

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 183, Day Operation, 7 April 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1342 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Incisa RR Bridge and Viaduct, Italy. 4 spares returned early. 24 B-26's were over the target, and 23 B-26's dropped 91 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10-.025) second delay fuses on the target at 1552 hours from 8500' to 7900', on an axis of 95°. 1x1000 lb. demolition bomb was salvaged in the target area, having hung up over the target, and 4 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were returned to base because the intervalometer in the a/c carrying them was accidentally broken on the bomb run. 24 B-26's returned at 1737 hours to this base.

C. Results: Both the bridge and the viaduct were covered with excellent patterns of bombs. Direct hits were scored on the bridge and near misses and possible direct hits were scored on the viaduct. The bridge is believed destroyed.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a/ Air Activity:

- (1) Spitfires from Borgo provided the usual excellent escort.
- (2) 2 unidentified a/c north of Poggibonsi were sighted at 1549 hours from 9000', and an escort pilot was heard to radio that he was going to engage them.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a/ General:

- (1) Temporary track across Cecina RR Bridge was seen at 1538 hours from 8000'.
- (2) Certaldo RR Bridge, Q6144, was seen intact at 1550 hours from 9000'.

b. Communications:

- (1) From the target to R0044 -3/4 strings of 40/50 cars each, parked, were seen at 1552 hours from 8500'.
- (2) 20 RR cars at Rosignano, Q1630, were seen at 1617 hours from 8000'.
- (3) 30 RR cars at Q1424, were seen at 1617 hours from 8000'.
- (4) 8 RR cars loaded with sand adjacent to a small factory were seen at Q7456, at 1550 hours from 9000'.
- (5) 30 RR cars at Certaldo, Q6144, were seen at 1546 hours from 9000'.
- (6) 10/12 RR cars at Castiglion Fiorentino, Q5650, at 1553 hours from 8000'.
- (7) 50/60 RR cars at Castiglioncello, Q1228, were seen at 1609 hours from 8000'.
- (8) 30/40 RR cars in Poggibonsi M/Y were seen at 1549 hours from 9000'.
- (9) 2 locomotives in Incisa M/Y were seen at 1552 hours from 8500'.
- (10) 45/50 RR cars were observed at Cecina, Q1719, at 1538 hours from 8000'.
- (11) 15/20 M/T headed north were seen at Q3834 at 1609 hours from 8000'.
- (12) 10 trailer M/T, standing, in S. Casciano, Q7355, were seen at 1604 hours from 8000'.
- (13) 15/20 scattered trailer M/T moving east in groups of 3/4, between Cecina and Poggibonsi, were seen at 1609 hours from 8000'.

(14) Between Poggibonsi and Florence, 20/30 M/T in groups of 3/4 moving toward Florence, were seen at 1550 hours from 9000'.

(15) Between Florence and Montevarchi, 30 trailer M/T in groups of 4 moving south were seen at 1552 hours from 8500'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

(1) 3 small M/V and 6/8 smaller crafts were observed at Cecina Marina, 01318, at 1337 hours from 8000'.

(2) 4/6 small craft were seen at Castiglioncello, 00828, at 1337 hours from 8000'.

(3) 6/7 small craft in Porto Ferraio were seen at 1537 hours from 8000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: Broken to overcast stratocumulus over water, 4500' to 6000'; clear channel in Elba area; visibility unlimited.

Target: 3 - 4/10 cumulus (strato), 6000' to 7000'; visibility unlimited.

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E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at this base, 21° T for 115 statute miles to Tavolara Island; 353° T for 116 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at Borge; 44° T for 77 statute miles to Cecina; 51° T for 32 statute miles to IP, Montepertoli, climbing gradually to 9000'; 91° M for 19 statute miles to target at 8500'; break-away right; 249° T to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 207 FLIGHT COMMANDER: 1LT. COL FLETCHER. 7 APRIL 1944

TAKE OFF	LINE UP	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.
				"A"					
12	PROBASCO	GOODENOUGH	12	PROBASCO					
18	MALCOLM	22	2	Swindler		MALCOLM			
22	GOODENOUGH			BERGE		18			
				Flouck					
				"B"					
20	MCCONNELL		20	MCCONNELL					
4	HUBBARD	MARSCH	99	Greenwald		HUBBARD			
99	MARSCH			MATTESON		4			
				84					
				"C"					
98	BIRMINGHAM		98	BIRMINGHAM					
90	TURNER H. D.	REEDER	89	Lindstrom		TURNER H. D.			
89	REEDER			PLACKTER		90			
				96					
				"D"					RADIO CALL S.
2	BERGE		69	HUNTER					
84	MATTESON	WEEKS	65	Bickett		PALMER	17th	BUNNY	
93	PLACKTER		55	RITCHEY		67	319th	WAYNE	
				Tidwell			320th	KENNEL	CLUB.
				"E"					
67	PALMER		68	MACKINNON					
65	WEEKS	BERNARD	48	Wager		SHEARD	52nd flight	BUSTER	
				CLAYBOUGH		62			
68	MACKINNON			35					
62	SHEARD			"F"					12 asc. EXCEL
48	BERNARD		40	HAKOMAKI					
		ROWAN	46	Freeman		HARPSTER			
40	HAKOMAKI			FREEMAN		43			
43	HARPSTER			33					
46	ROWAN			SPARES					GROUND SPARES
				WILLS					15
55	RITCHEY	WEEKLY	63	19	85	WIER	87		
35	CLAYBOUGH					Bernardi	51		
33	FREEMAN		29	DEATLEY			44		
				Montez					

SPARES  
 19 WILLS  
 35 WIER  
 63 WEEKLY  
 29 DEATLEY  
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SIGNALS OF THE DAY FOR 7 APRIL 1944.  
 TIME FLARE COLORS  
 0100-0700 RED - YELLOW  
 0700-1300 RED - RED  
 1300-1900 GREEN - GREEN  
 1900-0100 GREEN - YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS  
 CHALLENGE REPLY COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED  
 0100-0700 N W WHITE  
 0700-1300 V I GREEN  
 1300-1900 S Y RED  
 1900-0100 F P GREEN

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	Crew	Squadron	Plane No.
G <sup>L</sup>	Frobasco, Pilot, Captain	441st	12
	Dodie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took Off- 1342T
	Swindler, Bombardier, Captain		Landed 1737
	Thurston, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
	Christianson, Engineer gunner, S.sgt.		
	Markus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Smith, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
	Fletcher, Flight Commander: lt. col.		
W	Malcolm, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
	O'Steen, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1342
	Chelvcci, Bombardier Pvt.		Landed 1730
	Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Forbes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Moore, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Coney, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		
W	Goodenough, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
	Sullivan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1342
	McGoldrick, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1737
	Barron, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Gaunt, Radio Operator, T/sgt.		
	Barton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
	Lupanc, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		
E	Berge, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	2
	Wilhelm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1343
	Flouck, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1738
	Gibson, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
	Brush, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Breznak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Hobbins, Aerial Deputy flight commander. Captain		
F	McConnell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	20
	Lueller, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1343
	Greenwald, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1738
	Harrison, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Steighofer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Clark, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
W	Hubbard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	4
	Fesek, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1343
	Hawkins, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1739
	Signac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Largent, Radio Operator, T/sgt.		
	Hays, <del>Aerial photographer</del> Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
W	Marsch, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	99
	McCugan, Co, pilot, 2nd Lt		Took off 1343
	Dziedzic, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1739
	Coccolo, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
	Perry, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
	Earl Mason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

E	Rouder, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	33883	444th	89
	DRISCOLL, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1344
	Crapse, Bombardier, S/Sgt.			Landed 1740
	Kuhne, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
	Wood, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Haney, Aerial gunner, s/sgt.			
F	Matteson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		84
	Jones, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1345
	Gleason, Bombardier, Cpl.			Landed 1741
	Guiffre, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
	Steen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Robinson, Aerial gunner, s/sgt.			
W	Flackter, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th		96
	Wilson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1345
	Jenco, Bombardier, S/sgt.			Landed 1740
	Goldie, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
	Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	George, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.			
W	Turner, H. D. Pilot, 1st Lt.	544th		90
	Nowak, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			90 Took off 1344
	Roberts, Bombardier, S/sgt.			Landed 1735
	Kontrauli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
	Cronin, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
	Clites, Aerial photographer, Sgt.			
E	Birmingham, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		98
	Sinn, Co, Pilot,			Took off 1344
	Lindstrom, Bombardier, Lt.			Landed 1740
	Staton, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
	Campbell, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
	Piggot Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
F	Hunter, Pilot, Captain,	543rd		69
	Clark, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1346
	Fickett, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			Landed 1741
	Taranto, Navigator, 2nd Lt.			
	Peaver, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
	Snider, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
W	Palmer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		67
	McKinney, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1346
	Armao, Bombardier, S/sgt.			Landed 1741
	Karstellar, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
	Brown, Aerial gunner, Pvt.			
	Barry, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
	Sauter, aerial photographer.			
W	Weeks, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd		65
	Hill, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1346
	Qzafir, Bombardier, S/sgt.			Landed 1742
	Calafut, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Avery, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Park, Engineer gunner. Sgt.			



