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319th Bombardment Group

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 Commanding General, ZAU
 1st Ind. Bn. Subj: "Down-
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319th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
HEADQUARTERS
APO 650

GP-319-H1
Dec 24

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OUTLINE HISTORY
December 1944

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319th Bomb Gp (M)
9/24 Initials
2 January 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, XII Air Force
(thru channels). Attention: Historian

1. Outline History of the 319th Bombardment Group (Medium) for the period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 (Incl).

a. Present designation:

319th Bombardment Group (Medium)
57th Bomb Wing (U. S.)
XII Air Force

b. Changes in organization: None

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

(1) Month of December 1944

	<u>Off</u>	<u>F/O & W/O</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) At beginning	367	11	1456	1834
(b) Net increase				
(c) Net decrease	14	4	3	21
(d) At end	353	7	1453	1813

d. Station of Unit:

(1) Serragia, Corsica
(a) Arrived 21 September 1944
(b) Unit continues at station.

e. Movements of units or echelons: None.

f. Campaign:

(1) Rome Arno.
(2) From 22 January 1944 to (still in progress)

g. Operations:

(1) Campaign:
(a) Rome-Arno

(2) Nature of operations: Principally anti-communications, i.e. against bridges. Also fuel and supply dumps.

(3) Number of missions and sorties:

32 missions
627 sorties
353.5 tons of bombs dropped

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- (4) Results of the most important mission:
 (a) On the last mission of the Group in this theatre the Piazzola RR Diversion Bridge was completely demolished.
- (5) Enemy opposition:
 (a) E/A were seen only once, when they attacked the formation on 10 December. Four enemy planes were shot down to one B-25.
- (b) Flak was spotty, generally inaccurate. One B-25 was lost over the target on 22 December, while another burst into flames 30 miles from the base on the same day. Cause was presumably flak damage.
- (6) On 31 December 1944 this Group ended its activities in this theatre. Four hundred and ninety-three missions were flown.

H. Command Officers on important missions.

- (1) Lt. Col. C. R. Meyers, Jr. led the Group against the Piazzola RR Diversion Bridge on the last mission.

I. Losses in action, officers and enlisted men:

- (1) Killed: None
 (2) Wounded: Two
 (3) Missing: Eighteen
 (4) P/W: None

For the Commanding Officer

Erwin S. Lehmann

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