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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 296, Day Operation, 9 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Hunter.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1605 hours 23 B-26's took off to bomb Lesegno road bridge (M/R: O-197528, sheet #81). 1 B-26 returned early, which was a spare. 22 B-26's were over the target and 22 B-26's dropped 88 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (.1, .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1849 hours from 9,300' on an axis of 275°. 21 B-26's returned to base at 2032 hours and 1 B-26 returned late at 2114 hours after landing in Gorizia for gas.

C. RESULTS: Both squadrons covered the target with excellent patterns scoring several direct hits and many damaging near misses.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: 1. Spitfires provided escort, but left formation because of low gas supply just before bombing.
2. 5 S/E unidentified A/C making circles at 1,000' and 1/4 mile of shore at Albenga.

b. Situation: 1. 1 dummy at Mondovi A/D.
2. 1 silver S/E A/C at Villanova A/D.

2. Ground: a. General: Tremendous explosions on Villanova - Albenga A/D at 1800 hours; hangars smoking and fire on runway at 1902 hours.

b. Communications:

1. 1 train of 15 cars headed south 2 miles north of Albenga at 1800 hours.

2. 2. 2 RR cars and one locomotive switching in Bagnasco at 1803 hours.

3. 40 RR cars at Albenga.

4. Train of 75 cars headed east, east of Ceva at 1821 hrs.

5. Train of 20 RR cars headed south at Spigno at 1832 hr.

6. 10 RR cars and locomotive switching in Cairo Montenotte at 1841 hours.

7. RR bridge out at Alba, 5 spans.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 2 M/V's at Imperia.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

A. Weather: Hazy and scattered cumulus over Corsica.

Target: No low clouds over target; 9/10 nimbo-stratus in area, tops 9,000'; scattered middle and high clouds; visibility 7 miles in haze and smoke.

Return: AS enroute.

E. ROUTES: Base to rendezvous in Corsica; to Albenga; to Lesegno; to Cherasco; to Piza Monferrato; to Acqui; to Cairo Montenotte; to Lesegno; curve left to Cairo Montenotte; bomb run to target; breakaway left to Albenga; to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION # 314 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN HUNTER: 3 August 1944.

ROW	NAME	NAME	NAME
		WENDLING	
48	DOEHLIN	34 FREESTONE	HARTE
34	48 Cohen		31 WARD
31		KADEN	
25	STEINFACH	32 Maggio	TAYLOR
33	25 Miller	WELCH	46 Westbrook
46		87 Muller	
47		BARRACLOUGH	
43	GRABOWASKY	40 Germano	ARMSTRONG
40	43 Milltsher	GREGG	29 Chamberlin
29		37 Villa	
37		CAUDILL	
69	REYNOLDS	70 TEDWELL	LAMB
70	69 Avery		56 DAVIS
56		HAMEL	
68	OPPERMAN	63 Lowrey	BRAINARD
63	68 Newell	KOLAR	65 Henry
65		50 Greene	
50		HILL	
51	CARTER	52 Ritter	SHERWOOD
52	51 Adams	WIRKKALA	59 Brown
55		57 Lyle	
57		SPARES	
45	ETERNAL		WEST
61	45 Wenick		61 Shaban

GROUND SPARES

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* RADIO CALL SIGNS *

* 320th Bomb Group * COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 3 AUGUST 1944.

* "TOPNOTCH" * TIME FLARE COLORS

* * 0200-0800 RED & GREEN

* * 0800-1400 RED & RED RED

* * 1400-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW

* FIGHTERS. * 2000-0200 RED & YELLOW

* * "TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS" * AIDIS LAPS SIGNALS

* ** TERS. ** ** * TIME CHALLENGE REPLY

CHANNEL " A" 0200-0800 G Y

0800-1400 Q O

1400-2000 F L

2000-0200 H I

MISSION NUMBER 34
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION. AF 3 August 1944

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61	442nd	34
CP METSCHAN, 2nd Lt. 8		TOOK OFF
B FRERSTONE, CAPT. 60		1605
N PINCOMB, 1st Lt. 54		LANDED
E PENTON, S/Sgt.		<u>2032</u>
R HUGHES, S/Sgt.		
G MARVICK, S/Sgt.		
FC HUNTER, CAPT. 60		
X		
P HARTE, 1st Lt. 54	442nd	31
CP LACHASSE, 2nd Lt. 9		TOOK OFF
B WARD, 2nd Lt. 23		1605
N KING, 1st Lt. 48		LANDED
E SALVESON, S/Sgt.		<u>2032</u>
R ABERNATHY, S/Sgt.		
G BUTH, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P DODELIN, 1st Lt. 52	442nd	48
CP MOONEY, 2nd Lt. 9		TOOK OFF
B COHEN, 2nd Lt. 4		1605
N		LANDED
E WALDEN, S/Sgt.		<u>2032</u>
R BESSIE, T/Sgt.		
G BUTLER, S/Sgt.		
F FRANK, S		
X		
P KADEN, 1st Lt. 58	442nd	33
CP MAYFIELD, 2nd Lt. 7		TOOK OFF
B MAGGIO, 1st Lt. 52		1606
N		LANDED
E O'NEAL, S/Sgt.		<u>2033</u>
R MALBURN, S/Sgt.		
G JOHNSON, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P taylor, 1st Lt. 60	442nd	46
CP THORNTON, 1st Lt. 55		TOOK OFF
B WESTBROOK, Pvt.		1606
N		LANDED
E HOWARD, T/Sgt.		<u>2033</u>
G MARSH, S/Sgt.		
F KARL, S/Sgt.		
X		
P STEINBACH, Capt. 12	442nd	25
CP WELLS, 2nd Lt. 14		TOOK OFF
B MILLER, Sgt.		1606
N UNDERWOOD, S/Sgt.		LANDED
E ORGERON, T/Sgt.		<u>2033</u>
G HOYLE, S/Sgt.		
F MIDDLETON,		
X		

MISSION NUMBER _____ PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION _____ 1944

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
W P WELCH, 2nd Lt. 26 CP MC OMBER, 2nd Lt. 10 B FRIEND, S/Sgt. 7 E M walker, s/sgt. R M DANKO, S/Sgt. G M BENTLEY, S/Sgt. G F HAYES, F X	442nd	47 TOOK OFF 1606 LANDED 2033
F P BARRACLAUGH, 1st Lt. 54 CP ROWAN, 2nd Lt. 55 B GERMANO, 2nd Lt. 25 N E BOLLINGER, S/Sgt. R MORSE, T/Sgt. G MUKELSON, Sgt. F X	442nd	40 TOOK OFF 1607 LANDED 2034
W P ARMSTRONG, 1st Lt. 57 CP HENSELL, 2nd Lt. 59 B CHAMBERLIN, S/Sgt. N E HUSTON, S/Sgt. R FORREST, S/Sgt. G FIELD, S/Sgt. F LAFORREST, Cpl. X	442nd	29 TOOK OFF 1607 LANDED 2034
W P GRABOWSKI, 1st Lt. 63 CP ROJNOVSKI, 2nd Lt. 5 B MILITSCHER, Sgt. N E MARGOLIS, S/Sgt. R SAVENETTI, S/Sgt. G FURDY, Cpl. F X	442nd	43 TOOK OFF 1607 LANDED 2034
W P GREGG, 1st Lt. 52 CP ROSS, 2nd Lt. 2 B VILA, 2nd Lt. 9 N E ELIAS, S/Sgt. R KRAUSE, S/Sgt. G NEMLER, S/Sgt. F X	442nd	37 TOOK OFF 1607 LANDED 2034
B P CAWILL, 1st Lt. 63 CP STINSON, 1st Lt. 63 B TIDWELL, Capt. 60 N UNDERWOOD, 1st Lt. 44 E SIMMONS, Cpl. G GRIFFIN, T/Sgt. F SONNORSTINE, Sgt. X	443rd	70 TOOK OFF 1608 LANDED 2035

MISSION NUMBER _____
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION OF _____ 1944:

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P LAMB, 1st Lt. 55 CP KOTAS, 2nd Lt. 7 B DAVIS, 2nd Lt. 13 N NOBEL, 1st Lt. 61 E LAMOUREUX, S/Sgt. R GLOWATCH, T/Sgt. G MAC DONALD, S/Sgt. F X	443rd	56 TOOK OFF 1608 LANDED 2035
P REYNOLDS, 1st Lt. 63 CP BIRDWELL, 2nd Lt. 47 3 B AVERY, S/Sgt. W E WATHEN, Sgt. R E AVER, T/Sgt. G ROLFE, S/Sgt. F MC GOWAN, Cpl. F X	443rd	62 TOOK OFF 1608 LANDED 2035
P HAMEL, 1st Lt. 30 CP TOWNSEND, 2nd Lt. 3 B LOWERY, 2nd Lt. 4 F E COFFEY, S/Sgt. R TRANECK, S/Sgt. G MC QUEEN, Sgt. F X	443rd	63 TOOK OFF 1609 LANDED 2036
P BRAINERD, 1st Lt. 8 CP O'HARA, 2nd Lt. 42 2 B HENRY, S/Sgt. W E BUJEL, S/Sgt. R CAIN, Cpl. G ZEIGLER, Sgt. F X	443rd	65 TOOK OFF 1609 LANDED 2036
P OFFERMAN, 2nd Lt. 31 CP WOODHURST, 2nd Lt. 36 W B SNIDER, S/Sgt. N E OEHKE, Cpl. G DEVERNA, S/Sgt. F SHOLLENBERGER, Sgt. X COLLINS, Sgt.	443rd	68 TOOK OFF 1609 LANDED 2036
P KOLAR, 1st Lt. 56 CP CARTER, 1st Lt. 63 W B GREENE, 1st Lt. 2 N E CUMMINS, Sgt. G BEALE, Sgt. F PRICE, S/Sgt. X	443rd	50 TOOK OFF 1609 LANDED 2032

MISSION NUMBER-
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS _____ 1944:

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P HILL, 1st Lt. 38	443rd	52
CP UHLIG, 2nd Lt. 6		TOOK OFF
B RITTER, 2nd Lt. 14		1609
N		LANDED
E GOOCH, Cpl.		<u>2037</u>
R WAYMIRE, Cpl.		
G PECK, Sgt.		
F		
X		

P SHERWOOD, 2nd Lt. 8	443rd	55
CP PHILLIPS, 1st Lt. 6		TOOK OFF
B BROWN, S/Sgt.		1610
N		LANDED
E LALLY, Sgt.		<u>2037</u>
R MOTSENBOCKER, S/Sgt.		
G WONG, Sgt.		
F CHRISTIANSON, Cpl.		
X		

P DUGAN, 1st Lt. 54	443rd	51
CP GOODWIN, 1st Lt. 63		TOOK OFF
B ADAMS, 2nd Lt. 37		1610
N		LANDED
E ADAMS, S/Sgt.		<u>2037</u>
R COOMS, T/Sgt.		
G STRAKA, S/Sgt.		
F BERKINS, Sgt.		
X		

P WIRKKALA, 1st Lt. 35	443rd	57
CP PETROSKI, 2nd Lt. 9		TOOK OFF
B LYLE, 1st Lt. 3		1610
N		LANDED
E WILLIAMS, Cpl.		<u>2037</u>
R ROMIG, S/Sgt.		
G HOOD, S/Sgt.		
F COX, S/Sgt.		
X		

SPARRIES	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
P WEST, 1st Lt.		443rd		61
CP ZOELLER, 2nd Lt.				TOOK OFF
B		<u>NO TAKE OFF</u>		LANDED
N				
E				
G				
F				
X				

P BARNARD, 1st Lt.	442nd	45
CP SPRADLING, 2nd Lt.		TOOK OFF
B WERNICK, 2nd Lt.		1611
N		LANDED
E ROCHESTER, S/Sgt.		<u>1830</u>
G WASACZ, S/Sgt.		
F WEISS, S/Sgt.		
X		

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