

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Final Mission Report No. 391

Flight Commander: Captain Beatty.  
Lead Pilot: ~~Major Hayward~~ Major Hayward

320th Bombardment Group (M).

CASSANO DI ADDA RR BRIDGE (M/R: (R) K-499680, OSOS 4164, Sheet 46),  
Italy.

At 14:15 hours, 3 B-26's took off. No B-26's returned early or were lost prior to the target. 3 B-26's were over the target. No bombs were dropped on the target, because the flak concussion tumbled the gyro in the lead a/c. 3 B-26's were over the primary target at 15:51 hours from 9,000' on an axis of 358°T. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were salvaged in the target area, because of flak damage to a/c carrying them. 8 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses - 7 of these) and (6-hour delay fuses - 1 of these) were returned to base by the other two a/c. 3 B-26's returned to base at 16:46 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26 slightly damaged by flak, and 1 B-26 seriously damaged by flak.

RESULTS: None.

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: I, H, A, A, Barrage followed by CP type flak encountered from target. Flak was encountered from 1 minute short of the bomb release line and for thirty seconds into breakaway.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, P-4028; to Castel S. Giovanni, K-4118; to IP, Lodi, K-4846; to target on axis of 358°T; breakaway right over Treviglio, K-3768; to Lodi, K-4846; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: A. Enroute; Very scattered cumulus at 8,000'.  
B. Vicinity of Target: CAVU.  
C. Target Area: CAVU.  
D. Return: CAVU.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: Air activity: P-47's were seen at Moneglia, P-4028 at 16:32 hours.

Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: A. General: Ferry site, 1th pontoons and supplies at K-3822 at 15:35 hours.

B. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars at Lodi, K-4846, at 15:47 hours.
- (2) 150 RR cars at Treviglio, K-5768, at

15:52 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This flight led 2 other flights, each briefed to bomb gun positions with fragmentation bombs, East and West of the target. All 8 a/c carried chaff. This formation dropped 12 boxes of chaff between IP and the bomb release point (See Chaff Interrogation Report to follow). 18 a/c followed this Squadron, attacking a larger bridge just East of this flight's target.

1 crew member was injured by flak.

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