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G P-319 HI (Bomb)

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319th Bombardment Group

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319th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
HEADQUARTERS
APO 650

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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

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