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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 231, Day Operation, 16 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Gaylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:05 hours, 24 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Brassana Road and Railroad Bridge (M/S: K-162245, sheet 59), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 because spare; 1 because of no power in engines. 22 B-26's were over the target. 1 B-26 dropped 4 x 1,000# Demolition Bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 11:29 hours from 9,000' to 9,700' on an axis of 275°T. 30 x 1,000# Demolition Bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were returned to base because of 10/10ths cloud cover over the target. At last 30 seconds of bomb run, 4 x 1,000# Demolition Bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were salvaged in the sea, because the a/c that was carrying them was low on fuel. 20 B-26's returned to base at 13:30 hours. 2 B-26's went into Corsica for gas, and returned at 14:58 hours and 15:07 hours.

C. Results: 1 a/c dropped 3 miles short of the target.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) 13 Spitfires and 10-12 P-47's provided escort.
- (2) No other a/c were seen in the air.

b. Situation:

- (1) 2 S/E a/c at Stradella A/D.
- (2) 7 S/E a/c at Castel S. Giovanni A/D.
- (3) 4 S/S a/c at Viligolzone (several hangars and oiled dirt runway)

A/D.

- (4) 1 S/E a/c at Piacenza A/D.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) One six story factory building, with 6 smoke stacks, which covered about 4 acres, was seen with smoke coming out of the stacks, was seen at Stradella.
- (2) Piacenza North road and railroad bridges are out.
- (3) Piacenza West railroad bridge is out (400 foot out of North end).
- (4) 6 bright red fires, with little smoke, scattered about 200 feet apart, on the mountain side at Varese.

b. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars at Stradella M/Y's.
- (2) 20 RR cars in Castel S. Giovanni M/Y's.
- (3) 10 car train pointed west but no steam up, 2 miles west of

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**Castel S. Giovanni.**

- (4) 75 RR cars, mostly destroyed or damaged, in Piacenza M/Y's.
- (5) 15/20 RR cars in Codogno M/Y's.
- (6) 20 trucks facing North, 3 miles south of Piacenza.
- (7) 2 trucks stopped 3 miles west of Castel S. Giovanni.
- (8) 3 large trucks and 1 small truck on a small road 4 miles East

**of Brassano.**

- (9) 2 large trucks on Castel S. Giovanni A/D.

c. Fish: None.

d. Shipping:

1 Med M/V and 5-6 small fishing boats in Sestri Levante harbor.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Clear except for scattered cumulus over mountains in Sardinia and Corsica.

b. Target: 10/10ths Alto-stratus with breaks over mountains extending into the Po Valley and to the west of the target.

c. Return: No change.

e. Routes: Base to rendezvous at C. Corse; to landfall at Monaglia; to Piacenza; left ~~W/~~ to I.P. at bend in Po River (R-5422); 275°T to the target; break left to Monaglia; to base.

f. Comments: None.

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

MISSION # 299: LIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN SAYAK 16 JULY 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"
52	<u>WOODHURST</u> 52 Prignore	<u>ACKERMAN</u> 64 MCCARTNEY	<u>HUNTER</u> 66 STRICKLAND			
64		<u>NELSON</u> 51 Adams	<u>HILL</u> 65 Selzor			
66	<u>WEST</u> 69 Lowry	<u>WEEKLY</u> 61 Straka				
69		<u>LAMB</u> 56 Henry	<u>HAMEL</u> 60 Lyle			
51		<u>LYDAY</u> 54 Flajnik				
65						
61						
68	<u>HECKLER</u> 68 Cox					
56						
60						
54						
29	<u>HENSELL</u> 29 Wernick	<u>HAKOMAKI</u> 34 HENDREX	<u>HARTE</u> 28 WARD			
34						
28						
38	<u>MCCAY</u> 38 Harmon	<u>CLAWBOUGH</u> 33 Spann	<u>WILLIAMS R. A.</u> 32 Cohen			
33		<u>CASTOR</u> 40 Villa				
32						
40						
48	<u>KLARK</u> 48 English	<u>BROWN</u> 27 Younes	<u>GRABOWSKY</u> 43 Militsher			
27		<u>GREGG</u> 39 Killer				
43						
39						
55	<u>WEEKS</u> 55 Brown	<u>SPARCS</u>	<u>ESTES</u> 26 Stough			
26						

GROUND SPARES  
 ( 63 ) ( 87 )

Radio Call signs  
 320th Bomb Group  
 "TOPNOTCH"  
 FIGHTERS  
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 FIGHTERS"  
 CHANDLER "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 JULY 1944.  
 TIME FLARE COLORS  
 0200-0800 GREEN & YELLOW  
 0800-1400 RED & GREEN  
 1400-2000 RED & YELLOW  
 2000-0200 GREEN & GREEN

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	F	W
0800-1400	B	Y
1400-2000	X	O
2000-0200	Z	G

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON 16 JULY 1944.

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER:
Ackerman, Pilot, Captain, 49	443rd	64
Stratton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1		Took off 0905
G McCaigney, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 40		Landed 1333
Brooks, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 19		
Just, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.		
Wagner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Lawrence, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Saylor, Captain, Flight commander;		
HUMMER, Captain, Pilot, 56	443rd	66
Uhlig, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1		Took off 0905
B Strickland, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 41		Landed 1333
Dore, Navigator, 1st Lt. 46		
Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Peaver, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Reck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Wookhurst, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 33	443rd	52
Brainerd, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 4		Took off 0905
W Frigmore, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 1		Landed 1333
Coons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Coons, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Price, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Collins, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		
Nelson, Pilot, 1st Lt. 60	443rd	51
F Zoeller, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2		Took off 0906
Adams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 35		Landed 1334
Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marstellarc, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Austad, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Hill, Pilot, 1st Lt. 33	443rd	65
W Aotas, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 4		Took off 0906
Selzer, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 2		Landed 1334
Luper, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Salvati, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hansen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
West, Captain, Pilot, 10	443rd	69
W Weingart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 6		Took off 0906
Lowery, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 2		Landed 1334
Delvin, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Cain, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Nelson, Aerial gunner, pvt.		
Hayes, Aerial photographer Sgt.		
Weekly, Pilot, 1st Lt. 59	443rd	61
W Carter, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 59		Took off 0906
Straka, Bombardier S/sgt.		Landed 1327
Adams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Motsenbocker, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Rolfe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
Lamb, Pilot, 1st Lt. 52	443rd	56 Took off 0907 landed 1335
Sherwood, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 4		
F Henry, Bombardier, S/Sgt.		
Glowatch, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lamoureux, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Mc Donald, Sgt.		
HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26	443rd	60 took off 0907 landed 1335
WATSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		
W LYLE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TRAWICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRLOWANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZUPANO, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
HACKLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28	443rd	68 took off 0907 landed 1335
ORRMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27		
W Cox, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
THORNTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FURTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	443rd	54 took off 0907 landed 1458
PHILLIPS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 2		
W FLADNIK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
VOLOSKI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WANDERS, RADIO, Cpl.		
WONG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FARBOWEN, CAPT. OBS.		
HAKEMAKI, PILOT, Capt. 50	442nd	34 took off 0909 landed
STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 30		
HENDREX, BOMB. 1st Lt. 42	442nd	1336
HENNAUGH, 1st Lt. NAV: 38		
PROBASSO, FC, Capt. 54		
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WATTE, MORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	442nd	28 took off 0909 landed 1336
B PORCYNALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28		
WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 21		
KING, NAV. 1st Lt. 44		
KING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HENSSELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 54	442nd	29 took off 0909 landed 1336
W ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 52		
WENNICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 4		
HUSTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt.		

	CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	442nd	33
	ROJNOWSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0910
F	SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 19		landed
	MELIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1337
	COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WILLIAMS, R.A., PILOT, 2nd Lt. 44	442nd	32
	WILLIAMS, R.F., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 43		took off 0910
W	COHEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed
	SURABIAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1337
	SILVER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MC RAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	442nd	38
	LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0910
	HARRISON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 0948
	CRAMER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MIDDLETON, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
		Sgt. Payne R	
		<i>Early no credit</i>	
	CASTOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	442nd	40
W	WALLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 34		took off 0910
	VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed
	FUTNAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1337
	TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43	442nd	27
	ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 54		took off 0911
F	YOUNG, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 16		landed
	GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1338
	CLENDENON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GRABONSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58	442nd	43
W	ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 50		took off 0911
	MILLMECHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1338
	SAVANETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WELLS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55	442nd	48
W	MARFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0911
	ENGLISH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2		landed
	BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CRANDON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1338
	ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44	442nd	39
W	MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5		took off 0911
	MILLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1507
	BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KRAUSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HOYLES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MALBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
		<i>Corsica</i>	

## SPARES

15 ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
 13 WELCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
 8 STOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
 WALKER, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
 W MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 HALL, GUNNER, S/Pgt.

WEEKS, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
 PETROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
 BROWN, BOMB. Sgt.  
 PARK, ENGINEER, S/Pgt.  
 CONSTABLE, RADIO, Cpl.  
 WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.

## SPARES

442nd

443rd

## SPARES

26  
 took off 0912  
 landed

1337

55  
 took off 0912  
 landed

1152