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Intelligence Narrative No. 105, Day Operation, 1 Dec. 1943.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col Fletcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1014 hours, twenty-eight (28) B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Sestri Levante M/Y, Italy. They accompanied the 319th Bombardment Group and were escorted by F-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. 4 B-26's returned early: 2 because of high oil temperature and pressure, 2 were spares.

20 B-26's dropped 120 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuses, on the target at 1240 hours from 10,500'; 2 B-26's that were assigned as spares with our formation, filled gaps in the 319th formation and dropped 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs on the 319th target area. 2 B-26's returned 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs to base due to rack failure.

Twenty-three (23) B-26's returned safely to base at 1441 hours, and 1 B-26 returned late after landing the flight commander at 1445 A/D.

3. Results: South checkpoint, south end of M/Y and industrial plant were hit. Some bombs landed west of the M/Y. Blue and green flashes were seen among the bomb bursts in the M/Y.

4. Observations:

a. General: (1) M/Y at the target was free of rolling stock, at 1240 from 11,500'.

(2) 20/30 freight cars were observed in M/Y at Viareggio at 1230 from 11,000'.

(3) 6 freight cars were seen in Pisa M/Y at 1224 from 10,000'.

(4) A gun emplacement was reported at 44° 05' N, 09° 30' E, which was not seen to fire, observed at 1239 from 10,000'.

(5) Convoy of 12 M/T was seen at 44° 05' N, 12° 20' E at 1229 from 10,000'.

b. Enemy Air: None encountered. Landing strip was seen on Capraia Island at 1159 from 8,000'.

c. Enemy Air Tactics: None.

d. Enemy Shipping: (1) three (3) medium M/V's with 2 escort vessels traveling south 2 miles off the coast just north of Marina de Pisa were seen at 1221 from 9,000'.

(2) At Leghorn Harbor, 3 medium M/V's and 5 smaller boats were observed at 1200 from 9,000'.

(3) 4 large M/V with 2 escort vessels were observed headed north 5 miles off Viareggio at 1222 from 10,000'.

(4) At Viareggio, 6/8 drydocks with boats in each; 4 small boats in the harbor; observed at 1222 from 10,000'.

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Enemy shipping (Cont'd): (5) In the harbor at the target 6 small boats, 2 TLC's, 1 tug, one boat apparently flashing signals, were seen at 1249 from 10,500'.

(6) In La Spezia Harbor, 3 large M/V 20/25 smaller boats, were seen at 1236 from 10,500'.

(7) 4/5 small to medium M/V were observed at Camogli harbor at 1240 from 10,000'.

e. Flak: 1 burst of heavy flak, below the formation, fired from a vessel in the harbor at the target was seen.

f. Our Losses: None; no A/C damaged.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From rendezvous at 3,000' at base, 11° T for 324 statute miles to coast, 3 miles northwest of Viareggio; 11° T for 22 statute miles to Siltano; 271° T for 17 statute miles to Aulla; 254° T for 17 statute miles to I.P., climbing to 11,000', Levante; bomb run 308° M for 13 statute miles at 10,500'; breakaway left, 183° T for 340 statute miles to this base, dropping to 3,000'.

6. Weather: Enroute, scattered to broken 4/6,000'; target, CAVU; return, as enroute.

7. Comments: None.

William Cook
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Captain, Air Corps
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MISSION # 131 FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR BULLOCK
 deputy FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. STEPHEN

1 December 1943.

* <u>DAVIS</u>	<u>BULLOCK</u>	<u>DeFAM</u>
* 25	43	26
* <u>JAMES</u>	<u>LELL</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>
* 40	31	57

* <u>BAKER</u>	<u>BUTLER</u>	<u>WARRS</u>
* 01	62	51
* <u>COLLINS</u>	<u>CADELL</u>	<u>LONG</u>
* 54	59	56

* <u>FAIR</u>	<u>HILLIOLL</u>	<u>KESLER</u>
* 90	85	73
* <u>CONLEY</u>	<u>SUND</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>
* 91	87	75

* <u>McGLINCH</u>	<u>KIRLEY</u>	<u>FLANNERY</u>
* 9	20	10
* <u>KOONTZ</u>	<u>McGEEVER</u>	<u>CROTTY</u>
* 4	14	2

* <u>STEPHENS</u>	<u>Palmer</u>	<u>Garrett</u>
* 47	64	83

ROBBINS, A. L.		
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RADIO
 * 1st: FOOHOLL
 * 17th: BULLOCKY
 * 319th: BUTLER
 * 320th: BULLOCK
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 * COLORS OF THE DAY DECEMBER 1, 1943. * * * * *
 * TIME ... FLARE CHALK ROFLY COLOR *
 * 0600-0700 RG S V RED *
 * 0700-1300 GY P A GREEN *
 * 1300-1900 RR Z B WHITE *
 * 1900-0100 YY * * * * * RED *
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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON

1 December 1943

*24 ships
completed
mission*

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1014
Payton, Bomb, 1st Lt.		Landed at:
Leahy, Nav, 1st Lt.		
Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lt. Col. Fletcher flew as Flight Commander		
DeFan, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	26
Lafabee, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1014/30
Jacobson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at:
Goldberg, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Marschke, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Buth, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Sgt. Gad flew as photographer		
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
Richards, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 1015
Olmsted, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hogan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	33
Tiemann, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1015/15
Monroe, Bomb, 1st Lt.		Landed at:
Boyne, Nav, 2nd Lt.		
Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Griffin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Young, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	27
Conrad, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1015/45
Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed at:
Hall, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hageman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Ross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
James, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	40
Hodges, Co-pilot 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1016
Stakes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at:
Melin, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.		
Milliman, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Earl, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Byram, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	47
Wendling, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1022/15
Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at:
Garbenches, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Moore, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Turner, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Butler, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	62
Weeks, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1016/15
Underwood, Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
Chambers, Bomb, S/Sgt.		
Saccardo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Gniadek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		Major Marble flew as Observer
Waterman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
Gasser, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1016/30
Saltarelli, Nav Bomb, Cpl.		Landed at:
Butler, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Carter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1016/45
Quine, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at:
Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Britton, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Caudill, Pilot, F/O	443rd	59
Bribal, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 1017
Ward-Smith, Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
Hobel, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		
Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Griewank, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Nelson, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Long, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
Stinson, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1017/15
Janeke, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Westfall, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Collins, Pilot, F/O	443rd	54
Space, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1017/30
Kimbrow, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at:
Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.		
Jones, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Palmer, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	64
Ritchey, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1022/45
Homsher, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at:
Powers, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Guzzio, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Henry, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		

NALES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Hallowell, Pilot, Capt. Peterson, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Dittmar, Bomb, 1st Lt. Hausner, Nav, 1st Lt. Etzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	85 Took off: 1018 Landed at:
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	95 Took off: 1018/30 Landed at:
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stewart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Chouinard, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Haney, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	90 Took off: 1019 Landed at: S/Sgt. Draper flew as photographer
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Banicki, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	87 Took off: 1019/15 Landed at:
English, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyers, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Bernardi, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off: 1019/30 Landed at:
Conley, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hicks, Co-pilot, F/O Felton, Bomb Nav, Pfc. Weill, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	91 Took off: 1019/45 Landed at:
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Breeding, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. DeLisle, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	83 Took off: 1023 Landed at:

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Kirley, Pilot, Capt.	441st	20
Boyce, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1020
Ascienzo, Bomb, 1st Lt.		Landed at:
Williams, Nav, 2nd Lt.		
Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Corp, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	10
Hubbard, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1020/30
Barden, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.		
Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.	T/Sgt. Waltman flew as photographer	
Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
McGannan, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	9
McConnell, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1020/45
Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O		Landed at:
Crass, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	14
Held, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1021
Cukar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1327
Dolan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Griggs, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.		
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	5
West, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 1021/15
Blackford, Bomb Nav, Sgt.		Landed at:
Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Markus, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Deray, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	4
Hendrix, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1021/30
Halligan, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Apgar, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Grimer, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.		
Robins, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
Cornelius, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1022
Cohen, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1252
Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Beekstead, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		