

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 198, Day Operation, 2 May 1944.

Flight Commander: Major Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1245 hours, 26 B-26's of this Group took off to bomb Florence Southwest M/Y, Italy. 3 B-26's returned early: 1 with engine cutting out (entitled to sortie credit) and 2 spares. 23 B-26's were over the target and 22 dropped 176 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1501 hours from 9700' to 9100' on an axis of 35° T. 8 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were returned, having hung up over the target. 23 B-26's returned at 1645 hours.

C. Results: The target area was covered by an excellent pattern of bombs, destroying 150 of approximately 300 cars and wiping out the greater part of the factory area. 7 huge fires in the factory area and 2 in the RR yards were burning 40 minutes after the bombing.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.

b. Situation: 1 T/E a/c at Florence/Peretola A/D on southwest corner near the hanger was seen at 1501 hours from 9700'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Ammunition dump at Q3612 consisting of boxes piled in a spoke-shape and with tracks among them was seen at 1458 hours from 10,500'.

(2) At 1605 hours from 9,000', a parachute was seen in the water at 42°53'N-10°04'E.

(3) At 1600 hours an oil slick was seen at 43°10'N-10°10'E.

b. Communications:

(1) Certaldo RR Bridge had been repaired by 1457 hours, seen from 11000'.

(2) 75/100 RR cars at Empoli, Q5563, were seen at 1503 hours from 9000'.

(3) 40/50 RR cars at Signa, and 200/300 others scattered between Signa and Florence were seen at 1503 hours from 9000'.

(4) 30 RR cars at Castelfiorentino were seen at 1459 hours from 10000'.

(5) 100 RR cars at Q6368 were seen at 1458 hours from 11,000'.

(6) 200/300 RR cars scattered between Prato and Florence were seen at 1502 hours from 9,000'.

(7) 25 RR cars and 8 hospital cars at Q1424, San Pietro, were seen at 1442 hours from 10,000'.

(8) 35/40 RR cars, 1 locomotive at Rosignano, Q1630, were seen at 1443 hours from 10,000'.

(9) 20/30 RR cars at Q1914 were seen at 1445 hours from 10,000'.

(10) 30/40 RR cars at Poggibonsi were seen at 1450 hours from 11,000'.

(11) 35/40 RR cars at Certaldo were seen at 1457 hours from 11,000'.

(12) 8/9 M/T headed north, north of Volterra were seen at 1449 hours from 11,000'.

C. Flak: From Q6879, scant heavy flak, accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection, was encountered on the breakaway. A 3-gun position was observed firing from this location. Another position was firing at G-10 (TC 4-133-NA).

d. Shipping: 1 barge at Casteglioncello was seen at 1441 hours from 10,000'.

3. Losses: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: Few scattered cumulus at 5,000'; hazy.
Target: Clear; visibility 6-8 miles in haze.
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; 353° T for 106 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at Alto; 37° T for 78 statute miles to Cecina, climbing gradually to 10,000'; 80° T for 21 statute miles to Volterra; 42° T for 14 statute miles to Certaldo, climbing to 11,000'; bomb run, 33° M for 18 statute miles to target; breakaway left; 217° T for 78 statute miles to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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8 WILLS		10 <u>ROBBINS</u>			
10 ROBBINS		TAPP		<u>WILL</u>	
22 WILLIAMS	8	21 <u>BERGE</u>		22	
21 BERGE		<u>FLOUCK</u>			
		"B"			
14 GOODENOUGH		11 <u>WEILER</u>			
11 WEILER	<u>GOODENOUGH</u>	GOLDIN		4 <u>SMITH</u>	
4 SMITH	14	<u>HELD</u>		<u>VES' SELLS</u>	
13 HELD		18			
		"C"			
20 BOYCE		2 <u>CORNELIUS</u>			
2 CORNELIUS	<u>BOYCE</u>	DILL		<u>BEST</u>	
5 BEST	20	<u>WILHELM</u>		5	
23 WILHELM		23			
		"D"			
79 DEMETREE		81 <u>DILLING</u>			
81 DILLING	<u>DEMETREE</u>	WHITE		<u>WEIER</u>	
86 WEIER	79	98 <u>PETERS</u>		86	
98 PETERS		<u>POWERS</u>			
		"E"			
99 DICKERSON		85 <u>TOWNS</u>			
85 TOWNS	<u>DICKERSON</u>	BERNARD I		87 <u>MATTESON</u>	
87 MATTESON	99	<u>MORGANSTERN</u>		<u>DELOS DER</u>	
83 MORGANSTERN		83			
		"F"			
91 REEDER		76 <u>FOWLER</u>			
76 FOWLER	<u>REEDER</u>	ROGERS		<u>CASSER</u>	
77 PLACKTER	91	<u>MARSH</u>			
94 LARSEN		94			
		"G"			
64 RITCHIE		69 <u>HUNTER</u>			
67 TILL	<u>PALMER</u>	PICKETT		<u>TILL</u>	
69 HUNTER	65	64 <u>RITCHIE</u>		67	
65 PALMER		<u>TIDWELL</u>			
		"H"			
50 WEEKLY		62 <u>AMERMAN</u>			
59 LONG	<u>REYNOLDS</u>	MC CARTNEY		59 <u>LONG</u>	
62 AMERMAN	71	<u>WEEKLY</u>		<u>CARROLL</u>	
71 REYNOLDS		50			
		"I"			
56 SMITHWICK		57 <u>BARKER</u>			
51 STINSON	<u>HILL</u>	LOKAN		<u>STINSON</u>	
57 BARKER	63	<u>SMITHWICK</u>		51	
63 HILL		51			
		"J"			
37 BAKER		31 <u>CONRAD</u>			
44 KADEN	<u>TAYLOR</u>	FREESTONE		<u>KAOEN</u>	*****
31 CONRAD	32	37 <u>BAKER</u>		44	* RADIO: TOPNOTCH*
32 TAYLOR		<u>PHILLIPS</u>			* FIGHTERS-TOPNOTCH*
		"K"			* FIGHTERS*
43 HARPSTER		23 <u>WENDLING</u>			* CHANNEL "A" *
29 HAKOMAKI	<u>KING</u>	EVANS		29 <u>HAKOMAKI</u>	*****
33 WENDLING	46	<u>HARPSTER</u>		<u>LYMAN</u>	
46 KING		43			
		"L"			
25 CLAYBOUGH		40 <u>BOTTOMLEY</u>			
27 HENSELL	<u>GREGG</u>	MONTEZ		<u>HENSELL</u>	
40 BOTTOMLEY	39	<u>CLAYBOUGH</u>		27	
39 GREGG		25			
12	SPARES:	<u>NOLD</u>	<u>SHEARD</u>	<u>LYDAY</u>	<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>
51 NOLD		12	51	50	82
					<u>BERNARD</u>
					10


THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

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CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt.	441st	10
PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1245
TAPP, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed <i>1646</i>
<i>E</i> HÄRDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKING, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MAGIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR		
WILLIAMS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1245
<i>W</i> DOCKERY, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed <i>1640</i>
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.		
WILLS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	8
BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1245
COCKER, BOMB. S t.		landed <i>1646</i>
<i>W</i> MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
THANNHAUSER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO		
BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	21
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1245
<i>E</i> PLOUCK, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed <i>1646</i>
GIBSON, NAV. 1st Lt.		
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FATA, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WEILER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1246
<i>E</i> GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed <i>1647</i>
LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
IANNOTTA, GUNNER, S t.		
SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
<i>W</i> ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1246
VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed <i>1647</i>
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GOODENOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	14
<i>W</i> DINWIDDIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1246
GALLAGHER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed <i>1647</i>
BARRON, ENGINEER, S Sgt.		
BAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
COPLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

~~WILLIAMS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.~~

	HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	18
F	FESEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1246
	TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1647
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	TIPTON, RADIO, Cpl.		
	BOOTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	2
F	BORDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1247
	DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1648
	LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	5
	ASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1247
W	KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1648
	MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MARINELLI, BUNNER, Sgt.		
	CATALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	20
W	WILSON, CO PILOT, P/O		took off 1247
	STREANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1648
	TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WILHELM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	23
F	HIPPLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1247
	JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1648
	MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DILLING, PILOT, Capt.	444th	81
F	SCHNIEDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1249
	WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1649
	GEST, NAV. 1st Lt.		
	COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEIER, PILOT,	444th	86
W	CHUNIS, CO PILOT,		took off 1249
	DZIEDZIC, BOMB.		landed 1638
	DUNCAN, OBS. Capt.		
	CARNEY, ENGINEER,		
	FA CHIER, RADIO,		
	KUCKMP, GUNNER		
	DUNN, PHOTO,		
	DEMETREE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	79
W	SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1247
	CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1644
	KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.	EVERSOLE, RADIO, Cpl.	
	LARSON, GUNNER, S t.		

	PETERS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	98
	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1249
E	POWERS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1649
	MICHELIS, NAV. 1st Lt.		
	WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	EXYNADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
	ROUNDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1250
F	BERNARDI, KMEX BOMB. 2nd Lt.	CREDIT 	landed 1614
	MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MATPESON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	87
W	DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1250
	DELOSIER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1650
	TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DICKERSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	99
	SINGER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1250
W	GLEASON, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1650
	HENDRICKS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MORGENSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	83
E	NOVAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1250
	MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1650
	MONTBOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
F	WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1252
	ROGERS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1649
	COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	WOOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	DE WITT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	GASSER, PILOT,	444th	77
	BRESSETTE CO PILOT		took off 1252
W	CLARKE, BOMB		landed 1650
	DELEN, ENGINEER		
	EVEY, RADIO		
	KOCH, GUNNER		
	JOHNSON X		
	REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
W	JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1252
	WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1647
	GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	PAUL, S, Sgt.		

MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.

444th

94 took off 1252

MARSHALL, CO

landed 1643

SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.

WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.

MC ELMURRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.

MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

HATCHER, X, S/Sgt.

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BIRMINGHAM, PILOT,

444th

82

MC BRIDE, CO PILOT,

took off 1254

LINDSTRUM, BOMB.

landed

STATON, ENGINEER,

SHAFFER, RADIO,

PIGGOTT, GUNNER,

1504

NOLD, PILOT, 2ND Lt.

441st

12

MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.

took off 1254

PERFETTO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.

landed

BARTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.

DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.

GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

1452