

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 94, Day Operation, 23 Oct 1943.

Twenty-seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb railroad bridge north of Todi, Italy. They accompanied the 319th Bombardment Group, and were escorted by P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. 3 B-26's, all spares returned early.

After forming, our formation made a huge 360° circle to allow the 319th Group to form, then assumed their prescribed position behind that Group. The 319th Group circled the base area again, requiring our formation also to circle. At the point of rendezvous with the escort, another circle was made by both Groups. Upon nearing the coast of Italy, it became apparent to the Flight Commander that the fuel supply was inadequate to reach the primary target and return to Sardinia. Montalto di Castro railroad bridge was bombed as an alternate target. The bombing was successful.

Twenty-four B-26's landed safely at Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia. Twenty-three B-26's returned safely to this base; one B-26 remained in Sardinia due to mechanical difficulties.

Routes and Altitudes: To target; From rendezvous at this base with 319th Group at 3,000', 14° T to rendezvous with escort at Cape Zebib, 380 statute miles to point 15 statute miles west of Civitavecchia, climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run, 10° T for 20 statute miles at 10,500'; breakaway left.

From target; Curve left for 20 statute miles to coast; 215° T for 248 statute miles to Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

From Decimomannu A/D; 163° T for 183 statute miles to base at 3,000'.

Bombs: 108 x 1000 lb demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuses, carried by 27 B-26's.

12 x 1000 lb demolition bombs returned to base in 3 B-26's that returned early.

48 x 1000 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

8 x 1000 lb demolition bombs salvaged in the water after leaving the target by 2 B-26's that failed to drop because element leaders did not drop. The salvaging was necessary to enable these A/C to maintain their positions in formation.

40 x 1000 lb demolition bombs carried to Decimomannu A/D, not having been dropped because element leaders were unable to identify the target in time.

Chronology: Time off between 10:34 and 10:48; on course and rendezvous with 319th Group, 11:52; rendezvous with escort, 11:59; target, 13:22; down at Decimomannu A/D between 14:43 and 15:02; down at base between 16:17 and 17:30.

Results: One string of bombs started squarely on the bridge and carried on beyond. Another string cut the track north of the bridge. A third string started just beyond the tracks north of the target and walked across the highway beyond.

Flak: None.

Enemy Aircraft: (1) None encountered.
(2) 6 unidentified S/E A/C were observed at distance in the target area flying east at 13:22 from 10,500'.
(3) New landing strip running east-west to waters edge, 2/3 miles north of Targuina A/D was seen at 13:20 from 11,000'.
(4) An unidentified S/E A/C, believed to be a B-26, followed the formation below at 2,000' from the Italian coast to the coast of Sardinia, then turning south.

Enemy Shipping: 2/3 small M/T in harbor at Civitavecchia were seen at 13:20 from 11,000'.

General Observations: (1) 2/4 M/T headed south on the road south of the target were seen at 13:22 from 10,500'.
(2) A T/E A/C was seen in the water 100 yards off shore at the target at 11:23 from 10,500'. No evidence of life was visible.

Our losses: None.

Weather: Enroute, scattered cumulous with a few heavy bands at 2,000' to 8,000'; target, CAVU, 5-6/10 cumulous at 5,000' inland; return enroute, 6/10, 2,000' to 8,000' at Sardinia.

Comments: None.

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MISSION # 119

FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR SULLIVAN
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER

OCTOBER 23 1943.

"A"			
<u>WEGENER</u> 20	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 11	<u>ROBINS N. B.</u> 5	
<u>MCGLANNAN</u> 7	<u>HAYWARD</u> 14	<u>CROTTY</u> 10	
"B"			
<u>KISLER</u> 76	<u>BARRETT</u> 91	<u>MEYER</u> 80	
<u>COULTER</u> 95	<u>TOWNS</u> 94	<u>BULLARD</u> 93	
"C"			
<u>BIGELOW</u> 61	<u>TUCK</u> 64	<u>WILBUR</u> 63	
<u>BURNS</u> 62	<u>SWALL</u> 65	<u>CALHOUN</u> 67	
"D"			
<u>DEUTMAN</u> 47	<u>MILLER</u> 34 37	<u>CHURCH</u> 38	
<u>HELMS</u> 43	<u>LADD</u> 45	<u>MURROWS</u> 426	
SPARES			
<u>STEINBERG</u> 6	<u>BURNS</u> 86	<u>BAIRD</u> 34 34	<u>KOONTZ</u> 18
<u>FAIR</u> 89	<u>DRYER</u> 28		

COLORS OF THE DAY DATE 23 OCTOBER 1943.

Z-TIME	2-STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0100-0700	RY	L	P	WHITE
0700-1300	RG	B	W	RED
1300-1900	GY	M	G	WHITE
	RR	Q	D	GREEN

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ORVIETO RR BRIDGE, ITALY
23 October 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Montsinger, Pilot, Captain O'Steen, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bomb, 1st Lt. McGeever, Nav, 1st Lt. Tackmann, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Simpson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Yavorosky, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	11 Took off: 1034/30 Landed at: 1637	B
		Major Sullivan flew as Flight Commander	
Robins, N.B., Pilot, 2nd Lt. Levine, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	5 Took off: 1035 Landed at: 1640	C
		S/Sgt. Fendrich, flew as photographer	
Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dillon, Co-pilot, F/O Cukar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wurat, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	20 Took off: 1035/30 Landed at: 1654	B
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Meyarland, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Blair, Nav, 1st Lt. Delaware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	14 Took off: 1036½ Landed at: 1701	B
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oglietti, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Cohen, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dersau, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	10 Took off: 1037 Landed at: 1727	C
McGlannon, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-pilot, F/O Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O Crass, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	7 Took off: 1037½ Landed at: 1730	C

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Barrett, Pilot, Captain Harris, Co-pilot, Captain Brown, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Ridge, Nav, 1st Lt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Braker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepath, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	91 Took off: 1038 Landed at: 1621	C
Meyer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co-pilot, F/O Ferrera, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th L	80 Took off: 1038½ Landed at: 1629	C
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off: 1039 Landed at:	C
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wicks, Co-pilot, F/O Burton, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Dicks, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Szewczuk, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	94 Took off: 1039½ Landed at: 1622	B
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McGuffie, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	93 Took off: 1040 Landed at: 1630 S/Sgt. Spear flew as photographer	B
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nash, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Blossman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	95 Took off: 1040½ Landed at: 1626	B
Tuck, Pilot, Captain Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Nav, Captain. Pace, Bomb, 1st Lt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schinkel, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	64 Took off: 1041 Landed at: 1642	C

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Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Smithwick, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Cafarella, Nav, 2nd Lt. Dickey, Bomb, Cpl. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, Cpl. Perking, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	63	Took off: 1042 Landed at:
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Palmer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Salterelli, Nav Bomb, Pvt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Doolittle, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	61	Took off: 1042½ Landed at: 1641
Swall, Pilot, Captain Stroud, Co-pilot, F/O Swindler, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Mountain, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.	443rd	65	Took off: 1043 Landed at: 1627
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Nav, Bomb, S/Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Bowles, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	67	Took off: 1043½ Landed: 1712
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	62	Took off: 1044 Landed at: 1628
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Payton, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Bolger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	37 37	Took off: 1044½ Landed at: 1655
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co-pilot, F/O Hermann, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Madrid, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Levesque, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	38	Took off: 1045½ Landed at: 1619
T/Sgt. Waltman flew as photographer			

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Deussen, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Furrer, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	47	Took off: 1046 Landed at: 11017
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tiemann, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Huroce, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Gloeckner, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	45	Took off: 1046 1/2 Landed at: 11052 Cpl. Wells flew as extra radio operator
Burross, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dodelin, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Lester, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	26	Took off: 1047 Landed at: 11053 Pvt. Williams flew as photographer
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Morgensearn, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Waldem, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	43	Took off: 1047 1/2 Landed at: 11039 S/Sgt. Draper flew as photographer
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsberger, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	6	Took off: 1048 Landed at: 11017
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	86	Took off: 1047/30 Landed at: 11043
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Abeln, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	34	Took off: 1049 Landed at: 11040
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		No Take off
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		No Take off
Dryer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		No Take off