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

Final Mission Report No. 402.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Keelridge.  
Lead Pilot: Lt. Abernathy.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

FOOTNOTED COORDINATION (M/N) (W) W-440184, GSGS 4164, Sheet 100, Italy.

At 11:05 hours, 22 B-26's took off. 10 B-26's returned early. 10 B-26's lost prior to target. 22 B-26's were over the target. 11 B-26's dropped 1,320 x 20-lb. Fragmentation bombs on the primary target at 13:04 hours from 9,600' to 10,200' on an axis of 296°T, and 11 B-26's dropped 1,320 x 20-lb. Fragmentation bombs at (W) W-430197, due to target misidentification. 10 bombs were salvaged or returned. 22 B-26's returned to base at 14:05 hours. 10 B-26's lost or missing. 4 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 10 B-26's seriously damaged.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target area.

WASPY FIGHTER OPERATIONS: None.

FLAK: S. N. A. I. Sp. G. type flak encountered from Ferli (W) W-4324. Encountered from bomb-release line for 15 seconds into breakaway. Flak decreased after initial bursts, in accuracy; accurate for altitude for only first squadron.

ROUTE: Base to join up at Piacenza 14100; to Sanigallia, (W) W-3759; to O. Rimini N/E, (1) W-8994; to I.P. Savignano, (2) W-7202; to target on an axis of 296°T; breakaway sharp left to Cesena, (W) W-5907; curve right, direct to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Clouds: Scattered cumulus over water, becoming overcast over land. Tops between 6,000' and 8,000'.
- b. Vicinity of Target: Abrupt break in clouds 10 miles west of target; clear to east and in the Po Valley.
- c. Target Area: Open.
- d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: Many friendly W/N a/c were seen dive-bombing and strafing in the vicinity of the target at 13:04 hours.
- b. Situation: None.

NAVY OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
  - (1) Tall column of black smoke at (W) W-5636 at 13:02 hours.
  - (2) Artillery flashes were seen south of Ferli at (W) ~~W-3813~~ W-3813 at 13:05 hours.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd)

a. General: (Cont'd)

(3) Smoke in target area at 13:04 hours.

b. Communications: Scattered M/T traffic moving in both directions, between Bologna, (W) L-8949, and Ferli, (W) M-4317, at 13:04 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Correction of Final Mission Report No. 399, 6 November 1944, the early return is credited with a sortie.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION #415 FLIGHT COMMANDER: ~~CAPT. DARTLY~~ 7 November 1944

		"A"		
		27	28	
		<u>HERBERT</u> MONTESZ	<u>MELCH</u> <u>YOUENES</u>	
RUNWAY LINE UP	30	<u>FORCYMALUK</u> Herbst		
27		"B"		
30		32	38	
28	42	<u>OBBER</u> Yowell	<u>SPRADLING</u> Ward	<u>WELLS</u> Parwell
32		47	"C"	
42		44	26	
38	45	<u>Mc OMBER</u> Roush	<u>GILES</u> Haun	<u>STUTLER</u> Wells
47		48	"D"	
26		21	4	
44	11	<u>DOUKE</u> Cocker	<u>VANDERBURG</u> Fisher	<u>Mc GILL</u> TRAYNOR
45		"E"	"E"	<u>O'IL HONEY</u> <u>FERRANDINO</u>
21		23	8	
48	3	<u>KAUFFMAN</u> Dever	<u>IYONS</u> Allen	<u>SHERLOCK</u> Vicha
4		9	"F"	
2		19	13	
11		22	7	
8		"G"	"G"	
9		"H"	"H"	
3		"I"	"I"	
19	22	<u>KLUG</u> Callagher	<u>SCHWARTZ</u> Lover	<u>GRILL</u> Kingsbury
22		"J"	"J"	
18		"K"	"K"	
7		"L"	"L"	
2		"M"	"M"	
16		"N"	"N"	

APPROX: 2 STELLER 15 ELLEN  
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	FLARE COLORS	MIDIS LAMP SIGNALS	
		CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	RED & RED	W	C
0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW	S	F
1400-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW RED	V	H
2000-0200	RED & RED RED	B	J

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS OF 7 NOVEMBER 1944:

Abernathy, Pilot, Lt.	442	27
Levin, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1128
Montez, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1411
McQuot, Nav, Lt.		
Woolridge, Lt Col, FLIGHT COMMANDER		
Surabian, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Clenedenen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Mikelson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Welch, Pilot, Lt.	442	28
Rowan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1128½
Younnes, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1412
English, Nav, Lt.		
Johnson, Obs, Capt.		
Rochester, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pastorak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Porcynaluk, Pilot, Lt.	442	30
LaChasse, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1129
Herbst, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1413
Poshek, Eng, Sgt.		
Blum, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wendell, Gunner, Sgt.		
Hayes, Photo, Cpl.		
Spradling, Pilot, Lt.	442	32
Kriem, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1129½
Ward, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1414
Wise, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Purdy, Gunner, Sgt.		
Wells, Pilot, Lt.	442	38
Mayfield, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1130
Farwell, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1415
Chase, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Short, Radio, Cpl.		
Marshall, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ober, Pilot, Lt.	442	42
Gustafson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1130½
Youell, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1416
Shearer, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Carroll, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Seiler, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Ciniello, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Stern, Pilot, Lt.	442	47
Wojjowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1131
Woodward, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1417
McCurlley, Eng, Cpl.		
Richardson, Radio, Cpl.		
Demski, Gunner, Sgt.		

Giles, Pilot, Lt.	442	44
Olson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1131½
Haun, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1418
Stevenson, Eng, Cpl.		
McCumber, Pilot, Lt.	442	45
Kithcart, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1132
Roush, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1419
Soldati, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Newton, Radio, Sgt.		
Chapman, Gunner, Sgt.		
Vanderburg, Pilot, Lt.	442	48
Connelly, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1133
Fisher, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1420
Sheehy, Eng, Sgt.		
Renick, Radio, Sgt.		
Burrs, Gunner, Sgt.		
Merrill, Pilot, Capt.	441	23
Lazo, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1133½
Traynor, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1421
Mirabella, Nav, Lt.		
Hill, Eng, Sgt.		
Renchausen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Tufte, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Cahan, , Capt.		
O'Mahoney, Pilot, Lt.	441	04
Forsythe, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1134
Ferrandino, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1422
Elman, Nav, Lt.		
Booth, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Rockabram, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Vosler, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Donke, Pilot, Lt.	441	11
O'Brien, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1135
Cocker, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1423
Purcell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Breznak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hughes, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Potts, Photo, Cpl.		
Lyons, Pilot, Lt.	441	05
Peterson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1135½
Allen, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1424
Bernstein, Eng, Sgt.		
Ligett, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Tankersley, Gunner, Sgt.		
Shrwood, Pilot, Lt.	441	08
Whiteman, CP, F/O		Took off: 1136
Vicha, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1425
Tanosianus, Eng, Sgt.		
Pusz, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Fata, Gunner, S/Sgt.		

Kauffman, Pilot, Lt.	441	03
Kaiser, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1137
Dever, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1426
Duarte, Eng, Sgt.		
Canzone, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wilson, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Blue, Photo, Sgt.		
Wiggins, Pilot, Lt.	441	09
Boblitt, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1137½
Stadwicki, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1427
Hart, Eng, Sgt.		
Cook, Radio, Sgt.		
Tietz, Gunner, Cpl.		
Schranz, Pilot, Lt.	441	19
Zelmer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1138
Liever, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1428
Connell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Smith, Radio, Cpl.		
Marinelli, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Grala, Pilot, Lt.	441	18
Cudworth, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1138½
Kingsbury, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1429
Gibson, Eng, Cpl.		
Mullis, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Melsan, Gunner, Sgt.		
Meserole, Photo, Sgt.		
Klug, Pilot, Lt.	441	22
Cockriel, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1139
Gallagher, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1430
Williams, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Witten, Radio, Sgt.		
Lucy, Gunner, Cpl.		
Wilson, Pilot, Lt.	441	07
Barrett, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1140
Bindle, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1431
Balinski, Eng, Cpl.		
Kellas, Radio, Cpl.		
Dunn, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Steier, Pilot, Lt.	441	02
Dickey, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1141
Rojas, Bomb, F/O		Landed: 1432
Strand, Eng, Sgt.		
Hiler, Radio, Cpl.		
Knight, Gunner, Cpl.		
Black, Pilot, Lt.	441	16
Lampke, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1142
Norden, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1433
Garner, Eng, Pfc.		
Hedges, Radio, Sgt.		
Van Dyke, Gunner, Cpl.		

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