

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 168, Day Operation, 19 March 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Weinberg.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0906 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Railroad Viaduct west of Arezzo, Italy. 1 B-26 returned early because of engine trouble. 27 B-26's were over the target. One the first run the target was missed due to faulty identification, and 10 B-26's dropped 40 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses, on a highway bridge on the west edge of Arezzo at 1129 hours from 9,600'. On a second bomb run 9 B-26's dropped 33 x 1000 lb demolition bombs on the target at 1134 hours from 9,600'. 15 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area, 7 having hung up and 8 because two A/C were not in a position to drop on the target. 4 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the water because A/C was not in a position to drop on the target. 16 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base because 5 A/C were not in a position to drop on the target. 26 B-26's returned safely at 1326 hours and 1 B-26 at 1530 hours, having landed at Ghisonaccia, Corsica for gas.

C. RESULTS: A string of bombs crossed the center of the viaduct scoring possible hits. The highway bridge at the west edge of Arezzo was missed.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 1. Spitfires from Corsica provided excellent escort.

2. Two S/E unidentified A/C were reported by one crew member to have approached the formation from the east over Grosseto A/D at 1138 hours from 9,000', and to have been driven off by the escort.

b. Situation:

1. 10/15 A/C were seen on Arezzo A/D at 1130 hours from 9,600'. One crew member reported seeing a Spitfire and another, a P-38 on this A/D.

2. Grosseto A/D was empty, the runway postholed, and was being repaired on the S. side at 1139 hours from 9,500'.

2. Ground:

a. General: An army camp 3 miles N. of Montepescoli, consisting of huts and trenches, was seen at 1155 hours from 9,000'.

b. Communications:

1. 40 RR cars were seen at a tunnel entrance at R-0506, and also a train disappearing into the N. entrance to the same tunnel headed S. was seen at 1122 hours from 9,600'.

2. 30/50 RR cars were seen in Montepescoli M/Y at 1118 hours from 9,600'.

3. A train of 10/15 RR cars was seen at Sinalunga headed N. at 1135 from 9,000'.

4. 30 RR cars were seen in the M/Y at Castiglion Fiorentino at 1128 from 9,600'.

b. Communications (Cont'd):

5. 1 train of 10 cars with 2 engines was seen headed W. at Q-9415 at 1128 hours from 9,600'.

6. 50 M/T, well dispersed, headed S. out of Arezzo were seen at 1130 hours from 9,600'.

7. 7 large M/T headed S. out of Subbiano were seen at 1135 hours from 9,500'.

8. 10 M/T were seen parked at R-0538 at 1135 hours from 9,400'.

c. Flak: Slight heavy flak, accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection, type of fire indeterminate due to small number of bursts, was seen fired at the formation from a position at E-0464 on Elba Island.

d. Shipping:

1. 7 small boats were seen in the mouth of the river at Castiglione d. Pescaia at 1159 hours from 9000'.

2. 11 small boats were seen at P. Ala Sparviero at 1159 hours from 9000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather in all areas, clear. Visibility 8 miles in haze.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From base at 2500', 13° T for 129 statute miles to C. Ferro; 0° T for 98 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at Borgo; 79° T for 71 statute miles to Castiglione d. Pescaia; 64° T for 51 statute miles to Montepulciano; 356° T for 16 statute miles to IP, 2 miles west of Monte S. Savino, climbing to 10,000'; 0° M for 10 statute miles to target at 9600'; 180° curve to left, second bomb run at 9600'; 219° T for 65 statute miles to Castiglione d. Pescaia; reciprocal course to base, dropping to 2500'.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION #193

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Capt. WEINBERG

19 March 1944

"A"  
BREWER  
MORGANSTERN 80 DILLING  
 99 GASSER 86  
 ----- 87 -----  
 "B"  
JOHNSON  
O'STEEN 98 TURNER, J.A.  
 1 ST. ARNO 76  
 ----- 14 -----  
 "C"  
NUNNALLEE  
SMITH 22 CORNELIUS  
 19 WILLS 16  
 ----- 7 -----  
 "D"  
SHUH  
RATERING 34 WENDLING  
 43 LARRABEE 33  
 ----- 29 -----  
 "E"  
CONRAD  
REYN OLDS 28 HODGES  
 51 SHEARD 47  
 ----- 55 -----  
 "F"  
LON G  
MAC KINNON 59 ACKERMAN  
 64 RITCHEY 56  
 ----- 65 -----

RADIO:

17th HILLTOP319th RANSOM320th BELIBUOY

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE
0100-0700	RED-RED	X
0700-1300	YELLOW-YELLOW	<u>AIDIS</u> H
1300-1900	RED-GREEN	<u>LAMP</u> D
1900-0100	GREEN-YELLOW	<u>SIGNALS</u> J

REPLY

COLOR OF LENSE  
TO BE USED

B	GREEN
L	RED
P	WHITE
S	RED

SPARES

<u>MATTESON</u>	<u>HUBBARD</u>	<u>BERNARD</u>	<u>FELT</u>
91	8	35	52

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

	CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
	BREWER, PILOT, Major	444	80
	LC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0906
	POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1326
F	MICHELIS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FAUCHISE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEINBERG, FLIGHT, COMMANDER, Capt.		
	DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
	RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0906
E	WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1326
	GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
W	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0906
	GLAUBLITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1326
	MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FIELDS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	87
W	FLACKTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0906
	JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1326
	GOLDIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PILOT,	444th	98
	ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off
	POCAN, BOMB.		landed 1327
LF	DEACY, NAV.		
	JOHNSON, ENGINEER,		
	MC ELMURRY, RADIO,		
	CLARKE, GUNNER,		
J.A.	TURNER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
	DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0907
	ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1327
FE	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	O'STEEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8
W	MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0907
	PLUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1327
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.		

	ST. ARNO, PILOT, F/O MOLD, PILOT, F/O BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt. ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. GUNST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	14 took off 0907 landed 13 27
F	NUNNALLEE, PILOT, 1st Lt. SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt. TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt. FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	22 took off 0908 landed 13 29
F	CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILHELM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt. FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	6 took off 0908 landed 0 95 2
W	SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. RENCHEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. TOMPKINE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	19 took off 0908 landed 13 29
W	WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt. PESEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt. MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WESTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt. STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	7 took off 0908 landed 13 29
F	SHUH, PILOT, 1st Lt. ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DARBY, BOMB. 1st Lt. SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt. BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	34 took off 0909 landed 13 33
F	WENDLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BOYNE, NAV. 2nd Lt. ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt. FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	33 took off 0909 landed 13 33
W	RATERING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCAFIDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MALBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt. LOCKNOON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	43 took off 0909 landed 13 33

	<p>           LARABEE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.            MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            W MC GRAY, BOMB. Pvt.            FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.            JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/pl.         </p>	442nd	<p>           29            took off 0909            landed 1345            21454            (Chismaccia            for 945 first)         </p>
	<p>           CONRAD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.            WILLIAMS, R.F., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            F FREESTONE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.            KING, NAV. 2nd Lt.            FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            MARSH, RADIO, Cpl.            RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.         </p>	442nd	<p>           28            took off 0910            landed 1334         </p>
	<p>           HODGES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.            W KING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            HARMON, BOMB. Cpl.            GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.            KILMOCH, GUNNER, Sgt.         </p>	442nd	<p>           47            took off 0910            landed 1334         </p>
	<p>           W REYNOLDS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.            LYDAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            SALTERELLI, BOMB. S/Sgt.            LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.            FLADNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.            VOLJSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.         </p>	443rd	<p>           51            took off 0910            landed 1335         </p>
	<p>           SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.            F HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.            BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.            YIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.            TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.         </p>	443rd	<p>           55            took off 0910            landed 1334         </p>
	<p>           LONG, PILOT, Capt.            F TILM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.            UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.            BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.            WESIFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.            PARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.            CARTER, OBSERVER, 1st Lt.         </p>	443rd	<p>           65            took off 0911            landed 1345         </p>
	<p>           W ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.            COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            SZAFIR, BOMB. Sgt.            CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.            MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.            just, engineer, S/Sgt.            SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.         </p>	443rd	<p>           56            took off 0911            landed 1318         </p>
	<p>           W MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt.            DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.            TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.            GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.      PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.            PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.      ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.         </p>	443rd	<p>           64            took off 0911            L-1335         </p>

RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0911
TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1320
E TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		

SPARES

MATHEON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	91
REEDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0912
DZIEDZIC, BOMB. 6pl.		landed 1314
GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEIGL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

HUBBARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8
MUELLER, 2nd Lt. CO PILOT,		took off 0912
HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1329
CIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TIPTON, RADIO, Pvt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BARNARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	35
HARIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0912
HARLAN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1333
KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ZOHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		

FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0912
LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1335
ROMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		

WEATHER PLANE

SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off
LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		0640
ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		0920
MAIER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
AVERY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		