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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 297. Day Operation, 4 Aug. 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Hunter.

A. 320TH Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0846 hours 13 B-26's took off to bomb Ventimiglia RR Bridge west (M/R: S-587878, Sheet 102). 1 B-26 returned early, which was a spare. 12 B-26's were over the target and 10 dropped 40 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1043 hours from 11,600' to 11,100' on an axis of 05°. 8 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base because A/C were not in a position to hit the target. 12 B-26's returned to base at 1229 hours.

C. RESULTS: Most of the bombs landed just over and to the right, north-east of the target, there were a few possible hits on the east end of the bridge and approaches.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: Spitfires provided escort.

b. Situation: None

2. Ground: a. General: None.

b. Communications:

1. 40 M/T parked at road intersection W of S. Stefano.

2. 20 RR cars at Ventimiglia.

3. 50 RR cars west of Ventimiglia.

4. 20 M/T just east of Ventimiglia.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shooting: 2 small M/T's at Ventimiglia.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: Enroute; 8/10 cumulus at 8,000' to 3 miles off Italian coast.

Target: Open.

Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTE: Base to rendezvous at C. Dalia; to IP south of target; to target; breakaway right to second run on the target; breakaway right; to base.

F. COMMENTS: Cloud cover over water reaching to just short of land prevented accurate bombing.

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MISSION #
315

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. HUNTER

4 AUGUST 1944

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RADIO:
320th TOPNOTCH
Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS
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CHANNEL "A"

54	LYDAY Schneider	51	MACKINNON WAGNER	57	MORAN Holland
		70	CLARK HOVE		
			"B"		
		64	AYREY HILZGA	52	REYNOLDS Kvery
69	HECKLER Murray	63	WEST Balow		
			"C"		
		55	WEEKS LOKIN	56	YOUNG Montgomery
50	NICOUD Taken	66	SPEED Sel,er		
			"D"		
		34	HARTE WIRD	48	DOBELTH Loquet
29	ROJNOVSKY Farwell	37	CLAYBOUGH MONTIZ		
			"E"		
		33	BROWN YOUENES	25	ALLEN Harrington
47	TAYLOR Westbrook	27	GREGG Haggio		
			"F"		
		31	ABERNATHY GERIANO	43	R.F. WILLIAMS Horton
40	MC KAY Chamberlin	5	BERNARD Wermack		
			"G"		
		85	HUDEL Lowery	46	THORNTON Harian
			"H"		

SEAPES: 85 HUDEL 46 THORNTON
Lowery Harian

COLORS OF THE DAY

0200-0800	BLARE COLORS
0800-1100	YELLOW & YELLOW
1100-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
2000-0200	RED & RED RED
	YELLOW & YELLOW RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	X	L
0800-2000	Q	Y
1100-2000	P	M
2000-0200	S	G

MISSION NUMBER 315
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION.

4 AUGUST 1944

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P CP B N E R G FC X MAC KINNON, CAPT. 50	443rd	51 TOOK OFF 0846 LANDED 1229
P CP B N E R G FX MORAN, 1st Lt. 39 TIMM, 1st Lt. 61 HOLLAND, 2nd Lt. 3	443rd	57 TOOK OFF 0846 LANDED 1229
P CP B N E R G FX WILLIAMS, CPL. ROSS, CPL. B SKINS, CPL.		
P CP B N E R G FX LYDAY, 1st Lt. 54 BIRDWELL, 2nd Lt. 2	443rd	54 TOOK OFF 0846 LANDED 1229
P CP B N E R G FX SNIDER, S/Sgt. VOLOSKEY, S/Sgt. SZCZECH, S/Sgt. FLAJNIK, S/Sgt. MC GOWAN, CPL.		
P CP B N E R G FX CLARK, 1st Lt. 34 MILLER, 2nd Lt. 2 HOWE, 2nd Lt. 13 SCHWARTZ, 1st Lt. 46 BARRY, S/Sgt. MARSTELLAR, S/Sgt. KIMMICH, S/Sgt.	443rd	70 TOOK OFF 0846 LANDED 1229
P CP B N E R G FX AYREY, 1st Lt. 36 STRATTON, 2nd Lt. 5 MIAZGA, 2nd Lt. 13	443rd	64 TOOK OFF 0847 LANDED 1232
P CP B N E R G FX LUPER, S/Sgt. SALVATTI, S/Sgt. HANSEN, S/Sgt.		
P CP B N E R G FX REYNOLDS, 1st Lt. 64 KOMOROWSKI, 2nd Lt. 1 AVERY, S/Sgt.	443rd	52 TOOK OFF 0847 LANDED 1232
P CP B N E R G FX WATHEN, Sgt. PEAVIER, T/Sgt. LAWRENCE, S/Sgt.		

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CREW'S	SQUADRON	FLIGHT NUMBER
W P HECKLER, 1st Lt. 33 CP WATSON, 2nd Lt. 4 B MURRAY, 2nd Lt. 3 N TROUTMAN, S/Sgt. E TALSKEY, S/Sgt. R PURTZ, S/Sgt. G COLLINS, Sgt. F X	443rd	69 TOOK OFF 0817 LANDED 1232
W P WEST, CAPT. 12 CP MOBBY, 2nd Lt. 3 B BULOW, 2nd Lt. 14 N E DEVLIN, Sgt. R PROPST, Sgt. G WARD, Sgt. F X	443rd	63 TOOK OFF 0817 LANDED 1227
F P WEEKS, 1st Lt. 5-2 CP CONNELLY, 2nd Lt. 4/492 B LOKAN, 2nd Lt. N E HARK, S/Sgt. R MC QUEEN, Sgt. G ERKINS, Sgt. F X	443rd	55 TOOK OFF 0818 LANDED 1230
W P YOUNG, 1st Lt. 32 CP LIVSEY, 2nd Lt. 6 B MONTGOMERY, 2nd Lt. 1 N E ADAMS, S/Sgt. R BOLL, CPL. G THOMPSON, Sgt. F MIDDLETON X	443rd	56 TOOK OFF 0818 LANDED 1230
W P NICOU, 2nd Lt. 30 CP PHILLIPS, 1st Lt. 7 B TAKEN, F/O 1 N E GORMAN, Sgt. G GRAHAM, Sgt. F SUGGS, Sgt. X	443rd	50 TOOK OFF 0818 LANDED 1230
W P SPEED, 1st Lt. 36 CP SWIFT, 2nd Lt. 2 B SELZER, 2nd Lt. 5 N E CHANDLER, S/Sgt. G WAGNER, S/Sgt. F MENSCH, S/Sgt. X	443rd	66 TOOK OFF 0818 LANDED 1230

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THE FOLLOWING CR. PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION.

1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
S P HARTE, 1st Lt. 55 CP MC OMBER, 2nd Lt. 11 B WARD, 2nd Lt. 24 N KLUG, 1st Lt. E SALVESON, S/Sgt. R ABERNATHY, S/Sgt. G BUTH, S/Sgt. F X	442nd	34 TOOK OFF 0849 LANDED 1239
W P DODELIN, 1st Lt. 53 CP LA CHASSE, 2nd Lt. 10 B MOCQUOT, 1st Lt. 3 N E WALDEN, S/Sgt. R BESSIRE, T/Sgt. G BUTLER, Sgt. F X	442nd	48 TOOK OFF 0849 LANDED 1239
W P GRABOWSKI, 1st Lt. 61 CP MOONEY, 2nd Lt. 10 B FARWELL, Sgt. N E MARGOLIS, S/Sgt. R SAVENETTI, S/Sgt. G PURDY, Cpl. F LAFORREST, Cpl. X	442nd	29 TOOK OFF LANDED 1239
W P CLAYBAUGH, 1st Lt. 49 CP ROSS, 2nd Lt. 3 B MONTEZ, 1st Lt. 36 N ENGLISH, 2nd Lt. 7 E HUSTON, S/Sgt. R MOORE, S/Sgt. G KEIL, PFC. F X	442nd	27 TOOK OFF 0849 LANDED 1239
F P BROWN, 1st Lt. 48 CP OBER, 2nd Lt. 29 B YOUNES, 2nd Lt. 20 N E PUTNAM, S/Sgt. G TRIMBOLI, S/Sgt. F MARVICK, S/Sgt. X	442nd	33 TOOK OFF 0850 LANDED 1240
W P ALLEN, 2nd Lt. 36 CP STERN, 2nd Lt. 34 B HARRINGTON, S/Sgt. N X E GRAMER, S/Sgt. G CHASE, S/Sgt. F FIELD, S/Sgt. X	442nd	25 TOOK OFF 0850 LANDED 1340

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 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF _____ 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P TAYLOR, 1st Lt. 61	442nd	47
CP MAYFIELD, 2nd Lt. 8		TOOK OFF
B WESTBROOK, PVT.		
N		LANDED
E HOWARD, S/Sgt.		<u>1240</u>
R MARSH, S/Sgt.		
G KARL, S/Sgt.		
F FRANK, Sgt.		
X		
P GREGG, 1st Lt. 53	28 442nd	28
CP ROWAN, 2nd Lt. 4		TOOK OFF
B MAGGIO, 1st Lt. 53		0850
N		LANDED
E ELIAS, S/Sgt.		<u>1240</u>
R KRAUSE, S/Sgt.		
G NEMIER, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P ABERNATHY, 1st Lt. 23	442nd	31
CP ROJNOVSKY, 2nd Lt. 6		TOOK OFF
B SPANN, 2nd Lt. 121		0851
N		LANDED
E O'NEAL, S/Sgt.		<u>1241</u>
R DANKO, S/Sgt.		
G BENTLEY, S/Sgt.		
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P WILLIAMS, R.F., 1st Lt. 45	442nd	43
CP PORCYNALUK, 2nd Lt. 30		TOOK OFF
B HARMON, S/Sgt.		
N		LANDED
E MANNING, S/Sgt.		<u>1216</u>
R PASTORAK, S/Sgt.		
G BURNS, PVT.		
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P MC KAY, 1st Lt. 52	442nd	40
CP WILLIAMS, R.A., 1st Lt. 47		TOOK OFF
B CHAMBERLIN, S/Sgt.		0851
N		LANDED
E MC GULLE, S/Sgt.		<u>1241</u>
G BLUM, S/Sgt.		
F SPANGLER, S/Sgt.		
X		
P BARNARD, 1st Lt. 53	442nd	45
CP SPRADLING, 2nd Lt. 5		TOOK OFF
B WERNICK, 2nd Lt. 6		0851
N		LANDED
E ROCHESTER, S/Sgt.		<u>1241</u>
G WASICZ, S/Sgt.		
F WEISS, S/Sgt.		
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 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION. ON _____ 1944:

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SQUADRON
 443rd

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HAMEL, 1st Lt.
 TOWNSEND, 2nd Lt.
 LOWERY, 2nd Lt.

JUST, S/Sgt.
 ROMIG, S/Sgt.
 HOOD, S/Sgt.

*Early
 No credit*

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THORNTON, 1st Lt.
 MC LAUGHLIN, 2nd Lt.
 FARLAN, S/Sgt.

BOLLINGER, Sgt.
 CLENDENEN, S/Sgt.
 MILELSEN, Sgt.

*Early
 No credit*

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 0852
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