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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 112, Day Operation, 23 December, 1943.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 11:20 hours, 34 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Ventimiglia RR Bridges, Italy. They were unescorted. None returned early. 33 B-26's dropped 197 x 500 lb. demolition bombs, 1/10 and .025 second delay fusing on the targets at 13:49 hours from 9,200'. 7 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged, 6 because of intervalometer delay and one because of rack failure. 34 B-26's returned safely to this base at 15:50 hours.

3. Results: The west approaches of the west bridge were well covered and the tunnel mouth was hit. There was an excellent pattern at the choke point between the east bridge and the M/Y's. Some bombs landed short. Both bridges were missed.

4. Observations: a. General: (1) About a dozen red and white lights which seemed to be signaling were flashed from the vicinity of Monaco at 13:47 hours from 9,700'.

(2) A large explosion with clouds of black smoke was observed in the target area of the east bridge at 13:51 hours from 9,200'.

(3) 15/20 cars were observed in the M/Y at the east target at 13:49 hours from 9,200'.

b. Enemy Air: None.

c. Enemy Air Tactics: None.

d. Enemy Shipping: (1) 1 med. M/V was observed at Jetty at Sanremo at 13:52 hours from 9,200'.

(2) 3/4 small craft were seen headed east off Sanremo at 13:52 hours from 9,200'.

(3) 2 med. M/V were seen headed west at 43°50' N, 08°00' E, at 13:54 hours from 9,000'.

(4) 1 med. M/V was noticed circling at Imperia at 1353 from 9,000'.

(5) 1 small craft was observed at Monaco Harbor at 1347 from 9,700'.

e. Flak: None.

f. Our Losses: None.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500', 349° T for 299 statute miles to IP, 43° 37' N, 7° 45' E, climbing gradually to 9,700'; bomb run, 329° M for 15 statute miles at 9,200'; breakaway right; 174° T for 15 statute miles; 169° T for 299 statute miles dropping to 2,500' at this base.

6. Weather: Enroute; First two thirds of route overcast, base 2,000', tops 5,000'. Last one third of route CAVU. Target: CAVU. Return: As enroute.

7. Comments: None.

WILLIAM COOK
Captain, Air Corps

MISSION NO. 138. FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. FLETCHER 23 DECEMBER 1943.

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

	"A"		
<u>NELSON</u>	<u>BUTLER</u>	<u>GILBERT</u>	
65	62	68	
	<u>FEAGIN</u>		
	57		
	"B"		
<u>SMITH, ICK</u>	<u>BRACKEN</u>	<u>RITCHIEY</u>	
51	64	58	
	<u>SAYLOR</u>		
	59		
	"C"		
<u>CHANDLER</u>	<u>PROBASCO</u>	<u>BAUCUM</u>	
27	34	47	
	<u>BAIRMANIAN</u>		
	43		
	"D"		
<u>CLAYBOUGH</u>	<u>SMITH</u>	<u>ROOD</u>	
25	31	28	
	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u>		
	26		
	"E"		
<u>MCCONNELL</u>	<u>COLLETTI</u>	<u>GOODENOUGH</u>	
9	15	1	
	<u>ROBINSON R. E.</u>		
	7		
	"F"		
<u>HENDRIX</u>	<u>VALLS</u>	<u>ROBINS N. B.</u>	
2	4	10	
	<u>SAULANTIS</u>		
	20		
	"G"		
<u>CASEY</u>	<u>HALLOWELL</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	
78	85	90	
	<u>PETERS</u>		
	93		
	"H"		
<u>BUCKOUT</u>	<u>GREEN</u>	<u>NAGEL</u>	
91	87	80	
	<u>CONLEY</u>		
	84		
	D P A R E S		
<u>CASSAR</u>	<u>ROWAN</u>	<u>HUNSBERGER</u>	<u>HICKS</u>
56		5	89

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 RADIO
 * 319th SURETHIN
 320th EXCEED
 * 17th BREWER
 FIGHTERS MIXTUB
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR DECEMBER 23, 1943.

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RY	D	Q	WHITE
0700-1300	GY	I	W	RED
1300-1900	RR	V	C	GREEN
1900-0100	YY	J	H	RED

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID 28 December 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Butler, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	62 Took off: 1120 Landed at: 1529
Ackerman, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		
Cafarella, Nav, 1st Lt.		
Chambers, Bomb, S/Sgt.		
Saccardo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Cniadek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Waterman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lt. Col. Fletcher flew as Flight Commander		
Gilbert, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	68 Took off: 1120/5 Landed at: 1529/30
Rader, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Kimbrow, Bomb, S/Sgt.		
Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Nelson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	65 Took off: 1120/30 Landed at: 1530
Lyday, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Wagar, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		
Chalfant, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Britton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Larkin, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lt. Dyrum flew as Observer		
Feggin, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	57 Took off: 1121 Landed at:
MacKinnon, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Underwood, Nav, 2nd Lt.		
Swindler, Bomb, 1st Lt.		
Robichaux, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Noakes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Pierce, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	64 Took off: 1120/15 Landed at: 1531
Stinson, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Handte, Nav, 2nd Lt.		
Carroll, Bomb, 1st Lt.		
Krumpoch, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Carr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hansen, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Lt. Dyrum flew as Observer		
Ritchey, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	58 Took off: 1121/30 Landed at: 1531/30
Wheeler, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Wright, Bomb, S/Sgt.		
Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Teeters, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Burden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Gerdey, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		

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Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudro, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Dickey, Bomb, Sgt. Maier, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Cpl. Coons, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	51 Took off: 1121/45 Landed at: 1531/30
Saylor, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dugan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Cassino, Nav, 2nd Lt. Clark, Bomb, 1st Lt. Callahan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Guillings, Aerial Gunner, Cpl. Miller, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	59 Took off: 1122 Landed at: 1532
		Sgt. Bushong flew as photographer
Gassar, Pilot, 2nd Lt. McKinney, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Salterelli, Bomb, Sgt. Peaver, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Creedle, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Terrill, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	56 Took off: 1129 Landed at: 1535

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Probanco, Pilot, Lt. King, Co-pilot, Lt. Olmsted, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Schwartz, Nav, 1st Lt. Bly, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wells, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	34 Took off: 1122/15 Landed at: 1542
Baucum, Pilot, 1st Lt. Harte, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Monroe, Bomb, 1st Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Covert, Waist Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	47 Took off: 1122/30 Landed at: 1550
Chandler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Deatley, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Stakes, Bomb, S/Sgt. Fitzgerald, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Flynn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Hall, Waist Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 Took off: 1122/45
Bayramian, Pilot, Capt. Harpster, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Freestone, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Leahy, 1st Lt., Nav Nardine, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	43 Took off: 1123 Landed at: 1534
Smith, Pilot, 1st Lt. Klark, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Evans, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Pincomb, Nav, 2nd Lt. Manning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Strasburger, Radio Gunner, Cpl. Johnson, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	442nd	31 Took off: 1123/15 Landed at: 1532/30
Food, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Grabowski, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Chavalas, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Penton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wasaczka, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Wagner, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Cerchiaro, Waist Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	28 Took off: 1123/30 Landed at: 1532/30

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Claybough, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
Ratering, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off, 1123/45
Johnson, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at, 1533/30
Melin, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.		
Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	Cpl. Williams flew as photographer	
Griffin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bottomley, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	26
Larrabee, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off, 1124
Montez, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at, 1533
Salvesen, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Steen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hall, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Legutko, Waist Gunner, S/Sgt.		

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Oglietti, Pilot, 1st Lt. Williams(B.O.), 2nd Lt., Co-pilot Cukar, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Konvalinka, Nav, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Clark, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	7 Took off: 1124/15 Landed at: 1536
Goodenough, Pilot, F/O Flake, Co-pilot, F/O Ves'selles, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Crass, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	1 Took off: 1124/30 Landed at: 1536/30
McConnell, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Trunk, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Plouck, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Iannotta, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hull, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kery, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	9 Took off: 1124/45 Landed at: 1537
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Owens, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Sylvester, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Halligan, Nav, 2nd Lt. Chilton, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Leutholt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	4 Took off: 1125/15 Landed at: 1538
Robins, Pilot, 1st Lt. Cornelius, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Dockery, Bomb, S/Sgt. Lyone, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	18 Took off: 1125/30 Landed at: 1538/30
Hendrix, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Nunnallee, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Blckford, Bomb, Sgt. Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Triner, Aerial Gunner, pfc.	441st	2 Took off: 1125/45 Landed at: 1539

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Paulantis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	20
William, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1126
Farmer, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1538/30
Williams, Nav, 2nd Lt.		
Trebenda, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Markus, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Griggs, Aerial Gunner, pfc.		
Robbins, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	5
Hodie, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1130
Barden, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1536/30
Thurston, Nav, 2nd Lt.		
Lickey, EngineerGunner, S/Sgt.		
Carlisle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Tompkin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		

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Hallowell, Pilot, Capt. Towns, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Dittmar, Bomb, 1st Lt. Michels, Nav, 2nd Lt. Etzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Fourcault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	85 Took off: 1126/15 Landed at: 1542/30
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stewart, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Chouinard, Bomb, S/Sgt. Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Haney, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Zupanc, Sgt., flew as photographer	444th	90 Took off: 1126/30 Landed at: 1539/30
Casey, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dilling, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ramirez, Bomb, S/Sgt. Staton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Feinberg, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	94 Took off: 1127 Landed at: 1540
Peters, Pilot, F/O Marshall, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Powers, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Hausner, Nav, 1st Lt. Wymer, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Burt, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off: 1127/b Landed at: 1539/30
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Banaicki, Bomb, 1st Lt. McDaniels, Nav, 2nd Lt. Delisle, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	87 Took off: 1127/30 Landed at: 1540/30
Nagel, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co-pilot, F/O Morocco, Bomb, S/Sgt. Janix, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	80 Took off: 1127/45 Landed at: 1541

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Buckhout, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
Kral, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 1128/15
Delosier, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1541/30
Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Monaghan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Conally, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
Turner, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1128/30
Ott, Bomb, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1541/30
Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Perry, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Hedgepeth, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Patton, Extra radio operator, T/Sgt.		
Hicks, Pilot, F/O	444th	89
Schneider, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1129/30
Robert, Bomb, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1519/30
Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Estrada, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.		

WEATHER RECONN CLEARANCES

22 December 1943
441st
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Completed mission

Montsinger, Pilot, Capt.
Blake, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.
McGeever, Nav, 1st Lt.
Farthing, Radio Operator, S/Sgt. (442)
Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

23 December 1943
441st
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Completed mission

Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Kapstein, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.
McGeever, Nav, 1st Lt.
Zaisery, Observer, Lt. Col. (444)
Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.
Farthing, Radio operator, S/Sgt. (442)