

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 208, Day Operation, 15 May 1944

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 12:30 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Poggibonsi RR Bridge and Viaduct, Italy. These targets were cloud obscured and Pontederra RR Bridge, Italy was bombed as the alternate. 3 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 ill crew member. 25 B-26's were over the target, and 17 B-26's dropped 136 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 14:50 hours from 8,500' to 8,900' on an axis of 360°T. 4 B-26's dropped 32 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on Ponsacco due to mistaken target identification. 32 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base because one Flight leader's gyro tumbled. 23 B-26's returned to base at 16:32 hours and 2 B-26's returned late after landing in Corsica for gas.

C. Results: Bombs covered the target with an excellent pattern of bombs scoring probable direct hits. The Bombs directed at Ponsacco landed at the Northeast corner of the town.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.
- (2) P-47's were seen strafing in Volterra area and North of

Poggibonsi.

b. Situation:

- (1) 2 T/E a/c at Pontederra A/D at 14:50 hours from 8,500'.

2. Ground:

a. General: None

b. Communications:

- (1) 30 RR cars at Q-1228 were seen at 14:28 hours from 9,000'.
- (2) 6/8 RR cars in Poggibonsi M/Y were seen at 14:35 hours from 9,000'.
- (3) 20 RR cars at Q-1424; all were black except for one flat car; 8 were damaged; seen at 14:28 hours from 9,000'.
- (4) 40/50 RR cars at Q-3257 were seen at 14:50 hours from 8,500'.
- (5) 30/40 RR cars at Q-7428 were seen at 14:34 hours from 9,000'.
- (6) 10 RR cars at Rosignano, Q-1530, were seen at 14:29 hours from 9,000'.
- (7) 4 car train heading West through Pontederra, Q-2957, was seen at 14:50 hours from 8,000'.
- (8) 50/60 RR cars at Castelfiorentino, Q-5531, were seen at 14:48 hours from 9,500'.

- from 8,000'. (9) 50/6 R cars at Empoli, Q-5463, were seen at 14:51 hours
- from 9,000'. (10) 6 overturned R cars in Siena M/Y were seen at 14:36 hours
- 9,000'. (11) 4 M/T headed South at Q-4967 were seen at 14:50 hours from
- hours from 9,000'. (12) 7 M/T in convoy headed North at Q-3344 were seen at 14:49
- from 9,500'. (13) 4 M/T headed South at Q-2238 were seen at 14:48 hours
- from 9,000'. (14) 4/5 M/T headed South at Q-6933 were seen at 14:35 hours
- 9,000'. (15) 15 M/T parked at Q-6732 were seen at 14:35 hours from
- at 14:40 hours from 9,000'. (16) 40/50 M/T headed South, but parked, at Q-7000 were seen

c. Flak: None at target or elsewhere.

d. Shipping:

- from 9,000'. (1) 4 small craft, 1 barge at Q-1318 were seen at 14:28 hours
- 8,000'. (2) 2 empty life rafts at U-2022 were seen at 15:07 hours from

3. Losses: None; damaged, none.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus 5,000'-7,000'; visibility, 12 miles
in haze.
- b. Target: 8/10 cumulus 4,000'-9,500' at Poggibonsi; Pontederra, open.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to rendezvous at Alto; to Cecina to Poggibonsi at 9,000'; curve to right to Castellina, climbing to 9,500'; bomb run on Pontederra at 8,500'; breakaway right to coast at Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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

MISSION #230 FLIGHT COMMANDER:
 LINE UP FOR TAKE OFF:

15 May 1944

			"A"	
		28	<u>CONRAD</u>	
34	<u>TAYLOR</u>		<u>FREESTONE</u>	<u>BARRACLOUGH</u>
27	29	34	<u>WENDLING</u>	27
28			<u>LYMAN</u>	
29			-----	
			"B"	
		37	<u>CLAYBOUGH</u>	
71	<u>REYNOLDS</u>		<u>EVANS</u>	<u>KING</u>
46	58		<u>SMITHWICK</u>	46
37			71	
58			-----	
			"C"	
		64	<u>ANDERMAN</u>	
55	<u>HALE</u>		<u>MC CARTNEY</u>	<u>LAMB</u>
65	53		<u>WEEKS</u>	65
64			55	
33			-----	
			"D"	
		86	<u>DILLING</u>	
83	<u>TURNER, H.D.</u>		<u>WHITE</u>	<u>MARSCH</u>
86	83	85	<u>TOWNS</u>	94
94			<u>BERNARDI</u>	
85			-----	
			"E"	
		79	<u>BURKE</u>	
20	<u>HUBBARD</u>		<u>MC MAHON</u>	<u>MORGANSTERN</u>
79	20		<u>O'STEEN</u>	90
90			18	
18			-----	
			"F"	
		5	<u>MC CONNELL</u>	
17	<u>TRUNK</u>		<u>MC FARLAND</u>	<u>WEST</u>
5	17		<u>WILSON</u>	19
19			1	
1			-----	
	SPARES:	<u>GREGG</u>	70 <u>LONG</u>	<u>DICKERSON</u>
39		39	<u>CARROLL</u>	84
70			-----	
84			9 <u>CORNELIUS</u>	
9			<u>WELDON</u>	
43			-----	
60			<u>COLOR OF THE DAY</u>	
91			<u>FLARE COLORS</u>	
3			0200-0800	RED & RED RED
			0800-1400	RED & GREEN
			1400-2000	GREEN & YELLOW
			2000-0200	GREEN & GREEN
			<u>AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS</u>	
	<u>GROUND SPARES</u>		<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>REPLY</u>
	43	0200-0800	L	Z
	60	0800-1400	G	D
	92	1400-2000	I	Q
	3	2000-0200	J	M

RADIO:
 320th TOPNOTCH
 ESCORT: TOPNOTCH
 FIGHTERS
 CHANNEL "A"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
CONRAD, PILOT, 1st Lt. GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FREESTONE, BOMB. 1st Lt. BOYNE, NAV. 1st Lt. FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSH, RADIO, Sgt. RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, COL.	442nd	28 took off 1230 landed 1632
BARRACLAUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt. HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt. MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt. SAVENETTI, RADIO, Sgt. MIKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt. CARALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	29 took off 1230 landed 1632
TAYLOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BAKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. J. J. MC CRAY, BOMB. Cpl. HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUTH, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	30 took off 1230 landed 1632
WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC DOUGAL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. KING, NAV. 2nd Lt. WILSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	31 took off 1230 landed 1632
CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. ABERNATHY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. EVANS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MELIN, ENGINEER, Sgt. DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt. HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COIER, PHOTO, Capt.	442nd	32 took off 1231 landed 1633
KING, PILOT, 1st Lt. KLARK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt. GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, Sgt. SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	33 took off 1231 landed 1633

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REYNOLDS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FUTNAM, BOMB. o/S t. ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ROHLG, RADIO, S/ Sgt. MOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	58 took off 1231 landed 1633
SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SNIDER, BOMB. o/Sgt. COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSELLAR, RADIO, Sgt. GRIFFING, GUNNER, S Sgt.	443rd	50 took off 1231 landed 1624
ACKELMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. LA GESSA, RADIO, o/Sgt. LENSCH, GUNNER, o/S t.	443rd	64 took off landed 1634
LAMB, PILOT, 1st Lt. CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STRAKA, BOMB. o/Sgt. LAMOURSUX, ENGINEER, o/S t. GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/S t. MC DONALD, GUNNER, C'l. MADDOCKS, PHOTO	443rd	65 took off landed 1634
HALL, PILOT, 1st Lt. BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. BROWN, BOMB. Pvt. COFFEY, ENGINEER, Sgt. PEAVEN, RADIO, S t. COX, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	53 took off 1233 landed 1634
WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WESTRALL, S/Sgt. PARK, ENGINEER, o/Sgt. CALAFUT, RADIO, T/Sgt. AVERY, GUNNER, S/S t.	443rd	55 took off 1233 landed 1634
DILLING, PILOT, Capt. COMMON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt. MICHELS, NAV. 1st Lt. COOK, ENGINEER, S S t. VISCONE, RADIO, S/Sgt. HUMPHREY, GUNNER, o/Sgt.	444th	85 took off 1234 landed 1635
MASCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. CHENIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHINGLE, BOMB. o/Sgt. WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T S t. PERRY, RADIO, T Sgt. MASON, GUNNER, Sgt. DURN, X, Sgt.	444th	94 took off 1234 landed 1635

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FUNKER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th		83
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1234
ROBERT, BOMB. S/Sgt.		15	landed 1635
MONTANULA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PAULS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		86
SINBY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1234
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		16	landed 1635
BARRETT, ENGINEER, /Sgt.			
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MAGNER, GUNNER, /Sgt.			
BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th		79
WEAVER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1235
MC LAHON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		17	landed 1636
WYMER, ENGINEER, /Sgt.			
CLARK, RADIO, Sgt.			
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th		90
VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1235
HATCHER, BOMB. Sgt.		18	LANDED - 1636
MC QUARKIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
SHARRER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
LARSON, Sgt.			
HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		20
JARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		19	took off 1235
SUMNER, BOMB. sgt.			landed 1636
GIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
LARGENT, RADIO, /Sgt.			
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
O'STEEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		18
KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1235
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1506
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MC COMBELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		5
FASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1237
BURDEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		21	landed 1725
HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, Sgt.			
IANNOTTA, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st		19
BEHRMANZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1237
KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		22	landed 1626
MEANS, ENGINEER, /Sgt.			
DARLSIE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MARINELLI, GUNNER, Sgt.			
FRANK, PHOTO, PFC			

EARLY RETURN
No Credit 20

TRUNK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	17
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1237
CHELUCCI, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1633
TABBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	23	
JUVE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COPPLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		

WILSON, PILOT, r/o	441st	1
BOYCE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	24	took off 1237
STREANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1632
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MULLIVER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

SPARES	SPARES	
LANG, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	70
STANSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>Credit</i>	took off 1238
CARROLL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1623
TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BORGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SHERMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		

DICKERSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	84
SINGER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>Credit</i>	took off 1238
DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt.	20	landed 1714
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		

CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	9
WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>no Credit</i>	took off 1244
JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1256
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KENGEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

GREGG, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	39
OSER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>no. Credit</i>	took off 1231
FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1420
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
REMIER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		