

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 164, Day Operation, 13 March 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Weinberg.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0910 hours 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Viareggio RR Bridge, Italy. They were escorted by fighters of the 52nd Fight Group. 28 B-26's were over the target and 27 B-26's dropped 105 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025) on the target at 1128 hours from 8,700'. 3 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025) hung up and were salvaged in the target area. 4 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025) were returned to this base because the plane was not in position to drop. 28 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1319 hours.

C. RESULTS: The bridge received one or two damaging near misses. Most bombs landed S of target cutting across the South M/Y and causing fires in oil cars parked there. Some bombs cut the tracks North of the bridge, others fell 800 feet east of the bridge. About 40 units of rolling stock were destroyed, the RR station was gutted, and the warehouse west of the main yards was damaged.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: None

b. Situation: 1. 7 T/A S/P's were observed on the west side of Lake Torre Del Lago at 1129 hours from 8,500'. 2 of these appeared to be in dry dock, and 1 seemed half submerged.

2. Ground:

a. General: 1. Wood smoke was seen in the wooded area south of the target at 1128 hours from 8,700'.

2. 3 small orange objects were seen floating in the water about 2 miles off Borgo, Corsica, at 1215 hours from 7,000'.

b. Communications: 1. 150 cars were in the south M/Y, 50 cars in the north M/Y, and 70 cars were in the rolling stock repair sheds at Viareggio M/Y at 1128 hours from 8,700'.

2. 15-30 cars were seen in Pietresanta M/Y at 1131 hours from 8,300'.

3. The M/Y at Pisa appeared full at 1130 hours from 8,500'.

4. 20-25 M/T were seen stationary on the road just east of Viareggio, pointed south at 1128 hours from 8,700'.

d. Shipping: 1. 71 small boats and 7 additional small boats were seen in Viareggio harbor at 1128 hours from 8,700'.

2. 4 small fishing vessels were seen headed north about 1/2 miles off the coast at Marina di Pisa at 1133 hours from 8,700'.

3. 3-4 small boats were seen just east of Meloria Islands, stationary at 1134 hours from 7,700'.

4. 2 medium M/V were observed inside the harbor at Leghorn at 1133 hours from 7,700'.

5. 2 cruisers could be seen in Sa Spezia harbor at 1126 hours from 9,000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: CAVU. Target: CAVU. Return: 5-7/10 cumulus, some high cirrus over Sardinia.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From this base at 2,500', 13° T for 129 statute miles to C. Ferro, 0° T for 98 statute miles to Borgo, Corsica, for rendezvous at 7,000'; 17° T for 84 statute miles to 43° 45' N, 10° 00' E, the IP at 9,700', bomb run of 15 statute miles on 52 MH over the target, break slight right then left back over the target; 200° T for 94 statute miles to Borgo at 7,000', 180° T for 98 statute miles to C. Ferro; 193° T for 129 statute miles to base, lowering gradually to 1,500'.

F. COMMENTS: The 1st three flights in the first squadron bombed separately, running over the target on axes differing from 1 to 5 degrees, rejoining on the breakaway. The 2nd squadron bombed in normal V of flights.

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MISSION # ~~188~~ : 189

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. WHEMBER
"A"

13 March 1944

WHEMBER, H.D. 80 DILLING
82 79 TURNER, J.A. 83
~~88 92~~

BREWSTER

"B"

PENKA 85 PLACER
19 SMITH 75

JOHNSON

16

"C"

GOLDSVOUGH 17 ST. ARNO
5 DILLON 22

CONNELIUS

10

DODLIN 28 SHUH
26 WHEPTON 34

GERARD

15

"D"

LAMB 33 GREGG
62 SHEARD 44

WENDLING

63

"E"

ACKERMAN 57 SMITH, E.C. Fighter: PONY
55 FELT 67

LONG

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SPACES WELLS WEST LARRABEE BEAUDRO
93 12 27 69

COLORS OF THE DAY	TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
	0100-0700	RY	M	L	RED
	0700-1300	RG	J	P	GREEN
	1300-1900	GY	B	O	RED
	1900-0100	YY	D	X	WHITE

VIA REGGIO, 1

	Brewer, Pilot, Captain	444th	80
	Jones, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0910
	Heller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1306
G	Michels, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
	Staton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Ivey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Ross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Weinberg, Flight Commander	Captain.	
	Dilling, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	83
	Turner, Pilot, 1st Lt.		
	Driscoll, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0910 15
W	White, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1306
	Bang, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
	Cook, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Miller, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Humphrey, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Conroy, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		
	Turner, H. D. Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	79
W	Nowak, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0910 30
	Lindstrum, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1258
	Montaruli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Cronin, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Rosenthal, Aerial photographer, Sgt.		
E	Turner, J. A. 1st Lt.	444th	99
	Dickerson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0910 45
	Gleason, Bombardier, cpl.		Landed 1306
	Carney, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
	Feinburg, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Alexander, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
	Johnson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	85
F	Round, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 0911
	Pocan, Bombardier,		Landed 1308
	Gest, Navigator,		
	Johnson, Engineer gunner,		
	McElmurry, Radio Gunner,		
	Clark, Aerial gunner,		
W	Flacter, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
	Gasser, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0911 15
	Jenco, Bombardier, S/sgt.		landed 1308
	Goldie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Wagner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
W	Penka, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
	Mueller, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0911 30
	McFarland, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1256
	Christianson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Steighofer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Hays, Aerial gunner, sgt.		
	Sauter, Photographer, Sgt.		

LT. RUCKER, P.F.C.

	Smith, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	16
	Flake, Co, Pilot, F/O	Took off 0911 45
E	Johnson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1256
	Goodman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Fulk, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Cornelius, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st	17
F	Wilhelm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0912
	Greenwald, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1307
	Halligan, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Lidicker, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Rencehavsén, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Griner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	St Arno, Pilot, F/O 441st	22
W	Nold, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0912 15
	Dill, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1308
	Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Gust, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Johnson, Aerial photographer, Cpl.	
W	Goodenough, Pilot, F/O 441st	5
	Schultz, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0912 1/2
	Flouck, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1309
	Barron, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	McLaughlan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
F	Dillon, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st	10
	Trunk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0912 45
	Berardus, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1303
	Trebenda, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Gormanous, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Bfatton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Conrad, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	28
	Harpster, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0913
	Freestone, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed; 1314
F	Schwartz, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Ploto, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Denko, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Shuh, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	24
W	Castor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0913 15
	Evans, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1317
	Boyne, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Oregon, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Johnson, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
	Dodelin, Pilot, 3rd Lt. 442nd	26
W	Zellertach, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 091330
	Scafidi, Bombardier, Lt.	Landed 1257
	Howard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Earl, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	
	Marsch, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Wilites, Aerial photographer, cpl.	

	Hampton, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	46
	Crabowski, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0913 45
E	Chamberlin, Bombardier, /sgt.	Landed 1319
	Yule, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Zohner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Kane, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
	Werdling, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	33
	Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0914
	Maggio, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1319
F	Menaugh, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Field, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Gregg, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	44
	Kaden, Co, Pilot, Lt.	Took off 0914 15
W	Friend, Bombardier, Cpl.	Landed. 1315
	Goldberg, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Conney, Radio Gunner, Cpl.	
	Johnson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Lamb, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd	62
	Kolar, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0914 30
W	Armao, Bombardier, /sgt.	Landed 1300
	Lamoureux, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Glowatch, Radio Gunner, /sgt.	
	Donald, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Sheard, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd	63
	Simm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0914 45
E	Tidwell, Bombardier, 1st Lt.	Landed 1300
	Terrell, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Butler, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	
	Brown, Aerial gunner, pvt.	
	Long, Pilot, Captain, 443rd	57
	Morank Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0915
F	Janeke, Bombardier, 1st Lt.	Landed 1316
	Cassino, navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Bergamo, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	
	Lunberg, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Ackerman, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd	55
W	Hill, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0915 30
	McCartney, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1317
	Just, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Callahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Mensch, Aerial gunner, /sgt.	
	Johnson, Radio Operator, T/sgt.	
	Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd	67
W	McKinney, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0915 15
	Allen, Bombardier, Lt.	Landed 1316
	Maier, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Coons, Engineer gunner,	
	Griffin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Maddox, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	

Felt, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd
Dugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Szafir, Bombardier, Sgt.
E Mai, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Romig, Aerial gunner, /sgt.
Flajnik, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Lafferty, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt.

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Took off 0915 45
Landed 1316

SPARES.

Weier, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th
Matteson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Moore, Bombardier, /sgt.
Guiffre, Engineer gunner, Cpl.
Steen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
robinson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

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Took off 0916
Landed 1259

West, Pilot, F/O 441st
Oltman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Kwatkowski, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Mears, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Hoffman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Liggett Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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Took off 0916 15
Landed 1314

Larrabee, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd
Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Westbrook, Bombardier, Cpl.
Melin, Engineer gunner, Pvt.
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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Took off 0916 30
Landed 1316

Beaudro, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd
Hribal, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Tyson, Bombardier, Sgt.
Stone, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Jackson, Radio Gunner, /sgt.
Buzzio, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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Took off 0916 45
Landed 1302

Primary - Viareggio, Italy RR/Br.

130°T - 129 sm - C. Ferro

00°T - 98 sm - Borgo - Rendezvous

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170°T - 84 sm - (43°45'N)(10°00'E) IP

65°MH - 15 sm - Target

Break Right and 360° over target

200°T - 94 sm - Borgo

180°T - 98 sm - C. Ferro

143°T - 129 sm - Base

Total Miles =

#1 Cecina, Italy RR/Br

From (43°45'N)(10°00'E)

160°T - 42 sm - (42°11'N)(10°17'E) (IP)

60°MH - 15 sm - Target

Break Right.

230°T - 68 sm - Borgo

#2 (Piombino, Italy - Docks

From (42°11'N)(10°17'E)

90°T - 15 sm - Costagneto

185°M - 15 sm - Target

Break left

160°T - 15 sm - (42°45'N)(10°44'E)

252°T - 35 sm - Piombino

143°T - 242 sm - Base

North Alternate Magma, River Br. - Sarazana

from (43°45N) (10°00E)

3590mH - 26sm - Target

Break Right

1930T - 115sm - Borg 0