

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 160, Day Operation, 7 March 1944

Flight Commander: Major Friday.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0908 hours, 35 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off from Elmas A/D, Sardinia, to bomb the Ostiense M/Y's, Rome, Italy. They were escorted by fighters of the XIIIth A. S. G. 1 B-26 returned early due to oil pressure. 34 B-26's were over the target and 32 B-26's dropped 171 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025) and 18 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (mixed delay fuses) on the target at 1129 hours from 9,200'. 8 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025) hung up and were salvaged over water; 1 x 500 lb. demolition bomb (1/10 - .025) hung up and was returned to this base; 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025) were returned to this base because of pilot error. 34 B-26's returned to this base safely at 1326 hours.

C. RESULTS: Bombs hit the center of the yards and warehouses and sheds. Some bombs hit the gas works and chemical plant causing fires, the smoke of one rising to 4/5,000'. Some bombs landed south of the target and parallel to it at G-F/8-14, cf. TC 3-136A-MA.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) 1 unidentified, T/E a/c was observed at 20,000' over Palo, headed south, at 1115 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) 2 unidentified, S/E a/c were observed 5 minutes off the coast from Palo at the same altitude at 3 o'clock, headed north, at 1145 hours from 8,500'.

b. Situation:

- (1) 12/15 a/c, 3/4 of which were T/E, the rest S/E, were observed dispersed on the southeast and southwest corners of Littorio A/D at 1131 hours from 8,700'.
- (2) 6 S/P were observed on Lido di Roma S/P Base at 1140 hours from 8,500'.
- (3) 3 S/E a/c were seen on the east end of the runway at Palidoro #1 at 1131 hours from 8,500'.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

- (1) Target area appeared 60% full of cars at the time of attack.
- (2) 500 RR cars were seen in the Lorenzo M/Y at 1130 hours from 9,000'.
- (3) 200 RR cars were seen in the passenger yards of the Lorenzo M/Y at 1130 hours from 9,000'.
- (4) 1 Train of 25-30 cars with 2 engines, was seen north of the Lorenzo M/Y, outside of the city, moving north at 1130 hours from 9,000'.
- (5) 4 to 500 RR cars, many of which were destroyed, were seen on the east side of the Littorio M/Y at 1131 hours from 8,700'.
- (6) 20/25 RR cars were seen in Furbara M/Y at 1140 hours from 8,500'.
- (7) 15/20 RR cars were seen in Ladispoli M/Y at 1140 hours from 8,500'.
- (8) 25/30 RR cars were seen in Palo M/Y at 1140 hours from 8,500'.
- (9) 25/30 RR cars were seen in Maccarese M/Y at 1140 hours from 8,500'.

- (10) 1 Train of 20 RR cars was seen 2 miles south of Pola, moving south, at 1118 hours from 10,000'.
- (11) 15/20 M/T, moving west, were seen at A-5370 at 1137 hours from 8,500'.
- (12) 3/4 heavy trucks were seen at A-5870, moving east, at 1124 hours from 9,700'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 medium M/V was seen 4 miles off the mouth of the Tiber River, headed south at 1118 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) 1 medium M/V and 2 small escort boats, 1 of which was moving fast, were seen 10 miles southwest of the Tiber River, moving south, at 1115 hours from 10,000'.
- (3) 1 oil tanker was observed anchored 1 mile off the coast at Fregene at 1140 hours from 8,500'.
- (4) 10/12 barges were seen in the Tiber River in the city of Rome at 4/9 of TC 3-136A-NA, either loading or unloading, at 1130 hours from 9,000'.

3. Losses: No B-26's were lost or damaged in this raid.

4. Weather: Enroute: 5/10 cumulus, bases 3/4,000', tops at 12/14,000' in places, generally lower. Visibility unlimited.

Target: 4/5/10 cumulus, Bases 4/5,000', tops 8,000', target open. Visibility unlimited.

Return: No change.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From Elmas A/D at 2,500', 55° T for 226 statute miles to Zannone Island for rendezvous, climbing to 7,000'; 317° T for 81 statute miles to 41° 50'N, 12° 00'E; 37° T for 9 statute miles to Palo, the IP, at 10,000'; bomb run of 20 statute miles at an axis of 105° M, breakaway left; 268° T for 20 statute miles to Palo, 214° T for 239 statute miles to Cape Carbonera, lowering gradually to 3,000', 282° T for 26 statute miles to this base at 2500'.

F. COMMENTS: Planes of this Group were taken to Elmas A/D March 6th, due to unserviceable runway at the base.

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"A"	
<u>ARMSTRONG</u> <u>38</u>	<u>SPEEGLE</u> 34 <u>PROBASCO</u> 48
	<u>GRGG</u> 47
"B"	
<u>HAMPTON</u> 46	<u>WENDLING</u> 33 <u>HACKAWAKI</u> 26
	<u>REYRING</u> 31
"C"	
<u>WEEKLEY</u> 71	<u>BARKER</u> 57 <u>SHEARD</u> 51
	<u>REYNOLDS</u> 59
"D"	
<u>ACKERMAN</u> 51	<u>RITCHEY</u> 50 <u>SMITHWICK</u> 63
	<u>FELT</u> 61
"E"	
<u>MCBRIDE</u> 99	<u>PETERS</u> 96 <u>DILLIG</u> 83
	<u>TURNER K. D.</u> 77
"F"	
<u>MARSCH</u> 85	<u>JOHNSON</u> 86 <u>BILSHAM</u> 78
	<u>TURNER J. A.</u> 76
"G"	
<u>HUNSBERGER</u> 19	<u>HELD</u> 17 <u>SMITH</u> 11
	<u>ST ARNO</u> 22
"H"	
<u>WILLS</u> 21	<u>O'STEEN</u> 16 <u>NUNNALISE</u> 2
	<u>PEA</u> 15
	<u>SPARES.</u>
<u>SINGER</u> 87	<u>KALEN</u> 44 <u>DILLON</u> 14
	<u>PALMER</u> 53

RADIO CALL SIGNS
 17th GROUP
 BELLBOUY
 319th GROUP
 PULPUP
 320th GROUP
 EVEREADY
 FIGHTER ROVER

COLOMS OF THE DAY FOR 7 MARCH 1944

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	YY	B	F	RED
0700-1300	RR	O	X	GREEN
1300-1900	GG	Y	M	RED
1900-0100	RY	L	D	GREEN

PRIMARY Rome, ITALY - OSTIENSE M/Y

112° T - 27 SM - C. Capronera - 8 minutes.
 55° T - 226 SM - Zannone IS. * Rendezvous. 1 hr 8 minutes.
 317° T - 81 SM - (41° 50' N) (12° 00' E) 29 minutes.
 37° T - 9 SM - Palo - (IP) 2 1/2 minutes.
 5 minutes.

The following Crews participated in the raid on Ostiense M/Y Italy. 7 March 1944.

	Speegle, Pilot, Captain 6 442nd	34
	Claybough, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0908
f	Lt. Darby, Bombardier,	Landed 1310
	Boyne, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Friday, Flight commander, Major,	
	Fitzgearld, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Krause, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Johnson Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Armstrong, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	38
w	Harte, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0908 1/2
	Harmon, Cpl. Bombardier,	Landed 1310
	Elias, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Turner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Colten, Aerial photographer.	
	*Probasco, Gregg, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	47
v	Brown, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0909
	Friend, Bombardier, Cpl.	Landed 1311
	Goldberg, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Cooney, Radio Gunner, Cpl.	
	Mervick, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Cooney, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	
	Probasco, Captain Pilot, 442nd	48
f	Taylor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0909 1/2
	Olmsted, Bombardier, Lt.	Landed 1313
	Pincomb, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Conrad, deputy flight commander; 2nd Lt.	
	Howard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Milliman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Weiss, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Wendling, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	33
f	Castor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0910
	Maggio, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1312
	Schwartz, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Orgoron, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Field, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
v	Ratering, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	41
	Robertson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0910 1/2
	Fuller, Bombardier, Cpl.	Landed 1312
	Rochester, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Wasacz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Lockwood, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
v	Hampton, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	46
	Grabowski, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0911
	Westbrook, Bombardier, Cpl.	Landed 1312
	Eulo, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Zohner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Kane, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	

Hakomaki, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	26
Mcvay, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0911½
Lyman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1318
Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hall, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	57
Dugan, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0912½
Adams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1314
Underwood, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Harrold, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Johanson, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Cousins, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Reynolds, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
Lyday, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0912 ½
Salterelli, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1314
Volosky, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Lafferty, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Flajnik, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Weeks, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71
Carter, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0913
Straka, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1315
Adams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
La Gesse, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Rolfe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Sheard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
Sprang, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0913½
Carroll, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1327
Terrell, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Butler, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Yim, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Ritchey, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
Goodwin, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0914
Janeke, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1316
Handte, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Jones, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Teeters, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Felt, Pilot 1st Lt.	443rd	61
Wirkkala, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0914
Armao, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1316
Mia, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Calafut, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Avery, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Cataldi, Aerial Photographer,		
Ackerman, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
Stoke, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1001
McCartney, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1326
Just, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Callahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mensch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

	Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd	63
E	Timm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0915
	Allen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1317
	Coons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Maier, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Griffin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Spare:	
	Palmer, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd	53
	Clark, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	took off 0924
	Lokan, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1258
	Blackwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Bergamo, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	
	Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Peters, Pilot, Flight Officer. 444th	80
F	McGugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0916
	Powers, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1318
	Bang, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Wymer, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.	
	Ivey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Estrada, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Turner, Pilot, 444th	76
W	Dickerson, Co, Pilot,	Took off 0916
	Gleason, Bombardier,	Landed 0935
	Carney, Engineer gunner,	
	Feinburg, Radio Gunner	
	Alexander, Aerial gunner..	
	McBride, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th	99
W	Richards, Co, Pilot, F/O	Took off 0917
	Moore, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1318
	Montgomery, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/Lgt.	
	Field, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Dilling, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th	83
F	Driscoll, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0917½
	White, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1318
	Deacy, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Guiffre, Engineer gunner, Cpl.	
	Viscomi, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Humphrey, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Johnson, Pilot, 444th	86
F	Round, Co, Pilot,	Took off 0918
	Pocan, Bombardier,	Landed 1319
	Gest, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Johnson, Engineer gunner	
	McElumurry, Radio Gunner,	
	Clarke, Aerial gunner,	

Turner, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
Nowak, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0918½
Roberts, Bombardier, S. Sgt.		Landed 1319
Montaruli, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Cronin, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Clites, Aerial photographer.		
Marsch, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	85
Marshall, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0919
Shingle, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1320
Williams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Pezru, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Boss, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Birmingham, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		78
Sinn, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0919½
Lindstrum, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1323
Gohie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Piggott, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Singer, Pilot,	444th	87
Jones, Co. Pilot, Lt.		Took off 0924
Dziedzic, Bombardier,	spare	Landed 1317
Hendricks, Engineer gunner,		
Campbell, Radio gunner,		
Moskowitz, Aerial gunner,		
Held, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
Wachter, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0920
Polakov, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1320
Thurston, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
O'Dell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Breznak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
St. Arno, Pilot, P/O	441st.	22
Nold, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0920½
Kwiatkowski, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1325
Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Gust, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Johnson, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		
Hunsberger, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
Weller, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0921
McFarland, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1320
Lias, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hull, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Steeves, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

	SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
B.O.	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0919
E	CHAVALAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1326
	GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MC DONAUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LICKEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
	MALCALK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0920
F	FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1321
	HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOORS, GUNNER, S/gt.		
	PENKA, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
W	HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0920
	HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1321
	CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
N	WILLIAMS, D.M. CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
	DILL, BOMB, S/Sgt.		landed 1322
	BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DOLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	NUNNALLEE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	2
E	SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
	VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1259
	TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SPARRS	DILLON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
	TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
	BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1318
	TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		