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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 377, Day Operation, 15 Oct., 1944

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

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:45 hours, 19 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Calcinate Railroad Bridge (M/R: (R) F-191600, GRCS 4164, Sheet 47), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early: spare. The first Squadron did not drop on the first run, because of failure to definitely identify the target (Confusion with nearby bridge) and made a second run on the target. 18 B-26's were over the target and 9 B-26's dropped 35 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/18 & .01 second delay fuses) on the first run at 10:14 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on an Axis of 35⁰T. 9 B-26's dropped 35 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/18 & .01 second delay fuses) on the second run on the target at 10:31 hours from 9,600' to 9,100' on an Axis of 10⁰T. 2 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged in water on return, having hung up over the target. 18 B-26's returned to base at 11:23 hours.

C. Results: The good patterns covered the bridge and both approaches. After photos confirm that first Squadron tore a large hole in the bridge and cratered the West approaches. The Second Squadron also scored direct hits on the bridge and East approaches.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

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

2. Ground:

- a. General: See Narrative No. 376.
- b. Communications: See Narrative No. 376.
- c. Flak: None.
- d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: Same as that in Narrative No. 276 except in the target vicinity: Broken Stratus at 2,000' in Northern Po Valley covered I.P. and the O.P., but broke to clear on the bomb run.

5. Route: Base to Moneglia; to Vidanza; to I.P., Asola; to target on first run on an Axis of 35⁰T; breakaway right to Asola; to target on second bomb run on an Axis of 10⁰T; breakaway right to Asola; to Vidanza; to Moneglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION 391 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT DEATLY
 RUNWAY LINEUP:

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	W.P.N.	W.P.N.	W.P.N.
34		CLAYBOUGH	
47	SWENH	JR MONTEZ	WELCH
31	47 TERRANAY		31 YOUNES
21		SCHRANTZ	
18	GRALL	21 LIEVICK	COLE
22	18 KINGSBURY		22 Martinsen
05		O'BANONAY	
14	14	05 GERVEY	SHERWOOD
01	14 Zucker		01 Vicha
50		HILL	
52	WEST H.W.	50 TINE	HARREL
57	52 Sherman		57 DAVIS
87		WALDRUP	
78	LOOSDON	87 BERRY	WALDRUP
79	78 JACOBIN		82 Bennett
86		POLING	
95	SULLIVAN	86 SCHMIDT	ARMSTRONG
94	95 HARRIS		94 LINDBERG
65		BRAINARD	
		65 COFFMAN	

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RADIO CALL SIGN:
 "TORNADO # 2"
 FIGHTER BOMBER
 CHANNEL "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 15 OCT 1944

TIME	FLAME COLORS
0200-0800	RED & RED
0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
1400-2000	GREEN & GREEN
2000-0200	RED & RED

ALBIS LAMP SIGNALS

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