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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 111. Day Operation, 19 December 1943.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Zaiser.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 11:35 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb PERUGIA R/Y and RR Bridge, Italy. They were unescorted. One B-26 returned early due to loss of power. 28 B-26's dropped 154 x 500 lb. demolition bombs 1/10 - .025 second delay fuses, on the target at 13:22 hours from 10,000' and 12 x 500 lb. demolition bombs on ACQUAPENDENTE R/Y Bridge at 13:30 hours from 10,000'. 8 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged, having hung up over the target. 36 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were returned to the base because of failure to identify the target in time. 35 B-26's returned safely to this base at 15:32 hours.

Results:

3. One cluster of bombs landed across the center of the R/Y, probably cutting the tracks and destroying buildings along the south side of the yards. Other bombs landed short and over. Both bridges were missed.

4. Observations: (a) General (1) 20/25 cars were observed in the R/Y at the target at 13:22 hours from 10,000'.

(2) One train of 10 cars was seen headed north on the bridge 5 miles northwest of ORVISTO at 13:20 hours from 10,500'.

(3) One train with an undetermined number of cars, was seen on the tracks near and headed towards Cortona at 13:25 hours from 10,500'.

(4) One very large motor convoy was reported by one crew only on the road leading south from SERRA to BUONCONVENTO, headed south at 13:30 hours from 11,000'.

(b) Enemy Air (1) None encountered.

(2) 4 1/2 and 5 3/4 a/c were seen at PERUGIA R/D dispersed on the west side of the field at 13:22 hours from 10,000'.

(3) One 1/2 a/c was observed headed west near TORRELANA at 1,000' at 13:15 hours from 10,000'.

(c) Enemy Air Facties: None.

(d) Enemy Shipping; 4 large R/V and 2 small R/V were seen headed south at 42°20' north, 11°25' east at 13:30 hours from 10,000'.

(e) Flak; slight, heavy, accurate flak was encountered over the target and from the vicinity of PERUGIA R/D. The following positions of 4 guns each were reported (TC 342A-81) MN 9 - F 44 - G 22 - H 15.

(f) Our Losses; None. One B-26 damaged by flak.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500', 34° T for 246 statute miles to MONTALTO DI CASTRO; 31° T for 48 statute miles to IP, R/Y/U south of SITA d'PIEVE climbing gradually to 10,500'; 61° M for 23 statute miles to the target at 10,000'; breakaway left; 211° T for 70 statute miles; 214° T for 246 statute miles dropping to 2,500' at this base.

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6. Weather encountered: Route; Few scattered cumulus, base unknown, tops, 8,000'. Vapor trails. Visibility 8 miles in haze.
Target; target clear. Stratus overcast, base 9,000', top 10,000' north of target and route over Italy. Scattered stratus at 5,000' to the south. Vapor trails. Visibility 4 miles in very heavy haze.

Return; No change.

7. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 137 FLIGHT COMMANDER LT. COL. ZAISER, 19 DECEMBER 1943.
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJ. MCCRORY.

<u>COWLEY</u> 95-92	<u>TOWNS</u> 85	<u>PETERSCK</u> 76
<u>HICKS</u> 89	<u>HALLOWELL</u> 94 "B"	<u>GAFFEY</u> 93
<u>FAIR</u> 90	<u>GOULSON</u> 27	<u>PERRY</u> 92-95
<u>ROBBINS</u> 18	<u>CURRLE</u> 14 "C"	<u>BLAKE</u> 11
<u>ST ARNO</u> 6	<u>OWEN</u> 4	<u>KAPSTEIN</u> 5
<u>MILTON</u> 9	<u>O'STEEN</u> 7 "D"	<u>HUBBARD</u> 1
<u>LIMBERG</u> 47	<u>BAIRD</u> 43	<u>BYRAM</u> 26
<u>CONRAD</u> 27	<u>LADD</u> 34 "E"	<u>CHANDLER</u> 44
<u>BAUCUM</u> 40	<u>PROBASCO</u> 31	<u>YOUNG</u> 25
<u>SMITHWICK</u> 65	<u>BRACKEN</u> 59 "F"	<u>STROUD</u> 61
<u>BARKER</u> 51	<u>CAUDILL</u> 66	<u>NELSON</u> 57
<u>STRACHAN</u> 68	<u>WILBUR</u> 52 SPILLS	<u>HUNTER</u> 58
<u>SULLIVAN</u> 90-91	<u>COCKWELL</u> 2	<u>RUCKER</u> 62

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 319th BREWER 320th BUTLER 17th BELLBOUY

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 19 DECEMBER 1943.

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RY	N	W	WHITE
0700-1300	RR	V	I	GREEN
1300-1900	GG	S	Y	RED
1900-0100	GY	F	P	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON M/Y AND RR BRIDGE AT
PERUGIA, ITALY, 19 DECEMBER 1943.

*35 planes
over the target*

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	STATUS
Towns, Don M. Pilot, Captain, Towns, Co, Pilto, 2nd Lt. Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt. Vaughan, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Szeqczyc, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	85 441-9 442-9 443-9 444-9	Took off 1135 Landed 1515 Lt. Col. Zaiser Flew as flight Commander: 35
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Morocco, Bombardier, S/sgt. Janise, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	76	Took off 1135 15 Landed 1515 ³⁰
Conley, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	92	THIS PLANE DID NOT TAKE OFF Took off
Hallowell, Pilot, Captain, Casey, Co, Pilot, Dittmar, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 1st Lt. Etzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. maj. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	94	Took off 1135 ^{1/2} Landed 1521 McCroory, Flew As Deputy Flight Commander
Caffey, Pilot, F/O, Mcbride, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bernardi, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Delisleldi, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	93	Took off 1136 Landed 1516
Hicks, pilot, F/O Marsch, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Robert, Bombardier, S/sgt. Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Estrada, Aerial gunner, Pfc. Coney, Photographer, Sgt.	444th	89	Took off 1136 15 Landed 1515 ³⁰
Goodson, Pilot, Captain, Schneider, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bombardier, T/sgt. McDowall, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Porter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Hansen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	87	Took off 1136 ^{1/2} Landed 1517

NAMES OF THE CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	95
Meyers, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1136 45
Bush, Bombardier, S/sgt.		
Wells, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		Landed. 1517³⁰
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	90
Stewart, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1137
Chouinard, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Haney, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		1518
Sullivan, Pilot, F/O	444th	91
Nagel, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1147/30
Peterson, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1516/15
Klossman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Connelly, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Boss, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		

CREW MEMBERS,	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Currie, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	14
Drewer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1137 15
Perkins, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Malsbury, Navigator, Captain,		1523 ³⁰
Andrich, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Derau, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	11
Boyce, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off
This plane did Not take off Left engine cutting out.		
Robbins, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	18
Bodie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1137 1/2
Abart, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Lickey, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.		1519
McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Tompkin, Aerial gunner,		
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st,	4
Wegener, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1138
Goldberg, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Williams, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		1519 ³⁰
Mears, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Steigenhofer, Radio Gunner S/sgt.		
McFarland, Aerial gunner, s/sgt.		
Kapstein, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	5
Held, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1138 15
Scott, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed
Trebenda, Engineer gunner		1519 ³⁰
Berrigan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Clark, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Park, Photographer, Pfc. 443rd.		
St. Arno, Pilot, F/O.	441st	6
Colby, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1138 1/2
Thurston, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1511
Wimberly, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
O'Steen, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	7
Malcolm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1138 45
Baker, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Konvalinka, Navigator, 1st Lt.		1532
Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Forbes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Moore, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Hubbard, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	1
Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1139
Dockery, Bomb, S/sgt.		Landed at:
Goodman, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.	Westbrook, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	1530
Gust, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.		

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Milton, Pilot, 2nd Lt. LaMoe, Co-pilot, F/O Blackford, Bomb, Sgt. O'Dell, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Michaelson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	9 Took off: 1139/15 Landed at: 1526
McConnell, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	No Take off

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Co-pilot, Radio 1st Lt. Payton, Bomb, 1st Lt. Boyne, Nav, 1st Lt. Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Eversole, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	43 Took off: 1139/45 Landed at: 1521 ³⁰
Byram, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wendling, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Scafidi, Bomb, 1st Lt. Eolger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Moore, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	26 Took off: 1140 Landed at: 1521 ³⁰ Pvt. Williams flew as photographer Capt. Cook flew as Observer
Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Mattering, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Stakes, Bomb, S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Marsh, Radio Gunner, Pvt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	47 Took off: 1140/15 Landed at: 1522
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hensell, Co-pilot, F/O Monroe, Bomb, 1st Lt. Schwartz, Nav, 2nd Lt. Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	34 Took off: 1140/30 Landed at: 1522 ³⁰
Chandler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Deatley, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Jacobson, Bomb, S/Sgt. Fitzgerald, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Flynn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	44 Took off: 1146/45 Landed at: 1523
Conrad, Pilot, 1st Lt. Morganstern, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Johnson, Bomb, 1st Lt. Floto, Engineer, Gunner, S/Sgt. Marscsji, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Rodgers, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 Took off: 1141 Landed at: 1523 ³⁰ Sgt. Coney flew as photographer
Probasco, Pilot, 1st Lt. King, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Olmsted, Bomb, 1st Lt. Schwartz, Nav, 1st Lt. Bly, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wells, Radio Gunner, Cpl. Ross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 Took off: 1141/15 Landed at: 1524

CREW MEMBERS

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

Young, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Hodges, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.
 Chavales, Bomb, 1st Lt.
 Hall, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Hageman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

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 Took off: 1141/30
 Landed at:

152430

S/Sgt. Draper flew as photographer

Baucum, Pilot, Lt.
 Harte, Co-pilot, Lt.
 Freestone, Bomb, Lt.
 Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

40
 Took off: 1141/45
 Landed at:

152430

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stinson, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Handte, Nav, 2nd Lt. Carroll, Bomb, 1st Lt. Krumpholtz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.	443rd	59 Took off: 1142 Landed at: 1525
Stroud, Pilot, F/O Lamb, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbro, Bomb, S/Sgt. Glowacki, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McDonald, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	61 Took off: 1142/30 Landed at: 1527 Sgt. Gerdey flew as extra radio operator
Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudry, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Dickey, Bomb, Sgt. Maier, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Cpl. Coons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	65 Took off: 1142/45 Landed at: 1259
Caudill, Pilot, F/O Hribal, Co-pilot, F/O Schwartz, Nav, 2nd Lt. Hobel, Bomb, 1st Lt. Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griewank, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. WELSH, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	66 Took off: 1143 Landed at: 1505/30
Nelson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Mac Kinnon, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Key, Bomb, Sgt. Powers, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Larkin, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	67 Took off: 1443/15 Landed at: 1531
Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Schumer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Adams, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Cousins, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	51 Took off: 1143/30 Landed at: 1526/30