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THIRD AIR FORCE 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer  
AFG 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 109, Day Operations, 10 December 1943.

Flight Commander: Lt. Colonel Fletcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 12:08 hours, twenty-six (26) B-26's of the 320th bombardment group took off to bomb Ventimiglia Railroad Bridge (west), Italy. No a/c returned early. 23 B-26's dropped 136 x 500 lb. demolition bombs, 1/10 and .025 second delay fuses, on the target at 14:10 hours from 8700 feet.

18 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were returned to base by 3 B-26's, which did not drop because leader of the element was unable to see the target due to cloud cover.

26 B-26's returned safely to this base at 15:45 hours.

3. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the western approaches and the western end of the bridge. Another string of bombs started just beyond the east end of the bridge and walked up the highway (paralleling the river, bombs landing also on buildings northeast of the bridge.

4. Observations:

(a) General: Two crews reported several trains of cars and at least one locomotive with steam up in the S/Y at Ventimiglia at 14:10 hours from 8700'.

(b) Enemy air: None.

(c) Enemy air facilities: none.

(d) Enemy shipping: 1/2 firing launches were seen at 43°22' N, 07°52' E at 13:30 hours from 9000 feet.

(2) A long hooked pier extending into the sea just east of the mouth of the Nervia River; was reported by one crew. Observed -- 14:09 hours from 9000 feet.

(e) Flak: none.

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

5. Routes and Altitudes: From 3000' at this base, 317° T for 10 statute miles to Cape France; 353° T for 272 statute miles to 13, 43°40'N, 07°52'E; climbing gradually to 9000'; bomb run, 311° for 17 statute miles at 8700'; breaking right; 130° T for 14 statute miles to 43°40'N, 07°52'E; 128° T for 304 statute miles to this base, dropping gradually to 2500'.

6. Weather: Enroute; over Gardinia and Corsica, 8-8/10 toering cumulus, base at 2000', tops 5000'; over water, scattered patches of haze, scattered cirrus above 20,000', visibility good.

target; starting at French coast and extending inland, 8-10 /10 thin stratus at 4000' in bands parallel to coast, visibility good.

Return; as enroute.

7. Comments: none.

William Cook,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION NO. 135

FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT COL FLETCHER

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<u>LIMBERG</u>	"A" <u>RAIRD</u>	<u>BYRAM</u>
47	31	40

<u>BAUCUM</u>	<u>LADD</u>	<u>BOUCHER</u>
27	33	25

<u>HUNTER</u>	"B" <u>GRAVES</u>	<u>STROUD</u>
58	57	<del>60</del> 57 66

<u>STRACHAN</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>BARBER</u>
56	59	61

<u>PETERSON</u>	"C" <u>URNER</u>	<u>JACKSON</u>
76	85	94

<u>FERRY</u>	<u>SUND</u>	<u>FAIR</u>
93	95	90

<u>ROBINS, N.B.</u>	"D" <u>OGLIETTI</u>	<u>KOONTZ</u>
7	15	10

<u>PENKA</u>	<u>O'SHEEN</u>	<u>BLAKE</u>
18	14	9

C P A R E S

<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>SEAL</u>	<u>SULLIVAN</u>	<u>KARSTEN</u>
28	54	83	11

RADIO: 17th - BUTLER

Escort - GRANFORD

320th - BUTLER

COLORS OF THE DAY

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FL. RD</u>	<u>CH. LI</u>	<u>REPLY</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
0100-0700	YY	Y	Z	RED
0700-1300	RY	O	H	WHITE
1300-1900	GY	V	B	GREEN
1900-0100	RG	L	X	WHITE

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Payton, Bomb, 1st Lt. Leahy, Nav, 1st Lt. Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Eversole, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Buth, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	31 Took off: 1208 Landed at: 1553+
		Lt. Col. Fletcher flew as Flight Commander
Byram, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wendling, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Scafidi, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Garbenches, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Moore, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Kane, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	442nd	40 Took off: 1208/30 Landed at: 1553+
		Capt. Cook flew as Observer
Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ratering, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Stakes, Bomb, S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Marsh, Radio Gunner, Pvt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	47 Took off: 1208/30 Landed at: 1554
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hensell, Co-pilot, F/O Monroe, Bomb, 1st Lt. Boyne, Nav, 2nd Lt. Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	33 Took off: 1209/45 Landed at: 1554+
		Capt. Bayramian flew as Deputy Flight Commander
Bougher, Pilot, F/O Rood, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Abeln, Bomb, 1st Lt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schaus, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	25 Took off: 1209 Landed at: 1558+
		Sgt. Gad flew as photographer
Rowan, Pilot, 1st Lt. Harpster, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Jacobson, Bomb, S/Sgt. Chamberlin, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Dolan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	27 Took off: 1209/15 Landed at: 1554+
		Lt. Polk flew as Observer
Young, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conrad, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Freestone, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Hall, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	43 Took off: 1215 Landed at: 1546+

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Graves, Pilot,	443rd	No take off <i>Tire blown before TO.</i>
Stroud, Pilot, F/O Ritchey, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbrow, Bomb, S/Sgt. Saccardo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Q'Connell, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	66 Took off: 1209/45 Landed at: 1555+
Hunter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barber, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Dufour, Bomb, S/Sgt. Powers, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Austad, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Larkin, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	58 Took off: 1210 Landed at: 1554+
Long, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rader, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ward-Smith, Nav, 2nd Lt. Janeke, Bomb, 1st Lt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Bowles, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	59 Took off: 1210/15 Landed at: 1556
Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Brown, Pilot, 1st Lt. Homsher, Bomb, S/Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Cousins, Aerial Gunner, Cpl. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	61 Took off: 1210/30 Landed at: 1556+ Sgt. Gerdy flew as special radio operator
Strachan, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Goff, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Tyson, Bomb, Sgt. Coons, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Hopkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	56 Took off: 1210/45 Landed at: 1556+ Sgt. Coney, flew as photographer
Space, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hribal, Co-pilot, F/O Thompson, Bomb, S/Sgt. Lillo, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	54 Took off: 1213/45 Landed at: 1600+

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Urner, Pilot, Capt. Casey, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb, 1st Lt. Ridge, Nav, 1st Lt. Vaughan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Managhan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	85 Took off: 1211 Landed at: 1557
Caffey, Pilot, F/O Jackson, Co-pilot, F/O Moore, Bomb, Cpl. Montgomery, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	94 Took off: 1215/15 Landed at: 1557+ Lt. Col. Zaiser flew as Observer
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-pilot, F/O Morocco, Bomb, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off: 1211/30 Landed at: 1557T
Sundg Pilot, 1st Lt. Scheider, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Banicki, Bomb, 1st Lt. Thompson, Nav, 2nd Lt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	95 Took off: 1211/45 Landed at: 1558
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stewart, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Chouinard, Bomb, S/Sgt. Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Radio Gunner, Mikles, <del>S/Sgt</del> T/Sgt. Haney, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	90 Took off: 1212 Landed at: 1575
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyers, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Bush, Bomb, S/Sgt. Wells, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Tufker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	93 Took off: 1212/15 Landed at: 1558T S/Sgt. Draper flew as photographer
Sullivan, Pilot, F/O Nagel, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Peterson, Bomb, S/Sgt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Boss, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	84 Took off: 1214 Landed at: 1555T

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Oglietti, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	15
Williams, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1212/30
Cukar, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
McGeever, Nav, 1st Lt.		1559
O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Clark, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	10
Hendrix, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1212/45
Plouck, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at:
Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		1559
Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Griner, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.		
		Pyt. Williams flew as photographer
Robins, N.B., Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	7
Cornelius, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: No take off Mag. Prop.
O'Steen, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
Malcolm, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1213
Baker, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1600
Hill, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Moore, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	9
Boyce, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1213/15
Camp, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1600
Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Michaelson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Penka, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
Hubbard, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1213/30
Scott, Bomb, T/Sgt.		Landed at: <del>1559</del>
Mears, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Greenless, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Steigenhofer, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kapstein, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	11
Held, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1209/30
Sylvester, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: <del>1555</del>
Trebenda, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
		Capt. Keller flew as Observer