

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 158, Day Operation, 2 March 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Graves.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1000 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Gun Assembly at G-012328 to G-022335 to F-992336 to G-005353. They were escorted by aircraft of the XIIth Air Support Command. 7 B-26's returned early, 1 spare, 3 - crew members ill, 2 - engines cutting out and 1 loss of power in engine. 29 B-26's were over the target and 11 B-26's dropped 1,146 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs on the target at 1202 hours from 11,600'. 108 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs were salvoed in the target area when they hung up due to rack malfunction. 240 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs were salvoed by 2 early returns due to engine trouble. 2,214 x 20 lb. fragmentation bombs were returned to base because the target was obscured by clouds. 29 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1400 hours.

C. Results: 7/10 cloud cover in the target area obscured the target and prevented the first Squadron from dropping its bombs. Bombs of the 2nd Squadron fell on the west half of the assigned target area. A fire was observed in this area on the breakaway.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 5 ME-109's, painted black, were observed at G-0030 at 11,000', headed southwest at 1159 hours from 11,600'. 1 ME-109 broke off, made a pass at the rear plane in the 2nd Squadron, coming in at 5 o'clock, closed to 600 yards, and broke off to the left when the tail gunner fired. This E/A did not fire.

b. Situation: 4/5 S/E a/c were observed on Cisterna di Roma A/D in revetments at 1204 hours from 11,200'.

2. Ground:

a. General: What appeared to be signal flashes were observed at G-0231, continuing until the formation passed over this point, at 1200 hours from 11,600'.

b. Communications: 10/15 M/T moving in both directions were observed on the road between Cisterna and Cori at 1205 hours from 11,200'.

c. Falk: Slight to moderate, heavy, continuously pointed, accurate for altitude, off for deflection, decreasing in accuracy on breakaway, was experienced from time just before the bomb run, through breakaway, and until the coast was reached. Some grey bursts were seen. 3/4 guns were observed firing at G-0320.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: No a/c were lost. 3 B-26's were damaged and 6 B-26's were slightly damaged by flak.

4. Weather: Enroute: Broken cumulus from 8 to 12,000'. Visibility unlimited. Target: 7/10 cumulus from 4 to 8,000'. Target obscured by clouds. Visibility unlimited. Return: Clear.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2,500'; 53° T for 242 statute miles to Nettuno, the IP, climbing gradually to 12,500'; 42° M for 13 statute miles over the target; breakaway right to coast 14½ miles southeast of Nettuno at 11,000'; 233° T for 255 statute miles to base, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION NO: 184

FLIGHT COMMANDER:

"A"

OGLIETTIWILSON

1

17

BINSWILLS

14

"B"

COSTENHUBBARD

10

4

SMITH

2

OLIVER

8

"C"

JOHNSONFOWLER

78

98

NIER

85

MATTESON~~95~~ 94

"D"

BIRMINGHAMTURNER, H.D.

83

98

BURKE

76

CONNOR

77

CALL SIGNS:

17th: HEMDAY

319th: LOWER

320th: BUNDLE

"E"

SAYLORPALMER

55

70

RITCHEY

58

LAMB

61

FIGHTERS: SWINGBAND

CHANNEL: "C"

"F"

LONGNELSON

51

59

BARKERSTRACHAN

52

"G"

BOTTOMLEYRATERING

41

37

HAKAHAKI

39

HARDON

46

"H"

BAKERHART

32

45

CLAYBOUGH

28

DEATLEY

29

SPARES

WILER

19

TURNER, J.C.

86

LYDAY

60

BROWN

17

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	GG	H	G	WHITE
0700-1300	RY	W	Q	RED
1300-1900	GY	L	P	GREEN
1900-0100	RR	C	I	RED

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
OGLIETTI, PILOT, Capt.	441st	11
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
CUKAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1354
✓ OZUK, NAV. Capt.		
○ O'KEEFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROGERS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
CLARK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRAVES, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1330
W BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
W MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, Sgt.	Hq.	
WILSON, PILOT, F/O	441st	1
WEST, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1000
W BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1358
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAZZO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CONY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
ROBBINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
✓ BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1330
HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
○ O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	4
✓ MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1001
PLUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1347
ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
OLTRAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8
✓ REAVES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1001
HAWKINS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1347
CIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
✓ HUBBARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
PENKA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1002
DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1347
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAYS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.		

	SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt. SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Gt. MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt. LICKY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	2 took off 1002 landed 1191
E			
	JOHNSON, PILOT, ROUND, CO PILOT, POCAN, ENGINEER, DEACY, NAV. JOHNSON, ENGINEER, MC ELMURRY, ENGINEER RADIO, CLARKE, GUNNER,	444th	96 took off 1003 landed 1359
F			
	MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt. DILLING, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MOORE, BOMB, S/Sgt. GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl. STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt. CATALDI, PHOTO, 441st	444th	94 took off 1003 landed 1400
W			
	FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt. COCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt. DEWITT, GUNNER, Ssgt.	444th	78 took off 1004 landed 1355
W			
	WIER, PILOT, 1st Lt. SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HELLER, ENGINEER, 2nd Lt. GOLDIER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	85 took off 1004 landed 1355
E			
	BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt. STATON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. PIGGOTT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	98 took off 1005 landed 1358
F			
	CONNOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DZIEDZIC, BOMB. Cpl. HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CAMPBELL, RADIO, Cpl. MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 1005 landed 1356
W			
	TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt. MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt. CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	83 took off 1006 landed 1401
W			

	BURKE, PILOT, F/O MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. E ROBBERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, Sgt. IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. KOCH, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	76 took off 1106 landed 1356
	SAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. S COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TARANTO, NAV. 2nd Lt. MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt. GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	70 took off 1007 landed 1033
	LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. W DICKLY, BOMB. S/Sgt. LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, Sgt. GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. MAC DONALD, GUNNER, Sgt. JOHNSON, PHOTO,	443rd	61 took off 1007 landed 1135
	PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt. W MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. JUST, ENGINEER, Sgt. CALAFUT, RADIO, S/Sgt. PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	55 took off 1008 landed 1347
	RITCHEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. E TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt. HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt. JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt. FEETERS, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	58 took off 1008 landed 1349
	LONG, PILOT, 1st Lt. TIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. F JANEKE, BOMB. 1st Lt. UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BERGMAN, T/Sgt. Radio, LUBBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	59 took off 1009 landed 1349
	STRACHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. W SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt. ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt. HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GUNNER, WESTFALL, S/Sgt.	443rd	52 took off 1009 landed 1349

	NELSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	51
	STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1010
N	SZAFIR, BOMBER, S/Sgt.		landed 1226
	LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	POWERS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	AUSTAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71
E	DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1010
	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1400
	HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	37
	THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1011
F	MONTEZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1350
	SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MILLMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAMPTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	46
	GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1011
W	HARMON, BOMB, Cpl.		landed 1350
	YULE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MC COY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KANE, GUNNER, Pvt.		
	CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	444	
	RATERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	41
W	ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1012
	FULLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1351
	ROCHESTER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	BASACZ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HAKOMAKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	38
E	MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1012
	LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1351
	UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45
f	TAYLOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1013
	PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1352
	KING, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	MARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MALBURNE, RADIO, Sgt.		
	EARL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
W	DEATLY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	29
	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1013
	HARRINGTON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1358
	PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MARSH, RADIO, Cpl.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		

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	HASTE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	32
	BERNARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1014
	HARLON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1158
W	KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	KNAUER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CLAYBAUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	28
E	CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1014
	HENDREX, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1024
	NELIN, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	<u>SPARES</u>		
	WEILER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
	HUNSBERGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1015
	MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1357
	LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	TURNER, PILOT, J. S.	444th	86
	DICKERSON, CO PILOT		took off 1015
	GLEASON, BOMB.		landed 1038
	CARNEY, ENGINEER,		
	FENGORG, RADIO,		
	ALEXANDAR, GUNNER		
	LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
	REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1016
	SALTERELLI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1349
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BROWN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	47
	GREGG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1016
	FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1352
	GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	COONEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		