

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 245, Night Operation, 8 June 1944.

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 00:07 hours, 10 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Perugia, Italy. 1 spare returned early. 3 B-26's lost the formation and dropped 22 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on Port Ercole, target of opportunity, at 02:00 hours from 8,500'. (one flash bomb was used). 6 B-26's were over the target and 3 B-26's dropped 22 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 02:14 hours from 9,000'. (one flash bomb was used). 8 x 500# Demolition bombs were salvaged safe just West of Lake Trasimeno on return because Flight Leader did not drop. 14 x 500# Demolition bombs were returned to base because Flight Leader, briefed to drop on lead a/c in formation, was unable to see bombs fall. 3 B-26's returned to base at 03:28 hours and 6 B-26's returned to base at 03:58 hours.

C. Results: Port Ercole: All bombs landed in the water.
Perugia: The bombs are believed to have landed among buildings on the East edge of town.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

Several lights of unidentified a/c were seen at distances over Italy, one or more dive-bombing Grosseto.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

Bombs were seen exploding at Grosseto enroute to target, indicating probable dive-bombing; three fires close together and in a straight line running North-South were seen on return from the target.

b. Communications:

Several headlights of motor vehicles moving North were seen 10 miles East of Grosseto at 01:55 hours.

c. Flak: Several nearly spent inaccurate tracers (probable 40 mm. fire) were fired from the vicinity of Grosseto.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: Clear in all areas; ground haze over Italy.

5. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,000' at base to landfall at Castiglione d' Pescaia; to Castiglione d' Lago at 10,000'; to target at 90°T at 9,000'; breakaway left to Grosseto; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION #262
RUNWAY LINE-UP

FLIGHT COMMANDER: COLONEL FLETCHER

9 June 1944

93
30
90
11
7
56
53
30
25
22

1207 0400	"A" 1207 0400	50 BREWER	93 PLACKTER
90 STUBS BURKE	WHITE		1207 0400
HOFFNER			DZIEDZIC
1209 0330	"B" 1209 0330	7 BERGE	11 PENKA
56 LAMB	FLOUCK		1209 0330
1210 0411	"C" 1210 0411	30 HAKOLAKI	25 DODELIN
53 WEEKLY	HENDRICK		1210 0411
STRAKA			MC CRAY
Spare: 78 REEDER	0223 1211		
	JENKO		

COLORS OF THE DAY

FLARE COLORS

2000-0200

YELLOW & YELLOW RED

0200-0300

RED & GREEN

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

CHALLENGES

REPLY

2000-0300

S

Q

0200-0300

C

W

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH

CHANNEL "A"

Escort: TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

10 Flying
1207
1211

10 IN
0330
0411

1 spare at 0223

Mission completed

MFOK at 0235

cycle mag. Lost (right) of leader.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

PERUGIA

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
BREWER, PILOT, Major	444th	80
CO PILOT, JONES, 2nd Lt.		took off 0207
WHITE, BOMBARDIER, 2nd Lt.		landed 0400
BANG, NAV.		
TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
FLETCHER, COL. FLIGHT COMMANDER		
FLACKER, PILOT,	444th	93
CHUNIS, CO PILOT		took off 0207
DZIEDZIC, BOMBARDIER,		landed 0400
DEACY, NAV.		
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, 1/Sgt.		
SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BUNKE, PILOT,	444th	90
ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off 0207
HEPNER, BOMB.		landed 0400
DAY, NAV.		
FILIPANTE, ENGINEER,		
ENGLEHARDT, RADIO,		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER,		
DUNCAN, CAPT.		
BARGE, PILOT,	441st	7
BOYCE, CO PILOT,		took off 0209
HAWKINS, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 0330
GIBSON, NAV.		
LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAYES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PENKA, PILOT,	441st	11
MALCOLM, CO PILOT,		took off 0209
MC FARLAND, BOMB.		landed 0330
CHRISTSEN, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MICHELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAMB, PILOT,	443rd	56
AYREY, CO PILOT,		Took off 0209
WESTPHALL, BOMB.		landed 0330
LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER,		
MAIER, RADIO,		
MC DONALD, GUNNER,		
CONEY, A,		
HAKOMAKI, PILOT,	442nd	30
CASTOR , CO PILOT,		took off 0210
SPANN, BOMB.		landed 0411
MENNAUGH, NAV.		
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.	spangler, gunner, S/Sgt.	
GEMMILL, A, Lt.		

*Posted
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1.1.45*

CASTOR

DODELIN, PILOT, ~~442nd~~ 442nd
THORNTON, CO PILOT,
AC GRAY, BOMB.
w BALLINGER, ENGINEER, s/Sgt.
MILLMAN, RADIO,
EARL, GUNNER, s/Sgt.
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25
took off 0010
landed 0411

W WEEKLY, PILOT, 443rd
HECKLER, CO PILOT
STICANA, BOMB.
ROIFE, ENGINEER,
TORATY, RADIO
SNIDER, GUNNER,
STEWART, X, Lt.

53
TOOK OFF 0010
landed 0411

444th
RASSER, PILOT, 444th
SINN, CO PILOT,
JENKO, BOMB.
CARNI, ENGINEER,
SCHAFER, RADIO,
CLARK, GUNNER,

77
took off 0011
anded 0223