

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 194, Days Operation, 29 April 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0915 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Incisa North RR Bridge, Italy. 5 B-26's returned early; 2 spares, 1 pilot ill, 1 engine cutting out, and 1 excessive oil temperature. 23 B-26's were over the target and 22 B-26's dropped 176 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1125 hours from 9,150 to 8,600'. Three of these A/C held their bombs on the first run (axis 95° M) because they were not in a position to drop on the target, and bombed on a second run on an axis of 280° M. 22 B-26's returned at 1316 hours and 1 B-26 returned late at 1646 hours after landing at Ghisonaccia, Corsica for fuel.

C. RESULTS: Most bombs landed across the tracks just N of the bridge. A few bombs landed short of the bridge, walking to it scoring possible damaging near misses.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires from Corsica provided escort

b. Situation: None

2. Ground:

a. General:

1. An ammunition or supply dump was seen at Q 5736 at 1119 hours from 10,000'.

2. A supply dump was seen at Q 1915 at 1114 hours from 10,000'.

b. Communications:

1. 1 train of 15 cars headed N was seen at Q 6837 at 1120 hours from 10,000'.

2. 1 train of 20/25 cars headed N was seen at Q 0537 at 1113 hours from 10,000'.

3. 50 RR cars parked at Q 1326 were seen at 1113 hours from 10,000'.

4. 4 strings of RR cars of 30 cars each, 2 with engines in S. end, were seen parked in M/Y at Q 1630 at 1114 hours from 10,000'.

5. Between Q 1630 and Q 1541, 60 RR cars, parked, were seen at 1114 hours from 10,000'.

6. 40/50 RR cars in M/Y at Cecina were seen at 1113 hours from 10,000'.

7. Many RR cars scattered between Q 9455 and R 0044 were seen at 1125 hours from 9,000'.

b. Communications (Cont'd):

8. 75 RR cars at Castelfiorentino were seen at 1132 from 8,000'.
9. 40/50 RR cars at Certaldo were seen at 1132 hours from 8,000'.
10. 40/50 RR cars at Rignano were seen at 1125 hours from 9,000'.
11. 160 RR cars at Incisa M/Y were seen at 1125 hours from 9,000'.
12. One crew reported large M/T convoy headed E at Q 6530 at 1119 hours from 10,000'.
13. 8 large M/T parked at Castellina Marittima, seen at 1113 hours going in; gone when returning from the target.
14. 1 very large vehicle moving S at Q 4323 was seen at 1134 hours from 8,000'.
15. Repairs were in progress on Cecina RR Bridge at 1113 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 1. No change.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus over the/base 4,000'; tops 5,000'; generally clear; light haze; visibility excellent. mountains,
- b. Target: 2/10 cumulus, base 8,500', tops, 7,000'; visibility 13 miles in light haze.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: 12° T for 56 SM to Gavoi; 30° T for 60 SM to tavolara; 106 SM to rendezvous with escort at Pianosa Island; 78 SM to Cecina; 42° T for 24 SM To Palaia; 80° T for 21 SM to IP, S. Casciano, climbing gradually to 10,000'; first bomb run 94° M to target at 9,150'; 180° curve to right over target on second bomb run on axis of 280°; 248° T for 55 SM to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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16 x 500 lb demolition bombs were salvoed in the water. 8 by an early return and 8 by an aircraft which had engine trouble over the target and therefore did not drop.

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		"A"	
98	PETERS	<u>MARSCH</u>	<u>FLACKTER</u>
86	BREWER	76	77
77	FLACKTER	-----	
76	MARSCH	"B"	
12	OLDMAN	<u>WEST</u>	<u>MATTESON</u>
81	BURKE	8	87 Glaubitz.
87	MATTESON	-----	
	WEST	"G"	
23	HUBBARD	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>NOLD</u>
11	CORNELIUS	18	19
19	NOLD	-----	
18	WILSON	"D"	
25	ROOD	<u>ROOD</u>	<u>KLARK</u>
28	CONRAD	25	46
46	KLARK	-----	
38	BAKER	"E"	
55	HILL	<u>HILL</u>	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u>
33	WENDLING	55	37 Montez
77	BOTTOMLEY	-----	
66	WEEKLY	"F"	
50	MACKINNEY	<u>MACKINNEY</u>	<u>HRIBAL</u>
70	BARKER	50	61
61	HRIBAL	-----	
59	PALMER	"G"	
	SPARES	<u>GREGG</u>	<u>SULLIVAN</u>
91	FEEDER	44	15
15	SULLIVAN	-----	
44	GREGG	GROUND SPARES	
68	LAMB	(82) (20) (35) (65)	

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

320th BOMB GROUP "TOPNOTCH"
 FIGHTER : TOPNOTCH "CHANNEL " "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 29 APRIL 1944

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0200-0800	RED - RED
0800-1400	GREEN-GREEN
1400-2000	RED-GREEN
2000-0200	GREEN-YELLOW

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS.

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED
0200-0800	V	I	RED
0800-1400	Y	J	GREEN
1400-2000	Z	S	WHITE
2000-0200	P	X	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON INCISA KR/Br, ITALY

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
BREWER, PILOT, Major, NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt. WARD-SMITH, NAV. 1st Lt TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. FAUCHISE, RADIO, T/Sgt. PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt. FLETCHER, Lt. Col. FLIGHT COMMANDER	444th	86 took off 0915 landed 1306
PLACKNER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt. GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt. GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DRAPER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	444th	777 took off 0915 landed 1303
MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt. MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CONEY, A, S/Sgt.	444th	76 took off 0915 landed 1315
PETERS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. POWERS, BOM. 1st Lt. GEST, NAV. 2nd Lt. WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	98 took off 0915 landed 1315
BURKE, PILOT, JONES, CO PILOT, MC MAHON, BOMB. johnson, engineer, EVEY, RADIO, KOCH, GUNNER,	444th	81 took off 0916 landed 1316
MATTESON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt. COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt. HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	87 took off 0916 landed 1316
WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DINWIDDIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHELUCCI, BOMB. Cpa. MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARINELLI, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	8 took off 0916 landed 1316

OLTMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	12
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0916
SAUTER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/St.		1315
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STONE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
BORDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0917
DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1317
REHHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NOLD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
FLAKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0917
COCKER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1131
DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CATALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.		Early Return No mission credit
WILSON, PILOT, F/O	441st	18
BOYCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0917
STREANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
BARTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1318
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TANNOTTA, GUNNER,		
HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0917
SUMMERS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1315
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BAKER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0918
PHILLIPS, BOMB. Lt.		landed
KING, ENGINEER, Lt.		1318
NARDINE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MELBURN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIMMICH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MARK, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
KING, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0918
MC GRAY, BOMB. Cpl.		landed
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1309
WAGAZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
ROD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	25
MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0918
JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1117
MC COY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

Early Return
No mission credit

CONRAD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0918
FREESTONE, BOMB. Lt.		landed 0930A.
PINCUMB, NAV. Lt.		
FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WENDLING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	33
ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0914
SCARFIDI, BOMB. Lt.		landed
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1318
HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
CASTOR, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0919
MONTEZ, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1318
SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HILL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0919
SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1318
CALAFUT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
AVERY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	66
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0919
DIUKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1215
LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BAKKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0920
LORAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1319
JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SJUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARROLD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC KINNEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	50
TIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0920
HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1319
TRANEK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MELE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MAYER, RADIO, 1/sgt.		
PALMER, PILOT, S/Sgt.	443rd	59
CLARK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0920
RIFTER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1318
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt.		
BOWLES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BARNY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		

*Early
No mission credit*

SPARES:

READER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
BRESETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1010
GIUFFRÈ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, X, Cpl.		
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	15
WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1001
O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TIPTON, RADIO, Cpl.		
CHRISTIANSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAMB, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	68
MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0921
COX, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1318
GLONATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, GUNNER, Pvt.		
LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GREGG, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	44
KADEN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0921
FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1317
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
REMIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		