

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 184. Day Operation. 10 April 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B- At 1210 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Bucine Viaduct South, Italy. They were unescorted. 4 B-26's returned early; 3 spares and 1 because of engine failure. 24 B-26's were over the target and on a second run, necessitated by cloud cover, 16 B-26's dropped 64 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1452 hours from 10,600 to 10,000'. 12 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged over water on the return because of emergencies by 3 a/c that were not in a position to drop on the target. 20 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were returned to base because a/c carrying them were not in position to drop on the target. 21 B-26's returned to base at 1657 hours and 3 B-26's returned at 1738 hours after landing at Ghisonaccia, Corsica for gas.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent pattern of bombs, with at least one direct hit on the center of the viaduct.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a/ Air Activity: 4/6 P-47's flew close to the formation in the target area at 1452 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) Siena A/D, Q7510, was observed to be in good shape, but clear of a/c at 1507 hours from 9000'.
- (2) 4 a/c were seen on southwest side of Arezzo A/D at 1453 hours from 10,500'.
- (3) L/G with 2/3 a/c was seen at R0252 at 1450 hours from 10,500'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Factories in area northeast of Piombino were seen to be active at 1425 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) Ammunition dump was seen at Q2700 area at 1422 hours from 10,000'.
- (3) In area of Q4500, 3 columns of white smoke were seen at 1423 hours from 10,000'.

b. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars were seen in Castiglion Fiorentino, R3118, at 1432 hours from 11,000'.
- (2) 15/20 M/T headed north at Q7255 were seen at 1430 hours from 11000'
- (3) 20 RR cars at Q8710 were seen at 1428 hours from 11,000'.
- (4) 12 RR cars at Q1423 were seen at 1422 hours from 10,000'.
- (5) Florence East M/Y was seen to be 75% full at 1430 hours from 11000'
- (6) A 50 car train standing, no locomotive observed, was seen 2 miles northwest of Arezzo, R2632, at 1452 hours from 10,500'.

- (7) 6 strings of 40 cars each, were seen between Incisa Q9555 and R0242 at 1451 hours from 10,600'.
- (8) 40 RR cars at S. Giovanni, R0044, at 1451 hours, were seen from 10,500'.
- (9) 40 RR cars were seen in Arezzo M/Y at 1452 hours from 10,500'.
- (10) At Asciano M/Y, R0307, 40 RR cars were seen at 1453 hours from 10,500'.
- (11) RR tracks were seen to be cratered south of Certaldo RR Bridge, Q6144, at 1429 from 11,000'.
- (12) Incisa in Valdarno RR Bridge was observed to be out, with a large hole in the center, at 1431 hours from 11,000'.

c. Flak: None at target or elsewhere.

d. Shipping:

- (1) Beach at Cecina was noticeably quiet at 1526 hours from 9,000'.
- (2) 1 barge, pulled up on shore at Q 1714, apparently stranded, was observed at 1426 hours from 9,000'.
- (3) Off the southeast tip of Sardinia what appeared to be a parachute in the water was seen by one crew at 1701 hours from 1500'. A/c circled for 10 minutes, having reported by radio, during which time large fish appeared to be circling. Another crew reported having seen a large explosion in the same area at 1432 hours.

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

4. Weather: Enroute: Clear.

Target: 5/10 cumulus, tops 8,000'.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 120° T for 37 statute miles to C. Carbonera; 10° T for 100 statute miles to C. Comino; 2° T for 160 statute miles to 42°50'N-10°00'E; 38° T for 41 statute miles to Cecina; 55° T for 43 statute miles to Casciano; 90° T to IP, Incisa; first bombrun, 148° M for 15½ statute miles to target; 360° curve to left to Incisa; second bombrun, 148° M for 15½ statute miles to target; break-away right; 261° T for 58 statute miles to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 208

flight commander: MAJOR ~~MARIA~~

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TAKE-OFF LINE-UP.

86 BREWER
 82 TURNER J. A.
 91 GASSER

FOWLER
 SINGER
 5 WILLIAMS

16 SMITH
 21 NOLD
 7 WILSON

78 PETERS
 4 WILLS
 8 WELER

37 SHUH
 35 TAYLOR
 25 ROOD

28 DEATLEY
 47 BROWN
 63 WEEKLY

64 BAKER
 51 LAMB
 71 NELSON

33 BAKER
 50 HALE
 68 STRACHAN

SPARES

14 MCBRIDE
 15 HELD
 46 KLARK
 57 ACKERMAN

----- "A" -----
BREWER
GASSER 86 Heller TURNER J. A.
 91 PETERS 82
 ----- "B" -----
FOWLER
WILLIAMS 96 Rogers SINGER
 5 WILLS 87
 ----- "C" -----
SMITH
WILSON 16 Ves'sells NOLD
 7 WELER 21
 ----- "D" -----
SHUH
ROOD 37 Darby TAYLOR
 25 BAKER 35
 ----- "E" -----
 33 Philipa
DEATLEY
WEEKLY 29 Evans BROWN
 63 HAIR 47
 ----- "F" -----
BREWER
NELSON 64 Allen LAMB
 71 STRACHAN 51
 ----- SPARES -----
MCBRIDE
KLARK 95 HELD
 46 ACKERMAN 15 Polakov
 ----- 57 Lokan -----
 GROUND SPARES

 * RADIO CA
 * 17th G.
 * ROVER
 * 319th G.
 * DERBY
 * 320th
 * BARCLAY
 * FIGHTER
 * BUSTER
 * C CHANNEY

(77) (9) (41) (67)

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR APRIL 10 1944

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

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED
0100-0700	B	G	RED
0700-1300	W	H	GREEN
1300-1900	Y	M	WHITE
1900-0100	C	P	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON BUCINE VIADUCT 10 APRIL 1944

	CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
GL	Brewer, Pilot, Major, Round, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Heller, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Bang, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Tunis, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt. Fauchier, Radio Tuner, T/sgt. Rabal, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Fletcher, Flight commander: Lt. Col.	444th	86 Took off 1210 Landed 1657
W	Turner, Pilot, Lt. J. A. Dickerson, Co, Pilot, Dziedzis, Bombardier, Duncan, Observer Captain Carney, Engineer gunner, J. Feinberg, Radio Gunner, W. Alexander, D. W. Aerial gunner. Clites, Aerial photographer.	444th	82 Took off 1210 Landed 1612
W	Gasser, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Richards, Co, Pilot, F/O Jenco, Bombardier, S/sgt. Goldie, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. George, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Coney, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	444th	91 Took off 1210 Landed 1657
E	Peters, Pilot, 2nd Lt. McGugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Powers, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Deacy, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Wymer, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Burt, C. L. Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Eastrada, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Major, Macia, Observer,	444th	78 Took off 1213 Landed 1728
F	Fowler, Pilot, V. L. 2nd Lt. Wilson, Co, Pilot, R. A. 2nd Lt. Rogers, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Cocolo, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Wood, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. DeWitt, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	96 Took off 1211 Landed 1658
W	Singer, pilot, 2nd Lt. A. B. Connor, Co, Pilot, W. K. 2nd Lt. Gleason, G. W. Sgt. Bombardier, Mendrix, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Ross J. L. Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Moskowitzz, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	87 Took off 1211 Landed 1659

	CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
W	Williams, D. L. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Trunk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dockery, Bombardier, T/sgt. Lickey, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Carlisle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Maddocks, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	441st	5 Took off 1211 Landed 1659
E	Wills, R. C. Pilot, 1st Lt. Oltmann, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. McIlvenna, Bombardier, S/sgt. Tessum, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hull, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Frank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	4 Took off 1213 not 1213. Landed 1734
F	Smith, S. P. pilot, 1st Lt. Pesek, E. J. 2nd Lt. Co, Pilot, Goldin, Bombardier, P. J. 2nd Lt. Huppe, Engineer gunner, R. A. S/sgt. McConough, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Steeves, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	16 Took off 1212 Landed 1700
W	Nold, S. S. 2nd Lt. pilot, West, A. L. Co, Pilot, C/O Blackford, Bombardier, T/sgt. Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gust, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Sauter, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	441st	21 Took off 1212 Landed 1634
W	Wilson, R.V. Flight Officer, Pilot, Reaves, R. M. 1st Lt. Co, Pilot Cocker, Bombardier, Sgt. Barron, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Westbrook, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt/	441st	7 Took off 1212 Landed 1700
E	Weiler, R. G. pilot, 1st Lt. Boyce, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. McFarland, Bombardier, T/sgt. Lias, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Rencehausen, Radio Operator, S/sgt. Smith, L. C. Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	441st	8 Took off 1213 landed 1700

	CREWS	SQUADRON	
S L	Shuh, Pilot, Captain, Barnard, Co, Pilot, Lt. Darby, Bombardier, Capt. Boyne, Navigator, Lt. Howard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Orgeron, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Turner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		37 Took off 1214 Landed 1701
W	Taylor, Pilot, Lt. Harte, Co, Pilot, Lt. Westbrook, Bombardier, Cpl. Bly, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Ross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Yavorosky, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	442nd	35 Took off 1214 Landed 1636
W	Rood, Pilot, Lt. Rowan, Co, Pilot, Lt. Jacobson, Bombardier, S/sgt. Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Wells, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Ruth, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	25 Took off 1214 Landed 1701
E	Baker, Pilot, Lt. McKay, Co, Pilot, Lt. Phillips, Bombardier, Lt. King, A. B. Navigator, Lt. Nardine, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Malburne, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Stewart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	33 Took off 1217 Landed 1651
F	Deatly, Pilot, Lt. Williams, R. A. Lt. Co, Pilot, Evans, Bombardier, Lt. Penton, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Aerial gunner, W. D. Johnson Sgt.	442nd	29 Took off 1215 Landed 1702
W	Brown, Pilot, Lt. Hodges, co, Pilot, Chamberlin, Bombardier S/sgt. Fitzgerald, Engineer gunner, Wasasz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Kinnech, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	47 Took off 1215 Landed 1702

	CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
W	Weekly, Ck K. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Carter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Straka, Bombardier, S/sgt. La Gesse, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Rolfe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Adams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	63 Took off 1215 Landed 1633
E	Hale, R. S. Pilot, 1st Lt. Reynolds, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Brown, Bombardier, Pvt. Turrati, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Teeters, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Ellis, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	50 Took off 1217 Landed 1703
F	Barker, Pilot, 1st Lt. McKinney, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Allen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Cousins, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	64 Took off 1216 Landed 1703
W	Lamb, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodwin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Goodwin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Putnum, Bombardier, S/sgt. McDonald, Aerial Gunner, Pvt. McDonald, Aerial Gunner, Pvt. Glowatch, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lamoureux, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Hayes, Aerial photographer, cpl.	443rd	51 Took off 1216 Landed 1230
W	Nelson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Moran, Co, Pilot, lt. Szafir, Bombardier, S/sgt. Romig, Radio Gunner, S/s t Austad, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	443rd	71 Took off 1216 Landed 1704
E	Strachan, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sprang, M. L. Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tyson, Bombardier, S/sgt. Coons, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Westfall, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Hopkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Jackson, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	443rd	68 Took off 1217 Landed 1704

Early Return
No sortie credit

CREWS	spares	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
McBridg, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		444th	95
Demetree, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1218
Crapse, Bombardier, S/sgt.			Landed 1432
Khune, Engineer gunner, P/sgt.		<u>spare</u>	
Clark, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Haney, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Held, Pilot, 1st Lt.		441st	15
Wachter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off
Polakov, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		<u>spare</u>	
O'dell, Engineergunner, /sgt.			Landed 1444
Tipton, Radio Gunner, Pfc.			
Christianson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Klark, Pilot, Lt.		442nd	46
Thornton, Co, Pilot, Lt.			Took off 1219
McCray, Bombardier, Pvt.		<u>spare</u>	Landed 1738
Salvesen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		<u>sortie credit</u>	
Krause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Kane, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Ackerman, Pilot, 1st Lt.		443rd	57
Cooke, Co, Pilot 2nd Lt.			Took off 1218
Lokan, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			Landed 1432
Callahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		<u>spare.</u>	
Mensch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Just, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			