, S. E.
E. Cpl. Tollefson, F. W.
R. S/Sgt. Biaski, J.
G. Sgt. Mitchell, F. W.
O. Capt. Morgan, A. H. (Ground Forces)

447th - A/C No. 42-64583

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. P.
G. Sgt. Smith, D. R.

447th - A/C No. 42-64694

P. 2nd Lt. Haynes, E. R.
CP. 2nd Lt. Manz, W. A.
B. 2nd Lt. James, R. M.
E. Sgt. Engless, R. W.
R. T/Sgt. Boyd, R. J.
G. Sgt. Tarra, F. J.
F. Cpl. Statham, A. F.

447th - A/C No. 42-53371

P. 1st Lt. Banks, H.
CP. 2nd Lt. Kibler, W. E.
N. 2nd Lt. Rye, W. T.
B. 2nd Lt. Jones, C. L.
E. Sgt. Koecher, R. W.
R. T/Sgt. Hubert, L.
G. Sgt. Bushnell, J. L.

MISSION ROSTER

APRIL 9

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403 DICKSON
 511 COOPER
 B-MOTTLEY
 N-KENNEY
 293 KERR
 509 JORDAN
 200 BSHARAH
 394 MATZINGER My
 655 MOSS
 455 LYONS
 327 MYERS
 521 DOYLE
 926 COOPER
 125 HALES

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371 BANKS
 583 DALLEY
 930 STOCKING
 553 ALGER
 694 HAYNES
 434 WILSON
 126 DEAN
 659 RIGLER
 550 SHYSHKA
 985 SMITH
 333 HIMSLEY
 529 WATERMAN

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SPARES

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 575 CHARVILLE
 512 SPEER

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