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826 Squadron Awards

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1st Lt. Everett J Eiden \*  
1st Lt. Russell Inkous \*  
1st Lt. Edward P Bird  
1st Lt. Kenneth R Larsen  
1st Lt. John L Dooley Jr  
1st Lt. Frank V Rabinovitz  
1st Lt. John H Robson  
1st Lt. Leonard J Weaver  
2nd Lt. William C Dipple  
2nd Lt. William M Cox  
T/Sgt. Roy H Argo

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DFC

Capt. George H Ingham  
1st Lt. Robert E Hatch  
1st Lt. Woodrow W Smith  
1st Lt. Ensley B Weiner \*  
1st Lt. Robert V Day  
1st Lt. Robert R Neville  
1st Lt. Edward H B Cornell  
1st Lt. William Locke  
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2nd Lt. Milton A Stansberry  
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## **Operational History January 1945**

The operations of the 484th Bombardment Group were greatly reduced by poor weather conditions during the month of January. One hundred and sixty sorties were flown on the six mission accomplished. There were 168.85 tons of bombs dropped on enemy installations. Two planes were lost during the month.

### Mission No 140, 4 January 1945, Trento North M/Y, Italy

The importance of Trento as a target lay in the fact that it is situated on the double track Bologna-Brenner Pass line. On this date the yards were found to be well stocked with cars. 28 aircraft were dispatched to the target, and 52 tons of bombs were dropped. There were many hits in the target area, and a large explosion was seen in the middle of the yards.

### Mission No 141, 5 January 1945, Zagreb West Sidings, Yugoslavia

21 aircraft took off to bomb this target visually, but because the sidings were cloud covered, all bombs were returned to base.

### Mission No 142\*, 8, January, 1945, Linz, Austria

24 Aircraft were recalled a/c bad weather

### Mission No 143, 15 January 1945, Vienna South Station, Austria

This target was the number one priority communication target in the 15th Air force operational area because of nearness to the Russian lines. Two primary lines to the front make it possible for the enemy to feed vast supplies to the force on the Russian Front. 25 aircraft dropped 37 tons in the target area by PFF, but results were unobserved.

### Mission 144, 19 January 1945, Brod Highway Bridge, Yugoslavia

At this time Brod was considered to be the key communications target in Yugoslavia. It was the junction of lines from Zagreb, Belgrade, and Sarajevo. The whole 15th Air Force was going into this area. 55 tons of bombs were dropped in the bridge area. The target was believed to be well hit.

### Mission 145\*, 20 January 1945, Linz, Austria

Twenty eight aircraft were dispatched, , three returned early, two aircraft were lost and twenty aircrew members were declared MIA.

### Mission 146, 31 January 1945, Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery, Austria

On this high priority target 40 tons of bombs were dropped by Pathfinder methods. Results were unobserved, but the operators are of the opinion that a good job was done.. This was the last mission flown by the group in the month of January.

### Special Narrative January 1945

The year 1945 started at a slow pace and January was a quiet month for operations and group activities. The mud was a constant problem and the steady rains, with occasional snow, made the winterized tents and houses comfortable indoor places to stay. The movies shown in the squadrons and at headquarters theaters were slightly better than the usual run, and the attendance, as always was at capacity.