

HEADQUARTERS  
450TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
APO-520 US ARMY

S-2 NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION DATE: February 18, 1945

MISSION NBR. 222

TARGET: Wels, Austria - Main Marshalling Yard

I. CHRONOLOGY

Twenty-eight B-24 type aircraft took off at 0800-0818 hours to bomb the Main Marshalling Yard at Wels, Austria. One aircraft returned early. Twenty-seven aircraft proceeded to 45.39N-14.46E from which point they were recalled at 1128 hours. Twenty-six aircraft returned 50.5 tons of 500 lb RDX bombs to base. One aircraft jettisoned 2 tons of bombs in the Adriatic because of engine failure. One aircraft jettisoned 2 tons in the Adriatic in making an early return due to engine failure. Twenty-seven aircraft returned to base at 1317 hours.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT

The rendezvous with 449th Bomb Group was made over Manduria and the course was flown as briefed to the point of turnback. The reciprocal course was flown back to base. Route weather was 8/10 altostratus and cirrostratus at 12,000 and 33,000 feet.

III. RESULTS

No target bombed.

IV. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: None
- B. Flak: None

V. OBSERVATIONS

None

VI. CONCLUSION

- A. Losses: None
- B. Damage: None
- C. Casualties: None
- D. Victories: None