

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M).  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 167, Day Operation, 16 March 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Robbins.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0901 hours, 28 B-26's of this Group took off to bomb a Gun Concentration North of Aquino, Italy. 1 B-26 returned early with faulty oil pressure and loss of power in right engine. 27 B-26's were over the target and 27 B-26's dropped 209 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (half 1/10-.025 and half instantaneous fuses) on the target at 1110 hours from 10,200'. 4 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvoed in the target area when they hung up. 3 x 500 lb. demolition bombs hung up and were returned to this base. 23 B-26's returned to this base at 1305 hours. 3 B-26's returned late after landing at Naples/Pomigliano, 2 for gas, 1 for engine trouble. 1 B-26, Battle #17, was lost due to flak on the breakaway from the target, at 1112 hours. The plane was hit in the right engine, the right wing was set afire, and it hit the ground at 41°28'N, 13°46'E. 7 chutes were seen in approximately the same position. Prior to the chutes emerging, an unidentified object, possibly an unopened chute, was seen to come from the plane.

C. Results: Bombs were concentrated in two strings across the target, covering the assigned area.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) 2 flights of 6 unidentified a/c, each at 5,000', were seen headed southeast over the target at 1110 hours from 10,200'.
- (2) 1 black unidentified a/c, headed north, was seen at the same altitude off to the left, as the formation crossed the coast, at 1054 hours from 11,000'.
- (3) 2 ME-109's, colored gray with white spinners, were encountered at 1113 hours just after breakaway. The E/A made one coordinated pass, coming in at the 2nd flight of the 2nd Squadron from 6 o'clock high, passing underneath the Squadron, and coming at the 2nd flight of the 1st Squadron. The E/A were not seen to fire, but were fired upon by gunners of both flights.

b. Situation: 10/15 unserviceable a/c were seen on Aquino A/D at 1110 hours from 10,200'.

2. Ground:

a. General: Artillery fire on both sides of the lines was observed at 1112 hours from 10,000'.

b. Communications:

- (1) 10 M/T were seen on each of 2 small roads west of Cassino, moving both ways, at 1109 hours from 10,200'.
- (2) One crew member reports seeing 100 vehicles moving both ways on the road between Pontecorvo and Piedmonte at 1110 hours from 10,200'.

c. Flak: Moderate, heavy, continuously pointed flak, accurate for altitude, fairly accurate for deflection, increasing for accuracy during the 3 minutes it was experienced, came on the breakaway

c. Flak contd: from guns around Piedmonte and Roccasecca. Gun positions observed, of TC 3-18A-NA: 1 gun at K-24; 2-4 guns at F-22; 3 guns at L-20. Heavy flak came from 3 trucks parked at N-18. Slight, light, inaccurate flak came from the mountains around the target area.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: 1 B-26 was lost due to flak. 1 B-26 was damaged, 4 B-26's were slightly damaged from flak.

4. Claims: 1 ME-109 destroyed.

5. Weather: Enroute: A few scattered cumulus, base 3500', tops 4500'. Visibility 15 miles in light haze.  
Target: Open. Target area had 6/10 cumulus, base 4 to 5000', tops 7500'. Visibility 15 miles in light haze.  
Return: No change.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500', 67° T for 285 statute miles to the mouth of the Volturno River; 67° T for 16 statute miles to the OP, Capua at 11000'; 347° T for 22 statute miles to the IP, 3 miles northeast of Presenzano; bomb run of 20 statute miles on axis of 300° MH; break right, 115° T for 15 statute miles to Venafro; 162° T for 26 statute miles to Capua, 247° T for 301 statute miles to the base, lowering gradually to 1,500'.

F. Comments: The crew members of the A/C #17 are:

Hendrix, Francis B.	2nd Lt.	Pilot	0-677734
Schultz, Vernon C.	2nd Lt.	co-Pilot	0-753439
Farmer, Rudolph W.	2nd Lt.	Bomdr.	0-741404
Halligan, Terrence (NMI)	2nd Lt.	Navgr.	0-800654
Lidicker, Neal W.	S/Sgt.	Eng-gun.	16029647
Gormanous, Mitchell (NMI)	S/Sgt.	Rad-gun.	38187303
Griner, William G.	S/Sgt.	Gunner	37501443
Rucker, Wilton T.	Capt.	Dep. Flt. Comm.	0-725798

G. Late Information: Information was requested from troops stationed near area where plane was known to crash. The following was received from 5th Army via Hq., Technical Air Force, ALO, at 1900 hours; A plane, hit in one motor, crashed at G-805195. 7 parachutes were seen by ground observer. One man was seen to walk towards an enemy ambulance nearby.

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Captain, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

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	"A"	
	<u>OGLIETTI</u>	
<u>FLAKE</u>	11	<u>GOODENOUGH</u>
1	<u>HENDRIX</u>	10
	17	
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	"B"	
	<u>PAULANTIS</u>	
<u>TURNER H. D.</u>	18	<u>TRUNK</u>
79	<u>BURKE</u>	15
	87	
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	"C"	
	<u>JOHNS</u>	
<u>MORGANSTERN</u>	91	<u>MARSCH</u>
77	<u>MATTHESON</u>	76
	94	
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	"D"	
	<u>CAUDILL</u>	
<u>LABB</u>	50	<u>STINSON</u>
89	<u>SAYLOR</u>	52
	64	
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	"E"	
	<u>HUNTER</u>	
<u>GREGG</u>	65	<u>FELT</u>
29	<u>FREEMAN</u>	51
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	"F"	
	<u>BAKER</u>	
<u>HAMPSTER</u>	45	<u>KING</u>
43	<u>HACKOLAKI</u>	47
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	SPARES	
	<u>WEST</u>	
<u>LYDAY</u>	8	<u>MARSHALL</u>
62	<u>ROLD</u>	89
	25	
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## RADIO CALL SIGNS:

17th Group \_\_\_\_\_

319th Group \_\_\_\_\_

320th Group \_\_\_\_\_

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## COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 MARCH 1944

TIME	FLARE	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR
0100-0700	RG	L	C	GREEN
0700-1300	GY	I	F	WHITE
1300-1900	YY	N	S	GREEN
1900-0100	RR	G	P	WHITE.

Oglietti, Pilot, Captain	441st	11
Bodie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0901
Cukar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1255
Ozuk, Navigator, Captain		
O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Robbins, Flight Commander; 1st Lt.		
Hunsberger, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	10
Sullivan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0901 15
McGoldrick, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed ?
Barron, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		<i>Hayles</i>
Gaunt, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		<i>L1637</i>
McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Cataldi, Aerial photographer cpl.		
Flake, Pilot, P/O	441st	1
Oltman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0901 1/2
McIlenna, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 0910
Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		<i>Early return</i>
Pipton, Radio Gunner, Pvt.		
Levtholt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Zupanc, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		
Hendrix, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	17 (42-95790)
Schultz, co, pilot, 2 d Lt.		Took off 0901 45
Farmer, Bombardier, LT.		Landed
Halligan, Navigator, LT.		
Lidicker, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Gormanous, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Rucker, Deputy flight commander; Captain,		<i>shot down - ? chuter over</i>
Trunk, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 5	441st	15
Williams, Co, Pilot;		Took off 0902 1/2
Hawkins, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1254
Trabenda, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hoffman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Bratton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Turner, H. D. Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	79
Nowak, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0902 1/2
Robert, Bombardier, S/sgt.		
Montraulli, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		<i>Hayles? L1729</i>
Cronin, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Colten, Photographer.		Landed ?
Paulantis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st.	18
Muler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0902
McFarland, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1256
Thurston, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Dolan, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Markus, Radio Operator, S/sgt.		
Griggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

	Burk, Pilot, F/O	444th	87
	Jones, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0902 45
	Rogers, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1255
E	Filtrante, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
	Eversole, Radio Gunner, Pvt.		
	Koch, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
	Morganstern, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
	Driscoll, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0903 1/2
W	Menco, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1258
	Montgomery, Engineer gunner S/sgt.		
	Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Fields, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
E	Towns, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
	Polonsky, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0903
	Delosier, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1257
	Michels, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
	Barrett, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
	Stalcup, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Magner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
W	Marsch, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	76
	Dickerson, Co, Pilot,		Took off 0903 15
	Dziedzic, Bombardier, cpl.		Landed 12 57
	Carney, Engineer gunner, J. J.		
	Feinberg, Radio gunner, "		
	Alexander, Aerial gunner, W. W.		
	Middleton, Aerial photographer		
E	Matteson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	94
	Breeder, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0903 45
	Glaubitz, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1257
	Giufre, Engineer gunner, cpl.		
	Steen, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
	Robinson, Aerial gunner, sgt.		
S	Caudill, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	50
	Hill, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0904
	Hobel, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1300
	Cafarella, Navigator, captain.		
	Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
	Westfall, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
W	Stinson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52
	Nelson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0904 15
	Szafir, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1315
	Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Jackson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Austad, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
	Dunn, Aerial photographer.		
W	Wamb, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	69
	Kolar, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0904
	Straka, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1300
	Lamoureux, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
	Glowatch, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	McDonald, Aerial gunner.		

<p>Saylor, Pilot, captain, Timm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Wagar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Cassino, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Peaver, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Gulliams, Aerial gunner, Sgt.</p>	443rd	64 Took off 0904 45 Landed 1300
<p>Hunter, Pilot, captain, Sprang, co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Pickett, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Schwartz, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Stone, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Calafut, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Snider, Aerial gunner, sgt.</p>	443rd	65 Took off 0905 Landed 1300
<p>Felt, Pilot, 1st Lt. Clark, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Lokan, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Maj, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tomig, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, pvt.</p>	443rd	51 0905 15 Landed <del>0905</del> 1302
<p>Gregg, Pilot, lt. Aden, Co, Pilot, lt. Friend, Bombardier, Cpl. Kelin, Engineer gunner, pvt. Cooney, Radio gunner, Cpl. Nemier, Aerial gunner, Sgt.</p>	442nd	29 Took off 0905 Landed <del>0905</del> 1302
<p>Freeman, Pilot, lt. Williams, R. F. Co, Pilot, lt. Scafidi, Bombardier, Lt. Elias, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Flynn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	442nd	39 Took off 0905 45 Landed Naples. 41555
<p>Baker, Pilot, lt. Taylor, Co, Pilot, lt. Phillips, Bombardier, Lt. Nardine, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Weiss, Aerial gunner Sgt. Malburns, Radio Gunner, Sgt.</p>	442nd	85 Took off 0906 Landed 1303
<p>King, pilot, lt. Hodges, Co, Pilot lt. Fuller, Bombardier, cpl. Goldberg, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Kimmech, Aerial gunner, sgt. Yavorsky, aerial photographer, sgt.</p>	442nd	47 Took off 0906 15 Landed 1304
<p>Harpster, Pilot, lt. Hansell, Co, Pilot, F/O Harrington, Bombardier, Cpl. Peard, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Knauer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Danko, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.</p>	442nd	43 Took off 0906 1/2 Landed 1305

Hackomaki, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	28
Zellerbach, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 0906 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lyman, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1305
Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Wasacz, Aerial photographer . S/Sgt.		
SPARES .		
West, Pilot, F/O	441	8
Dillon, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0907
Kwiatkows, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1255
Mears, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Carlisle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Frank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Marshall, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	89
Wier, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0908 15
Shingle, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1254
William, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Fauchier, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Mason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Lyday, pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	62
Reynolds, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0907 $\frac{1}{2}$
Salterelli, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1302
Volosky, Engineer gunner, Sgt. J. P.		
Lafferty, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Flajnik, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Rood, Pilot, Lt.	442nd <sup>1</sup>	25
Rowan, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 0907 45
Jacobson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1305
Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Krause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Aerial gunner, Ruth, S/sgt.		