

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer  
APO 520.

Intelligence Narrative No. 137, 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 South, Italy. They were unescorted. 1 B-26 returned early because generators were out. 17 B-26's were over the target, and 17 B-26's dropped 57 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/2 1/10, .01 and 1/2 1/10, .025 second delay fuses) and 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs (2 - 1 hours, 4 - 6 hours, 3 - 12 hours and 3 - 24 hour fuses) on the target at 1226 hours from 10,000'. 3 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the water after the target, having hung up. 2 B-26's were shot down by flak in the target area, and one B-26 is missing due to flak. 14 B-26's returned to base at 1440 hours, one of which crash landed and was destroyed. The crew is safe.

C. RESULTS: The bomb pattern landed south of the bridge, cutting the tracks at least one point. A damaging near miss was scored on the south end of the bridge by one bomb.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: Air Activity: See Intelligence Narrative No. 136, this date.
2. a. b. and c.: See Intelligence Narrative No. 136, this date.

C. Flak: 1. Orvieto RR Bridge, South.

2. Moderate.
3. Heavy.
4. Very accurate as to both altitude and deflection.
5. On the bomb run, a single burst of flak, slightly off on deflection but accurate was seen. 8 seconds later a Predicted Concentration of flak arrived, which knocked down 2 A/C in the first flight, seriously damaging the other two and knocked down the lead A/C of the third flight. Continuously Pointed Fire then followed the formation for a few seconds on the break-away.
6. None Observed.
7. a. 20/25  
b. Normal  
c. Normal
8. The single burst referred to in (5) above may have been used for deflection control.
9. None.

3. LOSSES: 2 B-26's lost, 1 missing due to flak. 1 B-26 crash landed due to flak damage at base and was destroyed; crew is safe. 21 crew members are missing. 6 B-26's were damaged, 5 B-26's were slightly damaged. 8 crew members were injured by flak.

The lead A/C was hit and caught on fire on the bomb run. 6 parachutes were seen to come out and the A/C crashed without exploding at 42° 38' N, 12° 14' E. The fourth A/C in the first flight was apparently hit by flak, peeled off and started down in a steep bank to the left. One main landing wheel was seen to come down, and one parachute was seen to emerge.

3. LOSS (cont'd): No more was seen of a aircraft. The lead B-26 of the third flight was hit on the bomb run, caught on fire, continued on the bomb run until bombs away, peeled off to the left and 6 parachutes were seen to open. This A/C went into a spin, and one chute was seen to emerge just before the A/C crashed and exploded on the top of a mountain just north of Ficulle.

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: (Orvieto area). Clear except for stratus in mountain valleys. Visibility good, light ground haze. Return: Cumulus building up over Sardinia.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From 2,500' at base, 35° T for 246 statute miles to Montalto di Castro; 55° T for 26 statute miles to IP, SE tip of Lake Bolsena, climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run 70° M for 14 1/2 statute miles at 10,000', breakaway left; 295° T for 20 statute miles to Alleronia; 211° T for 42 statute miles to Montalto di Castro; 215° T for 246 statute miles to base, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

F. COMMENTS: The missing crew members are the following:

A/C Battle No. 14 -

P. 1st Lt. Robert B. Currie O-791195  
CP. 2nd Lt. Howard A. Brewer O-745603  
B. 2nd Lt. Paul L. Perkins O-731531  
N. 2nd Lt. Howard F. Konvilinko, O-744854  
EG. S/Sgt. Edgar L. Fendrick 32245440  
RG. S/Sgt. Joseph T. DeMarco 32445425  
G. S/Sgt. Norman H. Deran, 33185623

A/C Battle No. 4 -

P. 1st Lt. Louis Walls, O-730992  
CP. 2nd Lt. Woodrow W. Owens, O-746415  
B. 2nd Lt. Benjamin E. Sylvester, O-746917  
N. 2nd Lt. John B. Williams, O-741874  
EG. S/Sgt. Blake Chilton, 18007323  
RG. S/Sgt. Gilbert S. Corona, 39848130  
G. S/Sgt. Walter Herbert, 32626599

A/C Battle No. 78 -

P. 1st Lt. John C. Edwards, O-659962  
CP. 2nd Lt. Albert C. Bracke, O-677238  
B. 1st Lt. Elton E. Robinson, O-731225  
N. 2nd Lt. Charles D. McDowell, Jr., O-807266  
EG. T/Sgt. Carl E. Meyer, 36038743  
RG. S/Sgt. John F. Colman, 33318579  
G. S/Sgt. Milton D. Lanier, 14067698

WILLIAM COOK  
Captain, Air Corps  
Op Intelligence Co.

MISSION NO. 161 FLIGHT COMMANDER CAPT. GRAVES

21 January 1944

102

<u>WILSON</u> 56	<u>"A"</u> <u>SAYLOR</u> 63	<u>WELLS</u> 54
<u>WILSON</u> 60	<u>"B"</u> <u>WELLS</u> 65	<u>WELLS</u> 67
<u>HAMPTON</u> 44	<u>"C"</u> <u>WELLS</u> 34	<u>ROBE</u> 47
<u>CLAYBOUGH</u> 32	<u>"D"</u> <u>WELLS</u> 31	<u>WELLS</u> 29
<u>MURPHY</u> 20	<u>"E"</u> <u>WELLS</u> 14	<u>WELLS</u> 13
<u>WILSON</u> 10	<u>"F"</u> <u>WELLS</u> 9	<u>WELLS</u> 7
<u>WILSON</u> 85	<u>"G"</u> <u>WELLS</u> 78	<u>WELLS</u> 93
<u>WILSON</u> 89	<u>"H"</u> <u>WELLS</u> 83	<u>WELLS</u> 72

ROOM: "C"  
1. FUGLES  
2. LONGRIDGE  
3. OBERVILLE  
FRONT: FORTHOLD  
REAR: FRONTROOM

SPARES	<u>WELLS</u> 51	<u>WELLS</u> 27	<u>WELLS</u> 1	<u>WELLS</u> 2
--------	--------------------	--------------------	-------------------	-------------------

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

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON ORVIETTO, NORTH , ITALY		PLANE NO.
CREW	SQUADRON	
SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1025
WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
WARD SMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1423
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, CPL.		
MILLER, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
GRAVES, <del>XXXXX</del> , Capt. FLIGHT COMMANDER		
WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1025
SZAFIR, NAV. Sgt.		landed
CALAFUT, RADIO, Sgt.		1423
AVERY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1025
MC CARTNEY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed
CALLAHAN, RADIO, SGT.		1424
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JUST, ENGINEER, SGT.		
RUCKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1025
TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
TARANTO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1658
JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		(landed at corsica,)
WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		then here
ARMAO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, OBSERVER, Capt.		
CAUDILL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	66
SFRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1026
HOBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1424
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIBWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WHEELER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	67
DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1026
HARRIS, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed
GAMACHE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1428
LONG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
AUGHEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GERDLY, RADIO, Sgt.		

MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	843rd	60
SCHUMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1026
PUTNAM, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed
GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1421
SNIDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
TIMMY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1026
JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1424
BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CONRAD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	34
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1027
SCAFIDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1429
KING, ENGINEER, CPL.		
GILBERT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HOOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1027
FULLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed
CARNEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1425
WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO, PFC.	441st	
HAMPTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
KING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1027
GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
YULE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1426
EVERSOLE, RADIO, Sgt.		
LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	45
LARRABEE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1027
CHAVALAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1349
MC COY, RADIO, Sgt.		
BUTH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
YOUNG, OBS. 1st Lt.		
SHUH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1028
FREESTONE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	4	landed 1427
MENAUGH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1028
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1418
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CATALDI, PHOTO, PFC	441st	

CLAYBAUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	32
GASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1028
HENDREX, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1415
MELIN, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOYLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

DODELIN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
KADEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1028
MAGGIO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1403
HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MILLIKAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
EARL, GUNNER, Sgt.		

ORVISTO SOUTH

CURRIE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
BREWER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1029
PERKINS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
KONVALINKO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		(lost over target)
FENDRICH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DEBARCO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEBAU, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

GODENOUGH PILOT, F/O	441st	18
FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1029
TEMPLE, BOMB. F/O		landed 1410
CRASS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		belly landing
GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		hydraulic system
MC LAUGHLIN, Sgt.		shot out.

NUNNALLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	20
BERGE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1029
GIBSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1402
ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.	443rd	
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SAMPSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

VALLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
OWENS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1029
SYLVESTER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
WILLIAMS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
CHILTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		(lost over target)
CORONA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HERBERT, GUNNER, Sgt.		

<del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXX</del>	<del>9</del>
---------------------------------	-----------------	--------------

HENDRIX, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	9
SCHULTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1030
FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
LIDICKER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1339
GORMANOUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRISER, GUNNER, Cpl.		
PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	7
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1030
DOCKERTY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1402
DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
WILSON, PILOT, F/O	441st	10
WEST, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1030
MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1359
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CROMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KWIATKOWSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CORNELIUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	3
NOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1030
VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1347
LYONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DURAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BECKSTEAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
EDWARDS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	78
BRACKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1031
ROBINSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
MC DOWALL, NAV. 2nd Lt.		(last over target).
MEYER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
CALNAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LANIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BORNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	93
BIRC, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1031
CRAFSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1106
GUNTHER, ENGINEER,		
SCHANZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RABAL, PHOTO, Sgt.		
MORGENSTERN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	85
MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1031
BUSH, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1400
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		



TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
WELER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1031
BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1350
BARRATT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
SPALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SHAGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CASBY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	83
PLACER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1032
HELLER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1420
GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
POWER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444thB	92
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1032
MC LAHON, BOMB 2nd Lt.		landed 1422
COCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BUSHONG, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
BURKE, PILOT, F/O	444th	89
POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1032
FELTON, NAV BOMB. Sgt.		landed
KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1921
EVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCHELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HANRAHAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PILOT, <del>2nd</del> 2nd Lt.	444th	79
ROUND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1032
POCAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1435
JOHNSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HITE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FRIEDMAN, X T/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	51
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1033
DICKEY, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1408
GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BRAST, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	27
SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1033
JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1403
YOUNG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STRASBURGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HUBSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	1
WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1033 1440
HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt.		
SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		MC FARLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt. landed 1



BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
GRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
STATON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
WEIGL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

90  
took off 1034  
landed 1435