

HEADQUARTERS 320th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 102, Day Operation, 26 November 1943

Flight Commander: Major Belcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M)
2. At 1215 hours, thirty-nine (39) B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Arezzo M/Y, Italy. They accompanied the 319th Bombardment Group and were escorted by P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. 3 B-26's returned early: 1 because of excessive fuel pressure; 1 because of carburetor icing; and 1 to circle a crashed aircraft of the 319th Group. No bombs were dropped because of the 10/10 cloud cover over the target area. Thirty-six B-26's returned safely to this base at 1627 hours.
3. Results: None.
4. Observations:
  - a. General - 1. The early return which circled crashed aircraft of the 319th Bombardment Group reported that the plane was first seen in a spin as it came through the base of clouds at 2500. It spun straight into the water. After a short interval it exploded, throwing debris 1000' in the air.
    2. Many crew members reported 2 fires burning 300 to 500 yds. apart on the water at approximately 40° 03' N, 10° 55' E at 1320 hours. One tail gunner reported seeing about one-half minute apart, 2 B-26's diving 200 ft. above the water at this position at 1323 hours. Both crashed in water 300 to 500 yds. apart. One aircraft broke in two just before hitting the water and 2 fires on the surface of the water resulted close to one another. Another fire resulted from the other aircraft. Another tail gunner reported that at 1320 hours, he saw a B-26 in a spin; that it went straight into the water; that he saw no explosion and no debris. The same gunner also reported that at 1322 hours he saw smoke and flames on the surface of the water about three miles from the place of the first crash.
    3. Bombs burst at Civitavecchia, on the docks and in the water, indicating probable dive-bombing of the harbor, were seen at 1350 hours from 10000.
    4. Over Tarquinia A/D, on the return at 1445 hours from 8000, one turret gunner reported a silver-colored spiraling object overhead, which burst to the rear of the formation in an explosion about the size of heavy flak, reddish in color and hanging in the air for a few seconds.
  - b. Enemy Air: None.
  - c. Enemy Tactics: None.

- D. Enemy Shipping: None observed.
- e. Flak: Slight inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over Civitavecchia and Tarquinia <sup>N/D</sup>. Four (4) heavy guns were seen firing at 42° 05' N, 11° 43' E, and four (4) heavy guns were seen firing on the outer mole at Civitavecchia Harbor E/20-21, (TC 3-3A-NA). Fire from these guns was inaccurate in deflection and low.
- f. Our losses: None.
5. Routes and Altitudes: from 3000 at this base, 34° T for 246 statute miles to landfall at Civitavecchia, climbing to 10000 as weather permitted; direct course to vicinity of Lake Bolsana; 180° curve to left; direct course to Civitavecchia; 214° T for 246 statute miles to base, dropping gradually to 3000.
6. Weather: En route: overcast with a few breaks 3000 to 6000; 5/10 very thin clouds at 8 - 9000; scattered cirrus at estimated 20000; Italy, same as en route with no breaks. Return as en route.
7. Comments: None.

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Captain, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer

MISSION NO. 125 FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR BELCHER 26 November 1943  
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. STIMPFL

ROBBINS, L.E.                      HAYWARD                      GOODENOUGH  
 5    14    10

BLAKE                                      KIRLEY                                      CURRILE  
 9    4    1

TELMONS                                      HOY                                      MCGLANNAN  
 18    20    11

WORTHINGTON                      WEINBERG                      FAIR  
 21    83    90

BURNS                                      HALLOSBELL                      BURNED  
 89    87    95

MEYER                                      STIMPFL                      KISLER  
 85    78    84

CAUDILL                                      BREWER                      GILBERT  
 60    57    59

CALHOUN                                      BRACKEN                      BAKER  
 64    61    54

LONG                                      BUTLER                      BARKER  
 58    62    56

BYRNE                                      WILLER                      YOUNG  
 47    51    28

ERAST                                      LADD                      CHANDLER  
 33    34    26

JONES                                      MORLEY                      LIMBERG  
 25    43    40

KOONZ                      CONLEY                      SPACE                      FROBESCO  
 7                      76                      21                      27 (H)

RADAR: 320th - LACEYORK                      319th - LAYFLORER  
 1st - SAKHORN

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FL RE	CHALL	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	TY	H	L	GREEN
0700-1300	RY	X	J	RED
1300-1900	GG	Z	Q	GREEN
1900-0100	GY	B	P	RED

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON

26 November 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Hayward, Pilot, Capt Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. McFarland, Bomb <del>NAV</del> , 1st Lt. McGeever, Nav, 1st Lt. Pope, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sampson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	14 Took off: 1215 Landed at: 1611
	Major Belcher flew as Flight Commander	
Goodenough, Pilot, F/O St Arno, Co-pilot, F/O Hawkins, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Steigenhofer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Medina, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	10 Took off: 1215/30 Landed at: 1611/30
Robbins, R.E., Pilot, 1st Lt. Williams, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Cohen, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Deray, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	5 Took off: 1216 Landed at: 1612
	Sgt. Gad flew as photographer	
Kirley, Pilot, Captain Levine, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ascienzo, Bomb, 1st Lt. Blair, Nav, 1st Lt. Trebenda, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	4 Took off: 1216/30 Landed at: 1611+
	Lt. Col. Stintzi flew as Deputy Flight Commander	
Currie, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wilson, Co-pilot, F/O Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hull, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McFarland, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	1 Took off: 1216/30 Landed at: 1612+
Blake, pilot, 1st Lt. Boyce, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	9 Took off: 1217 Landed at: 1612+
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Goldberg, Bomb <del>NAV</del> , 2nd Lt. Konvalinka, Nav, 2nd Lt. Christianson, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Juve, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerz, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	20 Took off: 1217/30 Landed at: 1253

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McGlannan, Pilot, 1st Lt. McConnell, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O Crass, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	11 Took off: 1217/30 Landed at: 1614
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. West, Co-pilot, F/O Bardon, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	18 Took off: 1218/30 Landed at: 1614 <sup>+</sup>
Kocantz, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hendrix, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Williams, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Griner, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.	441st	7 Took off: 1228 Landed at: 1624
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	83 Took off: 1218/30 Landed at: 1413
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stewart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Chouinard, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Haneys Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	90 Took off: 1219 Landed at: 1437
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-pilot, F/O Crapes, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Foster, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	91 Took off: 1219/30 Landed at: 1613 <sup>+</sup>
Hallowell, Pilot, Captain Buckhout, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. <del>K</del> Dittmar, Bomb, 1st Lt. <del>K</del> Hessner, Nav, 1st Lt. Etzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	94 Took off: 1220 Landed at: 1614

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	FRAME NO.
Bulhare, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McGurie, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	95 Took off: 1220/30 Landed at: 1615
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt/ Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	89 Took off: 1220/30 Landed at: 1616
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Stephens, Bomb, Captain Gest, Nav, 2nd Lt. Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Freidman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	78 Took off: 1220/30 Landed at: 1617
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	84 Took off: 1221 Landed at: 1618
English, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyers, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Procter, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	85 Took off: 1221/30 Landed at: 1617
Conley, Pilot, F/O Hicks, Co-pilot, F/O Beranade, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off: 1229 Landed at: 1613+
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co-pilot, F/O Schwartz, Nav, 2nd Lt. Clark, Bomb, 1st Lt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Carter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	57 Took off: 1221/30 Landed at: 1618+
		Major Marble flew as Observer

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Gilbert, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Goodwin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Maier, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Cousins, Aerial Gunner, Cpl. Coons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	59 Took off: 1222 Landed at: 1619 Sgt. Bushong flew as photographer
Caudill, Pilot, F/O Bribal, Pilot, F/O Hobel, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griewank, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Nelson, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	60 Took off: 1222 Landed at: 1619
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeagers Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Carroll, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt. Krumpholtz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Key, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	61 Took off: 1223 Landed at: 1619+ Captain Chase flew as observer
Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co-pilot, F/O Quine, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brittan, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	54 Took off: 1223 Landed at: 1619+
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	64 Took off: 1224 Landed at: 1620
Butler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Landrum, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Underwood, Nav, 2nd Lt. Chambers, Bomb, S/Sgt. Saccardo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gniadek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	62 Took off: 1224 Landed at: 1621
Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hunter, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	56 Took off: No. T.O.
Long, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stinson, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Janeke, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Westfall, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Bowles, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	58 Took off: 1224/30 Landed at: 1621+ Sgt. Gerdy flew as extra radio operator.

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Space, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hale, Co-pilot, F/O Kimbrow, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Pfc. Jones, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	51 Took off: 1228 Landed at: 1621+
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Chavalas, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Schwartz, Nav, 2nd Lt. Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd  Major Gladden flew as observer	31 Took off: 1225 Landed at: 1622
Young, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conrad, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Gloeckner, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	28 Took off: 1225 Landed at: 1622+
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	47 Took off: 1226 Landed at: 1622+
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tiemann, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Monroe, Bomb, 1st Lt. Schwartz, Nav, 1st Lt. Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	34 Took off: 1226/30 Landed at: 1622+
Chandler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Claybough, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Abeln, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Fitzgerald, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Flynn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	26 Took off: 1226 Landed at: 1623+
Brast, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Rowan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Rodgers, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	33 Took off: 1227 Landed at: 1624

Morley, Pilot, Captain  
Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Payton, Bomb, 1st Lt.  
Moran, Nav, 2nd Lt.  
Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.  
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.  
Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

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Took off: 1227  
Landed at: 1424

S/Sgt. Hogan flew as extra radio operator

Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Bottomley, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Stakes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.  
Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.  
Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.  
Legutko, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

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Took off: 1230  
Landed at: 1625

James, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Hodges, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Jacobson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.  
Malins, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.  
Milliman, Radio Gunner, Sgt.  
Earl, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

442nd

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Took off: 1227  
Landed at: 1421

Probasco, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
King, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Olmsted, Bomb, 2nd Lt.  
Boyme, Nav, 2nd Lt.  
Bly, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.  
Wells, Radio Gunner, Cpl.  
Ross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

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Took off: 1225  
Landed at: 1422