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

Final Mission Report No. 408

Flight Commander: Major Hayward  
Lead Pilot: Captain Merrill

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SAN AMBROGIO RAIL FILL (M/R; (N) F-618642, GSUS 4164, Sheet 48), Italy.

At 10:30 hours, 18 B-26's took off. NO B-26's returned early. No B-26's lost prior to target. 18 B-26's were over the target. 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 12:04 hours from 10,600' to 10,900' on an Axis of 120°T. 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Rail Fill target at F-618638 at 12:04 hours from 10,000' to 10,400' on an Axis of 125°T, due to misidentification of the target. No bombs were salvaged. No bombs were returned. 18 B-26's returned to base at 13:18 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. No. B-26's slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: There was a good concentration of bombs across the primary target, with some bombs over. The Rail Fill South of the Primary, at F-618638, received an excellent concentration of bombs.

HEAVY FIGHT OR CAUTION: None.

FLAK: M, N, I, I, GF type flak from right of target.  
S, N, I, I, GF type flak from Peschiera, encountered.  
S, I, I, I, GF type flak encountered from Peschiera.  
2-4 gun Batteries at Peschiera, North and South of the town.

ROUTE: From base to Meneglia, F-4027; to Castel San Giovanni, K-4118; to Sarnico, K-9683; to L.P. Gale F-2974; to target on an Axis of 125°T; break left to Desenzano, F-3052; to Fidenza, E-9090; to Meneglia, F-4027; to base.

WEATHER: See report No. 399, this date.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity:
  - (1) 4/5 3/3 a/c seen at Carpendole to rear of formation at 12:15 hours, at 10,000', but did not come close enough for identification, after trailing formation for 3/4 minutes.
  - (2) 2 4/1 4/3 a/c seen at Fidenza to the right of the formation at 12:30 hours at 8,000', possibly F-47's.
  - (3) 6 F-47's seen escorting formation in target area.
- b. Situation: 2 a/c burning at Verona 4/D.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

F-9393.

- (1) 1 train of 75 cars burning, black smoke to 5,000', at Pidenza.
- (2) Fires and smoke to 2,000' from F-6552.
- (3) Fire in W/I at F-5369.
- (4) Possible ammunition dump at K-9272.
- (5) Several factories, active, at F-1891.
- (6) 4 fires at Ghedi A/D, F-0956.
- (7) 2 fires at F-0313.
- (8) 25 barracks at L-6189.

b. Communications:

- (1) 300/400 RR cars between Piacenza and Pidenza.
- (2) 150 RR cars at F-3555.
- (3) 300 RR cars at F-6259.
- (4) 25/30 RR cars at Gale, F-2975.
- (5) 300 RR cars at Desenzano, F-2558.
- (6) 30 RR cars at K-7986.
- (7) 150 RR cars at K-7668.
- (8) 6/8 large W/I, headed East, at K-8277.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION # 413 FLIGHT COMBAT: 1st. FAY 2nd 6 NOVEMBER 1944  
 AUSAAY LINEUP: -----

21		<u>21</u>	
18	<u>1420</u>	21 Trajnor	<u>18</u>
02	<u>18 Chaceca</u>		<u>02</u>
56		<u>56</u>	
03	<u>03BY</u>	56 Lowry	<u>03</u>
57	<u>03 Chaceca</u>		<u>57</u>
07		<u>07</u>	
81	<u>81</u>	07 Otto	<u>81</u>
05	<u>05 Cox</u>		<u>05</u>
85		<u>85</u>	
95	<u>95</u>	85 Heiler	<u>95</u>
90	<u>90 Ryan</u>		<u>90</u>
89		<u>89</u>	
57	<u>57</u>	89 Belker	<u>57</u>
62	<u>62 Shuehan</u>		<u>62</u>
51		<u>51</u>	
70	<u>70</u>	51 Beckman	<u>70</u>
05	<u>05 Fisher</u>		<u>05</u>
	<u>05</u>		<u>05</u>

RADIO CALL SIGNS:  
 "YURGON" # 2"  
 FIGHTER BEHIND  
 Channel "A"  
 W/T CALL SIGNS: "YDU"

COMBAT OF THE DAY FOR 6 NOV 1944  
 FIVE  
 0200-0600  
 0600-1400  
 1400-2000  
 2000-0200  
 FLYING COLORS  
 RED & RED  
 RED & GRAY GREEN  
 RED & GRAY  
 RED & RED

Merrell, Pilot, Capt.	441	21
Torongo, CP, Lt.		Took off: <del>12</del> 1020
Traynor, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1318 +
Perfetto, Nav, Lt.		
Hill, Eng, Sgt.		
Snow, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Tufts, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hayward, Major, FLIGHT COMMANDER		
Myers, Pilot, Capt.	441	02
Peterson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1020½
Posey, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1319 +
Mirabella, Nav, Lt.		
Gulliver, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Kirkland, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Marinelli, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lazo, Pilot, Lt.	441	18
Boblitt, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1021
Chelucci, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1320
Booth, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Renechausen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Williams, Gunner, Sgt.		
Potts, Photo, Cpl.		
vanKeuren, Pilot, Lt.	443	56
Stratton, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1021½
Lowery, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1321 +
Ort, Radio, Sgt.		
Deienisz, Eng, Cpl.		
Bennett, Pilot, Lt.	443	57
Zoeller, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1022
Holland, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1322
Harrison, Radio, Sgt.		
Beale, Gunner, Sgt.		
Shew, Eng, Spl.		
Mosby, Pilot, Lt.	443	63
Opperman, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1022½
Chaco, Bomb, Pfc.		Landed: 1322 +
Allen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wong, <del>Radio</del> Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kargolis, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Carroll, Photo, Sgt.		
West, Pilot, Capt.	443	67
Miller, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1023
Otto, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1323 +
Sheumaker, Radio, Cpl.		
Bujel, Eng, S/Sgt.		
West, Pilot, Lt.	443	65
Parsons, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1023½
Sherman, Bomb, T/Sgt.		Landed: 1324
Jenkenson, Radio, Cpl.		
Hood, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Luther, Eng, S/Sgt.		

Livsey, Pilot, Lt.	444	81
Komorowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1024
Cox, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1324 ✓
Young, Radio, Cpl.		
Boll, Gunner, Sgt.		
Barry, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Birmingham, Pilot, Capt.	444	85
Smith, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1024½
Heller, Bomb, Capt.		Landed: 1325 ✓
Day, Nav, Lt.		
Dowlen, Eng, Sgt.		
Chamberlin, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Salmonson, Pilot, Lt.	444	95
Harkness, CP, F/O		Took off: 1025
Ryan, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1326
Rankin, Eng, Sgt.		
Tkach, Radio, Sgt.		
Ramirez, Gunner, Sgt.		
Hulett, Photo, Sgt.		
Bresette, Pilot, Capt.	444	90
Strekowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1025½
Williams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1325 ✓
Westbrook, Nav, Lt.		
DeLeo, Eng, Sgt.		
Shaffer, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Dinenny, Gunner, Pvt.		
Dawkins, Pilot, Lt.	444	97
Walker, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1026
Sheehan, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1327 ✓
Duffel, Eng, Sgt.		
Shroll, Radio, Sgt.		
Hess, Gunner, Cpl.		
Zalewski, Photo, Cpl.		
Hammond, Pilot, Capt.	444	89
Fowler, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1026½
Belker, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1331
Bauck, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Buchanan, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ellis, Pilot, Lt.	444	82
Johnston, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1027
Adams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1327 ✓
Gould, Eng, Sgt.		
McDaniel, Radio, Cpl.		
Day, Gunner, Sgt.		
Goeke, Pilot, Lt.	442	51
Connelly, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1027½
Beckman, Bomb, F/O		Landed: 1329 ✓
Walden, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Mickelson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		

Mcomber, Pilot, Lt. 442 05  
Ross, CP, Lt. Took off: 1028  
Youssi, Bomb, Cpl. Landed: 1330  
Stevenson, Eng, Cpl.  
Trimboli, Radio, S/Sgt.  
Burns, Gunner, Sgt.

Zellerbach, Pilot, Lt. 442 76  
Wojtkowski, Lt. Took off: 1028  
Fisher, Bomb, Cpl. Landed: 1330  
Moore, Eng, Sgt.  
DeLaire, Radio, S/Sgt.  
Furdy, Gunner, Sgt.

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