

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 241, Day Operation, 8 June 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Colonel Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0940 hours, 13 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Cortona RR Bridge (M/R R353096, sheet 122). The target was cloud obscured and Cecina Rd. Bridge, last resort target was bombed instead. 12 B-26's were over the target, bombed, and 12 B-26's dropped 96 x 500 lb demolition bombs (84 - 1/10, .01 second delay fuses); 4 - 12 hour delay fuses; 4 - 6 hour delay fuses and 4 - 24 hour delay fuses; on the target at 1296 hours from 9,500' to 9,000' on an axis of 270° T. 11 B-26's returned to base at 1330 hours and 1 B-26 returned late at 1438 hours after landing in Corsica for gas.

C. RESULTS: The bombs landed generally just to the south of the bridge, cutting the approaches; bombs of one flight hit the bridge squarely. The bridge was more than half destroyed prior to bombing.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: Spitfires and P-47's seen in target area.
1 S/E A/C smoking on Cecina I/G.
Grosseto A/D, 6 T/E A/C widely dispersed.

2. Ground: a. General: None.

b. Communications:

1. 120 RR cars at E6078 to E6460.
2. 30 RR cars at V9596.
3. 20 RR cars at R3509.
4. 20 RR cars at Q4224.
5. 30 M/T facing N, stationary, at Q3531 at 1204 hours.

c. Flak: From SE of Cortona moderate heavy accurate to inaccurate for altitude, accurate for deflection was encountered on two bomb runs on axes of 74° and 78°, commencing 2 seconds before the bomb release point and continuing on the breakaway from the target. Continuously pointed fire in groups of 3 bursts.

One position was seen firing from NE edge of Lake Trasimeno.

d. Shipping: 1. 2 medium M/V, Porto Ferrajo, Elba.
2. 6 small boats at Cecina Marina.

3. Losses: None. Damaged, 4.

4. Weather: Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 7,000'.
Target: (Primary) 7/10 cumulus, tops 8,000'; Cecina, open.
Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From 2,500' at base, to south of Ombrone River; to Torrita d Siena; to target; breakaway left around Castiglion Fiorentino to Torrita d Siena; to target at 10,000'; breakaway left; to Siena to Poggibonsi; left curve to Pomerance; bomb run on Cecina breakaway left to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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22			11 <u>ROBBINS</u>	
08		19 <u>HUBBARD</u>	TAPP	08 <u>WEST</u>
11		Burtis	22 <u>SMITH</u>	Mc Goldrick
19			<u>VESSELLS</u>	
17			"B"	
09			07 <u>BINWIDDIE</u>	
07		01 <u>WILLIAMS</u>	Johnson	09 <u>BOYCE</u>
01		Cocker	17 <u>TRUNK</u>	Mc Farland
78			Gallagher	
95			"C"	
98			98 <u>TUNNS</u>	
77		77 <u>RICHARDS</u>	Drevas	95 <u>BRESSETTE</u>
38		Rinden	78 <u>CASSER</u>	Shehan
31			Jenco	
44			"D"	
41			31 <u>HAKOMAKI</u>	
26		38 <u>WELCH</u>	HENDREX	44 <u>ROBERTSON</u>
30		Harlan	41 <u>RATHERING</u>	Fuller
47			MAGGIO	
33			"E"	

 RADIO:
 32nd TOPNOTCH
 Escort:
 TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS
 17th BIGSAM
 319th MOUNTBALL

 GROUND SPARES

26	30	47
<u>TAYLOR</u>	<u>HARTE</u>	<u>HODGES</u>
Mc Gray	<u>SPAIN</u>	Harrington
	33 <u>BARNARD</u>	
	Slough	
	"F"	
99 <u>SCHNEIDER</u>	79 <u>FOWLER</u>	
Leonard	LINDSTRUM	83 <u>MC GUGAN</u>
	90 <u>SINN</u>	Crapse
	Shingo	

SPARES: 23 WITCHER 32 MC DOUGAL 80 FLICKER
 Vicha Chamberlin WILLIAMS

COLORS OF THE DAY

	<u>FLARE COLORS</u>
0200-0800	RED & GREEN
0800-1400	GREEN & GREEN
1400-2000	GREEN & YELLOW
2000-0200	GREEN & YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
CHALLENGE REPLY

0200-0800	Y	J
0800-1400	B	G
1400-2000	X	P
2000-0200	Z	A

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt.	441st	11	
PRANKA, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	<i>441st</i> <i>RAID</i>	took off 0940	
TAPP, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1330	
GIBSON, NAV. 1st Lt.			
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
TOMPEIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. Col.			
WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8	
PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	<i>441st</i>	took off 0940	
MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1317	
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
GARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
SNOW, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.			
HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.		441st	19
WIGGINTON, CO PILOT, F/O	<i>441st</i>	took off 0940	
BERDAUS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1317	
GIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
LARGENT, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, S/Sgt.			
SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.		441st	22
WIGINTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>441st</i>	took off 0940	
VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed	
HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt.			
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
MC DONOUGH, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
STEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DINWIDDLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		441st	7
BORDEK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>441st</i>	took off 0941	
JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1331	
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
FORBES, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
BOYCE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		441st	9
ASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		<i>441st</i>	took off 0941
MC FARLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.	landed 1331		
PESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
WILLIAMS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st		1
KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>441st</i>		took off 0941
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1332	
CASEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
MARRUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
KIRKLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

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	TRUNK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
	MYERS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0941
E	GALLAGHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1320
	BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KA PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TOWNS, PILOT,	444th	98
	CHUNIS, CO PILOT,		took off 0942
F	DREVAS, BOMB.		landed 1330
	STATON, RADIO ENGINEER		
	STALCUP, RADIO,		
	MAGNER, GUNNER,		
	BRESETTE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	95
W	WEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0942
	SHEEHAN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1324
	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	RICHARDS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
	HISBY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took, 0942
W	RINDEN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1330
	DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	FEINBERG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	GASSER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	78
	KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0942
E	JENCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1331
	GOLDIE, ENGINEER, /Sgt.		
	SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAKOMAKI, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
R.A.	WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0943
	HENDREX, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1333
F	MENAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt.		
	UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BARRACLAUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	44
W	BATES, ESTES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0943
	FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1333
	BELLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LAFOREST, PHOTO, Pvt.		
	WELCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	38
W	GRABOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0943
	HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1330
	WILSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

E	<p> MATERING, PILOT, 1st Lt. OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MAGGIO, BOMB. 1st Lt. TEICH, NAV. 2nd Lt. ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt. </p>	442nd	41 took off 0943 landed
F	<p> HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. KING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt. </p>	442nd	30 took off 0944 landed 1334
R.F.	<p> WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt. PUTNAM, ENGINEER, Sgt. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt. WARD, GUNNER, Sgt. </p>	442nd	47 took off 0944 landed 1314
W	<p> TAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC CRAY, BOMB. Sgt. HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MILLIMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. </p>	442nd	26 took off 0944 landed 1334
Y	<p> BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SLOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. PEARL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt. </p>	442nd	33 took off 0944 landed 1333
F	<p> FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LINDSTROM, BOMB. 1st Lt. COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt. DENITT, GUNNER, Sgt. </p>	444th	79 took off 0945 landed 1310
W	<p> MC GUGAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WCRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt. WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt. ALEXANDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt. </p>	444th	83 took off 0945 landed 1305
W	<p> SCHNEIDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. LEONARD, BOMB. Sgt. COOK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt. HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt. </p>	444th	99 took off 0945 landed 1308

S	SINN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	90
	DEMETREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0945
	SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1307
	KUHNE, ENGINEER, 1/Sgt.		
	CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LAUTH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
	MC DOUGAL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	32
	BAKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0946
	CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1147
	MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	PLACKTERT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	80
	JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0946
	WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1148
	BAUER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.		