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11 November 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 412

Flight Commander: Captain Merrill  
Lead Pilot: Captain Mueller

320th Bombardment Group (M).

DOLCE RAILROAD HILL (M/R) (R) F-530731, GSGS 4164, Sheet 48), Italy.

At 10:19 hours, 20 B-26's took off. 3 B-26's returned early: 2 with frozen guns; 1 with frozen controls (2 entitled to sortie credit). No B-26's lost prior to the target. 17 B-26's were over the target. 17 B-26's dropped 130 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 5 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the Primary target at 12:00 hours from 10,500' to 9,500' on an Axis of 58°T. 1 x 500# Demolition bomb (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) was jettisoned in water on return, having hung up over the target. No bombs were returned to base. 17 B-26's returned to base at 13:24 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. 9 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

REMARKS: A good pattern of bombs walked across the center of the target, scoring direct hits. Part of one Squadron hit on the north end of the target area, and one flight landed just over to the north.

ENEMY FIGHTER DEPOSIT/FLAK: None.

FLAK: S, H, A, I. - B type flak encountered from Peschiera, F-4256 - 15 widely scattered bursts.

S, L, I, I, on the breakaway from the target.

S, H, A, FA. - GP type flak encountered from Caprino, F-5174, to target. Encountered 60 seconds before bombs away and for 20 seconds into breakaway.

4 H guns at F-4508; 3 H guns at F-5173. Several 10mm. bursts were reported. 3 large red bursts on altitude, behind the formation, on the breakaway.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4028; to Fidenza, F-9094; to LF, Desenzano, F-3059; to target on an Axis of 58°T; breakaway left to Desenzano, F-3059; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER: Same as Final Mission Report No. 411, this date.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Air Activity:

(1) 5 unidentified  $\frac{3}{4}$ E a/c to the rear of the formation at the same altitude, flying south in the same direction as the formation, south of Desenzano, F-3059, at 12:16 hours.

(2) 2 P-47's in the target area below the formation, headed north at 12:00 hours.

(3) 8 P-47's at landfall, F-4028, headed North-East at 11:30 hours.

AIR OBSERVATIONS: (Cont'd).

b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Barracks area at Castiglione S. Stiv, F-2750, at 12:16 hours.
- (2) Smoke screen North-West of Verona at F-6258 at 11:52 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 20 RR cars, 2 stationary locomotives at Desenzano, F-3059, at 12:12 hours.
- (2) Locomotives with steam up reported at Verona, F-6755, at 11:55 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: Correction of Mission Report (per SYNOPSIS #264) No. 4, 7 November, 1944: No a/c dropped beyond the target. Close examination of photos proves that bombs approximately 1,000 yards beyond the target were those of the Mission No. 3. All bombs on Mission No. 4 were dropped or salvaged in the target area.

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MISSION # 422 FLIGHT COMMISSION: CAPT. ... 11 NOVEMBER 1944  
 HONAY LINEUP:

23		"A"	
11	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u> <u>200</u>	<u>01</u> <u>HONAY</u>
04	<u>11</u> <u>Ciellucci</u>		<u>04</u> <u>P. ...</u>
08	<i>Richard James</i>		
02	<u>02</u> <u>James</u>	<u>02</u> <u>James</u>	<u>02</u> <u>Stone</u>
19		<u>19</u> <u>James</u>	
09	<u>09</u> <u>James</u>		<u>09</u> <u>James</u>
22			
02		<u>02</u> <u>James</u>	
61	<u>61</u> <u>James</u>		<u>61</u> <u>James</u>
70			
55		<u>55</u> <u>James</u>	
52	<u>52</u> <u>James</u>		<u>52</u> <u>James</u>
50			
67		<u>67</u> <u>James</u>	
59	<u>59</u> <u>James</u>		<u>59</u> <u>James</u>
50	<u>50</u> <u>James</u>		<u>50</u> <u>James</u>
21			
51		<u>51</u> <u>James</u>	<u>51</u> <u>James</u>

ARBITER CALL SIGN "TOPNOTCH 1"  
 FIGHTER BOMBERS "A"  
 COLOR OF THE UNIT FOR 11 NOV 1944  
 TABLE:  
 0200-0400 RED & GREEN  
 0400-1400 GREEN AND RED  
 1400-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW  
 2000-0100 RED & YELLOW

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