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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 401

Flight Commander: Captain Smith.
Lead Pilot: Captain Mueller.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

DOLCE RAILROAD MILL (M/R: (R) F-550731, OSOS 4164, Sheet 48), Italy.

At 10:55 hours, 16 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early; engine cutting out. No B-26's lost prior to target. 15 B-26's were over the target. 14 B-26's dropped 112 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the Primary target at 12:30 hours from 10,000' to 9,000' on an axis of 51°T. No bombs were salvaged. 8 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base, because of bombay doors malfunction. 15 B-26's returned to base at 13:44 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. No B-26's slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: An excellent bomb pattern covered the target, scoring many direct hits.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: S, H, I, I. 10 bursts type flak encountered from Peschiera, F-4256. Long deflection shots. Intense, heavy flak from Modena, L-5767, area, seen fired at P-47's at 12:05 hours.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4028; to Fidenza, F-9094; to Castiglione di Stiv, F-2751; to IP, Caslon Veronese, F-4867; to target on an axis of 51°T; breakaway left to Desenzano, F-3059; to Fidenza, F-9094; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: See Report No. 399, this date.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) One crew member reported seeing 6 Me-109's intercepted by P-47's over Desenzano, F-3059, at 5,000' at 12:42 hours.
- (2) 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ unidentified a/c were seen following another formation of B-26's near Cremona at K-8824 at 12:59 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ a/c were seen during burning at Ghedi $\frac{4}{8}$, F-0957, at 12:44 hours.
- (2) Probable burning a/c in open field at F-6244 at 12:43 hours.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Fire with black smoke at Bazzolo, F-2419, at 12:44 hours.
- (2) Supply dumps and tanks at Canneto Di Oglio, F-1724, at 12:43 hours.
- (3) Ferry carrying truck across Po at A-9412 at 12:44 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 50/60 RR cars at Lonate, F-2758, at 12:20 hours.
- (2) 40 RR cars at Castiglione Di Stivo, F-2751, some loaded flat cars.

at 12:17 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Mueller, Pilot, Capt.	441	23
Scott, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1056
Penkava, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1344+
Siporen, Nav, Lt.		
Metcalf, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Zepeda, Radio, Sgt.		
Billington, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Smith, Capt. FLIGHT COMMANDER		
O'Mahoney, Pilot, Lt.	441	04
Dinome, CP, F/O		Took off: 1056½
Ferrandino, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1345+
Bader, Nav, Lt.		
Liggett, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Rockabrand, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Vosler, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Messenger, Obs, Capt.		
Lampke, Pilot, Lt.	441	16
Black, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1057
Norden, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1345+
Mausser, Eng, Sgt.		
Weber, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hughes, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Blue, Photo, Sgt.		
Dinwiddie, Pilot, Lt.	441	19
Schaum, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1057½
Murray, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1346+
Lewis, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Dalton, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Thompson, Gunner, Cpl.		
Asher, Pilot, Lt.	441	22
Dickey, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1058
Stone, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1347
Gibson, Eng, Cpl.		
Breznak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Raschke, Gunner, Sgt.		
Heeren, Pilot, Lt.	441	14
Evang, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1058½
Rojas, Bomb, F/O		Landed: 1348
Bentas, Eng, Sgt.		
Mellas, Radio, Cpl.		
Luxy, Gunner, Cpl.		
Reavis, Photo, Cpl.		
Pesek, Pilot, Lt.	441	11
Barret, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1059
Cocker, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1348+
Fulk, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Witten, Radio, Sgt.		
Prefas, Gunner, S/Sgt.		

Fratt, Pilot, Lt.	441	08	Took off: 1059 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walden, CP, Lt.			Landed: 1349
Allen, Bomb, Lt.			
Strand, Eng, Sgt.			
Hiler, Radio, Cpl.			
Lank, Gunner, Cpl.			
Domke, Pilot, Lt.	441	10	Took off: 1100
O'Brien, CP, Lt.			Landed: 1145
Martinson, Bomb, Sgt.			
Purcell, Eng, S/Sgt.			
Cook, Radio, Sgt.			
Knight, Eng, Cpl.			
Bottomley, Pilot, Capt.	442	27	Took off: 1100 $\frac{1}{2}$
Levin, CP, Lt.			Landed: 1350
Olmsted, Bomb, Capt.			
Pincomb, Nav, Capt.			
McGill, Eng, S/Sgt.			
Seiler, Gunner, Sgt.			
Kent, Pilot, Lt.	442	42	Took off: 1101
Gustafson, CP, Lt.			Landed: 1351
Ison, Bomb, Cpl.			
Crenshaw, Radio, Pvt.			
Leone, Gunner, Cpl.			
Ciniello, Gunner Photo, S/Sgt.			
Steinbach, Pilot, Capt.	442	31	Took off: 1101 $\frac{1}{2}$
Villelli, CP, Lt.			Landed: 1352
Roberts, Bomb, Lt.			
Fosheck, Eng, Sgt.			
Spencer, Gunner, Cpl.			
Stern, Pilot, Lt.	442	47	Took off: 1102
McNamara, C, Lt.			Landed: 1353
Woodward, Bomb, Cpl.			
Walker, Eng, S/Sgt.			
Ortega, Radio, Cpl.			
Church, Gunner, S/Sgt.			
LaForrest, Photo, S/Sgt.			
Metschan, Pilot, Lt.	442	30	Took off: 1102 $\frac{1}{2}$
Olson, CP, Lt.			Landed: 1353 $\frac{1}{2}$
Yowell, Bomb, Lt.			
Fenton, Eng, T/Sgt.			
Nye, Gunner, Sgt.			
Williams, Pilot, Lt.	442	44	Took off: 1103
Perrine, CP, Lt.			Landed: 1354
Herbst, Bomb, Lt.			
Margolia, Eng, S/Sgt.			
Blum, Radio, S/Sgt.			
Demski, Gunner, Sgt.			

Right Engine
No credit
Early

Took off: 1103 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed: 1350 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ship's # 1
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