

12th Air Force, 57th Bombardment Wing

321st Bombardment Group

History: August 1943

The following is a compilation of the 321st Bomb Group's individual Squadron War Diaries. They have been transcribed word for word, from the Squadron Histories provided by the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA), Maxwell Air Force Base Alabama. At the end of each Squadron's daily entry, the individuals cited in the entry are identified by full name, rank and duty, in alphabetical order. The day's entry begins with the Tactical Operations Statement, from the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) Chronology, for the Mediterranean Theater of Operations (MTO). Available mission reports, personal mission logs and diaries have also been included.

447th BS: War Diary of: Stephenson, Henry W. "Steve", 1Lt, pilot (mission 14)

TARGET: **Sibari Junction and M/Y 4:35 500 lbs**

Plane 925: Lt. Grantham, Lt. Stephenson, Lt. McCone, S/Sgt Kramer, T/Sgt, Anderson,
S/Sgt Draper, S/Sgt Temple

"M/Y and Junction well covered. Large explosives accompanied by pyrotechnics at N end of yards, probably from hit on ammunition train. Two locomotives and number of cars hit. No flak."

447th BS: War Diary of: Williams, William T., 1Lt, pilot (mission 20)

"Marshalling yards at Sibari, Italy. No flak - no fighters. Communications all over Italy were hit in a coordinated attack today. We got a beautiful bombing run and very good coverage. **There were some ammunition cars in the yards that exploded sending fireworks all over the place.** This was our first flight as an element leader. P38s cover."

448th BS War Diary: 72 (106): At 1050 48 planes off to bomb **Sibari Junction and M/Y.** Dropped 274 x 500 at 1300 from 7/800 feet. All planes returned at 1500. M/Y and Junction well covered, **large explosions accompanied by pyrotechnics at N end of yard, probably from hit on ammunition train. The locomotives and number of cars destroyed, track cut N of target.** Weather: CAVU. F/L: Culp.

Culp, Merle H., Capt, pilot

(I piloti scrivono di aver "coperto" bene l'obiettivo e di aver distrutto un treno di munizioni, due locomotive e diversi vagoni n.d.r.)