

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 220, Day Operation, 27 May 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Shuh.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 13:28 hours, 31 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Compiobbi Railroad Bridge, Italy (Q-876698). 5 B-26's returned early: 3 spares; 1 excessive engine temperature; 1 engine cutting out. 26 B-26's were over the target and 20 dropped 39 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses), 2 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (6 hour delay fuses), 3 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (12 hour delay fuses), 63 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses), 5 x 500# Demolition bombs (6 hour delay fuses), and 4 x 500# Demolition bombs (12 hour delay fuses) on the target at 16:05 hours from 10,000' to 9,500' on an axis of 140°T on a second run over the target. 24 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base due to rack malfunction in the lead a/c. 25 B-26's returned to base at 17:40 hours. 1 B-26 returned late at 19:02 hours, after landing in Corsica for fuel. 1 B-26 is in Corsica with engine out.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent concentration of bombs, scoring several direct hits on the bridge and approaches.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: None.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General: None.
- b. Communications:

- (1) 60 RR cars at U-9892.
- (2) 80 RR cars at L-1604.
- (3) 150 RR cars at Q-5386.
- (4) 8/10 trains, each 15/25 cars, facing Southeast, standing at Q-6682 to Q-5687 at 15:59 hours from 11,000'.
- (5) 200 RR cars at Q-7773 to Q-7078 at 15:04 hours from 10,500'.
- (6) 1 train of 30 RR cars moving South at Q-8475 at 16:04 hours from 10,500'.
- (7) 200/300 RR cars at Q-6970 to Q-7769.
- (8) 50 RR cars at Q-1228.
- (9) 12/50 M/T moving North at U-9787 at 15:46 hours from 10,000'.
- (10) 100/150 M/T standing between Q-2080 to Q-2696 at 15:49 hours from 10,000'.
- (11) 50 M/T moving Southeast Q-6580 at 16:42 hours from 11,000'.
- (12) 40 M/T moving North at Q-7558 at 16:07 hours from 9,500'.
- (13) 50 M/T standing at Q-5553 at 16:18 hours from 9,500'.
- (14) 15 M/T moving Southwest at Q-4324 at 16:26 hours from 8,000'.
- (15) Northwest Florence M/T was 50% full.

(16) Campo di Marte H/Y was 40% full.

c. Flak: From Rignano, scant heavy inaccurate for both altitude and deflection was encountered on the second breakaway; continuously pointed fire.

d. Shippings: 3 Medium H/V's in Leghorn.

3. Losses: None; damaged, 3 (slightly).

4. Weather: CAVU with haze in all places.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to rendezvous at Alto; to landfall North of Viareggio; to Pievepago; to Vaiano, climbing to 10,500'; first bomb run, to target; breakaway left to Vaiano over Agliana; second bomb run to target; breakaway left to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 241

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT SHUH 27 May 1944

RUNWAY LINEUP

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ROWAN  
25 Jacobson

WENDLING  
34 LYMAN

BOTTOMLEY  
31 PHILLIPS

CASTOR  
47 Friend

BAKER  
45 MONTEZ

FREEMAN  
39 Fuller

ROBERTSON  
48 Harlan

KADEN  
~~44 YOUNES~~  
40 SPANN

BORDON  
37 Harmon

NELSON  
63 Howe

FELT  
69 ALLEN

ACKERMAN  
64 WAGAR

Yankala  
58 Sterick

WEEKS  
55 RITTER

YOUNG  
59 Bulow

LAMB  
52 Davis

STRACHAN  
56 WILLIAMS  
LOITAN

MORAN  
61 Mizga

WILLIAMS  
19 McIlvanna

BEHRE  
7 FLOUCK

McCONNELL  
20 BARDON

WACHTER  
1 Vicha

REEVES  
17 JOHNSON

MALCOLM  
9 McGoldric

DINWIDDIE  
5 Streeney

CORNELIUS  
11 MCFARLAND

O'STEEN  
4 Chelucci

REYNOLDS  
71 Sherman

SPARES  
CLAYBOUGH  
35 WARD  
STINSON  
54 Putman

HIPPIE  
22 Traynor

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GROUND SPARES  
( 18 )

( 66 )

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\* RADIO CALL SIGNS \*

\* 320th GROUP \*

\* "TOPNOTCH" \*

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\* FIGHTERS \*

\* "TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS" \*

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\* CHANNEL "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 27 MAY 1944

TIME FLARE COLORS

0200-0800 RED & RED RED

0800-1400 YELLOW & YELLOW

1400-2000 RED & YELLOW

2000-0200 GREEN & YELLOW

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON 27 MAY 1944 FIRST MISSION

F	Wendling, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Lyman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Bojme, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Shuh, Flight Commander; Captain, Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Marvick, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	3A Took off 1328 Landed 1350
F	Bottomley, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd Stern, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Phillips, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Leahy, Navigator, Captain, Salvesson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Abernathy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Hall, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	31 Took off 1328 Landed 1745
W	Rowan, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd Welch, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Jacobson, Bombardier, T/sgt. Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Orgeron, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Ruth, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Colton, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	25 Took off 1329 Landed 1740
F	Baker, Pilot, Captain, 442nd Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Montez, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Nardine, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Manburne, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Stewart, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	45 Took off 1328 1/2 Landed 1748
W	Freeman, Pilot, 1st Lt. 892nd Vanderburg, Co, Pilot, Flight officer Fuller, Bombardier, S/sgt. McCully, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Rodgers, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	39 Took off 1328 1/2 Landed 18:51
W	Castor, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd Barraclough, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Harrington, Bombardier, S/sgt. Douillet, X, French Bollinger, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. <del>Rockox</del> Pastorck, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Flynn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Zupanc, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	47 Took off 1328 1/2 Landed 1748
F	Kaden, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd Ober, Co, Pilot, Spann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. O'Neal, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Cooney, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Kane, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	40 Took off 1329 Landed 1749

*Early Return  
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W  
Thornton, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd  
McDougal, Co, Pilot 2nd Lt.  
Harman, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
Howard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Milliman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Meddlin, Aerial photographer, Epl.

37  
Took off 1329  
Landed 1749

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Robertson, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Abernathy, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Harlan, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
Huston, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
Forrest, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Weiss, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Early Return  
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48  
Took off 1329  
Landed 1645

F  
Felt, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd  
Carter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
Underwood, Navigator, 2nd Lt.  
Mai, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Traweck, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Guilliams, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

69  
Took off 1330  
Landed 1749

F  
Ackerman, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd  
Heckler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Wagar, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
Brooks, Navigator, 2nd Lt.  
Just, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Lafferty, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
Mensch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Maddocks, Aerial photographer, Sgt.

64  
Took off 1330  
Landed 1754

~~Nelson, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd~~  
~~Harrington, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.~~  
~~Ritter, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.~~  
~~Park, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.~~  
~~Calafut, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.~~  
~~Avery, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.~~

~~55~~  
~~Took off 1337~~  
~~Landed 1750~~

W  
Nelson, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd  
Ayrey, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Howe, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
Larkin, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Wagner, Radio Gunner, Sgt.  
Austad, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

63  
Took off 1330  
Landed 1749

F  
Weeks, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd  
Harrington, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Ritter, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
Park, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Calafut, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
Avery, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

55  
Took off 1337  
Landed 1750



Williams, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 19  
Arnsdorff, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1333  
W McIlvenna, Bombardier, S/sgt Landed 1751  
Trebenda, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.  
Juve, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
Bratton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Reaves, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 17  
F Myers, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Took off 1334  
Johnson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1752  
Booth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Snow, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Money, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Malcolm, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 9  
W Nold, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Took off 1334  
McGoldrick, Bombardier, T/sgt. Landed 1752  
Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Gust, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Wachter, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 1  
W Lazo, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1334  
Vicha, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed 1752  
Coppler, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
Michaelson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Griggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

F Cornelius, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 11  
Merrill, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1335  
McFarland, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Landed 1752  
Liggett, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Rencehausen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Fulk, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

W O'Steen, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 4  
Klug, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1335  
Chelucci, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed  
Hill, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Forbes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Metcalf, Aerial gunner, Cpl.  
Mauser, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Radio. *CORSICA*

W Dinwiddie, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st 5  
Borden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1335  
Streany, Bombardier, Sgt. Landed 17:55  
Casey, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.  
Hull, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Gallagher, Aerial gunner, S.sgt,  
Thannhauser, Radio operator, S/sgt.

Hipple, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st SPARE SPARE SPARE 22  
Toffer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1337  
Traynor, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1550  
Markus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Mears, Eng g. S/sgt.  
Marinelli, Gunner, Sgt.

*no mission  
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F  
Claybaugh, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Allen, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Ward, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
Melin, Engineer gunnersgt.  
Forrest, Radio gunner, S/sgt.  
Weiss, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

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35  
Took off 1337  
Landed 1717

Reynolds, Pilot, 1st Lt .  
Speed, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Sherman, Bombardier, Sgt.  
Luper, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
Salvati, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Hansen, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

443rd

*no mission  
credit*

71  
Took off 1337  
Landed 1612

Stinson, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Van-Keuren, Co, Pilot, lt.  
Putnam, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
Jones, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Marsteller, Radio Gunner, Sgt.  
Cox, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

443rd

*no mission  
credit*

54  
Took off 1337  
Landed 1550