

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 175, Day Operation, 26 March 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0745 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the RR Viaduct west of Arezzo, Italy. 5 B-26's returned early; 3 were spares and 2 had engines cutting out. 23 B-26's were over the target and 22 B-26's dropped 88 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1033 hours from 9900' to 9100' on an axis of 336°. 8 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) were salvaged in the target area having hung up. 23 B-26's returned safely to this base at 1205 hours.

C. Results: Bombs started south and east of the target, walking to the tracks east of the target hitting 2 trains (4 and 9 cars each) standing there and cutting the tracks. A large explosion, indicating probable ammunition aboard one of the trains was seen. The viaduct was missed.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) Spitfires from Corsica provided excellent escort.
- (2) 2 unidentified S/E a/c were seen flying low in a valley at Q4807 at 1045 hours from 9000'.

b. Situation:

- (1) 7/10 S/E and T/E a/c were seen at Arezzo A/D at 1033 hours from 9000'.
- (2) 3/4 S/E and T/E a/c and 1 T/E S/P were seen on Castiglione di Lago A/D at 1028 hours from 10,900'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) First phase photo interpretation from 40" focal length photos reveal that repair work is proceeding on the bridge and east approach, but the tracks are still out. The hole in the fourth span from the west end caused by the 320th Bomb Group, 21 March, 1944, has been scraped and enlarged preliminary to repairs. Both lines are out at this point for over thirty feet. The 200 ft. damaged area on the east approach is being cleared of debris and reconstruction of the north track begun. Clearance is also going on along the 200 ft. damaged area next to the road overpass, and the reconstruction of the north line already completed. It seems probable that the north line only will be reconstructed at the approach and on the bridge.
- (2) 2 Army camps, close to one another, were observed at A0377 at 1025 hours from 10,000'.
- (3) A supply dump consisting of long piles of boxes was seen at Q2912 at 1048 hours from 9000'.

- (4) An army Camp at R3802 was seen at 1028 hours from 9000'.
- (5) The two factories previously reported at Monterotondo and Castelnuevo were active at 1048 hours from 9000'.

b. Communications:

- (1) 2 trains, one stationary and one moving, of 20/25 cars each, were observed at R3804 at 1028 hours from 10,900'.
- (2) 30/35 RR cars were seen at Castiglione di Lago, #3995, some loaded with tanks, at 1027 hours from 10,900'.
- (3) 50 RR cars were seen at Castiglione Fiorentino, R3118, at 1029 hours from 10,800'.
- (4) A 12/15 car train headed north, stationary with 6 trucks backed up to it, was seen at #2890 at 1026 hours from 10,500'.
- (5) 15/20 RR cars were seen in Grosseto M/Y at 1016 hours from 9000'.
- (6) 25/30 RR cars were seen in Arezzo M/Y at 1033 hours from 9900'.
- (7) 20/30 RR cars were seen at Montevarchi at 1034 hours from 9800'.
- (8) 8 empty gondola-type RR cars were seen 5 miles south of Chiusi, #3483, at 1027 hours from 10,800'.
- (9) 15/20 M/T with trailers were seen headed north at Castiglione Fiorentino, R3219, at 1030 hours from 10,500'.
- (10) 6 M/T, 4 moving and 2 stationary, were observed 2 miles east of the target at 1033 hours from 9900'.
- (11) 6 M/T were observed 3 miles west of target, stationary, at 1033 hours from 9900'.
- (12) 3 large M/T were observed just north of Castiglione di Lago at 1028 hours from 10,900'.
- (13) 15 M/T were observed at #9739 at 1035 hours from 9500'.
- (14) 8 M/T, 4 with trailers, were seen at R1722 headed north at 1032 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 2 medium-sized tankers and 2 small craft were observed off the mouth of the Ombrone River headed east at 1012 hours from 9000'.
- (2) 1 F-boat and 3 smaller craft were sighted in Porto S. Stefano at 1012 hours from 9000'.
- (3) 4 small boats and 2 two masted schooners were observed at Talamone at 1013 hours from 9000'.
- (4) 1 small M/V, stationary, was seen off Cecina Marina at 1046 hours from 9000'.

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

4. Weather: CAVU in all areas.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From this base at 2500' to rendezvous with escort at Borgo; to mouth of Ombrone River; to north tip of Lake Trasimeno; to IP, Castiglione Fiorentino, climbing gradually to 10,900' 336° T to target at 9900'; breakaway left to coast 2 miles south of Cecina Marina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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TAKE OFF  
LINE-UP

48 Speegle  
28 Conrad  
32 Claybough  
43 Harpster  
26 Dodelin  
54 Weekly

32 CLAYBOUGH  
Hendrix

48 SPEEGLE  
Darby  
HARPSTER

28 CONRAD  
Frestone

NELSON  
67

38 HAKOMAKI  
Lyman  
DODELIN

69 FELT  
Allen

71 SMITHWICK  
Lokan

62 SHEARD  
Adams  
WEEKLY

BEAUDRO  
58

78 REEDER  
Lindstrum

98 DILLING  
White  
TURNER H. D.

86 JOHNSON  
Focan

78 Dilling  
86 Johnson  
78 Reeder  
98 Towns  
2 Cornelius  
4 West  
1 McConnell  
19 Hubbard  
7 Smith  
76 Turner  
95 Marsch  
21 Trunk

WEST  
4

87 TOWNS  
Delosier  
MARSCH

2 CORNELIUS  
Vessells

7 SMITH  
Polakov

1 MCCONNELL  
Johnson  
TRUNK

HUBBARD  
19

SPARKS  
39 KATERING  
99 SINGER  
66 STRACHAN

STRACHAN  
66 (55)

SPARKS  
KATERING  
39 (29)  
FLAKE  
8 (6)

SINGER  
89 (93)

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

17th Bomb Group  
319th Bomb Group  
320th Bomb Group  
FIGHTER:

BIGSAM  
SCRANTON  
DERBY  
BUSTER

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 26 MARCH 1944

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

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS

100-0  
0100-0700  
0700-1300  
1300-1900  
1900-0100

CHALLENGE  
B  
Y  
J  
X

REPLY  
P  
S  
M  
I

COLOR OF LENSE  
TO BE USED

RED  
GREEN  
WHITE  
GREEN

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

	CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
	SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt. ✓	442nd	48
	HODGES, CO PILOT, Lt. ✓		took off 0745
G	DARBY, CAPT. BOMB. & ✓		landed 1205
	LEAHY, REME. NAV. Capt. ✓		
	ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SAYLOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
	CONRAD, BELOT, Lt. ✓	442nd	28
F	KADEN, CO PILOT, Lt. ✓		took off 0745
	FREESTONE, BOMB. Lt. ✓		landed 1210
	PINCOMB, NAV. Lt. ✓		
	FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARSH, RADIO, Sgt.		
	TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MALSBURY, DFC, MAJOR		
	CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, Lt. ✓	442nd	32
W	ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, Lt. ✓		took off 0745
	HENDREX, BOMB. Lt. ✓		landed 1210
	MELIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
	ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	DRAPER, PHOTO,	443	
	HARPSTER, PILOT, Lt. ✓	442nd	43
W	HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O ✓		took off 0747
	HARRINGTON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1210
	FEARD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	KNAUER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	FIELD, GUNNER, gt.		
	CONEY, PHOTO,	443rd	
	HAKOMAKI, PILOT, Lt. ✓	442nd	38
F	MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt. ✓		took off 0745
	LYMAN, BOMB. Lt. ✓		landed 1212
	SCHWARTZ, NAV. Lt.		
	UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADI, S/Sgt.		
	SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	443rd	69
E	KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0745
	ALLEN, BOMB, 2nd Lt. ✓		landed 1212
	RIMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MAI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	443rd	67
W	STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0745
	SZAFIR, BOMB, S/Sgt.		landed 1212
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PHOTO,		

✓	DOELLER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	26
✓	THORNTON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0747
✓	WESTBROOK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1210
	HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MILLIDAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KANE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
	MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	(EARLY NO MISSION)	took off 0746
	LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1047
	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TERRELL, GUNNER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
✓	BEAUDRO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
✓	LYDAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0746
	TYSON, BOMB, S/Sgt.		landed 1213
	LAFFERTY, RADI, T/Sgt.		
	MC DONALD, GUNNER, Pvt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
F	HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0746
	LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1213
	KAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, ENGINEER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	COLTON, PHOTO,		
✓	WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54
✓	CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0747
	STRAKA, BOMB, S/Sgt.		landed 1213
	LA GESSA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HOLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	EDAMS, ENGINEER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
S 2419D	DILLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
	DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0747
	WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1215
	DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
X	WING COMMANDER: JOCK DUNNING.		
	JOHNSON, PILOT,	444th	86
	ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off 0747
	POCAN, BOMB.		landed 1215
	MICHEL, NAV.		
	JOHNSON, ENGINEER,		
	MC ELMURRY, RADIO,		
	CLARKE, GUNNER,		
✓	REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	78
✓	MATTESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	WEBSTER, X, GENERAL	took off 0747
✓	LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	GIUFFRE, ENGINEER Cpl.	landed 1207
✓	STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.	ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.

H.D.	TURNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	444th	76
	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0749
	ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1216
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	444th	87
	WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0748
F	DELOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓		landed 1219
	WARD SMITH, NAV. 2nd Lt. ✓		
	BARRETT, ENGINEER, P/Sgt.		
	STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	441st	2
	MUELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0748
	VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓		landed 1216
	LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO,		
	LIAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, F/O ✓	441st	4
	WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O ✓		took off 0748
	HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1216
	BEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MARSCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	444th	95
	DEMESTREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0949
	JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1216
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	PERRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	441st	1
F	WILHELM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0748
	JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓		landed 1217
	CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. ✓		
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	441st	19
	WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 0748
	MC ILVERNA, BOMB.		landed 1209
	GIGNAC, ENGINEER, W/Sgt.		
	TIPTON, RADIO, PFC		
	MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	7
	MOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0748
	POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 0800
	ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	(EARLY RETURN NO MISSION CREDIT)	
	HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.	STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.	

TRUNK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ 441st 21  
 D.L.WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ Took off 1749  
 DOCKERY, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1217

W TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt.  
 GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

SPARES

RATERING, PILOT, Lt. 442nd  
 ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt. (EARLY NO MISSION CREDIT)  
 FULLER, BOMB. Sgt.  
 ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 JHGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.

39  
 took off 0749  
 landed 1001

W

STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ← 443rd  
 SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ← (MOVED UP TO TAKE PLACE OF  
 ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt. SHIP NO. 7)  
 COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
 HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.

61  
 took off 0750  
 landed 1216

SINGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 444th  
 CONNOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. (EARLY NO MISSION CREDIT)  
 GLEASON, BOMB, Cpl.  
 HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 MUSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.

89  
 took off 0749  
 landed 0952

FLAKE, PILOT, P/O 441st  
 PESEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. (EARLY NO MISSION CREDIT)  
 KWIAKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
 BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 DOLAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

8  
 took off 0750q  
 landed

WEATHER MISSION  
 O'STEEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 3  
 MALCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0615  
 GREENWALD, NAV. 2nd Lt. Landed 0930  
 HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
 FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
 MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
 GARDNER, X,