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May has been the busiest operational month yet experienced by the Squadron. Our medium altitude missions continued to pound enemy supply lines, principally rail and road bridges, and also provided ground support for the Anzio Beachhead Offensive which began on 12 May and lasted until 24 May when the Beachhead was joined by the U.S. 5th Army. None of our planes were lost on the 28 medium altitude missions and one nickelling mission flown. The 254 sorties flown brought the total to 1,958. The ratio of planes lost to sorties flown is .7660% as of the end of the month. Although during February the Squadron flew 41 missions, these were low level missions in B-25-G's and totaled only 215 sorties.

For amusements and recreation the Squadron continued to enjoy the same splendid facilities provided by the Squadron itself, Special Service and the Red Cross. A Basketball Team was added to the sports program, and preparations were well under way for the establishment of a Squadron Enlisted Men's Club. The nearby creek has several attractive swimming holes, and full advantage was taken of them, although all recreation was necessarily neglected in the interest of keeping up the offensive against the enemy. Trips to the Squadron Rest Camp at Bonifacio continued for ground personnel, and to Capri and Cairo for combat personnel. The food is still excellent.

There is little talk of the Invasion any more. A short lived rumor will crop up occasionally, but dies down quickly, as the most popular conversation is in a speculative tone and concerns furloughs to the United States for ground personnel.

31 Combat Officers and 31 Combat Enlisted Men and one Ground Enlisted Man were assigned to the Squadron during the month to replace those who have finished their tours of duty and have returned to the United States for re-assignment.

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Monday, 1 May 1944.

Splendid weather.

The latest rumor has it that Ground personnel will be granted 21 day furloughs with traveling time in the United States.

S/Sgt. G. D. Barbera, Sgts: C. C. Pflieger and V. P. Flaisted and Cpl. A. (NMI) Scott left for the 3rd Service Group Rest Camp near Ajaccio.

No mission.

Tuesday, 2 May 1944.

1st Lts: A. M. C. Durante and D. G. Foote and 2nd Lt. W. E. A. Winegar left for Cairo this morning.

One bombing mission.

Wednesday, 3 May 1944.

Capt. George N. Evans has been transferred to the 428th Squadron.

The following officers and enlisted men left this morning for the Rest Camp at Capri: Capt. R. F. Van Zytveld; 1st Lt. J. J. Mason, Jr.; 2nd Lts: J. J. Innis and W. H. Kuester; T/Sgt. M. M. Levine; S/Sgts: M. C. Cutrona and R. L. Gifford; and Pvt. J. J. Farrell. Several hours after they took off in aircraft No. 41-29912-D, a dinghy was sighted off the coast. Great excitement prevailed round the Base for a while, as it was erroneously reported that the men in the dinghy were those from the Squadron who had left for rest camp. They turned out to be the crew of a 321st ship which had ditched off the coast when returning from a mission.

Steak again for dinner. The fact that we have had so much fresh meat, butter and vegetables lately is viewed with alarm by the more pessimistic among us. They are convinced that we are being fattened for some special reason, and conclude that our possible fate is too horrible to mention.

One bombing mission.

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Thursday, 4 May 1944.

The Flag at Headquarters has been at half mast all day in mourning for Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, who died recently from a heart attack.

Two new combat crews were attached to the Squadron.

The following officers and enlisted men returned from Capri: Major W. E. Coddington; 2nd Lt. S. J. Larkin, T/Sgts: J. P. Boder and J. J. Duffy; S/Sgts: P. C. Cardimino and M. (NMI) Pusen; and Pvt. J. T. Daniell.

One bombing mission.

Friday, 5 May 1944.

An early morning mission was cancelled shortly before take off time, and no further missions were scheduled for the day. Higher Headquarters has ordered that all of our planes be in combat condition by midnight tonight. This order has given vent to a flood of speculation; rumor and wishful thinking. Maybe its the invasion.

Two bottles of Coca-Cola were issued with today's rations. This is the first occasion on which many of us have tasted Coke since arriving overseas. Although it was available in England, and in places like Cairo, Naples and Algiers, it has never before been issued in the Squadron.

Sgt. F. L. Whiting; Cpls: S. Filipowicz and E. A. Hoerle and Pfc. F. A. Geyer left for the 3rd Service Rest Camp today.

The 35th Station Hospital discharged Pfc. T. G. Timlin and accepted Cpl. A. A. Foster.

Saturday, 6 May 1944.

All flying personnel will have had rests at either Cairo or Capri by the end of next week. Since we have a definite quota to fill at Capri's Rest Camp, ground personnel will be sent until the current combat crews have chalked up enough missions to need rests.

A very hot and sultry day, with the mountain tops covered with wisps of fog.

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Saturday, 6 May 44, Cont'd.

The following combat officers and enlisted men were assigned to the Squadron by Group Special Orders No. 52: 2nd Lts: R. C. Eckerlin, G. R. Gerg, J. P. Gibson, L. R. Hornsby, R. M. Hover, L. J. Levine, J. B. Pritchard, H. B. Robinson and D. J. Sleeper; T/Sgt. L. K. Stewart; S/Sgts: E. C. Brown and D. R. Williams; and Sgts: A. W. Citara, L. J. De Piero, J. A. Hailey and F. W. Williams.

Cpl. C. D. Shoemaker was promoted to T/Sgt, and Cpls: R. E. Darling and F. J. Dzienkiewicz were promoted to S/Sgt. Pvt. R. W. Harris was promoted to Cpl.

No mission.

Sunday, 7 May 1944.

A cold day, with an overcast and a hint of rain.

"Troubles", Chaplain Poynton's fox terrier, was hit by a motorcycle this morning. She is confined to her quarters with serious internal injuries. It is believed that she has a 50-50 chance of recovering.

No mission.

Monday, 8 May 1944.

There was spontaneous celebrating in the area late this evening when 21 combat officers and enlisted men learned via the P.A. System that they are to be transferred to the United States. They have all completed more than 50 missions. They are scheduled to leave next Wednesday.

Another new combat team has been attached to the Squadron.

The following returned from the 35th Station Hospital: 2nd Lt. M. P. Oie, S/Sgt. C. B. Sisco and Pfc. T. G. Timlin.

Sgt. F. L. Whiting and Cpls: S. Filipowicz and E. A. Hoerle and Pfc. F. A. Geyer returned from the 3rd Service Group Rest Camp.

No mission.

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Tuesday, 9 May 1944.

"Troubles" passed away this morning and was buried this afternoon. Her death is mourned by the many friends which she had in the Group. She knew and was admired by everyone, as she always followed the Chaplain wherever he went, and continually employed her great personal charm in attracting friends. She was quite religious for a dog; always attending Mass, and often standing behind the Chaplain on the Altar, like an altar-boy. When not in a devout mood, she amused herself during the services by searching for chewing gum under the seats. Besides Father Poynton and his assistant, Cpl. Theodore (NMI) Kroes, Troubles leaves her four pups: Napoleon (Hq), Flak (379th), and Patsy and the Dutchess*, (both 381st).

Capt. O. E. Fayard; 1st Lts. A. H. C. Durante and D. G. Foote and 2nd Lt. W. E. A. Winegar returned from Cairo.

No missions.

Wednesday, 10 May 1944.

In a mess hall conversation this noon on the subject of how much or how little the Army changes a man, Sgt. William A. Schmuck revealed as evidence that he had once been a Sunday School teacher in the Christian Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Early this morning two G. I. trucks drew up and parked before the Orderly Room and were quickly surrounded by a throng of Officers and G. I.'s. Into them piled 21 Officers and Enlisted Men and heaps of baggage. When last "Goodbyes" were said, the trucks took them to the line, where they boarded planes for the first leg of their journey back to Brooks Field, Texas. The officers and men are: Major W. E. Coddington; Capt. I. S. Bitter; 1st Lts: H. B. Arnoult, H. C. Block, A. C. Durante, W. F. Ewalt, D. G. Foote, B. A. Joyce, and J. G. Victor; 2nd Lts: C. F. Keith and W. E. Winegar; T/Sgt. A. C. Williams; S/Sgts: A. (NMI) Foderaro, M. A. Haberman, L. (NMI) Maddox, D. B. Malone, C. A. Mayronne, J. F. Sigafos and H. L. Zittel; Sgt. C. O. Krueger and Cpl. C. E. Nithman.

One bombing mission. This is the first mission flown since May 4th. Weather over enemy territory has been bad, thus affecting our operations.

*"Dutchess" was formerly known as "Runt". When Major Cometh left for the U.S.A., he gave her to 1st Sgt. J. A. Sorrough, who renamed her.

Thursday, 11 May 1944.

The following new combat officers and enlisted men were assigned to the Squadron by Group Special Orders No. 54: 2nd Lts: J. W. Maywald, J. G. Mull-

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igan and F. W. Watson; S/Sgt. R. R. Mackowiak and Sgts: B. T. Thomason and J. C. Sequenz.

The following officers and enlisted men returned from Rest Camp at Capri: Capt. R. F. Van Zytveld; 1st Lt. J. J. Mason, Jr.; 2nd Lts. J. J. Innis and W. H. Kuester; T/Sgt. M. M. Levine; S/Sgts: M. C. Cutrona and R. L. Gifford; and Pvt. J. J. Farrell.

One bombing mission.

Friday, 12 May 1944.

1st Lt. Frank P. ("Pop") Wells, Squadron Supply Officer, who always believes in sharing good news, stepped out on the balcony of the Hotel de la Gar as soon as the radio program to which he had been listening was finished. In the best traditions of a highschool "Friends, Romans, Countrymen" presentation, he summoned all within hearing to listen to the glad tidings. "Gentlemen", said he, "The Invasion has begun". He paused for a moment to enjoy the effects of his eloquence, but before he could say more, two officers dragged him inside and tried to explain to the infuriated "Pop" that he had been listening to a Berlin propaganda broadcast. The news of the incident got around pretty fast, and most people realized what had happened. When it hit the Orderly Room, Major Campbell got the Group Adjutant, Capt. John Hone on the phone, and together they cooked up a little dish for Lt. Wells, all in the spirit of fun, of course. Shortly thereafter, the P. A. System instructed Lt. Wells to report to the Group Adjutant's Office "Immediately". Completely innocent of what was to happen, Lt. Wells dispatched himself to the Headquarters Building where Capt. Hone has his office.

An hour had elapsed between Lt. Well's announcement of invasion and his appearance at Capt. Hone's office. Capt. Hone went on to describe to the now almost frantic Lieutenant how Colonel Hunter had been victimized by the Lieutenant's ill-timed practical joke, and how as a consequence the Colonel had been forced to apologize to several people whom he had reprimanded most severely for not telling him of the news in advance. Capt. Hone then advised Lt. Wells that it would be prudent to take himself to some spot where he would be unlikely to meet Colonel Hunter.

The ruse worked, but beautifully. After leaving the Adjutant's Office, Lt. Wells disappeared completely. Several hours later, Major Campbell became worried and sent out a searching party, which up until midnight had not been successful in locating Lt. Well's hiding place.

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Friday, 12 May 44, Cont'd.

Two missions were flown by the Squadron today. Altogether, the Group flew 96 sorties in support of ground troops which are attempting to join the Bridgehead with the 5th Army.

There was an alert this evening at 22:00 hours. It lasted for almost an hour during which time ack-ack tracers put up an intense barrage at some point North of here. Bright flashes were seen, and these were accompanied by a faint rumble of explosions.

Saturday, 13 May 1944.

At 04:00 hours this morning there was another one hour alert, with more intense anti-aircraft fire, explosions and bright flashes. Several men claim to have seen what appeared to be aircraft burst into flames and fall from the sky. This last barrage was more to the North North-East than the first one.

About noon today, news was received by word of mouth that the air raids last night were made on the fighter field at Borgo, and on the 340th Bomb Group's Area and Landing Ground, by the Luftwaffe. The 22:00 hour raid at Borgo destroyed many fighter planes, and at the 340th field around 35 men were killed, 100 injured, and most of 80 B-25's were either destroyed or damaged. Not only were anti-personnel bombs dropped, but the area was strafed by dive bombers, which accounted for many additional casualties. Many men, taken by surprise, were killed in bed. Others were strafed in their slit-trenches.

Reports of this bombing had an immediate effect upon all personnel of the Group and Squadron. Most of today was spent on the construction of slit-trenches, some of which are so elaborate that they should be dignified by describing them as bomb proof shelters. Some of the boys in the bivouac area had a rough time of it. No sooner had they completed their trenches, than an order was given that every second tent would pull stakes and move to another area, in the interest of better dispersal. No fewer than 50 men had to dig their trenches all over again.

Another new crew arrived and was attached to the Squadron.

Sgt. Carmine (NMI) Destefano returned from the 35th Station Hospital.

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Sunday, 14 May 1944.

Colonel Hunter complimented the combat teams at this morning's briefing on the accuracy of the bombing on the recent missions in support of ground forces in the new Anzio Beachhead offensive.

Fox hole digging and bomb proof shelter construction is going on apace. S/Sgt. Mack Hosack is constructing the most elaborate shelter, complete with bullet proof roof, a door and steps leading into it. It has been announced that a practice ack-ack barrage will take place at 19:00 hours this evening. Several Headquarters officers and enlisted men are commuting to the hills to sleep. Their ostensible reason being that they like to camp out.

Group Special Orders No. 55 assigned the following new combat crew men to the Squadron: 2nd Lts: R. D. Bonnaviat, C. W. Prasse, L. A. Taylor, H. L. Tennyson, O. L. J. Twedt, and E. J. Vilchek; S/Sgts: J. W. Clese and M. (NMI) Vogel; Sgts: F. F. Dickey, F. (NMI) Hallett and J. L. Jared.

T/Sgt. G. D. Shoemaker is at the 35th Station Hospital.

One new combat crew was attached to the Squadron.

Two bombing missions.

Monday, 15 May 1944.

1st Lt. Jack H. Capers was transferred to Personnel Center No. 6 at Naples enroute to the United States.

The following officers and enlisted men left for the Capri Rest Camp: 2nd Lts: H. S. Ray and G. C. Shreeder; S/Sgts: V. R. Drew, K. L. Myers and J. E. Washington; Sgts: L. P. O'Connor and J. C. Rockett; and Cpl. R. M. Harris.

One bottle of Coca-Cola was issued with today's rations.

One bombing mission.

Tuesday, 16 May 1944.

A very quiet and uneventful day. We haven't been bombed yet.

The rumor that Ground personnel will be given 21 day furloughs in the U.S. has proved to be pure fiction. Probably the product of someone's wishful thinking.

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Tuesday, 16 May 44, Cont'd.

One bombing mission.

Wednesday, 17 May 1944.

Capt. Robert (NMI) Pemberton, Squadron Intelligence Officer, returned to the Squadron today after a month's Detached Service with Bomber Training Command, where he gave instruction in combat procedure to combat crews newly arrived from the U.S.

This noon an enemy recon plane, possibly taking photos, circled the Ghisonaccia Gare Area several times at approximately 25,000 feet, leaving an elaborate pattern of vapor trails. This incident provided incentive for numerous people to dig their slit-trenches a few inches deeper.

Late this afternoon eight men of a B-24's ten man crew parachuted to safety before their pilot and co-pilot brought their injured bomber down safely on our landing strip. They were members of the 776th Squadron, 464th Bomb Group, which is stationed at Gioia, near Bari, in Italy. When the B-24 was shot up on a mission to San Stefano, the Pilot headed for Corsica and ordered his men to bail out when he discovered gasoline from a punctured tank leaking dangerously close to an exhaust outlet. One of the enlisted men, who ate at our mess hall, was amazed and delighted to see white bread and fresh butter. He says that his Squadron is on what appears to be a permanent C Ration diet.

S/Sgt. G. A. Darden entered the 35th Station Hospital.

One bombing mission.

Thursday, 18 May 1944.

Sgt. V. R. Wibe learned today that he will return to the United States on Rotation. Having been transferred to Personnel Center No. 6, PBS, he is scheduled to leave for Naples in the morning.

The following named 2nd Lts. have been promoted to 1st Lt: I. S. Clark, S. J. Larkin, J. W. Lemmer, and M. P. Oie.

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Friday, 19 May 1944.

Rain.

Sgt. Wibe packed all of his possessions, said goodbye to his friends and headed for the field in order to catch the courier plane going to Pimigliano Air Drome. An hour later he was back in the area, barracks bag and miscellaneous baggage. On arrival at the plane, he had been so badly outranked for a seat that he will have to try again tomorrow.

S/Sgt. W. (NMI) Jolkower was hit by flak during today's mission to Rignano R.R. Bridge. His wounds would have been much worse had it not been for his flak vest and apron, which is now being exhibited in the briefing room. Sgt. Jolkower is at the 15th Field Hospital having the holes in his left hip and leg treated.

The following officers and enlisted men returned from Capri. Capt. W. J. Abplanalp; 1st Lt. P. F. Goyer; 2nd Lt. J. W. Brett; M/Sgt. C. L. Arnold; T/Sgt. A. J. Wonski; Sgt. A. J. Burgess and Cpl. W. S. Smith.

The following officers left for Cairo: 1st Lts: F. R. Eaton, L. C. Heller; O. B. Leasure and J. (NMI) Opeka; and 2nd Lt. R. F. Killian.

The following combat officers and enlisted men were assigned to the Squadron by Group Special Orders No. 57: 2nd Lts: R. J. Bathurst, J. S. Jameson, B. G. Keough, H. E. Hamrick, and W. A. Mangum; S/Sgts: W. (NMI) Jolkower and R. H. Meeth; Sgts: H. S. Cherry, J. E. Eldridge, H. W. Monger and W. L. Palmer.

One new combat crew was attached to the Squadron.

Coca-Cola was not included in the rations issued today.

One bombing mission.

Saturday, 20 May 1944.

More rain.

Sgt. Wibe finally found space on the courier plane and departed this morning.

The large hospital tent which Supply has been using has been taken down to be re-erected in the bivouac area, where it will be day room and enlisted men's club.

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Saturday, 20 May 44, Cont'd:

Capt. Carter H. Waugh, formerly of the 428th Squadron, has been assigned to the 381st Squadron. He will take Major Coddington's place as Squadron Operations Officer.

T/Sgt. W. D. Dawson is absent sick at the 15th Field Hospital.

No mission.

Sunday, 21 May 1944.

Pfc. James ("Mister Potts to You") Potts was in an extremely happy and philosophical frame of mind this noon as he emptied the unconsumed contents of his mess kit into a G.I. Can. Exuding good will all over the place, he confided out loud to the waiting chowline his deductions as to why the progress of the War is being held up: "They can't win this War", announced Pfc. "Mr" Potts, "until they make me a Corporal". "Mr" Potts then continued for the benefit of his less sophisticated comrades, by quoting excerpts from the heard of his facile imagination. Before striding to his waiting jeep, he observed that owing to the vast number of new combat men, that "Each time I go into the mess hall, there are more new faces and less food". This last remark brought the only discordant note into the otherwise rose colored scene. "Spoken like a true chow-hound" someone yelled, but by that time Potts was out of range.

No mission.

Monday, 22 May 1944.

A very strong wind blew all day, knocking down tents and covering everything with sand and dust. The tent just erected in the bivouac area for the Enlisted Men's Club, fell into a massive heap. It will probably be abandoned as a location for the Club, as it is too vulnerable to wind.

No mission.

Tuesday, 23 May 1944.

At 19:20 hours this evening there was a tremendous explosion on the line. Concussion from it could be felt in Ghisonaccia Gare, more than a mile away, shaking tents and causing a great commotion in all of the areas. A column of smoke shot seven or eight hundred feet into the air, crowned by a huge bubble of flame.

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Later in the evening, the complete story of the explosion was learned. Armament men were unloading frag bombs from a 379th aircraft, preparatory to reloading it with four 1,000 pound bombs. One of the frag clusters accidentally went off, starting the others. The plane caught fire, and the fire is believed to have detonated the 1,000 pound bombs which were on the ground beneath one of the wings. Cpl. Charlie C. Parker and Pvt. John (NMI) Palmsa, 381st Medics who were on duty on the line at the time, drove the Squadron ambulance up to the plane as soon as the frags started to go off. Jumping out, they seized an injured man, put him on a stretcher, and made off on foot, realizing that the thousand pounders might explode before they were able to move the ambulance. They barely reached a point of safety when they were thrown to the ground by the explosion. In all, six 379th men lost their lives. Only three bodies were identifiable. The 379th plane and the 381st ambulance were reduced to scrap metal.

No mission.

Wednesday, 24 May 1944.

Cpl. C. C. Parker and Pvt. J. (NMI) Palmsa left for the Squadron Rest Camp at Bonifacio.

At 08:00 hours this morning, the U.S. Fifth Army joined with the Anzio beachhead.

For breakfast the cooks produced featherweight hot biscuits, with fresh butter and orange marmalade.

On this morning's mission to the Arezzo Railroad Bridges, Lt. Akst's aircraft was holed by flak which hit one of the gas tanks. The efficiency of our self sealing fuel tanks was demonstrated by the fact that Lt. Akst didn't learn about it until after his crew had been interrogated.

T/Sgt. W. D. Dawson returned from the 35th Station Hospital.

Two bombing missions.

Thursday, 25 May 1944.

Capt. Oliver E. Fayard, 2nd Lt. James L. Peplinski and S/Sgt. E. (NMI) Pummill departed this morning for a 30 day furlough at home.

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Thursday, 25 May 44, Cont'd.

Sgt. Louis M. Tenneriello, who speaks fluent Spanish, French and Italian, can converse freely with the Corsican natives, who use a dialect which is a combination of French and Italian called "Corse". This noon a conversation which he was holding in the mess hall turned into an open forum. He gave the highlights of Corsica's bloody history, described their system of collective ownership of the land, and said some interesting things about the famous Corsican Vendettas. Vendettas, Sgt. Tenneriello explained, aren't just musical comedy stuff. They have been a recognized method of political strategy for many centuries, and continue actively today. We have one in progress in this neighborhood, he reported. Just the other day a Corsican woman of his acquaintance appeared in mourning for her brother who was shot by some political faction whose enmity he had incurred.

Today's menus have been superlative. Items of particular interest were fresh eggs, iced tea, new potatoes, fresh string beans and fresh meat. Major Hill has taken much interest in the mess and his Squadron is now having far better meals than ever before.

Group Special Orders No. 59 assigned the following combat officers and men to the Squadron: 2nd Lts: T. H. Ford, T. F. Kremer and E. L. Moyer; S/Sgt. J. P. White; and Sgts: L. J. Slentz and F. H. Woodley.

S/Sgt. G. A. Darden returned from the 35th Station Hospital.

Two new combat crews were attached to the Squadron.

One mission.

Friday, 26 May 1944.

General Henry H. Arnold visited the 310th Bomb Group today accompanied by Lieutenant General Ira C. Baker and Brigadier General Robert D. Knapp.

This evening a flak riddled B-25 of the 321st Group circled Ghisonaccia Gare. When its entire crew bailed out, the plane flew erratically for a mile or two before plunging to a crash in the center of Ghisonaccia Village's main intersection, near where the local M.P. Headquarters is located. The plane's crew descended to happy landings, and no civilians were about when the plane crashed. A rumor fabricated by Lt. Mason stated that between 75 and 100 M.P.'s were killed. This rumor was contradicted by actual facts, for no M.P.'s were killed or injured.

Group Headquarter's Special Orders No. 60 assigned the following attached combat officers and enlisted men to the Squadron: 2nd Lts: J. F. Bambak,

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H. L. Collins, and A. P. Lugert; S/Sgt. J. J. Winkepp and Sgts: L. (NMI) Humble and F. L. Jolitz.

Returning from Capri: 2nd Lts. H. S. Ray and G. C. Shroeder; S/Sgts: V. R. Drew, K. L. Myers and J. E. Washington; Sgts. L. P. O'Conner and J. C. Rockett; and Cpl. R. M. Harris.

Temporarily, at least, the Rest Camp at Capri will no longer be available to men of the 310th Group, as it has been taken over for use of personnel of the U.S. Fifth Army.

S/Sgt. W. O. Edwards is absent sick at the 15th Field Hospital.

Two bombing missions.

Saturday, 27 May 1944.

A quiet and uneventful day.

The following officers returned from Cairo: 1st Lts. F. R. Eaton, L. C. Heller, G. B. Leasure, and J. (NMI) Opeka and 2nd Lt. R. F. Killian.

2nd Lt. K. L. Gimson and S/Sgt. J. E. Washington are absent sick at the 15th Field Hospital.

Two bombing missions.

Sunday, 28 May 1944.

Shortly before 23:00 hours this evening, ten Italian civilians from Porto San Stefano landed near one of our ack-ack outposts after having been in an open boat for three days. They were immediately taken into custody, and placed in the Group Stockade waiting to be turned over to Allied Counter-Intelligence authorities. They stated to interpreters that San Stefano is "finished", and that the Germans in that vicinity are deporting all able bodied men to Germany for labor duty. It is this fate which they were seeking to escape.

One bombing mission.

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Monday, 29 May 1944.

Our food continues to be excellent. For most of us it has been a long eighteen months with such things as fresh butter and fresh meat being served only upon rare occasions. C Rations were a gastronomic nightmare.

The following officers and enlisted men left for Cairo: 1st Lt. G. T. Black; 2nd Lts. N. (NMI) Katsirubas and E. G. Paul; T/Sgt. I. H. Berzon and Sgt. J. W. Holubek.

S/Sgt. Don H. Hass was assigned to the Squadron by Group Special Orders No. 61.

S/Sgt. J. E. Washington returned from the 15th Field Hospital. Cpl. E. D. Rakestraw is absent sick at the same hospital.

Two bombing missions.

Tuesday, 30 May 1944.

Good weather --- pleasantly warm with cloudless skies.

Lt. Akst and his crew left this morning for Anzio, Italy, where they will be on detached service with the 5th Army for the purpose of observing methods of ground warfare. Two enlisted men from the 5th Army have been attached to the Squadron, and several 5th Army officers are attached with other Squadrons. They are all here for the purpose of flying on missions and observing Air Corps methods. Members of Lt. Akst's crew are 2nd Lts: R. J. McHugh, D. J. Sleeper and E. J. Vilchek; and S/Sgts: J. L. Gatlin and J. P. Williams.

One bombing mission.

The following notice appeared on the bulletin board:

BIG WHEELS VS. LITTLE WHEELS SIGNALS

Tomorrow night --- time 6:30 --- The Big Wheels will attempt to roll over the Little Wheels in a knock-down, drag-out tussle. After the last bruising battle, Major "Whiz Ball" Campbell made the following statement: Quote --- Now that we have trimmed Engineering, bring on the Signals outfit --- Unquote. With the able assistance of such notables as: Captain "Static Chaser" Knight behind the plate; Captain "Spark Plug" Van holding down second base; Lt. "Razor Blades" Wells in the garden, and other stars such as Captain "Flash" Abbott on No. 1 sack; Lt. "Geronimo" Mason at S.S.; Captain "Bottleplep" Abplanalp in C.F.; Lt. "Dick Tracy" Horrocks at the hot corner; Lt. "Step and One Half" Geyer in L.F. ----- followed by the

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invincible Major "Fireball" Campbell who will do the chucking. It looks like a losing battle, even with this array of outstanding stars. It is rumored that the Little Wheels may be on K.P., but K.P. or not, they will fight to the last bar.

Wednesday, 31 May 1944.

S/Sgt. Fred Ziess returned from Africa with another B-25 load of fresh eggs, spring onions and fresh vegetables, tangerines, oranges and lemons.

2nd Lts. J. J. Innis and J. L. Peplinski were promoted to 1st Lts.

2nd Lt. C. P. Shearer entered the 15th Field Hospital. S/Sgt. W. O. Edwards returned from the 15th Field Hospital.

One bombing mission.

S/Sgt. Mack B. Hesack, grand old man of 381st baseball, today brought in the following sports-cast of 381st athletic operations for the month of May:

During May, soft-ball and basket-ball were the main sports enjoyed by personnel of the Squadron. The Officers, the Communications Section, Armament, Engineering, Mess Hall Personnel and Transportation played each night. A great vendetta developed between the Armament and Communications Sections. The merits of Sgt. John W. Ridgway's pitching was the original point of dispute; daily, long bulletins were posted on the board by each of these two sections, each vitriolically setting forth opposing views on the subject.

An out-of-doors basket-ball court was built and a team was organized. Most of the players had quite a lot of experience, resulting in a season of good scores for the Squadron. We played the 428th team twice and were victorious both times, chalking up scores of 30-26 and 44-36. Of the games we played with the 380th Squadron, we came out on top each time except once. We have one victory over the 347th Fighter Squadron, although they hold a margin over us on total games played.

One of our star players is Swan, Center, who is very skillful at taking the ball off the back board and tipping it in. Roth, Lichtenstein and Wolfrom, all Guards, were the main cogs in handling the ball and bringing it down the floor.

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All in all we had a very good team, and expect to continue as well in the future as in the past.

The lineup:

Forwards

S/Sgt. M. B. Hosack
S/Sgt. T. L. Knight
Sgt. J. E. Costello
Sgt. N. E. Offerdahl

Centers

M/Sgt. E. L. Porter
Pvt. H. D. Swan

Guards

Sgt. R. L. Spradling
Cpl. N. N. Lichtenstein
Cpl. L. (NMI) Roth
Cpl. E. R. Wolfrom
Pfc. F. R. De Georgio

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HISTORY OF THE
381ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
310TH BOMB GROUP (M), AAF

COMMENDATION SECTION

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57TH BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 650

G-GRC-rfg

24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Message from General Eaker.

TO : Commanding Officer, 310th Bomb Group.
" " 321st Bomb Group.
" " 340th Bomb Group.

1. The following radiogram from Hq. Twelfth Air Force signed Cannon is quoted as follows:

"GENERAL EAKER HAS ADVISED RECEIPT FROM GENERAL ARNOLD OF FOLLOWING PARAPHRASED CABLEGRAM, BEGINS: THE CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION FROM ALL ARMY AIR FORCES IS TRANSMITTED TO ALL ELEMENTS OF AAF MTC FOR SECURING AND RETAINING SUPERIORITY IN THE AIR IN THE CRITICAL DAYS OF THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE. A RECORD CAUSING PRIDE IN ALL YOUR CO-WORKERS THROUGH THE ARMY AIR FORCES IS THAT ESTABLISHED ON THE 13TH AND 17TH OF MAY IN WHICH YOU MADE RESPECTIVELY 2,084 AND 2,523 SORTIES INCLUDING THEREIN 1,460 ON THE 13TH, AND 1,525 SORTIES ON THE 17TH MADE BY TACTICAL COMPONENTS DIRECTLY SUPPORTING GROUND FORCE ACTIONS. THE DECREASE FROM 114 INTRUDER SORTIES BY THE ENEMY ON THE 13TH OF MAY TO BUT ONE ENEMY AIRPLANE OBSERVED ON THE 17TH MAY IS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION. SINCE THE EFFORTS OF ALL FORCES IN YOUR COMMAND HAS UPGRADED AIR SUPERIORITY TO AIR SUPREMACY I WISH YOU WOULD TRANSPORT TO ALL FORCES IN YOUR COMMAND OUR COMMENDATIONS AND EVERY GOOD WISH FOR CONTINUING SUCCESSES. END OF PARAPHRASE. ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND HAVING EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECORDS CITED, I DESIRE YOU TO TRANSMIT TO THE ABOVE BY PERSONAL THANKS AND GRATIFICATION".

2. It is desired that the above message be brought to the attention of all personnel of your organization.

3. I wish to express my appreciation to you as Group Commander, and to all officers and enlisted men in your unit for the splendid contribution each made in aiding this effort.

/s/ Robert D. Knapp
/t/ ROBERT D. KNAFF
Brigadier General, USA
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HEADQUARTERS
310TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M), AAF
APO #650

27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : All Organizations.

1. The following message has just been received from the Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, to the Commanding General, 57th Bombardment Wing:

"Missions flown yesterday with the twelve you have scheduled for today is a magnificent effort. I desire to express my appreciation to you and your entire command for both their spirit and effort during this critical period. Suggest that effective tomorrow, 28 May, and until further notice you cut your effort to your normal rate of six missions of tow four planes each per day. There will probably be other periods when we will once again require your full effort". Signed "CANNON".

"In forwarding this message from Major General "UNCLE JOE" CANNON, I wish to add that the results of your bombing efforts were most gratifying and I am convinced that the 57th Bomb Wing can prove that the Baker dash Twenty-Five is a medium bomber second to none".

2. My hearty congratulations to each and every member of my command whose concerted effort has made this magnificent achievement possible. We shall not be content with this commendation for a job "well done", but shall go on smashing targets in the future whenever called upon, to prove beyond any question of doubt that the B-25 Medium Bomber can and will out-bomb the B-26 anytime, anywhere.

/s/ Anthony G. Hunter
/t/ ANTHONY G. HUNTER
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

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HQ, 310TH BOMB GROUP (M), AAF, APO 650, 27 May 1944.
TO: Commanding Officer, 381st Bomb Squadron (M).

1. For dissemination to all personnel.
2. I wish to add my sincere gratitude to each individual for his efforts which are making possible our contribution in the current offensive.

/s/ Anthony G. Hunter
/t/ ANTHONY G. HUNTER
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

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310TH BOMB GROUP (M), AAF

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FIGULLE R. R. BRIDGE

Flight Commander: Maj. L.G. Hill, Jr.	Ghisonaccia, 2 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 229	Group Mission: 395
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 36 B-25's
Escort: 18 Spitfires	Take Off 08:35
Bombs Dropped: 114 x 1,000; 114,000#	Target 10:12
Altitude: 9,300 to 12,700 ft.	Down 11:30
Axis of Attack: 174°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 55 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,705	Estimated Mileage: 429

RESULTS: Several strings of bombs, hitting short, walked up to and across the R.R. Bridge. Direct hits and near misses were observed. Large concentrations of bombs hit the NE approach. The SW approach is also believed to have been hit. Other bombs cut the R.R. tracks just SW of the R.R. Bridge near the tunnel entrance.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Moderate, heavy, accurate flak from the target area. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: CAVU with slight haze.

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SQUADRON MISSION 229

2 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

42-32456-C (3)

2nd Lt. Lemmer, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Gimson, K.L. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J. WG
 S/Sgt. Goldyn, W. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-3630-D (1)

2nd Lt. Peplinski, J.L. P
 Maj. Hill, L.G., Jr. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A. B
 T/Sgt. Williams, A.C. R
 S/Sgt. Haberman, M.A. G
 S/Sgt. Maddox, I. TG

43-27533-J (2)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.R. P
 2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. CP
 Cpl. Dzienkiewicz, F. B
 Sgt. Burgess, A.J. WG
 S/Sgt. Mintus, F.J. G
 Sgt. Holubek, J.W. TG

42-53445-C (6)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, G.C. P
 2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 T/Sgt. Wonski, S.M. R
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 Sgt. Tamer, A.E. TG
 Sgt. Romo, J. AP

42-37448-D (4)

1st Lt. Black, G.T. P
 2nd Lt. Uhl, W., Jr. CP
 2nd Lt. Paul, E.G. N
 2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N. B
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 Sgt. Rennie, M.J. G
 S/Sgt. Morris, J.B. TG

42-64658-C (5)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, Z.R. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, B.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG

43-27479-J (9)

1st Lt. Block, H.C. P
 2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 T/Sgt. Enright, C.M. R
 S/Sgt. Washington, J.E. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.M. TG

43-3995-J (7)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A. P
 2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. CP
 2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.G. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 T/Sgt. Biebighauser, R.R. R
 S/Sgt. Leist, J.F. G
 S/Sgt. Myers, K.L. TG

43-27507-J (8)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C. P
 2nd Lt. Ray, H.S., Jr. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

41-13061-C (12)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F. CP
 2nd Lt. McHugh, H.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H. R
 S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Williams, J.P. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

41-13085-C (10)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 S/Sgt. Hayman, M. B
 Pfc. Sichelski, A.S. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

41-29912-D (11)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 T/Sgt. Levine, M.M. R
 S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG

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Flight Commander: Maj. Epperson (428th) Ghisonaccia, 3 May 1944

Squadron Mission: 230

Group Mission: 396

Squadron Flight: 6 B-25's

Group Flight: 24 B-25's

Escort: 18 Spitfires

Take Off 09:15

Bombs Dropped: 180 x 500; 90,000#

Target 10:39

Altitude: 8,800 to 10,500 feet

Down 11:45

Axis of Attack: 223°

Total Time: 2 Hrs. 30 Min.

Sorties to Date: 1,711

Estimated Mileage: 396

RESULTS: An excellent bomb pattern covered the bridge area. Several direct hits and many near misses were reported. Both approaches were cut by other direct hits. Some bombs fell short and over.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT TARGET: 2-3/10 cumulus at 5,000 feet. Visibility unlimited.

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SQUADRON MISSION 230

3 May 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27479-J (15)

1st Lt. Block, H.C.	P
2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R.	CP
Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R
S/Sgt. Washington, J.E.	G
S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.M.	TG

42-87448-D (13)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.	P
Maj. Hill, L.G., Jr.	CP
2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C.	N
2nd Lt. Moss, R.P.	B
T/Sgt. Biebighauser, R.	R
S/Sgt. Leist, J.F.	G
S/Sgt. Myers, K.L.	TG

43-27507-J (14)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C.	P
2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E.	CP
S/Sgt. Smith, H.W.	B
T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R
S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D.	G
S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W.	TG

42-64658-C (18)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F.	P
2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H.	CP
Pvt. De Moises, Z.R.	B
Sgt. Ferguson, J.E.	R
Sgt. Irwin, B.F.	G
Sgt. Foley, R.J.	TG

41-13085-C (16)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S.	P
2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	CP
2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L.	N
2nd Lt. Hayman, M.	B
Pfc. Sichelski, A.S.	R
S/Sgt. Prall, W.E.	G
S/Sgt. Deese, L.C.	TG

41-13061-C (17)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W.	P
2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F.	CP
Cpl. Dzienkiewicz, F.	B
T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H.	R
S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L.	G
S/Sgt. Williams, J.P.	TG
S/Sgt. Scott, I.D.	AP

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Flight Commander: Maj. Wetzell (379th)	Ghisonaccia, 4 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 231	Group Mission: 397
Squadron Flight: 6 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 15:15
Bombs Dropped: 154 x 500; 77,000#	Target 17:00
Altitude: 8,800 to 10,500 feet	Down 17:35
Axis of Attack: 261°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 20 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,717	Estimated Mileage: 363

RESULTS: The target bridge was missed. Tracks to the north of the bridge were observed cut in two places. Some bombs landed short, some over, while others landed in a field to the South of the target.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None from the target area. Scant, heavy, inaccurate flak from positions at A-1504 and from the S. coast of Elba. Moderate, heavy, accurate flak from Viterbo and Orvieto areas. Nine of the Group's a/c were holed. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: At acquasparta, 7-8/10 cumulus at 5-6,000 feet, and 9/10 overcast at 18-20,000 feet with visibility 5-6 miles. At Grosseto, 4-5/10 cumulus at 5-6,000 feet with 9/10 overcast at 18,20,000 feet, and visibility 6-8 miles.

REMARKS: The secondary target, Grosseto S. R.R. Bridge was attacked, since the primary target, the R.R. Bridge and Viaduct at Acquasparta was closed in by weather.

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SQUADRON MISSION 231

4 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (21)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C.	P
2nd Lt. Ray, H.S.	CP
S/Sgt. Smith, H.W.	B
T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R
S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D.	G
S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W.	TG

43-3995-J (19)

1st Lt. Black, G.T.	P
2nd Lt. Uhl, W.	CP
2nd Lt. Paul, E.G.	N
2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N.	B
T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A.	R
Sgt. Rennie, M.J.	G
S/Sgt. Morris, J.B.	TG

41-30425-D (20)

1st Lt. Block, H.C.	P
2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R.	CP
Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R
Sgt. Washington, J.E.	G
S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.M.	TG

41-13061-G (24)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W.	P
2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F.	CP
Cpl. Dzienkiewicz, F.	B
Cpl. Shoemaker, C.D.	R
S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E.	G
Cpl. Darling, R.E.	TG
S/Sgt. Reid, G.	AP

43-3630-D (22)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B.	P
2nd Lt. Killian, R.F.	CP
2nd Lt. Burton, J.A.	N
2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J.	B
T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H.	R
S/Sgt. Catlin, J.L.	G
S/Sgt. Williams, J.P.	TG

43-27533-J (23)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.R.	P
2nd Lt. Shearer, G.P.	CP
Pvt. De Moises, Z.R.	B
Sgt. Burgess, A.J.	WG
S/Sgt. Mintus, F.J.	G
Sgt. Holubek, J.W.	TG

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MONTE MOLINO R.R. BRIDGE

Flight Leader: 2nd Lt. E.J. McLaughlin (379) Ghisonaccia, 10 May 1944

Squadron Mission: 232

Group Mission: 398

Squadron Flight: 6 B-25's

Group Flight: 23 B-25's

Escort: 12 Spitfires

Take Off 07:35

Bombs Dropped: 131 x 500; 65,500#

Target 09:01

Altitude: 8,800 to 10,500 feet

Down 10:10

Axis of Attack: 61°

Total Time: 2 Hrs. 35 Min.

Sorties to Date: 1,723

Estimated Mileage: 413

RESULTS: The NW approach to the bridge was heavily hit, cutting the tracks with direct hits. There were near misses on the bridge and on the S. approach. Heavy bomb smoke prevented observations. Some bombs fell short in the river, others overshot into the fields. Some planes bombed a road bridge N of the target, but the bombs fell short.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: Two unidentified a/c were engaged by the escort just S. of Lake Trasimeno.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: Complete overcast at 15,000 feet. Visibility 7-8 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 232

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CREW ROSTER

42-32444-C (3)

2nd Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. CP
 Pvt. Daniell, J.T. B
 T/Sgt. Boder, J.P., Jr. R
 S/Sgt. Pusen, M. G
 S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C. TG

43-27533-J (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.P
 2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. CP
 2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C. N
 2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A. B
 T/Sgt. Biebighauser R
 S/Sgt. Leist, J.F. G
 S/Sgt. Myers, K.L. TG

43-27479-J (2)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.R. P
 2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, Z.R. B
 S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O. R
 S/Sgt. Goldyn, W. G
 Sgt. Holubek, J.W. TG

42-64658-C (6)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, G.C. P
 2nd Lt. Killian, R.F. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.W. B
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. WG
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 Sgt. Tamer, A.E. TG
 Sgt. Romo, J. AF

41-13061-C (4)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Ray, H.S., Jr. CP
 2nd Lt. Oie, M.P. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

42-64592-C (5)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. CP
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz B
 Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S. R
 S/Sgt. Collom, F.C. G
 S/Sgt. Darling, R.E. TG

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ORVIETO SOUTH R.R. BRIDGE

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. Arentson (380th) Ghisonaccia, 11 May 1944

Squadron Mission: 233

Group Mission: 399

Squadron Flight: 5 B-25's

Group Flight: 24 B-25's

Escort: 12 Spits

Take Off 08:40

Bombs Dropped: 86 x 1,000; 86,000#

Target 10:07

Altitude: 8,800 to 10,800 feet

Down 11:15

Axis of Attack: 204°

Total Time: 2 Hrs. 35 Min.

Sorties to Date: 1,728

Estimated Mileage: 412

RESULTS: Strings of bombs were seen to walk across the center of the bridge. Several direct hits were reported. The approaches were heavily hit. Some bombs fell short, others fell over but the greatest concentration of bombs hit the center of the target.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered. 2-4 unidentified a/c were observed near A-6580.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: 7-8/10 cumulus at 7,000 feet, visibility 8 miles. There was a break in the clouds immediately over the target.

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SQUADRON MISSION 233

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CREW ROSTER

42-57592-C (15)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P.	P
2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J.	CP
Pvt. De Moises, Z.R.	B
S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O.	R
S/Sgt. Mintus, F.J.	G
Sgt. Holubek, J.W.	TG
S/Sgt. Reid, G.E.	AP

42-87448-D (13)

1st Lt. Black, G.T.	P
2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E.	CP
2nd Lt. Paul, E.G.	N
2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N.	B
T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A.	R
Sgt. Rennie, M.J.	G
S/Sgt. Morris, J.B.	TG

43-27479-J

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	P
2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F.	CP
S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz	B
Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S.	R
S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J.	G
S/Sgt. Darling, R.E.	TG

43-27507-J (18)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C.	P
2nd Lt. Fay, H.S.	CP
S/Sgt. Smith, H.W.	B
T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R
S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D.	G
S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W.	TG

43-4044-J (17)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.R.	P
2nd Lt. Hover, R.M.	CP
2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C.	B
S/Sgt. Williams, D.R.	R
Sgt. Williams, F.W.	G
Sgt. De Piero, L.J.	TG

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P A S T E N A R O A D B L O C K

Flight Commander: Maj. Epperson (428th)	Ghisonaccia, 12 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 234	Group Mission: 401
Squadron Flight: 1 B-25	Group Flight: 18 B-25's
Escort: None	Take Off: 07:25
Bombs Dropped: 55 x 500; 27,500#	Target 09:15
Altitude: 10,000 to 11,500 feet	Down 10:40
Axis of Attack: 318°	Total Time: 3 Hrs. 15 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,729	Estimated Mileage: 594

RESULTS: Many ships returned their bombs due to weather at the target. Ships that bombed hit in the target area, with possible hits in the town. Observations were difficult due to cloud cover.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Scant to moderate heavy inaccurate flak from the vicinity of Pontecorvo. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: 9/10 low scud, base at 1,000 feet, top at 2,500 feet. High cover at 14,000 feet. Visibility 4-5 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 234

12 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

*43-4044-J (12)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, G.C.	P
2nd Lt. Hover, R.M.	CP
2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C.	B
S/Sgt. Williams, D.R.	R
Sgt. Williams, F.W.	G
Sgt. De Piero, L.J.	TG

* This aircraft filled in as a spare.

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P I C O R O A D B L O C K

Flight Commander: Maj. L.G. Hill, Jr.	Ghisonaccia, 12 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 235	Group Mission: 403
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: None	Take Off: 15:40
Bombs Dropped: 192 x 500; 96,000#	Target 17:40
Altitude: 9,800 to 12,500 feet	Down 19:10
Axis of Attack: 318°	Total Time: 3 Hrs. 30 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,741	Estimated Mileage: 594

RESULTS: Heavy concentrations of bombs fell on the roads leading NE and SW out of town. The road was cut by direct hits at the N end of the town, and at a point several hundred feet further to the NE. The road leading SW out of the town was also cut by direct hits at three points. Bombs over and undershooting hit the W center edge of town, and the W edge of town.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Moderate, heavy, inaccurate flak from known positions, holing two of the Group's a/c. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: 3/10 overcast at 9,000 feet, visibility unlimited.

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SQUADRON MISSION 235

12 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

42-32444-C (3)

2nd Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. CP
 Pvt. Daniell, J.T. B
 T/Sgt. Boder, J.P. R
 S/Sgt. Pusen, M. G
 S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

43-3630-D (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.P
 2 Maj. Hill, L.G., Jr. CP
 2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C. N
 2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A. B
 T/Sgt. Biebighauser R
 S/Sgt. Leist, J.F. G
 S/Sgt. Myers, K.L. TG

42-64592-C (2)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Ray, H.S. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 Pfc. Sichelski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 Sgt. Tamer, A.E. TG

43-4087-J (6)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. Close, J.W. R
 Sgt. Jared, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz TG

43-27533-J (4)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, W.H. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, J.J. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-27543-J (5)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, E.C. R
 Sgt. Citara, A.W. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-27563-J (9)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Cie, M.P. B
 S/Sgt. Vogel, M. R
 Sgt. Hallett, F. G
 Sgt. Dickey, F.J. TG

43-7527-J (7)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, L.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H. R
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. G
 Sgt. Hailry, J.A. TG

43-27574-J (8)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.B. P
 2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 T/Sgt. Enright, C.M. R
 S/Sgt. Washington, J.W. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N. TG

43-27479-J (12)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.R. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, E.R. B
 S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O. R
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J. G
 Sgt. Holubek, J.W. TG

43-3995-J (10)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, B.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG

43-4074-J (11)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, C.C. P
 2nd Lt. Hover, R.M. CP
 2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C. B
 S/Sgt. Williams, D.R. R
 Sgt. Williams, F.W. G
 Sgt. De Fiero, L.J. TG

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P I C O R O A D B L O C K

Flight Leader: Capt. Hamment (380th)	Ghisonaccia, 13 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 236	Group Mission: 404
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: Area Cover	Take Off 15:10
Bombs Dropped: 192 x 500; 96,000#	Target 17:10
Altitude: 10,000 to 13,000 feet	Down 18:40
Axis of Attack: 331°	Total Time: 3 Hrs. 30 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,750	Estimated Mileage: 594

RESULTS: The road running through the town from SW to NE was heavily hit. Many direct hits were observed. Large concentrations of bombs also fell in the town. The entire town and adjacent roads were well covered.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Scant, heavy flak from the vicinity of Pico and Esperia. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: 3-4/10 overcast at 4-6,000 feet. Visibility 8-10 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 236

13 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (15)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. P
 2nd Lt. Uhl, W. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

42-87448-D (13)

1st Lt. Black, G.T. P
 2nd Lt. Gerg, G.R. CP
 2nd Lt. Paul, E.G. N
 2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N. B
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 Sgt. Rennie, M.J. G
 S/Sgt. Morris, J.B. TG

43-27555-J (14)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C. P
 2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G. B
 S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.R. R
 Sgt. Thomason, B.T. G
 Sgt. Sequenz, J.C. TG

43-2087-J (18)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. Close, J.W. R
 Sgt. Jared, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-27533-J (16)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-27543-J (17)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, E.C. R
 Sgt. Citara, A.W.A. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz TG

43-27563-J (21)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A. CP
 Cpl. Harris, R.M. B
 S/Sgt. Vogel, M. R
 Sgt. Hallett, F. G
 Sgt. Dickey, F.J. TG

43-7527-J (19)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, L.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H. R
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. G
 Sgt. Halley, J.A. TG

43-27576-J (20)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. P
 2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Keough, E.G. B
 S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H. R
 Sgt. Monger, H.W. G
 Sgt. Eldridge, J.E. TG

43-4044-J (24)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, G.C. P
 2nd Lt. Hover, R.M. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, Z.R. B
 S/Sgt. Williams, D.R. R
 Sgt. Williams, F.W. G
 Sgt. De Piero, L.J. TG

43-27479-J (22)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.R. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J. N
 2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C. B
 S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O. R
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J.G
 Sgt. Holubek, J.W. TG

42-64592-C (23)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 S/Sgt. Jolkower, W. R
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

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ITRI TUNNEL MOUTH

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. R.A. McLaughlin	Ghisonaccia, 13 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 237	Group Mission: 406
Squadron Flight: 6 B-25's	Group Flight: 18 B-25's
Escort: Area Cover	Take Off 16:35
Bombs Dropped: 112 x 500; 56,000#	Target 18:12
Altitude: 10,300 to 11,500 feet	Down 19:50
Axis of Attack: 14°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 15 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,759	Estimated Mileage: 396

RESULTS: Bomb hits were made at the tunnel mouth. Direct hits were scored on the road immediately E of the target. Direct hits cut the tracks near the tunnel's mouth. Other bombs fell short and over.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Moderate, heavy, very accurate flak from the vicinity of the target, from Gaeta Point and from Porto Salvo. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: CAVU with haze.

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SQUADRON MISSION 237

13 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

42-32444-C (3)

2nd Lt. Larkin, S.J.	P
2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F.	CP
Pvt. Daniell, J.T.	B
T/Sgt. Boder, J.P.	R
S/Sgt. Pusen, M.	G
S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C.	TG
Sgt. Romo, J.	AP

43-3630-D (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.	P
2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P.	CP
2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C.	N
2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A.	B
T/Sgt. Biebighauser	R
S/Sgt. Leist, J.F.	G
S/Sgt. Myers, K.L.	TG

42-32456-C (2)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J.	P
2nd Lt. Watson, F.W.	CP
Pvt. Farrell, J.J.	B
T/Sgt. Levine, M.M.	R
S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L.	G
S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C.	TG

42-64658-C (6)

2nd Lt. Bay, H.S.	P
2nd Lt. Hamrick, H.E.	CP
S/Sgt. Nelson, F.E.	B
Pfc. Sichelski, A.S.	R
Sgt. Crocker, H.M.	G
Sgt. Tamer, A.E.	TG

43-3995-J (4)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K.	P
2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L.	N
2nd Lt. Moss, R.P.	B
Sgt. Ferguson, J.E.	R
Sgt. Irwin, B.F.	G
Sgt. Foley, R.J.	TG

41-13061-C (5)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W.	P
2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L.	CP
Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.N.	R
S/Sgt. Washington, J.E.	G
S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N.	TG

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M A R S C I A N O R . R . B R I D G E

Flight Commander: Maj. Epperson (428th)	Ghisonaccia, 14 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 238	Group Mission: 407
Squadron Flight: 6 B-25's	Group Flight: 18 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spits	Take Off 14:45
Bombs Dropped: 68 x 1,000; 68,000#	Target 16:20
Altitude: 8,800 to 10,000 feet	Down 17:25
Axis of Attack: 5°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 40 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,765	Estimated Mileage: 479

RESULTS: An excellent concentration of bombs hit at the center of the bridge. Several direct hits were observed. Both approaches were heavily hit. Some bombs landed to the right and left of the bridge in the river bed.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: Scattered cumulus at 8-10,000 feet. Visibility 8-10 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 238

14 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (15)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.F.	P
2nd Lt. Uhl, W.	CP
S/Sgt. Smith, R.W.	B
T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R
S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D.	G
S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W.	TG

43-87448-D (13)

1st Lt. Black, G.T.	P
2nd Lt. Gerg, G.R.	CP
2nd Lt. Paul, E.G.	N
2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N.	B
T/Sgt. Hellar, C.A.	R
Sgt. Rennie, M.J.	G
S/Sgt. Morris, J.B.	TG

43-32456-C (14)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J.	P
2nd Lt. Watson, F.W.	CP
Pvt. Farrell, J.J.	B
T/Sgt. Levine, M.M.	R
S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L.	G
S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C.	TG
Sgt. Romo, J.	AP

43-27543-J (18)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	P
2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B.	CP
2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R.	B
S/Sgt. Brown, E.C.	R
Sgt. Citara, A.W.	G
S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz	TG

43-27533-J (16)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S.	P
2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J.	CP
2nd Lt. Burton, J.A.	N
2nd Lt. Hayman, M.	B
T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J.	R
S/Sgt. Prall, W.E.	G
S/Sgt. Deese, L.C.	TG

43-4087-J (17)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F.	P
2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W.	CP
2nd Lt. Oie, M.P.	B
S/Sgt. Close, J.W.	R
Sgt. Jared, J.L.	G
S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E.	TG

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MONTE MOLINO R.R. BRIDGE

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. Lacroix (380th)	Chisonaccia, 14 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 239	Group Mission: 408
Squadron Flight: 6 B-25's	Group Flight: 18 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 14:55
Bombs Dropped: 68 x 1,000; 34,000#	Target 16:20
Altitude: 10,300 to 11,000 feet	Down 17:30
Axis of Attack: 12°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 35 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,771	Estimated Mileage: 462

RESULTS: Good bomb pattern on the main R.R. Bridge with direct hits observed. The N. approach was cut, and the S. approach is believed to have been hit. A second R.R. bridge just NW of the main target was also bombed. Its SW approach was hit.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: CAVU with slight haze.

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SQUADRON MISSION 239

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C R E W R O S T E R43-27565-J (15)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. P
 2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 T/Sgt. Enright, C.M. R
 S/Sgt. Washington, J.E. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N. TG

43-27479-J (13)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, L.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H. R
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. G
 Sgt. Hailey, J.A. TG

43-4044-J (14)

2nd Lt. Ray, H.S. P
 2nd Lt. Hamrick, H.E. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 Sgt. Tamer, A.E. TG

43-27576-J (18)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. P
 2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Keough, B.G. B
 S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H. R
 Sgt. Monger, H.W. G
 Sgt. Eldridge, J.W. TG

43-3630-J (16)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, B.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

43-27574-J (17)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A. CP
 Cpl. Harris, R.H. B
 S/Sgt. Vogel, M. R
 Sgt. Hallett, F. G
 Sgt. Dickey, F.J. TG

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SAN STEFANO HARBOR

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. R.W. Johnson (379th) Ghisonaccia, 15 May 1944

Squadron Mission: 240

Group Mission: 409

Squadron Flight: 1 B-25

Group Flight: 24 B-25's

Escort: 12 Spitfires

Take Off 09:25

Bombs Dropped: 96 x 1,000; 96,000#

Target 11:15

Altitude: 8,800 to 10,500 feet

Down 12:20

Axis of Attack: 230°

Total Time: 2 Hrs. 55 Min.

Sorties to Date: 1,772

Estimated Mileage: 479

Results: Weather prevented an attack on the primary target, a R.R. Bridge North of Monte Molino. The secondary target, San Stefano Harbor, was bombed with a concentration of hits on the W and E side of the main harbor. Three F-boats under the bomb pattern received near misses and possible direct hits. One explosion was observed. The town and warehouse area at P-10 (Target Chart No. 4-218) was hit. Some bombs landed wide in the water near the cove NE of the main quay. Others hit in the water off the point at Q-11. One string hit among several small craft at QR-14/15 with near misses and possible direct hits.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Moderate, heavy, accurate flak from known positions at Orbetello Island. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: Primary: 9-10/10 cumulus at 6-8,000 feet, visibility unlimited.

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*43-27576-J (9)

2nd Lt. Fritchard, J.B.	P
2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P.	CP
2nd Lt. Oie, M.P.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R
Sgt. Hailey, J.A.	G
T/Sgt. Stewart, L.E.	TG

* This aircraft filled in as a spare.

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R. R. TUNNEL

PASSIGNANO SUL TRASIMONE

Flight Commander: Maj. L.G. Hill, Jr.	Ghisonaccia, 16 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 241	Group Mission: 410
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 36 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 11:36
Bombs Dropped: 116 x 1,000; 58,000#	Target 13:05
Altitude: 9,000 to 11,500 feet	Down 14:15
Axis of Attack: 90°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 39 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,784	Estimated Mileage: 426

RESULTS: The first 18 ships, bombing at the N tunnel mouth put an excellent concentration of bombs in their target area. Several direct hits were observed. Strings cut the tracks E of the tunnel from F-17 to F-18 (Target Chart No. 3-170 NA). Direct hits were observed on the tunnel's top. A land slide was observed at the tunnel's mouth. The second 18 ships, which hit the W. end observed direct hits. Some bombs landed at the E. end of the town at G-14. Two strings landed in the water.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: 6-8/10 cumulus, base at 3,000 feet, building up to 15,000 feet, with a break directly over the target. Visibility 10-12 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 241

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CREW ROSTER

42-32444-C (3)

2nd Lt. Larkin, S.J.	P
2nd Lt. Collins, H.L.	CP
Pvt. Daniell, J.T.	B
T/Sgt. Boder, J.P.	R
S/Sgt. Pusen, M.	G
S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C.	TG
S/Sgt. Reid, G.E.	AP

43-7630-D (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.P	
2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F.	CP
2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C.	N
2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A.	B
T/Sgt. Biebighauser	R
S/Sgt. Leist, J.F.	G
S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J.TG	
Maj. Hill, L.G., Jr.	O

43-27562-J (2)

2nd Lt. Fritchard, J.B.	P
2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P.	CP
2nd Lt. Oie, M.P.	B
Pfc. Sichelski, A.S.	R
Sgt. Hailey, J.A.	G
T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K.	TG
*1st Lt. Lea, J.B.	O

43-4087-J (6)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F.	P
2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W.	CP
2nd Lt. Bonnaviat, R.D.	B
S/Sgt. Close, J.W.	R
Sgt. Jared, J.L.	G
S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E.	TG

43-27533-J (4)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S.	P
2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J.	CP
2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F.	N
2nd Lt. Hayman, M.	B
T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J.	R
S/Sgt. Prall, W.E.	G
S/Sgt. Deese, L.C.	TG

43-27543-J (5)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	P
2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B.	CP
2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R.	B
S/Sgt. Brown, E.C.	R
Sgt. Gitara, A.W.	G
S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz	TG

42-32456-C (9)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J.	P
2nd Lt. Watson, F.W.	CP
Pvt. Farrell, J.J.	B
T/Sgt. Levine, M.M.	R
S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L.	G
S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C.	TG
Sgt. Romo, J.	AP

42-87448-D (7)

1st Lt. Black, G.T.	P
2nd Lt. Gerg, O.R.	CP
2nd Lt. Paul, E.G.	N
2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N.	B
T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A.	R
Sgt. Rennie, M.J.	G
S/Sgt. Morris, J.B.	TG

43-27565-J (8)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W.	P
2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L.	CP
Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R
S/Sgt. Goldyn, W.	G
S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N.	TG

43-4074-J (12)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P.	P
2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J.	CP
2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S.	B
S/Sgt. Jolkower, W.	R
Sgt. Palmer, W.L.	G
Sgt. Cherry, H.S.	TG

43-3995-J (10)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K.	P
2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L.	N
2nd Lt. Moss, R.P.	B
Sgt. Ferguson, J.E.	R
Sgt. Irwin, B.F.	G
Sgt. Foley, R.J.	TG

43-27574-J (11)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R.	P
2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A.	CP
2nd Lt. Keough, B.G.	B
S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H.	R
Sgt. Monger, H.W.	G
Sgt. Eldridge, J.E.	TG
*1st Lt. Jordon, E.A.	O

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VITERBO LANDING GROUND

SATELLITE NUMBER TWO

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. Lacroix (379th) Ghisonaccia, 17 May 1944

Squadron Mission: 242

Group Mission: 411

Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's

Group Flight: 36 B-25's

Escort: 16 Spitfires

Take Off 16:35

Bombs Dropped: 4,356 x 20 Frags; 87,120# Target 18:02

Altitude: 9,000 to 11,600 feet

Down 19:10

Axis of Attack: 83°

Total Time: 2 Hrs. 35 Min.

Sorties to Date: 1,796

Estimated Mileage: 413

RESULTS: Strings walked through the NE dispersal areas. Other strings started at the W edge of the Northern half of the field and walked across the L/G. The entire N area was well covered. Four crews reported 5-9 S/E a/c in the dispersal areas. One fire was observed. Due to difficulty in locating the target, some ships bombed what appeared to be a L/G near the crossroads at A-215234. Approximately 4 S/E a/c were observed in this area. Damaging near misses were made on one E a/c.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Meagre, heavy, accurate flak from region NE of Casino.
E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: Ceiling unlimited with heavy haze. Visibility 5-6 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 242

17 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (15)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W. P
 2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

42-87448-D (13)

1st Lt. Black, G.T. P
 2nd Lt. Gerg, O.R. CP
 2nd Lt. Paul, E.G. N
 2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N. B
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 Sgt. Rennie, M.J. G
 S/Sgt. Morris, J.B. TG

43-27479-J (14)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Watson, F.W. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 T/Sgt. Levine, M.M. R
 S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG
 *1st Lt. Lea, J.B. O

43-4087-J (18)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Bonnaviat, R.D. B
 S/Sgt. Close, J.W. R
 Sgt. Jared, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-27533-J (16)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twelt, O.L.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

41-13061-C (17)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. P
 2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L. CP
 S/Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 S/Sgt. Darling, R.E. WG
 S/Sgt. Goldyn, W. G
 Pvt. De Moises, Z.R. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

42-64658-C (21)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 S/Sgt. Vogel, W. R
 Sgt. Hallett, F. G
 Sgt. Dickey, F.F. TG
 Sgt. Romo, J. AP

43-27562-J (19)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H. R
 S/Sgt. Mintus, F.J. * G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N. TG

43-27574-J (20)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. P
 2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Keough, B.G. B
 S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H. R
 Sgt. Monger, H.W. G
 Sgt. Eldridge, J.E. TG
 *1st Lt. Jordon, E.A. O

43-4044-J (24)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 S/Sgt. Jolkower, W. R
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG

43-3995-J (22)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, B.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG

43-27565-J (23)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. P
 2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P. CP
 2nd Lt. Oie, M.P. B
 Pfc. Sichelski, A.S. R
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. G
 Sgt. Hailey, J.A. TG

* Infantry Officer, 5th Army.

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R. R. VIADUCTS AT PETECCIO

Flight Commander: Maj. Alexander (380th) Ghisonaccia, 18 May 1944

Squadron Mission: 243

Group Mission: 412

Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's

Group Flight: 24 B-25's

Escort: 12 Spitfires

Take Off 10:07

Bombs Dropped: 93 x 1,000; 93,000#

Target 11:39

Altitudes: 8,800 to 10,500 feet

Down 12:35

Axis of Attack: 18°

Total Time: 2 Hrs. 28 Min.

Sorties to Date: 1,808

Estimated Mileage: 396

RESULTS: Crews report near misses and possible direct hits on the North Viaduct, with some strings on either side. Possible direct hits on the South approach, and possible near misses on the South Viaduct. Some bombs hit wide to the right.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: 3-4/10 cumulus at 4-6,000 feet, visibility 8-10 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 243

18 MAY 1944.

CREW ROSTER

42-32456-C (15)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J.	P
2nd Lt. Watson, F.W.	CP
Pvt. Farrell, J.J.	B
T/Sgt. Levine, M.M.	R
S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L.	G
S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C.	TG
Sgt. Romo, J.	AP

43-4087-J (13)

1st Lt. Black, G.T.	P
2nd Lt. Gerg, O.R.	CP
2nd Lt. Paul, E.G.	N
2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N.	B
T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A.	R
Sgt. Rennie, M.J.	G
S/Sgt. Morris, J.B.	TG

43-27507-J (14)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E.	P
2nd Lt. Uhl, W.	CP
S/Sgt. Smith, H.W.	B
T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R
S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D.	G
S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W.	TG

43-27574-J (18)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R.	P
2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A.	CP
2nd Lt. Keough, B.G.	B
S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H.	R
Sgt. Monger, H.W.	WG
Sgt. Eldridge, J.E.	G
*1st Lt. Jordon, E.A.	O

43-27533-J (16)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S.	P
2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J.	CP
2nd Lt. Burton, J.A.	N
2nd Lt. Hayman, M.	B
T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J.	R
S/Sgt. Prall, W.E.	G
S/Sgt. Deese, L.C.	TG

43-27479-J (17)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H.	P
2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A.	CP
S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U.	B
S/Sgt. Vogel, M.	R
Sgt. Hallett, F.	G
Sgt. Dickey, F.F.	TG

43-7527-J (21)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B.	P
2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P.	CP
2nd Lt. Oie, M.P.	B
Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S.	R
Sgt. Hailey, J.A.	G
T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K.	TG
*1st Lt. Lea, J.B.	O

43-27562-J (19)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B.	P
2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J.	CP
2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J.	N
2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J.	B
T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H.	R
S/Sgt. Catlin, J.L.	G
S/Sgt. Williams, J.P.	TG

43-27576-J (20)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P.	P
2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J.	CP
2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S.	B
S/Sgt. Jolkower, W.	R
Sgt. Palmer, W.L.	G
Sgt. Cherry, H.S.	TG

43-27543-J (24)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	P
2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B.	CP
2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R.	B
S/Sgt. Brown, E.C.	R
Sgt. Citara, A.W.	G
S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz	TG

43-3995-J (22)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K.	P
2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L.	N
2nd Lt. Moss, R.P.	B
Sgt. Ferguson, J.E.	R
Sgt. Irwin, B.F.	G
Sgt. Foley, R.J.	TG

42-64653-C (23)

2nd Lt. Gimson, K.L.	P
2nd Lt. Collins, H.L.	CP
Pvt. Bazzett, J.L.	B
S/Sgt. Edward, W.O.	R
Sgt. Burgess, A.J.	G
S/Sgt. Darling, R.E.	TG
S/Sgt. Reid, G.E.	AP

* Infantry Officers, 5th Army.

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R I G N A N O R . R . B R I D G E

Flight Leader: Capt. Douglas (428th)	Ghisonaccia, 19 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 244	Group Mission: 414
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 10:05
Bombs Dropped: 96 x 1,000; 96,000#	Target 11:36
Altitudes: 8,800 to 11,000 feet	Down 12:40
Axis of Attack: 95°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 35 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,820	Estimated Mileage: 413

RESULTS: Crews report the R.R. bridge bracketed with near misses and possible direct hits. The S. approach is believed to have been hit. Some bombs landed to the E. and W. of the N. approach. Available negatives show good concentration on the S. approach; one string E. of the bridge; one string just W. of the N. approach. The R.R. tracks several hundred feet S. of the R.R. bridge were possibly cut, and one string walked across the highway on the E. side of the river.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Moderate, heavy, accurate flak from the target area and Pontassieve. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: High overcast, with 2-3/10 cumulus at 13,000 feet. Visibility 8-10 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 244

19 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

42-64592-C (15)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. P
 2nd Lt. Temyson, H.L. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 T/Sgt. Enright, C.M. R
 Sgt. Crocker, J.M. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

42-87448-D (13)

1st Lt. Black, G.T. P
 2nd Lt. Gerg, G.R. CP
 2nd Lt. Paul, E.G. N
 2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N. B
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 Sgt. Rennie, M.J. G
 S/Sgt. Morris, J.B. TG

43-27507-J (14)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. P
 2nd Lt. Uhl, W. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

43-27479-J (18)

2nd Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Collins, H.L. CP
 Pvt. Daniell, J.T. B
 T/Sgt. Boder, J.P. R
 S/Sgt. Pusen, M. G
 S/Sgt. Gardimino, P.C. TG

43-27533-J (16)

2nd Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Frall, W.L. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-27574-J (17)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. P
 2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Keough, B.G. B
 S/Sgt. Meeth, R.B. R
 Sgt. Eldridge, J.E. G
 Sgt. Monger, H.W. TG
 *1st Lt. Jordan, E.A. O

43-27576-J (21)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 S/Sgt. Jolkower, W. R
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG

43-27562-J (19)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H. R
 S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Williams, J.P. TG

42-32456-C (20)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Watson, F.W. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 T/Sgt. Levine, M.M. R
 S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG
 *2nd Lt. Lea, J.B. O

42-64658-C (24)

2nd Lt. Gimson, K.L. P
 2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J. WG
 S/Sgt. Goldyn, W. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG
 S/Sgt. Scott, I.D. AP

43-3995-J (22)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, B.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG

43-27543-J (23)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, E.G. R
 Sgt. Citara, A.W. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz TG

* Infantry Officers, 5th Army.

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ROAD BLOCK AT CIVITELLA ROVETO

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. R.A. McLaughlin	Ghisonaccia, 22 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 245	Group Mission: 416
Squadron Flight: 11 B-25's	Group Flight: 46 B-25's
Escort: None	Take Off 15:10
Bombs Dropped: x x x	Target x x x
Altitudes: x x x	Down 19:45
Axis of Attack: x x x	Total Time: 4 Hrs. 35 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,831	Estimated Mileage: 710

RESULTS: Weather prevented attack.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: 2 FW-190's just S. of Isernia at 13,000 feet, heading S. No attacks.

WEATHER: Target Area: Complete overcast 4-14,000 feet. High overcast at 18,000 feet. Visibility 10 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 245

22 May 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27561-J (3)

2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L. CP
 2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F. B
 S/Sgt. White, J.P. R
 Sgt. Woodley, F.H. G
 Sgt. Slentz, L.J. TG

43-3630-D (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A. P
 2nd Lt. Ford, T.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C. N
 2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A. B
 T/Sgt. Biebighauser R
 S/Sgt. Leist, J.F. G
 S/Sgt. Darling, R.E. TG

42-64592-C (2)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Collins, H.L. CP
 Pvt. Daniell, J.T. B
 T/Sgt. Boder, J.P. R
 S/Sgt. Pusen, M. G
 S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C. TG

43-27543-J (6)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, E.C. R
 Sgt. Citara, A.W. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz TG

43-7527-J (4)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. P
 2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P. CP
 2nd Lt. Oie, M.P. B
 2nd Lt. Paul, E.G. N
 Pfc. Sichelski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Hailey, J.A. G
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. TG

43-7087-J (5)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 S/Sgt. Vogel, M. R
 Sgt. Hallett, F. G
 Sgt. Dickey, F.F. TG

43-4034-J (9)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, E.R. B
 Sgt. Winkopp, J.J. R
 Sgt. Humble, L. G
 Sgt. Jolitz, F.L. TG

42-87448-D (7)

1st Lt. Black, G.T. P
 2nd Lt. Gerg, O.R. CP
 2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F. N
 2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N. B
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 Sgt. Rennie, M.J. G
 S/Sgt. Morris, J.B. TG

43-7074-J (8)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W. P
 2nd Lt. Lewis, W.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Kinkman, R.D. B
 S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O. R
 Sgt. Almond, J.H. G
 Sgt. Holubek, J.W. TG

42-64658-C (12)

2nd Lt. Gimson, K.L. P
 2nd Lt. Hamrick, H.E. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J. TG
 S/Sgt. Goldyn, W. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-27533-J (10)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.C. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG
 T/Sgt. Burt, W.C.S. AP

43-27585-J (11)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. P
 2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 Sgt. Burgess, A.J. R
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N. TG

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AREZZO R.R. BRIDGES

Flight Leader: 2nd Lt. Stinson (379th)	Ghisonaccia, 24 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 246	Group Mission: 418
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 23 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 10:03
Bombs Dropped: 80 x 1,000; 80,000#	Target 11:21
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,400 feet	Down 12:21
Axis of Attack: 338°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 13 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,843	Estimated Mileage: 356

RESULTS: Concentration of bombs fell E. of bridges with direct hits and near misses on the R.R. tracks on either side of the E. bridge. Highway bridge S. of the W. bridge recieved possible direct hits. Available negatives show a concentration of bombs on the W. approach of the W. bridge and several strings several hundred feet NE of the W. bridge near the highway.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Intense, heavy, accurate flak from an area on both sides of the road at W-0582. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 7-8 miles.

REMARKS: As the result of flak, one 379th a/c was lost, and 5 of the Group's a/c were holed.

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SQUADRON MISSION 246

24. MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (15)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. P
 2nd Lt. Collins, H.L. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

43-27562-J (13)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.R. R
 S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Williams, J.P. TG

43-27565-J (14)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G. B
 S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.R. R
 Sgt. Thomason, B.T. G
 Sgt. Sequenz, J.C. TG

43-27543-J (18)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O. R
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG

43-4034-J (16)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Hover, R.M. CP
 2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F. N
 2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C. B
 S/Sgt. Williams, D.R. R
 Sgt. Williams, F.W. G
 Sgt. De Piero, L.J. TG

43-3630-D (17)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, Z.R. B
 Sgt. Winkopp, J.J. R
 Sgt. Humble, L. G
 Sgt. Jolitz, F.L. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.W. AP

43-27563-J (21)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 S/Sgt. Vogel, M. R
 Sgt. Hallett, F. G
 Sgt. Dickey, F.F. TG

43-3995-J (19)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-27574-J (20)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J. P
 2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Keough, B.G. B
 S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H. R
 Sgt. Monger, H.W. G
 Sgt. Eldridge, J. TG

43-27561-J (24)

2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L. CP
 2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F. B
 S/Sgt. White, J.P. R
 Sgt. Woodley, F. G
 Sgt. Slentz, L.J. TG

43-7527-J (22)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J. P
 2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, L.J. N
 1st Lt. Oie, M.P. B
 Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Bailey, J.A. G
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.E. TG

42-87448-D (23)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W. P
 2nd Lt. Lewis, W. CP
 2nd Lt. Klinkman, R.D. B
 S/Sgt. Haas, D.H. R
 Sgt. Almond, J.H. G
 Sgt. Chapman, M.C. TG
 S/Sgt. Scott, I.D. AP

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TODI ROAD BRIDGE

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. R.A. McLaughlin Ghisonaccia, 24 May 1944

Squadron Mission: 247

Group Mission: 419

Squadron Flight: 6 B-25's

Group Flight: 18 B-25's

Escort: 12 Spitfires

Take Off 16:10

Bombs Dropped: 8 x 500; 4,000#

Target 17:20

Altitude: 10,500 feet

Down 18:00

Axis of Attack: x x x

Total Time: 1 Hr. 50 Min.

Sorties to Date: 1,849

Estimated Mileage: 314

RESULTS: WEATHER prevented attack. One a/c dropped its bombs.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: Solid overcast at both primary and alternate target areas from 3,000 to 11,000 feet. Visibility 6-8 miles.

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AREZZO R.R. BRIDGES

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. G.T. Black	Ghisonaccia, 25 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 248	Group Mission: 421
Squadron Flight: 11 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 17:15
Bombs Dropped: 84 x 1,000; 84,000#	Target 18:42
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,500 feet	Down 19:50
Axis of Attack: 334°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 35 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,860	Estimated Mileage: 413

RESULTS: Crews report that strings of bombs walked across the W. R.R. Bridge with direct hits and near misses. There were possible direct hits and near misses of the E. R.R. Bridge, but bomb smoke made observations difficult. The road bridge N. of the W. R.R. Bridge was hit by other strings. Some a/c, bombing the road bridge S. of the W. R.R. Bridge claim near misses and possible direct hits. Available negatives show direct hits on W. R.R. Bridge and road bridge W. of the W. R.R. Bridge.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 8-10 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 247

24 MAY 1944

C R E W R O S T E R43-27565-J (3)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W.	P
2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W.	CP
2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G.	B
S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.R.	R
Sgt. Thomason, B.T.	G
Sgt. Sequenz, J.C.	TG

43-3630-D (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.	P
2nd Lt. Ford, T.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C.	N
2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A.	B
T/Sgt. Biebighauser,	R
S/Sgt. Leist, J.F.	G
S/Sgt. Darling, R.E.	TG

73-27543-J (2)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	P
2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B.	CP
2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R.	B
S/Sgt. Brown, E.C.	R
Sgt. Gitara, A.W.	G
S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz	TG

43-27721-J (6)

2nd Lt. Gimson, K.L.	P
2nd Lt. Frasse, C.W.	CP
Pvt. Bazzett, J.L.	B
S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J.	WG
S/Sgt. Goldyn, W.	G
S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E.	TG

43-7527-J (4)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B.	P
2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P.	CP
2nd Lt. Levine, L.J.	N
1st Lt. Oie, M.P.	B
Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S.	R
Sgt. Hailey, J.A.	G
T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K.	TG

42-87448-D (5)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W.	P
2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L.	CP
Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R
Sgt. Jared, J.L.	G
S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N.	TG
Sgt. Romo, J.	AP

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SQUADRON MISSION 248

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CREW ROSTER

43-27674-J (3)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, A.R. B
 Sgt. Winkopp, J.J. R
 Sgt. Humble, L. G
 Sgt. Jolitz, F.L. TG

42-87448-D (1)

1st Lt. Black, C.T. P
 2nd Lt. Gerg, O.R. CP
 2nd Lt. Paul, E.G. N
 2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N. B
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 Sgt. Rennie, M.J. G
 S/Sgt. Morris, J.B. TG
 S/Sgt. Scott, I.D. AP

43-27721-J (2)

2nd Lt. Gimson, K.L. P
 2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J. WG
 S/Sgt. Goldsyn, W. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-27574-J (6)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. P
 2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Keough, B.G. B
 S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H. R
 Sgt. Monger, H.W. G
 Sgt. Eldridge, J.E. TG

43-4034-J (4)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Hover, R.M. CP
 2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F. N
 2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C. B
 S/Sgt. Williams, D.R. R
 Sgt. Williams, F.W. G
 Sgt. De Piero, L.J. TG

43-27565-J (5)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G. B
 S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.R. R
 Sgt. Thomason, B.T. G
 Sgt. Sequenz, J.C. TG

43-27543-J (9)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG
 S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O. R

43-4044-J (7)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, I.H. R
 S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Williams, J.P. TG

43-27561-J (8)

2nd Lt. Elmer, R.P. P
 2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L. CP
 2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F. B
 S/Sgt. White, J.P. R
 Sgt. Woodley, F.H. G
 Sgt. Slentz, L.J. TG

43-27479-J (12)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Watson, F.W. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 T/Sgt. Levine, M.M. R
 S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG

43-3995-J (10)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-3630-D (11)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W. P
 2nd Lt. Lewis, W.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Kinkman, R.D. B
 S/Sgt. Haas, D.H. R
 Sgt. Chapman, M.C. G
 Sgt. Almond, J.H. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

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Flight Leader: 2nd Lt. Stinson (379th)	Chisonaccia, 26 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 249	Group Mission: 422
Squadron Flight: 11 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 b-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 09:55
Bombs Dropped: 192 x 500; 96,000#	Target 11:24
Axis of Attack: 50°	Down 12:20
Altitudes: 8,800 to 11,100 feet	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 25 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,871	Estimated Mileage: 380

RESULTS: A good bomb pattern was reported to have covered the road bridge with near misses and possible direct hits. The W. approach and road were severed by Direct hits. Some bombs fell across the road at the NW tip of town. Available negatives show the road at the NW tip of town cut, and the W. approach to the highway bridge heavily hit.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 6-8 miles with haze.

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SQUADRON MISSION 249

26 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (3)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. P
 2nd Lt. Collins, H.L. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

42-37448-D (1)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 T/Sgt. Berzon, J.L. R
 S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Williams, J.F. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, C.E. AP

43-27574-J (2)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.F. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 S/Sgt. Edwards, W.O. R
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG
 *Sgt. Fowkes, T.L. MPP

43-27751-J (6)

2nd Lt. Gimson, K.L. P
 2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J. R
 S/Sgt. Goldyn, W. G
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-3995-J (4)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. P
 2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, L.J. N
 1st Lt. Oie, M.P. B
 Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Hailey, J.A. G
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. TG

43-27674-J (5)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, Z.E. B
 Sgt. Winkopp, J.J. R
 Sgt. Humble, L. G
 Sgt. Jolitz, F.L. TG

43-27543-J (9)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, E.C. R
 Sgt. Citara, A.W. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz TG

43-3630-D (7)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, C.L.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.G. TG
 Sgt. Rome, J. AP

43-27565-J (8)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Naywald, J.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G. B
 S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.E. R
 Sgt. Thomason, E.T. G
 Sgt. Sequenz, J.C. TG

43-27651-J (12)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. P
 2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 T/Sgt. Enright, C.M. R
 Sgt. Jared, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.M. TG

43-4034-J (10)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Hover, R.E. CP
 2nd Lt. Bombak, J.F. N
 2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C. B
 S/Sgt. Williams, D.R. R
 Sgt. Williams, F.W. G
 Sgt. De Piero, L.J. TG

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Flight Commander: Maj. L.G. Hill, Jr.	Ghisonaccia, 26 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 250	Group Mission: 424
Squadron Flight: 12-B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 16:29
Bombs Dropped: 181 x 500; 90,500#	Target 17:50
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,000 feet	Down 18:40
Axis of Attack: 348°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 11 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,883	Estimated Mileage: 333

RESULTS: Crews report an excellent concentration of bombs on both bridges with several direct hits and damaging near misses. Both approaches were also hit. Available negatives show a good concentration of bombs on the bridges with some strings to the right of the target.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 8-10 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 250

26 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (3)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. P
 2nd Lt. Collins, H.L. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, R.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

43-3630-D (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.P
 2nd Lt. Ford, T.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C. N
 2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A. B
 T/Sgt. Biebighauser R
 S/Sgt. Leist, J.F. G
 S/Sgt. Darling, R.E. TG
 Maj. Hill, L.G., Jr. O

43-27651-J (2)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. P
 2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.H. B
 T/Sgt. Enright, C.M. R
 Sgt. Jared, J.W. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N. TG

43-27561-J (6)

2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Meyer, E.L. CP
 2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F. B
 S/Sgt. White, J.R. R
 Sgt. Woodley, F.H. G
 Sgt. Slentz, L.J. TG

43-3995-J (4)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. P
 2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, L.J. N
 1st Lt. Cie, M.P. B
 Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Hailey, J.A. G
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. TG

43-3639-D (5)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W. P
 2nd Lt. Lewis, W.H. CP
 Pvt. Daniell, J.T. B
 S/Sgt. Haas, D.H. R
 Sgt. Chapman, M.G. G
 Sgt. Elmond, J.H. TG
 S/Sgt. Scott, I.D. AP

43-27563-J (9)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H. P
 2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 S/Sgt. Vogel, M. R
 Sgt. Hallett, F. G
 Sgt. Dickey, F.F. TG

42-87448-D (7)

1st Lt. Black, G.T. P
 2nd Lt. Gerg, O.R. CP
 2nd Lt. Paul, E.G. N
 2nd Lt. Katsirubas, N. B
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 Sgt. Rennie, M.J. G
 S/Sgt. Morris, J.B. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

43-27574-J (8)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. P
 2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A. CP
 2nd Lt. Keough, B.G. B
 S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H. R
 Sgt. Monger, H.W. G
 Sgt. Eldridge, J.E. TG

43-27543-J (12)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, B.C. R
 Sgt. Citara, A.W. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz TG

43-4034-J (10)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Hover, R.M. CP
 2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F. N
 2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C. B
 S/Sgt. Williams, D.R. R
 Sgt. Williams, F.W. G
 Sgt. De Piero, L.J. TG

43-27479-J (11)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Watson, F.W. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 T/Sgt. Levine, M.M. R
 S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG

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PITECCIO R. R. VIADUCT

Flight Commander: Maj. Wetzell (379th)	Chisonaccia, 27 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 251	Group Mission: 426
Squadron Flight: 11 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 09:30
Bombs Dropped: 184 x 500; 92,000#	Target 10:50
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,000 feet	Down 11:50
Axis of Attack: 26°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 20 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,894	Estimated Mileage: 363

RESULTS: Crews report damaging near misses and possible direct hits on the central viaduct (Q-512948), with R.R. line between this target and the S. Viaduct hit. Concentrations of bombs reported on the N. Viaduct (Q-513958) with several direct hits observed. Some ships bombed the highway bridge N. of Lucca (Q-2288) claiming direct hits and near misses. Available negatives show good concentration of bombs on the N. Viaduct (Q-513958); one string short of the viaduct and strings of bombs cut the highway intersection of the road bridge at Q-2288.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: 3/10 stratus at 15,000 feet, visibility 6 miles with haze.

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SQUADRON MISSION 251

27 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27507-J (15)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. P
 2nd Lt. Collins, H.L. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

43-3630-D (13)

1st Lt. Akst, I.B. P
 2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J. N
 2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J. B
 S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L. G
 S/Sgt. Williams, J.P. TG
 T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A. R
 S/Sgt. Scott, I.D. AP

43-27479-J (14)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Watson, F.W. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 T/Sgt. Levine, M.M. R
 S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG

43-27543-J (18)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, E.C. R
 Sgt. Catara, A.W. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz TG

43-4044-J (16)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Fwedt, O.L.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-27721-J (21)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R. P
 2nd Lt. Gerg, O.R. CP
 Pvt. Bazzett, J.L. B
 S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J. G
 S/Sgt. Goldyn, R. R
 S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E. TG

43-3995-J (19)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, E.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG

43-3639-D (20)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, G.C. P
 2nd Lt. Lytle, W.H. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 T/Sgt. Wonski, S. R
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 Sgt. Tamer, A.E. TG
 Sgt. Romo, J. AP

43-27674-J (24)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P. CP
 Pvt. De Moises, Z.R. B
 Sgt. Winkopp, J.J. R
 Sgt. Humble, L. G
 Sgt. Jolitz, F.L. TG

43-7527-J (22)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. P
 2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, I.J. N
 1st Lt. Oie, W.P. B
 Pfc. Sichelski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Hailey, J.A. G
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. TG

43-27565-J (23)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G. B
 S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.R. R
 Sgt. Thomason, B.T. G
 Sgt. Sequenz, J.C. TG

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AREZZO R.R. BRIDGE

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. McLaughlin	Ghisonaccia, 27 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 252	Group Mission: 428
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 9 Spitfires	Take Off 16:45
Bombs Dropped: 191 x 500; 95,500#	Target 18:07
Altitudes: 8,800 to 11,500 feet	Down 19:10
Axis of Attack: 42°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 25 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,906	Estimated Mileage: 380

RESULTS: Crews report that the cloud covered encountered on their break from the target made observations difficult. They claim a good concentration of bombs on the bridge and both approaches, with many damaging near misses and several direct hits. Available negatives show good concentration on the bridge and E. approach. Considerable cloud formation in the area.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER AT THE TARGET: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 8 miles. 9/10 cumulus just N and NE of the target area.

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SQUADRON MISSION 252

27 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

<u>43-3679-D (3)</u>			<u>43-3670-D (1)</u>			<u>43-27651-J (2)</u>		
2nd Lt. Ray, H.S.	P		1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.	P		2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W.	P	
2nd Lt. Hamrick, H.E.	CP		2nd Lt. Ford, T.H.	CP		2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L.	CP	
Pvt. Daniell, J.T.	B		2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C.	N		Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B	
T/Sgt. Boder, J.P.	R		2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A.	B		T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R	
S/Sgt. Pusen, M.	G		T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R		S/Sgt. Goldyn, M.	G	
S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C.	TG		S/Sgt. Leist, J.F.	G		S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N.	TG	
S/Sgt. Reid, G.E.	AF		S/Sgt. Myers, K.L.	TG				
<u>43-27561-J (6)</u>			<u>43-4034-J (4)</u>			<u>43-4032-D (5)</u>		
2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F.	P		1st Lt. Larkin, S.J.	P		2nd Lt. Uhl, W.	P	
2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L.	CP		2nd Lt. Hover, R.M.	CP		2nd Lt. Lewis, W.H.	CP	
2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F.	B		2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F.	N		2nd Lt. Klinkman, R.D.	B	
S/Sgt. White, J.P.	R		2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C.	B		S/Sgt. Haas, D.H.	R	
Sgt. Woodley, F.H.	G		S/Sgt. Williams, D.R.	R		Sgt. Chapman, M.C.	G	
Sgt. Slentz, L.J.	TG		S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E.	G		Sgt. Almond, J.H.	TG	
			Sgt. De Piero, L.J.	TG				
<u>43-27563-J (9)</u>			<u>43-4044-J (7)</u>			<u>43-27574-J (8)</u>		
2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H.	P		1st Lt. Akst, I.B.	P		2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R.	P	
2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A.	CP		2nd Lt. Sleeper, D.J.	CP		2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A.	CP	
Cpl. Harris, R.M.	B		2nd Lt. Vilchek, E.J.	N		2nd Lt. Keough, B.G.	B	
S/Sgt. Vogel, M.	R		2nd Lt. McHugh, R.J.	B		S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H.	R	
Sgt. Hallett, F.	G		T/Sgt. Hollar, C.A.	R		Sgt. Monger, H.W.	G	
Sgt. Dickey, F.F.	TG		S/Sgt. Gatlin, J.L.	G		Sgt. Eldridge, J.E.	TG	
			S/Sgt. Williams, J.P.	TG				
<u>42-87548-D (12)</u>			<u>43-3995-J (10)</u>			<u>43-27479-J (11)</u>		
2nd Lt. Brett, J.W.	P		2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K.	P		2nd Lt. Schroeder, C.C.	P	
2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W.	CP		2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H.	CP		2nd Lt. Lytle, W.C.	CP	
2nd Lt. Bonnaviat, R.D.	B		2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L.	N		S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U.	B	
S/Sgt. Close, J.W.	R		2nd Lt. Moss, R.P.	B		T/Sgt. Wonski, S.H.	R	
Sgt. Jared, J.L.	G		Sgt. Ferguson, J.E.	R		Sgt. Crocker, H.M.	G	
Sgt. Kwiecien, W.J.	TG		Sgt. Irwin, E.F.	G		Sgt. Pamer, A.E.	TG	
Sgt. Homo, J.	AF		Sgt. Foley, R.J.	TG				

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SECRET**MAGRANO R.R. BRIDGE****BORGO VAL DI TARO R.R. BRIDGE****ROCCO R.R. BRIDGE**

Flight Commander: Maj. Wetzel (379th)	Ghisonaccia, 28 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 253	Group Mission: 431
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 08:55
Bombs Dropped: 48 x 500; 24,000#	10:26
31 x 500; 15,500#	Targets 10:22
112 x 500; 56,000#	10:42
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,000 feet	Down 11:45
Axis of Attack: 57°, 57° and 05°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 50 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,918	Estimated Mileage: 462

RESULTS: The primary target was obscured by cloud cover, but 6 a/c dropped their bombs and claim direct hits and near misses on the E approach.

The majority of a/c bombed the alternate at P-135422 and report that the center bridge spans were not hit, but that the W. end of the bridge, leading into the tunnel received direct hits and many near misses. Some bombs overshot.

Target of opportunity at P-6454 was bombed with no hits observed.

Available negatives show the Alternate Target hit on the W. end, and no hits on the Target of Opportunity.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: En route: Ceiling Unlimited. Visibility 6-8 miles.

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SQUADRON MISSION 253

28 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27721-J (15)

2nd Lt. Shearer, C.P. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 S/Sgt. Jolkower, W. R
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG

43-4024-J (13)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 2nd Lt. Twedt, O.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, J.A. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.E. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-27561-J (14)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C. P
 2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L. CP
 2nd Lt. Kramer, T.F. B
 S/Sgt. White, J.P. R
 Sgt. Woodley, F.H. G
 Sgt. Slentz, L.J. TG

43-27565-J (18)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G. B
 S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.R. R
 Sgt. Thomason, B.T. G
 Sgt. Sequenz, J.C. TG

43-27543-J (16)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.R. P
 2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B. CP
 2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R. B
 S/Sgt. Brown, E.C. R
 Sgt. Citara, A.W. G
 S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz, F. TG

43-3639-D (17)

2nd Lt. Fay, H.S. P
 2nd Lt. Hamrick, H.E. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 T/Sgt. Wonski, S.M. R
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 Sgt. Tamer, A.E. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AP

43-4087-J (21)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Bonnaviat, R.D. B
 S/Sgt. Close, J.W. R
 Sgt. Jared, J.L. G
 Sgt. Keleccian, W.J. TG

43-3995-J (19)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.R. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, B.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG

43-27507-J (20)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E. P
 2nd Lt. Collins, H.L. CP
 S/Sgt. Smith, H.W. B
 T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A. R
 S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D. G
 S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W. TG

43-87448-D (24)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, G.C. P
 2nd Lt. Lytle, W.C. CP
 Pvt. Daniell, J.T. B
 T/Sgt. Boder, J.P. R
 S/Sgt. Pusen, M. G
 S/Sgt. Gardimino, P.C. TG
 Sgt. Romo, J. AP

43-7527-J (22)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B. P
 2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P. CP
 2nd Lt. Levine, L.J. N
 1st Lt. Oie, M.P. B
 Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S. R
 Sgt. Hailey, J.A. G
 T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K. TG

43-27479-J (23)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Watson, F.W. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 T/Sgt. Levine, M.M. R
 S/Sgt. Gifford, R.L. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG

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SECRET**CERTALDO R.R. BRIDGE**

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. R.A. McLaughlin	Ghisonaccia, 29 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 254	Group Mission: 433
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: 12 Spitfires	Take Off 10:05
Bombs Dropped: 168 x 500; 84,000#	Target 11:31
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,000 feet	Down 12:25
Axis of Attack: 332°	Total Time: 2 Hrs. 20 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,930	Estimated Mileage: 363

RESULTS: Crews report a good concentration of bombs on the target. Several direct hits and damaging near misses were scored on the bridge and its approaches. Some bombs walked across the M/Y's just N. of the bridge. One crew reported bombs hitting across a highway W. of the target. Available negatives confirm observations.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: CAVU en route and at the target.

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SQUADRON MISSION 254

29 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27543-J (3)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	P
2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B.	CP
2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R.	E
S/Sgt. Brown, E.C.	R
Sgt. Citara, A.W.	G
S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz	TG

43-3630-D (1)

1st Lt. McLaughlin, R.A.P	
2nd Lt. Ford, T.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Kienitz, R.C.	N
2nd Lt. Lewis, L.A.	B
T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R
S/Sgt. Leist, J.F.	G
S/Sgt. Myers, E.L.	TG
Sgt. Romo, J.	AP

43-27563-J (2)

2nd Lt. Kuester, W.H.	P
2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A.	CP
Cpl. Harris, R.M.	B
S/Sgt. Vogel, M.	R
Sgt. Hallett, P.	G
Sgt. Dickey, P.F.	TG

43-27574-J (6)

2nd Lt. Simpkins, J.R.	P
2nd Lt. Mangum, W.A.	CP
2nd Lt. Kecugh, B.G.	B
S/Sgt. Meeth, R.H.	R
Sgt. Monger, H.W.	G
Sgt. Eldridge, J.E.	TG

43-4044-J (4)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C.	P
2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W.	CP
2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G.	B
S/Sgt. Mackowiak, R.R.	R
Sgt. Thomason, B.T.	G
Sgt. Sequenz, J.C.	TG

43-27721-J (5)

1st Lt. Eaton, F.H.	P
2nd Lt. Gerg, C.R.	CP
Pvt. Bazzett, J.L.	B
S/Sgt. MacDougall, A.J.	R
S/Sgt. Goldyn, W.	G
S/Sgt. Hodnett, S.E.	TG

43-4032-J (9)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W.	P
2nd Lt. Lewis, W.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Klinkman, R.D.	B
S/Sgt. Haas, D.H.	R
Sgt. Chapman, M.C.	G
Sgt. Almond, J.H.	TG

43-7527-J (7)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B.	P
2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P.	CP
2nd Lt. Levine, L.J.	N
1st Lt. Oie, M.P.	B
Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S.	R
Sgt. Hailey, J.A.	G
T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K.	TG

43-27674-J (8)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W.	P
2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P.	CP
Pvt. De Moises, Z.R.	B
Sgt. Winkopp, J.J.	R
Sgt. Humble, L.	G
Sgt. Jolitz, F.L.	TG

42-87448-D (12)

2nd Lt. Elmer, R.F.	P
2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L.	CP
2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F.	B
S/Sgt. White, J.P.	R
Sgt. Woodley, F.H.	G
Sgt. Slentz, L.J.	TG
S/Sgt. Reid, G.E.	AP

43-4034-J (10)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J.	P
2nd Lt. Hover, R.N.	CP
2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F.	N
2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C.	B
S/Sgt. Williams, D.R.	R
Sgt. Burgess, A.J.	G
Sgt. De Piero, L.J.	TG

43-27651-J (11)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W.	P
2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L.	CP
Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R
Sgt. Rennie, M.J.	G
S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.W.	TG

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NICKELLING MISSION

Flight Leader: 1st Lt. I.S. Clark	Ghisonaccia, 29 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 255	Group Mission: 434
Squadron Flight: 1 B-25	Group Flight: 4 B-25's
Escort: 4 Spitfires	Take Off 08:00
Leaflets Dropped: 1,280,000	Target 13:50 and 14:10
Altitude: 13,000 feet	Down 15:54
Sorties to Date: 1,931	Total Time: 7 Hrs. 54 Min.

RESULTS: 4 B-25's took off for Pimigliano A/D, Naples, where they were loaded with 1,280,000 "Frontposts". Crews were briefed at Naples, and the leaflets were dropped in the areas of Frascati, Celenna and Ferentino.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: None. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: CAVU over entire route.

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SQUADRON MISSION 255

29 MAY 1944

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43-27533-J (1)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S.	P
2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J.	CP
2nd Lt. Burton, J.A.	N
2nd Lt. Hayman, M.	B
T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J.	R
S/Sgt. Prall, W.E.	G
S/Sgt. Deese, L.C.	TG

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AGOSTA ROAD BRIDGE

Flight Commander: Maj. L.G. Hill, Jr.	Ghisonaccia, 30 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 256	Group Mission: 435
Squadron Flight: 12 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: Area Cover	Take Off 15:10
Bombs Dropped: 159 x 500; 79,500#	Target 17:05
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,000 feet	Down 18:50
Axis of Attack: 343°	Total Time: 3 Hrs. 40 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,943	Estimated Mileage: 627

RESULTS: Target reported missed. A road block was created by direct hits on the road SW of the town of Agosta (G-2076). Some bombs were observed to cut the road S. of the target. Available negatives show possible road black at Agosta and cloud coverage in the target area.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Moderate, heavy, accurate flak from the areas of Segni, Anagni, Ferentino, Prosinone, Sacco Valley and the road between Sora and Capistrello. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: At target: 3-5/10 cumulus at 5-13,000 feet, visibility 6-8 miles.

REMARKS: Five of the Group's a/c were holed by flak.

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SQUADRON MISSION 256

30 MAY 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27721-J (15)

2nd Lt. Shearer, G.P. P
 2nd Lt. Bathurst, R.J. CP
 2nd Lt. Jameson, J.S. B
 S/Sgt. Jolkower, W. R
 Sgt. Palmer, W.L. G
 Sgt. Cherry, H.S. TG

43-27533-J (13)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S. P
 Maj. Hill, L.G., Jr. CP
 2nd Lt. Burton, J.A. N
 2nd Lt. Hayman, M. B
 T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J. R
 S/Sgt. Prall, W.W. G
 S/Sgt. Deese, L.C. TG

43-4087-J (14)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F. P
 2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Bonnaviat, R.D. B
 S/Sgt. Close, J.W. R
 Sgt. Jared, J.L. G
 Sgt. Kwicien, W.J. TG

43-27565-J (18)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W. P
 2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W. CP
 2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G. B
 S/Sgt. Mackowiac, R.R. R
 Sgt. Thomason, B.T. G
 Sgt. Sequenz, J.C. TG
 Sgt. Romo, J. AF

43-4094-J (16)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J. P
 2nd Lt. Moyer, R.M. CP
 2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.M. N
 2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C. B
 S/Sgt. Williams, D.R. R
 Sgt. Williams, F.W. G
 Sgt. De Piero, L.J. TG

43-27651-J (17)

2nd Lt. Whitehead, R.W. P
 2nd Lt. Tennyson, N.L. CP
 Sgt. Davenport, W.R. B
 T/Sgt. Enright, C.M. R
 S/Sgt. Washington, J.E. G
 S/Sgt. Rumpf, A.N. TG

43-4074-J (21)

2nd Lt. Schroeder P
 2nd Lt. Lytle, W.C. CP
 S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U. B
 T/Sgt. Wonski, S.M. R
 Sgt. Crocker, H.M. G
 Sgt. Tamer, A.E. TG

43-3995-J (19)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K. P
 2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L. N
 2nd Lt. Moss, R.P. B
 Sgt. Ferguson, J.E. R
 Sgt. Irwin, B.F. G
 Sgt. Foley, R.J. TG

43-27479-J (20)

2nd Lt. Innis, J.J. P
 2nd Lt. Watson, F.W., Jr. CP
 Pvt. Farrell, J.J. B
 Cpl. Harris, R.M. G
 S/Sgt. Cutrona, M.C. TG

43-4032-J (24)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W. P
 2nd Lt. Lewis, W.H. CP
 2nd Lt. Klinkman, R.D. B
 S/Sgt. Haas, D.H. R
 Sgt. Chapman, M.C. G
 Sgt. Almond, J.H. TG

42-87748-J (22)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C. P
 2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L. CP
 2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F. B
 S/Sgt. White, J.P. R
 Sgt. Woodley, F.H. G
 Sgt. Slentz, L.J. TG

43-3639-D (23)

2nd Lt. Hay, H.S. P
 2nd Lt. Hamrick, H.E. CP
 Pvt. Daniell, J.T. B
 T/Sgt. Boder, J.P. R
 S/Sgt. Pusen, M. G
 S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C. TG
 S/Sgt. Reid, G.E. AF

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SECRET**MARINO TROOP CONCENTRATION**

Flight Commander: Maj. L.G. Hill, Jr.	Ghisonaccia, 31 May 1944
Squadron Mission: 257	Group Mission: 438
Squadron Flight: 15 B-25's	Group Flight: 24 B-25's
Escort: Area Cover	Take Off 08:05
Bombs Dropped: 3,133 x 20 frags; 62,660#	Target 09:42
Altitudes: 9,300 to 11,200 feet	Down 11:30
Axis of Attack: 354°	Total Time: 3 Hrs. 25 Min.
Sorties to Date: 1,958	Estimated Mileage: 578

RESULTS: An excellent frag pattern was observed on the assigned target area. Strings were seen to start at the edge of the lake and walk N. through the wooded area and into the center of the town. The W. and the E. sides of the target area were heavily hit. The crews report that the entire area was covered with smoke and dust after the bombing. Available negatives show the wooded area, the center of the town and the W. area to have been well covered.

OBSERVATIONS: Flak: Moderate to intense, heavy, accurate flak encountered over the entire battle area after crossing the lines. E a/c: None encountered, none observed.

WEATHER: CAVU at the target and en route.

REMARKS: a total of 11 a/c were holed by flak.

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SQUADRON MISSION 257

31 May 1944

CREW ROSTER

43-27543-J (3)

2nd Lt. Johnson, R.I.	P
2nd Lt. Robinson, H.B.	CP
2nd Lt. Hornsby, L.R.	B
S/Sgt. Brown, E.C.	R
Sgt. Citara, A.W.	G
S/Sgt. Dzienkiewicz, F.J.	TG
*M/Sgt. Flanagan, E.C.	O

42-87448-D (6)

2nd Lt. Uhl, W.	P
2nd Lt. Lewis, W.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Klinkman, R.D.	B
S/Sgt. Haas, D.H.	R
Sgt. Chapman, M.C.	G
Sgt. Almond, J.H.	TG
Sgt. Romo, J.	AP

43-27674-J (9)

2nd Lt. Brett, J.W.	P
2nd Lt. Lugert, A.P.	CP
Fvt. De Moises, Z.R.	B
S/Sgt. Winkopp, J.J.	R
Sgt. Humble, L.	G
Sgt. Jolitz, F.L.	TG

43-27533-J (1)

1st Lt. Clark, I.S.	P
Maj. Hill, L.C.	CP
2nd Lt. Burton, J.A.	N
T/Sgt. Duffy, J.J.	R
S/Sgt. Prall, W.E.	G
S/Sgt. Deese, L.C.	TG
2nd Lt. Hayman, M.	B

43-7094-J (4)

1st Lt. Larkin, S.J.	P
2nd Lt. Hover, R.M.	CP
2nd Lt. Bumbak, J.F.	N
2nd Lt. Eckerlin, R.C.	B
S/Sgt. Williams, D.R.	R
Sgt. Williams, F.W.	G
Sgt. De Piero, L.J.	TG

43-3955-J (7)

2nd Lt. McDonald, G.K.	P
2nd Lt. Ellis, E.H.	CP
2nd Lt. Klecka, C.L.	N
2nd Lt. Moss, R.P.	B
Sgt. Ferguson, J.E.	R
Sgt. Irwin, B.F.	G
Sgt. Foley, R.J.	TG

43-7087-J (2)

2nd Lt. Killian, R.F.	P
2nd Lt. Prasse, C.W.	CP
2nd Lt. Bonnavist, R.D.	B
S/Sgt. Glose, J.W.	R
Sgt. Jared, J.L.	G
Sgt. Kwiecien, W.J.	TG

43-27561-J (5)

2nd Lt. Ray, H.S.	P
2nd Lt. Hamrick, H.E.	CP
Fvt. Daniell, J.T.	B
T/Sgt. Boder, J.P.	R
S/Sgt. Pusen, M.	G
S/Sgt. Cardimino, P.C.	TG

43-27565-J (8)

1st Lt. Lemmer, J.W.	P
2nd Lt. Maywald, J.W.	CP
2nd Lt. Mulligan, J.G.	B
S/Sgt. Lackowiak, R.R.	R
Sgt. Thomason, B.T.	G
Sgt. Sequenz, J.C.	TG

* Observer, U.S. 5th Army.

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SQUADRON MISSION 257

CREW ROSTER, Cont'd:

43-27563-J (12)

2nd Lt. Kuester, H.H.	P
2nd Lt. Taylor, L.A.	CP
Cpl. Harris, R.M.	B
S/Sgt. Vogel, M.	R
Sgt. Hallett, F.	G
Sgt. Dickey, F.F.	TG
*Sgt. Kelly, J.H.	O

43-27562-J (10)

1st Lt. Heller, L.C.	P
2nd Lt. Moyer, E.L.	GP
2nd Lt. Kremer, T.F.	B
S/Sgt. White, J.P.	R
Sgt. Woodley, F.H.	G
Sgt. Slentz, L.J.	TG

43-27574-J (11)

2nd Lt. Lytle, W.C.	P
2nd Lt. Tennyson, H.L.	CP
Sgt. Davenport, W.R.	B
T/Sgt. Enright, C.M.	R
S/Sgt. Washington, J.E.	G
S/Sgt. Rampf, A.N.	TG

43-27507-J (15)

2nd Lt. Vosburgh, A.E.	P
2nd Lt. Collins, H.L.	CP
S/Sgt. Smith, H.W.	B
T/Sgt. Heaney, J.A.	R
S/Sgt. Underwood, G.D.	G
S/Sgt. Campbell, H.W.	TG

43-7527-J (13)

2nd Lt. Pritchard, J.B.	P
2nd Lt. Gibson, J.P.	CP
1st Lt. Cie, M.P.	B
2nd Lt. Levine, L.J.	N
Pfc. Sicheliski, A.S.	R
Sgt. Hailey, J.A.	G
T/Sgt. Stewart, L.K.	TG

43-3639-D (14)

2nd Lt. Schroeder, G.C.	P
2nd Lt. Twedt, O.L.J.	CP
S/Sgt. Nelson, F.U.	B
T/Sgt. Wonaki, S.M.	R
Sgt. Crocker, H.M.	G
Sgt. Tamer, A.E.	TG
S/Sgt. Reid, G.E.	AP

* Observer, U.S. 5th Army.

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THE SILVER STAR

Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force, General Orders No. 66, 24 May 1944, Section I:

PAUL J. KREUZKAMP, O-794673, First Lieutenant, 381st Bomb Sq, 310th Bomb Group (M). For gallantry in action as pilot of a B-25 type aircraft. On 20 July 1943, when he observed a damaged B-25 dropping behind formation as he drew away from the target at Monte Corvino, Italy, Lt. Kreuzkamp immediately left his flight to protect the crippled aircraft from enemy fighters which were engaging other flights in the formation. Sighting one hostile plane closing in on the rear of the disabled bomber, Lt. Kreuzkamp, displaying great courage and flying ability, skillfully maneuvered between the two aircraft and enabled his gunners to drive off the attacking fighter. For two hours and forty-five minutes he continued to escort the damaged B-25 until both aircraft reached friendly territory and thereafter landed safely at the home base. His selfless devotion to duty and outstanding proficiency as a combat pilot reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Chicago, Ill.

Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force, General Orders No. 67, 28 May 1944, Section I:

DANIEL KIM, 39167622, Staff Sergeant, 381st Bomb Sq., 310th Bomb Group (M). For gallantry in action as upper turret gunner of a B-25 type aircraft. On 11 May 1943, S/Sgt. Kim flew in an attack on Marsala, Sicily. Upon the approach to the target, twelve Me-109's attacked his formation and in the ensuing battle, S/Sgt. Kim was seriously wounded in the arm and his aircraft was heavily damaged. Heroically remaining at his post, S/Sgt. Kim drove off repeated fighter attacks and damaged three enemy planes before the firing solenoid of his guns burned out, rendering his weapons inoperative. Despite intense pain, he refused to seek first aid and continued to track the hostile aircraft until the enemy broke off combat. His selfless devotion to duty and outstanding proficiency in combat reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Los Angeles, California

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Headquarters Twelfth Air Force, General Orders No. 66, 24 May 1944, Section III:

JAMES L. PEPLINSKI, O-1702896, Second Lieutenant, 381st Bomb Sq., 310th Bomb Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a B-25 type aircraft. On 14 September 1943, Lt. Peplinski flew in an attack upon enemy communication lines at Eboli, Italy. Upon the approach to the target, mechanical failure forced him to feather the propeller of one engine and drop behind the formation. Without the aid of a lead plane or bombardier, Lt. Peplinski, continuing on a lone bomb run, aimed and released his bombs with devastating effect upon the marshalling yards. He then skillfully maintained flight on one engine for two hours, and returned safely to base. His steadfast devotion to duty and outstanding proficiency as a combat pilot reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Cheney, Washington.

Headquarters Twelfth Air Force, General Orders No. 67, 28 May 1944, Section II:

WALTER E. COOK, T-186558, Flight Officer, 381st Bomb Sq., 310th Bomb Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a B-25 type aircraft. On 12 July 1943, F/O Cook flew in an attack upon Gerbini Satellite Airdrome, Sicily. Upon the approach to the target, intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire seriously wounded both turret-gunners and heavily damaged his airplane, forcing him to leave the formation. Despite the threatened danger of interception by enemy fighter planes, F/O Cook, displaying utmost courage and superior flying ability, continued on course, thereby enabling his bombardier to release his bombs with devastating effect upon the airdrome. Then skillfully evading twelve Me-109's which attacked his formation as it drew away from the target, F/O Cook returned to his base and safely landed the shattered bomber without injury to his crew. His selfless devotion to duty and outstanding proficiency as a combat pilot reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Graham, Texas.

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THE AIR MEDAL

Headquarters Twelfth Air Force, General Orders No. 62, 18 May 1944, Section III:

RALPH F. ELMER, O-804632, Second Lieutenant, 381st Bomb Sq., 310th Bomb Gp., (M). For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as co-pilot of a B-25 type aircraft. On 1 April 1944, while flying in an attack over Poggibonsi, Italy, an armed 1000 pound bomb failed to release over the target. Realizing the imminent danger of explosion, Lt. Elmer climbed into the bomb bay and manually released the bomb harmlessly from the aircraft. His selfless devotion to duty in the face of great hazard reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Ilion, New York.

JOHN J. INNIS, O-740724, Second Lieutenant, 381st Bomb Sq., 310th Bomb Group (M). For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot of a B-25 type aircraft. On 1 April 1944, while flying in an attack over Poggibonsi, Italy, an armed 1000 pound bomb failed to release over the target. Realizing the imminent danger of explosion to other aircraft, Lt. Innis immediately left his formation. Displaying outstanding courage and flying ability, he piloted the unescorted bomber over enemy territory until other crew members were able to release the bomb harmlessly from the airplane and then returned safely to base. His proficiency in combat reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Des Moines, Iowa.

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The Life and Times of Little Joe

S/Sgt. E. C. Singletary

Back in September of 1942, on a windswept ramp at Westover Field, Massachusetts, Ground Crew Chief T/Sgt. Alfred E. Sousa cast a skeptical glance in the direction of a brand new Bob two five. Its polished plexiglass, its spotless coat of dull camouflage, its brightly painted serial number --- 41-13061 --- all caught his attention before he turned away. "One of those new 'C' jobs," thought Sousa. "How'll it stand up?" It was merely a pup among planes, barely twenty hours old. Just a kid, knee britches stuff. But it was Sousa's, all Sousa's --- and the pilot's too, of course ---. The Crew Chief looked at it again, and then gave it the once over with the pilot and his air crew.

It was the pilot, 1st Lt. Robert W. Thorndike who decided that it needed a name. He asked Sousa about it. Sousa didn't know. He asked the Bombardier, S/Sgt. Donald J. Daly. Daly couldn't decide. Names were suggested and tossed from tongue to tongue but none of them sounded quite right, for the plane, young and untried though it was, seemed to have something special about it, an intangible quality which they were trying to screen in their imaginations.

Lt. Thorndike sat himself down on the diamond treat of one of the plane's huge bulging tires. He yawned, scratched his left ear, and toyed with a pair of African Dominoes. Suddenly he let the dice roll on the ramp. Don Daly broke into smiles, for the bones froze on four, a though point in anyone's Crap Game. Slipping off the tire, Thorndike picked them up and whispered something to them. He listened to the clatter in his hand for a moment, and then, satisfied with the reply he received, tossed them out again. Staring like owl eyes up at Daly were two deuces. "Little Joe" someone said. "Little Joe it is", said Thorndike. "Little Joe" it was. And so, "Little Joe" and the two dice were painted across his cheek --- an apt name for a lucky kid.

Al Sousa, a Bristol, Rhode Island boy, smiled his approval at the choice of names, and began to like the plane a little bit. Or perhaps he had liked it from the start and just didn't want to say so, for he pampered it constantly, even in those early days.

After a while, when the big day arrived, Sousa and Lt. Thorndike and the rest of the crew climbed aboard, and "Little Joe" gave a shout of joy when his engines were revved, and scampered down the runway.

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The pilots liked "Little Joe". Liked to fly him, for he never let them down, and they never let him down, either. Lt. Thorndike flew with "Little Joe" on 37 missions before F/O Wirth took over. F/O Wirth flew 33, and next was Capt. Evans with 19 missions. Other pilots flew him too, seventeen of them by the time "Little Joe" had done 128 missions. Sousa flew "Little Joe" too, 50 hours of local co-pilot time. "Little Joe" must have got a kick out of that, for Sousa was one man he could talk back to and make him like it. But Sousa could talk back to "Little Joe" too, and his talent in doing so is proved by the records which show that "Joe" got his second pair of engines at Cape Bon, but only after 460 hours of solid throbbing, and that "Joe" didn't get a new pair of tires until he had had 122 missions. And never once did "Joe" turn back from a mission because he was temperamental, or because he couldn't handle his 100 octane. A great guy, this "Little Joe". He always took good care of his men, too --- always brought them back alive.

Al Sousa won't boast about his part in the plane's success --- it is never he who did it, but "Little Joe" himself. But he'll boast about his boy, and tell how "Joe" helped blast hell --- and Jerry --- out of Battipaglia when the troops who landed at Salerno needed just such a bit of "Little Joe's" technique desperately. There was that first raid on Naples, too, and another first raid, on Rome. Al will go on and on about "Little Joe", describing at length his deadly punch, his expert touch and his devil-may-care, go-to-Hell attitude. He talks about him like he was his own little boy, yet describes him as a boy who was born a man, for "Joe" had know how and guts even back at Westover. That's what they recognized in him when they were trying to find his name.

Everyone who has known "Little Joe" will tell you the same, and more than one crew will be telling their grandchildren about the times when they flew with him. No one ever got mad at Joe and he never hurt any of his friends, not even those men he took on his 105th mission, when he picked up 13 flak holes in his wing sections.

But Joe couldn't always stay young. 127 missions is a lot for a plane, even one with guts and stamina and all that. It was the 17th of May 1944. "One more fling", thought "Little Joe". "That was it, one more fling to make it a straight 128 --- and then ---". Even his sister, "Taboo" couldn't tie a record like that.

"Joe" has a new job now --- and a third set of engines --- and expects to make himself famous all over again. He'll carve out a new career. It won't be as glamorous, but something more dignified. He's a cargo ship now, but keep your eye on him, for Joe's going places again. You can't keep a good man down, as he told Sousa back in England that time. He's still doing his bit ---.

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Cocky, he was, even from the start. He circled the field, gave the eye to a passing P-38 (a strawberry blond, no less), thumbed his nose at a B-24, and headed for England, via Labrador, Greenland and Iceland. (Lt. Thorn-dike's account of the trip over may be found elsewhere in this history).

They stopped in England for a while, but "Little Joe" didn't like it there very much, and wanted to be on his way. Too much tea, perhaps, as he went for the stronger stuff, like 100 octane and hydraulic fluid. And there wasn't enough action. "Can't hold a good man down like this", he seemed to say. So they gave in to him, and took off again --- Land's End, England, and then a big hop, to Tafaroui, Africa. That was on December 7, 1942. Little Joe was going to see his action, and meet some new friends --- Sgt. Sousa's ground crew --- and do some more flying with "Taboo" and "Green Eyes" and "Dis'n Did It", and get punched in the nose on his first mission by Jerry Flak.

The first raid scared Sousa a trifle, and he pointed out to "Little Joe" that a man should hit back, and "Little Joe" laughed, and said he knew it all the time; just give him a chance, he knew what to do. So he responded to Sousa's faith in him, and even showed the other planes some tricks they didn't know. For happy weeks he pounded Jerry almost every day, and came home tired but never admitted it. --- Just a day's work and what fun he'd had: Sfax and Gabes; El Aouina and Tunis, and even Bizerte, where he kept strictly on the beam despite seductive publicity about a girl who once lived there. Pantalleria knew him well, and trembled when he came. He looked in on Lampedusa, but didn't think it worth his while to go back. On special days, he went on Sea Sweeps, and liked these best of all. He'd roar in on enemy ships at low altitude and they'd scatter like schools of frightened fish, and he'd drop his bombs, and shake with laughter to see what pretty flames the Afrika Corp's gasoline made. That was really big time stuff. Not work for boys. He had his long pants now, got them at a place called Tunis.

Things went along pretty well for "Little Joe" until his 67th mission, when he got poked in the ribs with flak. He said it didn't hurt, but Sousa called time out and took "Joe" to the little boy's room to get fixed up. He made a fuss, and reminded Sousa that he was a man now and that no enemy fighter plane had ever dared sock him, and why make such a fuss about a little flak, when he himself personally had polished off five enemy aircraft without even so much as a scratch.

"Little Joe" was always pretty much the Fair Haired boy of the Squadron. An only son. They called all the other planes "She", and "Little Joe", who thought that a woman's place is in the home, liked to show these girls who was boss. It was tough going sometimes, but he could take it, and could dish it out too, and he always proved to his sisters that he could outfight them and outfly them any time.

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Sgt. Sousa doesn't admit it readily, but he's a little indignant to think that his wonderful B-25 should be reduced to such menial labor, no matter how essential it might be. Sousa would rather help fly Joe back to the States, a trip he is positive "Little Joe" has earned. And then, after a 30 day furlough, Sousa would like to be assigned to one of the new B-29's --- but only providing he could find a suitable guardian for his boy, "Little Joe".

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