

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 150, Day Operation, 13 Feb. 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Brewer.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0840 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off to bomb Bucine Viaduct, Italy. They were escorted by Spitfires of the Coastal Command. 6 B-26's returned early: 2 because of engine trouble, 1 because oil congealed, 2 lost the formation due to weather. <sup>and one spare's</sup> One of the 6 is entitled to credit for a sortie. 22 B-26's were over the target and 13 dropped 51 x 1000 lb demolition bombs on the target at 1119 hours from 11,700 to 13,500'. 4 B-26's dropped 16 x 1000 lb demolition bombs over a railroad track at 43° 23' N, 10° 27' E at 1136 hours from 11,300', having not been in a position to drop on the primary target. 8 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area due to bombardier error and 1 x 1000 lb demolition bomb was salvaged in the target area having hung up. 4 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged over water by one of the early returns. 12 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base, 4 because bomb bay doors opened too slowly, 4 because of frost on the nose and 4 because A/C was not in a position to drop on the target. 16 B-26's returned safely at 1328 hours and 6 B-26's returned late between 1415 and 1711, having landed at Ghisonaccia for fuel.

C. RESULTS: The target was missed. Some bombs possibly cut the road S of the target. RR track North of Cecina was also missed.

D. OBSERVATIONS: 1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 15/20 Spitfires from Coastal Command provided good cover  
b. Situation: One crew reported 3 A/C on Grosseto A/D at 1107 from 11,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications: 1. 30 RR cars at 42° 58' N, 11° 23' E were seen at 1110 from 11,000'.

2. One train headed south, of 20/30 cars was seen between Poggibonisi and Siena at 1118 hours from 11,000'.

3. 30/40 RR cars were seen at St. Giovanni di Asso M/V at 1117 hours from 11,000'.

4. 10 RR cars were observed at Castiglioncello at 1129 from 10,000'.

5. 15 M/T headed south, 6 miles South of Colle were seen at 1122 from 10,000'.

6. 10 RR cars were observed just North of Faganico at 1105 from 11,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 5/8 small boats, 1 half-sunk medium M/V were seen just off shore at Cecina at 1130 from 10,000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute, 8/10 cloud cover from 0' - 15,000'; scattered showers. Target: Clear. Return: as enroute.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: 120° T for 37 statute miles to Cape Carbonero; 90° T for 100 statute miles to Cape Comino; 353° T for 142 statute miles to Borgo Biguglia A/D, Corsica for rendezvous with escort; 90° T to north of Ombrone River; to IP, S. Giovanni di. Asso, climbing gradually to 14,000'; bomb run 8° M for 23 statute miles to target at 11,700 - 13,500'; breakaway right; to Cecina; to 42° 50' N, 10° 00' E, 190° T for 120 statute miles to C. Ferro; 193° T for 129 statute miles to base, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

F. COMMENTS: Many crew members experienced reduced efficiency due to flying at high altitudes for a long period.

WILLIAM COOK  
Captain, Air Corps  
Gp Intelligence C.

MISSION # 175 FLIGHT COMMANDER:  
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

13 FEBRUARY 1944

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 "A"  
TURNER WEINBERG  
 80 86 BROWN  
DELLING 77  
 79

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 "B"  
WILSON SMITH  
 21 30 FURK  
SMITH 36  
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 "C"  
LEWIS PAULANTIS  
 10 17 SKINNER  
MURPHY 19  
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 "D"  
BROWN LOBASCO  
 41 31 SMITH  
SPANGLE 77  
 34

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 "E"  
WENLY CONRAD RADIO CALL SIGNS  
 59 28 SMITH 17th BEACHHEAD  
BARKER 77 319th RANSOM  
 69 320th SWINGBAND  
 FIG. 100 BOLLER

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 "F"  
WILSON ICONS  
 52 70 NELSON  
S. FARLICK 66  
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 "G"  
WIER SMITH MARSTER  
 85 77 32  
FARMER  
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COLORS OF THE DAY 13 FEBRUARY 1944

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	EG	C	J	WHITE
0700-1300	YY	N	D	GREEN
1300-1900	RY	B	L	WHITE
1900-0100	CY	E	P	RED.



THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON BUCINE VIADUCT, ITALY

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANENO.
WEINBERG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	96 took off 0840 landed 1328
POLANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
DELOISE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
G TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FAUCHISE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RABAI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BREWER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT.		
BROWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77 took off 0840 landed 1325
BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
MC CUTCHEN, BOMB. Sgt.		
W GUNTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FREEDMAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.		
TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	90 took off 0840 landed 1328
NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
W JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CROWIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DRAPER, PHOTO, S/s-gt		
DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79 took off 0840 landed 1328
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
E WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
THOMPSON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	78 took off 0841 landed 0932
WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
F DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
BARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BASS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURKE, PILOT, F/O	444th	86 took off 0841 landed 1329
CONNOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
W DZIEDZIC, BOMB. Cpl.		
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, Sgt.		

WILSON, PILOT, F/O	441st	21
WEST, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0841
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1230
LIAS, ENGINEER, S Sgt.		
W CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAZZO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0841
E GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1156
O'DELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0842
F FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1330
ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIGGS, BURNER, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O	8	took off 0842
W MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt.		LANDED 0951
BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DUNN, XNES PHOTO, Cpl.		
REAVES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
MATTESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0842
W HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1330
HARRISON, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CATALDI, PHOTO, Cpl.		
MUNNALLEE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0842
F VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1330
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LARGENT, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PROBASCO, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	31
RATERING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0843
F PINCOMB, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1331
OLMSTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
W KADER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	CAMPBELL, RADIO, Pvt.	took off 0843
HARMON, BOMB. Cpl.	MAGNER, GUNNER, Sgt.	landed 1333
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.	COLTON, PHOTO, Pfc.	

	BROWN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	41
	THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0843
	JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1333
W	GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	COONEY, RADIO, Pvt.		
	MARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	179 34
	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0843
	DARBY, BOMB, 1st Lt.		landed 1432
E	LEAHY, NAV. Capt.		
	FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Pvt.		
	CONRAD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	28
	DICKERSON, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0844
F	FREESTONE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1310
	KING, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAMPTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	28
	GARBOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0844
W	GOLDIN, BOMB. Lt.		landed
	YULE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MCORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GLEASON, GUNNER, Pvt.		
	WEEKLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
	CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0844
W	STRAKA, NAV BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1101
	LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	64
	MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0844
E	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1308
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
	KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0845
F	UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1440
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
	BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BOWLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	NELSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	66
W	STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0845
	SZAFIR, BOMB. Sgt.	POWERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.	landed 1536
	LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	AUSTAD, GUNNER, Sgt.	

	STRACHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52
	SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0845
	ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1315
	COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
W	HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
	SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
	COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0845
	ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
W	MAIER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		<u>CORSICA</u>
	GRILLIN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	YIM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
S	WIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
	SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0846
	SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1329
	GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GEORGE GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	<u>SPARE</u>		
	FENKA, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	4
	HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0846
	BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		4 - 1329
	HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HAYS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	<u>WEATHER</u>		
	ST. ARNO, PILOT, F/O	441st	3
	NOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
	THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER		<u>CORSICA</u>
	JUVES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FARTHING, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	<u>SPARES</u>		
	HARPSTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	32
	TYLOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0840
	HARRINGTON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed <del>1329</del>
	PEARL, NAV. Sgg.		1142
	KNAUER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
	FELT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0847
	ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1621
	CALAPUT, RADIO, Sgt.		
	ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		