

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 99, Lay Operation, 16 November 1943.

Twenty-five (25) B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb the airfield at Salon, France. They were accompanied by B-26's of the 319th Bomb Group and escort was provided by P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group.

The target was successfully bombed.

One B-26, one engine shot out by flak, made a crash landing at Alghero, Sardinia; the crew is safe. Twenty-two (22) B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: From 2,500' at this base, 327° T for 328 statute miles to a point south and west of La Seyne; at 11,000', 340° T for 33 statute miles to the IP, the city of Aix; bomb run of 291° T for 17 statute miles at 10,200', breaking right wide to allow the 319th following to come out abreast. From target: At 10,000', 144° T for 23 statute miles to the city of Aix; 160° T for 33 statute miles to the coast; and a gradual let down in altitude during the course of 147° T for 328 statute miles to this base.

Bombs: 2754 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs carried by 23 B-26's.
2676 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs dropped by 23 B-26's.
78 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs brought back, hung up in racks.

Chronology: Time off between 1043 and 1055; rendezvous with the 319th and on course at 1120; over target at 1315; 22 B-26's down at this base between 1502 and 1526.

Results: Bombs covered the assigned dispersal area very effectively. Of the eight planes visible in the target area, 6 planes were destroyed and 2 were damaged. A patch of cloud covers another part of the dispersal area through which the bombs were dispersed. At least 3 distinct fires were seen, one of which was very large. Bombs also dropped near the hangar and repair shops.

Flak: Moderately accurate heavy and slight inaccurate light, above in altitude, was encountered just before and over the target area. About 20 bursts of red flak, accurate for both altitude and deflection were seen from the vicinity of Aix after leaving the target. From 20-30 bursts of red flak, very inaccurate, barrage type, was seen from Marseille after leaving the target. There was no coordination between the bursts of red flak and enemy fighters.

The following flak positions were noted:

8 gun emplacement on top and side of bluff between target and St. Cannat.
4 guns NE edge of Lanson-Provence.
T.O. 6-18-54: 4 guns P/16; 4 guns B-5/7; 6 guns W-4/15; 2 guns N/14.

Enemy Aircraft: (1) Three (3) S/S unidentified A/C at 10,500' headed N above Marseille seen at 1302 from 10,600'.

(2) Eight to ten (8-10) S/S unidentified A/C at 8,000' at 43° 40' N, 05° 10' E, headed NE seen at 1315 from 10,000'.

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Enemy Aircraft: (Cont'd):

(3) Three or four (3/4) S/S unidentified A/C, brown in color, seen attacking the 319th Group just after breakaway at 1317 from 10,000'.

(4) Two (2) ME 109's, blue bellied and dark on top, seen 5 miles N of Aix, making passes at our plane which had fallen behind when damaged, were observed at 1319 from 10,000'.

Enemy Aircraft Tactics: The crew whose plane was damaged and attacked is not yet available for interrogation. Reports from other crews who witnessed the attacks say that passes were made at the rear and sides from the same altitude.

General Observations: (1) Seen in Toulon harbor: 2 large freighters in main harbor, 5 barges or YLC's at loading platform, one medium sized freighter in outer harbor, and 50-60 small craft. Observed at 1258 from 11,000'.

(2) One (1) medium sized freighter headed SW, moving slowly, at 42° 50' N, 05° 40' E, observed at 1258 from 11,000'.

(3) A submarine net was stretched across the mouth of the Toulon harbor, observed at 1258 from 11,000'.

(4) Seen in La Ciotat harbor: 5-6 medium sized freighters, one of which appeared to be in dry dock, and 3-4 smaller vessels. Observed at 1300 from 11,000'.

(5) Seen in Marseille harbor: 6 large freighters docked on the W side and many smaller craft scattered about the harbor. Observed at 1302 from 10,500'.

(6) Eight to ten (8-10) barrage balloons, dark in color were observed both on the way to and from the target. One crew reports that the balloons were very low on the way in and were much higher on the way out. Observed at 1302 from 10,600' and 1327 from 10,000'.

(7) A train approximately 50 cars long was seen emerging from tunnel S of Aubagne headed toward Marseille at 1303 from 10,600'.

(8) In Lake Berre, 6-7 cargo liners in the SW corner above Martigues observed at 1303 from 10,600'.

Our Losses: One B-26 was lost, 2 B-26's were damaged, and 6 B-26's were slightly damaged. One bombardier was slightly injured from flak.

Weather: Enroute: First 250 miles, 8-9/10 cloud coverage with base at 2,500-3,000' and tops at 6,000' with scattered showers. Visibility 4-5 miles. Last part of route continual clearing to CAVU conditions at the target.

Target: CAVU.

Return: Same as enroute.

Comments: (1) The P-38 escort was not seen until just after the bomb run, and, at that time, only four (4) were reported.

(2) An additional report will be sent in as soon as Lt. Robins' crew is available for interrogation.

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addenda to Intelligence Narrative No. 22.

Additional report from interrogation of the crew of Lt. Robin's plane which crash landed at Alghero, Sardinia.

Bombs: 120 x 50-lb. fragmentation bombs carried.
120 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs dropped in target area. (These have already been counted in the original total of bombs dropped given in the first report.)

Flak: A direct hit during the bomb run from flak burst under the left engine, cut the hydraulic and oil lines. A second hit on the D-28 canopy burst under the tail throwing the tail of the plane high, damaging left waist gun ammunition track and spilling all the ammunition out of one turret box into the turret gunner's lap. This prevented firing of turret guns at E/A for five minutes after they were sighted.

Enemy aircraft: Five E/A, three (3) of them ME-109's, and two (2) FW-190's appeared from 6 o'clock, weaving back and forth between 8 and 4 o'clock. They also would fly across behind the plane and, at about 7 o'clock, flip over and turn in, beginning to fire as they came out of their turn. When they discovered the left waist gun was out, they became very daring and came in as close as 100 yards before breaking away. The FW-190's made their passes from 6 o'clock and slightly above, turn, and dive below. The FW's seldom came closer than 300 yards. Attacks were coordinated and the pilots seemed to be experienced. 1 Probably destroyed

Our losses: This plane crashlanded at Alghero, Sardinia, completely destroying the plane. The pilot was slightly injured in the landing, and the waist gunner had been slightly injured by flak.

Comments: At no time was the P-38 escort seen.

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MISSION NO. 125. FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. ELISHA 16 NOVEMBER 1943
 deputy flight commander:

"A"		
<u>BURKS</u> 76	<u>HANLEY</u> 94	<u>NASH</u> 30
<u>CORLEY</u> 95	<u>GOLSON</u> 87	<u>STUM</u> 76
"B"		
<u>FLEMMING</u> 1	<u>HAYWARD</u> 4	<u>MCGLANNON</u> 24
<u>KOONTZ</u> 10	<u>VALLIS</u> 18	<u>DILLON</u> 7
"C"		
<u>RYAN</u> 47	<u>SPESGLER</u> 31	<u>WILHELM</u> 40
<u>HYMAN</u> 33	<u>DODD</u> 44	<u>DAVIS</u> 26
"D"		
<u>BURNS</u> 60	<u>BUTLER</u> 59	<u>SMITHICK</u> 61
<u>CALHOUN</u> 67	<u>FRASIN</u> 58	<u>BAKER</u> 52
SPARES		
<u>BULLARD</u> 84	<u>ROBINS, A. D.</u> 8	<u>BOGHER</u> 25
<u>CAUDILL</u> 56		
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COLORS OF THE DAY NOVEMBER 16, 1943.

TIME	FLARE	CHLORINE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	YY	1	O	GREEN
0700-1300	GY	C	I	WHITE
1300-1900	GG	P	V	RED
1900-0100	RR	3	D	GREEN

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON Salon Di Province A/D. France.
16 November 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Hallowell, Pilot, Captain Meyer, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ridge, Nav, 1st Lt. Dittmar, Bomb, 1st Lt. Etzele, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Bowgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	94 Took off: 1044/30 Landed at: 1509 Lt. Col. Zaiser flew as Flight Commander
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	84 Took off: 1045 Landed at: 1509 (spare filling in his position)
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off: 1045/30 Landed at: 1510 Sgt. Gnd flew as photographer
Goodson, Pilot, Captain Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Nerone, Nav, Captain Stephens, Bomb, Captain Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	87 Took off: 1043/30 Landed at: 1508 Captain Booth flew as Observer
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ott, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Renznel, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Freidman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	78 Took off: 1044 Landed at: 1508
Conley, Pilot, F/O Hicks, Co-pilot, F/O Burton, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepath, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	95 Took off: 1044/30 Landed at: 1508
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. McFarland, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Konvalinka, Nav, 2nd Lt. Pope, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sampson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	4 Took off: 1046 Landed at: 1510

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McGlannan, 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	14 Took off: 1046/30 Landed at: 1511 <i>Capt. Cook - obs.</i>
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hubbard, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Scott, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Baldon, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Lautholt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	1 Took off: 1046/30 Landed at: 1511
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Robbins, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Sylvester, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Chilton, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hervert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	18 Took off: 1047 Landed at: 1430
Dillon, Pilot, F/O	441st	Machine No Take-off
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt. Mankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Kennedy, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Griner, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.	441st	6 Took off: 1055 Landed at: 1203
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Shuh, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Shuh Darby, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Leahy, Nav, 1st Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 Took off: 1047/30 Landed at: 1514
Himmelreich, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rowan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Hermann, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	40 Took off: 1040 Landed at: 1502 1st Lt. Young flew as Observer
Dryer, Pilot, 2nd Lt. DeFan, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gleeckner, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schaus, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hoyle, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	47 Took off: 1048/30 Landed at: 1515

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Dodelin, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Harrison, Bomb, Captain Moran, Nav, 2nd Lt. Floto, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	44 Took off: 1048/30 Landed at: 1502 +
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Richards, Co-pilot, F/O Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	26 Took off: 1049 Landed at: 1515
	T/Sgt. Waltsman flew as photographer	
Byram, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wendling, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Furrer, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Garbenches, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Moore, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Buchanan, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	33 Took off: 1049/30 Landed at: 1502
Bougner, Pilot, F/O Rood, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Montez, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Milliman, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Turner, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	25 Took off: 1051/30 Landed at: 1505
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Butler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stroud, Co-pilot, F/O Schwartz, Nav, 2nd Lt. Chambers, Bomb, S/Sgt. Saccardo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gniadek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	59 Took off: 1049/30 Landed at: 1514
Smithwick, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbrow, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Chalgant, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	61 Took off: 1050 1516
Burna, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	No Take-off
Feagin, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Underwood, Nav, 2nd Lt. Grant, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Jackson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gamble, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	58 Took off: 1050/30 Landed at: 1517
	T/Sgt. Long flew as extra radio operator	

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Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co-pilot, F/O Quine, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Cousins, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	Took off: 65 1050/30 Landed at: 1526
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Nav. Bomb, S/Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Gusio, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	Took off: 67 1051 Landed at: 1517
Caudill, Pilot, F/O Aribal, Co-pilot, F/O Hobel, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Nelson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hildenbrand, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	Took off: 51 1051/30 Landed at: 1507
Robins, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hunsberger, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdeus, Bomb, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 8 1055/30 Landed at: ALGERIA Crew O.K.

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