

HEADQUARTER: 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 221, Day Operation, 27 May 1944

Flight Commander: Major Brewer.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 14:40 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Campiobbi Railroad bridge, Italy and Poggibonsi Railroad Bridge North, Italy as the alternate target. 2 spares returned early. 18 B-26's were over the targets and 11 dropped 77 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 11 x 500# Demolition bombs (6, 12, and 24 hour delay fuses) on the primary target at 17:00 hours from 11,500' to 10,500' on an axis of 140 T. 7 B-26's were not in position to drop on the primary target, and dropped 49 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) and 7 x 500# Demolition bombs (6, 12, and 24 hour delay fuses) on the alternate target at 17:22 hours from 10,000' to 9,000' on an axis of 40 T. 18 B-26's returned to base at 18:27 hours.

C. Results: Primary:- The bombs covered the bridge with a good pattern of bombs, scoring several probable hits; a few bombs landed over.

Alternate:- An excellent concentration of bombs, tight pattern, fell across the target scoring several direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 10/12 Spitfires escorted the formation.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: Supply dump of 100 crates at Q-2871.

b. Communications:

12,500'. (1) 1 train of 25 cars moving North at Q-5398 at 16:55 hours from

12,500'. (2) 1 train of 25 cars moving North at Q-7195 at 16:56 hours from

10,000'. (3) 1 train of 12 cars facing South at Q-7034 at 17:22 hours from

(4) 15 M/T at Q-1630 moving South at 17:43 hours from 8,000'.

d. Shipping:

(1) 2 Med. M/V's steaming towards Leghorn.

(2) 3 small boats at San Vincenzo.

(3) 1 E-boat with steam up, off of Q-0929 at 17:43 hours from 8,000'.

(4) 5 Med. M/V's anchored at La Spezia at 16:39 hours from 10,000'.

3. Losses: None; none, damaged; slightly damaged, none.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: CAVU with haze in all places.

b. Target: Same.

c. Return: Same.

D. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to rendezvous at Alto; to landfall at Viareggio; to Castiglione di Pepoli; to I.P., Vernio, climbing to 12,500'; to primary target at 11,500'; breakaway right to Poserance; to alternate target at 10,000'; breakaway right to Cecina; to base.

E. Comments: None.

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+ + 2 hrs

MISSION # 242

FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR BREWER: 27 MAY 1944  
 SECOND MISSION

1440  
 80 ✓  
 98 ✓  
 76 ✓  
 1441  
 87 ✓  
 99 ✓  
 91 ✓  
 42  
 95 ✓  
 86 ✓  
 83 ✓  
 1443  
 21 ✓  
 12 ~~22~~  
 23 ✓  
 1444  
 44 ✓  
 28 ✓  
 46 ✓  
 1445  
 68 ✓  
 66 ✓  
 51 ✓  
 1446  
 85 ✓  
 94 ✓

"A"		
WEILER 3 76 Day	JOHNSON 98 POGAN	TOWNS 80 BERNARDI
"B"		
SINN 6 99 Drevas	MARTESON 94 <del>CHAMBERLAIN</del> ROGERS	JONES 5 91 Shingle
"C"		
CONNOR 9 83 Webb	BURKE 86 WILLIAMS	DRISCOLL 8 95 Hatcher
"D"		
PESEK 12 12 Cocker	HELD 23 POLAKOV	WEILER 11 21 CHEVALIS
"E"		
TAYLOR 15 44 McCray	GREGG 13 28 MAGGIO	HODGES 14 46 Chamberlin
"F"		
PALMER ✓ 68 Brown	LONG 14 66 HOBEL	SHEARD 17 51 Straka
SPARES		
FOWLER 85 ROGERS		CHUNIS 94 Betanjery
GROUND SPARE ( 84 )		

70 OFF

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

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
* 0200-0800	F	L
* 0800-1400	B	Z
* 1400-2000	O	D
* 2000-0200	G	W

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 \* RADIO CALL SIGNS \*  
 \* 320th GROUP \*  
 \* "TOPNOTCH" \*  
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 \* FIGHTERS \*  
 \* "TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS" \*  
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## THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

27 MAY 1944  
SECOND MISSION

	Johnson, Pilot, Lt.	544th	98
F	McGugan, Co, Pilot, Lt.	<i>Posted R.O.S.</i>	Took off 1440
	Pocan Bombardier, Lt.		Landed
	Michels, Navigator, Lt.		1850
	Carney, Engineer S/sgt.		
	Fauchier, Radio		
	Johnson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
	Brewer, Flight Commander; Major,		
	Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	80
F	Demetree, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1440
	Bernarui, Bombardier, Lt.		Landed
	Deacy, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		1850
	Clark, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
	Stalcup, Radio Sgt.		
	Magner, Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Weier, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
W	Hissey, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1440
	Day, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
	Montaruli, Engineer S/sgt.		1850
	Cromin, Radio S/sgt.		
	Malone, Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Matteson, Pilot 1st Lt.	444th	87
F	Waldrop, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1441
	Rogers, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed
	Guiffre, Engineer Sgt.		1851
	Steen, Radio S/sgt.		
	Robinson, Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Jones, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
W	Kreuzer Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1441
	Shingle, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
	Dyrce, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		1851
	Englehart, Radio S/sgt.		
	Estrada, Gunner, S/sgt.		
	Sirm, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	99
W	Ramage, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1441
	Drevas, Bombardier, pvt.		Landed
	Leonard, Engineer sgt.		1851
	Clark, Radio Sgt.		
	Habel, Gunner Sgt.		
	Burke, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	86
F	Turner, H. D. 1st Lt.		Took off 1442
	Williams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
	Filtrante, Engineer S/sgt.		1852
	Ivey, Radio S/sgt.		
	Koch, Gunner, S/sgt.		



W Taylor, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd  
McKay, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Mcray, Bombardier, Cpl.  
Rochester, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Clendenen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Lockwood, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

44  
Took off 1444  
Landed

1829

F Long, Pilot, Captain, 443rd  
Goodwin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Hobel, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
Adams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Bergano, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
Cousins, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

66  
Took off 1445  
Landed

1830

W Sheard, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd  
Woodhurst, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Straka, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
Terrell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Giles, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
Griweank, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Westfall, ~~radio~~ radio S/sgt.  
Collins, Aerial photographer.

51  
Took off 1445  
Landed

1830

W Palmer, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd  
Hale, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Brown, Bombardier, Pvt.  
Nelson, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.  
Peaver, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
Snider, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
Teeters, ~~Radio Operator~~ Radio Operator S/sgt.

68  
Took off 1445  
Landed

1830

Fowler, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th  
Morganstern, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
Hephner, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
Montgomery, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Fields, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

85  
Took off ~~1700~~ 1446  
Landed 1709

no mission credit

Chunis, Pilot, 444th  
Bresette, Co, Pilot,  
Betensjany, Bombardier,  
Koczma, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
Wood, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
Kason, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

94  
Took off 1446  
Landed 1446

no mission credit