

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 135, May Operation, 20 Jan. 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Brewer.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1110 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Viterbo A/I, Italy. They were unescorted and there were no early returns. 36 B-26's were over the target and 35 B-26's dropped 193 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuses and 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs ( 1 - 1 hour and 2 - 6 hours, 5 - 12 hours and 4 - 24 hours delay fuses) at 1303 hours from 10,000'. 6 x 500 lb demolition bombs with long delay fusing were salvaged in the water after the bombing, having hung up over the target. 5 x 500 lb demolition bombs were returned to base having/hung. 36 B-26's returned safely and undamaged at 1452 hours.

C. RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the center and the north half of the A/I. The south choke point was also hit. A heavy sheet of black smoke was seen, indicating a probable oil fire. An explosion was seen at P/36 (TC 3-36-MA), and another explosion was seen in the target area 4/5 minutes after the formation left the target. 24 cars in the A/I were destroyed. Several buildings near the north end of the A/I were also hit.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: none.

b. Situation: (1) Viterbo A/I contained 6/8 a/c on the southeast side, possibly wrecked, and the field was seen to be badly cratered on all but the northern part, at 1303 from 10,000'.

(2) One crew member reported that Viterbo #2 L/G was also cratered on the south side at 1303 from 10,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General: A power station was seen 5 miles north of Monte Romano at 1313 from 9000'.

b. Communications:

(1) 15/20 cars and several piles of coal were seen at Montalto di Castro A/I, the bridge was seen to be damaged, at 1252 from 10,500'.

(2) 72 cars were seen in the main Viterbo A/I, and 30/40 cars in the south Viterbo yard prior to bombing, at 1303 from 10,000'.

(3) 2 M/T with trailers were observed traveling south, south of Viterbo, at 1303 from 10,000'.

(4) 3 M/T and a bus were seen parked between Viterbo and Vetralla, headed north, at 1303 from 10,000'.

(5) 2 M/T and 1 smaller vehicle were seen headed south between Tuscania and Tarquinia at 1308 from 9000'.

(6) Between Tuscania and Iessennano, 3 M/T headed north and 3 M/T headed south were seen at 1308 from 9000'.

(7) 20 scattered M/T were seen around Tuscania at 1302, 9000'.

(8) 4 M/T moving south were seen just north of Montalto di Castro at 1352 from 10,500'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Snipping:

(1) 1 medium M/V was seen beached in shallow water at  $42^{\circ} 28'N$ ,  $11^{\circ} 36'E$ , at 1251 from 10,000. (Also reported in yesterday's Narrative.)

(2) 1 medium M/V was seen stationary 15 miles southwest of Forte Ancole at 1241 from 10,500'.

3. Losses: No a/c lost or damaged; no crew members injured.

4. Weather: a. Enroute: Cirrus over entire route above 20,000', decreasing in amount to the east. 8/10 stratus or stratocumulus at 4-5000' over mountains in Sardinia. Few scattered wisps of stratus between 5 and 7000' over water, and 1 band of stratus, base 5000', tops 6000', northwest-southeast axis, from northern of Corsica, parallel to coast of Italy. Clear from this band to the east. Visibility 8/10 miles in haze.

b. Target: Clear. Stratus in mountain valleys to east. Visibility 8/10 miles in haze.

c. Return: As enroute.

e. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2500',  $35^{\circ} T$  for 248 Statute miles to Montalto di Castro;  $80^{\circ} T$  for 15 statute miles to IP; 2 miles south of Tuscania, climbing gradually to 10,500; bomb run,  $84^{\circ} M$  for 12 statute miles, dropping to 10,000; breakaway right;  $215^{\circ} T$  for 27 statute miles to Montalto di Castro;  $215^{\circ} T$  for 246 statute miles to base, dropping gradually to 2500'.

f. Comments: None.

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Captain, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 150

Flight commander: Peters

20 Jan 1944

Deputy flight commander: 11:11

<u>BURKE</u>	<u>PETERS</u>	<u>90</u>
80	<u>WEINBERG</u>	92
	94	

<u>BUCKOUT</u>	<u>DILLING</u>	<u>93</u>
83	<u>95</u> - 2.1 hr	95
	<u>93</u> - 1.6 hr	
	<u>90</u> - 3.12 hr	

<u>FERRE</u>	<u>O'STEEN</u>	<u>94</u>
16	14	95
	<u>COANLUIS</u>	20

<u>PAULMANS</u>	<u>ROBBINS</u>	<u>96</u>
10	9	18
	<u>McCONNELL</u>	

<u>DEATLEY</u>	<u>FRANK</u>	<u>97</u>
41	31	25
	<u>SPECIAL</u>	

<u>BROWNE</u>	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u>	<u>98</u>
27	37	47
	<u>WENDLING</u>	
	40	

<u>WILLS</u>	<u>SMITH</u>	<u>99</u>
17	<u>SMITH</u>	97
	324	
	292	
	71	

<u>STROUD</u>	<u>BURGER</u>	<u>100</u>
51	66	61
	<u>RITNEY</u>	
	59	
	1.24	
	2.46	
	3.12	

<u>BRADY</u>	<u>SPARES</u>	<u>101</u>
15	<u>B RAST</u>	77
	44	

RADIO  
 19th Group - PULPUP  
 319th Group P-39.  
 Escort. CRAINFORD  
 320th Group - BELLBOY  
 320th - Escort.  
 BOGLER.

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 20 JANUARY 1944.

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RY	V	S	RED
0700-1300	YY	Z	H	WHITE
1300-1900	GY	D	G	RED
1900-0100	GG	Y	B	WHITE.

NAVIGATION AND TIMING.

PRIMARY TARGET VITERBO, ITALY W/Y  
 35° T - 246 SM - Montalto D'Castro - - - - - 1 hour 20 minutes  
 15° 15' N - 15° 15' W - - - - - 1/2 min

BRADY  
90

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON VITERBO, ITALY

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
PETERS, PILOT, F/O MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt. WYMAN, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. G BURT, RADIO, T/Sgt. ESTRADA, GUNNER, Cpl. BREWER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.	444th      HQ	79 took off 1110 landed
MEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt. DEMETREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CRAPSE, BOMB. Sgt. W FRENZEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PROCTER, RADIO, S/Sgt. HANEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	444th      443rd	92 took off 1110 landed
BURKE, PILOT, F/O MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. W PETERSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. KUHNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. LVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. KOCHEL, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	80 took off 1110 landed
WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt. POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DELOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. E MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt. MEYER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PATTON, RADIO, T/Sgt. NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	94 took off 1110 landed
Billing, pilot, 1st Lt. SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. F BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt. COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. VISCONE, RADIO, S/Sgt. GUNKER, HUMPHREY, Sgt.	444th 444th	78 took off 1111 landed
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. W SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GRAG, BOMB. 2nd Lt. STATON, ENGINEER, Sgt. FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEIGL, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	95 took off 1111 landed

	BUCKHOUT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	83
	WEBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1111
W	RAMIREZ, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1441
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HARRAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SZENCZYK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
	NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1110
E	LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1441
	DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	DIELLE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CROWIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
	MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
	FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1442
F	HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	20
	BERGE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1112
W	MC ILVONNA, BOMB. Sgt.		1442
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	CAPADI, PHOTO, Pvt.		
	PENKA, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	* 16
	HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
W	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1442
	CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STAGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HAYS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	CORNELIUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	4
E	NOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
	VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1442
	LYONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BECKSTEAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	ROBBINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	9
	BODLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1113
F	BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1439
	THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HOPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	WEST, PILOT, F/O	441st	18
	WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1113
	BLACKFORD, BOMB, Sgt.		landed 1444
W	ACERRO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CHOMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KWIATKOWSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1113
V	DOCKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1444
	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARRUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	3
	MATTESON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1113
E	POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1444
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
	HOFFMAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	LIDICKER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	PROBASCIO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
	STEPHENSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1114
F	OLASTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1445
	LEAHY, NAV. Capt.		
	SLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WELLS, RADIO, Sgt.		
	ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
	RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1114
	HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1445
	ELIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FEIGE, PHOTO, Cpl.		
	DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd8	41
	CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1114
	PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1445
	HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	34
	ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1114
	DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1445
E	BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		

<del>SPENCER, PILOT, Capt.</del>	<del>442nd</del>	<del>34</del>
<del>ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.</del>		<del>took off 1114</del>
<del>DERBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.</del>		<del>landed 1445</del>
<del>BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt.</del>		
<del>FISHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.</del>		
<del>KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt.</del>		
<del>JOHNSON, GUNNER, Cpl.</del>		
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	37
BAYRAMIAN, CO PILOT, Capt.		took off 1115
MONTEZ, BOMB, 2nd Lt.		landed 1447
F. FINCKEB, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
SALVENDY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAKOMAKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47
LORAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1115
LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1447
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BROWN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	27
HEDGES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1115
FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1447
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GOONEY, RADIO, Pvt.		
HARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WENDLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	40
CUNLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1115
E. MAGGIO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1447
ELSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, Sgt. <del>Major</del>		
FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
F. SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1116
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1448
JANSEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
HARPSTER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	7
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1116
GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1448
TREBERDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BARRON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MULLIGAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

WILLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 17  
 OLTMAN, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1116  
 TEMPLE, BOMB. F/O landed 1448  
 MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 MEDINA, GUNNER, Sgt.

SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 603rd 60  
 TIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1116  
 TARANTO, 2nd Lt. landed 1448  
 ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
 MAIER, RADIO, S/gt.  
 GRIEBIN, GUNNER, Cpl.  
 COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.

HUNTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 66  
 WEEKLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1117  
 PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1449  
 HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.  
 LA GESSE, RADIO, S/gt.  
 ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.  
 ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.

HEIBAL, PILOT, F/O. 443rd 61  
 HALE, CO PILOT, F/O took off 1117  
 GLAUBITZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. landed 1449  
 COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/gt.  
 STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 GERDEY, RADIO, Sgt.

STRAUD, PILOT, F/O 443rd 51  
 BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 1117  
 DICKEY, NAV. S/Sgt. landed 1449  
 POWERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 SNIDER, GUNNER, Sgt.  
 LARKIN, ENGINEERS S/Sgt.  
 HILDEBRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, HQ

RITCHIEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd 59  
 GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1117  
 LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt. landed 1453  
 WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
 TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 TESTERS, GUNNER, Sgt.  
 JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.

SPARES  
 BRACKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 444th 90  
 MC BRIDE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1118  
 MOORE, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1435  
 BABLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 MIKLES, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 FIELDS, GUNNER, Cpl. COLTEN, PHOTO, PFC. 442nd



REAVES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	15
WEILER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
GIBSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1420
POPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
APPLETON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRAST, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	44
DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
HARMON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1420
NARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GILBERT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
PLACKER, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
ROBERTS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1435
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, Sgt. q		
FRIEDMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOSS, GUNNER, Sgt.		