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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report # 383

Flight Commander: Captain Cahm.
Lead Pilot : Captain Aghanna.

320th Bombardment Group

OPERATION FOR VILA (M/R; (R) F-589795, OSGG 4164, Sheet 48), Italy.

At 0956 hours 19 B-26's took off. 2 B-26's returned early; 1 spare; 1 on single engine. No B-26's lost prior to target. 17 B-26's were over the target. 17 B-26's dropped 10 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) and 6 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6 hour delay fuses) on the primary target at 1129 hours from 10,600' to 9,600' on an axis of 34° T. No bombs were salvaged by other than the early returns. The early return on single engine is entitled to sortie, salvaged 8 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10 .025 second delay fuses) at F-6560. No bombs were returned to base. 17 B-26's returned at 1246 hours. No B-26's were lost. No B-27's are missing. 5 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target scoring 2/3 hits.

WRECK FLIGHTS DEMOLITION: None.

ENEMY: 1 12-burst typ flak from Peschiera, F-4355.

ROUTE: Base to Moniglia, F-4028; to Fidenza, F-9094; to Asola, F-1932; to LP, Luzzo, F-4662; to target on an axis of 34° T; breakaway left to Massaroso, F-3059; to Fidenza, F-0904; to Moniglia, F-4028; to base.

Headlines: a. Airports: Few scattered casualties over water and mountains at 2,000'.
b. Target Area: CAVU.
c. Vicinity of Target: CAVU.
d. Return: CAVU.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Air Activity: Fighter-bombs were seen in enemy territory, strafing at various points. 5 Spitfires were seen strafing at F-1540, made 1 pass at last squadron, but broke away at 1,000 yards and returned to strafing at 1142 hours.

b. Situation: None.

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

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: A. General: None.

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GROUND OBSERVATIONS (Cont'd):

- b. Communications: 1. 4/5 M/T with trailers moving into Desenzano, F-3059, at 1121 hours.
2. 30 M/T stationary at Poschierno, F-4455, at 1122 h.
3. Train of 10/15 RR cars moving south at F-3577.
- at 1129 hours.
4. 10/15 RR Cars at Villafranca, F-5445, at 1129 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: 1 crew member was injured by flak.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Op. Intelligence C.

MISSION # 405 FLIGHT COMMANDER: J. J. J.

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OPPERMAN
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REX
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MACKINNON
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METSCHAN
51 Boyd

STRICKLAND
56 RALPH

BL. DUELL
54 Gorman

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LETROSKI
63 Otto

SHEENFOLD
57 Strickland

KOTAS
69 Lowrey

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SALMONSON
61 Ryan

PLACKTER
88 FROELICH

BESSONNE
90 WILLIAMS

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PHILLIPS
59 Clark

W. MURST
70 COX

BENNETT
53 Montgomery

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OH
52 Merrick

VANKUREN
55 Adams

UHLIG
60 Orr

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SPARE

WISCOLL
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RADIO CALL SIGNS

"TOPNOTCH # 2"

FIGHTER BOMB
"A" CHANNEL

COLORS OF DAY	FLIGHT COLORS
0200-0800	GREEN RED RED
0800-1100	RED GREEN OR
1100-2000	RED GREEN RED
2000-0200	RED & YELLOW

WINGS DAY	CALL	SE	AGELY
0200-0800	S		F
0800-1100	D		V
1100-2000	C		Z
2000-0200	B		J

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS OF 4 NOVEMBER 1944:

Ackerman, Pilot, Capt.	443	62
Moran, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0925
Hendrex, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1246
Dore, Nav, Capt.		
McQueen, Radio, Sgt.		
Harmon, Gunner, Sgt.		
Cahan, Capt, FLIGHT COMMANDER		
MacKinnon, Pilot, Capt.	443	58
Hoover, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0925½
Wagar, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1246½
Underwood, Nav, Lt.		
Hammonds, Radio, S/Sgt.		
LaFrennie, Gunner, Sgt.		
Blackwell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Opperman, Pilot, Lt.	443	64
Jones, EC., CP, Lt.		Took off: 0926
Mela, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1247
Cain, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ruby, Gunner, Cpl.		
Oehlke, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Gorycki, Photo, Pfc.		
Strachan, Pilot, Capt.	443	56
McHugh, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0926½
Allen, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1247½
Hansen, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Luper, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Birdwell, Pilot, Lt.	443	54
Swift, C-P, Lt.		Took off: 0927
Gorman, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1248
Freudiger, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hafer, Gunner, Sgt.		
Leinkiewicz, Eng, Cpl.		
Watson, Pilot, Lt.	443	51
Komorowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0927½
Boy, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1248½
Sheumaker, Radio, Cpl.		
Allen, Gunner, Sgt.		
Wendt, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Collins, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Sherwood, Pilot, Lt.	443	57
Halbert, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0928
Strickland, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1249
Kees, Gunner, Sgt.		
Mai, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Schnur, Observer, Lt.		
Kotas, Pilot, Lt.	443	69
Parsons, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0928½
Lowrey, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1249½
Heavener, Radio, Pvt.		
Perkins, Gunner, Sgt.	Barry, Eng, T/Sgt.	

Mosby, Pilot, Lt.	443	63
Miller, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0929
Otto, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1250
Graham, Radio, Sgt.		
Suggs, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Cummins, Eng, Sgt.		
Driscoll, Pilot, Lt.	444	89 EARLY RETURN
		Took off: 0929½
		Landed: 1122
Plackter, Pilot, Capt.	444	88
Catalano, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0930
Froehlich, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1250½
Bang, Nav, Lt.		
Kuczma, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Fleming, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Bresette, Pilot, Capt.	444	90
Welbourne, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0952
Williams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1251
Deacy, Nav, Lt.		
Dowlen, Eng, Sgt.		
Schroll, Radio, Sgt.		
Case, Gunner, Pvt.		
Salmonson, Pilot, Lt.	444	81
Day, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0931
Ryan, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1251½
Ranking, Eng, Sgt.		
Day, Radio, Sgt.		
Dinunny, Gunner, Pvt.		
Witt, Photo, Sgt.		
Woodhurst, Pilot, Lt.	443	70
Shadle, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0931½
Cox, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1252
Ross, xxx Radio, S/Sgt.		
Shew, Eng, Cpl.		
Bennett, Pilot, Lt.	443	53
Roberts, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0932
Montgomery, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1252½
Ort, Radio, Sgt.		
Ward, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Pingle, Eng, Cpl.		
Phillips, Pilot, Lt.	443	59
Zoeller, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0932½
Clark, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1253
Jenkenson, Radio, Cpl.		
Beale, Gunner, Sgt.		
Sonnenstine, Eng, Sgt.		
Carroll, Photo, Sgt.		
Van Keuren, Pilot, Lt.	443	44 & 55
Townsend, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0933
Adams, Bomb, Lt. Young, Radio, Cpl.		Landed: 1253½
Fields, Eng, Sgt.		

Uhlig, Pilot, Lt.	443	60
West, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0933½
Orr, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1254
Wagner, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Sherman, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Margolis, Eng, S/Sgt.		

Weingart, Pilot, Lt.	443	52
Livsey, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0934
Storick, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1254½
Salvati, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Doucette, Gunner, Sgt.		
Simmons, Eng, Sgt.		

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