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

Final Mission Report No. 395

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

MANTOVA RAILROAD HILL (M/R) (N) F-675997, CGS 4164, Sheet 36), Italy.

At 09:17 hours, 19 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early: spare. No B-26's were lost prior to target. 18 B-26's were over the target. 9 B-26's dropped 69 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 3 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the first bomb run on the target at 10:54 hours from 10,600' to 10,100' on an Axis of 106°T, and 9 B-26's dropped 69 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 3 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the second run on the target at 11:15 hours from 10,000' to 9,500' on an Axis of 110°T. The second Squadron dropped on a second run because it was not in position to bomb on the first run. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:31 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: Bombs of the first Squadron landed just South-East of the target, missing it, due to short bomb run permitted by mountains. Bombs of the second Squadron landed on the tracks just North of the target with possible hits on the North end of the target due to misidentification.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FUEL: None.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4038; to Fidenza, F-9094; to Salo, F-1974; to IP, Nava, A-5604; to target on an Axis of 106°T; curve right to IP, Nava, A-5604; second bomb run on an Axis of 110°T; breakaway right to Desenzano, F-3059; to Fidenza, F-9094; Reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: a. Enroute: Band of cumulus over Tyrranean Sea at 2,000'.
b. Vicinity of Target: Band of Stratus at 2,000' in Cremona area.
c. Target Area: CAVU.
d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: a. Air Activity: None.
b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:
a. General: Hospital at Montichiari.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd)

b. Communications:

- (1) 90 RR cars at Salo, F-2974, at 10:46 hours.
- (2) 25 RR cars at Lovato at 11:32 hours.
- (3) 40 M/T parked just East of Brescia, F-0567, at 10:41 hours.
- (4) 40 RR cars at Calcinato at 10:40 hours.
- (5) 40 RR cars at Fidenza at 10:26 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

RUNWAY LINE UP
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 "A"
BARGE
SALMONSON 88 HEPNER BLADER
 76 Ryan 83 GLAUBITZ

 "B"
HALMOND
FOLING 87 Belker ELIS
 91 Sheehan 77 Bennett

 "C"
BRISCOE
WELLS 73 Bernardi DANKINS
 94 Clarke 97 Weyerberg

 "D"
ESTES
SHIMBACH 28 SPANN STEINBACH
 47 Westbrook 27 STOUGH

 "E"
BROWN
FORCYNALUK 31 Phillips KENT
 30 Yarnell 44 parwell

 "F"
ROUSCHAN
LaCHASSE 45 Roberts WILLIAMS
 42 Linville 36 Beckman

 "G"
SPARR
MYERN
 27 Haun

 COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 5 NOVEMBER 1944.
 TIME FLARE COLORS
 0200-0800 RED & RED RED
 0800-1400 RED & GREEN
 1400-2000 RED & YELLOW
 2000-0200 GREEN RED RED
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 RADIS LAMP SIGNALS
 TIME CHALLENGE REPLY
 0200-0800 B P
 0800-1400 F X
 1400-2000 G N
 2000-0200 L J

RADIO CALL SIGNS
 "TOPNOTCH" # 1

Fighter Bomber Channel
 "A"

Berge, Pilot, Capt.	444	88
Smith, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0917
Hepher, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1231
Delosier, Nav, Lt.		
Montaroli, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Harrington, S Radio, S/Sgt.		
Cahan, Capt. FLIGHT COMMANDER.		
Salmonson, Pilot, Lt.	444	76
Harkness, CP, F/O		Took off: 0918
Ryan, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1232
Rankin, Eng, Sgt.		
Tkach, Radio, Sgt.		
Ramirez, Gunner, Sgt.		
Zalewski, Photo, Cpl.		
Reeder, Pilot, Lt.	444	83
Strekowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0919
Glaubitz, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1233
Webb, Nav, L.		
Dowlen, Eng, Sgt.		
Chamberlin, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Villines, Gunner, Sgt.		
Poling, Pilot, Lt.	444	91
Catalana, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0920
Sheehan, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1234
Duffel, Eng, Sgt.		
Eleming, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hess, Gunner, Cpo.		
Witt, Photo, Sgt.		
Hammond, Pilot, Capt.	444	87
Welborn, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0921
Belker, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1235
Bauer, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Buchanan, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ellis, Pilot, Lt.	444	77
Haheer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0922
Bennett, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1236
Gould, Eng, Sgt.		
Daniel, Radio, Cpl.		
Dinanny, Gunner, Pvt.		
Wells, Pilot, Lt.	444	94
Fowler, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0923
Clarke, Bomb, T/Sgt.		Landed: 1237
Hamontreem, Eng, Cpl.		
Roll, Radio, Sgt.		
Dazg, Gunner, Sgt.		
Driscoll, Pilot, Lt.	444	93
Johnston, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0924
Bernardi, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1238
Gay, Eng, Sgt.		
Johnson, Gunner, Sgt.		

Dawkins, Pilot, Lt.	444	?
Walker, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0925
Weyenberg, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1239
Hightower, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Engldhardt, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ross, Gunner, Sgt.		
Estes, Pilot, Lt.	444	28
Olson, C, Lt.		Took off: 0926
Spann, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1240
Wernick, Nav, Lt.		
Margolie, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Purdy, Gunner, Sgt.		
Steinbach, Pilot, Capt.	442	27
Pearson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0927
Stough, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1241
English, Nav, Lt.		
Penton, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Glendinen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Spangler, Gunner, T/sgt/		
Zellerbach, Pilot, Lt.	442	47
Villeilli, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0928
Westbrook, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1242
Stevenson, Eng, Cpl.		
Renick, Radio, Sgt.		
Burns, Gunner, Sgt.		
Turpen, Photo, Sgt.		
Brown, Pilot, Capt.	442	31
Gustafson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0929
Phillips, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1243
Bollinger, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Sieler, Gunner, Sgt.		
Kent, Pilot, Lt.	442	44
Kithcart, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0930
Farwell, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1244
Walker, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Money, Radio, Sgt.		
Demski, Gunner, Sgt.		
Porcynaluk, Pilot, Lt.	442	30
Krimm, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0931
Youell, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1245
Surabian, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Ratts, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Marshall, Gunner, Sgt.		
Frank, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Metschan, Pilot, Lt.	442	45
Levin, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0932
Roberts, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1246
McCurley, Eng, Cpl.		
Ortega, Gunner, Cpl.		

Williams, Pilot, Lt. 442 38
Rowan, CP, Lt. Took off: 0933
Beckman, Bomb, F/O Landed: 1247
Putnam, Eng, S/Sgt.
Trimboli, Radio, S/Sgt.
Nye, Gunner, Sgt.

LaChasse, Pilot, Lt. 442 42
Mcomber, CP, Lt. Took off: 0934
Linville, Bomb, Cpl. Landed: 1248
Shearer, Eng, Sgt.
Delaire, Radio, S/Sgt.
Dubeau, Gunner, T/Sgt.

Stern, Pilot, Lt. 442 57
Frankel, CP, F/O Took off: 0935
Haun, Bomb, Lt. Landed: 1249
Suganman, Eng, Sgt.
Vine, Gunner, Cpl.

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