

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 177. Day Operation. 29 March 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0804 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Arezzo RR Bridge, Italy. 4 B-26's, all spares, returned early. 24 B-26's were over the target at 1035 hours at 10,000' but no bombs were dropped due to 10/10 cloud cover over all target areas. All bombs were returned to base by 24 B-26's that returned at 1231 hours.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) Excellent escort was provided by Spitfires from Corsica.
- (2) 1 T/E a/c was seen flying north at 20,000' between Elba and the Italian coast at 1000 hours from 10,000'.
- (3) 1 B-17 was flying south over Elba at 1000 hours from 10,000' drawing no flak.

2. Ground:

a. General: 2 active factories were seen at Canneto, area of Q30, at 1040 hours from 10,000'.

b. Communications: 13 M/T were seen near a junction at Montecello headed south at 1004 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 7 small barge-type vessels in Harbor, one 5,000 ton M/V lying 1/2 mile north of Harbor, at Porto Ferrajo, were seen at 1000 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) 1 small M/V was observed at Populonia at 1000 hours from 10,000'.
- (3) 1 barge drawn up on the beach at Q1805 was seen at 1000 hours from 10,000'.

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

4. Weather: Enroute: Broken over Sardinia and Corsica, clear over water to within 5 miles of Italian coast.

Target: 10/10 cumulus at 6,000 to 8,000'.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 21° T for 116 statute miles to Tavolara Island; 355° T for 115 statute miles to Borgo; 85° T for 77 statute miles to mouth of Ombrone River; 42° T for 37 statute miles to Montalcino; 32° T for 22 statute miles to Monte S. Savino; 33° M for 11 statute miles to target at 10,000'; breakaway left; 250° T for 68 statute miles to 5 miles north of S. Vincenzo; 230° T for 65 statute miles to Borgo; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

MISSION #202

FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. FLETCHER

29 March 1944

LINE UP

"A"

|             |           |           |             |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 80 BREMER   | 99 SINGER | 80 BREMER | 86 WEINBERG |
| 36 WEINBERG | LINDSTRUM | POWERS    | DELOSTER    |
| 29 SINGER   |           | MARSH     |             |

89

"B"

|                 |           |              |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| 98 FOWLER       | 98 FOWLER | TURNER, J.A. |
| 93 TURNER, J.A. | WHITE     | 93           |
| 4 DILLON        | PENKA     |              |

flew as spars

12

"C"

|           |             |        |
|-----------|-------------|--------|
| CORNELIUS | 8 CORNELIUS | WEILER |
| WILSON    | DILL        |        |
| 7         | ST. ARNO    |        |

22

"D"

|            |            |           |          |
|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 33 CONRAD  | 29 DEATLEY | 33 CONRAD | 45 BAKER |
| 45 BAKER   | MONTEZ     | FRESTONE  | PHILLIPS |
| 29 DEATLEY |            | DOUGLAS   |          |

27

"E"

|              |              |         |
|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 35 BOTTOMLEY | 35 BOTTOMLEY | HARSTER |
| 43 HARSTER   | MASARO       | 43      |
| 53 SMITHWICK | STRACHAN     |         |

59

"F"

|           |           |      |               |
|-----------|-----------|------|---------------|
| 69 LAMBER | 69 BARKER | LAMB | GROUND SPARES |
| 54 LAMB   | ADAMS     | 54   | 87            |
| 7 STINSON | WEEKLY    |      | 5             |

60

|            |          |        |         |
|------------|----------|--------|---------|
| 26 DOELIN  | 26 SMITH | HODGES | 52 FELT |
| 9 STRACHAN | WEEKLY   | 47     | 46      |
| 60 WEEKLY  | VESELLS  |        | 55      |

Filed in

SPARES

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| 16 SMITH (N) | 0100-0700 |
| 32 FELT (N)  | 0700-1300 |
| 76 REEDER    | 1300-1900 |
| 47 HODGES    | 1900-0100 |

CORDS OF THE DAY

FLARE COLORS: RED-YELLOW  
 RED-RED  
 GREEN-GREEN  
 RED-GREEN

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AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS

|           | CHALLENGE | REPLY | COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED |
|-----------|-----------|-------|---------------------------|
| 0100-0700 | P         | V     | WHITE                     |
| 0700-1300 | Y         | C     | GREEN                     |
| 1300-1900 | B         | I     | WHITE                     |
| 1900-0100 | G         | Z     | GREEN                     |

THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON <sup>At 40 R/Br, ITALY.</sup>  
<sup>Cap Horns Harbour.</sup>

| CREW   | SQUADRON                     | PLANE NO.   |
|--|------------------------------|---|
| BREWER, PILOT, Major, ✓<br>MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓<br>POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓<br>DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt. ✓<br>WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.<br>BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.<br>ESTRADA, GUNNER, Sgt.<br>FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. Col. | 444th                        | 80<br>took off 0804<br>landed 1233                          |
| WEINBERG, PILOT, Capt. ✓<br>WATSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓<br>DELOSLER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓<br>MICHELS, NAV. 2nd Lt. ✓<br>TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.<br>FAUCHISE, RADIO, T/Sgt.<br>RABAL, GUNNER, Sgt.<br>DUNCAN, Capt. X                  | 444th                        | 86<br>took off 0804<br>landed 1233                          |
| SINGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓<br>CONNOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓<br>LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓<br>HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.<br>ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.<br>MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.<br>CONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.                                    | 444th                        | 99<br>took off 0804<br>landed 1233                          |
| MARSCH, PILOT, ✓<br>JONES, CO PILOT, ✓<br>SHINGLE, BOMB.<br>JOHNSON, ENGINEER,<br>PERRY, RADIO,<br>MASON, GUNNER,<br>DRAPEAU, PHOTO,   | 444th                        | 89<br>took off 0807<br>landed 1231                          |
| FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓<br>WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓<br>ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓<br>CUCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.<br>WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.<br>DEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.  | 444th                        | 98<br>took off 0805<br>landed 1234                          |
| TURNER, J.A., CO PILOT,<br>DICKINSON, PILOT,<br>DZIEDZIC, BOMB.<br>CARNEY, ENGINEER,<br>FEINBERG, RADIO<br>ALEXANDER, GUNNER,  | 444th<br>(EARLY 1st MISSION) | 93<br>took off 0825<br>landed 1035<br><br>(flew as a spare) |
| DILLON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓<br>TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓<br>BLACKFORD, BOMB. S/Sgt.<br>FRANZAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.<br>HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.<br>BRATTOK, GUNNER, Sgt.<br>JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.  | 441st                        | 4<br>took off 0805<br>landed 1235                           |

~~WALKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.~~

|         |                                    |       |               |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
|         | FENKA, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            | 441st | 18            |
|         | MALCOLM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓       |       | took off 0807 |
| E       | HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt.              |       | landed        |
|         | HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.             |       | 1235          |
|         | TIPTON, RADIO, PFC.                |       |               |
|         | MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.              |       |               |
|         | CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓        | 441st | 8             |
|         | WILLIAMS, D.L. CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ |       | took off 0806 |
| F       | DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓              |       | landed        |
|         | LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.          |       | 1235          |
|         | RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.         |       |               |
|         | FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.               |       |               |
|         | WELLS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.              | 441st | 1             |
|         | MUELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.         |       | took off 0806 |
| W       | MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt.           |       | landed        |
|         | BARTON, ENGINEER, gt.              |       |               |
|         | HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.                |       | 1236          |
|         | STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.              |       |               |
|         | SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.                |       |               |
|         | WILSON, PILOT, F/O ✓               | 441st | 7             |
|         | WEST, CO PILOT, F/O ✓              |       | took off 0806 |
| W       | MC SILVERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.         |       | landed        |
|         | MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            |       |               |
|         | CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.            |       | 1236          |
|         | GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.             |       |               |
|         | <del>ST. ARNO, PILOT, F/O ✓</del>  |       |               |
|         | ST. ARNO, PILOT, F/O ✓             | 441st | 22            |
|         | MOID, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓          |       | took off 0807 |
| E       | BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt.              |       | landed        |
|         | AGERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.           |       |               |
|         | DURAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.               |       | 1236          |
|         | GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.               |       |               |
|         | CONRAD, PILOT, Lt. ✓               | 442nd | 33            |
|         | HAMPTON, CO PILOT, Lt. ✓           |       | took off 0808 |
| S 442nd | FREESTONE, BOMB. Lt. ✓             |       | landed        |
|         | MENNAUGH, NAV. Lt. ✓               |       |               |
|         | FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.            |       | 1237          |
|         | MARSH, RADIO, Sgt.                 |       |               |
|         | TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.             |       |               |
|         | BAKER, PILOT, Lt. ✓                | 442nd | 45            |
| E       | GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt. ✓         |       | took off 0808 |
|         | PHILLIPS, BOMB. Lt. ✓              |       | landed        |
|         | KING, NAV. Lt. ✓                   |       |               |
|         | NARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.          |       | 1237          |
|         | MALBURNE, RADIO, Sgt.              |       |               |
|         | STEWART, GUNNER, S/Sgt.            |       |               |
|         | DEATLY, PILOT, Lt. ✓               | 442nd | 29            |
| W       | WILLIAMS, R.A. CO PILOT, Lt. ✓     |       | took off 0808 |
|         | MONTIZ, BOMB. Lt. ✓                |       | landed        |
|         | FENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.             |       |               |
|         | JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.             |       | 1237          |
|         | JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.              |       |               |
|         | COLTON, PHOTO                      |       |               |

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|   | DOBELIN, PILOT, Lt.         | 442nd            | 26            |
|   | THORNTON, CO PILOT, Lt.     |                  | took off 0811 |
| W | WESTBROOK, BOMB. Cpl.       |                  | landed        |
|   | HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.    |                  | 1238          |
|   | MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.        |                  |               |
|   | JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.       |                  |               |
|   | BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, Lt.       | 442nd            | 35            |
|   | CASTOR, CO PILOT, Lt.       |                  | took off 0809 |
| F | MAGGIO, BOMB. Lt.           |                  | landed        |
|   | SALVASON, ENGINEER, Sgt.    |                  | 1238          |
|   | WELLS, RADIO, Sgt.          |                  |               |
|   | HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.          |                  |               |
|   | HARPSTER, PILOT, Lt.        | <del>442nd</del> | 43            |
|   | HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O      |                  | took off 0809 |
| W | HARRINGTON, BOMB. Sgt.      |                  | landed        |
|   | FERRIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.      |                  | 1238          |
|   | KRAUER, RADIO, Sgt.         |                  |               |
|   | BENTLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.       |                  |               |
|   | SMITHNICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.   | 443rd            | 53            |
|   | MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.    |                  | took off 0809 |
| W | SZAFIR, BOMB. Sgt.          |                  | landed        |
|   | MAIER, RADIO, S/Sgt.        |                  | 1239          |
|   | LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.     |                  |               |
|   | COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.     |                  |               |
|   | STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.    | 443rd            | 59            |
|   | SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.   |                  | took off 0811 |
| F | FUTNAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.        |                  | landed        |
|   | COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.        |                  | 1239          |
|   | WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.    |                  |               |
|   | HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.   |                  |               |
|   | BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.      | 443rd            | 69            |
|   | WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.     |                  | took off 0810 |
| F | ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.        |                  | landed        |
|   | JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.      |                  | 1240          |
|   | COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.     |                  |               |
|   | HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.   |                  |               |
|   | LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.        | 443rd            | 54            |
| W | KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.    |                  | took off 0810 |
|   | TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.         |                  | landed        |
|   | GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.     |                  | 1240          |
|   | MC DONALD, GUNNER, Pvt.     |                  |               |
|   | LEMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. |                  |               |
|   | MADDUCKS, PHOTO,            |                  |               |
|   | STINSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.     | 443rd            | 67            |
| W | NELSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.   |                  | took off 0910 |
|   | ARLAW, BOMB. S/Sgt.         |                  | landed        |
|   | GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.        |                  | 1240          |
|   | AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.      |                  |               |
|   | LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.    |                  |               |
|   | PEAMER, RADIO, T/Sgt.       |                  |               |

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|   | WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓     | 443rd              | 60            |
|   | CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓   |                    | took off 0811 |
|   | STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.          |                    | landed        |
| E | LA GESSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.      |                    | 1240          |
|   | PLAJNIK, GUNNER, Sgt.         |                    |               |
|   | ADAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.         |                    |               |
|   | LAFFERTY, RADIO, P/Sgt.       |                    |               |
|   | <u>SPARES</u>                 |                    |               |
|   | REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓      | 444th              | 76            |
|   | DEMETREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ |                    | took off 0805 |
|   | CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.          |                    | landed        |
| W | KUHNE, ENGINEER, P/Sgt.       | went<br>on mission | 123x          |
|   | CAMPBELL, RADIO, Cpl.         |                    |               |
|   | BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.          |                    |               |
|   | SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.         | 441st              | 16            |
|   | PESEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.      |                    | took off 0812 |
|   | VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.       |                    | landed        |
|   | TESSUM, ENGINEER, /Sgt.       | spare              | 1125          |
|   | MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.     |                    |               |
|   | GIGRAC, GUNNER, S/Sgt.        |                    |               |
|   | HODGES, PILOT, Lt.            | 442nd              | 47            |
|   | ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt.     |                    | took off 0812 |
|   | CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.      | spare              | loaded        |
|   | GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.    | spare              | 1007          |
|   | WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.         |                    |               |
|   | KIMMICH, GUNNER, Sgt.         |                    |               |
|   | FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.          | 443rd              | 52            |
|   | HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.       |                    | took off 0812 |
|   | ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.          |                    | landed        |
|   | ROEMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.         |                    | 1057          |
|   | GILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.      |                    |               |
|   | KAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.           |                    |               |
|   | <u>WEATHER MISSION</u>        |                    |               |
|   | ROOD, PILOT, Lt.              | 442nd              | 0645.         |
|   | ROWAN, CO PILOT, Lt.          |                    | 25            |
|   | UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, Sgt.     |                    | 20950         |
|   | MILLMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.        |                    |               |
|   | BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.          |                    |               |