

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 142, Day Operation, 28 Jan. 1944

Flight Commander: Major Friday.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1050 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Orvieto RR Bridge, North, Italy. They were unescorted. 1 B-26 returned early because of engine trouble. 27 B-26's were over the target and 27 B-26's dropped 84 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) and 36 x 500 lb demolition bombs (18-1; 18-12; hour delay fuses) on the target at 1310 hours from 11,300'. 25 B-26's returned at 1504 hours and 2 B-26's returned at 1655 having landed at Ghisonaccia to refuel.

C. RESULTS: An excellent concentration of bombs bracketed the bridge with direct hits at the south end completely destroying 2 spans. 100 ft. of the bridge has been wiped out. 1 train of 40/50 cars standing across the bridge received direct hits destroying 10 cars, derailling 3 and the remainder buckled up in an arch.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: 1. 1 B-26 of the 319th Bomb Group formation was seen to explode and hit the ground approximately 10 miles E of Orvieto at 1310 from 11,300'.

2. 1 S/E A/C, unidentified, was seen headed SW on deck, SW of Acquapendente at 1300 from 11,800'.

3. 1 S/E A/C, unidentified, was seen headed NW at 7,000' 30 miles W of Montalto di Castro at 1330 from 11,000'.

4. 2 S/E A/C, unidentified, were seen 20 miles NE of Orbetello at 1,000' headed NE at 1320 from 11,000'.

b. Situation: 1. 20/25 S/E and T/E A/C, were seen dispersed around the A/D at Orvieto at 1312 from 11,000'.

2. 2 S/E A/C were seen, one on the field and one near the hangar at Tarquinia A/D at 1320 from 11,000'.

2. Ground: a. General: 1. The railroad tracks N of the bridge were observed to be intact and the railroad tracks S of the bridge were observed to be out at Montalto di Castro at 1325 from 11,000'.

b. Communications: 1. One train of 40/50 cars were seen standing at the target at 1310 from 11,300'.

2. 15/20 RR cars were seen standing just N of the N Orvieto Bridge at 1310 from 11,300'.

3. 30/40 RR cars with 2 engines were seen standing at 42° 52' N, 12° 02' E at 1311 from 11,300'.

4. 15/20 RR cars were seen standing at 42° 54' N, 12° 01' E, at 1311 from 11,300'.

5. 20/30 RR cars were seen standing at 42° 56' N, 11° 58' E at 1311 from 11,300'.

6. 12/15 RR cars were seen moving S of Montalto di Castro at 1325 from 11,300'.

b. Communications (Cont'd):

7. 15/20 M/T were seen standing S of Ficulle at 1310 from 11,300'
8. 12/15 M/T were seen moving S just west of Alleron and two large tanks moving S were seen S of Alleron at 1310 from 11,300'.
9. 10/12 M/T moving S were seen N of San Lorenzo Nuovo at 1310 from 11,300'.
10. 6/8 M/T moving S were seen just N of Montalto di Castro at 1325 from 11,000'.

c. Flak: 1. Orvieto bridge N and N of Lake Bolsena from 11,300'.

2. Slight.
3. Light.
4. Inaccurate for Altitude and for deflection.
5. continuously pointed fire.
6. 4 light guns firing at  $42^{\circ} 46' N, 12^{\circ} 03' E$ .  
3 light guns firing at  $42^{\circ} 46' N, 12^{\circ} 02' E$ .
7. a. Three.  
b. Normal.  
c. Normal.

8. None.

9. None.

d. Shipping: Two fishing boats were seen off Montalto di Castro at 1240 from 11,800'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute, clear over water. Band of stratus tops 5,000', NS axis, thin but with few breaks 30 miles across ending 30 miles off Italy. Visibility unlimited. Target: CAVU. Return: No change.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From this base at  $2,500' 35^{\circ} T$  for 242 statute miles  $11^{\circ} T$  for 32 statute miles to Castell Azzarra, IP, climbing gradually to 11,800', bomb run  $94^{\circ} M$  for  $17\frac{1}{2}$  statute miles to the target at 11,300', breakaway left,  $211^{\circ} T$  for 42 statute miles,  $215^{\circ} T$  for 242 statute miles descending to 2,500' at this base.

F. Comments: None.

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	"A"	
	<u>SPLEGLE</u>	
<u>FREEMAN</u>	34	<u>BAKER</u>
47	<u>PROE ASCO</u>	28
	31	
	"B"	
	<u>SHUH</u>	
<u>LYDAY</u>	41	<u>HENSEL</u>
58	<u>BARKER</u>	45
	65	
	"C"	
	<u>LONG</u>	
<u>ACKERMAN</u>	65	<u>HRIBAL</u>
56	<u>RITCHY</u>	67
	81	
	"D"	
	<u>WEBER</u>	
<u>MCBRIDE</u>	96	<u>BROWN</u>
84	<u>PETERS</u>	92
	83	
	"E"	
	<u>TOMPA</u>	
<u>GOODENOUGH</u>	78	<u>BUCKOUT</u>
8	<u>ANTIS</u>	93
	10	
	"F"	
	<u>O'SHEA</u>	
<u>REEVES</u>	16	<u>HUNSECKER</u>
17	<u>HELD</u>	6
	14	

RADIO.  
 319th \_\_\_\_\_  
 320th \_\_\_\_\_  
 17th \_\_\_\_\_

TIME	COLORS OF THE DAY FLARE	SPARES. for JANUARY CHALLENGE	28 1944. REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RY	L	Y	GREEN
0700-1300	GY	I	W	WHITE
1300-1900	RR	G	D	GREEN
1900-0100	GG	V	B	RED.

FIGHTER \_\_\_\_\_

SPARES				BOMBER
<u>HALPTON</u>	<u>PALMER</u>	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>NUMMALS</u>	_____
29	60	89	18	

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON ORVIETTO, N. , ITALY

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE
SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt. GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt. DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt. G LEAHY, NAV. Capt. FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Pvt. FRIDAY, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Major	442nd	34 took off 1050 landed 1456
BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. TAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. W MAGGIO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. NARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GILBERT, RADIO, S/Sgt. STEWART, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CONEY, PHOTO,	442nd	28 took off 1050 landed 1456
FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O W DILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ELIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ROSENTHAL, PHOTO,	442nd	47 took off 1050 landed 1457
PROBASCO, PILOT, 1st Lt. ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. E OLIVESTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WALLS, RADIO, Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 took off 1050 landed 1441
SHUH, PILOT, 1st Lt. GREGG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. F FREESTONE, NAV. 2nd Lt. HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORGARDON, RADIO, S/Sgt. TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. YOUNG, OBS. 1st Lt.	442nd	41 took off 1050 landed 1458
HENSELL, PILOT, F/O KING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. W FULLER, RADIO, Cpl. HENDRICK, ENGINEER, Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. KANE, GUNNER, Pvt.	442nd	45 took off 1051 landed 1458

	LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	58
	REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
W	SALTARELLI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1451
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	65
E	MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1051
	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1458
	JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HARGOLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
	STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
	UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1459
F	JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
	BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	LUMBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HRIBAL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	57
	BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1052
	STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1459
	BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FIELDS, OBS. 1st Lt.		
	ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
	COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
W	MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1459
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JUST, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	HITCHY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
	GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1052
E	EIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1459
	TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TEETERS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	96
	POLANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1053
F	DELOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1500
	THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	NOE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BREWER, DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER		

<p>BROWN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.            BURG, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.            MC CUTCHEN, BOMB. Sgt.            DUI, X            GUNTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            SCHANZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.            HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	444th	<p>*** 92            took off 1053            landed 1500</p>
<p>MC BRIDE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.            NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.            MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.            SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.            FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.            DUNKIN, CAPT. X</p>	444th	<p>84            took off 1053            landed 1501</p>
<p>PETERS, PILOT, F/O            MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.            MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt.            WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.            BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.            ESTRADA, GUNNER, Sgt.</p>	444th	<p>83            took off 1053            landed 1500</p>
<p>TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.            WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.            BARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.            STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.            SHINGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	444th	<p>78            took off 1054            landed 1502</p>
<p>BUCKHOUT, PILOT, 1st Lt.            SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT,            RAMIREZ, BOMB.            MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER,            HANRAHAN, RADIO,            SCENCZYK, GUNNER,</p>	444th	<p>93            took off 1054            landed 1503</p>
<p>GOODENOUGH, PILOT, F/O            FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O            DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.            LICKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.            MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, Sgt.</p>	441st	<p>8            took off 1054            landed <del>1503</del>            1453</p>
<p>PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.            WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.            DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.            GRIGGS, GUNNER, Sgt.</p>	441st	<p>10            took off 1054            landed            1645            (Corsica)</p>

O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
MARICALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1054
PLUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1509
HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FURBER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	6
OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1345
SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FELGER, PHOTO, Cpl.		
REAVES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1055
HANKINS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1509
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LIGGETT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HOLD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	14
WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1655
O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		(Corsica)
MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BRISCHAK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
WHEATON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1458
YOUNG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KARSCHKE, RADIO, Sgt.		
GLEASON, GUNNER, Pvt.		
FAHNER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	60
FELT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1056
ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1440
COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LAY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	89
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1055
JENKO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1444
SCOCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DE WITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		

NUNNALLEE, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
BLACKFORD, BOMB. Sgt.  
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
LARGERT, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

18  
took off 1056  
landed 1504

WEATHER

WILIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
DILLON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.  
DIGNAN, OBS. 1st Lt.  
LYENS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
MULLIGAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
CRASS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
FARTHING, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
KELLER, OBS. CAPT.

441st

3  
took off

HQ.