

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 195, Day Operation, 30 April 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1110 hours, 41 B-26's of this Group took off to bomb Incisa North RR Bridge, Italy and RR cars loaded with repair equipment on the tracks just to the north. 5 B-26's returned early: 4 spares; 1 with left engine cutting out. 24 B-26's were over the target bridge, of which 24 dropped 188 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (.1 - .025 second delay fuses), and 12 B-26's were over the RR car target of which 8 dropped 64 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (same fusing) at 1329 hours from 9500' and 9300' on an axis of 70° M. 16 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area, 8 because a/c was not in position to drop on the target and 8 due to bombardier error. 20 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were returned to base; 4 having hung and 16 because the a/c carrying them could not locate the target. 35 B-26's returned at 1509 hours and 1 B-26 returned after landing at Ghisonaccia, Corsica, for gas.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent concentration of bombs, but photo coverage 8 minutes after the bombing shows no hits. 2 of the 5 large loaded flat cars North of the bridge were hit by the 3rd Squadron, which bombed it.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: Spitfires from Corsica provided the escort.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Stores area south of Cecina appeared to have been burned out at 1308 hours from 10,500'.
- (2) 3/4 fires at Q-2101 adjacent to a new gun revetment were seen at 1308 hours from 10,500'.
- (3) 1 fire at E-1490 was seen at 1308 hours from 10,500'.
- (4) 1 fire at Q-2222 was seen at 1311 hours from 10,500'.
- (5) An active factory at Q-7629 was seen at 1326 hours from 10,5000'.

b. Communications:

- (1) 25/30 RR cars at Q1292 were seen at 1348 hours from 8,000'.
- (2) 50/60 RR cars at Q1630 were seen at 1347 hours from 8,000'.
- (3) 25 RR cars at Q4562 were seen at 1336 hours from 8,000'.
- (4) 20/25 RR cars at Certaldo, Q6144, were seen at 1324 hours from 10,5000'.
- (5) One hospital train of 10 cars and 20/30 other cars parked in yards at Q1424 were seen at 1348 hours from 8,000'.
- (6) 3/4 wrecking cars and 1 locomotive at Greve, were seen at 1327 hours from 10,000'.
- (7) 150/200 RR cars just south of Incisa South RR Bridge at 1329 hours from 9,500'.

- (8) Train of 8/10 cars, locomotive on north end, stationary, at Q1839 was seen at 1322 hours from 10,500'.
- (9) Florence M/Y's: Main, 50% full (5/6 strings of 100 each); Campo di Marte, 60% full; observed at 1325 hours from 10,500'.
- (10) 40 RR cars were seen at Pantassèive M/Y at 1326 hours from 9,500'.
- (11) 10/15 cars at Q6638 were seen at 1326 hours from 10,000'.
- (12) 40/50 RR cars in Castiglion Fiorentino were seen at 1332 hours from 9,000'.
- (13) 50/60 RR cars at Q9560 were seen at 1329 hours from 9,500'.
- (14) Locomotive with steam up, stationary, at Q4224 was seen at 1422 hours from 10,500'.
- (15) 3 large M/T headed north, parked at Q7556 were seen at 1437 hours from 8,000'.
- (16) Repairs were still in progress at Cecina RR Bridge at 1306 hours from 10,500'.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 12 small boats at Porto Ferrajo, Elba were seen at 1355 hours from 8,000'.
- (2) 2 large M/V at Leghorn were seen at 1306 hours from 10,500'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: Clear with clouds over mountains in Sardinia and Corsica.

Target: Few scattered clouds at 6/8000'; light haze.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 12° T for 56 statute miles to Cavoì; 30° T for 60 statute miles to Tavelara Island; 353° T for 106 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at Alto; 37° T for 78 statute miles to coast north of Cecina; 42° T for 24 statute miles to Palaia; 80° T for 21 statute miles to the IP, south of S. Casciano, climbing gradually to 10,500'; 70° M to target at 9,500'; breakaway right; 180° curve to left to target; 248° T for 55 statute miles to coast north of Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION #219  
 LINE UP FOR  
 TAKE OFF:

FLIGHT COMMANDER CAPT. SAYLOR

30 April 1944

63 PALMER  
 64 RITCHIE  
 52 MORAN  
 70 CAUDIL

64 RITCHIE  
PALMER T. WELLS MORAN  
 63 CAUDIL 52  
 70

71 STINSON  
 62 ACKERMAN  
 53 SMITHWICK  
 67 LYDAY

65 ACKERMAN  
STINSON I.C. CARTNEY 53 SMITHWICK  
 71 LYDAY  
 67

99 MAC BRIDE  
 94 TURNER, J.A.A.  
 98 TOWNS  
 79 DELEETREE

98 TOWNS  
DELEETREE BERNARDI TURNER, J.A.A.  
 79 MAC BRIDE 94  
 99

32 HART  
 28 CONRAD  
 25 FREEMAN  
 37 BAKER

28 CONRAD  
HARTE FREESTONE FREEMAN  
 32 37 BAKER 25  
 PHILLIPS

48 ARASYRONG  
 38 HAKOMAKI  
 29 DEATLY  
 35 RATERING

38 HAKOMAKI  
ARSTRONG LYMAN 29 DEATLY  
 48 RATERING HENDRIX  
 35

82 MORGANSTERN  
 77 BASSER  
 85 BIRLINGHAM  
 95 REEDER

85 BIRLINGHAM  
REEDER BIRLINGHAM BASSER  
 95 MORGANSTERN 77  
 82

4 SMITH  
 23 SULLIVAN  
 21 BERGE  
 22 NOLD

21 BERGE  
NOLD PLOUCK SULLIVAN  
 4 SMITH 23  
 VESTIBELS

GROUND SPARES  
 65  
 25  
 20  
 96

12 WILHELM  
 14 MCCONNELL  
 8 WELER  
 2 GOODENOUGH

8 WELER  
GOODENOUGH GOLDEN WILHELM  
 2 12

RADIO:  
 320th TOPNOTCH  
 FIGHTERS: TOPNOTCH  
 FIGHTERS  
 CHANNEL "A"

89 PLACKTER  
 87 MATTESON  
 81 FOWLER  
 90 MARSCH

81 FOWLER  
MARSCH DELOSIER MATTESON  
 90 PLACKTER 87

SPARES: BEAUDRO KING MALCOLM SINGER REYNOLDS  
 56 46 10 83 57

56 BEAUDRO  
 57 REYNOLDS  
 46 KING  
 10 MALCOLM  
 83 SINGER

COLORS OF THE DAY  
 FLARE COLORS  
 0200-0800 RED-YELLOW  
 0800-1400 GREEN-GREEN  
 1400-2000 RED-RED  
 2000-0200 GREEN-YELLOW

ALBIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY	COLOR OF LENSE TO BE USED
0200-0800	Q	L	WHITE
0800-1400	N	J	RED
1400-2000	W	P	GREEN
2000-0200	F	Z	WHITE

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

*Incisa in Valdarno.*

	CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
C	RITCHIEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	64 took off 1110 landed 1510
	GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
	TARANTO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	TURATTI, <del>ENGINEER</del> , radio, s/Sgt.		
	TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SAYLOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
W	MORAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	52 took off 1110 landed 1502
	LAMB, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		
	SNIDER, <del>BOMB</del> S/Sgt.		
	GLOWATCH, <del>ENGINEER</del> , RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TERRELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	COLTEN, PHOTO,		
W	PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63 took off 1110 landed 1510
	WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	DICKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	MARSTELLAR, <del>ENGINEER</del> , RADIO, Sgt.		
	BOWLES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BARRY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	ROSENTHAL, PHOTO,		
E	CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70 took off 1110 landed 1510
	TIGGS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	HOHEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
	LONG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	NELSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
P	ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65 took off 1124 landed 1512
	COOKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
V	SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	53 took off 1111 landed 1512
	HAMEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	MALEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	GRIF. IN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SOONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
N	STINSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	71 took off 1111 landed 1512
	NELSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		
	BROWN, BOMB. Pvt.		
	TRANEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		

LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	67
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1111
E BULOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1513
LAFFERTY, RADIO, S/S t.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GERDZY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	98
BRESSETTE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1512
MC QUARRIS, ENGINEER, S/S t.		
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, J.A., 1st Lt.	444th	94
W MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
DZIEDZIC, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1510
CARNEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt		
FEINBERG, RADIO, S/S gt.		
DUNN, PHOTO, 441st		
DEMBTREE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	78
W SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1112
CHAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1513
KUHNE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
EVERSOLE, RADIO, Cpl.		
BOSS, GUNNER,		
MC BRIDE, PILOT,	444th	99
E NOWAK, CO PILOT,		took off 1112
GLEASON, BOMB.		landed 1513
JOHNSON, ENGINEER,		
THANNHAUSER, RADIO		
KUCH, GUNNER,		
CONRAD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	28
W RADEN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1114
FREESTONE, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1513
BOYNE, NAV. Lt.		
FLOTO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MANSCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FREEMAN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	25
W WILLIAMS, R.F., CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1114
HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1426
O'REAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLYNN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
HARTE, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	32
W TAYLOR, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1114
HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1518
KING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ZEHNER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

BARNER, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	37
BRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1114
PHILLIPS, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1513
KING, NAV. 1st Lt.		
NARDINE, ENGINEER, 1/Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HAKOMAKI, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	38
ALLEN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1116
LYMAN, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1514
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DEATLEY, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	29
HENSELL, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1116
HENDREX, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1514
PENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STEWART, X,		
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
BARRACLOUGH, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1116
MC CRAY, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1514
HUSTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
RATERING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	35
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1116
FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1514
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT,	444th	85
ROUND, CO PILOT,		Took off 1117
LINDSTROM, BOMB.		landed 1515
STATON, ENGINEER,		
EVEY, RADIO,		
PIGGOTT, GUNNER,		
GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1117
WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1515
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
CLARK, RADIO, Sgt.		
GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1117
DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt.		landed
GIUFFRÈ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		1135
SMITH, X, MAJOR	(EARLY)	

*Early Returns*

	MCGRAW'S PARK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	82
	POLONSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1117
Y	MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1515
	DUNCAN, OBS. Capt.		
	MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
F	PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1118
	ABART, (BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1516
	PLOUCK, NAV. 1st Lt.		
	BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SULLIVAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	23
	WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
W	VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1504
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	TIPTON, RADIO, Cpl.		
	CHRISTIANSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	NOLD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
W	DINWIDDIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1118
	SUMMERS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1516
	MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
F	BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1116
	VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1516
	CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt.		
	GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	STEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	WEILER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	8
F	ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1119
	GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1517
	LLAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	McConnell, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	20
V	HIPPLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1119
	GREENWALD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1516
	KAUSER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
V	GOODENOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	2
	TOPPISH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1119
	MC FARLAND, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1517
	BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	WILKINSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	12
D.L.	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1119
	KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1517
E	TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BRATTON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81
F	WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		1120
	DELOSIER, BOMB.		landed 1518
	COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	DEWITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	87
	ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1120
W	CLARK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1518
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAYES, X, Cpl.		
	MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	90
J	MARSHALL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1120
	SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1518
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, 1st Sgt.		
	MC ELLURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PLANKTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	89
F	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1120
	JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1552
	WYLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SHAFFER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	LANSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	ESTRADA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SPARES,		
	BEAUDRU, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
	HUBAL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1124
	HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1150
	JASKCON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GUZZIO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	REYNOLDS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	57
	CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1121
	SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1340
	ROMIG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HOOD, RADIO, Sgt.		
	ELLIS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KING, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
W	KLARK, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1122
	CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1511
	GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MC COY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

Spare

Spare

Credit



MALCALM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
BORDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
STONE, BOMB. Sgt.  
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
FORBES, RADIO, Sg/Sgt.  
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

*Spare*

10  
took off 1122  
landed 1330

SINGER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.  
HATCHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

*Spare*

83  
took off 1122  
landed 1319