

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 158, Day Operations, 29 February 1944

Flight Commander: Major Friday.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1118 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Viterbo A/D, Italy. They were escorted by Spitfires of the 32nd Fighter Wing. 4 B-26's returned early, 2 spares and 2 because of engines cutting out. 24 B-26's were over the target and 24 B-26's dropped 2844 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs on the target at 1318 hours, from 11,400'. 36 x 20 lb. Fragmentation bombs were salvoed in the target area when they hung up. No bombs were returned to this base. 24 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1548 hours.

C. Results: Bombs covered the northwest and north dispersal areas of the A/D in a good pattern, destroying at least 2 S/E E/A.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) 2 unidentified S/E a/c were seen over Valentano at 10,000' headed west at 1320 hours from 11,000'.
- (2) 2 unidentified T/E a/c were seen over Tarquinia at 6,000' headed northwest at 1303 hours from 12,000'.

b. Situation: 16 E/A were parked in the target area, 10 of which were in the northwest dispersal area. 4/5 appeared to be T/E, observed at 1318 hours from 11,400'.

8 unidentified a/c were observed on the northeast and southeast corners of Tarquinia A/D at 1303 hours from 12,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) 6 chutes were observed from a plane from another formation at 42°27'N, 12°05'E at 1319 hours from 11,000'. A B-26 was seen to crash 2 miles north of this spot.
- (2) 5 chutes were seen from a plane of another formation 2 miles southeast of Montefiascone at 1320 hours from 11,000', an unidentified a/c was seen to crash in the same area.
- (3) The RR Bridge at Montalto di Castro was observed to be still damaged and both approaches cratered at 1325 hours from 11,000'.
- (4) The RR Bridge at South Orvieto was seen to be repaired and appeared serviceable at 1320 hours from 11,000'.

b. Communications:

- (1) 25/30 RR cars were seen in Montalto di Castro at 1325 hours from 11,000'.
- (2) 2 trains of 10 cars each were seen in Zepponami at 1319 hours from 11,000'.
- (3) 5 M/T were seen 4 miles north of Montefiascone headed south at 1319 hours from 11,000'.
- (4) 4/5 trucks parked at A-1938 were observed at 1327 hours from 11,000'.
- (5) 3 M/T were seen on the road headed toward Monte Romano at 1308 hours from 12,000'.

c. Flak: Flak was observed to be moderate, heavy, fairly accurate of Predicted Concentration and Barrage type aimed at the groups leading the Wing over the target. Flak decreased after the first bombs were dropped so that slight, inaccurate, heavy, PC type was experienced. 4 guns were observed firing from the northwest corner of the A/D. An uncounted number of guns were firing from a point halfway between the A/D and Lake Bdsena. The flak appeared to some crew members to be long, thin, and cone shaped.

d. Shipping:

(1) 4 boats, 1 large, 1 medium, and 2 small, were seen in Porto Longone harbor, Elba, at 1400 hours from 11,000'.

(2) 1 medium M/V was observed 10 miles southeast of coast of Giglio Island headed south at 1340 hours from 11,000'.

(3) 1 - 50' and 2 - 20' boats were seen in the harbor at Giglio Marino at 1340 hours from 11,000'.

3. Losses: No a/c were lost. 1 B-26 was damaged and 1 B-26 was slightly damaged by falling fragmentation bomb frames. 1 crew member was injured when one of the frames struck the top turret.

4. Weather: Egrouse: Broken cumulus, base 5,000', tops 7-8,000'. Cold front clouds over Corsica, overcast, base over mountains, tops 15,000'. Visibility unlimited.

Target: 6/10's cumulus, base, 5,000', tops 9,000'.

Visibility unlimited.

Return: Cold front had crossed East coast of Corsica and Northern Sardinia and was approaching base at landing.

e. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2,500', 13^{OT} for 129 SM to Cape Ferro, climbing gradually to 7,000'; 0^{OT} for 98 SM to Borge for rendezvous with escort; 100^{OT} for 120 SM to Pt. Clementine-Tarquini, the IP at 12,000'; 54^{OT} to Target at 11,400', slight break right the left; 230^{OT} for 20 SM to coast at a point just North of Montalto Di Castro; 280^{OT} to a point approximately half way to Borge; then 190^{OT} for 225 SM to base, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

f. Comments: None.

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183 G. FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR FRIDAY .
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

29 FEBRUARY 1944.

	"A"	
	<u>SPEGLIE</u>	
<u>HARPSTER</u>	34	<u>FREEMAN</u>
43	<u>PROB ASCO</u>	38
	48	

	"B"	
	<u>WENDLING</u>	
<u>HRIBAL</u>	33	<u>KADEN</u>
63	<u>SMITHWICK</u>	44
	66	

	"C"	
	<u>SAYLOR</u>	
<u>WIRKKALA</u>	53	<u>ACKERMAN</u>
54	<u>SHEARD</u>	67
	64	

	"D"	
	<u>DILLING</u>	
<u>MCBRIDE</u>	85	<u>MORANSTERN</u>
91	<u>JOHNSON</u>	83
	96	

	"E"	
	<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	
<u>DILLON</u>	78	<u>SMITH</u>
8	<u>BERGE</u>	80
	11	

	"F"	
	<u>HELD</u>	
<u>REEVES</u>	14	<u>PENKA</u>
21	<u>SMALLEE</u>	22
	25	

	SPARES	
	<u>DEATLEY</u>	
<u>MATTESON</u>	29	<u>LAMB</u>
77	<u>ST ARNO</u>	50
	7	

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 29 FEBRUARY 1944

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0700-0700	RR	S	W	WHITE
0700-1300	YY	V	L	RED
1300-1900	RY	Z	J	GREEN
1900-0100	GG	M	I	WHITE

RADIO CALL SIGNS

17th Group MOHAIR
319th Group BALDWIN
320th Group CHEROKEE.

Fighter CRAWFORD.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATE IN THE RAID ON VITTERBO, A/D, ITALY

CREW	SQUADRON	PAINE NO.
SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	34
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1538.
PINCOMB, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
FRIDAY, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Major		
FREEMAN, 1st Lt., PILOT	442nd	38
THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
W HARMON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1538
ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, NAV. S/Sgt.		
KANE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
HARPSTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	43
HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1118
HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1539
W PEARL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEMIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ZUPANC, Sgt. PHOTO.		
PROBASCO, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	48
TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
OLASTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1546
E BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WENDLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	33
MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1119
F EVANS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1542
MENNAUGH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
WILSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KADEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
W KARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1119
HARRINGTON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1539
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HRIBAL, PILOT, F/O	443rd	63
W BEADRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1119
TYSON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1505
STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, OBS., Capt.		

	SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. E ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MAIER, RADIO, S/Sgt. GRIFFIN, GUNNER, Sgt. DRAPER, PHOTO,	443rd	66 took off 1119 landed 1570
	SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. RENOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. F WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt. GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	53 took off 1120 landed 1515
	ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. W MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SAUTER, PHOTO,	443rd	67 took off 1120 landed 1571
	WIRKKALA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. FELT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. W SALTERELLI, NAV. S/Sgt. ROMIGN, RADIO, S/Sgt. PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	54 took off 1120 landed 1541
	SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. HALB, CO PILOT, F/O F STRICKLAND, NAV. 2nd Lt. BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt. YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt. TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	64 took off 1121 landed 1570
	DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. F SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt. COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt. HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. RUCKER, OBS. 1st Lt.	444th	85 took off 1121 landed 1578
	MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. W NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. MONTARULLI, ENGINEER, Sgt. CRONINI, RADIO, S/Sgt. MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	444th	83 took off 1121 landed 1543

W	MC BRIDE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O DZIEDZIC, BOMB. Cpl. MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt. FIELDS, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	91 took off 1122 landed 1225 (early return)
FE	JOHNSON, PILOT, ROUND, CO PILOT, POCAN, BOMB. GEST, NAV. JOHNSON, ENGINEER, MC ELMURRY, RADIO, CLARKE, GUNNER,	444th	96 took off 1122 landed 1543
F	BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FLINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt. KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt. BIGGOTT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	78 took off 1122 landed 1140 (early return)
W	MARSCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt. MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	80 took off 1122 landed 1544
W	DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt. LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	8 took off 1123 landed 1544
F	BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHAVALAS, BOMB. BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt. FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	11 took off 1123 landed 1543
F	HELD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt. THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt. O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. CLARK, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	16 took off 1123 landed 1548
W	PENKA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt. CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt. HAYS, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	22 took off 1123 landed 1548
	DUNN, PHOTO, Cpl.		

REAVES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O ⁺ HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt. HARRISON, ENGINEER, Sgt. BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt. HOFFMAN, X, Sgt.	441st	21 took off 1124 landed 1575
NUNNALLEE, PILOT, 1st Lt. SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt. FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. TOMPKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	15 took off 1124 landed /545
DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl. PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	29 took off 1124 landed 1443
LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HICKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt. GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. MC DONALD, GUNNER, Sgt. LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	50 took off 1125 landed 1347
MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt. POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GUIFFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl. STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 1125 landed 1543
ST. ARNO, PILOT, F/O NOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. Sgt. CERRO, ENGINEER, Sgt. DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	7 took off 1126 landed 1544