

Mission No. 112*, 15 November, 1944, Innsbruck, Austria

Three aircraft were sent to bomb this target , two reached this target to drop 4 tons of bombs,

Mission 113, 16 November 1944, Munich west M/Y's, Germany

33 aircraft took off to bomb the Munich west M/Y's on this date, but again operations were hampered by poor weather conditions. It was necessary to drop by instrument and once again results were unobserved.

Mission 114, 17 November, 1944, Vienna Florisdorf, and Blechammer South Oil refinery, Germany

For this mission our forces were split up, and both targets were attacked . It was the same story on both areas with clouds making it impossible to see the targets. Bombs were dropped on both targets by instruments, and the operators are of the opinion that they were able to do a good job on the installations.

Mission 115, 18 November 1944, Villa Franca Airdrome, Italy

Because of the increased activity by the hostile Italian Air Force in this area a counter air measure was necessitated. This group dropped 38 tons on the airdrome in a very good pattern. The weather was clear over the target, and visual bombing was used for a change.

Mission 116, 19 November 1944, Vosendorf Oil Refinery, Germany.

It was imperative that we bomb the oil refinery at Vosendorf for it is one of the active sources of oil and gasoline supply for the enemy forces in Hungary and Italy. 30 planes were dispatched to the target, but again the weather was poor, Instrument bombing was again used.. After bombing the target white smoke and explosions were seen through the undercast. All planes returned to base, although 15 planes were slightly damaged by flak.

Mission 117, 20 November 1944, Blechammer Oil Refinery, Germany.

The Blechammer Oil Refinery was the number one target in Europe the time that this mission was run. . This refinery was turning out 20,000 gallons of gasoline monthly. 27 Planes were sent over this target and fair results were observed. Two airplanes were lost on this mission.

Mission 118, 21 November 1944, Motor transport and troop concentrations in the Sarajevo Area, Yugoslavia.

A unique mission was planned for the group on the 21st of November. The German army was spread out along a road in Yugoslavia making their way north from Greece. It was unfortunate that the weather was very bad, and only one of our planes had a chance to drop on these troops. The rest of the formation found it necessary to return their bombs to the base.

Mission 119, 22 November 1944 , Munich East M/Y's, Germany

On this high priority target in Germany it was necessary to bomb by pathfinder methods. No results were observed, but the instrument operator thinks that the results were good. 31 tons of bombs were dropped on the target. Weather conditions made this our last mission for the month.

Mission No. 120*, 25 November, 1944, Munich, Germany

One aircraft dropped 1.5 tons of bombs this date.

Awards for November 1944

824 Squadron DFC's

Capt. Ernest F M Nance (Oak Leaf Cluster)
1st Lt. Ingmar O P Anderson
1st Lt. Thomas W Woolcott
1st Lt. Rex Bennett Jr
1st Lt. Harold k Ridgway
1st Lt. William P Oldroyd
1st Lt. Ernest J Podlucky
1st Lt. Robert J Dieker
1st Lt. Ross W Applegate
1st Lt. Delmar L Connet
1st Lt. Richard F Lacina

825th Squadron Awards

DFC

1st Lt. James T Chafin Jr.

Soldiers Medal

M/Sgt. Ralph W Graham

826 Squadron Awards

DFC

1st Lt. John M MacCrum Jr.
1st Lt. George L Polasky
1st Lt. Wesley F Pearson
1st Lt. Robert M Simkins
1st Lt. Stanley H Mauldin
T/Sgt. Joseph G Walters Jr.

827 Squadron Awards

DFC

1st Lt. Omer F Gignac
1st Lt. Bernard Nigus

Soldiers Medal

Sgt. Bob O Billings
Sgt. Ernest M Green

Additional Narrative For November 1944

The outstanding record which the group was making received fitting recognition when it was awarded the coveted War Department Distinguished Unit Citation on November 6, 1944. The presentation was made by Major General Twining, Commanding