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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 278, Day Operation, 19 July 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Hunger.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:35 hours, 24 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Guastalla Road Bridge (M/R: L-346993, sheet 73), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early to base: 1 because crew-member ill; 1 because of high oil temperature. 22 B-26's were over the target and dropped 172 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 11:04 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on Axes of 63°T and 57°T. 4 x 500# Demolition bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 21 B-26's returned to base at 13:15 hours, and 1 returned to base late at 15:30 hours after going into Corsica for gas.

C. Results: The bridge was hit by an excellent tight pattern of bombs which put the Western half down in the water.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.
- (2) 1 silver P-38 6,000' above the formation headed North over the target at 11:05 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) 1 a/c or dummy on I/G just West of Parma at 11:10 hours.
- (2) 5/6 a/c at Reggio Emilia A/D at 11:01 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Smoke screens at bridges at F-1805 and F-4511, at 11:04 hours.
- (2) Vladano road bridge 1/3 destroyed by another B-26 Group this date.
- (3) Radio tower at F-5115 reported yesterday not seen.
- (4) RR bridge at F-1805, 4 spans destroyed.
- (5) RR bridge at F-9176, 1 span destroyed, Southeast end.
- (6) RR Bridge at F-0289, 1 span destroyed, East end.
- (7) RR bridge at F-829673, destroyed.
- (8) Moneglia RR bridge F-4327, damaged and impassable.
- (9) Road bridges destroyed at F-6168 and F-7575.
- (10) 1 span of road bridge cut at F-4511.
- (11) RR bridge at F-6553 unserviceable but intact.
- (12) At M/Y at F-4505, storage dump of engineer supplies.

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b. Communications:

- (1) Coastal line, all yards almost empty from P-2727 to P-6010.
- (2) 130 RR cars from P-6553 to L-0081.
- (3) 130 RR cars from P-9278 to P-9291.
- (4) 60 RR cars from P-8994 to L-0089.
- (5) 55 RR cars at Parma.
- (6) 215 RR cars from L-2090 to P-4595.
- (7) 40 RR cars at P-4900.
- (8) 30 RR cars at L-1599.
- (9) Small RR line Parma to P-0109 appears to be gone.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) Only one barge off shore at P-1938, otherwise no change in coastal shipping at 10:46 hours.
- (2) 1 barge at P-4006 at 11:04 hours.
- (3) 5 barges at L-3498 at 11:04 hours.
- (4) 11 barges at L-2897 at 11:04 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus at Italian coast.
- b. Target: CAVU.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to rendezvous at Gorgono Island;; to Moneglia; to Borgo Val Di Taro; to Parma; to target; breakaway left to Fidenza; to Rezzoagli; to Sestri Levante; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Major, Air Corps.
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #296

FLIGHT COMMANDER:

CAPT. HUNTER

13 JULY 1944

"A"

RUNWAY LINE UP

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RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH

Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

09 MEYERS	11 HELD	16 MC CONNELL
Penkava	POLAKOW	BARDON

22 BOYCE	04 REEVES	02 NOLD
Mac Farland	Chevalis	Hawkins
	05 DINWIDDIE	
	Mac Goldrie	

18 WIGINS	14 HIPPLE	21 KING
Bergaus	Ves'sells	Callagher
	08 WILLIAMS	
	Vicha	

79 MAC BRIDE	88 DILLING	98 BURKE
Diedzie	WHITE	MC LAMON

99 HAMMOND	80 REEDER	77 MC GUGAN
Lindstrom	Calrns	Sheehan
	82 SINGER	
	Weyenberg	

95 BRESSETTE	87 FOWLER	81 HISEY
Betonjeny	Jenco	Ryan
	89 HARSCH	
	Shingle	

SPARES: 10 WILHELM	76 CONNOR	
Garvey	Crapse	

COLORS OF THE DAY

FLARE COLORS

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

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	B	V
0800-1400	W	J
1400-2000	X	D
2000-0200	N	C

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 13 JULY 1944:

	CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
	HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	441st	11
G	PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 63		took off 0835
	POLAKOV, BOMB. 1st Lt. 41		landed 1315
	GIBSON, NAV. CAPT. 34		
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. 55		
	TIPTON, RADIO, Sgt.		
	JENSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
443	HUNTER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 55		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	441st	16
	MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5-		took off 0835
B	BARDEN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 47		landed 1315
	CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. 45		
	HARRISON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26	441st	9
	MC CURDY, CO PILOT, F/O 3		took off 0835
	PENKAVA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 4		landed 1315
W	FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WESTERBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	METCALF, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MADDOCKS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	441st	4
	JUNKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0836
F	CHAVALLAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 34		landed 1315+
	BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	NOLD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	441st	2
W	LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26		took off 0836
	HAWKINS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1315+
	ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BOYCE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49	441st	22
	WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 60		took off 0836
W	MC FARLAND, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1301
	TESSUM, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	DIMWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 36	441st	5
W	O'MAHONY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0836
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1315+
	HILL, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	THANNHAUSER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	HIPFLE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 25	441st	14
F	GRALA, CO PILOT, F/O 3		took off 0837
	VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 58		landed 1316
	MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROCKABRAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 30
PRATT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
GALLAGHER, BOMB. Sgt.
✓ CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.
VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.
ZUPAND, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

441st

21
took off 0837
landed 1316

WIGGINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
✓ BERDAUS, BOMB. T/Sgt.
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

18
took off 0837
landed 1316

D.I. WILLIAMS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 25
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 29
✓ VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.
✓ COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
RANCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
STIPE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

8
took off 0837
landed 1055

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G B DILLING, PILOT, Capt. 44
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 14
WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt. 51
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt. 47
COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
VOSCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

88
took off 0838
landed 1317+

B BURKE, PILOT, 58
WALDROP, CO PILOT, 24
MC MAHON, BOMB. 19
BELOSIER, NAV. 37
STATON, ENGINEER,
CAMBELL, RADIO,
AGGOTT, GUNNER,

444th

98
took off 0838
landed 1317+

✓ MC BRIDE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57
STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 20
DZIEDZIC, BOMB. S/Sgt.
✓ MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.
KING, PHOTO, PVT.

444th

79
took off 0838
landed 1317+

f REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43
SHERMAN, CO PILOT, P/O 2
CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3
JUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
FEINBERG, RADIO, T/Sgt.
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
DUNCAN, OBS. Capt.

444th

80
took off 0839
landed 1318

✓ MC GUGAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62
DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 53
SHEEHAN, BOMB. Sgt.
DYRCEZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.
CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

77
took off 0837
landed 1303

HAMMOND, PILOT, CAPT. 7	444th	99
MORGANSTERN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 62		took off 0839
LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 1st Lt. 35		landed 1318
JOHNSON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
YAVOROSKY, X, S/Sgt.		
SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 65	444th	82
ROUND, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 64		took off 0839
MEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1318
HENDRICK, ENGINEER,		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 64	444th	87
WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 0840
JENCO, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1319
KUCZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SCHAFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HISEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23	444th	87
KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27		took off 0840
RYAN, BOMB, PVT.		landed 1319
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MC ELHURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRESETTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 1	444th	95
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 0840
BETENJANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 0941
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	444th	89
WELLBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0840
SHINGLE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1302
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STALCUP, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
SPARES		
CONNOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54	444th	76
WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 0841
CRAPSE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1319
CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41	441st	10
ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0841
HARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12		landed 1515
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MICHAELSEN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

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