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Flight Commander: Major Hayward.
Lead Pilot: Lt. Sherwood.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

OUR POSITIONS NORTH OF CASALE MONFERRATO (M/R) (S) J-627324, UTM 4164, Sheet 57,
Italy.

At 12:01 hours, 3 B-26's took off. No B-26's returned early. No B-26's lost prior to target. 3 B-26's were over the target. No bombs were dropped because a/c were not on proper axis of attack. 3 B-26's were over the target, Primary, at 13:15 hours at 10,200' on an axis of 244^{OT}. 120 x 20-lb. Fragmentation bombs were salvoed over water. 240 x 20-lb. Fragmentation bombs were returned to base. 3 B-26's returned to base at 14:23 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. 2 B-26's slightly damaged, by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

RESULTS: None.

ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATION: None.

FLAK: M. H. A. A. G type flak encountered from target. Commenced 2 minutes before bombs away, and stopped on breakaway.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4028; to Borgo Priolo, E-1809; to Carlasco, E-0236; to IF, Mortara, J-8742; to target on an axis of 244^{OT}; breakaway left to Mortara, J-8742; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: See Report No. 405, this date.

AIR OBSERVATION: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATION: None.

GROUND OBSERVATION: See Report No. 4, this date.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This was the second flight of 3 a/c assigned to frag gun positions and drop chaff in advance of an 18 a/c formation bombing Casale Monferrato RR Bridge. 12 boxes of chaff were dropped between Mortara and the target.

WILLIAM COOK,
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