

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 216, Day Operation, 25 May 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Shuh.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 07:30 hours, 26 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Road Bridge West of Anagni, Italy. 2 spares returned early. 24 B-26's were over the target and dropped 192 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 09:48 hours from 10,000' to 9,200' on an axis of 350°T. 22 B-26's returned to base at 11:45 hours and 2 returned to base late at 14:59 hours and 15:07 hours after landing at Naples for fuel.

C. Results: The target bridge was not visible, and the first Squadron's bombs landed short at G-239453. The second Squadron covered the bridge at G-223485, scoring several direct hits and blocking the road at that point.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: Spitfires provided fighter cover in the target area.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 20 RR cars at G-0754.

(2) 40 RR cars at G-1748.

(3) 12 M/T moving West at G-2048 at 09:47 hours from 10,500'.

c. Flak: 2 bursts of heavy inaccurate for both altitude and deflection were fired from the vicinity of Sesze.

Over the target, one a/c was rocked by 2 concussions, though no flak bursts were seen.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; damaged, none.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: 6-8/10ths in three layers, top 10,000'.

b. Target: 2-4/10ths stratocumulus over mountains, base 4,000', tops 8,000' and building; valleys clear; visibility unlimited.

c. Return: Clouds had broken to 3-4/10ths.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' over base to C. Carbonera; to landfall at Terracina; to Priverno, climbing to 11,000'; to target at 10,000'; 180° curve to left to target; to Terracina; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION NUMBER: 238 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT SHUM 25 May 1944

RUNWAY LINE-UP	ROWAN	PROBASCO /	HODGES
25	25 3	34 Swindler	47 2
34		BOTTOMLEY	
47		31 Phillips 4	
31		CLAYBOUGH 5	
63	SHEARD 7	35 Teich	FREEMAN 39 No. 70
35		SMITHWICK	
39		71 8	
71		LONG 9	
68	TIMM	54 Davis	STINSON
54	68 Storck 11	NEILSON	51 10
51		53 12	
53		JOHNSON 13	
81		80 Pocar	JONES 14
94	NOWAK	TOWNS	94 Day
80 20	95 15	81 Bernardi 16	
95 86		BURKE 17	
17 87		87 Hepner	SINN 18
21 19	PENKA	HIPPLE 20	86
11	19 19	20	
01		WEILER 21	
37		11 Hill	TRUNK 22
62		WACHTER	21
09	BOYCE	17 24	
GROND SPARES	01 23	SPARES	
60		ACKERMAN	O'STEEN
05	KADEN	62 McCartney	09
	37 Ward		

CALL SIGNS:
 320TH: TOPNOTCH *
 FIGHTER-BOMBER *
 CHANNEL "A" *
 17TH: BISSAM *
 319TH: MEATEBALL *
 31ST: COLMAR *

COLORS OF THE DAY
 FLARE COLORS
 0200-0800 GREEN & YELLOW
 0800-1400 YELLOW & YELLOW
 1400-2000 RED & GREEN
 2000-0200 RED & RED RED

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS
 CHALLENGE REPLY
 0200-0800 W J
 0800-1400 H Y
 1400-2000 V O
 2000-0200 F P

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
PROBASCO, PILOT, Capt. MC DOUGAL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SWINDLER, BOMB. Capt. BOYNE, NAV. 1st Lt. BLY, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt. SHUH, KMATE , Capt. FLIGHT COMMANDER	442nd <i>Probasco</i> <i>1126</i>	34 took off 0730 landed 1126
HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt. MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt. PUTNAM, ENGINEER, Sgt. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, Sgt. SUGGS, GUNNER, Pvt. MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	47 took off 0730 landed 1113
ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. WELCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt. MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUTH, GUNNER, Sgt. COLTON, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	25 took off 0730 landed 1126
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. BROWN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. LEAHY, NAV. Capt. SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ABERNATHY, RADIO, Sgt. HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 took off 0730 landed 1430 <i>Naples</i>
CLAYBAUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. PORCYNALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TEICH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MELIN, ENGINEER, Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt. HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	35 took off 0731 landed 1127
KADEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt. BUTLER, GUNNER, Sgt. COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.	442nd	37 took off 0731 landed 1127
SHEARD, 1st Lt. Pilot, GOODWIN, 2nd Lt. CO PILOT ARMAO, S/Sgt. Bomb. MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt. PRICE, GUNNER, Sgt. TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 0731 landed 1126

SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. COX, BOMB. Sgt. GILES, RADIO, T/S t. GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COONS, ENGINEER, S/S t.	443rd	71 took off 0731 landed 1127
LONG, PILOT, Capt. HRIBAL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BERGAMO, RADIO, T/S t. WESTFALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. LUPER, RADIO, Sgt.	443rd	54 took off 0732 landed 1126
STINSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. AYREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BROWN, Pvt. BOMB. COONS, RADIO, T/S t. HOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt. HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MADDOX, PHOTO,	443rd	51 took off 0732 landed 1113
TIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STORICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TALSKY, RADIO, Sgt. PURTZ, GUNNER, Sgt. TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.	443rd	68 took off 0832 landed 1127
NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. NICOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. WACHER, RADIO, S/Sgt. AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt. LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/S t.	443rd	53 took off 0732 landed <i>Maples 1507</i>
JOHNSON, PILOT, CONNOR, CO PILOT, POCAN, BOMB. BANG, NAV. JOHNSON, ENGINEER, PERRY, RADIO, BROWN, GUNNER	444th	80 took off 0733 landed 1128
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WEIR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SHAFFER, RADIO, S/gt. PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt. YAVOROSKY, PHOTO, Sgt.	444th	94 took off 0733 landed 1115
NOWAK, PILOT, WILSON, CO PILOT, DREVAS, BOMB. Pvt. BAUER, ENGINEER, Sgt. FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.	444th	95 took off 0733 landed 1128
FAUCHIER, RADIO, T/Sgt. ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	81
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0733
BARNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1128
DEACY, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
BARRETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	87
CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0734
HEPHNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1129
FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
EVZY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SINN, PILOT,	444th	86
STEARNS, CO PILOT,		took off 0734
BETENJANY, BOMB.		landed 1129
LUCZMA, ENGINEER,		
CLARK, RADIO,		
BOSS, GUNNER,		
PENKA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
MERRILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0734
HAWKINS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1129
SMITH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HIPPLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	20
TOPFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0734
SUMMERS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1129
MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MONEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEILER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	14
WIGGINTON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0735
BILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1130
LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
IMNOTTA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TRUNK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	21
WIGINTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0735
FINDLAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1130
TREBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JUVE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
GULLIVER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DUNN, PHOTO, Sgt.		
BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	1
MC FARLAND, BOMB. T/Sgt.		took off 0735
WILSON, CO PILOT, F/O		landed 1130
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
METCALF, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
KRAMER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

WACHTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.
COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MICHAELSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CHRISTIANSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

17
took off 0735
landed 1130

SPARES

ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MORAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
TURATTIM, RADIO, T/Sgt.
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.

SPARES

No credit

SPARES 62
took off 0737
landed 1037

O'STEEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHELUCCI, BOMB. Sgt.
ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HILL
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

No credit

9
took off 0737
landed 0951