

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 173, Day Operation, 19 Oct., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Smith.
Lead Pilot: Captain Ackerman.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 10:10 hours, 17 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Padua Railroad Bridge South (M/R: (M) C-310469, GCG 4164, Sheet 50), Italy. No B-26's returned early. 17 B-26's were over the target, but no bombs were dropped due to cloud overcast. 17 B-26's were over the target at 11:54 hours from 10,000' to 9,500' on an Axis of 135°T. All bombs were returned base. 17 B-26's returned to base at 13:36 hours.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: None.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General: None.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 300 RR cars at Vicenza.
 - (2) 50/75 RR cars at Valdgno.
- c. Flak: None.
- d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Aircraft: Broken cumulus, bases 3-4,000', tops 9,000', occasional tops 12,000' over Appennines. Scattered cumulus at 6,000' from Fiorenzuola to Lake Garda. 8-9,000' tops, 8-9/10ths Stratus and Stratocumulus in Eastern Po valley.

b. Target Vicinity:

a) In Lake Garda region, 6-7/10ths cumulus, bases on mountain

c. Target: tops 10,000'. Targets obscured in Venice area, 8-9/10ths stratus, tops 7,000', target obscured.

d. Return: General lowering of cloud bases and building up of cloud tops observed.

E. Routes: Base to landfall at Moneglia; to Fiorenzuola di Arda; to Desenzano Del Garda; to Malcesine; to one mile North of Ala; to target on an Axis of 135°T; Breakaway right to Ala; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

Mission # 388

45	"G"	ARMAN	
47	MILLER	61 DENDREX	STRACHAN
	50 ODT		64 Miazga
62	"H"	YREY	
50	SPEED	51 Green	PETROSKY
64	69 Holland		54 Peterson
	"I"	WEST CAPT	
51	BENNETT	55 Felzer	OPPENHEIM
69	63 Purvis		65 Male
54	J.	MERRILL	
		1. Traynor	CAHAN
23	1. CO		04 Farindino
61	20 Chelucci		
65	"K"	DIMMIDDLE	
	KUPFMAN	07 Murrey	TCRANCO
1a	15 O'Connell		10 Streeby
20	"L"	HEBEK	
04	LOUIS	09 Folmer	ASHER
	17 Sacco		06 Stone
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 13 OCTOBER 1944

TIME	FLARE
0200-0600	YELLOW & YELLOW
0600-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW
1400-2000	RED & RED RED
2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW

ALMS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0600	F	V
0600-1400	C	D
1400-2000	Z	H
2000-0200	L	S

Target #1

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 13 OCTOBER 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
ACKERMAN, PILOT, CAPT.	443rd	62
MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1010
HENDRIX, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1336
TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt.		
JUST, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
KENDRICKS, RADIO, Sgt.		
KIMMICH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STRACHAN, PILOT, CAPT.	443rd	64
DAILEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1010+
MIAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1336+
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 1st Lt.		
HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZACHAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MILLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	50
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1011
ORR, BOMB. SGT.		landed 1337
HANSHAW, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZCZECZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CHRISTENSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1012
GREENE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1337+
LUPER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PETROSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
HECKLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1013
PETERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1337 ⁴⁵
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WONG, GUNNER, /Sgt.		
SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1014
HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1338
WATHEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SIMMONS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
WEST, PILOT, CAPT.	443rd	55
WATSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1014+
SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1338 ⁴⁵
BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S gt.		
OPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1015
MELE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1339
ELLIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
BEALE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
STRATTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
FIELDS, ENGINEER, Sgt.	CHARLTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	No T/O

MERRILL, PILOT, CAPT. KLUG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. KING, ENGINEER, Sgt. TRAYNOR, BOMB. 1st Lt. BIBSON, NAV. CAPT. HILL, ENGINEER, Sgt. TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	lhlst	11 took off landed	1016 1339+
CAHAN, PILOT, CAPT. LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MIRABELLA, NAV. 2nd Lt. BENTAS, ENGINEER, gt. GERONIMOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	lhlst	04 took off landed	1016+ 1340
LAZO, PILOT, 1st Lt. WETZEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/Sgt. BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt. CIRMO, PHOTO, Cpl.	lhlst	20 took off landed	1017 1340+
DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. SCOTT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt. DALTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	lhlst	07 took off landed	1018 1340 ⁴⁵
TORONGO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STREAMY, BOMB. S/Sgt. MC COY, ENGINEER, Pvt. TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.	lhlst	10 took off landed	1018+ 1348
KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ZIERK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. O'CONNELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt. CANZONETTA, GUNNER, Sgt. REAVES, PHOTO, Pvt.	lhlst	15 took off landed	1019+ 1351
PESEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VOLLMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. FULK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	lhlst	09 took off landed	1020 1342
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt. BERNSTEIN, ENGINEER, Sgt. TIPTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. RASCHKE, GUNNER, Sgt.	lhlst	06 took off landed	1021 1342 ⁴⁵
LOUIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SACCO, BOMB. S/Sgt. HART, ENGINEER, Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	lhlst	17 took off landed	1021+ 1343
BERGE, PILOT, CAPT. STREKOWSKY, CO PILOT, HEPNER, BOMB. WEBB, NAV.	lhlst	88 took off	1041 1352
TAKALA, ENGINEER, Sgt.			ZOELLER, GUNNER, Sgt. landed

REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ELLIS, CO PILOT, Lt. GLAUBITZ, BOMB. Lt. DAY, NAV. Lt. DOWLEN, ENGINEER, S gt. DELUCA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	83 took off landed	1042 1352 ³⁰
LAMPMAN, PILOT, Lt. WALKER, CO PILOT, Lt. GOLDMAN, BOMB. Lt. HARDY, ENGINEER, gt. HARRINGTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ZALEWSKI, PHOTO, Cpl.	444th	75 took off landed	1041+ 1353
DRISCOLL, PILOT, Lt. CATALANO, CO PILOT, Lt. SHEEHAN, BOMB. Sgt. GAY, ENGINEER, S gt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	85 took off landed	1042+ 1354
DAWKINS, PILOT, Lt. WELLS, CO PILOT, Lt. WEYENBURG, BOMB. S G T. HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt. VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	89 took off landed	1044 1354 ⁴⁵
R.W. JONES, PILOT, Lt. HAHER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HOCOPER, BOMB. Lt. GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt. FLEMING, GUNNER, S/Sgt. morey, photo, cpl.	444th	93 took off landed	1043+ 1355
HAMMOND, PILOT, CAPT. JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, Lt. NELSON, BOMB. Lt. BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	90 took off landed	1045 1355 ⁵⁰
SALMONSON, PILOT, Lt. FOWLER, CO PILOT, Lt. RYAN, BOMB. Sgt. DOPPEL, ENGINEER, Sgt. TKACH, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	81 took off landed	1046 1352
E.C. JONES, PILOT, LT. LIEBENDORFER, CO PILOT, Lt. CAIRNS, BOMB. Lt. CLARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	77 took off landed	1045+ 1348
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, CAPT. PERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. OLMSTED, BOMB. CAPT. MENAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt. FENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. MICKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	37 took off landed	1047 1401

ESTES, PILOT, 1st Lt. LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STOUGH, BOMB. 1st Lt. HOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STIELER, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	25 took off 1048+ landed 1357 ⁵⁰
MC OMBER, PILOT, 1st Lt. WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WOODWARD, BOMB. Cpl. SHEEHY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BURNS, GUNNER, Sgt. CINIELLA, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	442nd	40 took off 1047+ landed 1358
GARRAHER, PILOT, CAPT. KRIBBE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PHILLIPS, BOMB. 1st Lt. WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BENTLEY, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	442nd	43 took off 1049 landed 1758
KENT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LINVILLE, BOMB. Cpl. MC CURLEY, ENGINEER, Cpl. CORZINE, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	39 took off 1050+ landed 1358 ⁺
SCHANE, PILOT, 1st Lt. KITHCART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROUSH, BOMB. Sgt. CHASE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WENDELL, GUNNER, Sgt. LA FOREST, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1049+ landed 1359
MC DOUGAL, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. CRAMER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MORTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	48 took off 1051 landed 1409 ⁴⁰
GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SOLDATI, ENGINEER, Sgt. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt. NYE, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	47 took off 1052 landed 1400