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

S-2 NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION DATE: March 24, 1945

MISSION NBR. 247

TARGET: Neuberg, Germany - Airdrome

I. CHRONOLOGY

Forty B-24 type aircraft took off at 0745-0804 to frag parked aircraft on Neuberg Airdrome, in Germany. Forty aircraft dropped 84.06 tons of 120 lb fragmentation clusters on the primary target at 1211 hours from 19,000' - 22,000'. Three aircraft jettisoned a total of 11 clusters after failure of release over target.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT

The rendezvous and route were flown as briefed. Bombing was by visual method with 4 Squadrons of 10 aircraft each, in trail on briefed axis of 294 degrees T. 25 P-38 aircraft made rendezvous as escort at 1125 hours, (47.20N-12.48E), at 20,000' and withdrew at 1320 hours, (46.46N-14.21E), at 17,000'.

III. RESULTS

Bomb strike photo assessment shows:

1st Sq.: Scored heavy concentration on assigned target area. Smoke prevented assessment of damage.

2nd Sq.: Scored heavy concentration on revetments and dispersal area. Smoke prevented assessment of damage.

3rd Sq.: Scored heavy concentration on assigned target area. Several aircraft destroyed or damaged.

4th Sq.: Scored heavy concentration across a revetment area containing 13 aircraft, mostly ME-262's. Several received direct hits.

IV. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: None

B. Flak: None

V. OBSERVATIONS

At 1205 hours, Neuberg (tgt.), at 26,000', 2 ME-262 aircraft, painted green, flew in large circle below formation, at approximately 15,000'.

At 1135 hours, initial point (48.33N-11.43E), at 20,000', 2 possible ME-163 aircraft; pink in color, diving down very low when last seen, very short and stubby with wide, stubby wings, no jet or vapor trail visible; made no attack or attempt.

At 1156 hours, (48.32N-11.56E), at 21,000': observed at altitude of 26,000'. 2 FW-190 aircraft, pulled off to left when P-38's appeared over formation.

VI. CONCLUSION

A. Losses: None

B. Damage: None

C. Casualties: 1 officer sustained slight wound as result of premature explosion of bomb below aircraft.

D. Victories: None