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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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4 November 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 394

Flight Commander: Captain Deatly.  
Lead Pilot: Lt. Abernathy.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

CASSANO DI ADDA RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (Q) K-500679, GSOS 4164, Sheet 46), Italy.

At 11:24 hours, 20 B-26's took off. 2 B-26's returned early: 1, take-off was delayed due to crashed a/c, and was unable to locate the formation; 1, spare. 1 B-26 lost on take-off, due to engine failure. 2 crew members killed; 3 crew members injured; and a/c was destroyed. 17 B-26's were over the target. 17 B-26's dropped 62 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) and 6 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the Primary target at 15:53 hours from 11,000' to 10,000' on an Axis of 16°T. No bombs were salvaged. No bombs returned. 17 B-26's returned to base at 16:55 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. 6 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

RESULTS: A good pattern of bombs landed on the target, with the center of impact to the East. A few possible hits were scored.

ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: M, H, A, A, GP type flak encountered from the target. The flak was first very inaccurate, low and to the right of the formation. It commenced 2 minutes before bombs away, and became accurate on the bomb run itself. The accuracy decreased sharply on the breakaway from the target.

ROUTE: See report No. 392, same, except for the Axis which was 16°T.

WEATHER: See report No. 392, same.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See report No. 392.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: A Squadron of 8 a/c preceded this formation across the target area by 2 minutes. Of this Squadron, all dropped chaff. The lead flight was briefed to bomb small bridge just West of the Primary target here, and wing flights were briefed to bomb gun positions East and West of the target. Crew members believed that frags, different axes, altitudes, and chaff confused enemy gunners, affecting accuracy, especially just before the bomb run and on the breakaway of the formation.

The following crew members were killed in a/c which crashed on take-off:  
Name: Rank: ASN: Position:  
Hathaway, Robert I. 2nd Lt. O-730724 Bombardier  
Corrine, Clarence G., Jr. Sgt. 39628389 Gunner.

WILLIAM COOK,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

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Hayward, Pilot, Maj.	443	70	
McHugh, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1415	
Pickett, Bomb, Capt.		Landed: 1646	
Brooks, Nav, Lt.			
Taisky, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Wathen, Gunner, Sgt.			
Hamel, Pilot, Lt.	443	58	
Halbert, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1415½	
Lokan, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1646½	
Schwartz, Nav, Lt.			
Traweek, Radio, T/Sgt.			
Purtz, Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Coffey, <del>SM</del> Eng, T/Sgt.			
Speed, Pilot, Lt.	443	56	
Stratton, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1416	
Purvis, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1647	
Waymire, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Zachar, Gunner, Sgt.			
Troutman, Eng, S/Sgt.			
Ayrey, Pilot, Lt.	443	62	
Jones, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1416½	
Green, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1647½	
Kendricks, Radio, Sgt.			
Williams, Eng, S/Sgt.			
West, Pilot, Capt.	443	64	
Nicoud, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1417	
Davis, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1648	
Harrison, Radio, Sgt.			
Propst, Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Devlin, Eng, S/Sgt.			
West, Pilot, Lt.	443	67	
Hoover, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1417½	
Selzer, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1648½	
Motsenbocker, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Wong, Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Chandler, Eng, S/Sgt.			
Driscoll, pilot, Lt.	444	97	
Strekowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1418	
Belker, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1649	
Gould, Eng, Sgt.			
Villines, Gunner, Sgt.			
Mullaney, Photo, Cpl.			
Trimm, Pilot, Lt.	444	84	EARLY RETURN
Poling, Pilot, Lt.	444	76	
walker, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1419	
Goldman, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1650	
Doffel, Eng, Sgt.			
Ryan, Radio, Cpl.			
Hess, Gunner, Cpl.			

Abernathy, Pilot, Lt.	442	27
Rowan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1419½
Montez, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1650½
Menaugh, Nav, Lt.		
Walker, Eng, S/Sgt.		
DeLaire, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Durham, Gunner, Cpl.		
McDougal, Pilot, Lt.	442	37
McNamara, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1420
Burns, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1651
Wern ck, Nav, Lt.		
Walden, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Ranick, Radio, Sgt.		
Field, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Williams, Pilot, Lt.	442	38
Wolf, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1420½
Farwell, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1651½
Putnam, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Trimboli, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ratts, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Meserole, Photo, Sgt.		
Goeke, Pilot, Lt.	442	30
Wojtkowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1421
Wells, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1652
Surabian, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Vine, Gunner, Cpl.		
Porchycaluk, Pilot, Lt.	442	48
Gustafson, CP, Lt. 8		Took off: 1421½
Herbst, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1652½
Moore, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Richardson, Radio, Cpl.		
Marshall, Gunn r, Sgt.		
Vanderburg, Pilot, Lt.	442	40
Brenan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1422
Yewell, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1653
Ison, Eng, Cpl.		
Turpen, Radio, Sgt.		
Steler, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ciniello, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Schane, Pilot, Lt.	442	39 CRASHED ON TAKE OFF AND BURNED
Zellerbach, Pilot, Lt.	442	47 EARLY RETURN
Stutler, Pilot, Lt.	442	25
Olson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1423
Pidcock, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1654
Spangler, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Newton, <del>RM</del> Radio, Sgt.		
Nye, Gunner, Sgt.		

Mueller, Pilot, Capt.	441	23
Sullivan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1423 $\frac{1}{2}$
Penkava, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1654 $\frac{1}{2}$
Siporen, Nav, Lt.		
Metcalf, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Zepeda, Radio, Sgt.		
Hill, Gunner, Sgt.		
O'Mahoney, Pilot, Lt.	441	02
Dickey, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1424
Ferrandino, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1655
O'Connell, Nav, Lt.		
Rockabrand, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Hiler, Radio, Cpl.		
Vosler, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kauffman, Pilot, Lt.	441	20
Black, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1424 $\frac{1}{2}$
Norden, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1655 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fernandez, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Luchansky, Radio, Cpl.		
Wilson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Christenson, Photo, Sgt.		
Dinwiddie, Pilot, Lt.	441	07
Kaiser, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1425
Stadwicki, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1656
Lewis, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Dalton, Radio, S/Sgt.		
McCoy, Gunner, Pvt.		
Klug, Pilot, Lt.	441	01
Levering, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1425 $\frac{1}{2}$
Streany, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1656 $\frac{1}{2}$
Williams, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Ludy, Radio, Cpl.		
Bush, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Wilson, Pilot, Lt.	441	21
Forsythe, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1426
Ingle, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1657
Liggett, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Lofton, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Thompson, Gunner, Cpl.		
Reavis, Photo, Cpl.		
Pesek, Pilot, Lt.	441	05
Evans, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1426 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mirabella, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1657 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fulk, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Gibson, Radio, Cpl.		
Coppler, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Sherwood, Pilot, Lt.	441	04
Schaun, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1427
Vicha, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1658
Tamosiunas, Eng, Sgt.		
Geronimos, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wash, Gunner, Cpl.		
Blue, Photo, Sgt.		

Cudworth, Pilot, Lt.	441	11	
Peterson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1428 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Gallagher, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1659	
Smeland, Eng, Pfc.			
Rahl, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Garner, Gunner, Pfc.			
Wiggins, Pilot, Lt.	441	06	
Boblitt, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1428	
Dever, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1700	
Brush, Eng, T/Sgt.			
Witten, Radio, Sgt.			
Fata, Gunner, 3/Sgt.			
Haheer, Pilot, Lt.	444	69	EARLY RETURN

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