

Intelligence Narrative No. 134, Day Operation, 19 January 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Currie.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1050 hours, 36 B-26's took off to bomb Viterbo A/D, Italy. They were escorted by fighters from Coastal Command. None returned early. 18 B-26's were over the target and 18 B-26's dropped 70 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses and 16 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6, 12, and 24 hours delay fuses) on the target at 1312 hours from 9,200'. 65 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10 .025 second delay fuses) and 24 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6, 12 and 24 hours delay fuses) were dropped in the vicinity of Grotte San Stefano through error of orientation of the leader and most of the first Squadron followed suit. 7 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10 .025 second delay fuses) having hung were salvaged. 14 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6, 12, and 24 hours delay fuses) were salvaged. 20 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) were returned to this base, 2 because they hung, and 18 because the bombardiers did not drop, realizing that it was not the proper target. 36 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1458 hours.

C. RESULTS: A good concentration of bombs hit the north and central portions of the A/D, with a direct hit on one of the hangars. 12/15 S/B A/C were seen on the field, of which only 2/3 seemed serviceable.

D. OBSERVATIONS: Air: Air Activity: 1. T/S A/C, unidentified, was seen at 1335 off the coast of Italy, headed east, on deck, from 9,700'.
Situation: 3/4 S/B A/C were seen at Tarquinia A/D at 1330 from 9,700'.

Ground: General: The bridge at Orte was observed to be standing at 1312 from 9,200'. Several small fires were observed in the vicinity of Soriano nel Cimino, 1312 from 9,700'. Communications: 1. 20/25 cars was seen stationary at Orbetello at 1330 from 9,700'.

2. 50/75 cars were seen stationary at Viterbo M/Y at 1312 from 9,200'.
3. 10/12 cars were seen stationary at Montalto di Castro at 1318 from 9,700'.
4. 1 train of several cars was seen headed N just north of Orbetello at 1330 from 9,700'.
5. 15/20 cars were seen stationary at Curara urale at 1318 from 9,700'.
6. 6/8 M/T in series of 2 each were seen on the roads in and around Viterbo at 1312 from 9,700'.
7. 2/300 parked trucks were reported/one crew at Vetralla at 1315 from 9,200'.

Flak: 1. From vicinity of Orte at 9,200'.
2. Slight.
3. Heavy.
4. Accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection.
5. Continuously pointed fire.
6. A five gun heavy battery firing was observed at 42° 43' N, 12° 05' E.

- c. Flare (Cont'd): 7. Five.
8. Normal.
9. Normal.

- d. Shipping: One Medium M/V was seen anchored off Lividonia at 1245 from 9,700'.
One small M/V was seen beached at 42° 18' N, 11° 36' E, at 1326 from 9,700'.
One small M/V moving south was seen off Montalto di Castro at 1326 from 9,700'.
One small M/V and seven fishing boats were seen anchored off Talamone at 1250 from 9,700'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Clear over Sardinia. 8-9/10 cumulus topping higher mountains over Corsica. 5-8/10 cumulus, base 5,000', tops 6,000' over open sea, breaking off coast of Italy. Scattered cirrus above 20,000'. Visibility, 8-9 miles in haze. Target: Viterbo Area Open. 3/10 cumulus, base 5,000' tops 6,000' over mountains. Cirrostratus overcast above 20,000' over land. Visibility 8 miles in haze. Return: Cumulus forming over Sardinia.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: Rom this base at 2,500', 13° T for 129 statute miles, 00° T for 98 statute miles, rendezvous, 98° T for 82 statute miles, 73° T for 36 statute miles to IP climbing gradually to 9,700'; bomb run # 1 Squadron 100° M for 15 statute miles to the vicinity of Grotte San Stefano, bomb run # 2 Squadron 300° M for 8 statute miles to the target at 9,200', breakaway right 248° T for 16 statute miles; 215° T for 259 statute miles descending to 2,500' at this base.

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MISSION #159

FLIGHT COMMANDER Lt. CURTIS
DFC

19 JANUARY 1944

	14 GIULIETTI	
<u>LAMPSON</u> 17	31 KIRLEY	<u>COOPER</u> 100
	8 VALLS	
<u>WILKES</u> 16	11 HELDRIX	<u>HELD</u> 7
	9 SEY	
<u>BLOCKHOUT</u> 20	79 WELLS	<u>WELLS</u> 92
	94 JOHNSON	
<u>MORGANSTERN</u> 83	78 JOHNSON	<u>CASS</u> 39
	85 TAYLOR	
<u>LYDALL</u> 65	51 TAYLOR	<u>PAIDSON</u> 31
	58 CAUDILL	
<u>MC KIMMICK</u> 51	56 BROOKER	<u>STRONG</u> 30
	59 CORCORAN	
<u>F. BROWN</u> 44	34 HUBBARD	<u>CLARK</u> 47
	40 SHUM	
<u>WILSON</u> 10	31 LOVELIN	<u>BRASL</u> 25
	41 BOYD	
<u>BOYD</u> 15	<u>MC BRIDE</u> 30	<u>DILLON</u> 4
	<u>BROOKS</u> 77	

RADIO:
17th FIGHTER
GROUP
OUTPUT
FITTERS - BREWER
MECHANICS - BUTLER

COLORS OF THE DAY	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	GY	Y	RED
0700-1300	RG	Z	WHITE
1300-1900	YY	B	GREEN
1900-0100	RR	C	RED

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON VITERBO A/D,

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
OGLIETTI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1050
CUKAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1444
BLAIR, NAV. 1st Lt.		
c SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROGERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CLARK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CURRIE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, 1st Lt.		
GOODENOUGH, PILOT, F/O	441st	6
FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1050
TEMPLE, BOMB. F/O		landed 1444
w GRASS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.		
LANKFORD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
HUNSBARGER, CO PILOT,		took off 1050
w BIBSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1445
SEWELL, OBSERVER, 2nd Lt.		
DAHL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC FARLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KIRLEY, PILOT, Capt.	441st	8
PERKA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1050
PERKINS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1444
E MAISBURY, NAV. Capt.	Hq	
FENDRICH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DE MARCO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEBAU, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VALLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
OWENS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
SYLVESTER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1445
F WILLIAMS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
CHILTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CORONA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HERBERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	7
w HERGE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1051
GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1446
O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

	WEILER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
	REAVES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
	POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1446
W	POPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	APPLETON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	HEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HENDRIX, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	9
	SCHULTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
E	FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1446
	LIDICKER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	GORMANOUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRINER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	CASEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	79
	PLACER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
	HEILER, BOMB.		landed 1448
F	THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	GOLDS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	92
	NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
W	MC MAHON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1448
	DICKE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SALONS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BUCKHOFF, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	80
	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
W	RAMIREZ, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1448
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HARRAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SZENCZYK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
	HEISS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
E	BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1448
	MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	BARRITT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SHINGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	EDWARDS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	78
F	BURKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1053
	ROBINSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1448
	MC DOWALL, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	BABLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	PATTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	LANIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	8	89
SINA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1053
ROBERTS, BOMB. Sgt.			landed 1448
W) MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
FRIEDMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
BOSS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
RABAL, PHOTO, Sgt.			
MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th		83
W) MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1053
BUSH, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1449
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
MASON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
JOHNSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th		85
ROUND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1053
E) POGAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1449
GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
JOHNSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
RUCKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		54
FELF, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1054
TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.			landed 1450
E) CAPARELLA, NAV. 1st Lt.			
JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ARMAO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		61
BRANDO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 1054
W) SZAFER, NAV. Sgt.			landed 1450
COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HOPKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LONG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
Dr. Fax, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			
LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd		65
W) REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1054
SALTONSTALL, NAV. S/Sgt.			landed 1451
LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HARPSTER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		58
E) DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1054
WARDKITH, NAV. 2nd Lt.			landed 1433
WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
GUILLEMS, GUNNER, Cpl.			
MILLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.			

	CAUDILL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	66
	COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
	HOBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1451
F	LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STROUD, PILOT, F/O	443rd	60
W	CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
	ROGERS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1451
	GAMACHE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HARRIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	AUGHEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	GERDEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
	MAC KIMMON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
W	SCHUMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
	STRAKA, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1452
	GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JACKWELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
F	WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
	CASSINO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1458
	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HARROLL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CONRAD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	34
F	SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1056
	SCAFIDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1453
	MENAGH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	GOVEZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CLAYBAUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
W	CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		X took off 1055
	HENDRIX, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1450
	WELIN, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HOYLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BUSHONG, PHOTO,	444th	
	KLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
W	RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1056
	PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1450
	ALIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	ROWAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	40
	LARRABEE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1056
E	CHAVALEA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1433
	UNDERSOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MC COY, RADIO, Sgt.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	YOUNG, OBSERVER, 1st Lt.		
	SHUH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
F	BARNARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
	FRESTONE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1454
	KING, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ORGERON, RADIO, Sgt.		
	TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BRADF, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
W	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1057
	JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1454
	NARDINE, S/Sgt. Engineer,		
	KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BENTLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
	OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1100
W	BLACKFORD, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1446
	MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CROMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MEDINA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	DOELIN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
	KADEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1057
V	MAGGIO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1454
	HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WILLMAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	KARL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	COOK, OBSERVER, Capt.		
	<u>SPARES</u>		
	BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	15
	NUNNALLEE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1055
	DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1437
	TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SAMPSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PHOTO, PFC.		
	MC BRIDE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	90
	BRACKLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1058
	MOORE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1455
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MIKELS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	FIELD, GUNNER, Cpl.		

DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	4
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1058
HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1449
BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MULLIGAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BREWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1058
LINDSTROM, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1438
GUNTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SCHANZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		