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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 288, Day operation, 24 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Probasco.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 07:35 hours, 24 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Railroad Viaduct South-East of Ovada (M/R: O-764732, sheet 82), Italy. 3 B-26's returned early; 2 spares, 1 engine cutting out. 21 B-26's were over the target and 21 dropped 83 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:07 hours from 9,400' to 8,900' on an Axis of 232°T. 1 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) was salvaged in the water having hung up over the target. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:02 hours; 3 B-26's returned late after landing in Corsica for gas.

C. Results: All bombs landed in the target area in an excellent pattern, scoring several direct hits and many near misses.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: Spitfires and P-47's from Corsica provided escort.
b. Situation: Novi Ligure A/D empty at 09:50 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Supply dump at Rossiglione, O-7767.
(2) Oil tanks in revetments 4 miles North-West of Novi Ligure.
(3) Road bridge at Tortona out at 10:58 hours.
(4) Railroad and road bridge North-West of Bressana Bottarone.

X-1727, out at 10:01 hours.

- (5) Railroad bridge at Serravalle out at 10:24 hours.

b. Communications:

(1) Train of 10 RR cars moving South, 4 miles North of Novi Ligure, O-8992, at 09:50 hours.

(2) Train of 50 RR cars moving South, 5 miles South of Tortona at 09:51 hours.

(3) Two 40 car RR trains moving in each direction from Voghera at 09:58 hours.

- (4) Train of 30 RR cars moving East, South of Vado Ligure at 10:18 hours.
(5) 20/30 RR cars at Ovada.
(6) 15 RR cars at Polesa, O-7888.
(7) 150 RR cars at Alessandria.
(8) 150 RR cars at Voghera.
(9) 50 RR cars at Vercelli, P-2092.
(10) 250 RR cars at Tortona.
(11) 200 RR cars at Novi Ligure.
(12) 90 RR cars at Villaverbia.

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- 10:03 hours. (13) 200 RR cars, 30 car train moving North at Serravalle at
- (14) 100 RR cars at Camp Ligure.
- (15) 100 RR cars at Arenzano.
- (16) 100 RR cars at Savona.
- (17) 75 RR cars adjacent to inactive factory at Altara. O-5144.
- (18) 20 RR cars at Varazze.
- (19) 8 M/T parked 4 miles North-West of Novi Ligure at 09:50 hours.
- (20) 8/10 M/T parked facing North 4 miles North of Tortona at 10:01 hours.
- (21) 1 M/T headed South, 5 miles North of Ovada at 10:07 hours.
- (22) 2 M/T headed East, South-West of Varazze at 10:18 hours.

c. Flak:

Area	Int:	Type		Accuracy		Type	Fire Positions - Comments
		Flak	Alt:	Def:	Flak		
Savona	S	H	I	I			4 bursts from center of town.
Varazze	S	H	I	I			From West of town.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 large boat headed East, stopped 2 miles off Finale Ligure at
- 10:23 hours.
- (2) 2 medium M/V, 2 small M/V at Savona at 09:41 hours.
- (3) 1 large, 3 small M/V at Calbe Ligure at 09:41 hours.
- (4) 1 medium M/V, 6 small craft at Arenzano at 09:41 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Route: Broken stratocumulus to mid-Corsica; CAVU beyond.
- b. Target: CAVU (scattered high cirrus).
- c. Return: AS enroute.

5. Route: Base to rendezvous at Ille Rousse; to landfall at Savona; to Ovada; to Prafesa; to Tortona; to Pontecurone; right turn to Serravalle; bomb run on target; breakaway right; curve left to Albisola Marina; to base.

6. Comments: None.

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

MISSION NUMBER: 306 FLIGHT COMMANDER: _____ 24 July 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP	STEINBACK 43 McKay	WENDLING 28 FREESTONE	BOTTOMLEY 27 PHILLIPS
43		-----	
28		"B"	
27		KADEN 33 Burns	WILLIAMS R. F. 47 Maggio
46	46 Westbrook		
33		CATOR 40 Villa	
47		-----	
40		"C"	
	G. BOWSKY 25 Miller	BARNARD 45 Mocallet	HENSEL 29 Wilcher
25			
45		GREGG 39 Wernick	
29		-----	
39		"D"	
		HUNTER 64 STRICKLAND	WEEKS 55 IOKAN
68	68 Straka		
64		-----	
55		"E"	
	SPEED 56 Lowery	HAYWARD 50 Bulow	FAMEL 65 Putman
56			
50		STINSON 66 Monsch	
65		-----	
66		"F"	
	HECKLER 54 Lyle	NELSON 70 Miazga	OPPERMAN 52 Selzer
54			
70		AYREY 61	
52		-----	
61		"G"	
	ALTERNATIVY 30 Slough	SPARES	KOLAR 24 Sherman
30			
24		-----	
		GROUND SPARES.	
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***** COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 24 JULY 1944. *****

* RADIO CALL SIGNS:	* TIME	FLARE COLORS
*	* 0200-0800	RED & RED
*	* 0800-1400	RED & RED RED
*	* 1400-2000	GREEN & GREEN
*	* 2000-0200	RED & GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 24 JULY 1944

	WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	442nd	28
	TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 58		took off 0735
	FREESTONE, BOMB. 1st Lt. 58		landed
G	PINCOB, NAV. 1st Lt. 51		1202
	PROBASCO, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 56		
	ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	442nd	27
B	METSCHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0735
	PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 41		landed
	KING, NAV. 1st Lt. 47		1202
	SALVESEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	STEINBACH, PILOT, CAPT. 10	442nd	43
	OEER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28		took off 0735
	MC CRAY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
W	BLY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1202
	ERAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	IA FORREST, PHOTO, Cpl.		
	KADER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	442nd	33
F	MC OMBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7		took off 0736
	BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 17		landed
	O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1207
	CRGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WILLIAMS, R.F., PILOT, 2nd Lt. 45	442nd	47
W	WILLIAMS, R.A., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 44		took off 0736
	MAGGIO, BOMB. 1st Lt. 48		landed
	SURABLAN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1203
	SINEO, RADIO, S/ gt.		
	ARSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	442nd	46
W	MOCNEY, CO PILOT, 2d Lt. 7		took off 0736
	WESTBROOK, BOMB. Pvt.		landed
	KING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1203
	DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt		
	BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	CASTOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 62	442nd	48
W	SPRADLING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0736
	VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7		landed
	BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1232
	MALBURNE, RADIO, S/ gt.		
	MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ZUPANG, PHOTO, Cpl.		

	BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	442nd	
	STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		
	MOCQUOT, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 1		
	WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HENSELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 56	442nd	29
	ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 54		took off 0737
W	MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1204
	HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FORREST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	GRABOWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	442nd	25
	ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	12	took off 0737
W	MILLER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1204
	MAHOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SAVENETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	39
	MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0737
	WEINICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1121
	ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GLENDENEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HUNTER, PILOT, Capt. 58	443rd	64
	WEEKLEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 61		took off 0738
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. 42		landed 1205
G	HOBEL, NAV. 1st Lt. 57		
	BARRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	PECK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	WEEKS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	443rd	55
	PETROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0738
	LOKAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 26		landed 1205
B	SCHWARTZ, NAV. 1st Lt. 44		
	PARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WATHAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FIELDS, OBS. Capt.		
	SPRANG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61	443rd	68
	PHILLIPS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 4		took off 0738
W	STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1205
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GRIFFIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CHRISTIANSON, PHOTO, Pvt.		

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4	HAYWARD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	50
61	CARTER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0739
	BULOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 13		landed
F	BUNEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1206
	TEETERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SUGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 28	443rd	65
	STRAETON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0739
W	PUTNAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1206
	TRAWEEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ZIEGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt. 32	443rd	56
	LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2	1/2	took off 0739
W	LOWREY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed
	CHAMBER, ENGINEER, SGT.		1206
	WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LUTHER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	STINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59	443rd	66
	ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0739
W	MENSCH, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	LALLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1314
	COONS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	FLAJNEK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61	443rd	70
	BRAINERD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 6		took off 0740
F	MIAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		landed
	ARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1207
	CAIN, RADIO, Cpl.		
	AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	OPFERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 39	443rd	52
	WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 34		took off 0740
W	SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2		landed
	GOOCH, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1207
	WAYMIRE, RADIO, Cpl.		
	KILMICH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAYES, PHOTO,		
	HECKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 30	443rd	54
W	SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0740
	LYLES, BOMB. 1st Lt. 3		landed
	DEVLIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1207
	TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FUREZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WONG, C/L.		
	AYREY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25	443rd	61
	UHLEG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0740
W	HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 1		landed
	HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1314
	SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LUPER, X, Sgt.		

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ASERMATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
STOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
RATTS, RADIO, Sgt.
KARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

KOLAR, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WATSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.
CREMENS, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

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30
took off 0741
landed

1023

24
took off 0741
landed

1011