

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 357, Day Operation, 23 Sept., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Smith.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:35 hours, 19 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Borgoforte Railroad Bridge (M/R: (H) F-446114, G3G3 4164, Sheet 62), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early being a spare. 18 B-26's were over the target and 18 B-26's dropped 72 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 11:16 hours from 9,600' to 9,100' on an Axis of 175°T. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:44 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the bridge, scoring several direct hits on the structure.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: None.
- b. Situation: See Narrative No. 355.

2. Ground:

- a. General: See Narrative No. 355.
- b. Communications:

- (1) 2 trains at Moneglia, stationary, at 10:45 hours.
- (2) 40 RR cars at Castel S. Giovanni.
- (3) 35 RR cars at Cremona.
- (4) 20 RR cars at Goito.
- (5) 30 RR cars at Casalpusterlengo.
- (6) 25 RR cars at Guidona.
- (7) 40 M/T headed North between Casalpusterlengo and Lodi at 11:41 hours.
- (8) 3 M/T, stationary, 4 miles North of Moneglia at 11:45 hours.

c. Flak:

Targets: M, H, I, I, -OP Encountered by second Squadron from time bombay doors opened to breakaway - total of 40 seconds. First Squadron encountered flak only on the breakaway, for 15 seconds.

Villafranca: M, H, I, I, Long deflection shots.

Castel S. Giovanni: S, H, I, I, I. Fired through clouds.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 1 due to flak.

4. Weather:

a. Route: See Narrative No. 355.

b. Target Vicinity:

Borgoforte: Broken cumulus, tops 5-6,000'. Altostratus

c. Target Area: overcast at 11,500 - 12,000'. Vis. 5 - 6 miles in haze. Target open in break in clouds on second run. ~~SECRET~~

d. Return: See Narrative No. 355.

e. Route: Base to landfall at Moneglia; to Castel S. Giovanni; to S. Angelo; Crema; to Manarico; to Guidizzolo; 360° curve to left to Goito; to target; breakaway right; to Crema; to Castel S. Giovanni; to Moneglia; to base.

f. Comments: None.

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GROUP MISSION NUMBER: 370

23 September 1944

SUBRAY
LINE-UP

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SCOTT ✓
08 Cocker

SHERRWOOD ✓
10 Vicha

DONKE ✓
14 Henry

DRISCOL
BRINKMAN ✓
82 JAMES ✓
75 Weyenberg

82 SULLIVAN
72 Jarman

17 SULLIVAN
17 Streeaney

"A"
WITHELM ✓
11 POLAKOV

"B"
DINWIDDIE ✓
07 Murat

"C"
CAHAN ✓
06 Anderson

"D"
BIRMINGHAM ✓
80 HELLER

"E"
HAMMOND ✓
83 NELSON

"F"
MYERS ✓
09 POSEY

SPARES
BORDEN ✓
21 Volmer

NACHTER
04 FERRANDINO

DONKE
01 Kingsbury

SCHWARTZ
15 Liever

BILLING
88 FROELICH

FOLING
87 Bennett

ASHOR
~~87~~ Stone
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19 0935
14 min

RADIO CALL SIGN
TOPNOTCH #3

COLORS OF THE DAY
TIME FLARE COLORS

0200-0800 Red & Yellow
0800-1400 Green & Yellow
1400-2000 Yellow & Yellow
2000-0200 Yellow & Yellow Red

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ALPHA LAMP SIGNALS
TIME CHALLENGE REPLY

0200-0800 G -
0800-1400 B L
1400-2000 J Z
2000-0200 S D

III
 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
MUELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0935
POLOKAV, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1244
GIBSON, NAV. Capt.		
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SMITHE, CAPT. FLIGHT COMMANDER,		
WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	04
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0935+
FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1245
PERFETTO, NAV. 1st Lt.		
HUPPE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
CARLISLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	08
STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0936
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1245
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
STIPE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CIRMO, PHOTO, Cpl.		
DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	07
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0936+
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1245
LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01
GRALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0937
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1246
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
BUSH, RADIO, Sgt.		
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
KAUFFMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0937+
SACCO, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1246
TAMESLUNAS, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HUGHES, RADIO, Sgt.		
BLUE, PHOTO, Sgt.		
CAHAN, PILOT, Capt.	441st	06
O'MAHONY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0938
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1247
BENTAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	15
ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0938+
LIEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1247
CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARINELLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DOMKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0939
MARTINSEN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1248
PURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WILSON, RADIO, Sgt.		

BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, Capt.	444th	80	
WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0940
HELLER, BOMB. Capt.		landed	1248
BANG, NAV. 1st Lt.			
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DILLING, PILOT, Capt.	444th	88	
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0941
FROELICH, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1249
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt.			
CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
PAUL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DRISCOLL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	75	
WADDEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0942
WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1249
GAY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
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HAMMOND, PILOT, CAPT.	444th	83	
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0943
NELSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1250
BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
POLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	87	
FERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0947
BENNET, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1250
SMITH, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
RUMMEL, RADIO, Sgt.			
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	82	
TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0945
JARMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	
THAIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ZALEWSKI, PHOTO, Cpl.			
MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	09	
PESEK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0946
POSEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1251
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02	
BOWLES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0947
STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1251
RAHL, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
CANZONE, RADIO, Sgt.			
RASCHKE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17	
ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0948
STREANY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1252
MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
TIPTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	Wilst	21	
WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0949
VOLLMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1110
HAUSER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.			

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