

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 132, Day Operation 17 January 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1100 hours 28 B-26's took off to bomb Orte RR bridge, Italy. They were unescorted. None returned early. 28 B-26's were over the target and 28 B-26's dropped 99 x 1000 lb demolition bomb, 1/10 .025 second delay fuses, and 18 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6, 12 and 24 hour delay fuses on the target at 1303 hours from 10,500'. 1 x 1000 lb demolition bomb having hung, was salvaged over the water. 27 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1438 hours, and 1 B-26 returned at 1500 hours.

C. RESULTS: A good concentration of bombs covered the S approaches of the bridge and several hits were scored on the N portion of the M/Y. The bridge was probably missed.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: (1) 6 S/S A/C were seen at 16,000', at 4 o'clock headed N at Cape Liraro, at 1250 from 11,000'.
(2) 4 S/S A/C circling above, at about 20,000', were seen prior to landfall, at 1242 from 11,000'.
(3) 1 S/E A/C was seen at 25,000' headed N at the target area at 1303 from 10,500'.
(4) 1 P-38 was seen weaving at 25,000' at the target area at 1303 from 10,500'.
(5) 3 unidentified A/C were seen at 20,000' prior to landfall at 1230 from 11,000'.

b. Situation: 12/15 S/S A/C, a few of which were possibly T/S, were observed dispersed at the S/NW and NE at Furbara A/D, at 1245 from 11,000'. Evidence of L/G construction including 6 large buildings, 4 small buildings, a midway supply dump and several revetments were observed just W of Lake Bracciano, at a point at 1250 from 11,000. Viterbo A/D appeared to be empty at 1252 from 11,000'.

2. Ground: General: 6 barracks, symmetrically arranged, were seen at the N side of Lake Vico; and 2 factories, no activity, were seen at the W side of Lake Vico at 1250 from 11,000'.

Communications: 30/40 cars were observed stationary in M/Y at San Marinello, at 1247 from 11,000'.

10/12 cars, 6 of which were tank cars, were seen stationary at Capranic, at 1258 from 11,000'.

3 M/T with trailers, were seen headed SE at 42° 18' N, 12° 08' E, at 1258 from 11,000'.

Flak: 1. Orte and vicinity - at 10,500'.

2. Moderate intensity.

3. Heavy.

4. Very accurate for altitude, very accurate for deflection.

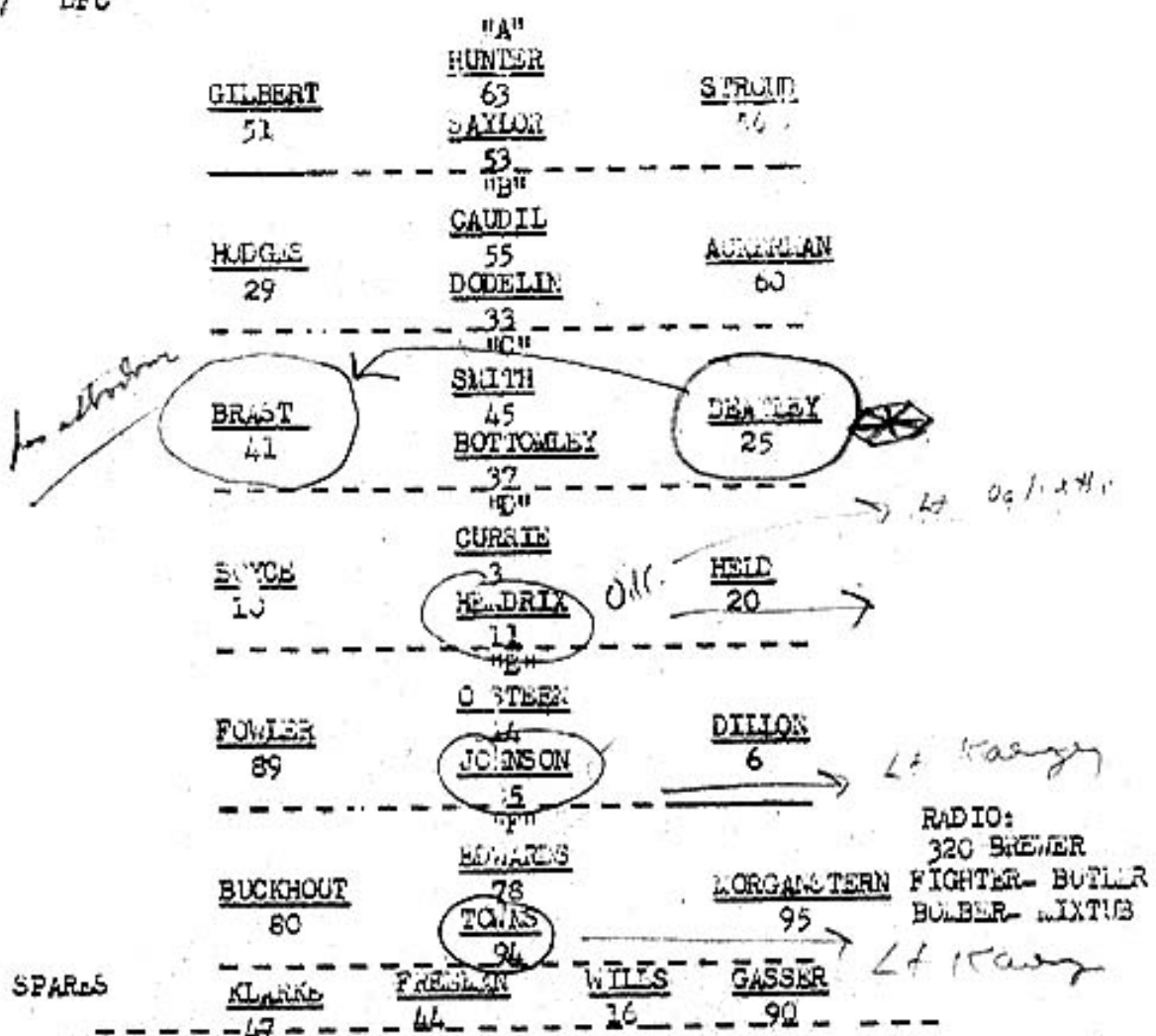
- c. Flak: (Cont'd)
5. Continuously pointed fire.
 6. Two heavy 4 gun batteries at G/10 (TC 3-119-NA).
One heavy gun at I/13.
One 4 gun battery at $42^{\circ} 24' N$, $12^{\circ} 25' E$.
 7. a. 8 to 12.
b. Normal.
c. Normal.
 8. None.
 9. None.
- d. Shipping: None.

3. LOSSES: 7 B-26's were damaged and 13 B-26's were slightly damaged by flak, 6 crew members were injured, 4 of these slightly.

4. WEATHER: 9/10 coverage, base 4,500', tops 7,000', starting at coast of Sardinia and gradually breaking up to NE, becoming clear last part of route. Light surface haze. Visibility unlimited. Target: Open. 3/10 cumulus, base 5,000' tops 7,000'. Visibility 8/10 miles in ground haze. Return: No change.

5. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From this base at 2,500' $41^{\circ} T$ for 24.2 statute miles to 3 miles S of Cape Linaro, $30^{\circ} T$ for 30 statute miles to Scianonel Cimono, IP, climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run $85^{\circ} M$ for 10 statute miles to the target at 10,500'; breakaway right; $228^{\circ} T$ for 37 statute miles, $221^{\circ} T$ for 24.2 statute miles descending to 2,500' at this base.

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Op Intelligence O.



RADIO:
 320 BREWER
 FIGHTER- BUTLER
 BOMBER- MIXTUB

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RY	P	U	WHITE
0700-1300	GG	X	L	GREEN
1300-1900	CY	Y	Q	RED
1900-0100	RR	N	S	WHITE

Special firing circles

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON ORTE ITALY, RR/Br.

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HUNTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
WICKLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1100
G PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1429
HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FLETCHER, LT. COL., FLIGHT COMMANDER		
STROUD, PILOT, F/O	443rd	56
WHEELER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1100
HOMSER, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1429 1/2
W GAMACHE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HARRIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
AUGHEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GERDEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
GILBERT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
FELT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1100
ROGERS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1429
W KRUMPOCH, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HART, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.		
FARBEROW, OBSERVER, 1st Lt.		
SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	53 1500
WIRKALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1100
W WARDSMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed
SWINDLER, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GULLIAMS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MILLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GAUDILL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	55 1429 1/2
WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1101
F HOBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1101
W MC CARTNEY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1430
CALLAHAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JUST, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HODGES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29
W BROWN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1101
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1430
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, Pvt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER Sgt.		

DOUGLIN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MAGGIO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
E HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
RADIO, Sgt. MILLMAN,
EARL, GUNNER, Sgt.
CUNLON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

33
took off 1101
landed 1430

SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KUDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
F EVANS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
PINCOMB, NAV. 2nd Lt.
MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
STRASBURGER, RADIO, Cpl.
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Cpl.

442nd

45
took off 1102
landed 1430¹⁵

DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
W JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
KING, ENGINEER, Cpl.
DANKO, RADIO, Sgt.
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.
PARK, PHOTO,

442nd

25
took off 1102
landed 1430¹⁵

BRASF, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BARNARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHAVALAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
W GOMEZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
ZEHNER, BOMB. S/Sgt.
BENTLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.
STEWART, OBSERVER, MAJOR,

443rd

41
took off 1102
landed 1431

~~MONTEZ~~ MONTEZ, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
E MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.
SCHAUS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

37
took off 1102
landed 1434

CURRIE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
BRENCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PERKINS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
F WILLIAMS, NAV. 2nd Lt.
FENDRICH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
DE MARCO, RADIO, S/Sgt.
DERAU, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

3
took off 1103
landed 1432

HELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BERGE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
W GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MICHAELSON, S/Sgt.
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
FEIGE, PHOTO, Cpl.

441st

20
took off 1103
landed 1432

442nd

	BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MUNNALLE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. W GIBSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SAMPSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	10 took off 1103 landed 1433
E	HENDRIX, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCHULTZ, CO PILOT, FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt. LIDICKER, ENGINEER, Sgt. APGAR, RADIO, T/Sgt. GRINER, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	11 took off 1103 landed 1433
F	O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt. HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	14 took off 1104 landed 1434
W	DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt. TREBEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BARRON, RADIO, S/Sgt. MULLIGAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	6 took off 1104 landed 1434
W	FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PETERSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. KUHNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FRIEDMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. WOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	89 took off 1104 landed 1434
E	JOHNSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROUND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POCAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MC DOWALL, NAV. 2nd Lt. JOHNSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt. ESTRADA, GUNNER, PFC,	444th	85 took off 1104 landed 1435
F	EDWARDS, PILOT, 1st Lt. BRACKA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBISON, BOMB. 1st Lt. THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt. MEYER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt. LINER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	78 took off 1105 landed 1435

	MORGANSTEAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BUSH, BOMB. S/Sgt.	444th	95 took off 1105 landed 1436
W	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt. PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt. MASON, GUNNER, Sgt. BUSHONG, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	BUDKHOUT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BIRMINGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RAMIREZ, BOMB. S/Sgt.	444th	80 took off 1105 landed 1436
W	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HANRAHA, RADIO, S/Sgt. WOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt. PATTON, I/Sgt.		
	TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WEISER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BARNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	444th	94 took off 1105 landed 1436
E	MICHELSON, NAV. 2nd Lt. BARRETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHINGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. PROCTOR, X S/Sgt.		
	<u>SPARLS</u> KLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O HARRINGTON, BOMB. Cpl.	442nd	47 took off 1106 landed 1437
I	YULE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, X PFC.		
	FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ELLAS, ENGINEER, Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. FLYNN, GUNNER S/Sgt.	442nd	44 took off 1106 landed 1437
	WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt. OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt. MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. MEDINA, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	16 took off 1106 landed 1437
	GASSER, PILOT, PLACKER, CO PILOT, CRAPSE, BOMB. Sgt. MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, Sgt. MIKLES, RADIO, S/Sgt. BOSS, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	90 took off 1106 landed 1438

WEATHER

WEIR, PILOT 444th
NOWAK, CO PILOT,
BANG, NAV.
DICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
KLINGEMAN, RADIO T/Sgt.
SZENCYK, GUNNER Sgt.

91
took off

