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Final Mission Report No. 415

Flight Commander: Captain Cahan  
Lead Pilot: Captain Merrill

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SAN AMBROGIO RAILROAD FILL (M/R; (R) F-518642, GSGS 4164, Sheet 48), Italy.

At 11:34 hours, 20 B-26's took off. 3 B-26's returned early: 1 spare; 1 with top-turret out; 1 left formation at Moneglia with engine trouble, landed at Pisa A/D. No B-26's lost prior to the target. 17 B-26's were over the target. 15 B-26's dropped 114 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 13:13 hours from 10,600' to 9,600' on an Axis of 115°T. 2 B-26's dropped 15 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 1 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) 1,000 yards short of the target, because of flak damage in one A/C and toggle bombardier error in the others. 1 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) was salvaged in the water on return, having hugg up over the target. No bombs were returned to base. 16 B-26's returned to base at 14:39 hours. 1 B-26 lost; crash landed at Borgo, due to flak damage; crew is safe. No B-26's missing. 9 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

RESULTS: A few bombs covered the South half of the target area. Most bombs landed just South-West of the target area.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: M-1, H, A, FA, -GP type flak encountered from the target. Encountered for 1 minute before bombs away and for 2 minutes into the breakaway and turn. There was a lapse of 5 seconds as formation broke and the flak then increased in accuracy. 3 H just East of target, F-5264; 3 H North of target, F-5165.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, F-4028; to Castel San Giovanni, K-4118; to San Colombano, K-4731; to Sarnico, K-8683; to K-9689; to IP, Salo, F-2974; to target on an Axis of 115°T; breakaway left around Caprino, F-5173; to Montichiari, F-0853; to Fiorenzuola, K-7801; to Moneglia, F-4028; to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus, 8,000' to 12,000' over water.
- b. Vicinity of target: Few scattered cumulus, South edge of Po Valley.
- c. Target Area: CAVU.
- d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: 1 S/E unidentified A/C, 1,500' above the formation flying South over Montichiari, F-0853, at 13:32 hours.
- b. Situation: 2 large white crosses on Ghedi A/D, F-0957, at 13:25 hours.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General: Active factory at Rovato, A-8972, at 12:45 hours.

b. Communications:

(1) 200 RR cars between Treviglio, A-5768, and Chiari, A-8468, at 12:45 hours.

(2) 2 locomotives with steam up and 50 RR cars at Rovato, A-8972, at 12:45 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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Major, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION NUMBER 426 FLT CO: Capt CAHAN

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ABNLEY		* "A" *		
LINCOLN		BERNELL		
23	AMSDORFF	23 TAYLOR	BORDAN	
08	08 Strong		02 WALLER	
02		* "B" *		
		6000000		
19	0000000	19 GIBSON	0000000	
18	18 Sacco		0000000	
03		* "C" *		
		TOWNS		
06	Black	06 T. GIBSON	0000000	
16	16 Chellucci		28 Martenson	
22		* "D" *		
		0000000		
62	62 HART	02 HART	0000000	0000000
59	59 BOY		0000000	0000000
70		* "E" *		
		0000000		
57	57 HOOKER	57 HOOKER	0000000	FIGHTER-BOUNDED
60	00 HOOKER		0000000	CHANNEL: "C"
50		* "F" *		
		0000000		
04	04 DALLAY	04 DALLAY	10 HOLLAND	
08	08 German		61 HOLLAND	
52		* "G" *		
		0000000		
71	71 DALLAY	10 HOLLAND		
10		* "H" *		

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COLORS OF THE DAY					ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS				
Time	FLYING COLORS				CHALLENGE	REPLY			
0200-0800	RED & GREEN				0	1			
0800-1400	RED & GREEN				1	0			
1400-2000	RED & RED				2	1			
2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW				2	2			

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 16 November:

MERGILL, PILOT, CAPT.	441st	43
MYERS, CO PILOT, CAPT:		took off 1135
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1439
GIBSON, NAV. CAPT.		
HILL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TUTTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CAHAN, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	02
DINOME, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1136
VOLLMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1440
SIPOREN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MELLAS, RADIO, Cpl.		
LANK, GUNNER, C 1.		
ARNSDORFF, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	15
PETERSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1135+
STREANY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
WASH, ENGINEER, C 1.		Crash landed Borgo
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GERONIMOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LOFTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLUE, PHOTO, Sgt.		
WALDEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	03
FRATT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1138
BIDDLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		Landed at Pisa
WILLIAMS, RADIO, Sgt.		
STIPE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
SCHALK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1137
SACCO, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1425
MULLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		Came in on single Eng.
WITMER, RADIO, Sgt.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CIRKO, PHOTO, Sgt.		
WIGGINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	06
WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1138
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1441
HART, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.		
WEBER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLACK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
BARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1139+
CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1442
STRAND, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HILER, RADIO, C 1.		
RASCHKE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
Dunkle	441	22

HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62	
MILLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	1141
HENDREX, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1443
TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt.			
YOUNG, RADIO, Cpl.			
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DOFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70	
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1142 <sup>+</sup>
LOKAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1448 <sup>+</sup>
MURRAY, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
SALVATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LUPER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HALBERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59	
LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	1441 <sup>+</sup>
BOY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1444
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HASKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
DELEMISZ, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
HAYES, PHOTO, Cpl.			
VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57	
SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1143
SPORICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1444 <sup>+</sup>
GRAHAM, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HOOD, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
MOSBY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63	
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1144 <sup>+</sup>
CLARK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1453
GITTI, RADIO, Cpl.			
BEALE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SIMMONS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
HUCKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60	
GALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1143 <sup>+</sup>
HACKNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1445 <sup>+</sup>
DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
OEHLKE, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			
WATSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64	
WEINGART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	1144 <sup>+</sup>
SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1445
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SZCZECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WATHEMY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61	
ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	1146
HOLLAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. A		landed	1448
CHEUMAKER, RADIO, Cpl.			
SUGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SHEW, ENGINEER, CCpl. TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			

DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
COOK, CO. PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
GORMAN, BOMB. S, Sgt/  
HEAVENER, RADIO, Pvt.  
HAFER, GUNNER, Sgt.  
BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
WAYMIRE, RADIO, Sgt.

68  
took off 1145+  
landed 1449

ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st  
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
WILLIAMSON, BOMB. Cpl.  
LUCHANSKY, ENGINEER, Cpl.  
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.  
THOMPSON, GUNNER, Cpl.

10  
took off 1148  
landed 1302 Early  
Spare

WOODHURST, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
MC HUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
WAGNER, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.  
PINGLE, ENGINEER, Cpl.

71  
took off 1147  
landed 1441+

P. Domke Lt. 441  
C. Zellmer Lt.  
B. S/Sgt Stone  
E. T/Sgt Fernandez  
R. T/Sgt Frazer  
G. Sgt Tamosiumas

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T/O : 1140  
L : 1440+