

488TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
340TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
SAN PANCRAZIO AERODROME
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FIRST MISSION

15 NOVEMBER, 1943

- A KALAMAKI AERODROME, ATHENS GREECE. ATHENS 1:500,000 N.E. 36/22.
B 12 MITCHELLS FROM THE 488TH BOMB SQ.
C (1) MEDIUM LEVEL BOMBING
(2) 1305 HRS. ALT. 11,700.
(3) 144 CLUSTERS OF 6 BOMBS EACH (864 BOMBS) ALL WERE DROPPED
IN THE TARGET AREA. FRAGMENTATION BOMBS.
D A PATTERN LAID ON THE COURSE OF 45° TO 90° ACROSS THE TARGET
AT 11,700 FT.
E FOUR PLANES HOLED
F NIL
G NIL
H NOT REPORTED
J NO E A/C, A/A HY AND ACC. HEAVY N. AND E. OF TARGET.
K 321ST BOMB GP WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAD FORMATION BUT WAS NOT SEEN
AT THE POINT OF RENDVOUS OR OVER TARGET. PLANES RETURNING
FROM THIS MISSION RAN LOW ON GAS. EIGHT LARGE SHIPS NOTED IN
ELEVAIS BAY. ALSO SHIPS AT POINT KRIONERI ON ZAKYNTHAS ISLAND.
FIGHTER FIELD SE OF THE CITY OF GERNBESI (20°20'25"E. -38°08'N.)
NOTED ON THIS FIELD ARE THREE LARGE HANGERS, AND THE FIELD IS IN
THE FORM OF A FIGURE 8. TWO LARGE TRANSPORT PLANES WITH ONE
FIGHTER ESCORT HEADING SE FROM TARGET. FRAGMENTATION BOMBS OVER
TARGET AND EAST STARTED LARGE FIRES WHICH WERE FUEL STORAGE TANKS
ALSO OBSERVED WHILE OVER TARGET 3 JU 88'S WERE TAKING OFF THE FIED
BUT WERE NEVER SEEN IN THE AIR. ALL CREW MEMBERS EXPRESSED THE
ENTHUSIASM OVER THE MANNER IN WHICH THE P-38'S ESCORTS THEM TO
AND FROM THE TARGET.

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