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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 93, Day Operation, 22 October 1943.

Twenty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (H) took off this morning to bomb railroad bridge 13 miles southeast of Orvieto, Italy. They were accompanied by the 319th Bombardment Group, and were unescorted. Two B-26's returned early, one because of loss of gas tank cap and one was a spare.

The target was bombed successfully. 5 enemy aircraft attacked just after the formation left the coast on return from the target. In the ensuing battle, one B/A was probably destroyed; three B-26's were badly damaged by 20 mm. cannon shells, one of which exploded in the top turret killing the gunner.

Twenty-four B-26's landed at Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia. Twenty-one B-26's returned to base. The three badly damaged B-26's remained at Decimomannu A/D.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: rendezvous at base with 319th Bombardment Group at 2500', 14° T for 390 statute miles to Italian coast; 30° T for 24 statute miles to IP, western tip of Lake Bolsena, climbing gradually to 10000; 82° T for 20 statute miles at 9600; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left for 60 statute miles to coast; 216° T for 248 statute miles to Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia, dropping gradually to 2500.

From Decimomannu A/D: 163° T for 143 statute miles to base. at 2500.

Bombs: 104 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuses, carried by 26 B-26's.

8 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in 2 B-26's that returned early.

96 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

Chronology: Time off between 0840 and 0854; on course and rendezvous 0915; target 1129; down at Decimomannu A/D, between 1326 and 1335; down at base between 1441 and 1555.

Results: The bombs landed in an excellent pattern centering on the target. The first bombs to land covered the northern approach to the bridge.

Flak: Several bursts of light inaccurate flak were seen coming from Tarquinia.

Enemy Aircraft: 1) 4 ME-109's and 1 FW-190 attacked the formation 5 miles off the coast on the return from the target at 1136. The ME-109's had white spinners, gray fuselages, and blue bellies. B/A appeared to come from the south.

2) At Orvieto A/D, 4 white ME-200's, 10 other B/E A/C, and 12 I/E A/C were seen parked at 1124 from 10000.

3) At Tarquinia A/D, 10 B/E A/C were seen parked at 1118 from 10000.

4) Two observation a/e flying at 500' along the river just south of target were observed at 1129 from 9500.

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- 5) One JU-52 flying south low at Orvieto was seen at 1124 from 10000.
- 6) One B/S A/C flying on the deck 5 miles north of Orvieto L/G headed west was seen at 1124 from 10000.
- 7) A new L/G was seen at 42° 45' N, 11° 57' E.

Enemy Aircraft Tactics: 4 ME-109's made a coordinated attack on one flight. Two came in from 7 o'clock high, firing at the top of the A/C. Two others attacked simultaneously from 4 o'clock high, but tracers of these latter aircraft were inaccurate.

The five attacking A/C each made 3 passes, principally from the rear.

General Observations: 1) Railroad bridge southwest of Ficulle was seen still standing.

2) 20 M/T on the road north of Montalle di Castro were seen headed south at 1155 from 9000.

3) 10 M/T moving north on road at Acquapendente were seen at 1135 from 9000.

4) 3/4 strings of railroad cars were observed at 42° 54' N, 12° 03' E at 1135 from 9000.

5) 30 M/T's parked between Pitigliano and Mancina were observed at 1140 from 9000.

Victories: 1 ME-109 was probably destroyed.

Our Losses: None. Three P-26's badly damaged, four P-26's slightly damaged by fire from enemy aircraft. One top turret gunner was killed.

Weather: En route patches of scattered cumulus, 2-4/10 at 4000; target open with 2/10 scattered cumulus in vicinity; return as en route.

Casualty: S/Lt. Dennis G. Brown, Turret Gunner.
Emergency addressee: Mrs. Juanita P. Brown,
3319 So. 9th St.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer

MISSION NO. 118 FLIGHT COMMANDER - LT COL ZASIER
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - *Capt HARRIS*

22 October 1953

CAMERA LINE-UP

"A"
BURROWS 26 K-17 GAD MORLEY 31 HOLLES 25 K-20

CHURCH 40 SPEEGLE 37 DEUTMAN 35

"B"
BLAKE 7 HAYWARD 11 STELL 10 K-17 ARCHER

TILMONS 2 HOY 15 VALLS 6

"C"
STULL 78 JACKSON 94 WORTHINGTON 37

PERRY 76 K-20 SUND 87 WEINBERG 93 K-17 MONTGOMERY

"D"
HALE 68 SMALL 65 SMITH/ICK 52

BIGELOW 57 K-20 TUCK 61 BURNS 62

SPARES

DAVIS 38 KAPSTEIN 20 TAYLOR 92 FRESCH (N) 67

RADIO: 320th Group - "LACEWORK"

COLORS OF THE DAY

<u>FILE</u>	<u>2 ST. R.</u>	<u>LETTER CHALLENGE</u>	<u>LETTER REPLY</u>	<u>LETTER COLOR</u>
0100-0700	RY	W	H	WHITE
0700-1300	RG	I	S	GREEN
1300-1900	GY	C	J	WHITE
1900-2300	YY	Y	Z	RED

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON
28 October, 1943.

RAILROAD BRIDGE ORVIETO ITALY

NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO	
Morley, Pilot, Captain, Himmelreich, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt. Harrison, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt. Galdwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Martin, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd	34 Took off 0840 Landed 1520	C
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co. Pilot, F/O Beatty, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Linco, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Young, Observer, 1st Lt.	442nd	25 Took off 0840½ Landed <i>relieved</i>	B
Burrows, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dodelin, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt. Gunderson, Bombardier 1st Lt. Laster, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Gadd, Photographer, Sgt.	442nd	26 Took off 0848 Landed 1402	C
Speagle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Shuh, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt Bombardier, 1st Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain, Peck, Engineer gunner, S. sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S. sgt. Galindo, Aerial gunner, S. sgt.	442nd to DFC CAPTAIN HARRIS	37 took off 0841½ Landed 1441½	B
Deutman, pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Furrer, Bombardier, S/sgt. Cross, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	35 took off 0842 Landed 1522	B
Church, Pilot 1st Lt. Chandler, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Walker, Bombardier, S/sgt. Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Laveaque, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Waltman, Photographer, T/sgt.	442nd	40 took off 0842½ Landed 1518	B

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS

SQUADRON

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Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	11	
Billon, Co-Pilot, F/O.			Took off: 0843
Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt.			Landed: 1513
McGeever, Navigator, 1st Lt.			B
Delaware, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Langman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Boals, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	10	
Wills, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 0843½
Scott, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.			Landed: 1501
Fendrich, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			T/Sgt Archer flew as photographer
Marino, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Barker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	7	
St. Arno, Co-Pilot, F/O.			Took off: 0844
Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.			Landed: 4509½
Gignac, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			C
Cromer, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Corp, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	15	
Penka, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 0844½
Moore, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.			Landed: (Anderson)
Iannotta, Eng gunner, Sgt.			B
Juve, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	6	
Robbins, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.			Took off: 0845
Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.			Landed: 1457½
Chilton, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			B
Corona, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Gust, Aerial gunner, Pfc.			
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	2	
Hubbard, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 0845½
Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.			Landed: (Anderson)
Rinaldi, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			C
Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Kapstein, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	20 (Spare)	
LaMoe, Co-Pilot, F/O.			Took off: 0853
Blackford, Bomb Nav, Sgt.			Landed: 1521
Trabenda, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			(B)
Berrigan, Radio gunner, Sgt.			
Beckstead, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			

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PLANE NO.

Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Young, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Stokes, Bombardier, S/sgt.
 Dunn, Engineer gunner, S. Sgt.
 Hogan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Covert, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

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Took off 0854
 Landed 1100

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28 scheduled

2 no T.O.	52 Smithwick	R+ Tech.
	68 Hale	No power left eng.
2 early	62 Burns	-left gas blown off
	38 Davis	- spare.

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Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowski, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stevens, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Marone, Navigator, Captain. Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Hanson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	94 took off 0848 Landed 15:27 <i>B</i>
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co, Pilot, F/O. Grapes, Bombardier, cpl. Horne, Engineer gunner, S. sgt. Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Tester, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	89 Took off 0848½ Landed 15:34 <i>B</i>
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ott, Bombardier, Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Moe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th Frenzel, Engineer gunner S/sgt	78 took off 0849 <i>B</i> Landed 15:56
Gund, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co, Pilot, F/O. Banicki, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Meyer, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Sook, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Ferrara, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	87 Took off, 0849½ <i>B</i> Landed 15:57½
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Magel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bombardier, Sgt. Montgomery, Photographer, Sgt. Greer, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	93 took off 0850 <i>B</i> Landed 15:57½
Ferry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Mayer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dash, Bombardier, S/sgt. Wells, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Harrahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Aerial gunner, Tucker, S/sgt.	444th	76 took off 0850½ <i>C</i> Landed 15:57
Wair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Taylor, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Roberts, Bombardier, sgt. Alstat, Engineer gunnr, S/sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Vaughan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	92 Took off 0851 <i>C</i> Landed 15:57½

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

Swall, Pilot, Capt.	443rd		65	
Stroud, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took off: 0849 $\frac{1}{2}$		
O'Keefe, Navigator, Capt.		Landed: 1500		C
Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt.				
Lewis, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.				
Ramirez, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.				
Smithwick, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd		52	NO TAKE OFF
Hale, Pilot, F/O.	443rd		68	NO TAKE OFF
Tuck, Pilot, Capt.	443rd		61	
Brown, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0851		B
Schwartz, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed: 1459		
Pace, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		T/Sgt Yost flew as extra radio operator		
Hansen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Schinkel, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
McGahan, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.				
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		62	
Barker, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0851 $\frac{1}{2}$		B
Mowry, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1034	EARLY	
Wall, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Shepherd, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Caputo, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.				
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		57	
Palmer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0852		B
Saltarella, Bomb Nav, Pvt.		Landed: 1504		
Coons, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
Britton, Eng gunner, Cpl.				
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		67	(Spare) C
Sheard, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0852 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Boswell, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed: 1528		
Doolittle, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Burden, Aerial gunner, Cpl.				
Carter, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.				

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