

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Flight Commander: Captain Hamel.
Lead Pilot: Major Hayward.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

AVISIO RAILROAD VIADUCT (M/R: (R) A-747304, GSGS 4164, Sheet 21), Italy.
ALTERNATE: PIAZZALETTO RAILROAD BRIDGE (M/R: (C) K-689301, GSGS 4164, Sheet 60),
Italy.

At 09:05 hours, 40 B-26's took off. 6 B-26's returned early: 3 spares; 1 loose trim-tabs; 1 engine cutting out; 1 chute opened in a/c. No B-26's lost prior to the target, and alternate target. 34 B-26's were over the target. 34 B-26's dropped 119 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) and 12 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) on the Alternate target at 12:21 hours from 10,200' to 9,200' on an Axis of 169°T. The Primary target was obscured by a effective smoke screen and the Alternate was bombed instead. 5 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were salvaged: 4 because of bomb bay doors malfunctioned in the vicinity of the target, and 1 in the water on the return, having hung up over the target. No bombs were returned to base. 33 B-26's returned to base at 13:18 hours. 1 B-26 returned to base at 14:43 hours, after landing at Pisa A/D for gas. No B-26's lost or missing. 2 B-26's slightly damaged by flak. No B-26's seriously damaged.

RESULTS: An excellent pattern covered the Alternate target, scoring 4/5 direct hits.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION: None.

FLAK: S, H, A, 1 -GP type flak encountered from A/D South of Bergamo, K-6580. Long deflection shots, a total of 23/30 bursts. 4 H guns at South-West corner of A/D.

ROUTE: Base to Rimini, K-8698; to south of Piave River, K-0163; to Sacile, B-8507; to Acordo, B-4945; to Predazzo, B-1649; to I. Cavalese, B-0347; to Canes, A-9240; to Mezzolombardo, A-7740; to A-6040; to F-3092; to Sarnico, K-8683; to Romano, A-6968; to IP, 2 miles East of Crema, K-6650; to Alternate target on an Axis of 169°T; breakaway left; curve right to Fiorenzuola; K-7501; to Monzilia, P-4028; to base.

WEATHER:

- Sky: 3-4/10ths cumulus over Italy to Rimini, clear beyond.
- Vicinity of Target: Clear with haze.
- Target Area: Clear with haze.
- Return: As enroute.

MISSION #429 FLIGHT COMMANDER:

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RUNWAY LINE UP	70	60	70	62
70	ZOELLER	Hackney	H. YALD	CLARK
60			PICKETT	MLZGA
62				
55	65	67	55	67
65	LOSBY	WAX	BOUTNERD	LIVSEY
67			POWERS	HOLLAND
64	63	63	64	53
63	TOWNSEND	Dooch	JAN KRUPEN	DAILEY
53-4940			STOFICK	Gorman
23	20	20	23	04
20	LIZO	Chelucci	GREEN	O'ILHONEY
04			GURVEY	PERCINILINO
07	11	06	07	06
11	DONKE	Kingsbury	BINFIDDIE	ASHER
06			Murray	Stone
19	22	16	19	16
22	EVANS	Williamson	PESEK	BOWLES
16			Posey	Anderson
34	25	27	34	27
25	OBER	Fisher	H.R. CLOUGH	BAKER
27			LYN	Stough
30	43	35	30	35
43	MC OMER	Youssi	GOMKE	KENT
35			Yowell	Westbrook
45	29	47	45	47
29 1155	MOJTKOWSKI	Hells	MOONEY	POPCYNALUA
47			Heckman	Harbst
85	80	80	85	90
80	WALKER	Ryan	RANGE	BRESSETTE
90			DRUKE	WILLIAMS
81 1231 early	78	78	81	97
78	LAPLAN	Goldman	SALMONSON	JOHNSTON, C.H.
97			Hepner	Sheehan
88	94	94	88	76
94	ELLIS	Weinberg	POLING	H.HER
76			Bernardi	Kinden

SPRINGS:
 05 IGGINS 1139
 Vicha
 93 KREUZER
 Eveland
 42 STUTLER
 Haun
 52 HOOVER
 Clark

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REFLY
0200-0800	YELLOW & YELLOW	RED	L P
0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW	G	G
1400-2000	RED GREEN GREEN	Q	X
2000-0200	GREEN RED RED	J	O

RADIO:
 320th TOPNOTCH
 Escort-TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS
 W/T O.G
 alternate O.B
 Fighter-Bomber calls on channel "C"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 18 NOVEMBER 1944

HAYWARD, PILOT, Major	443rd	70	
MORAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0905
PICKETT, BOMBARDIER, Capt.		landed	1310
BROOKS, NAVIGATOR, 1st Lt.			
ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ALLEN, R.E., GUNNER, Sgt.			
LUTHER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HAMEL, FLIGHT COMDR., Capt.			
CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	42	
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0906
MAZGA, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1317
MURRAY, NAV., 2nd Lt.			
JENKINSON, RADIO, Cpl.			
KIMMICH, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
CHANDLER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
ZOELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.,	443rd	60	
SWIFT, CO PILOT 2nd Lt.		took off	0908
HACKNEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1317
ORT, RADIO, Sgt.,			
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HANSHAW, ENG., Sgt.			
GORYCKI, AP - Pfc.			
LENKIEWICZ, AG - Cpl.			
BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.,	443rd	55	
URLIG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0908
PURVIS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.,		landed	1320
CAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ZACHAR, GUNNER, Sgt.			
BUJEL, ENG., S/Sgt.			
LIVSEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.,	443rd	67	
KOMCROWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0909
HOLLAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1320
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.			
OEHLKE, ENG., Sgt.			
MOSBY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	65	
CALLAHAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0908
COX, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	1321
MC QUEEN, RADIO, Sgt.			
BEALE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SIMMONS, ENG., Sgt.			
COLLINS, AP - S/Sgt.			
VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64	
ROBERTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0909
STORICK, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1321
JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt.			
WOOD, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
BROOKS, ENG., Cpl.			

DAILEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHADLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GORMAN, BOMB., S/Sgt. HEAVENER, RADIO, Cpl. HAFFER, GUNNER, Sgt. PROPST, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	53 took off 0910 landed 0940 (early return)
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 1st Lt. COOK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOOCH, BOMB., S/Sgt. KENDRICKS, RADIO, Sgt. PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SONNONSTINE, ENG., S/Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 0910 landed 1323
CAHAN, PILOT, Capt. KILG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt., GARVEY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. O'CONNELL, NAV., 2nd Lt. BENTAS, ENG., Sgt. GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt. BILLINGTON, GUNNER, T/Sgt. PICARD, Hq 320th, Capt.	441st	703-23 took off 0911 landed 1324
O'MAHONY, PILOT, 1st Lt. PETERSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. FERRANDINO, BOMB 1st Lt. MIRABELLA, NAV., 2nd Lt. DICKENS, ENG., Cpl. ROCKAHRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt. VOSLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	010-04 took off 0912 landed 1324
LAZO, PILOT, 1st Lt. FORSYTH, CO PILOT CHELUCCI, BOMB., S/Sgt. STRAND, ENG., Sgt. RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BLUE, AP, Sgt.	441st	248-20 took off 0912 landed 1325
DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MURRAY, BOMB., 2nd Lt. LEWIS, ENG., S/Sgt. GULLIVER, RADIO, S/Sgt. THOMPSON, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	322-07 took off 0913 landed 1326
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. DINOME, CO PILOT, F/O STONE, BOMB., S/Sgt. TLETZ, ENG., Cpl. PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. TUFT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	252-06 took off 0914 landed 1326

DOMKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	795-11	
DICKEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0914
KINGSHURY, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1313
PURCELL, ENG., S/Sgt.			
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
FERNANDEZ, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
CIRMO, AP, Sgt.			
PESEK, PILOT, Capt.	441st	891-19	
SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0915
POSEY, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	1321
FULK, ENG., T/Sgt.			
WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	243-10	
BARRETT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0916
ANDERSON, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1321
MULLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HEDGES, RADIO, Sgt.			
WASH, GUNNER, Cpl.			
LOFTON, AP, S/Sgt.			
EVANS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	534-22	
HEBEN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0915
WILLIAMSON, BOMB, Cpl.		landed	1328
BERNSTEIN, ENG., Sgt.			
CANZONEITA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GARNER, GUNNER, Pfc.			
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BARRSOLOUGH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	34	
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0918
LYMAN, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	1329
NERMICK, NAV., 2nd Lt.			
ABERNATHY, FC, 1st Lt.			
MARGOLIS, ENG., S/Sgt.			
GLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PURDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BAKER, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	21	
KITHEART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0919
STOUGH, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1329
HOOD, NAV., 2nd Lt.			
PUTNAM, ENG., S/Sgt.			
TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
OSER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	25	
TIBBITTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0918
FISHER, BOMB., Sgt.		landed	1330
MOORE, ENG., S/Sgt.			
BELAIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
SPENCER & DEMSKI, GUNNERS, Sgts.			
TURPEN, FOTO, Sgt.			

COOKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	30	
VILLELLI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0920
IOWELL, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1340
MCGULLY, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HOUSE, RADIO, Sgt.			
HURFACE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
KERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	35	
MCLAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0921
WESTBROOK, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	1332
SIMEC, ENG., S/Sgt.			
RENICK, RADIO, Sgt.			
SEILER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MCOMBER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	43	
GUSTAFSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0920
YOUSSE, BOMB., Cpl.		landed	1331
MORROW, ENG., S/Sgt.			
HARRIS, RADIO, Cpl.			
NYE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
HAYES, FOTO, Sgt.			
NOONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45	
MCMAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0921
BECKMAN, BOMB., F/O		landed	1331
WALKER, ENG., S/Sgt.			
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WENDELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47	
LEVIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0923
HERBST, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1443
BESSIRE, ENG., T/Sgt.			
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
BURNS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WOUTKOWSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29	
LACHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0922
WELLS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1155
STEVENSON, ENG., Cpl.			(early return)
PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ORTEGO, GUNNER, Sgt.			
RAMAGE, PILOT, Capt.	444th	85	
JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off	0923
DRAKE, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	1333
DELOSIER, NAV., 1st Lt.			
LEONARD, ENG., S/Sgt.			
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
FRIEL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BNESETTE, PILOT, Capt.	444th	90	
WILSON, CO PILOT 1st Lt.		took off	0924
WILLIAMS, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1333
DAY, NAV., 1st Lt.			
DELEO, ENG., Sgt.			
SHROLL, RADIO, Sgt.			
VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.			

WALKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	80	
DAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0924
RYAN, BOMB, Sgt.		landed	1334
DUFFEL, ENG., Sgt.			
FLEMMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
DAY, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MOREY, FG, Cpl.			
SALMONSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81	
BILBREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0925
HEPHNER, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	1231
RANKIN, ENG., Sgt.			
TKACH, RADIO, Sgt.			
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Sgt.			
JOHNSTON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	97	
SUTHERLAND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0926
SHEEHAN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	1335
GAY, ENG., Sgt.			
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
LAMPMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	78	
HARKNESS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off	0926
GOLDMAN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1334
HARDY, ENG., Sgt.			
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WELLS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
LINQUIST, AP, Sgt.			
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	88	
CATALANO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0927
BERNARDI, BOMB., 1st Lt.		landed	1335
KUCZMA, ENG., S/Sgt.			
ZOELLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PIERCE, GUNNER, Cpl.			
HAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76	
HAVEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0928
RINDEN, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	1336
TAKALA, ENG., Sgt.			
MCDANIELS, RADIO, Cpl.			
POLONI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WIGGILL, GUNNER, Sgt.			
ELLIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94	
CHANNELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0927
WEYENBERG, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	1337
BENTON, ENG., Cpl.			
WAICHLI, RADIO, Sgt.			
RYAN, GUNNER, Cpl.			
BURKETT, GUNNER, Cpl.			

KREUSER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93	
WADELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0929
EVELAND, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1125
SMITH, ENG., Sgt.		(spare - no credit)	
RUMMEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SEIDELL, GUNNER, Cpl.			
STUELER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	42	
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0929
HAUN, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1135
ISON, ENG., Cpl.		(spare - no credit)	
HEWTON, RADIO, Sgt.			
MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WIGGINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	051-05	
SCHAUM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0916
VICHA, BOMB., S/Sgt.		landed	1139
HART, ENG., Cpl.			
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.			
DUNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HOOVER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52	
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0917
CLARK, BOMB., 2nd Lt.		landed	1322
SHEUMAKER, RADIO, Cpl.			
SCHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HARMON, ENG., Sgt.			