

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
AFG 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 122, Day Operation, 2 January 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Brewer.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1101 hours, 27 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Ventimiglia RR bridges, Italy. They were unescorted. 1 B-26 returned early because of engine trouble. 26 B-26's dropped 100 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025) second delay fuses on the target at 1310 hours from 9000'. 4 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged because of rack malfunction. 26 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1500 hours.

3. Results: both bridges were completely covered by an excellent pattern of bombs, with hits on both. At least two spans of the west bridge were reported knocked out. One hit was scored on the east approaches of the east bridge and one direct hit on the east bridge. Other bombs landed on tracks east of east bridge. The highway bridge, just north of the east bridge, was also hit.

4. Observations: a. General: (1) 25/30 cars were seen in the M/I at Ventimiglia at 1310 hours from 9000'.

(2) A train of 8/10 cars was observed by one crew headed north at Menton at 1311 hours from 9000'.

b. Enemy Air: (1) 1 I/S a/c unidentified, was seen headed west just off coast of Monaco at 3-4000' at 1303 hours from 9500'.

(2) 8 unidentified a/c flying parallel to formation at landfall at 1308 hours from 9500'.

c. Enemy air tactics: None.

d. Enemy shipping: (1) 1 large M/V headed north was seen at 43°00'N, 08°00'E, at 1325 hours from 9500'.

(2) 2 small boats, one painted white, were observed anchored at San Reme at 1310 hours from 8500'.

e. Flak: None.

f. Our Losses: None.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500'; 349° T for 299 statute miles to 43°57'N, 07°45'E, climbing gradually to 9500'; bomb run 329° for 15 statute miles to the target at 9000'; breakaway right; 174° T for 15 statute miles; 169° for 299 statute miles descending to 2500' at this base.

6. Weather: Enroute: Few scattered cumulus, 3-5000', 8/10 miles west of sardinia, light haze. Target: CAVU, light haze. R turn: No change.

7. Comments: None.

MISSION # 147. FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR, MARBLE. 2 JANUARY. 1943.
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: _____

FLIGHT	NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER
1st	GRUBBS	66	SEROLE	61
2nd	CANTILL	62		
3rd				
4th				
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 2 January, 1943.

TIME	FLAME	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	YY	V	P	WHITE
0700-1300	GY	S	G	RED
1300-1900	BY	Z	A	GREEN
1900-0100	RR	J	L	RED

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON VENTIMAGLIO RR BRIDGE, ITALY

CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Graves, Pilot Captain	443rd	66 Took off 1100 Landed 1446
Sprang Co Pilot 2nd Lt.		
Wardsmith, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Chadfant, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Bamble, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	Brewer, 1st Lt. Flight Commander	
Stroud, Pilot, F/O	443rd	61 Took off 1100 /15 Landed 1446
Lamb, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Mowry, Navigator Bombardier, S/Sgt.		
Glowatch, , Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
McDonald, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Lamoureux, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Zupanc, Aerial Photographer, Sgt.		
Ritchey, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52 Took off 1100 Landed 1446
Goodwin, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Wright, Navigator Bombardier, Sgt.		
Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Jones, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Draper, Aerial Photographer		
Caudill, Pilot, F/O	443rd	62 took off 1100 /45 Landed 1447
Reynolds, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Cafarella, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Eobel, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Griewank, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Nelson, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Malsbury, Observer, Capt.		
Hunter, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	59 Took off 1101 Landed 1448
Weekly, Co Pilot, 1st Lt		
Taranto, Navigator, 2nd Lt		
Pickett, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
La Gesse, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Rolfe, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Adams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Nelson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	64 Took off 1101 /35 Landed 1500
Kolar, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Key, Navigator Bombardier, S/Sgt.		
Powers, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Austad, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Larkin, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Fields, Observer, 1st Lt.		

Conrad, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	28
Taylor, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1101½
Scafid, Bombardier Navigator, 2nd Lt		Landed 1442
Floto, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Marschke, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Rodgers, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	144
Harpster, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1101/45
Chavalas, Bombardier Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1442
Menaugh, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Eden, Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Smith, Pilot, 1st Lt.	452nd	45
Klark, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1102
Evans, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1450
Pincomb, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Manning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Strasburger, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Johnson, Banner aerial, Cpl.		
Rood, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
Grabowski, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1102 /15
Abeln, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1450
King, Engineer, Gunner, Cpl.		
Wasacz, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Wagner, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Feige, Aerial Photographer, Cpl.		
Cook, Observer, Capt.		
Rowan, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
Hodges, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1102½
Hendrex, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1451
Morris, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Buth, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Bottomley, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	34
Larrabee, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1102 /45
Montez, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1450
King, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Ellsworth, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Steen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hall, Gunner, Sgt.		
Polk, Observer, Capt.		

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Oglietti, Pilot, 1st Lt. Williams, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. Cuker, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Blair, Navigator, 1st Lt. O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Rogers, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Glantz, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	3 Took off 1103 Landed 1455
Goodenough, Pilot, F/O	441st	10 No Take-off
West, Pilot, F/O Wilson, Co Pilot, F/O McGoldrick, Bombardier, Sgt. Mears, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kwiatkowski, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	20 Take off 1103 /15 Landed 1455
Hendrix, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Weller, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moyarland, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Williams, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Griner, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	441st	18 Took off 1103 Landed 1455
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Owens, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. Sylvester, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Ahart, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Chilton, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Herbert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	14 Took off 1104 Landed 1457
Turner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Held, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. Konhoff, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Trebenda, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Spless, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	2 Took off 1110 Landed 1458
Marsch, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Marshall, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bush, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Perry, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off 1104 Landed 1458

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TOWNS, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
Fowler, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1104 /45
Bernardi, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1158 /45
Deacy, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Gardner, Radio Gunner,		
Shingle, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Greene, Pilot 1st Lt.	444th	83
Stewart, Co Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1105
Banaiki, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1459
McDowall, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Delisle, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Long, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hicks, Pilot, F/O	444th	190- 89
Qual, Co Pilot, F/O		Took off 1105
Robert, Bombardier Nav. S/Sgt.		Landed 1459
Colten, Photographer, Pvt.	442nd	1
Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	
Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Buckhout, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	80
Johnson, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1105
Ott, Bombardier Navigator, 1st Lt.		1145 Landed
Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Tucker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Casey, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	85
McBride, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1105 /45
Heller, Bombardier Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1459
Bang, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Collette, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Spears, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
George, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Friedman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
MacKinnon, Pilot, 1st Lt	443rd	60
Schumer, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1107
Salterella, Navigator Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1459
Giles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Putnam, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Henry, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		

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Ratering, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hensell, Co Pilot, F/O Stakes, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Eliak, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Flynn, Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 Took off 1107 /45 Landed 1448
Lavine, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nunnallee, Co Pilot Dockery, Bombardier, S/Sgt Tessum, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Westbrook, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gust, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	441st	1 Took off 1206 /45 Landed 1456
Turner, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Worak, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt Breeding, Bombardier Navigator Wells, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Feinberg, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Szewczyk, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	78 Took off 1106 /15 Landed 1459
Jackson, Pilot, Horgarstern, Co Pilot Gest, Navigator, Lt. Montgomery, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Kieffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Farthing, Radio, S/Sgt.	444th Weather Ship	93 Took off 0829 Landed 1120