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Intelligence Narrative No. 133, Day Operation, 18 January 1944

Flight Commander: Major Friday.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1045 hours, 27 B-26's took off to bomb Piombino M/Y, Italy. 2 B-26's returned early; 1 with right propeller governor out, 1 engine trouble. 25 B-26's were over the target and 25 B-26's dropped 88 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs with 1/10 - .025 second delay fuses, 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs with 6 hour delay fuses, 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs with 12 hour delay fuses, and 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs with 24 hour delay fuses at 1238 hours from 9500'. 25 B-26's returned at 1407 hours.

C. Results: A good concentration of bombs landed at K-L/19-20 (TC 3-124-NA). An excellent pattern of bombs covered the southern portion of the M/Y's with a few direct hits in the center of the yards. A large explosion with flames and smoke was seen in the M/Y's. Some of the cars in the M/Y's were destroyed.

D. Observations: 1. Air: a. Air Activity: None.
b. Situation: 1 or 2 wrecked a/c were seen on Grosseto A/D at 1234 from 10000'.
2. Ground: a. General: (1) 3 to 4 flashes on the ground, light in color, but not similar to firing gun batteries, were seen 1 mile east of Castiglione della Pescaia at 1236 from 10000'.
(2) A small column of smoke was seen coming from a long building in the center of Piombino at 1238 from 9500'.
(3) 5 large holes were seen in the roof of the Ilva Steel works building at the target prior to bombing, at 1238 from 9500'.
b. Communications: 107 cars were seen in the M/Y at the target at 1238 from 9500'.
c. Flak: (1) Piombino 9500'; Portoferraio, Alba, 9000'.
(2) Piombino slight to moderate; Portoferraio slight.
(3) Piombino heavy and light; Portoferraio heavy.
(4) Piombino heavy, accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection; Piombino light, inaccurate; Portoferraio, inaccurate as to both altitude and deflection.
(5) Piombino, continuously pointed fire; Portoferraio, predicted concentration.
(6) 4 heavy guns at 19/G; 2 heavy guns at 17/I; 3 heavy guns at 18/K-L; 4 heavy guns at 27/E; 4 light guns at 19/D; 1 light gun at 19/S; 1 - 4 gun light battery at 42°47'N, 10°31'E.
(TC 3-124-NA); 2 heavy guns at 19/G; 2 heavy guns at 17/I; 3 heavy guns at 18/K-L; 4 heavy guns at 27/E; 4 light guns at 19/D; 1 light gun at 19/S; 1 - 4 gun light battery at 42°47'N, 10°31'E.

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shipping was seen in Piombino Harbor at 1238 from 9500'. (1) The following

- (a) 1 coastal freighter on North side of mole at 21.3/0 (TC 3-124-NA).
- (b) 1 coaster at North side of same mole at 21.6/M-0.
- (c) 1 coastal freighter at 21-22/M.
- (d) 1 coastal freighter out in harbor at 18/P-4.
- (e) 1 F boat inside south mole at 16.7/P.
- (f) 1 F boat against pier at 17/0.6.
- (g) 1 long barge moving southwest at 17/P-4.
- (h) 1 long barge at 19.2/M-N.
- (i) 47 small boats in harbor at 18/M-N.
- (j) 4 small barges inside south mole at 17/P.
- (k) 5 small fishing boats and 19 small barges at 21-22/M.

(2) 10/15 small fishing boats were seen anchored just off Piombino at 1237 from 10000'.

(3) 1 medium coastal vessel was seen headed North between Palmiolo Island and Siba Island at 1240 from 9000'.

3. Losses: 3 B-26's damaged by flak; 4 B-26's slightly damaged by flak; 1 crew member slightly injured.

4. Weather: a. Enroute: 5-6/10 cumulus, bases 3-4000', 150-200' thick, over Corsica and Sardinia. Less than 1/10 of same over water. Light haze. Visibility unlimited.

b. Target: CAVU. Light haze.

c. Return: Clouds dissipating over Sardinia

and Corsica.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2500', 24° T for 256 statute miles to Point Ala Sparbiero, IP, climbing gradually to 10000'; bomb run, 318° M to target at 9500'; breakaway left; 248° T for 25 statute miles to 42°50'N, 10°00'E; 191° T for 120 statute miles to Cape Ferro; 193° T for 129 statute miles dropping to 2500' gradually enroute to this base.

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MISSION:
NO. 158

FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR PHILIP
LFC:

18 January 1944

"A"
SPARGLE
ROOD 33 WILLIAMS
41 PROBASCIO
31

"B"
SMITH
LYDAY 44 HALFTON
51 SHEARD 25
58

"C"
LONG
MASKS 55 HILL
54 BARKER 52
59

"D"
PETERS
BROOME 79 LEWIS
95 WINTERBORG 76
85

"E"
LILLING
LAWFORD 78 MYER
20 McCONNELL
11

"F"
ROBBINS
PAULANTIS 3 WILSON
8 CORNELIUS 9
14

RADIO: "C"
17th: "NUTS"
19th: "EULOGY"
20th: "OLIVE"
FIGHTER: "FRONT"
BOMBER: "CRAWFORD"

SPARKS
LAGB CLAYBOUGH FOALER WILSON
60 32 90 6

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	GY	O	H	RED
0700-1300	YY	V	K	GREEN
1300-1900	GG	J	M	RED
1900-0100	RY	L	D	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON PIAMBINO

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt. STEPHANSON, CP PILOT, 1st Lt. DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.	442nd	31 took off 1045 landed 1356
G LEAHY, NAV. Capt. GOMEZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt. GALINDO, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FRIDAY, FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR		
WENDLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYEAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	442nd	47 took off 1045 landed 1356
W ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HUGHES, RADIO, Sgt. FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt. COONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	
ROOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CONLEY, CP PILOT, 2nd Lt. COOK, BOMB. CAPT.	442nd HQ	41 took off 1045 landed 1359
V PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. WASACZ, RADIO, SGT. MAGNER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PROBASCO, PILOT, 1st Lt. TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. OLMSTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	442nd	33 took off 1045 landed 1358
E BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt. BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WELLS, RADIO, Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BAYRAMIAN, DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.		
SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt. HAKOMAKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. EVANS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	442nd	44 took off 1046 landed 1358
F XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STRASBURGER, RADIO, Cpl. JOHNSON, GUNNER,		
HAMPTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. W MESTAYER, BOMB. 1st Lt. YULE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. EVERSOLE, RADIO, Pvt. GLEASON, GUNNER, Pvt.	442nd	25 took off 1046 landed 1358
LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SALTERELLI, NAV. S/Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 1046

	LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	51
	REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1046
	SALFERELLI, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1227
W	LAFFERTY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MORRIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
	STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1046
F	SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1401
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	YIA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TERRELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	55
	MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
F	UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1401
	JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
	HARPSTER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HALE, PILOT, F/O	443rd	52
	TILLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
N	DICKY, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1350
	BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
	HRIBAL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1047
W	HOMSHED, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1401
	CALAFUT, RADIO, SGT.		
	AVERY, GUNNER, SGT.		
	PARK, ENGINEER, SGT.		
	FIELDS, RADIO, 1st Lt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
	SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1047
F	CASSINO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1116
	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	PETERS, PILOT, F/O	444th	79
	BURKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1048
F	POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1403
	BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	WYLER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	WEER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
	NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1048
W	GRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1403
	DICKE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CROMIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BROWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
	BURGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1048
W	CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		LANDED 1403
	BABLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SCHANZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, Cpl.	84	
	WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
	POLONSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1048
E	DE LOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1403
	GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	STATON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	PATTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	<u>AOB, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</u>		
	DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	78
	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1049
F	WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1405
	DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCARDI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
	MASTERS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1049
W	FALLEN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1405
	FRANZEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FRACTION, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	DEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	LANKFORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
W	HUNSBERGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1049
	POLAKOFF, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1405
	SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MC FARLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COLTSN, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	11
E	TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1049
	FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1405
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
	HOFFMAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	MAROTTA, GUNNER, Sgt. GRINER		
	DIGNAN, OBSERVER, 1st Lt.		

	ROBBINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	3
	BODIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1050
F	BARBER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1411
	ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	DAHL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HUBBARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	9
	PENKA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1030
W	MC ILVAINNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1426
	CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEINGARTHOFFEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RAYE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	8
	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1050
W	GROENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1402
	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARRUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	AFGAR, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	CONNELIUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
	NOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1050
F	VAN BELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1427
	LYONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	DOGAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BECKSTEAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	APPLETON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	<u>SPACES</u>		
	LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
S	KULAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
	GLAUBITZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1402
	GLONATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MC DONALD, Sgt. gunner		
	LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FOURLET, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	90
	SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
	MOORE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1407
	AHNS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FRIEDMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KLINGEMAN, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	WILSON, PILOT, F/O	441st	6
	WEST, CP PILOT, F/O		took off 1051
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1407
	LIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CROMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KWIATKOWSKI, Sgt. GUNNER,		