

Intelligence Narrative No. 138, Day Operation, 22 January 1944

Flight Commander: Major Marble.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1120 hours, 35 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Velletri Road Junction, Italy. One B-26 crashed just after take off due to propeller and engine failure and was destroyed; the crew is safe. They were unescorted. No B-26's returned early. 34 B-26's were over the target, and 34 B-26's dropped 197 x 500 lb. demolition bombs, 1/10 - .025 second delay fuses, on the target at 1335 hours from 10,000'. 7 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged over the target, having hung up. 34 B-26's returned undamaged to base at 1521 hours.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent pattern of bombs. Some bombs landed slightly right and left of the target, cutting the roads leading into the junction. A large red and black explosion was seen on the east edge of the town, where some bombs fell short. A few bombs were over.

D. Observations:

a. Air Activity: 1. Air:

(1) 2 S/E, unidentified, a/c were seen circling over the target at 3 - 4,000', both just before and just after the bombing, at 1334 and 1336 hours from 10,500 and 10,000'.

(2) 4/5 S/E, unidentified, a/c were seen headed northwest at Cisterna di Roma at 1333 from 10,500'.

(3) 4/6 S/E a/c were seen drawing flak from Allied shipping at Nettuno, one of which was seen in a shallow dive, and the remainder of which were headed west and then turned inland at 1332 from 10,500'.

b. Situation:

(1) 2 S/E a/c were seen on Littoria di Roma A/D at 1332 from 10,500'.

(2) Cisterna di Roma A/D appeared empty at 1333 from 10,500'.

(3) 3 S/E a/c were seen on the beach at 41°32'N, 12°35'E, at 1347 from 9,000'.

(4) 1 S/E a/c was seen in an open field west of the road running south from Velletri, at 1336 from 10,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 6 M/T were seen 2 miles west of Velletri and 2 others 1 mile further north, at 1337 from 10,000'.

(2) 4/6 M/T were seen headed south of Cisterna di Roma at 1333 from 10,500'.

(3) 6 M/T were observed headed east on a dirt road between Lanuvio and Velletri at 1336 from 10,000'.

(4) 42 RR Cars were seen at Velletri at 1335 from 10,000'.

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(5) 3 M/T were observed parked at $41^{\circ}43'N$, $12^{\circ}28'E$; one headed north nearby; at 1338 from 9,000'.

(6) One crew member reported a concentration of equipment at $41^{\circ}37'N$, $12^{\circ}45'E$, at 1334 from 10,500'.

(7) Another single crew member reported 50 units of RR rolling stock at $41^{\circ}42'N$, $12^{\circ}34'E$.

c. Flak:

(1) 3 bursts of heavy inaccurate flak were seen on leaving the coast after bombing at $41^{\circ}28'N$, $12^{\circ}32'E$.

(2) Considerable heavy flak was seen fired from the vicinity of Sezze at a B-26 formation in that vicinity.

d. Shipping:

(1) A few bursts (either artillery fire or dive-bombs) were seen among convoys just off Nettuno at 1329 from 10,500'.

(2) Numerous small craft were seen passing to and fro off Nettuno and the beaches north of Anzio; some landing craft were discharging vehicles on beaches; several larger craft stood off shore, one of which was circling. Observations at 1329 from 10,500'.

3. Losses: 1 B-26 crashed just after take-off and was destroyed; crew is safe, one man suffered a broken arm and a broken leg. No a/c lost or damaged due to enemy action.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Stratus overcast at 6-7,000', from coast of Sardinia almost to coast of Italy. Visibility unlimited above clouds.

b. Target: Scattered cumulus, base 5,000', tops 6 - 7,000'. Visibility 8 miles in haze.

c. Return: No change.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500', $60^{\circ}T$ for 242 statute miles to Zannone Island; $343^{\circ}T$ for 37 statute miles to IP, Borgo Pieve, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run, $347^{\circ}E$ for 15 statute miles; breakaway left; $231^{\circ}T$ for 257 statute miles to base, dropping gradually to 2500'.

F. Comments: None.

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 "A"
BRIST SPENCE
 32 34 CLARK
PROBSCO
 31

 "B"
HACKWELL BOTTOLLEY
 41 33 HOLMS
WENLING
 39

 "C"
FRANK HUTCHER
 36 37 FALCONER
WILSON
 39

 "D"
RODNEY CANNON
 40 38 WATSON
WATSON
 34

 "E"
MURPHY PERKINS
 40 71 WILSON
WILSON
 33

 "F"
McSAID LILLING
 76 39 WILSON
WILSON
 35

 "G"
LILLING McCONNELL
 8 3 WILSON
PAULANTIS
 11

RADIO:
 174: SURE THING
 175: EXCEED
 176: BREWER
 177: BUTLER
 178: BELLBOY

 "H"
WILSON WILSON
 17 36 WILSON
WILSON
 30

 STARS
CLAYBURN WILSON WILSON WILSON
 44 27 31 30

COLORS OF THE DAY:

TIME	FLIGHT	FLIGHT	FLIGHT	FLIGHT	COLOR
0100-0700	Y	Y	Y	V	WHITE
0700-1300	GY	Y	I	O	GREEN
1300-1900	RF	Y	Y	Y	RED
1900-0100	GG	Y	K	F	WHITE

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62° T - 242 SM - Zannone Is. (OP)	1 Hour	14 Minutes
343° T - 37 SM - Borgo Padoya (IP)		11 Minutes
347° SM - 15 SM - Target BRISKA LEFT		4 1/2 Minutes
231° T - 257 SM - Base	1 Hour	13 Minutes

TOTAL MILES : 551

TOTAL TIME : 2 Hours 43 Minutes

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON VELETTRI RR, ITALY

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	34
KADEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1120
DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1511
LEAHY, NAV. Capt.		
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KENNEDY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Pvt.		
MARBLE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR		
KLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442	25
BARNARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1120
COOK, BOMB. Capt.	44	landed 1512
ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KRAPSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CONSY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
BRAST, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	32
HARTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1120
JACOBSON, CO PILOT, S/Sgt.		landed 1512
HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
STRASBURGER, RADIO, Cpl.		
LOCKWOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PROBASCO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1120
OLMSTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1507
BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, RADIO, Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRIDAY, DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR		
HODGES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	37
BROWN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1121
WESTAYER, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1513
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, Pvt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAKOMAKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1121
LYMANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1513
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GILBERT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WRINDLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd8	39
GREGG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1121
MAGGIO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1512
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
YOUNG, OBSERVER, 1st Lt.		

HUNTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
GOODWING, 2nd Lt.		took off 1122
HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1514
PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
POWERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HENRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
palmer, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
FELT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1122
ROGERS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1514
COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MAU, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FEIGE, PHOTO,		
HALE, PILOT, F/O	443rd	56
WEEKLY, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1122
GLAUBITZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1514
ROMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PIGGOT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1123
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1514
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TERRELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CAUDILL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	66
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1123
LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1514
JANEKS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HRIBAL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	67
BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1123
DICKSY, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1515
BERGANO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FIELDS, RADIO, 1st Lt.		
LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1123
SALTERELLI, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1515
LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		

BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	4 43rd	54
WIRKKALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1124
CASSINO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1515
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PETERS, PILOT, F/O	444th	79
MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1124
POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1517
MICHELIS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ESTRADA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
XXXXX		
GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	93
SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1124
ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1517
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FRIEDMAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COLTEN, PHOTO, PFC		
BROWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	80
BURGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1124
MC CUTCHEN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1517
GUNTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SCHANZ, RADIO, S/gt.		
HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1124
DELLOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1517
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
PATTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	89
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1125
WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1518
THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BUTLER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
BUCKHOUT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
ROUND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1125
RAMIREZ, BOMB.		landed 1518
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER,		
RADIO, HANRAHAN,		
SZENCZYK, GUNNER,		

WEIER	MC BRIDE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
	WEHR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1125
	MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1519
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MIKELS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	field, gunner, sGt.		
	WIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	95
	NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1125
	LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1518
	DICKE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	3
	MATTESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1126
	POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1519
	HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
	HOFFMAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	FALA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HUBBARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	7
	PENKA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1126
	KONNOFF, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1519
	CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEIGNEHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HAYS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8
	SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1126
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1520
	TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BARRON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MULLIGAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1126
	FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1519
	KELLER, OBS. Capt. 11	QH	
	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	O'STEEN PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	9
	MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1127
	FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1519
	THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

WEILER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	6
REAVES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1127
BLACKFORD, BOMB. sgt.		landed 1521
POPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
APPLETON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, Cpl.		
WILLS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1127
DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1521
WILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GUST, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1127
GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1521
FARTHING, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MICHAELSON, RADIO, Sg.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER,		
CARLISLE, S/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1128
HENDREX, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1513
MELIN, ENGINEER, PVT.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOYLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
RABAL, PHOTO,	444th	
DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	27
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1128
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1458
NARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
*MEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91
DEMETREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1128
CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		crashed after
FRENZEL, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		take-off
PROCTER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HANEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WILSON, PILOT, F/O	441st	16
WEST, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1128
MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1508
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CROMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KWIATKOWSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		