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Final Mission Report No. 416

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

SAN MARGHERITA RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R; (R) F-664926, GSGS 4164, sheet 36), Italy.

At 11:50 hours, 20 B-26's took off. 2 B-26's returned early: spares. No B-26's lost prior to the target. 18 B-26's were over the target. 9 B-26's dropped 69 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) and 3 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) 1 mile North of the target, South-West of Marco at (M/R; (R) F-674982, GSGS 4164, sheet 36), 13:30 hours from 11,600' to 11,100' on an Axis of 150°T. 9 B-26's dropped 69 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) and 3 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the Primary target at 13:38 hours from 10,900' to 10,400' on an Axis of 148°T. No bombs were salvaged or returned to base. 15 B-26's returned to base at 15:03 hours, and 2 B-26's returned at 16:01 hours, after escorting missing a/c. No B-26's lost. 1 B-26 is missing. (Last seen on single-engine at 4,500', flying on a course of 230°, at 14:00 hours, with 2 P-47's escorting, over Ostia, P-7157.) 9 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. 1 B-26 seriously damaged by flak.

RESULTS: The target was missed. The bombs landed just North of the target. Bombs of the first Squadron cut the RR tracks South-West of Marco at M/R; (R) F-674982.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: 1. H. A. A. -GP type flak encountered from Rovereto, A-7003, and Mori, A-6801, by the first Squadron. Encountered 30 seconds before bombs away and through the breakaway over Rovereto. Some 105 mm. bursts were seen.

M. H. A. FA. -GP type flak encountered from North of the target and Rovereto, A-7003, by second Squadron. Encountered for 1 minute on the bomb run, stopped on the breakaway.

S. H. A. A. encountered passing over the target on the return.

From Genoa: 30 bursts of heavy, barrage type flak, behind 2 escorting a/c, flying South 7 miles East of Genoa.

REMARKS: Same as Final Mission Report No. 415, this date.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, P-4028; to Fiorenzuola, K-7801; to Montichiari, F-1853; to P-3096; to A-4316; first Squadron, to P-5495; curve right to IP, Arco, A-6008; bomb run on an Axis of 150°T; breakaway left over Rovereto, A-7003; to Montichiari, F-1853; second Squadron, from Thone, A-3721; 360° Curve left over Thone, A-3721; to Arco, A-6008; to target on an Axis of 145°T; breakaway left; curve right to the target; to Montichiari, F-1853; to Moneglia, P-4028; to base.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: 2 P-47's responded to the call for escort of the a/c damaged on single-engine.
- b. Situation: None.

NAVAL OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Ports and Harbors: 3 large craft at Genoa at 14:10 hours. One was a light cream color.
- b. Shipping: None.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

- a. General:
 - (1) Smoke screen over Genoa at 14:10 hours.
 - (2) Explosion and smoke at P-0445 at 14:10 hours.
 - (3) Piles of supplies at A-3503, A-3706, and A-4010, at 13:32 hours.
- b. Communications:
 - (1) 30 RR cars at Carpaneto, K-7405, at 13:10 hours.
 - (2) 75/100 RR cars at Montichiari, F-1853, at 13:18 hours.
 - (3) 30 RR cars at Desenzano, F-3059, at 13:24 hours.
 - (4) 6 M/T headed East at F-2260 at 13:25 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: None.

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

MISSION # 427 FLIGHT COMMANDER MAJOR HAYWARD

16 November 1944.

TAKE OFF LINE UP

85		1st Lt	<u>B IRVINGHAM</u>	
94	<u>ELLIS</u>	85	<u>HILLER</u>	<u>FRILL</u>
83	94 Sheehan			83 GARRIS
89		1st Lt		
81		1st Lt		
91	<u>SMITH</u>	87	<u>POOPER</u>	<u>WALKER</u>
	81 Ryan			91 Adams
80		1st Lt		
77		1st Lt	<u>POWELL</u>	
75	<u>BAKER</u>	65	<u>BURNARD</u>	<u>WALSH</u>
	77 Weyenberg			75 Robinson
31		1st Lt		
38		1st Lt	<u>WILSON</u>	
27	<u>COOPER</u>	31	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>WILSON</u>
	38 Westbrook			27 GERMANO
33		1st Lt		
26		1st Lt	<u>MONROE</u>	
29	<u>MENT</u>	33	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>FORCYNALUK</u>
	26 Haun			29 Farwell
28		1st Lt		
42		1st Lt		
25	<u>SMITH</u>	25	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>VANDERBERG</u>
	42 Youssi			25 Savoca
93		1st Lt		
45		1st Lt	<u>SPRES</u>	<u>SPRADLING</u>
	<u>KAMANSKI</u>			45 Woodward
	93 Beeby			

COLORS OF THE FAY FOR 16 NOVEMBER 1944.

TIME	FLIGHT COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	RED & GREEN	O	L
0800-1400	RED GREEN GREEN	D	G
1400-2000	RED & GREEN	B	Y.
2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW RED	F	J

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE SECOND MISSION OF 16 November.

BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, Capt.	444th	85	
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1158
HELLER, BOMB. Capt.		landed	1503
DAY, NAV. 1st Lt.			
TAKALA, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WIGGILL, GUNNER, Sgt.			
HAYWARD, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Major,			
TRIM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444thb	83	
SUTHERLAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1151+
CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1503+
WEBB, NAV. 1st Lt.			
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
SHROLL, RADIO, Sgt.			
VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ELLIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94	
WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1151
SHEEHAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1504
DUPPEL, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WELLS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
DAY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ZZLEWSKI, PHOTO, Cpl.			
JONES, R.W., PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	8y	
STREKOWSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1152
HOOPER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	<i>Went down</i>
GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
HESS, GUNNER, C 1.			
DINIMNY, GUNNER, Pvt.			
WALKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91	
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1154
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1527
GAY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt.			
ROSS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81	
DAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1153
RYAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1526
RANKIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
TKACH, RADIO, Sgt.			
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Sgt.			
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.			
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	8u	
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	1154+
BERNARDI, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1504+
BENTON, ENGINEER, Spl.			
BURRETT, RADIO, C 1.			
POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.			

LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOLDMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HARDY, ENGINEER, Sgt. MC DANIEL, RADIO, Cpl. WALCHLI, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	75 took off 1155+ landed 1505
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WEYENBURG, BOMB. S/Sgt. JARRETT, ENGINEER, Sgt. ZUELLER, RADIO, S/Sgt. RYAN, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	77 took off 1155 landed 1505+
ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. LEVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. & MONTEZ, BOMB. 1st Lt. VERNICK, NAV. 1st Lt. WALKER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl. MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 took off 1156+ landed 1457
BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GERMANO, BOMB. 1st Lt. ROOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. RUBINICK, RADIO, Cpl. RYE, RADIO, Sgt.	442nd	27 took off 1158 landed 1507
MC OMBER, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WESTBROCK, BOMB. Sgt. MC CULLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl. FURDY, GUNNER, Sgt. TURPEN, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	38 took off 1157 landed 1508
MOONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VILA, BOMB, 2nd Lt. PUTNAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt. CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	33 took off 1158+ landed 1508+
KENT, PILOT, 1st Lt. VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HAUN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MORROW, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. NEWTON, RADIO, Sgt. ORTEGA, GUNNER, Sgt. MESEROLE, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	26 took off 1159 landed 1510
GILES, PILOT, 1st Lt. GUSTAFSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SEMIC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	442nd	28 took off 1200+ landed 1510+
GLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		BUNBACE, GUNNER, Sgt.

VANDERBURG, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25	
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1202
SAVOCA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1507+
MILLEN, ENGINEER, T/sgt.			
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CRAIG, Sgt. GUNNER			
DEMSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.			
STUTLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	42	
PEARSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1201
YOUSSEI, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1511+
BASSIRE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
RATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
TRILHOLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
SPRADLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45	
OLSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1203 Early
WOODWARD, BOMB. Cpl.		landed	1322 Spare
SHEARER, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CRANSHAW, GUNNER, Pvt.			
KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93	
FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	1202+ Early
BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1315 Spare
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MULLANEY, GUNNER, Cpl.			