

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 354, Day Operation, 22 Sept., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Rowan.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:09 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Cassano Di Adda RR Bridge (M/R: (C) K-500679, GSGS 4164, Sheet 46), Italy. 2 Spares returned early. 18 B-26's were over the target and 14 B-26's dropped 55 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:42 hours from 9,500' to 9,000' on an Axis of 40°T. 13 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area due to malfunction in the lead aircraft, caused by flak damage. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base not having been dropped because of malfunction in the lead aircraft. 15 B-26's returned to base at 12:00 hours; 1 B-26 returned late at 13:20 hours after escorting damaged aircraft to Alazan. 1 damaged aircraft is at Alazan with flak damage. 1 B-26 is at Chisennachia with injured crew members and flak damage. All but unjured crew members have returned to base.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent pattern of bombs scoring several direct hits. Some of the bombs landed short to the South-West of the target.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: 12 P-47's were seen in the vicinity of the Italian coast.
- b. Situation: Air-Strip at Gradella appeared demolished.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Pontoon bridge appeared under construction just East of Island in river North-West of Castel S. Giovanni.
- (2) Bridge West of Pavia being repaired.
- (3) Bridge at River Junction South-East of Pavia still up.
- (4) Bridge North of Babbio out.

b. Communications:

- (1) 30 RR cars at Vroni.
- (2) 20 RR cars at Gradella.
- (3) 125/150 RR cars at Treviglio, principally oil cars.
- (4) 25 RR cars at Pavia.
- (5) 40 RR cars at Castells. Giovanni.
- (6) 200 RR cars and ammunition dump at target.
- (7) 40 RR cars at Lodi.
- (8) Train of 80 cars moving East at Piacenza at 10:44 hours.
- (9) 8 M/T 400 yards apart, stationary, on road from Romano to Milano

at 10:38 hours.

c. Flak:

Target: M, H, A, A, - CP Flashes seen $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of Urganio.

Positions: 4H at K-490690, 4H at K-486071, 4H at K-505671.

First Squadron picked up flak last 2 minutes of bomb run. Second Squadron picked up heavy flak just as it broke from target. Flak arrived in bursts of four.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 10 due to flak; 5 men injured.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Few scattered cumulus over water. $\frac{5}{10}$ ths cumulus over mountains, 300' thick, between 6,000' and 7,000'.

b. Target Vicinity:

a) $\frac{5}{10}$ ths cumulus in bands, 300' thick, between 6,000' and

c. Target Area : 7,000'. I.P. and Target were open, with clouds between. Visibility unlimited.

d. Return: No change.

5. Route: Base to landfall at Moneglia; to I.P., fork in river just East of Pavia; to target; breakaway right to Sestri Levante; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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"A"

51 MORAN 62 ACKERMAN 70 MAC KINNON
Faterson MC CARTNEY NAGAR

"B"

63 HOCKLER 50 HILL 59 BRAINARD
Geogh Allen Nowall

"C"

54 NICOD 57 SHERWOOD 65 WEINGART
Adams Greene Sherman

"D"

48 POROYNALUK 34 CLAYBOUGH 31 BAIGSE
Westbrook MONTEZ GERMANO

"E"

47 SPRADLING 33 MOONEY 43 MC GIBER
Harmon Hann Farnell

"F"

25 GILES 42 MD DOUGAL 40 SCHANE
Vial Phillips Miller

SPARES: 14 CLARK 10 INGHAM
Strickland Miller

COLORS OF THE DAY

	FLARE COLORS	ALDIS LAMP CHALLENGE	ANSWER
0100-0700	RED YELLOW	D	X
0700-1300	RED GREEN	P	N
1300-1900	RED RED	B	I
1900-0100	GREEN GREEN	G	F

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH
 Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS
 Channel "A"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF 22 SEPTEMBER:

ACKERMAN, PILOT, CAPT. 443rd 62
 SPEED, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 0909
 MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed *GHISONACCIA*
 BROOKS, NAV. 1st Lt. returned 1851
 JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 KENDRICKS, RADIO, Opl.
 LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 ROWAN, CAPT. FLIGHT COMMANDER

MAC KINNON, PILOT, CAPT. 443rd 70 0909/45
 YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off
 WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1200
 UNDERWOOD, NAV. 1st Lt.
 BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

MORAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 53
 DAILEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 0910
 PETERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1200 +
 WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 WAYMIRE, RADIO, C 1.
 CHRISTILSON, PHOTO, Sgt.

HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 50
 BLASCO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0910 +
 ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1201
 WATHEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 KIMMICH, GUNNER, Sgt.

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 59 0912
 MOSBY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off
 NEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed *GHIS*
 SONNONSTINE, ENGINEER, Sgt. returned 1800
 FERKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.

HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 63 0912 +
 NLENABER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off
 GOOCH, BOMB. Sgt. landed *ALESAN.*
 TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 PURTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

SHERWOOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd 57
 O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0913 +
 GREENE, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1201 +
 LUPER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 GRAHAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

WEINGART, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd 65
 ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0914 +
 SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1202
 BEALE, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 HARMON, GUNNER, Sgt.

NICCOUD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 54
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0915
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1202+

CLAYBAUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd 34
ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0915
MONTEZ, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1203
MOUNJOT, NAV. 1st Lt.
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd 31
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0916
GERGANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1203
WERNICK, NAV. 1st Lt.
MC CULLIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
MARWICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd 48
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0917
WESTBROOK, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1204
SPANGLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.
CINIELLO, PHOTO, Sgt.

MOONEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd 33
BRENNAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0918
HAUN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1204
BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
BESSIER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

MC OMBER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd 43
MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0918
FARWELL, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1205
WIDAU, ENGINEER, C 1.
MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.

WETSCHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd 47
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0919
HARMON, BOMB. T/Sgt. landed 1205
MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MORTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
LA FOLLOT, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

MC DOUGAL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd 42
LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0920
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1206
CRAMER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
NEWLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

GILES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd 25
ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0921
VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1206
WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
DANKO, RADIO, T/Sgt.
NYE, GUNNER, Sgt.

SCHANE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MILLER, BOMB. Sgt.
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
RENICK, GUNNER, Sgt.
FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt.

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took off 09214
landed 1207

SPARES

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INGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd
OSER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt.
SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
SEILER, GUNNER, Sgt.

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took off 09224
landed 1045 *Early - no credit*

CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd
KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.
BARRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
HOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

14
took off 09234
landed 1047 *Early - no credit*