

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 155, Day Operation, 20 February 1944

Flight Commander: Major Marble.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0920 hours, 35 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Troop Concentrations from F872345 to F877365, GSGS 4164, Sheet No. 158, Italy. (North of Carroceta) 3 B-26's, spares, returned early. 32 B-26's were over the target and 19 B-26's dropped 2,184 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs on the target at 1052 hours from 11,000 to 12,000'. 252 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs were salvaged due to rack malfunction and due to injured bombardier. 1,398 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs were returned to this base because the a/c were not in a position to drop due to overcast obscuring the target. 31 B-26's returned to this base at 1220 hours. 1 B-26 returned at 1302 hours.

C. Results: There was a good concentration of bombs at the south end of the target area running to the northeast.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) 8/10 Spitfires escorted the formation over land.
- (2) 6/8 ME-109's and FW-190's were seen several minutes before the bomber and several minutes thereafter. Most of them had silver bellies and grayish-green and brown tops. 1 pass was made by 1 E/A from below at 12 o'clock and another pass was made from level at 10 o'clock during which several bursts were fired but in neither case did the a/c close further than a thousand yards. Two passes, each by 1 E/A, were made from 4 to 6 o'clock with no shots fired and E/A broke off at a thousand yards. 1 pass by 1 E/A was made from 6 o'clock from below and, the E/A closed to 400 yards, our a/c fired 80 to 100 rounds and the ME-109 was seen breaking away in a spin losing altitude.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General: A barrage of flak bursts were seen in the target area several minutes before approaching the target from 11,000'.
- b. Communications: 7/10 M/T were seen moving in both directions in the target area at 1053 hours from 11,000'.

c. Flak:

- (1) Target area from 11,000'.
- (2) A. Moderate. B. Moderate.
- (3) A. Heavy. B. Light.
- (4) A. Fairly accurate for altitude and deflection.
B. Inaccurate for altitude and deflection.
- (5) A. Barrage to continuously pointed fire. B. Continuously pointed fire.
- (6) 3 heavy guns firing at 587-834, and 2 heavy guns firing at 588-837 Target Chart GSGS 4164, Sheet No. 158.
- (7) A. some of the bursts were larger than usual with red flashes observed.
- (8) None.
- (9) None.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: 2 B-26's were damaged by flak and 12 B-26's were slightly damaged by flak and 4 crew members were injured due to flak.

4. Weather: Enroute: 9/10 altocumulus at 6500 to 7,000'; visibility good above the clouds.

Target: Open. Large cloud to northeast at 6500'. Visibility 8 miles in haze.

Return: No change.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500', 53° T for 239 statute miles to 3 miles southwest of Anzio at 41°25'N, 12°36'E, climbing gradually to 12,000', IP, 40° M for 13 statute miles to the target at 11,000'; breakaway right; 207° T for 12 statute miles to Anzio; 233° T for 242 statute miles, descending gradually to 2500' at this base.

F. Comments: 1 ME-109 was damaged.

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MISSION # 180

FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR R. W. LEE

20 FEBRUARY 1944

	"A"	
	<u>OGLIETTI</u>	
<u>WILLS</u>	2	<u>DILLON</u>
4	<u>ROBBINS</u>	10
	18	

	"B"	
	<u>HENDRIX</u>	
<u>WEILER</u>	17	<u>WEST</u>
14	<u>BERGE</u>	21
	11	

	"C"	
	<u>DILLING</u>	
<u>MC BRIDE</u>	96	<u>TURNER</u>
91	<u>JOHNSON</u>	87
	2	

	"D"	
	<u>TOMNS</u>	
<u>FOLLER</u>	94	<u>BURKE</u>
77	<u>WIER</u>	76
	95	

	"E"	
	<u>CAUDILL</u>	
<u>STRACHAN</u>	50	<u>WEEKLY</u>
51	<u>HUNTER</u>	55
	65	

	"F"	
	<u>LONG</u>	
<u>NELSON</u>	53	<u>FILMER</u>
64	<u>SMITHWICK</u>	61
	63	

	"G"	
	<u>WENDLING</u>	
<u>RUWAN</u>	33	<u>WENDLING</u>
25	<u>BAKER</u>	29
	45	

	"H"	
	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u>	
<u>BERNARD</u>	38	<u>HARPSTER</u>
48	<u>HAKOMAKI</u>	37
	39	

GOODENOUGH
22

ETTINGHAM
83

ACKERMAN
54

FREEMAN
41

COLORS OF THE DAY	FOR	20 FEBRUARY	1944	
TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RG	L	M	RED
0700-1300	GG	C	O	GREEN
1300-1900	RR	Z	P	WHITE
1900-0100	GY	G	H	GREEN

RADIO CALL SIGNS.

- 17th BUTLER
- 319th BATBOY
- 320th CRAWFORD
- FIGHTER RANSOM.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
OGLIETTI, PILOT, Capt. WILLIAMS, B. O. CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.3 CUKAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.3 OZUK, NAV. Capt. GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ROGERS, RADIO, T/Sgt CLARK, GUNNER, Sgt. MARBLE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR	441st	2 took off 0920 landed / 2 2 0
DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt. LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt. DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	441st	10 took off 0920 landed / 3 0 2
WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt. OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KWIAKOWSKI, BOMB. 2nd Lt. O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt. MEBINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	441st	4 took off 0920 landed / 2 2 0
ROBBINS, PILOT, 1st Lt. BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt. HUFFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt. TOMKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	18 took off 0920 landed / 2 2 0
HANDEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCHULTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FARMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt. LIDICKER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GORMANOUS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GRINER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	441st	17 took off 0920 landed / 2 2 1
WEST, PILOT, F/O WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. T/Sgt. MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HOFFMAN, RADIO, Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	21 took off 0921 landed / 2 2 1

HUNSPERGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
WEILER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed, 200
SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
MALCOLM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1221
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	96
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0922
HELLER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed, 222
MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	87
NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0922
SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed, 222
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
MC BRIDE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
MORGANSTERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0922
MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed, 223
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SHAFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PILOT,	444th	98
ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off 0922
POCAN, BOMB.		landed, 222
JOHNSON, ENGINEER,		
MC ELMURRY, RADIO,		
CLARKE, GUNNER,		
TOWNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
WEILER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0923
BARNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 0923
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1224
BARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

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Burke, Pilot, F/O	444th	76
Connor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0923 15
Dzifdizc, Bombardier, Cpl.		Landed 1224
Filtrante, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Ivey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Koch, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Fowler, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
Marshall, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0923 1/2
Jenco, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1224
Cocolo, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wood, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
DeWitt, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Colten, Photographer, Cpl.		
Wier, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	95
Demetree, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0923 45
Lindstrum, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1224
Goldie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Birmingham, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	83
Sinn, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0928
Crapse, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1139
Staten, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Reinberg, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Waigl, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Caudill, F/O . Pilot,	443rd	50
Kolar, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0924
Schwartz, Navigator, Lt.		Landed 1225
Hobel, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Hildembrand, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Griewank, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Nelson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Graves, Dfc, Captain,		
Weekley, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	66
Carter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0924 15
Straka, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1225
LaGesse, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Rolfe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Adams, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Strachan, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	51
Sprang, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0924 1/2
armao, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1225
Coons, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Westfall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hopkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Cataldi, Aerial photographer, Pfc.		
Hunter, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
Hale, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 0924 54
Fickett, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1225
Taranto, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Giles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
A Snider, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	Henry, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.	

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Long, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	53
Goodwin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0925
Jamke, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1226
Cassino, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Bergamo, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Yim, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Palmer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
Reynolds, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0925 15
Salterelli, Wb, S/sgt.		Landed 1224
Lafferty, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Flajnik, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Volosky, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Nelson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	64
Stinso, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0925
Szafir, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1227
Powers, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Austad, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Larkin, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Dunn, aerial photographer cpl.		
Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
Mckinney, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0925
Allen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1227
Maier, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griffin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Conns, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wendling, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	33
Armstrong, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0925 0926
Scafidì, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1228
Boyne, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Field, Aerial gunner,		
Deatly, Pilot,	442nd	29
Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0926 15
Jacobson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1228
Fenton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Danko, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Johnson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Rowan, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
Thornton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0925 1/2
Harrington, Bombardier, Cpl.		Landed 1228
Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Krause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Butk, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	45
Taylor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0926
Phillips, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1228
Nardine, Engineer gunner,		
Walburne, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Stewart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. LARRABEE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	38 took off 0927 L, 224 540 took off 0927 landed 1230
BARNARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl. KING, ENGINEER, Sgt. ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.	442nd	
HAKOMAKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt. WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt. KANE, GUNNER, Cpl.	442nd	39 took off 0927 landed 1230
<u>SPARES</u> GOODENOUGH, PILOT, F/O FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt. BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GAUNT, RADIO, S/Sgt. MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	22 took off 0927 landed 1118
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC CARTNEY, NAV. 2nd Lt. CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	54 took off 0928 landed 1134
FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl. WESTROOK, ENGINEER, Cpl. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	41 took off 0928 landed 1129