

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

S-2 NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION NBR. 244

MISSION DATE: March 21, 1945

TARGET: Neuberg, Germany - Airdrome

I. CHRONOLOGY

Thirty-two aircraft took off at 0715-0731 hours to frag dispersed aircraft on Neuberg Airdrome. Thirty-one aircraft dropped 65.64 tons of 20 lb fragmentation bombs on the primary target at 1154 hours from 20,000 - 21,500'. One aircraft jettisoned 2.16 tons of bombs in the Adriatic while making an early return due to supercharger failure. Thirty-one aircraft returned to base at 1509 hours. None lost. None missing. None at friendly fields.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT

Rendezvous and route were flown as briefed. Bombing was by visual method with four squadrons of eight aircraft each bombing in trail. 20-30 P-51 aircraft rendezvoused as escort at 1115 hours. (47.30N-12.30E), at 22,500', and 20 P-51 aircraft withdrew at 1305 hours, (46.37N-13.50E) at 19,000'. Route weather was generally CAVU with .8 to .10 undercast over Alps with tops at 16,000' and visibility unrestricted.

III. RESULTS

Bombs strike photo assessment shows:

1st Squadron: Bombs hit across north dispersal area; hitting at least one aircraft.

2nd Squadron: Bombs hit across dispersal area to west of airdrome installations one aircraft hit.

3rd Squadron: Heavy concentration of hits across northeast part of airdrome.

4th Squadron: Bombed into smoke in northeast part of airdrome.

IV. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: None

B. Flak: None

V. OBSERVATIONS

At 1145 hours, NEUBERG (target) area at 23,000': 7 to 10 chutes observed from B-24 aircraft. Aircraft was at approximately 12,000' on heading of 350 degrees T and appeared under control.

At 1046 hours, Roveredo Airdrome (46.03N-12.36E) from 20,000': 25 aircraft in revetments, both single and twin engine.

VI. CONCLUSION

A. Losses: None

B. Damage: None

C. Casualties: None

D. Victories: None