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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 376, Day Operation, 15 Oct., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Rowan.
Lead Pilot: Captain Barge.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:15 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Cassinigo Railroad Fill (W/R: (R) F-589795, COCS 4164, sheet 48), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: Spares. 18 B-26's were over the target and 18 B-26's dropped 144 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 09:54 hours from 10,550' to 10,000' on an Azis of 36°T. 18 B-26's returned to base at 11:03 hours.

C. Results: An excellent concentration of bombs covered the target area, and several direct hits were scored on the fill, and the 10th to 30th cars of a 40 car train moving North over the fill, and possibly on the locomotive of a second train. Some bombs started short and walked into the target area.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: None.
- b. Situation: Ghedi and Fidenza A/D's empty of aircraft.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) All bridges between Moneglia and Fidenza appeared serviceable.
- (2) Bridge up at Peschiera.
- (3) Fire and smoke on East edge of La Spezia.

b. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars at Borgo Val Di Taro.
- (2) 40 RR cars at Moneglia.
- (3) 150 RR cars at Fidenza.
- (4) Train of 15/20 cars headed South into Fidenza at 09:36 hours.
- (5) Supply dump West of Bozzole.
- (6) 75 RR cars at Carpendalea.
- (7) 20 M/T headed North-West from Guidizzolo at 09:38 hours.
- (8) Train of 30 cars, stationary, at Ghedi at 09:38 hours.
- (9) 1 large white trailer-truck moving North from Goite at 09:38 hours.
- (10) 50/75 RR cars at Peschiera.
- (11) 9 M/T moving South into Peschiera at 09:42 hours.
- (12) Train of 30 cars headed East at Lonato at 09:39 hours.
- (13) 150 RR cars at Desenzano.
- (14) Train of 30 RR cars headed South toward Verona at 10:07 hours.
- (15) 50 RR cars at Ala.
- (16) 50 RR cars at Mori.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 large M/V at Sestri Levante at 09:15 hours.
- (2) 1 large boat and 2 tugs at La Spezia, at 09:14 hours.
- (3) Several small boats in Lake Garda.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Horizon: Band of cumulus, tops 8,000', over sea and mountains. Overcast at 1,000' in Southern Po Valley.
- b. Target Vicinity: Scattered cumulus over mountains, tops 11,000' and higher. Valley clear.
- c. Target: Clear.
- d. Return: Stratus breaking up in Po Valley. Cumulus tops over sea building to 12-13,000'.

5. Routes: Base to Moneglia; to Fidenza; to I.P., Asola; to target on an Azis of 36°T; breakaway left to Asola; to Moneglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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

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MISSION NUMBER 390 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT ROMAN
TAKE OFF LINE UP -----

Back 1940

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| 88 | | WGT | BERGE | BRESETTE |
| 93 | LAMPMAN | 68 | HEBNER | 53 WILLIAMS |
| 83 | 73 GOLDMAN | | | |

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| 82 | | WGT | JONES R.V. | DANKINS |
| 79 | JONES M.C. | 65 | HOOPER | 69 BELNER |
| 89 | 75 GAYLES | | | |

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| 90 | | WGT | KREUZER | SALMONSON |
| 77 | HAHR | 90 | Sheehan | 61 Ryan |
| 81 | 77 NELSON | | | |

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| 27 | | WGT | BARRACLOUGH | ESTES |
| 42 | ALLEN | 27 | LYNN | 26 STOUGH |
| 28 | 42 Farwell | | | |

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| 33 | | WGT | STEINBOCK | INGHAM |
| 48 | GILLES | 33 | WARD | 25 MILLER |
| 28 | 48 Veldner | | | |

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| 37 | | WGT | SPRADLING | VANDEBURG |
| 30 | STUTLER | 37 | WHEAT | 10 Roush |
| 40 | 30 Woodward | | | |

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| 32 | | WGT | METSCHN | POROYNALUK |
| 43 | 32 PHILLIPS | | | 43 TERVILLE |

Radio Call Signs:
300th Bomb Gp.
"TOPNOTCH #1"

FIGHTER BOMBER
CHANNEL "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 15 OCT 1944

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

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| TIME | CHALLENGE | REPLY |
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| 0200-0800 | J | C |
| 0800-1400 | L | N |
| 1400-2000 | X | D |
| 2000-0200 | S | H |

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 15 OCTOBER 1944:

| CREWS | SQUADRON | PLANE NO. |
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| BERGE, PILOT, CAPT. | 444th | 88 |
| STREKOWSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0815 |
| HEPNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1102 |
| WEBB, NAV. 1st Lt. | | |
| TAKALA, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| SCHROLL, RADIO, | | |
| ROWAN, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT. | | |
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| BRESETTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 83 |
| ELLIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0816 |
| WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1102+ |
| DAY, NAV. 1st Lt. | | |
| DOWLER, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
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| LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 93 |
| WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0816 |
| GOLDMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1102+ |
| HARDY, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| WITT, PHOTO, Sgt. | | |
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| JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 85 |
| TREDA, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0817 |
| HOOPER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1104 |
| GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
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| DAWKINS, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 89 |
| CATALANO, CO PILOT, S/O | | took off 0819 |
| BELKER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1105 |
| HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
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| JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 75 |
| LIEBENDORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0818 |
| CAIRNES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1105+ |
| CLARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| ROSS, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| MORSEY, PHOTO, Cpl. | | |
| WOODWARD, OBS. 1st Lt. | | |
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| KREUZER, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 90 |
| JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0819 |
| SHEEHAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed 1106+ |
| DUFFEL, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
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| SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 81 |
| FOWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0821 |
| RYAN, BOMB. Sgt. | | landed 1107 |
| GAY, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| TRACH, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |

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| METSCHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 442nd | 32 | |
| KITHGART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0820 |
| PHILLIPS, BOMB. 1st Lt. | | landed | 0940 |
| ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | EARLY | | |
| NYS, GUNNER, S Sgt. | | | |
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| FORCYNALUK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 442nd | 43 | |
| MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0828 |
| LINVILLE, BOMB. Cpl. | EARLY | landed | 0943 |
| SHERSHY, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | | |
| WENDELL, GUNNER, Sgt. | | | |
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| CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, CAPT. | 442nd | 34 | |
| ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0845 |
| MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed | ✓ 1134 |
| KING, NAV. 2nd Lt. | | | |
| DEATLY, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT. | | | |
| MESSIRE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. | | | |
| PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | | |
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| WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 442nd | 31 | |
| CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0846 |
| YOENES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed | ✓ 1134+ |
| MCCQUOT, NAV. 2nd Lt. | | | |
| MC CURLEY, ENGINEER, Cpl. | | | |
| FISHER, GUNNER, Sgt. | | | |
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| STERN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 442nd | 47 | |
| KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0845 |
| HATHAWAY, BOMB. 1st Lt. | | landed | ✓ 1135 |
| SHEARER, ENGINEER, SGT. | | | |
| CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | | |
| SCHWARTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 21 | |
| PRATT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0846 |
| LIEVER, BOMB. 1st Lt. | | landed | ✓ 1136 |
| CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | | |
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| COLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 22 | |
| MC CURDY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0848 |
| MARTINSON, BOMB. Pvt. | | landed | ✓ 1136+ |
| RAHL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| LUDY, GUNNER, Pvt. | | | |
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| GRAIA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 18 | |
| CUEWORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0847 |
| KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed | ✓ 1137 |
| GIBSON, ENGINEER, PFC. | | | |
| BUSH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| BLUE, PHOTO, Sgt. | | | |
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| O'MAHONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 05 | |
| WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off | 0849 |
| GARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed | ✓ 1137+ |
| ROCKABRAND, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | | |
| VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt. | | | |
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| SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 01 | |
| EVANS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off | 0830 |
| VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed | ✓ 1137+ |
| THEOSLUNAS, ENGINEER, Sgt. | FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |

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| LYONS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 44 |
| BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0849 |
| COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed - 1138 |
| BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| BREZNAK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 58 |
| O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0851 |
| HANE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed - 1123 |
| DORE, NAV. Capt. | | |
| LALLY, ENGINEER, S/sgt. | | |
| FREIDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 57 |
| KOMORCZSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0852 |
| DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed - 1123+ |
| NEWELL, NAV. 2nd Lt. | | |
| COFFEY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. | | |
| BOLL, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| WEST, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 52 |
| MOSBY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0852 |
| SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed - 1123+ |
| CUMMINS, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| HARRISON, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| TERPEN, PHOTO, Sgt. | | |
| HISEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 87 |
| FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0853 |
| BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed - 1124 |
| DELEO, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| POLAND, GUNNER, S/sgt. | | |
| WALDROP, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 82 |
| SHEPHERD, CO PILOT, F/O | | took off 0855 |
| BENNETT, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed - 1124+ |
| JARRETT, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| WIGGILL, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| LOGSDON, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 78 |
| TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0855 |
| JARMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed - 1125 |
| KELLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| DELUCA, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| LINDQUIST, PHOTO, | | |
| POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 86 |
| CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0855 |
| SCHMIDT, BOMB. F/O | | landed - 1125+ |
| MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| RAINES, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| ARMSTRONG, PILOT, | 444th | 94 |
| MICKELSON, CO PILOT, | | took off 0857 |
| LARRABEE, BOMB. | | LANDED - 1125+ |
| JAMES, ENGINEER, | | |
| POZNIAK, RADIO, | | |
| SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 444th | 95 |
| JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0857 |
| RINDEN, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed - 1126 |
| GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt. | SHAFER, RADIO, T/Sgt. | |

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| BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 65 |
| NICOUD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0858 |
| GORMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed 1116 |
| SALVATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt. | EARLY | |
| ZACHAR, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| ACKERMAN, PILOT, Capt. | 443rd | 62 |
| PARSONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0915 |
| HENDRIX, BOMB. 1st Lt. | | landed 1335+ |
| TARRANTO, NAV. 1st Lt. | | |
| JUST, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. | | |
| KENDRICKS, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| MURWALLEE, MAJOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER | | |
| STRACHAN, PILOT, CAPT. | 443rd | 64 |
| DAILEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0926 |
| MIAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 4336 |
| MURRAY, NAV. 2nd Lt. | | |
| HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| MILLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 443rd | 50 |
| KOTAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0915 |
| ORR, BOMB. Sgt. | | landed 4336+ |
| DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| SIMMONS, GUNNER, | | |
| CHRISTENSON, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 70 |
| SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0917 |
| GREEN, 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 0918 |
| PETERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. | | landed 7337+ |
| TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| THOMPSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 69 |
| YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0918 |
| HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1337+ |
| WATHEN, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| SZEZSCH, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt. | | |
| WEST, PILOT, CAPT. | 443rd | 55 |
| WATSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0919 |
| SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1338 |
| BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| CHARLETON, GUNNER, gt. | | |
| OPPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 53 |
| BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0920 |
| MELE, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed 1343 |
| ELLIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. | | |
| BEALE, GUNNER, S/ gt. | | |

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| BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 63 |
| STRATTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0920 |
| FURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed ✓ 1338+ |
| FIELDS, ENGINEER, S gt. | | |
| ZEIBLER, GUNNER, S gt. | | |
| MERRILL, PILOT, Capt. | 441st | 11 |
| WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0921 |
| TRAYNOR, BOMB. 1st Lt. | | landed ✓ 1331+ |
| GIBSON, NAV. Capt. | | |
| HILL, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| GAHAN, PILOT, CAPT. | 441st | 02 |
| LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0922 |
| FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed ✓ 1331+ |
| MIRABELLA, NAV. 2nd Lt. | | |
| BENTAS, ENGINEER, S GT. | | |
| GERONIMOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| LAZO, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 20 |
| WETZAL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0922 |
| CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed ✓ 1332 |
| BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| POTTS, PHOTO, Pvt. | | |
| DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 07 |
| HELD, CO PILOT, Capt. | | took off 0923 |
| MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed ✓ 1332+ |
| LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| DALTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| TORONGO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 10 |
| ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0924 |
| STREAMY, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed ✓ 1334+ |
| MC COY, ENGINEER, Pvt. | | |
| TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S gt. | | |
| KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 15 |
| ZIERK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0923 |
| O'CONNELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed ✓ 1334+ |
| DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| CANZONETTA, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| BOSTIC, PHOTO, Cpl. | | |
| PESEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 09 |
| REAVES, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. | | took off 0924 |
| VOLLMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed ✓ 1332+ |
| FILK, ENGINEER, S/sgt. | | |
| PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
| ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 06 |
| BOBLITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0926 |
| STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed ✓ 1333+ |
| BERNSTEIN, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| TIPTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| LOUIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 17 |
| MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 0925 |
| SACCO, BOMB. Pvt. | | landed ✓ 1333 |
| HART, ENGINEER, ENGINEER Sgt. | MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | |

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| MALDEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 04 | |
| HEEREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | EARLY | took off | 0927 |
| ROJAS, BOMB. F/O | | landed | 2054 |
| MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | | |
| NELSON, GUNNER, Sgt. | | | |
| VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 443rd | 51 | |
| ZOELER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | EARLY | took off | 0927 |
| GOOCH, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed | 1054 |
| SORROSETTINE, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | | |
| SUGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | | |