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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 355, Day Operation, 23 Sept., 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Carraker.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:30 hours, 15 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Railroad Bridge 1½ miles West of Romano (M/R: (4) K-662681, GSGS 4164, Sheet 46), Italy. No early returns. 15 B-26's were over the target and 15 B-26's dropped 60 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 09:51 hours from 9,100' to 8,600' on an Axis of 353°T. 15 B-26's returned to base 11:06 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the bridge, scoring several direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: B-25's and B-26's were seen in the target area.

b. Situations:

- (1) Bagnano, Casel S. Giovanni, Stradella, Mantova Gaddi A/D's were empty.
(2) L/G North-West of Collecchio camouflaged and obstructions across runway.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Barracks area East of Stradella.
(2) Barracks area at Borgonovo.
(3) Two bridges at San Colombano intact.
(4) Station East of Borghetto badly damaged.
(5) Supply dump at Gedogno.
(6) Pontoon bridge under construction just North of S. Giovanni.
(7) Bridge up at Solignano.
(8) Bridge just North of Piacenza up.

b. Communications:

- (1) 30 RR cars in first M/Y West of Gaignolo Po.
(2) 25 RR cars at Romano.
(3) 13 RR cars at Crema.
(4) 50 RR cars at Guidizzolo.
(5) 10 M/T, stationary, South of target at 09:51 hours.
(6) 4 M/T entering Romano from the North at 09:51 hours.

c. Flak: None encountered.

From Castel S. Giovanni S, L, being fired at P-47's.

d. Skimming: None.

e. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

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4. Weather:

a. Marsica: NN-SE band of towering cumulus in Tyrrhenian Sea, bases 5,000', tops 12-15,000', and an East-West band, tops 9-10,000' in Northern Ligurian Sea. Scattered cumulus at 4-5,000' over Appenines. Over Northern Italy in general, broken to overcast Altostratus, base 11-12,000', lowering to 9-10,000' by 1130A, giving occasional light rain.

b. Target Vicinity:

&) Romano Di Lombardi: Altostratus overcast at 12,000'.

c. Target Area: Broken thin stratus and cumulus between 8,500' and 9,500'. Visibility 10 - 12 miles in light haze. Target open.

d. Return: No change.

E. Routas: Base to landfall at Monaglia; to Castel S. Giovanni; to I.P., Castalleone; to target; breakaway right to Castel S. Giovanni; to Monaglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION NUMBER: 368

LT CARRAHER

23 September 1944

SUMMARY	NUMBER	"A"	
LINE-UP		HARVEY	
34	43 Farwell	34 GLENSTAD	BAKER, J. J.
43		"B"	27 GERMAN
27		MORRISON	
25	31 WILLIAMS	25 HAUN	KELLERBACK
40	40 Miller	"C"	47 Fuller
47		McDOUGAL	No To.
28	39 Harmon	28 Mississippi	PORCHALUK
39		"D"	48 Westbrook
48		BARRAGLICH	
31	42 ALLEN	31 LEHMAN	LEACH
42	42 Hathaway	"E"	37 YOUNG
37		WERNERBACK	
33	44 ANDREW	33 Roberts	JONES, R. E.
82	44 Linden	"F"	95 Hooper
95		SPARKS	
63		MATSON	
		63 Linville	

18 To. 0830

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME

FLARE COLORS

GALL-SIGN	0200-0800	RED & YELLOW
TOPIGRAPH	0800-1400	GREEN & YELLOW
	1400-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW
	2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW RED

ALBIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME

CHALLENGE

REPLY

0200-0800

C

S

0800-1400

B

L

1400-2000

J

Z

2000-0200

S

D

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	34
ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0830
OLMSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed //06
KING, NAV. 1st Lt.		
CARNAHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, 1st Lt.		
KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DANKO, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
 BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	27
HOJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0830+
GERLANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed //06 +
WERNICK, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
POSHEK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MARSH, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
 MC OMBER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	43
MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0831
FARWELL, BOMB. Sgt.		landed //07
SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LA FOREST, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
 MCONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
BRENNAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0831+
HAUN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed //07+
BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WASACZ, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
 ZELLERBACH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0832
FULLER, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed //08
WALKER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KNAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
 WILLIAMS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	40
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0832+
MILLER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed //08+
MC CURLEY, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CINIELLO, PHOTO, Sgt.		
 PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	48
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0833
WESTBROOK, BOMB. SGT.		landed //09
SPANGLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 STERN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	39
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0833+
HARMON, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed //09+
WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
 BARRAGLOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0834
LYMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed //10
ENGLISH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
BASSIRE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ORGERON, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	37	
LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0835
YOUENES, 2nd Lt. BOMB.		Landed	1110
HOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
ROCHESTER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
 ALLEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	42	
STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0836
HATHAWAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		Landed	1111
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
FRANK, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			
 STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	33	
SCHANE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0837
ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		Landed	1111
ELLAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95	
ELLISS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0838
HOOPER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		Landed	1112
GOUDE, NOINEEM, Sgt.			
FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ZOELLER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
 KREUZER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91	
WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0839
RENDE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		Landed	1112
HARDY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Sgt.			
 METSCHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	03	
INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off	0840
LINVILLE, BOMB. Cpl.		Landed	1113
PEARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
FORREST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			