

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 255, Day Operation, 15 June 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:45 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Racine Viahest South (M/R: R-076253, Sheet 144), Italy. 2 spares returned early. 18 B-26's were over the target and dropped 144 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:35 hours from 9,500' to 9,000' on an Axis of 333°T, and at 10:58 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on an Axis of 192°T, in two runs on the target. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:17 hours.

The first Squadron of 9 A/C dropped on the first run; the second Squadron made a second run from the opposite direction.

C. Results: The target and the East approaches were bracketed with good patterns of bombs. Several direct hits are believed to have been scored.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

2 FW-190's headed North on the deck in vicinity of V-69 at 11:18 hours.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Hospital at B-6977.
(2) Road bridges up in the target area, B-4566, B-7067, and V-6792.
(3) RR bridge out at Q-7939.

b. Communications:

(1) 100 RR cars from B-4987 to B-7366.
(2) 35 RR cars from B-8489 to B-9088.
(3) 30 RR cars in Sigma M/Y's.
(4) 30 RR cars at R-0207.
(5) 170 RR cars from Q-9651 to R-2622.
(6) 100 RR cars from Romeo to R-2743.
(7) 1 train of 20 RR cars, stationary facing North at Q-7527.

c. Wind: When formation was over point 4 miles South-East of Ronconvento, scant heavy, fairly accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection was encountered.

Over point R-1417, scant heavy fairly accurate for both altitude and deflection was encountered. Continuously pointed fire.

d. Shippings: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged, 4.

4. Weather: CAVU in all areas.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base to 5 miles South-East of Castiglione d' Pescaia; to Paganico; to Montecina Savino, climbing to 10,500'; to target at 9,500'; breakaway left to coast 2 miles South of S. Vincenzo; to base (Second Squadron: Same to target on first run; curve left to South of target; to Rossina; to Castel S. Niccolo; to target; breakaway left to Malignano; to Castiglione d' Pescaia; to base).

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION NUMBER 27
 RUNWAY LINE UP

FLIGHT COMMANDER: COL. FLETCHER
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	31 <u>PROBASCO</u>	
47 <u>HAWAN</u>	<u>FURSTONE</u>	43 <u>HARPSTER</u>
<u>Jacobson</u>		<u>OLMSTEAD</u>
	"B"	
	27 <u>KADEN</u>	
46 <u>MC DUGAL</u>	<u>Germano</u>	26 <u>TAYLOR</u>
<u>Charberlin</u>		<u>Fuller</u>
	"C"	
	45 <u>BAKER</u>	
38 <u>WELSH</u>	<u>Younes</u>	40 <u>CASTOR</u>
<u>Harlan</u>		<u>Friend</u>
	"D"	
	64 <u>ACKEDMAN</u>	
65 <u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>McCartney</u>	51 <u>MAC KINNON</u>
<u>Straka</u>		<u>WAGAR</u>
	"E"	
	55 <u>WEEKS</u>	
61 <u>HILL</u>	<u>Henry</u>	53 <u>DUGAN</u>
<u>Szafir</u>		<u>Sherman</u>
	"G"	
	66 <u>CLARK</u>	
52 <u>STILSON</u>	<u>Cox</u>	71 <u>YOUNG</u>
<u>Tyson</u>		<u>Dickey</u>
	"H"	
	81 <u>BLINDINGHAM</u>	
89 <u>QUINN</u>	<u>HELLER</u>	80 <u>TOMAS</u>
<u>Jenko</u>		<u>BERNARDI</u>
	"I"	
	91 <u>PLACKTER</u>	
94 <u>DEASTRICE</u>	<u>Dziedzic</u>	96 <u>MC BRIDE</u>
<u>Cross</u>		<u>Gleason</u>
	"J"	
	83 <u>READER</u>	
95 <u>TURNER, H.D.</u>	<u>Robert</u>	79 <u>RICHARDS</u>
<u>Dreyas</u>		<u>Riden</u>
SPARES: 29 <u>HEWELL</u>	56 <u>STRACHAN</u>	77 <u>BROSETTE</u>
	<u>McCray</u>	<u>Spider</u>
		<u>Shingle</u>

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH
 Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

Channel "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY

FLAME COLORS

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

GREEN & GREEN
 YELLOW & YELLOW
 RED & GREEN
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THIS LIGHT SIGNALS

CHALLENGE REPLY

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

	CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
G	PROBANSO, PILOT, Capt. 50	442nd	31 took off 0845 landed 12214
	ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 93		
	FREESTONE, BOMB. 1st Lt. 50		
	MANAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt. 33		
	SAYLOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
	ELY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BOSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
E	HARFESTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 40	442nd	43 took off 0845 landed 1225
	VANDEBURG, CO PILOT, T/O 19		
	OLSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt. 37		
	BOYNE, NAV. 1st Lt. 52		
	PEARO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KADDER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
W	ROMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42	442nd	47 took off 0845 landed 12214
	ALLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27		
	JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt.		
	MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	HUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
F	KADDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 17	442nd	27 took off 0845 landed 1222
	WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 41		
	GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 17		
	O'REAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
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	SUGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
W	TAYLOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	442nd	26 took off 0845 landed 1222
	THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 48		
	FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	HAGNER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
W	MC DONALD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19	442nd	46 took off 0845 landed 1222
	BAKER, J.J., CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17		
	CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	MC CULLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	LAFOREST, PHOTO, Pvt.		
F	BAKER, PILOT, Capt. 64	442nd	45 took off 0846 landed 1224
	STEAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 21		
	YOUNG, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 9		
	NARDINE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	STEWART, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
W	CASPER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	442nd	40 took off 0846 landed 1220
	BARNACLOUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 24		
	WELLS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		
	WELLS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		

WELCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	38
GRABOSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 48		took off 0846
HALLAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1224
HALLAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FURNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ACKERMAN, PILOT, Capt. 46	443rd	64
WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25		took off 0846
MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 37		landed 1215
TARRANTO, NAV. 1st Lt. 35		
JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CALLAHAN, RADIO, 1st Sgt.		
MC ALMONA, PILOT, Capt. 38	443rd	51
NICOLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19		took off 0846
MAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt. 38		landed 1215
BROOKS, NAV. 2nd Lt. 13		
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TUSATI, RADIO, 1st Sgt.		
WEEKLY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 19	443rd	65
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 57		took off 0846
STILANA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1215
COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
COUSINS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
WEEKS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42	443rd	55
HANCO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 18		took off 0847
HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1218
CALIFUT, RADIO, 1st Sgt.		
AVERY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MOON, X, LT.		
DUGAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	53
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0847
SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 0903
STONE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, RADIO, Sgt.		
HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 29	443rd	61
AYBEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 20		took off 0857
SZAFID, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1218
SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HANSEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MADDOX, PHOTO,		
CLARK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27	443rd	66
VAN KUREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 24		took off 0847
COX, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1219
BARRY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
YOUNG, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10	443rd	71
HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13		took off 0847
DICKEY, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1219
FERRILL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC CONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		

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STINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	443rd	52
OPPERMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 30		took off 0847
LYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1219
CHANDLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
TRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41	444th	81
DEISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 42		took off 0848
HOLMES, BOMB. 1st Lt. 20		landed 1232
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt. 41		
WYMAN, ENGINEER, 1st Sgt.		
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	444th	80
HANCOCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22		took off 0845
BALIVARDI, BOMB. 1st Lt. 38		landed 1232
NEED, NAV. 2nd Lt. 14		
MULTOMSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MAGHEE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BRADY, 1st Lt.		
CUNNINGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49	444th	89
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 40		took off 0848
JANCO, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1232
CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CLITES, PHOTO,		
ARAU, 1st Lt.		
FLACKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 45	444th	91
HISBY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 49		took off 0848
DELEDAIC, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1232 +
KUGLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
RABAI, GUNNER, Sgt.		
DUNN, 1st Lt., Capt.		
MC BRIDE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 48	444th	93
KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 18		took off 0848
GLANSON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1232 +
MC BRIDE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WILSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
KUNE, 1st Lt.		
DEWITT, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44	444th	94
WIEHR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 49		took off 0848
CHAPMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 121
DYER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
YAVORSKY, RADIO, Sgt.		
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WALSTON, 1st Lt., Capt.		
REARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 37	444th	83
MORGENTHAU, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 54		took off 0849
DREYER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1233
HANCOCK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ANDERSON, 1st Lt., T/Sgt.		

	RICHARDS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 52	444th	79
	SINGAR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 49		took off 0849
	RINDAN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1233
W	BAUER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PULANO, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	GILBERT, A, 2nd Lt.		
H.D.	TUDNER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46	444th	95
	MONAK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 58		took off 0849
	ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1233
W	TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ALLENBERRY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	REDDINGTON, A, 1st Lt.		
	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
	HANSKILL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4F	442nd	29
	ALLENBERRY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 46		took off 0850
W	MC GRAY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 12/F4
	HUSTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	FURNESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	STACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
	SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>no credit</i>	took off 0850
	SHILAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1036
	HOPKINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	WELLS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	BRONSTEIN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	77
	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>no credit</i>	took off 0850
	BRINDLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1031
	JOHNSON, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		