

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 203, Day Operation, 10 May 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Hunter.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1330 hours, 40 B-26's of this Group took off to bomb S. Giovanni RR Bridges North and South, Italy. 4 B-26's returned early; 1 with engine cutting out and 3 speres. 24 B-26's were over the north bridge, and 16 dropped 121 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 - .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1543 hours from 9000' to 8200' on an axis of 61° M. 12 B-26's were over the south bridge, and 11 dropped 81 x 500 lb. demolition bombs (1/10-.025 second delay fuses) on the target at 1545 hours from 9800' to 8500' on an axis of 71° M. 34 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were salvaged; 8 in target area because of bombay door malfunction; 16 over Italy because the target was not identified; 10 at sea having hung up. 52 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were returned to base because the leader of two flights did not identify the target. 32 B-26's returned at 1759 hours. 4 B-26's returned late between 1908 and 1932 hours after landing at Ghisonaccia, Corsica for gas.

C. Results: Excellent concentration on north Bridge, with 2/3 direct hits; approaches also covered. Observer with glasses reported bridge seen down on return from target. The south bridge was missed with most bombs landing over to the east.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.
- (2) 15/20 S/E unidentified a/c headed northeast at Roccastrada were seen at 1558 hours from 9000'.

b. Situation:

- (1) 1 T/E a/c was seen on the south end of Arezzo A/D at 1546 hours from 9000'.
- (2) Siena A/D was empty at 1534 hours from 10000'.

2. Ground:

a. General: A bivouac area was seen at 99708 at 1548 hours from 9500'.

b. Communications:

- (1) 12 RR cars plus stationary locomotive at Castiglion Fiorentino, R3118 were seen at 1547 hours from 8,000'.
- (2) 15/25 RR cars at R0403 were seen at 1547 hours from 8000'.
- (3) 25/30 RR cars at R1605 were seen at 1548 hours from 8000'.
- (4) 12 RR cars at R2358 were seen at 1550 hours from 8000'.
- (5) 60/70 RR cars in 2 strings at R5043 were seen at 1552 hours from 8000'.
- (6) 30 RR cars at R4340 were seen at 1553 hours from 8000'.
- (7) 20 RR cars at R3627 were seen at 1552 hours from 8000'.

- (8) 30 R⁴ cars loaded with white boxes at Q0--7 were seen at 1547 hours from 8000'.
- (9) 8/10 RR cars between Q9007 and V9596 were seen at 1547 hours from '000'.
- (10) Repair activity in Arezzo M/Y was seen at 1546 hours from 8000'.
- (11) 12 RR cars at Q9640 was seen at 1549 hours from 8000'.
- (12) 20/25 R⁴ cars at R1517 were seen at 1551 hours from 8000'.
- (13) M/T convoy of 30 large units headed east at Q2923 were seen at 1531 hours from 10000'.
- (14) 15 M/T in 3 groups of 5 each headed south at R1507 were seen at 1551 hours from 8000'.
- (15) 75/80 RR cars in S. Giovanni M/Y were seen at 1545 hours from 9000'.

c. Flak:

- (1) From target area, scant heavy, accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection, continuously pointed fire was encountered. 1 position was seen firing 200 yards southwest of racetrack at S. Giovanni and another from a flat car in S. Giovanni M/Y.
- (2) From target area, scant light inaccurate for both altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire was encountered.
- (3) From point north of Piombino, at A1493, scant heavy inaccurate for both altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire was encountered.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; no damage.

4. Weather: Enroute: 10/10 cumulus over water at 6000' and for 30 miles inland from Italian coast.

Target: Open.

Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, to C. Carbonera; 6° T for 100 statute miles to Ca. Comino; 353° T for 134 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at Alto; 20° T for 40 statute miles to Caprai Island; 71° T for 39 statute miles to landfall 12 miles south of Cecina; 61° T for 34 statute miles to IP, Calle d' Bal Elsa, climbing gradually to 10000'; 61° T for 22 statute miles to target at 9000'; breakaway right to mountain southeast of Arezzo; 24 statute miles to Castiglion Fiorentino; to Monte S. Savino; 263° T for 60 statute miles to coast 12 miles south of Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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LINE UP FOR
TAKE OFF

53 PALMER
64 RITCHEY
61 BEAUDRO
57 FELT

53 NELSON
51 STRACHAN
60 TILK
56 WEEKLY

46 KLARK
41 RATERING
48 ROBINSON
39 GREGG

4 SMITH
2 PESEK
21 ROBBINS
15 O'STEEN

8 REEVES
19 NOLD
11 WILHELM
3 WILSON

27 DODDLEIN
45 BAKER
47 HODGES
31 KADEN

76 WILMS
90 BRESSETTE
81 PETERS
84 MEIER

94 SINGER
78 MC GUGAN
87 MATTESON
82 REEDER

25 ROOD
29 DEATLEY
34 TAYLOR
32 HARTE

65 WEEKS
37 HENSSELL
64 CORNELIUS
96 MORGANSTERN

"A"
64 RITCHEY 1
TIDWELL
BEAUDRO 2
PALMER 3
57 FELT 4
ALLEN

"B"
51 STRACHAN 5
CARROLL
TILK 6
NELSON 7
53 WEEKLY 8

"C"
41 RATERING 9
MONTEZ
ROBINSON 10
46 GREGG 11

"D"
21 ROBBINS 13
TAPP
PESEK 14
O'STEEN 15
SMITH 16
VESSELLS

"E"
11 WILHELM 17
CHEVALIS
NOLD 18
WILSON 19
REEVES

"F"
27 DODDLEIN 20
BAKER 21
EVANS
HODGES 22
KADEN 23

"G"
81 PETERS 25
POWERS
BRESSETTE 26
76 TOMS 27
BERNARDI

"H"
87 MATTESON 29
GLAUBITZ
MC GUGAN 30
SINGER 31
REEDER 32

"I"
29 DEATLEY 33
HENDRIX
TAYLOR 34
ROOD 35
HART 36

65 WEEKS HENSSELL 37
CORNELIUS MORGANSTERN
RITIER 38
GOLDIN 39

*RADIO: *
*320th TOPNOTCH *
Escort TOPNOTCH-
* FIGHTERS *
*Channel "A" *

COLORS OF THE DAY

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

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	C	W
0800-1400	D	H
1400-2000	Y	Q
2000-0200	J	M

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt. UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. JONES, ENGINEER, S/S t. TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt. TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. HUNTER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.	443rd	64 took off 1330 landed 1759
BEAUDRO, PILOT, 1st Lt. HRIBAL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt. CHANDLER, ENGINEER, Sgt. JACKSON, RADIO, T/Sgt. GUZZIO, GUNNER, S/Sgt. DUNK, PHOTO	443rd	61 took off 1330 landed 1759
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt. VAN KEUREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HOWE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BARRY, ENGINEER, Sgt. MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt. COX, GUNNER, Sgt. ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 1330 landed 1759
FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt. WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TARANTO, NAV. 2nd Lt. KAI, ENGINEER, S Sgt. traweek, radio, s/sgt. GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S S t.	443rd	57 took off 1330 landed 1759
STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. carroll, bomb. 1st Lt. HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S /Sgt. COONS, RADIO, S /Sgt. WESTFALL, GUNNER, S Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 1331 landed 1800
TIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HALE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ARMAO, BOMB. S/S t. COFREY, ENGINEER, S /Sgt. WAGNER, RADIO, Sgt. BROWN, GUNNER, Pvt.	443rd	60 took off 1331 landed 1800
NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt. LARKIN, ENGINEER, S Sgt. GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt. AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	443rd	53 took off 1330 landed 1800

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WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	56
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1331
POTNAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1747
LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MELE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HATERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
ALLEN, CO PILOT, CO pilot		took off 1332
MONTEZ, BOMB. Lt.		landed
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1800
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROBERTSON BERTSON, PILOT, Lt. 8	442nd	48
NARD, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1332
WESTBROOK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
MELIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1801
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
KLARA, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	46
KING, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1332
HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1801
TRIMBOLD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GREGG, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	39
VANDEBURGH, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1332
SPANN, BOMB. Lt.		landed
MARCOLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1801
COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NEMLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RUBBINS, PILOT, Capt.	441st	2
HELD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1333
THURSTON, NAV. 1st Lt.		landed
TAPP, BOMB. 1st Lt.		1741
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FESK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	21
BODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1333
COCKER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1801
THANNHAUSER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CATALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.		
O'STEEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	35
ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1333
CHELUGGI, BOMB. Cpl.		landed
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1458
FURBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

Early Return
No Mission Credit

.SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	4
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1335
Ves'SELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt.		Chis 1908
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEVES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WILHELM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	11
PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1335
CHAVALAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1802
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NOLD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	19
MAGEE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1335
PERFETTO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1802
DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WILSON, PILOT, r/c	441st	3
BOYCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1335
STREANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1802
CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	8
TRUNK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1335
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1803
JUVIS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RANDOLPH, ENGINEER , SAFT.		
BAKER, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	28
ABERNATHY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1336
EVANS, BOMB. Lt.		landed
PEARO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1803
MELBURN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEWART, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
HODGES, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	47
BROWN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1336
CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
POTNAM, ENGINEER, Sgt.		Chis 1945
DELAINE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIMBACH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO,		
DOBELIN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	27
STAN, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1336
FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1803
MILLMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOYLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		

KADEN, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	31
MAKAY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1336
LT, GUMMADO, BOMB.		landed
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1742
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PETERS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	81
DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1337
POWERS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
DEACY, NAV, 2nd Lt.		1804
WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRESETTE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	99
MC BRIDE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1337
DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt.		landed
MC QUARTE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1748
EVERSOLE, RADIO, Cpl.		
LARSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CONRY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
WEIER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
RAMAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1338
ROBERT, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		His. 1932
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MALONE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	76
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1337
BANG, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
BERNARDI, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1823
LEONARD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MATIESON, PILOT,	444th	87
DRISCOLL, CO PILOT,	22	took off 1338
GLAUBITZ, BOMB.		landed
BAUER, ENGINEER,		1804
STEEN, RADIO,		
PAUL, GUNNER,		
MC GUGAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	78
TURNER, J.A., CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1338
CLARK, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1804
MC ELAMARY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEWITT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	82
CONNOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1338
CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1804
FAUCHER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th 94
 SHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1338
 GLEASON, BOMB. Pvt. landed
 HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. *Chis* 1934
 ROSS, RADIO, /Sgt.
 MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S Sgt.

DEATLY, PILOT, Lt. 442nd 29
 MC DOUGAL, CO PILOT, Lt. took off 1339
 HENDREX, BOMB. Lt. landed
 FENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. 1805
 DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 JOHNSON, GUNNER, S Sgt.

TAYLOR, PILOT, Lt. 442nd 34
 BARRACLAUGH, CO PILOT, Lt. took off 1339
 HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed
 SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. 1805
 CLENDENE, RADIO, Sgt.
 BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 FRANK, PHOTO

ROOD, PILOT, Lt. 442nd 25
 WILLIAMS, R.F., Co pilot, T/Sgt. took off 1339
 JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt. landed
 MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. 1805
 MC COY, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.

HARTS, PILOT, Lt. 442nd 32
 GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, Lt. took off 1339
 WARD, BOMB. Lt. landed
 FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. 1805
 KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

SPARES:
 WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd 65
 DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1341
 RITTER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1352
 PARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 CALAFUT, RADIO, T/Sgt.
 AVARY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 444th 96
 JONES, CO PILOT, mission - took off 1341
 HATCHER, BOMB. landed 1805
 STAPON, ENGINEER,
 SHAFER, RADIO
 FIELDS, GUNNER

CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st 14
 BORDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 1341
 GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1524
 LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 RENCSHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

no sortie
444th completed mission - sortie credit - filled position #15

no sortie

HENSELL, PILOT, Lt.
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, Lt.
MC CRAY, BOMB. Cpl.
HUSTON, ENGINEER, S. t.
FORREST, RADIO, S Sgt.
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

Spars
— no credit

37
took off 1341
landed 1524