

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 207, Day Operation, 14 May 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.
Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 10:15 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Tabienello RR Bridge and RR Bridge South of Poggibonsi, Italy. 4 spares returned early. One Flight of the second Squadron was not in position to drop on its Primary target, and bombed Calafuria RR Bridge, Italy, the alternate. 12 B-26's were over Tabienello RR Bridge, Italy, and 11 B-26's dropped 88 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target, at 12:31 hours from 9,400' to 9,300' on an axis of 76°T. 12 B-26's were over the RR Bridge South of Poggibonsi, Italy, and 8 dropped 64 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 12:35 hours from 8,900' to 9,000' on an axis of 135°T. 4 B-26's were over Calafuria RR Bridge, Italy, and dropped 32 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target, at 12:48 hours from 8,900' on an axis of 50°T. 22 B-26's returned at 14:15 hours and 2 B-26's returned late at 15:17 hours and 15:37 hours, after landing at Corsica for gas.

C. Results: On Tabienello, the bombs were dropped on the second run over the target. An excellent concentration of bombs covered the target, scoring probable direct hits.

On the RR Bridge South of Poggibonsi, the bombs landed in a good pattern just Northeast of the Bridge, missing it.

On Calafuria RR Bridge, the bombs landed 760 yards South of the Bridge on the coast line.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

Spitfires, from Corsica, provided escort.

b. Situation:

1 a/c between the two hangers, North, were seen on Siena/Malignano A/D at 12:35 hours from 8,900'.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 2 locomotives and 60/65 RR cars in Siena RR Yards were seen at 12:35 hours from 8,900'.

(2) 50/60 RR cars at Q-1424 were seen at 12:07 hours from 9,000'.

(3) 100 RR cars at Q-8614 were seen at 12:35 hours from 8,900'.

(4) 20 RR cars in Castelfibrentino, Q-5550, were seen at 12:30 hours from 9,000'.

(5) 50/75 RR cars at Q-1630 were seen at 12:07 from 9,000'.

(6) 20/30 RR cars at Q-2003 were seen at 12:10 hours from 9,000'.

(7) 35/40 RR cars at Q-7328 were seen at 12:31 hours from 9,000'.
(8) 8/9 M/T among factories at Q-4807 were seen at 12:10 hours from 9,000'.

(9) 2 M/T headed South, and scattered M/T moving South in the vicinity Southeast of Cecina were seen at 12:07 hours from 9,000'.

(10) 50 M/T parked at Q-1915 were seen at 12:05 hours from 9,000'.

c. Flak: From Lagnhorn over Calafuria, scant heavy accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection, continuously pointed fire, was encountered. None from Primary targets or elsewhere.

d. Shipping:

(1) 1 small barge at Q-1719 3/400 yards up river, was seen at 12:07 hours from 9,000'.

(2) 3 small boats in cove at Calafuria target were seen at 12:48 hours from 9,000'.

(3) 1 small M/V in Porto Ferrais, Elba, was seen at 13:05 hours from 8,000'.

(4) 1 Med. M/V off Cecina was seen at 12:07 hours from 9,000'.

3. Losses: None; Damaged: by flak, 2.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Generally clear, visibility 10/15 miles in haze.

b. Targets: Clear.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2,500' to rendezvous at Alto; to Cecina; to Pomerance, climbing to 10,000'; to targets at 9,000'; breakaway right; to Pomerance; to targets; breakaway right; to Pomerance; to Cecina (one Flight circled at sea, ran on Calafuria; breakaway right); reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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HUNTER
KOLAR 64 Pickett BEAUDRO
7 CAUDILL 60
70 Strickalnd

"B"
STRACHAN
H DUES 57 Lokan TIMM
4 HART 58
32

"C"
RATERING
HERNARD 38 Olmstead HENSELL
48 KATZ 39
44

"D"
SMITH
PESEK 4 Vessells NOLD
14 HELD 8
11 Polk v

"E"
WILHELM
DEMETREE 21 Johnson BORDEN
77 GASSER 17
93

"F"
MATTESON
BRUNETTE 87 Glaubitz SINGER
82 REEDER 78
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SPARES
LAMB
TRUNK 68 CLAYBOUGH
5 35 Maggio
79 BURKE
McHanon

GROUND SPARES
(53) (27) (12) (90)

RADIO CALL SIGNS

320th Group

"TOPNOTCH"

FIGHTERS

"TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS"

CHANNELL "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 15 MAY 1944

TIME	COLOR
0200-0800	RED & YELLOW
0800-1400	GREEN & GREEN
1400-2000	RED & RED RED
2000-0200	RED & RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	N	S
0800-1400	L	V
1400-2000	C	P
2000-0200	X	F



THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HUNTER, PILOT, Capt. WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt. UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. ELLIS, ENGINEER, s/Sgt. PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt. SNIDER, GUNNER, s/Sgt. MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, LT. COL.	443rd <i>Coated R.D.P.</i>	64 took off 1012 landed 1415
BEAUDRO, PILOT, 1st Lt. HRIBAL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt. TERRELL, ENGINEER, s/s t. TRANEK, RADIO, Sgt. GUZZIO, GUNNER, s/Sgt. COLTON, PHOTO, Sgt.	443rd 443rd	60 took off 1015 landed 1517 CORSICA
KOLAR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DICKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt. HENRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WAGNER, RADIO, Sgt. MELE, GUNNER, Sgt. ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	443rd	71 took off 1015 landed 1415 CORSAICA
CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. VAN KEUREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. CAFARELLA, NAV. Capt. BOWLES, ENGINEER, s/Sgt. HILDENERAND, RADIO, T/Sgt. GRIEWANK, GUNNER, s/Sgt.	443rd	70 took off 1015 landed 1415
STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HOPKINS, ENGINEER, s/Sgt. COONS, RADIO, T/Sgt. WESTFALL, GUNNER, s/Sgt.	443rd	50 took off 1016 landed 1416
TILM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt. BARRY, ENGINEER, s t. MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt. COX, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	58 took off 1016 landed 1416
HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt. BROWN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt. PUTNAM, ENGINEER, s t. DELAIRE, RADIO, s t. KIMMECH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	47 took off 1016 landed 1416
HARTS, PILOT, s/Sgt.	442nd	

HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		32
ALLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 10/6
GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		8	landed 1416
ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
GUGGS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
GEORGE, X, Lt. 5th army			
RATERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		38
STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		9	took off 10/7
OLMSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt.			landed 1417
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
HENSELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd		39
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 10/7
MC CRAY, BOMB. Cpl.		10	landed 1417
HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Cpl.			
BARNARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	4 2nd		48
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		11	took off 10/7
FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1417
MORGOLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
ABERNATHY, RADIO, Sgt.			
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
KADEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd		44
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 10/7
VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		12	landed 1417
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
CLINDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
NEMIER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		4
PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.			took off 10/8
VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		13	landed 1422
CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt.			
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
STEEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, COL.			
NOLD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd		8
MALCALM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 10/8
STONE, BOMB. Sgt.		14	landed 1419
ACCERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
DURAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SNOW, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.			

PESEK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st		14
BODLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		15	took off 1018
COCKER, BOMB. Sgt.			landed 1422
W MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
WESTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BOWMAN, X, 1st Lt.			
HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		11
MYERS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		16	took off 1018
PERFETTO, NAV. 2nd Lt.			landed 1422
FOLAKOV, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			
oEdell, engineer, s/sgt.			
TIPTON, RADIO, Cpl.			
GALLAGHER, GUNNER, Cpl.			
WILHELM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st		21
KLMG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		17	took off 1020
JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1423
LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BORDEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st		17
W HIPPLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		18	took off 1020
BURG, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1428
BARTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MAUSER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
DEMETREE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th		77
W SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		19	took off 1020
CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1424
KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
CLARK, RADIO, Sgt.			
RABAL, GUNNER, Sgt.			
GASSER, PILOT,	444th		93
W RABAGE, CO PILOT,		20	took off 1020
JENCO, BOMB.			landed 1422
KUCZMA, ENGINEER,			
SPEARS, RADIO			
GEORGE, GUNNER			
MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		87
DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		21	took off 1015
W GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1425
WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
GREEN, X, LT			
W SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		78
NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		22	took off 1021
HATCHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1418
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.			
MADDOCKS, X, Sgt.			

BRESB TE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC BRIDE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt.
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S7sgt.
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LARSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
SHAFFER, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

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took off
landed 1021
1425

REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC GURAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MOORE, BOMB. S/Sgt.
LEONARD, ENGINEER, Sgt.
FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.
PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.
PERRY, PHOTO, T/Sgt.

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CORSICA

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took off 1021
1537

SPARES

LAMB, PILOT, 1st Lt.
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.
LAMOREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
GLOWATGH, RADIO, T/Sgt.
MC DONALD, GUNNER, Cpl.
FRANK, PFC

SPARES

443rd

no mission
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SPARES

68
took off 1023
landed 1157

CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt.
ABERNATHY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ABERNATHY, BOMB. 1st Lt.
MELIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

no mission
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took off 1023
landed 1241

TRUNK, PILOT, 2d Lt.
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHELUCCI, BOMB. Cpl.
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
GULLIVER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

no mission
credit

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took off 1023
landed 1242

BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SINNS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC MAHON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CAMPBELL, RADIO, Sgt.
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

no mission
credit

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took off 1023
landed 1204