

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Flight Commander: Captain Graves.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0900 hours, 34 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Prenistina M/Y, Rome, Italy. They were escorted by fighters of the XIIth ASC. 34 B-26's were over the target and 34 B-26's dropped 269 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025) on the target at 1131 hours from 9,000'. 3 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025) hung up and were returned to this base. 32 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1316 hours. 2 B-26's returned late at 1545 hours, 1 after landing at Naples/Pomigliano for gas, and 1 after landing at Pompeii for gas.

C. RESULTS: The eastern 1/3 of the yards was covered with a good concentration destroying approximately 80 units of rolling stock. A string of bombs fell in the southwestern corner of the yards destroying an additional 25 cars. Another string cut the west choke point of the main yards, and 1 cluster of bombs fell 1,000' south of the target. The western half of the chemical plant at the east end of the yards was demolished.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 1. 2 flights of 10-12 unidentified A/C each, possibly FW-190's covered by ME 109's, were seen at 5,000' over the coast at Fregene at 1116 hours from 10,000'. No encounters.

2. 8-12 ME 109's and FW 190's were encountered just after the breakaway at 1132 hours at 8,500'. The engagement was broken off after approximately 5 minutes at 1137 hours.

Attacks were very aggressive at first, some planes closing to about 100 yards, becoming consistently less aggressive, until the E/A merely weaved behind and above the formation, apparently waiting for stragglers. The 1st attack was made by one FW 190 coming in from 12 o'clock low at the first squadron, breaking off at 500 yds when fired upon. Attacks were then made from all around the clock, the majority from 5 to 7, low, and in pairs. Attacks sometimes coordinated, one pair coming in low at 6 o'clock, and another pair level at 6 o'clock. Breakaways were usually down, most planes flaunting their bellies. The majority of attacks were directed against the second sq. 20 mm and tracer fire was experienced with one crew member reporting one string of bursts which "looked like firecrackers" bursting harmlessly between the planes. The ME 109's were colored slatish blue, and yellow gray with red spinners. The FW 190's were colored reddish brown with black spots with yellow cowling. One FW 190 was light blue with a white nose; another was grayish green with yellow nose. The Spitfires (escort) was seen engaging the E/A.

b. Situation: 5/6 T/E, 12/15 S/R A/C were seen on Littorio A/D at 1129 hours from 9,000'.

Centocelle A/D was empty at 1131 hours from 9,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General: 1. 6 large, 3 small, and 5/6 very small towers, possibly radio towers, were seen at F-6075 from 9,700' at 1124 hours.

2. Just after the 1st squadron had dropped its bombs and 20 second before the 2nd squadron dropped its bombs, a voice, speaking in good English, was heard to say over command, "Salvo your bombs," at 1131 hours from 9,000'. No enemy aircraft were in sight; no one obeyed the order.

b. Communications:

1. 430 cars were in the target area at the time of attack.
2. 30-40 cars were seen in Littorio M/Y at 1129 hours from 9,000'.
3. 150 cars were seen at both ends of Ostiense M/Y at 1132 hours from 8,700'.
4. 160 cars were seen in the passenger yards of San Lorenzo M/Y parked on the N side at 1131 hours from 9,000'. 8 long trucks were unloading cars at the time of the observation.
5. 50-60 cars were seen in the yards marked 1B, cf. TC 3-136A-NA, mainly in the N section of the yards, at 1131 hours from 9,000'.
6. One 60 car train was seen pulling into the Ostiense M/Y from the NW at 1132 hours from 8,700'.
7. 1 train of 15-20 cars was seen moving north 2 miles north of the Littorio M/Y at 1129 hours from 9,000'.
8. 20-25 cars were seen in the Palo M/Y at 1117 hours from 10,000'.
9. 15 oil cars were seen in the siding at F-4971 at 1116 hours from 10,000'.
10. One train of 20 cars and engine, pointed south, were seen stationary on the tracks at 1116 hours from 10,000'.
11. 30 cars were seen on a siding at F-7583 at 1125 hours from 10,000'.
12. 15-20 cars were seen in Ladispoli at 1117 hours from 10,000'.
13. 25-30 cars were observed in a siding 15 miles SE of Lake Bracciano at 1126 hours from 8,700'.
14. 8-10 M/T were seen travelling in pairs headed toward Rome on road from Rome at 1127 hours from 9,700'.

c. Flak: Slight, heavy, CP and B type flak, accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection, was experienced from guns S and E of Rome. 4 guns were seen firing from M/29, cf. TC 3-136A-NA. Intense, light, B type flak, inaccurate for altitude and deflection, came from the city of Rome. 1 light gun was seen firing from each of the position listed: (same TC) P/10-12, M/10-11, and K/9-10. Some guns were also firing from roof tops. One crew reports seeing one red burst of flak after the bombs were dropped, after which the fighters were encountered.

d. Shipping: 5-6 small boats were seen in the canal north of the mouth of the Tiber River at 1112 hours from 10,000'.

3. Losses: None. 5 B-26's were damaged by E/A, 4 B-26's were slightly damaged by empty cartridge cases dropped by planes ahead of them in the formation. 1 B-26 was damaged during evasive action when its rudder came in contact with the prop of a B-26 behind it.

4. Claims: 1 ME 109 destroyed, 1 ME 109 probably destroyed, 4 ME 109's and 2 FW 190's damaged.

5. Weather: Enroute: 5-6/10's stratocumulus and cumulus, base 2,500', tops generally 8,000', few towering tops to 15,000'. Numerous large breaks, visibility good. Target: Open. 3/10 cumulus base 4-5,000', tops 6-7,000'. Visibility 10-12 miles in haze. Return: Same as enroute.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From this base at 2,500', 63° T for 242 SM to Zanone Island for rendezvous at 10,000'; 317° T for 81 SM to 41° 50' N, 12° 00' E; 40° T for 25 SM to the Lake E of Lake Bolsena; 95° T for 7 SM to the IP at Sacrofano; bomb run of 15 SM at MH of 1700, break right, 270° T for 19 SM to the island N of Fegene, 225° T for 242 SM to base, lowering gradually to 1,500' at base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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	"A"	
<u>LAMB</u>	<u>SAYLOR</u>	<u>REYNOLDS</u>
54	57	60
	"B"	
<u>FELT</u>	<u>C DILL</u>	<u>STINSON</u>
53	51	59
	"C"	
<u>DOBELIN</u>	<u>BAKER</u>	<u>ROOD</u>
26	45	25
	"D"	
<u>RATERING</u>	<u>SHUH</u>	<u>HART</u>
41	34	32
	"E"	
<u>DILLON</u>	<u>ROBBINS</u>	<u>WILLS</u>
10	2	21
	"F"	
<u>ST ARNO</u>	<u>KUNNALLEE</u>	<u>OLTMAN</u>
4	18	1
	"G"	
<u>GASSER</u>	<u>TOONS</u>	<u>SINGER</u>
90	98	89
	"H"	
<u>MARSCH</u>	<u>WIER</u>	<u>MORGAN WERN</u>
77	86	99
	"I"	
<u>PENKA</u>	<u>MACKINNON</u>	<u>KADEN</u>
1	55	44
	"J"	
	<u>DEMETREE</u>	
	96	

17th Group RANSOM

319th Group WILLIE

320th Group SUSAN

FIGHTERS FISHPOUND

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RG	X	O	GREEN
0700-1300	GG	G	J	WHITE
1300-1900	RR	D	V	RED
1900-0100	GY	B	S	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON PRENEST. M/Y ROME ITALY

	Saylor, Pilot, Captain, 443rd	50
	Timm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0900
	Wagar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1307
G	Underwood, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Peaver, Radio Gunner, T.sgt.	
	Gulliams, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Graves, Flight Commander, Captain,	
	Reynolds, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd	60
	Lyday, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0900 15
W	Salterelli, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1300
	Lafferty, Radio Gunner, T.sgt.	
	Flajnik, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Volosky, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Draper , Draper, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	
	Lamb, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443	54
W	Kolar, Co, Pilot 2nd Lt.	Took off 0900 1/2
	Armao, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1308
	Glowatch, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	McDonald, Aerial gunner, vt.	
	Amoureux, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Rosenthal, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	
	Hunter, Pilot, Captain, 443rd	70
	Sprang, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0900
E	Pickett, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed ?
	Cafarella, Navigator, Captain,	1529.
	Jackson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Snider, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Terrell, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Caudill, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd	57
F	Moran, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0901
	Hobel, Bombardier, 1st Lt.	Landed 1308
	Schwartz, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	
	Yim, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Lt. Col. Clarke, Observer,	
W	Stinson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd	59
	Nelson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	Took off 0901 15
	Szafir, Bombardier, Sgt.	Landed 1309
	Butler, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	
	Austad, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Markin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
W	Felt, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd	53
	Clark, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0901 1/2
	Lokan, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1309
	Romig, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Avery, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Mai, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Middleton, Aerial photographer	

	Hale, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd	65
	McKinney, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0901 45
F	Allen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1309
	Marsteller, Engineer gunner, Cpl. &	
	Borwn, Radio Gunner, Pvt.	
	Ellis, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	444544 45
	Robertson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0902
F	Phillips, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1308
	Nardine, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Walburne, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	
	Kane, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
	Dodelin, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	26
W	Taylor, Co, Pilot, 0902	Took off 0902 1/2
	Westbrook, Bombardier, cpl.	Landed 1300
	Howard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Marsh, Radio Gunner, Cpl.	
	Earl, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Hackomacki, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	38
E	Thornton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0902 45
	Lyman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	
	Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	Landed 1250
	Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Rodgers, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Shuh, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	34
R.F.	Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0908
	Evans, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1309
F	Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Orgeron, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Johnson, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
	Harte, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	32
W	Barnard, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0904
	Harlan, Bombardier, Cpl.	Landed 1310
	King, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Drause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Weiss, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
W	Ratering, pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	41
	Armstrong, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0904 15
	Fuller, Bombardier, Cpl.	Landed 1310
	Rochester, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Wasacz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Lockwood, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
E	Freeman, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	39
	Zellerbach, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0904 1/2
	Scafidi, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed ?
	Edman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	1544
	Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Flynn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	

	Robbins, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	2
	Badie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0904 45
	Barden, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1312
S	Ozuk, Navigator, Captain,	
	O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	
	Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Wills, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	
V	Wills, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	21
	Malcolm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0905
	Dockery, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1250
	Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Westbrook, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Cataldi, Aerial photographer, Cpl	
	Dillon, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st	10
V	Trunk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off, 0905
	Mcillvanna, Bombardier, Sgt.	Landed 1313
	Trebenda, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Carlisle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Bratton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Hendrix, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st	17
E	Schultz, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0905 1/2
	Farmer, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1312
	Abart, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Lidicker, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Gormanous, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Griner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
F	Munnallee, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	18
	Sullivan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0905 45
	Ves'sells Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1313
	Thurston, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Tessum, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Breznak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Frank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Oltman, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st	1
V	Flaco, Co, Pilot, F/O	Took off 0906
	Hawkins, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1314
	Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Tipton, Radio Gunner, Pvt.	
	Levtholt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	St. Arno, Pilot, F/O 441st	4
	Nold, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0906 15
	McGoldrick, Bombardier, T/sgt.	Landed 1306
	Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Gust, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
E	Paulantis, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	11
D.L.	Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0906 1/2
	Goldin, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 13 16
	Dolan, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Markus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Griggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	

	Towns, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th	98
	Weiler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0906 45
F	Bernardi, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1315
	Gest, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Barrett, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.	
	Stalcup, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Wagner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Singer, Pilot, 444th	89
V	Connor, Co, Pilot	Took off 0907
	Gleason, Bombardier,	Landed 1301
	Hendrick, Engineer gunner,	
	Ross, Radio Gunner,	
	Moskowitz, Aerial gunner,	
	Gasser, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th	90
	Placter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0907 45
W	Jenco, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1300
	Goldie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Forge, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Burke, Pilot, F/O 444th	94
F	Jones, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0907 1/2
	White, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1306
	Filtrate, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
	Ivey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Koch, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Werner Weir, Pilot, 1st Lt.	86
Y	Richards, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0907 45
	Deloiser, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1303
	Michels, Navigator, 2nd Lt.	
	Cook, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Viscomi, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Humphrey, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Marsch, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th	87
W	Marshall, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0908
	Shingle, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 13 15
	Williams, Engineer S/sgt.	
	Feinberg, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Mason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Farchier, Aerial photographer, T/sgt.	
	Fowler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th	87
V	Wilson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0908 15
	Pocan, Bombardier, Lt.	Landed 1315
	Cocolo, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
	Wood, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
	Whitt, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
	Cronin, Aerial photographer S/sgt.	

MacKinnon, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd spare # 55
Dugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0909
Lyson, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1305
Calaput, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Futman, Aerial gunner,
Blackwell, Radio Gunner, spare.

Kaden, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd 44
gregg, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0909 15
Friend, Bombardier, Cpl. Landed 1310
Goldberg, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Cooney, Radio Gunner, Cpl.
Nemitz, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Penka, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 8
Pesk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0908 45
Kwiatkowski, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1307
Christianson, Engineer gunner S/sgt.
Steighofer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Hays, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Demetree, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 4446h 96
Meyer, Co, Pilot, O. W. 1st Lt. Took off 0909
Crapse, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1316
Khune, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.
Miller, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Haney, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.