

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer  
APO 650

Intelligence Narrative No. 200, Night Mission, 4 May 1944.

Flight Commander and Pilot: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 2050 hours, 1 B-26 of this Group took off from Ghisonaccia, Corsica, to reconiter and bomb Borgo San Lorenzo Viaducts, Italy. It was unescorted. Poor horizontal visibility prevented bombing. All bombs were returned. The a/c returned to this base at 0012 hours, 5 May 1944.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

(1) Factories in Pomerance area were maintaining good blackout discipline at 2145 hours; white smoke, however, indicated they were active.

(2) Flak: None. Particularly to be noted was absence of flak from S. Giovanni and Bucine areas.

(3) Enemy Aircraft: None encountered or observed.

(4) Weather: Enroute; Broken cirrus; visibility 8 miles in haze.  
Target; Broken cirrus; 6/10 stratocumulus at 5,000';  
visibility 8 miles in haze.

Return; As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 5,000' at Ghisonaccia, 15° T for 68 statute miles to Alto; 25° T for 32 statute miles to Capraia Island at 8,000'; 57° T for 40 statute miles to coast at Cecina; 90° T for 21 statute miles to Pomerance; 62° T for 17 statute miles to Poggibonsi; 15° T for 22 statute miles to IP, Florence; bomb run 29° T for 15 statute miles to Borgo San Lorenzo at 7,000'; 140° T for 24 statute miles to Pratoveccio at 8,400'; 241° T for 17 statute miles to Incisa; 140° T for 23 statute miles to Bucine; 254° T for 20 statute miles to Siena; 270° T for 43 statute miles to Cecina; 43 statute mile circle at sea and bomb run at approximately 90° T; 210° T for 43 statute miles to 5 miles west of Elba; 187° T for 132 statute miles to 5 miles east of Tavolara Island; direct to this base.

F. Comments: None.

WILLIAM COOK,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

ACRAFT CLEARANCE

SQUADRON 443 PLANE NUMBER 53 - #774  
 PILOT H Q1 FLETCHER ENGINEER. Sgt Nelson  
 CO-PILOT SMITHWICK RADIO O. Kildan braidt  
 BOMBARDIER SWINDLER GUNNER H. STEWART  
 NAVIGATOR DORF X Sgt CONEY

1. HAVE YOU MAPS? YES ( ) - NO ( )

2. READ THE BULLETIN BOARD. YES ( ) - NO ( ) DATE 4 MAY 1944

3. COLORS OF THE DAY YES ( ) - NO ( )

4. WEATHER YES ( ) - NO ( )

TAKE OFF TIME 1500 1600

TO 1544  
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 PROPOSED TIME OF LANDING \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Pilot's Signature) A-3  
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CLEARING FOR Garrisonaccia

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Mission #223.  
Weather Report.

4 May 1944.

1. Weather generally as briefed; few more low clouds than forecast.
2. No definite check on winds; forecast winds reported satisfactory for navigation.

  
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Group Weather Officer.