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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 351, Day Operation, 17 Sept. 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Carraher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:40 hours 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Road and Railroad Bridge at Voghera (M/R(Q) K-084133, GSGS 4184, Sheet 71), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early, spares. 18 B-26's were over the target and 17 dropped 68 X 1,000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:55 hours from 9,500 to 9,000 feet on an axis of 09° true. 4 X 1,000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base not having been dropped due to personnel error. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:54 hours.

C. Results: Excellent bomb patterns covered both bridges, scoring several direct hits on each. Visual observations reported by one crew member indicates that the bridges were down after bombing.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: P-47's were seen in the target area, and also dive-bombing 2 miles East of Godiasco, at Rapallo and San Margherita.

b. Situation: None

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Tent area 2,000 yards East of Voghera.
- (2) Two columns of white smoke seen rising from West of Genoa.
- (3) Explosions 1 mile South of Rapallo.

b. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars at Ronco Scrivia.
- (2) Train of 20 RR cars moving S, 1 mile S of Arquata Scrivia at 10:45 hours.
- (3) 30 RR cars at Tortona.
- (4) 200 RR cars at Voghera.
- (5) Two trains of 30 cars, each facing N, stationary, 8 miles NE of Voghera on Pavia line at 10:58 hours.
- (6) 30 RR cars at Casteggio.
- (7) 20 RR cars at S. Margherita

c. Flak: None Encountered.

Moneglia, S, H, fired at P-47's going in low behind our formation.

d. Shipping: 2 large and 5 small vessels at Sestri Levante at 10:27 hours

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Scattered stratocumulus over Sardinia and southern Corsica. Clear over water and northern Corsica. Visibility unlimited.

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- b. Vicinity of Target: Less than 1/10 small cumulus on mountain tops.
- c. Target: Clear. Visibility Unlimited.
- d. Return: Broken towering cumulus building up over Sardinia and southern Corsica, bases 5/7,000, tops 15/18,000 feet.
- E. Routes and Altitudes: Base to landfall at Moneglia; to IP, river bend N. of Isola; to target; breakaway right to Moneglia; to base.
- F. Comments: 39 Cartons of Chaff were dropped on mission dated 16 September 1944 (See Chaff Interrogation Report).

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RUNWAY LINE UP

40	40 Harmon	3 MONTEZ	BAKER
34	"	C. YBOUGH	28 GERMANO
28	WILLIAMS, R. F.	4. Ward	GILES
	32 Fuller		44 Linville
38	"	SEIBACH	
42	SCHANE	33 Sparr	ALIEN
44	43 Roush		46 Miller
48	MORAN	62 MCCARTNEY	MACKINNON
33	51 Peterson		70 WAGAR
46	"	HILL	
	HECKLER	66 ATen	BRAINERD
51	53 Gooch		52 Davis
62	"	SHERWOOD	
70	WICQUD	57 Green	WEINGART
	60 Adams		65 Sherman
53	"	BIRMINGHAM	
66	E. L. JONSON	80 HOLLER	RAMAGE
52	89 Goldman		28 DRAKE
	"	CHUNES	
60	POLLING	93 ROGERS	SULLIVAN
57	91 Belker		95 Hoper
65	"	BRESSEME	
	WALDROP	90 Bernardi	JONES, R. W.
38	97 Larrabee		82 Drevas
80	"	WILLIAM	
89	LAZO	11 POLAKOV	MEULLER
	8 Chelucci		2 PENKAVA
95	"	DUNWIDDIE	
93	DOMKE	7 Murray	ROBINSON
91	20 Kingsbury		6 Hartinsen
	"	RADNARZ	
82	STEIER	9 Eiman	SULLIVAN
90	13 Dover		17 Strenney

443+444
Sides stood
down.

SIGNS

LOGSDON	MOONEY 1109	LIVSEY
87 Ryan	30 Roberts 0843	61 purvis

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GROUND SPARES

43	56	94	222	22
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 17 SEPTEMBER 1944.

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

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	P	G
0800-1400	Y	M
1400-2000	D	I
2000-0200	C	F

* RADIO CALL SIGNS *
* 320th GROUP *
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* "TOPNOTCH # 1, " *
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* "TOPNOTCH # 2 " *
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE ~~EXERCISE~~ MISSION OF 17 SEPTEMBER, 1944.

CREWS NAMES	SQUADRON	TAKE OFF TIME AND PLANE NUMBER
Claybough, Pilot, 1st Lt. Estes, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Montez, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Pincomb, Navigator, Captain, Munnallep, Flight commander Captain, Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	34 Took off 0840 Landed 1312
Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wells, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Germano, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. King, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Manning, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Bentley, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	38 28 Took off 0840 Landed 1312 1312
Vanderburg, Pilot, 2nd Lt. McNunare, Co, pilot, 2nd Lt. Harmon, Bombardier, T/sgt. Poshek, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Spangler, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Ciniello, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	442nd	40 Took off 0840 Landed 1312
McDougal, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brenam, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ward, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Peard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Blum, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	42 Took off 0840 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1312 $\frac{1}{2}$
Giles, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ross, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Linville, Bombardier, Cpl McCurley, Engineer gunner, Pct. E Chapman, Aerial gunner Sgt.	442nd	44 Took off 0840 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1312 $\frac{1}{2}$
Williams, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ober, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Fuller, Bombardier, T/sgt. Hollinger, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt. Mikelson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Frank, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	442nd	38 Took off, 0840 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed
Steinbach, Pilot, Captain, Rojnovsky, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Spann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Elias, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Savenetti, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	33 Took off 0841 Landed

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Allen, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	46
McLaughlin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0841
Miller, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1313
Moore, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Abernathy, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Schane, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	48
Rowan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0841
Roush, Bombardier, Cpl.		Landed 1313
Fenton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Purdy, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Wilhelm, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	11
Merrill, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 0841
Polakov, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1314
Siporen, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Soldati, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marinelli, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Muller, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	02
Walden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0841 ²
Penkava, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1314
Bader, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Lickey, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Zepeda, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Iazo, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	08
Forsythe, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0841
Chelucci, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1314
Booth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Williams, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Dinwiddie, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	07
Evans, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 084 ²
Murray, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1315
Lewis, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Dalton, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Robinson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	06
Torongo, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0842
Martinson, Bombardier, Pvt.		Landed 1315
Harte, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Craig, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Donke, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	20
Blak, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 084 ²
Kingsbury, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1315
Furcell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Carroll, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Bostic, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		

Bednarz, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	09
Wetzel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0842½
Elman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1315
Gulliver, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Canzonetta, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Sullivan, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	17
Pratt, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0842 ½
Streany, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1316
Liggett, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Spiess, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lofton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Steier, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
Cudworth, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0842 ½
Dever, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1316
Barton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Kirkland, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	spares	
Arnsdorff, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st,	03
Cole, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0843
Sacco, Bombardier, Pvt.		Landed 1130
Fulk, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mooney, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	30
Childs, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0843
Roberts, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1109
Putman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marvick, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		