

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 232, Day Operation, 4 June 1944.  
(Mission #1)

Flight Commander: Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 15:18 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Castiglione Fiorentino Railroad Bridge (Q-315183, Sheet 114), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early because they were spares. 18 B-26's were over the target and 17 dropped 136 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 17:30 hours from 6,900' to 8,550 on an Axis of 77°T. 8 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 18 B-26's returned at 19:08 hours.

C. Results: Most of the bombs landed over to the East of the target; some bombs cut the North approaches, but the bridge was missed.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.
- b. Situation:
  - (1) 4 S/E a/c dispersed on South side of Rosia.
  - (2) Grosseto A/D empty.
  - (3) Siena North A/D empty; Siena South A/D 2 S/E a/c wrecked.
  - (4) 2 S/E a/c damaged at Arezzo A/D.

2. Ground:

- a. General:
  - (1) Dump of boxes at V-6398.
  - (2) Supply dump at V-6384.
- b. Communications:
  - (1) 120 RR cars at A-0217.
  - (2) 75 RR cars at B-4987.
  - (3) 160 RR cars between Arezzo and R-7621.
  - (4) 150 RR cars between Siena and R-0507.
  - (5) 2 locomotives in Siena M/Y at 17:20 hours.
  - (6) 20 RR cars at R-1625.
  - (7) 15 M/T moving South at Q-8909 at 17:20 hours.
- c. Flak: None.
- d. Shipping:
  - (1) 3 barges at mouth of Ombrone River.
  - (2) 2/3 small boats 2 miles up Ombrone River.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Last part, scattered clouds at 7,000'.

b. Italy: Thunderhead and rain inland from mouth of Ombrone River; 10/10ths cumulus at 7,000'.

- c. Target: Open.
- d. Return: As Enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to rendezvous with escort at Montecristo Island; to mouth of Ombrone River; to North of Siena; to target; breakaway left to North of Siena; to south of Ombrone River; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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RUNWAY LINE UP

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31	<u>WEDDING</u>			
	<u>LYCAN</u>	30	<u>BOYDOLLEY</u>	
26	---	---	---	<u>PHILLIPS</u>
	"B"			
29	<u>BAKER</u>			
	<u>EVANS</u>		<u>FREEMAN</u>	
46	---	---	---	40
	"C"			
32	<u>HARTE</u>			
	<u>YOUENES</u>		<u>ARMSTRONG</u>	
38	---	---	---	25
	"D"			
70	<u>CAUDILL</u>			
	<u>STRICKLAND</u>	62	<u>ACKERMAN</u>	
65	---	---	---	<u>MC CARTNEY</u>
	"E"			
66	<u>BARKER</u>			
	<u>ADAMS</u>		<u>WIRKKALA</u>	
53	---	---	---	59
	"F"			
69	<u>LONG</u>			
	<u>HOBEL</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	
63	---	---	---	52
	"G"			
98	<u>JOHNSON</u>			
	<u>POGAN</u>	85	<u>TOWNS</u>	
27	---	---	---	<u>ROGERS</u>
	"H"			
79	<u>MATTESON</u>			
	<u>GLAUBITZ</u>		<u>MC GUGAN</u>	
78	---	---	---	83
	"I"			
80	<u>PLICKTER</u>			
	<u>MC MAHON</u>		<u>NOWAK</u>	
84	---	---	---	99
	"J"			
21	<u>MC CONNELL</u>			
	<u>BARDON</u>	20	<u>CORNELIUS</u>	
16	---	---	---	<u>DILL</u>
	"K"			
5	<u>RELVES</u>			
	<u>JOHNSON</u>		<u>ARNSDORF</u>	
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	"L"			
11	<u>BORDEN</u>			
	<u>TRAYNOR</u>		<u>BEDNARZ</u>	
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41	<u>HATERING</u>	<u>LYDAY</u>	<u>BEAUDRO</u>	89
	<u>MONTEZ</u>	71	61	<u>PETERS</u> <u>KLUG</u>
				<u>POWERS</u> 12

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GROUND SPARES

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- 60
- 95
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 RADIO: 320th TOPNOTCH  
 319th MANTHALL  
 17th BIGSAL

Escort:  
 TOPNOTCH MANTHALL SPARES:  
 FIGHTERS

COLORS OF THE DAY

0200-0800	RED & GREEN
0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW
1400-2000	RED & YELLOW
2000-0200	RED & RED RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>REPLY</u>
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1400-2000	B	Q

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON CASTIGLION FIORENTINO RR BRIDGE.

Crew	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1518
LYMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1908
BOYNE, NAV. 1st Lt.		
MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. Col.		
EBBSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	30
STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1518
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1908
LEAHY, NAV. Capt.		
SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ABERNATHY, RADIO, Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DODELIN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	26
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1518
JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1908
HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MILLIMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BAKER, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	29
VANDERBERG, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 1518
EVANS, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1910
NARDINE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MELBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEWART, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
FREEMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	40
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1518
HARMON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1910
ELIAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KLANK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	46
KING, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1518
HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1907
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HARTS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	32
WELCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1519
YOUENES, BOMB. Lt.		landed 1910
KING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

	ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	25
	HENSELI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1519
W	MC CRAY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1911
	PEARL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MC KAY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	38
V	MC DOUGAL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1519
	FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1917
	MELIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SUGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
F	PALMER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1521
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1911
	CAFARELLA, M.V. Capt.	10	
	BOWLES, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	YIM, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	ACKERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	62
	OPPERMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1521
E	MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	11	landed 1911
	JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	WENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEEKLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
	CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1521
W	ARMAS, BOMB. T/Sgt.	12	landed 1911
	ROLFE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARSTELLER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PRICE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50
F	SHEARD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1522
	ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	13	landed
	HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WIRKKAJA, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	59
	HAMEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1522
W	SCAFER, BOMB. S/Sgt.	14	landed
	ELLS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ROWE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
V	WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1522
	TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.	15	landed
	LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WAGNER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	TERRELL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

LONG, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	57
AYREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1523
HOBEL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1912
<i>F</i> CUFFEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.	<i>16</i>	
BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BARRY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
YOUNG, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd <i>7</i>	52
DID NOT TAKE OFF		
MORAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	63
HECKLER, CO PILOT		took off 1523
<i>W</i> BROWN, BOMB. Cpl.	<i>18</i>	landed
THOUGHTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PUNZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GRIFFIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
KATERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
ALLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>No Credit</i>	took off 1525
MUNTEZ, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
DUCHESNEA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
HARRINGTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>18</i>	1524
SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1913
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LAFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FLANIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRADRO, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	61
HABAL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1524
HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.	<i>No Credit</i>	landed
STONE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
JACKSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		