

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 169, Day Operation, 20 March 1944.

Flight Commander: Capt Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0900 hours, 27 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Orvieto RR Bridge NW, Italy. 1 B-26 returned early on one engine because of loss of oil. 27 B-26's were over the primary target and 4 B-26's dropped 16 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025) second delay fuses on the primary target at 1134 hours from 10,600'. Other A/C did not drop because of 6-8/10 cloud cover. 27 B-26's were over the secondary target, Port Ercole and 13 B-26's dropped 52 x 1000 lb demolition bombs on Port Ercole at 1156 hours from 9,000'. 4 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were salvoed in the water by the early return due to mechanical trouble. 28 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base and 8 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were carried to Ghisonaccia, Corsica by 9 B-26's for the following reasons: 4 hung up in a lead A/C and another lead A/C carrying 4 was not in a position to drop; A/C carrying 28 did not drop because their flight leader's did not drop. 18 B-26's returned to base at 1346 hours and 8 B-26's returned late between 1445 and 1651 hours after landing at Ghisonaccia for gas.

C. RESULTS: An excellent pattern of bombs covered Port Ercole town and dock installations. One flight bomb small boats in the SE corner of the cove. One flight missed a boat 2,500' E. of docks at which its bombs were aimed. Orvieto RR Bridge N. was missed.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

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

2. 20/25 black S/E unidentified A/C were seen 1,500' below the formation slightly to the right just as the formation turned onto its bomb run SE of Lake Bolsena at 1150 hours from 10,500'.

3. 12 ME 109's and FW 190's were seen at 6,000' heading NE over Manciano at 1150 hours from 10,000'.

4. 2/4 ME 109's and FW 190's attacked the formation on the bomb run over Port Ercole at 1155 hours. They concentrated on the rear flight and only one attack was aggressive. Attacks were made from the rear and above. E/A were painted dark with numbers outboard of crosses on the under side of wings.

5. 2 ME 109's attacked rear elements of the formation from the rear high unaggressively with single passes 15 miles S of Giglio Island at 1159 hours.

b. Situation:

1. 2/4 A/C were observed at Orvieto A/ D adjacent to the hangar at 1134 hours from 10,600'.

2. 3 S/P were observed at Orbetello at 1155 hours from 9,000'.

b. Situation (Cont'd):

3. At 1155 hours, a Co-Pilot listening on "command" heard an American voice say "Yellow, turn right."

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

1. 2/3 strings of about 25 cars each were seen on a siding just N of Orvieto RR bridge NW at 1134 hours from 10,600'.
2. A train of 40/50 cars headed S, 15 miles N of Orvieto RR bridge NW was seen at 1134 hours from 10,600'.
3. 25/30 RR cars were seen in the M/Y at Talamone at 1155 hours from 9,000'.
4. A 30 car train was observed at E-8923 at 1155 hours from 9,000'.
5. 12 tank RR cars were seen at Montalto di Castro at 1153 hours from 9,000'.
6. 30 RR cars were sighted at Ficulle at 1130 hours from 10,600'.
7. 30/40 M/T were observed headed S along the road between Castiglione d Orcia and Lake Bolsena at 1145 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak:

1. At Orvieto RR Bridge NW, slight heavy flak, accurate for altitude but inaccurate for deflection, continuously pointed fire, was encountered. About 20 bursts were seen. A 4 gun battery was observed firing at 396670 (Sheet # 130).
2. At Port Ercole, moderate heavy flak, inaccurate for altitude, but accurate for deflection, barrage type, was encountered. At first, 3 bursts were seen just behind the 1st flight, which broke sharply to the left; then about 60 bursts were seen approximately where the 1st flight would have been if it had not broken. 1 4 gun battery was seen firing at E 7123. Another 4 gun battery was seen at 700252 (Sheet #135) and an 8 gun battery at 7024 (Sheet #135).

d. Shipping:

1. 1 med. M/V and 6 F-boats were observed at Talamone; 3 barges beached there and 3 others 1/4 miles off shore were also seen; at 1155 hours from 9,000'.
2. 1 200' sailing vessel and 2 smaller vessels were seen anchored just off Port San Steffano at 1155 hours from 9,000'.
3. 3 F-boats and several smaller boats were seen at Port Ercole at 1155 hours from 9,000'.

3. Losses: None. 2 B-26's damaged by flak; 2 damaged by E/A.

4. Weather:

Enroute: 6-8/10 strato-cumulus at 1,500' to 5,000'.  
Targets: 6-8/10 strato-cumulus 5,000 - 8,000'.  
Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From 2,500' at base, 13° T for 129 SM to Cape Ferro; 0° T for 98 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at Borgo; 85° T for 77 statute miles to mouth of Ombrone River; 78° T for 37 statute miles to IP, Castel Azzara, climbing gradually to 11,000 bomb run on primary target, 94° M for 17½ statute miles at 10,600'; breakaway left to Castel Azzara; to 2 miles N of Montalto di Castro; bomb run on Secondary target, 280° M at 9,000'; breakaway left; curve right; reciprocal course to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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Claims: 1 FW-190 and 1 ME-109 were destroyed in air combat.

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 "A"  
CAUDILL  
50  
61 52  
69 MACKINNON HUNTER  
57  
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 "B"  
HUNTER LONG  
62  
25 DEATLEY LINDS  
54  
32  
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 "C"  
BOTTOLEY  
40  
43 HACKOLAKI FREEMAN  
39 35  
35 38  
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 "D"  
ROBBINS  
2  
4 WEST BERGE  
11  
21  
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 "E"  
MCCONNELL  
9  
94 BURKE WILLIAMS D. L.  
19  
83  
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 "F"  
TOLANS  
86  
96 FOULER TURNER H.  
87  
91  
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SPARRS  
WEEKLY  
53  
12 CONNOR KADEN  
44  
84  
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 RADIO CALL SIGNS  
 17th Group MOHAYR  
 319th Group RINGLING  
 320th Group PINTO  
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FIGHTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 20 MARCH 1944

TIME FLARE COLORS  
 0100-0700 GREEN - YELLOW  
 0700-1300 RED - YELLOW  
 1300-1900 RED - RED  
 1900-0100 GREEN GREEN

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 TIME CHALLENGE REPLY COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED  
 0100-0700 V Z GREEN  
 0700-1300 N J WHITE  
 1300-1900 O P GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON <sup>RAF/</sup>BRIDGE G. N. W. ORVIE TO.

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
CAUDILL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	took off 0900
MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed 1346
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HOBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SAYLOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
HUNTER, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	57
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0900
CAFARELLA, <del>BOMB.</del> NAV. Capt.		landed 1330
PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SNIDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DRAFER, PHOTO		
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0900
ALLEN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1346
CALLAHAN, RADIO, <del>ENGINEER</del> S/Sgt.		
WENSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ZUPANG, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0900
ARMINO, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1604
GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PUPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VOLOSKEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
LONG, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	62
MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0901
HANDIS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1346
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GULLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MILLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0901
TYSON, MAX. BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1347
GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, GUNNER, Pvr.		
LAKOUREUX, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	25
ROOD, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0901
JACOBSON, <del>ENGINEER</del> BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1045
MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		(early).
MAIBURNE, RADIO, Sgt.		
BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BIDDLETON, PHOTO		

	DEATLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, R.A. LT.		took off 0901
E	EVANS, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1549
	BENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MARSH, RADIO, Cpl.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
F	HODGES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0902
	SCAFIDI, BOMB. Lt.		landed
	SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1347
	ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FREEMAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
W	TAYLOR, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0902
	HARMON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed
	MELIN, ENGINEER, Pvt.		1349
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	
	HARPSTER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
W	HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0902
	HARRINGTON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed
	PEARL, ENGINEER, SGT.		1348
	KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAKEMAKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
E	KING, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0902
	LYMAN, BOMB. Lt.		landed
	UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1651
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		Consica for gasoline.
	ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt.	441st	2
	BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0903
	BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
S	OZUK, NAV. Capt.		1349
	LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	RENCHEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TOLPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
F	WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0903
	FLOUCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1318
	BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
W	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
	HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0903
	DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1348
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

WEST, PILOT, F/O	441st	21
WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0903
W KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1603
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAZZO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC CONNELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	9
F FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0904
MC FARLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1512
GREENWALD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HARRISON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ROGERS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
v TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0904
MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1346
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BARTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
v DEMETREE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	94
MEYER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0904
CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1557
KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MILLER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HANEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURKS, PILOT, F/O	444th	83
E ROUND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0904
GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1445
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		NO TAKE OFF
TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		87
v DEESCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0905
ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1350
KONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DUNDI, X, Sgt.		
MARSCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
v DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0905
SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1350
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BURTT, X, T/Sgt.		

FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0905
ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
E COCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1349
WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DE WITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
VISCOMI, S/Sgt.		
<u>SPARES</u>		
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0905
STRAKA, MM. BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1346
WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KADEN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
THORNTON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0906
FRIEND, BOMB. Cpl.		landed
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1346
WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HEALIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	12
OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0906
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1331.
WESTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CONNOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
RILEY SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off <del>0906</del>
GLEASON, BOMB. Cpl.		0906
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1640.
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		