

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 128, Day Operation, 13 January 1944.

Flight Commander: Major Friday.

1. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

2. At 1130 hours, 36 B-26's took off to bomb Rome Ciampino A/D, South, Italy. They were unescorted. No B-26's returned early. 36 B-26's dropped 4,092 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs on the target at 1350 hours from 9000'. 210 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs having hung were salvaged over land and 12 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs having hung were salvaged over water. 1 a/c carried 19 clusters of 6 bombs each instead of 20. 36 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1537 hours.

3. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs was woven across the eastern and western portions of the A/D. 6 S/E a/c were destroyed in addition to several hangars and a number of buildings severely damaged. 2 strings walked right down the apron in front of the hangars.

4. Observations: a. General: (1) 2 cars were seen, not moving, southeast of Lanuvio at 1347 from 9500'.

(2) 3 M/T were seen south of Aricia, heading north at 1347 from 9500'.

b. Enemy Air: (1) 1 S/E a/c, unidentified, was seen before landfall, a few thousand yards away, above, no passes made - at 1342 from 9000'.

(2) 1 S/E a/c was seen taking off from Ciampino airdrome at 1350 from 9000'.

(3) 15/20 S/E a/c were seen dispersed at Ciampino A/D at 1350 from 9000'.

(4) Varying in number from 3 to 12 ME-109's were observed at different intervals from 1347 to 1357 at 9000', starting at Albano and continuing after the breakaway, at which time one pass was made.

(5) 2 ME-109's were encountered at 1356 at 9000', 5 miles off Lido di Roma.

c. Enemy Air Tactics: (1) 3/4 ME-109's made 1 pass at a flight that broke wide after the breakaway and looked like stragglers. A/c had brownish-green tops and silver bellies, and approached 1000 yards above from six o'clock. They showed no aggressiveness but hung on for several minutes.

(2) 3 ME-109's were observed, 2 of which attacked from 500' above and 1000' below, closing to about 300 yards between 5 and 6 o'clock, sliding across the tail. As a result of our gunfire, 1 ME-109 was seen going down and hitting the water and the other was seen smoking, but apparently recovered.

d. Enemy Shipping: None.

e. Flak: (1) At Ciampino A/D from 9000', slight, heavy, fairly accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection, continuously pointed fire type flak was encountered.

(2) At Ciampino A/D from 9000', slight, light, fairly accurate for altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire type flak was encountered and 2 guns seen in the southwest corner of the A/D firing.

(3) At an area 10 miles north of Anzio from 9500', slight, heavy, fairly accurate for altitude and inaccurate for deflection; and slight, light, fairly accurate for altitude and deflection, both continuously pointed fire type flak, were encountered.

(4) Several miles west of Ostia from 9500', slight, heavy, inaccurate for altitude and deflection, predicted concentration type flak was encountered.

(5) 3/4 miles north of Lanuvio from 9500', slight, heavy, accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection, continuously pointed fire, 2 guns seen firing.

(6) At 41°47'N, 12°29'E, from 9500', slight, heavy, accurate for altitude, fairly accurate for deflection, predicted concentration flak, 2 - 4 gun batteries seen firing.

(7) At 41°42'N, 12°25'E, from 9500', slight, heavy, accurate for altitude, fairly accurate for deflection, predicted concentration flak, 1 - 4 gun battery seen firing.

(8) West of Centocelle from 9000', slight, heavy, fairly accurate for altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire flak was encountered; 1 gun was seen firing.

(9) From 4 to 10 miles southwest of Rome from 9000', slight, heavy, inaccurate for altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire flak was encountered; 2 - 4 gun batteries were seen firing.

(10) 16 black bursts and 4 grey bursts were observed north of the target area.

(11) *one for Paragraph VIII.

(12) None for Paragraph IX.

f. Our Losses: None. 1 B-26 damaged and 3 B-26's slightly damaged. 2 men were slightly injured by flak.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500', 51° T for 241 statute miles to 10 miles north of Anzio; 50° T for 8 statute miles to the RR Junction, 5 miles southeast of Lanuvio; IP, climbing gradually to 9500'; Bomb run, #1 Squadron 346° M for 11 statute miles to the target at 9000', #2 Squadron continuing for 5 statute miles to Lanuvio, bomb run 326° M for 10 statute miles to the target at 9000'; breakaway left; 228° T for 13 statute miles to the coast south of the Tiber River; 228° T for 239 statute miles descending to 2500' at this base.

6. Weather: Enroute: Generally overcast, bases 4000', tops 5-6000', with several large breaks. Visibility 15 miles or better. Target: Open. Rome area in general had 5-6/10, base 5-6000', tops 7-8000', with a break in the cloudiness from the coast to the mountains left target open. Visibility 8 miles in haze. Return: Fewer breaks encountered.

7. Comments: One ME-109 was destroyed.

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 "A"
WENDLING SPANGLE MILLER
 29 34 25
 BAIRD
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 "B"
ROOD SMITH HARPSTER
 41 43 40
 BOTTOMLEY
 33

 "C"
GIBBART RUCKER STROUD
 67 68 82
 MITCHELL
 58

 "D"
MAC KINNON LONG WEEKS
 58 57 54
 SLITHWICK
 66

 "E"
NAGEL PETERS GASSER
 92 87 84
 EDWARDS
 93

 "F"
JACKSON SARAZ MEYER
 83 90 77
 WILBERG
 94

 "G"
BOYCE VALIS GOODENOUGH
 8 9 20
 CORNELIUS
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 "H"
PAULANTIS CUERIE BANKA
 16 3 4
 HENDRIX
 11

 : RADIO: "C" :
 : 17th CRAWFORD :
 : 19th BUTLER :
 : 220th LINDSEY :

NOVAK
32

NELSON
51

SPARES
BUCHOUT
 85

HUNZBERGER
8

COLORS OF THE DAY
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON CIA, ITALY.

| CREWS | SQUADRON | PLANEDNO. |
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| SPLEGLE, PILOT, Capt. STEPHENSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt. LEAHY, NAV. Capt. FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt. GALINDO, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FRIDAY, FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR, | 442nd | 34 took off 1130 landed 1526 |
| MILLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O STAKES, BOMB. S/Sgt. GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, Sgt. CONLON, RADIO, S/Sgt. EDEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 442nd | 25 took off 1130 landed 1531 |
| WENDLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. GREGG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MESTAYER, BOMB. 1st Lt. ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HUGHES, RADIO, Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt. | 442nd | 29 took off 1130 landed 1527 |
| BAIRD, PILOT, 1st Lt. HAKOMAKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. FREESTONE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. PINCOMB, NAV. 2nd Lt. GOMEZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSCH, RADIO, Pvt. KANE, GUNNER, PVT. BAYRAMIAN, DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. | 442nd | 45 took off 1130 landed 1527 |
| SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt. SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. OLMSTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STRASBURGER, RADIO, Cpl. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Cpl. NADEAU, OBSERVER, 1st Lt. | 442 | 43 took off 1131 landed 1528 |
| HARPSTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BROWN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. CARNEY, ENGINEER, SGT. CAMPBELL, RADIO, Pvt. BENTLEY, GUNNER, Sgt. | 442nd | 40 took off 1131 landed 1529 |
| ROOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. PENTON, ENGINEER, SGT. WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt. MAGNER, GUNNER, Sgt. | 442nd | 41 took off 1131 landed 1529 |

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| BUTKALLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KADEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. KING, NAV. 2nd Lt. KING, ENGINEER, Cpl.. STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. HALL, GUNNER, Sgt. | 442nd | 37 took off 1132 landed 1528 |
| RUCKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TIDWELL, RADIO, 1st Lt. CAFARELLA, NAV. 1st Lt. JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. WESTRALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ARMAO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 65 took off 1132 landed 1529 |
| STRAUD, F/O, PILOT, WHEELER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MOWRY, NAV. S/Sgt. FRAZIER, OBS. 1st Lt. GAMACHE, RADIO, S/Sgt. HARRIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. AUGHEY, ENGINEER, Sgt. | 443rd | 61 took off 1132 landed 1529 |
| GILBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt. CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KEY, NAV. S/Sgt. KRUMFOCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. HART, GUNNER, S/Sgt. MOLASKY, ENGINEER, Sgt. GERDYS, RADIO, Sgt. PROPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 67 took off 1132 landed 1524 |
| RITCHIEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOODWINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. TURATI, RADIO, S/Sgt. GRISWANK, GUNNER, Sgt. JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 53 took off 1133 landed 1520 |
| LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt. WARDSMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt. HARPSTER, RADIO, S/Sgt. LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 57 took off 1133 landed 1530 |
| WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. RADER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DICKEY, NAV. Sgt. CALAFUT, RADIO, Sgt. AVERY, GUNNER, Sgt. PARK, ENGINEER, Sgt. | 443rd | 54 took off 1133 landed 1537 |

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| MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt. SCHUMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SALTERALLI, NAV. Sgt. GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt. PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt. STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 52 took off 52 landed 1530 |
| SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt. KAIER, RADIO, S/Sgt. GRIFFIN, GUNNER, CPL. COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | 443rd | 66 took off 1134 landed 1530 |
| PETERS, PILOT, F/O BURKE, CO PILOT, F/O POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MC DONALL, NAV. 2nd Lt. WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. HARRISON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 444th | 87 took off 1134 landed 1531 |
| GASSEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. PACKTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt. MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, Sgt. MILES, RADIO, T/Sgt. ESTRADA, GUNNER, PFC COLTEN, PHOTO, Art. | 444th | 84 took off 1134 landed 1531 |
| NAGEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. JACKTREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PETERSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. BABLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BROWN, NAV. S/Sgt. LONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 444th | 92 took off 92 landed 1527 |
| EDWARDS, PILOT, 1st Lt. BRACKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBINSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt. CLARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KLINGEMAN, RADIO, T/Sgt. HARRISON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 444th | 93 took off 1135 landed 1531 |
| CASEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC BRIDE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HELLER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt. GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 444th | 90 took off 1135 landed 1533 |

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| MOYER, PILOT, 1st Lt. MORGANSTERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FELTEN, BOMB. PFC. FRENZEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PROCTOR, RADIO, S/Sgt. HITE, GUNNER, Sgt. | 444th | 77 took off 1135 landed 1533 |
| JACKSON, PILOT, F/O STEWART, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MOORE, BOMB. Sgt. MYERS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HIGGINS, RADIO, T/Sgt. BOSS, GUNNER, Sgt. | 444th | 83 took off 1136 landed 1534 |
| WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt. POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DELDISER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt. STATON, ENGINEER, Sgt. RATTON, RADIO, T/Sgt. NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | 444th | 94 took off 1136 landed 1533 |
| VALLS, PILOT, 1st Lt. OWENS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SYLVESTER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt. CHILTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CORDA, RADIO, S/Sgt. HERBERT, GUNNER, Sgt. | 441st | 9 took off 1136 landed 1535 |
| GOODENOUGH, PILOT, F/O FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O MC ILVEENNA, BOMB. Sgt. CRASS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt. MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, Sgt. CATALDI, PHOTO, Pvt. | 441st | 20 took off 1136 landed 1535 |
| BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. REAVES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MCGOLDRICK, BOMB. T/Sgt. TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SAMPSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt. | 441st | 8 took off 1137 landed 1535 |
| CORNELLUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. NOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. LYONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BECKSTEAD, GUNNER, Sgt. | 441st | 10 took off 1137 landed 1535 |

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| CURRIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 17 |
| BREWSTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1137 |
| PERKINS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1536 |
| ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt. | | |
| FENDRICH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| DE MARCO, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| DEBAU, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| HUBBARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 4 |
| PENKA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1137 |
| DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed 1536 |
| RIKALDI, ENGINEER, Cpl. | | |
| STELGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| GUST, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
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| PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. | 441st | 16 |
| WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1138 |
| BLACKFORD, BOMB. Sgt. | | landed 1520 |
| DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| GRIGGS, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
| MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
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| HENDRIX, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 11 |
| WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1138 |
| FARBER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1536 |
| LIDICKER, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| HASTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| GRINER, GUNNER, Cpl. | | |
| APGAR, RADIO, T/Sgt. | | |
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| <u>SPARES</u> | | |
| ROWAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 442nd | 32 |
| HODGES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1139 |
| JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. | | landed 1520 |
| MORRIS, ENGINEER, Sgt. | | |
| MC COY, RADIO, Sgt. | | |
| BOTH, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
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| NELSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 443rd | 51 |
| STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1139 |
| ALLEN, NAV. 2nd Lt. | | landed 1530 |
| FEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt. | | |
| AUSTAD, GUNNER, Sgt. | | |
| LARKIN, S/Sgt. Engineer, | | |
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| BUCKHOUT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 444th | 85 |
| BIRNINGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1138 |
| CRAPPS, BOMB. Sgt. | | landed 1536 |
| WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | |
| HANRAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. | | |
| SZENCZYK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |
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| HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. | 441st | 2 |
| TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. | | took off 1139 |
| HAWKINS, BOMB. SGT. SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. | | landed 1529 |
| HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt. MC FARLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt. | | |