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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 984, Day Operations, 20 Oct., 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Berge.
Lead Pilot: Captain Wilhelm.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:25 hours, 40 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Pisand Railroad Bridge (M/R: (R) G-249145, GSGS 4164, Sheet 64), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early: Spare. 39 B-26's were over the target and 38 B-26's dropped 151 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & no delay tail fuses) on the target at 10:41 hours from 11,600' to 11,100' on an Axis of 270°T. 5 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged in the water on return, having hung up over the target. 38 B-26's returned to base at 12:13 hours. 1 B-26's is missing. It was last seen to leave the formation at Ancona on the return trip and is believed safe at a friendly field.

C. Results: An excellent concentration of bombs covered the target, scoring at least 5 direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) 8/10 unidentified S/E a/c seen North of the target.
- (2) 1 unidentified S/E a/c followed the formation from the coast to the target, high and far to the rear.
- (3) 1 unidentified a/c 10 miles West of the target, flying at 12,000'.
- (4) P-47's escort picked up formation, and was again seen in the target area.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Ravenna area North of Adria.
- (2) 2 active factories South of Chioggia; 1 active factory at Loreo.
- (3) Area South of Loreo appeared flooded.

b. Communications:

- (1) 8/10 M/T headed North from Stranghella at 10:42 hours.
- (2) 90 RR cars at Solesimo.
- (3) 25 RR cars at Monelise.
- (4) 4 M/T on coast road moving North near mouth of Po di Levante River at 10:58 hours.

c. Flak:

Target: M-I, H, A, A, - CP. 8 H at 1/14 (TC: 4-81-NA)
12 H at 1/16-17

Vicinity of Adria: S, L, I, I.

Heavy Flak: First encountered 20 seconds before bombs away and 15 seconds on breakaway. Second 18 encountered for 60 seconds on bomb run and for 45 seconds on the breakaway.

c. Flak: (Cont'd)

When flak had almost ceased, 1 large yellowish burst was seen 1,000' above the formation.

Only 2 a/c in the first 18 were damaged by flak.

d. Shipping:

(1) 6 barges in canal North of Loreo.

(2) 4 small boats and one medium boat headed South-East at 44° 55' North/ 12° 35' East.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 18 due to flak. 1 injured crew member, due to flak.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: CAVU.

b. Vicinity of target: CAVU.

c. Target: CAVU.

d. Return: CAVU.

E. Routes: Base to Grosseto; to Pesaro; to landfall at mouth of Po di Levante River; to Cavarzere; to Target on an Axis of 270°T; breakaway sharp right break to mouth of Po di Levante River; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: 6 cartons of "Chaff" were carried and dropped. See special "Chaff" report, to follow. *Missing A/c landed at Falconara, Italy.*

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 398
 AIRMAIL LETTER

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. BERGE 20 OCTOBER 1944

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 14 Becker

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 11 FOLEY

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 18 WILLIAMSON

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10 GARDNER
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 07 KLEVER

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 17 FORWARD

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20 OCT 1944
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GROUP CALL SIGN
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ALL LAY SIGNALS

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 0200-0300
 0300-1400
 1400-2000
 2000-0200

CHALLENGE SIGNAL

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MISSION # ³⁹⁸ 399 FLIGHT COMMANDER:

20 October 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP		"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"
		<u>COMBER</u> 43 Haun	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u> 34 OLMSTED	<u>WELCH</u> 27 YOUNES			
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27							
31		<u>ALLEN</u> 42 Anderson	<u>B. BOWN</u> 31 Phillips	<u>INGHAM</u> 25 Woodward			
0841 ⁴²	1227						
0842	25 1226						
0842 ³⁷	1228	<u>GILES</u> Arwell	<u>MCDUGAL</u> 37 Ward	<u>PORCYMAULK</u> 48 Linville			
0843 ⁴⁷	1229						
0844 ⁴⁸	1230						
0845	62 1231	<u>DAILEY</u> 63 Paterson	<u>ACKERMAN</u> 62 HENDREX	<u>STRACHAN</u> 64 Allen			
0845 ⁶³	1232						
0846 ⁶⁴	1233						
0847 ⁷⁰	1234	<u>TOWNSHEND</u> 50 Gooch	<u>AYREY</u> 70 Storick	<u>KOTAS</u> 51 Mele			
0848	50 1235						
0848 ⁵¹	1236						
0849 ⁵²	1237	<u>MOSBY</u> 57 Orr	<u>WOODHURST</u> 52 Selzer	<u>NICCOUD</u> 56 Adams			
0850 ⁵⁷	1238						
0851 ⁵⁶	1239						
0952	33 Falconava.	<u>SPRADLING</u> 33 Miller	SPARES	<u>SPEED</u> 55 Sherman			
0953	55		GROUND SPARES 61				

RADIO CALL SIGNS
320th Group

"IDFNATCH # 2"

Fighter Bomber
channel "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 20 October 1944.

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

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	Q	W
0800-1400	S	V
1400-2000	P	X
2000-0200	Z	B

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS OF 20 OCTOBER 1944

Wilhelm, Pilot, Capt.	441	11
Held, Co Pilot, Capt.		Took off: 0825
Polakov, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1213
Perfetto, Nav, Lt.		
Barton, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Renchausen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Steeves, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Berge, Captain, FLIGHT COMMANDER.		
Myers, Pilot, Capt.	441	23
Boblitt, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0825
Posey, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1214
Siporen, Nav, Lt.		
Gulliver, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Kirkland, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Snow, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Wachter, Pilot, Lt.	441	15
Black, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: NO TAKE OFF
Pesek, Pilot, Lt.	441	09
Lyons, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0820
Pideack, BN, Lt.		Landed: 1214
Fulk, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Coppler, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Profos, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lazo, Pilot, Lt.	441	20
Wetzel, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0827
Cheucci, BN, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1215
Booth, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Kelson, Radio, Sgt.		
Williams, Gunner, Sgt.		
Reaves, Pilot, Capt.	441	18
Zierk, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0827
Williamson, BN, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1215
Liggett, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Cook, Radio, Sgt.		
Fata, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bostic, Photo, Cpl.		
Schranz, Pilot, Lt.	441	07
Pratt, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0828
Liever, BN, Lt.		Landed: 1216
Connell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pysa, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Marinelli, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Asher, Pilot, Lt.	441	10
Torongo, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0829
Stone, BN, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1217
Brush, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Breznak, Radio S/Sgt.		
Raschke, Gunner, Sgt.		

McGregor, Pilot, Lt.	441	22	
Lamoque, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0829	
Sacco, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1216	
Hart, Eng, Sgt.			
Moore, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Dunn, Gunner, S/Sgt.			
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Bednarz, Pilot, Lt.	441	17	
Arnsdorff, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0830	(SPARE)
Biddle, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1206	
Wyatt, Eng, Sgt.			
Weber, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Voslor, Gunner, Sgt.			
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Birmingham, Pilot, Capt.	444	85	
Peters, Co Pilot, Capt.		Took off: 0830	
Heller, Bomb, Capt.		Landed: 1217	
DeLosier, Nav, Lt.			
Takala, Eng, Sgt.			
Zoelle, Radio, S/Sgt.			
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Bressette, Pilot, Lt.	444	90	
Viebrock, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0831	
Williams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1218	
Westbrook, Nav, Lt.			
Montaruli, Eng, T/Sgt.			
Shaffer, Radio, T/Sgt.			
Vilines, Gunner, Sgt.			
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Dawkins, Pilot, Lt.	444	77	
Catalano, Co Pilot, E/O		Took off: 0831	
Bernardi, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1218	
Hightower, Eng, Sgt.			
Ferguson, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Buchanan, Gunner, Sgt.			
Witt, Observer, Sgt.			
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Trimm, Pilot, Lt.	444	87	
Strekewsky, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0832	
Bennett, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1219	
Dowlen, Eng, Sgt.			
Shroll, Radio, Sgt.			
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Salmonson, Pilot, Lt.	444	81	
Fowler, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0833	
Ryan, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1220	
Rankin, Eng, Sgt.			
Tkach, Radio, Sgt.			
Rummeli, Gunner, Sgt.			
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Polling, Pilot, Lt.	444	86	
Walker, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0832	
Hooper, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1220	
Gould, Eng, Sgt.			
Fleming, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Dinenny, Gunner, Pvt.			
Lindquist, Photo, Sgt.			

Driscoll, Pilot, Lt.	444	80
Ford, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0834
Sheehan, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1221
Gay, Eng, Sgt.		
Johnson, Gunner, Sgt.		
Haher, Pilot, Lt.	444	91
Wells, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0835
Weyenberg, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1223
Duffel, Eng, Sgt.		
Englehart, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ramirez, Gunner, Sgt.		
Zalewski, Photo, Cpl.		
Lampman, Pilot, Lt.	444	76
Ellis, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0834
Rinden, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1222
Hardy, Eng, Sgt.		
Harrington, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Kaufman, Gunner, Cpl.		
Sullivan, Pilot, Lt.	444	79
Sherman, Co Pilot, F/O		Took off: 0835
Belker, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1204
Thain, Eng, Sgt.		
DeLuca, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Pozniak, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bottomley, Pilot, Capt.	442	34
Childs, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0839
Olmstead, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1224
Menaugh, Nav, Lt.		
King, Eng, Sgt.		
Delaire, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Furdy, Gunner, Sgt.		
Welch, Pilot, Lt.	442	27
Rowan, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0840
Younes, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1237
Teich, Nav, Lt.		
Walker, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Trimboli, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Marvick, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Mcomber, Pilot, Lt.	442	43
Brenan, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0840
Haun, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1224
Morrow, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Ratts, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Mikelson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Laforest, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Brown, Pilot, Capt.	442	31
Krimm, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0841
Phillips, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1225
Rochester, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Fisher, Radio, Sgt.	Burns, Gunner, Sgt.	

Ingham, Pilot, Lt.	442	25
Ober, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0842
Woodward, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1226
Chase, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Hoyle, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Seiler, Gunner, Sgt.		
Allen, Pilot, Lt.	442	42
Ross, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0841 ⁴⁵
Andersen, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1227
Bessire, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Youssi, Radio, Sgt.		
Marshall, Gunner, Sgt.		
Frank, Photo, S/Sgt.		
McDougal, Pilot, Lt.	442	57
Frankel, Co Pilot, F/O		Took off: 0842 ⁺
Ward, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1228
Miller, Observer, Colonel		
McCully, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Newton, Radio, Sgt.		
Craig, Gunner, Sgt.		
Porcynauk, Pilot, Lt.	442	48
Wells, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0844 ⁴⁵
Linville, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1230
Shearer, Eng, Sgt.		
Field, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Ortega, Gunner, Sgt.		
Giles, Pilot, Lt.	442	47
McNamara, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0843 ⁺
Farwell, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1229
Sheehy, Eng Eng, Sgt.		
Nemier, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Demski, Gunner, Sgt.		
Spradling, Pilot, Lt.	442	33
Connelly, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0952
Miller, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed:
Swope, Eng, Sgt.		
Spangler, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Dubeau, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ackerman, Pilot, Capt.	443	62
Blasko, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0845
Hendrex, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1231
Dore, Nav, Capt.		
Mai, Eng, S/sgt.		
Traweck, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Kees, Gunner, S/sgt.		
Strachan, Pilot, Capt.	443	64
Parsons, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0846 ⁴
Allen, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1233
Murray, Nav, Lt.		
Blackwell, Eng, S/sgt.		
Talsky, Radio, S/sgt.		
Purz, Gunner, S/sgt.		

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Dailey, Pilot, Lt.	443	63
O'Hara, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0845 ⁴⁵
Peterson, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1232
Devlin, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Motsenbocker, Radio, Sgt.		
Hood, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Carroll, Photo, Sgt.		
Ayrey, Pilot, Lt.	443	70
Swift, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0847 ¹⁵
Storick, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1234
Luper, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Salvati, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hansen, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Pickard, OBSERVE, Capt.		
Kotas, Pilot, Lt.	443	51
Heckler, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0848 ⁴⁵
Mele, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1236
Oehlke, Eng, Sgt.		
Waymire, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ward, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Townsend, Pilot, Lt.	443	50
Komorowski, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0848
Gooch, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1235
Williams, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Cain, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Shollenberger, Gunner, Sgt.		
Collins, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Woodhurst, Pilot, Lt.	443	52
Stratton, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0849 ¹⁵
Selzer, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1237
Hazel, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Hammonds, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Peck, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Nicoud, Pilot, Lt.	443	56
Zoeller, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0851 ¹⁵
Adams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1239
Chancier, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Wagner, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Haskins, Gunner, Sgt.		
Christenson, Photo, Sgt.		
Mosby, Pilot, Lt.	443	57
West, Co Pilot, Lt.		Took off: 0850 ^T
Orr, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1238
Propst, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Constable, Radio, Sgt.		
Lawrence, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Speed, Pilot, Lt.	443	55
Young, Co Pilot, Lt.	EARLY RETURN	Took off: 0953
Sherman, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed:
Gorman, Eng, S/Sgt.		Landed Puerto 1005 [±]
Ort, Radio, Sgt.		
Perkins, Gunner, Sgt.		