

On this date 4 aircraft were dispatched to make lone wolf attacks on the Vienna North Station Good depot, but due to adverse weather conditions it became necessary to abandon the primary and turn to an alternate, Graz M/Y's. 1.5 tons of bombs fell on the yard with fairly good results.

Mission No. 187, 31 March 1945, Linz Benzol Plant, Austria

28 of our aircraft took off to bomb the Linz Benzol Plant in Austria. Due to 8/10 cloud cover in the target area, combination of PFF and offset bombing was employed. By check points, identified in the target area on the bomb run a good concentration of bombs on the target was obtained. Intense, Accurate, and heavy flak was encountered in the target area and half of the formation received minor flak damage. 39 tons of bombs were dropped and all of our aircraft returned safely.

Awards given in March 1995

484th BG Headquarters, Bronze Star

Ch. Capt. Wade L Carter
M/Sgt. William R Woodall

824 Squadron

DFC

Maj. Eugene C Derby (Oak Leaf Cluster)
1st Lt. R A Dean (Oak Leaf Cluster)
1st Lt. William C Gaskill
1st Lt. Charles R Walter
1st Lt. Franklin C Mathews
1st Lt. Herbert G Larson
1st Lt. R A Dean
1st Lt. Mere P Yanney
1st Lt. Eugene M Perlowin
1st Lt. William S Weaver
1st Lt. Robert A Paliafito
1st Lt. Howard M Segal
1st Lt. Abraham A Abramoff
1st Lt. Stanley A Hutchins
T/Sgt. Seth A Wood
T/Sgt. Robert L Hughes
T/Sgt. Robert E Davis
T/Sgt. Walter G Stow
T/Sgt. Emanuel S Monte
S/Sgt. Kevin J Moynihan
S/Sgt. Charles E Ranck
S/Sgt. Merrill L Iverson
S/Sgt. Harold T Toomey
S/Sgt. Richard E Wood
S/Sgt. Henry A Haage
S/Sgt. James F Morrissey
S/Sgt. Adolf Marcus
S/Sgt. Lionel A Lovoie

824 Squadron Bronze Star

M/Sgt. William R Hargrove
S/Sgt. Floyd E Arthur
Sgt. Abraham N Scheinbaum
Cpl. Alan A Edwards
Cpl. Charles E McNeese

826 Squadron Awards, DFC

Capt. James H Albertasse (Oak leaf cluster)
Capt. Kenneth D Dowdey (Oak leaf cluster)
Capt. Rodney T Stewart
Capt. Abbott L Taylor
1st Lt. William L Kelper
1st Lt. James E Gregg
1st Lt. Roderick W Cambell
1st Lt. William T Schwartz
1st Lt. Charles W Lindsey
2nd Lt. James Gough
2nd Lt. James H Sullivan
2nd Lt. Edward W Drislane
2nd Lt. Walter Fair
2nd Lt. Crawford S Perry
2nd Lt. Raymond O Haynes
T/Sgt. Willie R Ashurst
T/Sgt. Joseph J Dondero
T/Sgt. Kenneth R Sowers

827 Squadron DFC

Capt. Albertson H Seaman
1st Lt. Aaron Scharf
1st Lt. Martin Nisker
1st Lt. Robert D Babcock
1st Lt. James H Mann
2nd Lt. Ernest B Shope
T/Sgt. Thomas W Fairhurst

827 Bronze Star

M/Sgt. Stanley M Rozycki

Special Narrative March 1945

On March 27, stand down day, we celebrated a year overseas by having field day in the area back of Headquarters.

All sorts of field events including horseshoe pitching, tug of war, running events, and riding one of the bucking type of Italian burro were on the program. Each squadron had winners as did Headquarters detachment, and war bonds prizes didn't cause any protests from the winners. During the month Special Services conducted a series of squadron and group elimination contests in the indoor sports such as ping pong, card games, checkers, and chess. The winners went to the French Riviera for a week's pleasure. They were not disappointed. The dispensary was completed and received its first patients. It is proving itself immediately as a definite step forward for our medical section.

Several times during the month inspecting teams and high officials visited the group and consequently our areas were all in fine condition and with all buildings getting a coat of whitewash.

Generally speaking the month was uneventful in so far as outstanding achievements were concerned. It was characterized by that steady, every day duty that marks an outfit that has become a veteran.

It was decided to train promising crews from each squadron as lead crews so that pilot, navigator, and bombardier would be qualified to take over group and attack unit leads. For this purpose outstanding leaders who had completed 35 mission did not go home at once but remained with the group to fly practice missions with the