

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 193, Day Operation, 28 April 1944

Flight Commander: Major Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0950 hours, 27 B-26's of this Group took off to bomb Incisa RR Bridge south, Italy. 3 spares returned early. 24 B-26's were over the target and 22 B-26's dropped 176 x 500 lb. demos (.1 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1202 hours and 1214 hours on 2 bomb runs on an axes of 100° M and 274° M. 16 x 500 lb. demo bombs were salvoed in the target area, 8 because of bombardier error and 8 because they hung up. 22 B-26's returned by 1340 hours and 2 B-26's returned by 1430 hours after landing at Ghisonaccia, Corsica for fuel.

C. Results: Two flights of the first squadron did not drop on the first run because of intervelometer failure in the lead a/c. A second run was made at which time these flights dropped on the target. Both ends of the bridge were covered by good patterns of bombs, scoring hits on the approaches and probable hits on the ends of the structure.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires from Corsica escorted the formation.

b. Situation: Pantedera A/D was empty but being repaired, with craters filled in, at 1225 hours from 8,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General: Factory activity was observed at Pecicoli at 1224 hours from 8,000'.

b. Communications:

(1) 4 strings of at least 40 cars each were seen between Incisa in Valdarno and San Giovanni Vald at 1214 hours from 9,200'.

(2) 40 RR cars were seen in M/Y at Q-1424 at 1146 hours from 10,000'.

(3) 50 RR cars in 2 strings were seen at Q-5456 at 1155 hours from 10,000'.

(4) 20 RR cars were seen at Q-7355 at 1157 hours from 10,000'.

(5) 165 RR cars in Incisa M/Y were seen at 1214 hours from 9,200'.

(6) 40/50 RR cars in Empoli M/Y were observed at 1222 hours from 8,000'.

(7) 2 strings of 25 cars each were seen at Q-3357 at 1226 hours from 8,000'.

(8) Florence Campo di Marte half full of rolling stock at 1200 hours from 10,000'.

(9) 20 RR cars were observed at Q-4562 at 1223 hours from 8,000'.

(10) 50/60 RR cars at Castiglione Cello were seen at 1146 hours from 10,000'.

(11) 25/30 RR cars were seen at Q-4222 at 1151 hours from 10,000'.

(12) 20/30 cars were seen at Q-1633 at 1147 hours from 10,000'.

- (13) 30/40 M/T moving north on road at Q-3747 were seen at 1324 hours from 10,000'.
- (14) Several small M/T convoys on the road leading north from Poggibonsi were seen at 1257 hours from 10,000'.
- (15) 10 M/T were seen between Certaldo and Poggibonsi at 1257 hours from 10,000'.
- (16) Incisa North RR Bridge was seen collapsed at 1202 hours from 9,200'.
- (17) 2 spans out of Bucine North Viaduct were out at 1203 hours from 9,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 1 medium M/V headed north 5 miles off Cecina was sighted at 1145 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) 10 miles off Cecina, 9 small boats were seen circling at 1228 hours from 8,000'.
- (3) 1 medium M/V in Porto Ferraro, was observed at 1234 hours from 8,000'.
- (4) 4 barges on the beach at Q-1420 were seen at 1145 hours from 10,000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: 5/10 cumulus at 8,000' over Corsica; clear over water.

Target: Clear with very few scattered clouds; haze; visibility 15 miles.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 12° T for 56 statute miles to Gavoi; 30° T for 60 statute miles to Tavolara Island; 106 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at Pianosa Island; to landfall at Cecina Marina; 42° T for 24 statute miles to Palaia; 80° T for 21 statute miles to IP, San Casciano, climbing to 10,000'; first bomb run, 100° M for 13½ statute miles to target at 9,200'; 180° curve to left, second bomb run, 274° M for 15 statute miles; 248° T for 55 statute miles to Cecina Marina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION #217 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Major MACLA 28 APRIL 1944
LINE UP FOR TAKE OFF: "A"

2 ROBBINS
18 WACHTER
14 BODIE
4 SMITH

BODIE
14

2 ROBBINS
TAPP
4 SMITH
VESSELLS

WACHTER
18

23 MC CONNELL
21 WELTER
89 SINGER
91 GASSER

SINGER
89

05
23 MC CONNELL
BARDON
GASSER
91

21 WELTER
WELSON

98 BIRLINGHAM
90 MARSCH
95 DICKERSON
78 TURNER, J.A.

DICKERSON
95

98 BIRLINGHAM
LINDSTRUM
TURNER, J.A.
78

90 MARSCH

69 RITCHEY
50 NELSON
54 LYDAY
57 CAUDIL

LYDAY
54

69 RITCHEY
TEDWELL
57 CAUDIL
HOBEL

NELSON
56

62 ACKERMAN
71 SMITHWICK
48 DODLIN
40 CLAYBOUGH

DODLIN
48

62 ACKERMAN
MC CARTNEY
CLAYBOUGH
40

71 SMITHWICK
BULOW

29 DEATLY
32 TAYLOR
31 FREEMAN
41 HAMPSTER

FREEMAN
31

29 DEATLY
HENDRIK
HARPSTER
41

TAYLOR
32

22 76 GODENOUGH
76 SINN
63 CLARK
25 ROOD

SPARES:
CLARK
63

GODENOUGH
15

ROOD
25

SINN
76

Station over No. 70 - hydraulic 100%

Field

90 MARSCH

RADIO:
17th 'BIGSAM'
319th 'MEATHALL'
320th 'TOPNOTCH'

FIGHTERS
'TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS'

MC CONNELL

MARSCH 96

COLORS OF THE DAY
FLARE COLORS

GROUND SPARES:	0200-0800	RED-RED
5	0800-1400	YELLOW-YELLOW
82	1400-2000	RED-YELLOW
17	2000-0200	RED-GREEN
38		

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED
0200-0800	Y	H	RED
0800-1400	D	C	WHITE
1400-2000	Q	M	RED
2000-0200	V	S	WHITE

27 off { 0950
0959

05 }
96 }

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON INCISA, BRIDGE, ITALY

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt.	441st	2
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0950
TAPP, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
GIBSON, NAV. 1st Lt.		1356
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Major		
WACHTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
BOYCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0950
CHELUCCI, BOMB. cpl.		landed
HILL, ENGINEER, S /Sgt.		1352
DORAN, RADIO, S Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COLTEN, PHOTO, Sgt.		
BODIE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0950
mc farland, bomb. t/Sgt.		landed
O'DELL, ENGINEER, S /Sgt.		1356
HULL, RADIO, S/S t.		
FRANK, GUNNER, S ^r /Sgt.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0950
VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1356
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	5
HIPPLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0958
BARDEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1357
STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GOODENOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0951
COCKER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1357
GAUNT, RADIO, T Sgt.		
BARTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		

W	SINGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CONNOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CRAPES, BOMB, S/Sgt. hendrick, engineer, s/sgt. ROSS, RADIO, S Sgt. MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	89 took off 0951 landed Chis. 1512
F	GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HAYES, BOMB. Cpl. GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	91 took off 0951 landed 1357
F	BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, BRESSETTE, CO PILOT, LINDSTRUM, BOMB STATON, ENGINEER, STEEN, RADIO, PIGGETT, GUNNER, FIELD, X, Capt. - 85 ^a / m f.	444th	98 took off 0953 landed 1358
W	SINN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMS, R.L. BOMB. 2nd Lt. TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. FAUCHIBB, RADIO, T/Sgt. PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	76 took off 0953 landed 1358
V	DICKERSON, PILOT, DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, DREVAS, BOMB. JOHNSON, ENGINEER, IVEY, RADIO KOCH, GUNNER, OPPERMAN, OBS. - 85 ^a / m f	444th	95 took off 0958 Landed 1358
J.A.	TURNER, PILOT, POLONSKY, CO PILOT DZIEDZIC, BOMB CARNEY, ENGINEER, FEINBERG, RADIO, ALEXANDER, GUNNER,	444th	78 took off 0958 landed 1358
F	RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt. CAFARELLA, NAV. Capt. JONES, ENGINEER, S Sgt. TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt. TEETERS, GUNNER, S Sgt. HOFFMAN, O, 1st Lt.	443rd	69 took off 0954 landed 1359
W	NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. STINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. COX, BOMB. Sgt. MARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ROMIG, RADIO, S Sgt. AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	56 took off 0954 landed 1342
	MIDDLETON, PHOTO,		

	LXDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54
	REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0954
W	BROWN, Pvt.		landed
	VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1359
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	57
	MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0954
E	HOBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
	DORE, NAV. 1st Lt.		1359
	LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, /S g.		
	HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	GRIEBANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KING, OBS, Capt.		
	ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
F	WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
	MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1400
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HOPPE, OBS. 2nd Lt.		
	SMITHWICK, PILOT, 3rd Lt.	443rd	71
W	HAMEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0955
	BULOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1400
	GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DODELIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
W	THORNTON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0955
	WESTBROOK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1400
	MILLIMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	40
E	ALLEN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0955
	SPANN, BOMB. Lt.		landed
	MELIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1400
	FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KANE, GUNNER, S/Seg		
	DEATLY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	29
	MARRACLOUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0956
F	HENDREX, BOMB. Lt.		landed
	PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1401
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TAYLOR, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
W	HARTE, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0956
	HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1401
	ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DUNN, PHOTO,		

W	FREEMAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	31
	WILLIAMS, R.F., Lt.		took off 0956
	HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1801
	HUSTON, ENGINEER, S Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/S t.		
	FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KILMECH, GUNNER, Sgt.		

Y	HARPSTER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	41
	HENSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0956
	HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed Ghis.
	FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, S/S t.		
	MARVIOK, GUNNER, Sgt.		

SPARES,

	MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	96
	MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off
	SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1129
	SLOOUM, OBS. Capt 85 th /mf.	<i>returned no mission credit</i>	
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CATALDI, OBS. Sgt.		

	CLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
	PALMER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0954
	SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1225
	BARRY, ENGINEER, Sgt.	<i>returned no mission credit</i>	
	MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt.		
	BOWLES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	ROOD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	25
	MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0957
	MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed 1230
	JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.	<i>returned no mission credit</i>	
	MC COY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		