

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 331, Day Operation, 2 September 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Rummallee.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 15:30 hours, 19 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Ronco Scrivia Railroad Bridge (M/R: (V) C-996716, GSGS 4164, Sheet 82), Italy. 2 B-26's returned to base early: 1 engine cutting out; 1 blown gasket. 17 B-26's were over the target, on three runs, but no bombs were dropped, because the target could not be identified, due to heavy ground haze and late afternoon shadows. The formation was over the target at 17:31 hours, 17:45 hours, and 18:20 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on axes of 300°, 110°, and 300°. 8 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged: 4 because the tail fin came loose and fuse came out of one bomb, and was salvaged over water; 4 because the pilot did not want to make a night landing with a bomb load. 60 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base. 14 B-26's returned to base at 20:19 hours. 3 B-26's landed at 22:00 hours, after landing in Ghisonaccia, Corsica, for fuel.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: Spitfires and P-47's were seen in the target area.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Large fire with gray smoke in La Spezia.
- (2) 4 railroad bridges South of Novi Ligure rebuilt and passable.

b. Communications:

- (1) 40 RR cars at Ovada.
- (2) 50 RR cars at Novi Ligure.

c. Flak:

La Spezia: S-M, H, A, A, CP fire 4H at P-6114.
3H at P-8503.
3H at P-7002.

La Spezia: S, L, I, I.

Sestri Levante: S, L, I, I.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 3 medium M/V's, 5 small craft in drydock, at Sestri Levante at 17:58 hours.
- (2) 1 large and 2 medium M/V's at La Spezia at 18:46 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 1 due to flak; 1 crew member injured by flak.

4. Weather:

- a. Barometer: 3/10ths Cumulus at 5,000'.

- b. Target: 7/10ths Casulus at 8,000'; visibility very poor due to haze.
c. Return: as enroute.

E. Route: Base to landfall, at Moneglia; to Borgonasco; to Torrigin; to target; curve right, South of Alessandria; to Ovada; to target; to Chiavari; curve right, then left; to Moneglia; to Torrigin; to target; curve right, to 5 miles East of Borgonasco; to East of La Spezia; to Marina Di Massa; to Base.

F. Comments: None.

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

MISSION #346 FLIGHT COMMANDER:

2 September 1944

RUNWAY LINE UP

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| | | "A" | |
| | | <u>HAYWARD</u> | |
| | <u>MOYER</u> | <u>70 PICKETT</u> | <u>FELT</u> |
| 65 | <u>65 Peterson</u> | ----- | <u>64 ALLEN</u> |
| 70 | | "B" | |
| 64 | | <u>CLARK</u> | |
| | <u>OPPERMAN</u> | <u>66 Strickland</u> | <u>WIRKKALA</u> |
| 53 | <u>53 Storick</u> | ----- | <u>60 Selmer</u> |
| 66 | | "C" | |
| 60 | | <u>LAMB</u> | |
| | <u>ORAN</u> | <u>68 Davis</u> | <u>SHERWOOD</u> |
| 50 | <u>50 Purvis</u> | ----- | <u>61 Murray</u> |
| 58 | | "D" | |
| 61 | | <u>DEATLY</u> | |
| | <u>PORCYNALUK</u> | <u>34 HENDRIX</u> | <u>ABERNATHY</u> |
| 48 | <u>48 Militcher</u> | ----- | <u>27 GERMANO</u> |
| 34 | | "E" | |
| 27 | | <u>ESTES</u> | |
| | <u>ZELLERBACH</u> | <u>35 Fuller</u> | <u>METSCHAN</u> |
| 47 | <u>47 Wood</u> | ----- | <u>44 Farwell</u> |
| 35 | | "F" | |
| 44 | | <u>BROWN</u> | |
| | <u>ALLEN</u> | <u>37 Miller</u> | <u>MC KAY</u> |
| 29 | <u>29 Chamberlin</u> | ----- | <u>46 Friend</u> |
| 37 | | SPARES | |
| 46 | | | |
| | <u>BAKER</u> | | <u>MOSEY</u> |
| | <u>28 SAUGH</u> | ----- | <u>21 Wlaszko</u> |
| 28 | | GROUND SPARES | |
| 51 | | | |

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 COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 2 SEPTEMBER 1944

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

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| | | FLIGHT COLORS |
| 0200-0800 | | YELLOW & YELLOW RED |
| 0800-1400 | | RED & GREEN |
| 1400-2000 | | GREEN & GREEN |
| 2000-0200 | | RED & YELLOW |
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| | | ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS |
| | | CHALLENGE REPLY |
| 0200-0800 | H | G |
| 0800-1400 | W | Q |
| 1400-2000 | L | P |
| 2000-0200 | C | I |
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 2 September 1944:

| CREWS | SQUADRON | PLANE NO. |
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| HAYWARD, PILOT, CAPT. 44 UNLIG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16 PICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt. 42 UNDERWOOD, NAV. 1st Lt. 49 LUTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HAMMOND, RADIO, S/Sgt. KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt. NUMMALLEE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 44 | 443rd | 70 took off 1530 landed 2019 |
| FELT, PILOT, CAPT. 52 BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9 ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 53 SCHWARTZ, NAV. 1st Lt. 54 MAI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORT, RADIO, Sgt. BERD, GUNNER, Cpl. | 443rd | 64 took off 1530 landed 2019 |
| MOYER, PILOT, CAPT. 8 SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 PETERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. 7 LUNDGREN, ENGINEER, Sgt. HOYNE, RADIO, Sgt. WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CARROLL, PHOTO, Cpl. - Injured. | 443rd | 65 took off 1530 landed 2130 ± |
| CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42 MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. 51 HOPKINS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. MARSTELLAR, RADIO, T Sgt. KIDWICH, GUNNER, S Sgt. LA FOREST, PHOTO, Cpl. | 443rd | 66 took off 1530+ landed 2130 ± |
| WIRKKALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44 YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 41 SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12 SIMMONS, ENGINEER, Cpl. KENDRICKS, RADIO, Cpl. ORR, GUNNER, Sgt. | 443rd | 60 took off 1530+ landed 2020 |
| OPPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10 STORICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 16 OEHLEKE, ENGINEER, Sgt. DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, Sgt. CHRISTENSON, PHOTO, Cpl. | 443rd | 53 took off 1530+ landed 2130 ± |
| LAMB, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61 KOTAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 22 PARK, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. HAFFER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 68 took off 1531+ landed 2020 |

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| SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 17 | 443rd | 61 | |
| PETROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5 | | took off 1531+ | |
| MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12 | | landed 2020 | |
| ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| FREUDIGER, RADIO, Sgt. | | | |
| ROLFE, GUNNER, T/Sgt. | | | |
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| MORAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49 | 443rd | 50 | |
| PARSONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7 | | took off 1531+ | |
| PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7 | | landed 2130+ | |
| WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | | |
| ROSS, RADIO, Sgt. | | | |
| HASKINS, GUNNER, Cpl. | | | |
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| DEATLY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56 | 442nd | 34 | |
| MC OMBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19 | | took off 1533 | |
| HENDREX, BOMB. 1st Lt. 48 | | landed 2020 | |
| MOCQUOT, NAV. 2nd Lt. 12 | | | |
| KING, ENGINEER, SGT. | | | |
| DELAIRE, RADIO, S gt. | | | |
| BENTLY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | | |
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| ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 35 | 442nd | 27 | 1533 |
| STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15 | | took off | |
| GERMANO, BOMB, 2nd Lt. 32 | | landed 2021 | |
| WENICK, NAV. 2nd Lt. 13 | | | |
| UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | | |
| FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | | |
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| PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4 | 442nd | 48 | 1533 |
| WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 | | took off | |
| MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt. | | landed 1537 | |
| MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| NEWTON, RADIO, Cpl. | | | |
| DEMSKI, GUNNER, Cpl. | | | |
| MESEROLE, PHOTO, Sgt. | | | |
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| ESTES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26 | 442nd | 35 | 1534 |
| LA CHASE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 18 | | took off | |
| FULLER, BOMB. T/Sgt. | | landed 2021 | |
| O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| COONEY, RADIO, T/Sgt. | | | |
| NYE, GUNNER, Sgt. | | | |
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| ZELLERBACH, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 442nd | 47 | |
| OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off No T/O | |
| HOOD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed | |
| MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | | |
| CHASE, RADIO, Sgt. | | | |
| FURDY, GUNNER, Cpl. | | | |
| FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt. | | | |
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| BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56 | 442nd | 37 | |
| MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17 | | took off 1535 | |
| MILLER, BOMB. SGT. | | landed 2021+ | |
| ELIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. | | | |
| CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | | |
| MILKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | | |

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| MC KAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 442nd | 40 |
| SCHANE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1535 |
| FRIEND, BOMB. T/Sgt. | | landed 1638 |
| PENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | <i>no credit</i> | |
| BESSIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt. | | |
| RODGERS, GUNNER, T/Sgt. | | |
| DETANG, PHOTO, Sgt. | | |

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| ALLEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50 | 442nd v | 29 |
| MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7 | | took off 1535 |
| CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. T/Sgt. | | landed 2022± |
| SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| SEMIC, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |

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| SPARES | SPARES | SPARES |
| BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 37 | 42nd | 28 |
| MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 20 | | took off 1536 |
| STOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 19 | | landed 2022± |
| WIDAU, ENGINEER, Cpl. | | |
| PASTORAK, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |

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| MOSBY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 | 443rd | 51 |
| BRAINERD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14 | | took off 1536 |
| MAIZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 23 | | landed 2023± |
| CUMMINS, ENGINEER, S/Gt. | | |
| BEALE, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |