

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

S-2 NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION DATE: April 21, 1945

MISSION NBR. 270

TARGET: Legnago, Italy - Road Bridge (45.12N-11-18E)

I. CHRONOLOGY

The Air Force plan directed attacks against communications targets in the Po River Valley and along the Brenner Line. The objective for the 47th Wing was the destruction of the road bridge crossing the Adige River at Legnago.

Thirty B-24 type aircraft took off at 0930-0945 hours. Adverse weather conditions prevented visual bombing and the formation turned back at 1254 hours 10 miles north of Pistoia (44.12N-10.46E). Thirty aircraft turned back at 1254 hours. 69.5 tons of 1000 lb RDX bombs were returned by twenty-nine aircraft. One aircraft jettisoned 2.5 tons in the Adriatic for mechanical reasons. One aircraft jettisoned 1 bomb (.5tons) in the Adriatic because of excessive fuel consumption.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT

Rendezvous with 449th was effected over Manduria and the briefed course flown to the point of turnback. No route escort was assigned on this plan. Multiple layers of alto-cumulus and cirrus increased in density from the spur into the Po Valley area. A 10/10 coverage up to 21,000' was reported at the point of turnback.

III. RESULTS

Target was not attacked

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