

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 107, Day Operation, 8 Dec. 1943.

Flight Commander: Major Belcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 0945 hours, twenty-eight (28) B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Orte M/Y, Italy. They accompanied the 17th and 319th Bombardment Groups, and were escorted by P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. 4 B-26's returned early; 1 because of an oil leak, 1 because propellers were out and 2 were spares.

11 B-26's dropped 66 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuses, on Orte M/Y at 1126 hours from 11,000'. 6 x 500 lb demolition bombs were salvaged, having hung up over the target area.

A cloud prevented the 2nd and 4th flights, which were echeloned left of other flights, from identifying the target in time to bomb, these 12 B-26's dropped 71 x 500 lb demolition bomb, 1/10, .025 second delay fuses, on Civitavecchia Harbor, (the second alternate target) at 1147 hours from 11,000'. 1 x 500 lb demolition bomb hung up and was salvaged.

Twenty-four (24) B-26's returned safely to this base at 1320 hours.

3. Results: At Orte M/Y bombs landed across the south end of the yards, setting fire to coal stocks. Some bombs landed short, and others landed over.

At Civitavecchia Harbor, bombs landed generally on the south portion of the docks. A warehouse was hit, and an explosion followed by flame indicated a hit on an oil storage dump. A few bombs landed short in the town.

4. Observations: (a) General: 1. In M/Y at Civitavecchia a few scattered cars were seen at 1149 from 11,000'.

2. One string of cars was seen in Orte M/Y at 1126 from 11,000'.

3. In M/Y at Narni, 35/40 cars were observed at 1127 from 10,500'.

4. At Capranica, 6 railroad cars were seen at 1121 from 11,500'.

5. In M/Y at Furbara, 35 cars were seen at 1115 from 10,600'.

6. 20/25 cars were seen in M/Y 2 miles southwest of Narni at 1127 from 10,500'.

7. At 1135 in the vicinity of Paleria, but not adjacent to any town, a large domed building surrounded for 5/600 yards by a series of entrenchments was observed from 10,000'.

8. One radio operator reported that on the return journey he listened for 15/20 minutes to a series of enemy weather code signals being broadcast on a frequency of 5830 kilocycles.

(b) Enemy Air: 1. None encountered or sighted in the air.

2. 6 a/c, parked on Tarquinia M/D were

observed at 1150 from 10,500'.

3. 11 a/c, parked, on Furbara M/D, were

observed at 1115 from 10,600'.

(c) Enemy Air Tactics: None.

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(d) Enemy Shipping: Shipping in Civitavecchia harbor appears unchanged except for one medium M/V on east side of harbor; 1 small M/V on left side of harbor; and sunken ship at the entrance to the harbor has been removed.

(e) Risk: None

(f) Our Losses: None; no a/c damaged.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From rendezvous at this base at 4,000', 40° T for 240 statute miles to Cape Lincaro; 40° T for 23 statute miles to IP, Ronciglione, climbing gradually to 11,500'; bomb run on Orte M/Y, 44° N for 14 statute miles at 11,000'; breakaway right; bomb run on Civitavecchia, 221° T for 37 statute miles at 11,000'; 270° T for 240 statute miles to base dropping gradually to 2,500'.

6. Weather: Enroute, broken cirrus above 20,000'; few isolated cumulus; one small band of stratocumulus breaking up; visibility unlimited. Target: broken cirrus above 20,000'; generally 6-7/10 cumulus, base estimated 4,000', tops 9,000'; overcast east and northeast of Rome; large breaks northwest of Rome; targets clear; being in large breaks; visibility unlimited. Return: as enroute.

7. Comments: None.

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MISSION NO. 134

FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT COL FLETCHER

8 December 1943

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

<u>GILBERT</u> 56 ✓	<u>BRADNER</u> 57 58 ✓	<u>ALB</u> 60 ✓
<u>SKYLOR</u> 54 ✓	<u>BRACKEN</u> 58 52 ✓	<u>HUNTER</u> 67 ✓
<u>BOUCHER</u> 25 ✓	<u>SPEGLIS</u> 31 ✓	<u>CHANDLER</u> 27 ✓
<u>JAMES</u> 40 ✓	<u>YOUNG</u> 43 ✓	<u>LIMPERT</u> 47 ✓
<u>ST ARNO</u> 20 ✓	<u>HAYWARD</u> 15 ✓	<u>GODENOUCH</u> 5 ✓
<u>WILLS</u> 18 ✓	<u>CURRIE</u> 14 ✓	<u>TURNER</u> 9 ✓
<u>BULLARD</u> 94 ✓	<u>ORNER</u> 87 ✓	<u>WORTINGTON</u> 91 ✓
<u>PETERSON</u> 93 ✓	<u>EDWARDS</u> 85 ✓	<u>WEIP</u> 89 ✓

V S P A R E S

<u>BARKER</u> 52 ✓	<u>BLAST</u> 28 ✓	<u>ROBBINS, R.L.</u> 4 ✓	<u>STUM</u> 84-78 (N) ✓
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RADIO: 1st - LAST OFF 319th -
17th - 09:52 320th -

COLORS OF THE DAY

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLARE</u>	<u>CHALL</u>	<u>REPLY</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
0100-0700	RY	V	-	RED
0700-1300	GY	Q	I	WHITE
1300-1900	WR	N	J	GREEN
1900-0100	YY	Y	X	RED

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON

*Ships over
Target 29*
8 December 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
Brown, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0944
Long, Nav, 2nd Lt. ✓		Landed at: 1315
Clark, Bomb, 1st Lt.		
Chalfant, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		Major, Belcher flew as Flight Commander
O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Carter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hale, pilot, F/O	443rd	60
McKinney, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0944/30
Quine, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1315/30
Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		Sgt. Coney flew as photographer
Robichaux, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Gilbert, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
Weeks, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0944/45
Strickland, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1315/30
Calafut, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Avery, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Park, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
Stinson, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0945
Handte, Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1316
Carroll, Bomb, 1st Lt.		
Krumpoch, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Hansen, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Carr, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hunter, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	67
Nelson, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0945/30
Dufour, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1109
Power, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		<i>Early oil leak.</i>
Austad, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Larkin, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Gerdy, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Saylor, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
Gasser, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0945/30
Salterelli, Bomb, Cpl.		Landed at: 1317
Peaver, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Creedle, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Terrill, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	66
Reynolds, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0951/15
Homsher, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1159
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		<i>Early - Spare.</i>
Cousins, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.		
Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		

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Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Shuh, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Darby, Bomb, 1st Lt. Schwartz, Nav, 2nd Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 Took off: 0945/45 Landed at: 1317/30
Chandler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Claybough, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Abeln, Bomb, 1st Lt. Fitzgerald, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Flynn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 Took off: 0946 Landed at: 1318
Bougher, Pilot, F/O Rood, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Montez, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	25 Took off: 0946/15 Landed at: 1255 <i>over target 0-15.</i>
		Sgt. Gad flew as photographer
Young, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conrad, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Olmsted, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Pincomb, Nav, 2nd Lt. Hall, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	43 Took off: 0946/30 Landed at: 1319
Limberg, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bottomley, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Stakes, Bomb, S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	47 Took off: 0946/45 Landed at: 1255 <i>over target air</i>
		Lt. Nadeau flew as Observer
James, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hodges, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bomb, S/Sgt. Melin, Engineer Gunner, Pvt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Johnson, Aerial Gunner, Pvg.	442nd	40 Took off: 0947 Landed at: 1255 <i>over target 0-15.</i>
Brast, Pilot, 1st Lt. Morganstern, co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Scafid, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Rodgers, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	28 Took off: 0950/45 Landed at: 1141 <i>Early - spare.</i>

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Hayward, Pilot, Capt. Hendrix, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. McFarland, Bomb, 1st Lt. Abart, Nav, 2nd Lt. Pope, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sampson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	15 Took off: 0947/15 Landed at: 1319/30
Goodenough, Pilot, 1st Lt. Flake, Co-pilot, F/O Farmer, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Crass, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	5 Took off: 0947/30 Landed at: 1320
St. Arno, Pilot, F/O Colby, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb, S/Sgt. Miller, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wimberly, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Medina, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	20 Took off: 0947/45 Landed at: 1321
Currie, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brewer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Perkins, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Derag, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	14 Took off: 0948 Landed at: 1321/30
Turner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsberger, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Blackford, Bomb, Sgt. Goodman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Westbrook, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gust, Aerial Gunner, pfc.	441st	9 Took off: 0948/15 Landed at: 1325
Hills, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reaves, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Hawkins, Bomb, Sgt. Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	18 Took off: 0948/30 Landed at: 1325/30
Robbins, Pilot, 1st Lt. Podie, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Barden, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Clark, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	4 Took off: 0951 Landed at: 1330

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Urner, Pilot, Capt. Casey, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb, 1st Lt. Ridge, Nav, 1st Lt. Vayghan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	87 Took off: 0948/45 Landed at: 1025 <i>Early</i> <i>Both Props out.</i>
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-pilot, F/O Crapse, Bomb, Cpl. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	91 Took off: 0949 Landed at: 1326
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Perry, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Moore, Bomb, Cpl. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	94 Took off: 0949/30 Landed at: 1327
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bracke, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Robinson, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Michels, Nav, 2nd Lt. Clark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Klingeman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	85 Took off: 0949/45 Landed at: 1327/30
Wier, Pilot, 1st Lt. McBride, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Roberts, Bomb, Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Estrada, Aerial Gunner, Pfc. DeSantis, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	89 Took off: 0950 Landed at: 1328
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co-pilot, F/O Morocco, Bomb, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	93 Took off: 0950/15 Landed at: 1329 Sgt. Bushong flew as photographer
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ott, Bomb, 1st Lt. Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Freidman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Nos, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	84 Took off: 0950/30 Landed at: 1329/30