

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 365, Day Operation, 3 October 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Smith
Lead Pilot: Captain Wilhelm.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1245 hours 16 B-26's took off to bomb Nervesa RR Bridge, M/R: (H) G-644932, GSGS 4164, Sheet 51. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 had an engine cut out and 1 had propeller governor out. 14 B-26's were over the target and dropped 112 x 500 lb demolition bombs (.1, .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 1505 hours from 11,250' to 10,750' on an axis of 115°. 8 x 500 lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the water by one of the early returns because of engine trouble. 14 B-26's returned to base at 1627 hours.

C. RESULTS: The target was covered with an excellent pattern of bombs scoring several direct hits.

D. OBSERVATIONS: 1. Air: a. Air Activity: 2 P-47's escorting 1 A-20, headed east at Moneglia at 1600 hours.

b. Situation: 1 S/P Descenzano at 1431 hours.

2. Ground:

- a. General: 1. Smoke pots at Mori.
2. Smoke screen at Rovereto.
3. Fuel dump at Rovereto.
4. Smoke screen at Verona.
5. Many silver-colored cylindrical

objects, evenly spaced at Cornano.

6. pontoons along south side of River

at Castel Maggiore.

b. Communications:

1. 15 M/T headed south into Bresseto at 1425 hours.
2. 11 M/T headed west into Cremona at 1425 hours.
3. 100 M/T with trailers headed south into Cremona at 1425 hours.
4. 30 M/T headed west into Piacenza at 1433 hours.
5. 200 RR cars at Dalenzano.
6. 6 M/T with trailers headed west at Descenzano at 1434 hours.
7. 30 M/T headed north from Treviso at 1506 hours.
8. 15 M/T headed NW from Treviso at 1506 hours.
9. 18 M/T and one tank or gun carrier headed N.E. at 1514 hours.
10. 20 M/T headed W. from Borgo at 1455 hours.

c. Flak:

Target M H A F A GP and B
100 bursts encountered 30 seconds before bomb release to a few seconds into breakaway.

c. Shipping: Ferry headed S.E. at Cagnano.

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

4. Weather: a. Enroute: CAVU. b. Target: CAVU. c. Return: CAVU.

E. ROUTE: Base to landfall at Moneglia; to Cremona; to Desenzano del Garda; to Roverto; to IP, Grigno; to target; breakaway right to Bassano di Grappa; to Ala; to Desenzano del Garda; to Cremona; to Moneglia; to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION NUMBER 79: FLIGHT COMPANION:

Capt SMITH

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	<u>LAZO</u>	<u>02 FERRANDINO</u>
	<u>08 Vicha</u>	
	<u>FESEK</u> <i>100 m. STAN</i>	
	<u>BOWLES</u>	<u>O'MAHONEY</u>
	<u>09 Cocker</u>	
	<u>06 Stone</u>	<u>20 Murray</u>
	<u>BORDEN</u>	
	<u>14 Volker</u>	<u>WILSON</u>
	<u>ARNSDORFF</u>	<u>03 Dever</u>
	<u>17 Steady</u>	
	<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	
	<u>80 HELLER</u>	<u>DILLING</u>
	<u>75 Larrabee</u>	<u>88 FROELICH</u>
	<u>KOMANSKY</u>	
	<u>90 Beebe</u>	<u>KREUZER</u>
	<u>POING</u>	<u>76 Rogers</u>
	<u>25 Williams</u>	
	<u>CHUNTS</u>	
	<u>83 Cairns</u>	<u>LOGSDON</u>
	<u>77 Rinden</u>	<u>81 Jarman</u>
	<u>HAYWARD</u>	
	<u>70 PICKETT</u>	<u>STRACHAN</u>
	<u>PARSONS</u>	<u>62 MIALGA</u>
	<u>58 Sherman</u>	
	<u>WEST. CAPT</u>	<u>WOODHURST</u>
	<u>55 Lowrey</u>	<u>BRAINARD</u>
	<u>HECKLER</u> <i>91</i>	<u>54 Davis</u>
	<u>27 Adams</u>	
	<u>VAN KOPPEN</u>	
	<u>56 Montgomery</u>	<u>MOSBY</u>
	<u>60 Greene</u>	<u>50 Purvis</u>
	<u>BAKER</u>	
	<u>27 GERMANO</u>	<u>ABERNATHY</u>
	<u>48 Westbrook</u>	<u>30 SPANN</u>
	<u>MCDUGAL</u>	
	<u>25 Burns</u>	<u>SPRADLING</u>
	<u>43 Militacher</u>	<u>42 Roberts</u>
	<u>CARRHER</u>	
	<u>55 Phillips</u>	<u>GILES</u>
	<u>39 Miller</u>	<u>44 Farwall</u>

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RADIO CALL SIGNS:
320th Group

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