

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

S-2 NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION DATE: November 1, 1944

MISSION NBR. 163

TARGET: Vienna, Austria - South Goods Sidings

I. CHRONOLOGY

Twenty-eight B-24 type aircraft took off at 0831-0900 to bomb the Vienna South Goods Sidings. No early returns. No bombs dropped on target as formation turned back due to bad weather. One aircraft jettisoned .5 tons of 500 lb bombs in Adriatic in order to keep up with formation and twenty-eight returned 54.5 tons to base at 1300 hours. None lost. None missing. None at friendly fields.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT

Rendezvoused with the 449th Bomb Group on course from Manduria to San Vito di Normanni at 6000 feet at 0939 and with Wing formation on route as briefed until 43.20N-15.30E was reached where alto cumulus up to 12,000 feet and strato cirrus to 28,000 feet was encountered. After circling several times in an effort to find a break in the clouds, the formation turned back at 1145 hours at 20,000 feet and flew a straight course back to base. Near the Island of Vis at 1105 hours, 15-20 P-38's were seen at about 20,000 feet but they did not accompany the formation.

III. RESULTS

None

IV. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: None

B. Flak: None

V. OBSERVATIONS

None

VI. CASUALTIES

None

VII. FLIGHT LEADERS:

| <u>PILOT</u> | <u>BOMBARDIER</u> | <u>NAVIGATOR</u> | <u>PILOT</u> | <u>BOMBARDIER</u> | <u>NAVIGATOR</u> |
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| Stevens | Myers | Schulz | Redding | Glass | Cherry |
| Brus | Campbell | Cozart | Miller | Martini | Ranson |