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QUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 405.

Flight Commander: Major Hayward.
Lead Pilot: Captain Cohen.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

GUN POSITION NORTH OF CASALE MONFERRATO (M/R: (1) J-648337,
sheet 58, GSGS 41-4), Italy.

At 11:57 hours, 3 B-26's took off. 0 B-26's returned early. No B-26's were lost prior to target. 3 B-26's were over the target. 3 B-26's dropped 300 x 20-lb fragmentation bombs on the primary target at 13:17 hours on an axis of 266 deg T. from 9,900'. 60 x 20-lb frag bombs were salvaged in the target area, having hung up. No bombs were returned to base. 3 B-26's returned to base at 13:17 hours. No B-26's were lost or missing. No B-26's slightly or seriously damaged.

RESULTS: Crews believed bombs landed in the general area, though the target was not identified.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: M H A I SP type flak was encountered from target area. commenced 2 minutes before bombs away and continued 5 seconds into breakaway.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4028; to Borgo Priolo, F-1809; to Carlasco, F-0236; to target on an axis of 266 deg True; breakaway right to Moneglia, F-8742; to Moneglia, F-4028; to Base.

WEATHER: ENROUTE: S/10 cumulus over water 4-5,000'.
VICINITY TGT & TGT AREA: CAVU.
RETURN: AS enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

COMMENT: This flight, one of two decoy flights assigned to frag gun positions and drop chaff, preceded by 45 seconds, a formation of 18 A/C bombing RR Bridge at Casale Monferrato. 9 boxes of chaff were dropped between Carlasco, F-0236, and the target.

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