

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 202, Day Operation, 9 May 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 13:20 hours, 40 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Incisa RR Bridges North and South, Italy. 4 spares returned early. 24 B-26's were over the North Bridge, and dropped 192 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 15:36 hours from 9,100' to 8,300'. 12 B-26's were over the South Bridge and dropped 96 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 15:37 hours from 9,600' to 9,500'. 28 B-26's returned to base at 17:54 hours, and 7 B-26's returned late between 18:45 hours and 19:43 hours after landing at Corsica for gas. 1 B-26 is at Ghisonaccia, Corsica, having been badly damaged by flak; the crew returned to base in another aircraft.

C. Results: The North Bridge was covered by an excellent pattern of bombs, scoring probable direct hits. The South Bridge was missed, the bombs landing over East of the target.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

Spitfires from Corsica provided escort

b. Situation:

3/4 T/E and S/E a/c on Arezzo A/D were seen at 15:41 hours from 8,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

Supply dump of 4/5 piles of boxes at Q-9020 was seen at 15:48 hours from 8,000'.

b. Communications:

- (1) At Q-5551, 50 RR cars were seen at 15:26 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) 30/40 RR cars were seen at R-3509 at 15:45 hours from 8,000'.
- (3) 100 RR cars at Q-9007 were seen at 15:48 hours from 8,000'.
- (4) 100 RR cars at Arezzo were seen at 15:45 hours from 8,000'.
- (5) 10/15 RR cars at Siena were seen at 15:52 hours from 8,000'.

- (6) 15/20 RR cars, engine on South end, stationary, at Q-4232, were seen at 15:46 hours from 8,000'.
- (7) 7/8 small vehicles headed South at Q-3443 were seen at 15:24 hours from 10,000'.
- (8) 1 train of 20 cars headed North at R-2525 was seen at 15:45 hours from 8,000'.
- (9) 10/15 RR cars in Poggibonsi M/Y were seen at 15:52 hours from 8,000'.
- (10) 75 RR cars at Cecina, Q-1719, were seen at 15:21 hours from 10,000'.
- (11) 100 RR cars at Q-1424 were seen at 15:21 hours from 10,000'.
- (12) 40 RR cars at Q-1228 were seen at 15:21 hours from 10,000'.
- (13) 40/50 RR cars at Q-7428 were seen at 15:32 hours from 10,400'.
- (14) 75 RR cars at Q-6064 were seen at 15:29 hours from 10,000'.
- (15) 50 RR cars at R-5043 were seen at 16:50 hours from 8,000'.
- (16) 8/10 RR cars at Certaldo were seen at 15:30 hours from 10,000'.
- (17) 30 RR cars at Q-7366 were seen at 15:31 hours from 10,000'.
- (18) 30 RR cars at Q-1030 were seen at 15:21 hours from 10,000'.
- (19) 25/30 M/T, moving South at Q-1424 were seen at 15:31 hours from 10,000'.
- (20) 7/8 M/T parked at R-0527 were seen at 15:51 hours from 8,000'.
- (21) 15 M/Y headed North at Q-2426 were seen at 15:23 hours from 10,000'.
- (22) Poggibonsi RR Bridge up at 15:52 hours from 8,000'.
- (23) 40 RR cars at R-1518 were seen at 15:52 hours from 8,000'.
- (24) Arezzo RR Bridge up at 15:48 hours from 8,000'.
- (25) All viaducts between Poggibonsi and Siena were up at 15:52 hours from 8,000'.

c. Flak:

From Target; Moderate heavy, accurate for both altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire.

Gun Positions:

8 heavy guns, 3 light guns 1,500 yards WNW of South target; only 1 heavy seen firing.

4 heavy guns around South Bridge.

From Arezzo; scant, heavy inaccurate for both altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire.

From Bucine; scant, light inaccurate for deflection, accurate for altitude, continuously pointed fire.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses. One. 17 B-26's damaged, 6 flak; 1 crew member injured.

4. Weather:

(a) Enroute: Over Corsica, overcast, base 12-15,000'; rain; thunderstorms.

(b) Target: Hazy.

(c) Return: As enroute.

E. Router and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base, 28°T for 166 SM to Tavalara Island; 359°T for 106 SM to rendezvous with escort at Alto; 20°T for 40 SM to Capraia Island; 53°T for 40 SM to Cecina; 42°T for 29 SM to S. Miniato; 95°T for 15 SM to I.P., Impruneta, climbing gradually to 10,400'; bomb run, 95°T for 15 SM to target at 9,100'; breakaway right to East of Arezzo; to 248°T to Monte S. Savino; 248°T for 55 SM (from target) to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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RUNWAY LINE UP

Line No	Call Sign	Frequency	Name	Frequency
98	✓ <u>SINN</u>		✓ <u>BREWER</u>	
95	99 3		80 Powers	✓ <u>MARSCH</u>
80			✓ <u>DILLING</u>	95 2
99			98 White	

83	✓ <u>TURNER H.P.</u>		✓ <u>HUCKE</u>	
91	79 7		85 Monahan	✓ <u>MORGANSTERN</u>
85			✓ <u>GASNER</u>	92
79			83	

2	✓ <u>TRUNK</u>		✓ <u>CORNELIUS</u>	
18	21 "		11 DILL	✓ <u>O'STEEN</u>
11			<u>BODIE</u>	18
21			2	

39	<u>GREGG</u>		<u>SHUH</u>	
37	39 15		37 Olmstead	✓ <u>MADE</u>
44			✓ <u>WENDLING</u>	44
33			33 Lyman	

27	✓ <u>ARMSTRONG</u>		✓ <u>BOTTOMLEY</u>	
40	27 19		40 Maggio	✓ <u>HART</u>
32			✓ <u>CLAYBOUGH</u>	26
35			35	

5	<u>SULLIVAN</u>		✓ <u>HELD</u>	
20	8 3		23 Polakov	<u>NOLD</u>
23			<u>HIPPLE</u>	20
8			2	

55	<u>PALMER</u>		<u>CAUDILL</u>	
70	55 2		70 Swindler	<u>KEL...</u>
54			<u>FELT</u>	26
57			57 Allen	54

52	<u>LAMB</u>		<u>MARKER</u>	
62	52 2b		62 Lokan	<u>REYNOLDS</u>
58			<u>SMITHWICK</u>	30
68			68	58

19	<u>BOYCE</u>		<u>SMITH</u>	
14	19 35		4 Ves'sells	<u>GOODENOUGH</u>
4	12 03		<u>HUBBARD</u>	14
12			19	

87	<u>RATERING</u>		<u>MATTESON</u>	
15	41montez		87 Glaubitz	<u>NELSON</u>
41			<u>PAULANTIS</u>	53
53			15	

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 9 MAY 1944 * RADIO CALL SIGNS
 TIME FLARE COLORS * 320th "TOPNOTCH"
 0200-0800 RED & YELLOW *
 0800-1400 RED & RED RED * FIGHTERS*"TOPNOTCH"
 1400-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW RED * FIGHTERS
 2000-0200 YELLOW & YELLOW * CHANNEL "A"

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
 TIME CHALLENGE REPLY
 0200-0800

GROUND SPARES
 94 86
 63
 3

1
Brewer, /pilot, Major,
Plackter, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Powers, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Michels, Navigator, 1st Lt.
Tunis, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.
Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Clark, Aerial gunner, Sgt.
Fletcher, Flight Commander, Lt. Col.

444th

80
Took off 1320
Landed 1754

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RW
2
Marsch, pilot, 1st Lt.
Marshall, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Shingle, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Williams, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.
Perry, John, radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Mason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Zupanc, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.

444th

95
Took off 1320
Landed 1754

LW
3
Sinn, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Demetree, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Craps, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Khune, engineer gunner, T/sgt.
MacMurry, radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Dewitt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Rosenthal, Aerial photographer Sgt.

444th

99
Took off 1320
Landed 1754

EL
4
Dilling, Pilot, captain,
Schneider, Co, pilot, 2nd Lt.
White, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Wardsmith, Navigator, 1st Lt.
Cook, engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Visconi, radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Humphrey, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

444th

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Took off 1320
Landed ~~1754~~ ?

FW
5
Burke, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Reeder, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
McMahon, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Filtrante, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Ivey, radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Koch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

444th

85
Took off ~~1320~~ 1321
Landed 1755

RW
6
Korganstern, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Chunis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Hatcher, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Cocolo, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.
Shaffer, radio gunner, S/sgt.
Fields, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

444th

91
Took off 1321 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed 1755

JW
7
Turner, Pilot, H. D. 2nd Lt.
Connors, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Drevas, Bombardier, Pvt.
McCuarrrie, engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Cronin, radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Rabal, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

444th

79
Took off 1321 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed 1755

EL
8
Gasser, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Jones, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Gleason, Bombardier Pvt. Buch engineer gunner Sgt.
Fauchier, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Boss, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

444th

83
Took off 1312 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed 1950

FH
9
Cornelius, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 11
Borden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1332
Dill, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1756
Liggett, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Kencehausen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Rulk, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

RW
10
O'Steen, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 18
Apher, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1323
Chelucci, Bombardier, Cpl. Landed 1752
Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Forbes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Moore, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Dunn, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.

ZW
11
Trunk, pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 21
Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1323
Traynor, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1756
Trebenda, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Juve, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Wompin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

EH
12
Bodie, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 2
Resek, Co, Pilot 2nd Lt. Took off 1323
Cocker, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed 1756
Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Thanhauser, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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21
Held, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 23
Toffer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1327
Polakov, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1857
O'Dell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Tipton, Radio Gunner, Cpl.
Marinelli, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

RW
22
Wold, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 20
Maicahn, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1327
Perfetto, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1757
Accerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Gust, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Johnson, Aerial photographer, Sgt.

ZW
23
Sullivan, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 8
Wachter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1327
Vicha, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed 1943
Lickey, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Michaelson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Coppler, Aerial gunner, Sgt.
Tannotta, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

EH
24
Wilhelm, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 5
Hipple, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1327
Stone, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed 1754
Barton, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Pysz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
S_eigenhofer, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. Mauser, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

<p>FH 33</p>	<p>Smith, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bednarz, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ves'sells, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Goodman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Markus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Steeves, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>4 Took off 1330 Landed 1812</p>
<p>RW 34</p>	<p>Goodenough, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Birwiddie, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Gallagher, Bombardier, Cpl. Barron, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Gaunt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Giggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Sauter, Aerial photographer, Sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>14 Took off 1330 Landed 1735</p>
<p>LW 35</p>	<p>Boyce, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Wilson, Co, Pilot, r/o Streany, Bombardier, Sgt. Tessum, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hull, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Frank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Clark, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>3 Took off 1330 Landed 1759</p>
<p>EH 36</p>	<p>Hubbard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Klug, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Summers, Bombardier, Sgt. Huppe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Hays, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Snow, Aerial photographer,</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>19 Took off 1330 Landed 1930</p>

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<p>Faulantis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Arnsdorff, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kwiatkowski, Bombardier, S/sgt. Kears, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Carlisle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Kata, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	<p>441st</p>	<p>15 Took off 1331 Landed 1539</p>
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FL 25	Caudill, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hale, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Swindler, Bombardier, Captain, Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Griewank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	70 Took off 1328 Landed 1757
RW 26	Kolar, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Lyday, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dickey, Bombardier, S/sgt. Lafferty, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Flajnik, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Volosky, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Colten, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	443rd	54 Took off 1328 Landed 1757
ZW 27	Palmer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudro, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Westfall, Bombardier, S/sgt. Marsteller, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Cox, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Barry, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	55 Took off 1328 Landed 1757
EL 28	Felt, Pilot, 1st Lt. West, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Allen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Traweck, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Guilliams, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Lai, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	57 Took off 1328 Landed 1757
EL 29	Barker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Woodhurst, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Lokan, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Giles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Mele, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Harrold, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	62 Took off 1329 Landed 1758
RW 30	Reynolds, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Opperman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Henry, Bombardier, S/sgt. Kornig, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Hood, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Ellis, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	58 Took off 1329 Landed 1758
ZW 31	Lamb, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sprang, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Sherman, Bombardier, Sgt. Glowatch, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Lamoureux, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Aerial gunner, McDonald, Cpl.	443rd	62 Took off 1329 Landed 1758
EL 32	Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hamel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Szafir, Bombardier, S/sgt. Maier, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Griffin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Coons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	68 Took off 1329 Landed 1758

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Nelson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	53
Young, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1331
Straka, Bombardier, s/sgt.		Landed
Coons, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		147
Austad, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	<i>Spore</i>	

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13 Shuh, Pilot, Captain,
Williams, Co, Pilot, Lt. R. F.
Glmsted, Bombardier, Lt.
Boyne, Navigator, Lt.
Pirzgearld, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Orgeron, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Turner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

37
TOOK OFF 1324 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed 1757

RW
14 Kaden, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Zellerbach, Co, Pilot, Lt.
Harmon, Bombardier, S/sgt.
O'Neal, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
McCoy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Kimmech, Aerial gunner, Sgt.
Aerial photographer, Middleton,

442nd

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Took off 1324 +
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YW
15 Gregg, Pilot, Lt.
Caster, Co, Pilot, Lt.
Chamberlin, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Putman, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Nemier, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

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Took off 1324 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed 1757

EH
16 Wendling, Pilot, Lt.
Stern, Co, Pilot, Lt.
XX Lyman, Bombardier, Lt.
King, Navigator, Lt.
Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Field, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

442nd

33
Took off 1324 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed 1845

FL
17 Bottomley, Pilot, Lt.
Barnathy, Co, Pilot, Lt.
Maggio, Bombardier, Lt.
Salvesen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Blum, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Hall, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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40
Took off 1326
Landed 1757

RW
18 Harte, Pilot, Lt.
Taylor, Co, Pilot, Lt.
Harlan, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Howard, Engineer, Gunner, S.sgt.
McCoy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Bentley, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

26
Took off 1326
Landed 1931

ZW
19 Armstrong Pilot, Lt.
Hensell, Co, Pilot, Lt.
McCray, Bombardier, Cpl.
Huston, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Forrest, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Flynn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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27
Took off 1326
Landed 1759

EH
20 Claybaugh, Pilot, Lt.
Barracrough, Co, Pilot, Lt.
Fuller, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Malin, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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Took off 1326
Landed 1926

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Ratering, Pilot, lt.
Allen, Co, Pilot, lt.
Montez, Bombardier, lt.
Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Malburne, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Lockwood, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

442nd

41

Took off 1331

Landed 1623



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