

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

S-2 NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION DATE: November 21, 1944

MISSION NBR. 182

TARGET: Doboij, Yugoslavia - Railroad Bridge

I. CHRONOLOGY

Twenty-eight B-24 type aircraft took off at 1058-1130 hours to bomb the railroad bridge at Doboij, Yugoslavia. One aircraft jettisoned 3 tons of 1000 lb bombs and returned early due to engine failure. Twenty-three aircraft returned 68.5 tons of 1000 lb G.P. bombs to base at 1455. Three aircraft jettisoned 9 tons of 1000 lb bombs in the Adriatic; 2 because of feathered engines, 1 because of icing conditions. One other aircraft lost 3 tons of 1000 lb bombs which tore loose from the aircraft in violent weather. None lost. None missing. None at friendly fields.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT

Route was flown as briefed to Strmica, Yugoslavia, where undercast at 13,000 feet built up to 15,000-16,000 feet ahead and forced a turnback at 1318 hours. No escort was provided. Weather enroute: 4/10 alto-cumulus clouds building up to 10/10 to 16,000 feet 15 miles inland from Yugoslavia coast.

III. RESULTS

None. No bombs dropped.

IV. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: None
B. Flak: Slight, accurate, heavy at 44.17N-18.50E.

V. OBSERVATIONS

At 1359 hours, 14,000 feet, nine unidentified aircraft, resembled P-39 type of aircraft, heading 95 degrees.

VI. CASUALTIES

One aircraft holed by flak, minor.

VII. FLIGHT LEADERS:

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>BOMBARDIER</u>	<u>NAVIGATOR</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>BOMBARDIER</u>	<u>NAVIGATOR</u>
Alexander	Leavitt	Shey	Donnelly	McMahon	Beach
Rees	Cobena	Rudman	McLain	Hudson	Regg