

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 171, Day Operation, 22 March 1944.

Flight Commander: Major Malsbury.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0735 hours, 27 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Poggibonsi RR Bridges, Italy. 1 B-26 crashed on take-off and was destroyed, 1 crew member was killed and all others were injured. 2 B-26's returned early, 1 because of propeller surge and 1 because of a stuck throttle. 24 B-26's were over the target, and 23 B-26's dropped 157 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) and 16 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (6-1 hour; 6-2 hours; 2-6 hour; 2-12 hour delay fuses) on the target at 1023 hours from 8600' to 9400', over an axis of 320. 5 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area and 6 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged in the sea, having hung up over the target. 22 B-26's returned at 1207 hours and 2 B-26's returned at 1429 hours after landing at Corsica for fuel.

C. Results: The target area was covered by a good pattern of bombs. The road bridge was well hit, and a probable hit was scored on the small RR bridge. The large bridge was missed, but both approaches to it were cut. The RR tracks between the bridge and the town were also cut by one direct hit.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

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

b. Situation: 1 S/E a/c was seen in an open field at Q6427 at 1023 hours from 8600'.

2. Ground:

a. General: A military camp, consisting of long buildings and straight roads was seen at S. Vincenzo at 1239 hours from 8000'.

b. Communications:

(1) 1 train, 4/5 cars heading north out of Poggibonsi at Q6044, was seen at 1023 hours from 8600'.

(2) 15/20 RR cars were seen in M/Y at Castelfiorentino, Q5551, at 1025 hours from 8500'.

(3) 10/15 RR cars were seen at Valterra, Q4528, at 1025 hours from 9000'

(4) 8/10 RR cars were observed at Q1914 at 1042 hours from 8000'.

(5) 38 RR cars (22 of which were coaches) were seen on track northwest of target at 1023 hours from 8600'.

(6) 20 RR cars were seen in Poggibonsi M/Y at 1023 hours from 8600'.

(7) 15 M/T were seen on road just east of Volterra, Q4528, at 1015 hours from 9000'.

c. Flak:

(1) No flak was encountered at the target.

(2) From south of S. Vincenzo, slight heavy flak, accurate for altitude very inaccurate for deflection, about 20 bursts were encountered. 1 - 4 gun position was seen firing at E1789 and another position was seen firing at V2191.

d. Shipping:

(1) 8/10 small boats were seen in Porto Ferrajo, Elba, D9975, at 1011 hours from 9000'.

(2) 4 long slender boats on the beach just north of Cecina Marina, Q1518, were seen at 1143 hours from 8000'.

(3) 2 small M/V, 4 barges, were seen at Piombino at 1012 from 9000'.

3. Losses: 1 B-26 crashed on take-off and was destroyed.

4. Weather: Enroute: 3-4/10 cumulus in patches, 4-8000'.
Target: Open. 2/10 cumulus in patches, 4-7000'.
Return: Clouds building up.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2500'; 13° T for 129 statute miles to C. Ferro; 0° T for 98 statute miles to Borgo; 55° T for 65 statute miles to S. Vincenzo; 50° T for 22 statute miles to IP, Pomarano climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run 32° T for 18 statute miles to target; breakaway left; 230° T for 40 statute miles to S. Vincenzo; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: Crew member killed in crash on take-off as follows:

Williams, B. Gran 2nd Lt. O-681265 Co-Pilot.

WILLIAM COOK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

"A"		
<u>PAULANTIS</u> 7	<u>OGLIETTI</u> 11	<u>WILSON</u> 4

"B"		
<u>TURNER, H.D.</u> 89	<u>HELD</u> 9	<u>FOWLER</u> 21
	<u>OLTMAN</u> 76	<u>OLTMAN</u> 21

"C"		
<u>MATTESON</u> MARSH 95	<u>BURKE</u> 98	<u>DEMETRIE</u> 85
	<u>MARSH</u> MATTESON 99	

"D"		
<u>LAC KINNON</u> 69	<u>HUNTER</u> 55	<u>WEEKLY</u> 61
	XXXXXX 50	<u>RITCHIE</u>

"E"		
<u>DODLIN</u> 20	<u>SHEARD</u> 62	<u>FREEMAN</u> 39
	<u>LAMB</u> FREEMAN 52	<u>LAMB</u> 52

"F"		
<u>DEATLY</u> <u>KADEN</u> 44 24	<u>HACKMAKI</u> 38	<u>HARFSTER</u> 43
	<u>KADEN</u> DEATLY 44	

<u>WILLS</u> 20	<u>MC GUGAN</u> 79	<u>PALMER</u> 57
		<u>KING</u> 48

SPARES

RADIO:
17th HOTSHOT
31st PAPPY
320th PUPPUT

Fighter: BUSTER

COLORS OF THE DAY		
0100-0700	YELLOW-YELLOW	I M WHITE
0700-1300	RED-GREEN	Q B GREEN
1300-1900	GREEN-YELLOW	D C WHITE
1900-0100	<u>GREEN-GREEN</u>	Z H RED
FLARE COLORS	CHALLENGE	REPLY COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED

/AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS/

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

	CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
	OGLIETTI, PILOT, Capt.	441st	11
B. D.	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		CRASHED ON TAKE-OFF
	CUKAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	OZUK, NAV. Capt.		
	O'KEEFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ROGERS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	MAZZO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	NUNNALLEE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, 1st Lt.		
	WILSON, PILOT, F/O	441st	4
	WEST, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0735
W	KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1208
	MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CATALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	7
	FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0735
V	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1223
	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ZUPANC, PHOTO, Sgt.	443rd	
	ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt.	441st	2
	BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0735
F	BARDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1222
	THURSTON, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	TESSUM ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MAISBURY, DFC, Major		
	HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	9
F	WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0736
	MC FARLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1207
	CASSINA, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
V	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0747
	ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1223
	COCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
H. D.	TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	89
	DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0747
W	ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1158
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CROMIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DUNK, PHOTO, Sgt.		

E	OLTMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. HUBBARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. Sgt. GIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. TIPTON, RADIO, PFC BARTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	21 took off 0748 landed 1222
F	BURKE, PILOT, F/O SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POCAN, ENGINEER 2nd Lt. BOMB. DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt. FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. KOCH, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	98 took off 0748 landed 1224
W	DEMETREE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt. KUHNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt. HANEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COLTON, X, Cpl.	444th	85 took off 0748 landed 1224
W	MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt. REEDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl. STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	99 took off 0748 landed 1224
F	MARSCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRISCOLL, ENGINEER CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt. MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	95 took off 0748 landed 1227
G	HUNTER, PILOT, Capt. TIAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt. LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt. STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt. SNIDER, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	55 took off 0743 landed 1220
W	weekley, pilot, 2nd Lt. CARTER, COPILOT, 2nd Lt. STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt. ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt. LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	61 took off 0743 landed 1220
W	MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt. DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt. BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, Sgt. GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt. PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	69 took off 0743 landed 1221

RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0743
TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 0836
CAFARELLA, NAV. Capt.		
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0744
ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1221
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DOBELIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	26
THORNTON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0744
HARMON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1425
HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MILLIMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		DID NOT TAKE OFF
HAKOMAKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0745
LYMAN, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1223
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARPSTER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	43
HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/D		took off 0745
HARRINGTON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1210
PEARL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
DEATLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	29
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0745
PHILLIPS, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1209
SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNER, Sgt.		
KADEN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0746
FRIEND, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1223
ONEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, Cpl.		
NEMIER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		

SPARES

WILLIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0749
MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1207
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WESTBROOK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC GUGAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	79
WEISS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0749
DZIEDZIC, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 0810
TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FAUCHISE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RABAL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0744
SZAFIR, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1202
BARRY, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Cpl.		
GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
HODGES, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0747
CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1221
GODBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MALBURNE, RADIO, Sgt.		
KRAMICH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
<u>Regular ships</u>		
FREEMAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
R.A. WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0744
SCAFIDI, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1414
E FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		