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17 ~~September~~ 1944.

Final Mission Report No. 417

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

320th Bombardment Group (M).

AVISIO RAILROAD VIADUCT (M/R: (R) A-747304, CGCS 4164, sheet 21), Italy.

At 08:02, hours, 40 B-26's took off. 4 B-26's returned early: Spares. No B-26's were lost prior to the target. 36 B-26's were over the target. 18 B-26's dropped 66 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) and 6 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the Primary target at 10:17 hours from 12,600' to 11,600' on an Axis of 240°T, by the first two Squadrons. The last two Squadrons did not drop due to inability to identify the target adequately for a bomb run, because of smoke screen and heavy haze. 6 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (12-hour delay fuses) were salvaged in the water on the return. 66 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were returned to base, not having been dropped due to smoke screen and haze. 36 B-26's returned to base at 11:36 hours. No B-26's were lost or missing. 6 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

RESULTS: Bombs landed over to the South-West and short to the North-East of the target, missing it.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: M, H&L, A, 1, -CP type flak encountered from North of Trento, A-7725, when the formation was over the target. Came up in bursts of 4 and 7. Encountered 30 seconds before bombs away, through the breakaway. About 5 bursts of yellow centers were seen.

Light flak was inaccurate for both altitude and deflection. Light flak was fired from hills just West of the target.

ROUTE: Base to Moneglia, P-4028; to Fidenza, P-9094; to Montichiari, P-1853; to F-3098; to Tione d' Trento, A-4721; to San Antonio Di Mari, A-5238; to B-1240; to Cavalese, B-0547; to IP, Capafiana, A-9646; bomb run to target on an Axis of 240°T; breakaway left to A-6237; to Tione d' Trento, A-4721; reciprocal course to base.

WEATHER:

- a. Enroute: Clear.
- b. Vicinity of the Target: Clear with haze over Po Valley.
- c. Target Area: Clear with heavy haze.
- d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) 1 P-38 at 20,000' headed North just over Monégia, P-4028, at 09:30 hours.
- (2) 8 P-47's rendezvoused over Alba and provided excellent escort over the entire route.
- b. Situation: Ghedi A/D, F-0957, appeared unserviceable, with 2 white crosses in center of runway at 09:42 hours.

GROUND OBSERVATIONS:

a. General:

- (1) Smoke pots burning profusely at the target and running down to North of Trento, A-7725.
- (2) Hospital at Lonato, F-2658, at 09:43 hours.
- (3) Viaduct at Desenzano, F-3056, out at 09:43 hours.
- (4) 3 RH cars with Red crosses just West of Desenzano, at F-2758, at 09:43 hours.
- (5) Explosion with white smoke at Rocchianca, I-0309, at 10:32 hours.
- (6) Pontoon bridge South-East of Gussola, at F-1505, at 10:32 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 1 W/T crossing Ghedi A/D, F-0957, at 10:28 hours.
- (2) 35/40 RH cars East of Cremona, at F-6326, at 09:38 hours.
- (3) Train with 12 cars, moving South, at Borgo Val di Taro, P-6453, at 09:32 hours.
- (4) Train of 10 cars moving South at F-7868 at 09:33 hours.
- (5) 3 repair cars at Pidenza, P-9094, at 09:35 hours.
- (6) Short passenger train, stationary, at Lonato, F-2656, at 09:42 hours.
- (7) 300 RH cars at Brescia, F-0568, at 09:43 hours.
- (8) 40 RH cars at Vabarno, F-2678, at 09:45 hours.
- (9) 200 RH cars between Rovereto, A-7004, and Trento, A-7824, at 10:00 hours.
- (10) 2 W/T convoys of 25 units each, one moving East, and one moving West, at Borgo, B-0521, at 10:06 hours.
- (11) 6 W/T moving South at F-2865 at 10:22 hours.
- (12) 15 W/T, stationary, at Desenzano, F-3058, at 10:23 hours.
- (13) 15 W/T moving East from Ghedi at F-1252 at 10:25 hours.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: A/C which crash landed at Borgo, 16 November 1944, was not lost. It is now considered repairable, though seriously damaged. Delete one lost; add one seriously damaged by flk, on Final Mission Report No. 415, 16 November 1944.

The following is the list of the personnel, which were on the B-26, which was reported missing, on the 16 November 1944, on Final Mission Report No. 416: A/C Battle #69, Serial No. 41-18190:

CREW POSITIONS:

<u>CREW POSITIONS:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>RANK:</u>	<u>UNIT:</u>
Pilot	Jones, R. B.	1st Lt.	0-683635
Co-pilot	Strkosky, L. J.	2nd Lt.	0-822132
Bombardier	Hooper, H. L.	2nd Lt.	0-762731
Eng/Gunner	Gould, O. T.	Sgt.	16208183
Gunner	Hess, H. A.	Cpl.	17146350
Gunner	Mininny, A. K.	Pvt.	17086502

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

UNIT NO	NAME	UNIT NO	NAME	UNIT NO	NAME
70	JONES	70	WICKSTET	82	CHAMBER
65	65 WYAC				
62					
66					
53	F. MOORE	53	DOFF	52	FRIGBAM
52					
58	PHILLIPS	59	1918	57	LOONEY
59					
57					
23	GALLA	23	HERVEY	21	ROBERT
11	II RINGBUSH			20	PERCIBERG
04					
19		20	WILKINSON		
20	ROBINSON				
06					
05		05	WILKINSON		
14	WILSON				
22	14 TULLY				
34		34	WELLS		
25	WELLS			27	BOURNE
27	25 WELLS				
30		30	ROBERTSON	27	ROBERTSON
29	OMM			27	BRIVILLE
47	29 Woodward				
45		45	WARD	43	WELLS
38	WELLS				
43	38 Miller				
95		95	WELLS		
76	WELLS				
90	76 GERRK				
93		93	WELLS		
81	DALTONSON			25	WELLS
95	81 WELLS				
80		80	WELLS		
78	WELLS				
94	78 WELLS				

S P A R E S  
 LIVER  
 50 TULLY  
 FARM  
 08 TULLY  
 LIVER  
 35 WELLS  
 FARM  
 80 SHEEHAN

TIME	COLORS OF THE DAY	LIGHTS	SIGNALS
08	RED & YELLOW	RED	V
35	0200-0800 RED & YELLOW	S	B
38	0800-1100 RED & RED RED	H	H
	1100-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW	T	D
	2000-0200 YELLOW & YELLOW RED		

RADIO CALL SIGN: TOPICOM 1. V/P CALL SIGN: TACOM 1 - W/P  
 FIGHTER-BOILER CALLS ON CHANNEL 40.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 17 November 1944:

HAYWARD, PILOT, Major, NICCUD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. PICKETT, BOMB. CAPT. BROOKS, NAV. 1st Lt. ALLEN, RADIO, S/sgt. ALLEN, GUNNER, Cpl. LUTHELT, ENGINEER, S/sgt. HARREL, FLIGHT ENGINEER, 1st Lt.	443rd	70 took off 0802 landed 1136
WEST, PILOT, CAPT. ZSOLLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. GREENE, BOMB. 1st Lt. REVELL, NAV. 2d Lt. SIMPSON, RADIO, Cpl. TONG, GUNNER, S/sgt. BROOKS, ENGINEER, Spl.	443rd	62 took off 0803 landed 1137
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HECKLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. OTIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TALSKY, RADIO, S/sgt. FURTZ, GUNNER, S/sgt. TROUBMAN, ENGINEER, S/sgt. KIEFICH, GUNNER, T/sgt. EVAUGH, PHOTO, Cpl.	443rd	65 took off 0803 landed 1138
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. DOTSINGER, RADIO, S/sgt. SUGGS, GUNNER, S/sgt. LALLY, ENGINEER, S/sgt.	443rd	64 took off 0807 landed 1138
NOTAS, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FRIGMORE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. KINDICKS, RADIO, Sgt. ZACHAR, GUNNER, Sgt. BOHNSTEIN, GUNNER, S/sgt.	443rd	52 took off 0805 landed 1139
PARSONS, PILOT, 1st Lt. CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. COX, BOMBARDIER, S/sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt. SZCZECHE, GUNNER, Sgt. HANSBET, ENGINEER, Sgt. COLLINS, PHOTO, S/sgt.	443rd	53 took off 0805 landed 1140
FELT, PILOT, CAPT. COOK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BOY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. FREDRIGER, RADIO, S/sgt. WARD, GUNNER, S/sgt. CHANDLER, ENGINEER, S/sgt.	443rd	56 took off 0808 landed 1141

UHLIG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57	
HOOVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0807
LOWERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1141
ORT, RADIO, Sgt.			
PARKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
PROBST, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59	
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0809
WELC, O.B. S/Sgt.		landed	1142
CONSTABLE, RADIO, SGT.			
LESKIEWICZ, GUNNER, Cpl.			
CHAMBERS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
CADAN, PILOT, CAPT.	441st	23	
STEIER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0806
GARVEY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1143
O'CONNELL, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
BEUTAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
GERCHILANS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ELLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	04	
BOELITT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0809
FERRANDERO, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1143
STRABELLA, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
DICKENS, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
VOGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
GRALA, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	11	
GUDNORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0809
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1144
BEECALF, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
WITLIN, RADIO, Sgt.			
GARNER, GUNNER, PFC			
POTTS, PHOTO, Cpl.			
BERNANZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19	
KUCWITZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0810
LIEVER, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1144
CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
LANK, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WETZEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	06	
MC CUREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0811
SACCO, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1145
MC COY, ENGINEER, Pvt.			
HILER, RADIO, Cpl.			
HUGHES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ROBINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20	
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0810
WILLIAMSON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed	1146
LUCHANOSKY, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.			
THOMPSON, GUNNER, Cpl.			
REAVAS, PHOTO, Cpl.			

LYONS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <del>1st Lt.</del> , 441st KAUFFMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt. CANZONER, RADIO, S Sgt. KANGHEK, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	05 took off landed	0812 1142
SHERWOOD, PILOT, 1st Lt. LEWENING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt. TANOSLUNAS, ENGINEER, Sgt. COOK, RADIO, Sgt. ZAPEDA, GUNNER, Sgt. WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	22 took off landed	0813 1147
WILSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. COCHRAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. MELLAS, RADIO, Cpl. LEWIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DUND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	14 took off landed	0814 1147
BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, CAPT. ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. WERNICK, NAV. 2nd Lt. ABERNATHY, FLIGHT COMMANDER, 1st Lt. POSHAK, ENGINEER, Sgt. DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt. DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	442nd	34 took off landed	0815 1148
WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROYAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. YOUNGER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ENGLISH, NAV. 2nd Lt. ROLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt. MCKENZIE, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	27 took off landed	0816 1148
WELLS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. PERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HELFAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SOLDATE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. BURNE, GUNNER, Sgt. SEILER, Sgt. MESEROLE, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	25 took off landed	0815 1149
SPRADLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. BRIAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SURABIAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt. CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/sgt.	442nd	30 took off landed	0816 1150

ZELLERBACH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47	
WOJTKOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0817
LINVILLE, BOMB. SGT.		landed	1152
WALDEE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl.			
GRANSHAW, GUNNER, Cpl.			
OSER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	29	
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0817
WOODWARD, BOMB. Sgt.		landed	1151
CHASE, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
NEWTON, RADIO, Sgt.			
SPENCER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CINIBELLO, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			
NETSCHEAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45	
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, P/O		took off	0818
WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1151
CRAMER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
PASTORICK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ORTEGA, GUNNER, Sgt.			
INGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	43	
KRUMH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0819
MILITSCHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1153
MC CUMLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
LA SCHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MAYFIELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	38	
OLSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0818
MILLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed	1153
SHEARER, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
RENECK, RADIO, Cpl.			
RYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
RAVAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85	
LIEBERKORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0820
DORKE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	1154
DELOISER, NAV. 1st Lt.			
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CHAMBERLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BRESSETTE, PILOT, CAPT.	444th	90	
WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0821
WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	1133
WESTBROOK, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MC DANIELS, GUNNER, Cpl.			
KREIZER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76	
SUMNERLAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0820
CLARKE, BOMB. T/sgt.		landed	1154
SMITH, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
WALCHI, RADIO, Sgt.			
POLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ZALSWISKY, PHOTO, Cpl.			

KAMANSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. FORB, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GREGO, ENGINEER, Sgt. FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt. DAY, GUNNER, Sgt.	44th	93 took off 0821 landed 1155
SEBASTIAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHAMBERLAIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BENNETT, BOMB. S/Sgt. JACKETT, ENGINEER, Sgt. MINT, RADIO, Sgt. RYAN, GUNNER, Cpl.	44th	95 took off 0822 landed 1157
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. HAYEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ENGLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. CLARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt. RAMIREZ, GUNNER, gt. MONEY, PHOTO, Cpl.	44th	81 took off 0822 landed 1157
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 1st Lt. GURIN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. SEPPER, BOMB. 1st Lt. JAMES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. POLNIAR, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, gt.	44th	80 took off 0823 landed 1203
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCHMIDT, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TRAIN, ENGINEER, Sgt. RUBERL, RADIO, S/Sgt. WELLS, GUNNER, Sgt. VILLIERS, PHOTO, Sgt.	44th	94 took off 0824 landed 1158
LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. STARR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RHODES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BECHTOLD, ENGINEER, Cpl. ZOBELER, RADIO, S/Sgt. WIGGILL, GUNNER, Sgt. MULLMANN, GUNNER, Cpl.	44th	78 took off 0823 landed 1158
<i>SPARES:</i>		
FOLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. HARKNESS, CO PILOT, P/O SHESMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. KUCZMA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	44th	88 took off 0825 landed 0949
PESAK, PILOT, 1st Lt. ZELLNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POSEY, BOMB. 1st Lt. FULK, ENGINEER, Sgt. WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt. TIEZT, GUNNER, Cpl.	44th	46 took off 0814 landed 0957

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LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	43rd	60	
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0825
HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	0945
DEVEREA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HARDON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
OSHEA, ENGINEER, Sgt.			

LA CHASSE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	35	
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0826
WELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed	0951
STEVENSON, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
HOUSE, RADIO, Cpl.			
WENDALL, GUNNER, Sgt.			