

HISTORY

of the

484TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944

MISSIONS FOR OCTOBER

Forty tons of 1000 pound bombs were rained upon the Carsarsa River Bridge target on the fourth of October scoring several direct hits on the western approach of the bridge, while the surrounding area was leveled. The target was covered with six to eight tenths cloud cover, so it was a creditable performance for the Group in putting the bridge out of operation.

The mission to Castelfranco M/Y must be carried as a failure because of a most unusual occurrence. It was necessary for the lead plane to abort, and because the radio was out, there was no way to explain to the rest of the formation, so they followed it back. All bombs were returned to the base.

A partial victory was scored over weather on this mission to Dravograde. In a 10/10 overcast enroute the formation was broken up, but five of the twenty ships were able to get through and hit the target. Nine of the others dropped their bombs on targets of opportunity, but the results of these operations is unknown. The rest brought their bombs back to the base.

Our mission to bomb the Bologna M/T Park on the twelfth of October was in direct support of the ground troops on the Italian Front. The mission was highly successful, seventy tons of bombs being dropped on the target with excellent results. For the first time the weather was clear, and our Bombardiers were able to do their jobs unhampered by the undercast.

The mission to Vienna on the 13th of October was a costly one for the Group. The target was missed, and two of our planes were lost. A great deal of damage was done by our bombs in the northern end of the yards, but this was not our briefed target. Flak was extremely heavy, and 20 of our planes were damaged.

A successful mission was carried out against the Ersekujvar M/Y's in Hungary on the fourteenth of October. A good pattern was made on the choke point, highway, and railroad. Many fires were seen in the immediate area. Another successful mission was chalked up for the Group.

On the 16th of October thirty planes took off to bomb the Ordnance Works at Linz. It was not a successful mission although a great deal of damage was done to the area about the depot. Sixty tons of bombs were dropped long and to the left of the target. Fighters were seen on this mission, but they did not attack our formation. Heavy flak was encountered and twelve of our planes were moderately damaged.

Another victory was registered by weather when a 10/10 undercast made it necessary for our ships to turn back. Vosendorf Oil Refinery in the Vienna area was to have been the target. Attempts were made to bomb the alternates, but they were all weathered-in, and all bombs were returned to the base.

During the month of October the 484th Bombardment Group ran into its first difficulties with the weather which has been harassing the operations of the American Armed Forces both on the ground and in the air. The Group was able to accomplish only 10 missions in the month, but some of the targets were of the highest priority in the Fifteenth Air Force. Munich, Vienna, Linz, and Bologna are counted among the ten. The Group accounted for 257 sorties with 41 early returns. Over the target 186 aircraft dropped 207.5 tons of destruction upon the enemy installations. Twenty-nine of our airmen are missing, while one was killed, and nine wounded.

The following is a list of the missions accomplished by the 484th Bombardment Group (H) during the month of October:

4 October 1944

Caszrsa RR Bridge, Italy

No. 92

7 October 1944	Komarom, Hungary	No. 93
10 October 1944	Castelfranco M/Y , Italy	No. 94
11 October 1944	Dravograd, Yugoslavia	No. 95
12 October 1944	Bologna, Italy	No. 96
13 October 1944	Vienna Main M/Y's, Austria	No. 97
14 October 1944	Erskujvar, Hungary	No. 98
16 October 1944	Linz Ordnance Depot, Austria	No. 99
17 October 1944	Vosendorff Oil Ref	No. 100
20 October 1944	Milan Alfa Romero, Austria	No. 101
23 October 1944	Munich, Germany	No. 102
29 October 1944	Regensburg, Germany	No. 103
31 October 1944	Podgorica, Yugoslavia	No. 104

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4 October 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number: 92

TARGET: Caszrsa RR Bridge, Italy

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

A. Fighters: Nil

B. Flak: Nil

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. Communications: Nil

B. Enemy Air Installations and activity: Nil

3. CONCLUSIONS:

A. Victories: Nil

B. Casualties: Nil

C. Corrections to Telephone Mission Report: Nil

4. REMARKS: Nil

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10 October 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number: 94

TARGET: Castelfranco M/Y , Italy

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

 A. Fighters: Nil

 B. Flak: Nil

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

 A. Communications: Nil

 B. Flak Positions: Pols - S I H - 1018 - 18,000

 C. Naval: Nil

 D. Ground: Nil

3. CONCLUSIONS:

 A. Total Losses: Nil

 B. Damage: Nil

 C. Victories: Nil

 D, Corrections to Telephone Mission Report: Nil

4. REMARKS: Target completely obscured by undercast

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11 October 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number: 95 TARGET: Dravograd, Yugo.

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE: Nil

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. Flak positions other than at the target:

Bruck - M-A-H

Pola - M-I-H

Graz - M-A-H

Trieste - I-I-H

Maribor - M-I-H

Lovo - S-I-H

Kagenfurt - M-I-H

3. CONCLUSIONS: Nil

4. REMARKS: Nil

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APO 520 US ARMY

17 October 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 100 Target: Vosendorf Oil Refinery
Vienna, Austria.

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE: Nil
2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS: Nil
3. CONCLUSIONS: Nil
4. REMARKS: Nil

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Office of the Intelligence Officer

20 October 1944

MISSION NO: 101

TARGET: Milan Alfa Romero, Austria

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

- A. Fighters: None
- B. Flak: None

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Communications: None
- B. Enemy air installations: None
- B. Flak positions other than at target: Koln
- C. Naval: In Spezia Harbor - 20 ships, 1 light cruiser, 1 sub
- D. Ground: Smoke screen at target ineffective.
M/Y north of target believed filled with tank cars.
Carcare - 7 large oil storage tanks.
(unreadable) - 1 submarine in harbor

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: None
- B. Damage: None
- C. Victories: None
- D. Corrections to Telephone Mission Report: None

4. REMARKS: None

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Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 520 US ARMY

23 October 1944

MISSION NO: 102

TARGET: Munich/Allach, Austria

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

- A. Fighters: None
- B. Flak: M/I-I-H Munich
M-I-H Insbrook (observed)
M-I-H Bolzano (observed)

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Communications: None
- B. Enemy air installations: 1 ME-262 45°24'N-12°58'E 1053 25,500
- B. Flak positions other than at target: See 1. B
- C. Naval: None

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: None
- B. Damage: None
- C. Victories: None
- D. Corrections to Telephone Mission Report: None

4. REMARKS: None