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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 279, Day Operation, 14 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Prohaska.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:15 hours, 24 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Piacenza Railroad Bridge (M/R: E-623169, sheet 60), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early because they were spares. The formation was unable to reach the target due to towering cumulus clouds, and turned back over Forno at 10:48 hours at 14,700' to 14,200'. 1 B-26 salvaged 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses), because being low on fuel, over water. 22 B-26's returned to base at 12:25 hours.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

(1) Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.  
(2) 6 S/E unidentified S/E A/C were seen in a distance over Forno at 10:49 hours, as escort was heard to call out, "Enemy fighters in vicinity".

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications: None.

c. Flags: None.

d. Shipping: 3 medium M/V's in harbor at La Spezia at 10:35 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: 4/10ths cumulus at 8,000'.

b. Target: 9/10ths cumulus, towering, up to 16,000'; stratus 7-10,000'.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. Route and Altitudes: Base to rendezvous at C. Corso; to Monaglia; to Forno; wide right turn inside Parma; to Monaglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

WILLIAM COOK,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION # 297 LIGHT COMMANDER: ----- 14 July 1944.

TAKE OFF LINE UP

	<u>KING</u>	<u>WEBBING</u>	<u>HAYTE</u>
	27 Harrington	27 FRENCH	<u>BOWARD</u>
47		"D"	
27		<u>BROWN</u>	
30	<u>ESTES</u>	33 Maggio	<u>CLARK</u>
45	45 Chamberlin	<u>BARRAGLAUGH</u>	48 Harmon
33		42 Cetrano	
48		"C"	
40		<u>BOWAN</u>	
	<u>GREGG</u>	25 YOUNES	<u>BAKER J. J.</u>
39	39 Villa	<u>TAYLOR</u>	43 Wernick
25		29 Harlan	
43		"D"	
29		<u>CAUDILL</u>	
	<u>HAYWARD</u>	56 TIDWELL	<u>LACKINNON</u>
63	63 Bulow		51 WAGNER
56		"E"	
51		<u>WEEKS</u>	
	<u>HILL</u>	55 Davis	<u>WEST</u>
53	53 Szafir	<u>SMITHRICK</u>	61 Putman
55		69 Brown	
61		"R"	
69		<u>BARKER</u>	
	<u>WOODHUBST</u>	62 LOKAN	<u>HECKLER</u>
65	65 Henry	<u>LYDAY</u>	54 Cox
62		64 Frajnik	
54			
64		<u>SPARES</u>	
	<u>GLAYBOUGH</u>		<u>HANEL</u>
37	37 Spann		60 Mensch
60			

GROUND SPARES

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<u>RADIO CALLS</u>	<u>COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 14 JULY 1944</u>
320th Group	TIME FLARE COLORS
"TOPNOTCH"	0200-0800 GREEN & GREEN
FIGHTERS	0800-1400 RED & RED RED
"TOPNOTCH"	1400-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW
FIGHTERS "	2000-0200 GREEN & GREEN
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<u>CHANNEL "A"</u>	<u>ALBIS LAMP SIGNALS</u>
	TIME CHALLENGE REPLY
	0200-0800 Q L
	0800-1400 S P
	1400-2000 I F
	2000-0200 D X
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 14 JULY 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	442nd	27
STEINBACH, CO PILOT, Capt. 8		took off 0815
FREESTONE, BO B. 1st Lt. 56		landed 1224
G PINCOLE, NAV. 1st Lt. 49		
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PROBASCO, <del>ENGINEER</del> FLIGHT COMMANDER Capt. 53		
HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	442nd	30
ZELLENBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 38		took off 0815
WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 20		landed 1224
B BOYNE, NAV. 1st Lt. 60		
COOK, OBS, MAJ.		
KING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62	442nd	38
ALLEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 33		took off 0815
HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1224
W BLY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
FRANK, PHOTO, Cpl.		
BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43	442nd	33
MC OMBRE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5		took off 0815
F MAGGIO, BOMB. 1st Lt. 47		landed 1225
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54	442nd	48
WILLIAMS, R.F., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 42		took off 0816
HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1225
W FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, J, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14	442nd	45
SERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 29		took off 0816
W CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1225
PUTNAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TRUMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LA FORREST, PHOTO, PVT.		
J.T. ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	442nd	25
LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5		took off 0817
F YOUNES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 15		landed 1228
MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

26	BAKER, J.J., PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	43
27	PORCYNALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0817
3	WERNICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 122F
	MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
W	PASTORAK, RADIO, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	442nd	39
	GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 57		took off 0817
W	VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 5		landed 122F
	PENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	442nd	29
W	THORNTON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 53		took off 0817
	HARMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 122F
	HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MILLMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	443rd	56
E	MORAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 37		took off 0818
	TIDWELL, BOMB. Capt. 57		landed 1232
	TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt. 41		
	SONNONSTINE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	HILDEBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MAC KINNON, PILOT, Capt. 47	443rd	51
	NICOUD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27		took off 0818
E	WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt. 45		landed 1232
	<del>WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt.</del>		
	SCHWARTZ, NAV. 1st Lt. 42		
	BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ZACKER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HAYWARD, PILOT, Capt. 2	443rd	63
* W	PHILLIPS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0818
	BULOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		landed 1232
	BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARSTELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SUGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	carroll, photo, pvt.		
	WEEKS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	443rd	55
F	PETORSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0819
	DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		landed 1233
	PARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	LAWRENCE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, Capt. 41	443rd	61
W	WEINGART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0819
	PUTNAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1233
	DELVIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CAIN, RADIO, Cpl.		
	PURTAZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 32	443rd	53
	KOTAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0819
W	SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1233
	LUPER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COLLINS, Cpl.		
	SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62	443rd	69
W	SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0819
	BROWN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1233
	COONS, ENGINEER, Ssgt.		
	GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62	443rd	62
	BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 62		took off 0820
F	LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 24		landed 1235
	CHANDLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LUTHER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HECKLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27	443rd	54
W	OPFERMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26		took off 0820
	COX, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1235
	LALLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	TALASKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KEMICH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WOODHURST, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 32	443rd	65
W	BRATNERD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 3		took off 0820
	HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1235
	HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	COOKS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	443rd	64
W	ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0820
	FLAJNIK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1235
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	WONG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	PECK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 33	442nd	40
	CASTOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 59		took off 0811
W	GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 20		landed 1225
	O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MALBURN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	mikelson, gunner, s/Sgt.		
	SPARES		
	CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	SEA RES 442nd	SPARES
M.S.	ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		37
	SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		took off 0821
	MELIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed 1057
	COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KASSEL, PILOT,		

*No credits*

SPARE

HAMEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
STINSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.  
MENSCH, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
TRANEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.

SPARE

143rd

*No credit*

SPARE

60  
took off 0821  
landed 1051