

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 382. Day Operation. 19 Oct., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Rowan.
Lead Pilot: Major Hayward.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 12:31 hours, 18 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Calcinato RR Bridge (M/R: (R) F-191600, GSGS 4164, Sheet 47), Italy. No B-26's returned early. 18 B-26's were over the target and 18 B-26's dropped 72 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 14:14 hours from 9,600' to 9,000' on an Axis of 345°T. 18 B-26's returned to base at 15:23 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target, scoring several direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: South of Asola, as formation was headed North, 8 Me-109's in echelon, were seen at 5 o'clock high and flying parallel to our formation. One made a pass from 7 o'clock closing to 300 yards, coming under the formation, the 4 attacked from 8 o'clock high, closing to 600 yards, passing under our formation. Tracers and cannon fire were seen. Our gunners returned fire but only damaged one. Simultaneously, 2 attacked high at 11 o'clock. A/C were black on top, white on the bottom, white spinners, and German markings. Some crew members reported that one A/C had elliptical wings and inline engine. Some crews reported that 3 of the A/C had radial engines.

b. Situation:

(1) Gates seen to emerge from B-26's and a/c crashed North of Borgoforte at 14:01 hours.

(2) Another B-26 was seen to crash 5 miles North-West of Mantua at 14:02 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 2 tanks headed South at Asola at 14:10 hours.

(2) 50 RR cars at Castiglione Di Stiv.

(3) 100 RR cars at Montichiari.

(4) 35 M/T headed East from Montichiari at 14:12 hours.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

(1) 6 small boats at Sestri Levante at 13:44 hours.

(2) 3 medium M/V, 7 small boats at La Spezia at 13:43 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 1 due to enemy aircraft.

4. Weather: Same as that in Narrative No. 381.

E. Route: Base to landfall at Moneglia; to Fidenza; to Asola; to target, first run no bombs dropped on target (not identified in time); 360° curve to I.P., Asola; to target on an axis of 345°T; breakaway right to Asola; to Fidenza; to Moneglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 396
 RUNWAY LINEUP

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT ROWAN

19 October 1944

"A"		
70	<u>WELLS</u>	<u>HAYES</u>
52	52 Peterson	70 PICKETT
58		<u>HAIEL</u> 58 HOWE
"B"		
62	<u>DAILEY</u>	<u>SWERWOOD</u>
59	53 Coock	62 Hele
61		<u>PARSONS</u> 61 Holland
"C"		
64	<u>ZORNER</u>	<u>WELCH Capt.</u>
51	51 Adams	64 galzer
63		<u>WEST Lt.</u> 63 Orr
"D"		
34	<u>VANDERWEG</u>	<u>CLABOUGH</u>
43	43 Miltchner	34 "OWD"2
27		<u>ABERNATHY</u> 27 STANSTADT
"E"		
37	<u>GILES</u>	<u>CARRAMER</u>
48	48 Farnell	37 "DILL" 08
42		<u>KONT</u> 42 Roush
"F"		
33	<u>OSBY</u>	<u>LEWIS</u>
32	32 Miller	33 "BUTTERWAY"
47		<u>OSBY</u> 47 Houn
"G"		
62	<u>OSBY</u>	<u>WOOD</u>
	OSBY	62 "GARDNER"

RADIO CALL SIGNALS
 TOPNOTCH 2
 fighter bomber
 CHANNEL *A*

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 19 OCT 1944

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0200-0300	RED & GREEN
0800-1400	RED & YELLOW
1400-2000	RED & RED RED
2000-0200	RED & RED

AIDIS LIFE SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	C	S
0800-1400	X	H
1400-2000	V	G
2000-0200	Z	D