

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 276, Day Operation, 12 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Munnallee.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 06:40 hours, 23 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Casalmaggiore Rail and Road Bridge (M/R: F-175949, sheet 79), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early, because the pilot was ill. Two runs were made on the target by the second Squadron which was not in position to drop on the first run. 22 B-26's were over the target. 10 B-26's dropped 39 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the first run, and 11 B-26's dropped 44 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the second run on the target at 09:15 hours and 09:31 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on an Azim of 330°T and 322°T. 5 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base; one hung up over the target, and 4 were not dropped because of slow-operating bombay doors. 22 B-26's returned to base at 11:14 hours.

C. Results: The South end of the bridge received two excellent patterns of bombs. The first cut the pontoon bridge and scored damaging near misses on the structure. The second scored probable direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) Spitfires provided escort.
- (2) Unidentified S/E A/C low over Reggio Emilia, flying Northwest.

b. Situation:

- (1) 2/4 T/E A/C over southwest corner of Reggio Emilia A/D at 09:10 hours.
- (2) 1 4-engined aircraft at Parma A/D at 09:07 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Pile of wooden boxes and white objects at L-0417.
- (2) RR bridges cut at U-9693, L-4567, and L-0288.
- (3) At Borgo Val Di Torre, P-6553, RR bridge intact.
- (4) at L-4567, road bridge damaged.

b. Communications:

- (1) At L-3862 to L-5059, 50 RR cars.
- (2) At Reggio to L-4567, 10 RR cars.
- (3) At Modena, 40 RR cars.
- (4) Small M/Y's in area North of line Parma-Modena, appeared not in use.
- (5) At L-3780, 20 RR cars.
- (6) At F-1806, 25 RR cars.
- (7) At Parma, 50 RR cars.

- (8) At P-8994 to P-8389, 63 RR cars.
- (9) At P-9890, 75 loaded cars.
- (10) At P-9174 to L-0081, 75 RR cars.
- (11) At P-9181, 35 M/T moving North-East at 08:58 hours.
- (12) At L-4581, 30 M/T moving West (one report only) at 08:58 hours.
- (13) At P-8255, 6 M/T moving North at 08:58 hours.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) Cruisers at La Spezia not observed at P-6907 at 09:41 hours.
- (2) At L-9197, 3 river boats, one barge at 09:15 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 5,000'.
- b. Target: 3/10ths high cumulus, base 12,000'; scattered cumulus below.
- c. Return: As enroute.

5. Routes and Altitudes: Base to rendezvous at Alto; to landfall at Marina Di Massa; to Rubiera; to North of Bagnola; first bomb run on target; breakaway left; (second Squadron to South of Parma to target on second run); to Bedou; to Monaglia; to base.

F. Comments: (1) German conversation heard on 6440 at 09:00 hours: "Imperitive Aircraft Attention", and also referred to "8th Group" and "25th Group" in German.

(2) On mission of 11 July 1944, first two Squadrons of 18 A/C made two runs on Primary target and third Squadron of 9 A/C made three runs.

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MISSION # 2<sup>nd</sup> FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN NUMALLIE. 12 July 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP	NAME	NAME	NAME
	HALLMOND	JOHNSON	
87	76 Cairns	88 FOGAH	<del>FOUR</del> PETER
88			<del>87 ROGERS</del> 80 POWERS
76			
	DEARTRIEE	BLACKER	
82	94 Crapse	99 Jenko	TURNER
91		SIM	91 Dziedic
99		82 Betonjony	
94			
	BRESSETTE	BURKE	
78	81 Drevas	67 Williams	STERIS
82			95 Weynberg
95		MORSE	
87		77 88 Ryan	
81			
	HUBBARD	ROBBINS	
11	8 Hawkins	23 TAPP	HELD
23			11 POLAKOV
8			
	NOLD	WILHELM	WILSON
12	2 MacIlvenna	10 Ves'sells	WILLIAMS
22			22 MacFarland
10		DINWIDDLE	
2		12 MacGoldric	
	WEST	HIPPLE	
3	21 Berdaus	18 24 Garvey	WIGINS
4			4 Gallagher
1418		SULLIVAN	
21		3 Vicha	
	MARSCH	SPARES	
79	79 Shingle		RODIE
816			16 5 Ferrandino

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* RADIO CALL SIGNS	* COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 12 JULY 1944.
* 320th Group	* TIME
* "TOPNOTCH"	* 0200-0800
* FIGHTERS	* 0800-1400
* "TOPNOTCH"	* 1400-2000
* FIGHTERS"	* 2000-0200
* CHANNEL "A"	
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	ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
	CHALLENGE
	REPLY
0200-0800	C
0800-1400	Z
1400-2000	V
2000-0200	Q
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF  
CREWS

2 JULY 1944.

SQUADRON

#LANE NO.

JOHNSON, PILOT, CAPT, 52

444th

88

SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13

took off 0640

POGAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 49

landed 1115

WARD-SMITH, NAV. 1st Lt. 67

HUNNALLEE Capt 31  
Flight Commander

JOHNSON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.

MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.

JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.

PETERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57

444th

80

SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 64

took off 0640

~~RENNELT, BOMB. 1st Lt. 48~~

landed 1115

POWERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 47

MICHEL, NAV. 1st Lt. 50

WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.

CAMPBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.

ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

HARMOND, CAPT. PILOT, 6

444th

76

WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23

took off 0640

CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2

landed 1115

CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.

SHAFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.

BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

PLACKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50

444th

99

HISEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22

took off 0641

JENCO, BOMB. T/Sgt.

landed 1116

CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.

SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.

GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

DEMETREE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52

444th

94

WEIER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 56

took off 0640

CRAPSE, BOMB. T/Sgt.

landed 1116

KUCZMA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.

FEINBERG, RADIO, T/Sgt.

HEMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

YOVOROSKY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

SIMM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55

444th

82

MELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1

took off 0640

BETENJANY, BOMB. Sgt.

landed 1116

MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.

CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.

RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 57

444th

87

WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1

took off 0643

~~WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1~~

landed 1117

WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 14

DIRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.

EWEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.

KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

BOSS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

STEARNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19

444th

95

VIERBROCK, CO PILOT, 10

took off 0643

WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.

landed 1117

BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.

EUGLEHART, RADIO, S/Sgt.

POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.

ZUPANC, X, S/Sgt.

BRESSETTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26 444th  
CATALANO, CO PILOT, F/O 2  
DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.  
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

81  
took off 0643  
landed 1117

MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61 444th  
RAMAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 31  
RYAN, BOMB. Pvt.  
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.

77  
took off 0643  
landed 1117

ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt. 56 441st  
MERRILL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 28  
TAPP, BOMB. 1st Lt. 49  
THURSTON, NAV. 1st Lt. 66  
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
TOMPkin, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

23  
took off 0644  
landed 1126

WELLD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56 441st  
MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4  
POLAKOV, BOMB. 1st Lt. 40  
GIBSON, NAV. Capt. 28  
O'BELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
TIPTON, RADIO, Sgt.  
JENSEN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, GUNNER, Sgt.

11  
took off 0644  
landed 1128

HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63 441st  
HUNSBERGER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 64  
HAWKINS, BOMB. T/Sgt.  
HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
WESTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
BLUE, PHOTO, Pvt.

8  
took off 0644  
landed 1118

WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 40 441st  
ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3  
VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 57  
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
MICHAELSEN, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
ANDERSON, PHOTO, T/Sgt.

10  
took off, 0645  
landed 1127

WILSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 59 441st  
~~EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2~~ 48 Bay ce co pilots  
MC FARLAND, BOMB. T/Sgt.  
HILL, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.  
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
RANDOLPH, FLT. SURGEON, CAPT.  
MARCO, PHOTO, M/Sgt.

22  
took off 0645  
landed 1127

NOLD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49 441st  
LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25  
MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. S/Sgt  
ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
DRAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

2  
took off 0645  
landed 1126

	DUNWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>36</sup>	441st	12
	McMahon, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>2</sup>		took off 0645
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1130
W	TESSUM, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	THAMMHAUSER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	SAUTER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	HIPPLE, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>24</sup>	441st	18
	GRALA, CO PILOT, P/O <sup>2</sup>		took off 0646
F	CARNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <sup>11</sup>		landed 1127
	MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WIGGINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>27</sup>	441st	4
	EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>2</sup>		took off 0646
	GALLAGHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1126
W	CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	METCALF, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	21
	SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0646
	BERDAUS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 0755
	MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROCKABRAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MARINELLI, X, S/Sgt.		
	SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>44</sup>	441st	3
W	TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>28</sup>		took off 0646
	VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1119
	COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	STIPE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HUGHES, X. Sgt.		
	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
	MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>54</sup>	441st	79
	ROUND, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>63</sup>		took off 0647
W	SHINGLE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1127
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BODIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>53</sup>	441st	16
W	HEEREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>4</sup>		took off 0647
	FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <sup>4</sup>		landed 1116
	SOLDATI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	TUFTE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

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