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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 294. Day Operations, 1 August 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Hunter.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 16:17 hours, 24 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Ovada South Railroad Bridge (M/R: C-767726), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 spare; 1 loss of power. 22 B-26's were over the target and dropped 88 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 18:42 hours from 9,500' to 8,800' on an axis of 45° T. 21 B-26's returned to base at 20:39 hours. 1 B-26 returned to base late at 21:35 hours, after landing in Corsica for fuel.

C. Results: There was an excellent concentration of bombs across the target and blue sparks were observed.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 12 Spitfires escorted the formation.

b. Situations:

- (1) 1 T/E a/c. silver, in field near Dago.
- (2) 10/15 T/E a/c dispersed at Villanova D'Albenga.
- (3) 1 T/E a/c at Bagnasco A/D.

2. Ground:

a. General: 40 barracks north of Altare in valley.

b. Communications:

- (1) Ovada North Railroad Bridge not passable.
- (2) 125 RR cars at Albenga.
- (3) 80 RR cars at Ovada.
- (4) 200 RR cars at Novi Ligure, not moving.
- (5) 25/30 RR cars at Rosignano.
- (6) 1 train of 40 RR cars headed 2 miles south of target.
- (7) 300 RR cars at Arquata Scrivia.
- (8) 150 RR cars at Silvano.
- (9) 6 M/Ts parked on road bridge just north of Ovada North railroad

bridge.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 2 large M/Vs and 4 small M/Vs anchored at Imperia.
- (2) 1 large M/V anchored 5 miles off Albenga.
- (3) 3/5 medium M/Vs at Alasio.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Altitude: slight undercast.

b. Target: CAVU.

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c. Return: No change.

E. Routes: Base to Albenga; to Garsias; to Cairo East, I.P.; to target; breakaway left; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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

RUNWAY LINE UP

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RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH
Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

CHANNEL "A"

"A"

57 REYNOLDS Straka	64 RITCHIE SWITZEL	51 MAC KINNON WAGAR
"B"		
65 SPRANG Krebs	52 LAIB Davi's	61 STINSON SWIDER
"C"		
56 MORAN Helly	50 HILL Seitzer	66 WIRKKALA Tarry
"D"		
29 HEWELL FRUSBY	31 WENDLING PROBSTONE	30 HARTE WARD
"E"		
26 TAYLOR WESTBROOK	43 ABERNATHY GERTMAN	38 SHAROWSKY HARRINGTON
"F"		
46 STERN FERWELL	27 BROWN Yonemas	39 MC DOUGAL Harmon
"G"		
SEPARATES:		
	54 AVERY Brown	48 MC KAY Laund

COLORS OF THE DAY

FLARE COLORS

0200-0800	GREEN & YELLOW
0800-1400	RED & YELLOW
1400-2000	RED & GREEN
2000-0200	YELLOW YELLOW RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	V	Y
0800-1400	H	Q
1400-2000	D	P
2000-0200	J	X

MISSION NUMBER 312
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION.

1 AUGUST 1944

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P RITCHIEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	<u>443rd</u>	64 TOOK OFF 1617 LANDED 2039
CP WEEKLEY, 1st Lt. 64		
B SWINDLER, CAPT. 51		
N TARANTO, 1st Lt. 44		
G E 1st Lt. JONES, S/Sgt.		
R MC QUEEN, SGT.		
G TEETERS, S/Sgt.		
FC HUNTER, CAPT.		
X		
P MACKINNON, CAPT. 49	<u>443rd</u>	51 TOOK OFF 1617 LANDED 2039
CP ZOELLER, 2nd Lt. 6		
B WAGAR, 1st Lt. 47		
N HOBEL, 1st Lt. 60		
E BLACKWELL, Sgt.		
R GILES, T/Sgt.		
G ZACHER, Sgt.		
F		
X		
P REYNOLD, 1st Lt. 62	<u>443rd</u>	57 TOOK OFF 1617 LANDED 2039
CP KOTAS, 2nd Lt. 6		
B STRAKA, S/Sgt.		
N		
E STIGGINS, Cpl.		
R GRIFFIN, S/Sgt.		
G GUILLIAMS, S/Sgt.		
F MC GOWAN, Cpl.		
X		
P LAMB, 1st Lt. 54	<u>443rd</u>	52 TOOK OFF 1618 LANDED 2040
CP CONNELLY, 2nd Lt. 7-42		
B DAVIS, 2nd Lt. 12		
F N MC DONALD, S/Sgt.		
E LAMOUREUX, S/Sgt.		
R GLOWATCH, T/Sgt.		
G MC DONALD, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P STINSON, 1st Lt. 63	<u>443rd</u>	61 TOOK OFF 1618 LANDED 2040
CP WEST, 1st Lt.		
B SNIDER, S/Sgt.		
N BRZAKESYX		
E BUZALAS, T/Sgt.		
G DEVERNA, S/gt.		
F LALLY, Sgt.		
X		
P SPRANG, 1st Lt. 63	<u>443rd</u>	65 TOOK OFF 1618 LANDED 2040
CP LIVSEY, 2nd Lt. 5		
B ADAMS, 2nd Lt. 36		
N		
E ADAMS, S/Sgt.		
G COONS, T/Sgt.		
F ROLFE, S/Sgt.		
X COLLINS, Sgt.		

MISSION NUMBER
THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION.

1944:

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P HAMEL, 1st Lt. ²⁹	<u>443rd</u>	<u>55</u>
CP TOWNSEND, 2nd Lt. ²		TOOK OFF
B PUTNAM, S/Sgt.		<u>1618</u>
N		<u>LANDED</u>
E		<u>2043</u>
R COFFEY, S/Sgt.		
G TRAWEEK, S/Sgt.		
F ZEIGLER, Sgt.		
X ZUPANG, T/Sgt.		
P HILL, 1st Lt. ³⁷	<u>443rd</u>	<u>50</u>
CP UHLIG, 2nd Lt. ⁵		TOOK OFF
B SELZER, 2nd Lt. ⁴		<u>1619</u>
N XXXXXXXXXX		<u>LANDED</u>
F E GOOCH, Cpl.		<u>2043</u>
R WAYMIRE, Cpl.		
G PECK, Sgt.		
F		
X		
P WERKKALA, 1st Lt. ³⁴	<u>443rd</u>	<u>66</u>
CP PETROSKI, 2nd Lt. ⁸		TOOK OFF
B MURRAY, 2nd Lt. ²		<u>1619</u>
W E N GORMAN, Sgt.		<u>LANDED</u>
R X ROBIG, S/Sgt.		<u>2043</u>
G X HOOD, S/Sgt.		
F X CHRISTIANSON, Cpl.		
F		
X		
P MORAN, 1st Lt. ³⁹	<u>443rd</u>	<u>56</u>
W CP SWIFT, 2nd Lt. ²		TOOK OFF
B HENRY, S/Sgt.		<u>1619</u>
N XXXXXXXXXX		<u>LANDED</u>
E WILLIAMS, Pvt.		<u>2044</u>
R ROSS, Cpl.		
G WONG, Sgt.		
F		
X		
P SPEED, 1st Lt. ³⁵	<u>443rd</u>	<u>60</u>
W CP MOSBY, 2nd Lt. ²		TOOK OFF
B AVERY, S/Sgt.		<u>LANDED</u>
N		<u>2044</u>
E CHANDLER, Sgt.		
G WAGNER, S/Sgt.		
F LUTHER, Sgt.		
X		
P WENDLING, 1st Lt. ⁶⁰	<u>442nd</u>	<u>34</u>
CP HODGES, 1st Lt. ⁶⁴		TOOK OFF
B PRESTONE, 1st Lt. ⁵⁹		<u>LANDED</u>
N PINCOMB, 1st Lt. ⁵²		<u>2041</u>
E ELLSWORTH, S/Sgt.		
G HUGHES, S/Sgt.		
F MARVICK, S/Sgt.		
X		

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THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION.

1944:

CREW'S

SQUADRON
442nd

PLANE NUMBER

P HARTE, 1st Lt. 53
CP MOONEY, 2nd Lt. 8
B WARD, 2nd Lt. 22
N ENGLISH, 2nd Lt. 6
E KING, S/Sgt.
R DELAIRE, S/Sgt.
G BENTLEY, S/Sgt.
F
X

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TOOK OFF
1620
LANDED
2041

P HENSELL, 2nd Lt. 58
CP ARMSTRONG, 1st Lt. 56
B MC GRAY, S/Sgt.
N
E HUSTON, S/Sgt.
R FORREST, S/Sgt.
G FIELD, S/Sgt.
F LAFOREST, Cpl.
X

442nd

31 29
TOOK OFF
1620
LANDED
2041

P ABERNATHY, 1st Lt. 22
CP MC OMBER, 2nd Lt. 9
B GERMANO, 2nd Lt. 24
N
E MC CURLEY, S/Sgt.
R RATTI, S/Sgt.
G TURNER, T/Sgt.
F
X

442nd

43
TOOK OFF
1620
LANDED
2041

P GRABOWSKI, 1st Lt. 62
CP LA CHASSE, 2nd Lt. 8
B HARRINGTON, S/Sgt.
X KELLER, Capt.
E MARGOLIS, S/Sgt.
R SA VENETTI, S/Sgt.
G SINGLER, S/Sgt.
X PAINE, Sgt.
X

442nd

38
TOOK OFF
1620
LANDED
2042

P TAYLOR, 1st Lt.
CP THORNTON, 1st Lt.
B WESTBROOK, Pvt.
N
E ROCHESTER, S/Sgt.
G EARL, S/Sgt.
F MARSH, S/Sgt.
X FRANK, Sgt.

442nd

26
TOOK OFF
LANDED
1628

P WELCH, 2nd Lt. 55
CP PORCYNALUK, 2nd Lt. 29
B MAGGIO, 1st Lt. 51
N
E WALKER, S/Sgt.
G MOORE, S/Sgt.
F WEISS, S/Sgt.
X

442nd

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TOOK OFF
1620
LANDED
2042

*Early
no credit*

MISSION NO. 2
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS

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CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P BROWN, 1st Lt. 47	442nd	27
CP METSCHAN, 2nd Lt. 7		TOOK OFF
B YOUNES, 2nd Lt. 19		1621
N		LANDED
E S/Sgt. PUTNAM		2042
R TRIMBOLI, S/Sgt.		
G RODGERS, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		

P MC DOUGAL, 1st Lt. 26	442nd	39
CP STUTLER, 2nd Lt. 3		TOOK OFF
B HARMON, S/Sgt.		1623
N XXXXXXXXXX		LANDED
E CRAMER, S/Sgt.		2041
R CHERE, Sgt.		
G BUTLER, S Sgt.		
F CINCISLLO, Sgt.		
X		

P STERN, 2nd Lt. 32	442nd	46
CP VANDERBURG, F/O 28		TOOK OFF
B FARWELL, Sgt.		1621
N		LANDED
E ELLIAS, S/Sgt.		2041
R SHEARER, Sgt.		
G BOSSIRE, T/Sgt.		
F		
X		

P BAKER, 1st Lt. 28	442nd	40
CP SPRADLING, 2nd Lt. 4		TOOK OFF
B HARLAN, S/Sgt.		1621
N		LANDED
E MC CULLY, S/Sgt.		2043
R PASTORAK, S/Sgt.		
G SIMEO, S/Sgt.		
F		
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CREW	SPARES	SERES	SPARES
P AYREY, 1st Lt.	443rd		54
CP MILLER, 2nd Lt.			TOOK OFF
B BROWN, S/Sgt.		<i>Early no credit</i>	LANDED
N LUPER, S/Sgt.			1950
E SALVATI, S/Sgt.			
G HANSEN, S/Sgt.			
F			
X			

P MC KAY, 1st Lt.	442nd	48
CP ROSS, 2nd Lt.		TOOK OFF
B MAUND, 2nd Lt.		1622
N XXXXXXXXXX		LANDED
E MANNING, S/Sgt.		2048
G BLUM, S/Sgt.		
F BUTH, S/Sgt.		
X		