and Deputy Lead ships were hit by flak but they were able to get their
bombs out and lead the formation before going down.

Mission No. 161. 22 February 1945, Donauworth M/Y.

Twenty-three aircraft took off to bomb this target, but because
of adverse weather conditions all returned their bombs to the base.
Runs were attempted on the alternates, but they were also closed in.

Mission No. 162. 23 February 1945, Knittelfeld M/Y.

The 484th bomb Group was scheduled to hit the Amstettin M/Y
on this date, but weather again forced the formation to go to the
third alternate, Knittelfeld M/Y. A great deal of difficulty was
experienced in picking up the target in 7/10 undercast, but good
results were made. One box scored direct hits on the M/Y, and on
the round house, while other bombs fell short. Forty-five tons of
bombs were dropped.

Mission No. 163. 24 February 1945, Bolzano M/Y, Italy

The 484th Bomb Group was briefed to bomb the M/Y at
Bolzano but because of adverse weather conditions all bombs were
returned to the base. Attempts were made to bomb alternates, but
they were all closed in.

Mission No. 164. 25 February 1945, Linz North Main M/Y,
Austria

The Linz M/Y was bombed on this date using offset bombing
methods because of a very effective smoke screen. However, just
before bombs away another bomb group rallied under the 484th
Bomb Group forcing the bombardier to hold his bombs. The results
were scattered patterns starting short of the target with some bombs
in the area. Thirty-four tons were dropped on this target.

Mission No. 165+. 26 February 1945, Capraz, Yugoslavia.

28 aircraft recalled a/c bad weather

Mission No. 166. 27 February 1945, Augsburg M/Y's, Germany.

Because of its key position in the enemy rail network from west
to east or from Italy to the north, Augsburg was made the target of
the day. The target was covered in smoke from previous bombings
so that PFF methods had to be used. Results could not be observed,
but hits were believed to have been made in the target area. 56 tons
of 1000 pound bombs were dropped.

Mission No. 167. 28 February 1945, Bressanone M/Y, Italy

The object of this mission was to close the Brenner pass, but
the target was missed. The M/Y was to be bombed in a column of
boxes, but poor terrain features and faulty navigation from the IP to
the target caused the bombs to hit over the target. This was the last
mission for the month of February.

Awards for February 1945

484th Bomb Group Headquarters
Silver Star
Lt. Col. Chester C. Busch

DFC
Col. William B Keese Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC)

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1st Lt. Harry S. Allen
1st Lt. Dominick J. Blanda
1st Lt. Richard E. Brown
1st Lt. Neil E Kahler
1st Lt. Walter Kaus
1st Lt. Israel B. Markowitz
1st Lt. Jack A. Willis
1st Lt. Donald G. Zimmerman
2nd Lt. George Bouras
2nd Lt. David A. Nickerson
T/Sgt. Gaston A. Intoccia
T/Sgt. Marshall Kahn
T/Sgt. Elmer H. Vermie

Bronze Star
M/Sgt. Julius H. Myers

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DFC
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T/Sgt. Alfred W. Cooper

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DFC
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1st Lt. John A. Atkinson
1st Lt. John E. Barth
1st Lt. William H Cox
1st Lt. Joseph N. Crystall
1st Lt. Ray E. Zeimantz
2nd. Lt. Harry J. Persoff
T/Sgt. John R. Neall
S/Sgt. David E Titus

Bronze Star
M/Sgt. William A Pekkala

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DFC
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1st Lt. Wilburn M. Kitchen