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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 337. Day Operation. 9 Sept. 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Berge.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 13:25 hours, 22 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Sassuolo Railroad Bridge (M/R: (W) L-435526, sheet 86), Italy. No B-26's returned early. 22 B-26's were over the target and 22 B-26's dropped 88 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 15:38 hours from 9,200' to 8,700' on an Azis of 30°T. 22 B-26's returned to base at 17:43 hours.

C. Results: A good pattern of bombs landed in the target area, starting just short to the South-West of the Bridge and walking up to it, scoring one direct hit (confirmed by photos) and other possible hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: P-47's and Spitfires provided area cover.
- b. Situation: Reggio Nel Emilia A/D empty of a/c at 15:40 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Barracks at Aulla.
- (2) Barracks at Berghetto.
- (3) Bridge out at Rubiera.
- (4) P-47's seen dive-bombing large fire, gray smoke reaching to

13,000', seen at Bagnone at 15:32 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 15 RR cars at Ponterevoli.
- (2) 15 M/T headed South-West, South-West of Castelnuovo Ne 'Monte at

15:32 hours.

- (3) 15 M/T headed East 5 miles North of Montefiorino, fording stream,

at 15:34 hours.

- (4) 6/8 M/T parked on road North of Casina at 15:44 hours.
- (5) 20/30 RR cars at mouth of tunnel at Ostia.
- (6) 3 large M/T headed South out of Ponterevoli at 15:28 hours.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: No change.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Route: Scattered cumulus over Sardinia and Southern Corsica, 6/10ths over Northern Corsica, bases 6-7,000', becoming scattered over water, 5-6/10ths of the same cumulus over Appenines, visibility unlimited.

b. Vicinity of Target: 5/10ths cumulus, bases 6-7,000', tops 8-9,000'.

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c. Target: Clear, Visibility unlimited. Target was in a clear area approximately 20 miles in diameter.

d. Return: No change.

e. Routes: Base to Moneglia; to Ponterevoli; to I.P., Montefiorino; to target; breakaway left; to Ponterevoli; Moneglia; to base.

f. Comments: None.

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"A"

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RUNWAY LINE UP

88	89	85	88
85	<u>LAIPIAN</u>	<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>DILLING</u>
89	<u>Jarman</u>	<u>HILLER</u>	<u>WHITE</u>
91	---	---	---
93	18 95	93	91
95	<u>LOGSDON</u>	<u>CHULIS</u>	<u>KOPANSKI</u>
	<u>Goldman</u>	<u>Hooper</u>	<u>Becky</u>
75	---	---	---
87	77	87	75
77	<u>WALDROP</u>	<u>HALOND</u>	<u>TIERE</u>
	<u>Sheehan</u>	<u>Wacher</u>	<u>Weyenberg</u>
11	---	---	---
21	08	21	11
08	<u>GOEKE</u>	<u>SMITH</u>	<u>WACHTER</u>
	<u>Vlcha</u>	<u>TRAYNOR</u>	<u>FERRERINO</u>
06	---	---	---
02	18	02	06
18	<u>GRALA</u>	<u>WIGGINS</u>	<u>STETER</u>
	<u>Kwikowski</u>	<u>Posey</u>	<u>Gallagher</u>
10	---	---	---
14	22	14	10
22	<u>EVANS</u>	<u>BARDEN</u>	<u>HEEREN</u>
	<u>Kojaz</u>	<u>VOLLNER</u>	<u>Kingsbury</u>
81	SPAREST 01	07	01
97	<u>WISEY</u>	<u>WILSONSON</u>	<u>ASHER</u>
01	<u>Nelson</u>	<u>Stone</u>	<u>ANDERSON</u>
09	09	09	09
	<u>FESEK</u>		

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COLORS OF THE DAY  
 0200-0800 BLUE COLORS  
 0800-1100 RED & YELLOW  
 1100-2000 RED & RED RED  
 2000-0200 RED & RED  
 YELLOW & YELLOW

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 CHALLENGE REPLY  
 0200-0800 V I  
 0800-1200 Y S  
 1100-2000 C J  
 2000-0200 Y Z

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 9 SEPTEMBER 1944:

CREW	53 SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1325
HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1743
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt.		
JAMES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RAINES, RADIO, Cpl.		
PAUL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BERGE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.		
DILLING, PILOT, Capt.	56 444th	88
VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	25	took off 1325
WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt.	56	landed 1743
WEBB, NAV. 2nd Lt.	27	
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LAMPMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	15 444th	89
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	14	took off 1325
JARMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	10	landed 1743
TRAIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BUCHANAN, Sgt. GUNNER,		
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.		
CHUNIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	46 444th	93
SHERMAN, CO PILOT, F/O	16	took off 1325+
HOOPER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	8	landed 1743+
HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MAYES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
KAGANSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	14 444th	91
WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	17	took off 1325+
BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	9	landed 1743+
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LOGSDON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	13 444th	<del>95</del> 78 T.O. ok
TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	4	took off No T/O for 95
GOLEMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	10	landed
KELLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DELUCA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HULETT, GUNNER, PFC		
DETANG, PHOTO, Pvt.		
HAMMOND, PILOT, Capt.	22 444th	87
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	17	took off 1325
HATCHER, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1744
BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

TRIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14 441th	75
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4	took off 1326
WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.	landed 1744
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Cpl.	
SHROLL, RADIO, Cpl.	
WIGGILL, GUNNER, Cpl.	
WALDROP, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 35 441th	77
KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 41	took off 1326
SHEEHAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.	landed 1746+
GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
WITT, RADIO, Cpl.	
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
SMITH, PILOT, Capt. 56 441st	21
CAHAN, CO PILOT, Capt. 19	took off 1326+
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 1st Lt. 23	landed 1744+
CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. 60	
BRUSH, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.	
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
STEEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58 441st	11
SCHRAMTZ, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 7	took off 1326+
FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 13	landed 1744+
HANDIE, NAV. 1st Lt. 59	
HUPPE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.	
CARLISLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.	
MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 9 441st	08
LOUIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12	took off 1326+
VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.	landed 1744+
SWOPE, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
BOSTIC, PHOTO, Cpl.	
WIGGINS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 441st	02
O'MAHONY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 15	took off 1327
POSEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 8	landed 1745
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
WENDELL, GUNNER, Cpl.	
STEIER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 441st	06
BOWLES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9	took off 1327
GALLAGHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.	landed 1745
MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
CARNOLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.	
TAMESLUNAS, GUNNER, Cpl.	
GRALA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17 441st	18
SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 5	took off 1327
DEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 10	landed 1745
FURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.	
HURBACE, GUNNER, Sgt.	
CIRMO, PHOTO, Cpl.	



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		85	BIRNBOGHIAN HELLER		88	DILLING WHITE
68		89	LAMPHAN Jarman	npw		
85				npw		
89				npw		
91	78 95	93	LOGSDON Goldman		91	KOMANSKI Beeby
93				npw		
95				npw		
75		87	WALLOLD Wachler		75	TRIERE Weyenberg
87				npw		
77				npw		
11		21	SMITH FRAYNOR		11	WACHTER FERRENDINO
21				npw		
08				npw		
06		02	WIGGINS Posey		06	STEIER Gallagher
02				npw		
18				npw		
10		14	BARDEN VOLLNER		10	HEEREN Kingsbury
14				npw		
22				npw		
	SPARES:	31	HISEY Nelson		01	ASHER Stone
		97	BILLIMORSON Kinden		09	PESEK Anderson

## COLORS OF THE DAY

	FLAME COLORS
0200-0800	RED & YELLOW
0800-1400	RED & RED RED
1400-2000	RED & RED
2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW

## ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	W	H
0800-1400	I	S
1400-2000	C	J
2000-0200	Y	Z

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