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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 769, Day Operation, 11 Oct, 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain ~~Shaw~~ *Dilling*  
Lead Pilot: Lt ~~Barrows~~ *Major Hayward*

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 14:32 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Munition Factory at Bologna (M/R: (W) L-901468, CGCS 4164, Sheet 87): 3 B-26's returned early, 2 spares and 1 engine cutting out. 17 B-26's were over the target and 17 dropped 136 x 500-lb demolition bombs (.1 and .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 16:04 hours from 12,000' to 11,000' on an axis of 335 degrees. 17 B-26's returned to base at 17:10 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target area, scoring many direct hits on installations, no large explosions were seen.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 1 FW 190 headed North Southeast of Bologna, 1000' below formation, reported by one crew member at 16:07 hours. P-47's were seen in target area.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications: 200 RR cars at Bologna.

c. Flak:

Pianoro to Target M, 1, H, A, A CP 10/12 H at L-9046 and

3 H at L-9445.

Encountered 90 seconds before bombs away and for 3 minutes on breakaway and leaving target area. Accuracy increased to maximum at instant of bombs away. Both gray and black bursts were seen.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 13 to flak.

4. Weather: Bursts: Scattered cumulus at 4-6,000 feet, becoming broken over Apennines, tops 7,000', occasionally building to 15,000, but dissipating on northern slopes. Visibility excellent.

Target Vicinity & Target Area: 1/10 small cumulus, bases 4,000', tops 6,000'. Targets open. Visibility 5-6 miles in haze in Po Valley.

Return: No Change.

E. Routes: Base to landfall at Pellenica; to Pontasieve; to IP, Castel Del Rio; to target on axis of 335 degrees; breakaway sharp right to Castel Del Rio; to Base.

F. Comments: None.

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

TAKE OFF LINE UP  
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NICOLD	HAYWARD	MACKINNON
53 Montgomery	70 PICKETT	62 WAGAR
"B"	CLARK	
51 H.N. Sherman	51 Strickland	BRAINARD
"C"	WOODHURST	59 Orr
SPEED	56 Cooch	WEINGART
65 Holland		60 Purvis
"D"	MERRILL	
KAUFFMAN	21 TRAYNOR	MYERS
08 Stone		11 FOSEY
"E"	PINNIDALE	
SHERWOOD	15 Murray	LOUIS
01 Vigna		20 Martenson
"F"	PESEK	
22 <u>McCormack</u>	09 Ferrandino	LYONS
22 <u>McCormack</u>		14 Cocker
	SPARES	
<u>HODGE</u>	No Credit	<u>DONKE</u>
52 <u>Lisaght</u>	SPARES	05 Elman
	Returned	

Bomb load  
 8x500  
 .1 & .025

*early return*

Capt Rowan

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"A"	SMITH	
04 GRALA	04 FLOUCK	MUELLER
03 Hiefuer		02 PENKAVA
"B"	OLMONEY	
02 TOLANGO	07 Garvey	ROBINSON
18 Kingsbury		46 Straany
"C"	MOONEY	
06 STERN	45 Ward	VANDENBERG
45 Woodward		46 Roush
"D"	FRICHTER	
JONES E. C.	80 FROBLICH	REEDER
97 Bennett		83 GLAUBITZ
"E"	AYLES	
VANKEUREN	64 Greene	SHERWOOD
50 Gorman		57 Seizer
"F"	HILL	
WEST Capt	58 Davis	HSOKLER
69 Mela		61 Paterson
	SPARES	
DRISCOIL		LOGSDON
85 Schmidt		89 Jarman

Bomb load  
 8x500  
 .1 & nodelay

COLONS OF THE DAY FOR 11 October 1944.

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0200-0800	RED & YELLOW
0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW
1400-2000	RED & RED
2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW RED

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	P	O
0800-1400	I	D
1400-2000	L	N
2000-0200	F	B

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 RADIO CALL SIGNS \*  
 320th Group \*  
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 "TOPNOTCH # 3 \*  
 CHANNEL "A" \*  
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HAYWARD, PILOT, MAJOR, 443rd 70  
 YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1432  
 PICKETT, BOMB. Capt. landed 1710  
 UNDERWOOD, NAV. 1st Lt.  
 LUTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 PERKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.  
 DILLING, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.

MAC KINNON, PILOT, Capt. 443rd 62  
 O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1433  
 WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1710<sup>+</sup>  
 PRIGMORE, NAV. 2nd Lt.  
 JUST, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.  
 KIMMICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

NICOUD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 53  
 STRATTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1432  
 MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1745  
 HANSHAW, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
 SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 SZCZECZ, GUNNER, Sgt.  
 CHRISTENSON, PHOTO, Sgt.

CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 51  
 BENNETT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1434  
 STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. landed 1710<sup>+</sup>  
 BARRY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.  
 ORT, GUNNER, Sgt.

BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 59  
 PETROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1435  
 ORR, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1731  
 CUMMINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 THOMSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

WEST, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 63  
 MC KINSEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1434  
 SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1711  
 HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
 WARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
 COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

WOODHURST, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 56  
 MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1435  
 GOOCH, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1712  
 FIELDS, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
 KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

WEINGART, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 60  
 KOTAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1436  
 PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1712<sup>+</sup>  
 WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.

SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 65  
 SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1431  
 HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1712<sup>+</sup>  
 WAGNER, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
 SIDMONS, GUNNER, Sgt.

MERRILL, PILOT, Capt.	441st	21	
WALDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 37	
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1713
BADER, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
HILL, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st v	11	
MC CURDY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 38	
POSEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1713+
MIRABELLA, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	08	
BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 37	
STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1721+
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
GAMZONE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CIRNO, PHOTO, Cpl.			
DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	15	
STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 39	
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1714
LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
DALTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LOUIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	20	
LAZO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 14 40	
MARTINSON, BOMB. Pvt.		landed	1714+
BERNSTEIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	01	
CUDWORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 39	
VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1714+
DANCSEUNAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
KRAMER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			
PESEK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	09	
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 40	
FERNANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1714+
FULK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LYONS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14	
LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 41	
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1715
CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
FRASER, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
MC GREGOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22	
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 41	
SACCO, BOMB. Pvt.		landed	<del>1715</del> 1620 early
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	05	
BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 14 43	
ELMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1755 PURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STIPS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
COLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. (441st)  
MAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
COFFEY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.  
DEALE, GUNNER, Sgt.

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took off 1982  
landed 1532

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