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This is what happens when you have to make your own landing strip. The pilot was able to pick a very good spot.



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The crash site of a P-47 that went straight in.



The end of plane number 31, which was the first plane assigned to me. I was not flying it at this time and I don't remember what happened.

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Excerpt from the squadron diary on March 18, 1945.

On another mission today, Flight Officer Jacoby's plane was hit, and turned over at about 150 feet, crashed and exploded. This was F/O Jacoby's 21st mission since joining the squadron at Pisa.

Excerpt from the squadron diary on May 10, 1945.

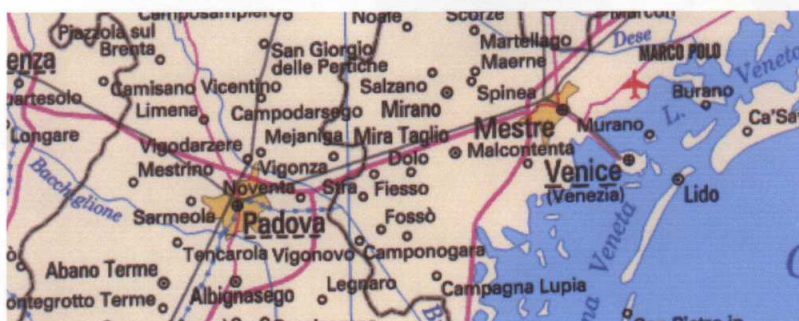
Captain Blackwell [squadron Intelligence Officer], Captain Botten and Lt. Baranek went to Rasdtatt today by jeep, below Karlsruhe and located the crashed aircraft of F/O Jacoby. He crashed there on 18 March 1945, and it was not known what happened to him. His grave was found beside the wreckage of his plane. Reports were that a French or Polish worker had buried him.



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TARGET PHOTO (Faded with Age)



Current map of the Padua area.

Mission flown Dec. 14, 1944 against a rail bridge 2 miles north of Padua, Italy.

