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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final mission report no. 111

Flight Commander: Captain Carraher
Lead Pilot: Lt. Reeder

320th Bombardment Group (M).

NOVARATO-TALLERABE BRIDGE (M/70) (R) A-698035, GCSs 4164, Sheet 36, Italy.

At 10:05 hours, 20 B-26's took off. 2 B-26's returned early; 1 congealed oil; 1 spare. No B-26's lost prior to the target. 18 B-26's were over the target. 10 B-26's dropped 66 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10, nose & non-delay fuses) and 5 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the primary target at 12:05 hours from 11,600' to 10,600' on an Axis of 33°T. 1 x 1,000# Demolition bomb (1/10, nose & non-delay fuses) was salvaged over water, having hung up over the target. No bombs were returned to base. 10 B-26's returned to base at 13:11 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. 5 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target, scoring several direct hits. The bombs of one Squadron landed south-east of the target, missing it.

ENEMY FIGHTER OBSERVATIONS: None.

Flak: 3, H, FA, 1. - G type flak was encountered from Novarato, A-6903. Encountered from 30 seconds before bombs away until 60 seconds into breakaway. 8 H guns at A-6802. 3, L, 1, 1. flak encountered from F-6893.

ROUTE: Base to Ineglia, F-4026; to Fidenza, F-9094; to L. Salo, F-2974; to target on an Axis of 33°T; breakaway left to Desenzano, U-3053; to Fidenza, F-9094; reciprocal course to base.

Weather:

- a. Enroute: Over water, scattered cumulus at 6,000'; generally CAVU in Po Valley and over Apennines.
- b. Vicinity of target: Few scattered alto-cumulus, increasing to the north.
- c. Target Area: Open.
- d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity:
 - (1) 12 unidentified $\frac{3}{4}$ S a/c flying west at 12,000' over Fidenza, F-9094, were seen at 12:35 hours.
 - (2) 6 unidentified $\frac{3}{4}$ E a/c flying North, South of Desenzano, F-3050, at 12:23 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd)

b. Situation: 2 large white crosses on Ghedi rd, F-0957, at 12:22 hours.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Flak towers at F-8989 and F-9008 at 11:50 hours.
- (2) Trenches at F-1228 at 11:51 hours.
- (3) Smoke screens at intervals extending South from Rovereto, F-7104, to San Ambrogio, F-5563, at 12:00 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 45 RR cars at Parma, L-0107, at 12:48 hours.
- (2) 15 RR cars at F-8497 at 11:51 hours.
- (3) Train of 30/40 RR cars facing West, stationary, 3 loaded with heavy guns, at F-0120 at 11:51 hours.
- (4) 10 M/T moving West at F-1223 at 11:52 hours.
- (5) 6 M/T moving South at F-1554 at 11:52 hours.
- (6) 10 M/T moving East at F-9826 at 11:52 hours.
- (7) 45 RR cars including 3 extra long repair cars at F-2359 at 11:58 hours.
- (8) 5 groups of 2/5 M/T moving in both directions in the vicinity of Salo, F-2974 at 12:00 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

WILLIAM COOK,
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Group Intelligence Officer.

Message # 423 FLIGHT CONTROL BOARD CAPT. CLARENCE H. 11 NOV 1944

83		"G"	
84	<u>SULLIVAN</u>	<u>83 GARDNER</u>	<u>5 GOSBOLD</u>
90	<u>94 Rinder</u>		<u>72 WILLIAMS</u>
60		<u>81 GARDNER</u>	<u>81 GARDNER</u>
75	<u>75 Ryan</u>		<u>81 GARDNER</u>
62		"G"	
69	<i>Congrad Oil</i>	<u>89 JAMES</u>	<u>89 JAMES</u>
70	<u>70 JAMES</u>		<u>78 BEEBE</u>
76	<u>76 JAMES</u>	"G"	
27		<u>27 LYONS</u>	<u>27 LYONS</u>
47	<u>47 FISHER</u>		<u>32 YOUNG</u>
31		"G"	
45		<u>45 JAMESON</u>	<u>45 JAMESON</u>
25	<u>25 JAMESON</u>		<u>25 JAMESON</u>
20	<u>20 JAMESON</u>	"G"	
33		<u>33 HERBST</u>	<u>33 HERBST</u>
44	<u>44 MILLER</u>		<u>28 MILLER</u>
28	<u>28 MILLER</u>		<u>28 MILLER</u>
97	<u>97 MILLER</u>	<u>97 MEYERBERG</u>	<u>97 MEYERBERG</u>
30			<u>30 MEYERBERG</u>

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RADIO CALL SIGN:
 "TO: NO. 2"
 FIGHTER BOARD
 Channel "A"

TIME
 0200-0300
 0300-1400
 1400-2000
 2000-0200
 F.L.C. COLAS
 A.D. & GARDNER
 GARDNER AND A.D.
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 A.D. & YOUNG

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS OF 11 NOVEMBER 1944:

Mueller, Pilot, Capt. 441 23
 Peterson, CP, Lt. Took off: 1019
 Penkava, Bomb, Lt. Landed: 1321
 Siporen, Asv, Lt.
 Metcalf, Eng, S/Sgt.
 Zepeda, Radio, Sgt.
 Vandyke, Gunner, Cpl.
 Merrill, Capt. FLIGHT COMMANDER

O'Mahoney, Pilot, Lt. 44A 04
 Dinome, CP, F/O Took off: 1019½
 Ferrandino, Bomb, Lt. Landed: 1321
 Bauer, Asv, Lt.
~~Knox~~ Dickens, Eng, Cpl.
 Rockabrand, Radio, S/Sgt.
 Vosler, Gunner, S/Sgt.

Lazo, Pilot, Lt. 441 11
 Kuentz, CP, Lt. Took off: 1020
 Chelucci, Bomb, S/Sgt. Landed: 1201
 Booth, Eng, T/Sgt.
 Hencshausen, Radio, S/Sgt.
 Williams, Gunner, Sgt.
 Blue, Photo, Sgt.

Scott, Pilot, Lt. 441 08
 Lampke, CP, Lt. Took off: 1020½
 Cocker, Bomb, S/Sgt. Landed: 1314
 Fernandez, Eng, T/Sgt.
 Stipe, ~~Eng~~, T/Sgt. Radio
 Fraser, Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Messenber, Observer, Capt.

Asher, Pilot, Lt. 441 18
 Barrett, CP, Lt. Took off: 1021
 Stone, Bomb, S/Sgt. Landed: 1312
 Coppler, Eng, S/Sgt.
 Pysz, Radio, S/Sgt.
 Raschke, Gunner, Sgt.

Torango, Pilot, Lt. 441 02
 Robinson, CP, Lt. Took off: 1021½
 Williamson, Bomb, Cpl. Landed: 1212
 Luchansky, Eng, Cpl.
 Smith, Radio, Cpl.
 Profos, Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Reavis, Photo, Cpl.

Dinwiddie, Pilot, Lt. 441 19
 Domke, CP, Lt. Took off: 1022
 Murray, Bomb, Lt. Landed:
 Lewis, Eng, S/Sgt.
 Dalton, Radio, S/Sgt.
 Thompson, Gunner, Cpl.

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Pratt, Pilot, Lt.	441	22
Walden, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1022½
Martinson, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1317
Smeland, Eng, Pvt.		
Breznak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Fata, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Howles, Pilot, Lt.	441	03
Boblitt, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1023
Anderson, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1314
Mullis, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Melson, Gunner, Sgt.		
Liggett, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Hamel, Pilot, Lt.	443	62
Halbert, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1023½
Hendrex, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1135
Brooks, Nav, Lt.		ER. 1135
Price, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Coffey, Eng, T/Sgt.		
Ayrey, Pilot, Lt.	443	70
Stratton, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1024
Lokan, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1319
Newell, Nav, Lt.		
Salvati, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Hansen, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Luper, Gunner Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pickard, Observer, Capt.		
Moran, Pilot, Lt.	443	61
Roberts, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1024½
Mele, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1114
Ross, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Haskins, Gunner, Sgt.		
Williams, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Gorycki, Photo, Pfc.		
VanKeuren, Pilot, Lt.	443	55
Kotas, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1025
Storick, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1319+
Graham, Radio, Sgt.		
Hood, Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Harmon, Eng, Sgt.		
Nicoud, Pilot, Lt.	443	56
Hoover, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1025½
Clark, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1120
Wrt, Radio, Sgt.		
Kees, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hanshaw, Eng, Sgt.		
Mosby, Pilot, Lt.	443	52
McHugh, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1026
Chaco, Bomb, Pvt.		Landed: 1120
McQueen, Radio, Sgt.		
Beale, Gunner, Sgt. Troutman, Eng, Sgt.		
Christenson, Photo, Sgt.		

Woodhurst, Pilot, Lt.	443	67
Zoeller, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1026½
Montgomery, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1111
Wagner, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Ziegler, Gunner, Sgt.		
Shew, Eng, Cpl.		
Miller, Pilot, Lt.	443	50
Jones, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1027
Furvis, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1201
Harrison, Radio, Sgt.		<i>E.R. service credit</i>
Ford, Gunner, Sgt.		
Chandler, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Collins, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Phillips, Pilot, Lt.	443	58 59
Shadle, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1027½
Orr, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1311+
Constable, Radio, Sgt.		
Holl, Gunner, Sgt.		
Gummins, Eng, Sgt.		
Dailey, Pilot, Lt.	443	64
Uhlig, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1028
Gorman, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1103
Heavener, Radio, Pvt.		
Hafer, Gunner, Sgt.		
Wendt, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Schranz, Pilot, Lt.	441	21
Zellmer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1028½
Liever, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1113
Connell, Eng, Sgt.		
Fulk, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Marinelli, Gunner, S/Sgt.		

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Reeuer, Pilot, Lt.	444	83
Biebrock, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1005
Glaubitz, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1124
Deacy, Nav, Lt.		
Leonard, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Englehardt, Radio Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ferguson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
CARRAHER, CAPT. FLIGHT COMMANDER		
Sullivan, Pilot, Lt.	444	94
Wilson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1005½
Rinden, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1125
Thain, Eng, Sgt.		
Rummel, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Wells, Gunner, Sgt.		
Lorey, Photo, Cpl.		

Bresette, Pilot, Capt.	444	90
Channell, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1006
Williams, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1324
Day, Nav, Lt.		
Smith, Eng, Sgt.		
Shaffer, Radio, T/Sgt.		
Mullansy, Gunner, Cpl.		
Chunis, Pilot, Lt.	444	80
Liebendorfer, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1006½
Bernardi, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1327
McQuarrie, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Raines, Radio, Sgt.		
Villines, Gunner, Sgt.		
Armstrong, Pilot, Lt.	444	75
Sutherland, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1007
Ryan, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1327 +
James, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Pozniak, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Ross, Gunner, Sgt.		
Lindquist, Photo, Sgt.		
Sherman, Pilot, Lt.	444	82
Johnston, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1007½
Clarke, Bomb, T/Sgt.		Landed: 1328
Vinson, Eng, Cpl.		
Ryan, Radio, Cpl.		
Suchart, Gunner, Cpl.		
Kreuzer, Pilot, Lt.	444	89
Travel, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1008
Jarman, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1329
Jarrett, Eng, Sgt.		
Polaro, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Rameriz, Gunner, Sgt.		
Salmonson, Pilot, Lt.	444	76
Johnston, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1008½
Rhodes, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1157 EARLY RETURN
Kamanski, Pilot, Lt.	444	88
Ford, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1009
Beeby, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1330 1330
Greco, Eng, Sgt.		
Friel, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Burkett, Gunner, Cpl.		
Ellis, Pilot, Lt.	444	97
Walker, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1009½
		Landed: 1157 EARLY RETURN
Barraclough, Pilot, Capt.	442	27
Ferrine, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1010
Lyman, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1330
Kocquot, Nav, Lt.		
Bollinger, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Blum, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Mikelson, Gunner, S/Sgt.		

Welch, Pilot, Lt.	442	31
Rowan, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1010 $\frac{1}{2}$
Younes, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1333
Hood, Nav, Lt.		
Cramer, Eng, Sgt.		
Vine, Radio, Cpl.		
<u>Donski, Gunner, Sgt.</u>		
Vanderburg, Pilot, Lt.	442	47
Frankel, C, F/O	442	Took off: 1011
Fisher, Bomb, Sgt.		Landed: 1309
Mocheater, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Short, Radio, Cpl.		
Burns, Gunner, Sgt.		
Meseroie, Photo, Sgt.		
Metschan, Pilot, Lt.	442	45
Arimm, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1011 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anderson, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1333
McCurley, Eng, Cpl.		
Newton, Gunner Radio, Sgt.		
Seiler, Gunner, Sgt.		
Lachasse, Pilot, Lt.	442	26
McLaughlin, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1012
Lynville, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed: 1335
McCully, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Richardson, Radio, Cpl.		
Wendell, Gunner, Sgt.		
Johnson, Obs, Capt.		
Ingham, Pilot, Lt.	442	25
Gustafson, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1012 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wells, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1334
Soldati, Eng, S/Sgt.		
Renick, Radio, Cpl.		
Crenshaw, Gunner, Pvt.		
Ciniello, Photo, S/Sgt.		
Spradling, Pilot, Lt.	442	33
Olson, C, Lt.		Took off: 1013
Herbst, Bomb, Lt.		Landed: 1333
Stevenson, Eng, Cpl.		
Trimboli, Radio, S/Sgt.		
Durham, Gunner, Pvt.		
Ober, Pilot, Lt.	442	28
Wojtkowski, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1013 $\frac{1}{2}$
Militsher, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1338
Ison, Eng, Cpl.		
Clendener, S/Sgt.		
Leone, Gunner, Cpl.		
Wells, Pilot, Lt.	442	44
Ross, CP, Lt.		Took off: 1014
Miller, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1336
Sugarman, Eng, Sgt.		
Delaire, Radio, S.Sgt.		
Spencer, Gunner, Cpl.		