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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 280, Day Operation, 15 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Berge.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 05:55 hours, 24 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Railroad Bridge 2 miles North-East of Rossola (M/R: F-258208, sheet 62), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 spare; 1 excessive fuel pressure. 22 B-26's were over the target and dropped 86 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 08:17 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on an axis of 341°. 2 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 22 B-26's returned to base at 10:12 hours.

C. Results: The bridge was completely covered with an excellent concentration of bombs, scoring several direct hits and many damaging near misses.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

(1) P-47's provided escort; Spitfires patrolled in the area.
(2) 2 unidentified A/C seen between the target and coast to the rear of the formation, flying North, at 08:29 hours.

b. Situation:

(1) 4 a/c (2 S/E, 2T/E a/c) on Reggio Emilia A/D at 08:06 hours.
(2) At Collecchio A/D 3 S/E a/c turning to taxi onto runway at 08:26 hours.
(3) Berge Val Id Torre A/D appeared unserviceable.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Active factory 2 miles North-East of Ostia at 08:10 hours.
(2) Bridge at Moniglia still out.
(3) Railroad Bridge West of Noceto out.
(4) Casaliniere Railroad Bridge still out.
(5) 2/3 spans out of Ravenna Bridge out.
(6) German broadcasting on Command frequency (6440) while over enemy territory at 08:00 hours.

b. Communications:

(1) One 30 car train with locomotive, stationary, and 100 RR cars in M/Y at Parma at 08:26 hours.
(2) At Marcaria, train of 20 RR cars, stationary, locomotive on East end at 08:17 hours.
(3) Train of 25/30 cars stationary, locomotive on North-East end, halfway between target and Rossola at 08:17 hours.

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(A) 1 locomotive and 35 cars headed Southeast, 2 miles South-East of Fidenza at 08:25 hours.

(5) ~~20~~ RR cars at Bonaglia.

(6) 15/20 RR cars at Fidenza.

(7) 5 strings of 15/20 RR cars between Parma and Reggio Emilia.

(8) 25 RR cars at junction North of Medesano.

(9) 20 RR cars at station 1 mile West of Noceto.

(10) 50 RR cars at Novellara.

(11) 20 M/T ~~cars~~ ~~trains~~, stationary, North-West of Sarbolo at 08:22

hours.

(12) Traffic moving both directions between Suzara and Viadana at 08:20 hours.

c. Flak:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Int.</u>	<u>Type</u> <u>Flak</u>	<u>Accuracy</u> <u>Alt. Def.</u>	<u>Type</u> <u>Flak</u>	<u>Positions - Comments</u>
Castelnuovo	S	H	A I	CP (in bursts of 2 - 4)	1 heavy at first river fork North of Castelnuovo. 2 heavy guns at dam.

d. Shipping: No change.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: scattered cumulus over water.

b. Target: open but hazy.

c. Return: As enroute.

5. Routes and Altitudes: Base to rendezvous at landfall at Tonfano; to rendezvous at C. Corso; to Rubiera; to IP, Novellara; to target; breakaway left to Borgo Val di Taro; to Sestri Levante; to base.

7. Comments: None.

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RUNWAY LINE UP

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23 ROBE
"A"
8 WYLLIS
Ponkava
16 MC CONNELL
RINTON

"B"
11 REEVES
Vest'sells
4 LAZO
2 BEHREZ
O'Connell
15 WILLIAMS
Vicha

"C"
11 CORNELIUS
18 HIGGINS
Derfus
21 KLUG
24 DIMMIDIE
Mc Farland

"D"
88 BIRMINGHAM
77 BRESSETTE
Bretter
80 FOWLER
ROGERS

"E"
93 PRACKET
LEWISTON
78 R. W. ROSE
Drewas
81 BELFLORE
Wapso

"F"
79 WEEDER
Tophler
94 SINN
Calms
83 CONNOR
Sheenan
"G":
75 HIPPLE
McC Goldrick
76 TURNER
Robert

COLORS OF THE DAY

FLAME COLORS
0200-0800 YELLOW & YELLOW
0800-1400 YELLOW & YELLOW RED
1400-2000 RED & RED
2000-0200 RED & YELLOW

ALDIS LIGHT SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0600	H	J
0800-1400	Q	I
1400-2000	F	C
2000-0200	Z	X

RADIO
320th TOFNOTCH
Escort TOPLOTCH FIGHTERS

Channel "4"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 15 July 1944.

CREWS	FLANK SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
G ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt. 57 MAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 64 TAPP, BOMB. Capt. 50 THURSTON, NAV. 1st Lt. 57 HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt. TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BERGE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT. 38	441st	23 took off 0555 landed 1012
B MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53 MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6 BARDEN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 48 HANDIE, NAV. 1st Lt. 47 HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRADER, RADIO, S/Sgt. CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	16 took off 0555 landed 1012
W MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 27 MC CURDY, CO PILOT, F/O 4 PENKAVA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 5 FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. DURN, RADIO, Sgt. METCALF, GUNNER, Sgt. MADDOCKS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	441st	8 took off 0555 landed 1012
F REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52 JUNKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3 VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 59 BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BREZNAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	11 took off 0556 landed 1013
V LAZO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27 TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 56 CHELUCCI, BOMB. Sgt. BARRON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. FRAZER, RADIO, T/Sgt. BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	11 took off 0556 landed 1013
W BEDMARZ, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 34 HEEREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5 O'CONNELL, BOMB. F/O 2 BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. COOK, RADIO, Sgt. MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, PHOTO, S/Sgt. DEMIANS, OBS. 2nd Lt.	441st	2 took off 0556 landed 1013
W WILLIAMS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55 EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3 VICHA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. COPPLER, ENGINEER, SGT. WESTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt. STIPE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	15 took off landed 1013
F CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51 TORONGO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2 DILL, BOMB. 1st Lt. 32 LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.	441st 441st	11 took off 0557 landed 1013
	441st	HAYS, PHOTO, SGT.

3/	KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
4/	PRATT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0557
	GALLAGHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1013
W	WESSUM, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SAUTER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	WIGGINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. $\frac{1}{2}$ 294	441st	18
	SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0557
W	BERDAUS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1013 1013
	GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 37	441st	24
	O'MAHONY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0557
W	MC FARLAND, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1013
	HILL, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUGHES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 44	441st	88
	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 63		took off 0558
	BANG, ENGINEER NAV. 46		landed 1014
G	HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt. 30		
	CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	FERRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PIGGOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 65	441st	80
	KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28		took off 0558
B	ROGERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 54		landed 1014
	WEBB, NAV. 2nd Lt. 117		
	COCCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BRESSETTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 27	441st	77
	WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0558
W	BETENJANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1014
	LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	LINQUIST, X, S/Sgt.		
	PLACKTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	441st	93
	SHERMAN, CO PILOT, F/O 3		took off 0559
F	LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 36		landed 1014
	HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DEMETREE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	441st	81
W	VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11		took off 0559
	CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1014
	KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DUNCAN, OBS. Capt.		

31	RAMAGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	78
29	HISEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0559
	DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1014
W	MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	YAVOROSKY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	STEARNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 21	444th	89
	WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 24		took off 0559
	FROELICH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 15		landed 1414
W	CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44	444th	83
F	DANKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0559
	HEPNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 14		landed 1414
	TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SINE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	444th	94
	POLING, CO PILOT 2nd Lt. —		took off 0559
W	CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 4		landed 1415
	MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BLUE, PHOTO, Pvt.		
	WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	444th	91
	CATALANO, CO PILOT, F/O 3		took off 0559
	BENNETT, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1015
W	VAUER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	RUMMEL, RADIO, Cpl.		
	ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SEALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CONNOR, PILOT,	444th	79
	PERRINE, CO PILOT		took off 0559
	SHEDDEN, BOMB.		landed 0645
	EMERHAM, BOMB.		
	SMITH, ENGINEER,		
	LAUTH, RADIO,		
	FIELDS, GUNNER,		
	ENGLEHARDT, RADIO		
	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
	HIP-LE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26	444th	10
	GRALA, CO PILOT, F/O 4		took off 0610
W	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1015
	MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROCKABAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TURNER, H.D., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
	WEILBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0600
	ROBERT, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 0815
	MONTARULLI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CORNIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

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