

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 251, Day Operation, 13 June 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Dently.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:21 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Buine Viaduct North (M/R: B-859375, sheet 114), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 spare, 1 propeller governor out. 18 B-26's were over the target and dropped 72 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 a .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:28 hours from 9,560' to 9,000' on an axis of 235°T (first run) and 10:44 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on an axis of 229°T (second run). 18 B-26's returned at 12:20 hours to base.

C. Results: The second Squadron was not in position to drop on the first run on the target, and dropped on the second run.

The Target was not hit. Bombs of the first Squadron cut the South approaches and those of the second Squadron cut the North approaches.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires and P-47's were seen in the target area.

b. Situation:

(1) Hangar exploding at Siena/Malignese A/D.

(2) 4 a/c at South-West corner of Piana del Lago A/D; landing strip mined.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Supply dumps at Q-6718 and B-7581.

(2) Road Bridge down at V-7097.

(3) Rail Bridge repaired at B-0044.

(4) Military activity at B-1742.

(5) Buine Viaduct South down.

b. Communications:

(1) 60 RR cars at Q-8318 to Q-8924.

(2) 350/400 RR cars from Q-1036 to B-3118.

(3) 50 RR cars with white lettering on tops at B-2844.

(4) 30 M/T parked at B-4245.

(5) 30 M/T parked at B-6173.

(6) Moderate scattered M/T from North, South, and East towards Arezzo.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shrapnel: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Clouds: Broken to scattered cumulus at 4,000'.
- b. Visibility: Open; 2/10ths scattered cumulus over Italy.
- c. Remarks: As enroute.

5. Route and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to landfall at Castiglione d' Pescara; to Siena; to Puliciano; to Pieve S. Stefano; to I.P., Rassino, climbing to 10,000; to target at 235 T at 9,500'; circle around Arezzo to left; to target; to Siena; to Castiglione d' Pescara; to base.

7. Comments: None.

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GROUND SPACES

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REMARKS

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH  
Escort TOPNOTCH  
FIGHTERS

51 HILL  
Henry

61 SPENCER  
Tyson

65 HACKLER  
Szafir

46 KING  
McCray

29 THORNTON  
Fuller

44 WELSH  
Chamberlin  
SPACES:

"A"  
64 RITCHIE  
ILLIARD

"B"  
66 BARNETT  
Linzga

"C"  
50 STRACHAN  
Davis

"D"  
28 FLETCHER  
SWINDLER

"E"  
27 HARTE  
Ycuenes

"F"  
33 BARON  
Germano

69 HUNTER  
PICKETT

55 KOLAR  
Sherman

59 YOUNG  
Dickey

30 HAKOWAKI  
HENDRICK

38 FRIEDMAN  
Harlan

32 BARNARD  
Harmon

63 COLE  
COLE

59 BARRACLOUGH  
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COLORS OF THE DAY

0200-0800  
0800-1400  
1400-2000  
2000-0200

FLARE COLORS  
Red & red red  
Yellow & YELLOW  
red & YELLOW  
red & Green

ALDIS and SIGNALS  
Signal Reply

0200-0300  
0800-1400  
1400-2000  
2000-0200

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