

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 147, Day Operation, 8 February 1944

Flight Commander: Major Friday.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M)

B. At 09:55 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Poggibonsi M/Y, Italy, but found the target and alternate cloud obscured and instead, bombed Siena M/Y, Italy. They were escorted by Spitfires of the Coastal Command. 3 B-26's returned early; 1 due to sick bombardier, 1 due to nose wheel malfunction, and 1 due to engine trouble, the last being credited with a sortie. 33 B-26's were over the target and 19 B-26's dropped 76 x 1,000 lb. Demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 12:33 hours from 9,500' to 10,500'. 8 x 1,000 lb. Demolition bombs were salvaged over water because of emergency and 48 x 1,000 lb. Demolition bombs were returned to this base because second squadron was not in position to drop their bombs. 27 B-26's returned to this base at 14:31 hours and 5 B-26's, which had landed at Ghisonaccia A/D to refuel, returned to this base from 15:10 to 16:28 hours. 1 B-26 is at Ghisonaccia with tire trouble.

C. Results: An excellent concentration of bombs bracketed the center of the yards. There were about 125/150 cars in the yards and about 35 of these were destroyed. Large explosions and flames were observed between two warehouses towards the south-central portion of the yards. The RR station, 2/3rds of 2 long warehouses and overpass over the M/Y were destroyed.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 10/12 Spitfires provided good escort for the formation.

b. Situation: 10/12 S/E and T/S A/C of which 2/3 were serviceable were observed at Siena-Malimano A/D, and a supply dump was observed at the west side of the field at 12:34 hours from 10,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Factory activity plus 3 large stacks were observed at Radicondoli at 12:38 hours from 10,000'.

(2) Factory activity plus 2 large stacks were observed at Monterotondo at 12:38 hours from 10,000'.

(3) Factory activity plus 3 large stacks were observed at Monticiano at 12:38 hours from 10,000'.

b. Communications:

(1) 125/150 RR cars were seen at Siena M/Y at 12:33 hours from 10,000'.

(2) 15/20 cars were seen, not moving, at Monterotondo at 12:35 hours from 10,000'.

(3) 6 RR cars, not moving, with steam up, were seen at <sup>4318</sup> 43°18' N/ 11°23' E, at 12:34 hours from 10,000'.

(4) 15 M/T moving south were seen at 43°00' N/ 11°10' E, at 12:40 hours from 10,000'.

(5) scattered M/T traffic was seen in the target area at 12:33 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: several bursts of slight, light, inaccurate for altitude and deflection were seen over Fiesole from 10,000'.

d. Sighting:

- (1) 1 large M/V, 1 med. M/V, and 7 small boats were seen anchored North of the mouth of the Cecina River at 12:45 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) 2 large M/V were seen anchored at Pombino at 12:50 hours from 10,000'.
- (3) 1 med. M/V, moving South, and 8 small boats, anchored, were seen at Castiglione-Celle at 12:50 hours from 10,000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather:

Enroute: Generally overcast with a few large breaks.

Target: No change, Fogginbonai cloud obscured.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2,500', 120°T for 37 SM to Cape Carbanera, 0°T for 244 SM to Birgo, rendezvous with fighters, 53°T for 65 SM to San Vincenza, climbing gradually to 10,000', 53°T for 21 SM to Penarance, IP, Bomb-run 60°T for 18 SM to the target at 10,000', breakaway right, 240°T for 75 SM to 42°50' N/ 10°00' E, 193°T for 249 SM descending to 2,500' at this base.

F. Comments: None.

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		"A"			
		<u>SPEEGLE</u>			
<u>HATOMAKI</u>		<u>34</u>		<u>BROWNE</u>	
<u>44</u>		<u>CONRAD</u>		<u>47</u>	
-----		<u>31</u>	-----		
		"B"			
<u>HAMPTON</u>		<u>BENTONLEY</u>		<u>FREEMAN</u>	
<u>29</u>		<u>DOELIN</u>		<u>28</u>	
-----		<u>26</u>	-----		
		"C"			
<u>PALLER</u>		<u>SHEARD</u>		<u>WEEKLY</u>	
<u>51</u>		<u>SLITHWICK</u>		<u>52</u>	
-----		<u>65</u>	-----		
		"D"			
<u>ACKERMAN</u>		<u>CAUDIL</u>		<u>HRIBAL</u>	
<u>64</u>		<u>BARKER</u>		<u>54</u>	
-----		<u>62</u>	-----		
		"E"			
<u>MAC BRIDE</u>		<u>PETERS</u>		<u>BROWN</u>	
<u>91</u>		<u>WEINBERG</u>		<u>90</u>	
-----		<u>82</u>	-----		
		"F"			
<u>BURKE</u>		<u>DILLING</u>		<u>BIP. INGHAM</u>	
<u>78</u>		<u>JOHNSON</u>		<u>20</u>	
-----		<u>77</u>	-----		
		"G"			
<u>MATTESON</u>		<u>PAULANTIS</u>		<u>WEST</u>	
<u>4</u>		<u>BEYD</u>		<u>?</u>	
-----		<u>12</u>	-----		
		"H"			
<u>GOODENOUGH</u>		<u>ORSTEEN</u>		<u>DILLON</u>	
<u>10</u>		<u>MUNALLEE</u>		<u>1</u>	
-----		<u>13</u>	-----		
SPARES		<u>BERNARD</u>	<u>LYDAY</u>	<u>BOGANSTERN</u>	<u>HUNSBERGER</u>
		<u>38</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>6</u>
COLORS OF THE DAY		<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLARE</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>REPLY</u>
		<u>0100-0700</u>	<u>GG</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>
		<u>0700-1300</u>	<u>RY</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>D</u>
		<u>1300-1900</u>	<u>RG</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>V</u>
		<u>1900-0100</u>	<u>YY</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>?</u>
					<u>HARVEST</u>
					<u>BRADFORD</u>
					<u>COLOR</u>
					<u>PINTO</u>
					<u>GREEN</u>
					<u>RED</u>
					<u>GREEN</u>
					<u>WHITE</u>

RADIO:

17th WOHAR  
319th BALDWIN  
320th CHEROKEE

FIGHTERS

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

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
SPEGLE, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	34
ARMSTRON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0955
DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1439
G LEAHY, NAV. Capt.		
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, RADIO, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Pvt.		
FRIDAY, FLIGHT COMMANDER; Major,		
BROWN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1439
W GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BOONEY, RADIO, Pvt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
HAKOLAKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	44
MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
LYMAN, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1440
W UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KANE, GUNNER, Pvt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.		
CONRAD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	31
THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0956
PINCOB, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed
E FREESTONE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
HORNE, NAV. S/Sgt.		
ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SHUH, DFC, 1st Lt.		
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	37
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0956
BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed
F MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	28
RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0956
W FULLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1444
ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

HAMPTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0956
W GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
YULE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GLEASON, GUNNER, Pvt.		
DODELIN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	26
CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0957
E EVANS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed
HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MILLIMAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
KARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	53
TIMI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0957
F STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed /441
HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
YIM, RADIO, Sgt.		
FERRELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52
WIRKKILA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0957
W STRAKA, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed /442
BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CATALDI, PHOTO, Pvt.	441st	
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
FELT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0957
W ROGERS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed /442
COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0958
F ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
MAIER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIFFIN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CAUDILL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	57
STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0958
F STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed /440
HOBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
WARDSMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		

	HRIBAL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	54
	BEAUDRON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0959
W	WESTFALL, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed /440
	JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ARMAO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
	COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0959
W	MC CARTNEY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1441
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JUST, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	HAMILTON, OBSERVER, MAJOR,		
	BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
E	KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0959
	ADAMS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1441
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	PETERS, PILOT, F/O	444th	79
	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0959
F	POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1431
	GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ESTRADA, Sgt. GUNNER,		
	BROWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	90
	BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
W	<del>W</del> MC CUTCHEN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed /431
	GUNTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SCHANZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, <del>X</del> PHOTO, Sgt.		
	MC BRIDE, PILOT,	444th	91
W	NOWAK, CO PILOT,		took off 1000
	MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt		landed 1432
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER,		
	SHAFFER, RADIO,		
	FIELD, GUNNER,		
	WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
	POLANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
E	DELSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 14
	MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FAUCHISE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	CLARKE, GUNNER, PFC		

	DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	95
	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
	WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1445
F	THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCONI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	80
	SLINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1001
W	JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1443
	STATON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WEIGT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BURKE, PILOT, F/O	444th	78
W	CONNOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1001
	FESTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		landed 1443
	KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KOCH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	77
F	ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off 1001
	POCAN, BOMB		landed 1417
	JOHNSON, ENGINEER,		
	MC ELMURRY, RADIO,		
	GEORGE, GUNNER,		
	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1001
	FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1442
F	HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, F/O	441st	7
	WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1002
W	KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1431
	LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	clites, photo,		
	MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
W	REAVES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1002
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1002
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
	DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	<del>ELITE</del>		
	HELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
	WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1002
F	GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1430
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.	ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.	

O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1002
F PLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1433
THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	1
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1003
W DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1101
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JUNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

GOODENUGH, PILOT, F/O	441st	10
FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1003
MC ILLVERNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1429
BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER,		
YAVOROSKY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

NUNNALLEE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1003
E VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1432
TASSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LARGENT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYS, GUNNER, Sgt.		

SPARES

BERNARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	38
HARTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1004
JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed: 1437
KING, NAV. Cpl.		
ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIMMECH, GUNNER,		

LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1004
SALTERELLI, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1438
LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		

MORGASTERN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1003
BUSH, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	6
WELLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1004
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1400
SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GOODMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		



WEATHER, SHIP

PENKA, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
KOZUK, CAPT. NAV.  
CHRISTIANS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
ROGERS, RADI, T/Sgt.  
MAZZO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
FARTING, RADIO, S/Sgt.

441st

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took off