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301st Bomb Group

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WEEKLY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

Organization 301st Bomb Group

Week Ending Saturday 19 Feb. 1944

Date	Target	Number A/C				Bombs		Mission Time	Energy A/C		
		T.O.	Over T.	Sorts	s Lost	Type	Tons		Dest	Fuel	Time
3/14	Verona M/ Yds, Italy	37	35	35	1	500# G.P.	9.	8:00	2	---	1
	Brescia M/ Yds, Italy					500# G.P.	69.				
	Pontedera A/D Instal- lations, Italy					500# G.P.	18.				
	RR Bridge at San Vincenzo, Italy					500# G.P.	3.				
						99.					
90 15	Cassino Monastery, Italy	32	32	32	--	500# G.P.	90.	3:20	--	--	--
200 17	Town of Campoleon, Italy	36	31	31	--	20# Frag.	43.42	3:30	--	--	--
Totals for Week		105	98	98	1	--	232.42	14:50	2	--	1

A/C HRS - 498.58
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT
SCOR FORM 34

DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 301st Bombardment Group (or separate Squadron)

SQUADRONS INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT: 32nd, 352nd, 353rd & 419th

1. a. 24-Hr. Period ending 2000 Hrs. 14 Feb. 1944 b. Mission No. 225

2. a. Number and Type of A/C Airborne 37 B-17's Time of Take-off 0859A

Time of Landing 1702A Time over Target 1355A

(b. No. A/C not reaching enemy lines (indicate reason) _____

For XII BC
and XII ASC
only

c. 1 B-17 - Oxygen Failure.

c. No. A/C crossing enemy lines but failing to attack (indicate reason)

1 B-17 - Limit Switch out, could not release bombs.

1 B-17 - Bomb bay doors would not open.

(d. No. A/C not completing mission (indicate reason) _____

For XII Ftr
Command
only

3. TARGET: a. Name and Location Secondary: Brescia W/Yds, Italy.

b. Pinpoint or Precise Aiming Point Center of Yards.

4. MISSION: a. Type Bombing.

b. Escorted by Maximum P-47's of 325th Fighter Group. c. Escorting _____
(Unit, No. & Type A/C) (Unit, No. & Type A/C)

d. (For Fighter Bombers only)
No. of A/C carrying bombs _____ Duty of A/C carrying no bombs _____

5. ENEMY RESISTANCE: TYPE INTENSITY ACCURACY

a. A/A Over Target Heavy Slight Inaccurate

b. A/A Enroute Light Slight Accurate

c. No. & Type E/A Encountered (indicate where) 10-15 Me 109's and FW 190's

encountered at target area.

6. WEATHER: Secondary (Over target) Immediate area - CAVU, heavy (enroute) Verona overcast, 8/10 in Po Valley 8-12,000 feet.

7. ALTITUDE AND RANGE OF ATTACK: Brescia: 22,500-25,400 - Pontedera: 17,800-19,000.

8. TOTAL FLYING HOURS: (to nearest five minutes) 295:40

9. AMMUNITION: Rounds Carried Rounds Expended Rounds Lost on Missing and Destroyed A/C

Caliber

.50 222,000 10,215 6,000

* 5,120

* Rounds jettisoned to lighten A/C with engine failures.

10. BOMBS, TORPEDOS, DEPTH CHARGES AND PYROTECHNICS:

Type Fusing Number Carried Number Expended Jettisoned Lost on Missing and Destr. A/C

500-lb. M - .1 444 396 NIL Not Known if Missing A/C Bombed.
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11. VICTORIES (indicate gun-position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed - Credit b. Probable - Credit c. Damaged

1 He 109 LMG or HMG Nil Nil
 1 He 109 TG Damaged

12. OWN AIRCRAFT LOSSES: Destroyed Missing Cat. 1 Cat. 2
 (on Combat Mission)

a. By enemy action Nil 1 B-17G - Cause
 (indicate cause) Unknown

b. Not by enemy action Nil Nil Nil
 (indicate cause)

c. Returned from Missing Nil Reported Missing on Mission # , (date)

13. CREW CASUALTIES:

a. Specialty	Crew Position	Status (K, MIA, SW Or LW)	Cause
One crew of ten (10) men		MIA	Unknown
AG	TG	K	Anoxia
b. Returned, Previously Reported Missing:			
Specialty	Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & date	Wounded? (SW or LW)

Nil

14. Short Narrative, including results, sightings and facts of interest:

CRUISING FORMATION: Two Group Stagers BOMBING FORMATION: Two Group Stagers BOMBING PROCEDURE: Sqdn Leaders for range & deflection, others for range only. NO. A/C OVER TARGET: 35 B-17's (Not known if missing A/C was over target). Primary Target Verona was overcast. 3 A/C found opening & bombed Verona. Formation continued on to Secondary, Brescia M/Yds where 23 A/C bombed. #2 Squadron of 2nd Group was forced out of position by weather so couldn't bomb Brescia. This Squadron (6 A/C) bombed Opportunity Target of Pontedera A/D Installations on way home. 1 A/C turning back slightly before Primary because of ice in carburetors bombed RR Bridge at San Vincenzo with hits on tracks. This A/C included in NO. A/C OVER TARGET.

15. Any other Aircraft Losses (destroyed on the Ground, on Training Flights, etc. Explain)

Nil

16. Has Weekly Letter of "Remarks and Recommendations", as of Sat. 2000 hours, been forwarded through channels? Yes.

17. CONSUMPTION TABLE, week ending _____
 (To be submitted only each Saturday, as of 2000 hours. Include expenditures for All purposes.)

a. Total Hours Flown _____ b. Total Gas Consumed _____

c. No. & Type of Long Range Tanks Jettisoned, Lost or Destroyed.

d. BOMBS, TORP., D. C., PYRO.
 Type Number

e. AMMUNITION
 Caliber Rounds

Thomas R. Reher
 (Signature of Commanding Officer)

THOMAS R. REHER,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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