

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 262. Day Operation, 21 June 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Probasco.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0845 hours, 30 B-26's took off to bomb the RR Viaduct (M/A O-995765, sheet B2), Italy. 3 B-26's returned early, which were spares. 27 B-26's were over the target and 17 B-26's dropped 68 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .01 second delay fuses) in two runs, (36 on first, 32 on second), on the target at 1102 hours from 10,500' to 10,000' on an axis of 220°. 40 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned to base, 36 because the squadron carrying them were not in position to drop on the target; 4 because of bomb bay door malfunction in A/C carrying them. 27 B-26's returned to base at 1249 hours.

C. RESULTS: The target was covered with an excellent concentration of bombs, scoring several direct hits. Photographic coverage confirms the destruction of at least two spans. Bombs of one squadron landed on the road and bridge just north of the target.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Enemy Activity: Escort of Spitfires from Corsica.
b. Situation: None.

2. Ground: a. General: RR Viaducts damaged at O-1342 and O-2338.
b. Communications: 1. 1 train of 25 cars moving south at

P-0073 at 1103 hours.

2. 250 RR cars at O-9580.
3. 30 RR passenger cars at O-9578.
4. 300 RR cars from O-9971 to O-9557.
5. 75 RR cars from O-6944 to O-8851.

c. Flak

Hill NW of Genoa S, H, A, I, CP, Top of Hill,
O-9256;

S, L, I, I, 1 - 3 gun battery.
1 - 4 gun battery.

SIFIED

3 and 5(D) or (E)

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S, Date 5/1/78

1 - 4 gun battery at O-9449.

Hill NW of Genoa W, H, A, A, CP, Same.

d. Shipping: 1. 4 M/V at O-6140 at 1042 hours.
2. 2 M/V and 4 landing craft O-6843 at 1043 hrs.
3. 2 large M/V, 6 small M/V, 1 flat topped ship at Genoa at 1116 hours.
4. 1 small M/V, 6 barges, 15 small craft at P-1938 at 1118 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 9 to flak; 1 man injured.

4. Weather: a. Enroute: Broken stratus decks at 10,000' and 12,000'; scattered clouds below.

4. Weather (Cont'd.)

- b. Target: 3-4/10 cumulus, 4-8,000'.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTES: Base to rendezvous at Alto; to landfall at Voltri; to Masone; to Rossiglione; to target (two squadrons, 180° curve to left and second bomb run); to land exit at Camogli (one squadron which encountered moderate flak, land exit at Voltri); to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION #281

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. PROBASCO

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RUNWAY LINE UP

65		"A"		
67	65 <u>KOLAR</u>	64 <u>ALFCHIN</u>	70 <u>CAUDILL</u>	
70	<u>Sherman</u>	<u>TIDWELL</u>	<u>STRICKLAND</u>	
		"B"		
51		56 <u>STRACHAN</u>		
56	51 <u>STINSON</u>	<u>Tyson</u>	59 <u>WIRKKALA</u>	
59	<u>Avery</u>		<u>Snider</u>	
		"C"		
53		69 <u>CLARK</u>		
69	53 <u>HECKLER</u>	<u>Stroka</u>	55 <u>SPED</u>	
55	<u>Marach</u>		<u>Henry</u>	
		"D"		
16		11 <u>HELD</u>		
11	17 <u>PESEK</u>	<u>POLAKOW</u>	16 <u>MC CONNELL</u>	
17	<u>Summers</u>		<u>BARDON</u>	
		"E"		
22		5 <u>BEEVES</u>		
5	1 <u>WILLIAMS</u>	<u>MacIlivena</u>	22 <u>WACHTER</u>	
1	<u>Mac Goldrick</u>		<u>Vicab</u>	
		"F"		
10		9 <u>WILKIN</u>		
9	12 <u>HUBBARD</u>	<u>Johnson</u>	10 <u>O'STEAN</u>	
12	<u>Stone</u>		<u>Chalucci</u>	
		"G"		
98		80 <u>FOULER</u>		
80	81 <u>JONES</u>	<u>McGARS</u>	98 <u>TOWNS</u>	
81	<u>Ugiedzie</u>		<u>BARNARD</u>	
		"H"		
76		89 <u>REKOR</u>		
89	95 <u>SINN</u>	<u>Lindstrum</u>	76 <u>WEIER</u>	
95	<u>Jenco</u>		<u>Dravas</u>	
		"I"		
77		93 <u>BURKE</u>		
93	91 <u>CHUMIS</u>	<u>Froelich</u>	77 <u>MC BRIDE</u>	
91	<u>Hatcher</u>		<u>Grasse</u>	
	SPARE 68 <u>HAMMILL</u>	23 <u>DIMMIDIE</u>	78 <u>SINGER</u>	
68	<u>Cox</u>	<u>Cocker</u>	<u>Gleason</u>	
23	COLORS OF THE DAY			
78				

RADIO:
320th TOPNOTCH
Escort TOPNOTCH
 FIGHTERS
Ground "A"

FLYING COLORS
0200-0800 Red & Green
0800-1400 Red & Red
1400-2000 Yellow & Yellow
2000-0200 Red & Green

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	Y	V
0800-1400	G	J
1400-2000	P	C
2000-0200	N	S

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF JUNE 21 1944.

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46	443rd	64
GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 57		took off 0845
TIDWELL, BOMB. Capt. 53		landed 1249
TACANTO, NAV. 1st Lt. 38		
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
PROBASCO, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 51		
CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 55	443rd	70
HAIBAL, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 53		took off 0845
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. 55		landed 1249
CAFARELLA, NAV. Capt. 55		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, T Sgt.		
GRISWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42	443rd	56
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 58		took off 0845
TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1249
GORMAN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
PURTZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KOLAR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	443rd	65
DUGAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 50		took off 0845
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1250
STONE, ENGINEER, T Sgt.		
WAGNER, RADIO, Sgt.		
WIRKKALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. 25	443rd	59
WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25		took off 0845
SNIDER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1250
ELLS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DOMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STINSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	443rd	71
WEST, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 37		took off 0845
AVERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1250
CHANDLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MALE, RADIO, Sgt.		
REEDER CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 29	443rd	69
WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. Capt. 1		took off 0845
SPRAGA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1250
BARRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SPEED, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26	443rd	55
VAN KEULEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27		took off 0846
HANNY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1251
TERRILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC DONALD, RADIO, Sgt.		

	HECKLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26	443rd	53
	YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26		took off 0846
W	MENSCH, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	LAMOURREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1251
	GLONATCH, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	PAULANTIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	441st	11
	HEAD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 61		took off 0846
F	POLAKOFF, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 30		landed
	HARDIE, NAV. 2nd Lt. 44		1251
	O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	TIPTON, RADIO, Sgt.		
	mc connell, pilot, 1st Lt. 50	441st	16
	ASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25		took off 0848
W	BARDEH, BOMB, 1st Lt. 45		landed
	PERFETTO, NAV. 2nd Lt. 15		1307
	HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RESSEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 35	441st	17
	BODIE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 49		took off 0846
W	SWANERS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	SOLWATI, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1307
	KOZINA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SAUTER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 45	441st	5
	KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23		took off 0846
F	MC ILLVESHAK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	BORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1307
	TUFT, RADIO, Sgt.		
	NACHTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 44	441st	22
	WRIGHTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10		took off 0847
W	VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	CORPLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1308
	CRIGGS, NAVY, S/Sgt.		
	WILLIAMS, O.L., PILOT, 1st Lt. 34	441st	1
	WRIGHTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23		took off 0847
W	MC GONNICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	TESSUK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1308
	HULL, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	WILHELM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 33	441st	9
	MERRILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22		took off 0847
F	JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 26		landed
	GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1308
	PROFOS, RADIO, PFC		
	O'STEEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	441st	10
W	WIGGLES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 20		took off 0847
	CHELUCCI, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	HAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1309
	MOORE, RADIO, S/Gt.		

57	HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	12
18	LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0847
	STONE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
W	GIGNAC, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1309
	HAYS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58	444th	80
	MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 56		took off 0848
F	ROGERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 44		landed
	DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt. 44		1305
	WYLER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
	ESTADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49	444th	98
	ARTUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 24		took off 0848
F	BARNARDI, BOMB. 1st Lt. 40		landed
	DAY, NAV. 2nd Lt. 11		1305
	LEONARD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 43	444th	81
W	KAKAGE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25		took off 0848
	DZIEDZIC, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	BAUER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1258
	ALCANTARA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAYES, A, Sgt.		
	REARDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39	444th	89
	SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 61		took off 0850
F	LAUSTRAUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 34		landed
	KUHNS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1306
	GEORGE, SAUW, S/Sgt.		
	WELSH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	444th	76
	DEANSTEIN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 46		took off 0850
W	DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	DYRZCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1306
	FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	SINN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52	444th	95
	HISEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 52		took off 0850
W	JANCO, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
	CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1306
	MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BURKE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 55	444th	93
	WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16		took off 0850
F	FRECHLICH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12		landed
	FILTRANTE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1306
	KUCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ROADES, X, CAPT.		
	MC BRIDE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	444th	77
W	SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 8		took off 0850
	CRAPSE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
	MC JANNIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1305
	CAMPBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	DUNCAN, X, CAPT.		

31 CHUNIS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
58 ROUND, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
CLARKE, BOMB. S/Sgt.
W CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
FAUCHIER, RADIO,
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
COLTEN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

SPARES

HAMEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
NICOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
COX, BOMB. S/Sgt.
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
HOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.

MALCALD, PILOT, 1st Lt.
DIRWILDLA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.
LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
LANOTTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LANNOTTA, RADIO, S/Sgt.

SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
DISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GLEASON, BOMB. Sgt.
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

SR. RES

443rd

*Early
no credit*

441st

*Early
no credit*

444th

*Early
no credit*

91
took off 0850
landed

1306

SPARES

68
took off 0851
landed 1052

23
took off 0851
landed

1056

78
took off 0851
landed

1118