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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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5 November 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 407

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

320th Bombardment Group (H).

2 CASALE MONFERRATO 1st BRIDGE (S/N: (H) J-643322, GCS 4164, Sheet 58), Italy.

At 11:46 hours, 17 B-26's took off. 10 B-26's returned early. No B-26's lost prior to target. 17 B-26's were over the target. 8 B-26's dropped 32 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 nose & last tail fuses) on the primary target at 13:19 hours from 10,600' to 9,600' on an Axis of 244⁰T. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged by a/c shot down just before it crashed, and 9 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged in the water on return, because they were armed. 23 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base. The 9 B-26's which did not bomb the target was the second Squadron; the bombs in the lead a/c hung up, and none bombed because all were briefed to toggle a Squadron leader. 16 B-26's returned to base at 14:26 hours. 1 B-26 lost to flak. A/c Battle No. 98, sustained a direct hit in the left engine, on the breakaway, from the target. It slow rolled, then spun toward the ground, recovered for an instant at 300', then resumed spin, crashed, exploded and burned just North of the target, J-6332. No chutes were seen. No B-26's missing. 10 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 1 B-26 seriously damaged by flak.

RESULTS: The south approaches were cut, but the bridge was missed. The line is believed temporarily impassable.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATIONS: None.

Flak: M. H. A. A. GP type flak encountered from the target. Commenced 2 minutes before bombs away and continued for a few seconds into the breakaway.

NOTES: Same as Report No. 406, except Axis was 244⁰T.

REMARKS: See Report No. 405, this date.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Air Activity: 2 T/W escorting another T/W a/c, flying south at 4,000' at 0-9810 at 13:41 hours.

b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS:

a. Ports and Harbors: 2 small craft on building stocks at Sestri Levante, F-3332, at 12:29 hours.

b. Shipping: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Bridge down, but ford in use at A-3480 at 12:41 hours.
- (2) Radar station, 3 W/T parked nearby at A-0700 at 21:43 hours.
- (3) 1 span of Voghera Railroad Bridge, A-0813, appeared out at 13:30

hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 12 W/T moving South-West into Mortara, at J-9245, at 13:16 hours.
- (2) 60 RR cars, 2 locomotives, stationary, at Mortara, J-8242, at 13:16 hours.
- (3) Train of 25 cars moving North at J-8450 at 13:16 hours.
- (4) 8-10 W/T moving North-East into Novara at J-7260 at 13:21 hours.
- (5) 60 RR cars at Novara, J-8065, at 13:21 hours.
- (6) 200 RR cars at Vercelli, J-8065, at 13:21 hours.
- (7) 8-10 W/T moving East into Vercelli, J-5653, at 13:20 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: The chaff used by two flights preceding this formation in the target area is believed ineffective, because of the use of different Azes used by one and improper course by the other.

The following is the list of crew members on Aircraft, Battle No. 98, Regular Serial No. 42-107556, which went down over the target.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Serial No.:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Hammond, David W., Jr.	Captain	0-791206	Pilot
Fowler, Richard B.	2nd Lt.	0-819783	Co-pilot
Bolker, Samuel D.	2nd Lt.	0-762139	Bombardier
Bauer, Kenneth J.	W/ Sgt.	3346412	Engineer/Gunner
Buchanan, Homer B.	Sgt.	39912947	Aerial Gunner

WILLIAM W. WEAVER,
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Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION # 418 FLIGHT COLONEL: W.A. PAYNARD 8 NOVEMBER 1944
 RUNWAY LINEUP:

02		02	
04	Lampke	04	Grvey
16	16 Anderson		
55		55	WOOD
65	STANTON	65	DAVIS
53	65 Chudic		

BORDEN
 04 Voller
 PAYNARD
 53 Blazga

85		85	
95	SULLIVAN	85	Holler
90	95 Rindon		

64 BELL
 90 Williams

93		93	
75	MR. STRONG	93	Schmidt
82			

SHERMAN
 82 Bennett

87		87	
76	PATER	87	Jerman
91	76 Rhodes		

SIMONSON
 91 Ryan

31		31	
54	JAGAN	31	Leman
30	54 Westbrook		

BATE
 30 Germano

45		45	
52	STUTER	45	Vila
71	52 Beckman		

ELIOT
 71 Filitscher

98		98	
88	JOHNS, JR.	98	Heller
97	88 Adams		

ELLS
 97 Weinbergh

"TO CALL SIG"
 "TO BOYER #2"
 FIGHTE LOMBER
 C ANGEL "1."

COLORS OF THE
 TIME
 0000-0300
 0300-1100
 1100-2000
 2000-0200

Shot down

PLAN FOR 8 NOVEMBER 1944
 PLAN COLORS
 RED & YELLOW
 GREEN RED RED
 RED & YELLOW
 RED & RED

Cahan, Pilot, Capt.	441	02
Forsythe, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1154
Garvey, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1421
Perfetto, Nav, Lt.		
Bentas, Eng, Sgt.		
Geronimos, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Billington, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Borden, Pilot, Lt.	441	04
Dinome, CP, F/O		Took off: 1154½
Vollmer, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1422
O'Connell, Nav, Lt.		
Kauser, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Snow, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Lank, Eng, Cpl.		
Lampke, Pilot, Lt.	441	16
Black, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1155
Anderson, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1423
Gerner, Eng, Pfc.		
Weber, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wyatt, Gunner, Sgt.		
Sherwood, Pilot, Lt.	443	55
Kotas, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1155½
Davis, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1423
Charlton, Radio, Sgt.		
Ferguson, Gunner, Cpl.		
Hanshaw, Eng, Sgt.		
Brainerd, Pilot, Lt.	443	53
Blasko, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1156
Miazga, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1424
Kendricks, Radio, Sgt.		
Zachar, Gunner, Sgt.		
Hazel, Eng, Sgt.		
Stratton, Pilot, Lt.	443	65
Parsons, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1156½
Mele, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1424
Johnson, Radio, Sgt.		
Kimmich, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Wathen, Eng, S/Sgt.		
(NOTE: Above planes decoy formation)		
Birmingham, Pilot, Capt.	444	85
Viebrock, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1145
Heller, Bomb, Capt.		Landed: 1425
Webb, Nav, Lt.		
Clack, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Englehardt, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hayward, Major, FLIGHT COMMANDER:		
Bresette, Pilot, Capt.	444	90
Channell, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1145½
Williams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1425
Bang, Nav, Lt.		
DeLeo, Eng, Sgt.		
Shaffer, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Ross, Gunner, Sgt.		

Chun s, Pilot, Lt.	444	93
Libendorfer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1146
Schmidt, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1425
McQuarrie, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Raines, Radio, Sgt.		
Sherman, Pilot, Lt.	444	82
Kreuzer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1146½
Bennett, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1426
Jarrett, Eng, Sgt.		
Ryan, Gunner, Cpl.		
Mullancy, Eng Gunner, Cpl.		
Armstrong, Pilot, Lt.	444	75
Mickelson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1147
Larrabee, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1426
James, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pozniak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Riordan, Gunner, Sgt.		
Zalewski, Photo, Sgt.		
Hisey, Pilot, Lt.	444	87
Travell, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1147½
Jarman, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1428
Smith, Eng, Sgt.		
Poland, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Salmonson, Pilot, Lt.	444	91
Day, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1148
Ryan, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1444
Rankin, Eng, Sgt.		
Tkach, Radio, Sgt.		
Ramirez, Gunner, Sgt.		
Hafer, Pilot, Lt.	444	76
Starr, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1148½
Rhodes, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1416
Vinson, Eng, Cpl.		
Walchui, Radio, Sgt.		
Eiggill, Gunner, Sgt.		
Barraciough, Pilot, Capt.	91 442	31
Brenan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1149
Lyman, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1429
Menaugh, Nav, Lt.		
Rochester, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Mikelson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Baker, Pilot, Lt.	442	30
LaChasse, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1149½
Wernick, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1429
Putnam, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Ratts, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Burns, Gunner, Sgt.		
Inghan, Pilot, Lt.	442	54
Wojtkowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1150
Farwell, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1430
Surabian, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Clendenen, Radio, S/Sgt.		
<u>P. g. y. Gunn. r. S. t. T. r. u. e. n. P. o. o. S. t.</u>		

Metschan, Pilot, Lt.	442	45
Krimm, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1150½
Vila, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1430
Margolis, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Chapman, Gunner, Sgt.		
Kent, Pilot, Lt.	442	71
Pearson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1151
Militscher, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1432
Soldati, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Vine, Radio, Cpl.		
Seiler, Gunner, Sgt.		
Stutler, Pilot, Lt.	442	52
Ross, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1151½
Beckman, Bomb, F/O		Landed: 1432
Cramer, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Church, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ortega, Gunner, Cpl.		
LaForrest, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Hammond, Pilot, Capt.	444	98 (DOWN OVER TARGET)
Fowler, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1152
Belker, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: —
Black, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Buchanan, Gunner, Sgt.		
Ellis, Pilot, Lt.	444	97
Johnson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1152½
Weyenberg, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1433
Hammontree, Eng, Cpl.		
McDaniel, Radio, Cpl.		
Day, Gunner, Sgt.		
RW, Jones, Pilot, Lt.	444	88
Strekowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1153
Adams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1433
Gould, Eng, Sgt.		
Fleming, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Dinny, Gunner, Pvt.		

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Hill, Pilot, Lt.	443	70
Zoeller, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1206
Howe, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1434
Brooks, Nav, Lt.		
Talsky, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Williams, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Carraher, Capt. FLIGHT COMMANDER.		
Ayrey, Pilot, Lt.	443	64
Swift, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1206½
Green, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1434
Schwartz, Nav, Lt.		
Salvati, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hansen, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Luper, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Moran, Pilot, Lt.	443	59
Kokorowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1207
Gooch, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1435
Constable, Radio, Sgt.		
Ford, Gunner, Sgt.		
Lally, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Carroll, Photo, Sgt.		
Driscoll, Pilot, Lt.	444	80
Catalano, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1207½
Bernardi, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1435
Gay, Eng, Sgt.		
Johnson, Gunner, Sgt.		
Lampman, Pilot, Lt.	444	77
Walker, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1208
Goldman, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1430
Hardy, Eng, Sgt.		
Ferguson, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hess, Gunner, Cpl.		
Hulett, Photo, Sgt.		
Poling, Pilot, Lt.	444	94
Harkness, CP, F/O		Took off: 1208½
Sheehan, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1436
Kuzma, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Harrington, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Villines, Gunner, Sgt.		
Steier, Pilot, Lt.	441	19
Barrett, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1209
Rojas, Bomb, F/O		Landed: 1436
Strand, Eng, Sgt.		
Hiler, Radio, Cpl.		
Fata, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Evans, Pilot, Lt.	441	22
Heeren, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1209½
Gallagher, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1436
Wash, Eng, Cpl.		
Kellas, Radio, Cpl.		
Vosler, Gunner, S. Sgt.		

Walden, Pilot, Lt.	441	08
Fratt, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1210
Martinson, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1437
Smeland, Eng, Pvt.		
Witten, Radio, Sgt.		
Stipe, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Estes, Pilot, Lt.	442	28
Frankel, CP, P/O		Took off: 1210½
Spain, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1438
Hood, Nav, Lt.		
Moore, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Spencer, Gunner, Cpl.		
Steinbach, Pilot, Capt.	442	33
McLaughlin, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1211
Stough, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1439
English, Nav, Lt.		
McCully, Eng, S Sgt.		
Blum, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hurbace, Gunner, Sgt.		
Vanderburg, Pilot, Lt.	442	42
Rojnovsky, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1211½
Miller, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1439
Waldon, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pastorak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Leone, Gunner, Cpl.		
Hayes, Photo, Cpl.		
Spradling, Pilot, Lt.	442	44
Ferrine, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1212
Roberts, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1440
ison, Eng, Cpl.		
Wham, Gunner, Pvt.		
Mayfield, Pilot, Lt.	442	29
Wells, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1212½
Linville, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1440
Posnek, Eng, Sgt.		
Money, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Vickers, Gunner, Cpl.		
Ober, Pilot, Lt.	442	26
Rowan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1213
Wells, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1441
Stevenson, Eng, Cpl.		
Abernathy, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Demski, Gunner, Sgt.		
Meserole, Photo, Sgt.		
Giles, Pilot, Lt.	442	25
McNamara, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1213½
Anderson, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1442
McCurlley, Eng, Cpl.		
Craig, Gunner, Cpl Sgt.		

Porcynaluk, Pilot, Lt. 442
Childs, CP, Lt.
Herbst, Bomb, Lt.
Morrow, Eng, S/Sgt.
Delaire, Radio, S/Sgt.
CubEAU, Gunner, T/Sgt.

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Took off: 1244
Landed: 1443

Zellerbach, Pilot, Lt. 442
Gustafson, CP, Lt.
Youssi, Bomb, Cpl.
Sugarman, Eng, Sgt.
Trimboli, Radio, S/Sgt.
Mendell, Gunner, Sgt.

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T/O: 1217
L: 1443

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