

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 136, Day Operation, 21 Jan 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Graves.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1025 hours, 18 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Orvieto RR Bridge, North, Italy. They were unescorted. None returned early. 18 B-26's were over the target. 14 B-26's dropped 50 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10 .01) second delay fuses and 6 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1 - 1 hour, 2 - 6 hour, 2 - 12 hour, 1 - 24 hour) delay fuses on the target at 1226 hours from 10,000'. 2 x 1000 lb demolition bombs having hung were salvoed over the land and 6 x 500 lb demolition bombs were salvoed over land because the A/C had engine trouble.

3 B-26's dropped 12 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10 .01) second delay fuses on Montalto di Castro at 1241 hours. During the bomb run on the primary target, communication trouble in the lead plane prevented a proper run on the target, accordingly a 360° turn was made with another run on the target. At this time 3 B-26's were not in a position to drop and were routed over Montalto di Castro where they dropped their bombs. 17 B-26's returned at 1440 hours and 1 B-26 returned at 1658 hours after landing at Ghisonaccia for gas.

C. RESULTS: A pattern of bombs landed south of the Orvieto RR Bridge, some of which possibly cut the tracks.

The bombs dropped at Montalto di Castro landed between the M/Y and the coast.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: 1. 3 unidentified A/C were seen on deck over Lake Bolsena headed N at 1223 from 10,000'.

b. Situation: 1. Orvieto A/D was observed to be deserted at 1225 from 10,500'.

2. Ground: a. General: 1. Fires were observed at Viterbo at 1223 from 11,000'.

2. The tracks between the bridge and the M/Y were observed to be cut and 15/20 stationary cars were seen at Montalto di Castro at 1241 from 9,000'.

b. Communications: 1. 1 large M/T and several other M/T were seen headed W from Gradoli at 1220 from 11,000'.

2. 1 M/T with light canvas top was seen headed south at Acquapendente at 1231 from 9,000'.

3. 6/8 M/T were seen just E of Montefiascone at 1223 from 11,000'.

4. 1 engine plus 5/6 cars were seen just north of the North Orvieto bridge at 1226 from 10,000'.

c. Flak: 1. Orvieto RR bridge - 13,000'.

2. Slight.

3. Light.

4. Inaccurate for altitude and deflection.

5. Predicted Concentration and concentrated pointed fire.

6. 2 guns were seen firing from 42° 46' N, 12° 02' E.

7. Normal.

c. Flak (Cont'd): 8. None.

9. None.

d. Shipping: 1. A beached barge was seen at Montalto di Castro at 1241 from 9,000'.

2. 1 sailing vessel was seen just off Montalto di Castro at 1241 from 9,000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Overcast, tops 6,000', base unknown, over water from 30 miles off Corsica to 18 miles off Italy. Visibility good, light surface haze.

Target: Clear except for stratus in mountain valleys. Visibility good, light ground haze.

Return: Cumulus building up over Sardinia.

H. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From this base at 2,500', 35° T for 246 statute miles to Montalto di Castro, 11° T for 32<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> statute miles to Castellazzara, IP, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run 94° E for 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> statute miles to target at 10,000'; breakaway left; 211° T for 42 statute miles, 215° T for 246 statute miles descending to 2,500' at this base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION NO. 161 FLIGHT COMMANDER CAPT. GRAMES

21 January 1944

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	<u>"A"</u>	
<u>ROCKEFELLER</u> 56	<u>SAYLOR</u> 53	<u>GREENS</u> 54
	<u>55</u> "B"	
<u>MAC KINTOSH</u> 60	<u>SMITH</u> 56	<u>WINDHAM</u> 67
	<u>52</u> "C"	
<u>HAMPTON</u> 44	<u>COMBES</u> 34	<u>RODD</u> 47
	<u>45</u> "D"	
<u>CLAYBOUGH</u> 32	<u>SIUM</u> 31	<u>DEWILBY</u> 25
	<u>41</u> "E"	
<u>MUNNALLY</u> 20	<u>CURRIE</u> 14	<u>GOOLAN</u> 18
	<u>4</u> "F"	
<u>MILSON</u> 10	<u>HILLIARY</u> 9	<u>FAULSTICH</u> 7
	<u>3</u> "G"	
<u>ADAMSTERN</u> 85	<u>EDWARDS</u> 78	<u>BRODIE</u> 93
	<u>74</u> "H"	
<u>BURDE</u> 89	<u>JOHNSON</u> 83	<u>FOLGER</u> 82
	<u>72</u> "I"	

RE: "C"  
1. FLETC  
319 LOWMEACH  
320 CHEROKEE  
PLUMBER: FOOTHOLD  
BOMBER: FRONTROOM

SPACES	<u>LAB</u>	<u>POST</u>	<u>H. S. MARGER</u>	<u>BURDINGHAM</u>
	51	27	1	5

COLORS OF THE DAY	FIRE	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
	0100-0700	RG	Z	G	RED
	0700-1300	RY	X	X	GREEN
	1300-1900	GY	C	L	RED
	1900-0100	YY	Y	I	WHITE

PRIMARY TARGETS - #1 Sqn. RR/or. 6 N. W. Orvieto, Italy

#2 Sqn RR/Br 9 S. E. Orvieto, It. ly

Both Sqns will go to O. P. together

15° T - 246 SM - Montalto d'castro (OP) 1 hr 10 mins

11° T - 3 SM - Castell'azzara (IP) 9 mins.

94° H - 178 SM - Target 4 mins.  
BOMB LEFT

211° - 42 SM - Montalto d'castro 12 mins.

# 2 Sqn.

55° T - 26 SM - S. E. T. P. L. Polsera (IP) 8 mins.

70° H - 14 SM - Target 4 min  
BOMB LEFT

295° T - 20 SM - Altonona 5 mins

211° T - 42 SM - Montalto d'Castro 12 mins.

215° T - 246 SM - Base 1 hr 10 mins

TOTAL MILES - 614

TOTAL TIME - 2 hr 52 min

PRIMARY #1 Squadron Albina, Italy RR/or.

From Sorano

245° T - 12 SM - 2 N Manciano - IP 3 1/2 mins

249° H - 178 SM - Target 4 mins  
BOMB LEFT

209° T - 242 SM - Base 1 hr. 10 mins.

TOTAL MILES - 543

TOTAL TIME - 2 hrs 42 mins

PRIMARY # 2 Squadron - Montalto d'castro, RR/or.

From S. E. Tip L. Polsera

225° T - 11 SM - Toscana (IP) 3 mins

280° H - 15 SM - Target 4 mins  
BOMB LEFT

215° T - 246 SM - Base 1 hr 10

TOTAL MILES - 612

TOTAL TIME - 2 hrs 43 mins

WARING ELEMENT - V. S. G. G. I. O. ITALY L/Y & RR/Br

13° T - 189 SM - C. Ferro 44 mins.

9° T - 160 SM - (43° 45' N) (10° 00' E) (OP) (IP) 57 mins

65° H - 15 SM - Target 42 mins.  
BOMB LEFT

190° - 193 SM - C. Ferro 55 mins

193° - 129 SM - Base 38 mins.

TOTAL MILES - 646

TOTAL TIME - 3 hrs 17 mins