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Intelligence Narrative No. 254, Day Operation, 14 June 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Runnallee.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 10:30 hours, 12 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb two 400' block ships, Leghorn Harbor, Italy. 12 B-26's were over the target and dropped 48 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) at 12:24 hours from 9,900' to 9,400' on an axis of 141 T. 11 B-26's returned to base at 13:50 hours. One B-26's was destroyed on crash landing at base due to flak damage.

C. Results: Bombs of two flights landed squarely on the targets, scoring probable direct hits. Bombs of two other flights landed just East of the targets.

D. Observations:

1. Air: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications: None.

c. Flak: From Leghorn moderate to intense heavy and accurate for altitude, accurate to inaccurate for deflection, at first barrage, followed by continuously pointed fire; commenced 5 seconds before bombs away and continued on the breakaway for 20 seconds.

Positions:

1 - 4 gun heavy battery and 1 - 2 gun heavy at M-2/2-3 (TC 3-103A-NA).

4 heavy guns just South of Marina di Pisa.

Several balls of fire, red and green, 6 - 8 inches in diameter, to pass through formation on the bomb run.

Scant light inaccurate flak was also encountered from Leghorn.

d. Shipping: No change.

3. Losses: One crash landed at base due to flak damage; a/c lost; crew safe.

Damaged: 4.

4. Weather: CAVU in all areas.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to Montecristo Island; to Pianosa Island; to I.P., 43° 47' N / 10° 05' E, climbing gradually to 10,900'; to target at 9,900'; breakaway right; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION NUMBER: 273

FLIGHT COMMANDER:

14 JUNE 1944

RUNWAY
LINEUP

81
85
91
03
07
19
46
30
44
64
62
70
98

SINN

91 Williams

WILLIAMS

19 Stone

CLARK

46 Fuller

NELSON

64 Straka

MATTESON

85 PelCSIER

REEVES

07 CODDIN

HARRIS

30 STARR

SPURIS

BURKE

98 GLABITZ

PETERS

81 POWERS

WEST

03 GARVEY

GRABOWSKY

44 Harlan

WEEKLY

70 BULLOW

CALLSIGNS:

320th: TOPNOTCH

CHANNEL "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY

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

FLARE COLORS

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

LDIS LAMP SIGNALS

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

CHALLENGE

W
S
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REPLY

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON BLOCK BOATS LEGHORNE HARBOR

	CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
F	MATTESON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	444th	85 took off 1030 landed 1350
	CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28		
	DELOSIER, BOMB. 1st Lt. 34		
	DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt. 42		
	GIUFFRÈ, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	STEAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROBINSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MUNNALLEE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
E	PETERS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 52	444th	81 took off 1030 landed 1350
	WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 49		
	POWERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 43		
	WEBB, NAV. 2nd Lt. 13		
	WYLER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	FAUCHLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	ESTRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GLASER, A, 2nd Lt.		
W	SINN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 49	444th	91 took off 1030 landed 1350
	NOVAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 57		
	WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		
	MONTARULI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RABAL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	KUNZ, A, 1st Lt.		
F	REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43	441st	7 took off 1030 landed 1350
	WALDROP, CO PILOT, Lt. 44th 13		
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	GRADIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 24		
	MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
W	WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 60	441st	3 took off 1030 landed 1350
	WEGGINTON, CO PILOT, P/O. 17		
	GARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 8		
	MEANS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	PUSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	METCALF, GUNNER, Cpl.		
F	HARTE, PILOT, Lt. 43	442nd	30 took off 1031 landed 1351
	ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, Lt. 33		
	SPANN, BOMB. Lt. 16		
	MC CULAY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	RADIO, DELAIRE, S/Sgt.		
	BERTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
N	GRABOWSKI, PILOT, Lt. 47	442nd	44 took off 1031 landed 1351
	WELCH, CO PILOT, Lt. 18		
	HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	WALKER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	TURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

47	KLARK, PILOT,	442nd	
59	KING, CO PILOT, Lt.		46
	FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		took off 1031
W	O'NEAL, ENGINEER, Sgt.		landed
	SIMEO, RADIO, Sgt.		1352
	KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 5F	443rd	
F	SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 56		62
	LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 21		took off 1031
	HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1352
	WENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WESKLY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 48	443rd	
W	CARDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 50		70
	BULON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 9		took off 1031
	COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed
	TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1352
	THEETAS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ELLIS, X, S/Sgt.		
	NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	443rd	
W	SPARD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23		64
	STRANA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		took off 1031
	LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed
	BOMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1352
	CHAMLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	SNIDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COMBY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	SPARE		
W	BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 53	444th	
	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5F		80
	GLAUBITZ, BOMB. 1st Lt. 2F		took off 1030
	FILTRANEE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed
	IVEX, RADIO, S/Sgt.		1355
	KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		