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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 207, Day Operation, 20 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Hunsallee.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 16:52 hours, 23 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Perugia's Railroad Bridge (M/R: P-446114, sheet 62); Alternate target, Piacenza Railroad Bridge (M/R: P-623169, sheet 60), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early because of being spare. The Primary target was completely obscured by smoke screen, and the Alternate target was bombed, instead. 22 B-26's were over the target and alternate target. 18 B-26's dropped 69 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the alternate target at 19:17 hours from 10,600' to 9,800' on an axis of 305° T. 1 x 1,000# Demolition bomb was salvaged in the target area having hung up over the target; 8 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were jettisoned in the target area due to paracombustion by 2 a/c whose flight leader did not drop. 10 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were returned to base, 8 because the flight leader's bombs hung up over the target, and 2 others hung up over the target. 17 B-26's returned to base at 21:28 hours. 2 B-26's returned late by 23:15 hours after landing in Corsica for gas. 3 a/c are in Corsica; 2 for gas, 1 with engine trouble, crew returned in another a/c.

C. Results: The Alternate target was covered with a good pattern of bombs scoring 2/3 direct hits. Some of the bombs landed slightly over to the West, 2 spans of the bridge were out prior to bombing.

D. Observations:

1. A/c's

a. ~~Activity:~~

- (1) P-47's from Corsica provided escort.
- (2) 2 unidentified S/E A/C flying just 1,000' below the formation just past primary at 18:52 hours.
- (3) 1 unidentified A/C far in front of formation just past the Alternate being chased by P-47 at 19:19 hours.

b. ~~Situation:~~

- (1) 1 S/E a/c at Piacenza at 19:17 hours.
- (2) Mast on runway Chedi at 19:15 hours.
- (3) 1/5 S/E a/c parked at building on East side of I/C, 2 S/E a/c on the runway at Vigonza at 19:16 hours.
- (4) 2 S/E a/c at Mantua A/D at 18:43 hours.

2. ~~Ground:~~

a. ~~Ground:~~ 37 oil tanks in blast shelters 4 miles south-west of Piacenza.

b. ~~Communications:~~

- (1) 60 RR cars at Calvisano.
- (2) 100 RR cars at Mantua.
- (3) 60 RR cars at Piacenza.
- (4) 25 RR cars at Cremona.

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(5) 35/40 W/T headed North 2 miles South of Calvisano at 18:45 hours.

Area	c. <u>Zick</u> :		Type Accuracy		Type	Positions - comments
	<u>Zick</u>	<u>Alt</u>	<u>Alt</u>	<u>Def</u>	<u>Type</u>	
Burgoforte	S - H	H	A	I	GP	1 H on North edge of summit. 1 H 2 miles South-West of Mantua.
Casalungione	S	H	A	I	GP	4 H at bridge 3 miles west of Casalungione.

d. Shipping: Submarine was headed South-East, 5 miles off Sestri Levante.

3. Land: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Visibility: Scattered cumulus at 5,000'.

b. Clouds: open, but lowering cumulus in vicinity to 15,000'.

c. Direction: As currents.

e. Weather: None to rendezvous at G. Corvo; to landfall at Chiavari; to Piacenza; to Casalungione; to Valtà Mantovana; to Castel D'Arco; to Primery, Burgoforte; to Indigo; to Anala; to Sotzaga; bomb run on Piacenza; breakaway left to Sestri Levante; to base.

f. Summary: None.

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RUNWAY LIGHT UP

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Capt Newman MISSION # 305
20 JULY 1944.

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"A"
BIRMINGHAM
88 HELLER
WEIER 77 Drevas
BURKE 85 GLAUBITZ

DEMETREE
78 crpase
No. 70

"B"
GASSER
87 LINDSTROM
TURNER 95 Robert
HISSEY 91 Dalcio

MORGANSTERN
99 Sheehan
Capt Duncan

"C"
BENDER 80 HEPNER
WILSON 81 Jarman
SINGER 83 Williams

"D"
BERGE 21 PLUCK
BODIE 22 Murray
MCCONNELL 23 BARDEN

"E"
REEVES 24 O'Connell
KLUG 16 Kwiatkowski
DUNWIDDIE 11 stone
BOYCE 10 Anderson

"F"
WILKINSON 14 JOHNSON
NSHER 02 Borjer
BORDEN 17 FINDLAY
MUELLER 04 MacGoldric

SPARES
SINN 98 shingle
LAZO 03 Nicha

To 1620

GROUND SPARES
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 20 JULY 1944.

TIME FLARE COLORS
0200-0800 YELLOW & YELLOW
0800-1400 GREEN & YELLOW
1400-2000 RED & RED
2000-0200 RED & YELLOW

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TIME CHALLENGE REPLY
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF 20 JULY 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>45</i>	444th	88
MC BRIDE, CO PILOT, <i>60</i>		took off 1620
HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt. <i>31</i>		landed <i>2115</i>
MICHLES, NAV. <i>51</i>		
STATON, ENGINEER,		
LAUCHER, RADIO,		
MASON, GUNNER,		
MURMALLEE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. <i>34</i>		
BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <i>60</i>	444th	85
KAMANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <i>2</i>		took off 1622
CLAUBITZ, BOMB. 1st Lt. <i>33</i>		landed <i>2115</i>
WARDSMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt. <i>53</i>		
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WESTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>57</i>	444th	77
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>16</i>		took off 1622
DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed <i>2115</i>
KUCZMA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.		
GASSER, PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>42</i>	444th	87
SHAW , CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <i>1</i>		took off 1623
LINDSTRUM, BOMB, 1st Lt. <i>37</i>		landed <i>2115</i>
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HISEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <i>25</i>	444th	91
WELLBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <i>3</i>		took off 1623
DZIEDZIG, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed <i>2116</i>
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
LAUTH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DEMETRES, PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>11</i>	444th	78
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <i>11</i>		NO TAKE OFF
TURNER, PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>55</i>	444th	95
CONNOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>56</i>		took off 1623
ROBERT, BOMB. S/Sgt.	<i>over land O.K.</i>	landed
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		<i>CORSCIA</i>
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. <i>46</i>	444th	80
DAWKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <i>5</i>		took off 1625
HEPNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <i>18</i>		landed <i>2116</i>
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

58	WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441th	81	
	LOGSDON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1625
	JARLAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 2116
W	DELEO, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
	MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			
	MORGENSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 69	441th	99	
	DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 55			took off 1625
W	SHEEHAN, BOMB. Sgt.			landed
	GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt.			CORSICA
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			62215
	FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	441th	83	
	SHERMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5			took off 1625
	WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 16			landed
W	HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			CORSICA 21130
	ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			21 July
	MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	BERGE, PILOT, Capt. 40	41st	21	
	MYERS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 29			took off 1628
G	FLOUCK, BOMB. 1st Lt. 50			landed 2117
	GIBSON, NAV. Capt. 30			
	BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55	41st	23	
	CAHAN, CO PILOT, Capt. 2			took off 1628
	BARDEN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 50			landed 2117
B	HANDE, NAV. 1st Lt. 41			
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	MICHAELSEN, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
	TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	BODIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	41st	22	
	NOLD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 54			took off 1628
W	MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 5			landed
	ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			CORSICA
	WESTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.			10927
	GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			21 July 1944
	HAYS, PHOTO, Sgt.			
	REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54	41st	24	
	CINNAMOND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2			took off 1629
F	O'CONNELL, BOMB. F/O 5			landed 2117
	BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.			
	BOYCE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	41st	10	
W	BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1			took off 1629
	ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 1			landed 2118
	TESSUM, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

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	KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 3 J	441st	16
	EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5		took off 1629
	KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
W	COFFLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		2118
	TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MADDOCKS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39	441st	11
	OSTERWUELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 1629
W	STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		2119
	THANNHAUSER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43	441st	14
F	HEEREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7		took off 1630
	JOHNSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. 19		landed
	BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		CORSICA
	SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		L 2246
	HUGHES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MUELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 25	441st	4
W	SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 1630
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		2119
	TIPTON, RADIO, Sgt.		
	METCALF, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 27	441st	2
W	MC CURDY, CO PILOT, F/O 6		took off 1630
	BURGER, BOMB. 1st Lt. 1		landed
	BENTAS, ENGINEER, Cpl.		2120
	DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RAHL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	STIPE, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 36	441st	17
W	ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 1630
	FINDLAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		landed
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		2120
	KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	DUNN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WILSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
	LAZO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	3
	PRATT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1631
	VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1900
	COOK, RADIO, Sgt.		
	MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SINN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58	444th	98
W	BORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 1631
	SHINGLE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
	TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		2220
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

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