

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 231, Day Operation, 3 June 1944.

Flight Commander: Major Brewer.

A. At 0935 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb Bucine N. Viaduct, Italy. (M/R R-059375, Sheet 1114). 3 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 propeller governor out, 27 B-26's were over the target and 27 dropped 105 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (instantaneous and .01 fuses) on the target at 1202 hours from 10,500' to 8,500' on an axis of 220° T. 1 x 1000 lb demolition bomb was salvaged in the water on return, having hung up; 2 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base. 27 B-26's returned to base at 1402 hours.

C. RESULTST: The target was covered with an excellent pattern of bombs. At least two direct hits were scored in the center of the bridge and the SE approach was cratered. Photos reveal that attack by this group of 2 June 1944, collapsed one span, holed two others and cratered NW approaches.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Activity: Spitfires rendezvoused at target and escorted formation to Corsica.

- b. Situation: 1. 8 S/E and T/E A/C at Siena S A/D, on S₂ end.
2. 5 S/S A/C at Arezzo A/D
3. 9 S/E A/C on Pian del Lago.

2. Ground:

a. General: At Q1815, supply dump.

b. Communications:

1. 90 RR cars between Q8318 to R1307.
2. 1 train of 25 cars moving south at R0507 at 1152 hours.
3. 1 locomotive standing at R3118.
4. 150/200 RR cars between R0340 to R3118, including one train of 35 facing south, and including 11 strings of 5/8 cars each just north of the target compared with 7 strings in same place seen on 2 June 1944; at 1203 hours.
5. 40 RR cars at R5044.
6. 20 M/T facing east at Q4527 at 1218 hours.
7. Considerable scattered M/T movement, mostly south, in area of route over enemy territory.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 3 small boats off Castiglioncello at 1141 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: Generally clear with few bands of cumulus at 5,000'.
Target: Clear with few scattered clouds at 6,000'.
Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From 2,500' at base, to Alto; to Cecina; to Castig-
~~ione~~ Fiorentino; to Rieve S. Stefano; to IP, Cassina, climbing to 11,500'; to target
to 10,500'; breakway slight left; curve right; to Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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TAKE OFF LINE UP

Line No.	Flight Name	Call Sign	Remarks
80	SCHNEIDER	BIRMINGHAM	
98	77 Drevas	98 WHITE	PETERS
77			80 POWERS

		"B"	
	TURNER H. D.	FLETCHER	
83	86 Hatcher	79 HEPHNER	FEEDER
			83 Betenjany

		"C"	
	CHUNIS	SINN	
76	89 Crapse	89 MCMAHON	WEIER
89			94 88 Clarke
99			

		"D"	
	HUNSBERGER	BERGE	
22	21 McFarland	21 PLOUCK	MCCONNELL
21			22 BARDON
16			

		"E"	
	DILLON	WILHELM	
1	7 Berdaus	7 GOLDIN	PENKA
19			1 McFarland LT.

		"F"	
	FESEK	CORNELIUS	
17	18 McGoldrick	11 DILL	GOODENOUGH
			17 Vicha

		"G"	
	AYREY	FELT	
53	69 Straka	69 ALLEN	ACKERMAN
62			62 MCCARTNEY

		"H"	
	HILL PALMER	MAGKINNON	
50	50 Henry	51 WAGAR	DUGAN
51			60 Tyson
60			

		"I"	
	HALE	WEEKS	
68	66 Westfall	66 RITTER	SMITHWICK
71			71 Snider

		SPARES	
	WEEKLY	BURKE	(98) 76
85	23 Armao	85 DRAKE	DINWIDDIE
65			23 GARVEY (5)
63		CLARK	(61)
		63 Szafr	

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 3 JUNE 1944

Time	Flare Colors
0200-0800	RED & YELLOW
0800-1400	GREEN & GREEN
1400-2000	RED & RED
2000-0200	RED & GREEN

Time	Challenge	Reply
0200-0800	B	O
0800-1400	F	X
1400-2000	W	Z
2000-0200	J	Y

Channel	Significance
RADIO CALL SIGNS	
320TH GROU P	
"TOPNOTCH"	
FIGHTERS	
"TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS"	
CHANNEL "A"	

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
G BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, CONNOR, CO PILOT, WHITE, BOMB. BANG, NAV. STATON, ENGINEER CAMPBELL, RADIO PIGGOTT, GUNNER BREWER, X, MAJOR.	444th <i>posted R.O.S.</i>	98 took off 0935 landed 1356
F PETER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DID NOT TAKE OFF	444th	80
SCHNEIDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DICKERSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt. E BRUCK, ENGINEER, Sgt. VISCONE, RADIO, S Sgt. HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.	444th	77 took off 0935 landed 1356
F FLETCHER, COL. PILOT, MATHESON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. KEPNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. JOHNSON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	444th	79 took off 0935 landed 1357
W REEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. HESEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BETWJENY, BOMB. PFC LEONARD, ENGINEER, Sgt. ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt. BESS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COMBY, PHOTO, S Sgt.	444th	83 took off 0935 landed 1357
W TURNER, H.D., 2nd Lt. PILOT WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HATCHER, BOMB. S/Sgt. MONTARULLI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SHAFER, RADIO, S/Sgt. FIELD, GUNNER, S Sgt. YAVONOSKY, PHOTO, Sgt.	444th	86 took off 0935 landed 1357
F SINK, PILOT, FOWLER, COPILOT MC MAHON, BOMB. KUCZKA, ENGINEER, IVEY, RADIO, ALEXANDER, GUNNER	444th	89 took off 0936 landed 1358
W WELER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC BRIDE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. CLARK, BOMB. Sgt. DYRCE, ENGINEER, gt. CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt. PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.	444th	94 took off 0936 landed 1358

	CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	99
	MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0936
W	CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1358
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	LAUTH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	POLAKO, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BERGE, PILOT, Capt.	441st	21
	HIPPLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0937
F	FLOUCK, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1359
	GREENWALL, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FATZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
E	ASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0937
	BARDEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1359
	HANDTS, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HUNSBERGER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	16
	ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0937
W	MC FARLAND, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1348
	SOLDATI, ENGINEER, PFC		
	LARGENT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CATALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	WILHELM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	7
	MERRILL, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0937
F	GOLDIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1357
	MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WASTBROOK, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	MADINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	RANDOLPH, M, Cap.		
	PENKA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	1
	LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	4 1st	took off 0937
	MC FARLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1030
	CHRISTIANSON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	DILLON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	19
W	WIGGINTON, COPILOT, F/O		took off 0938
	BERDAUS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1359
	LEAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	IANNOTTA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COLLINS, PHOTO, Pfc.		
	CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	11
F	TOFFER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	took off
	LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.	landed 1401
	FULK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

Early Return
No missing
credit

	GOODENOUGH, PILOT, Lt.	441st	17
	SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0939
	VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
W	COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1359
	MICHELSSEN, RADIO S/Sgt.		
	GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	PESEK, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
	BODIE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0939
	MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
W	GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1359
	FYZE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MONEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
	SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	8	took off 0939
F	ALLEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	CAFANELLA, NAV. Capt.		1400
	MAI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	TRANEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GILLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
F	HANDE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0939
	MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	BROOKE, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1400
	JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	AYRES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
W	MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0930
	SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1402
	TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FURIZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	MURPHY, PHOTO,		
	MC KINNON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	51
F	NICOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0940
	NAGAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1401
	GILES, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DUGAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	60
W	VAN KOUREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0840
	TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	STONE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1349
	PRICE, RADIO, Sgt.		
	VOLOSKY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
W	HARRINGTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0840
	HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	LUPER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1400
	SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HANSEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FRANK, PHOTO,		

<p>F WEEKS, PILOT, 1st Lt. TIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. RITTER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. PARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CALAFUT, RADIO, T/Sgt. AVERY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	483rd	<p>66 took off 0841 landed 1402</p>
<p>W SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SNIDER, BOMB. S/Sgt. COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MAIER, RADIO, T/Sgt. GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. YIM, X, T/Sgt.</p>	443rd	<p>73 took off 0841 landed 1400</p>
<p>W HALE, PILOT, 1st Lt. HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WESTFALL, BOMB. T/Sgt. COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt. BROWN, GUNNER, C 1. FLAJNIK, X, S/Sgt.</p>	443rd	<p>68 took off 0841 landed 1402</p>
<p>WEEKLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ARMAO, BOMB. T/Sgt. ROLFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt. AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	<p>443rd <u>Early -</u> <u>no mission</u> <u>credit</u></p>	<p>65 took off 0842 landed 1115</p>
<p>SPARES BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. W DRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, S t. ROADS, X, Capt.</p>	<p>SPARES 444th <u>mission credit</u> <u>flew #2</u> <u>position</u></p>	<p>SPARES 65 took off 0842 landed 1359</p>
<p>W CLARA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. OPPERMANA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt. BARRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt. TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	<p>443rd <u>mission credit</u> <u>position</u> <u>#14</u></p>	<p>63 took off 0842 landed 1359</p>
<p>DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt. MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.</p>	<p>441st <u>Early -</u> <u>no mission</u> <u>credit</u></p>	<p>23 took off 0842 landed 1205</p>