

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 126, Day Operations, 8 January 1944.

Flight Commander: Major McCrory.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1040 hours, 28 B-26's took off to bomb Siena M/Y, Italy, but found the target obscured by clouds and Grosseto M/Y, Italy was bombed instead. They were unescorted. 1 B-26 returned early because of engine trouble. 26 B-26's dropped 152 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 -.025) second delay fuses on the target at 1243 hours from 9500'. 1 B-26 salvoed over Italy, 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs which hung up over the target. 2 x 500 lb. demolition bombs which hung up over the target were also salvoed by one of the a/c that bombed the target. The early return salvoed 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs over water. 2 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were returned to this base also having hung up. 27 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1436 hours.

3. Results: A good pattern of bombs bracketed the north choke point at the M/Y with some bombs over. A damage near-miss was scored on the transformer station. There was at least one hit on the military installations at N/35 (TC 3-38 4NA). The bridge was missed.

4. Observations: a. General: (1) Grosseto M/Y were observed to be well cratered and badly damaged with about a dozen wrecked cars present at 1243 from 9500'.

(2) A blue flash was seen coming from the area where the transformer station is located at the target at 1243 from 9500'.
(3) 20/25 tank cars were seen at Fallonica M/Y at 1242 from 10000'.

(4) 20/25 cars were reported by 1 cr.w at Montepescali at 1242 from 10000'.
(5) 15 cars, camouflaged, were seen northwest of Gavarrano at 1242 from 10000'.
(6) Scattered M/T activity was observed on the roads surrounding the target at 1243 from 9500'.
(7) 12 M/T were seen near Gavarrano at 1243 from 9500'.

(8) Evidence of a military camp was observed 6/8 miles northeast of Grosseto at 1244 from 9500'.
(9) Layers of smoke were seen from Piombino at 1225 from 10000'.

b. Enemy Air: (1) None encountered.
(2) 1 S/S a/c unidentified was seen headed south at 2000' across Arbetello at 1225 from 9500'.
(3) Grosseto A/D appeared unserviceable at 1243 from 9500'.

c. Enemy Air Tactics: None.

d. Enemy Shipping: (1) 3 large fishing vessels were seen anchored at mouth of river south of Fallonica at 1242 from 10000'.
(2) 7 small fishing boats were seen in the cove just north of Cape Ala Sparviero at 1242 from 10000'.
(3) 4 small boats were seen in Piombino Harbor at 1231 from 10000'.

(4) 4 med. M/V and 3 small boats were seen in Giglio Harbor at 1217 from 10000'.
(5) 4 barges were seen at Castiglione di Pescaia at 1225 from 10000'.

(6) 1 beached barge, it's deck covered with cargo, was seen just north of Talamone at 1225 from 10000'.

e. Flak: None.

f. Our Losses: None.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500', 24° T for 250 statute miles; 18° T for 32 statute miles; 208° T for 49 statute miles to 42°43'N, 10°49'E, climbing gradually to 10000'; bomb run 80° M for 15 statute miles to the target at 9500'; breakaway left; 204° for 250 statute miles, descending to 2500' at this base.

6. Weather Encountered: Enroute: CAVU, light haze.
Target: Overcast stratocumulus, tops 6000',
north of an east-west line 10 miles north of Grosseto; scattered south of line.
Return: As enroute.

7. Comments: Target analysis at critique revealed that the lead bombardier saw that the yards were already demolished, and he held his bombs, aiming them at a point on the tracks 2000 yards northwest of the yards. These bombs missed. These facts were not stated at interrogation.

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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 (Grosseto M/Y and RR Bridge, Italy), of this Group, this date.

		84	T	78					
		(T)	K-20	(T)	K-17	6"			
			T						
8	T	9					T	95	
(T)	K-20	(T)	K-17	6"		T		(T)	K-17
	T					T			
							T	25	
							T	(T)	K-17 6"
		58	T	67				T	
		(T)	K-20	(T)	K-17	6"		T	57
			T					(T)	K-20

2. The pictures taken in ship's no. 57, 58, 84, 8, 9, 95 were not printed.

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MISSION # 151. FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR MCCORMY.
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: _____

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"A"		
<u>HUCKS</u>	<u>PETERS</u>	<u>BROOME</u>
84	87 <u>GREEN</u>	78

"B"		
<u>LARSON</u>	<u>CASEY</u>	<u>LARSON</u>
11	91 <u>HELDRIX</u>	95

"C"		
<u>HUNSBARGER</u>	<u>O'STEEN</u>	<u>WEST</u>
8	14 <u>ROEBELS</u>	9

"D"		
<u>WILLER</u>	<u>BAIRD</u>	<u>BOOD</u>
41	34 <u>SPL. O'S</u>	25

"E"		
<u>STRACHAN</u>	<u>SHU</u>	<u>CLAYBAUGH</u>
56	45 <u>BARKER</u>	40

"F"		
<u>LYDAY</u>	<u>HUNTER</u>	<u>CKERMAN</u>
58	75 <u>BEARD</u>	67

RADIO FRONT ROOM
 CHANNEL "C"

TIME	FLIGHTS	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	CG	Z	S	GREEN
0700-1300	GX	F	P	RED
1300-1900	YY	W	Y	WHITE
1900-0100	RG	A	J	RED.

SPARCS

<u>JACKSON</u>	<u>TURNER</u>	<u>DEATLEY</u>	<u>LAB</u>
80	2	26	14

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON GROSSETO, ITALY 8 January 1944

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
PETERS, PILOT, F/O FOWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GEST, NAV., 2nd Lt. WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. HARRISON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. MC CRORY, X Major	444th	87 took off 1040 landed 1425
BROWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CRAPSE, BOMB. Sbt. STATON, ENGINEER, sgt. WIKLES, RADIO, T/Sgt. HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BUSHONG, PHOTO, Sgt.	444th	78 took off 1040 landed 1425
HICKS, PILOT, F/O BURKE, CO PILOT, F/O ROBERT, BOMB. S/Sgt. FRENZEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PROCTOR, RADIO, S/Sgt. HEDGEPEETH, GUNNER, Pvt.	444th	84 took off 1040 landed 1426
GREEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. STEWART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. BANAICKI, BOMB. 1st Lt. MC DOWALL, 2nd Lt. DELSISLE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BROWN, RADIO, S/Sgt. LONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FRIDAY, X MAJOR,	444th	83 took off 1040 landed 1425
CASEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC BRIDE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HELLER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MC LAHON, NAV. 2nd Lt. GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	91 took off 1041 landed 1428
MARSCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BUSH, BOMB. S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENGINEERS, Sgt. PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt. NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.	444th	95 took off 1041 landed 1428
MC NOE, PILOT, F/O WOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	96 took off 1041 landed 1428

LA MOE, PILOT, P/O	441st	11
WOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1041
MS ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1428
O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HENDRIX, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	12
WELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1041
FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1348
LIDICKER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
APGAR, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GRINER, GUNNER, Cpl.		Rt. Engine cutting out
O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
MALCALE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1042
MC FARLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1428
WILLIAMS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WEST, PILOT, P/O	441st	9
WILSON, CO PILOT, P/O		took off 1042
DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1428
MEARS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CROMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KWIATKOWSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8
TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1042
HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1429
SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC FARLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROBBINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
BODLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1042
BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1429
DAHL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPEISS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BAIRD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	34
HAKEMAKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1043
FREESTONE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1430
BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
GOMEZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MAKSCH, RADIO, Pvt.		
KANE, GUNNER, Pvt.		

ROOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	26
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1043
JOHNSON, BOMB, 2nd Lt.		landed 1430
PENTEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FIEGE, PHOTO, Cpl.		
MILLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1043
ABELN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1431
FELGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CONLAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
EDEN, S/Sgt. GUNNER,		
SPAGLE, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	31
ARMSTRON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1044
DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1431
MENAUGH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GALINDO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SHUH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45
HAMPTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1044
OLMSTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1431
KING, NAVIGATOR, 2nd Lt.		
HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SCHAUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	40
CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1044
STAKES, BOMB. S/Sgt.	8	landed 1435
MELIN, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
KOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOYLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
STRACHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	56
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1044
TYSON, NAV. Sgt.		landed 1432
COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LONG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GERDEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	57
GOODWINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1045
HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1432
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
COUSINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BARGEROW, O Lt.		

HUNTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1045
TARANTO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1433
PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1045
MC CARTNEY, NAV. BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1433
JUST, RADIO, SGT.		
CALLAHAN, GUNNER, SGT.		
MENSCH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PARKS, PHOTO, PFC,		
LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	58
REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1045
HOMSHER, NAV, S/Sgt.		landed 1433
LAFFERTY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MORRIS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
MACKINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1046
UNDERWOOD, NAV, 2nd Lt.		landed 1433
ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
BUTLER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
YIA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
JACKSON, PILOT, F/O	444th	80
JOHNSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1046
MOORE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1419
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HIGGINS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SZENCZYK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
NUNNALLEE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1046
MC GOLDRICK, SGT.		landed 1429
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BARLOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MULLIGAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	26
KLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1046
FULLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1436
KING, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

SPARs (CONTINUED)

LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	64
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
KOWRY, NAVI. S/Sgt.		landed 1047
GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, GUNNER, SGT.		
LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		

WEATHER SHIP

LANKFORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
OLTRAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
THURSTON, NAV, 2nd Lt.		landed
POPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
APPLETON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PARTING, RADIO, S/Sgt.		