



A Pictorial and Statistical Summary

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For eight months prior to the opening of the Battle of the Brenner, B-25s of 57 Wing had been engaged in bombing bridges. During that period tactics and training methods appropriate to bridge bombing had been developed and refined. As a result, B-25s came into the Battle of the Brenner well trained and experienced for the precision bombing that would be required for the successful isolation of the Italian battlefield.

Before and during the Battle of the Brenner all the groups of 57 Wing carried out extensive training programs despite the heavy operational effort. Perfect pilot-navigator-bombardier team work was necessary and it was only reached through long hours of training on the bomb trainer and practice bombing range, P.D.I. runs, and in target recognition and simulated missions. This training, keen competition between groups and good staff work, had its effect on the Wing bombing accuracy, percentage of bombs within a 600-foot radius of the target.

