

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 178. Day Operation. 1 April, 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1200 hours, 28B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the RR Bridge west of Arezzo, Italy. 4 B-26's returned early, all spares. 24 B-26's dropped 85 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10-.025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1429 hours from 8,000' to 8,900'. 7 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged in the water, having hung, and 4 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were returned to base, also having hung. 24 B-26's returned safely to base at 1635 hours.

C. Results: The bridge was missed. Most bombs landed southeast of the bridge walking to the east approach, possibly cutting the tracks.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a/ Air Activity: Spitfires provided excellent escort.

b. Situation:

(1) At Arezzo A/D - 5/7 a/c, badly damaged, were seen parked at 1429 hours from 8900'.

(2) Grosseto A/D appeared empty but being repaired at 1417 hours from 9,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) At Arezzo Viaduct, the small span appeared completely out, and at least one large hole was in the larger span, at 1431 hours from 8900'.

(2) At 1445 hours from 8,000', Cecina Bridge seemed to be out.

(3) At Saline, Q4224, an oil refinery, consisting of 26 tanks and several derricks was seen at 1419 hours from 9,000'.

b. Communications:

(1) At Grosseto M/Y 40/50 cars were seen at 1417 hours from 9,000'.

(2) At Monte S. Savino, R1518, 50 RR cars were seen at 1427 hours from 9,500'.

(3) On the bridge at S8590, a 13 car train going north was seen at 1425 hours from 9,500'.

(4) At Asciano, R0207, 70/80 RR cars were seen at 1426 hours from 9,500'.

(5) At Figline Valdarno, Q9651, 10/15 RR cars were observed at 1434 hours from 8,000'.

(6) At S. Giovanni, R0044, an 8/10 car train headed south was seen at 1426 hours from 9,500'.

(7) At Arezzo M/Y 50/75 tank cars were seen and 2 through tracks appeared open at 1429 hours from 8,900'.

(8) At Incisa, Q9555, 70/80 tank cars next to an abandoned factory, 8 long passenger-type cars parked just south of the town, were seen at 1435 hours from 8,000'.

(9) At R1535, 30/40 RR cars were seen at 1431 hours from 8,900'.

- (10) At Bucine, R0734, 40/50 RR cars were seen at 1432 hours from 8,500'.
- (11) Between Bucine and Florence, some cars were on all sidings at 1432 hours from 8,500'.
- (12) 30 Car train was seen standing, headed north at R2525, at 1430 hours from 9,000'.
- (13) 25 RR cars were observed at Centaldo, Q6144, at 1440 hours from 8000'
- (14) 30 cars at Paganico, E7885, were seen at 1421 hours from 8,000'.
- (15) Between Figline and Rignano, 30/40 M/T were seen headed south at 1432 hours from 8,500'.
- (16) 30/40 M/T were seen between Florence and S. Casciano, Q7356, at 1434 hours from 8,500'.
- (17) 15/18 M/T with trailers were observed headed north at R2023, at 1430 hours from 9,000'.
- (18) 25 M/T were sighted 300 yards southwest of target at 1429 hours from 8,900'.
- (19) Concentrations of M/T were seen on beach at R1805, at 1416 hours from 8,000'.
- (20) 8 M/T were seen headed east at Montefupo Q6164, at 1439 hours from 8,000'.

6. Flak: None at target or elsewhere.

d. Shipping:

- (1) No change from previous reports was observed at Talamone at 1415 hours from 8,000'.
- (2) 4/6 small craft off Cecina Marina were seen at 1415 hours from 8,000'.
- (3) 5 small craft were seen off mouth of Ombrone River at 1415 hours from 8,000'.
- (4) 3 large and 5 small craft around harbor mouth at Leghorn were observed at 1446 hours from 8,000'.

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

4. Weather: Enroute: Generally clear; turbulence over land.
Target: 4/10 cumulus, 8,500' to 9,300'; extreme

turbulence.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base; 21° T for 116 statute miles to Tavelara Island; 353° T to rendezvous with escort at 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 IP, Monte S. Savino; climbing gradually to 9,500'; 33° M for 11 statute miles to target at 8,900'; breakaway left; 257° T to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 203

FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL FLETCHER:

1 April 1944.

TAKE OFF LINE UP

80 BREWER
 86 WEINBERG
 99 SINGER
 83 FOWLER
 92 TURNER J. A.
 19 WEILER
 16 SMITH
 3 FLAKE
 7 WEST
 8 MARSCH
 18 DILLON
 PENKA
 37 SHUH
 45 BAKER
 44 GREGG
 38 HAKOMAKI
 47 HODGES
 84 LYDAY
 50 FELT
 55 BEAUDRO
 53 CLARK
 57 WATERING
 59 STRACHAN
 WEEKS

80 BREWER
 Lindstrom
 89 "A"
 83 FOWLER
 Rogers
 DILLON
 8 "B"
 16 SMITH
 Ve'sells
 PENKA
 18 "C"
 37 SHUH
 DARBY
 WATERING
 41 "D"
 38 HAKOMAKI
 Lyman
 STRACHAN
 57 "E"
 50 FELT
 Allen
 WEEKS
 59 "F"
 SPARES
 REEDER
 79
 SHEARD
 60 Strickland
 86 WEINBERG
 DeLosier
 TURNER J.A.
 92
 FLAKE
 2
 45 BAKER
 Phillips
 HODGES
 47
 BEAUDRO
 55 67
 McCONNEL
 20 Greenwald

 * RADIO CALL
 * SIGNS:
 * 17th DELMAR
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 * 31st ASHCAN
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 * 320th RANSOM
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 * FIGHTER: BUSTER
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 1 APRIL 1944.

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

ALDIS LIGHT SIGNALS

GROUND SPARES

87
 14
 46
 71

TIME
 0100-0700
 0700-1300
 1300-1900
 1900-0100

challenge
 J
 X
 C
 V

REPLY
 C
 M
 P
 I

COLOR OF LENS
 TO BE USED
 RED
 WHITE
 RED
 GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON ALCANTARA RA/ST, ITALY.

Crew	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
BREWER, PILOT, Major MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POWERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt. WYLER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. ESTRADA, GUNNER, Sgt. FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. Col.	444th	80 took off 1200 landed 16 35
WEINBERG, PILOT, Capt. MATTHESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. DELOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MICHELS, NAV. NAV. 2nd Lt. FUNNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt. KASAL, GUNNER, Sgt. CONRAD, FLIGHT SURGEON, CAPT.	444th	86 took off 1200 landed 16 35
SINGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CONNOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt. LOSKO, GUNNER, Sgt. CONEY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	444th	99 took off 1200 landed 16 35
MARSON, PILOT, JONES, CO PILOT, BRINGLES, BOMB. JOHNSON, ENGINEER, FERRY, RADIO, MASOR, GUNNER, CATALDI, PHOTO,	444th	89 took off 1203 landed 16 28
FOMBER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. CUCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt. LEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	83 took off 1201 landed 16 38
TURNER, CO PILOT, J.A. WICKERSON, PILOT, DEISZIC, BOMB. CARNEY, ENGINEER FERNBERG, RADIO, ALEXANDER, GUNNER,	444th	92 took off 1201 landed 16 36
REILLY, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILLIAMS, S.L., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt. BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt. SPREGES, GUNNER, Sgt. DUNN, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	19 took off 1201 landed 16 38

	DILLON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	8
	TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1203
F	BLACKFORD, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1638
	LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	16
	PESEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1202
F	VESSELLS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1639
	TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Pt.		
	MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FLAKE, PILOT, F/O	441st	2
	SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1202
W	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1639
	BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	YAVOROSKY, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, F/O	441st	7
	WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1202
W	MC ILVENNA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1640
	WEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	PENKA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
	MALCOLM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1203
F	HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1640
	HILL, ENGINEER, S/Pt.		
	TIPTON, RADIO, PFC.		
	HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SHUH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	37
	CLAYBAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1204
So	DARBY, BOMB. Capt.		landed 1640
	PINCOB, NAV. Lt.		
	FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ORSHOCK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BAKER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	45
F	MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1204
	PHILLIPS, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1641
	SCHWARTZ, NAV. Lt.		
	MARDINE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MALBURNE, RADIO, Sgt.		
	STEWART, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GREGG, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
	KADER, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1204
W	HENDREX, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1624
	O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	NEMIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Pvt.		

	RATERING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
	ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1207
W	FULLER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1641
	ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	WASACZ, RADIO, S/sgt.		
	LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HAKOMAKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
R.F.	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, LT.		took off 1205
	LYMAN, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1641
F	UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/sgt.		
	SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/sgt.		
	HODGES, PILOT, Lt.	4 42nd	47
	ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1205
	CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/sgt.		landed 1641
W	GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
	KRAUSE, RADIO, S/sgt.		
	KIMBECH, GUNNER, S/sgt.		
	LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
W	MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1205
	SALTERELLI, BOMB. S/sgt.		landed 1642
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/sgt.		
	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/sgt.		
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
	STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
	SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1207
F	ARMAC, BOMB. S/sgt.		landed 1641
	GOONS, RADIO, S/sgt.		
	LUMBERG, GUNNER, S/sgt.		
	HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
	FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
	WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1206
F	ALLEN, NAV. 2nd Lt.		landed 1642
	ROMIGN, RADIO, S/sgt.		
	GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/sgt.		
	LAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	BEAUDRO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
	HRIBAL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1206
	BROWN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1643
W	GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/sgt.		
	GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/sgt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/sgt.		
	HAYES, PHOTO,		
	CLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
W	PALMER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1206
	SZAFIR, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1643
	MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Cpl.		
	SNIDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BARRY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	BERGAMO, RADIO, S/sgt.		

WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1207
WESTFALL, BOMB, S/Sgt.		landed 1647

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SPARES

REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	79
DEMETREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1208
CRAPSE, BOMB, S/Sgt.		landed 1219
KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
CAMPBELL, ADIO, Cpl.		
BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
WILHELM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1208
GREENWALD, BOMB, 2nd Lt.		landed 1510

HARRISON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
COCKER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BARNARD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1209
HARLAN, BOMB, Sgt.		landed 1437
KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		

SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1209
STRICKLAND, BOMB, 2nd Lt.		landed 1453
BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TEARELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		

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