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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 340, Day Operation, 11 Sept. 1944.

Flight Commander: Capt. Smith.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:05 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Defense Position South of Traversa (M/R: (W) L-828010, GSG 4164, Sheet 98, Area NW4), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 excessive fuel pressure; 1 engine cutting out. 28 B-26's were over the target and 10 B-26's dropped 279 x 100-lb demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) 3,000 yards short of the target due to bombardier error. 18 B-26's dropped 2,052 x 20-lb fragmentation bombs on the target at 11:14 hours from 12,000' to 11,000' on an axis of 345 Deg. true. 8 x 100-lb demos. were salvaged in the target area and 60 fragmentation bombs were salvaged in the water having hung up over the target. 28 B-26's returned to base at 13:05 hours.

C. Results: A portion of the fragmentation bombs are believed to have landed in the target area although visual observation was obscured by cloud cover. The 100-lb demo. bombs landed at Q-818979.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: 1 Piper Cub was seen several miles south of target area.
b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General: Much dust NW of the target indicating possible artillery fire.
b. Communications: None.
c. Flak:
Fireworks: S, H, A, I, burst 3 of 3. 4 HA just north of target; encountered only on breakaway. Another formation was seen being fired at by heavy barrage North-West of the target.
d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Route: 8/10ths strato-cumulus, bases 3-4,000', tops 5,000', over Southern Corsica and Western Tyrrhenian Sea South of Elba. Over Italy, less than 1/10ths isolated cumulus clouds; bases 3-4,000', tops 5,000'. Visibility unlimited.
b. Vicinity of target: Less than 1/10 isolated cumulus, bases 3-4,000', tops 5,000'. Visibility unlimited.
c. Tarant: Same as vicinity of target.
d. Return: As Route.

E. Route: Base to landfall at mouth of Ombrone River; to San Giovanni in Vald; to I.P. RR curve 1 mile North-West of Pontassieve; to target; breakaway right to Pontassieve; to Siena; to mouth of Ombrone River; to Base.

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F. Comments: Lead bombardier of Squadron carrying 100-lb bombs fixed indexes on an area short of the target, through error. Upon seeing that this was not the target, he unclutched his indexes, but unknown to him, they continued to turn, causing bombs to drop prematurely when they crossed.

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RUNWAY LINE UP		
	"A"	
	<u>BAYARD</u>	
	<u>NICOD</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>
63	<u>63 Adams</u>	<u>62 PICKETT</u>
62		<u>70 LOKAN</u>
70	"B"	
	<u>HELL</u>	
	<u>VAN KUREN</u>	<u>TOWNSEND</u>
	<u>69 Newell</u>	<u>56 Howe</u>
69		<u>54 Purvis</u>
56	"C"	
54	<u>CLARK</u>	
	<u>PAMBONS</u>	<u>WEST</u>
	<u>52 Holland</u>	<u>66 Strickland</u>
52		<u>50 Sherman</u>
66	"D"	
50	<u>BARRY CLOUGH</u>	
	<u>WILLIAMS</u>	<u>WELSCH</u>
	<u>47 Militzcher</u>	<u>34 LOKAN</u>
		<u>27 BURNS</u>
47	"E"	
34	<u>BROWN</u>	
27	<u>METSCHAN</u>	<u>ALLEN</u>
	<u>44 Miller</u>	<u>45 Ward</u>
44		<u>29 Westbrook</u>
45	"F"	
29	<u>GREGG</u>	
	<u>MOOMBRE</u>	<u>SPRADLING</u>
	<u>42 Harmon</u>	<u>28 Villa</u>
		<u>40 Haun</u>
42	"G"	
28	<u>WILHELM</u>	
40	<u>GRALA</u>	<u>MERRILL</u>
	<u>14 Deyer</u>	<u>11 POLAKOV</u>
		<u>23 TRAYNOR</u>
23	"H"	
11	<u>DINWIDDIE</u>	
14	<u>EVANS</u>	<u>KAUFFMAN</u>
	<u>10 Kingsbury</u>	<u>07 Rojaz</u>
		<u>20 Liever</u>
20	"I"	
07	<u>PESEK</u>	
10	<u>BOWLES</u>	<u>STIEGLER</u>
	<u>18 Stone</u>	<u>09 Anderson</u>
		<u>02 Gallagher</u>
02	SPACES	
09	<u>AYREY</u>	
18	<u>SCOTT</u>	<u>BAKER</u>
	<u>1 Cocker</u>	<u>58 Mazga</u>
		<u>35 Younes</u>
1	GROUND SPACES	
51	59	46 22
35		

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 11 SEPTEMBER 1944.

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

ALPIS LAMP SIGNALS FOR 11 SEPTEMBER 1944

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	L	N
0800-1400	X	O
1400-2000	C	W

 * RADIO CALL SIGNS *
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 * 320th GROUP *
 * "TOPNOTCH" *
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 * FIGHTERS *
 * "TOPNOTCH - FIGHTERS" *
 * TERSU CHANNEL "A" *

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 11 September 1944

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HAYWARD, PILOT, Capt.	15 443rd	62
KRDM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	6	took off 0905
PICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt.	43	landed 1305
TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt.	55	
LUTHER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CAIN, RADIO, Sgt.		
COX, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
WEKS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	60 443rd	70
KENT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	5	took off 0905
LOKAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.	36	landed 1305
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 1st Lt.		
SONENSTINE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
BEALE, RADIO, Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
NICOUD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	39 443rd	63
NIENABER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	8	took off 0905
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	49	landed 1305
GOOCH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CHARLTON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
DEBANG, PHOTO, Pvt. (French)		
HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	45 443rd	56
SPEED, CO PILOT, 47		took off 0905+
HOWE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	22	landed 1305+
WATHEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	15 443rd	54
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	1	took off 0905+
PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	11	landed 1305+
GORMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC QUEEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
BOLL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	43 443rd	69
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	45	took off 0905+
NEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	10	landed 1305+
ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
SUGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt.		
CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	1/4 443rd	66
DAILEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	7	took off 0906
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.	65	landed 1306
BARBY, ENGINEER, /Sgt.		
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, T Sgt.		
KIMMICH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
EST, PILOT, 1st Lt.	13 443rd	50
WEINGART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	47	took off 0906
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1306
HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HARRISON, RADIO, Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

PARSONS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 4/3rd 52
WATSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 took off 0906
HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12 landed 1306
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.
ROSS, RADIO, Sgt.
HASKINS, GUNNER, Cpl.

BARPACLOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46 4/2nd 28
SCHANE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9 took off 0907+
LYMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 51 landed 1307+
ENGLISH, NAV. 2nd Lt. 17
BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
WASACZ, RADIO, T/Sgt.
PURDY, GUNNER, Cpl.

BURNS*** WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 35 4/2nd 27
ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15 took off 0906+
~~WESTERBECK~~ BOMB. Lt. 28 landed 1306+
HOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. 8
ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.

R.F. WILLIAMS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56 4/2nd 47
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 44 took off 0906+
MILITSEVHER, BOMB. Sgt. landed 0938
SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
RENECK, RADIO, Sgt. Early no cred. t
WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
MESEROLE, PHOTO, Sgt.

BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58 4/2nd 45
BRENAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 33 took off 0907
WARD, BOMB. Lt. 29 landed 1307
ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

ALLEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52 4/2nd 46
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15 took off 0907
WESTBROOK, BOMB. Pvt. landed 1307+
MOORE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CHASE, RADIO, Sgt.
ORTEGO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

METSCHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 21 4/2nd 44
ROJNOVSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16 took off 0907
MILLER, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1307
WIDAU, ENGINEER, Sgt.
SHEERER, RADIO, Sgt.
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CINIELLO, PHOTO, Sgt.

GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61 4/2nd 29 0907+
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 21 took off
VILLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 20 landed 1307+
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
NEWTON, RADIO, Cpl.
NEMIER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

SPRADLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. 17	442nd	40	
LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22		took off	0907+
HAUN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7		landed	1307+
WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
ORGERON, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
SELLER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MC OMBER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 21	442nd	42	
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10		took off	0907+
HARMON, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed	1307+
CRAMER, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
FISHER, RADIO, Sgt.			
FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55	441st	23-11	
DOMKEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off	0908
POLAKOV, BOMB. 1st Lt. 52		landed	1308
PERFETTO, NAV. 1st Lt. 29			
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HILL, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MERRILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43	441st	23	
LOUIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13		took off	0908
FERRINDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 14		landed	1308
BADER, NAV. 2nd Lt. 5			
SOLDATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
CARNOLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
GRALA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 18	441st	14	
SCHRANTZ, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 9		took off	0908
DEVAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		landed	1308
PURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
KIXY COOK, RADIO, Sgt.			
HURFACE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
BOSTIC, PHOTO, Cpl.			
DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	441st	07	
O'MAHONY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16		took off	0908+
ROJAS, BOMB. F/O		landed	1307+
LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DAMESLUNAS, GUNNER, Cpl.			
KAUFFMAN			
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11	441st	20	
PRATT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14		took off	0908+
LIEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed	1307+
CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
ZEPEDA, RADIO, Cpl.			
LOFTON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
EVANS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15	441st	10	
SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 7		took off	0908+
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed	1313
MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GRAIG, GUNNER, Sgt.			
GERMO, PHOTO, Cpl.			

PESEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 5/41st 09
 GOEKE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 10 took off 0909
 ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 14 landed 1308+

STEIER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4/41st 02
 LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4 took off 0909
 GALLAGHER, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1308+

BOWLES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 41st 18
 ASHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 0909
 STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 0918
 HART, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 RATT, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 NASCHKE, GUNNER, Sgt.
 WENDELL, GUNNER, Cpl.

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SPARES SPARES SPARES
 SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt. 25 41st 01
 BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4 took off 0910
 COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1306+

BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42 41st 2nd 35
 INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10 took off 0910
 YOHANES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 26 landed 1306+

AYRMY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 38 41st 3rd 51
 KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10 took off 0910
 MIAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 24 landed 1300

LUPER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 SALVATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.