

MEMORANDUM 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 333, Day Operation, 26 Sept., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Muzzaloe.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:15 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Breil Road Bridge (M/R: (V) H-806032, Sheet 14), France. 2 B-26's returned early because they were spares. 18 B-26's were over the target and 8 B-26's dropped 32 x 1,000# demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 11:03 hours from 9,700' to 9,200' on an Az of 335°T. 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000# demolition bomb on a curve in the road, 2,000 yards short of the target, due to misidentification of the target. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 18 B-26's returned to base at 11:55 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern covered the bridge, scoring possible direct hits. The bombs started just short, to the South, but walked over the bridge.

D. Observations:

1. M/R:

a. Maneuverability: None.

b. Altitude: None.

2. Grounds:

a. General:

(1) smoke and artillery fire were seen on hills West of Ventimiglia.

(2) Barracks area 5 miles North-West of Ventimiglia.

(3) Fortifications and trenches were seen 1 mile West of Breil.

b. Communications:

(1) 25 RR cars at Ventimiglia.

(2) 13 RR cars at Breil.

(3) 6 M/T moving North from Ventimiglia at 11:01 hours.

(4) 25/30 RR cars at Camporosso, scattered M/T traffic in vicinity of

Sospel at 11:05 hours.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

(1) 1 medium and 1 small craft headed West just off Monaco at 11:12 hours.

(2) 2 small boats in harbor at San Remo.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Area: CAVU.

b. Vicinity of Target: CAVU.

c. Parent: CAVU.

d. Return: CAVU.

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E. Route: Base to landfall at Ventimiglia; to Arale; to target; sharp left to coast 8 miles East of C. Martin; 180° curve to Ventimiglia; to target on bomb run; breakaway right; to base.

F. Comments: First run was made for purpose of identifying the target.

WILLIAM COOK.
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