

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 153, Day Operation, 16 Feb 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Graves.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0800 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Perugia RR Bridge, Italy. 7 B-26's returned early: 4 were spares; 1 turned back at IP because rudder trim tabs froze; 1 turned back at IP because of low fuel supply (this A/C returned late, having landed at Ghisonaccia for fuel and is included in total of late returns); 1 turned back to escort the A/C low on gas, dropping bombs on San Stefano on the return (these bombs are included in the total dropped on that target). They were escorted on the return from the target by Spitfires. 21 B-26's were over the target, and 12 B-26's dropped 40 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) and 16 x 500 lb demolition bombs (6 - 1 hour delay, 6 - 12 hour delay and 4 - 24 hour delay fuses) on the primary target at 1050 from 9,600' to 10,500'. 8 B-26's dropped 32 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) on the alternate target, Porto San Stefano, at 1115 hours from 9,600'. 8 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were slaved in the vicinity of Perugia because of bomb bay door trouble, and 24 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base, 8 because A/C were not in a position to drop, and 16 by the spares. 8 B-26's returned at 1235 hours and 14 returned late at 1343 to 1603 hours, having landed at Ghisonaccia, Corsica for fuel.

C. RESULTS: The bridge at Perugia was missed, cloud cover preventing accurate bombing. Bombs landed NE and SW of the bridge.

At Porto S. Stefano, bombs landed over in the water. Some bombs landed on 4/5 small boats in the first cove N of Porto S. Stefano.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: 1. Several Spitfires were seen escorting formation on homeward run.  
2. 1 S/E A/C unidentified was seen by 1 crew at A 4550 at 1040 from 10,000'.

b. Situation: 1. 1 T/E and 3 S/E A/C were seen at Perugia A/D at 1050 from 9,600'.  
2. 2 A/C were seen on Castiglione A/D at 1051 from 10,500'.  
3. Grosseto A/D was seen to be postholed at 1030 from 10,000'.

2. Ground: a. None.

b. Communications:

- 30/40 RR cars were seen not moving at W 40-95 at 1050 from 10,500'.
- 35/40 RR cars were seen not moving at E 68-38 at 1115 from 9,600'.
- 30 RR cars were seen not moving at W 53-95 at 1050 from 10,500'.
- 25/30 RR cars were seen not moving at W 33-81 at 1052 from 10,000'.
- 30 RR cars were seen not moving at A 39-65 at 1052 from 10,000'.
- 8 RR cars were seen not moving at E 70-32 at 1115 from 9,600'.
- 20 RR cars were seen not moving at E 6265 at 1030 from 10,000'.
- 3 trains of 8 cars each was seen not moving at W 62-02 at 1052 from 10,500'.
- 6/8 M/T were seen at A 61-91 at 1050 from 10,000'.
- 35 trucks plus trailers covered with blue canvas were reported by one

b. Communications (Cont'd):

crew off side of road at A 71-91 at 1045 from 9,700'.

c. Flak:

1. a. Perugia and (b) Porto S. Stefano from 9,600'.
2. a. Slight to Moderate. (b) Slight.
3. a. Heavy. (b) light.
4. a. Fairly accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection.  
b. Inaccurate for altitude and deflection.
5. Predicted concentration fire.
6. 1 heavy gun at each position firing at 24 D, 24 E, 25D, 25E,  
26 B (TC 3-42A-4A).
7. a. Four  
b. Normal  
c. None.
8. None.
9. None.

- d. Shipping:
1. 3 med. M/V and 5 small boats were seen anchored off Porto S Stefano at 1115 from 9,600'.
  2. 6 small boats and 2 barges were seen at Port Ercole from 9,600' at 1115 hours.
  3. 4 fishing vessels were seen in lagoon N of Orbetello from 9,600' at 1115 hours.
  4. 3 barges were seen headed at Mouth of Ombrone River at 1115 hours from 9,600'.

3. Losses: None lost; 1 B-26 damaged and 3 B-26's slightly damaged due to flak.

4. Weather: Enroute: Generally overcast with few breaks; scattered snow and showers. Target: No change. Return: No change.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From this base at 2,500', 30° T for 142 statute miles to Cape Fano, 47° T for 20 statute miles to Porto Viaccia, 40° T for 70 statute miles to Borgo, 86° T for 76 statute miles to Mouth of Ombrone River, 76° T for 72 statute miles to 2 miles SE of Marsiano, IP, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run # 1, 24° M for 14 statute miles to the target at 10,000'; bomb run # 2, 247° M for 23 statute miles to Porto S. Stefano; reciprocal course homeward to this base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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A

LYDAY  
54

HUNTER  
65  
SAYLOR  
50

WEEKLY  
51

B

HARPSTER  
30 26

CAUDILL  
66  
HAKOMAKI  
37

FELT  
52

C

DEATLEY  
29

BOTTOMLEY  
33  
BAKER  
45

ROWAN  
40

D

HUNSBERGER  
4

HENDRIX  
17  
ROBBINS 8-500  
11

DILLON  
14

E

MCBRIDE  
91

PAULANTIS  
2  
JOHNSON 8-500  
99

WILLS  
1

F

TURNER  
76

DILLING  
79  
BIRMINGHAM 8-500  
98

FOWLER  
87

SPARES

LAMB  
57

RATERING  
~~BERNARD~~  
41

WEST  
22

BROWNE  
80

COLORS	TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
OF	0100-0700	RQ	P	Q	GREEN
THE	0700-1300	GG	I	C	RED
DAY	1300-1900	GY	J	B	WHITE
	1900-0100	RY	M	W	GREEN

~~BERNARD~~

RATERING

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON PERUGIA RR/Br. ITALY

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HUNTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65 took off 0800 landed 1555
TIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
WARD SMITH, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
PICKETT, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HENRY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt. q		
SNIDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRAVES, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Captain		
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	51 took off 0800 landed 1250
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
STRANA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
LA GESSA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	54	443rd took off 0800 landed 1555
REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
SALTARELLI, S/Sgt.		
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CONSY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50 took off 0800 landed 1550
COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
WAGAR, 2nd Lt. BOMB.		
TARANTO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CAUDILL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	66 took off 0801 landed 1233
MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
ROBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
CASSINO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GRIEWAKK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52 took off 0801 landed 1233
WIRKKALA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
MAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CALAFUT, RADIO, Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HARFSTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	26 took off 0801 landed 1845
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
HARRINGTON, BOMB. Cpl.		
FEARD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, sgt.		

HAKOMAKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. mc kay, co pilot, 2nd Lt. LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt. TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	37 took off 0801 landed 1425
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt. SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	33 took off 0802 landed 1518
ROWAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUTH, GUNNER, Sgt. FEIGE, PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	40 took off 0802 landed 1153
DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARMON, BOMB. Cpl. PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. DENKO, RADIO, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	29 took off 0802 landed 1518
BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. NARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MALBURN, RADIO, S/Sgt. WHEELER, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	35 took off 0802 landed 1373
HENDRIX, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCHULTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. OZUK, NAV. Capt. LIDIGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GORMANOUS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GILNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	17 took off 0803 landed 1235
DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DOCKERTY, BOMB. S/Sgt. TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt. DUNN, PHOTO, Cpl.	441st	14 took off 0803 landed 1235

HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	4
WEILER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0803
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1235
BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROBBINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
BODLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0803
BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1438
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROGERS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TOMPkin, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	2
WILLIAMS, D.L., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0804
POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
GREENWALD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1556
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	1
OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0804
MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1550
MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC BRIDE, PILOT,	444th	91
CONNOR, CO PILOT,		took off 0804
MOORE, BOMB		landed 1244
WYMER, ENGINEER,		
SHAFER, RADIO,		
FIELD, GUNNER,		
JOHNSON, PILOT,	444th	99
ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off 0804
POCAN, BOMB.		landed 1400
JOHNSON, ENGINEER,		
MC ELMURRY, RADIO,		
CLARKE, GUNNER		
DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	79
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0805
WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1603
COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	87
POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0805
JENCU, BOMB. S/Sgt.	COCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	landed
DEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.	WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
	CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	

TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DZIEDZIC, BOMB. Cpl. MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt. CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.	444th	76 took off 0805 landed 1437
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl. FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEIGL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FAUCHIER, X, T/Sgt.	444th	98 took off 0805 landed 1504
<u>SPARES</u>		
LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DICKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt. LAMOURSUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. MC DONALD, GUNNER, Sgt. COLTON, PHOTO, Sgt.	443rd	57 took off 0806 landed 1026
WEST, PILOT, F/O WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt. MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	22 took off 0806 landed 1017
BROWNE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BURG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC CUTCHER, BOMB. Sgt. GUNTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FREEDMAN, RADIO, T/Sgt. HATCHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	80 took off 0806 landed 1017
RAYERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl. HENDRICK, ENGINEER, Sgt. WASACZ, RADIO, Sgt. LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt. COLTON, PHOTO, Pvt.	442nd	41 took off 0806 landed 1025