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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 116, Day Operation, 27 Dec 1943.

Flight Commander: Major Marble.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1110 hours 26 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the viaduct at Zoagli, Italy. They were accompanied by the 319th Bomb Group (M) and escorted by fighters of the Coastal Command. 1 B-26 returned early because of hydraulic leak. 25 B-26's dropped 91 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (1/10 .025) second delay fuses on the target at 1335 from 9,000'. 7 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged because of rack trouble and 2 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned to this base because they hung. 22,000 nickels in the target area. 25 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1550 hours.

3. Results: An excellent concentration of bombs bracketed the bridge with several direct hits on the structure. Several bombs covered the approaches at the east end of the bridge. Quantities of debris were observed precipitated upwards and landing in the water.

4. Observations:

a. General: 1. 35/40 cars were observed stationary at sidings at Chiavari at 1334 from 9,000'.

2. Evidence of a military camp was seen at the west side of Chiavari at 1335 from 9,000'.

b. Enemy Air: None.

c. Enemy Air Tactics: None.

d. Enemy Shipping: 1. 6/8 medium M/V were observed headed NE towards Genoa, about 10 miles off the coast at 1335 from 9,000'.

2. 20/25 small craft were observed anchored at Genoa at 1335 from 9,000'.

3. 4/5 small craft and 1 large M/V were seen stationary at Chiavari at 1335 from 9,000'.

4. 6/8 P.T. boats were observed in the harbor at ^{the coast} Sestri Levante at 1335 from 9,000'.

5. 8/10 medium M/V headed west and 4/5 fishing boats were observed in the harbor at Sestri Levante at 1335 from 9,000'.

6. 20/25 fishing boats were seen in the harbor at South Margherita at 1335 from 9,000'.

e. Flak: Slight, inaccurate, light flak was encountered from Sestri Levante.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2,500', 330° T to the W coast of Sardinia because of cloud cover on the East coast. North to the south of Corsica then northwest to Cape Ferro, 357° T for 207 statute miles to 44° 08' N, 09° 20' E, I.P., climbing gradually to 9,500'; bomb run 355° M for 15 statute miles to the target at 9,000'; breakaway right; 190° T for 15 statute miles; 177° T for 207 statute miles; 193° T for 129 miles descending to 2,500' at this base.

6. Weather: CAVW enroute, over target and return.

7. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 142 FLIGHT COMMANDER:

DECEMBER 27 1943.

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

	1st Lt		
<u>SMITHWICK</u>	<u>GR. 53</u>	<u>STY. B</u>	
54	66	53	RADIO
	<u>WILSON</u>		319th CRAWFORD
	52		320th BUTLER
			17th MIAUER.
	1st Lt		
	<u>CAUDILL</u>		
	62		
<u>ROO</u>		<u>STEWART</u>	
47	<u>HENDRICKS</u>	61	
	20		
	1st Lt		
	<u>DOELIN</u>		
<u>CLAYBOUGH</u>	43	<u>QUINN</u>	
31	<u>SMITH</u>	11	
	34		
	1st Lt		
	<u>HAYWARD</u>		
<u>SPENCER</u>	15	<u>KARSTEN</u>	
9	<u>GUSTIN</u>	1	
	18		
	1st Lt		
	<u>SMITH</u>		
<u>SULLIVAN</u>	87	<u>CORBIUS</u>	
84	<u>SMITH</u>	10	
	87		
	1st Lt		
	<u>GREEN</u>		
<u>DILLING</u>	94	<u>HICKS</u>	
78	<u>CONLEY</u>	80	
	95		
	SPAREC		
<u>NELSON</u>	<u>HUGSBARGER</u>	<u>HICKS</u>	
68	2	95	

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR DECEMBER 27 1943.

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RG	C	Y	WHITE
0700-1300	YY	O	G	GREEN
1300-1900	GG	A	S	RED
1900-0100	PY	N	L	WHITE

THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON BOAC LADUCT ITALY. 27 Dec 1943.

PLANE NO:

Graves, Pilot, Captain,	443rd	66
Ackerman, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1110
Cafarella, Navigator, Lt.		Landed 1537
Swindler, Bombardier, Lt.		
Lillo, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Burden, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Carter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Major Marble Flew as Flight Commander:		
Ritchey, Pilot, Lt.	448rd	58
Wheeler, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1110 15
Wright, Navigator, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1537 1/2
Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Teeters, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Jones, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Smithwick, Pilot, Lt.	443rd	54
Baudro, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1110 1/2
Dickey, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1538
Maier, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griffin, Aerial gunner, Spl.		
Coons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
Reynolds, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1111
Ward-Smith, Navigator, Lt.		Landed 1537
Clark, Bombardier, Lt.		
Chalfant, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Gamble, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Caudill, Pilot, flt. Off	443rd	62
Hribal, Co, Pilot, flt Off.		Took off 111 15
Underwood, Navigator, Lt.		Landed 1538 1/2
Hobel, Bombardier, Lt.		
Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griewank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Stroud, Pilot, flt Off.	443rd	61
Lamb, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1111 1/2
Mowry, Navigator, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1538 1/2
Glowatch, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
McDonald, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Lamoureux, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gerdey, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Nelson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	68
Mackinnon, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1116 1/2
Key, Navigator, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1548 1/2
Powers, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		

Rood, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
Grabowski, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1111 45
Freestone, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1539 1/2
Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Waszacz, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Wagner, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Coney, Photographer, S/sgt.		
Dodelin, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	43
Harte, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1112 15
Waggio, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1539 1/2
Schwartz, Navigator, lt. W.M.		
Cross, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Harper, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	Major, Friday was observer.	
Galindo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Conrad, Pilot, lt.	442nd	92
Morganstern, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1112 1/2
Chavalas, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1547
Fluto, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marschke, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Rodgers, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Claybough, Pilot, lt.	442nd	31
Ratering, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1112
Stakes, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1546
Melin, Engineer gunner, pvt.		
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hoyle, Aerial gunner,		
Zupanc, Aerial photographer, pvt.		
Smith, Pilot, lt.	442nd	34
Klark, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1113
Evans, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1548
Schwartz, Sidney Navigator, lt.		
Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Strasburger, Radio Gunner, Cp.		
Johnson, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		

Hayward, Pilot, Captain,	441st	15
Boyce, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		took off 1113 15
McFarland, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1541
Blair, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Pope, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Sampson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Frank, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Kapstein, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	1
Held, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1113 ½
Blackford, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1541 ½
Madeauch, Observer, Lt.		
Trebenda, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Mulligan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Feige, Photographer, Cpl.		
St. Arno, Pilot, F/O	441st	09
Olby, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1113 45
Dickery, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1541 ½
Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hoffman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Medina, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
O'steen, Pilot, Lt.	441st	18
		Took off
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Wegener, Pilot, Lt.	441st	14
Owens, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1114 ½
Goldberg, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1542
Abart, Navigator, Lt.		
Chilton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Corona, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Gust, Aerial gunner, pfc.		
Cornelius, Pilot, Lt.	441st	10
Nold, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1114 45
Ves'selles, Navigator Bombardier,		Landed 1542 ½
Lyons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Carlisle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Beckstead, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Park, Photographer, pfc.		
Hunsberger, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	2
Reaves, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1116 45
Hawkins, Bombardier sgt. HYDRAULIC LEAK		Landed 1254
Smith, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
McFarland, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Hendrix, Pilot, Lt.	441st	20
Weiler, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1112
Cohen, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1539
Thurston, Navigator, Lt.		
Lidicker, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Hull, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griner, Aerial gunner, pfc.		

Hicks, Pilot, F/O	444th	80
Kral, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1115 45
Roberts, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1520
Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.		
Procter, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Conley, Pilot, Lt.	444th	93
Turner, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1116 15
Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1549
Daniels, Navigator, Lt.		
Blossman, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.		
Perry, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Hedgpath, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Radio Operator, T/sgt.		
Sullivan, Pilot, F/O	444th	84
Marsch, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1115
Morocco, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1519
Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/sgt.		
Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Dilling, Pilot, Lt.	444th	78
Schneider, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1116
White, Bombardier,		Landed 1550
Cook Engineer Gunner,		
Viscome, Radio Gunner,		
Bourgault, Aerial gunner,		
Patton, Photographer, T/sgt.		
Peters, Pilot, F/O	444th	87
Marshall, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1115 15
Powers, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1542
Thompson, Navigator, Lt.		
Wymer, Engineer Gunner, T/sgt.		
Burtt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	94
Burns, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1115 ½
Banaki, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1547 ½
McDowal Navigator, Lt.		
Delisle, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.		
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Long, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Buckout, Pilot, Lt.	444th	95
Nowak, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1117
Delosier, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1518
Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hangahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

Gilbert, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd
Cooke, Co, Pilot, lt.
Schwartz, I. r/ Navigator, lt.
Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Carr, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Farthing, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

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Completed mission