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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 166, Day Operation, 15 March 1944.

Flight Commander: Major Friday.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0949 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Cassino Town, Italy. 1 B-26, which left the formation as it crossed the coast and went to Naples because of engine trouble, will be counted as an early return. 34 B-26's were over the target and 30 B-26's dropped 120 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10-.025) on the target at 1200 hours from 10,500'. 4 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025) were salvaged in the water by 1 B-26 which was forced to leave the formation 1 minute before the target due to engine cutting out. The a/c is credited with a sortie. 16 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were returned to this base when the flight leader did not drop due to the fact that his plane was in a bank at bomb release time. 35 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1417 hours. 1 B-26, which had gone to Naples/Pomigliano, returned safely at 1640 hours after making minor adjustments.

C. Results: Bombs landed in a good concentration in the central and north sections of the town. Much smoke and haze covering the target before and after bombing made observations of results difficult.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: None.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General: Concentrated artillery fire was seen to begin from friendly lines at 1200 hours from 10,000'.
- b. Communications: None.
- c. Flak: Slight heavy flak, on altitude but behind the formation, was seen on the breakaway, coming from north and west of the town. This flak may have been fired at friendly escort a/c.
- d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. 1 B-26 was damaged by an unidentified object which struck its elevator during the bomb run.

4. Weather: Enroute: 4/10 cumulus, base 7,000', tops 10,000'. 6/10 altostratus at 15-16,000'. Visibility unlimited.
Target: Open. Cirrostratus overcast at 20,000', few cirrus at 4-5,000'. Visibility 15 miles in haze.
Return: 7/10 altostratus at 9,000'.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2,500', 67° T for 285 statute miles to the mouth of the Volturno River; 67° T for 16 statute miles to Capua, the OP, where a 360° turn was made to pick up fighter escort at 11,000'; 80° T for 22 statute miles to the IP, 3 miles northeast of Presenzano; bomb run of 20 statute miles at 285° M;

E. Routes and Altitudes Contd.: break right; 158° T for 32 statute miles to Capua; 247° T for 301 statute miles to base, lowering to 1,500'.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION #191

FLY COMMANDER: MAJOR FRIDAY
"A"

15 March 1944

<u>LARRABEE</u>	<u>PROBASCO</u>	<u>BERNARD</u>
27	31 <u>CONRAD</u>	32
	48	

<u>NOVAK</u>	<u>WENDLING</u>	<u>RATERING</u>
25	34 <u>HALPTON</u>	29
	46	

<u>NELSON</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>ACKERMAN</u>
64	57 <u>SMITHICK</u>	59
	50	

<u>FELT</u>	<u>SHEARD</u>	<u>MAC KINNON</u>
62	54 <u>HALE</u>	67
	71	

<u>TURNER, J.A.</u>	<u>WEINBERG</u>	<u>TURNER, H.D.</u>
84	85 <u>DILLING</u>	95
	83	

<u>MORGANSTERN</u>	<u>WIER</u>	<u>MEYER</u>
82	96 <u>FOULER</u>	93
	91	

<u>WILLS</u>	<u>MC CONNELL</u>	<u>ST. ARNO</u>	RADIO:
14	16 <u>SMITH</u>	19	17th <u>THUMBNAIL</u>
	7		319th <u>SHORTSNORT</u>

<u>WEST</u>	<u>O'STEEN</u>	<u>WEILER</u>	320th <u>RANSOM</u>
12	4 <u>CORNELIUS</u>	5	
	22		

SPARES

<u>FREEMAN</u>	<u>LAB</u>	<u>FLACKELER</u>	<u>GODENOUGH</u>
40	62	92	20

FIGHTER

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RY	W	I	GREEN
0700-1300	GG	F	N	RED
1300-1900	GY	V	Z	WHITE
1900-0100	RG	S	J	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON CASSINO, ITALY.

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
PROBASCO, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	31
HAKOMAKI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0949
DARBY, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1404
G BOYNE, NAV. Lt.		
BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRIDAY, BLIGHT COMMANDER, Major		
BARNARD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
HARTE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0949
W HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1352
KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
COLTON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
LARRABEE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	27
MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0949
W HARRINGTON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1404
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Cpl.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, Sgt.		
CONRAD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0949
FREESTONE, BOMB, Lt.		landed 1409
E SCHWARTZ, NAV. Lt.		
HORNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, OBSERVER, Capt.		
WENDLING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	34
F HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0950
MAGGIO, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1404
KING, NAV. Lt.		
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
RATERING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	29
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0950
W FULLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1404
ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
W ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	25
ROOD, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0950
JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1405
MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MALBURNED, RADIO, Sgt.		
BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MADOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.		

HAMPTON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0950
HENDRIX, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1404
E YULE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KNAUER, RADIO, Sgt.		
KANE, GUNNER, Cpl.		
LONG, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	57
MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0951
F WARDSMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1405
TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
V HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0951
MC CARTNEY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1406
GALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO,		
NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
W STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0951
szafir, nav. Sgt.		landed 1406
JACKSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
AUSTAD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LARKING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
E TIMME, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0951
ALLEN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1406
MAIER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		landed 1406
GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
F CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0952
HANDTS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1406
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
CALAFUT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
W MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0952
TYSON, NAV. Sgt.		landed 1406
GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
W FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0952
LOKAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1408
ROMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GULLIAMS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MAI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		

	HARRIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71
	SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0952
	ADAMS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1408
F	JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	BROWN, GUNNER, Pvt.		
	BILLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
S 2492	WEINBERG, PILOT, Capt.	444th	85
	POLANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0953
	DE LOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1409
	DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FAUCHISE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	RABAL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	TURNER, H.D., PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
W	NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0953
	ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1402
	DUNCAN, X, Capt.		
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CROWIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	TURNER, J.A., PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
W	DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0953
	SZIEDZIC, BOMB.		landed 1409
	CARNEY, ENGINEER,		
	FEINBURG, RADIO,		
	ALEXANDAR, GUNNER,		
	DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
E	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0953
	WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 2803
	GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WIEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	96
F	RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0954
	HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1410
	MICHELIS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	GIUFFRÉ, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
	STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROBINSON, GUNNER, Ssgt.		
	MEYER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
W	DEMPREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1000
	CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1900
	KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	MILLER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HARKEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
W	MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	82
	DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0954
	GLEASON, BOMB. Cpl.	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
	mason, gunner, s/sgt.	SHAEFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
			landed (Early return) Naples 2100

FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0954
ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1411
COBOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DE WITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MC CONNELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	16
MUELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1411
THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HARRISON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TIPTON, GUNNER, Pvt.		
ST. ARNO, PILOT, F/O	441st.	19
NOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1411
ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.		
WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1338
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	7
SCHULTZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1412
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	4
PESEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0956
FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1417
HALLIGAN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEILER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	5
HUNSBERGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0956
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1413
SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FURK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEST, PILOT, F/O	441st	12
BODLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0956
KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1419
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAZZO, GUNNER, S/Sgt..	BARTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	

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CORNELIUS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
WILHELM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0956
JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1413
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HOFFMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
PLACTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	92
GASSER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0957
JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1402
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GOODENOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	20
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0957
HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1410
BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0957
STRAKA, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1405
GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, RADIO, Pvt.		
LAMOUREUX, GUNNER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FREEMAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
CASTOR, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0957
HARMON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1404
ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		