

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 213, Day Operation, 31 May 1944

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 16:46 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Subiaco Road Defile, Italy. 4 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 electrical; 1 loose package gun. 24 B-26's were over the target. No bombs were dropped on the target, due to cloud cover. 24 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were salvaged in the sea, because carrying them were running low on fuel. 152 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base. 16 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were carried to Naples. The formation made three runs over the target at 18:45 hours, 18:52 hours, and 19:00 hours at 11,000'. 22 B-26's returned to base at 20:59 hours. 2 B-26's are at Naples, having landed there due to low fuel supplies.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

(1) Spitfires and P-47's were seen in the target area at 18:45 hours to 19:00 hours.

(2) 2 ME-109's made 2 passes at 5 o'clock high pressing attacks to 500 yards on the bomb run just South of Reiti. No claims; no losses or damage.

b. Situation:

(1) At Ladispoli A/D, 9 damaged S/E a/c; field was cratered.

(2) 1 T/E a/c was seen on Stimigliano A/D at 11:40 hours from 11,000'.

2. Ground: (Observations between 18:26 hours and 19:32 hours unless otherwise noted):

a. General:

(1) Tank ditch 2 miles long at F-4074.

(2) Possible camps at F-4893 and F-5994.

b. Communications:

(1) 15 RR cars at F-4173.

(2) 40 RR cars at F-4889.

(3) 75/100 RR cars at A-8210.

(4) 1 engine and 4 RR cars at F-8896 at 18:32 hours from 11,000'.

(5) 40 RR cars at G-0174.

(6) 10 M/T moving NW at F-4077 at 18:28 hours from 11,000'.

(7) 15 M/T moving NE at F-4882 at 18:29 hours from 11,000'.

from 11,000'. (8) 30 M/T moving N at B-7403 at 18:34 hours  
from 11,000'. (9) 4 M/T moving N at B-0430 at 18:39 hours  
from 11,000'. (10) 8 M/T standing at B-0518 at 18:42 hours  
from 11,000'. (11) 4 M/T headed N at A-8904 at 18:40 hours

c. Flak: From just S of Reiti, 5 bursts of heavy flak, accurate for altitude, far behind for deflection, and 1 burst of grayish red flak which broke into 3 red flares (same appearance as Very flares) which burst just behind the tail of one a/c.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; damaged, none.

4. Weather:

A. Enroute: Broken altocumulus above 15,000'.

B. Target: Scattered altocumulus above 15,000'; 7-8/10ths cumulus, base 2-3,000'; tops, 9-10,000'; visibility unlimited. C. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to landfall just South of Ladispoli; to South tip of L. Bracciano; to Reiti; 360° curve to left to Reiti; to I.P., Poggio Nativo; to target; break left to Reiti; to Poggio Nativo; to target; break left to Reiti; to Poggio Nativo; to target; break left to Reiti; to coast South of Ladispoli; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #235 FLIGHT COMMANDER:

May 21 1944

LINE UP FOR TAKE OFF:

98	<u>REEDER</u>	80 <u>PETERS</u> (2100)	"A"	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>DEMETREE</u>
77	86 <u>87</u> (2100)	98 <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>		<u>77 in</u>	
80		<u>BERNARDI</u> (2100)			
3-7986			"E"		
93-78	<u>SINGER</u>	87 <u>MATTESON</u> (2101)		<u>ROGERS</u>	<u>RAMAGE</u>
91	99 (2101)			<u>GASSER</u>	91 (2113)
87				<u>83 78 in</u>	
99			"C"		
32	<u>KING</u>	37 <u>HACKOMAKI</u> (1711)		<u>MAGGIO</u>	<u>HODGES</u>
37	32 in			<u>KADEN</u>	27 in
27				<u>44</u> (2109)	
44			"D"		
68	<u>PALLER</u>	69 <u>FELT</u> in		<u>ALLEN</u>	<u>WEEKLY</u>
69	68 (2106)			66 <u>BARKER</u> (Naples)	65 in
65				<u>WAGAR</u>	
66			"E"		
53	<u>NELSON</u>	51 <u>LONG</u> 2400 in		<u>ADAMS</u>	<u>SHEARD</u>
51	55 (2106)			<u>LYDAY</u>	61 50 in
61				54 (Naples)	
54			"F"		
35	<u>CASTOR</u>	43 <u>RATERING</u> (2106)		<u>MONTEZ</u>	<u>ROBERTSON</u>
43	35 (2107)			<u>GREGG</u>	25 in
25				45 (2101)	
45	SPARES:	85 <u>POWLER</u>		56 <u>STRACHAN</u>	<u>TAYLOR</u> <u>BROWN</u>
85		63 <u>WILLIAMS</u>		<u>LOKAN</u> / 238	31 / 830
56				47 (2100)	

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 RADIO:  
 320th - TOPNOTCH  
 Escort - TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS  
 Channel "A"  
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54 } Naples  
 66 }

GROUND SPARES

78	0200-0800	RED & YELLOW
50	0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
28	1400-2000	RED & RED RED
	2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>REPLY</u>
0200-0800	C	Q
0800-1400	L	B
1400-2000	W	J
2000-0200	F	S

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
PETERS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	444th	80
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1646
WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 2100
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, COL.		
DEMETREE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1646
JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1935
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COLTEN, PHOTO, Sgt.		
REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	86
DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓		took off 1646
HATCHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2100
TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BOSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT,	444th	98
BRESETTE, CO PILOT,		took off 1646
BERNARDI, BOMB. ✓		landed 2100
DELOSIER, NAV.		
STATON, ENGINEER,		
CAMPBELL, RADIO,		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER,		
BREWER, DFC, Major		
MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	444th	87
SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 2101
SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2101
GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.		
RAMAGE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
CONNOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1647
DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt.		landed
DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	99
STEARNS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1647
GLEASON, BOMB. Pvt.		landed
DOWER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

*Posted 2/16*

*444th  
Early Return  
no mission credit*

*1646  
1935*

W  
GASSER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓ E 444th  
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
ROBERT, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
STAROPOLI, X, 2nd Lt. French  
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.  
SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
~~W~~ GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

78  
took off 1647  
landed 2101

HAKOMAKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓  
BAKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S Sgt.  
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

Early Return  
no mission credited

37  
took off 1648  
landed 1711

W  
HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓  
ABERNATHY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd  
YOUNES, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
BENTLY, GUNNER, S Sgt.  
JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.

27  
took off 1648  
landed 2100

W  
KING, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓  
WELCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 442nd  
HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
ELIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
SAVANETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
MIKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt.

32  
took off 1648  
landed 2100

EH  
KADEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓  
VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, F/O ✓  
WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
BUTLER, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

44  
took off 1648  
landed 2109

S  
FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓  
CAUDILL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd  
ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.  
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.  
MAI, ENGINEER, S Sgt.  
TRAWIEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
GUILLIAMS, GUNNER, S Sgt.

69  
took off 1649  
landed 2100

W  
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓  
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd  
BROWN, BOMB. Pvt.  
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.  
YAVOROSKY, PHOTO, Sgt.

65  
took off 1649  
landed 2100

W  
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓  
AYREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd  
ARMAO, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
BARRY, ENGINEER, Sgt. MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt.  
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt. COX, GUNNER, Sgt.

68  
took off 1649  
landed 2106

E	BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66 took off 1649 landed
	VAN KEUREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
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	BROOKS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HENRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
F	PRICE, GUNNER, Sgt.	443rd	51 took off 1650 landed 2100
	DOUILLET, OBS. F/O		
	LONG, PILOT, Capt.		
	HARRINGTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	CARROLL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		
W	LUPER, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	50 took off 1650 landed 2100
	BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	PURTZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.		
	HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
W	DICKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt.	443rd	55 took off 1650 landed 2100
	TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GILES, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.		
E	YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	54 took off 1650 landed 2100
	SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt.		
	LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WAGNER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
E	LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	54 took off 1650 landed 2100 <i>more 1720 2100</i>
	SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
F	FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	43 took off 1651 landed 2106
	RATERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.		
	ROOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		
	TEICH, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
	ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
W	HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.	442nd	25 took off 1651 landed 2100
	LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	THOMLEY, PHOTO, Cpl.		
	ROBERTSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	BARNARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
W	FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.	442nd	35 took off 1651 landed <del>1651</del> 2107
	HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FRANK, PHOTO, Pvt.		
W	CASTOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	35 took off 1651 landed <del>1651</del> 2107
	BARRACLAUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	PUTNAM, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	WELLS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		

GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	45
ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1651
SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	←	landed 2101
PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MILLMAN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
FOWLER, PILOT,	444th	85
KREVZER, CO PILOT,	✓	took off 1652
WILLIAMS, BOMB.		landed 2135
KULZMA, ENGINEER		
WOOD, RADIO, <del>XXXX</del>		
PAUL, GUNNER		
STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1653
LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	<i>Early - no mission credit</i>	landed 1738
HOPKINS, ENGINEER, /Sgt.		
COONS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HANSEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1652
BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	<i>Early - no mission credit</i>	landed <del>at</del> 1830
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MELBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SUGGS, GUNNER, Pvt.		
BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	47
ALLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1652
HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2100
MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC COY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		