

the South choke point of the main marshaling yards with four direct hits in this area. One warehouse directly North of the choke point received a direct hit and a large explosion followed. The warehouses South of the choke point received five direct hits. There was one direct hit in the highway bridge across the river southeast of the marshaling yards. In addition, the main railroad line to the South was out again below the south choke point. The entire pattern is extremely compact and great destruction has been inflicted on enemy communications and supplies.

9. ROUTE Torretto to Bovino to Castelnuovo to Tremite Island (42-08N-15-30E) to Caorle ( 45-36N-12-53E) to Chiem Lake (47-53N-12-28E). to Landshut (48-32N-12-09E) to Fahlenbach ( 48-38N-11-35E) to Aichach(48-28N-11-08E) to primary target at Munich to alternate target at Innsbruck at Ampezzo (46-25N-12-48E) to Tremite Island to Base.

10. ENEMY LOSSES:

Destroyed	Probably Destroyed	Damaged
ME 410 - 2	ME 410 - 2	ME 410 - 2
ME 210 - 2	ME 210 - 4	ME 210 - 3
ME 109 - 1	ME 109 - 1	
FW 190 - 1		
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Total 5	Total 8	Total 5

11. OUR LOSSES:

a. 824th Squadron: One (1) Aircraft lost . This plane after successfully bombing the target was forced to ditch in the Adriatic. After drifting for a day and a half in the open sea seven men were rescued. Three other members of the crew are listed as Killed in Action.

b. 825th Squadron: Three (3) aircraft lost to fighter attack in the area between and Munich. Personnel are listed Killed in Action.

c. 826th Squadron: One aircraft lost. This aircraft after bombing the target was hit by five enemy fighters and shot down. All crew personnel are listed Missing in Action.

d. 827 Squadron: One (1) aircraft lost to fighter attack at Fahlenbach. All personnel list as Missing in Action.

12. ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE TO OUR AIRCRAFT:

a. By enemy aircraft - twelve, ten major and repairable ten minor and repairable.

b. By flak -fifteen; three major and repairable, twelve minor and repairable

12. SORTIES: Twenty-Seven (27).

14. NAVAL AND SHIPPING ACTIVITY: At Caiole at 0855 from 18,000 feet, two large transports at anchor.

15. ENEMY AIR INSTALLATIONS: Large fighter field with few hangers and labor barracks. Long wide runways. Observed at Innsbruck at 1034 from 23,300 feet.

16. COMMUNICATIONS: At Muhldorf at 1125 from 22.000 feet Marshaling Yards full of rolling stock.

17. OTHER FLAK POSITIONS At (48-32N-11-19E) from airfield.

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