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Final Mission Report No. 308

Flight Commander: Captain Carraker.  
Lead Pilot: Captain Huttonley.

320th Bombardment Group.

BOLCE TR FILL (M/R) (R) F-550731, CGGS 4164, Sheet 48, Italy.

At 0925 hours 19 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early; spare. No aircraft lost prior to target. The lead A/C was hit by flak just before the bomb run and fell out of the formation with 2 others escorting. This squadron circled and bombed on a second run on the second run of the target. 15 B-26's were over the target. 9 B-26's dropped 69 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) on the target and 3 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6 hour delay fuses) on the first bomb run at 1057 hours from 9,800' to 9,300' on an axis of 41° T. 6 B-26's dropped 46 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) and 2 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6 hour delay fuses) on the primary target at 11:18 hours from 10,600' to 10,100' on an axis of 41° T. on the second bomb run. 9 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) and 1 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6 hour delay fuses) were salvaged over Italy by the damaged and one of the escorting A/C. 15 x x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base by 2 A/C, which escorted A/C damaged by flak. 18 B-26's returned to base at 1207 hours. No B-26's lost. No B-26's missing. 2 B-26's slightly damaged by flak; 1 B-26 seriously damaged by flak.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs was dropped by the first squadron bombing, scoring at least one direct hit blocking the line. The six (6) a/c which bombed on the second run, missed the target, bombs landing to the west.

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: S. Hal. 1 I GF type flak encountered from Peschiera, F-4355 and east of Peschiera, F-5055, 6/8 H at Peschiera, F-4355. Light flak was seen to burst above the formation.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4027; to Pidenza, F-9094; to Asola, F-1932; to F-4057; to IP, Cavion Varonesse, F-4866; to target; breakaway left to Sessenzano, F-3960; to Pidenza, F-905; to Moneglia, F-4027; to base.

WEATHER: A. Enroute: Very few scattered cumulus over water and mountains at 2,000'. B. Vicinity of Target: CAVU.  
C. Target Area: CAVU.  
D. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: A. Air Activity: F-47's were seen in target area, and strafing in the vicinity of Parma, L-1087, and Matua, F-4923, at 1045 hours.  
B. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: A. Ports and Harbors: None.  
B. Shipping: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: General: 1. Supply dump at F-1022 at 1048 hours.  
2. Smoke screen from Bridge and  $\frac{1}{2}$  N of Verona  
A/C, F-1259 at 1100 hours.  
3. Bridge at Peschiera, F-4355 and Viaduct at Desenzano,  
F-3059 appeared out at 1052 hours.  
b. Communications: 1. 2 trains of 25 cars each, stationary, just  
west of Pidenza, at F-8896, at 1043 hours.  
2. F-47's were seen to set on fire a train,  
by strafing at F-3044 at 1049 hours.  
3. Train of 30 cars moving east, at F-9442  
at 1105 hours.  
4. 50 RR cars at Asola, F-1932 at 1049 hrs.  
5. 50 RR cars at F-1066 at 1100 hours.  
6. 120 RR cars at Desenzano, F-3059, at  
1052 hours.  
7. Train of 25 cars, stationary, facing west  
at F-1561 at 1052 hours.  
8. Four trains of 30 cars each, 2 stationary,  
1 moving east, 1 moving west at F-3855 at 1052 hours.  
9. 30 RR Cars at Avis, F-6357 at 1059 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

WILLIAM COOK,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Ass't. Op. S-2 Officer.

MISSION # 404 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: C. ... 4: NOVEMBER 1944.

TAKE OFF LINE UP

34	<u>MC OMBER</u> 47 Hollark	<u>BC COLBY</u> 31 OLMSTED	<u>BAKER</u> 27 GERMANO
47			
27			
45	<u>ALLEN</u> 42 Anderson	<u>PHILLIPS</u> Phillips	<u>ODER</u> 43 Linville
42			
49			
48		<u>TSCHAN</u>	
25	<u>MAYFIELD</u> 25 Roush	<u>ROBERTS</u> Roberts	<u>INGHAM</u> 30 Westbrook
30			
11			
20		<u>LM</u>	
21	<u>LAZO</u> 20 Chelucci	<u>LAKOV</u>	<u>MYERS</u> 21 Posey
04			
02			
06		<u>SCHRANTZ</u>	
05	<u>LAPKE</u> Martinson	<u>OLIVER</u> 04 Oliver	<u>ASHER</u> 06 Stone
07			
02			
39	<u>HARRIS</u> 07 Allen	<u>WIGGLES</u> 05 Dover	<u>PRATT</u> 02 Murray
		<u>SCOTT</u> 09 Hathaway	

RADIO:  
320TH TOPNOTCH #1  
W/T Call sign: AMX

COLORS OF THE LINE

	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0600	GREEN AND RED	S	F
0800-1400	RED & YELLOW	D	V
1400-2000	RED & RED RED	C	Z
2000-2400	RED & YELLOW	B	J

ADDIS LAMP SIGNALS

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS OF 4 NOVEMBER 1944

Bottomley, Pilot, Capt.	442	34
Woolridge, CP, Lt.Col.		Took off: <del>0925</del> 0929
Olmsted, Bomb, Capt.		Landed: 1225
Pincomb, Nav, Capt.		
<del>Sgt</del>		
Carraher, Capt, FLIGHT COMMANDER		
Rochester, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pastorak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Nemier, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Baker, Pilot, Lt.	442	27
Ross, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0929½
Germano, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1225½
Mocquot, Nav, Lt.		
Morrow, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Clenenene, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Chapman, Gunner, Sgt.		
McOmber, Pilot, Lt.	442	47
Connelly, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0930
Haun, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1226
Chase, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Fisher, Radio, Sgt.		
Ortega, Gunner, Sgt.		
Hayes, Photo, Cpl.		
Brown, Pilot, Capt.	442	39 EARLY RETURN
Ober, Pilot, Lt.	442	43
Rojnovsky, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0931
Linville, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1226½
Shearer, Eng, Sgt.		
Blum, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Craig, Gunner, Sgt.		
Alien, Pilot, Lt.	442	42
McLaughlin, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0931½
Anderson, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1227½
Sheehy, Eng, Sgt. Eng.		
Youssi, <del>Gunner</del> , Sgt. Radio		
Demski, <del>Photo</del> , Sgt. Gunner		
Frank, <del>S/Sgt</del> S/Sgt Photo		
Metschan, Pilot, Lt.	442	48
Villelli, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0932
Roberts, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1228
Penton, <del>Eng</del> Eng, T/Sgt.		
Hurbace, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ingham, Pilot, Lt.	442	30
Walla, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0932½
Westbrook, <del>Max</del> , Sgt. Bomb		Landed: 1228½
Cramer, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Church, Radio, Cpl.		
Crenshaw, Gunner, Pvt.		

Mayfield, Pilot, Lt.	442	25
Stern, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0933
Roush, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1229
Simec, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Carroll, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Wendell, Gunner, Sgt.		
Wilhelm, Pilot, Capt.	441	11
Sullivan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0933½
Polakov, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1229½
Gibson, Nav, Capt.		
Barton, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Rencehausen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Marinelli, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Myers, Pilot, Capt.		21
Levering, CP, Lt.	441	Took off: 0934
Posey, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1230
Elman, Nav, Lt.		
Lewis, Eng, S/Sgt.		
<del>Wade</del> Kirkham, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Steeves, Gunner, T.Sgt.		
Lazo, Pilot, Lt.	441	20
Whiteman, CP, E/O		Took off: 0934½
Chelucci, Bomb, S/Sgt.	8	Landed: 1230½
Booth, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Williams, Radio, Sgt.		
Tufts, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bostic, Photo, Sgt.		
Schrantz, Pilot, Lt.	441	04
Peterson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0935
Liever, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1231
Connell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Snow, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Mausser, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Messenger, Observer, Capt.		
Asher, Pilot, Lt.	441	06
Kaiser, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0935½
Stone, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1231½
Fulk, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Breznak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Raschke, Gunner, Sgt.		
Lampke, Pilot, Lt.	441	23
Domke, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0936
Martinson, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1232 (
Purcell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Strand, Radio, Sgt.		
Dunn, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kramer, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Wiggins, Pilot, Lt.	441	05
Boblitt, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0936½
Dever, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1232½
Brush, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Cook, Radio, Sgt. Melson, Gunner, Sgt.		

Pratt, Pilot, Lt. 441 U2  
Walden, CP, Lt. Took off: 0937  
Murray, Bomb, Lt. Landed: 1233  
Liggett, Eng, T/Sgt.  
Dalton, Radio, S/Sgt.  
Thompson, Gunner, Cpl.

Heeren, Pilot, Lt. 441 U7  
Evans, CP, Lt. Took off: 0937½  
Allen, Bomb, Lt. Landed: 1233½  
Hughes, Eng, S/Sgt.  
Pysz, Radio, S/Sgt.  
Knight, Gunner, Cpl.

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