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HEAD QUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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8 November, 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 404.

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SAN ASTASIA NN BRIDGE (M/R: (R) G-968616, GSOS 4164, Sheet 39), Italy.

At 12:07 hours, 19 B-26's took off. 1 B-26 returned early; spare. NO B-26's lost prior to target. 18 B-26's were over the target, and dropped 72 x 1,000-lb demolition bombs (1/10 & Inst. tail) on the primary target at 13:25 hour from 9,600 to 10,600' on an axis of 316 deg. T. on the second bomb run, the target having been cloud obscured on the first run. NO bombs were salvaged or returned. 18 B-26's returned to base at 14:59 hours. NO B-26's were lost or missing, and none slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: A good pattern of bombs covered the target, scoring a hit on the over-land span.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None. FLAK: None.

ROUTE: Base to Pesero, (R) S-1281; to Ip, Goerle, (R) H-1469; to Target on 1st bomb run, curve left to Ip Goerle H-1469; to target on 2nd run on axis of 316 T; break left to Goerle; to Pesero S-1281; to Base.

WEATHER: ENROUTE: S, 10ths cumulus over water, 4-5,500'.  
Vicinity of Tgt: Upper Po Valley open; lower closed.  
TARGET AREA: Scattered cumulus at 6,000'. RETURN: Same.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: Air Activity: 13 unidentified w/E w/C flying south at G-8515 at 13:48 hours. situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS:

PORTS & HARBORS: 3 barges at Venice (R) G-7151 at 13:39 hours.  
SHIPPING: 3 Medium M/V at (R) M-7793 at 14:05 hours.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS: (1). Hospital at Ceggia, G-9578 at 14:03 hours.  
(2). 38 oil tanks at Oderzo, G-8486 at 13:21 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION #417 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Capt SMITH 8 November 1944

GP #	LINEUP	NAME	NAME	NAME
		"A"	MUELLER	
	23	LAZO	25 PENYAVA	LYONS
	20	20 Chelucci		21 POSEY
	21		"B"	
		DINWIDDIE		
	07	McCURDY	07 MURRAY	ASHER
	14	14 INGLE		18 Stone
	18		"C"	
		PESEK		
	09	DOLKE	09 NORDEN	KUFFELMAN
	11	11 Cocker		03 DEVER
	03		"D"	
		HAGEL		
	62	NICOUD	62 HENDRIX	WEST
	67	67 BOY		51 SALZLER
	51		"E"	
		VAN KOURAN		
	56	DAILY	56 LOWRY	PHILLIPS
	68	68 GORLIN		50 Czechawitz
	50		"F"	
		WATSON		
	57	LIVSEY	57 STARICK	TOWNSEND
	63	63 OTTO		69 Orr
	69			
		SPARE		
		LYONS		
	05	<del>05 ALLEN</del> <i>Spall</i>		

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COLORS OF THE DAY	8 November 1944	ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE REPLY
0200-0800	RED & YELLOW	V Y
0800-1400	GREEN RED RED	H C
1400-2000	RED & YELLOW	S M
2000-0200	RED & RED	Z X

RADIO CALL SIGNS  
320th Group

" To match # 1 "

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FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS OF 8 NOVEMBER 1944:

Mueller, Pilot, Capt.	441	23
Cudworth, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1106
Penkava, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1459
Bader, Nav, Lt.		
Metcalf, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Zepeda, Radio, Sgt.		
Gandy, Gunner, Cpl.		
Smith, <del>Platoon</del> Capt, FLIGHT COMMANDER		
Myers, Pilot, Capt.	441	21
Dickey, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1106½
Posey, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1500
Siporen, Nav, Lt.		
Gulliver, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Kirkland, Radio, T/ Sgt.		
Knight, Gunner, Cpl.		
<del>Lazo, Pilot, Lt.</del>	<del>441</del>	<del>07</del>
<del>Keuhz, CP, Lt.</del>		<del>Took off: 1107</del>
<del>Murray, Bomb, Lt.</del>		<del>Landed:</del>
<del>Lewis, Eng, S/Sgt.</del>		
<del>Dalton, Radio, S/Sgt.</del>		
<del>Thompson, Gunner, Cpl.</del>		
Lazo, Pilot, Lt.	441	<del>07</del> 20
Boblitt, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1107
Chelucci, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1501
Booth, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Rencehausen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Williams, Gunner, Sgt.		
Blue, Photo, Sgt.		
Dinwiddie, Pilot, Lt.	441	07
Keuhz, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1107½
Murray, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1501
Lewis, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Dalton, Radio, S/Sgt./		
Thompson, Gunner, Cpl.		
Ashey, Pilot, Lt.	441	18
Peterson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1108
Stone, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1502
Liggett, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Fraser, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Raschke, Gunner, Sgt.		
McCurdy, Pilot, Lt.	441	14
Wetzel, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1108½
Ingle, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1502
McCoy, Eng, Pvt.		
Hedges, Radio, Sgt.		
Ludy, Gunner, Cpl.		
Bostic, Photo, Sgt.		

Pesek, Pilot, Lt.	441	09
O'Brien, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1109
Norden, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1503
Fulk, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Profos, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Lofton, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kauffman, Pilot, Lt.	441	03
Kaiser, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1109½
Dever, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1452
Duarte, Eng, Sgt.		
Canzone, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wilson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Domke, Pilot, Lt.	441	11
Bowles, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1110
Cocker, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1503
Purcell, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Breznak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Miranelli, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lyons, Pilot, Lt.	441	05
Levering, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1110½
Allen, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1322
Bernstein, Eng, Sgt.		
Pysz, <del>Eng</del> , Sgt. Radio		
Tankersley, Gunner, Sgt.		
Hamel, Pilot, Lt.	443	62
Young, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1111
Hendrex, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1504
Newell, Nav, Lt.		
McQueen, Radio, Sgt.		
Coffey, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
West, AB, Pilot, Capt.	443	51
Hoover, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1111½
Selzer, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1504
Murray, <del>Radio</del> Nav, Lt.		
Cain, Radio, Sgt.		
Sholenberger, Gunner, Sgt.		
Cummins, Eng, Sgt.		
Nicoud, Pilot, Lt.	443	67
Halbert, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1112
Boy, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1505
Allen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Price, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Oehlke, Eng, Sgt.		
Maples, Photo, Cpl.		
Van Keuren, Pilot, Lt.	443	56
Killer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1112½
Lowrey, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1506
Ort, Radio, Sgt.		
Beninis, Eng, Cpl.		

Phillips, Pilot, Lt.	443	50
Jones, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1113
Sherman, Bomb, T/Sgt.		Landed: 1506
Graham, Radio, Sgt.		
Hafer, Gunner, Sgt.		
Pingle, Eng, Cpl.		
Dailey, Pilot, Lt.	443	68
Unlig, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1113½
Gorman, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1507
DeVerne, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Kees, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Sonnenstine, Eng, Sgt.		
Christenson, Photo, Sgt.		
Watson, Pilot, Lt.	443	57
Birdwell, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1114
Storick, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1508
Heavener, Radio, Pvt.		
Purtz, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Shew, Eng, Cpl.		
Townsend, Pilot, Lt.	443	69
Shadle, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1114½
Orr, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1508
Wagner, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Doucette, Gunner, Sgt.		
Troutman, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Livsey, Pilot, Lt.	443	63
McHugh, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1115
Otto, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1509
Motsenbocker, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Thompson, Gunner, Sgt.		
Fields, Eng, Sgt.		

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