

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 234, Day Operation, 4 June 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Dentley.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 17:01 hours, 14 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Civita Castellana Road Bridge, Italy. (M/R: A-701110, Sheet 143, GSCS 4164). 2 spares returned early. 12 B-26's were over the target and dropped 96 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 18:44 hours from 8,500' to 8,000' on an axis of 95°T. 12 B-26's returned to base at 20:30 hours.

C. Results: The target was missed due to improper target identification. Another bridge 500 yards to the South of the target was covered with an excellent pattern of bombs, scoring probable direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires gave cover in target area.

b. Situation: Tarquinia A/D landing strip appeared to have been repaired.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

(1) 150 RR cars between A-0216 to A-1600.

(2) 2 locomotives at A-1206.

(3) 35 RR cars at A-4807.

(4) 100 RR cars between A-7221 and A-8210.

(5) 1 train of 30 cars moving South at A-7123.

(6) 35 RR cars at A-7110.

(7) Minor scattered M/T movement in all directions between target and coast.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

(1) At A-1005 and A-1200 several small boats.

(2) 3/5 small M/V in Civitavecchia Harbor.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 7,000'.

b. Target: Open; cloud banks up to 1,200' North and South of the target, with corridor to the coast.

c. Return: As Enroute.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From base at 2,500', to landfall at Tarquinia,†  
P. Capranica, climbing to 9,500'; to target at 8,500' on an axis of 95

breakaway left to Lake Vico; to Tarquinia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION #253 FL

COMMANDER: COL ~~SMITH~~ SMITH

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June 1944

RUNWAY LINE UP

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SPEED  
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66 HUNTER  
PICKETT 18 BODIE  
69 FELT  
ALLEN

"A"

"B"

BARRACLOUGH 33 43 BARNARD  
35 MERRILL  
9

"C"

DICKERSON 89 MACBRIDE  
94 STERNS 95  
91

SPARES: KADEN HIPPLE

47 23

COLORS OF THE DAY

FLARE COLORS

RED & GREEN  
YELLOW & YELLOW  
RED & YELLOW  
RED & RED RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

CHALLENGE REPLY

0200-0800 C W  
0800-1400 Z S  
1400-2000 B Q  
2000-0200 N I

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH  
Escort: TOPNOTCH  
FIGHTERS

CHANNEL "A"

1655

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON 4 JUNE 1944.

Hunter, Pilot, Captain, 443rd

Hale, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.

Pickett, Bombardier, 1st Lt.

Schwartz, Navigator, 1st Lt.

Miller, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Peaver, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.

Snider, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Deatly, ~~Aerial gunner, S/sgt.~~ Lt.,

*Posted*

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Took off 1700

Landed 2030

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*Flight COMMANDER*

Felt, pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd

Dugan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

Allen Bombardier, 1st Lt.

Brooks, Navigator, 2nd Lt.

Mai, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Traweck, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

Guilliams, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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Took off 1700

Landed 2030

F

Speed, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd

Van Keuren, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

Storick, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.

Park, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Giles, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.

Avery, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Sauter, Aerial photographer, Sgt.

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Took off 1700

Landed 2030

W

Gregg, pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd

Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

Ward, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.

Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Frause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

~~Smith~~ Nemier Aerial gunner, Sgt.

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Took off 1701

Landed 2030

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Barnard, pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd

Williams, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

Harlan, Bombardier, Sgt.

Margolis, Engineer gunner, Sgt.

Savoionetti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

Weiss, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

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Took off 1701

Landed 2031

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Barraclaugh, Pilot 2nd Lt. 441st

Castor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

Friend, Bombardier, S/sgt.

Hollinger, Engineer gunner, Sgt.

Welles, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.

Johnson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Frank, Aerial photographer Cpl.

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Took off 1701

Landed 2031

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Merrill, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st

Trunk, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.

Vicha, Bombardier, Sgt.

Coppler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Michaelsen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

Griggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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Took off 1701

Landed 2031

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<p>Burke, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th  Sinn, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Clark, Bombardier, Sgt.  F Bauer, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  Ivey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Loch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	<p>89  Took off 1702  Landed 2037</p>
<p>Mcbride, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th  Wilson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Jenco, Bombardier, S/sgt.  W Leonard, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Paul, Aerial gunner, Sgt.  Visconti, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.</p>	<p>95  Took off 1702  Landed 2032</p>
<p>Dickerson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th  Kreuzer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Drevas, Bombardier, Sgt.  W Kucuma, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  Lanthh, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Malone, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  Campbell, <del>xxxx</del> radio operator.</p>	<p>94  Took off 1702  Landed 2032</p>
<p>Stearns, Pilot, Lt. 444th  E Marsch, Co, Pilot, Lt.  Froeliech, Bombardier, Lt.  Dyrcz, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  Englehart, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Poland, Aerial gunner, Sgt. <i>spare</i></p>	<p>91  Took off 1702  Landed 2032</p>
<p>Hipple Pilot 2nd Lt. 441st  Wiginton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Garvey, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  Soldati, Engineer gunner, Cpl.  Pysz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  Money, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  <b>xxx</b></p>	<p>23  Took off 1703  Landed 1838</p>
<p>Kaden, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd  Porcynaluk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  Germano, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  O'Neal, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  Glenderson, Radio Gunner, Sgt.  Kimmich, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	<p>47  Took off 1703  Landed 1834</p>

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