

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 650

Intelligence Narrative No. 463, Day Operation, 1 Oct., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Deatly.
Lead Pilot: Captain Claybough.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 10:00 hours, 19 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Peschiera RR Bridge (M/N: (R) F-417547, GSGS 4164, Sheet 48), Italy. No B-26's returned early. 19 B-26's were over the target and 19 B-26's dropped 76 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 11:44 hours from 9,750' to 9,250' on an Axis of 152°T. 19 B-26's returned to base at 12:54 hours.

C. Results: An excellent concentration of bombs covered the bridge, scoring several direct hits. The bridge is believed down or definitely impassable as the result of this attack.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Several B-25 and B-26 formations were seen bombing in the target area.

b. Situation: Ghedi A/D appeared serviceable.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Explosion, possibly crashed a/c, 1 mile South of Fiorenzuola D'Arda at 11:05 hours.

(2) Road bridge at Fiorenzuola appeared up.

(3) Pontoon bridge under construction just South of Cremona RR bridge.

(4) RR bridge out; Road bridge up; Pontoon bridge being constructed at Pontecivo.

(5) Fires and gray smoke in vicinity of Pestrengo at 11:44 hours.

(6) Fuel dump near Cremona appeared badly damaged.

b. Communications:

(1) 10 RR cars at Castelventuro Piacentino.

(2) Train of 12/10 cars headed West at Chiari at 11:22 hours.

(3) 400 RR cars scattered in vicinity of Chiari and Rovato.

(4) Train of 4/5 silver-colored cars headed South-West at Lograto at 11:22 hours.

(5) 75 RR cars at Brescia.

(6) 300 scattered RR cars in vicinity of the target.

(7) 20 M/T moving North at Manerbio at 11:18 hours.

(8) Considerable scattered M/T traffic in the vicinity of Cremona, Brescia, and the target, moving in all directions between 11:15 hours and 11:55 hours.

(9) 25/30 M/T moving South-West out of Cremona at 11:08 hours.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- c. Flak:
Villafranca Di Verona: 3, H, A, 1. long deflection shots.
Fired on breakaway, behind formation.
- d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: CAVU in all area.

5. Routes: Base to join up at Piacenza; to landfall at Moneglia; to Cremona;
to island in Lago Di 'Isco; to South-West tip of Lago Di 'Idro; to ip. Gardone
Riviera; bomb run, to target on an Axis of 152°E; breakaway sharp right; curve left
to Volta Mantovana; to Cremona; to Moneglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps.
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #377 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. LESLIE "A" 1 OCTOBER 1944

RUNWAY LINEUP

34
30
27

28
25
39

33
47
40

70
58
62

64
53
65

56
52
57

80
88
85

90
97
94

83
87
77

11
08
02

09
18
17

20
10
15

Top notch # 2

MISSION #378
FLIGHT
COMMANDER:
CAPT. ROMAN

Top notch # 3 Channel A

WILLIAM	CLAYBOUGH	WELCH
30 Heun	31 MONTEZ	27 YOUENES
"BT"	STEINEACH	
SCHAMN	28 PHILLIPS	GILES
25 Westbrook		39 Roush
"OT"	BROWN	
COEKE	33 Ward	WELCH STERN
47 Woodward		10 MILITSCHER
"DN"	HAYWARD	
WEST, H.W.	70 HOE	CLARK
58 Sherman		52 MIAZGA
"EN"	SHERWOOD	
KOTAS	64 Selzer	TOWNSEND
53 Greene		65 Davis
"FN"	VAN KEUREN	
LILLER	56 Adams	BENNETT
52 Gooch		57 Purvis
"GN"	BERGE	→ Capt. Roman
LAMPMAN	80 HEPHNER	RAMAGE → Cpl. DOYLE
88 Goldman		87 DRYKE
"HT"	TRIPP	
SALMONSON	90 Rogers	JONES, E.C.
87 Ryan		94 DRYKE enberg
"IT"	HALFOND	
KREUZER	93 Telson	JONES, R.W.
84 Sheena		77 Hooper
"JT"	MULLER	
SCOTT	11 PENKAVA	MERRILL
08 Cocks		02 GARVEY
"KT"	MEDNATZ	
SHERWOOD	09 Fosby	ROBINSON
18 VICKER		17 Stone
"LT"	O'DONOHUEY	
STEIER	20 Sacco	WILSON
10 Rojas		15 Martinsen
SPALDS	WOODHURST	DRISCOLL/LAZO
	50 Montgomer	91 Williams/06 Chelucci

19 off. 1000 10A

18 T.O. 1100 1112 85-114

No. T.O.

COLORS OF THE DAY	FLARE COLOR	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	GREEN & YELLOW	B	W
0800-1400	GREEN & GREEN	Z	F
1400-2000	RED & RED	X	L
2000-0200	RED & YELLOW	Q	G