

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. ~~24~~<sup>710</sup>, Day Operation, 17 May 1944

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:45 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Frosinone Road Defile, Italy. 5 B-26's returned early: 4 spares; 1 oil congealed. 23 B-26's were over the target and dropped 184 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:30 hours from 11,100' to 10,200' on an Axis of 53°T. 23 B-26's returned to base at 13:07 hours.

C. Results: The target area received a good concentration of bombs. The East-West stretch of road running along the edge of the gulch received several direct hits, as did also the portion of the road curving from the gulch to the South.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

(1) Many unidentified a/c were seen straffing in enemy territory.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 15/20 scattered cars at G-4430 were seen at 10:29 hours from 12,000'.

(2) 75 scattered M/T's in 2's and 3's in target area, reported by one crew member; seen at 10:30 hours from 11,100'.

(3) 10 M/T scattered moving South at G-7180 were seen at 10:33 hours from 9,000'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; damaged, None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: 4-5 Stratocumulus at 6,000'; visibility, 10 miles in haze.

b. Target: 6/10th's towering Cumulus at 6,000' to 15,000'; 4/10th's Alto Stratus.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2,500' to landfall at Irs. Paola climbing to 12,000'; to target at 11,100'; breakaway left; right curve to Alfadina; to mouth of Volturno River; to base.

MISSION #232 FLIGHT COMMANDER:  
 LINE UP FOR TAKE OFF

17 MAY 1944

98  
 76  
 80  
 77

"A" 1  
 80 BREWER  
MARSCH 3 WHITE SINN 2  
 76 98 PETERS 7 77  
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GLAUBITZ  
 "B"

93  
 91  
 86  
 79

BURKE 5  
SINGER 7 86 DICKERSON 6  
 91 FLAHER 8 79  
 -----  
 92  
 "C"

18  
 17  
 11  
 1

HELD 7  
BODIE 11 11 PENKA  
 17 O'STEEN 1 10  
 -----  
 18  
 "D"

47  
 34  
 26  
 40

34 CONRAD 13  
ANTON 15 FREESTONE BROWN 14 RADIO:  
 26 40 WENDLING 47 320th TOPNOTCH  
 -----  
LYMAN Escort: TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS  
 "E" 7

27  
 38  
 48  
 39

HAKOMAKI  
ROBERTSON 19 28 ARMSTRONG 18  
 48 GREGG 20 27  
 -----  
 39  
 "F" 21

19  
 8  
 14  
 4

WEILER  
HUNSBERGER 27 14 WILLIAMS 22  
 8 HUBBARD 24 4  
 -----  
 19

81  
 3  
 20  
 41

GROUND SPARES

SPARES: 81 FOWLER NOLD DINWIDDIE 41 RATERING  
ROGERS 3 20 EVANS  
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 COLORS OF THE DAY  
FLARE COLORS  
 0200-0800 GREEN & YELLOW  
 0800-1400 GREEN & GREEN  
 1400-2000 RED & GREEN  
 2000-0200 RED & YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>REPLY</u>
0200-0800	L	V
0800-1400	B	J
1400-2000	Q	S
2000-0200	X	Z

## THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

17 MAY 1944

<p>Brewer, Pilot, Major, 444th  Matteson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  White, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  Deacy, Navigator, 1st Lt.  F Tunis, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.  Steen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Robinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  Fletcher, Flight Commander, Colonel.</p>	<i>Posted  P.S.</i>	<p>80  Took off 0845  Landed 1256</p>
<p>Sinn, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th  Stearns, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Hatcher, Bombardier, S/sgt.  W McQuarrie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Humphrey, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  Yavorosky, Aerial photographer, Sgt.</p>		<p>77  Took off 0845  Landed 1256+</p>
<p>Marsch, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th  Schneider, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Shingle, Bombardier, S/sgt.  Williams, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.  Perry, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  Mason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  Rosenthal, Aerial photographer, Sgt.</p>	<p><i>Early -  no mission  credit  oil consigned</i></p>	<p>76  Took off 0845  Landed 1132-</p>
<p>Peters, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th  McGugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Glaubitz, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  E Bang, Navigator, 2nd Lt.  Wymer, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.  Burt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  Estrada, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>		<p>98  Took off 0845  Landed 1256+</p>
<p>Burke, Pilot, Lt. 444th  Jones, Co, Pilot,  F Day, Bombardier, Lt.  Staton, Engineer gunner,  Campbell, Radio Gunner,  Koch, Aerial gunner.</p>		<p>86  Took off 0846  Landed 1256+</p>
<p>Dickerson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th  Kreuzer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt;  W Drake, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  Montaruli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  Engelhardt, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Peggot, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>		<p>79  Took off 0846  Landed 1257</p>
<p>Singer, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th  W Driscoll, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Drevas, Bombardier, Pvt.  Hendrick, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  Ross, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Moskowitz, Aerial gunner, Sgt.</p>		<p>91  Took off 0846  Landed 1257</p>

	Plackter, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th Morganstern, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	93 Took off 0846 Landed 1257
E	Sauter, Bombardier, Photographer, Sgt. Cook, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Clark, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Larson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Held, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Myers, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	11 Took off 0847 Landed 1258
F	Berdaus, Bombardier, T/sgt. O'Dell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tipton, Radio Gunner, Cpl Christianson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Penka, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Toffer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	1 Took off 0847 Landed 1258
W	Hawkins, Bombardier, S/sgt. Mears, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Carlisle, Radio Operator, S/sgt. Marinelli, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Maddocks, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	
	Bodie, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Pesek, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	17 Took off 0847 Landed 1258+
W	Gallagher, Bombardier, Sgt. Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Thannhauser, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	O'Steen, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st Klug, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	18 Took off 0847 Landed 1258+
E	Garvey, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Kramer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Moore, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Conrad, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd Allen, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	34 Took off 0848 Landed 1259
F	Freestone, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Pincomb, Navigator, 1st Lt. Salvesen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Marsh, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Rodgers, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
	Dinwiddie, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st Hipple, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	20 Took off 0848 Landed 1259
W	Summers, Bombardier, Sgt. Barron, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Gaunt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Metcalf, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
	Thornton, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	26 Took off 0848 Landed 1259
W	Taylor, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Westbrook, Bombardier, Sgt. Peard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Knauer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Earl, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	

Wendling, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	40
Abarnathy, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0848
Lyman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1259
E Menaugh, Navigator, 1st Lt.	
Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
Marvick, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
Hakomaki, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	38
Welch, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0849
F Chamberlin, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1300+
Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Armstrong, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	27
Grabowski, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0849
W Younes, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1300+
King, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Pastorak, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	
Johnson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Robertson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd	048
Bernard, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0849
W Burns, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1300+
Huston, Engineer, Gunner, Sgt.	
Forrest, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	
Weise, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
Gregg, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	39
Porcynaluk, Co, Pilot,	Took off 0849
E Spann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1300+
Bollinger, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
Drause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
Nemier, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
Weiler, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	14
F Wiggins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0850
McIlvenna, Bombardier, S/sgt.	Landed 1302
Booth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Snow, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
Iannotta, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Williams, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	4
Trunk, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	Took off 0850
W Dockery, Bombardier, T/sgt.	Landed 1302
Treghenia, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.	
Juve, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	
Casey, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	
Johnson, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	
Hunsberger, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	8
W Lazo, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0850
McFarland, T/sgt. Coppler, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	Landed 1302
Michaelsen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Steeves, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	

Hubbard, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st  
 Wigginton, Co, Pilot, F/O  
 McGoldrick, Bombardier, T/sgt.  
 Kockey, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Fysz, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
 Levtholt, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.

19  
 Took off 0850  
 Landed 1302

Fowler, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th  
 Wilson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Rogers, Bombardier, Lt.  
 Guiffre, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
 Lauth, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

81  
 Took off 0851  
 Landed 1112  
 SPARE  
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Nold, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st  
 Malcolm, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. SPARE  
 Stone, Bombardier, Sgt. SPARE  
 Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. SPARE  
 Kirkland, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. SPARE  
 Soldati, Aerial gunner, SPARE  
 Cataldi, Aerial Photographer, Sgt. SPARE SPARE SPARE SPARE SPARE SPARE

21  
 Took off 0858  
 Landed 1122

Brown, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd  
 Hodges, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Jacobson, Bombardier, T/sgt.  
 Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 McCay, Radio Gunner, Sgt.  
 Ross, Radio operator, T/sgt.  
 Frank, Aerial gunner, Pvt.

43  
 Took off 0854  
 Landed 1124  
 SPARE SPARE

Ratering, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd  
 Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Evans, Bombardier, Lt.  
 Rochester, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
 Orgeron, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Lockwood, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

41  
 Took off 0851  
 Landed 1013  
 SPARE SPARE

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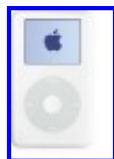
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