

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

Final Mission Report No. 397

Flight Commander: Captain Borge
Lead Pilot: Captain Flackter

320th Bombardment Group (M).

CASERIO RAIL CUT (M/A: (R) F-58805, CSOS 4164, Sheet 46), Italy.

At 09:55 hours, 18 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early; engine cutting out. No B-26's lost prior to target. 17 B-26's were over the target. 17 B-26's dropped 129 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 11:28 hours from 10,500' to 9,500' on an Axis of 46° T. No bombs were salvaged. 7 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base, not having been dropped due to bombardier error. 17 B-26's returned to base at 12:36 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: The bombs landed generally East of the target, with one or two possible hits or near misses on the target.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: M, H, I, I. SP type flak encountered from Peschiera, F-4254. Long deflection shots.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4028; to Videnna, F-9094; to Desenzano, F-3059; to L' Lanise, F-4562; bomb run to the target on an Axis of 46° T; breakaway left to Desenzano, F-3059; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: a. Enroute: Over coast, one band of strato-cumulus at 3,000' to 6,000'; layer of strato-cumulus over Apennines.

b. Vicinity of Target: Scattered patches in haze over Po Valley.

c. Target Area: CAVU.

d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Air Activity: B-25 formation was seen attacked by M/A and shot at by flak, South of Trento, B-7821, at 11:29 hours.

F-47's were seen at various places over enemy territory.

b. Situation: Chedi M/D, F-0957, appeared empty at 11:16 hours.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS:

a. Ports and Harbors: None.

b. Shipping: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) M/T burning North of Grosena at K-9233 at 11:10 hours.
- (2) Locomotive burning at Fiorenzuola, K-7601, at 11:42 hours.
- (3) Supply dump at F-9128 at 11:13 hours.
- (4) Smoke screen North-West of Verona at 11:26 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 40/50 RR cars at Desenzano at 11:24 hours.
- (2) 6/8 M/T moving West from Peschiera at F-3558 at 11:23 hours.
- (3) 80 RR cars at Montebelluna, F-2148, at 11:18 hours.
- (4) 12 M/T moving South at F-3044 at 11:20 hours.
- (5) Train of 30 cars moving East at F-8795 at 11:40 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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

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	NAME	NAME	NAME
83		<u>PLACKER</u>	
74	<u>SULLIVAN</u>	83 FROELICH	<u>KAMMEL</u>
78	<u>94 Rinden</u>		<u>88 DRAKE</u>
93		<u>CHOLIS</u>	
75	<u>ALSTROMS</u>	93 Bernardi	<u>HALLS</u>
77	<u>75 Larabee</u>		<u>79 Bennet</u>
87		<u>RISBY</u>	
77	<u>Halls</u>	87 Schmidt	<u>JONES, R.</u>
91	<u>77 Bergenberg</u>		<u>91 Clarke</u>
62		<u>ACKERMAN</u>	
52	<u>LIQUOR</u>	62 HALLMARK	<u>AC. HILGEL</u>
70	<u>2- BOY</u>		<u>70 HILGEL</u>
64		<u>FALT</u>	
62	<u>10. H. H. H.</u>	62, H. H. H.	
52	<u>6, Orr</u>		<u>62</u>
55		<u>ROBERTSON</u>	
57	<u>PHILLIPS</u>	57 Purvis	<u>57</u>
54	<u>5, Gordon</u>		<u>54</u>
71	<u>SP. H. H.</u>	<u>SP. H. H.</u>	

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CALL SIGN	TIME	STATUS
"TOPAUCH # 1"	0000-0600	not used
Flight Station CALLS	0600-1400	not used
General "A"	1400-2000	not used
"P CALL SIGN: "Orr"	2000-2400	not used

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TIME PLANE COLOGS
 not used
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THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS OF 6 NOVEMBER 1944:

Plackter, Pilot, Capt.	444	83
Catalano, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0955
Froehlich, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1241 <i>f</i>
Beacy, Nav, Lt.		
Haray, Eng, Sgt.		
Harrington, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Berge, Capt., FLIGHT COMMANDER.		
Sullivan, Pilot, Lt.	444	96
Travell, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0955½
Rinden, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1242 <i>f</i>
Thain, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Rummel, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wells, Gunner, Sgt.		
Witt, Photo, Sgt.		
Ramage, Pilot, Lt.	444	88
Viebrock, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1 0956
Drake, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1243
Bang, Nav, Lt.		
Leonard, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Englehardt, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Siordan, Gunner, Cpl.		
Chunis, Pilot, Lt.	444	93
Lebendorfer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0956½
Bernardi, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1244 <i>f</i>
McQuarrie, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Raines, Radio, Sgt.		
Armstrong, Pilot, Lt.	444	75
Nickelson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0957
Larrabee, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1244 <i>f</i>
James, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pozniak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ross, Gunner, Sgt.		
Corey, Photo, Cpl.		
Maher, Pilot, Lt.	444	79
Waddell, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0957½
Bennett, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1236
Jarrett, Eng, Sgt.		
Wiggill, Radio, Sgt.		
Mulaney, Gunner, Sgt.		
Hisey, Pilot, Lt.	444	87
Johnston, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0958
Schmidt, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1245 <i>f</i>
Smith, Eng, Sgt.		
Ferguson, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Jones, RN, Pilot, Lt.	444	91
Sherman, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0958½
Clarke, Bomb, T/Sgt.		Landed: 1245 <i>f</i>
Takala, Eng, Sgt.		
Poland, Radio, S/Sgt. Ryan, Gunner, Cpl.		

Wells, Pilot, Lt.	444	77
Day, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0959
Weyenberg, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1245 +
Johnson, Radio, Sgt.		
Villines, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ackerman, Pilot, Capt.	443	62
Uhlig, CP, Lt.		Took off: 0959 1/2
Hendrix, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1246 +
Taranto, Nav, Lt.		
McQueen, RM Radio, S/Sgt.		
Harmon, Eng, Sgt.		
Woolridge, Lt Col, Observer.		
MacKinnon, Pilot, Capt.	443	70
McHugh, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1000
Wagar, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1247
Murray, Nav, Lt.		
Hammonds, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ruby, Gunner, Cpl.		
Blackwell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Nicoud, Pilot, Lt.	443	52
Kotal, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1000 1/2
Boy, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1247 +
Talsky, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Price, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Oebike, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Gorycki, Photo, Pfc.		
Felt, Pilot, Capt.	443	64
Halbert, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1001
Montgomery, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1248
Motsenbocker, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Chandler, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Moran, Pilot, Lt.	443	53
Shadle, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1001 1/2
Gorman, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1248 +
Cain, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ford, Gunner, Sgt.		
Thompson, Eng, Sgt.		
Townsend, Pilot, Lt.	443	69
Jones, RC, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1002
Orr, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1249
DeVerna, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Doucette, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Troutman, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Collins, RM Photo, S/Sgt.		
Woodhurst, Pilot, Lt.	443	55
Hoover, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1002 1/2
Furvis, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1249 +
Waymore, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Simmons, Eng, Sgt.		

Watson, Pilot, Lt.
Birdwell, CP, Lt.
Storick, Bomb, Lt.
Graham, Radio, Sgt.
Ward, Gunner, S/Sgt.
Devlin, Eng, S/Sgt.

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Took off: 1003
Landed: 1250

Speed, Pilot, Lt.

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71 EARLY RETURN

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