

QUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 173, Day Operation, 24 March 1944

Flight Commander: Major Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0905 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Orvieto RR Bridge NW, Italy. 4 B-26's returned early, 3 spares and 1 because of ill crew member. 24 B-26's were over the target and 19 B-26's dropped 152 x 500 lb demolition bombs over the target at 1123 hours from 9,500' to 10,300'. 24 x 500 lb demolition bombs were salvaged, 16 in the vicinity of the target because they hung and 8 in the water because the a/c carrying them was not in position to drop on the target. 16 x 500 lb demolition bombs were returned to base, 8 because they hung up over the target and 8 because the a/c carrying them was not in position to drop on the target. 24 B-26's returned to base at 1300 hours.

C. RESULTS: The target was missed. Bombs landed 2,000' S of the target, a few cutting the tracks at that point.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: 1. Spitfires from Corsica provided excellent escort.
2. 2/4 black unidentified S/E A/C flying S. at 7,000' were seen at A 1174 immediately after escort radioed that they were going down to attack 4 E/A, at 1134 hours from 9,000'.
3. 1 T/E A/C at 25,000', headed 40° was seen over C. Carbonera at the coast of Sardinia on the return at 1233 hours from 8,000'.
4. S/E unidentified A/C were seen dive bombing and straffing tracks and a train just N. of the target at 1123 hours from 9,500'.

b. Situation: 1 probably wrecked T/E A/C was seen at Orvieto A/D at 1123 hours from 9,500'.

2. Ground:

a. General: An army camp of approximately 100 tents, and a dozen or so fires, were seen at E 9554 at 1133 hours from 9,000'.

b. Communications:

1. Train with locomotive facing N., stationary, was seen just N. of target, A 3769 at 1123 hours from 9,500'.
2. 30/40 cars were observed at Orvieto M/Y, A 3967, at 1123 hours from 9,500'.
3. 15/20 RR cars were seen in Grosseto M/Y, E 6367 at 1102 hours from 10,000'.
4. 10/15 RR cars were observed at E 6453 at 1102 hours from 10,000'.

b. Communications (Cont'd):

5. 12 RR cars were seen at Chiusi M/Y at 1124 hours from 9,500'.
6. 4/6 M/T were observed just W of the target at 1123 hours from 9,500'.
7. 4 M/T with open beds were observed at Ficulle, A 4273, at 1123 hours from 9,500'.

c. Flak: At Orvieto RR Bridge NW, slight light and heavy flak, inaccurate both for altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire, was experienced. 1 - 4 gun battery was seen firing 2,000 yds. SW of the target.

d. Shipping:

1. 2 small M/V and one smaller craft were seen in bay E of Port Ercole at 1105 hours from 10,000'.
2. 2/3 medium M/V, 4 smaller craft were observed at Talamone at 1104 hours from 10,000'.
3. 1 small power launch was seen leaving a long wake midway between Corsica and Elba at 1050 hours from 9000'.

3. Losses: None; no a/c damaged.

4. Weather: Enroute: CAVU.
Target: CAVU.
Return: CAVU.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 120° T for 37 statute miles to C. Carbonera; 10° T for 100 statute miles to C. Comino; 353° T for 141 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 10,500'; 94° M for 17½ statute miles to target at 9500'; breakaway left; 255° T for 55 statute miles to mouth of Ombrone River; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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65 ACHENSON 69 HUNTER 53 RITCHEY
Wagar Pickett T-11
PALMER
66

"B"
62 FRAN
HODGES McCartney 35 CLAYBOUGH
31 HALE Hendrix
61

46 HAMPTON 4 BOBOTTOMLEY FREEMAN
Scafidi Maggio 39
ROOD
29

4 ST. ARNO 9 BERGE 2 RENNIS
Dill Flouck Bardon
OLTMAN
21

19 HEID 99 FOWLER
MORGANSTERN McFarland Rogers
HUBBARD
7

94 BURKE 98 TOWNS
Claubitz DeLosier
TURNER J. N.
76

TURNER, H.D.
95

WEST SPARUS
12 BLANDRO
64
REFDOR 96 BLANDRO H.D.
95

GREGG
44

(see 4 column)

RADIO CALL SIGNS

17th Group WILLIE
320th Group CHERCKEE
52nd Fighter Bust. er.

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 24 MARCH 1954.

time	Flare Colors
0100-0700	RED - GREEN
0700-1300	GREEN - YELLOW
1300-1900	RED - RED
1900-0100	GREEN - GREEN

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR OF LENSE TO USE
0100-0700	S	V	RED
0700-1300	L	N	WHITE
1300-1900	M	X	RED
1900-0100	F	C	WHITE.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON ORLANDO RR/Br, Italy.

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HUNTER, PILOT, Capt. TILM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HANDTS, NAV. 2nd Lt. PEAVIER, RADIO, T/Sgt. YLM, GUNNER, S/Sgt. MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Major	443rd	69 took off 0905 landed 1300
RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt. UNBERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt. TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	53 took off 0905 landed 1300
MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt. DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WAGAR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt. GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	66 took off 0905 landed 1250
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PUTNAM, BOMB, S/Sgt. MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Dpl. GRIEWANE, S/Sgt. gunner BAXBY, ENGINEER, Sgt. CONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	65 took off 0905 landed 1300
ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TARANTO, NAV. 2nd Lt. CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. WENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. JUST, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	62 took off 0906 landed landed 1302
CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, Lt. WILLIAMS, R.F., CO PILOT, Lt. HENDRIX, BOMB. Lt. MELIN, ENGINEER, Cpl. RADIO, ORGERON, S/Sgt. KANE, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	35 took off 0906 landed 1302
HODGES, PILOT, Lt. HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt. GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. KELMECH, GUNNER, Sgt. JOHNSON, PHOTO,	442nd 441st	31 took off 0907 landed 1253

	HALE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
	MORTAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0907
W	WESTFALL, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 0304
	BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	BROWN, GUNNER, PVT.		
	ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
F	ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0908
	MAGGIO, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1302
	MENAUUGH, NAV. Lt.		
	SALVESEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARSH, RADIO, Sgt.		
	HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FREEMAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
W	MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0908
	MARION, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1308
	UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COLTEN, PHOTO, Cpl.		
	HAMPTON, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
E	WILLIAMS, R.A., CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0908
	SCAFIDI, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1304
	BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ROOD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	29
W	ROWAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0908
	JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1304
	MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MILLIMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	9
Sg	SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0909
	FLOWCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1305
	GREENWALD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt.	441st	2
E	BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0909
	BARDEN BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1257
	CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt.		
	TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CATALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	ST. ARNO, PILOT, F/O	441st	4
W	PESEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0909
	DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1305
	MC DONOUGH, S/Sgt.		
	LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GOODMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	OLTMANN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
	FLAKE, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0909
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1305
W	DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
	WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0911
	MC FARLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1307
F	GIBSON, NAV. 1st Lt.		
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BARRON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FOWLER, PILOT,	444th	99
E	WILSON, CO PILOT,		took off 0911
	ROGERS, BOMB.		landed 1307
	COCOLO, ENGINEER,		
	WOOD, RADIO,		
	DEWITT, GUNNER		
	MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	93
W	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0911
	MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1312
	MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FIELDS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HUBBARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	7
W	MALCOLM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0911
	MC ILVENNA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		L - 1307
	GIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	TIPTON, RADIO, PFC.		
	MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
F	WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0912
	DELOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1307
	WARD-SMITH, NAV.		
	BARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
	POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	(EARLY RETURN, NO MISSION CREDIT)	took off 0912
	ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1036
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BURKE, PILOT, F/O	444th	94
E	RICHARDS, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0913
	GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1258
	FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	KECH, GUNNER, Sgt.		

JR	TURNER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
	DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0913
	DZIEDZIC, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1310
	WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
W	FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ALEXANDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	<u>SPARES</u>		
	BEAUDRO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64
	LYDAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0913
	TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1123
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.	(EARLY NO MISSION)	
	MC DONALD, GUNNER, Pvt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GREGG, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
	HADEN, CO PILOT, Lt.	(FILLED IN RIGHT WING POSITION	took off 0913
W	FRIEND, BOMB. Sgt.	IN PLACE OF H.D. TURNER)	landed 1308
	O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	COONEY, RADIO, Sgt.		
	REMIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, F/O	441st	12
	WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1136
	HAWKINS, BOMB.		landed 1136
	MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	(EARLY NO MISSION)	
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
	MATTESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0914
	SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1120
	DUNN, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	
	GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl.	(EARLY NO MISSION)	
	STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		