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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 282, Day Operation, 16 July 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 16:20 hours, 24 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Braccana Road and Railroad Bridge (M/R: K-162245, sheet 59), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early because they were spares. 22 B-26's were over the target and dropped 88 x 1,000# Demolition Bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 18:33 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on an axis of 100°T. 22 B-26's returned to base at 21:59 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target, scoring several direct hits. Visual observations after bombing confirmed the destruction of at least two spans.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) Spitfires and P-47's provided escort.
- (2) 1 silver B-26 at 500 feet altitude headed South-South-East at landfall with 2 Spitfires escorting at 19:16 hours.
- (3) 15/20 S/E unidentified a/s flying formation at 2,000' yards behind the formation at 8,000', South of Alessandria at 18:32 hours.

b. Situation:

Alessandria A/D empty and field camouflaged with row of trees down the center at 18:32 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Hospital at Varese and Pavia.
- (2) Bridges up at Varese at 18:19 hours, and North of Certosa Di Pavia at 18:54 hours, and at North-West edge of Alessandria at 18:32 hours.

b. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars at Varese.
- (2) 40/50 RR cars at Ovada.
- (3) 40/50 RR cars at Asqui.
- (4) 2 Locomotives, stationary, 500/600 RR cars at Alessandria at 18:32 hours.
- (5) 40/50 RR cars in first M/Y South-West of Alessandria, at J-7001.
- (6) 20 RR cars at Nizza Monferrato.
- (7) 35/40 RR cars at Cassino.
- (8) 15/20 RR cars at first M/Y North of Asqui.
- (9) 100/150 RR cars at Nove Ligure.

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- (10) 150/200 RR cars and 1 locomotive, stationary, at Tortona at 18:33 hours.
- (11) 3 M/Y's with 100 RR cars in each, 2 stationary locomotives, 20 flat cars loaded with supplies in Pavia at 18:59 hours.
- (12) 12 RR cars in first M/Y East of Pavia.
- (13) 15 RR cars in first M/Y North of Pavia.
- (14) 75/100 RR cars at Voghera.
- (15) 2 M/T moving West just out of Aegui at 18:30 hours.
- (16) 25/30 M/T moving North at Cassine at 18:31 hours.
- (17) 12 M/T moving North 12 miles South of Alessandria at 18:32 hours.
- (18) 25/30 RR cars and 15 M/T moving North at Fruggiarlo (South-East of Alessandria) at 18:32 hours.

c. <u>Flak:</u>		Accuracy		Type	<u>Positions - Comments</u>
<u>Area</u>	<u>Dir.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Alt.</u>	<u>Dir.</u>	
Savona	S	H	I	I	15/20 bursts out of range, from amidst low red roofed buildings.
Varazze	S	L	I	I	4 - 40 mm. on hill 1 mile North-West of Varazze.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 destroyer and 2 small M/V's at Savona at 18:16 hours.
- (2) 7/8 small craft at Cogoleto at 18:17 hours.
- (3) 10 large M/V's, 2/3 med. M/V's, 1 white ship moving out of harbor, several barges at Genoa at 18:16 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Visibility: Scattered cumulus atop mountains in Corsica and over water.
- b. Target: Clear but hazy.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to rendezvous at C. Corso; to landfall at Cogoleto; to I.P., Mirabelle Monferrato; to target; breakaway left North of Parma; to Alessandria; to Cogoleto; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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

MISSION # 300;

FLIGHT COMMANDER:

16 JULY 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP

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94CONNOR
94 SheehanJOHNSON
88 POCAMBURKE
80 GLAUBETZ91
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99DEMETREE
99 WeyenbergFLETCHER
93 Williams
DICKERSON
91 BetenjenyHALMOND
81 Ryan89
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77MCGUGAN
77 BennettNUNMALLEE
87 Drevas
SINGER
89 GleasonMACERIDE
78 Dzedic14
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08MEULER
08 PenkavaROBBIN'S
23 TATPCORNELIUS
14 BILL15
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02BEDNARZ
02 O'ConnellMCCONNELL
10 Bardon
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15 VichaMALCOLM
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10 GallagherNEW BORDEN
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RADIO CALL SIGNS
320TH GROUP"TOPNOTCH"
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CHANNEL "A"

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 JULY 1944.

TIME	FLARE COLOR S
0200-0800	GREEN & YELLOW
0800-1100	RED & GREEN
1100-2000	RED & YELLOW
2000-0200	GREEN & GREEN

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	F	W
0800-1100	E	Y
1100-2000	X	O
2000-0200	Z	G

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF 16 JULY 1944

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
JOHNSON, PILOT, CAPT. 53	444th	88
WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 57		took off 1620
POGAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 50		landed 2050
BANG, NAV. 1st Lt. 47		
COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MC ELAMURAY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 59	444th	80
CATALINO, CO PILOT, F/O 4		took off 1620
GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 1st Lt. 31		landed 2050
WARDSMITH, NAV. 1st Lt. 52		
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CONNOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 55	444th	94
DAWKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7		took off 1620
SNEETHAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 2052
SMITH, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
LAUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KING, PHOTO, Pvt.		
FLETCHER, PILOT, Cpl.	444th	93
RAMAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 33		took off 1621
WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 15		landed 2050
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAMMOND, PILOT, Capt. 8	444th	81
FERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 1621
RYAN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 2051
DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEMETREE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54	444th	99
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15		took off 1621
WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 2051
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
YAVOROSKI, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
DICKERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54	444th	91
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 1621
BETENJENY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 2051
CARNEY, ENGINEER,		
SPEARS, RADIO,		
JOHNSON, GUNNER,		
MUMFALLER, PILOT, Capt. 35	444th	87
WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 1622
DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 2051
TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
RUBBELL, RADIO, Cpl.		
PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.		

	MC BRIDE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵⁸ STEARNS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹² DZIEDZIC, BOMB. S/Sgt. W MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WOODS, RADIO, S/Sgt. MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SAUTER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	444th-	78 took off 1622 landed 2052
	MC GUGAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁶⁴ POLING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ² W CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁶ NIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt. STALOUF, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 1622 landed 2052
	SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵⁶ W WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³ GLEASON, BOMB. Sgt. HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt. MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	89 took off 1622 landed 2052
	ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt. ⁵⁸ HIPPLE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ¹⁷ KIEFFER, BOMB. Capt. 51 W TAPP, BOMB. Capt. ⁵¹ THURSTON, NAV. 1st Lt. ⁵⁸ HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MICHAELS, RADIO, T/Sgt. TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	23 took off 1622 landed 2052
	MUELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ¹² LOUIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³ W PERKAVA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁶ FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, /Sgt. DUREN, RADIO, Sgt. METCALF, GUNNER, Sgt. BLUE, PHOTO, PVT.	441st	8 took off 1623 landed 2053
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st ⁵³ MC GREGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁷ F EDMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ¹ HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt. CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		16 took off 1624 landed 2053
	MALCOLM, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁶³ W GRALA, CO PILOT, F/O ⁵ MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt. GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WESTBROCK, RADIO, T/Sgt. PROFOS, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	4 took off 1624 landed 2053
	BEDNARZ, PILOT, 1st Lt. ³⁵ MEYER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁶ O'CONNELL, BOMB. F/O ³ W BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt. MADDOCK, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	441st	22 2 took off 1624 landed 2053

W DIMWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 37
EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4
VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.
COPPER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.
STIFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

21
took off 1624
landed 2054

P BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 34
O'MAHONY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5
VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt.
HILL, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HUGHES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

11
took off 1625
landed 2054

W NOLD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5
STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt.
ACERRA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
DORAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

22
took off 1625
landed 2054

W KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 32
PRATT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5
GALLAGHER, BOMB. Sgt.
TESSUM, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.
VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.
CARLISLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

10
took off 1625
landed 2054

W MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 28
LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28
GARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 13
SOLDATI, ENGINEER, Sgt.
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.
TUFTE, GUNNER, Sgt.
MOORE, X, S/Sgt.

441st

24
took off 1625
landed 2054

SPARES
TRUNK, PILOT, 1st Lt.
STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/Sgt.
BARRON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.
BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

SPARES
441st

Early
no credit

SPARES
9
took off 1626
landed

MARSH, PILOT, 1st Lt.
VIEROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

83
took off 1626
landed

no credit

B POSITION #13
CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
DILL, BOMB. 1st Lt. 33
CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. 46
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
RENGEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

14
took off 1623
landed 2052