

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 192, Day Operation, 25 April 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1005 hours, 28 B-26's of this Group took off to bomb Incisa RR Bridge, Italy. They were escorted by Spitfires from Corsica. 5 a/c returned early; 4 spares and 1 due to sick crew member. 23 a/c were over the target and 22 a/c dropped 176 x 500 lb. demo bombs (.1 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1225 hours from 9,200'. 8 x 500 lb. demo bombs were salvaged in target area due to electrical malfunction. No bombs were returned to base. 22 a/c returned at 1405 hours and 1 a/c returned at 1515 hours having refueled at Corsica.

C. Results: There was a compact concentration of bombs in the target area, demolishing the south span of the bridge and damaging the north span. Both approaches and the RR tracks on the west side of the river were cut.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 12/14 Spitfires were seen escorting formation.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 20 RR cars with 2 engines on west end, having smoke up were seen not moving at Q-2921 at 1235 hours from 9,000'.

(2) Over 200 RR cars at Campo di Marte, Florence; 75/80 cars in northwest M/Y, Florence, were seen at 1230 hours from 9,000'.

(3) 40 RR cars were seen on a siding at Q-1424 at 1232 hours from 9,000'.

(4) 40/50 RR cars were observed on a siding just east of Rosignano at 1232 hours from 9,000'.

(5) 8/10 RR cars were seen in Figline Valdarno M/Y at 1230 hours from 9,000'.

(6) 100 RR cars were observed in several strings between Incisa and San Giovanni at 1229 hours from 9,000'.

(7) 50 RR cars were observed at Castilfiorentino at 1229 hours from 9,000'.

(8) 60 RR cars were observed in Poggibonsi M/Y at 1222 hours from 9,000'.

(9) 120 RR cars were observed in Incisa M/Y at 1225 hours from 9,000'.

(10) 25/30 RR cars were seen in M/Y at Empoli at 1222 hours from 9,000'.

- (11) A train of 25/30 RR cars was seen moving east just west of Empoli at 1222 hours from 10,000'.
- (12) 75/100 RR cars were seen in Certaldo M/Y at 1223 hours from 10,000'.
- (13) 50/60 RR cars were observed at Castiglione Cello at 1214 hours from 10,000'.
- (14) A 40 car train was seen moving west out of Montelupo at 1230 hours from 10,000'.
- (15) 13 M/T, some with trailers, were seen moving south on road midway between Castelfiorentino and Certaldo at 1232 hours from 9,000'.
- (16) 10 M/T headed south on road from Capannoli were seen at 1219 hours from 10,000'.
- (17) A train of 5 cars was seen parked just south of the target at 1225 hours from 9,200'.
- (18) 30 RR cars were seen on tracks at Q-3961 at 1221 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 M/V with 2 stacks and several small boats were seen moving south 10 miles west of Leghorn at 1243 hours from 9,000'.
- (2) 1 medium M/V and 15/20 small boats were seen in Porto Ferraro, Elba, at 1244 hours from 9,000'.
- (3) A large oil slick with several white egg-shaped objects was seen on the water at 43°00'N-10°10'E at 1244 hours from 9,000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: Light haze, cumulus with bases 4,000' and tops 7,000' over mountains to the west. Visibility 10 miles.

Target: Light haze; few scattered cumulus, 4,000' to 6,000'; visibility 10 miles.

Return: None.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From base 321° T for 55 statute miles to Mal de Ventre, 4° T for 59 statute miles to Porto Torres, 43° T for 72 statute miles to Porto Vecchio, 140° T for 30 statute miles to east of Ghisonaccia, 3° T for 31 statute miles to Alto, 32° T for 79 statute miles to Castiglione Cello, 52° T for 23 statute miles to Palaia, 80° T for 21 statute miles to San Casciano, IP; 94° M for 13½ statute miles to target at 9,200'; break right and made 180° turn to left back to target; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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 Captain, Air Corps,
 Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 216

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN SAYLOR

25 APRIL 1944

TAKE OFF TIME

28 COMB.D
32 TAYLOR
46 KING
37 BAKER

40 BOTTOMLEY
23 WENDLING
55 SHEARD
55 WEEKS

69 BARKER
61 HALE
68 BEAUDRO
59 WEEKLY

85 DILLING
99 RICHARDS
95 REEDER
81 PETERS

98 TOWNS
77 FOWLER
1 HUBBARD
12 FLAKE

11 CORNELIUS
3 MALCOLM
16 WEST
13 O'STEEN

SPARES

4 KADEN
() LYDAY
() TURNER J. A.
15 REEVES

"A"
COMB.D
KING 28 Freestone
46 BAKER

37 Phillips.
"B"

TAYLOR
32 No. 79
KADEN
44

SHEARD 40 Maggio WENDLING
65 WEEKS 33 Evans

BARKER
BEAUDRO 69 Loken HALE
68 WEEKLY 61

REEDER 85 White RICHARDS
93 PETERS 99

HUBBARD 98 Bernardi FOWLER
1 FLAKE 77 Rogers

WEST 11 Dill MALCOLM
16 O'STEEN 8

18 SPARES
KADEN 38
TURNER J. A. TAYLOR LYDAY
84 REEVES 60

15 22 GROUND SPARES
(38) (50)
(91) (23)

colors of the day for 25 APRIL 1944
Time FLARE COLORS CALL SIGNS.
0200-0800 GREEN - YELLOW 17TH "BIGSAM"
0800-1400 RED - GREEN 319TH "MEATBALL"
1400-2000 RED - YELLOW 320TH "TOPNOTCH"
2000-0200 GREEN - GREEN FIGHTER CALL
TOPNOTCH FIGHTER"

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME CHALLENGE REPLY COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED
0200-0800 W M WHITE
0800-1400 V D GREEN
1400-2000 N J RED
2000-0200 Z P GREEN

38 T.O. 1015.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON *Acise in Valdarno.*

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO..
GORDON, PILOT, Lt. ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt. FRASER, BOMB. Lt. FINCOMB, NAV. Lt. PIOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KANTSCH, RADIO, Sgt. RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SMITH, CAPT. SAILOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER	442nd	28 took off 1005 landed 1418
TAYLOR, PILOT, Lt. HARTIS, CO PILOT, Lt. MARLON, BOMB. Sgt. KING, ENGINEER, Sgt. ZIMMER, RADIO, S/Sgt. TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	38 took off 1005 landed 1117
KING, PILOT, Lt. HARRIS, CO PILOT, Lt. MC GARY, BOMB. Cpl. GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1005 landed 1410
BAKER, PILOT, Lt. ZIMMERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt. PHILLIPS, BOMB. Lt. BOYNE, NAV. Lt. WARDLE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. MURPHY, RADIO, S/Sgt. STEWERT, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	442nd	37 took off 1005 landed 1418
BUTTERFAY, PILOT, Lt. COSTON, PILOT, Lt. WATKIN, BOMB. Lt. SALVOON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MAHER, RADIO, S/Sgt. HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	40 took off 11006 landed 1419
WHELANDER, PILOT, Lt. ALLEN, CO PILOT, Lt. EVANS, BOMB. Lt. BISHOP, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HUGHES, ENGINEER, /Sgt. FIELD, RADIO, S/Sgt.	442nd	33 took off 1006 landed 1419
O'BRIEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC KEENEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HEARBY, BOMB. S/Sgt. MURPHY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GIBBS, RADIO, S/Sgt. SAIDEN, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	65 took off 1006 landed 1419
WACKO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MOTTEN, BOMB. Sgt. CALVERT, RADIO, S/Sgt.	443rd	55 took off 1006 L - 1408

442nd
SPARE
NO MISSION
CREDIT

	BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
	MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1007
f	LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1720
	HARTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JULIENSON, NAVY, T/Sgt.		
	WOLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HALE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
W	TIAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1007
	BROWN, NAV. Pvt.		landed 14 39
	CORREY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	JONES, NAVY, S/Sgt.		
	GALBRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BANDERU, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	68
W	HATBAL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1007
	HATBAL, FURNACE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1720
	BARRY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	JACKSON, NAVY, T/Sgt.		
	GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MACKINAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	59
E	CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1007
	TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1720
	WILKS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	LA GOSSE, NAVY, S/Sgt.		
	WILKS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	DILLING, PILOT, Capt.	444th	85
F	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1008
	WHITE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1721
	MICHLES, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCONE, NAVY, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BROWN, S, Mtd.		
	RICHARDS, PILOT, F/O	444th	99
W	MORSEMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1008
	MORSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1705
	MORSEMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STAFFORD, NAVY, S/Sgt.		
	FRENCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LEAFMAN, PILOT, S/Sgt.		
	ANDERSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	93
W	JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	3508	took off 1008
	CRAPANZ, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1721
	MURPHY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	STAFFORD, NAVY, S/Sgt.		
	NANDY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FOLBERT, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	81
f	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1008
	FORD, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1721
	BROOK, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	WYMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BURKE, NAVY, T/Sgt.		
	KSPRALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	TOWNS, PILOT, WELSH, CO PILOT, BENHARD, BOMB. STATION, ENGINEER, STANCOFF, RADIO, MANKER, GUNNER,	444th	98 took off 1009 landed 1422
W	FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROGERS, BOMB, 2nd Lt. COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt. DEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 1009 landed 1422
W	HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. BOYDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BERDALO, BOMB. T/Sgt. BOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	1 took off 11009 landed Chis. Returned 1515
E	FRENK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. LINDHOLM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC FARRLAND, BOMB. T/Sgt. LIAS, ENGINEER, /Sgt. HUFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. TAKNOTTA, GUNNER, Sgt. GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	12 took off 1009 landed 1422
F	CORNELLUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILHELM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MCGEHEE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MCCARTHY, RADIO, S/Sgt. FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	451st	11 took off 1010 landed 1423
V	MALONE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, S/O MCKENNA, BOMB. T/Sgt. DOLAN, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. MARTIN, RADIO, S/Sgt. GILGEO, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DUNN, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	8 took off 1010 landed 1423
V	WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ANNSTORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. AMSTRONG, BOMB. S/Sgt. MORSE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARLSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARTINELLI, GUNNER, Sgt. STEVENS, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	16 took off 1010 landed 1423
	O'SHEA, PILOT, 1st Lt. BOYCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHALCUP, BOMB. Cpl. CAPPEN, ENGINEER, Sgt. DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	10 took off 1010 landed 1211

EARLY
NO
MISSION

SPARES,

KADISH, PILOT, Lt.
GREGG, CO PILOT, Lt.
FRIEND, BOMB. Sgt.
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
FRIEND, ENGINEER, Sgt.
COONEY, RADIO, Sgt.
KEMLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WAST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SALTERSALL, BOMB. S/Sgt.
VOLOSKI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
LAFRETTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

TURNER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LIEDZIG, BOMB. Sgt.
CARMY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
FELNBURG, RADIO,
ALEXANDER, S/Sgt. GUNNER,

NEAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt.
TOPFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC ILLVAINA, BOMB. S/Sgt.
TESSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
RUIB, RADIO, S/Sgt.
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

*This aircraft
filed in position
#2 and will
receive sortie
credit.*

44

took off 1016
landed ~~1018~~ 1718

443rd

spar - early

60

took off 1011
landed 1213

444th

spar - early

84

took off 1011
landed 1043

441st

spar - early

25

1011
landed