

HEADQUARTERS 321ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF  
 APO NO. 650  
 Office of the Operations Officer

16 April 1944.

OPERATIONS ORDER )

NUMBER 301 )

1. Mission No. 300.
2. Target: Nickelling over Velletri.
3. Number and Type Aircraft Completing Mission: 3 B-25's.

4. Route Out:	Course	Distance	Time
	340	22	6
	310	32	9
	275	66	17½
	332	33	8½
	343	11	3

Assembly: 1440.

5. T.O.T.: 1550.
6. Route Back:
 

Course	Distance	Time
195	16	4
130	35	8
95	66	16
130	32	9
160	22	6
7. Number and Type Escort: 6 Spitfires.
8. Bomb Load: 24 Frontpost (Nickels).
9. Signals: Bathclub (B).
10. SMITH.

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## Annex to Operations Order No. 301.

## 445th - A/C No. 42-64575

P. 1st Lt. Farrell, R. P.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Moore, H. D.  
W. 2nd Lt. Fisher, S. M.  
B. 1st Lt. Monk, W.  
R. S/Sgt. Marcoulis, W. A.  
G. S/Sgt. Tarra, C. F.  
E. Sgt. Chambers, J.

## 447th - A/C No. 41-30530

P. Capt. Cloward, G. A.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Manz, W. A.  
B. 2nd Lt. Webb, J. A.  
E. Sgt. Scarberry, R. R.  
R. S/Sgt. Wineski, R. R.  
G. Sgt. Burke, W. H.

## 448th - A/C No. 41-30327

P. Capt. Freeland, L. B.  
CP. 2nd Lt. Shear, M.  
B. 2nd Lt. Burday, H.  
R. S/Sgt. Acey, M. E.  
G. Sgt. Everheart, C. R.  
E. S/Sgt. Hajny, Z.

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- 0750 Fitzpatrick to Asbury. "Call signs: "Mustard White" (6 Spits), Mustard Black (6 Spits). Top Cover: "Dumplings" (4). Weather report later.
- 0815 Weather is O.K., go ahead as planned. Message--Duncan to Cameron.
- 0900 Duncan to Asbury. "Gen. Knapp & Col. Olmsted will be here after lunch for a conference. Keller notified".
- 0925 Asbury to Duncan. "McAllison landed--deal is off".
- Weather Recce Report: "Whispy haze, layer to 4,000 feet, visibility O.K. At 13,000 layer stratus enroute 3/10. At 15,000 stratus layer 3/10 over Target."
- 0955 Duncan to Larson. "Set-up one aircraft for special installation. The Pilot is to take the plane to Foch Field and report to Lt. Haley of the 16th Recon. Sqn. An SCR 587 Radio set will be installed there. The Pilot will have highest priority--orders are on the way from TAF, and Haley is to be informed of this fact. He is to go over and return as soon as possible. The A/C will fly in last flight of first 24 planes. Radio Man is to go along".
- "Informed them of Mission take-off".
- 1120 Asbury to Duncan. "A/C has departed for Foch Field. Arrange fighters for Nickeling mission. 1500 rendezvous, route, and number of escort".
- 1220 Wing to Asbury. "Rendezvous at 8,000, C/S is "Rally Black". Will Rend. at Marcianise with 4 Spits (asked for 2 more)".
- 1235 Fitzpatrick to Asbury. "We are to set up an aircraft to pick up "windows" at Capodichino. If we experience trouble in obtaining them we are to call "Gordon" then "Grapevine" then "Sparks" and ask for Maj. Freeland--he will straighten the matter out. There is supposed to be a "man" at the Freight Office who will give them the "windows". Chaplain Johnson is to go with the flight to Capodichino."
- 1340 Larson to 445th. "A/C 179 (445th) set-up to ferry "windows". Pilot to report here at 1415 for instruction".
- 446th to Larson. "446th does not have Col. Olmsted's Parachute".
- 1345 Tokez to Asbury. "Mission for tomorrow: 24 A/C, 1000's.
- 1455 Fitzpatrick to Asbury. "Mission is off, made rendezvous O.K."
- 1500 Fitzpatrick to Asbury. "R.R. Bridge at A-619333, axis of 220°, rendezvous at 0945. Squadrons notified".
- 1839 Tower to Asbury. "B-24 has departed".
- 1945 Fitzpatrick to Asbury. "Fighter C/S is "Steamer Red, Blue, Yellow". Top cover is "Banker Black".