

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 215, Day Operation, 24 May 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 10:10 hours, 40 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Ferentino Road Junction, Italy. 4 B-26's returned early: 3 spares; 1 throttle control out. 36 B-26's were over the target on two bomb runs. 11 B-26's dropped 88 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 12:07 hours from 10,300' to 10,000' on an axis of 342°T on the first run; 23 dropped 150 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 32 x 500# Demolition bombs (8 - 1 hour, 24 less than 1 hour delays) on the target at 12:14 hours from 11,100' to 9,600' on an axis of 212°T on the second bomb run. 16 x 500# Demolition bombs were salvaged in the water, all having hung up over the target, because of engine trouble. 36 B-26's returned to base at 13:45 hours.

The first and the third Squadrons were not in position to drop on the first run over the target, and dropped successfully on a second run from the opposite direction.

C. Results: The bombs dropped on the first run over the target covered the road junction with an excellent pattern of bombs, scoring several direct hits on it and on buildings adjacent to it. The bombs of the first Squadron on the second run landed East of the junction cutting the main road. The bombs of the third Squadron (second one bombing on the second run) landed between the two previous patterns, just East of the junction, also cutting the main road.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 3 Spitfires were seen in the target area; other friendly a/c were seen dive-bombing.

b. Situation: At Frosinone A/D, 3 T/E a/c; L/G appeared servicable.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) On Appian Way North of Terracina, several bridges down, no bomb craters seen.

(2) M/T tracks leading to woods at G-0827.

(3) Hospital at G-3228.

b. Communications:

(1) 3 M/T moving Northwest at G-1421 at 12:04 hours from 11,000'.

(2) 35 M/T moving North at G-3226 at 12:05 hours from 11,000'.

(3) 3 M/T moving East at G-3422 at 12:05 hours from 11,000'.

(4) Target to Valmontone, 40/50 M/T moving Northwest at 12:07 hours from 10,300'.

(5) 25 M/T moving East at G-3355 at 12:07 hours from 10,300'.

(6) 25 M/T moving North at G-4646 at 12:07 hours from 10,300'.

(7) 40 M/T moving North at G-6746 at 12:11 hours from 11,000'.

(8) General impression of crew was of movement of E/T Northwest at 12:15 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: From target, scant light very inaccurate for altitude, accurate for deflection was encountered.

From vicinity of base, scant heavy, accurate for altitude, at first inaccurate but later accurate for deflection, continuously pointed fire was encountered. Burst were very large with orange centers, indicating 105 lb. fire, and came through the clouds, indicating radio control. One a/c which dropped window reported that as window fell, altitude of bursts decreased noticeably. This flak was encountered on the second run.

Over the target on the second run, one crew reported a violent concussion to have jarred the a/c, though no flak was seen to burst in the immediate vicinity of the a/c, and the air was not rough.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; damaged, by flak, 11 (slightly); No. 6, 1st Sqdn., No. 5, 2nd Sqdn., and No.s 1 through 9, inclusive, 3rd Sqdn..

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Middle overcast, first half; last half clear; visibility excellent.

b. Target: 6/10ths cumulus, tops 7,000'; visibility, excellent.

c. Return: last half, overcast, base 1,000'; tops 5,000' East edge; continuous rain.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From base, at 2,500' to Palmarola Island; to C. S. Felice Circeo; to Friverno, climbing to 11,000' first bomb run to target at 10,300'; to Anagnino; curve left, climbing to 12,000'; second bomb run to target; to C. S. Felice Circeo; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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

24 May 1944

		"AA"	
		<u>BERGE</u>	
	<u>BOYCE</u>	7 Plouck	<u>SULLIVAN</u>
	1	<u>SMITH</u>	19
4		4 Wessells	
19		"B"	
7		<u>MCCONNELL</u>	
1	<u>WEST</u>	11	<u>PESEK</u>
	8	<u>REEVES</u>	9
5		5	
9		"C"	
11		<u>HELD</u>	
8	<u>MALCOLM</u>	23 M	<u>O'STEEN</u>
	14	<u>DILLON</u>	12
21		21	
12		"D"	
17		<u>WENDLING</u>	
14	<u>FREEMAN</u>	33 Lyman	<u>ROMAN</u>
	39	<u>BOTTOMLEY</u>	25
39		31 Philips	
33		"E"	
25		<u>KACKOMAKI</u>	
31	<u>GRABOWSKY</u>	37	<u>ABERNATHY</u>
	27	<u>BERNARD</u>	38
27		48	
37		"F"	
38		<u>BAKER</u>	
48	<u>TAYLOR</u>	45 Maggio	<u>KING</u>
	26	<u>HART</u>	46
26		32	
45		"G"	
48		<u>JOHNSON</u>	
32	<u>SCHNEIDER</u>	30 Pohan	<u>DRISCOLL</u>
	76	<u>FOWLER</u>	95
81		31 Rogers	
95		"H"	
80		<u>MATTESON</u>	
76	<u>MARSCH</u>	79	<u>WILSON</u>
	82	<u>SINN</u>	94
77		77	
94		"I"	
79		<u>BURKE</u>	
82	<u>MCGUGAN</u>	87	<u>SINGER</u>
	83	<u>DEMETHRE</u>	91
93		93	
91		SPARES	
87		<u>HIPPLE</u>	
83	<u>BRESETTE</u>	20	<u>GREGG</u>
	98	<u>MORGANSTERN</u>	40 Germano
98		84	
20		GROUND SPARES	
84		( 17 ) ( 47 ) ( 78 )	
40			

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 24 MAY 1944

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

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RADIO CALL

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

	CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Q H	BERGE, PILOT, Capt. ✓	441st <i>Posted</i>	7 took off 1010 landed 1347
	GOODENOUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		
	PLOUCK, BOMBARDIER, 1st Lt. ✓		
	HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt. ✓		
	BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
W	FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	19 took off 1010 landed in
	MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. Col. ✓		
	SULLIVAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		
	WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		
	MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
D	MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.	441st	1 took off 1010 landed 1046
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COLTON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		
	WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		
	MC FARLAND, BOMBARDIER, T Sgt.		
E	TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	441st	* 4 took off 1010 landed 1348
	HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	METCALF, GUNNER, C 1.		
	ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓		
	BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		
F	VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt. ✓	441st	took off 1011 landed 1348
	THURSTON, NAV. 1st Lt. ✓		
	GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MC DONOUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	STEEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓		
R	WIGGINTON, CO PILOT, F/O ✓	441st	9
	BURG, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓		
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	PAJUNAS, X, Capt. CAC		
W	PESEK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8 took off 1011 landed
	NO TAKE OFF		
	WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
	KWIATKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MARINELLI, GUNNER, Sgt.			
FERSON, X, CAPT., CAC			

EARLY  
NO mission credit

R  
↑ WEST

W  
PESEK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓  
MERRILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓  
COCKER, BOMB. Sgt.  
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
WESTROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.  
MEDINA, GUNNER, S /Sgt;

441st

9  
took off 1011  
landed 1348

<p>REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            ASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓            BERDAUS, BOMB. T/Sgt. ✓            BARTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. ✓            KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt. ✓            STONE, GUNNER, Sgt. ✓</p>	441st	took off 1011 landed 1348
<p>HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            MYERS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            MC FARLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. ✓            O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ✓            TIPTON, RADIO, Dpl. ✓            CHRISTIANSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ✓</p>	441st	17 took off 1012 landed 1348
<p>O'STEEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓            CHELUCCI, BOMB. Sgt. ✓            HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ✓            FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt. ✓            MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ✓            MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt. ✓</p>	441st	12 took off 1012 landed 1345
<p>MALCALM, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            NOLD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            GARVEY, BOMBARDIER, 2nd Lt. ✓            ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ✓            DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. ✓            SOLDATI, GUNNER, PFC. ✓</p>	441st	14 took off 1012 landed 1349
<p>DILLON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓            SAUTER, BOMB. Sgt. ✓            TREBANDA, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. ✓            GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt. ✓            LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, T/Sgt. ✓</p>	441st	21 took off 1012 landed 1345
<p>WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓            LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓            LEAHY, NAV. Capt. ✓            ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ✓            HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt. ✓            MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ✓</p>	442nd	33 took off 1013 landed 1356
<p>ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            WELSCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓            JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt. ✓            MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ✓            MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt. ✓            BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ✓            JOHNSON, PHOTO, ✓</p>	442nd	25 took off 1013 landed 1356
<p>FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓            WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓            HARMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. ✓            BLY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. ✓            WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt. ✓            ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt. ✓</p>	442nd	39 took off 1013 landed 1356

6-6	BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓ MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓ MC NAUCH, NAV. Lt. ✓ SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ABERNATHY, RADIO, Sgt. HALL, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	31 took off 1013 landed ✓
7	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	37 took off 1015 landed 1357
	ABERNATHY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ PORTYNALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt. TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	38 took off 1015 landed 1357
	GRABOWSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt. MARCOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SARONITTI, RADIO, S/Sgt. MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 took off 1015 landed 1357
	BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓ OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ YOUENES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓ HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	47 took off 1015 landed 1357
	BAKER, PILOT, Capt. ✓ MC DOUGAL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ MAGGIO, BOMB. 1st Lt. ✓ NARDINE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. MELBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt. STEWART, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	442nd	45 took off 1016 landed 1358
	KING, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓ ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt. GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt. SUGGS, GUNNER Pvt. FRANK, PHOTO, PFC	442nd-	46 took off 1016 landed 1358
	TAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓ THORNTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓ BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓ HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MILLIMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	26 took off 1016 landed 1358

HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	4 42nd	32
ALLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 1016
WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓		landed in
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DELAIR, RADIO, s/Sgt.		
BENTLEY, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	444th	80
ROUND, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓		took off 1017
POCAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. ✓		landed 1345
MICHEL, NAV. 1st Lt. ✓		
JOHNSON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BROWN, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		
DRISCOLL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	4 44th	95
TURNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 1017
ROBERT, BOMB. s/Sgt.		landed in
X. SPAROPILLO, <del>NAV. 1st Lt.</del> ✓		
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, s/Sgt.		
cronin, radio, s/sgt.		
MALONE, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		
YAVOROSKY, X, sgt.		
SCHNEIDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	4 44th	76
DICKERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. ✓		took off 1017
HATCHER, BOMB. s/Sgt.		landed 1345
COOK, ENGINEER, s/Sgt.		
VISCOMI, RADIO, s/sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		
FOWLER, PILOT, ✓	444th	81
SEIER, CO PILOT, ✓		took off 1017
ROGERS, BOMB. ✓		landed 1347
WARD*SMITH, NAV. ✓		
STATON, ENGINEER,		
WOOD, RADIO,		
PIGGETT, GUNNER,		
MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	444th	79
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 1018
SHINGLE, BOMB. s/Sgt.		landed 1346
GIUFFR, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STEEN, RADIO, s/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		
WILSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	444th	74
NOWAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 1018
DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1346
BAUER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FAUCHIER, RADIO, s/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		



MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	444th	82
CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 1010
JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1346
DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DOUILLET, X,		
SINN, PILOT, ✓	444th	77
STEARNS, CO PILOT, ✓		took off 1018
WEBB, BOMB.		landed 1346
KUCZMA, ENGINEER,		
CLARK, RADIO,		
BOSS, GUNNER,		
BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	444th	78
BASSER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓		took off 1019
DRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓		landed 1347
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	444th	91
WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	453	took off 1019
GLEASON, BOMB. Pvt.		landed in
HENRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, RADIO, S Sgt.		
DUNN, PHOTO, Sgt.		
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, SGT.		
MC GUGAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	444th	83
CONNOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓		took off 1019
BETENJANY, BOMB. PFC,		LANDED 1347
WYMER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEMETREE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	444th	93
SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓	443	took off 1019
DAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ✓		landed 1347
BARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, X, Sgt.		
SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
BRESSTTE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.-	444th	98
RAMAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1020
HEFHNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed <del>7:48</del>
KRENK, ENGINEER, LEONARD, Sgt.		1312.
FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MORGANSTERN, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓	444th	84
KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓		took off 1020
TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1348
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ENGELHARTT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.		

*Early Return  
no mission credit*

*Filled in  
position #3*

SPARES

GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
VANDEBURG, CO PILOT, P/O  
GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
ELIAS, ENGINEER, s/Sgt.  
KRAUSE, RADIO, s/Sgt.  
NEMIER, GUNNER, s/Sgt.

HIPPLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
SUMMERS, BOMBARDIER, Sgt.  
MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
PYSZ, RADIO, s/Sgt.  
MONEY, GUNNER, s/Sgt.

SPARES

442nd

*E A R L Y*  
441st

*no mission credit*  
*no mission credit*

SPARES

40  
took off 1020  
landed 1255

20  
took off 1021  
landed 1255