

Intelligence Narrative No. 140, Day operations, 25 January 1944

Flight Commander: Capt. Brewer.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0814 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M), took off to bomb the Terni M/Y, Italy. Due to the inability of the Navigator to see the target, because of cloud cover, Rieti M/Y was bombed instead. They were unescorted. 3 B-26's returned early; 1 because of engine trouble, 1 because of electrical trouble, and 1 because of a runaway propeller. 33 B-26's were over the target and 17 B-26's dropped 56 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses), and 13 x 500 (3-1, 2-6, 4-12, 4-24 hour delay fuses), on the target at 1015 hours from 9500'. 20 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged over water; 4 because of emergency and 16 because of low gas supply. 5 x 500 lb. demolition bombs having hung were salvaged over water and 24 x 500 lb. demo bombs were salvaged over water because of insufficient gas. 28 x 1000 lb. demo bombs were returned to this base because of the bombardiers could not see the target. One of the early returns salvaged 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs over water. 32 B-26's returned to this base at 1219 hours and 1 B-26 returned at 1545 hours having landed at Ghisocchia to refuel.

C. Results: An excellent concentration of bombs bracketed the center of the M/Y cutting the entire width of the yard and destroying approximately 20 units of rolling stock. The west end of the railroad station and the warehouses along the south side of the tracks received direct hits. The road leading north from the east end of the yard and the road leading into the town from the west end of the yard were both covered with bombs and cut.

D. Observations:

1. Air: a. Air Activity:

- (1) 2 S/E a/c, unidentified, were seen circling above the target at 1500' at 1015 hours from 9500'.
- (2) Several Spitfires escorted the formation to the coast on the homeward run.
- (3) 4 S/E a/c, unidentified, were seen below the formation at the coast line south of Palo at 1029 hours from 9000'.

b. Situation:

- (1) 15 S/E a/c were seen dispersed on Cervitri A/D; 8 along the east side and 4 at the south end, at 0955 hours from 9000'.
- (2) Rieti A/D was observed to be cratered and deserted at 1015 from 9500'.
- (3) 2 a/c of undetermined size were seen in revetments at Furbara A/D and the field was observed to be cratered at 1029 hours from 9000'.
- (4) 2 S/P were seen at the north end of Lake Bracciano from 9000'.

2. Ground: a. General: None.

b. Communications:

- (1) 20/30 trucks with trailers and light field pieces, were seen on the road between Monterosi and Rome, headed in both directions, predominately to the north at 1023 hours from 9000'.

- (2) 20/25 M/T were seen on the road between Civita Castellana and Rome, headed south at 1002 hours from 10000'.
- (3) 5 M/T were seen headed northeast towards Antrodoco at 1010 hours from 10000'.
- (4) 15/20 railroad cars were seen halfway between Rieti and Antrodoco, stationary, at 1010 from 10000'.
- (5) 10/15 M/T not moving, but headed south, were seen south of Rieti at 1015 hours from 10000'.
- (6) 30 tank cars were seen between Rignano Flaminio and Castel Nuovo di Porto at 1020 hours from 9000'.
- (7) 15 railroad cars not moving were seen at 42°04'N, 12°17'E, at 1028 hours from 9000'.
- (8) 30/40 railroad cars not moving were seen at 42°03'N, 12°14'E, at 1028 hours from 9000'.
- (9) 10/15 M/T parked were seen just south of Furbara at 1030 hours from 9000'.
- (10) 6 M/T were seen heading north on the road north of Civita Castellana at 1025 hours from 9000'.
- (11) A train of 20/30 cars was seen not moving just east of Castigliano at 1022 hours from 9000'.
- (12) 1 M/T was seen headed south, south of Terricella in Sabina at 1017 hours from 9000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 1 barge was seen in the river just east of Fiano Romano at 1022 hours from 9000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: 6-8/10 at 6000' between Sardinia and Italy.  
Target: IP overcast 9/10 at 6000.  
Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500', 45° T for 24.2 statute miles; 34° T for 35 statute miles to Stimigliano, climbing gradually to 10000'; 19° M for 20 statute miles; bomb run, 260° M for 12 statute miles to the target at 9500'; 230° for 51 statute miles; 225° for 24.2 statute miles descending to 2500' at this base.

F. Comments: None.

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<u>WAGNER</u> 95	<u>WAGNER</u> 73 <u>WAGNER</u> 83	6-500	
<u>GROSS</u> 92	<u>TOMAS</u> 89 <u>WAGNER</u> 96	6-500	
<u>WILLS</u> 77	<u>OSTERMAN</u> 11 <u>FULANIS</u> 9	6-500	<u>ROODROUGH</u> 2
<u>DILLON</u> 8	<u>C. CONNELL</u> 16 <u>WAGNER</u> 20	6-500	
<u>DEATLEY</u> 32	<u>DEATLEY</u> 32 <u>DEATLEY</u> 34	6-500	<u>SINGER</u> 45
<u>KING</u> 37	<u>DEATLEY</u> 39 <u>WAGNER</u> 41	6-500	<u>DEATLEY</u> 40
<u>PELZER</u> 51	<u>LONG</u> 65 <u>WAGNER</u> 53	6-500	<u>HAL</u> 56
<u>ACREMAN</u> 54	<u>HUNTER</u> 66 <u>WAGNER</u> 55	6-500	<u>HUNTER</u> 67
<u>HOOD</u> 40	<u>HILSBERGER</u> 15 <u>WAGNER</u>		<u>JOHNSON</u> 77 Fighter Bomber

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1-1  
1-6  
2-12  
2-24.

COLORS OF THE DAY	Time	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
	0100-0700	W	Y	WHITE
	0700-1300	M	I	GREEN
	1300-1900	J	C	WHITE
	1900-0100	D	O	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON TERNI M/Y, ITALY

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
PETERS, PILOT, F/O MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. G MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt. WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. ESTRADA, GUNNER, Sgt. BREWER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.	444th	79 took off 0814 landed 1159
BUCKHOUT, PILOT, 1st Lt. SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RAMIREZ, BOMB. Sgt. W MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, HANRAHAN, RADIO, SCHEWOSYK, GUNNER, ROSENTHAL, PHOTO	444th	93 took off 0814 landed 1159
MC BRIDE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BURKE, CO PILOT, F/O W MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt. MONTARULLI, ENGINEER, Sgt. SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt. FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt. CONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	444th	95 took off 0814 landed 1159
WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt. POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. F DELOISEL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt. TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FAUCHLER, RADIO, T/Sgt. NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	83 took off 0814 landed 1159
TUNIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WEISS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. F BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt. BARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt. SHANGLB, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DUNCAN, OBS. Capt.	444th	89 took off 0815 landed 1200
BROWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. W BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BUSH, BOMB. S/Sgt. GUNTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SCHANZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	80 took off 0815 landed 1200

	GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	92
	BLACHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0815
	ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 0840
W	MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
No.T.	FRIEDMAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEIR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	96
	NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0815
	LINDSTRUM BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 0925
F	STATON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
No.T.	CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	11
	MALCOLM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0816
F	FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1201
	THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	GOODENOUGH, PILOT, F/O	441st	2
	FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0816
W	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1201
	O'KEEFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	7
W	OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0816
	MC ILLVANNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1130
	MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MEDINA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	9
E	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0816
	FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1145
	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
	MATIESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0817
F	POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1202
	ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
	HOPFMAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	CLARK, GUNNER, Sgt.		

	WEST, PILOT, F/O	441st	6
	WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0817
	KONNOFF, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1207
W	WEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	RADIO, APPLETON, T/Sgt.		
	KWIATKOWSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FLIGELY PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	
	DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8
W	SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0817
	DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1202
	TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BARRON, RADIO, S/sgt.		
	MULLIGAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
E	SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0817
	GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1202
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	PROBASCO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
	BARNARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0818
F	OLMSTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1203
	LEAHY, NAV. Capt.		
	BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WELLS, RADIO, Sgt.		
	ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SINGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
	HARTS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0818
W	PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1203
	HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	32
	DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0818
W	FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1204
	KING, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
	DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	COLFEN, PHOTO, Pvt.		
	SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	34
	GREGG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0818
F	DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1204
	BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HORNS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KRAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, pvt.		

BOTTOMLEY

BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. LARRABEE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. FINCOMB, NAV. 2nd Lt. SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STEEN, S/Sgt. RADIO HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	39 took off 0819 landed 1204
STEPHENSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. COMLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MESTAYER, BOMB. 1st Lt. YOUNG, ENGINEER, Sgt. STRASBURGER, RADIO, Cpl. CARR, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	25 took off 0819 landed 1205
KING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl. O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt. MELBOURNE, RADIO, Sgt. NAMAIR, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	37 took off 0819 landed 1205
BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. KALEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHAVALAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. NARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GILBERT, RADIO, S/Sgt. STEWART, GUNNER, S/Sgt..	442nd	41 took off 0819 landed 1205
LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt. STINSON, CO PILOT, JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt. UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt. LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BARGEROW, OBS. 1st Lt.	443rd	65 took off 0820 landed 1205
HALE, PILOT, F/O WESKLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ROLIG, RADIO, S/Sgt. PIGGOT, GUNNER, Sgt. ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	56 LANDED AT Corsica For GAS took off 0820 landed 1444
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt. FELT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt. LAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 0820 landed 1206

RITCHIEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0820
TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1206
E LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
TURRATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TEETERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUNTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
SCHUMER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0821
F HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1155
PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
POWERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
AUSTAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HENRY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
HRIBAL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	67
BEAUDRON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0821
W STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1201
BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GERDEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
RABAL, PHOTO,	444	
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0821
W MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1219
CALLAHAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JUST, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
JACSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0821
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1140
E CASSINO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
ROOD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	40
GRABOSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0822
JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1159
PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
<del>HUNSBERGER</del>		
HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	15
WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0822
HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1200
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC EARLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

JOHNSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 444th 77  
ROUND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0822  
POCAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1201  
JOHNSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
MC MURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
EVERSOLE, GUNNER, P.T.

LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd 68  
REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0822  
SALERELLI, BOMB. Nav. S/Sgt. landed 1151  
LAFFERTY, NAV. T/Sgt.  
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, Sgt.