

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 125, Day Operation, 7 Jan. 1943.

Flight Commander: Lt. Colonel Fletcher.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1025 hours, 38 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Road Bridge at Roccasecca, Italy. They were unescorted. Six B-26's returned early, 2 because of loss of power, 1 because of oil leak, 1 because of oil pressure, 1 because of oil congealing, and 1 because pilot was sick. Twenty-eight (28) B-26's dropped 111 x 1000 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuses, on the target at 1230 from 10,900'. 12 x 1000 lb demolition bombs, which hung up were salvaged in the vicinity of the target; 4 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged before the target because the pilot could not keep up with the formation; and 1 x 1000 lb demolition bomb, which hung up, was brought back to the base, where, upon landing, it dropped through the closed bomb-bay doors. 32 B-26's returned safely at 1422 hours.

3. Results: The bombs covered the target area with a good pattern scoring probable hits on the bridge and the west approach.

4. Observations:

a. General: 1. 4 trucks, 2 headed N and 2 headed S were seen on the road N of Cassino at 1232 from 10,700'.

2. 2 trucks were seen on the road between target and Casalvieri headed S at 1231 from 10,700'.

3. White smoke from ground fire was observed in valley north of the target at 1232 from 10,700'.

b. Enemy Air: 1 black S/S unidentified A/C was seen flying on the deck headed N during the breakaway at 1232 from 10,700'.

c. Enemy Air Tactics: None.

d. Enemy Shipping: 1. 1 small boat moving N was seen 4 miles off the coast at Gaeta at 1229 from 11,500'.

2. 2 small vessels, apparently sunk, were observed in Gaeta harbor, at 1229 from 11,500'.

e. Flak: Slight inaccurate heavy flak was encountered from scattered single guns in the valley S of target on the approach. Slight to moderate heavy flak, accurate for altitude, off to left in deflection, was encountered over the target. Moderate fairly accurate heavy flak was encountered on the breakaway around the mountain to Atina and until over the front lines. The third squadron caught additional heavy flak from the slopes of the mountain N of Cassino. Slight light flak was observed below and behind the formation over the target. 8 puffs of very large black flak, bursting in pairs, were observed on the breakaway.

The following gun positions were observed:

3 guns between Atina and Casalvieri.	(CF. TC 3-206-NA)
4 guns in the mountain ridge above Alvito.	4 guns at C-F/19
4 guns from the SE edge of Aquino A/D.	2 guns at R-16
	8 guns at F-1/16

f. Our Losses: 7 B-26's slightly damaged, 2 B-26's damaged by flak; 1 B-26 was damaged on landing when 1 x 1000 lb demolition bomb was dislodged from racks and fell through the bomb-bay doors.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2,500'; 64° T for 236 statute miles to Ponziane Island, 42° T for 34 statute miles to the lake W of Sperlonga, 34° T for 11 statute miles to the highway NE of Fondi, IP, climbing to 11,500'; bomb run of 38° T for 11½ statute miles to the target at 10,900'; breakaway slight left, then right; 104° T for 18 statute miles to Montegulia; 200° T for 27 statute miles to 3 miles W of Carinola; 250° T for 56 statute miles to Ponziane Islands; 244° T for 236 statute miles to base, dropping to 2,000'.

6. Weather: Enroute: Clouds varying from 2/10 to 9/10 cumulus from 5-7000' over water. Visibility limited by haze, varying from 2-3 miles under thickest cloud cover to 8 miles in scattered cloud area. Target: CAVU. Visibility 12 miles in light haze. Return: No change.

7. Comments: None.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Wing (US), APO 520.
ATTENTION: A-2.

1. The following is the location of the cameras of the formation as over the target (Roccasecca Rd. Bridge, Italy), of this Group, this date.

				T	T	67	
				T		(T) K-17	
					T		
K-20	41	T	25				T
	(T)		(T) K-17				T
		T					T

					47	T	
					K-17 (T)		T
						T	
	T	2					T
T	12	(T) K-17					T
	(T) K-20						T

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				T			
	T				95	T	
T	84	T		K-17	(T)		T
	(T)K-20					T	

2. Ship no. 95 did not go over the target. The pictures taken in ship's no. 41, 25, 47, 12 and 95 were not printed.

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MISSION 150

FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. FLETCHER 7 JANUARY 1943.
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: 36 SHIP MISSION

<u>FRANK</u> 50	<u>GRAVES</u> (754) SAILOR 57	<u>STROUT</u> 67
<u>FRANK</u> 3	<u>JACKER</u> 54 LONG 58	<u>SMITHSON</u> 68
<u>ROSE</u> 41	<u>BRACKEN</u> 51 GILBERT 52	<u>BOTTOLLEY</u> 25
<u>COOPER</u> 47	<u>SPENCER</u> 54 BARR	<u>WATKINSON</u> 28
<u>McFARLANE</u> 29 OUT 60	<u>SMITH</u> 45 <u>OUT</u> <u>SHOH</u> No. 70	<u>SMITH</u> 37
<u>BOYCE</u> 15	<u>VALLIS</u> 14 McQUINN 12	<u>PAULATIS</u> 8
<u>LEWIS</u> 21	<u>BRAND</u> 12 COLETTI 10	<u>GOODENOUGH</u> 9
<u>MARSON</u> 95	<u>WILSON</u> 7 SULLINE 74	<u>JACKSON</u> 39 77
<u>TURKER</u> 84	<u>SMITH</u> 82 TOMBS 85	<u>MAGEL</u> 30
<u>LANGFORD</u> 52	<u>WILSON</u> SPENCER 22	<u>WIGGS</u> 76

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TABLE: ENGINE CHANNEL "00"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 7 JANUARY 1944

Time	Flare	Challenge	Reply	Color
0100-0700	YY	I	L	Black
0700-1300	RG	"	C	White
1300-1900	GG	"	S	Green
1900-0100	AA	Y	Z	Red

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON ROCCASECCA, HWY Brdg. 7 Jan. 1944

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
GRAVES, PILOT, CAPT. HRIBAL, CO PILOT, F/O WARD-SMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt. SWINDLER, BOMB. 1st Lt CHALDFANT, RADIO, T/Sgt. HART, GUNNER, S/Sgt. HENRY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.	443rd	754 took off 1025 landed 1410
FLIGHT COMMANDER - LT. DOL. FLETCHER		
STROUD, PILOT, F/O LAMB, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt MORRY, NAV. S/Sgt. GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. MCDONALD, GUNNER, Sgt. LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	67 took off 1025 landed 1410
RITCHEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WHEELER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WRIGHT, NB, Sgt. TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt. SNEIDER, GUNNER, Sgt. JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	56 took off 1025 landed 1411
SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. WAGER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, Cpl. MILLER, ENGINEER, Cpl.	443rd	57 took off 1025 landed 1410 1410
DFC. - MAJOR MARBLE		
RUCKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CAFARELLA, NAV. 1st Lt. JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt. JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ARMAO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	54 took off 1034 landed 1412
SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DICKY, NAV. Sgt. MALER, RADIO, S/Sgt. GRIFFIN, GUNNER, Cpl. COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	68 took off 1026 landed 1412
PENKA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. RINALDI, ENGINEER, CPL. STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt. HAYS, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	3 took off 1026 landed 1412

LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
RADER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 58
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1412
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
HARFSTER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BRACKEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1026
HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1413
CARROLL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
KRUMPOCH, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CARR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HANSEN ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
LARRABEE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1027
MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1413
KING, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, SGT.		
ROOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	41
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1027
COOK, CAPT. BOMB.	H4,	landed 1057
PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		(oil leak)
WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt.		early return
MAGNER, GUNNER, SGT.		
GILBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt. 1st Lt.	443rd	51
WEEKS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1027
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1413
CALAFUT, RADIO, SGT.		
AVERY, GUNNER, SGT.		
PARK, ENGINEER, SGT.		
SPEAGLE, PILOT, CAPT.	442nd	in 34
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1020
DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1414
LEAHY, NAV. Capt.		
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GALINDE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	28
CASTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1028
MAGGIE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1213
MELINE, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
EVERSOLE, RADIO, Pvt.		Loss of Power
HOYLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		(oil leak)
		early return

CONRAD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCAFIDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt. FIOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSCHKE, RADIO, S/Sgt. RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COLTEN, PVT.	442nd	47 took off 1028 landed 1415
BAIRD, PILOT, 1ST LT. FRIDAY, CO PILOT, MAJOR, FREESTONE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. GOMEZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSH, RADIO, Pvt. KANER, GUNNER, Pvt.	442nd	31 took off 1028 landed 1415
SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt. SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. EVANS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. FINCOMB, NAV. 2nd Lt. MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STRASBURGER, RADIO, CPL. JOHNSON, GUNNER, cpl..	442nd	45 took off 1029 landed 1416
ROWAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HODGES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. MORRIS, ENGINEER, Sgt. CAMPBELL, RADIO, Pvt. BUTH, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	37 took off 1029 landed 1417
LANGFORD, PILOT, 1st Lt. HUNSBERGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt. SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt. McFARLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	5 took off 1029 landed 1306 <i>loss of power - engine (early return)</i>
HICKS, PILOT, P/O JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERT, BOMB. S/Sgt. FRENZEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PROCTOR, RADIO, S/Sgt. HEDGEPEATH, GUNNER, Pvt.	444th	76 took off 1029 landed 1409
VALLS, PILOT, 1st Lt. OWENS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SYLVESTER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt. CHILTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CORONA, RADIO, S/Sgt. HERBERT, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	14 took off 1230 landed 1417

D.L. PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	2
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1030
McGOLDRICK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1417
DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CATALDI, PHOTO, Pvt.		
BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	15
REAVES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1031
McILLVENNA, BOMB, Sgt.		landed 1409
LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SAMPSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
McCONNELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	12
TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1030
FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1418
HARRISON, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
HOFFMAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BREWER, PILOT, CAPT.	Hq,	18
BREWER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	took off 1031
GOLDBERG, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1418
ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
POPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
APPLETON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GOODENOUGH, PILOT, F/O	441st	9
FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1031
BLACKFORD, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1423
CRASS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
McLAUGHLIN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ST ARNO, PILOT, F/O	441st	11
COLBY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1031
KONNOFF, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1309
ACCERRO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		<i>Plat sick</i>
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		<i>early return</i>
MEDINA, GUNNER, SGT.		
OGLIETTI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
B. WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1030
Mc FARLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1418
KONVALINKA, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
O'KEEFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROGERS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CLARK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GREENE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	87
STEWART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1032
BANAUKI, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed

GREEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	87
STEWART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1032
BANAICKI, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1419
THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
DELLISLE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BROWN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JACKSON, PILOT, F/O	444th	77
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1032
MOORE, BOMB, Sgt.		landed 1422
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HIGGINS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MARSCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1032
BUSH, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1307
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	94
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1032
WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1419
MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		<i>oil pressure</i>
COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		<i>(early return)</i>
VISCOMB, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, SGT.		
EDWARDS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	92
MEYER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1033
ROBINSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1420
MC DANIEL, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
CLARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KLINGEMAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HARRISON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NAGEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1033
PETERSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1420
BABLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PATTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HARRISON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1033
BREEDING, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1421
WELLS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZEWICZYK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRIEDMAN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		

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TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. FOWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BARNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt. BARRETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GARDNER, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHINGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. STALCUP, X S/Sgt.	444th	85 took off 1033 landed 1319 a! Congress (Sally, etc.)
WILSON, PILOT, F/O WEST, CO PILOT, F/O DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt. WEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CROMER, RADIO, S/Sgt. KWIATKOWSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	20 took off 1034 landed 1414
RATERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HENSELL, CO PILOT, E/O STAKES, BOMB, S/Sgt. ELIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	60 took off 1035 landed 1415