

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 166, Bay Operations, 12 April 1944

Flight Commander: Major Graves.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1138 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Ventimiglia RR Bridge, Italy. They were unescorted. One B-26 returned early because the left engine was cutting out. The primary target was completely overcast, so the alternate target, Albenga RR Bridge, was bombed, instead. 35 B-26's dropped 137 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs on the target at 1347 hours from 8,600' to 8,000'. 3 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 35 B-26's returned safely to base at 1543 hours.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent and tight pattern of bombs with at least one direct hit in the center of the bridge and other probable direct hits on the structure and approaches.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires were seen escorting another bomb Group in the target area at 1345 hours from 9,000'.

b. Situation: 1 a/c was seen, camouflaged, on east side of Villanova A/D at 1347 hours from 8,500'.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 58 RR Cars in Albenga M/Y, were observed and photographed at 1347 hours from 8,500'.

(2) 20 cars were seen at the southend of the tunnel at Finale Liguoria, 04825, at 1347 hours from 8,500'.

(3) 6/10 cars were seen beside warehouses at Pietra Ligure, 04323, at 1346 hours from 8,800'.

(4) 8/9 M/T headed southwest, 4 of them on highway bridge just north of target were seen at 1347 hours from 8,500'.

c. Flak: None at target or elsewhere.

d. Shipping:

(1) 7/10 small boats in harbor at Ventimiglia were seen at 1329 hours from 9,000'.

(2) 2 large M/V were seen in Imperia Harbor at 1336 hours from 9,000'.

(3) 1 large M/V was seen at Monaco at 1328 hours from 9,000'.

(4) 4/5 Medium M/V were seen at San Remo at 1331 hours from 9,000'.

(5) 1 large M/V with tripod mast on each end, was observed anchored 3 mile offshore at T2697 at 1345 hours from 9,000'.

(6) 6 boats were seen being constructed in dry docks at Loano at 1349 hours from 8,000'.

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

4. Weather: Enroute: Between Corsica and France, 8/10 stratocumulus, tops 6/7,000', in large patches with large breaks; visibility unlimited.

Target: 6 - 7/10 stratocumulus, tops 6 to 7,000', and 6/10 cumulus (towering) tops, 12 to 14,000'.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 321° T for 44 statute miles to C. S. Mono; 1° T for 200 statute miles to Pt. Palazzo; 325° T for 100 statute miles to 43°34'N-07°25'E; 90° T for 13 statute miles to 43°34'N-07°40'E; bomb run on Ventimiglia RR Bridges at 9,000'; 357° M for 15 statute miles; breakaway right to 43°50'N-08°20'E; bomb run on target bombed, 320° M; breakaway right; direct to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MAKE OFF LINE UP
 3 RITCHIEY
 61 HIRIBAL
 55 LAMB
 52 FELT
 54 WIRKKALA
 67 SHEARD
 65 CAUDILL
 51 HIRIBAL
 48 BERNARD
 32 HIRIBAL
 40 BOTTOMLEY
 46 KRAMER
 43 HODGES
 35 CLAYBOUGH
 41 FREEMAN
 2 ROBBINS
 19 HUBBARD
 1 HIRIBAL
 20 MCCONNELL
 3 GOODENOUGH
 4 WEILER
 4 BERGE
 18 O'STEEN
 36 TOWNS
 77 MARSCH
 76 REEDER
 85 JOHNSON
 87 MARSCH
 79 TURNER H. D.
 90 MATTESON
 32 FLACKTER
 SPARES
 60 WEEKS
 29 DEATLEY
 22 REEVES
 50 BURKE

	<u>"A"</u>			
	<u>RITCHIEY</u>			
<u>LAMB</u>	53 Tidwell	<u>HIRIBAL</u>		
55	<u>CAUDILL</u>	61		
	65 <u>Hobel</u>			
	<u>"B"</u>			
	<u>FELT</u>			
<u>SHEARD</u>	52 Allen	<u>WIRKKALA</u>		
67	<u>Palmer</u>	54		
	57			
	<u>"C"</u>			
	<u>HACKOMAKI</u>			
<u>MART</u>	38 Lyman	<u>BERNARD</u>		
32	<u>CLAYBOUGH</u>	48		
	35			
	<u>"D"</u>			
	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u>			
<u>HODGES</u>	40 Montez	<u>KLAMER</u>	*****	
43	<u>FREEMAN</u>	46	RADIO CALLS	
	41		17th "MOHAWK"	
	<u>"E"</u>			
	<u>ROBBINS</u>			
	2 Tapp	<u>HUBBARD</u>	319th "DERBY"	
	<u>BERGE</u>	19	320th "BUTLER"	
	4 plowck			
	<u>"F"</u>			
	<u>MCCONNELL</u>			FIGHTER
<u>WEILER</u>	20 Bardon	<u>GOODENOUGH</u>		"BUSTER"
9	<u>O'STEEN</u>	17	*****	
	18			
	<u>"G"</u>			
	<u>TOWNS</u>			
<u>REEDER</u>	86 Bernardi	<u>MARSCH</u>		
76	<u>MATTESON</u>	77		
	90			
	<u>"H"</u>			
	<u>JOHNSON</u>			
<u>TURNER H. D.</u>	85 Pogan	<u>MARSCH</u>		
79	<u>FLACKTER</u>	87		
	82			
	<u>SPARES</u>		*****	
	<u>WEEKS</u>		GROUND SPARES	
<u>REEVES</u>	60	<u>DEATLEY</u>	(65) (25)	
22	<u>BURKE</u>	29 Evans	(14) (84)	
	92 McMahon		*****	

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR APRIL 12, 1944
 TIME FLAME COLORS
 0100-0700 GREEN-GREEN
 0700-1300 RED-GREEN
 1300-1900 GREEN-YELLOW
 1900-0100 YELLOW-YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
 TIME CHALLENGE REPLY COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED
 0100-0700 Z X WHITE
 0700-1300 J W GREEN
 1300-1900 O V RED
 1900-0100 L M WHITE

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
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<p>GL Ritchey, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodwin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Long, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Turatti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Teeters, Aerial gunner, s/sgt. Jones, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Graves, Major, Flight commander</p>	443rd	53 Took off 1138 Landed 1543
<p>W Hribal, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudry, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ritter, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Jackson, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt. Guzzio, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Stone, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Clites, Aerial photographer</p>	443rd	61 Took off 1138 Landed 1527
<p>W Lamb, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kolar, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Putman, Bombardier, S/sgt. Glowatch, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Lamoureux, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. McDonald, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Rosenthal, Aerial photographer</p>	443rd	55 Took off 1138 Landed 1543
<p>E Caudill, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hamel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hobel, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Dore, Navigator, 1st Lt. Callahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griewank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Wood, Observer, Colonel.</p>	443rd	65 Took off 1140 Landed 1543
<p>F Felt, Pilot, 1st Lt. West, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Allen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Traweek, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Guilliams, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Mai, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.</p>	443rd	52 Took off 1139 Landed 1544
<p>W Wirkkala, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moran, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Brown, Bombardier, Pvt. Romig, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Flajnik, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Ellis, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.</p>	443rd	54 TO 1139 Landed 1544
<p>W Sheard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Woodhurst, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Szafir, Bombardier, S/sgt. Giles, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Henry, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Terrell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.</p>	443rd	67 Took off 1139 Landed Yavorosky, Aerial photographer 1544

E	Palmer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
	Clark, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1140
	Tyson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1544
	Marsteller, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Cousins, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Barry, Engineer gunner, sgt.		
F	Hakomaki, Pilot, lt.	442nd	38
	McKay, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1141
	Lyman, Bombardier, lt.		Landed 1544
	Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
W	Barnard, Pilot, lt.	442nd	48
	Armstrong, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1141
	Harlan, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1545
	Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Milliman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Bentley, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Sauter, Aerial photographer, Sgt.		
W	Harte, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	32
	Taylor, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1141
	Westbrook, Bombardier, Cpl.		Landed 1545
	King, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
	Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Weiss, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
E	Claybaugh, Pilot, lt.	442nd	35
	Castor, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1143
	Fuller, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1545
	Melin, Engineer gunner Cpl.		
	Orgeron, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
F	Bottomley, Pilot, lt.	442nd	40
	Barraclough & Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1142
	Montez, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed 1545
	Salvesen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Marsh, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
	Hall, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
W	Klark, Pilot, lt.	442nd	46
	Zellerbach, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1142
	McCray, Bombardier, Pvt.		Landed 1546
	Goldberg, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
	Krause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Kane, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
W	Hodges, Pilot, lt.	442nd	43
	Brown, Co, Pilot, lt.		Took off 1142
	Chamberlin, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
	Peard, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
	Danko, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Kinmech, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		

<p>E Freeman, Pilot, Lt. 442nd Grabowski, Co, Pilot, Harmon, Bombardier, Sgt. Elias, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Cooney, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Flynn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>		<p>41 Took off 1143 Landed 1546</p>
<p>SL Robbins, Pilot, Captain, 441st Bodie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Gibson, Navigator, 1st Lt. Huppe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Spiess, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Tompkin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Malsbury, Major, DFC.</p>		<p>2 Took off 1144 Landed 1547</p>
<p>S Hubbard, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Paulantis, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hawkins, Bombardier, S/sgt. Lickey, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. SPARE Largent, Engineer Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Hays, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Middleton, G.R. Cpl. (442)</p>		<p>14 Took off 1153 Landed 1549</p>
<p>W Wilhelm, Pilot, Lt. 441st Trunk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Chelucci, Bombardier, Pvt. Tessum, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. McConough, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Marinelli, Aerial gunner, Sgt.</p>		<p>1 Took off 1144 Landed 1547</p>
<p>W Berge, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Wachter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Plouck, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Abart, Navigator, 1st Lt. O'dell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tipton, Radio Gunner, Pfc. Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>		<p>4 Took off 1146 Landed 1547</p>
<p>E McConnell, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Mueller, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Braden, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Harrison, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Steigehofer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Clark, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>		<p>20 Took off 1145 Landed 1548</p>
<p>F Goodenough, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st Sullivan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. McGoldrick, Bombardier, T/sgt. Barron, Engineer gunner S/sgt. Gaunti, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Barton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.</p>		<p>17 Took off 1145 Landed 1548</p>
<p>W Weiler, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Boyce, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Staten McFarland, Bombardier, T/sgt. Lias, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Rencehausen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Smith, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.</p>		<p>9 Took off 1145 Landed 1548</p>

W	O'Steen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nold, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Cocker, Bombardier, Sgt. Christianson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Markus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	18 Took off 1146 Landed 1548
E	Reaves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wilson, Co, Pilot, Flight Officer Kwiatkowski, Bombardier, S/sgt. Liggett, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hull, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Fulk, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	22 Took off 1144 Landed 1547
F	Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Weier, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bernardi, Bombardier 2nd Lt. Barrett, Engineer gunner T/sgt. Stalcup, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wagner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	86 Took off 1147 Landed 1549
W	Marsch, Pilot, Lt. Bresette, Co, Pilot, Lt. Shingle, Bombardier, Staton, Engineer gunner, Ferry, Radio Gunner, Mason, Aerial gunner, Hayes, Aerial photographer,	444th	77 Took off 1147 Landed 1549
W	Seeder, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Demetree, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Crapse, Bombardier, S/sgt. Khune, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Feinberg, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Haney, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	76 Took off 1147 Landed 1549
E	Matteson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sinn, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Williams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Guiffre, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Steen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Robinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	90 Took off 1149 Landed 1301
			Early return
F	Johnson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Round, Co, Pilot, Pocan, Bombardier, Lt. Johnson, Engineer gunner, R/ McElmurry, Radio Gunner, Boss, Aerial gunner,	444th	85 Took off 1148 Landed 1550
W	McBride, Pilot, 1st Lt. Driscoll, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Clarke, Bombardier, Cpl. Delea, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Estrada, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.	444th	87 Took off 1148 Landed 1555

W Turner, H. D. 2nd Lt. 444th 79
 Nowak, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1148
 Roberts, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed
 Montaruli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. 1555
 Cronin, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
 Faucher, Aerial Photographer T/sgt.

E Plackter, Pilot, Lt. 444th 82
 Chunis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1149
 Dziedzic, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed
 Goldie, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. 1543
 Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 George Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
 Wood, Radio Operator, S/sgt.

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Weeks, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd 60
 Hill, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1150
 Straka, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1525
 Calafut, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Avery, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
 Park, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Deatley, Pilot, Lt. 442nd 37
 Williams, Co, Pilot, Lt. R.A. Took off 1150
 Landed 1525

Evans, Bombardier, Lt.
 Penton, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
 Hughes, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.
 Johnson, Aerial engineer. Sgt.

Burke, Pilot, Flight Officer, 444th 98
 Jones, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1150
 McMahon, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1550
 Wymer, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.
 Ivey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Koch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.