

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 97, Day Operation, 2 November 1943.

Twenty-four B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb the railroad bridge at Marsciano, Italy. They accompanied the 319th Bombardment Group and were escorted by P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. No B-26's returned early.

Ground fog prevented identification of primary and secondary targets; the target of last resort, Civitavecchia, was bombed successfully.

Twenty-three B-26's landed safely at Decimomannu A/D, and returned safely to base on schedule.

Route and Altitudes: To target, from rendezvous at base with 319th Group and escort at 2500, 14° T for 39 1/2 statute miles coast just south of Montalto di Castro; 32° T for 2 1/2 statute miles to west tip of Lake Bolsena; 90° T for 35 statute miles to IP, west of Terni; 8 mile curve to left, climbing gradually to 10000; abortive bomb run on primary and secondary targets, 322° T for 2 1/2 statute miles; breakaway left; 212° T for 20 statute miles to west tip of Lake Bolsena; bomb run 166° T for 22 statute miles at 9500; breakaway left.

From target, curve left, 216° T for 255 statute miles to Decimomannu A/D, dropping gradually to 2500.

From Decimomannu A/D, 158° T for 185 statute miles to base at 2500.

Bombs: 144 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuses, carried by 24 B-26's.

198 x 500-lb. demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

6 x 500-lb. demolition bombs returned to Decimomannu A/D, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 0716 and 0732; rendezvous and on course 0805; target bombed 1042; down at Decimomannu A/D between 1205 and 1224; down at base between 1340 and 1550.

Results: Harbor installations were covered with an excellent pattern centering at I-J/21. One and possibly two medium M/V's in the harbor were hit. Bombs of one flight landed short.

Flak: Slight fairly accurate heavy and light flak was encountered from the town of Terni. The heavy puffs were smaller than usual, and appeared brown in color. The white puffs were large and reached our altitude.

Enemy Aircraft: 1) None encountered.

2) 1 S/E unidentified A/C followed the formation from the Italian coast to the coast of Gardinia, at our level but considerable distance to the rear.

3) 4 T/E and 12 S/E A/C were seen parked at Tarquinia A/D at 1041 from 9700.

4) 14 T/E and 4 trainer A/C were seen parked at Cerveto A/D at 1021 from 10000.

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5) 4 A/C were observed lined up wing tip to wing tip in a field at 42° 30' N, 12° 13' E at 1037 from 10000.

General Observations: 1) Three trains of about 15 cars each on 3 tracks at Nuzi were seen at 1020 from 10000.

2) 10/15 M/T on the road between Ve trallo and Monte Romano, traveling both ways, were seen at 1038 from 10000.

3) 15 M/T traveling south from Montalto di Castro were observed at 1039 from 10000.

4) 4 M/T were seen at Acquapendente at 1022 from 10000.

5) Several strings of 10/12 cars each south of collapsed railroad bridge south of Civitavecchia, were seen at 1020 from 10000.

6) Smoke pots were seen burning at Civitavecchia at 1042 from 9500.

7) 3 sidings with cars on each at Civitavecchia M/T at 1042 from 9500.

8) 6 M/T in convoy headed south from Valentano were observed at 1038 from 10000.

9) 5 medium M/T and many small boats in the harbor at Civitavecchia were seen at 1042 from 9500.

10) Much smoke was seen coming from a factory at Terni at 1019 from 10000.

Sight Losses: None.

Weather: En route, scattered cumulus, 6-10000; ground fog in valleys at primary target; target bombed, CAFU, return as en route.

Comments: None.

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DEPUTY PLUM COLLABORER:

2 NOVEMBER 1943.

<u>BIRDA</u> 25	<u>SPEGIE</u> 37	<u>D. DELIN</u> 35
<u>BOUGHER</u> 28	<u>BOARD</u> 31	<u>HILBELREICH</u> 38
<u>STEINBERG</u> 6	<u>HOX</u> 20	<u>KOOL</u> 1
<u>MCGILPINNON</u> 18	<u>OWEN</u> 14	<u>CRANDALL</u> 4
<u>WEINBERG</u> 83	<u>TOWNS</u> 87	<u>BURNS</u> 80
<u>COULTER</u> 93	<u>HALLIWELL</u> 94	<u>FAIR</u> 91
<u>FEAGIN</u> 61	<u>BARBER</u> 59	<u>BURNS</u> 58
<u>SWIGART</u> 52	<u>TRUSCH</u> 66	<u>CALHOUN</u> 64
<u>DRYER</u> 27	<u>KAPSTEIN</u> 9	<u>BULLARD</u> 76
	<u>BRESLER</u> 57 (N)	

COLORS OF THE DAY 2 NOVEMBER 1943.

Z-TIME	2-STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0100-0700	RY	Y	D	RED
0700-1300	GY	C	L	GREEN
1300-1900	RG	X	I	WHITE
1900-2300	GG	M	G	GREEN

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON RAILROAD EAST OF TERNI, ITALY, 2/11/43

Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		37
Shuh, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: NO TAKE OFF	
Dodelin, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		35
Wilson, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0716½	
Furrer, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1350	
Crass, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Palmer, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.a			
Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Byram, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		25
King, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0717½	
Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed: 1404	
Garbenches, Eng gunner, S/ Sgt.			
Moore, Radio gunner, Sgt.			
Buchanan, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.			
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		31
Brast, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0718	
Harrison, Bombardier, Capt.		Landed: 1340	
Schwartz, Navigator, 1st Lt.			
Gomez, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Trupka, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Himmelreich, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		38
Conrad, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0718½	
Hermann, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed: 1350	
Gloekner, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Dolan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Turner, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Bougher, Pilot, <del>2nd Lt.</del> F/O.	442nd		28
Chandler, <del>Co-Pilot,</del> 2nd Lt.		Took off: <del>0720</del> (NO TAKE OFF)	
Abeinys, <del>Bomb Nav,</del> 2nd Lt. Sgt.		<del>Landed:</del>	
Horne, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Godfrey, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Ross, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Dryer, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd		27
DeFan, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0729½	
Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1400	
Hall, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Schaus, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Legutko, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			

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Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		20
O'Steen, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0720	
Moore, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed:	
McGeever, Navigator, 1st Lt.			14/9
Pope, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Juve, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		1
Colby, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0720½	
Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed:	
Hill, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			1387
Apgar, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		6
Hunsberger, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0721	
Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.		Landed:	
Smith, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			14/6
DeMarco, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		14
Paulantis, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0721½	
Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed:	
Tackamn, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			1354
Spears, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		4
Oglietti, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0722	
Cohen, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed:	
Beldon, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			14/0
Hawkins, Radio gunner, Sgt.			
Derau, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
McGlannon, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		18
Goodenough, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took off: 0722½	
Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O.		Landed:	
Crass, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			1545
Gaunt, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Kapstein, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		9 (NO TAKE OFF).
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		87
Hicks, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took off: 0723	
Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed:	1547
Nerone, Navigator, Capt.	Capt Booth	flew as observer.	
Dicke, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
De Santis, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Szewczyk, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			

Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-Pilot, F/O. Ramirez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Alstat, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Smith, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 123½ Landed: 1555	80
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagle, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Greear, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 0724 Landed: 1505	83
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyer, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Dittmar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Etsel, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 0724½ Landed: 1506	94
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stewart, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Babler, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Vaughan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	844th	Took off: 0725 Landed: 1515	91
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nash, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Blossman, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 0725½ Landed: 1507 Sgt Bushong flew as photographer	93
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		76 (NO TAKE OFF)
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudro, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. C farella, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Káridis, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Krumpoch, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Dross, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Hanson, Eng gunner, Cpl.	443rd	<del>Takeoff:</del> Took off: 0726½ Landed: 1500	59
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Landrum, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Key, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Wall, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.	443re	Took off: 0727 Landed: 0.15	58
Feagin, Pilot, F/O. Brown, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Grant, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Jackson, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Gamble, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Noakes, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	Took off: 0727½ Landed: 1541	61

Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		61
Sheard, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0728	
Janeke, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed:	
Doolittle, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.		1540	
Powell, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Carter, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		64
Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0728½	
Thompson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed:	
Martin, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.		1550	
Guzzio, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Smith, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		52
Collins, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took off: 0729	
Hoble, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed:	
Lacerva, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.		1600	
Williams, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Lillo, Eng gunner, S/Sgt.			
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		57
Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took off: 0732	
Clark, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed: 1420	
Yost, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.		Maj Belcher flew as <del>observer</del>	
Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.		Flight Commander	
Bolton, Eng gunner, Pvt.			

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