

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 274. Day Operation, 10 July 1944.

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 14:48 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb railroad bridge, MAZABOTTO South, (M/R: L-775337, sheet 67), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early; 1 chute opened in a/c; 1 ill crew member. 18 B-26's were over the target. 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 17:20 hours from 11,000' to 10,500' on an axis of 183° T. 64 x 500# Demolition bombs were returned to base, because the lead a/c of the first Squadron having not dropped due to failure to identify the target on the bomb run. 8 x 500# Demolition bombs were carried by the a/c lost over the target. 15 B-26's returned to base at 19:22 hours and 2 B-26's returned late at 21:00 hours after landing in Corsica for fuel. 1 B-26 lost to flak over the target. This a/c was in the Squadron that did not bomb. It was hit on the bomb run over the target, the left wing being shot off, just outboard of the engine nacelle. It spun to the ground, crashed and exploded at 44° 19' N/ 10° 02' E. No a/cutes were seen. It commenced to spin immediately after being hit, though forward momentum carried it one to two miles.

C. Results: A good pattern of bombs landed in the target area, generally short to the west of the bridge, walking to it and scoring one possible hit.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 6/8 Me-109's attacked the formation on the breakaway from the target, from 5 to 6 o'clock high, attacking singly. Only one came in to within 300 yards; others came not closer than 1,000 yards, firing only short bursts. Pilots were not aggressive and showed inexperience. No claims. 1/8 enemy fighters were seen engaged by the escort at the same time to the rear of the formation.

b. Situation: See first mission report No. 273.

2. Ground:

a. General: See first mission report No. 273.

b. Communications: See first mission report No. 273.

c. Flak:

| Area Target | Dir. | Type Flak | Accuracy Alt. Def. | Type Flak | Positions-Comments |
|-----------------|------|-----------|--------------------|------------|---|
| | I | H | A FA | Barrage CP | 3 H in triangle within 250 yards of target. |
| West of Bologna | S | H | I I | | |
| Vignola | N | L | I I | | |

Bursts in two. Barrage was most accurate.

4. Shipping: See first mission report No. 273.

3. Losses: 1 due to flak. Damaged: 4 due to flak.

4. Weather: See first mission report No. 273.

E. Routes and Altitudes: Base rendezvous at Alpe; to landfall at Tofano; to IP, Montestino; to target; breakaway left to Tofano; to base.

F. Comments: The names, and positions, and serial numbers of the crew members in a/c Battle No. 6 are as follows:

Missing Crew Report:

Battle No. 06:

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Pilot | - 1st Lt. Wigginton, M.B. |
| Co-pilot | - 2nd Lt. Wigginton, W.E. |
| Bombardier | - Pfc. Munder, N.B. G. |
| Engineer | - Sgt. Casey, M.D. |
| Radio-gunner | - S/Sgt. Hoffman, W.B. |
| Gunner | - S/Sgt. Iannota, P.A. |

Left wing of this a/c was shot off by flak and it spun to the ground and crashed at $44^{\circ} 19' N / 10^{\circ} 02' E$ at 17:29 hours. No eights were seen.

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MISSION # 292

FLIGHT COMMANDER: COLONEL FLETCHER : 10 JULY 1944.

| Runway | Link | UP | Color | Sign | Time |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------|
| | | | "A" | | |
| | | | <u>HAKOMAKI</u> | | |
| | <u>CLARK</u> | <u>37 HENDREX</u> | <u>BOTTOMLEY</u> | | |
| 43 | <u>43 English</u> | | | <u>34 PHILLIPS</u> | |
| | | | "B" | | |
| | | | <u>BERNARD</u> | | |
| | <u>WILLIAMS R.F.</u> | <u>45 Younes</u> | <u>KING</u> | | |
| 37 | | | | | |
| 34 | <u>38 Jacobson</u> | | | <u>47 Chamberlin</u> | |
| | | | "C" | | |
| | | | <u>ABERNATHY</u> | | |
| | <u>MCDUGAL</u> | <u>33 Montez</u> | <u>GRABOWSKY</u> | | |
| 38 | | | | | |
| 45 | <u>32 Harrington</u> | | | <u>44 Harmon</u> | |
| 47 | | | "D" | | |
| | | | <u>CAWILL</u> | | |
| | <u>WEST</u> | <u>70 TIDWELL</u> | <u>WEEKS</u> | | |
| 32 | | | | | |
| 33 | <u>59 Henry</u> | | | <u>55 STRICKLAND</u> | |
| 44 | | | "E" | | |
| | | | <u>NELSON</u> | | |
| 59 | <u>REYNOLDS</u> | <u>56 Miazga</u> | <u>HAMEL</u> | | |
| 70 | | | | | |
| 55 | <u>60 Salzer</u> | | | <u>64 Lavery</u> | |
| | | | "F" | | |
| | | | <u>LAMB</u> | | |
| 60 | <u>LYDAY</u> | <u>66 Adams</u> | <u>CARTER</u> | | |
| 56 | | | | | |
| 64 | <u>63 Brown</u> | | | <u>65 Straka</u> | |
| | | | "G" | | |
| | | | <u>SMITH</u> | | |
| 63 | <u>HUBBARD</u> | <u>23 TAPP</u> | <u>CORNELIUS</u> | | |
| 66 | | | | | |
| 65 | <u>16 Hawkins</u> | | | <u>4 DILL</u> | |
| | | | "H" | | |
| | | | <u>WILHELM</u> | | |
| 4 | <u>KLUG</u> | <u>11 Ves'sells</u> | <u>WIGINTON M.B.</u> | | |
| 23 | | | | | |
| 16 | <u>10 MacIlvanna</u> | | | <u>6 Mendor</u> | |
| | | | "I" | | |
| | | | <u>HIPPLE</u> | | |
| 6 | <u>REDNARZ</u> | <u>5 Garvey</u> | <u>NOLD</u> | | |
| 11 | | | | | |
| 10 | <u>8 Stona</u> | | | <u>2 Kwiatkowsky</u> | |
| | | | "J" | | |
| | | | <u>PETERS</u> | | |
| 2 | <u>MCFRIDE</u> | <u>98 POWERS</u> | <u>FOYLER</u> | | |
| 5 | | | | | |
| 8 | <u>91 Betanjary</u> | | | <u>80 ROGERS</u> | |
| | | | "K" | | |
| | | | <u>PLACKTER</u> | | |
| 80 | <u>SINN</u> | <u>86 Jenco</u> | <u>DEMETREE</u> | | |
| 98 | | | | | |
| 91 | <u>76 Ryan</u> | | <u>77 Garpea</u> | | |
| | | | "L" | | |
| | | | <u>TOLNS</u> | | |
| 77 | <u>MORGANSTERN</u> | <u>99 Drake</u> | <u>TURNER</u> | | |
| 86 | | | | | |
| 76 | <u>81 Dziedic</u> | | | <u>78 Barnett</u> | |
| | | | "M" | | |
| | | | <u>SPARKS</u> | | |
| 78 | <u>BORDEN</u> | <u>27 Spann</u> | <u>SPEED</u> | | |
| 99 | | | | | |
| 81 | <u>14 Vollmer</u> | | <u>69 Cox</u> | | |
| | | | "N" | | |
| | | | <u>WILSON</u> | | |
| 14 | | | | | |
| 27 | | | <u>79 Dravas</u> | | |
| 69 | | | <u>GROUND SPARES.</u> | | |
| 79 | | | | | |

DEMETREE
77 Garpea

Ng. 70

(25) (53) (22) (94)

* ***** COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 10 JULY 1944. *
* RADIO CALL SIGNS. * time flare colors