

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 217, Day Operation, 25 May 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 16:04 hours, 19 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Valmontone Road Junction, Italy. 2 spares returned early. 17 B-26's dropped 63 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 9 x 500# Demolition bombs (1 hour delay fuses) on the target at 17:58 hours from 10,500' to 9,900' on an axis of 150°T. 4 x 500# Demolition bombs (long delay fuses) were salvaged in water on return and 60 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base because 1st Squadron did not identify the target.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent concentration of bombs scoring direct hits on the road junction and blocking it.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires were seen the target area.

b. Situation:

- (1) 9/10 T/E and S/E a/c, mostly damaged, on Guildonia A/D.
- (2) In pasture North of Guildonia, A/D, 3 large gliders.
- (3) 10 wrecked a/c on Marcigliana A/D.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) A very large light colored flash was seen just South of Rome at 17:44 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) Hospital at F-8097.
- (3) PW Camp at F-8395.
- (4) Many tracks leading to woods at F-9585.

b. Communications:

- (1) Train of 20 RR Cars moving North at F-4272 at 17:41 hours from 10,000'.
- (2) 20 RR cars at F-4173.
- (3) 20 RR cars at F-8485.
- (4) 150 RR cars at G-0174.
- (5) 40 RR cars at G-0258.
- (6) 50 M/T moving South at F-4572 at 17:41 hours from 10,000'.
- (7) 15 M/T moving South at A-721A at 17:45 hours from 10,000'.
- (8) 12 M/T moving Northwest at G-2434 at 18:02 hours from 9,000'.
- (9) 20 M/T moving Southeast at G-2732 at 18:02 hours from 9,000'.

c. Flak: From Valmontone and hills just East of Norma scant heavy accurate for both altitude and deflection. Bursts were large with red centers indicating 105 mm. fire. One rocket (large white trail from the ground up) burst with large black cloud, 1,000' below formation over Valmontone.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; damaged, 1 - No. 4, 1st Squadron.

A. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Scattered to broken cumulus at 6,000'.
- b. Target: 5/10ths cumulus, tops 9,000'.
- c. Return: Clear.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,000' at base; to C.Carbonera; to landfall at Pale; to Rignano Flaminio; to IP, Tivoli, climbing gradually to 11,500'; to target at 10,500'; breakaway left to Segni; to 2 miles North of C. S. Felice Circeo; sharp turn right to Tre. Paola; to base.

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

25 May 1944

## RUNWAY LINE-UP

64	64	CAUDILL	
69	WIKKALLA	SMITHLAND	69 FELT
59	59		ALIEN
52		BARKER	
65	KOLAR	52	WEEKLY
60	60		65
50		WEISS	
61	MORAN	50	LYRAY
56	56		61
33		WENDLING	
29	BARRACLOUGH	LYMAN	DEATLEY
40	40		29
28		HARDYER	
46	ARMSTRONG	43	FREEMAN
41	41		39
2		GRIGG	
4	THORNTON	28	KING
8	41		46
7		ROBBINS	
17	WEST	TAPP	4 SMITH
19	14		VESSELLS
14	12		
23	85	REEVES	
85	98	MALCOLM	7
98	98		DILLON
23	87		17
87	99	CORNELIUS	
99	86	DUNN	14
86	76		HUNSBERGER
76	83		12
83	93	85 BIRMINGHAM	
93	57	KEEDER	WHITE
57	32	91	98 PETERS
32	1		ROGERS
1	84	MATTISON	
84	*****	DICKERSON	87
RADIO: 320th TOPNOTCH	86		RAMAGE
319th MEATBALL			92
17th BIGSAM		FOWLER	
CHANNEL "A"	GASSER	76	SINGER
Escort: TOPNOTCH	93		83
FIGHTERS	SPARES: 57	SMITHWICK	HART
		ADAMS	32
			1
			84

## 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
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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

25 May 1944

Caudill, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		64
Van Keuren, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1604
Strickland, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			Landed 1932
Underwood, Navigator, 2nd Lt.			
Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Griewank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Saylor, Flight commander; Captain,			
Felt, pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		69
West, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1604
Allen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			Landed 1932
Schwartz, Navigator, 1st Lt.			
Mai, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Traweck, radio, S/Sgt.			
Guilliams, Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Johnson, Photo,			
WIRKKALA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		59
REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1604
PUTNAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1932
ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
ROMIG, RADIO, S/sgt.			
TRETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
<i>Senter, Sgt - 441st</i>			
BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		52
<del>HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.</del>			took off 1604
HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			landed 1932+
CARROLL, BOMB. 1st Lt.			
HARMOLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
MC DONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	W	65
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1604
STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1932+
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
JACKSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
KOLAR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	W	60
OPPERMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1604
MICKEY, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1932+
COFFEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SHERMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.			
WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	F	50
HARRINGTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1605
TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1933
PARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
CALAFUT, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
AVERY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
STEWART, X, 1st Lt.			

LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		61
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1605
SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1933
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		W	
LAFFERTY, RADIO, 1/Sgt.			
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ANDERSON, PHOTO, T/Sgt.			
MORAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd		56
TIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1605
COX, BOMB. Sgt.			landed 1933
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		W	
TOLSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PURTZ, GUNNER, Sgt.			
SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd		57
WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1612
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1652
COUNS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		Space	
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		33
AYREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1606
LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		F	landed 1933+
MENAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt.			
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
HOUGHE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DEATLY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		29
ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1606
HENDREX, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1933+
KING, NAV. 1st Lt.			
PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		F	
DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<del>26</del> 442nd		26
CASTOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1614
FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1933+
SELLINGER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		W	
PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MIKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CARNALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.			
HARPSTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		43
R.F. WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		F	took off 1606
EVANS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed 1934
PEARL, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd		39
BAKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 1606
FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed 1934
MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt.  
HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.  
FOREST, RADIO, Sgt.  
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

38  
took off 1606  
landed 1934

GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt.  
VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, F/O  
GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt.  
ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
NEMLER, BUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

28  
took off 1607  
landed 1934

KING, PILOT,  
Ober, Co, Pilot,  
Burns, Bombardier, Lt.  
Goldberg, S/sgt. Engineer/gunner,  
Malborne, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Kane, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

46  
1607  
took off 1607  
landed 1935+

THORNTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
ABERNATHY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.  
HARLAN, BOMB. S/sgt.  
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
SAVENETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

41  
took off 1607  
landed 1935+

Robbins, pilot, Captain,  
Flake, Co, pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
Thurston, Navigator, 1st Lt.  
Huppe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Spess, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Tompkin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Fletcher, Colonel, Deputy flight commander;

441st

2  
Took off 1607  
Landed *Naples*

Smith, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Bednarz, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Ves'sells, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
Perfetto, Navigator, 2nd Lt.  
Goodman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
McDnough, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Steeves, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Maddocks, Aerial photographer sgt.

441st

Box 4  
Took off 1607  
Landed 1742

West, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Arnsdorff, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Kwiatkowski, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
Mears, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Carlisle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Marinelli, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

8  
Took off 1607  
Landed 1928

Reaves, pilot, 1st Lt.  
Williams, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Burg, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
Lickey, engineer, gunner, S/sgt.  
Markus, Radio gunner, S/sgt.

541st

7  
Took off 1608  
Landed ~~1928~~ 1929

Stone, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Dillon, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 11  
 Asher, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1608  
 Garvey, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1927  
 Harrison, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. W  
 Clark, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
 Steigenhofer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Fajonas, X Captain, CAC

Malcolm, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 19  
 Nold, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Took off 1608  
 McGoldrick, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1932 W  
 Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Casey, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

~~Malcolm, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 19  
 Nold, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Took off 1608  
 McGoldrick, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1932  
 Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Casey, Aerial gunner, Sgt.~~

Hunsberger, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 12  
 Wiggins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1609  
 Traynor, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1928 F  
 Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Largent, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Levtholt, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.  
 Collins, Aerial photographer, rfc.

Dinwiddie, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 23  
 Borden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1609  
 Straany, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed 1928 W  
 Barron, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.  
 Thannhauser, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Gallagher, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

~~Birmingham, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th 85  
 Brewer, Co, Pilot, Major, Took off 1610  
 White, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Landed 1939 F  
 Michels, Navigator, 1st Lt.  
 Staton, Engineer gunner,  
 Campbell, Radio Gunner,  
 Piggott, Aerial gunner,~~

McGugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th 98  
 Delosier, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Took off 1610  
 Wardsmith, Navigator, 1st Lt. Landed 1939 F  
 Wymer, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.  
 Englehart, Radio Gunner,  
 Estrada, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Reeder, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th 91  
 Driscoll, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1610  
~~Ward~~ Froehlich H. W. 2nd Lt. Landed 1939 W  
 Dyrzcz, Engineer gunner, Sgt/  
 Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Field, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.



Matteson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		87
Bresette, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1610
Shingle, Bombardier, S/sgt.			Landed 1940
Giuffre, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		F	
Steen, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
Robinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Kamage, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th		99
Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1610
Roberts, Bombardier, S/sgt.		W	Landed 1940
Montaroli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Cronin, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Dickerson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th		86
Kreuzer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kreuzer			Took off 1610
Hatcher, Bombardier, S/sgt.		W	Landed 1940
Cook, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Viscomi, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Humphrey, Aerial gunner S/sgt.			
Fowler, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		76
Demetree, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1611
Webb, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		F	Landed 1940
Clark, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Wood, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Mason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Singer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		83
Morganstern, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.			Took off 1611
Gleason, Bombardier, Pvt.		F	Landed 1939
Hendrick, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Ross, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Moskowitz, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Grabal, Observer, Sgt			
Gasser, pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		93
Round, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.			Took off 1611
Jenco, Bombardier, S/sgt.		W	Landed 1940
Goldie, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
Louth, Radio Gunner,			
George, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Ferguson, Radio S/sgt.			
Smithwick, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd		57
Woodhurst, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off 1612
Adams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		No Kredit	Landed 1652
Coons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Peaver, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Griffin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Harte, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		32
Allen, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.			took off 1606
Spann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			Landed 1658
King, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Delaiare, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Bentley, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		No Kredit	



Goodenough, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Pesek, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Cocker, Bombardier, Sgt.  
Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Tipton, Radio Gunner, Cpl.  
Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

441st,

*no crew*

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Took off 1606  
Landed 1710

Connor, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Hisey, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Crapse, Bombardier S/sgt.  
Tunis, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.  
Feinberg, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Wagner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

444th

*no crew*

84  
Took off 1612  
Landed 1842