

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 180, Day Operation, 3 April 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0815 hours, 26 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Pontassieve RR Bridge, Italy. 3 B-26's returned early: one with engine cutting out, one with propeller governor out and one with hydraulic system out. 23 B-26's were over the target at 1445 hours at 10,000' but no bombs were dropped because of 10/10 cloud cover. All bombs were returned to base. 22 B-26's returned to base at 1234 hours and 1 B-26 returned at 1404 hours after landing at Ghisonaccia, Corsica for gas.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 4 Flights of 3 S/E unidentified a/c each were seen flying northeast, 5 miles east of Cecina at 1053 hours from 10,000'.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications: 20 car train was seen at Cecina at 1020 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

(1) 2 medium M/V were seen at Porto Ferrajo, Elba, at 1058 hours from 10,000'.

(2) 1 medium M/V was observed moving south  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles off shore at Cecina Marina at 1058 hours from 10,000'.

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

4. Weather: Enroute: Alto strat $\ddot{u}$  overcast, base 9,000'.  
Target: 10/10 stratocumulus, tops 7,000'.  
Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 2 $^{\circ}$  T for 142 statute miles to C. Feno; 44 $^{\circ}$  T for 20 statute miles to G. Vecchia; 16 $^{\circ}$  T for 23 statute miles to Aleria; 353 $^{\circ}$  T to rendezvous with escort at Borgo; 44 $^{\circ}$  T for 70 statute miles to Cecina Marina; 73 $^{\circ}$  T for 52 statute miles to Cavriglia; 352 $^{\circ}$  T for 5 statute miles to Figline; 357 $^{\circ}$  M to target at 10,000'; breakaway left, 36 statute miles to Empoli; 218 $^{\circ}$  T for 36 statute miles to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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TAK OFF LINE UP		"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"	
37	SPEEGLE	37	SPEEGLE	40	BOTTOMLEY	63	BARKER	85	PETERS	78	FOWLER	2	HELD
47	HODGES	26	DODELIN	40	Maggio	63	Adams	85	Powers	78	Rogers	2	Polakov
26	DODELIN	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
40	BOTTOMLEY	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
44	KADEN	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
53	BARKER	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
52	HRIBAL	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
60	LYDAY	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
68	CONRAD	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
68	MACKINNON	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
62	PALMER	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
85	PETERS	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
79	TURNER J. A.	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
77	WILLIAMS	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
78	FOWLER	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
95	MATTELSON	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
8	WILLIAMS	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
2	HELD	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
7	BODIE	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
4	HUNSB ERGER	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
86	JOHNSON	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
19	WILSON	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH
18	GOODENOUGH	26	DODELIN	40	MACKINNON	63	PALMER	85	JOHNSON	78	WILSON	2	GOODENOUGH

RADIO CALLS:  
17th ROVER  
TURNER J. A.  
319th CHAFFY  
320th BARCLAY

MATTELSON FIGHTER BULL

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GROUND SPARES

41  
67  
99  
15

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 3 April 1944  
TIME FLARE COLORS  
0100-0700 RED-YELLOW  
0700-1300 RED-RED  
1300-1900 YELLOW-YELLOW  
1900-0100 RED-GREEN

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TIME CHALLENGE REPORT COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED  
0100-0700 G C RED  
0700-1300 F B WHITE  
1300-1900 Y O GREEN  
1900-0100 M X WHITE  
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON PONTSSIEVE BRIDGE.

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
G SPEEGLE, PILOT, Capt. HARFSTER, CO PILOT, Lt. DARBY, BOMB. Capt. LEAHY, NAV. Capt. BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt. SAYLOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.	442nd	37 took off 0815 landed 1234
W HODGES, PILOT, Lt. ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt. CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt. GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. KILBACH, GUNNER, Sgt. COLTEN, PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	47 took off 0815 landed 1234
W DODELIN, PILOT, Lt. THORNTON, CO PILOT, Lt. WESTROCK, BOMB. Cpl. HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MILLMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. EARL, GUNNER, Sgt. COKEY, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	26 took off 0815 landed 1235
E CONRAD, PILOT, Lt. WILLIAMS, R.F. CO PILOT, Lt. FREESTONE, Lt. BOMB. MENAUGH, NAV. Lt. FIOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSH, RADIO, Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	28 took off 0818 landed 1235
F BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, Lt. ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt. MAGGIO, BOMB. Lt. SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt. SPANGERR, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	40 took off 0816 landed 1236
W KADEN, PILOT, Lt. GREGG, CO PILOT, Lt. FRIEND, BOMB. Sgt. O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt. KEMLER, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	44 took off 0816 landed 1236
W LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. MC DONALD, GUNNER, Pvt. LAPOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MIDDLETON, PHOTO,	443rd (EARLY RETURN NO MISSION)	52 took off 0816 landed 0830
	442nd	

	MAC KIMMON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	58
	DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0818
E	SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1236
	POTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
	MC KIMNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off: 0817
F	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		1237
	COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HRIBAL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51
	BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	8	took off 0817
W	WESTFALL, BOMB. S/Sgt.	(EARLY RETURN NO MISSION)	landed 0832
	LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	YAVOROSKY, PHOTO,	444th	
	LYDAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
W	MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0817
	STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		1237
	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
F	CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0818
	ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	KARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt.		1237
	BROWN, GUNNER, Pvt.		
	BARRY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	PETERS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	85
	NIER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	NO TAKE, OFF	<del>mission off's etc.</del>
	TURNER, J.A., PILOT,	444th	(79) 99
	DICKERSON, CO PILOT,		took off 0819
W	DALEDAIC, BOMB.		landed
	CARNEY, ENGINEER,		1238
	FEINBERG, RADIO,		
	ALEXANDAR, GUNNER,		
	CATALDI, PHOTO,		
	CORKOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
	SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0819
	GLEASON, BOMB. Cpl.		landed
	HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1238
	ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOLDOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PILOT,	444th	86
F	ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off 0819
	POGAN, BOMB.	BANG, NAV. JOHNSON, ENGINEER,	landed
	MC ELMURRY, RADIO,	CLARKE, GUNNER,	1238

	FOWLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. COCOLO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt. DEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	78 took off 0820 landed 1238
	MATTHESON, PILOT, 1st Lt. WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt. GIUEFRE, ENGINEER, Cpl. STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	95 took off 0820 landed 1238
	<del>TEKKY</del>		
	D.D. WILLIAMS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. S/Sgt. GIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. BRATTON, SGT. GUNNER,	441st	8 took off 0820 landed 1238
	WILSON, PILOT, F/O MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt. HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	18 took off 0822 landed 1053
	HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt. WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt. O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	2 took off 0822 landed 1239
	BODIE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WEST, CO PILOT, F/O KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt. MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARENELLI, GUNNER, Sgt. DUNN, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	15 took off 0822 landed 1243
	HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. MUELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BLACKFORD, BOMB. S/Sgt. FIELDS, RADIO, 1st Lt. DOLAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	19 took off 0822 landed 1240
	GOODENOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt. BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt. MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. LLOKEY, X, S/Sgt.	441st	19 took off 0822 landed 1227

SPARES

HARTE, PILOT, Lt.  
TAYLOR, CO PILOT, Lt.  
MC CRAY, BOMB. Pvt.  
KING, ENGINEER, S/gt.  
MALBURNE, RADIO, S/gt.  
HENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

412nd

32  
took off 0835  
landed  
1227

*returned*

FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
ROBIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
MAI, ENGINEER, Sgt.

443rd

56  
took off 0824  
landed  
1407

*went on mission*

*landed at Ghis.  
for gas*

WEATHER, SHIP

WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
SALTERELLI, NAV. S/Sgt.  
CALAFUT, RADIO, S/gt.  
AVERY, GUNNER, Sgt.  
PARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.

443rd

55  
took off 0630  
landed  
0945

MARSCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
SHINGLE, BOMB. S/gt.  
STATON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

82  
took off 0824  
landed  
1236

*returned*