

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

12 April 1944

MISSION NO. 258

GROUP: 321 Bomb

No A/C: 21

SQUADRONS: 448-12, 445-9.

TARGET: Bridge nine miles SE of Orvieto.

TIME OFF: 0935

T.O.T. 1100

TIME DOWN: 1245

AXIS OF ATTACK: 20 degrees

HEIGHT: 10500/11500

PLANES LOST: None

BOMBS DROPPED 79 x 1000

PLANES HOLED: Nine (S)

ESCORT: 12 Spits.

ROUTE: N-1814, M-9733, N-2570, H-1228, H-0583, G-6292, B-3406, B-0515, A-5023-
(I.P.), Target, B-0515 to Base.

WEATHER: Enroute and return - 3/10 cumulus at 6000' - vis 15 mi. Target CAVU.

FLAK: Heavy Moderate to intense and accurate from battery pinpointed NE of bridge at target, and from W of river S of target. Also heavy moderate accurate from approximately A-5245 on bomb run and 6 guns reported immediately S. of Baschi in hills just east of river.

ENEMY AIR: None

CLAIMS: None

RESULTS: Several reports of bridge being hit with bombs across either end and center with others just short and over to NW and SE.

OBSERVATIONS: Approx. 35 cars each at Rieti and Viterbo M/yds. Two trains of 30 cars each in Orte M/yds. Also S of Orte between M/yds and large bend in river 30 cars. All these stationary. Engine alone on line S of Orte. Two trains of 40 and 20/30 cars each stationary at Stmigliano.

FLIGHT LEADERS: Capt Freeland and Capt Wilson.

NUMBER OF SORTIES: 21

PHOTOS TAKEN


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Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
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Office of the Operations Officer

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12 April 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 296)

1. Mission No. 295.
2. Target: Bridge Nine Miles Southeast of Orvieto.
3. Number and Type Aircraft Completing Mission: 21 B-25's.

4. Route Out:	Course	Distance	Time
	340	32	9
	300	24	7
	350	52	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
	315	37	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	300	20	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	284	53	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
	17	16	4

Assembly: 0956.

5. T.O.T.: 1100.

6. Route Back:	Course	Distance	Time
	128	37	9
	110	19	5
	120	20	5
	135	37	9
	170	52	13
	120	24	6
	160	32	8

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

WILBURN ASBURY,
Major, Air Corps,
S-3.

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Annex to Operations Order No. 296

445th A/C No. 42 - 32434

P. Capt. Wilson, V. H.
CP. Capt. Cameron, W. D. (HQ)
N. 1st Lt. Casaburi, R. R.
B. 1st Lt. Schutte, W. G.
E. S/Sgt. Dillon, J. A.
R. T/Sgt. Di Pietrantonio, J. N.
G. S/Sgt. Herrman, B. E.

445th A/C - No. 41 - 30550

P. 2nd Lt. Shyshka, L. P.
CP. 2nd Lt. Schweda, G. J.
B. 1st Lt. Anderson, M. B.
N. 2nd Lt. Fisher, S. M.
E. Sgt. Jones, R. C.
R. S/Sgt. Plunk, C. B.
G. Sgt. Zimmer, H. C.

445th A/C - No. 42 - 64575

P. 2nd Lt. Riger, E. J.
CP. 2nd Lt. Gunder, W. H.
B. 1st Lt. Miller, E. A.
N. F/O Napple, F. L.
R. S/Sgt. Wells, J. E.
E. S/Sgt. Malmberg, R.
G. Sgt. Doswell, R. T.

445th A/C - No. 42 - 64529

P. 2nd Lt. Russell, L. L.
CP. 2nd Lt. Harsell, E. M.
B. S/Sgt. Miller, R. J.
E. Sgt. Thidodeau, L. J.
R. S/Sgt. Plott, J. M.
G. Sgt. McGinley, J. B.

445th A/C - No. 42 - 64527

P. 2nd Lt. Chaville, L. D.
CP. 2nd Lt. Groose, W. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Simpkins, E. L.
E. Sgt. Hickey, W. R.
R. S/Sgt. Kintly, J. E.
G. S/Sgt. Reddy, J. E.

448th A/C - No. 42 - 64655

P. Capt. Freeland, L. B.
CP. 1st Lt. Hicks, J. T.
N. 1st Lt. Hough, W. S.
B. 1st Lt. McRee, M. C.
E. Sgt. Hospod, B.
R. T/Sgt. Gilpatrick, G. H.
G. S/Sgt. Wolfe, E. A.

448th A/C - No. 41 - 12926

P. 1st Lt. Greene, W. A.
CP. 1st Lt. Brown, W. E.
B. T/Sgt. Braun, J. M.
E. Sgt. Kershan, R. T.
R. T/Sgt. Holtzendorf, H.
G. Sgt. Groome, D. M.

445TH A/C - No. 41 - 30354

P. 1st Lt. Dickerson, S. M.
CP. 2nd Lt. Wolfe, R. A.
B. Capt. J. H. Underwood
E. Sgt. Malloy, E. J.
R. Sgt. Wells, R. J.
G. Sgt. Kramer, H. P.
F. Pvt. Abrams, S.

445th A/C - No. 41 - 29985

P. 2nd Lt. Smith, A. B.
CP. 2nd Lt. Fischer, F. R.
B. 2nd Lt. Werrleen, H. F.
R. T/Sgt. O'Leary, J. D.
EG. Sgt. DeRose, L. A.
G. Sgt. Harris, C. W.

445th A/C - No. 42 - 32333

P. 1st Lt. Crider, C. M.
CP. 2nd Lt. Swanson, H. A.
B. 2nd Lt. Brule, G. J.
R. S/Sgt. Pate, H. B.
E. Sgt. Swingholm, P. J.
G. Sgt. Behlendar, J. C.
R. Cpl. A. A. Cheosky.

445th A/C - No. 42 - 64659

P. Lt. Coale, J. R.
CP. Lt. Jantone, M. A.
B. Lt. Werner, S.
R. T/Sgt. Maddox, R. L.
E. Pvt. Soltysiak, S. J.
G. Sgt. McClary, L. F.

445th A/C - No. 41 - 13179

P. 2nd Lt. Schiff, F. (NMI)
CP. 2nd Lt. Lyons, L. L.
B. 1st Lt. O'Toole, F. X.
E. Sgt. Ceccucci, H. A.
R. S/Sgt. Stone, D. R.
G. Sgt. Semsler, F. S.

448th A/C - No. 42 - 87455

P. 2nd Lt. Kuykendall, J. W.
CP. 2nd Lt. Warren, W. F.
B. 2nd Lt. Schlenk, H. O.
R. S/Sgt. Schaffner, C. E.
F. Sgt. D. L. Ernst.
G. Sgt. Slafkes, M. M.
E. S/Sgt. Kepford, F. R.

448th A/C - No. 41 - 30548

P. Capt. Crowell, W. Jr.
CP. 2nd Lt. McCabe, N. M.
B. 1st Lt. Kreutz, A. W.
N. 2nd Lt. Hickey, W. A.
E. Sgt. Chosta, L.
R. S/Sgt. Burr, H. C.
G. Sgt. Sherpsteen, R. E.

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448th - A/C No. 42-64519

P. 1st Lt. Cooper, J. W.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Stevens, R. B.
 B. 2nd Lt. Quartuccio, A. P.
 E. Sgt. Weyeneth, C. H.
 R. S/Sgt. Kielich, H. J.
 G. Sgt. Everhart, C. R.

448th - A/C No. 41-30005

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

448th - A/C No. 41-13050

P. 1st Lt. Hales, E. L.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Amo, L. W.
 B. 2nd Lt. Kurakowski, A. A.
 E. P. F. C. Hinton, Z. R.
 R. S/Sgt. Hasserbien, S.
 G. Pvt. Crow, R. J.
 F. S/Sgt. Daniels, J.

448th - A/C No. 41-13186

P. 2nd Lt. Lyons, J. B.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Ovard, G. S.
 B. 2nd Lt. Burday, H.
 E. Sgt. Rippel, N.
 R. S/Sgt. Thompson, A. R.
 G. Sgt. Rosencrans, H. R.
 F. S/Sgt. Dean, W. J.

448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. 2nd Lt. Myers, H. C.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Mathews, T. W.
 B. 2nd Lt. Apple, J. A.
 E. S/Sgt. Hajny, Z.
 R. S/Sgt. Campbell, J. R.
 G. Sgt. Hersh, B.

448th - A/C No. 42-64521

P. 1st Lt. Doyle, E. J.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Howard, C. E.
 B. 2nd Lt. Malec, J. F.
 N. 2nd Lt. Olszewski, H.
 E. Sgt. Gager, J. R.
 R. Sgt. Neview, F. J.
 G. Cpl. Jeffrey, L. J.

448th - A/C No. 42-32427

P. 2nd Lt. Verkrusysse, E. D.
 CP. 2nd Lt. Cottle, R. J.
 B. 2nd Lt. Young, R. B.
 E. Sgt. Clark, R. S.
 R. Pvt. Lellis, M. C.
 G. Sgt. Hutchinson, J.

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 By R.J. NARA Date 3-21-07

BRIDGE 9 MI SE OF ORVIETO.

4/12/44

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ORIGINAL

GROUND		AIR	RADIO	
BRIEFING		RENDEZVOUS	CALL FOR TODAY	JACKIE
AT SHIPS		ON COURSE	FIGHTER CALL	MUSTARD
START ENGINES		TIME OVER TARGET	FREQ. CHANNEL	
TAKE-OFF		ALT. OF TARGET	OTHER BOMBERS	
			OTHER FIGHTERS	

POS'N	COURSE	DIST	TIME	POS'N	COURSE	DIST	TIME	COLORS OF THE DAY			
A-B	340	32	9	A-B	135	37	9	TIME	FLARE	CHALL	ANS
B-C	300	24	7	B-C	170	52	13				
C-D	350	52	14 1/2	C-D	120	24	6	0100-0700			
D-E	315	37	10 1/2	D-E	160	32	8				
E-F	300	20	5 1/2	E-F				0800-1400	RG	J	W
F-G	284	53	14 1/2	F-G							
G-H	17	16	4	G-H	4x15			1400-2000	GY	O	V
H-I	128	37	9	H-I							
I-J	110	19	5	I-J				2300-0100			
J-K	120	20	5	J-K							

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12 April 1944
(DATE)

OPERATIONS OFFICERS REPORT TO 57TH WING.

MISSION NO.:	A/C	TARGET	REND.	T.O.T.	OFF	LOAD
2		R.R. BRIDGE (9) MI SE OF ORUETO	1015	1110	0929	1000

1. BOMB FALL (Target hit, pattern, concentration, effect).

concentration, effect,

2. TARGET, GOOD OR BAD (Enemy dispositions, easy to identify, good aiming point, sufficient bombs to cover).

3. WEATHER (Clouds, vis., ceiling, route, target area).

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Cave

4. A/C LOST (Crash landing, position for missing A/C).

5. FLAK AND E/A.

on / run



6. ESCORT OR FIGHTER COVER (D.K. or NOT).

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7. FORMATION TECHNIQUE (Method of attack, axis of attack, dropped by 6 or 12).

17. *Aliment*

8. REMARKS.

PHOTO INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

DATE 12/4/44 1944

FROM 321st Photo Intelligence TO Hdqs. 57th Bomb Wing

BOMB DAMAGE REPORT ON: Communications

TARGET: R.R. Bridge S/E of Orvieto COORDINATES

DATE & HOUR 12/4/44/11:00 PHOTOS NOS. _____ SCALE: _____
F.L. _____ ALT. _____ R.F. _____

POSITION OF CAMERAS IN FORMATION.



AXIS OF ATTACK

NO., TYPE & FUSING OF BOMBS DROPPED: 79 x 1000 lb inst.

NO. OF BOMB TESTS VISIBLE ON PHOTOS: 50 x 1000 lb inst.

FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION:

A concentrated string fell across the center of bridge beginning 400 yds S. and walking 300 yds northward. The bridge appears to be hit by these bombs.

Scattered clusters are 800 yds S/W, 500 yds N/E and one cluster 1500 yds N/E hit a group of buildings 300 yds S. of a heavy flak position.

Captain W. Henry
P. I. Officer

Q. Q. # 296.