

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMB ARMBENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 329. Day Operation, 29 August 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Nustallee.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0745 30 B-26's took off to bomb S. Dona Piave RR Bridge (M/R: (R) G 865725, GSGS 4164, sheet 52.). 2 B-26's returned early, spares. 27 B-26's were over the target and dropped 108 x 1000 pound demolition bombs (1/10, 01 second delay fuses) on the target at 1045 hours from 9000 feet to 8500 feet on an Axis of 338 degrees. 27 B-26's landed at Cecina at 1221 hours. 26 B-26's returned to base between 1645 hours and 1724 hours. 1 B-26 took off from Cecina but turned back to return to Cecina due to engine trouble. 1 B-26 was lost; crashed on takeoff due to loss of power; A/C destroyed; crew safe.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target, scoring several direct hits. Visual observation after bombing confirmed that the NW half of the bridge is collapsed in the water.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1). B-24's and B-25's were seen bombing in the area.
- (2). Escort failed to rendezvous but 21 S/E friendly A/C were seen 35 miles S. of the target at 1032 hours.
- (3). 1 crew member reported an ME-110 flying S. at 6000 feet, 25 miles S. of the target, at 1036 hours.

b. Situation: None

2. Ground:

a. General: Possible net across inlet mouth at Ceorle.

b. Communications:

- (1). 8 RR cars in M/Y at S. Dona Piave.
- (2). 30 M/T headed N. from Lesole at 1043 hours.
- (3). Train of 30 cars stationary, locomotive facing N. at Trivino at 1042 hours.
- (4). 60 M/T in groups of 10 headed E. out of Biagia D' Callalta at 1043 hours.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 15/20 barges, 2 moving E. in Canal SW. of Lesole at 1042 hours.

1041 hours.  
(2). 7 barges just N. of target at 1046 hours  
(3). 2 small craft moving NE. in sea S. of target at  
(4). 2 M/V at Birano at 1041 hours.

3. Losses: 1 crashed on take off. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Very scattered cumulus at 2000 feet.
- b. Target: Clear with haze.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Route: Base to rendezvous point at Loreto (Escort failed to rendezvous) over water to 40 miles S. of target; 360 degrees curve to right; to target; breakaway left; curve right over target; to Ancona; to Lake Trasimeno to Cecina.

F. Comments: None

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89	<u>KOLANSKY</u> Beebe	88	<u>JOHNSON</u> FOCIAN	81	<u>AMAGE</u> LORRE
81	<u>WALDROP</u> Hooper	83	<u>TOMNS</u> Dziędzic	82	<u>TRILLI</u> Häcker
94	<u>JONES, R.W.</u> Wilson	93	<u>PLACKTER</u> Kiddan	97	<u>LOGSDON</u> Goldman
65	<u>VAN KEUREN</u> Sherman	62	<u>ACKERMAN</u> MC CARTNEY	70	<u>STRACHAN</u> STREHLAND
61	<u>HECKLER</u> Lindsay	51	<u>HANEL</u> Green	62	<u>SHEPWOOD</u> Percerson
68	<u>WEBB</u> Hirsh	52	<u>AMREY</u> EGLER	54	<u>NICCOUD</u> Adams
08	<u>GRAY</u> Wesley	29	<u>CORNELIUS</u> TRINOR	11	<u>WACHTER</u> FERGUSON
06	<u>O'MONROEY</u> Merrill	07	<u>REAVES</u> O'Donnell		<u>OL KLUG</u> Vigna
21	<u>EWING</u> Devers	20	<u>MYERS</u> Peters	18	<u>GRWA</u> Kwiatkowski
80	<u>HANNON</u> FROELICH	57	<u>BRAINARD</u> Lowry	03	<u>HEEREN</u> Posey

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Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS  
Channel - "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY

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

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	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	H	11
0800-1400	G	F
1400-2000	D	P
2000-0200	N	L

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 29 AUGUST 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
JOHNSON, PILOT, Capt. 61	44th	88
WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15		took off 0745
POA N, BOMB. 1st Lt. 58		landed 1645
DELOSIER, NAV. 1st Lt. 13		
ORNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
<del>██████████</del> , FLIGHT COMMANDER, <del>██████████</del> <i>Capt NUNNALLEE 43</i>		
RAMAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 45	44th	85
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11		took off 0745
<del>BOAKS</del> , BOMB. 2nd Lt. 22		landed 1645
WEBB, NAV. 2nd Lt. 23		
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ENGLEHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
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KAMANSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12	44th	89
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off 0745
BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed 1645
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DEYANG, PHOTO, Pvt. (French)		
TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	44th	83
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0745
DEIEDZIC, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1646
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CLITES, T/Sgt.		
TRIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. //	44th	82
LAMPMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. //		took off 0745
HATCHER, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1646
DELEO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHEROLD, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROSS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WALDROP, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 32	44th	81
KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 38		took off 0745
HOOPER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed 1646
RANKIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
TKACH, RADIO, Cpl.		
BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.		
PLACKTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	44th	93
VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 24		took off 0745
RINDEN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1645
COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
CAMPBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LOGSDON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9	44th	97
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11		took off 0746
GOLDMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 8		landed 1645
KELLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt. DELUCA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, Cpl.		

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10	JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441th	94	
6	SALMONSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0746
not ?	NELSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1645
	GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
	RAINES, RADIO, Cpl.			
	ACKERMAN, PILOT, Capt.	52 443rd	62	0746
	MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	54	took off	
	MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 1st Lt.	43	landed	1655
	TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt.	53		
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	GIE S, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
	MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	49 443rd	70	
	LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	12	took off	0746
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.	50	landed	1655
	STORICK, NAV. 2nd Lt.	15		
	HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	ZACHAR, GUNNER, Sgt.			
	COOK, X, MAJOR			
	VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	41 443rd	65	
	NEALY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	7	took off	0746
	SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1655
	GORMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
	GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.			
	SUGGS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
	CHRISTIANSEN, PHOTO, Sgt.			
	HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	37 443rd	51	
	TOWNSEND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	11	took off	0747
	GREENE, BOMB. 1st Lt.	8	landed	1656
	COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	TRANEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	MELE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	LE CA LHEBELIERS, MAJOR, X.			
	SHERWOOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	16 4435d	63	
	MOYER, CO PILOT, Capt.	6	took off	0747
	PETERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.	6	landed	1656
	PARK, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
	MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	WONG, GUNNER, Sgt.			
	HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	41 443rd	53	
	KOMOROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	7	took off	0755
	MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	11	landed	1659
	TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	FURTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
	MC GOWAN, PHOTO, Cpl.			
	AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	56 443rd	52	
	STRATTON, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.	10	took off	0748
	BULOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	25	landed	1656
	LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
	HOYNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
	HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

35	NICOUD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54		
1	NIENABER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0748	
1/5	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1658	
	ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	ROSS, RADIO, Cpl.				
	FORD, GUNNER, Cpl.				
	WEST, PILOT, Capt. 32	443rd	68		
	WEINGART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12		took off	0748	
	MIAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12		landed	1658	
	DEVLIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.				
	PROPST, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
	ORR, GUNNER, Cpl.				
	CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	441st	23		
	GAHN, CO PILOT, Capt. 16		took off	0749	
	TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 21		landed	1723	
	CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. 56				
	LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
	BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.				
	WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	441st	11		
	STELER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7		took off	0749	
	FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12		landed	1723	
	BADER, NAV. 2nd Lt. 9				
	HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
	MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
	SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt. 21	441st	10		
	DOMKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off	0749	
	COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1723	
	FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.				
	FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.				
	STIPE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.				
	CIRIO, PHOTO, Pvt.				
	REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	441st	07		
	CUDWORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off	0751	
	O'CONNELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 16		landed	1906	Cecina
	BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
	TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.				
	KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01		
	KAUFFMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off		
	VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed		crashed on T.O. crew O.K.
	STRAND, ENGINEER, Sgt.				
	ZEDEDA, RADIO, Cpl.				
	LOFTON, GUNNER, Sgt.				
	O'MAHONY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12	441st	06		
	LYONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off	0751	
	MIRABELLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 10		landed	1724	
	DUARTE, ENGINEER, Cpl.				
	ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
	VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.				
	MADDOCKS, PHOTO, T/Sgt.				
	MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39	441st	20		0751
	TOFFER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 36		took off	1724	
	TAKEN, BOMB. F/O 9	BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.	WILSON, GUNNER,	

15 GRALA, PILOT, F/O, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 441st 18  
 MC CURDY, CO pilot, F/O/2 took off 0751  
 KWIAKOWSKI, BOMB. T/Sgt. landed 1724  
 PURELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 COOK, RADIO, Sgt.  
 GANZONETTA, GUNNER, Sgt.  
 WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Cpl.

EVANS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12 441st 21  
 SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 3 took off 0751  
 DEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7 landed 1724  
 MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
 MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 NELSON, GUNNER, Cpl.  
 WENDELL, GUNNER, Cpl.

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HEEREN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14 441st 03  
 BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2 took off 0753  
 POSEY, BOMB. 1st Lt. 5 ~~landed~~ 1724  
 CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 TURPEN, RADIO, Sgt.  
 RASCHKE, GUNNER, Sgt.

MURAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 57  
 PETROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0753  
 LOWREY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1012  
 BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 CAIN, RADIO, Sgt.  
 ZEIGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.

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No credit

HAMMOND, PILOT, Capt. 444th 80  
 ELLIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0753  
 FRACHHICH, 2nd Lt. Bomb landed 1025  
 BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 WELLS, GUNNER, Cpl.

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