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Intelligence Narrative No. 378, Day Operations, 15 Oct., 1944

Flight Commander: Major Mummalee.
Lead Pilot: Captain Ackerman.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:15 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Padua South Railroad Bridge (M/R: (R) G-310469, GCSG 4164, Sheet 50), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: Spares. The bomb run and the target were partially overcast. Three runs were made on the target, the first Squadron dropping on the second run. Cloud interference prevented an adequate run, the target being only intermittently visible. The second Squadron did not drop, due to cloud cover. 18 B-26's were over the target and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & No delay fuses) on the target at 11:32 hours from 10,600' to 10,100' on an Azis of 178°T. 36 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base by the Squadron that did not drop. 13 B-26's returned to base at 13:31 hours.

C. Results: The target was missed. The bomb pattern landed just West of the target, starting in the river and walking to the approach, cutting it.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

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

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Zig-zag entrenchments, 3/4,000 yards in length, just East of Vicenza.
- (2) Factory, with 50/60 RR cars and locomotive, steaming but stationary, 1/2 mile South of Padua at 11:32 hours.
- (3) Hospital at S. Martino and at Padua.

b. Communications:

- (1) 30 RR cars at Vicenza.
- (2) 250 RR cars at Padua.
- (3) 100 RR cars at Bassano.
- (4) 8-car Red Cross train, stationary, and 75 RR cars at Rovareto at 10:59 hours.
- (5) 200 RR cars at Castelfranco.
- (6) 20 M/T moving West into Este at 11:16 hours.
- (7) Scattered M/T traffic between Verona and Vicenza at 11:32 hours, mostly moving East.

c. Flak: Between Bassano and Cittidella: VS, H, I, I. 7bursts - encounter on all three runs. 14 M positions at Bassano, but only 3 were seen firing.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Route: Same as Narrative No. 376.
- b. Target Vicinity: Same as Narrative No. 377.
- c. Target: Partially covered, hole directly over target.
- d. Return: Same as Narrative No. 376 except that: clouds also building over mountains.

E. Route: Base to landfall at Monaglia; to Fidenza; to Desenzano; to Pavia; to Novareto; to Cassano; to I.P., Citadella; first bomb run to target; curve right to Castelfranco; to I.P., Citadella; to target on second run on an Axis of 178°T; breakaway right to Castelfranco; to I.P., Citadella; to target on third run; breakaway right to Meano; to Piva; to Desenzano; to Montebello (alternate target)-to Mantua; to Fidenza; to Monaglia; to base.

F. Comments: A bomb run was made on the alternate target, and on the last resort target, Meano, both abortive due to complete overcast.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 392 FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJ NUNNLEE 15 OCT 1944
 RUNWAY LINEUP: -----

All off
 0926

62		ACKERMAN	
50	MILLER	52 HENDRIX	STACHAN
64	50 OFF		64 MINZA

70		AYREX	
69	SPYED	70 GREENE	PETROWSKI
54	69 HOLLAND		54 PETERSON

55		WEST A.R.	
52	BENNETT	55 SHELLEN	OPPERMAN
63	63 PORVIS		63 HELE

11		MERRILL	
20	LAZO	11 TITLYNOR	CAHAN
02	20 Uchiucci		02 FERRANDINO

07		WEGALINE	
15	KUPFMAN	07 MURPHY	TC ORGO
10	15 O'SHEWELL		10 STREARY

09		WASER	
17	LOUIS	09 VOEMER	ASHER
06	17 SARGO		06 Stone

	VAN		WILDEN
	51		01 ROJAS

 RADIO CALL SIGN:
 "PETROWICH # 3"
 FIGHTER BOMBER
 COUNCIL "1."

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

 THIS DAY SIGNALS

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