

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 119, Day Operation, 29 December 1943.

Flight Commander: Major Marble.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1105 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bomb Group (M) took off to bomb the M/Y and RR/Bridge at Foligno, Italy. They were unescorted. 4 B-26's returned early, 1 because of radio trouble, 1 because of loss of power and 2 which escorted the latter. 24 B-26's dropped 71 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10 .025 second delay fuses) and 71 x 500 lb RDX bombs on the target at 1320 hours from 9,800'. 4 B-26's dropped 12 x 500 lb demolition (1/10 .025 second delay fuses) and 12 x 500 lb RDX bombs on the bridge N of Orvieto, because the bomb bay doors of the lead ship failed to open in time over the main target. 4 B-26's salvaged 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs and 12 x 500 lb RDX bombs in the area at the bridge N of Orvieto, having failed to identify the main target because of cloud cover, and having failed to identify Orvieto Bridge due to unfavorable axis of attack. 1 x 500 lb demolition bomb and 1 x 500 lb RDX bomb were salvaged having hung. 202,000 nickels were dropped in the target area. 32 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1515 hours.

3. Results: A good concentration of bombs bracketed the Foligno M/Y cutting the tracks towards the south choke point. Warehouses, cavalry barracks and tank cars at the M/Y were destroyed and intense explosions were observed. The approaches at the Foligno RR bridge were well covered with bombs and the Orvieto bridge was missed.

4. Observations:

- A. General:
1. 50/75 cars headed south and about 200 cars not moving were observed at the target at 1320 from 9,800'.
  2. 25/30 M/Y headed N were observed on the Rd. SW of Lake Bolsena at 1257 from 11,000'.
  3. 20/25 M/Y not moving were observed at Montalto di Castro at 1255 from 11,000'.
  4. 20/25 cars not moving were observed at Montalto di Castro at 1255 from 11,000'.
  5. 50/75 cars not moving were observed in the M/Y at Tarquinia at 1255 from 11,000'.
  6. 6 M/Y headed E were observed on Rd. west of Todi at 1330 from 11,000'.
  7. 1 string of cars, of an <sup>undetermined</sup> ~~unknown~~ number headed N was observed between Viterbe and Lake Bolsena at 1305 from 11,000'.
  8. Heavy M/Y traffic in both directions was seen on the road between Civitavecchia and Orvieto at 1257 from 11,000'.

B. Enemy Air:

1. 5/6 S/E A/C of which several seemed damaged were observed at Tarquinia A/D at 1255 from 10,500'.
2. 4/5 S/E A/C was seen on Viterbe A/D at 1300 from 11,000'.
3. 2 S/Y colored black were seen taking off from Fallonia at 1345 from 11,000'.
4. 4/5 T/E A/C were seen dispersed at Orvieto A/D at 1335 from 11,000'.

c. enemy air tactics: None.

d. enemy shipping: (1) 2 barges and 1 large M/V were seen anchored off Civitavecchia at 1255 hours from 10,500'.

(2) 2 small M/V headed south were seen north of Civitavecchia, taking evasive action at 1305 from 10,500'.

(3) 2 P. T. boats headed north were observed northwest of Montalto di Castro at 1255 from 11,000'.

(4) 2 small boats were seen anchored west of Talamone at 1245 hours from 12,000'.

e. Flak: (1) moderate, accurate, heavy flak was encountered from the area southeast of Bastia.

(2) slight, inaccurate, heavy flak was encountered from Civitavecchia.

(3) moderate, accurate, heavy flak from 3/4 miles west of the bridge and 8 flashes in 2 series were observed south of Orvieto.

f. Our Losses: 3 B-26's were slightly damaged.

5. Routes and Altitudes: from this base at 2500'; 35° T for 264 statute miles; 35° T for 35 statute miles; at Orvieto A/B; 89° T for 25 statute miles; the highway 3 miles southeast of Todi; I. P.; climbing to 10,300'; bomb run, 44° M for 19 statute miles to the target at 9,800'; breakaway slight left then right; 251° T for 41 statute miles; 215° T for 35 statute miles; 215° for 246 statute miles descending to 2500' at this base.

6. Weather: enroute: 8/10 cumulus off Sardinia, tops 6000', breaking to scattered 80/90 miles off coast. Italy: 8/10 cumulus topping mountains, tops 6000'. Visibility excellent. Target: Open. Return: as enroute.

7. Comments: The explosions observed at the target seemed of greater intensity than usual which may be attributed to the fact that 50% of the bomb load was 500 lb. BDX bombs.

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Captain, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 145. FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR MARBLE:  
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

29 DECEMBER 1943.

	"A"	
<u>ST ARNO</u> ✓	<u>HAYWARD</u>	<u>GOODFOUR</u>
20	15	2
	<u>KIRLEY</u>	
	7	
	"B"	
<u>HENDRICKS</u> ✓	<u>VALLS</u> ✓	<u>BOYD</u>
5	14	9
	<u>PAULANTIS</u>	
	3	
	"C"	
<u>TURNER</u>	<u>PETERS</u> ✓	<u>HICKS</u>
83	94	89
	<u>LILLING</u>	
	85	
	"D"	
<u>CARLEY</u>	<u>EDWARDS</u>	<u>JACKSON</u>
90	87	95
	<u>TOWNS</u>	
	91	
	"E"	
<u>STROLL</u> ✓	<u>BLACKMAN</u> ✓	<u>LYDAY</u>
60	57	53
	<u>MILNER</u> ✓	
	52	
	"F"	
<u>NELSON</u> ✓	<u>62</u>	<u>KIRCHEY</u> ✓
64	<u>CH. RT</u>	61
	60	
	"G"	
<u>BAKER</u> ✓	<u>SMITH</u>	<u>CLAYBOUGH</u> ✓
28	144	25
	<u>SPEAGLE</u>	
	40	
	"H"	
<u>MACANNON</u>	<u>DOENLIN</u> ✓	<u>LARBY</u>
59	34	53
	<u>BOTOLLEY</u> ✓	
	47	
	"I"	
<u>BUCKOUT</u>	<u>S P A R E S</u>	<u>MAGILL</u>
92	<u>MCCOMBLE</u>	84
	12	
	<u>BLACKMAN</u>	
	68	

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 RADIO CALL  
 320 GROUP  
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COLORS OF THE DAY DATE DECEMBER 29 1943.

FILE	PLATE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	BZ	C	Y	RED
0700-1300	GY	X	U	WHITE
1300-1900	RR	W	P	RED
1900-0100	CG	H	S	WHITE

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON FOLIGNO, ITALY.

Hayward, Pilot, Captain,	441st	15
Levine, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1105
McFarland, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1455
Blair, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Pope, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Appelton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Levholt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Marble, Flight Commander, Major,		
Goodenough, Pilot, F/O	441st	2
Flake, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1105 15
Blackford, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1455½
Grassy, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Draper, Aerial photographer,		
St. Arno, Pilot, F/O	441st	20
Colby, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1105
Hawkins, Bombardier, Sgt. Tacometer out		Landed 1253
Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wimberly, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Medina, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Kirley, Pilot, Captain,	441st	7
Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		took off 1105
Cukar, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1455 ½
Abart, Navigator, Lt.		
O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Clark, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	14
Owens, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1106
Sylvester, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1456
Williams, Navigator, Lt.		
Chilton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Corona, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Herbert, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Boyce, Pilot, Lt.	441st	9
Reaves, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1106 45
Dockery, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1456
O'Dell, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Sampson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Frank, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Hendrick, Pilot, Lt.	441st	5
Weiler, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1106 45
Sohen, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1457
Lidicker, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Apgar, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Griner, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Paulantis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	3
Williams, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1107
Farmer, Bombardier, Lt. Thruston, Navigator, Lt.		Landed 1457
Dolan, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Markus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griggs, AG. Cpl.		

Jackson, Pilot, F/O	444th	95
Wilson, Co, Pilot,		Took off 1108
Moore, Sgt. Bombardier,		Landed 1458
Montgomery, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Towns, Pilot, Lt.	444th	91
Bracke, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1109
Bernardi, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1500
Bang, Navigator, Lt.		
Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Shingle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	87
Meyer, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1108 $\frac{1}{2}$
Robinson, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1459
McDaniel, Navigator, Lt.		
Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Klingaman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
McCrory, Major, Observer.		
Hicks, Pilot, F/O	Hi 444th	89
Kral, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1101
Robert, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1458
Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Procter, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Peters, Pilot, F/O	444th	94
Browne, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1102
Powers, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1457
McDowall, Navigator, Lt.		
Wymer, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Burt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Turner, Pilot, Lt.	444th	83
Nowak, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1108
Breeding, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1458
Wells, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Feinberg, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Szewczyk, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Marsch, Pilot, Lt.	444th	93
Marshall, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1115
Bush, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1503
Williams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Perry, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Colten, Aerial Photographer, pvt.		

Dilling, Pilot, Lt.	444th	85
Schneider, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1108
White, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1458
Thompson, Navigator, Lt.		
Montruli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Viscomi, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Humphrey, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Conley, Pilot, Lt.	444th	90
Stewart, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1109
Ott, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1500
Staton, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Hedgepeth, Aerial gunner, Pvt.		
Zupanc, Photographer, Sgt.		
Buckhout, Pilot, Lt.	444th	92
McBride, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1114
Ramirez, Bombardier, S/sgt.		1505
Williams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Nagel, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	84
Burg, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1108
Peterson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1459
Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Hansel, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

McConnell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	18
Trunk, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1113 45
Flouck, Bombardier,		Landed 1504
Harrison, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Hoffman, Radio Gunner, Ssgt.		
Iannotta, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
MacKinnon, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
Schumer, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1113
Allen, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1504
Giles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Butler, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Putman, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Burden, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Ackerman, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	68
Kolar, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1115
MacCartney, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1504 ½
Callahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mensch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Just, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Bracken, Pilot, Lt.	443rd	57
Stinson, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1109 ½
Handte, Navigator, Lt.		Landed 1515
Carroll, F. J. Lt. Bombardier		
Krumpoch, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Carr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hansen, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Farberow, Observer, Lt.		
Lyday, Pilot, Lt.	443rd	58
Gasser, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took off : 1109 ½
Homsher, Bombardier, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1500
Lillo, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Flaynick, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hart, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Stroud, Pilot, F/O	443rd	60
Lamb, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took off : 1110
Mowry, Bombardier, S/Sgt.		Landed at : 1506
Glowatch, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
McDonald, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lamoureux, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Wilbur, Pilot, Lt.	443rd	52
Reynolds, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took off : 1110
Ward-Smith, Navigator, Lt.		Landed at : 1506
Clark, Bombardier, Lt.		
Chalfant, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Gamble, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		



Long, Pilot, Lt.	443rd	62
Rader, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off : 1110 $\frac{1}{2}$
Schwartz, Navigator, Lt.		Landed at : 1501
Janeke, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Ritchey, Pilot, lt.	443rd	61
Goodwin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1110
Wright, Navigator, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1501
Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Teeters, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Jones, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gerdy, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Nelson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	64
Hribal, Co, Pilot, Flt. Off		Took off 1111
Saltarelli, Navigator, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1502
Powers, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Austad, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Key, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gilbert, Pilot, lt.	443rd	66
Weeks, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1111 15
Taranto, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1502 $\frac{1}{2}$
Strickland, Bombardier, lt.		
Calaput, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Avery, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Park, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Smith, Pilot, lt.	442nd	144
Klark, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1111 $\frac{1}{2}$
Evans, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1402
Leahey, Navigator, lt.		
Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Strasburger, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Johnson, Cpl. Aerial gunner,		
Claybough, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
Caster, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1111 45
Stakes, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1403
Melin, Engineer gunner, Pvt.		
Moore, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Hoyle, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Field, Photographer, PFE.		
Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	28
Taylor, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1112
Johnson, Bombardier, Lt.		1500 Landed
Nardine, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Stewart, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.		
Speegle, Pilot, lt.	442nd	40
Richards, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1112
Darby, Bombardier, lt. Pincomb, lt. Navigator,		Landed 1320
Fitzgearld, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Harper, EG. T/sgt.		
Galindo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Capt Folk Observer.		



Dodelin, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	34
Harte, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1112
Maggio, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1503
Schwartz, Navigator, Lt.		
Goldberg, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Milliman, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Bentley, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Bottomley, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	47
Larabee, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 1115
Montez, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1503
King, Navigator, Lt.		
Salvesen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Steen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hall, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Hageman, Observer, S/sgt.		

Milton, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st Weather Ship	1
Bankford, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off
Halligan, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Dahl, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Berrigan, Radio gunner, Sgt.		
Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Farthing, Radio Operator, S/sgt.		

COMPLETED MISSION.