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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M),  
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13 November 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 413

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

ALA STATION AND STORES (M/R: (R) F-666898, GSGS 4164, Sheet 36), Italy.

At 09:40 hours, 19 B-26's took off. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 guns jammed; 1 engine cutting out. No B-26's were lost prior to the target. No B-26's were over the target. The formation turned back at Padua, G-3448, due to weather at 11:42 hours from 10,000'. 21x 500# Demolition bombs: 4 (6-hour delay fuses); 9 due to rack malfunction; 8 because of flak damage. All other bombs were returned to base. 15 B-26's returned to base at 13:20 hours. No B-26's were lost. 2 B-26's missing: 1 B-26 with hydraulic system shot out is believed to have landed at Falconera A/D, with another B-26 as escort. 2 B-26's slightly damaged, by flak. 2 B-26's seriously damaged, by flak.

RESULTS: None.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: 3-M, H, A, A, -CP type flak encountered from Loreo, G-5810, both going in and coming out. 4 H guns at G-5010; 8 H guns at G-5810; 4 H at M-7098.

M, H, I, I, -Barrage type flak encountered from Chioggia on return.  
Long deflection shots. 8 H guns at G-6525.

ROUTE: Base to Rimini, (R) R-8693; to mouth of Po Di Tolle, M-8087; to Padua, G-3448; left curve to S. Urbano, G-1618; to Pegolette, G-4625; to mouth Po Di Levante, G-7308; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute: Clear from Florence to Rimini and over Adriatic.
- b. Vicinity of target: Over East Po Valley, altostratus overcast, base 10,000'.
- c. Target Area: Heavy storm North and West of Padua.
- d. Return: As enroute.

ALA OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: P-47's and B-25's seen in the target area.
- b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Ports and Harbors: None.
- b. Shipping: Many barges and other small boats in the vicinity of M-7090 at 11:30 hours.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Active factory at G-4302 and at Adria, G-4710, at 11:55 hours.
- (2) 6 large oil tanks at Cavarzene, G-5028, at 11:55 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) Scattered M/T traffic moving North in the Vicinity of Monselice, G-4430, at 11:48 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: This is credited as a Mission and Sorties.

WILLIAM COOK,  
Major, Air Corps.  
Group Intelligence Officer.

GROUP MISSION NUMBER 424: FLIGHT COMMANDER:

13 November 1944.

TAKS OFF LINE UP

	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
70	PARSONS 81 147	75 PETERS	CLARK 92 Linaga
61			
62			
56	OFFENBACH 81 147	86 STEWART	ROZDORSKI 53 Prigora
51			
53			
71			
68	TOWNSEND 68 Holland	71 SELZER	YOUNG 97 510
65			
23			
11			
04	ALLEG 11 vicha	23 147	JOSEPH 07 PERAZZINO
6			
3			
10			
2			
22			
18			
59			
19	2 LARK 22 Martineau	02 Kingsbury	Kauffman 18 Amerson

RADIO CALL SIGNS  
320th Group  
TOPNOTCH 1

SPARES	SPARES
PHILLIPS 59 077	PHILIPPE 10 Larrys

FIGHTER BOMBER CHANNEL  
"C"  
W/T CALL SIGNS  
(HRL)

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 13 November 1944.

0200-0800	RED & GREEN
0800-1400	RED & YELLOW
1400-2000	RED GREEN & BLUE
2000-0200	RED & GREEN

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AIRUS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0900	C	P
0900-1400	C	Y
1400-2000	C	G
2000-0200	C	B

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 13 November

HANWARD, PILOT, Major, NELAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. PICKETT, BOMB. Capt. BROOKS, NAV. 1st Lt. ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. DOUCET B, GUNNER, Sgt. HABEL, FLIGHT COMMANDER, 1st Lt.	443rd	70 took off 0940+ landed 1320
CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MINEGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MURRAY, NAV. 2nd Lt. JENSEN, RADIO, Cpl. KIDNICK, GUNNER, T/Sgt. CROOKS, ENGINEER, Sgt. VERGELLI, GUNNER, Maj.	443rd	62 took off 0942 landed 1321
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt. <del>ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.</del> ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BOY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt. FORD, GUNNER, Sgt. HABEL, ENGINEER, Sgt. MIFLESS, PHOTO, Cpl.	443rd	61 took off 0941 landed 1321
BRAINERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. HOOVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. ZACHAR, GUNNER, SGT. BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	56 took off 094245 landed 1322
KONOROWSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PRIMOORE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. KENDRICKS, RADIO, Sgt. LAFERRIE, GUNNER, SGT. PINGLE, ENGINEER, Cpl.	443rd	53 took off 0944 15 landed 1323
OPFERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CLARK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HARRISON, RADIO, S/Sgt. SACZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. WATSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 0943+ landed 1050 Early Return
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. WEINGART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MOTSERBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt. WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. LALLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	67 took off 0945 landed 1323
HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. KOTAS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. OTLO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt. PUTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt. TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	65 took off 0946+ landed 1324

<p>TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.          ZOBELER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.          HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.          SHERIDAN, RADIO, Cpl.          SUGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.          SUTTONS, ENGINEER, Sgt.          CAHAN, PILOT, Capt.</p>	443rd	<p>SC          took off 0945          landed 1325</p>
<p>LAZO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.          GARVEY, BOMB. 1st Lt.          M. PABELLA, NAV. 2nd Lt.          BENTAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.          GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.          BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.</p>	441st	<p>23          took off 0940          landed 1325</p>
<p>CUSHIONBY, PILOT, 1st Lt.          COCHRAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.          FERRANDINO, BOMB. 1st Lt.          O'CONNELL, NAV. 2nd Lt.          DICKENS, ENGINEER, Cpl.          ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.          WISLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	441st	<p>04          took off 0948          landed 1831 (1440)</p>
<p>KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.          LAWRENCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.          VIG A, BOMB. S/Sgt.          WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.          SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.          MAUSER, GUNNER, T/Sgt.          PUTIS, PHOTO, Cpl.</p>	441st	<p>11          took off 0948          landed 1831 (1420)</p>
<p>WIGGINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.          WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.          STAMANT, BOMB. S/Sgt.          HART, ENGINEER, Sgt.          CROCK, RADIO, Sgt.          WEBER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	441st	<p>06          took off 0940          landed Early 1822</p>
<p>WETZEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.          MC CORDY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.          STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt.          MC COY, ENGINEER, Pvt.          HEDGECOCK, RADIO, Sgt.          LOFTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	441st	<p>10          took off 0950          landed 1327</p>
<p>HARREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.          EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.          SACCO, BOMB. Sgt.          WASH, ENGINEER, Cpl.          WITTON, RADIO, Sgt.          GARNER, GUNNER, PFC.          HEAVES, PHOTO, Cpl.</p>	441st	<p>03          took off 0950          landed 1326</p>
<p>STEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.          SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.          KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.          PURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.          HILER, RADIO, Cpl.          BREZNAK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	441st	<p>07          took off 0953          landed 1327</p>

KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
BOHLETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
CARBONETTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st 18  
took off  
landed

0954  
1328

ZIEMK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
MURSYTHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
MARTINSON, BOMB. Sgt.  
TUSTZ, ENGINEER, Cpl.  
WELLS, RADIO, Cpl.  
HUGHES, GUNNER, S/Sgt  
SPARE:::~::~:

441st 22  
took off  
landed

0953.15  
1329

DUNWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
DICKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
LEWIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
THOMPSON, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st 19  
took off  
landed

0902  
1328

SPARE:::~::~:  
PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
MC HUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
ORR, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
CONSTABLE, RADIO, Sgt.  
BOLL, GUNNER, Sgt.  
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.

443rd 59  
took off  
landed

1325