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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 120, Day Operations, 30 December 1943.

Flight Commander: Lt. Colonel Fletcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1005 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the M/Y and Viaduct at Borgo San Lorenzo, Italy. They were unescorted. None returned early. 28 B-26's dropped 55 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025) second delay fuses and 83 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025) second delay fuses on the target at 1228 hours from 9000'. 1 x 1000 lb. demolition bomb and 1 x 500 lb. demolition bomb were salvaged because they hung up. 423,000 "nickels" were dropped in the target area. 28 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1420 hours.

3. 2/3 direct hits were scored with 1000 lb. bombs in the center of the north bridge and the tracks on the east side were out. The tracks on both the east and west approaches of the south bridge were out. The east approach received a direct hit and the bridge received a probable hit or a near miss. 500 lb. bombs landed in an excellent pattern on the east half of the M/Y, destroying the station and 24 units of rolling stock. A few bombs landed short and a few over.

4. Observations: a. General: (1) 40/50 cars were seen stationary at Valiano at 1231 hours from 9000'.

(2) 30/40 cars were seen stationary at the M/Y at Florence at 1225 hours from 9500'.

(3) 25/30 cars were seen stationary in M/Y at Pistoia at 1232 hours from 9000'.

(4) 2 trains of several cars each were seen headed south at Barga at 1255 hours from 9000'.

(5) Factory activity indications were observed at Pombino at 1215 hours from 9500'.

(6) A factory with 7 huge stacks was seen at Pesarance at 1215 from 9500'.

(7) A factory with 3 large stacks was seen at Monteverdi at 1255 hours from 9000'.

(8) A factory with evidence of activity was seen at Barga at 1255 hours from 9000'.

(9) A constant series of foxholes was seen from an area commencing north of Florence and continuing westward to the coast at 1230 hours from 9500'.

(10) Groups of cars approximately 6' x 3' in size piled high were observed on the east and south sides of Campione at 1245 hours from 10000'.

(11) 2 T shaped buildings, possibly hospitals were seen at south Vicenzo at 1210 hours from 9500'.

b. Enemy Air: (1) 2 T/E a/c were seen taking off from Pistoia A/D at 1230 hours from 9500'.

(2) 4/5 T/E a/c and 5/2 a/c were seen ready to take off from Pistoia A/D at 1230 hours from 9500'.

c. Enemy Air Tactics: None.

d. Enemy Shipping: (1) 6/8 small boats were seen anchored at Avenzo at 1300 hours from 10000'.

(2) 12/15 small boats were seen anchored at Marina di Pisa at 1245 hours from 9500'.

(3) 6 small M/V were seen anchored at Viareggio at 1245 hours from 9500'.

(4) 3 md. M/V and 1 schooner were seen anchored at Leghorn at 1245 hours from 9500'.

(5) 1 large M/V was seen headed south, south of Piosbino at 1210 hours from 10000'.

(6) 1 P.T. boat was seen off the coast headed south off Viareggio at 1245 hours from 9500'.

e. Flak: None.

f. Our Losses: None.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500'; 13° T for 129 statute miles to Cape Ferro; 0° T for 98 statute miles to Burgio; 49° T for 128 statute miles to 3 miles west of Pontassieve; i.e., climbing gradually to 9500'; bomb run, 5° N for 11½ statute miles to the target at 9000'; breakaway left; 222° T for 104 statute miles; 191° T for 120 statute miles; 193° T for 129 statute miles, descending to 2500' at this base.

6. Weather: Enroute: Generally clear to alba, 8-9/10 cumulus in patches tops 6000', base unknown, extending almost to target.

Target: Target open, clear to the north. Visibility 8 miles in haze.

Return: 5/10 cumulus over Corsica topping mountains. Tops 6000'.

7. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 146 FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. FLETCHER

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DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

"A"  
BREWER  
CONLEY ✓ 91 JACKSON ✓  
 92 EDWARDS ✓ 95  
 87

"B"  
GREEN  
ST ARNO ✓ 83 BUCKOUL ✓  
 1 O'SHEEN ✓ 39  
 3

"C"  
CURRIE  
LANKFORD ✓ 18 HEKA ✓  
 10 ROBINS . R. E. 2  
 14

"D"  
SPENCE  
CONRAD ✓ 41 SHUH ✓  
 28 B... ✓ 25  
 21

"E"  
FRANCISCO  
SHEARD ✓ 90 RE... ✓  
 52 HU... ✓ 47  
 59

"F"  
CAUDILL  
BARKER ✓ 58 BEAUDRO ✓  
 60 RUCKER ✓ 64  
 62

S P A R E S  
MACEL EILTON BARKER ✓  
 78 9 27  
STRACHAN ✓  
 51

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 RADIO CALLS  
 319th GP BELIBUOY  
 320th GP BREWER  
 17th GP SURETHING  
 SPITS: FOOHOLD

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 30 DECEMBER 1943

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	YY	H	C	RED
0700-1300	GY	Y	P	GREEN
1300-1900	RG	I	D	RED
1900-0100	RR	X	J	GREEN

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON BORGO SAN LORENZO M/Y VIADUCT.

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	91
Kral, Co, Pilot, F/O.		Took off 1005
Strong, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed 1427
Shyrock, Navigator, lt.		
Staton, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Patton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Noe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	Letcher, LT. Col. Flight commander	
Jackson, Pilot, F/O	444th	95
Wilson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1005 ½
Moore, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1420
Montgomery, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Bass, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Bushong, Aerial Photographer, Sgt.		
Conley, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	92
Morganstern, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1005 ½
Ott, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1428
Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Hedgepeth, Aerial gunner, pvt.		
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	87
Meyer, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1005 ½
Robinson, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1427 ½
Gest, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Klingeman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	McCrorry, Deputy Flight Commander Maj.	
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	83
Stewart, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1006
Banaiki, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1428 ½
Michels, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Delisle, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Long, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Buckout, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	89
Marshall, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1006
Ramirez, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1428 ½
Williams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mucker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Nagel, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	78
Burg, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1011
Peterson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1427 ½
Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Hanson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

St. Arno, Pilot, <sup>4</sup> /O	441st	1
Colby, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1006½
Blackford, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1430
Colton, Photographer, Pvt.		
Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wimberly, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Medina, Aerial gunner, sgt.		
O'steen, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	3
Malcalm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1006½
Goddberg, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1429
Halligan, Navigator 2nd Lt.		
Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Forbes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Moore, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Currie, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	18
Brewer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1007
Perkins, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1430
Konvalinka, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Fendrich, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Derau, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Penka, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	2
Hubbard, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1007 15
McGoldrick, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed 1421
Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Steigendofer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hayes, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Lankford, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	10
Hunsberger, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1007½
Hawkins, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1431 ½
Gimmill, Observer, 2nd Lt.		
Smith, Engineer gunner, /sgt.		
Hull, Radio Gunner, s/sgt.		
McFarland, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.		
Cataldi, Photographer, Pvt.		
Robbins, R. E., Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	14
Bodie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1007½
Barden, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1431
Thurston, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Dahl, Engineer gunner S/sgt.		
Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Tompkin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Milton, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	09
La Moe, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1011½
Metlvena, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1430 ½
O'dell, Engineer sgt.		
Michaelson, Radio Operator, S/sgt.		
Alexander, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		

Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	40
Richards, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1008
Darby, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1432
Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Fitzgerald, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Harper, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Galindo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Friday, Observer, Major,		
Shuh, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
Deatly, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1008½
Jacobson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1433½
Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Schaus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Park, Photographer, Pfc.		
	Johnson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
Conrad, Pilot, lt.	442nd	28
Harpster, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1008½
Abeln, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1433½
Floto, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marschke, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Hageman, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Rodgers, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Probasco, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	960
King, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1009
Olmsted, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1421
Pincomb, Navigator, lt.		
Bly, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wells, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Rose, aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	179
Brown, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1008½
Freeston, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1433
Boyne, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Gomez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marsh, Radio Gunner, Pvt.		
Cane, Aerial gunner, pvt.		
Ratering, Pilot, lt.	42nd	47
Hansell, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1009 15
Stakes, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1434
Elias, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Flynn, Aerial gunner,		
Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	27
Taylor, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1008
Johnson, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1433
Mardine, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Stewart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		



Sheard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
Kolar, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1009
Tidwekl, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1435
Butler, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Yim, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Guzzio, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hunter, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
Weekley, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1009½
Taranto, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1434
Pickett, Bombardier, lt.		
La Gesse, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Burden, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
<del>XXXXXX</del> Adams, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Concy, Aerial photographer, sgt.		
Caudill, Pilot, I/O	443rd	58
Hribal, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1010
Underwood, Navigator, lt.		Landed 1434
Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Hilderbrand, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griewank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Beaudron, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
Smithwick, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1010
Dickey, Navigator, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1435
Maier, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griffin, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Coons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gerdy, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt.,	443rd	60
Carter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1010
Adams, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1437
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mousins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Harrold, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Lillo, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Mucker, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
Goodwin, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off ;436
Cafarella, Navigator, 1st Lt.		Landed 1436
Grant, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Jackson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Westfall, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Armo, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

Strachan, Pilot, Lt.	443rd	54
Sprang, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1011,
Tyson, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1420
Coons, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Long, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Hopkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		

Weeks, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	51
Lyday, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 0730
Cassino, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed ok
Krumpoch, Radio Gunner, I/sgt.		co m;leted mission
Gamble, Aerial gunner, /sgt.		
Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Farthing, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. (442nd)		