

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Final Mission Report No. 410

Flight Commander: Lt. Mc Namara.
Lead Pilot: Lt. Mc Dougal.

320th Bombardment Group (M).

PING RAILROAD SIDINGS AND STORES (M/R: (R) F-588769, SACA 4164, Sheet 48), Italy.

At 11:17 hours, 20 B-26's took off. 4 B-26's returned early: 1 spare; 1 late take-off due to engine trouble and was unable to overtake the formation; 1 oil congealed (entitled to sortie); 1 escort (entitled to sortie). No B-26's lost prior to the target. No B-26's were over the target. The formation turned around North-East of Desenzano at T-4063 at 13:00 hours, because the target was overcast by a storm reaching to 13,000'. No bombs were dropped. 4 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) were salvoed over the water by 4/A in the formation and 1 x 500# Demolition bombs (6-hour delay fuses) was salvoed over water by one of the early returns. All other bombs were returned to base. 16 B-26's returned to base at 14:11 hours. No B-26's lost or missing. 1 B-26 slightly by 4/A. No B-26's seriously damaged.

VISIBILITY: None.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPERATION: 15 Me-109's, 2 Fw-190's, and 1 Ma-202 attacked just after formation turned over Desenzano, T-3059. Attacks were very unaggressive. One attack was made at 11 o'clock by two 4/A, in line abreast, to 800 yards, 1 breaking high and the other low. Others were made from 6 o'clock level, breaking down at 800 yards. See Final Mission Report No. 409 for 4/A markings.

ROUTE: None.

ROUTE: Base to Moniglia, T-4026; to Pidanza, T-9094; to Desenzano, T-3059; right curve to Desenzano, T-3059; reciprocal course to base.

SITUATION:

- a. Environment: CAVU.
- b. Vicinity of Target: Cloud bank and storm at 5,000' to 13,000', extending from east of Desenzano.
- c. Target Area: Covered by storm.
- d. Return: As enroute.

AIR OBSERVATIONS:

- a. Air Activity: 3/4 P-47's picked up the formation at Moniglia, T-4026, and left at Pidanza, T-9093.
- b. Situation: None.

AVIAL OBSERVATIONS:

None.

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GROUND OBSERVATIONS: See Final Mission Report No. 409.

SPECIAL COMMENTS: No claims.

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

ACTION # 421 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. G. C. HARRIS 10 NOV 1944

CRUISE LINEUP: - - - - -

28		W.H. THY	
31	<u>Capt</u>	22 Nov 44	<u>LeDOUG. I</u>
46	<u>46 Westbrook</u>	18 Nov 44	<u>30 Bell S.</u>
22		18 Nov 44	
47	<u>Stan.</u>	25 Nov 44	<u>24. McR. CH</u>
36	<u>26 Youell</u>	10 Nov 44	<u>47. Woodward</u>
45		10 Nov 44	
44	<u>STOPL.</u>	45 Nov 44	<u>Kapt</u>
32	<u>32. Roush</u>	10 Nov 44	<u>44. SAWY. S.</u>
65		10 Nov 44	
33	<u>GULLIV. S.</u>	8 Nov 44	<u>6. L.</u>
74	<u>21 Sheehan</u>	10 Nov 44	<u>52. Davis</u>
90		10 Nov 44	
94	<u>9. L. Smith</u>	90 Hooper	<u>24. Davis</u>
95	<u>95 Ryan</u>	10 Nov 44	
60		10 Nov 44	
75	<u>H. J. L.</u>	6 Nov 44	<u>1. H. L.</u>
77	<u>77. Eyenbergs</u>	10 Nov 44	<u>75. Goldman</u>
93	<u>5. L. S.</u>	10 Nov 44	<u>1. C. L. S.</u>
26		10 Nov 44	<u>26. Fisher</u>

A.L.O CALL SIGN O.10.3 OR R.10.3 FOR 10 NOV 1944
"TOINOTCH" # 2# FL. 10.3 COLOURS
FIGHTER BOMBER 0200-0300 RED & A.D.
CHIEFL "A" 0.00-14.00 A.D. GREEN COLOR
14.00-20.00 A.D. GREEN
20.00-0200 A.D. + YELLO.