

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 328, Day Operation, 28 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Borge.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:05 hours, 29 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Railroad Bridge 5 miles West of Parma (W/R: (W) L-020887, GSGS 4164, Sheet 73), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: Spares. 27 B-26's were over the target and 26 B-26's dropped 102 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:25 hours from 9,700' to 9,200' on an Axis of 30°T. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvoed just past the target, having hung up. 2 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 27 B-26's returned to base at 12:21 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the entire length of the bridge, scoring several direct hits, as confirmed by photographs.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) P-47's and Spitfires provided escort.
- (2) 2 S/E unidentified A/C at Ostia, far below the formation, headed South at 10:08 hours; 2 Spitfires were seen diving towards them.

b. Situation: Parma A/D appeared unserviceable.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Road bridge at Borgo Val Di Toro and Monoglia cut.
- (2) 3/4 red flashes South-East of target, indicating possible dive-bombing at 10:24 hours.
- (3) Large explosion at Pontremoli indicated possible bombing of bridge there at 10:07 hours.
- (4) Piles of white boxes on beach just South of Monoglia.

b. Communications:

- (1) 10/12 RR cars at Modena.
- (2) 40 RR cars at first siding West of target.
- (3) 3 M/T moving North just South of Modessano at 10:22 hours.
- (4) 6 M/T moving East toward Parma from Parma A/D at 10:24 hours.
- (5) 15/20 M/T moving North into Borgo Val Di Toro at 10:08 hours.
- (6) 8/10 RR cars at Monoglia.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 2 small craft at Sestri Levante at 09:50 hours.
- (2) 1 large M/V headed West, 3 miles South of Camogli at 09:50 hours.
- (3) 2 small M/V at Rapallo at 09:50 hours.
- (4) 1 large and 2 small M/V at La Spezia at 09:50 hours.

e. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

f. Weather:

- a. Enroute: CAVU.
- b. Target: CAVU.
- c. Return: CAVU.

E. Routes: Base to rendezvous at Gorgona Islands; to landfall at Moneglia; to Borgo Val Di Taro; to target; breakaway left inside Fidenza; to Moneglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Cpt. BERGE.

MISSION # 343 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: - - - - -
RUNWAY LINE UP.

69	<u>NICCOUD</u> 69 Adams	<u>HAYWARD</u> 70 Pickett	<u>MACKINNON</u> 64 Wager
70	- - - - -	"B"	- - - - -
64	- - - - -	<u>HILL</u> 65 Howe	<u>WEST</u> 54 Montgomery
53	<u>WOODHURST</u> 63 Newell	- - - - -	- - - - -
65	- - - - -	"C"	- - - - -
54	- - - - -	<u>LAMB</u> 62 Davis	<u>OPPERMAN</u> 60 Bulow
57	<u>MORAN</u> 57 Holland	- - - - -	- - - - -
62	- - - - -	"D"	- - - - -
60	- - - - -	<u>BARRACLOUGH</u> 34 Lyman	<u>ABERNATHY</u> 37 Germano
47	<u>PORGYNAIK</u> 47 Fuller	- - - - -	- - - - -
34	- - - - -	"E"	- - - - -
37	- - - - -	<u>BARNARD</u> 45 Roberts	<u>MCKAY</u> 46 Miltischer
27	<u>ALLEN</u> 27 Hataway	- - - - -	- - - - -
45	- - - - -	"F"	- - - - -
46	- - - - -	<u>WELCH</u> 26 Burns	<u>STERN</u> 30 Miller
38	No. 16 <u>SPRADLING</u> 38 Westbrook	- - - - -	- - - - -
28	- - - - -	"G"	- - - - -
30	- - - - -	<u>JOHNSON</u> 88 Fagan	<u>REEDER</u> 80 Glauert
80	<u>HILSEY</u> 81 Reason	- - - - -	- - - - -
88	- - - - -	"H"	- - - - -
81	- - - - -	No. 17 <u>TOWNS</u> 93 Hatcher	- - - - -
78	<u>KREUZER</u> 89 Weyenberg	- - - - -	<u>JONES R. W.</u> 76 Drevae
93	- - - - -	"I"	- - - - -
89	- - - - -	<u>CHUNIS</u> 83 Dziedie	<u>POLLING</u> 94 Hooper
94	<u>LOGSDON</u> 97 Belker	- - - - -	- - - - -
83	- - - - -	"J"	- - - - -
97	- - - - -	<u>SPARES</u> HAMEL	<u>VANDERBURG</u> 82 Beebe
82	66 Green	- - - - -	- - - - -
44	- - - - -	44 Farwell	- - - - -
66	- - - - -	<u>SPRADLING GROUND SPARES</u> (52)	- - - - -
	- - - - -	(76)	- - - - -

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 28 AUGUST 1944.

TIME FLARE COLORS

* 0200-0800 GREEN & GREEN

* 0800-1400 YELLOW & YELLOW

* 1400-2000 RED & YELLOW

* 2000-0200 YELLOW & YELLOW

* 0200-0800 ALIS LA PSIGNALS

* "TOPNOTCH" * TIME CHALLENGE REPLY

* * 0200-0800 X L

* * 0800-1400 V I

* * 1400-2000 M P

* * 2000-0200 H D

 * RADIO CALL SIGNS * 1400-2000 - - - - -
 * 320th Group. * 2000-0200 - - - - -
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 * "TOPNOTCH" * TIME CHALLENGE REPLY
 * * 0200-0800 X L
 * * 0800-1400 V I
 * * 1400-2000 M P
 * * 2000-0200 H D
 * FIGHTERS
 * "TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS"
 * ERS "

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 28 AUGUST 1944:

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HAYWARD, PILOT, Capt. / ³ NEALY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ⁸ PICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt. / ¹¹ BROOKS, NAV. 1st Lt. / ⁸ LUTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt. KEES, GUNNER, Sgt. BERGE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT. / ⁹	443rd	70 took off 0800 landed 1221
MAC KINNON, PILOT, Capt. / ⁵ KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ⁵ WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt. / ⁴ TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt. / ⁵ BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GILES, RADIO, T/Sgt. HOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	64 took off 0800 landed 1221
NICCOUD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ⁶ NIENABER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ⁵ ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. / ⁶ FIELDS, ENGINEER, Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, Cpl. FORD, GUNNER, Cpl. CARROLL, PHOTO, Cpl.	443rd	69 took off 0800 landed 1221
HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. / ³ UHLIG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ⁵ HOWE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. / ⁶ GOOCH, ENGINEER, Cpl. WAYMIRE, RADIO, Cpl. PECK, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	65 took off 0800 landed 1221
WEST, PILOT, 1st Lt. / ¹⁸ WEINGART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ³ MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. / ¹⁰ ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BOLL, RADIO, Cpl. CHARLETON, GUNNER, Cpl.	443rd	54 took off 0800 landed 1221
WOODHURST, PILOT, 1st Lt. / ⁴ O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ⁹ MEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. / ⁹ OENLKE, ENGINEER, Cpl. DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, Sgt. COLLINS, PHOTO, Sgt.	443rd	5563 took off 0800 landed 1221
LAMB, PILOT, 1st Lt. / ⁶⁰ ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / ³ DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. / ⁹ HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ALLEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. DOUCETTE, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	62 took off 0800 landed 1222

42 OPPERMANN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
7 MEYER, CO PILOT, CAPT.		took off 0806
30 BULOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 0922
SIMMONS, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HOYNE, RADIO, Sgt.		
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MORAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 48	443rd	57
MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 53		took off 0806
PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed 0822
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAFER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44	2nd 42-34	0806
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 63		took off
LYMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 47		landed 0822
ENGLISH, NAV. 2nd Lt. 14		
BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MALBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIEL, GUNNER, PFC.		
ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 3/4	2nd	37
INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5		took off 0806
GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed 0822
WERNICK, M.V. 2nd Lt. 11		
PUTNAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BURNS, GUNNER, PFC.		
PORCYNAMLUK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 44	2nd 40	47
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0806
FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 0822
CRAMER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MARSH, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NYE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, PHOTO, C-1.		
BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63	442nd	45
STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13		took off 0807
ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7		landed 0823
SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC KAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 6/	442nd	46
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4/		took off 0807
MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 0823
ELIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FURDY, GUNNER, PFC.		
ALLEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49	442nd	27
SCHANNE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0817
HATHAWAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 10		landed 0823
MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CHASE, RADIO, Sgt.		
CORZINE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LA FORREST, PHOTO, Cpl.		

32 WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	28
9 CHILDRESS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0807 ✓
25 BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1223 ✓
WIDAU, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
SAVNETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 STERN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	30
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	20	took off 0807 ✓
MILLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1223 ✓
PEARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 SPRADLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	52
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	✓	took off 0807 ✓
WESTBROOK, BOMB. C. 1..		landed 1115
MARCOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 JOHNSON, PILOT, Capt.	64 44th	86
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	19	took off 0807
POCAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.	59	landed 1224 ✓
WEBB, NAV.	24	
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
PAUL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	53 44th	80
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	12	took off 0807
GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 1st Lt.	37	landed 1224 ✓
DAY, NAV. 2nd Lt.	21	
GARVEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SCHROLL, RADIO, Cpl.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 HISEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	33 44th	81
POLANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	26	took off 0807
GIEASON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1224 ✓
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.		
 TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	44th	76
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
HATCHER, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	14 44th	78
WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	14	took off 0807 ✓
DREVAS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1224
GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
RAINES, RADIO, Cpl.		
LEONARD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 KRUEGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	44th	89

74 KREUZER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	89
75 WALDROF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0809 ✓
WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1224
RANKIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
TKACH, RADIO, Cpl.		
ROSS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CLITES, PHOTO, T/Sgt.		
CHUNIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. ¹³	444th	83
DILLING, CO PILOT, Capt. ⁵³		took off 0809
DZIEDZIC, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1224
THAIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
WITT, RADIO, Cpl.		
WELLS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
POLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94
SALMONSON, CO PILOT, 7		took off 0819
HOOPER, BOMB. 7		landed 1225
DUFFEL, ENGINEER,		
KUMMEL, RADIO,		
HULET, GUNNER		
ENGLEHARDT, RADIO		
LOGSDON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰	444th	97
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 0809
BELKER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ¹		landed 1224
JARRETT, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DELUCA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VILLEINES, GUNNER, Cpl.		

<u>SPARES</u>	<u>SPARES</u>	<u>SPARES</u>	<u>SPARES</u>
KAMANSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	82	82
FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0809 ✓	took off 0809 ✓
KOBZECZYK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed 1224	landed 1224
BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WILLIAMS, R.F., PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵³	442nd	44	44
GILES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 0809 ✓	took off 0809 ✓
FARWELL, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1224	landed 1224
KING, ENGINEER, Pvt.			
DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. ³⁸	443rd	66	66
TOWNSEND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12		took off 0809 ✓	took off 0809 ✓
GREENE, BOMB. 1st Lt. 9		landed 1224	landed 1224
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
TRAWEEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MELE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			