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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 27⁵, Day Operation, 11 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:05 hours, 30 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Railroad Bridge at Ronco Scrivia (M/R: O-996716, sheet 82), Italy. 4 B-26's returned early; 2 spares; 1 propeller governor out; 1 engine cutting out. The formation found the target cloud obscured and no bombs were dropped on it. One Squadron bombed the alternate target, Chiavari Railroad Bridge, (M/R: P-281356, sheet 98), Italy. 26 B-26's were over the primary target. 10 B-26's were over the alternate target and dropped 40 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 a .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 11:10 hours from 13,000' to 12,500' on an axis of 360° T. 12 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged in the water; 4 because a/c was losing power on return; 4 because a/c was low on fuel; 4 by early return because of engine trouble. 52 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base, not having been dropped due to cloud cover over target. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs carried to Corsica by a/c now there. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:53 hours. 7 B-26's returned to base late between 13:30 hours and 15:20 hours, after landing in Corsica for gas; 1 B-26 is in Corsica with two flat tires, crew has returned.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs landed slightly west of the bridge, scoring a possible hit on it, several hits on the West approach and a probable hit on the highway bridge just North.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: 11 Spitfires provided escort.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) RR bridge damaged at O-9680.
- (2) RR bridge damaged at P-002708.

b. Communications:

- (1) 200 RR cars from O-8889 to O-9973.
- (2) 1 crew member reported 1 load train moving North at O-9868 at

10:55 hours.

- (3) 20 M/T moving East at P-1840 at 10:51 hours.
- (4) 3 M/T moving North at U-9790 at 10:31 hours.
- (5) 20 M/T moving North at P-255640 at 10:53 hours.

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c. Flak:

Area	Ini.	Type	Accuracy		Type	Positions-Comments
		Flak	Alt.	Def.	Flak	
P-9617	S	H	A	I		10/12 bursts in twos.
Genoa 8-9750	S	H	I	I		

First bursts from P-9617 were on altitude but behind for deflection.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 large barge, 6 small craft (200 tons) at P-9238 at 10:38 hours.
- (2) 3 barges at P-2039 at 11:02 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: 6/10ths cumulus at 5,000' to 8,000'.
- b. Target: 8/10ths cumulus at 10-13,000'; target covered.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to rendezvous at Alto; to landfall at Tomfane; to Casole; to Ostia; to Novogno; towards primary target, turn right short because of cloud cover; to Bistri Levante; 180° turn to right over water; bomb run on Chiavari; breakaway right; to base.

Last Squadron: Landfall at Lavanga; to Casalla; to target; breakaway left to Chiavari; curve left over Rapalle; to primary target; breakaway left to coast at Rapalle; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #293 FLIGHT COMMANDER:

11 July 1944

RUNWAY LINE UP

4
21
16

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22

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98
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"A"

21	<u>ROEDERS</u>	
16	<u>HUBBARD</u>	4 <u>CORNELIUS</u>
	<u>Hewitt's</u>	<u>DILL</u>
"B"		
	11 <u>WILHELM</u>	
22	<u>HUMPHREYS</u>	8 <u>BODIE</u>
	<u>Sinkhaus</u>	<u>Fenkava</u>
"C"		
	14 <u>MERRILL</u>	
2	<u>HOLD</u>	1 <u>TRUNK</u>
	<u>Mac Illvena</u>	<u>Mac Farland</u>
"D"		
	98 <u>DILLING</u>	
99	<u>DICKERSON</u>	88 <u>BURKE</u>
	<u>Gleason</u>	<u>Mc TOLSON</u>
"E"		
	94 <u>REEDER</u>	
79	<u>RADAGE</u>	78 <u>HISEY</u>
	<u>Rindgen</u>	<u>Delozic</u>
"F"		
	80 <u>MARSCH</u>	
95	<u>DE ETREE</u>	81 <u>MUNDALES</u>
	<u>Crapse</u>	<u>Crapse</u>
"G"		
	34 <u>BEATLY</u>	
44	<u>ROBERTSON</u>	35 <u>CLAYBOUGH</u>
	<u>FLETCHER</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>
	<u>Feltscher</u>	
"H"		
	43 <u>HARRIS</u>	
27	<u>ARMSTRONG</u>	38 <u>THORNTON</u>
	<u>McCoy</u>	<u>Harlan</u>
"I"		
	30 <u>WARD</u>	
33	<u>NODGES</u>	45 <u>DODELIN</u>
	<u>STAGER</u>	<u>Wernick</u>
SPARE 9	<u>SPARE 8</u>	25 <u>GREGG</u>
	<u>Walls</u>	<u>Miller</u>

FLAME COLORS
 0200-0600 GREEN & GREEN
 0800-1400 RED & GREEN
 1400-2000 GREEN & GREEN
 2000-0200 RED & RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
 CHALLENGE REPLY
 0200-0800 V I
 0800-1400 Q D
 1400-2000 J N
 2000-0200 H W

RADIO:
 320th TOPNOTCH
 Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF 11 JULY 1944.

	CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
	ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt. 55	441st	21
	WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 64		took off 0805
	TAPP, BOMB. 1st Lt. 48		landed 1258
G.L.	THURSTON, NAV. 1st Lt. 55		
	HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SAYLOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
	CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	441st	4
	ARNSDORF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26		took off 0805
	DILL, BOMB. 1st Lt. 31		landed
G.B.	PERFETTO, NAV. 2nd Lt. 18		
	MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	renschhausen, radio, s/sgt.		
	VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62	441st	16
	harrington, co pilot, 2nd Lt. 3		
	MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0805
	HAWKINS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1236
W	FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	MARINELLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39	441st	11
	ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0805
F	VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 56		landed 1253
	BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MICHAELSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	BRATION, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BODIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	441st	8
N	LOUIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0805
	FENKAVA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2		landed 1253
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	TRAMHAUSER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LEUTHOLT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63	441st	22
W	MALCALM, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 62		took off 0805
	BERDAUS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1411
	TREBENDA, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	WESTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MADDOCKS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	merrill, pilot, 1st Lt. 27	441st	14
F	DINWIDDIE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 39		took off 0806
	FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed 1246
	SOLDATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	TIPTON, RADIO, Sgt.		
	TUFTE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
W	TRUNK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58	441st	1
	HERREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3	MC FARLAND, T/Sgt. Bomb.	took off 0806
	BARRON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.	FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.	landed
	MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	COLTEN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	

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29-1412

	NUNNALLEE, PILOT, Capt. 30	444th	81
	VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 0809
	DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed landed
W	CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1249
	GAMBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DEMETREE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	444th	95
	WEIER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 55		took off 0808
W	CRAPSE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1255
	KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	FOUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DEATLY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46	442nd	34
	MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0809
G	FLETCHER, BOMB. COL. 58		landed 1251
	BOYNE, NAV. 1st Lt. 58		
	FEARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	Knauer, radio, s/sgt.		
	FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CIA YBAUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46	442nd	35
	WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10		took off 0809
G B	KOUENES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 14		landed
	TEICH, NAV. 2nd Lt. 13		
	MELIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	Robertson, pilot, 1st Lt. 48	442nd	44
	WANDERBURG, CO PILOT, F/O 25		took off 0809
W	MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1142
	MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SAVANETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEISS, GUNNER, S/sgt.		
	FRANK, PHOTO, Cpl.		
	HARPSTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	442nd	43
F	MOONEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0809
	OLMSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt. 44		landed 1301
	MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	THORNTON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	442nd	38
	TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 56		took off 0809
W	HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	milliman, radio, s/sgt.		
	EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ARMSTRON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	442nd	27
W	ESTES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12		took off 0809
	MC CRAY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1225
	HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	RADIO, FORREST, S/Sgt.		
	KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LAFOREST, PHOTO, PVT.		

HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50 442nd
MC CMBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 19
KING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BENTLEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

30
took off 0810
landed 1339

W DODELIN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50 442nd
OBER, BOMB PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26
WERNICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
MALBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

45
took off 0810
landed 1256

HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60 442nd
KING, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 62
W FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.
ELY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

33
took off 0810
landed 1300

SPARKS
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 441st
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27
W VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.
COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.
STIPO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

9
took off 0811
landed 1412

FLACKTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th
CATALANO, CO PILOT, F/O
WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.
SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

86
took off 0811
landed 1111

GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd
ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MILLER, BOMB. Cpl.
PENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MIKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt.

25
took off 0811
landed 1045

not credited