

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

S-2 NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION DATE: April 12, 1945

MISSION NBR. 261

TARGET: Casarsa, Italy - Railroad Bridge

I. CHRONOLOGY

Thirty-two B-24 type aircraft took off at 0915-0950 hours to bomb the diversion Railroad Bridge at Casarsa, Italy. No aircraft reached the target due to adverse weather. Thirty-two aircraft jettisoned a total of 21 tons of 500 lb RDX long delay fused bombs in the Adriatic at 42.30N-16.30E. 57 tons of bombs were returned to base. Thirty-two aircraft returned at base at 1353 hours. None lost. None missing. None at friendly fields.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT

Rendezvous and route were flown as briefed to the turnback point 44.59N-14.50E where the Wing leader informed our formation of adverse weather at the target and advised returning to base. The escort had not yet made rendezvous at 1156 hours, the time of turnback. Weather enroute was as follows: from the base to the turnback point there was a 6-8/10 layer of cirrastratus clouds with bases descending from 23,000 feet to 19,000 feet. Over North Yugoslavia there was 6/10 alto-cumulus at 14,000 feet.

III. RESULTS

None.

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