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HEADQUARTERS 320th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 100, Day Operation, 21 November 1943.

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group.

2. At 1110 hours, twenty-eight (28) B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off with the Cesano River RR Bridge, the Arezzo M/Yds., and the Chiusi M/Yds as the primary and 1st and 2nd alternate targets. They were escorted by P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group, and accompanied B-26's of the 319th Bombardment Group (M). Four (4) B-26's returned early, spares.

The primary target was cloud-obscured and during the course of the bomb run, the flight commander decided to proceed to the 1st alternate. The formation followed the 319th over the Fano River RR Bridge, and the second flight of six (6) planes, which, due to a high quartering sun, had not seen the bomb bay doors of the 1st flight close, dropped 35 x 500-lb. demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second fusing) on the bridge at 1325 hours. 108 x 500-lb. demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second fusing) were dropped on the second alternate, the Chiusi M/Yds. by the remaining 18 planes at 1355 hours when the 1st alternate, the Arezzo M/Yds., was also found to be cloud covered.

Twenty-four (24) B-26's returned safely to this base at 1555 hours.

3. Results: The Fano River RR bridge was missed, but the E approach was cut in several places. The highway bridge was hit by some of the bombs which fell over.

In the Chiusi M/Yds. the bombs covered the southern choke point and the northern one-third of tracks. The transformer station immediately E of the yards received several direct hits with resultant green flashes which lasted for about a minute.

4. Observations:

- a. General - 1. Fourteen (14) S/S A/C and four (4) JU 52's on Furbara A/D poorly dispersed on E end and in front of buildings at 1240 from 11000.
2. Eight (8) unidentified A/C on Foligno A/D dispersed on the SE corner at 1255 from 12000.
3. One train of thirty (30) cars five (5) miles N of Foligno headed S at 1255 from 12000.
4. Ten (10) S/S A/C on Perugia A/D at 1255 from 12000.
5. Twenty to thirty (20-30) M/T parked on road between Ancona and Senigallia at 1320 from 10800.
6. Thirty to thirty-five (30-35) M/E A/C on Castiglione del Lago A/D dispersed on southern edge and in front of hangars, and three (3) S/P, one of which appeared damaged at lake edge of A/D, at 1350 from 10500.

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7. Fifteen (15) S/E, three (3) W/E A/C on Fano A/D dispersed near the hangars on N side of A/D at 1328 from 10500.
 - (b) Enemy Air - 1. Four to six (4-6) ME-109's with light blue silvery bottoms and dark tops attacked the 4th flight just N of Foligno. They were engaged immediately by the F-38's and one (1) F-38 was seen to leave the encounter with one engine smoking, at 1300 from 12000.
2. One (1) ME-109, same coloring, and one (1) FW-190, attacked the third flight during the 1st bomb run on the Fano River RR bridge., at 1323 from 10000.
3. Six to eight (6-8) ME-109's and FW-190's followed the formation from W of Fano to Chiusi. One ME-109 was damaged as he flew over the top of the formation. One (1) ME-109, colored brownish green and gray was destroyed when it made one pass at the third flight, at 1345 from 11500
 - (c.) Tactics: 1. In first interception, attack was made from 6 o'clock high diving and breaking off to the left after coming in to 500 yds. and pulling up on the left out of range.
2. In second interception, the ME attacked from 6 o'clock level, opening fire at 500 yds., breaking off to the right at 200 yds. when hit, and going into a shallow dive. Plane apparently under control when seen to make a water landing. The FW attacked from 6 o'clock low, closing to 400 yds., breaking off to the right and down.
3. In third interception, 1st ME was not attacking when damaged. The ME which did make a pass came in from 7 o'clock 200 ft. below, opening fire from 400 yds. and breaking off at 250 yds. after being fired upon. he was seen to go into a steep dive and hit the ground.
 - (d) Claims: Two (2) ME-109's destroyed, one ME-109, one FW-190 damaged.
 - (e) Our Losses: None. One B-26 damaged, one B-26 slightly damaged by fighters.
 - (f) Enemy Shipping: 1. One (1) medium sized freighter in Ancona harbor at 1315 from 10800.
2. Thirty-five to fifty (35-50) small boats parked in bunches along coast near Senigallia at 1320 from 10800.
3. One (1) small freighter moving N above Ancona at 1318 from 10600.
4. Ten (10) small craft headed toward land about ten (10) miles off Fano at 1322 from 10500.
 - (g) Flak: Slight to moderate inaccurate heavy flak, accurate as to altitude, but ahead and to right of the formation, from the vicinity of Orte. The flak seemed to come from the town of Baschi, Amelia, and Attigliana. One crew also reported slight very inaccurate light flak, below and to the right, N of Lake Trasimeno, near Ortona.
5. Routes and Altitudes: (all headings are true, all miles are statute)
To target: rendezvous above this base at 2500 feet; 40° for 240 miles

to C. Linaro climbing to 12000; 38° for 47 miles to Amelia at same altitude; 24° for 32 miles to Spello at same altitude; 38° for 46 miles to Iesi, lowering to 10800 feet; a swing east to the Adriatic around Ancona; a bomb run was attempted on Cesano R. RR bridge, abandoned, and the 319th was followed over Fano River RR bridge at 237° at 10500; 237° for 47 miles to Citta di Castello, climbing to 11000 feet; 206° for 30 miles to Tuoro di Trasimene at 10800; bomb run of 206° for 15 miles at 10500.
From target: 203° for 50 miles to Montalto di Castro, climbing to 13000, 214° for 246 miles to this base.

6. Weather: en route - generally clear over water. One band of cumulus, base 2000, tops 5000, 50-60 miles east of Sardinia. Rome area clear, becoming scattered to north and overcast in Florence area, base topping mountains, tops 1000 rising to 15000 to the north, broken clouds over the Appenines. Scattered clouds at 7000 in large patches on Adriatic coast. Visibility 10-15 miles over water, 15 miles or better over land.
Target - Primary and first alternate obscured. Second alternate in scattered cloudiness but open enough to be seen and hit.

7. Comments: none.

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MISSION NO. 126

FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. FLETCHER

21 November 1943

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<u>CALHOUN</u> 64 1110 1/2	<u>GRAVES</u> 59 1110	<u>HUNTER</u> 60 1110 1/4
<u>BURNS</u> 51 1111 1/4	<u>BARBER</u> 59 1110 3/4	<u>BAKER</u> 54 1111

<u>LIMBERG</u> 33 1112 07	<u>BAIRD</u> 34 1111 35	<u>JAMES</u> 26 1111 55
<u>CHANDLER</u> 47 1113 01	<u>MILLER</u> 31 1112 26	<u>DRYER</u> 40 1112 44

<u>KOONTZ</u> 6 1113 53	<u>HOY</u> 20 1113 13	<u>KAPSTEIN</u> 10 1113 31
<u>DILLON</u> 9 1114 15	<u>OGLIETTI</u> 14 1114 09	<u>ST. ARNO</u> 18 1114 37

<u>TAYLOR</u> 84 1115 49	<u>TOLMS</u> 94 1115 10	<u>NASH</u> 95 1115 27
<u>FAIR</u> 20 1116 41	<u>WEINBERG</u> 57 1116 05	<u>GREEN</u> 25 1116 21

S P A R E S		
<u>SHEARD</u> 65 1119 44	<u>PROBASCO</u> 28 1117 37	<u>O'STEEN</u> 5 1115 12
	<u>RADIO</u> 23	<u>EDWARDS</u> 78 (N) 1117 07

1st Group SAXHORN
17th Group DAYLONG

319th Group MAYFLOWER
320th Group LACEWORK

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RR	O	F	WHITE
0700-1300	RY	W	Q	RED
1300-1900	GG	I	J	WHITE
1900-0100	CY	B	D	RED

The following crews participated in the raid on

Casero-Rabrono, Bridge Italy

Graves, Pilot, Capt A.	443rd Squadron	# 57
Yeager, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1110
Cafarella, Navigator, Lt.		Landed
Butler, Bombardier, Captain		
Long, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
O'Connell, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
Pierce, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Lt. Col., Fletcher, Flight Commander,	
Hunter, pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	# 60
Goff, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1110 1/15
Dufour, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed;
Hansen, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		1544
Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Draper, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	# 64
Coleman, Co, pilot, F/O		Took off 1110 1/2
Thompson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed;
Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	Farberow, Observer:	1542
Burden, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Smith, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	# 59
Pearce, Co, Pilot, flt Off.		Took off: 1110 40
Long, Navigator, Lt.		Landed
Karidis, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Laserva, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		1545 1/2
Dross, Aerial gunner S/sgt.		
Hanson, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Baker, pilot, 1st Lt.		# 54
Brown, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1111
Saltarelli, Navigator Bombardier		Landed
Robichaux, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		1545 1/2
Britton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Williams, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	# 51
Landrum, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1111 15
Mowry, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
Yost, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		1543
Shepherd, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Schinkel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Sheard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	# 63
Szwang, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1119 1/2
Tidwell, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed; 1325
Jackson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Yim, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
Harrold, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		

Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	# 34
Brown, Co. pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1111
Chavales, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1543
Gorna, Navigator, lt.		
Gomez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	Major Gladson Observer 1	
James, Pilot, lt.	442nd	# 26
Hodges, Co. Pilot, lt.		Took off 1111 45
Stakes, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1546
Melin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Milliman, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Burns, R. W., Aerial gunner, S. Sgt.		
Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	# 33
Bottonley, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1112
Amundson, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed: 1547
Cerchiaro, Bombardier, S/sgt.		
Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Lagutko, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	# 31
Ingalls, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1112 15
Payton, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1547
Pincow, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Folger, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Conlon Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Eden, Aerial gunner, S Sgt.		
Marley, Observer, Captain, .		
Chandler, Pilot, lt.	442nd	# 47
Claybough Co. Pilot, lt.		Took off 1112 45
Abelin Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1547
Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S. Sgt.		
Flynn Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Dryer, Pilot, Lt;	442nd	# 40
Morganstein, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1112 30
Andrewson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1547
Hall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Schaus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Probasco, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	# 25
King, Co. pilot, lt.		Took off 1117 30
		Landed 1300
Olmsted, Bombardier, lt.		
Bly Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wells, Cpl. Radio Gunner,		
Ross Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	# 20
McConnell Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1113
Asienzo, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1553
Blair, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Crass, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Juve, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Kapstein, Pilot, 1st Lt.		# 10
Cornelius, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1113 15
Scott, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed 1553
Trebenda, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Mulligan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Aerial photographer, Williams, pvt.		
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st.	# 6
Turner, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1113 30
Hawkins, Bombardier Sgt.		Landed 1554
Wilkes, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Appar, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Gyiner, Aerial gunner, pfc.		
Oglietti, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	# 14
Levine, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1113 40
Perkins, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1554
O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Yavorasky, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
St. Arno Pilot, F/O.	441st	# 18
Goodenough, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1114
Blackford, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1554
Dahly, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Darau, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Dillon, Co, Pilot, F/O	441st	# 9
Wiala, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1114 15
Comp, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1535
Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Quant, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
O' Steen, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	# 5.
Hubbard, Co, pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1301
Temple, Bombardier, F/O		Landed 1331
Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Archer, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Moore, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		

Towns, Pilot, Captain.	444th	# 94
Towns, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1114 30
Brown, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed
Nerone, Navigator, Captain,		1550
Dicke, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
DeSantis, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt.		
Szewczyk, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Nash, Pilot, Lt.	444th	# 95
Peters, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1115
Peterson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed:
Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1550
Connelly, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt.		
Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S. Sgt.		
Taylor, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	# 84
Lumpkin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1115 15
Robert, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed
Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1551
Patton, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt.		
Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Weinberg, Pilot, Lt.	444th	# 87
Nagel, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1115 30
Strong, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed
Spowall Navigator, 2nd Lt.		1551
Greer, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.		
Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Wil, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	# 93
Reeves, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off, 1115 40
Breeding, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed
DeLisle, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		1551
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Long, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	# 78
Bracke, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off;
Robinson, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at;
Michel, Nav, 2nd Lt.		1302
Clark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Klingaman, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt.		
Harrison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	# 90
Stewart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off;
Chouinard, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at;
Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		1552
Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Haney, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		

Sgt. Bushong flew as photographer