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Flight Commander: Major Marble.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1210 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Manziana RR Bridge, Italy. They rendezvoused with Spitfire escort over Italy. 1 B-26 returned early with engine trouble. 35 B-26's were over the target and 31 B-26's dropped 120 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) at 1417 hours from 10500'. 4 x 1000'lb. demolition bombs were salvaged over land; 1 having hung and 3 due to bombardier error. 16 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were returned to this base because the flight leader bombardier did not identify the target. 32 B-26's returned to this base at 1550 hours. 1 B-26 is missing; 2 B-26's were lost to E/A. The crew of one B-26 is safe.

A/C Battle #39 was hit in the bomb bay, north of Rome/Littorio M/Y, which knocked out the electrical system, generator box, and inverter. A/c remained in formation until on the bomb run, a/c was then attacked by enemy fighters, attacks of which severed all control cables leading from the control columns and damaged all other controls, with the exception of the left throttle and elevator trim tabs. The pilot gave the signal to prepare to abandon ship, but on discovery that one of the crew members was dazed and injured, and that the a/c could be flown with trim tabs and partial remaining rudder control, the order was cancelled. The a/c was unable to stay in formation, but immediately was flown to the coast. Just before reaching the coast, Battle #41, apparently in trouble with bomb bay doors still open, flame coming from them and the a/c weaving up and down, pulled along side Battle #39. A few seconds after leaving the coast, the pilot of #41 succeeded in closing his bomb bay doors and turned southeast toward land, hitting the water 1 mile off the coast of Ladispoli. 7 parachutes were seen to open before the a/c went in. Two parachutes were reported fighting on land and the others on the water. 8/12 ME-109's and FW-190's attacked both B-26's from the target to the point where #41 turned; 3 E/A stayed with #39 for a few miles and one, flying lazy-eights apparently out of ammunition, stayed with #39 for 10 minutes past the coast; the remaining E/A followed #41. Attacks were made from 6 o'clock under to the left. #39 was flown to Corsica, and all crew members parachuted safely over Ghisonaccia A/D. 3 crew members were injured and 1 crew member was slightly injured in this a/c. [A/C Battle #68 was attacked by fighters just after making the turn north of Rome at 1412 hours. Its tail was partly shot away and one engine caught on fire. The pilot stayed in formation until about 15 miles West of the coast, then headed for Corsica with an escort of 3 B-26's. No radio contact could be made with it by the escort and escort saw it go down to 2000', fall sharply to 1100', and explode at 1445 at 41°30'N, 11°05'E. No chutes were seen. An oil slick and one Mae West, partially on fire, was seen.]

C. Results: An excellent concentration of bombs bracketed the target with two direct hits on the south end of the bridge and one direct hit on the north end. The approaches were well covered with two direct hits on each approach.

D. Observations:

1. Air: a. Air Activity:

(1) 10/12 ME-109's and 1 FW-190 attacked the rear of the formation starting in the vicinity of the Littorio M/Y, prior to the bomb run and continuing after the breakaway and to the coast. Most of the E/A were a blueish slate color; some had yellow spinners; 1 had square stabilizers; one was observed with a black cross with a yellow border, a yellow J and black P just behind the cross. The attacks were made from above and from 5 to 7 o'clock, in pairs, 4s and 6s crossing and heading downward. Several attacks were made from 11 to 1 o'clock high and low, and 1 approach was made by 5 a/c from 3 o'clock which did not press home the attack. Most of the attacks were pressed up to 250 yards and in two instances up to 50 yards. Red cannon fire was observed and the use of possible rockets reported which severely damaged B-26, Battle #68, destroying its right elevator and aileron and damaging its left flap. Attacks took place between 1412 and 1430 hours from 10 to 11000'. Our gunners destroyed 2 ME-109's and probably destroyed 1 ME-109.

b. Situation:

- (1) 10/12 S/E & T/E a/c were seen at Furbara A/D, all but 2/3 wrecked, at 1407 from 11000'.
- (2) 1 S/P was seen at the south end of Lake Bracciano at 1415 from 10500'.
- (3) 2/4 a/c were seen taking off and 7 s/c were seen on the ground at Littorio A/D at 1411 from 11000'.

2. Ground: a. General: None.

b. Communications:

- (1) 175/200 RR cars were seen in the M/Y, and a supply dump was observed on the left side of the yards at Littorio M/Y at 1411 from 10500'.
- (2) 25/30 RR cars consisting of 5 strings were seen at Furbara at 1427 from 9000'.
- (3) 1 train of several cars was seen moving south, south of Lake Bracciano at 1415 from 11000'.
- (4) 10/12 RR cars, standing, and a 3/4 car train moving south was seen at Castelnuovo at 1414 from 10500'.
- (5) 15 M/T, standing, were seen at 41°55'N, 12°12'E, at 1407 from 11000'.
- (6) 10/15 M/T, scattered, were seen between Lake Bracciano and 12 miles south at 1416 from 10500'.
- (7) 8 M/T hauling trailers were seen moving towards Rome on the road northwest of Rome at 1415 from 11000'.
- (8) 30/35 M/T and troops were seen parked on the road 5 miles east of Palo at 1427 from 10000'.
- (9) 12 M/T moving south were seen at Castelnuovo at 1413 from 10500'.
- (10) 8/10 M/T were seen parked south of Formello at 1415 from 10500'.
- (11) 10 RR cars were seen at 42°00'N, 12°23'E, at 1414 from 10500'.

c. Flak:

- (1) a. Rome Littorio area. b. At target. c. East side of Lake Bracciano. d. Rome Casale area from 11000'.
- (2) Slight.
- (3) Heavy at a. and c.; light at b. and d..
- (4) Inaccurate for altitude and deflection except accurate for deflection from a..
- (5) Continuously pointed fire.
- (6) 6 heavy guns at 41°57'N, 12°30'E.
- (7) a. Six. b. Normal heavy with few red bursts at Rome/Littorio. c. Red bursts may have signaled E/A that heavy flak was to stop.
- (8) None observed.
- (9) No.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 medium M/V was seen moving northwest off Furbara at 1400 from 11000'.
- (2) 3 medium M/V were seen moving west, 2 north, at 41°44'N, 12°01'E, at 1400 from 11000'.

(3) 3 barges in Rome were seen unloading on the east bank of the Tiber River at 1411 from 10500'.

(4) 2 barges were seen at the mouth of the Tiber River at 1400 from 11000'.

(5) 1 large M/V was seen afire between the mouth of the Tiber River and Anzio at 1400 from 11000'.

3. Losses: 1 B-26 was lost due to E/A and flak; 2 B-26's were lost due to E/A; 1 B-26 was damaged and 1 B-26 slightly damaged by flak. 13 crew members are missing; 4 crew members were injured by flak.

4. Weather: Enroute: Over water, overcast, stratus, base 3000', tops 4000', breaking to clear 10 miles off coast of Italy. Visibility unlimited.

Target: CAVU. One patch of thin stratus at 1500' observed 4/5 miles northeast of target.

Return: No change.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500', 42° T for 242 statute miles to Ladispoli; 62° T for 18 statute miles to Formella, IP, climbing gradually to 11000'; 289° M for 14 statute miles to the target at 10500'; breakaway left; 180° T for 12 statute miles to Ladispoli; 222° T for 242 statute miles, descending to 2500' at this base.

F. Comments: 2 ME-109's were destroyed and 1 ME-109 was probably destroyed.

Men MIA are:

Stephanson, C.R.	1st Lt.	Pilot	0-724653
Conley, R.L.	2nd Lt.	Co-pilot	0-688798
Mestayer, J.L.	1st Lt.	Bombardier	0-725465
Young, H.W.	S/Sgt.	Eng-gun.	13046272
Strasburger, H.L.	Cpl.	Rad-gun.	12041077
Gilbert, A.R.	S/Sgt.	Spec. Rad.	31110612
Carr, G.A.	Sgt.	Gunner	31218932
Wheeler, W.R.	2nd Lt.	Pilot	0-680562
Schumer, E.A.	2nd Lt.	Co-pilot	0-680518
Harris, J.E.	S/Sgt.	Bombardier	16028811
Ganache, R.J.	S/Sgt.	Rad-gun.	31084856
Aughey, J.E., Jr.	Sgt.	Eng-gun.	33324557
Long, R.A.	Sgt.	Gunner	38149205

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## IV FC

"A"

<u>FENKA</u>	<u>OGLIETTI</u>	<u>WESLEY</u>
2	11	1
	<u>ROBBINS</u>	
	16	

"B"

<u>BERGE</u>	<u>HENRIK</u>	<u>COOPER</u>
9	10	18
	<u>CORNELIUS</u>	
	17	

"C"

<u>MCBRIDE</u>	<u>BILLING</u>	<u>BURKE</u>
84	96	90
	<u>JOHNSON</u>	
	79	

"D"

<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>CASSER</u>
76	78	95
	<u>WIER</u>	
	80	

"E"

<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>HUNTER</u>	<u>LAMB</u>
67	65	52
	<u>SAYLOR</u>	
	53	

"F"

<u>HALE</u>	<u>CAULIL</u>	<u>WHEELER</u>
52	66	54
	<u>SHEARD</u>	
	57	

"G"

<u>DEATLEY</u>	<u>BOYDOLLEY</u>	<u>FRITHMAN</u>
44	45	47
	<u>ROGAN</u>	
	33	

"H"

<u>HART</u>	<u>CONRAD</u>	<u>HODGES</u>	<u>RADIO CALLS</u>
32	39	25	1700 :
	<u>STEPHANSON</u>		3100h :
	41		3200h :

-FIGHTER :  
BOMBER :

## S P A R E S

<u>HUMBERGER</u>	<u>LYNCASTER</u>	<u>WHEELER</u>	<u>SLAPK</u>
15	85	68	29

## C O L O R S O F T H E D A Y

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLARE</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>REPLY</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
0700-0700	RY	N	D	GREEN
0700-1300	GG	O	C	WHITE
1300-1900	GY	M	B	RED
1900-0100	YY	I	W	GREEN

PRIMARY TARGET - LANZIANA, ITALY RR/Br.

42°01 - 2436 - Ladispoli (OP)

1 hr. 20 mins.

62°01 - 1854 - Formelli (IP)

52 mins.

289°04 - 1454 - Target

4 mins.

BREAK LEFT

130°02 - 1254 - Ladispoli

3 mins.

222°01 - 2428 - Base

1 hr. 8 mins.

TOTAL MILES - 528

TOTAL TIME - 2 hrs 41

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
OGLIETTI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1210
CUKAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1542
HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
O'KEEFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROGERS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CLARK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MARBLE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR		
WEST, PILOT F/O	441st	1
WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1210
MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt.	443rd	landed 1542
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KWIATKOWSKI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.		
FENKA, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	2
HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1210
HAYS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1543
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CATALDI, PHOTO, PFC.		
ROBBINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	16
BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1210
BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1543
THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPLESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HENDRIX, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
SCHULTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1211
FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1544
LIDICKER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GORMANOUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRINER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GOODENOUGH, PILOT, F/O	441st	18
FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1211
KONNOFF, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1544
LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BRATTEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		

BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	9
MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1211
LE GOLDRICK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1544
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CORNELIUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
MATTESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1211
VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1554
ACERRO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIGGS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	96
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1212
WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1545
GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURKE, PILOT, F/O	444th	90
CONNOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1212
FELTON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1545
KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SZENCZYK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC BRIDE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
BLACKTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1212
MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1546
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	79
ROUND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1212
POCAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1546
JOHNSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	73
WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1213
BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1546
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
VARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SHINGLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		



GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1213
ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1546
W MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FRIEDMAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RABAL, PHOTO, Sgt.		
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1213
W MC MAHON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1530
STATON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEIGL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GEISKING, OBS. 2nd Lt.		
WIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1213
E LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1547
GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl..		
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HUNTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1214
F HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1550
PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
POWERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
AUSTAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HENRY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1214
W SALTARELLI, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1551
GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	67
MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1214
W SZAFIR, NAV. Sgt.		landed 1552
CALAFUT, RADIO, Sgt.		
AVERY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	GERDEY, RADIO, Sgt.	
SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	53
WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1214
E WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1551
WARD-SMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MILLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MC KEE, OBS. T/Sgt.		



CAUDILL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	66
TIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1215
JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1226
LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
F HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GRLEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WEEKLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1215
W STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1553
BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HALE, PILOT, F/O	443rd	51
WIRKALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1215
GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1603
ROMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
E COOKS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1215
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1552
BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TERRELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	45
LARABEE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1216
W MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1553
F CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47
W RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1216
DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1554
ELIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
W THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1216
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1557
PEARL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DANKO, RADIO, Sgt.		
JEHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

ROWAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	33
ROOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1216
CHAVALAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1554
E MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC COY, Sgt. RADIO,		
BUTH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
YOUNG, OBS. 1st Lt.		
CONRAD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	39
GREGG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1216
F SCAFIDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed <del>1216</del>
FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARSCHKE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HODGES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
BROWN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1217
W FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1555
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, Pvt.		
MARWICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO,	441st	
HARTE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	32
K SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1217
COLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1217
KING, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIRKACH, GUNNER, S Sgt.		
ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEPHANSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
CONLEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1217
E MESTAYER, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
YOUNG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STRASBURGER, RADIO, cpl.		
CARR, GUNNER, Ssgt.		
GILBERT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	15
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1218
MC FARLAND, S/Sgt. BOMB.		landed 1553
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	85
MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1218
BUSH, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1547
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

WHEELER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	68
SCHUMER, CO PILOT,		took off 1218
HARRIS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
GAMAUCHE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LONG, GUNNER, Sgt.		
AUGHEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29
KADEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1219
HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1535
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
<u>WEATHER SHIP</u>		
WILIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	2
DILLON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DOLAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, Sgt.		