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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 289. Day Operation, 25 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Prohasek.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:02 hours, 23 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Casale Monferrate Railroad Bridge (M/R: J-643322), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early because of being a spare. 22 B-26's were over the target on two bomb runs, but no bombs were dropped due to 9/10ths cloud cover. One run was made over the South Railroad Bridge, alternate, but 6/10ths cloud cover prevented a long enough bomb run. The formation was over the target at 10:29 hours and 10:38 hours at 10,000' to 9,500' on axes of 24° T and 62° T; over the alternate at 11:05 hours at 11,000' to 10,500' on an axis of 22° T. One B-26 left the formation with escort at Tortona to photograph Ronco Scrivia and Roverazzo. 2 x 1,000# Demolition bomb (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were salvaged in the target area because of loose fins on the bombs. All other bombs were returned to base. 22 B-26's returned to base at 12:37 hours.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

(1) 5/6 unidentified s/x a/c flying South over Genoa at 8,000' to 5 miles off coast, turned South toward Leghorn at 09:58 hours.

(2) 1 gray or silver MB-109 made one pass low from 12 o'clock, firing rockets to within 500 yards, on 2nd bomb run at 10:36 hours. No damage or claims.

(3) 1 T/X transport headed west from Genoa at 4,000' at 09:58 hours.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Hospital 5 miles North-East of Verassa.

(2) Tall pillar of very white smoke 5 miles North of Arenzano at 10:01 hours.

(3) Railroad Bridge intact just South-East of Alessandria, J-7708 at 10:48 hours.

(4) Ammunition dumps in revetments, and about 50 buildings South-East of Alessandria, J-7902.

(5) Supply dam 1 mile South of Sale.

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b. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars at Varese.
- (2) 100 RR cars at Cogaletto.
- (3) 150 RR cars at Ovada.
- (4) 175 RR cars at Serravalle; also 2 trains of 40 cars each headed South from Serravalle at 10:12 hours.
- (5) 30 RR cars at Ronco Scrivia.
- (6) 550 RR cars at Novi Ligure.
- (7) Train of 20 RR cars headed North, 7 miles North of Serravalle.
- (8) Train of 15 RR cars headed South 2 miles North of Serravalle.
- (9) 500 RR cars at Pavia.
- (10) 100 RR cars at Mortara.
- (11) 2,000 RR cars at Alessandria.
- (12) 600 RR cars in two M/Y's at Casale Monferrate.
- (13) 200 RR cars at Vercelli.
- (14) 15 RR cars at Caxano, J-6128.
- (15) 20 RR cars at first station West of Caxano, J-5829.
- (16) 200 RR cars at Asti.
- (17) 15 RR cars at Solero, J-6808.
- (18) 25 RR cars at first station South-west of Alessandria, J-7001.
- (19) 30 RR cars at first station South-East of Alessandria, J-8002.
- (20) 50 additional scattered RR cars between Alessandria and Tortona.
- (21) 200 RR cars at Tortona.
- (22) 50 RR cars at first station South of Tortona, C-9199.
- (23) 300 RR cars at Voghera.
- (24) 15 scattered M/T moving North, South of Casale Monferrate at J-7018 at 10:29 hours.
- (25) 11 M/T led by a command car moving North, South of Pavia, at R-1604.

c. Flak:

Area	Type		Accuracy		Type	Positions - Communis- & bursts - encountered going in only.
	Int.	Flak	Alt.	Def.	Flak	
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d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 medium M/V at Cogaletto, at 09:59 hours.
- (2) 3 large barges at Savona at 09:59 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. HEAVEN: Scattered cumulus at 5,000'.
- b. SEA: 9/10ths cumulus at 5,000' over primary; 6/10ths at alternate; towering cumulus N. of Pavia.
- c. WIND: As enroute.

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E. Runing: Base to rendezvous at Ille Rousse; to V. Anze; to Ovada; to Argento Scrivia; to Pavia; to IP. Mantua; to target; 180° curve to left; second run on target; breakaway right to Asti; curve left to Turin; to IP. Serravalle; to alternate, Ovada; breakaway left to Veruno; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION #307

FLIGHT COMMANDER:

25 July 1944

RUNWAY LINE UP

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"A"

22 <u>BOLLE</u>	23 <u>ROBBINS</u> <u>Truff</u>	4 <u>SMITH</u> <u>Tracy</u>
----- "B" -----		
16 <u>KLUG</u> <u>Kwiatkowski</u>	11 <u>REEVES</u> <u>Baker</u>	10 <u>WILSON</u> <u>Anderson</u>
----- "C" -----		
17 <u>WACHTER</u> <u>Burger</u>	14 <u>MERRILL</u> <u>Elmer</u>	67 21 <u>FENEL</u> <u>McElpherson</u>
----- "D" -----		
77 <u>WEITER</u> <u>Devas</u>	88 <u>PETERS</u> <u>Powers</u>	85 <u>LILLING</u> <u>Rogers</u>
----- "E" -----		
76 <u>DICKERSON</u> <u>Schroeder</u>	87 <u>MARSH</u> <u>Shingle</u>	82 <u>CONNOR</u> <u>Dzedzio</u>
----- "F" -----		
95 <u>WILSON</u> <u>Bennet</u>	80 <u>GASSER</u> <u>Landstrom</u>	91 <u>DEMETREE</u> <u>Beedy</u>
----- "G" -----		
SPARES:		
3 <u>MILHELM</u> <u>Johnson</u>	94 <u>BRISCOLL</u> <u>Ryan</u>	

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COLORS OF THE DAY

FLARE COLORS

0200-0800	RED & RED
0800-1100	RED & GREEN
1100-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
2000-0200	RED & YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

CHALLENGE REPLY

0200-0800	B	L
0800-1100	C	I
1100-2000	S	N
2000-0200	J	H

RADIO:

320TH TOPNOTCH
Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

Channel "A"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 25 JULY 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
ROBBINS, PILOT, CAPT. 60	441st	23
CAHAN, CO PILOT, CAPT. 3		took off 0802
TAPP, BOMB. CAPT. 54		landed
G THURSTON, NAV. 1st Lt. 61		1237
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MICHAELSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PROBASCO, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT. 57 - <i>441st</i>		
SMITH, PILOT, CAPT. 46	441st	1
B BOWLES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 0802
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 13		landed
CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. 47		1237
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HILL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
NOLD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55	441st	22
W BODIE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 57		took off 0802
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed
ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1237
WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LEBERMAN, PHOTO, Sgt.		
REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55	441st	11
f LYONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0803
BADER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2		landed
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1238
FYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
W WILSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 62	441st	10
BOYCE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 52		took off 0803
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2		landed
TESSUM, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1238
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
W KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 34	441st	16
EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0803
KWILATEKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
FULK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1238
TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LA FORREST, PHOTO, CPL.		
W MUELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26	441st	24
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7		took off 0803
MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1238
TIPTON, RADIO, Sgt.		
NETCALF, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WAYES, PHOTO, Sgt.		

<p>F MERRILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 30 LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 30 ELMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3 SOLDATI, ENGINEER, Sgt. NELSON, RADIO, Cpl. TUFTS, GUNNER, Sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>34 took off 0804 landed 1239</p>
<p>W PRSEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39 BOELITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2 GALLAGHER, BOMB. Sgt. STRAND, ENGINEER, Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt. PROFOS, GUNNER, Cpl. BLUE, PHOTO, Pvt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>7 took off 0810 landed 1232</p>
<p>W WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 48 OSTERMUELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2 BURGER, BOMB. 1st Lt. 2 COPPLER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. MORRIS, RADIO, S/Sgt. TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, SGT. MOSES, PHOTO, Sgt. NORMELL, X, COL.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>17 took off 0804 landed 1239</p>
<p>W WIGGINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 33 COLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2 COOK, BOMB. Major, WYATTE, ENGINEER, Sgt. FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt. STIPE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>2 took off 0804 landed 1231 0804 <hr/> 427</p>
<p>G PETERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58 FERRINE, CO PILOT, Lt. 3 POWERS, BOMB. Lt. 48 BANG, NAV. 1st Lt. 48 COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>99 took off 0805 landed 1240</p>
<p>B DILLING, PILOT, CAPT. 46 WELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4 ROGERS, BOMB. 59 WEBB, NAV. 2nd Lt. 18 COOK, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt. PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>85 took off 0805 LANDED 1240</p>
<p>W WEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58 WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5 DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt. CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt. FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt. LINDQUIST, X, Sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>77 took off 0805 landed 1240</p>

MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57
KAMANSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
SHINGLE, BOMB. T/Sgt.
DELEO, ENGINEER, Sgt.
DELUCA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

87
took off 0807
landed 1241

CONNOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57
SHERMAN, CO PILOT, F/O 6
DZIEDZIC, BOMB. S/Sgt.
GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt.
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
RICHAMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

82
took off 0807
landed 1241

TURNER, H.D., PILOT, 66
POLING, CO PILOT, 4
ROBERT, BOMB.
STATON, ENGINEER,
CROWIN, RADIO
MALONE, GUNNER,

444th

98
TOOK OFF 0807
landed 1241

GASSER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63
JONES, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 2
LEINSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 38
KUCZMA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
RUMMEL, RADIO, Cpl.
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

80
took off 0808
landed 1241

DEMETREE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56
VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13
BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 1
CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.
KELLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
KING, X, PVT.

444th

91
took off 0808
landed 1241

DICKERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56
WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5
SCHROEDER, BOMB. Lt. CARNEY, RADIO WOOD, ENGINEER, GLEASON, GUNNER,
MUNNALLEE, PILOT, Capt. 35
WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.

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SLITES, PHOTO
97
took off 0808
landed 1241

SPARES
WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt.
HEEREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
JOHNSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HUGHES, GUNNER, Sgt.

SPARES
444th

SPARES
3
took off 0809
landed 1018

Early Return

DRISCOLL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 45
CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 34
RYAN, BOMB. Sgt.
SMITH, ENGINEER, Cpl.
FLAMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.
FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

94
took off 0809
landed 1241

WILSON, PILOT, Lt.

444th

NO TAKE OFF 95